Trustees to raise comprehensive fee

By Tom Zoellner

The Lawrence Board of Trustees voted during its meeting two weeks ago to raise the comprehensive fee for the 1990-91 academic year.

President Warch declined to reveal the amount of the increase, saying he would announce that information in an open letter to parents and students sometime in the next two or three weeks.

Board of Trustees members contacted for this story also declined to release the exact figure but one trustee said "it won't be as big as a jump" as last year's $2,000 increase.

"The reason for the increase is to provide the funds necessary to conduct the business of the college at the level we deem appropriate," said Warch. "I don't know of any college or university in the country that isn't raising tuition, and so we shall.

In other business, the trustees voted to adopt a more defensive investment posture with the $72 million endowment in anticipation of what Warch called "a relatively bland investment climate" in the 1990s.

"In the past, the college has used the endowment aggressively, using it to improve the welfare of the college--and we've seen a reasonably good increase in its value over the years," said Warch. "But the sense is that the investment climate won't be as aggressive as it has been in the 80s.

In practical terms, the University will use 6 1/2 percent less of the endowment earnings than last year. Warch called the move the first step in a five-to-ten-year investment plan for the University.

The trustees also looked at the revised distribution that graduating students will receive this June. The new diploma will not make any distinctions based on the sex of the graduate--as opposed to the old ones, which came under fire from the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) last fall.

The new diplomas award both men and women the degree "on the recommendation of the faculties of Lawrence College and Downer College" instead of awarding women diplomas from "Downer College" and men diplomas from "Lawrence College."

Warch said the OCR has not seen the new diplomas, but feels "confident that they would approve."

LUCC: $89,000 needed for activities next year

By Kris Howard

An $89,000 student activities budget was approved at Tuesday's LUCC meeting and now awaits the approval of the Board of Trustees.

David Godfrey, LUCC Vice President and chair of the finance committee, said "we need this amount in order to be able to fund student organizations as fully as we should."

The request calls for an 18.6% increase over the $75,000 that LUCC was given last year. In a letter to Lawrence President Richard Warch, the finance officers said "LUCC is still grossly underfunded. Lawrence tuition has increased dramatically in past years while allocations to most student organizations have at best increased slightly, and have often been inadequate."

If approved by the trustees, the $89,000 will be allocated to student organizations later this year.

The university budgeting process will also include discussion of an LUCC request for work-study positions at residence halls desks. The Sexual Assault Prevention Committee introduced the proposal because they felt that evening and weekend hours for student desk clerks would help increase residence hall security.

Mike Stewart, LUCC administration representative and Vice President for Business Affairs, said "there will be some increase in student desk hours. I think there is a good chance the proposal will be adopted."

LUCC also approved a change in parking legislation, raising the fine for "parking in, or blocking of, the driveway of the Campus Guest House without authorization" from $10 to $30.

Pat Schubert, chair of the Parking Board, said that unauthorized vehicles have been using the guest

Seniors choose scholarship

By Mark Niquette

The senior class voted this week for a senior gift of endowing a scholarship fund to help enable a foreign student from a nation with political instability to attend Lawrence, Class Agent Bob Fuhrmann said Thursday.

The gift was selected from among four gift proposals made by the Senior Class Gift Committee. In the voting, seniors were asked to rank the four gift ideas in their order of preference. The votes were counted by giving first-place votes four points, second-place votes three points, and so on. Sixty-one percent of the 165 seniors who voted selected the scholarship gift idea, which beat out a proposal to defray the costs for furnishing a room in the newly designed student union by 100 points.

"We are told often that the hurdle of obtaining airplane fare to Appleton can prove impractical for otherwise well-suited foreign student from obtaining a Lawrence education," the Senior Class Gift Committee wrote in the proposal for the gift.

"Not only will the recipient of our proposed scholarship benefit from Lawrence, but the rest of the campus will learn much from day-to-day contact with a person with such eye- and mind-opening perspectives of the world."

The other two options were to provide funds for the purchase of an outdoor clock (which received 37 first-place votes, but also received the most last-place votes) and to provide funds for the purchase of outdoor emergency telephones to campus security.

"I'm very happy the tie all turned out," said Fuhrmann. "The committee worked very hard and we got the job done well."

Fuhrmann said solicitation for the gift will begin Feb. 19 and continue through April 19. Fuhrmann said the Committee for Solicitation will be asking seniors if and how much money to donate.
Today's page one story about the tuition increase for the 1990-91 academic year has all the qualities of a good news story—except the news.
The fact that the trustees raised the tuition is not really news to anyone. But the amount of the increase is big news, so as a newspaper which is responsibly reporting the news, we did what we thought we should: we asked what the increase was. President Warch and selected members of the Board of Trustees did what they thought they should: they wouldn't tell us. Warch said he wants the opportunity to disclose the amount himself in an open letter to students and parents.

