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LUCC states support for domestic partner benefits

BY CHARLEY SHAW

In addition to married faculty and staff members, domestic partners might soon be eligible for university benefits.

A resolution passed at the Nov. 19 General Council of the Lawrence University Community Council directs that the Faculty Committee on Benefits "investigate the logistics of extending all spousal benefits to domestic partners" and submit its findings to the General Council on May 1, 1997. The resolution also called for the issue validiness to all domestic partners of university employees.

LUCC acknowledged a domestic partner to be "any cohabitating significant other of the same or opposite sex who, for whatever reason, is not married to the Lawrence University faculty or staff member."

LUCC President Sarah Schott said that the Committee on Benefits will determine case by case whether or not two individuals demonstrate a valid commitment eligible for benefits.

The council unanimously passed the resolution, save one abstention, and expressed hope that the resolution will be acted upon.

"Recognizing domestic partnerships is an increasingly growing thing that's going on..." said Small House Rep. Jacob Yarnell. "It would reflect very positively on Lawrence as a place of employment."

In addition to a balancing of the benefits employees' spouses and employees' domestic partners enjoy, several other reasons for the resolution were mentioned.

• The current benefit policy is inconsistent with the university's non-discrimination policy.
• ACM schools Carleton College and Grinnell College, and the City of Madison, have established domestic partner benefits.
• Failure to recognize domestic partners might "discourage qualified and desirable employees.

Term I play takes stage

BY ELIZABETH ATHENS

Often an audience views a play only to lose interest halfway through the first act. This lack of interest may stem from unfamiliarity with the play and, if it is a historical play, the social and political events surrounding it. To avoid such disinterest in A Bright Room Called Day, this term's mainstage production, I consulted Fred Gaines, who explained the play's historical background.

A Bright Room Called Day takes place mainly in 1932 Germany, as Hitler begins to gain political momentum. The time setting of the play, however, does not remain constant; it shifts from the present to the past, like a series of snapshots.

The play begins with a contemporary woman, Zillah (Mary McNamara), who explains to the audience that she does not feel as her Jewish parents did. To relate better to her family, she, along with the audience, is transported to a Berlin apartment in 1932, and acts as a witness to the events that transpire there. These events do not run in a continuous stream; the characters often speak directly to the audience, bringing us back to the present day. This splicing of time, along with slides of facts and photographs that flash throughout the play, give it a Brechtian sense, fusing reality with fantasy.

At the apartment, the audience meets a circle of friends that includes everyone from a rising German movie star, Paulinka (Nils Senanayake), to a Communist artist, Gotchling (Frances Chewning). When the group is first introduced to the audience, there is only a slight air of apprehension at Hitler's gradual rise to power. One of the characters, Agnes (Jessie Genio), states, "We live in Berlin. It's 1932. I feel relatively safe."

This naive sense of security cracks as Hitler starts to exert pressure on liberal causes. The friends, who had previously felt a part of the majority, find themselves in the shrinking minority. As the play progresses, the audience sees how each of the individuals is systematically targeted by the government: the Communist artist goes into hiding, while another friend, a gay man, is forced to flee the country. As each character is targeted, the play becomes more and more intense. The characters struggle to hold on to their sanity, as they are forced to confront the reality of their situation.

The play is directed by Mark Youngchild. The set is designed by Mark Youngchild and is a reproduction of a typical German apartment in 1932. The lighting is designed by Mary McNamara. The costumes are designed by Thea Schlotz.

The play runs through December 15, at the Pfeiffer Theater. Tickets are $6 for adults, $5 for seniors, $4 for students, and $3 for children. The play is sponsored by the Lawrence University Department of Theater.

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In addition to workers from Superior Electric and the Wisconsin Michigan Power Co., there were also three university electricians assisting. Fire prevention and security officers were on hand.

"Have you ever taken a cold shower in the dark?" asked Sophomore Jon Clapham. "It's quite an experience."

To make sure that certain essential electrical functions continued without interruption, physical plant did provide some emergency power during the outage.

For instance, emergency power was provided to the Chapel, in order to keep the organ at a warm temperature. Also, power was provided in Youngchild Hall to keep low-temperature freezers in operation.

The basement of Downer Party was lit to enable the cooks to prepare food for the students. Also, perhaps on a lighter note, power was provided to the Beta house, to operate a conveyor belt. The Betas removed from their basement ten tons of sand brought in for their "Beach Party" held Saturday night.

