Reactions to Shepherd murder at U. Wyoming

BY ANDREW KARRE

The alleged murder of Matthew Shepard has consumed the attention of University of Wyoming students since the student was found beaten and near death last Saturday morning, apparently the victim of a homophobically motivated attack by fellow students.

The act has both repulsed and transfixed Wyoming students. There is a strongly felt disgust and contempt towards humanity I have ever felt. I do not understand what sort of motivation could be so strong to kill Shepard because he was a homosexual.

University of Wyoming student Cory Redman, an Idaho native, comes to this sobering conclusion: "None of this is going to change anything, the people that gather to pray and go to the meetings and wear the anti-hated arm bands are not the ones that would do this kind of thing. In two weeks to a month everyone will forget Matthew and the whole incident. The community and the world will go back to thinking that Laramie, Wyoming—nothing bad happens there."

Cries for the enactment of anti-hate crime laws, as well as prayer vigils and gestures of protest and condemnation, have since ensued. This weekend several derogatory and homophobic statements were scrubbed on the walls of a stairwell in Ormsby. The two events are incomparable in scale, and it is not possible to say at this time if there was any warning at the University of Wyoming before Matthew Shepard died.

However, there is a sense that in the end, time will dull the sting of this crime and Laramie will return to its sense of safety and seclusion.

U. Wyoming gay student killed

BY SHANNON REXBOAT (U-WIRE) LARAMIE, Wyo. — Matthew Shepard died at 1 a.m. Monday morning at Poulsbo Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo. from injuries sustained during a beating Wednesday.

Shepard, 22, was a University of Wyoming political science major.

Russell Arthur Henderson, 21, Aaron James McKinney, 22, Chastity Vera Pasley, 20, and Kristen Leann Price have been arrested and charged in connection with the murder.

Henderson and McKinney allegedly kidnapped Shepard from the Fireside Bar Wednesday. They allegedly tied Shepard to a fence one mile northeast of Laramie and beat him with the butt of a .357 magnum and left him to die. Passing bicyclists found Shepard almost 18 hours after the beating.

Henderson and McKinney will appear in court Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. for a preliminary hearing and Pasley, who waived her arraignment, will appear in court Oct. 15 at 11 a.m.

The hate crime was apparently caused because Shepard was gay.

Last Saturday night, Dean of Students Nancy Truesdell's inspection led to an early conclusion of the Beta Theta Pi "Jammy Jam" Pajama Party. The event, originally registered as an invitation-only party, broke IFC (Interfraternity Council) regulations designed to protect fraternities from legal risk. According to Truesdell, no decision has yet been made about any further action to follow this incident.

One violation of IFC policy occurred when individual members of Beta Theta Pi made beer available to guests. Rules state that all guests of Greek parties can only consume alcohol if they bring their own. Another violation is that fraternities are not permitted to hold open parties because of the insurance risk.

Earlier that day, Chapter President Anthony Nickell had signed an agreement permitting the party to continue despite the posting of advertisements around campus about a day-long vigil. The fraternity members monitor their doors Saturday night allowed people who were not on the invitation list into the party.

When Truesdell performed a routine check, she recommended to Nickell and Risk Management Chair T.J. Owe that they close the event because of violations of IFC policy. Fraternity representatives escorted their guests out of the building as Truesdell investigated the first and second floors.

Tuesday, Truesdell and Gibson met with representatives of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity to discuss how all involved can learn from this incident. No individuals were hurt.

Truesdell, Gibson, Shrode, and Nickell, who speaks for the house, all declined to comment on this matter.

Truckee's new house by Trever

BY Elaine Dunham

Robert Buchanan and his wife, both 1962 graduates of Lawrence University, will soon be moving back to the neighborhood.

The Buchanans are building a new house on Brokaw Place to the southeast of Trever Hall. The house, which will occupy two lots, is scheduled to be completed by June. Presently, only the frame is constructed.

The Buchanans chose the location to be within walking distance of Mr. Buchanan's paper mill and also to be close to the Lawrence campus.

The spacious house will feature a southern exposure and a view of the river. The Buchanans are looking forward to having more room for their cats and two grandchildren to play in.

Buchanan grew up in a house located where Wisrtson Art Center is now located. He met his wife while enrolled as a Lawrence student.

Buchanan emphasizes that Lawrence's facilities have been greatly improved since his studies in the early 1960s. He states that he is "a very strong advocate" the liberal arts format and as respects the sense of community.

When prompted if he has noticed any changes for the worse, Buchanan quickly and confidently replied, "How can you say anything negative about Lawrence when it does nothing but get better?"
Community Council adjusts election bylaws

BY SCOTT TRIGG

Elected representatives to the Lawrence University Community Council met twice this past week. The two short meetings dealt mainly with changes to the distribution of hall representatives.

On Sunday, October 11, President Rob Reff convened the first LUCC meeting of the 1998-1999 academic year, following an orientation and training session for the representatives. Reff explained that this brief meeting was necessary to introduce a by-law change regarding student constituencies.

