LUCC rejects sorority housing, keeps theme houses

By NEAL RIEMER

"I'm glad to be here, and this should be an exciting three terms," LUCC President Rob Reff began the April 7 LUCC meeting. The meeting, the first of spring term and the first under President Reff, following President Jennifer Mallory, was mostly remarkable for the lack of excitement. The council had little serious business on its agenda, having wrapped up the second term and the last major issues from last term at the council's opening.

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Thursday, April 9

University Convocation
Dudley Herschbach, the Frank B. Baird Professor of Science at Harvard University and the 1986 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, will present a speech entitled "The Impossible Takes a Little Longer" at 11:10 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel.

Artist Series Concert
Joshua Bell, violin, will perform at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel. Tickets are $18 and $16 for students and senior citizens.

Friday, April 10

Tennis
The men's tennis Lawrence Invitational will take place at the Lawrence courts; time TBA.

International film
"Far Away So Close," a 1993 German film with English subtitles, will be shown at 6:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Wistron auditorium. Admission is $2 for the general public.

Recital
There will be a Jazz Composers recital at 8 p.m. in Harper Hall of the Music-Drama Center.

Saturday, April 11

Tennis
The men's tennis Lawrence Invitational will take place at the Lawrence courts; time TBA.

Student Recital
Kathleen Callaghan, horn, will perform at 1 p.m. in Harper Hall of the Music-Drama Center.

Baseball
The Lawrence baseball team takes on St. Norbert College in a doubleheader at 1 p.m. in Whiting Field.

Student Recital
Jeremy Kane, percussion, will perform at 5 p.m. in Harper Hall of the Music-Drama Center.

Current Art Exhibit
"Marketplace of Ideas: Culture Jamming in the Visual Arts," is currently on display at the Wistron Art Center. Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday noon-4 p.m. closed Monday.

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of how the planning of hall events would be affected by the stolen money, were a little more incensed.
"It is more the principle of the thing," said Frye. "But there will be some tangible losses. For instance, we like to have pizza at a lot of the hall meetings. While the loss of $300 is not going cause over-changes, $300 does buy a lot of pizzas."

Piantz Hall RLAs echoed Frye's sentiment that few of the residents seemed too shocked by the theft, but the RLAs were upset about the robberies — particularly the theft of their front desk stereo system.

At the time of this writing, the administration declared the house substance-free for this year when it converted the house from its former use as guest house. The house, as a "small house," is now under L.U.C.C. control. Though the major concerns in making the house smoke-free was for the furniture, there were those who commented that Kohler is unable to house all who desire to live in a smoke-free environment. The Council, after some debate on making Hubert smoke-free or smoke-free, voted to make it smoke-free.

At the April 7 meeting, the Council approved the new cabinet, officially created the theme house selection committee, and heard reports from some of its representatives and officers. Andy Peterson, Trever rep, and Jennifer Hoelter, Piantz rep, both reported vandalism and theft from their halls (see story, front page). Over $600 in cash was stolen from the two halls, as well as close to $300 in laundry tokens and a large amount of stamps.

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naked man through the Colman hallway until he escaped by bounding down the stairs and out the back door.

Several women living on the floor contacted the police, and the man, who was not affiliated with Lawrence in any way, was picked up down the street. He was apparently trying to break into the YMCA.

"It was about 2 in the morning and both of us (both Richardson and Larsen) were studying when we heard something it the door. The door swung open and closed quickly, but we thought it was just someone from down the hall meandering around. She (Richardson) goes out in the hall expecting to see one of her friends, but instead she starts yelling, 'Hey! There's some naked guy in the hallway.'"

Larsen went out into the hallway and a chase ensued wherein Larsen tracked the man through the stairwells, across second floor Colman, and down into the basement. When the man fled out a back door, Larsen thought the confrontation had ended.

But Larsen said the story didn't end there. "I decided to take a look outside on first floor Colman and sure enough, there was this guy crouched behind the dumpsters. When he saw me, this gained expression seemed to come over his face and he took off down the street."

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to turn in your poetry and prose to the Tropos mailbox at the info desk.
Traveling Riverside with ORC

BY EVA N WYSE

One of the persistent complaints about Lawrence is the lack of things to do on campus or in the surrounding neighborhood. The Outdoor Recreation Club offers one of the best remedies for this predicament, providing students with opportunities to leave behind the familiar Fox Valley, at least for a little while. ORC, as its members affectionately call it, is a laid-back group of individuals who share a common love for the outdoors. Shunning formal parliamentary procedures at its meetings, Junior Phil McKenna described the group's behavior as "zany." The group, shuns formal parliamentary procedures at its meetings and commonly holds barbecues and rock-climbing day trips to allow people to get out a little during the week. Anyone interested in planning or going on a trip is welcome to attend the Wednesday night meetings in the Coffeehouse, which are guaranteed to run significantly shorter than Lawrentian Editorial Board meetings.

