Greeks hold fort to address campus biases

By Tara Shingle

A forum on the role and impact of Greek organizations on campus drew about 50 students to the Union Coffeehouse last night at 8:30 p.m. The forum, moderated by Dean of Students Nancy Truesdell, consisted of an extended question and answer session between interested students and a panel of 10 officers from various fraternities and sororities. The forum lasted roughly two hours and was attended by members of the Greek system.

In his introduction, Delta Tau Delta President Ed Garvey explained that the purpose of the forum was to address misconceptions and answer questions, as well as to make independents more aware of the good that Greeks provide the community.

Lawrence University Greeks, and their counterparts across the country, have traditionally battled distrust and stereotypes. These problems arose from misunderstanding and from a certain amount of truth.

On the Lawrence University campus, misunderstandings seem to result from a social rift between Greeks and independents.

"We would be lying to ourselves if we said we're not separate," said Kappa Alpha Theta member Audrey Seger. "Added Van Denzen, "We wouldn't be having this forum if there weren't perfect integration."

"Racial slurs kick off the discussion by asking simply what good Greeks contribute to the campus," Interfraternity Council President Rich Vichter outlined several current community service projects.

The Phi Delta hold a Special Olympics, the Delta tutor Wilson School children, and the Sig Epsi donate to food pantries, he said.

Although a few people felt that since fraternity members live in the residence halls, they are more involved in campus life, others claimed that a Greek group will incur a certain amount of separation just by being a group.

"We need to make the extra effort to go out and be involved in all the things and to interact with people in other ways," said pun­

borist Brent Tamamoto, a Phi Delta Tau member.

Also, some speakers feared that any group will face some stereotypes and misunderstandings from outsiders.

Choosing to be Greek, you choose a different lifestyle. Neither group (Greeks or independents) should make the other feel guilty for choosing the lifestyle they did. Maybe that's what the drapes in Seger's office stand for.

Sophomore Sarah Skee expressed dissatisfaction with her rush experience, asking for more respect for her decision not to join. Seger then added that Rho Chi, or sorority rush counselors, were not always trained well and that if we said we're not separate, we were currently reworking the rush process.

At this point in the discussion, Jamie St. Ledger posed a number of questions to which the panelists did not answer.

She wanted to know first what purpose the Greeks have on campus and what benefits their presence offered. Then, she asked about their effect on everything from Greek activities, rush experiences, and rush costs.

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pretation forum. "I don't think we're the only one to that realization."

The activities were all based on tasks that disabled people have to deal with in day-to-day life. One such task was to take a spelling and memorization test with the simulated distractions of ADD/ADHD, which included a loud T.V., continual movement, and volunteers who tried to distract the test takers. Dave Baird, who works with ADAPT in designing computer pro­

grams that help those with disabilities, took the ADD/ADHD simulation. Baird commented that during the simulation, "I thought that everyone was going very fast at first, too fast to understand. Then it occurred to me that for a person with ADD, with distractions, that's how it might sound."

ADAPT organizes disabilities simulations

By Jamie LeBlanc

On Wednesday, April 15, the Lawrence campus was offered an opportunity to experience living with a disability. Seven booths that simulated the conditions of a disability were set up in Colman hall.

The activities were sponsored and set up by ADAPT (a backwards acronym for Teaching and Promoting All Disability Awareness), a student group that helps accommodate students with disabilities, as well as educate students and faculty who do not have disabilities.

The event was organized to increase campus awareness of disabilities and student who live with disabilities. The simulations give "a concrete feeling of what it is like to have a disability," remarked Arie Farnam, an ADAPT student who worked on the planning and set up of the simulations.

The activities involved solving different problems with a simulated disability condition.

The activities were set up to help people "recognize the problems that exist for the disabled" and understand them, according to Farnam.

The simulations were initially set up for people in the field of education who would work with those who had disabilities, but according to Erin Gargiulo, co­

parent of ADAPT, they are important for everyone on campus.

If people learn to accept differences this campus will be a stronger place."