Warch's reasons for denying The Lawrence the opportunity to report the news are obvious, and even understandable. It is certainly Warch's job and prerogative—and perhaps even in the best interest of the college—to explain and soften the hard facts as much as possible. If the administration is worried the facts may have a negative impact on the college, it certainly has the right—and more importantly, it has the power—to present the facts in the best possible light.

But the administration also has a responsibility to its students and their parents. Today is The Lawrence's first opportunity to report the facts, and if the administration wants to report the facts itself, it should do so before or at the same time we would. The decision to raise the tuition—and how much to raise it—was made two weeks ago at the winter meeting of the Board of Trustees. This is important news for the students and parents who will be expected to pay the increase, and they should not be kept guessing for a month or longer until the administration decides to report the new.

The administration's decision to wait with the facts betrays its commitment to protecting the university's image and appeal rather than a commitment to giving students and parents the information they have a right, and a need, to know.

—Mark Niquette

Letters to the Editor/Open Forum

Warch's absence was 'rude'.

To the Editor:

I write this letter with a bit of fear because criticizing my superior is not done in my best interest. However, after President Warch's and the Board of Trustees' absence at the excellent panel discussion on South Africa last week, I felt compelled to publicly express my thoughts.

As President Warch and the Board of Trustees have stated it is vitally important that before we discuss our future policy towards Lawrence investment in South Africa, we must educate ourselves.

President Warch and the Trustees sent a message of disinterest to the Lawrence Community. Granted, the Trustees did discuss the issue of divestment with the Advisory Committee on South African Issues over lunch, and I applaud this effort. However, passing by the opportunity to attend the forum, of which President Warch had been notified at the end of first term, was a rude slap in the face.

Sexist language hurts all

To the Editor:

Virginia L. Warren, author of "Guidelines for the Nonsexist Use of Language," states that language is sexist "...if and only if its use creates constituencies, promotes or exploits an unfair or irrelevant distinction between the sexes." The terms "man" and "he" are examples of sexist language. The belief that these terms are generic and encompass all of humankind is a myth. Psychological studies, such as "The Myth of the Neutral 'Man'" by Janice Moulton have demonstrated that

ments in South Africa, we must educate ourselves first. I believe that education is precisely what Lawrenceians Against Apartheid For Divestment (LAAFD) had in mind when it invited three very different speakers to address the Lawrence campus. By refusing to attend LAAFD's panel discussion, President Warch and the Trustees sent a message of disinterest to the Lawrence Community. Granted, the Trustees did discuss the issue of divestment with the Advisory Committee on South African Issues over lunch, and I applaud this effort. However, passing by the opportunity to attend the forum, of which President Warch had been notified at the end of first term, was a rude slap in the face.

J-Board trials reveal insensitivity

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Jan. 20, Judicial Board held mock trials to select new members for the board. Of the thirty-five students who went through the selection process, three new members have been chosen. They are: Jennifer Aspen, Eric Burger, and Susan Loria.

The case used during the mock trials involved social issues which the Judicial Board finds relevant to the Lawrence community. The nominees heard a case in which the community must decide whether a couple is to be married. The nominees were not allowed to discuss the case with each other until after the final decision. I believe the case is important for Lawrence to note...
Sexism ... (continued from page two)

omits the female experience and thus, devalues it.

Finally, the use of sexist language promotes the invisibility of women. The absence of "she" in conversation and written work hinders positive feelings of self-worth in women, reinforcing the belief that men are the superior sex since only they are worth mentioning.

As language reflects the social beliefs of the time, it also reflects the values that shape our civil tradition in the United States, and is expressed in the Declaration of our nation's Independence: "... all men are created equal in their human dignity and endowed by the Creator with inalienable Rights to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." This also applies to the handicapped, the retarded, the elderly and the unborn babies.

--Mary Rita Crowe Rochester, NY

Thanks to election workers (continued from page two)

To the Editor:

On behalf of LUCC, I would like to thank all of the people who donated their time and effort in the LUCC Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections. I would also like to thank the Campus Awareness House for their contributions in organizing the elections.

--Meghan Walsh, '92
LUCC Corresponding Secretary

We think it's time for some PRO-LIFE words

Despite some popular thought, taking life (old or young) is wrong. It seems amazing that we protect animal rights, crusade against birth defects and for cancer research, fight for the environment, push for ethnic and racial equality, etc. (all important things), but we desire the right to take the lives of babies. Let's be a bit more consistent.

It seems like the TIME IS NOW for all of us to take accountability for our sexual behavior, to hold ourselves responsible for our choices.

Abortion wouldn't be a thinkable option if we were abstinent until ready to accept the responsibility of children and careful to prevent unwanted pregnancies. We realize that waiting for sex requires lots of things: courage, respect (self and other), delayed gratification, sacrifice, commitment, self-control, obedience, hard work, faith, and the acceptance of a moral code that is old, but practical and very self-enhancing.