According to Junior Kris Graff, ORC is "a diverse group". mountain biking, studying bird calls, canoeing, snow-shoeing, winter camping, downhill skiing, and sledding are only some of the activities group members enjoy. The group welcomes those who have different ideas or experiences which they think ought to be pursued by ORC. Some trips taken this year, excluding weekend and day excursions, include downhill skiing in Steamboat, cross-country skiing in the Boundary Waters, skiing and snowshoeing at Camp Manitowish, and backpacking in Utah, with plans for a kayaking trip over Memorial Weekend. The trips offer a special kind of experience only available in college: riding across the country in a fifteen-passenger van while listening to typical hippie fare of Grateful Dead, Allman Brothers and Phish with the occasional stop for Corn Nuts, Star Wars coloring books or much needed bladder relief. Overall, the group tries to adhere closely to its mission to provide the opportunity for students to get off campus at low cost.

ORC benefits from strong funding from Campus Activities and also historically successful fund-raisers, including the finals week survival baskets. ORC uses these funds to subsidize the trips they plan. Students generally pay a reduced price for any ORC trip. Adventurous souls take note, the leaders of a trip typically have most or all of their expenses paid for by ORC funds. For those who just wish to travel without worrying about logistics, going on an ORC trip can be as simple as attending an informational meeting and packing a bag.

Traveling to a new place, which can provide an enjoyable day trip such as several pairs of snowshoes for an afternoon of hiking around campus on new fallen snow.

Members share a wealth of outdoor experience and knowledge, from Bove Scotting and canoeing to multi-pitch lead climbing in southwestern Wyoming. The group, besides taking a break trip to Slickhorn Canyon was led by National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) alums Tom Bakken and Sonja Rajki, who spent the fall of her junior year going up the hills and down the mountains of Wales. As a result of the past, the club has made political statements, including helping to bring Rebecca Katers to campus last fall to speak on environmental issues in the state of Wisconsin. Monster truck driving and cliff sculpting (Olym pia Steel's style--the sculpted Mount Rushmore) tend to be frowned upon by ORC as causing too high impacts on terrain and generally disrespectful to the historic community as a whole. One does not have to be an expert camper or veritable mountaineers to enjoy the ORC. One need only want to be a part of the regular ORC trips to enjoy the varied activities of the club.

In keeping with this theme, Lamm hosted "Day Without Diet," an open discussion on fat and body image--at Downer Commons on April 3. In a later interview, Lamm explained that her career speaking out against fat oppression began at the age of 17, with the creation of her first "zine" I'm So "Beautiful" Beautiful! (ISFB #1). This first publication was the culmination of insights she had gained after attending "Riot Grrrl" meetings in her hometown of Olympia, WA, and reading "Shadow on a Tightrope: Writing by Women on Fat Oppression." As a member of a punk band performing at a Women's Memorial Day event, she printed up ISFB #1, to explain issues she covered in some of the song lyrics. This first "zine" was put together in three days prior to the show. The response to ISFB #1 was widespread, the impact of the subsequent publication of ISFB #2, #2, #3 and #5 led both to Lamm's work as speaker on college campuses and her recognition as one of "Ms."

Lamm, "Women of the Year" in 1996. Beyond her Nomy Lamm April 2 speech on "fat oppression" opened this year's Women's Week. Nomy Lamm's April 2 speech on "fat oppression." She spoke on how to create and maintain a positive body image.

"Where's the revolution? My body is...beautiful, sometimes. It's not always beautiful, but I love it. I love my body. I love what it can do. I love who it is. And I love the people in my life."

Nomy Lamm, "ISFB "zines, she has written several essays published in "Ms." and other publications. A couple of her works include "It's a Big Fat Revolution" in "Listen Up: Voices from the Next Feminist Generation" and an as yet untitled piece to be included in "Adios Barbie," a compilation of essays on body image, race and ethnicity.

When asked what her primary goal or focus was, Lamm responded, "breaking down stereotypes." Though her main concern is that of fat oppression, Lamm involves herself in various different kinds of activism, all tied together with an anarchist, anti-capitalist stance. The capitalist ideology, she feels, results in the marginalization and oppression of people who don't fit the white-straight-male norm. One particular activity she has devoted much time to is the Olympia, Wash. AIDS project.

Though she has recently traveled the country widely lecturing on fat oppression, she claims she "doesn't want to be a career activist." Like other college students, she only expected to work "at whatever crappy job" after graduation. Unlike the rest of us, however, she'll likely maintain her already-long-standing career, as stated in "Ms."

magazine, of "zine maker, portrait artist (and) revolutionary."

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Vice-President and Phi Delta Theta

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Students are required to take final exams at certain set times, often to great inconvenience. Lawrence takes great pride in the honor code that all students subscribe to, which, among other things, prohibits a student from divulging information about tests to other students. It seems that a system which would allow students to take finals when it is convenient for them, to a certain number of slots available with a time limit, should at least be considered.

Many students have difficulty making travel plans as a result of finals schedules over which they have no control. Others must remain idle on campus for several days prior to a scheduled final, robbing themselves and the university time and money.

Professors require more preparation than others and some are best taken as soon as possible before the last class meeting. Students could allow their schedules so as to best fit their studying needs. Would this give some students unfair advantages by giving them more time or allowing them to have a better professor when a fellow student had to take another? Even these problems would be preferable to the blatantly arbitrary system in place now. Each student would have an equal chance on the matter.

