Rik at 50: The Legend lives on

By Kris Howard

"The agenda has not changed in any fundamental way," Lawrence president Rik Warch commented as he reflected on the end of his first half-century of life.

Rik celebrated his August birthday with a "pleasent but understated" dinner with Dean of Students Charles Lauter and their families in Door County.

Later in August Rik's family feoted him at a gathering which he described as 'filled with all sorts of hilarity.' The fun of the afternoon was the collection of "baby movies" his family had made more than four decades ago.

The finale in this series of festivities took place in Sampson House earlier this month. After being "hauling off" by Mike Stewart and Christa Decker to attend some business which "turned out to be a ruse," Rik returned to a surprise gathering of faculty and staff.

The building was surrounded in black crepe paper, and a sign on the lawn read "Rik's Rest Ranch." The guests had brought a range of gifts...most of which were poking fun at the transition.

The cross-country team, on campus early for practice, contributed a serenade in the party singing Happy Birthday from the back porch.

As for the transition, Rik said, "It's a big deal because the culture says it's a big deal. I obviously don't feel any differently." Does he now, being the center of so much attention? Not at all.

"What's fun about fifty is precisely the fact that everyone fusses about it!"

Major renovation planned for chapel, conservatory

By Gordon A. Martinez

The Lawrence Conservatory, described by its new dean as "burning at the seams," is slated for a major renovation in the near future.

A building committee made up of students, faculty, and staff will decide in the next few weeks when construction will begin, said Robert Dodson.

Renovation plans include a 30,000 square foot addition for more studio space, offices, recital rooms, classrooms, storage space, and practice rooms, said Dodson.

The conservatory has experienced a space problem for the past couple of years, according to Dodson.

Since that time, a group of faculty, students, administration and trustees provided input into how the expansion would fit into the campus and other issues.

Dodson said the renovation committee "talked about the preferences of the users, and we extensively interviewed with those using the facilities."

Plans also call for the linking of the chapel to the Music-Drama building so that the performing groups and performing areas will all be under one roof.

Improvement of the chapel will include moving the north wall a few feet out, said Dodson. "That wall has some problems that affect the organ," he said.

Expansion of the chapel stage and the addition of a new organ are also expected along with improvements to the heating, ventilation, and lighting systems, said Dodson.

"The design concept also provides for a central community space which will assure and enhance sociability of the community," said Dodson.

Dodson said he's confident this will be a major enhancement to the university. It's a glorious moment enhancing the university's reputation far and wide.

"The conservatory has experienced tremendous growth and the completion of this project will be a physical actualization of that growth."

Warch: LU mission relates to 'real world'

By Mark Niquette

Life on the Lawrence campus is not necessarily as isolated and sheltered as it may seem. President Richard Warch told a matriculation convocation audience Thursday.

In his address entitled, "Living in the Bubble: Lawrence and the Rest of the Real World," Warch attempted to show that the seemingly protected environment of a college campus indeed relates to, and, in a sense, mirrors, the so-called "real world" experiences.

"The bubble is a place where facing the daily routines of existence are made simple," said Warch, in reference to conversations he had with members of the Lighthouse last spring. They suggested by use of the word "bubble" that Lawrence was similar to the protective plastic bubble in which Baby David lived during the early 1970s.

But Warch insisted that although the real world was certainly "rough and tumble, sink or swim, dog eat dog, three strikes and you're out, like it or lump it, with only one chance to make a good first impression," Warch added, "As Richard Warch ended, "I think we can all agree that LU has evolved into a great "bubble.""

Douglas to open Artist Series

Pianist Barry Douglas will present the opening performance of the Lawrence University Artist Series on Sunday, October 1.

Barry Douglas sprang into the international spotlight in 1986 when he won the coveted Gold Medal at the Eighth Tchaikovsky International Competition in Moscow. In so doing, he became the first artist from the West to achieve this honor since Van Cliburn in 1958.

His Moscow victory catapulted him into the forefront of the performing world, with appearances with all the major symphonies and in the most prestigious concert halls worldwide.

Highlights of his worldwide engagements this 89-90 season include his New York concert debut at Avery Fisher Hall with the Saint Louis Symphony; his second tour to Japan, which includes concerts with the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra and his first tour to New Zealand.

He also will appear in John Schlesinger's film Madame Sousatzka, starring Shirley MacLaine, which marks his motion picture debut.

He has recorded the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto with the London Symphony Orchestra and Leonard Slatkin; Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition and Beethoven's Sonata Op. 106 ("Hammerklavier"); the Brahms Piano Quintet with the Tokyo String Quartet; and the Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 15, with Stanislaw Skrowaczewski conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.

His recording of the Tchaikovsky Sonata in C, Op. 37 was just released.
From The Editor's Desk

There's another new Lawrentian staff this year and, yes, another set of changes for The Lawrentian.

