Despite initial low enrollment caused by late analyses of financial aid packages due to Federal government shutdowns last winter, admissions reported on Sept. 16 success in reaching the projected freshman enrollment.

Totaling 323 full time Freshman, the number satisfied the projection of 320-5 initially issued by President Richard Warch's office.

Freshman enrollment traditionally vacillates over the summer between increases and decreases.

According to Susan Dean of the Admissions Office, enrollment can drop when multiple deposited students go elsewhere during the "summer meltdown."

"This year we experienced very little of that summer melt down," said Dean. "In some exceptions, Freshmen will enroll at Lawrence after withdrawing from their initial institution. This opportunity is created by Lawrence's late matriculation date.

"Every year there will be a couple of students who begin at one school and realize that the school is not what they were looking for," said Dean. "Our late start facilitates the change to enroll at Lawrence."

Wisconsin constitutes 48% of the Freshman class, and 32% come from other Midwestern states. Outside the Midwest, Western states carry the highest percentage at 10%. The gender balance...
FRESHMAN STUDIES

the books, she feels that it is an extended engagement with exercise in futility." I thought it might be an introduction to the college experience. Furthermore, she said the course is useful for learning how to think and write clearly.

Currently, the course is organized historically, wherein Term I covers the period from the Ancient World to the 18th Century, and Term II covers the Modern World. The first book students will read is Plato's *Republic*, a Freshman Studies tradition taught since the program's first year. "What is happiness?" or "What is justice?", are examples of issues students will analyze in the Republic. A good Freshman Studies book ought to "bother their minds," said Cohen.

The problem with academia today is that students place serious works on a pedestal, said Cohen. Many people read Plato when they want to work, and watch MTV when they want to have fun, he said. Cohen suggests that Plato is fun, but that one has to work hard to get to the fun. This is a book about ourselves and he adds, "If we as Freshman Studies professors cannot make Freshman see that Plato worth reading not because it is a great book everyone has read, but opens their eyes to their own lives, then we are not doing our job."

Bruce Brackenridge, Professor Emeritus of Physics, who has currently taught Freshman Studies over several decades, said that at first students might think Plato is saying nonsense, but he cautions that scholars have been reading the book for about 2500 years, and it is wise to reserve any premature judgment.

Professor History major Charley Shaw, said that the class suggests the refusal of humans to accept one dominant philosophy, and that when subtle instances break apart from one person's original, then you see how fragile large philosophical structures are.

Shaw said the class combines faculty and students who cannot claim expertise to those "works of art," and gives them a forum to reach a new level of understanding.

BY SARAH SCHOTT AND SARA WEGMANN

At Lawrence students have a unique opportunity to make a strong impact on many aspects of campus life. In the last year, students have revised the smoking policy, designated substance-free areas on campus, coordinated parking, and distributed $150,000 to over 70 student organizations on campus. All these changes were made through Lawrence's community government, the Lawrence University Community Council (LUCC).

LUCC is made up of both faculty and students. This unique combination began in 1968 when students demanded a stronger voice in university policy. With faculty support, the students wrote the original constitution, bylaws, and code of student responsibility for LUCC. These documents give LUCC authority over all non-curricular issues.

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LUCC also coordinates and funds student-run organizations. There are now over 70 organizations which promote a variety of goals including volunteer service, cultural awareness, political involvement, religious exploration, club sport participation, and academic enrichment. LUCC groups are open to all students. More information about current student groups and sign-up sheets will be available at the Activities Fair during new student week.

Lawrence's student government is unique in that it gives students the opportunity to make significant changes that impact the entire Lawrence Community. As a new student you can get involved in a number of ways:

- Represent your hall as a member of the LUCC General Council
- Apply for a position on the Honor Council or Judicial Board
- Serve on a LUCC sub-committee
- Join any of the seventy student-run organizations or start a new club of your own
- Become a member of your residence hall council and/or attend hall meetings
- Voice ANY of your concerns about campus issues by talking to your hall LUCC representative or dropping a note in the LUCC box at your hall front desk. LUCC will respond to any questions or suggestions you have.

If you have any questions about LUCC or would like more information feel free to contact any of the members of the LUCC Cabinet.