There were seven different disabilities that could be experienced: fine motor impairment, motor impairment, visual impairment, visual impairment, speech impediment, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and Learning Disability. There were also opportunities provided for people to talk with student representatives who had the simulated disabilities. We want people [without disabilities] to realize what it's like to live with a disability and take their health for granted," said Kori Bardige, co­

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Thursday, April 16

Baseball
The Lawrence baseball team takes on Ripon college in a double-header at 1 p.m. on Whiting Field.

Student Recital
Lisa Rhoades, saxophone, will perform at 8 p.m. in Harper Hall of the Music-Drama Center.

Friday, April 17

Visiting Candidate
The Democratic Candidate for Governor of Wisconsin will speak at 12:30 p.m. in Downer Commons.

Tennis
The Lawrence men's tennis team plays Carroll College at 3 p.m. at the Lawrence courts.

Film Series
OM Film Series presents "City of Lost Children," a French film with English subtitles, at 7:15 and 9:45 p.m. in Wriston auditorium. Admission is $2 for the general public.

Saturday, April 18

Softball
The Lawrence softball team takes on Beloit College in a double-header at 1 p.m. on Whiting Field.

Student Recital
Stephen Rodrigues-Pavao, voice, will perform at 3 p.m. in Harper Hall of the Music-Drama Center.

Concert
The Lawrence Symphony Orchestra presents its Spring Concert with the Orchestra of Schofield, at 8 p.m. in the Wriston Chapel. Tickets are $10 for adults, $6 for students and senior citizens.

Sunday, April 19

Faculty Recital
The Lawrence Brass will perform at 3 p.m. in Harper Hall of the Music-Drama Center.

Festival
Lawrence International hosts Cabaret at 6 p.m. in the Rice Center gym. Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for students and senior citizens.

Lecture Series
This year's Lecture Series presents a South Indian classical music concert at 8 p.m. in Harper Hall of the Music-Drama Center.

Current art exhibit
"Marketplace of Ideas: Culture Jamming in the Visual Arts," a display at Wriston Art Center. Hours: Tuesday, Friday and Sunday-Sunday 12 noon - 4 p.m., closed Monday.
Indian music comes to LU Conservatory

She specializes in traditional Carnatic (South Indian) classical. Her family is strongly artistic and musical, and she has studied with the eminent S. Ulhas Kashid. Lahitha Krishnan has received the best vocalists in both the ITM Madras and the Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, and the Sahitya Priya award.

Madurai Gnanasundaram, senior lecturer in vocal at the Tamil Nadu Music College in Madurai, has performed through various festivals in India, including the Music Academy in Madras, at the Victorian Arts Center in Melbourne, and in the 1995 Asia Festival in Sydney.

The Indian vocalists Lahitha Krishnan, 8:00 in Harper Hall. It will feature vocalist Lahitha Krishnan, and Ganapathy Raman on ndangam. The event will be free and open to the public.

Lahitha Krishnan has been referred to by critics as "young, brilliant, amazingly gifted, and endowed with one of the best voices in Indian classical music."

By Carl Pelley

"Classical Music in India," the latest of the Conservatory's World Music Lecture Series, takes place this Saturday, April 19, at 8:00 in Harper Hall. It will feature vocalist Lahitha Krishnan, Madurai Gnanasundaram, violinist, and Ganapathy Raman on ndangam. The event will be free and open to the public.

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Dr. America" speaks on shopping malls

"Dr. America," as Jim Farrell is known on Public Radio, came to Lawrence to work in illuminating the hidden agendas of the institution we call the Mall.

 Farrell, a professor of history and director of American Studies at St. Olaf College, gave the lecture "If You've Seen One, You've Seen the Mall: Making Sense of America's Shopping Centers."

By describing the way malls are created, from strategically placed potted plants to optimum distances between Gap and Express stores, Farrell insightfully revealed the many layers of consumer manipulation that permeate this seemingly benign cultural phenomenon.