It's not easy, but it is simple. Embracing such a code doesn't come without sacrifice, but it is workable, practical and esteem raising. It results in no pregnancies, no abortions, less fears, unwanted children, and lots of self-respect. It is a stand for LIFE--yours and that of your potential offspring.

 aren't you glad that your Mother didn't choose to abort you? The strongest support case for PRO-LIFE is YOU--that you are uniquely alive today. We are glad for that.

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The complaint charged the respondent with disruptive conduct (LUCC Legislation IV.D.2.03), and sexual harassment. During the mock trials the nominees were scrutinized on their reasoning ability and their sense of community values. Although we did have many excellent nominees, Judicial Board is concerned with some of the responses we received concerning the sexual harassment and disruptive conduct charges.

According to the Lawrence Student Handbook, sexual harassment includes a wide range of behaviors, from the unwelcome emphasizing of sexual identity or sexual orientation to the actual coercing of sexual relations.

From this legislation we were hoping that the nominees would understand that the complainant had received "unwelcome emphasizing of sexual identity or sexual orientation."

Unfortunately, in several cases the nominees felt that "not very much" sexual harassment had occurred, and they therefore found no violation of the legislation. In spite of the respondent's hostile attitude during the trial, some of the nominees were not sensitive to the fact that physically intimidating behavior had taken place. A few of the nominees were also insensitive in their reactions toward the complainant, addressing her in the same offensive terminology which the respondent had used when he had verbally harassed her.

On a more positive note, many of the nominees dealt successfully with the issues that were presented, finding the respondent in violation of the LUCC legislation concerning sexual harassment and disruptive behavior.

On a final note, Judicial Board would like to remind everyone interested that we will be holding mock trials again toward the end of third term. At that point, we will be in the process of replacing the five senior members who will be graduating in June.

We strongly encourage all those interested in Judicial Board to sign up at that time.


Billet-doux from the editor

* This week, someone from the Lawrence community submitted a commentary about LUCC, but did not sign his or her name. We can withhold the name from the commentary in print, but we must know who submitted the letter before we can print it.

* In last week's opinion section, Jessica Branson's name was inadvertently left off of her letter to the editor which questioned the no-smoking editorial of 1/19.
CLASSICS WEEK began Monday with a proclamation from President Warch. The week of special events, presented by the Lawrence University Alpha Omicron chapter of Eta Sigma Pi, will conclude today with a lecture by Dan Taylor, Lawrence Professor of Classics. Taylor will speak on "The Origin and Development of Declensions and Conjugations in Latin" at 4:15 in Main Hall 109.

LAAFD: changes fail to affect Apartheid 'core'

By Jim Holthaus

Recent actions by the government of South Africa to ease some of its measures designed to enforce Apartheid have caused many people to reconsider the worth of sanctions against South Africa.

While pleased by the changes occurring in South Africa, Paula Deapins, President of Lawrenceans Against South Africa, said that LAAFD believes "continued economic pressure is needed to bring the South African government and the ANC (African National Congress) to the negotiating table on an equal footing."

Despina pointed out that "the core of Apartheid has not been touched" by the recent changes. She was referring to the fact that no provision is made in South Africa's constitution for blacks to participate in the political process.

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National Mortar Board Week

Lawrence chapter plans Hmong cultural exchange

The Lawrence chapter of Mortar Board, a national senior honor society, recently received a grant for the development of a program to assist in the educational and assimilation processes of the Hmong people, who emigrated to America from Laos to escape Communist persecution.

Michele Perreault said that Mortar Board is furnishing a room in the International House which will be used as a resource center for Hmong students in Appleton. English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors, and Mortar Board members who are tutoring Hmong students in subjects other than ESL.

The honor society is also developing a "Day at Lawrence" for Hmong in senior high school. Perreault said, "We hope this will encourage Hmong to consider college after graduation."

According to Laurie Hines, chapter vice-president, Mortar Board members have also had the opportunity to learn about Hmong culture from books, speakers, and personal contacts from the community. Hines encouraged Lawrence students, faculty, and staff to check out the resources in the International House.

Next week, which is national Mortar Board Week, the chapter will be sponsoring a display in the library, and an art sale in Downer on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

In addition to its work with the Hmong community, Perreault said Mortar Board has set up several lectures. First Chance lectures will be given by new professors, and Last Chance lectures will be given by professors who will be leaving the university. Elizabeth Seebach, professor of clinical psychology, will give the first of these lectures on Wed., March 7, at 7 pm in Riever.

Mortar Board is also sponsoring an organ donation and bone marrow drive. "This does not mean that we are asking you to donate an extra kidney or a big toe or anything like that," said Perreault. We ask that you sign an organ donation card so that, in the event of your death, doctors will be able to use your organs to save the life of another critically ill patient.