Implementing a system in which students could sign up with their professors to take finals at one of a set number of predetermined time slots would greatly benefit students' abilities to control their own schedules and improve the atmosphere of the university.

This system could benefit professors by having their tests graded in a timely manner without their presence on campus. Thus, any travel plans or other commitments could be better accommodated.

Lawrence prides itself on the unique educational experiences its national nature or community that exist, due to the College's small size. Making finals available to students to be taken when most opportune would be one more way to distinguish the uniqueness of a Lawrence education.

It cannot be said that such a change could occur without any complications. In all likelihood the number of honor code violations would rise. This would probably be more along the lines of inadvertent hints about the content of specific exams passed from one student to another rather than willful disregard for the honor code.

Another significant problem would be misinterpretation of test questions due to the absence of administration by a professor. This could possibly be remedied by offering the finals when a professor held office hours, or could at least try to administer the test. Certainly professors would object to the system if they were simply told to remain on campus every possible minute during final week. If it was determined the system would only function with professors personally administering exams, they could be allowed to set their own times for finals. In any event, students could still have more flexibility and control over their finals schedule.

Similar to this concern is the special circumstance of oral sections on foreign language exams which would require professors to personally administer. This drawback could be addressed with special provisions for language classes, such as the tests offered a set number of times or a recorded version of the oral exam presented for the final.

The advantages of changing to a "finals on demand" exam schedule from the current time-exam system outweigh the benefits. Lawrence would not be the only college to offer this type of system, but it is specially suited for its adoption. Though not without drawbacks, converting to this program would benefit students, allow professors more leeway, and consequently strengthen a Lawrence education.

Joke's on Northwestern J-school faculty, staff

by JENN DEL MEDICO (Chicagoland) EVANSTON, III.—Although television talk-show host Jerry Springer has beaten Jack Paar to Oprah Winfrey in ratings, he won't be speaking to the Medill School of Journalism's convocation in June.

Medill faculty and staff who forgot that Wednesday was April Fool's Day may have been taken aback when they opened an e-mail from Dean Bode announcing the school's convocation speaker.

"I am pleased to announce one of my favorite speakers this year will be a person with a wide variety of experiences with very little pretension," Bode wrote.

In search of a wider audience, our speaker has moved from traditional journalism to a more popular venue, now reaching 12 million viewers a day, ever pushing the envelope as many of our students may have done in response to the changes in our profession.

"At a time when the erosion of the standards in popular culture, he never fails to offer a 'final thought,' a pithy lesson in ethics to his studio and viewing audience.

"For this year's convocation we will break new ground. The title of the speech is, 'I AM a journalist, so bite me!'

Medill Prof. David Prostels said he was "disappointed" by Bode's choice.

"I thought the dean's standards weren't too high," he said. "He should have asked Jenny Jones to speak.

I am well aware that my name showed up on the ballot as a write-in, and I must say that this is in no way intended as a personal attack on any of the candidates or any members of LUCC. Frankly, I don't know of any of them; I'm sure they're great people. This is, however, an attack on the selfishness and lack of integrity displayed by LUCC. The student council should serve the students, not vice versa — or so I would have thought. As it is, the apathy of the students towards their government is matched only by the apathy of the government itself. Whose fault is that? I'm a lonely sophomore con-rat, and I can think of tons of ways in which student life could be improved. What am I supposed to do? Drop a slip of paper into the LUCC Suggestion Box? Hah — that's a good one!

Here's my name, and my extension, if you wish to respond. Who knows, maybe I'm the idiot here.

Matt Jordan.
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Elections a farce

To the Lawrence University Community Council:

I am writing in regard to the recent farce which you had the nerve to call an election. It is interesting how someone can receive 261 votes out of 587, and still take 106% of the votes. More interesting, though, is how you chose to address what is obviously a serious problem on this campus.

The fact that only 144 votes came in for the first election leaves open only two possibilities: either the students didn't care enough to vote, or they didn't know about the election.

Of course, the students not knowing about the election would suggest that neither the candidates nor the Council cared enough to advertise it. Actually, based on what I have heard, both are largely true. Nearly everyone I spoke with said they had no idea about the first election, but that they wouldn't have cared anyway. So, there was a second election, and this time plenty of people voted, but the only presidential candidate on the ballot received roughly 69% of the votes — not quite enough for victory. And what did the Council do? They got sick and tired of dealing with those elections, so they "interpret" the laws in the constitution regarding elections.

Now, that it's all over and done with, aren't we proud? What does all this amount to? Taking a very serious problem on this campus, and sweeping it under the rug. In general, the students at this school don't care who is on the student council, or what the council does, because the general feeling is that they don't do anything substantial to improve the quality of student life. Now, maybe you guys are really doing a great job, and simply covering it up well. That leaves us with two possibilities: incompetence or idiocy.

When students are writing in "Gandhi" and "God for president", maybe they're just being optimistic.

I am well aware that my
Eleven members of Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society, volunteered at Virginia’s Belle Isle State Park. The park is a recent addition to the state park system and there are many plans for developing it for future visitors. Tasks included building fences, removing vines, and clearing trails. The society rounded out their trip with visits to some Civil War battlefields and Washington, D.C. Lambda Sigma members enjoyed spending their spring break helping others and having a little fun on the side.