This is the first--sort of introductory--issue of The Lawrentian for the 1989-90 school year. The first full edition of the paper will be printed next week.

For the first time, The Lawrentian will utilize a college press service to cover events and news not only on the Lawrence campus, but on campuses all over the country.

Next week we will also premiere our new Features Page, which will offer a variety of items from columns and cartoons to a crossword puzzle. We hope the page will evolve during the year to become an established, entertaining part of The Lawrentian.

Throw in a splash of color here and there, and you have the new 1989-90 Lawrentian.

The Lawrentian is your campus newspaper. Treat it that way.

Use the letters to the editor/open forum section of the paper to get your opinion known in the Lawrence community. Make suggestions of items you'd like to see in print. Tell us when we screw up. Better yet, take what we've done--be it an opinion column, a satirical cartoon, news story, or whatever--and do it better.

Anyone from the Lawrence community can contribute to, or work on, The Lawrentian.

So look for the first complete issue of The Lawrentian next week and help us to make this year’s paper--and this year--memorable.

-Mark Niquette

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Robert Rosenberg to direct ORNL

Robert M. Rosenberg, a professor of chemistry at University and Educational Programs and the GLCA/ACM consortium.

The 16-week science semester program provides opportunities for student research and advanced study in energy-related areas of science and technology, including the biomedical, environmental, and physical sciences; nuclear and engineering technologies; applied mathematics; and advanced energy systems.

The program also includes two to three resident faculty from the consortium schools who participate in laboratory research, teach the semester course, and counsel the undergraduates.

Rosenberg is assigned to ORNL's Chemistry Division, where he is conducting research involving aqueous solution thermodynamics. He is working with staff scientist Donald Palmer.

Program markets LU resumes

A typical search is done right in the personnel officer's office using a disk and personal computer. Most searches take three to five minutes. New disks are sent to corporate subscribers every 45 days.

The advantages to this system are many, according to Greg Ruf, president of Resume Link. The system is simple to use, saves substantial dollars, and is a very effective screening device. The system does not cost the colleges, the students or alumni any money. The service fee is borne by the corporate subscribers.

According to Tom Medinger, president of the Wisconsin Foundation of Independent Colleges, the resume service has been available to Ohio colleges and Ohio employers for about a year and has proven successful. Discussions with companies in Wisconsin clearly indicate that potential employers often prefer to hire independent liberal arts graduates and alumni.
Vikings limp to 0-2 season start

By Cory Kadlec

The Lawrence football team has had an inauspicious beginning to its season. The Vikings have lost not only two games, they have lost five key players to injuries.

In their home opener on September 9, the Vikings faced the Carleton College Knights. In front of a respectable Banta Bowl crowd, Carleton cruunched Lawrence by a score of 35-14.

The Knights jumped out to an early lead at 14:44 of the first quarter with a 62-yard touchdown pass to split end Tom Bradford. The Vikings offense got off to a sluggish start, and the first quarter ended at 7-0.

The second quarter featured the aerial attack of Knight's quarterback A.C. Nelson, who threw three of his five touchdown passes—including one for 53 yards.

The Vikings avoided the shutout at the 8:33 mark in the fourth quarter as Paul Alex connected on a 57-yard touchdown pass to junior end Pete Murchie.

Lawrence closed out the scoring with 1:44 remaining as Alex found Kerry Krell for a 7-yard touchdown reception.

The bright spots for LU in the opener included the kicking return team, which returned six kicks for 92 yards, and Eric Karnaoski who registered 12 tackles.

"We'll just have to patch things together the best we can."

Rich Agness
L.U. football coach

The second game saw the Vikings travel to Concordia College. The outcome there was a decisive 44-7 victory in favor of the Falcons.

Concordia used its size advantage and punishing defense to hold a 28-0 halftime lead. They were able to grind out 243 yards rushing on the day to complement their ball control offense.

The Viking problems began early as starting quarterback Alex was injured on their second possession. Joe Krueger came on in relief and was later relieved himself by freshman Chris LeFever.

LeFever was impressive in his debut and scored the Vikings' lone touchdown in the fourth quarter on a one-yard run. He was 11-23 on the day for 155 yards.

The Vikings travel to Mount Vernon, Iowa to face Cornell tomorrow. The Vikings (0-2) and the Rams (1-1) both enter the game with major injury problems but are looking to get a conference win under their belts in the early going of this season.

Coach Agness has not declared a quarterback starter for the Vikings.

The already thin Lawrence roster will be strained with the loss of starting quarterback Alex, starting center Brian Studebaker, starting defensive back Todd Dembrisko, reserve defensive lineman Jim Klemme, and starting offensive guard Jim Lauter.

"We can't afford to lose anyone else," said coach Agness. "We can't afford to go without any of those guys. Losing a player hurts us one way or the other."

"We'll just have to patch things together the best we can."

