New art center to open second term

By Tom Zoeller
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Lawrence University’s new $6.25 million art center is targeted for un­veiling when the new year rolls around, said Christa Decker, assistant to the dean of faculty.

“Everything is scheduled right on time so that we can get the building under cover and finished by second term,” said Decker.

Two construction workers apply the final touches to a sunscreen at the newly completed Deckei. “It’s going to look like ‘a walled garden,”’ said Decker.

“Snow doesn’t contrast well with limestone,” she said, “but it will contrast quite nicely with the red brick pattern of the art center. I think everyone should reserve judgment until it’s completed.”

The art center was designed to look like “a walled English country garden” according to a press release from LU about the center.

Last year when construction was in the intermediate stages, a large crane seemed to be walled into the foundation with no apparent way out. And how did they get that thing out?

“It was easy,” said Decker. “The roof of the underground storage room was built specially, so the crane could be driven over it.”

Boldt Construction held a contest last year for the most creative solution to the problem. Appell says he does not remember the winning entry but said the one he remembered most was “Bring Houndini back to Appleton.”

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Parking will still be allocated through a lottery, taking place on Monday, September 26, and will be granted according to need, but the system has shifted from open access, 24 hour parking to assigned spacing.

Following the lottery drawing, numbered lots will be assigned to students on a first-come, first-served basis.

Changes have also been made in the placement of traditional campus parking.

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“Student, faculty, or staff parked illegally in fire lanes or building access areas may possibly be towed at their own expense in the future,” said Paul Schrode, associate dean of students. “That’s something we don’t want to happen. We have no control.”

An additional lot also has been constructed behind the Chapel on the corner of Washington and Park.

Lawrence University’s greatest strengths.

The high school grade point average of the incoming freshmen class is 3.37, up from 3.29 last year. Eighty-three percent of freshmen are from Wisconsin. The top 10 percent of their high school class ranked in the top quarter of their high school class and 98 percent ranked in the top 1/3. The average SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) score for this group is 560-Verbal, and 552-Math.

“Year’s class is the strongest since the early 1970s. But we are careful not to just consider college board scores alone, because at times bright, motivated students do not test well. Lawrence strives to maintain a wide range of students. We have students that are experien­tially more diverse than most schools,” said Syverson.

More than 79% of the entering freshmen will receive need-based financial aid or scholarship assistance, with an average need-based aid package of $9,950. Lawrence will administer more than $6.7 million in financial aid this academic year.

LU freshman class breaks records

By Kristin Rusmerek
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Warch highlights gender awareness

By Tom Zoeller
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Lawrence University President Richard Warch called for a separation of gender and sex perceptions at LU at the Matriculation Convocation at the Memorial Chapel yesterday.

Warch lauded LU’s past commitment to co-education but called for a re-examination of sex and gender values in the Lawrence community during the half-hour speech.

“The assertion that gender differences don’t matter is empty on it’s own,” said Warch.

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New administrative posts filled

By Andrea Mines
Lawrentian Staff

Several new faces don the administration this fall. New talents and experience have arrived to fill gaps created since last year.

Acting Dean of the Conservatory

Nancy Marsh Stowe, former assistant to the dean of the Conservatory of Music, has been appointed acting dean of the Conservatory for the 1988-89 academic year. Previously holding that position was Colin Mor doch, who is now dean of the San Francisco Conservatory.

Stowe believes that the Conservatory, which has been traditionally strong in the choral, vocal, and keyboard fields, has grown in other areas due to the increased amount of performance opportunities.

Assistant Dean For Residential Life

Therese Helein has been named Lawrence’s assistant dean for residential life. Formerly, she was the assistant director of admissions at the university.

Helein will assume duties such as managing the university’s residence hall staff, the residential life budget, and student housing assignments and room changes.

Director of Admissions

Former associate director of admissions Ray Brown has been appointed director of admissions.

A graduate of Concordia Teachers College in Illinois, Brown has five years of experience as an admissions counselor at that college.

Brown hopes to break last year’s number of applications (1389), which was a record for Lawrence.

Director of Financial Aid

Ruth Goldberg, having served as a private financial aid consultant for several months, has been appointed director of financial aid.

Goldberg offers experience in management, counseling, and financial need analysis from her positions as director of training for the Private School Scholarship Service, consultant to the Medical Institute of Minnesota and Control Data Corporation, and president of College Aid Applications Processing, Inc.

Faculty spiced by new profs

By Susan Duncan
Lawrentian Staff

Returning students will find that an enormous body of new students awaiting them - Professor Charles Ford and assistant professor of French Eileen Hoft-March, are full-time, permanent appointments.

The majority of new faculty are replacements for instructors on sabbatical. Other new faculty include Eileen Hoft-March, a permanent appointment to the French department; Shirley Bowers Anders, part-time residence and instructor in English for first-year students; George Baek, visiting assistant professor of anthropology; Kenneth R. Curtis, instructor in history; Bartholomew T. DeStasio, Jr., instructor in biology; Elisabeth A. DeStasio, assistant professor of biology; Michael Hirsch, instructor in sociology; Elisabeth Schulte, lecturer in French; Stanley R. Suhab, instructor in classics; Jian Tang, visiting associate professor of Chinese; Thomas L. Thompson, visiting associate professor of religious studies; and Jerre Wickens, lecturer.