More information about your student government will be available at the new student retreat to Bjorklunden on September 24th. We look forward to seeing you then and wish you the best for a successful first year at Lawrence!

Attention Freshmen! If you have worked on any kind of publication in High School or are interested in working for one in college, don't forget these:

Ariel - School Yearbook
Lawrentian - School Newspaper
Spectator - Political Journal
Tropos - Literary Magazine
(Udder - Alternative Press)

As all of these publications are student run, we need your support! Contact Paul Shrode @ x6600 if you are interested.

LUCC continues community representation by moving into its 28th year of session

BY SARAH SCHOTT AND SARA WEGMANN

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Don't keep it a secret...
Greetings, along with some of the extraneous information you are being inundated with, let me take this opportunity to introduce you to the Outdoor Recreation Club, or ORC as it is known on campus.

We are a student organized, Lawrence University Community Council funded outdoor orienteering ‘club’ designed to promote off-campus activities. Our organization meets weekly to discuss potential trips or to plan lectures (read: barbeque) and presentations about the outdoors and the people who inhabit it. We have no requirements about membership or involvement; if something interests you, we encourage, you to pursue.

All of the trips are student designed and lead which means that all one has to do to get involved with the group is to propose and idea, any idea whatsoever, find interest and bring it up at one of the meetings. Depending on the size of the interested party, the trip then gets subsidized and outfitted.

Lawrentians head “into the streets”

As a freshman, or even a returning student at Lawrence, it’s sometimes hard to know what to get involved in and how to join particular activities. The interns at the Volunteer and Community Service Center (VCSC) want to help make that process easier.

The VCSC is a student-run campus office that acts as a clearing house for volunteer opportunities and a resource for students who want to help individuals and organizations in the Appleton community. There are many volunteer opportunities that require little or no training or prior experience.

Below are some examples of on-going volunteer opportunities through the VCSC.

The Lawrence Tutoring Program recruits Lawrence students to help tutor Appleton area students. There are students of all ages who need help in a variety of subjects. There is only a 15 minute introductory meeting at which you fill out a tutor information form.

The Fox Valley Literacy Coalition needs people to play with and care for children for one and a half hours on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings while their parents take literacy classes.

The Orenda Tutoring Program takes tutors from Lawrence up to the Orenda Indian Reservation outside of Green Bay: A van leaves from Lawrence at 3 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m. twice a week. Tutors are needed for all ages and subjects. This program will start up the week after classes start. Call Cassie at x6644 or 730-4444 for information.

Two Nature Preserves need students to help with all kinds of things. More information is available for those interested.

Although many of the opportunities and events we do have calls for one time volunteers. If you are interested in any of the above activities or in being on our “Volunteers on Call” list, please come by our booth at the Activities Fair on September 29 and fill out one of our yellow interest cards. We would love to get a new group of volunteers who are ready, willing and able to make a difference in the Appleton and Lawrence Communities.

There will also be a Volunteer Opportunities Fair on October 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside Downer Commons where many community organizations will set up booths to give out information about their needs and explain opportunities. This is a great time to meet members of Appleton’s community organizations and get to know more about what services they provide to the surrounding area, and what you can do to help.

There are many volunteer experiences to be had, some demand several hours of training and others that less. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to look through the book of opportunities, just drop in to the VCSC on Tuesday’s from 3 to 5 pm. We’ll be here to help.

There are other activities after the necessary paperwork and talks are finished, such as shopping and visiting the exciting town of Appleton, but remember, all of this is done alone and far from home, parents, and anything familiar. Stress, injury, illness, and culture shock are far from uncommon. The only thing that really helps Internationals in the right frame of mind is the bond they form with each other simply by all being in the same situation. Even those who have been in the States before welcome this chance to share their differences with others who need help easing into American lifestyles.

International means both U.S. and foreign

Although events such as the International Cabaret and formats are widely attended by Lawrentians as a whole, the viability of reorganization is seen as just that: a group of Internationals.

One of the most popular misconceptions is that only Internationals can belong to LI, when in fact there is a waiting space for as many Americans as possible. LI stresses that all Americans are International, and that Lawrence International is for Lawrence itself.

After being recognized by LUCC on April 21, 1976, 15 foreign students developed a brief but concise list of the purposes of their new organization:

(a) To provide opportunities for social interaction among LI’s international students.