Donor cards will be available from Mortar Board members at Downer next week.

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If you currently do not have housing for Term III (beginning March 25), be sure to contact Mike Olsen, ext. 65990, at Raymond House. Lists of available spaces and of students needing spaces are being made now.

LU seeks Bjorklunden applicants

Lawrence students can submit their applications to the Financial Aid Office for jobs at Bjorklunden, Lawrence’s lodge in Bayley’s Harbor, WI.

Applicants must have letters of recommendation from two former employers or from two Lawrence faculty members with whom they have worked closely.

Students must have a complete commitment for the summer weeks between June 11 and Sept. 8 and be willing to work staggered weeks—every Saturday and some Sundays, though only 40 hours each week.

Lodging and cooking facilities will be provided. Tasks will include general maintenance and custodian work, forestry-wood cutting work, kitchen and dining room rotation, and conducting public visits and tours.

Completed applications should be in the Financial Aid Office by Friday, March 16. Interviews with Mr. Joseph Hofpenhuyser, residential director of Bjorklunden, will be held March 29 and 30. All applicants will be advised of the decision as soon as possible.

Res. Life creates RLA name

After years of calling LU residence hall staff “assistant head residents” or “counselors,” the Residence Life professional staff changed both titles to Resident Life Advisor (RLA), effective 1990-91, to better reflect the duties of resident hall staff members.

RLAs will continue to be assigned to freshmen sections and upperclassmen as teas Assistant Head Residents were. The job functions will not change greatly, though in the future LU is considering increased student staff advisory responsibilities. LU is not, however, setting up an RA (Resident Assistant) system operated at most State schools.

The Residence Life Staff also changed the title “counselor” because of its many connotations. Student counselors do indeed "counsel" but their main function is not that of a professional counselor but instead to refer residents to the University Counseling Center when appropriate.

The University does provide two full-time counseling professionals.

‘Full Color’ to open tonight

Tonight and Saturday in the Cloak Theater, Alicia Lancaster will present her senior honors project, “What is the Full Color?”

The 8:30 event includes original music, poetry, dance, lighting and artwork.

Choirs set for Viking festival

The Viking Choral Festival featuring local choirs will perform Feb. 10, at 2:30 p.m. in the Lawrence Chapel.

The concert includes the Lawrence Concert Choir, Richard Bjella, di­ rector; Monona Grove High School A Capella Choir, Donald W. Crouch, direc­ tor; Appleton East High School Easterners, James Heiks, director; Merrill High School Concert Choir, Helene Adams, di­ rector; Middleton High School Concert Choir, Robert Murbach, di­ rector.

The final feature will be the Viking Festival Choir, directed by Bjella, singing Mozart’s “Mass in C Major, K. 317.”

Other performances will include works of Johannes Brahms, Hugo Dix­ tier, Jacob Arcadelt, John Nessa Beck, Everette Titi­ comb, Folke Rabe, Lloyd Plauch, Randall Thomp­ son, John Butler, Hans Leo Hasler, Eugene Butler, and the Russian composer, Rus­ tov.

Outagamie Museum offers show

Music at the Museum, with a 1940s theme, sponsored by the Outagamie County Historical Society and Wisconsin Bell, will make its fourth annual presentation Thurs., Feb. 22 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Harper Hall.

The performers will include Janet Planet, Gen­ tic Jazz, the Lawrence University Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Carol Jegen, Swingin’ on Stairs, Lawrence Brass, and the Lawrence University Cello Ensemble.

Music! tickets are a tax-deductible donation to the Society's Endowment fund costing $10 each. Every ticket may be used to register for a chance to win one of four $25 gift certifi­ cates from The Avenue.


True offers recitals, workshops

Netha True, internationally-acclaimed teacher and performer, will conduct a week-end piano workshop at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music, Feb. 23-25. Piano recitals before and after the work­ shop will be presented by Dr. True and Lawrence faculty, respectively.

Dr. True is chair of the piano department at the Eastman School of Music in Boston. A tireless teacher and performer, she recently returned from extensive engagements in Shenyang, China and in the Soviet Union, where she was the first American invited by the Council for the International Ex­ change of Scholars to con­ duct master classes and perform at a Russian con­ servatory.

The week-end events open with a performance by Dr. True, on Fri. Feb. 23, 8 p.m. in Harper Hall. Recital selections include works of Bach, Beethoven, Bassett, Brahms and Griffes.

The workshop begins Sat., Feb. 24, with a lecture, “Techniques Through Listening,” 9:15-10:30 a.m., followed by master classes for preparatory students, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Master classes or Conservatory students will be held Sun., Feb. 25, 1-3:30 p.m. The workshop will conclude with a two-piano recital by Lawrence Conservatory faculty members, Theodore Roth and Catherine Kaut­ sky, at 8 p.m. All events will take place in Harper Hall.