L.U. volleyball is on a roll

By Cory Kadlec

The Lawrence women's volleyball team came into the 1989 season with lofty expectations after making it to the Midwest Conference play-offs for the first time in school history last year.

They were returning five starters: Vicki Grissman, Tracee Spangenberg, Amy Cooper, Micki Slusher, and Kristynn Fields. They lost only one, Sandy Landis, who was ably replaced by senior Amy Vorpahl—whosolidifies the already strong nucleus.

The high hopes were temporarily derailed, however, as the Vikes dropped their first three matches to Maranatha 12-15, 15-12, 11-15, 15-9-15-5 and North Central 15-5, 15-12, 15-10, 15-10, 15-12, 15-9, 15-7.

Since that rocky start the Vikes have been on a roll, winning five of their past six matches.

The streak started when the Vikes beat a tough Carroll team 15-13, 15-10, 7-15. The next day, they defeated the hosts 3-0, victims were Judson 15-5, 15-11, 8-13 and Chicago State 15-13, 15-13, 15-7.

Millikin broke the three-game string with a 10-15, 15-9, 15-10 win over the Vikes. To close out the tourney the Vikes defeated Chicago State again in a marathon match 11-15, 15-12, 21-19.

This past Tuesday (September 19) the Vikings played at Alexander Gym before an unusually large and boisterous crowd. The opponent was Silver Lake College.

The Viks continued their winning ways with a four game victory. The strong serving of Fields and all-around play of Cooper were keys to the win.

The Vikes have yet to peak, so look for them to continue their rise next Tuesday (Sept. 26) as they host Concordia College at Alexander Gym at 7:00 p.m.

Ripon still haunts netters

By Eric Schacht

After finishing second to Ripon at the MAC Championships last year, the Lawrence women's tennis team seemed ready to challenge for the title in 1989.

The Vikings' opening lineup featured five holdovers from last year's squad: #1 Anita Salbeberger, #2 Michelle Pierce, #3 Kim Ringel, #5 Lisa Rohrbach, #6 Libby Andrews and a promising newcomer, Deedra Starrett, in the #4 slot.

Coach Mary Poulsom's conditioning emphasis appeared to be paying dividends as the team compiled a 7-1 record in three-set matches.

With their 3-0 record, the Vikes looked ready to take on the defending champion Ripon Redmen last Saturday at the Lawrence courts.

What was expected to be a tightly contested meet, however, became a rout with whitewashing of the LU squad.

The significance of such a lopsided result lies not in the ending of the team's undefeated dual meet record. Rather, Ripon's decisive win cost LU top seed potential at the conference tournament and, more importantly, the Vikes lost an opportunity to chip away at the confidence and cockiness which have become synonymous with Ripon's tennis superiority.

Salbeberger attributed much of the disappointing outcome to this psychological aspect.

"The air of dominance you feel playing Ripon is tough to overcome. Last year the conference tournament was a blowout." Salbeberger was certainly not overmatched against Ripon at number one. She fought her way to a 6-4, 6-5 advantage where she attained two match points.

Yet even Lawrence's best became "nervous and tentative" and she sailed two-thirds lost to rise first the game, then the match.

After failing to close out the match, Salbeberger was decisively beaten by...
Fountain or fishbowl?

By Erica Langhus

"It took a while to put the design together" but the beauty in the fountain has been tamed by architect Jefferson Riley, according to Steve Hiby, director of development. Vandalism, however, has posed a new problem.

The Wriston Art Center's sculptural fountain had an initial design error in which the water flowed over the central spokes and onto the ground rather than into the fountain's basin.

Warch...

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impression, no second acts," the Lawrence campus was not divorced from the real world.

Indeed, Warch said the members of the Lawrence community "actively seek out and embrace" aspects of the real world.

To illustrate his point, Warch pointed to the current racial unrest in our world and the recent projections that there will soon be a dramatic increase of so-called minority peoples in the population of our nation.

Warch said efforts on the campus level to seek community diversity by admitting more minority students, while not largely successful, have been a direct result of real world impetuses.

He said the activities of certain campus organizations and other efforts here to create or to enhance that sense of diversity demonstrate the campus' connection with the real world.

In a broader sense, those efforts also suggest, Warch said, the purpose and mission of the people who live "in the bubble" of a college campus.

"We are all going to live in that part of the real world at some point and for some time and we should spend our time here and now to develop the attitudes and attributes that will enable us to do so as positive and powerful agents of change."

Ripon haunts...

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Ripon freshman Patti Schula is one of the players who sees Ripon as the center of a vast universe.

Salzberger and Poulsen both agree that the key to turning the tables at conference will be acquiring better mental toughness.

If the recent 9-0 victory over Concordia is any indication, the Vikings look to be on the right track.

Beginning with the Whitewater Invitationals this weekend the team has four weeks to prepare, both mentally and physically, for Ripon once again.

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