(b) To provide a forum for discussion of topics of mutual interest of such students.

(c) To provide creative approaches to handling financial affairs of international students such that individual students might achieve financial stability.

(d) To provide programs on world issues for the Lawrence and Appleton community.

They wanted more foreign students to attend Lawrence, and merge Internationals with the Lawrence student body—a home away from home.

By the next year, membership increased to 35 students, with 25 being International. The amount of activities also increased, including trips to surrounding cities, talks by members and outside speakers, and the first International Dinner.

The most significant change was that the original plan for LI was modified to include all students instead of just Internationals, thus providing the way for both Internationals and Americans to learn about each other.

This year, Lawrence International celebrates its 20th anniversary in considerable style with the flavour of many countries and some 150 members. Along with this, we have the International Cabaret, which is a festival of music, exotic food, and various shows designed and performed by the students.

LI is more than a social club for overseas visitors. We

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Campus political groups '96: campaign debate and contribution

It's the right time to join
Lawrence's College Republicans

BY TAYLOR HOFFMAN

It's an exciting time for the College Republicans. The 8th Congressional district is open for the first time in 18 years and, we want to make sure that it stays in the GOP column. We also want to make sure that President Clinton in not the first two-term president since the great communicator, Ronald Reagan.

The College Republicans work with local state Republican officials with the goal to produce 50% plus one of the votes cast in various elections. This fall we will work closely with former Assembly Speaker David Proesser in his bid for Congress, Steve Vickert in his bid for the 57th Assembly seat, the Outagamie Republican Party, and the Dele organization. These community contacts are great for job references and often turn into paid internships (and free dinners). But it's not all work. The Wisconsin State College Republicans hold conventions that give participants a chance to relax and meet other College Republicans. At last year's Elephant Open (at a cost of $15 to each participant), we enjoyed an overnight's stay at one of Door County's premiere resorts, played golf, and had free drinks and meals.

Overall, the College Republicans offers a chance to learn how campaigns and grass-root efforts really work in a hands-on approach that the classroom simply cannot offer. At the same time, participants will get to know each other right-minded people.

Top ten reasons to join College Republicans
10. Continue the Reagan Revolution
9. Welfare- no longer a career option
8. Rather be an elephant than a jackass
7. We believe everyday is the Fourth of July...Democrats believe everyday is the April 15
6. Two words: Tommy Thompson
5. We're on the majority. Let's keep it that way
4. Promises made...promises kept
3. We're interested in "Newt ideas"
2. Our last four letters spell "I can" their last four letters spell "rat"
1. We're the best party on campus

College Democrats eye congress seats

BY SHELBY BOWSER

Election '96-what is it all about?
It's about politicians, campaigns, ads, money, power, and image, isn't it?
True—but it's also about a lot more than that. It's about issues like education, healthcare, jobs, and the environment, and it's about the people who will make decisions on these issues.

The decisions made by our elected officials deeply affect many aspects of our lives, so shouldn't we care very strongly about who those elected officials are?
The Lawrence University College Democrats is a campus organization dedicated to encouraging political awareness and promoting Democratic ideals and beliefs.

In the fall of 1996, the group's primary focus is on the re-election of President Clinton and the election of Democrats to fill the open seats for the U.S. House of Representatives and the Wisconsin State Assembly.

It is a very important year for Democrats in the Fox Valley. For the first time in many years, the open seats give us a real opportunity to win back the Republican-controlled seats in Congress and the Assembly. The campaign will be hard fight, however, and we need all the help we can get.

The College Democrats work both on campus and off. On campus, we work to promote student awareness of campaigns and issues, as well as increase voter turnout. Off campus, we volunteer on the campaigns of local candidates by making phone calls, distributing literature, attending parades and local events, and helping out wherever we are needed.

In past years, we have also sponsored voter registration drives, hosted a debate between Congressional candidates, and brought elected officials and candidates on campus to speak with students.

Many members of the College Democrats are also members of the Outagamie County Democratic Party and the Wisconsin State Democratic party.

Members have been delegates to the district and state party conventions, participants in the Democratic Leadership Development Institute, and representatives on the 8th Congressional District Executive Committee.