The campus may experience another power outage in mid-spring, as the university is exploring the possibility of improving the power factor, which may necessitate the installation of some capacitors.

Lawrentian Staff Writers Jenny Gilchrist and Charley Shaw contributed to this report.
CONSERVATORY FORUM
A forum entitled "German Organ Music of the Baroque" will be presented by Janet Anthony and George Edward Damp. The event is scheduled to begin at 11:10 a.m. in Memorial Chapel.

ARTIST'S TALK
A lecture by Prof. M. Holly Cohn entitled "Words Put to Images. Images Put Into Words." The talk will start at 4:30 p.m. in Wriston Auditorium.

STUDENT RECITAL
Rena Takahashi will perform "A Bright Room Called Day," written by Tony Kushner. The performance begins at 8:00 p.m. in Alexander Gym.

TÉRMINOLOGY
Fred Gaines will direct the student performance of "Second Performance of A Day," written by Tony Kushner, in Memorial Chapel. The performance begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

LU Men's Basketball
The Viking Tip-Off Tourney with Cornell, Marian, and Martin Luther begins at 6:15 p.m. in Alexander Gym.

FRIDAY'S EVENTS
LU Men's Basketball
The Viking Tip-Off Tourney with Cornell, Marian, and Martin Luther continues throughout the weekend. The second performance begins at 8:00 p.m. in Alexander Gym.

SYMPHONIC CONCERT
Susen Radcliff conducts the LU Symphonic Band at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

SATURDAY'S EVENTS
LU Men's Basketball
The Viking Tip-Off Tourney with Cornell, Marian, and Martin Luther continues at 1:00 p.m. in Alexander Gym.

LU Women's Basketball
The LU Women's Basketball Team will play the U.W. Whitewater team at 5:30 p.m. in Alexander Gym.

Warch feeling better, back at work
BY JOHN DRAKE
"I'm feeling a lot better" was the response Rick Warch gave when asked about his condition following his prostate surgery in late October. While Warch was absent from his office for a short period of time following the surgery, he is now working eight to ten hours almost every day.

During Warch's leave, his position was filled primarily by Dean of Faculty Harrison, though many other people took on the responsibilities of the absent president. Harrison, who ran Parents' Weekend, is also slated to go to the Associated Colleges of the Midwest president meeting this weekend in Warch's place. During his absence, though, he was always in contact with Harrison.

Warch has recovered almost fully from the surgery, which lasted two and a half hours and took place at the Appleton Medical Center. The physical therapists that he was undergoing for his left knee, which was operated on in September, has been put on hold until he recovers from his latest surgery. Warch remarked "once my knee is rehabbed, [I'll be] walking with more comfort," a reference to his recovery from his latest surgery.

If new houses become available, some students suggested reserving them as sorority houses. The committee responded that not all students on campus would agree with this decision. The sorority members present also said that they would prefer to have all three sororities geographically close to one another, similar to the fraternity quadrangle. The committee agreed that it would not be likely for the houses opening up to be near each other, and raised the possibility that houses for sorority would become available instead of three. The sorority representatives replied that they would probably have housing issues.

Students said that smoke often filled dorm rooms from smokers' open doors. The committee was concerned about the smoking policy for sororities or concerns at their week-end, recommendations for policy changes will be taken to the LUCC General Council. The committee also emphasized that it wanted to keep sorority students well informed of any occurrences on campus related to residence life, and to curtail some of the misconceptions and misinformation that often centers around housing issues.

One student began the discussion by expressing concern about the smoking policy for resident halls. Several students said that smoke often filters into non-smokers' rooms from smokers' open doors. The committee responded that the LUCC does not have control over smoking policies for the residence halls, and all decisions regarding smoking are made by each individual residence hall. Kohler is the only exception because of its substance-free policy. Most likely, people will always be permitted to smoke in their rooms. The committee suggested that the students should begin by trying to come up with an acceptable compromise with the smoking party.

Several students asked about plans to expand housing in light of the current housing crisis. The committee agreed that Lawrence is now up to 95% occupancy of rooms, which is good economically because it cuts costs but it also lowers students' choices. There are still people living in some of the lounges, and some students at the meeting were concerned that they, too, might have to stay in the lounge if they forced out even though they would have at least a visual plan.

Another possibility would be to buy more buildings for students to live in. If any new houses were bought, the plan would not only have to be approved by the LUCC but also by the President's Council and the Board of Trustees, with the trustees changing as well. Consolidation is currently taking place to open up some of the lounges, but the committee stated that lounges with double occupancy would not be affected at least for the time being.