Sophomore Joy Rogatzki concentrates at second base. In Fort Myers, Rogatzki led the softball team in RBIs with 12 in eight games.

Richard Bjella directs the voices of the Lawrence Concert Choir. Members of the choir spent part of their spring break in New Orleans, Louisiana. Although the choir performed on their trip, they also got to enjoy the sights and nightlife of the city.

Shane Whitmer, Jim Moran, David Band, and Neal Dannemiller climb toward a dune in Great Sand Dunes Monument in the San Luis Valley in Colorado during the Geology spring break trip.

The nine-person Outdoor Recreation Club group unpacks after a long day of hiking. The hikers enjoyed a layover in this scenic spot in the slickrock canyons, Utah.
The Lawrence men’s tennis team spent their spring break in sunny Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Pictured above: Tom Shiffer, J.T. Maschman, John Brekken, Coach Shelly Braatz, Alex Connell, John Stalnaker, and Colin Altmann.

Photo courtesy of Shelly Braatz


Photo courtesy of Shelly Braatz

Senior pitcher Oli Silva delivers a hard one. Silva took the win over Oberlin College, the Vikings’ only victory in Florida.

Photo by Stephen Atkinson

Freshman catcher Becca “The Machine” Peglow gets high-fives from her softball teammates after blasting a home run. Peglow has caught every game for the Vikings. Over break, the team traveled to Ft. Myers, Florida, where they amassed a 7-1 record in the Gene Cusic Classic tournament.

Photo by Kathy Anderson

The Lawrence track team does toe touches on the sandy beaches of the Gulf of Mexico at Lover’s Key State Recreational Area in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. The team enjoyed training in the warm climate and the afternoon swims that accompanied their workouts.

Photo by Peter Lerri

Junior Josh Johnson, starting infielder, takes a cut.

Photo by Stephen Atkinson
Movies riotous and fascinating

BY JOHN YATES

Last weekend, the OM Film series showed The Hudson Proxy and Miller’s Crossing. If you missed them, then you should go and rent them this very weekend.

The Hudson Proxy is a completely original story in which Tim Robbins plays a Hossier business school graduate who becomes president of the billion dollar Hudson industries by a bizarre twist of fate. This simple plot quickly ends up in the middle of a gigantic corporate conspiracy, which a vivacious reporter, played by Jennifer Jason Leigh, to will do anything to uncover. Both actors give fantastic performances as they portray the main characters laid out by the film’s inimitably creative screenplay. The story line progresses, growing more and more entertainingly surrealistic, until the finale, where good and evil face off in the top of the Hudson Tower Clock Tower battle for the life of Tim Robbins’ character.

Miller’s Crossing is an equally original film. A gangster story, it takes place during the organized crime renaissance of the Prohibition era. In it, Gabriel Byrne plays the right hand man of a major crime boss who disowns him for sleeping with his girlfriend Verna (played by Marisa Harden). When the loner Byrne finds himself in a position to double-cross both mobs in the film, the plot of the movie explodes into an intricate story of love, betrayal, and violence. Both Byrne and Harden have fantastic performances, but supporting actors John Turturro (Benes) and Jon Polito (Casper) give the wonderfully energetic performances which make the movie so entertaining. The movie is a surrealistic noir-esque portrayal of organized crime, which is hilarious yet haunting.

Judging by the audiences’ response to the movies last weekend, Lawrenceans will find The Hudson Proxy and Miller’s Crossing riotous and fascinating. If you missed them, don’t hesitate to see them soon.

Acclaimed violinist Joshua Bell performs tonight in the chapel. See “What’s On?” page 2 for more details.

Photo courtesy of Public Affairs

’T lost in Space’ stays true to 1960s sitcom

BY PAUL WHATELEY

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich.—“Lost in Space” is Hollywood’s most marketable sci-fi movie since the “Star Wars” trilogy. The movie, which is based on the cheesy 1960 TV program about the Robinson family’s journey through the galaxy, will bring in dollar bills. The show lasted three years; the movie will likely span ages. There will be an entire line of Robinson family toys, space ships, space suits, etc. There will be intense video games with seizure-inducing graphics and these will be a sequel. This is mainly due to

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that this is a wonderfully thought-provoking, intelligent exhibition, and its few glitches cannot revoke the overwhelming power and vitality of the whole. In addition, the charged and insightful catalogue by LJ Curator Nadine Wasserman is very helpful for decoding just what “culture jamming” is and why we should care about it. Frankly, it is worth going just to see “Disneyland After Dark,” but you’ll be missing a lot of fertile territory if you pass over the rest of the exhibition.

The ingenious path director Stephen Hopkins (“Judgment Night” and “The Ghost and the Darkness”) chose to take with the film.

Instead of mimicking actual episodes of the show—the direction that recently failed-television-remakes such as “The Flintstones” and “Leave it to Beaver” chose—Hopkins decided to breathe new and creative life into a great idea. For instance, “The Robot is back. And like the television series, this updated Robot steals the show. Even with all of the high-tech additions Jim Henson’s Creature Shop thought up, “The Robot is a welcome throwback to the 90s. And its voice is eerily similar to the original mechanical beast that dromed “Danger, Will Robinson!”

