Lawrence gears up for 151st anniversary celebration

Just as festivities for Lawrence's 150th anniversary are coming to a close, a select committee is already preparing for extensive 151st anniversary celebrations in 1998.

"This is a special event that only happens once every 151 years," stated Lilienthal President Rik Warch. "Lawrence has a proud heritage, and we are ready to celebrate with gusto as we look forward to another great 151 years."

Ameritech restructures calling areas

Due to Wisconsin's recent explosive population growth, the phone area code boundaries have been redrawn to accommodate the addition of new area codes. As of April 1, 1997, Trever Hall is no longer included in the 414 area code.

Linda Barkin, Lawrence's Telecommunications Manager, noted that plans are under development to reduce long distance charges for students and faculty calling Trever.

Philosophy department declares holy war against religious studies department

As a long-standing interdepartmental feud came to a head yesterday, the philosophy department declared a jihad on the religious studies department. Professor Karen Carr, religious studies department chair, asserted that the philosophy department, in its declaration, "displayed an incorrect use of the term jihad." She went on to say that "the philosophy department is out of its depth, and is in for a whipping."

Computer Services locates walkout

We give computer services enough crap in our regular issues, so this headline will have to suffice.

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Everythings A Dollar Corporation announces acquisition of local store

BY Hrusht Bhatt

Students at Lawrence will be in for a pleasant surprise when they return to school in fall '97, thanks to a recent corporate merger announced at a press conference yesterday.

John Moseman, spokesperson for Everything's A Dollar Corporation, announced that the company will be acquiring Conkey's Bookstore, located on East College Avenue near the Lawrence campus.

"We feel that Conkey's is an excellent addition to the Everything's A Dollar family. Furthermore, this move should help expand the goodwill between the students of Lawrence and the downtown business community," stated Moseman.

As he stepped into his waiting limo, the current owner of Conkey's commented, "Although running this store has been a challenging and at times an overwhelming experience, I feel that I've learned a lot, and that I've been able to give a lot back to the community in the process."

Standing firm throughout 1997, book prices will be adjusted in compliance with Everything's A Dollar's pricing strategy.

For example, the textbook for Math 07, Elementary Statistics, cost $55.00 this year. Beginning in fall 1997, that book will be priced at $1.00. Similarly, the maps of Russia for History 54, Early Russias 800-1800, were provided free by Alex Paul. Beginning in fall 1997, the maps will cost $1.00. Moseman noted that most students will probably come out ahead.

Students interviewed by the Lawrencean were elated about the acquisition. "Hot dog! Such low prices may actually inspire me to buy additional books beyond what is required and learn more about the subject!" said student Charley Shaw. "On second thought, probably not."

The prospect of price warfare didn't seem to worry the owner of Jerry's Book Barn, also on East College Avenue, a few blocks from campus. He took the news in stride, noting that "Conkey's and I serve different core groups of clients. Our primary source of revenue will probably be unaffected by the acquisition. People with certain needs will still have to come to us."

The Everything's A Dollar Corporation is based in Spigot, South Dakota, and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange as EADC. Last year, the company posted gross income of $1,232,344, with a volume of 1,232,344 items sold.

Plantz Hall declares war on Ormsby

BY Hrusht Bhatt

In the only recorded instance of interdorm military conflict, Plantz Hall declared war on Ormsby Hall. The action took most by surprise, which is, according to an official Plantz Hall Council statement, "exactly what we intended."

Plantz Hall Council President Ben Tilghman led the opening attack on Ormsby, wielding a golden plunger. Exclusive photos of the melee were obtained by the Lawrencean.

Pictured above, Tilghman enters the building, taking desk clerk Paul Lamb by surprise. Lamb was held hostage by the renegade council for several tense hours, until the council released him.

Next year's convocation lineup announced

BY Hrusht Bhatt

The Convocation Committee has released the list of next year's speakers. The series is considered by some to be the most exciting in recent memory.

The series will be "Movers and Shakers," and all of the scheduled speakers certainly qualify for inclusion. They are: Ronald Reagan, Bobcat Goldthwaite, the Village People, Chewbacca, and God. While the budget for the speakers' fees has not been released, various reliable sources have estimated the figure to be anywhere from $125,000 to 50 bucks.

Ronald Reagan's press agent said that he is not sure exactly what Reagan's speech will be about, nor does Reagan himself know. The press agent speculated that there is very little chance that Reagan will ever know what the speech is about, although he assured us that we can expect "some good stories about the old days with Jimmy Stewart," a reprise of Reagan's infamous remarks about tree pollution, and possibly a demonstration of his ability to catch in his mouth jelly beans thrown from the audience. An extremely short question and answer session will follow the speech. As predilection, LSD will give a symphonic rendition of "Memory," from Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical "Cats."