She studied at Julliard where she won the concerto competition, and the University of Michigan, where she was awarded the Stanley Medal as the most distinguished graduate in music.

Tickets for Dr. True’s recital are available at the Lawrence Box Office.

Registration for the workshop is $10. For reg­ istration information, call (414) 832-6611.

The faculty recital is open to the public at no charge.
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The News

By Jim Holthaus


USSR--Amid challenges from Communist Party hard-liners and a rising right-wing faction, President Mikhail Gorbachev called for an end to the monopoly on power enjoyed by the Communist Party in the USSR. Those opposed to the measure warned it would spell the end of the Communists.

SOUTH AFRICA--President F. W. de Klerk announced an easing of some of the restrictions accompanying the nation's policy of racial segregation, Apartheid. His package includes: a repeal of emergency restrictions on 33 opposition groups, including the African National Congress (ANC); a lifting of the news blackout; an ending of movement and political restrictions for 374 opposition supporters; a provision for better legal and medical assistance to political detainees; granting legal reviews and stays of execution to political prisoners sentenced to death; and allowing political exiles to return to South Africa. The release of Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, prominent ANC members, is also under consideration.

PANAMA--The new government of Panama and the US government are having some conflict over Panama's banking laws. The US wishes to see Panama tighten its banking laws in an effort to curtail money laundering. The government of Panama has responded that no problem exists. The new Panamanian President, Guillermo Endara and several members of administration have a history of ties to corrupt banking institutions.

EGYPT--Nine or 10 Israelis were killed when the tourist bus in which they were travelling was attacked. The attack was described by the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and the government of Egypt, and many domestic political events in Israel. The attack was decried by the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and the government of Egypt. The attack was described by the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and the government of Egypt. The attack was described by the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and the government of Egypt.

The News

by Jordan Marsh

UW-Madison students claim ROTC should get the boot

(CPS)--A University of Wisconsin faculty group, Jan. 16 joined a growing number of campuses nationwide calling for the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) to drop its ban on enrolling homosexual students.

Last Friday, the UW Board of Regents rejected a proposal to remove ROTC on the basis of sexual orientation discrimination, but Wisconsin Student Association member and senior class president Jordan Marsh, who said that he expects to meet with the chancellor to co-ordinate a faculty-staff coalition supporting the ban.

UW's Academic Staff Assembly stopped short of asking to kick ROTC units off campus, but passed a resolution urging campus officials to lobby the federal government to alter its policy banning homosexuals from the military.

In December, the Wisconsin Faculty Senate did vote to remove ROTC by 1993 if it fails to change the policy.

The program is open to virtually everyone except gay students. "I am opposed to ROTC because I am a human being," said Marsh. "Any organization that excludes gay or lesbian students is a threat to the survival of life on this planet."

No specific coalition has been formed yet, said Marsh. Their exclusion has come up at other campuses this school year, too.

Harvard University's student government in November approved a measure to let ROTC return to campus when and if it starts accepting homosexuals.

Citing ROTC's anti-gay policy, Yale University's student government in October defeated a proposal to re-establish a campus ROTC unit that has been inactive since anti-military activists in 1969 got the school to deny ROTC students academic credit.

A resolution condemning ROTC's ban on gays is in the works at the University of Minnesota, where in November the student government passed a resolution condemning ROTC's ban on gays. It was threatened with impeachment when he suggested he might reverse it.

At Dartmouth College, activists say they'll try to convince the student government to change a resolution that opposes agencies that exclude gays to specifically mention ROTC.

Frat charged in sheep incident

(CPS)--A University of Washington student's pet sheep was suspended in late January after residents were found semi-clothed and in the company of two sheep during initiation rites at their house.

UW's Interfraternity Council (IFC) suspended the Theta Xi fraternity Jan. 24, even before the Seattle Animal Control Board finished its investigation into the matter.

"The evidence presented clearly demonstrates (Theta Xi members') guilt and complete insensitivity to hazing and animal rights," said a statement issued by the IFC, which refused to list the exact charges brought against the house or to comment on whether the sheep had been sodomized.

"It sounds like the stuff movies are made of," said Jonathan Brant, head of the Indianapolis-based National Interfraternity Council (NIC). "It makes me think of the movie Animal House. This is clearly against NIC rules, and completely inappropriate."

Seattle police responding to a call Jan. 12 found pledges wearing only undergarments. Some had white grease on their hands and peanut butter smeared on their bodies. The officers reported that the sheep appeared "overheated and agitated."

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A reminder from Conkey's:

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Laing finds faith through teaching stint in Nicaragua

By Tom Zoellner

Chris J. Laing, LU '87, stares out his window at the snowy street in Whitefish Bay, WI., and bites his lip thoughtfully.