When asked what possibilities were being investigated to create more housing, the committee responded that any possibilities would be on hold until they can be fully planned and executed in the fall. Lawrence University has promised not to take a house away from a fraternity unless its charter itself was revoked. One fraternity was lost, and Draheim was created as a result.

Students noted that there were sorority houses in the past that were lost recently, and one sorority local chapter said that it would support the sorority's efforts and suggested that they try to find housing in Appleton. However, the committee stated that sorority members living off-campus might create more complications for others who must follow the on-campus housing policy.

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Car vandalism disrupts parent's visit

BY SUREN KANEJA

On Saturday, Oct. 26, in a bitter twist to an otherwise joyous occasion, the car of a visiting parent was badly damaged by vandals.

A 1994 Ford Escort belonging to senior French major Natalee Hartwig's mother was amongst several acts of damage while parked in the Chapel lot. Apparently, a large rock situated in front of the Chapel was uprooted and thrown into the passenger door, smashing the window and denting the entire door.

Alan Bolyard, head of security, commented that this sort of vandalism is a city-wide problem. On average, security officers go through the lots using the routine procedure, making it hard for the vandals to correctly estimate our position.

"Understandably, it is hard for a small security force, sometimes as small as one person, to be all over an 80-acre campus," echoed security officer Rick Guenther. He added that campus security does make an attempt to patrol as much as they possibly can, especially in areas prone to vandalism, and strongly encouraged students to immediately call security if they noticed anything amiss.

Hartwig was understanding of the security officers' position, saying she did not blame them for what happened. She concluded, "I just don't understand how people can get pleasure out of such an immature act ... which is why I don't think it is a student who did this."

An LUCC article in the Nov. 7 issue should have stated that cats will not be permitted in Sage Hall. The Lawrence regrets these errors.

Clare Booth Luce Memorial Scholarships established at Lawrence

BY STAFF WRITER

In recognition of its strong science program, Lawrence University has been awarded a $104,000 grant by the Henry Luce Foundation to support science education for women.

The grant will establish two merit-based Clare Booth Luce scholarships, which will pay all educational expenses for two of Lawrence's top women science students during their junior and senior years, including support for summer research projects.

The Clare Booth Luce Fund was established in 1989 to encourage women of talent to achieve their potential in the sciences.

According to a recent national study conducted by Project Kaleidoscope, a Washington, D.C.-based higher education alliance, Lawrence ranked in the top seven percent of all four-year institutions as a baccalaureate source of national science doctorates earned by women.

Based on a percentage of its graduates, Lawrence has more students go on to earn a Ph.D. in the natural sciences during the 12-year study time frame than any other college in Wisconsin.

LUCC makes several non-binding resolutions

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persons' from seeking employment at Lawrence. The current policy may make faculty and staff feel "uncomfortable, unappreciated, and marginalized."

Solutions based on equality will attract more students.

Lawrence University should "take the initiative as an intellectual and social leader in the community."

In other business, the council received the results of the Coffeehouse smoking survey. The results tabulated by the Polling, Elections, and Leadership Committee recorded 49.2% of the 453 returned surveys in opposition to smoking in the Coffeehouse. Furthermore, the 49.2% voiced the opinion that they would not patronize a smoking-permitted Coffeehouse.

The results were recorded by residence hall.

Chair Chris Varas and six of the survey relating to preference for and participation with a smoking-permitted Coffeehouse were tabulated together. Among halls that fervently preferred smoking and would go to the Coffeehouse if smoking were allowed included Ormsby Hall (28 votes yes-yes), Trever Hall (26 votes yes-yes) and Sage Hall (18 votes yes-yes). Halls that expressed the opposite were the smoke-free Kohler Hall (56 votes no-no) and Colman Hall (32 votes no-no).

Halls such as Kohler were clearly anti-smoking, while halls like Sage were evenly split.

"The campus has shown that it wants a non-smoking Coffeehouse," said Coffeehouse President Shannon Sackett, "and we have to honor that up ... and say that the Coffeehouse will remain non-smoking."

Of those who returned the survey, 27.3% said they would like to see the Coffeehouse allow smoking. An additional 22.7% said that they preferred non-smoking but would still visit it the Coffeehouse despite a smoking policy change.

Though the topic was not on the agenda, the council recognized the need to renew Kohler Hall as a substance-free dorm due to the issue of first-year housing options in December to early admission applicants.