But aside from a few old phrases and cameos appearances by original cast members, everything else is updated and revamped. After all, we have crazy computers now. But Hopkins doesn’t rely just on neat-o explosions and nifty scenes such as his version of cryogenic freezing. There’s a plot here, and it should be enough to keep movie buffs happy.

Supposedly we are in the soon-to-be future. Recycling has failed—although few of Earth’s citizens know this—and the ozone layer is depleting ever further. It’s up to the Robinson family to find a hospitable planet to call home.

Gary Oldman plays Dr. Zachary Smith, known as the evil “Dr. Smith”—the most popular character from the old show, next to The Robot of course. He’s out to sabotage the Robinsons but gets stuck for the ride. He has the best and most unpredictable role of the film, next to The Robot. William Hurt does an acceptable job as Poppa Robinson, and aside from a few embarrassing lines, Matt LeBlanc is surprisingly bearable. Lacey Chabert (Penny Robinson) is bad, but maybe the kids will like her.

Thankfully the special effects—such as the stick hyper-drive sequence where everyone screams until one they show in commercials—help us forget about her existence. However, Hopkins gets one demerit for going a little overboard with the special effects. As suspense is building and we fear for the Robinson’s well-being, a lame alien-monkey-thing is discovered. “Kill the monkey!” I wanted to scream. At least it will make for a good action figure.

The fact remains, however,
Proposed Senate education budget cuts into student aid

BY LISA M. REGELEMAN
WILSON CHARLOTTE BLITZER-
VILLE, Va.—Partisan politics are at the center of yet another education battle.

The heart of the debate lies in the U.S. Senate's fiscal year 1999 budget resolution—where party Republicans are criticizing the spending proposals of both Democratic student lobbyists for not supporting President Clinton's proposals. A Senate education proposal would fund new education initiatives and an increase in programs such as Pell Grants and college work study.

The budget proposal, an outline for government spending for FY99, was criticized by both the Senate Budget Committee.

But student lobbyists do not feel the Senate proposal fairly addresses student aid needs. "We agree that there is not enough money there (for higher education) and it reflects poorly on the Senate's commitment to education," said Ernie Adolphus, United States Student Association legislative director.

Adolphus said the Senate did not support initiatives to help low-income students. "They're not willing to put their money where their mouth is," he said. Student organizations such as PELL Grants and other programs to help low income students are "suffering..."

According to the Baywatch website, the show is "looking for people of all ages who are comfortable in front of a camera and have a strongлив guard experience."

The judges choose a male and female finalist from each campus. "We're not looking for any particular look, but lifeguarding experience was necessary to be in the upcoming appearance on the show. We've never been a lifeguard, but it should be fun."
FEATURE

Downer waste piles up; composting could help

BY JAMIE ST. LEDGER

Students who take Professor Candice Bradley's Ecological Anthropology class are required to do a research project concerning a topic related to the class. When I took this class during first term, I decided to research how Lawrence University's Food Services deal with the food they generate, and to compare our food services operations to those of other colleges and universities in the United States.

The first thing I did was conduct an interview with the Director of Food Services William Fortune. He could not provide any estimates on the amount of food waste that the Food Services generates, but the amounts are considered to be significant. According to Fortune, all of the food waste generated by Food Services is currently sent to the Outagamie County Landfill. It is not separated from the trash but is placed in a dumpster outside of Jason Downer Commons. Some of the food left over from meals may be reused in other meals and some food is donated to food pantries. These donations are made to the Salvation Army and to St. Joseph's. The Salvation Army says that they make food pick-ups at Lawrence three times a week and they consider the food, which mostly consists of biscuits, buns, and other non-comestible items, to be of good quality. Extra food that is generated over the break between first and second terms is also donated to the food pantries.

When asked what Food Services does to make itself greener, Fortune responded that the recycling program, beginning in 1990, has really cut down on the amount of waste that is landfilled. Napkins, paper towels, and other products are made from recycled materials and are always purchased in bulk. The majority of disposable items is kept at a minimum, except for situations, like outdoor picnics. Fortune notes that he participates in NAACUPS (National Association of College and University Food Services) and he attended a "Campus and the Biosphere" conference at St. Olaf College two years ago.

I then asked whether he is relatively uninformed about composting and that the establishment of a composting system on campus has never been considered by Food Services. He does not think composting is one of the options to be considered, but he is interested in the possibility of composting systems on campus and would support it.

According to Fortune, the biggest immediate problem that Food Services faces in regards to food waste seems to be student awareness. By trying small amounts of food and going back for seconds before they take a lot of it, students might decrease the amount of food waste that is created.

Donna Krippner, Associate Director of Food Services, also believed that a composting system at Lawrence was not a far-fetched idea, but raised several issues that would be important to resolve before a system could be established.

First, someone would need to pick up the compostable items from Food Services every day and then these customers would need to be provided for the cooks to place compostable item in these containers.