"It..." He hesitates. "It was like an awakening.

"It was sort of went along with everything. But this...it's added a whole new dimension to everything."

He is talking about his life in Nicaragua, teaching English at a university. But teaching has come to mean more than just a job to Laing. His experiences have forged some strong political and religious convictions--convictions he may not have otherwise formed.

In 1985, C.J. Laing, "Siege" to his former counselors--a soccer player and member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, left for a term to study in Costa Rica on an Associated Colleges of the Midwest program. It changed his life.

"There was such a big difference in what I heard about Nicaragua and what it was really like," he said. "I thought it would be an ugly place, full of violent ugly people. But the Costa Ricans are true. It was a beautiful place, full of beautiful people and a beautiful culture.

"They're always thinking of other people. They'll give you more than you need, even if they're poor. Surprisingly, they didn't hate me because I was a gringo. In that sense, their charity hurts me more. My government is imposing war on this small, poor country, and their citizens accept me with open arms...."

He trails off, shaking his head. Upon graduation, Laing went back to Costa Rica to work for Mesoamerican, a political journal. But he soon found work in Nicaragua, teaching English at Central American University. He stayed until September of last year when Hepatitis put him flat on his back.

Now, recovering at his childhood home in Whitefish Bay, he says the experience was awakening in a spiritual way as well.

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-C.J. Laing '87

"There's a very big correlation between life and faith in Nicaragua," he said. "Maybe it's because of the turbulent history, but the life down there is very close to what the Bible says. They are noble, heroic, generous people, and the experience has strengthened my faith."

From Managua, he puts out a periodic, self-punning newsletter entitled "Under Siege." Laing has printed six issues so far, highlighting both personal news and information about Nicaragua "through my eyes, news that you can't get up anywhere."

said Laing. He writes the copy in Managua, and sends it to Milwaukee where it is typed and mailed. When the newsletter started he had about 30 subscribers, the number has since risen to 90. Laing got the newsletter idea because he got sick of writing letter after letter bearing the same news.

Now, looking at the winter sunshine on the carpet in Whitefish Bay, he smiles at the thought of going back, a trip he has tentatively scheduled for Feb. 19.

"Whitefish Bay," he says, and smiles. "It looks affluent. I'm trying not to be too judgmental, looking at someone and saying, 'Oh, that person's rich--he spends money foolishly when there's much better causes.' I try not to do that. People have good ideas and good intentions. The way I think is not for everyone--I try to realize that.

"But still, it's weird to look up and not see mountains, but the Schiltz Tower."

Laing's experiences in Nicaragua have also enlightened him politically.

"I didn't have a perspective before I came. I just figured the United States was doing everything in its best interests. I had no real problems or opinions on anything. But after I saw, I figured I could disagree with my government. I have reasons to disagree.

"To the people who would accuse me of not being patriotic, I think I'm even more so than I was. I'm interested in the United States doing good in the world...And they're not doing good in Central America. We need to stop funding the Contras. My view is that killing people..."

"What I think is correct and just is that the United States should respect international law and higher moral laws to protect lives. I want my country to do good. In that sense, I'm more patriotic than most."

There's a brief silence as he thinks about this for a second.

"You know," he says. "I can get really passionate about this. There's a vitality to life, a spark to life that wasn't there before."

C. J. LAING, a law graduate who publishes a regular newsletter from Nicaragua, plans to return to his job in the year-torn Central American nation next week. He has been home in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, recovering from hepatitis A.

Con chooses four soloists

By Maria L. Schwefel

Each year, the Conservatory Faculty holds auditions for students who wish to perform as one of the senior commencement soloists. This year, the faculty selected soloists on Jan. 20.

The musicians chosen for this prestigious award were: Heather pieces with the Lawrence University Symphony Orchestra concert on Fri., "Concerto on flute; Margaret Rickes, June 8.

The art inside is worth a visit

By Catherine Boos

Now that all the hoopla that accompanied the opening of the art center has died down, most people now just accept the funny-colored, oddly-shaped "post-modern" building and walk by. But there is more to the building than the checkerboard exterior.

Inside next to the main exhibition gallery is the Quirk Print Gallery. This is the place where most of the works of the University Print Collection, including portions of the LaVera Pohl Collection, are kept.

The purpose of the room is to allow students and staff to come in and view the pieces first hand, to see the details that are not in slides or pictures and to see their true dimensions and colors. The types of pieces here are prints; that is, they are either lithographs, woodcuts, etchings or intaglios (a method of engraving).

The permanent collection contains a large number of American art, as well as several examples of the German and French Expressionists. A large number of American work is also available to view. See PRINTS, page 12.
**Birch Society: thunder on the edge of town**

By Tom Zoellner

By some accounts, they are a group of reactionary loonies with a tenuous, overwhelmingly paranoid grasp of reality.