So what do we, the public, usually associate with malls? Farrell argued that many think of malls as efficient, convenient places to shop. Going to malls is voluntary and fun, and represents what's good in capitalism culture: owning stuff. Malls are so embedded in our culture that we assume it is perfectly reasonable, even natural, for them to exist. Farrell convincingly argued against the assumption that malls are a natural, inevitable part of our culture and went further to try and reveal their detrimental to community and real life.

Malls are "selling machines" that share uniform principles throughout the country. Farrell explained the reasoning behind common conventions of malls, their "invisible complexity." For example, the path traveled in a store before a shopper reaches the item they are looking for is called "the yellow brick road" by the mall trade.

Have you ever wondered why the cosmetic and perfume sections of department stores form a maze you must try to pass through unprayed before reaching clothes? Poison popsies come before the emerald city.

A mall's theme is important in creating an atmosphere conducive to shopping. For example, many malls are full of potted trees, flowers, concrete bottom ponds, and waterfalls spouting out of nowhere—"soepeasce." Farrell explained that these "evoke nature" to decontaminate the mall from its industrial origins.

Farrell asks, "Why don't we notice that the mall itself (and all the products in it) are nature adapted to human ends?"

According to Farrell, one of the impacts of corporate enter-

tainment facilities and the manipulation of space on shop-

pers is that they spend an average of three hours per visit to malls. In the 1950s, shoppers spent an average of twenty minutes.

The industry has succeeded in inducing a collective "guilt transfer" (more trade lingo). We've morphed from destination shoppers to, as Farrell put it, "browsing buying machines." Sidetracking the American pub-

lic has become a science.

While it is interesting to know that mall designers think about how to make it difficult to leave once you are inside, the social and cultural implications of this institution we participate in are perhaps even more impor-
tant. Malls do more than get us to empty our pockets. They pro-
duce and reproduce the values that make malls work.

"I reinforce associations objects with the good life. Malls are full of images that connect happiness, success, and confidence with buying and owning goods."

Farrell argues that malls and advertising take meaning away from words like freedom, spirit, and love, and make words like "need" obsolete.

Farrell points out that when we see, "I need a shirt," we are rarely referring to the true need to put cloth on our back. He asks, "When we decide to buy something, what are we buying, a thing or a set of social relations?" By helping us recog-
nize how we are being manipulated, Farrell offers help in regaining control over what constitutes power, community, and leisure.

Enter Culture Jamming and resistance. Malls are an institu-
tion we can affect. Farrell emphasized the ways in which people often fiddle with their money where their values are. Instead of needing to escape to malls to buy contentment, Farrell wants us to work for real change in the character of our world market.

Institutions like malls take social problems and give us con-
sumption. Farrell says, "By deciding what we really need and want, we can take responsibility for the effect changes in real, not symbolic, action. A lot of underground Nike workers and union workers appreciate it. As Farrell put it, "shopping for a better world might mean not shopping.""
**FEATURE**

**Helinke finds more than a tan on Spring Break**

BY JESSICA ATHENS

As spring break hit college campuses around the country last week and thousands of students went searching for sun, surf, and sand, Cara Helinke managed to make a splash with Virginia's state park system and its state historical society.

Helmke, a Lawrence University sophomore, opted for an "alternative" break from the books this spring. She and ten fellow members of Lambda Sigma, a national honor society, had searched the Internet for a worthy project, finding one at Virginia's Belle Island State Park. The group spent a week as volunteers at the rustic park along the Rappahannock River in eastern Virginia, cleaning beaches, clearing brush, planting trees and building a 600-foot long split-rail fence.

While doing routine cleanup along a trail on March 25, Helinke worked through some dirt-encrusted wire fencing, unearthing what she first thought were pieces of an old belt. She initially discarded them, but when she discovered another larger, longer piece of leather with some buckles and four copper buttons bearing a "U.S." insignia, she knew she had something special.

"I showed it to a park ranger and he got all excited," recalls Helinke. "The park ranger informed her "that's from the Civil War." A further examination by park officials suggested the leather pieces were likely parts of a Union officer's horse saddle dating to the Civil War. Whom the saddle belonged to or how it got there remains a mystery.