Second, containers would need to be provided for the cooks to place compostable items into. This would need to be placed in the areas where students place their trays: students would need to place compostable items in these containers.

Third, employees at Downer Commons as well as the students who eat there would need education about what is compostable.

Krippner believes that it would be a good idea to link technology on campus together. Food Services, Physical Plant, administration, faculty, and students would need to work in cooperation with each other. Krippner says that Food Services would welcome any advice or expertise that could be lost from professors in the biology or chemistry departments.

After acquiring this information, I sought to discover what other schools around the United States are doing to limit the amount of food waste they generate and to divert such food waste from going to the landfills. Schools such as Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and Northland College in Ashland, Wis. have instituted successful composting systems that are capable of dealing with the majority of their compostable food waste. Though all of these schools, as well as our school, use similar composting methods, I was particularly interested in what Northland College does, considering that it is a small, liberal arts college consisting of approximately 800 undergraduate students.

Northland College has been composting all of its food waste for the past 4 to 5 years. They place their compostable food waste in 144 cubic foot piles on top of a concrete slab located inside a garage-like building on campus.

Northland's composting system was started by two students and today, over 95% of the work involved in the maintenance of the compost pile is done by students. As long as the proper carbon to nitrogen ratio is maintained, odors cause little trouble, and when the compost is ready, it is used primarily to fertilize the campus garden and flower beds. Since Northland does not spend money to send their food waste to the landfills, the costs of the compost pile are minimal. Additionally, Northland also received a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that enabled them to purchase some equipment to maintain the compost piles.

Northland College believes that composting is a good practice that fulfills part of the school's responsibility to the environment and is planning on starting more composting systems to deal with the food waste created by its dormitories.

When Grinnell College does not compost any of its food waste, I found it interesting that they have started an Eco-Campus Committee that claims to serve the purpose of increasing the college's commitment to environmentally sensitive policies and practices.

The Eco-Campus Committee states that since Grinnell is a wealthy and socially active institution, it should be a leader in environmental awareness and education and should be a model of sound practices and policies.

Specifically, the Eco-Campus Committee serves the following purposes: to provide a central voice for environmental concerns, to ensure consideration of environmental issues by all parts of the college, to publicize problem and progress, and to research specific issues and propose solutions.

This committee encourages the campus to bring issues to the campus and offers support to groups or individual research that deals with environmental concerns. It occasionally holds open forums to publicize some of what is going on and to hear student concerns.

Other campuses around the United States have participated in the signing of declarations, such as the Tallies Declaration, that generally express colleges' and universities' concern for the environment and their responsibility toward making changes that will make their environment more environmentally friendly.

From my research, I propose three major changes that I feel Lawrence University could make in order to deal with its food waste in a more environmentally sound manner.

First of all, I feel that students need to take more responsibility for the food they waste. If students can restrict the amount of food waste they generate, they will help to reduce the amount generated by Lawrence University.

Second, I believe that it is necessary for Lawrence University to adopt some form of an environmental statement that would declare its commitment to the environment so that this concern is reflected in all of the decisions it makes. This statement would also express an intention to minimize the impact Lawrence University has on the environment, especially when technology enables these changes to be more economical.

Last, and most important, I believe that it is possible for Lawrence University to institute a composting system. The development of a composting system would require a campus effort, but there are many resources available for advice. I also believe that there is enough student and faculty interest in this issue as well as faculty and student recommendations for making composting a viable possibility for our campus.

Adopting a more visible stance on environmental issues would be an action that I would feel enhance the character of Lawrence University. It is my case for this more strongly in my web page, entitled Food Waste at Lawrence University. This site contains more extensive information about what other universities have done and what Lawrence University officials say, Outagamie County Landfill, what food waste is, what the benefits are, and why it is beneficial. It also features several photographs I have taken. I strongly suggest that anyone interested in this topic examine my site; its address is http://www.lawrence.edu/~stledger/foodwaste.html

Memorial Presbyterian Church

Maudy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Communion Service
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8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Festival Worship Services
by Ben Rich

Lexington, Ky.—In case you blinked during ESPN’s "Nightline" special on Friday, you may have missed one of the more interesting aspects of basketball star Reggie White. Regina White was invited by Republican Walker Unkock to address the Wisconsin Legislature.

Now, when celebrities are asked to speak in front of the assembly, they usually take the allotted time and do their best to express their thoughts on the various ethnic groups found in the United States. His speech sent shock waves through the sporting and political world.

Why is that?

Reggie was given an open forum to address the media. He was invited to give the same kind of speech that Reggie White got usually only spoke for a few minutes, but he talked for an hour. As he spoke, his strong hands, the one he used to wrestle opposing quarterbacks to the ground, held on to the podium in front of the Wisconsin General Assembly.

When it was over, there was no sourness any kind of sense to guide one's judgment. Instead of placing the importance on what Reggie said, it is being placed on Reggie, the person.

Earlier in the week, he auditioned for a spot on ESPN’s coverage of the NFL. Unfortunately, for him, CBS is too shallow to hire him in a heartbeat, but they must be afraid to give a live mike to someone with a pulse and a mind of his own. For all of this, I would like to thank Reggie White.