By their own account, they are the sole voice of sanity in a world gone insane—a world heading towards "totalitarian slavery," with the world as people say they are? What do guys any way? Are they really as out-of-sync and "socialist world government" unless their message is heeded.

More than that, one of the group's fondest heroes is none other than the late Joe McCarthy, a man they claim was kicked out of the United States government. Named after and an activist, once claimed that staunch anti-communist stance to stop the sky from falling. "Hey," said Birch President G. Allen Bubolz, "when they thought the world was flat, they laughed at the guy who thought it was round."

See BIRCHERS, page 9
Kautsky to accompany acclaimed Chicago cellist

By Gordon A. Martinez

A musician who has made an absolutely meteoric rise in just under 10 years will grace the stage of Harri Hall this weekend.

John Sharp, principal cellist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, will perform in a special recital with pianist Catherine Kautsky at 8 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 11.

Sharp, who was appointed as one of the youngest principal cells in the orchestra’s history, was recognized as “an absolute sensation” by the Chicago Tribune.

In 1969 and now a part of the only American instrumentalist invited to play in the finals competition of the acclaimed Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow.

After graduating from the Juilliard School of Music, he was the principal cellist of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra in New York. Sharp’s next appointment was to the Cincinnati Symphony.

Sharp’s solo appearances have included Boston, Los Angeles, Dallas, New York, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Chicago.

As a chamber musician, Sharp has appeared with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the Marlboro Music Festival and Vail, Colorado’s Bravo! Festival.

According to Kautsky, Sharp is Professor of Music and Sharp’s accompanist, “He is enormously passionate about music. He is well-prepared and has thought through the music and has concrete suggestions about the music being played,” she said.

Kautsky adds, “He is a great musician and he plays chamber and orchestral music with great style.”

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Belot finds out why Vikings are tops in the North Division

By Cory Kadlec

First place. Lawrence Vikings, North division.

Three words that are rarely used in the same sentence. Currently, the LU women’s basketball squad is perched at the top spot.

Coach Amy Proctor’s team has certainly opened some eyes among the other Midwest conference teams this season. In a pre-season coach’s poll, Lawrence (13-6, 5-1) was expected to finish in fourth place in the North Division.

Coach Proctor has been pleasantly surprised by the play of her young team.

“I thought this might be a rebuilding year, but I’m really happy with our position right now. The key to our success has been the team’s defense.”

The tenacious style of defense that has wreaked havoc among Viking opponents this season helped the Vikes scrap their way to a 74-65 overtime win over Beloit this week. Beloit was in second place entering the game.

The Buccaneers buckled under heavy pressure from the likes of Tracie Spangenberg (three steals) and Susan Steele (two steals). Lawrence had 10 steals as a team and benefited from 29 Beloit turnovers.

The overtime period was played mostly on Lawrence’s free-throw line, where the Vikings converted 14-of-15 to ice the game. The game total of 30-of-36 was a school record for made free throws.

The offensive wealth was spread around in the game, as is often the case with the Vikes. Four starters hit double figures: Gina Seegers and Spangenberg had 16, Krista Tomter tallied 14, and Sarah O’Neill tallied 11.

Senior captain Spangenberg provided the spark for an offense that was sluggish en route to a 24-28 half-time deficit. Spangenberg made several clutch baskets down the stretch, and she also collected eight rebounds.

Beloit was plagued by foul trouble throughout the game. The Buccaneers lost three players to disqualification and amassed 37 personal fouls.

KATHERINE LOGREN has provided offensive punch this year for the Vikes, scoring 10.9 points per game. (Trevor Thomson photo)

Athlete of the week
Sponsored by Domino’s Pizza

Viking diver J.V. McKenna set the school record in men’s 1-meter diving. In a meet Wednesday vs. UW-Oshkosh, McKenna scored a 241.85 on one required and five optional dives. Photo courtesy of Sports Information Department.

The Athletes of the Week are selected each week by The Lawrencean sports staff and receive a free pizza from Domino’s.

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* Randy Breuer of the Minnesota Timberwolves scored 40 points against his former mentor Don Nelson. When they were both with the Bucks, Nelson quipped, "I have failed as a coach with Randy."
* Major League baseball owners will vote today in Chicago on the decision for a spring training lockout. Commissioner Faye Vincent reportedly will not order the camps to be open.
* The Minnesota North Stars of the NHL appear ready to move to Oakland, California after losing money for the last 12 years.

Shorted by the Sports

Dan’s Details

Compiled by Dan Brant

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**SPORTS**
Fencers foil opponents with skill, hard work

By Mark Smith

Imagine the excitement of a duel. Picture yourself in the shoes of Cyrano de Bergerac or the Three Musketeers, putting your life on the line to defend your honor as a swordsman. The members of the LU fencing team have some idea of the excitement of a swordfight, and, even though the danger and intrigue is lacking, fencing remains an exciting sport which requires tremendous skill and intelligence.