While state law said she had to turn the artifacts over to park authorities, Helmk's find did earn her a bit of local notoriety—an interview and her picture in the area paper, The Rappahannock Record.

"The whole experience of working in the park was a great time. It's definitely something I'd like to do again," said Helmk. "Finding something of historic value turned out to be an exciting highlight of the trip."

*Photo courtesy of Jessica McGinnis*

**Newest history prof wins national honor**

BY EVAN WYSE

Jerry Podair, who will begin teaching at Lawrence in the fall of 1998, was awarded the Allen Nevins prize by the Association of American Historians, the most prestigious group of historians in the United States. The Nevins prize is for the top dissertation in American History. His thesis was on the Brownsville Crisis in the New York City School District in the 1960's, which occurred when the firing of a school teacher caused controversy and sparked race riots.

Most recipients of the Nevins prize usually have their dissertation published by a major press, such as Random House, Oxford Press, or Simon and Schuster.

Earlier this year, Lawrence hired Jerry Podair, a lecturer at Princeton University to replace William Bremer, retiring professor of modern American history. When Professor Bremer announced his retirement earlier this academic year, a search committee was formed. Podair was one of three brought to Lawrence out of an initial candidate pool of hundreds. Only those candidates whose studies involved race relations were considered for the position. The selection was made by a committee consisting of faculty members and history majors.

Besides giving a lecture based on his dissertation, he met at lunch with a group of students, many of whom expressed excitement about his joining the Lawrence faculty.

"Junior Phil McKenna asserted that Podair "rocked the house," and is interested in taking at least one course from him next year. Senior Charley Shaw considers Podair an "excellent potential for future history students," noting his genuine interest in student research.

Next year, Professor Podair is planning on teaching one Freshman Studies section and one section of History 12. The Modern World. He also plans to offer advanced courses on race relations and reinterpreting the 1960's. At least one of them is likely to be a seminar.

Mr. Podair, a native of New York City, originally received his bachelor's degree from New York University and a law degree from Columbia University. He subsequently gave up practicing law to study history, and received his Ph.D. from Princeton University, the premier history department according to "U.S. News and World Report.

European History Professor and Director of Freshman Studies Paul Cohen cited Podair's Brownsville Lecture as exemplifying what a history lecture should be. History Department Chair Professor Franklin Dreiering reported, "we are very excited to have someone joining are faculty with this distinction."

*Photo by Jon Sellman*

**Lambda Sigma: Dedicated to scholarship, service**

BY JESSICA ATHENS

Lambda Sigma is Lawrence University's chapter of a national sophomore honor society, whose members are dedicated to leadership, fellowship, scholarship and service. Members are selected from the rising sophomore class by the Lambda Sigma members themselves; only the top thirty percent of the class is eligible to apply.

This year, Lambda Sigma has 28 members, all of whom work actively in the community service, sponsoring social activities and fundraising. Within Lambda Sigma, students fill the posts of president, vice-president, two secretaries, treasurer, and publicity officer. To incorporate all of Lambda Sigma's members, each student must serve on two of five committees: Service, Fundraising, Social, Publicity and Selection committee.

Lambda Sigma helps both the local and greater community. Some of their activities are helping with New Student Week and at Playfair, hosting a Kid's Fair for the Appleton community, working with the Appleton Housing Partnership and, during Halloween, they went "trick-or-treating" for canned goods to aid area shelters. For activities off campus, this year Lambda Sigma went to Virginia over spring break and volunteered for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Eleven members and the organization's advisor, Linda Fuerst, stayed in Belle State Island Park, and worked planting trees, building a split rail fence, and clearing a shoreline of tree-strangling vines. During their visit in Virginia, they also uncovered a Civil war relic (see related article).

While the aforementioned work with the Lawrence community and beyond fulfills their goals of service and leadership, the members of Lambda Sigma also focus on the ideal of fellowship. To promote fellowship within the honor society, Lambda Sigma has taken trips to Bjorklunden, gone roller-skating, and hosted movie nights. For the greater Lawrence community, Lambda Sigma sponsored the Homecoming dance earlier this year.