Although I’ve never been a big fan of him on the playing field, I am a fan of Reggie as a man. Some people may say that “it took a lot for him to do what he did.” Not really. Reggie White just believes in himself enough to speak his mind freely and that’s all that matters.

As far as his take on the races go, stereotypes wouldn’t be stereotypes if there weren’t some truth to them. White made statements proclaiming whites are good with money and blacks like to practice religion. How many people think black churches are more of a dance party than a worship service? That’s what I thought. His lines about Asians being able to turn television into watches and Hispanics who can fit 20 or 30 people in one house should have made Comedy Central, not CNN.

I don’t know how many times I have heard comedians make jokes about bunches of Hispanics living under one roof, often leaving the crowd laughing. So why didn’t they laugh at Reggie? Because he wasn’t joking.

Well, maybe the comedians weren’t either. The attack on Reggie is just another example of our country’s obsession with muddling the First Amendment by using political correctness instead of common sense to guide one’s judgment. Instead of placing the importance on what Reggie said, it is being placed on Reggie, the person.

A similar case of a litigious society is that of the White people. Unfortunately, for him, CBS is too shallow to hire him in a heartbeat, but they must be afraid to give a live mike to someone with a pulse and a mind of his own. For all of this, I would like to thank Reggie White.

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Athlete’s racial stereotypes no way to celebrate diversity

By Alen Ferguson

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During his speech, Reggie White, an ordained minister and 10-time Pro Bowl defensive lineman for the Green Bay Packers, used some racial stereotypes.

And how could you argue? Saying that Hispanics could fit 20 or 30 people into one house and that the Japanese could turn your big-screen television into a Swiss watch certainly does fit the mold of a glitzy unorthodoxy about a race.

Later that evening on ESPN, White responded to his speech in an interview with Jack Edwards by saying that he stood behind every word. In fact, he repeated many of his comments verbatim.

Afterward, Edwards looked as bewildered as the Wisconsin representatives did.

White backed up his words by stating that his purpose was to show that all of God’s people have gifts, and we should share them with one another. He claimed he had good intentions. If Reggie White truly did have good intentions, he would not have said what he did.

White’s speech wrung everyone because it held the people he mentioned held to the same stereotypes that have been with them for many years. He made blanket statements about Native Americans, blacks, Hispanics, whites, and the Japanese that might be true for some people of those races, but not all.

Try telling a poor, single, white mother of two children who is barely getting by that she shouldn’t have problems because she is supposed to be able to “tap into money and business.”

Now White’s prospective job as an analyst for CBS Sports is all but gone, much like when Al Campaneris was fired from his job with the Los Angeles Dodgers when he said in a Nightline interview that “blacks didn’t have the necessary skills to be in management.”

Coincidentally, White said something similar with his statements about white people’s talent of tapping into business. In an indirect way, Campaneris, White was telling every African-American person, and every other race, that he or she can not be good in business because that was “the white people’s gift.”

Because he is a role model, people look up to Reggie White.

But what kind of a role model is he when he tells everyone that they will never break free of near-sighted stereotypes.

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the soft rays of spring illuminate the resurrection of the soul.
With the green grass and flowers, baseball was born again, bringing the summer out of hibernation.
All right, I'm not going to go into any more tired images of rebirth and spring, nor am I going to try to make use of any hackneyed metaphors or trite similes to express my love for spring and baseball. For the first time, I'm taking an English course and I'm afraid my professor will read this, and I'm starting to sound like an author we were 'deconstructing' in class.
Anyway, the onset of the new season can make you forget. For about the last Sprewell incident, and Niko's and Casey Martin's struggle with the NCAA. Forget about March Madness and Reggie White speaking before the Wisconsin State Legislature. Forget about Michigan's two major NCAA championships (football and hockey) and the Monica Lewinsky junk in the new 1995 baseball.
New season has returned.
Baseball has returned. The first five or six years updating its image. The Bullets are now the Wizards, the Gardens have been replaced, a slicker third uniform choice has been added, and younger, faster, stronger, bigger, and more dynamic players. The defense has gotten bigger, and more aggressive — it's light years away from the time when the Pack was swept by a ball team facing George Mikan and the Minneapolis Lakers.
In the same manner, the NFL has slowly crept back into the spotlight, Switching its broadcasting rights over to Fox changed its image (some dispute how good that change was). The high-scoring west coast offense has permeated throughout the league, and defenses have gotten bigger and faster than they've ever been.
Baseball, the odd man out in the equation, has slowly been realized to in the past. The abundance of 'retro' ballpark parks around the nation — Camden Yards, the Park (Texas), Jacobs Field, and Coors Field — shows us how to draw upon its history. Built in the style, or the construct we have created of the style, of great old parks like Fenway, the Polo Grounds, Ebbet's Field, and Wrigley. In these new stadiums reflect the nostalgia that we feel for the great American pastime.
The Brewers have moved into their new stadium and split a series with the Braves, a victory in and of itself. There are just so many great things, that I'm the biggest Bucks/Brewers fan in all of Wisconsin. So I don't wonder where their staff, but still, I really try to keep up.