Bobcat Goldthwaite first earned recognition as a comic genius for his spellbinding work in the "Police Academy" movies. Since then, Goldthwaite has established himself as one of the premier comedians and actors of our time, and has garnered praise for his almost prophetic political predictions. His speech, "The Dissolution of the United States by 2025" will provide some valuable insights into the current and future state of domestic affairs.

In honor of the formation of the new disco studies department (see article, this issue), the Village People will give a rare group lecture. The eccentric musicians plan to speak on "The YMCAs: Fun Place to Stay or Blood-Sucking Heartless Bastards?" While the musicians sang the praises of the YMCAs in the past, inside sources stated that a bitter trademark suit won by the YMCAs left the Villagers somewhat disillusioned. A combination question and answer session and boogie will follow.

Perhaps the most timely speaker in the series is Chewbacca, the 200-plus-year-old Wookiee of Star Wars fame. According to an anonymous inside source, there were worries that Mr. Chewbacca would not be able to speak on account of a contract dispute with George Lucas. However, the source says, Mr. Chewbacca simply tore Lucas's arm off and thus settled the dispute. His speech, "Arrrrrrghhh, Arghh Argh," will be followed by a question and answer session.

The series will conclude with "If You Don't Believe Me, To Hell With You," given by The Almighty God. Since Mr./Ms. God is not confined by space and time, students will not have to go to the chapel but need only wait a Voice. Mr./Ms. God, who usually only gives voice from a mountaintop, waived the speaker fee, pointing out that, despite what Jimmy Swaggart may say, he's no need for money. There will be no question and answer session; those who are still uncertain will be referred to The Bible (Gatenberg, 1455).
Do a little dance, make a little love, get down next term

BY HRUSHI BHATT

It has been said that God is found in the details. If so, God resides in the English and chemistry departments by an odd twist of fate.

The two disciplines merged during spring break after the chemistry department declared bankruptcy.

"The misfortune of the chemistry department and the subsequent merger may seem to ruin the curriculum offered by both departments," said Dean of the Faculty Richard Harrison. "However, we feel that this arrangement will allow undergraduates and faculty from the two disciplines to mingle in a way that should not be underestimated."

The cause of the chemistry department's downfall appears to be minuscule: photocopying debt. But overzealous photocopying over the past ten years resulted in a mountain of overbudget nickels that finally rendered the chemistry department defunct.

Before the merger, several attempts were made by the students and faculty to rectify the problem.

Brawny chemists were alleged to have made direct threats to autotron users from other departments.

One conservatory student was accused of requesting that the conservatory's autotron to photocopy a music history document. The anonymous victim, who had never ventured above the media center, was escorted to the third floor and left on a couch between the Hemingway and the Faulkner shelves. The imprisoned student, others, have had a distinct impact on the advancement of music in the twentieth century, through both their own innovations and their influence on others," Mr. Dodson said. "It is time their achievements gained the recognition they deserve, and Lawrence will promote this through the formation of the very first disco studies department in the nation."

Plans for the new department are quite grandiose and include much interdiscipli­nary work. The audio-visual and costuming sections of the theatre department will incorporate distinctively disco aspects to their work, such as hanging and operating a disco ball and widening the lapels of some stock suits. Also, Pro­fessor Donnant/ness/Art of Film class will now include "Saturday Night Fever" and "Xanadu."

"These composers, among English and chemistry departments forced to unite

BY HRUSHI BHATT

Professor Fred Gaines, chair of the theatre department, thinks the connection is obvious. "When you look at the importance of the stage show in disco music, you see that disco stars were really multitalented. Someone like John Travolta, who recorded hit songs, performed on stage, and acted, someone like that is a renaissance man. I mean, he's like a god!"

Various events throughout the next academic year will celebrate the formation of the new department. The Lawrence Symphony Orches­tra will devote one concert to disco treatments of classical music, such as Walter Mur­phy's "A Fifth of Beethoven."

The Village People will deliv­er a speech as part of the con­vocation series, and a Disco Series to complement the Artist and Jazz Series of con­certs at the Chapel is planned.

While the enthusiasm on the part of the administration seems boundless, praise for the advancement has not been universal. Notably disturbed are members of the string bass studio, who claim that lines like "You can't hurry love" have little if any liter­ary worth.