Instead of retaining a year-by-year designation of Kohler as substance free, the council decided to make it substance-free indefinitely.

Chair Chris Varas was concerned about the suddenness of the decision and said that his constituents were not aware of it. Also, Ormsby Rep. Brian VanDenzen said that he opposed the indefinite declaration due to the lack of discussion with counsel. He added that his constituents did not feel that the Coffeehouse was substance-free because LUCC should review the decision periodically.

The nature by which penalties for substance violation policy are to be established in Kohler was changed. Currently the policy mandates the dismissal and firing of a student upon the second substance offense.

Residence Life Committee Chair Chris Varas suggested that the wording of the handbook be changed to allow the Kohler hall director to develop substance policies that in turn would be presented to the hall council.

The legislation was unanimously approved.

These policies are to be implemented at the beginning of each academic year.

Discussion potentially restricting rabbits from the residence halls was discussed after being tabled at the Nov. 5 meeting.

During the interim, Schott conferred with adjacent professors and rabbi-dandaughter authority Dr. Muthiah. Schott said that Muthiah instructed him not to allow rabbits in a dormitory space where students may suffer allergic reactions.

According to Muthiah, exposure to certain animals including rabbits increases the possibility that people will develop allergies. He also said that rabbits are a catalyst to allergies which could be another source of allergy catastrophe.

The council unanimously rejected a motion to allow rabbits, thus sending them the way of the their predecessors: dogs and cats.

A resolution was passed to recommend to physical plant the upgrade of Plantz and Trevor kitchens.

The council also approved a new publication called Midnight Tennis. Presented by Sophomore John Drake, the publication will pursue both critical and literary submissions.

The Finance Committee approved funding for the Yoda house, Multicultural Affairs Committee, and the modern dance organization Melleo. The Finance Committee rejected a $700 funding request from the Viking Room. Finance Committee Chair Abir Sen said that the money, which would have been used for a jazz band, would have been unequally distributed among 3/4 of the students who are under 21.

The president said that expansion of current parking facilities will be a future topic of discussion.

In preparation for next term's LUCC presidential and vice presidential elections, candidate information packets are available at the information desk in Memorial Union. Petitions with 150 signatures will be due on Jan. 8. The election is scheduled for Jan. 13.

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International students adjust to life at Lawrence

BY TAMARA AMICK

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Study Abroad Deadlines

Due dates for applications for ACM programs and other off-campus programs. Those applying for the German Semin­nar in Kassel and Munich for Fall, 1997, should see Professor Molina-Ray ASAP. Those applying for the Spanish Semin­ar in Peru for the Fall, 1997 program should see Professor Armacanqui-Tipacti ASAP.

January 15

Oak Ridge Science Semester.

January 26

Associated China Program

Chinese Studies

Japan Studies

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Wilderness Field Station (Early decision for Summer, 1997)

February 17

Chicago Arts

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Knox Program in Besan­con

Latin American Culture and Society

Russian Program in Krasnodar

Tropical Field Research (Early decision for Spring, 1998)

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New welfare bill may hurt American children

BY RUSSELL HALL, NSNS

On Aug. 22, President Clinton signed a welfare reform bill into law which many experts claim will send an additional 1.1 million children into poverty over the next six years.

The precipitator of this domino effect is the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act, otherwise known as the new welfare law. Among other things, the law will cut food stamp funding by $27.7 billion over six years. Overall, $54 billion in programs for the impoverished will be slashed during the six-year period.

Federal welfare funding is frozen for most states through 2002, and individual states are no longer required to provide assistance to poor families. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) has been eliminated, ending the six-decade federal guarantee of cash assistance to children and families living in poverty.

Currently, more than one in four American children under the age of 12 are hungry, and the childhood poverty rate hovers around 12 percent. Many observers estimate that the childhood poverty rate will increase by 10 percent due to the new law.

"This richly blessed nation doesn't have to allow one in four American children to suffer hunger," said Rev. David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World. "But slashing or dismantling the national nutrition programs will make childhood hunger even more widespread."

Bread for the World (BFW) is a Christian citizens' movement which coordinates letter-writing campaigns to Congress, alerting representatives to the on-going problem of child hunger and urging support for legislation to combat the problem.

Bread for the World Campus Organizer Stephanie Siedel said that the welfare bill was passed in a bipartisan effort to balance the budget. She asserted that Congress would "weaken welfare anyway before cutting the defense budget."

"It's a general attack on welfare," Siedel said. "The war against poverty has turned into the war against the poor."