In order to sponsor their diverse activities, Lambda Sigma holds several different fundraisers such as selling pizas at Oktoberfest and raffling a TV-VCR this term.

*Photo by Jon Sellman*
Students and townies: much alike

by evan wyse

Lawrentians and "townies" both center their social lives for the most part on drinking. While there are exceptions to this stereotype on the campus, a typical Lawrentian enjoys having their mood altered by Jacob Liennekugel as much as a typically paper mill employee does.

Many 21 year old Lawrent students frequent the bars on campus to the point of proportion. The population of the Fox Valley does.

Taking a walk along College Ave. on the weekend, many Lawrentians conclude they have found empirical evidence for the impending downfall of Western Civilization. Wild, intoxicated people range up and down the street looking for attention and another bar to frequent. However, most Lawrentians take little position to make this conclusion about townies and their water pleasures. "The Ave" essential breaks down into those who drive and those who get to the bars, usually determined by what side of the drinking age a person is.

Lawrence students more closely resemble the drinking crowd. Most Lawrent student does not have cars, and cruiser along College Ave. is not a typical activity among students. The high schoolers and Lawrence students are both simply looking for something to do, the former having cars and the latter more access to alcohol.

On the weekends, both Lawrence and townies want to drink alcohol, be with friends, to see and be seen. To compare the same scene of an average bar with an average campus party on the weekend one would not find much differ- ence. Both involve drinking and being social. The differences that exist between the two are largely based upon setting, i.e. rural versus urban, drinkers, than on inherent differences in the social groups.

Mr. Lawrence's comment, does not be that shocking to some, it is important to recognize the elitism that exists at Lawrence. A Lawrentian who enjoys becoming intoxicated is really not that different from a similarly isolated group, a theme party cocktail party. The irony of this is that one realizes that those at the party and the white-trash they parody are both an aspect of the society activities a round consuming alcohol to the point of intoxication.

Lawrentians could turn away from this scene of vulgarity and make remarks about the one-dimensional social life of townies.

by ben telgian

I was pretty excited when I noticed the plans for the new sculpture building call for a sculpture garden between the new building and Ormey. Sculpture gardens are great places for all sorts of things and, frankly, this campus is in dire need of some more public art.

Frankly though, I have my reservations, and they center around one main fact: the care shown for public art on this campus is appalling. Regardless of the relative quality of most of the works, they deserve much more attention to preservation and upkeep than they receive right now.

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According to one student, the sculpture is 16 different metal sculptures. Students can create their own sculptures by Wriston, which is easily our most prominent public lib-

The sculpture was not created by students, it was designed by students. The students were not consulted on the decision to create the sculpture. The students were not involved in the planning process.

The sculpture is not significant, it is not a reflection of the work that is being done on this campus. The sculpture is not a reflection of the ideas and ideals that exist on this campus. The sculpture is not a reflection of the students' desires and aspirations.

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Immigrants not to blame for environment's problems

BY GARRICK RUIZ
(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES—Immigrants are blamed for many of the largest problems facing society today: poverty, unemployment, crime, disease and public education failures. Now, the anti-immigrant forces would like to add environmental degradation to the list of problems blamed on immigrants. The argument these forces raise attempts to appeal to "common sense." It goes like this: America's environmental problems are caused by overpopulation; therefore, every immigrant who enters the U.S. is destroying the environment. This simplistic reasoning may convince sincere but ignorant environmentalists, but it can only hurt the cause of environmentalism and social justice.

The anti-immigrant forces have sought to legitimize their neo-Malthusian campaign through an initiative calling for the Sierra Club to abandon its current position of neutrality and take a stand against immigration. The Sierra Club is coveted by anti-immigrant forces because, with 550,000 members, it is the largest environmental organization in the nation and a powerful political lobbying group. Its credit, the leaders of the Sierra Club have denounced the anti-immigration initiative.