Still, the overall sentiment on campus seems to be one of confused but enthusiastic welcome. "Disco's groovy, man," said sophomore John Clapham. Indeed, initial reg­istration figures for classes such as MUPR 18H, Jive Singing Diction and MUGA 21, Laying Down a Funky Groove are high, and many disco classes have already filled up.

Dean Dodson summed it up best when he finished the speech and christened the new light-enhanced dance floor in Shattuck Hall. "Boogie down!"

Artist Christo to wrap Plantz Hall

BY HRUSHI BHATT

The artist Christo has responded to a request by Plantz Hall Council that he share his vision and crafts­manship in contemporary art. Christo is a postmodern artist who is known for wrapping extremely large objects with brightly colored fabrics.

Christo will wrap Plantz Hall as part of his visit to Wisconsin, during which he will also wrap Lambeau Field, the Capitol Building in Madison, and Milwaukee. Christo has previously wrapped a bridge in Paris, a castle in Ireland, a coastline in Australia, and perhaps most famously, the Reichstag in Germany.

"I'm just really excited to work with the architecture of Plantz Hall—it has a distinct urban aesthetic which is very rare and special," said Christo in a recent interview.

"Government buildings, sports arenas—they're just not as interesting or expres­sive for my art as reside­nt halls—but something has to pay the bills!" Look for the wrapping to be completed around pre-registration.
Breaking news: Harrison coup d'etat rocks Sampson House

By Hrushit Bhatt

Long hungering for power, former Dean of the Faculty Richard Harrison has proclaimed himself president of Lawrence University. Rik Warsh, former president, has disappeared.

Warsh was president of Lawrence University for 18 years until Harrison's stunning coup d'etat during the normally quiet spring break. It is rumored that Warsh is being held under lock and guard on the fourth floor of Booth Hall. William Hodgkiss is presumed to be his warden.

Harrison was reportedly tired of being "Little Rick" to Plato's "Republic" may have been forged.

By Hrushit Bhatt

Startling new evidence has been released by archaeologists at the University of Wisconsin-Tapwater. Professors Garvey Gildenstern and Ned Rosencrantz claim that Plato's "Republic," a core work in the freshmen studies program at Lawrence, may have been forged in 1947 by a yet unnamed Brooklyn shoe salesman.

This discovery may have contributed in part to the Lawrence faculty's decision to end the freshmen studies program (see related story).

In a press conference, Gildenstern noted that certain anachronisms are present in Plato's work, such as the use of the word "bogus."

"Shoe business was slow in 1947," stated Gildenstern. "Salesmen were forced to look elsewhere to make a living." Gildenstern expressed surprise that a book many of them knew by heart could actually be a fake. Most professors interviewed expressed doubt that the work was forged.

When asked to explain references to the "Republic" in secondary sources prior to the year 1947, Gildenstern declined comment. A full report will be delivered at the 32nd annual Archaeology Luncheon held on July 5 in New York City.

Warch's "Big Rick." He apparently wanted to be "Big Rick." To that end, he has begun spelling his name without a "c." To facilitate his coup, Harrison enlisted the support of some forceful administrative departments, including Food Services, William Fortune and Donna Krippner were both offered coveted positions in the new administration for their key roles in overthrowing Warsh.

Krippner, a registered dietician, was disturbed at what appeared to be Warch's exceptional poor health. "If he had only eaten right, he would never have been forced to undergo his knee and can-cer operation," she said. The president of the university should be an exemplar of good health. The students, in those crucial days of poor diets, widespread weight difficulties, and overdentures to so-called health drugs, need someone to show them the way to good health through good diet. President Harrison is the man for this job."

The enigmatic Fortune, Lawrence expands foreign language offerings

115 S. Drew, Appleton, WI 54911.

Professor of English Peter Fritzell queried, "And where does 'fashion' come from?"

In his first official action as president of the university, Mr. Harrison held a news conference to announce that Lawrence was considering continuing its "great history of mergers, begun with Milwaukee's merging with Down­er, and continued with Milwaukee­Downer merging with Lawrence." To that end, Lawrence may potentially merge with Charles the Florist, located on College Avenue.

The Lawrentian will continue to follow developments in this story as they occur.

Warch continued.

Late last term, the original letter to Prof. Chaney from President Steele, informing Prof. Chaney of his failure to gain tenure, was discovered by a conscientious maintenance technician who was cleaning the men's room in Main Hall.

Basketball team wins Midwest Conference championship

Lawrence beat Knox College to win the Midwest Conference title. "This is our first winning team we've had in a long time," one athlete was heard to say, "and they went all the way! Who would have believed it?"