The Lawrence University College Democrats offer the opportunity to have a positive impact on our community while meeting fellow students, pursuing interests, developing leadership skills and having fun.

Any and all students are invited to join the College Democrats. No political experience is necessary, no prior knowledge of the candidates is required, and the time commitment is based on however many hours you are able to give.

The events of the next two months can impact our lives for years to come. If you want to help influence these events by becoming a member of the College Democrats, please call Shelby Bowser at x7954 and watch for signs regarding our first meeting.

We look forward to seeing you!
Christian community of LCF

BY Megan Marshall

Lawrence Christian Fellowship (LCF) provides opportunities for students to engage in Christian theology, Bible study, worship, outreach, and prayer. One does not "join" LCF, nor does one need to be a Christian in order to participate in activities offered. The activities provided allow students to form relationships based on the love that Christ provides us (which is what fellowship is all about).

The purpose of Lawrence Christian Fellowship is:

* To provide support for individuals of the Christian community and to develop their commitment to effective discipleship and ministry.

* To reach out and serve the Lawrence community with integrity and genuine love, challenging all to consider and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

* To request empowerment from God through prayer, understanding that our efforts will be effective only with His intervention.

The first activity sponsored by LCF will be on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30 pm. Get ready to swing your partner at the SQUARE DANCE in Riverview Lounge! You don't need to bring your own dancing partner, but DO make sure to wear comfortable shoes! There will be two activities going on at the Student Union that evening, so make sure to stop downstairs at the Coffee House for the "Substance Free Alternative" event sponsored by AODE and Campus Activities. This will begin at 8:30 pm. The acoustic folk rock band, "Barnaby Creek," will perform and door prizes will be given. You may come and go as you please to either event and BOTH will provide free food and drink.

Throughout the week of September 23, there will be "LCFers" available to speak with in the lobby of Downer Commons (during some meal times) about getting connected with various aspects of LCF. Volunteers are needed for our Large Group worship meetings held every Wednesday at 8:00 pm (beginning October 2) in Riverview Lounge. We are beginning a program this year called "Faith in Action." The program calls for some LCFers to join efforts with another LUCC recognized organization and serve in the Appleton community once or twice a term as volunteers. If you are interested in helping to get this project off the ground, sign up at the information table at Downer.

Erick Walters co-ordinates LCF "small groups." Converse with him at Downer about what kind of group would best suit your needs. Small groups meet regularly throughout the year to study a book or a topic. (i.e. books on theology, a study of one of the gospel books, an overview of women in the Bible, a study on apologetics, a study of the prophetic laws and feasts, etc.) Small groups are lead primarily by students, but some faculty/staff also offer their time and knowledge.

Last year, visiting Professor Coffin impressed many students with his passion for Jesus. I had the opportunity to participate in his class entitled "This I Believe: A Modern Christian Credo." The assignment for the class was to write your own credo. What do you believe, and why? Because the assignment seemed overwhelming, I humorously told a friend who was also taking the class, "Well, this shouldn't be hard to write; I have been thinking about this topic for years!"

For me, one of the most challenging assignments of LCF has been understanding where other people are at on their journey of faith. LCF provides many tools on which to build your foundation in Christ. I hope you feel welcome to attend the various activities it provides so that you can enhance your understanding of what being a Christian is all about.

DFC: feminist forum

BY JESSICA BAUMGARDNER

Downer Feminist Council (DFC) is an activist group which confronts issues of sexism and other forms of discrimination on campus and elsewhere and acts as a positive, enlightening support network for women and men at Lawrence. Feminism generally presupposes a conjunction with other forms of activism, such as gay and lesbian rights, so DFC has supported and worked with several of Lawrence's other activist organizations to try to raise social consciousness about certain issues. DFC exposes the student body to the achievements of women, as well as addresses many important issues facing women today, such as eating disorders and sexual violence.

Perhaps the best way to illustrate the character of DFC would be to describe past and present activities in which we have been involved. We have sponsored many revealing forums on campus which addressed questions such as why gender studies is not a full department, the Freshman Studies reading list is the Freshmen Studies reading list is decidedly lacking in contributions from women or people of color. We have had lectures on academic topics such as women in early Christianity and women artists. For Women's Week last year, DFC sponsored a "body-image workshop" in which participants discussed the relationship between media images, eating disorders and self-esteem in both women and men.