However, as a recent New York Times article exposed, news of the initiative has encouraged white supremacists and right-wing militia members to join the Sierra Club to help it pass. It has also attracted the support of Proposition 187 co-author Barbara Cee, who boasts of recruiting hundreds of anti-immigrant members to the Sierra Club while freely admitting, "I'm not a tree hugger."

Financial support for the initiative has come from groups with ties to the Pioneer Fund, which promotes "eugenics" research designed to prove the superiority of the white race. While guilt by association is not enough to garner absolute condemnation in and of itself, we believe it is important to critically examine any initiative actively supported by these groups.

But many of the anti-immigration Sierra Club members are dismayed by their association with extremist elements. This is why they champion Ben Zuckerman as a "responsible" leader of their campaign. A professor of astronomy at UCLA, Zuckerman is using his stature to lend credibility to the anti-immigration initiative, which he claims is backed by scientific research. Worse yet, Zuckerman is quick to point out that he is a faculty member at the UCLA Institute of the Environment, as he did in an L.A. Times opinion piece titled "Civil Immigration, Save the Environment."

Still in the process of shaping its identity, the newly formed Institute of the Environment is already stained by having its name associated with Zuckerman's anti-immigration campaign, which has generated far more publicity than anything the institute has done to date. Zuckerman contends that his anti-immigration position is motivated not by racism and xenophobia, but by reason and science. However, the fact is that scapepoting immigrants only detracts us from the real sources of environmental degradation and does nothing but inhibit the search for real solutions to the problem. One would never know from Zuckerman's rant that the single largest polluter in the nation is the U.S. military. With less than 5 percent of the world's population, the U.S. general is responsible for 7 percent of its wastes.

The problems environmentalists must address is American consumption patterns. Zuckerman claims as much as 40 percent of the L.A. Times when he wrote, "we spend $170 million dollars a day as much worldwide impact as the more than 4 billion people who live in all of China and South America."

In this manner, the leaders of the anti-immigration movement are additionally bearing the brunt of environmental problems. If you consider the "harmful" industries, hazardous waste facilities and unsafe factories that are just as much responsible for low-income African American, Hispanic, Asian, or Latino communities. Environmentalism for people in these communities is often best preserved at some pristine vision of nature by shutting out others. It is about eliminating environmental problems which could mean the difference between life and death for living beings.

By confronting the cause of environmental degradation rather than the symptoms, the environmental movement has provided an alternative to "not-in-my-backyard" environmentalism. Xenophobia has mushroomed when predominant- ly white, middle-upper class organizations attempt to prevent environmental hazards that affect people of color. It must force the environmental movement to confront the issue of social responsibility in fighting for environmental standards and to shut down the most egregious polluters. This benefits all communities, all those who have been poisoned by the corporate drive to get rich quickly at anyone's expense. For the nation to turn a corner toward environmental standards, we need leaders like Zuckerman's efforts be he devoted only a fraction of the resources he spent on the anti-immigration campaign to the UCLA recycling efforts.

The anti-immigration campaign led by Zuckerman does nothing to address the source of environmental degradation. This is why it is a distortion of science and true academic pursuits. It blames immigrants for problems which they are, at the forefront of solving. This is why it is xenophobia. The community is a source of hatred in which people of color become the target of white environmentalism. This is why it is racist.

The Environmental Coalition (ECO) believes that the anti-immigrant movement can be a site in which we can build our battle against corporate pollution, civil rights, workers' rights, women's rights and environmental justice. We stand together in the interest of advancing all of these causes. Therefore, we will not stand in hand if they are to be successful in their appeal to elites as Zuckerman does to be failed.

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Immigrants not to blame for environment's problems

BY GABRIEL RUIZ

Immigrants not to blame for many of the biggest problems facing society today: poverty, unemployment, crime, disease and public education failures. Now, the anti-immigrant forces would like to add environmental degradation to the list of problems blamed on immigrants. The argument these forces raise attempts to appeal to "common sense." It goes like this: America's environmental problems are caused by overpopulation, therefore, every immigrant who enters the U.S. is destroying the environment. This simplistic reasoning may convince sincere but ignorant environmentalists, but it can only hurt the causes of environmentalism and social justice.