Among other proposals, Warch called for an examination of co-ed residence patterns, equality in education, and ‘single-sexed organizations’ at Lawrence.

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He also called Lawrence’s interdisciplinary study program in Gender Studies “a promising beginning” and said that gender discrimination and sexual harassment at Lawrence “would not be tolerated.”
Fall sports preview

Conference opener Saturday means fresh start for Viking football

As ugly as 0-2 looks atop the Lawrence University football statistics sheet, the Vikings can take comfort in the fact that they are still in first place in the Midwest Conference, albeit, an 11-way tie for first. Whether they still make that claim a few days from now will be determined Saturday afternoon when they entertain Cornell College (0-2) of Mt. Vernon, Iowa at the Banta Bowl for their 1988 Midwest Conference opener.

"Our number one goal each year is to win the Midwest Conference championship," said Viking head coach Rich Agnes. "Saturday's conference opener is a fresh start for us regarding that goal. We've got to seize this opportunity and take advantage of that. We just have to take some real deep breaths and start enjoying it. With the start of the conference schedule, this should be like a breath of fresh air and there's nothing like some fresh air to cure what ails you."

"We have a good football team and the players are better than the way they're playing," Agnes said. "We just have to get them to play up to their abilities.

"We're doing some good things and eventually we're going to get over the hump," Agness added. "It's pretty clear we have to stay after what we're doing and it will start falling in place."

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Cross Country

The Vikings will host a rare dual meet Friday when they run against arch-rival St. Norbert College today at Plamann Park. The meet will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the women's 3-mile race. The men's 5-mile race will follow.

Today's meet will be the rubber match between Lawrence and St. Norbert. Both teams have met twice already this year and both the men's and women's teams have each won once. Two weeks ago at Madison, the lady Vikings won the women's meet, nipping runner-up St. Norbert, 28-29. Last Saturday at their own invitational, the St. Norbert women finished second to the Vikes' third-place finish, 48-90. The men's teams have likewise flipped finishes, with St. Norbert just edging out the Vikes for third place at Madison, 73-76, while Lawrence placed second to St. Norbert's fourth-place finish last Saturday.

Women's Soccer

The Vikings have a weeks worth of practice to prepare for Saturday's UW-Stevens Point invitational on Saturday. The Vikes (2-1) will play the host Pointers at 9:30 a.m. then meet UW-Whitewater at 12 noon. Lawrence defends both teams at last year's invitational, but head coach Chuck Coan is looking for a tougher go this time around.

With last year's leading scorer Sarah Claasen sidelined for the year with a broken leg suffered in preseason practice, Coan said the Vikings must continue to work hard offensively. "We're going to work a lot this week on shooting. We have some players who can be good scorers for us, we just have to develop them. Defensively, I've been very pleased with the way we've played. We've been real solid on defense. Overall I'm pretty happy with the way we're developing as a team."

Men's Soccer

After a pair of 3-0 decisions at Whitewater the Vikings are looking for a tougher go. Steve Rakta couldn't be much happier with the play of his Vikes.

"We're playing very well, much better than I expected," said Rakta. "The freshmen have been excellent. That's been a pleasant surprise. Now that I've had a chance to see us play, I'm raising my expectations for the season. The players are starting to realize just how good a team this can be."

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Class of 1992 breaks records

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year, bolstered substantially by its healthy $66 million endowment.

According to Bob McCarthy, director of the Madison-based Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, "People are less satisfied in general with large, public institutions because it is increasingly harder for a student to graduate in four years since classes are over-enrolled. Financially, that means the cost difference between public and private schools is decreasing, especially by the time you add 20% more time in college and subtract a year of forgone wages."

Increased media coverage and the desirability of a liberal arts education have produced a more sophisticated consumer market which is "looking for where they will go to obtain the best education. People are focusing on what makes you an educated person. For an increasing number of students, technical programs do not tend to be the answer," Syverson commented.

Rich Morrison, director of public affairs, ascribes Lawrence's burgeoning popularity to word-of-mouth credibility. "We're a selective liberal arts college with a superb faculty. You want to learn about Lawrence, just ask a Lawrence student and you'll find out fast why our library is open 16 hours a day."

Brass Bullit to perform at LU

Tonight's campus activities will be highlighted by Brass Bullit, a 5-member top-40 replica band sponsored by the Campus Events Committee. The band will perform from 9 p.m. to midnight in Riverview Lounge. Similar to Mirage, the band that performed at the freshman dance on September 18, Brass Bullit plays "top-40 with a good sound" according to CEC Chairman Peter Lasko. Everyone is welcome; admission is free. Later this term, CEC will sponsor the annual autumn hayride; Streetlife, a spirited area band familiar to campus; and a Battle of the Bands featuring campus groups.