Many college students and student groups have become active in BFW programs in recent years. Student Giulia Campanaro has gotten involved with the latest BFW campaign at Villanova University. "This campaign allows those who want to help hungry children do so through effective lobbying of their representatives," Campanaro said.

With Siedel's help, participating students gain a working knowledge of hunger and the tools of political activism. BFW members are updated with eight newsletters a year plus a campus action guide and a letter-writing campaign kit.

Siedel said that students will keep writing letters until Congress realizes there is a cure for hunger.

Beckmann said BFW members fought to disallow the welfare bill, but since it passed, they are working to limit the law's effects and encourage new legislation to improve nutritional programs.

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Schuller convocation enlightening

BY ELIZABETH ATHENS

I must admit— I attended the Nov. 14 convocation with a bit of apprehension. I was unaware that the subject of the convocation dwelt in the realm of music and musical style when I agreed to write this article. Upon discovering that the title was "New Dimensions in Jazz and Modern Music," I was overcome with the intense sensation of regret at my decision to write this article. Upon discovering that Gunther Schuller's speech would be applied to any art form, but especially music, I was overpowered with an enthusiasm agreement. How could I think even I can understand music? I think even I can understand Schuller himself coined. Labels, accord-
Bhatt's insinuations are factless, unresearched

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Hrushit Bhatt's article, "The Lawrentian: Where Does It Stand?" While Mr. Bhatt makes some valid points in his article on the relevance and respectability of the current Lawrentian, his major points are often overshadowed by his lack of research and poor journalism.

Allow me to start with his example of Amy Proctor, head of athletics, as acting in a "shameful and wholly sickening behavior" by not investigating into the matter of an "offensive soccer coach" who was overly abusive towards his players. Perhaps Mr. Bhatt should resource his examples before making such unprofessional remarks like calling Ms. Proctor a "pathetic rat." In talking to Ms. Proctor on the matter, she related to me that she called three players on the soccer team to ask about the coach's (Doug Paul's) behavior. All three replied that Mr. Paul was not an overall problem for the soccer team members. While they players did quit the team at the beginning of the season, they were all former players who realized collegiate soccer was not for them. It seems that Ms. Proctor did look into the matter, Mr. Bhatt.

Mr. Bhatt's other main example, Ms. Spears, brings up a point that I am sure the entire school is tired of hearing about. Mr. Bhatt's accusations towards Ms. Spears not only completely miss the point of his article but are also not proven. It is poor journalism when Mr. Bhatt complains of Ms. Spears labeling him as "evil and dumb," then turns around and attacks Ms. Spears in the same manner. In one article, Mr. Bhatt describes Ms. Spears as "idiotic," "crude and unjustifiable," "disgusting and cowardly," "a fool," "prejudiced," and having "the rabid rantings of a moron."

Again, Mr. Bhatt’s main deficiency is that he never backs up his opinions with fact. Though he completely goes off the subject to attack Ms. Spears, he never offers a supportable reason for his dislike of the professor. Mr. Bhatt writes that Ms. Spears "resorts to the classroom ... to perpetuate her thinking," noting one of Ms. Spears' third-term psychology classes as his example. Mr. Bhatt states that Ms. Spears used one of his editorials as an example of poor writing. I was in the class that Mr. Bhatt speaks of and his articles were never used as an example.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bhatt's insinuations are factless, unresearched

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Hrushit Bhatt's article, "The Lawrentian: Where Does It Stand?" While Mr. Bhatt makes some valid points in his article on the relevance and respectability of the current Lawrentian, his major points are often overshadowed by his lack of research and poor journalism.

Allow me to start with his example of Amy Proctor, head of athletics, as acting in a "shameful and wholly sickening behavior" by not investigating into the matter of an "offensive soccer coach" who was overly abusive towards his players. Perhaps Mr. Bhatt should resource his examples before making such unprofessional remarks like calling Ms. Proctor a "pathetic rat." In talking to Ms. Proctor on the matter, she related to me that she called three players on the soccer team to ask about the coach's (Doug Paul's) behavior. All three replied that Mr. Paul was not an overall problem for the soccer team members. While some players did quit the team at the beginning of the season, they were all former players who realized collegiate soccer was not for them. It seems that Ms. Proctor did look into the matter, Mr. Bhatt.