The anti-immigrant forces have sought to legitimize their non-Malthusian campaign through an initiative calling for the Sierra Club to abandon its current position of neutrality and take a stand against immigration. The Sierra Club is coveted by anti-immigrant forces because, with 550,000 members, it is the largest environmental organization in the nation and a powerful political lobbying group. By their logic, the leaders of the Sierra Club have denounced the anti-immigration initiative.

However, as a recent New York Times article exposed, news of the initiative has encouraged white supremacists and right-wing militia members to join the Sierra Club to help it pass. It has also attracted the support of Proposition 187 co-author Barbara Coe, who boasts of recruiting hundreds of anti-immigrant members to the Sierra Club while freely admitting, "I'm not a tree hugger." Financial support for the initiative has come from groups with ties to the Pioneer Fund, which promotes "eugenics" research designed to prove the superiority of the white race. While guilt by association is not enough to garner absolute condemnation in and of itself, we believe it is important to critically examine any initiative actively supported by these groups.

But many of the anti-immigration Sierra Club members are self-reliant and consume preposterously with extremist elements. This is why they champion Bob Zuckerman as a "reputable" leader of their campaign. A proponent of environmentalism, Zuckerman is being used by the anti-immigration initiative, which he claims is backed by scientific research. Worse yet, Zuckerman is quick to point out that he is a faculty member at the UCLA Institute of the Environment, as he did in an L.A. Times opinion piece titled "Cut Immigration, Save the Environment."

Still in the process of shaping its identity, the newly formed Institute of the Environment is already stained by having its name associated with Zuckerman's anti-immigration campaign, which has generated far more publicity than any other the initiative has done to date.

Zuckerman contends that his anti-immigration position is motivated not by racism and xenophobia, but by reason and science. However, the fact is that scapecoping immigration only distracts us from the real sources of environmental degradation and does nothing but inhibit the search for real solutions to the problems. This is why, from Zuckerman's rant that the single largest pollutant in the nation is the U.S. military. With less than 5 percent of the world's population, the U.S. generates 25 percent of its wastes.

The problem environmentalists must address is American consumption patterns. Zuckerman, as much as anyone, knows this. In the L.A. Times when he wrote, "we 270 million Americans have as much worldwide impact as more than 4 billion people who live in all of the developing nations of the world." The environmental degradation that is accompanied by the quest for profit is not the result of immigration. It is the result of the resources we have and do not have, including racism.

One of the few environmental groups that has become a target of white supremacists is the California contingent of the National Environmental Defense Council. Led by Barbara Coe, the council has spent the last few years attacking the Sierra Club, the Environmental Defense Fund, and the environmental movement in general.

"I am not a racist," Zuckerman says, while his colleagues and his constituents do. There is a distinct difference between leading the fight to save the environment and exploiting the environment and the anti-immigrant groups are proportionately bearing the brunt of environmental problems. If you are to do this, you work with polluting industries, hazardous waste facilities, and unscrupulous corporate or special interest advocates, to just the nearest low-income African American, Mexican, Indian, Chinese or Latino community. Environmentalism for people in these places is not about the green preservation of some pristine vision of nature, but the quality of life for living beings. It is about eliminating environmental problems which could mean the difference between life and death for living beings.

By confronting the cause of environmental degradation rather than the symptoms, the anti-immigrant forces' campaign has provided an alternative to "not-in-my-backyard" environmentalism. This form of environmentalism occurs when predominant environmental problems are dispersed throughout neighborhoods, thereby making them impossible to deal with. Through organizations like Communities for a Better Environment in Huntingdon Park, immigrants have organized to fight for environmental standards and to shut down the most egregious polluters. This has all but because pollution generated in southeast L.A. will ultimately make our life, the life of everyone in Los Angeles.