The LU fencers have had the opportunity to demonstrate their prowess this season against some of the most prestigious universities in the Midwest whose teams include nationally-ranked fencers.

"A day of fencing takes the same amount of stamina as boxing ten rounds." -- Coach Mary Poulson

"The Lawrence community will have two opportunities to see the team in action: on Sunday in the Small College Tournament, and on March 1 in the Great Lakes conference tournament—which will again, feature some of the nation's top fencers.

Fencing consists of three types of weapons: the sabre, epee and foil. The weapons differ in weight, shape and the way one scores touches with them (the object of the fencing encounter).

The sabre is a lightweight, flattened weapon, with which scoring can be achieved through blows to the body with the edges as well as with the point. The target for this event is from the top of the head to the hips.

The epee is a heavier weapon, with which touches can be scored only with the point anywhere on the body.

Finally, there is the foil, a lighter point weapon, with which touches are allowed only on the torso. In this event, the defender must follow the right of way rule. This rule stipulates a defender must first attempt to counter the attacker's moves before attempting a touch himself or herself.

There are many misconceptions about the sport of fencing. For example, it's much more vigorous than people think. Coach Mary Poulson states, "a day of fencing takes the same amount of stamina as boxing 10 rounds..."

Fencing also requires quick reactions, a good sense of timing and a sharp, analytical mind. Team captain Jon Hu calls the sport "physical chess." One must concentrate intensely to consider the many possible counter-moves of his or her opponent.

This year's LU fencing squad, coached by Mary Poulson has performed well this season despite the men's 3-10 record and the women's 2-7 showing. The team is led by Shane Swamer with a record 43 wins this season in epee.

Veterans Jon Hu (18 wins) and Phuong Huynh (13) have performed well in foil. Jim Holthaus and Peter Ruprecht (five wins each) have also contributed in this event.

Swamer, Phil Meyers (23) and Steve Parker (9) have been exceptional in epee, and Troy Thornberry (32) and Todd Ruskell have been solid in sabre.

The women's team features strong performances from Stephanie Treadel (17 wins), Patsy Kwan (14) and Christina Windberg (10) as well as contributions from Meiha Yoo and Jennifer Kuhn.

Lawrence's competition has included such large schools as Madison, Northwestern, the University of Minnesota, Purdue, the University of Chicago, and national power Notre Dame all of which offer fencing scholarships.

The team's performance against such competition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of LU fencers.
Barry... (continued from page nine)

ME: No. Finally, when I was fully confident that, if necessary, I could take the boat out myself and get everyone killed, we returned home to spend a caretaker evening washing our hull. You have to do this because it turns out that -- get ready for a fascinating nautical fact -- sea water is VERY BAD FOR BOATS. I'm serious. Ask any boat owner. Sea water contains large quantities of barnacles and corrosion, which will rapidly turn your boat into a giant piece of maritime crud. So while we were scrubbing my hull, I had this blinding insight: The smart thing to do, clearly, is NEVER PUT THE BOAT INTO THE WATER. I shared this insight with some other boat owners, and they all agreed that, definitely, putting your boat into the water is asking for trouble. Most of them have had their boats sitting in their driveways long enough to be registered historical landmarks.

A group of us boat owners were discussing this one evening at a party featuring beer, which is how we decided to hold a Drive- way Regatta. Really, I have the whole thing on videotape. We had it on our driveway, and we had four boats, on trailers, secured via anchors in the lawn, trees, etc. The judges awarded First Prize to a dentist named Olin, whose boat not only contained golf clubs and a croquet set, but also had a spider web containing a certified spi- der that had apparently died of old age. It was a fine afternoon, and nobody got seasick, and we even -- try this at sea -- had pizza delivered. I would have cooked, but we really need a new kitchen.

90 gift... (continued from page one) they want to contribute to towards the class gift.

Furhman explained that seniors may want to consider donating part or all of the $200 continuing enrollment deposit which each student pays upon matriculation at Lawrence.

"We want to stress that the money seniors give for this project is not much; they are denoting to Lawrence, but rather, the money they are giving to remember their class by," said Furhman.

The gift committee said the scholarship opportunity is important for "would-be students from nations in political upheaval." The committee speculated, for example, that "a black student from South Africa would be an excellent candidate to receive our scholarship." The gift committee said the conclusion was to provide supplementary information for research papers.

Prints... (continued from page seven) done mostly in the 1930s, and a substantial collection of Japanese prints.

The print gallery offers a library of art to look at and enjoy. (You can't check them out like a book, however.) It is also a primary source for information directly related to art history and would be a rewarding career."