Spectator + Utter = Udder BS

T.M.H., popularly known as Taylor Morgan Hoffman, editor of the Lawrence Spectator, and Natasha Breene, editor of the Utter announced that due to staffing concerns and lack of readership the Spectator would merge with the Utter to form Udder BS, the campus' latest alternative publication. T.M.H. said that the move was beneficial to the Spectator because "We will have a bit more appeal for the Wriston crowd." Breene added that the Utter also welcomed the merger as a way to increase its focus beyond Alex Arone. Udder BS will focus on misjudged political analysis plagued with spelling errors. Staff members of the third student publication on campus, the Lawrentian, were unavailable for comment as they had a big assignment due in ESL.

Sig Eps, Phi Taus merge

In a surprise to the Interfraternity Council, the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity announced its immediate union with the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. "It was inevitable that the two fraternities who share the common bond of the initial 'phi' would get together somehow," said Paul Shrode, the dean of students office. The new fraternity held a large party over the weekend to celebrate the occasion. Reports indicate that only half of the new fraternity's members had hangovers the next morning.

Admissions office released expected frosh '97 statistics

The admissions office has released preliminary reports on the first freshman class for '97. The admissions office plans for 500 new students next year, of whom 60%
Warch fundraising activities under question

**BY Hrushit Bhatt**

President Warch has been soliciting donations from corporations and individuals to support Lawrence University operations and building projects, the Utter revealed yesterday. Students and faculty alike were outraged by Warch's apparent misuse of power. "How can we be expected to pursue a liberal arts education with integrity when the whole thing is dependent on... on money?" fumed an angry student, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In response to the funds soliciting scandal, already dubbed "The Funds Soliciting Scandal," English Professor Peter Fritzell threatened, "And where—can I do this?—where does money come from?"

The Utter revealed that President Warch's targets have included groups with obvious agendas. Among those named was the Olin Foundation, which is believed to have contributed heavily to construction of a new building to house departments in the natural sciences.

Robert Dodson, dean of the conservatory, remarked, "By accepting funds from the Olin Foundation, the president is showing a clear favoritism toward the sciences that cannot be tolerated. Each area of the university should be treated equally when it comes to capital expenditures."

When it was pointed out that recent improvements on the north side of College Avenue include Shattuck Hall and the Brombaugh Organ, Dodson responded, "But I want another pretty building!"

The interview ended before Dodson could be questioned further.

Anonymous sources say that Warch has even distributed Lawrence University sesquicentennial keychains to potential "donors," raising further questions about the legitimacy of their "contributions."

President Warch, who is recovering from knee surgery, did not respond to the allegations except to congratulate the sesquicentennial basketball team on its sesquicentennial conference sesquicentennial title. Sesquicentennial sesquicentennial.

Freshman studies to be dropped

**BY Hrushit Bhatt**

At the most recent faculty meeting, the Committee on Academic Curriculum and Groundskeeping announced that it had voted 5-2 to end the freshman studies program, long the foundation of a Lawrence education. A gym requirement will be instituted in place of freshman studies.

All students will take the same gym course, which will try to select exercises from a variety of time periods and cultures. Professors from all departments will teach the course, regardless of their athletic background.

The faculty responded to this announcement with a mixture of elation and shock.

The committee members defended their decision, noting that freshman studies had become increasingly unpopular with students as of late, and that the core work, Plato's "Republic," may have been forged by a Brooklyn shoe salesman in 1947 (see related story).

The two faculty members who opposed the vote, wearing black armbands at the meeting, noted that freshman studies had been a solid foundation for the Lawrence community for over 50 years, and, anyway, some shoe salesmen are pretty smart.

The committee favored a gym requirement due to decreasing health consciousness among students.

"Other courses at Lawrence can provide adequate intellectual stimulation," read the committee report. "However, no current Lawrence requirement looks after the human body itself. Lawrence should support development not only of the student's mind but also of physical fitness."

"Lawrence traditionally does well in comparison to other colleges. The athletic requirement may be what we need to push us to the top," the report concluded.

Student reactions ranged from anger to joy to indifference. "I'm just standing here with my hands in my pockets, waiting for someone to tell me why I should read Locke's "Second Treatise on Government" or do a jumping jack," said Hrushit Bhatt.

Some students were vehemently opposed to any change. "Of COURSE he should be given tenure! Wait, what was the question again? Never mind," noted Ben Tilghman.

The gym classes will begin in the fall of 1997.

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