SPORTS
Softball team gathers steam as season opens
BY REID KAJIKAWA
The women's fastpitch softball team is gearing up this spring to make another run at the Midwest Conference championship. The softball team is currently 10-3 after a successful road trip to Florida over spring break.
The softball team spent spring break competing in the Gene Cookie Classic in Florida, where they finished 7-1. The Vikings also have a 4-1 record in the conference. Yesterday's men's conference matchup against Lakeland College was postponed due to rain.
Chasing the title could be a bit more difficult this year, as the competition will come running for our defending champs. "One would think we'd be the favorites," softball coach Kim Tatro said. "but in the North Division there's a lot of parity. If we can play to our abilities, getting to the conference championship should be a realistic goal." Tatro also emphasized the fact that on any given day we can't beat another, and that last year, there were no expectations.
Sophomore Jenny Schmeling, a first baseman, was 3-5 at the plate. "I hope the fans can forget the strike," Jenny Schmeling said. "I hope we come." I hop...elier. The Vikings softball team is still playing to a win.
I hope Tatro considers the strike. How I don't care if I sound like a blithering idiot, that's how I always try to take it easy, it's only a game. But to some, it's more than a game.

Vikings win doubleheader in dramatic style
BY PAUL LAMB
Despite being out-hit in their weekend doubleheader, the Vikings' solid defense and a couple of big at-bats from Jenny DePater keyed the team's April 4 sweep of the Beloit Buccaneers.
With the score tied 1-1 going into the bottom of the seventh inning of the first game, DePater delivered a grand slam to steal the plate.
"Just wanted to make good hand contact so I could get on base to help the guys who could win this with one strike of the bat," she said.
And that is just what happened. DePater crushed a first pitch belt-high fastball over the left field fence, ending the game.
"That's the hardest hit ball I've ever seen all season," said head coach Ken Krueger. While he normally tells batters in DePater's situation to take a strike and work the count in favor, this time he told them to be aggressive.
"Kenny called it," Krueger said. "He said there was only going to be one pitch. He was in the zone."

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"The hit he shouldn't have been hit, but Josh (Johnson) slid hard and broke up the play," said DePater.
Saturday averaged Lawrence's doubleheader loss on the road to Beloit on Thursday. Losing 6-0 and 6-18, the Vikings were out hit 20-13 and committed six errors. After this weekend the team stands at 4-11 on the season, with twelve games coming from spring break.

Tuesday says that the record is deceptive since most of the losses were to Division I schools. "This is a well-balanced conference, and we have as much a chance to win it as anybody." Krueger said the series was a big victory for the team and he sees them getting together. As a first-year coach, Krueger was worried about the chemistry of the team, but he sees that are "working really well together." This team has never had a problem hitting, so if they pitch well and defense stays consistent, I see us in the championship.
This view is shared by members of the team. "We are very optimistic," said Clark, one of the co-captains. "This is the first time in a year and a half that we have been able to string two wins together." Clark reiterated Krueger's belief that the defense is three run laden and the hope for good pitching.
"We basically have three pitchers," Tatro commented. The Vikings will rely on Schy and sophomores Cindy Prochow and Angela Fink. Fink is new to the team. She sat out most of last season with an ankle injury.
In Florida, the Vikings defeated Colby College, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Buffalo State University, Bethel College, University of New England, Manchester College, and the University of Southern Maine, outscoring their opponents 42-16. The team showed power that until recently has been characteristically of the Vikings' offenses. Lawrence's only pre-season loss came at the hands of St. John's, breaking nearly every single-season Lawrence pitching record last year and hopes to build on her success.
Yesterday, Schy was named Midwest Conference Player of the Week, earning wins over both the Lawrence and Edgewood College. Schy struck out 13 batters to one walk, allowing just two earned runs on five hits. At the plate, she also went 3-6 with a double and a triple.
Photo by Reid Kajikawa
SPORTS

Thursday, April 9

Softball team gathers season as season opens

BY RED KAJIKA

The women's fastpitch softball team is gearing up this spring to make another run at the Midwest Conference championship. The softball team currently sits at No. 1 in the most recent rankings, a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players, coaches, and staff.

The team has been training hard, working on their skills and strategies to ensure they are ready for the challenges ahead. The players have been focusing on improving their individual and team skills, with a particular emphasis on defense and communication.

The team's goal is to bring home the conference championship and make a strong showing at the national tournament. The players are motivated and determined to achieve their goals, and they are looking forward to the upcoming season with excitement and anticipation.

Head coach Kim Tartell has been guiding the team through this process, instilling in them the values of hard work, teamwork, and a never-give-up attitude. Under her leadership, the team has made significant strides in recent years, and she is confident that this year's squad has what it takes to reach new heights.

The team's dedication and commitment to excellence have not gone unnoticed, and the expectations for this season are high. With a strong roster and a proven track record, the softball team is ready to make their mark on the field and in the conference.

The season is sure to be filled with intense competition, but the team is ready to face any challenge that comes their way. They are focused on their goals and have a plan in place to ensure they achieve success.

As the team takes the field for the first time this season, they will be united in their determination to excel, both on and off the field. With a strong team spirit and a supportive coaching staff, the softball team is ready to make a significant impact this season and beyond.