DFC hosts a women's film series each year in Wriston Auditorium; we have shown more political movies including Go Fish, and also the good ones of standard, Thelma and Louise. Lighter movies, like everyone's early eighties favorite, 9 to 5, is interesting events pertaining to upcoming elections in November. The purpose is to help voters understand which candidates support important issues like reproductive freedom, affirmative action, breast cancer funding, gay and lesbian rights, the NEA, etc. (DFC and the Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Society (BGLASS) converted the Women's Resource Room into an honest to goodness resource room because we recently received funding for a computer and Internet hookup. Now, the student body is welcome to use this room (Colman 107) as an informational outlet for both gender and gay and lesbian issues.

Feminism is not a monolithic movement. Because it is largely personal and constantly evolving into different forms, its proponents must accept inclusiveness and celebrate one's mutual differences and similarities. If gender issues interest you, or if you just want to see what DFC is all about, attend our first wine and cheese meeting. Men and women are both strongly encouraged to take part.

Lowering The Cost Of Higher Education... Every Day
With my nose in the corner...  

BY BRIAN B. BARTEL,  
MANAGING EDITOR

Hamed Hampour died of lung cancer on Wednesday. An American student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Hampour was born in Iran and was known for his love of music and his dedication to his family. He was a member of the Lawrence University community and will be missed by all who knew him.

In other news, the campus dining hall has been closed due to a decrease in student enrollment. The hall was previously open 24 hours a day, but now it will only be open during regular dining hours. This change has been met with mixed reactions from students, with some expressing concern about the impact on the environment and others welcoming the chance to save money.

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Gastro-matriculation: L.U.'s six food groups

BY TAYLOR HOFFMAN

As an incoming freshman or transfer student, there are certainly things you will need to know about Larry U., like where to locate the Financial Aid office (my grant has been reduced to $107!), which professors to take classes from (the only ones left are God?), and finally how to identify the true food groups. These are some of the Lawrentian differences that weren't mentioned in that colorful and informative little brochure that enticed us all to come here.

It's important to note that there are actually six food groups instead of just four. They are in order of importance: beer, pizza, mac and cheese, grill food, Juicy Lucy's, and Downer food. The first is to be consumed in mass quantities and thus it is at the base of our food pyramid. A piece of advice - no matter what your favorite fraternity friend may tell you, Busch Light is not actually beer. Instead I recommend Guinness, a meal in itself. One should consume three to five servings a day of the second item, pizza. But first, one must know how to order pizza properly. For example, while fun, it is not appreciated to call Papa John's and say, "Hi this is President Rick Warch and I'd like four dozen large pizzas." Instead it's much more prudent and money wise to say, "Hi, this is so-and-so and I have a coupon here that says I can get four dozen large pizzas for one dollar."

Since communication between the pizza management and the pizza workers is about as good as the communication between Bob Doles and voters, the person at the register will ring up the order for one dollar, and the delivery person will never ask for the coupon. Oh, and a piece of advice that my roommate has problems with: even if you are hungry and the pizza is running late, never yell out the to the pizza delivery person, "Hurry up if you want a tip!" This merely increases the odds of the pizza being dropped and stepped on, two activities that do not quicken the order.

On to mac and cheese. Little has to be said, except it's cheap, quick, good, and makes you feel like a gourmet.

Next is grill food. If you haven't lived in Wisconsin before, blood might still be running through your arteries. In just a few quick trips to the Grill you can nearly stop that blood flow and fit in with your Wisconsin born classmates.

Next we move on to: Juicy Lucy's. The University named this small cafeteria in Colman after a great dive of a restaurant just off I-94. Or maybe Lucinda Downer had something to do with it...

Anyway, the bags are great, unless of course you get one of the stale ones. This however, is not necessary a bad thing. They are hard, sturdy, and make great building material. I, in fact, built a loft of nothing but Lucy's bags and my advisor is not mad about it.

Well, that's about all that I have for you kiddies right now. But remember, if you ever get bored, the Naked Furniture store is just down College Ave. And don't forget to check out Mike Rayburn in the Coffeehouse on September 29th. He's a great performer, even though his agent can't roll posters to save his life. Even if you don't want to hear him, then go for my favorite flavored coffee: HazeKnut (which will be served that night). I leave you with this piece of advice: it is a prosecutable offense to steal the Lawrence bus.