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BY HRUSHIT BHATT

In the hundred and fifty grand years of Lawrence's history, the term 'The Lawrence Difference' has been used, abused and tossed around by the administration as if it were mere rhetorical confetti. There has been little or no elucidation of the term's meaning or significance. The fact that there have been very few attempts to delve into the depths of the Lawrence Difference makes one wonder about the nature of it. Does it exist or is it another one of our beloved administration's bombastic exclamations? What really constitutes The Lawrence Difference?

I think the Lawrence Difference does exist, and very tangibly so. More accurately, the Lawrence Difference is the collective for the mosaic of little Lawrence Differences that make it up. It would be wrong, however, to assume or propose that the Lawrence Difference can have only positive connotations. The Lawrence Difference lies in the little things that characterise life at LU; most good, some bad. It reminds one of our beloved administration's bombastic exclamations?

The little things that characterise life at Lawrence so much easier for the "21 Club." It enables one to enjoy the warmth of a nightcap with one's friends without having to brace the wintry elements of Appleton, without having rednecks with foul breath and Packer attire peering over one's shoulder and being bewildered about one's accent. It is indeed unfortunate, however, that this key feature of the Lawrence Difference is not taken advantage of by enough members of the community that are of legal age. Those of you under the age of twenty-one will have to wait before tasting of the true Lawrence Difference, however, is the existence of the Viking Room. How many other campuses provide a classy joint with wood paneling, Lawrence memorabilia adorning the walls and the warmth of a cracking fire, which adds a homely cheer to the place. The VR boasts a wide selection of beers, imports, domestic and micro-brews. Smiling bartenders stand behind the bar, and every once in a while a pretty blonde one graces the night. This plethora of friendly bartenders is ever ready to make you the drink of your choice, sometimes accompanied with bartender's favours (well-proportioned cocktails, discounts, freebies, etc.) The VR makes life at Lawrence so much easier for the "21 Club."

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International students adjust to Lawrence

After a while, however, the person usually begins to grow frustrated with those things that are different from his or her native country, and the appeal begins to wear off. The person begins to wonder why the host country cannot simply do things the way they are done back home. This stage is usually known as the crisis period.

People tend to fall into one of two categories during the crisis period: they either reject the host culture entirely or embrace it wholeheartedly. When people reject the host culture, they might become highly critical of that culture. They see it as somehow deficient, and their own culture as innately better. Such students might stop attending events in order to insulate themselves, talk negatively about the host culture, or in extreme cases, even leave to return home.

Conversely, those who embrace the host culture may do so to the point of rejecting their own culture, even criticizing aspects of their home countries. Dean Lauter said, "You will hear people talking about how terrible it is in their own culture, and particularly if it's in this time period where the crisis state of culture shock is likely to be occurring, you know that person's got some resolution ahead of them."

The next stage is resolution, and it occurs when a student understands the differences between the two cultures and recognizes the validity of both ways of doing things. Most students usually arrive at this stage when they can finally achieve an understanding and enjoyment of the new culture. However, once a student returns to his or her own culture, the same process occurs once again, known as reverse culture shock. The person will initially be very excited to return home; then the novelty wears off and the process continues until eventually he or she is able to function in either society capably.

Culture shock does not always have sever effects. However, some students experience culture shock so severely that they have difficulties sleeping and eating, lose all time organization or even withdraw from contact with other people. "It becomes very serious at that point. When that happens, they need to be talking with someone," said Lauter.

In the worst stages of culture shock usually hit international students at Lawrence at the worst time, just at the midterm exam and paper crunch. Dean Lauter has done some training with the hall directors and RA's, helping them to recognize both the signs and consequences of culture shock. For students who do not suffer serious effects, it is helpful to be able to talk with others about some of their difficulties adjusting. It is also important for these students to continue to be involved in outside activities and that do not withdraw from others.

"Most people work through it fairly easily," said Lauter. In fact, in the 27 years I've been working with international students here at Lawrence I can only think of two cases where it's become so serious that a student had to go home; most of them do work through it.

International students are covered, including immigration, financial and academic issues. The career center, health and counseling center and the writing lab usually also make presentations. Although the orientation does not completely cover culture shock, many international students say that it helps. To overcome the crisis stage, a person must integrate information about the host culture with his or her own background, and through that integration, a person is able to learn a lot.

Lauter stated, "It's an inevitable thing to happen and it has some very positive aspects because it is a part of the growth process, of encountering a new culture and going through a period of self development so that you can cope with and function effectively in that new culture; that's a very positive thing to happen."

It wasn't celebrated back then, but something tells us Jesus would have liked Thanksgiving.

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