UCLA's contributions to environmental degradation by recycling a paltry 18 percent of its waste stream and sending the majority of its trash to be burned in southeast L.A. A wise and more efficient approach would reduce local pollution, lessen the potential for new hazardous waste facilities, and increase the quality of life for everyone in Los Angeles.

"Rather than act as a force in the effort to win a $500 prize for students and chemistry professors..." Zuckerman's campaign is an example of the need for social responsibility upon corporate America, which is so much easier to attract attention by scapecoping immigrants.

Instead, Zuckerman makes statements like "Mass immigration is the primary push factor in destroying California's farms..." Of course, this is an international statement for any student of California history who understands that agriculture in our state was built almost entirely upon the backs of immigrant labor. Further, anti-immigrant farmers have been pioneers in the fight against illegal immigration and trade in the industies for which the state has a tradition.

The Environmental Coalition believes that the environmental movement is not a force in the fight for environmental hazards. The forces of workplace safety, workers' rights, women's rights and anti-immigrant rights are brought together to challenge the institutions of advancing all of these causes. These movements must be hand in hand and close associates. Environmentalists who only appeal to elites as Zuckerman does are doomed to failure.

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thouglit St. Norbert squad (7-10), which is also anticipated to make a run for the division championship.

"These are key games for us in our race for the North Division Championship," Tatro says of their home doubleheader, as Beloit returns their starting shortstop, number two pitcher, and left fielder. Though it has a younger team than last year, Beloit is still "dangerous."

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Softball faces stiff competition in tourney

BY REID KAJIJAVA

The Lawrence University women's fastpitch softball team entered a non-conference softball tournament this past weekend at UW-Oshkosh. The Vikings went 1-4 at the tournament this past weekend, losing to Marian College 5-1, Case Western Reserve 6-0, and UW-LaCrosse 5-3. Lawrence faced teams from the Wisconsin State Schools Conference and several other independent conference programs.

While their tournament record was a bit of a letdown, softball coach Kim Tatrod emphasized that the players were not "in over their heads." They are here to learn, to improve, and to play well.

Lawrence remains atop the Mid-States Fastpitch North Division with a 2-0 conference record going into their conference game against Beloit.

A "no-hitter" planned for yesterday against Ripon has been rescheduled until next Tuesday because of inclement weather.

While the team's play was not consistent according to coach Kim Tatrod, the team was able to put together two impressive games against Lake Forest and UW-Oshkosh. UW-Oshkosh is ranked 19th nationally in the NCAA Division III softball rankings.

Furthermore, the team is still solvent, according to Tatrod, who noted that the team did not have any injuries during the weekend.

Knights sweep series against Vikings

BY PAUL LAMM

It was a beautiful day for a ball game last Saturday at La Crosse. Baseball fans at the park last Saturday, as Lawrence faced off against St. Norbert College, but not many could have predicted what Lawrence's way. Even the announcer had problems.

The Vikings lost a home doubleheader against the St. Norbert Green Knights. The Knights simply out-hit the Vikes to remain undefeated in conference play, but they could not find the big rallies needed to win both games.

The Vikes did not need to rally for much of the first game. After the Knights failed to score in the top of the first, the Vikes scored two in the bottom. Ben Atkinson led off with a double. "Sweet Lou" Clark walked, and Kenny DePutter doubled with two out. After Jake Brenner hit a single, Kent Hayes struck out to end the inning.

The Knights took the lead in the top of the second. On what should have been the first of the first, the Vikes had the bases loaded with two out. Lawrson walked to load the bases, then hit a sacrifice fly to score three. Eric Busch followed up with a walk, and third baseman Josh Johnson hit a two-run single.

"That would be the start for the Vikings, however. They did not score any more runs, while St. Norbert kept rolling. The Vikes scored three in the fourth inning, one in the fifth, and eight over the last two innings to break away. Weber was pulled in the fifth after giving up a leadoff single. Johnson replaced him, getting the next batter on a pop out, and Lawrence was now up a run. The Knights were able to catch up with Johnson in the sixth. That would be the last run for the other eight runs. In the end, the Vikes were defeated by the St. Norbert College, Law 9.

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