During Rosh Hashanah, the Lawrentian would like to extend our hope that future peace talks between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and PLO Chairman Yassir Arafat can make strides towards ending violence in Hebron and the Golan Heights to establish Middle Eastern and North African Unity.
Lawrence International

want very much for Americans to feel they have a part in helping foreign students learn all about this country. I as an American have found some of my best friends among the Internationals, and the times we have shared are truly unforgettable. Meeting Internationals is one of the easiest things, for they are just as interested in learning about you as you are about them. We all meet every Friday in Downer F, at 6 pm. And we'd love it if you could join us at any time—our door is always open.

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Write for the Lawrence and cover a sports beat or report on a random campus event. You can mingle with celebrities and also have the chance to eat cold, three day-old pizza with the editor! Call x6768 right away.

¡VIVA! celebrates Spanish speaking cultures from many perspectives

by Tricia of VIVA

¡Hola! Interested in meeting exciting people, dancing to Salsa music, and learning about Latin cultures? If so, ¡VIVA! is for you! ¡VIVA! is the Latin American, Hispanic American, Spanish cultures interest group. Our goal is to increase understanding of Latin, Spanish, and Hispanic cultures and languages. We believe in sharing, and celebrating the different cultures through education and social interaction. Our programming includes cultural movies, speakers, dances, parties, late night cooking/eating /café drinking feasts, and an annual cultural week including an extensive dinner of wonderful Latin American foods! We also host events in conjunction with the Spanish department. Whether you are a Spanish major, non-Spanish major, native, immigrant, Latino/a, non-Latino/a, Spanish speaker, or non-Spanish speaker, you are welcome to our weekly meetings and events. Please contact Tricia after September 21, at X7463. We can't wait to meet you. ¡Adios!
favors women with 176 accompanied by 156 men. Though the total number of freshmen equally matches the 1995-96 enrollment figure, the gender distribution is reversed from last year when Lawrence began the year with 177 men and 155 women.

In addition to the 323 freshmen, 34 transfer students have enrolled.

Dean noted that 47% finished in the top 10% of their high school graduating class with 37 valedictorians and 41 receiving National Merit recognition.

"Academically it's a very strong class," said Dean.

Orientation activities begin on Sept. 20 as the freshman class and transfer students move into their residence halls and begin to acclimate themselves to the campus during New Student Week.

The orientation is structured around the themes of transition, bonding, and preparation.

Events range from President Warch's welcome address to Playfair!, encompassing activities including community forums, section activities, placement tests, talking to advisors, and live music.

The transition phase of orientation is designed to give new students a chance to adjust from a "high school context to a college context setting," said Dean of Students for Student Activities Paul Shrode.

Shrode said that the bonding phase will start on Sept. 21 with an individual focus, and will progress throughout the day with discussion and activities oriented towards discovering a concept of each student's section, floor, building and culminating in the class icebreaker called Playfair!

"By the end of New Student orientation period, it is our hope that new students feel accustomed to the university. And that they feel comfortable asking questions and interacting with fellow students, faculty and staff," said Shrode.

Prior to New Student Week, Lawrence International (LI) launched International Student Orientation on Sept. 17. The orientation addressed a number of issues to 41 new international students from 21 countries.

Discussion topics included finances, immigration and naturalization, and cultural adjustment.

For LI members, helping new students to adjust to life in Appleton begins with logistics such as picking them up at the airport and helping them locate essential campus places.

According to Dean of Off-Campus Programs and International Student Adviser Charles Lauter, "International students have more changes than American students." He said that adjustment issues such as orientation to new surroundings and adapting to common campus speech "magnify significantly" for them.

In its 20th year, LI board members hope that this year's orientation will help frame new international students perspective of Lawrence within the U.S.

"We...ease them into the Americaness of this place," said Junior LI President Louisa Assibi. "College Ave. is not like Wall Street so we try to show them the uniqueness of this town.

The International Student Orientation events will conclude with an open house for the entire campus at the International House on Sept. 23.

"LI is almost like an exchange program on campus."

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