After last year’s theme house legislation changes and the placement of students in Brokaw Hall, the by-law required updating. Student representative elections could not take place in some halls until this by-law was revised, according to the LUCC Constitution, all elections must be completed by the end of the third week of classes.

It was proposed that Colman and Brokaw Halls be combined into one constituency and given two representatives. A grouping of small residence halls was formed for Drahem, Hubert and Sabin houses, and 741 E. John Street, and given one representative. All other small houses (i.e., the co-op and theme houses) comprised another group.

After a brief discussion, the motion was tabled to the next meeting. With no further business before it, the council adjourned.

The second LUCC meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13. In his report, President Reff announced that the Homecoming court selection process was underway through a fund-raising penny drive. The top two vote-getters will become the “Homecoming Marshals” and all proceeds will be donated to the United Way.

In other officer reports, Treasurer Matt Crombecke announced that this year’s student activity fee total was $141,951.60, from which LUCC makes all of its allocations to various groups for the entire year. Parliamentarian Leah Drillas reported that Plantz Hall had been experiencing difficulties with their representative election. After a tie, a run-off election was necessary to decide the second of Plantz’s two representatives.

In his report, President Rob Reff (right) bangs the gavel at Tuesday’s meeting. Photo by Sara Sclerman

Higher Education Act to ease rising tuition costs

BY CHERYL FRANKENFIELD

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Penn.—Students will start to see more breaks in tuition costs because of the extension of the Higher Education Act last week.

President Clinton signed a bill on Thursday that will assist students and families paying for college by lowering interest rates, creating a loan forgiveness program, and increasing grant awards.

Last year, the national interest rate on borrowed loans was 8.25 percent. The new guidelines will reduce the rate to 7.46 percent, the lowest in 17 years.

Another component of the act is the loan forgiveness program which will provide more money toward tuition for students majoring in education. These students then would be required to teach in schools with a high percentage of low-income students.

This semester students have to go into education as a profession. Education needs to be supported, and it will be a benefit to lots of students and kids,” said Browne Wagner, Penn State’s director of the Office of Student Aid.

The bill also will increase funds for grants who apply for Pell Grants and work-study programs.

For students who apply and are eligible for grants, the awards could increase from $3,000 to $5,800 within the next couple of years.

In the past, the balance between grant aid and loan aid has not been in students’ favor, Wagner said.

The bill allows students to complete loan applications on the World Wide Web because a signature no longer is necessary. There are more than 100 questions, and if a mistake is made on the handwriting form, it can stall the process of receiving aid, Wagner said. The computer program works well because it doesn’t allow students to make those mistakes, she said.

“We are real pleased with the bill. The whole reauthorization has gone through a great deal of debate and we’re glad students don’t have to pay more,” she said. “The catchword is simplification. [The bill] has cut down on red tape and needless paper.”

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Arts Umbrella brings unique artists to LU

BY STAFF WRITER

Arts Umbrella, a "campus events organization," can be held responsible for bringing more avant-garde, lesser-known artists to campus. "We like to think that we bring groups to campus that others might not be aware of," says senior Carl Kantner, co-president.

Past acts include spoken word artists, international dance ensembles, and musical groups such as "Savage Aural Hotbed." For the coming year, plans include a showing of the movie "Gummo" in Wriston Amphitheater as well as bringing in the dance company "Wild Space" and the musical group "Little Blue Crunchy Things."

The administration of Arts Umbrella is completely student-based. Kantner, who serves as co-president alongside Anna Kneutsen and Rich Johnson, states: "We are entirely student-run. The members are responsible for picking out acts, [and] contacting agencies." Any member who is interested in a certain artist or group must take initiative and provide a demo or its equivalent in order to present the group to other Arts Umbrella members, and follow through on the booking. The opportunities that Arts Umbrella provides its members to contract artists can prove helpful for post-college opportunities, according to Kantner.

Arts Umbrella's calendar is rarely set at the beginning of the year. Rather, the organization begins its scheduling in the fall, depending on which acts the members are interested in. For those who have ideas of what kind of arts events they would like to bring to campus, Arts Umbrella can provide an opportunity to realize those ideas.

Attention all students concerned about pets on campus:

LUCU will hold a discussion about upcoming pet legislation at the General Council meeting on Tuesday, October 20th at 4:45 pm in Riverview Lounge. All interested parties are encouraged to attend, as this meeting will directly affect the legislation, the opinions of the voting representatives, and the administration of Lawrence.

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BY EVAN WYSE

Last week our campus had the honor of hosting the world’s foremost scholar on Eastern Orthodox theology, the Englishman to ever become a Greek Orthodox Bishop. His Grace Bishop Kallistos Ware, a distinguished Bishop of Dokklea and Assistant Bishop in the Orthodox Diocese of Canada, Thayetra and Great Britain, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford University; Spalding Lecturer in Eastern Orthodox Studies, University of Oxford gave two lectures as part of the Marguerite Schumann Memorial Lecture Series.

His Thursday talk was entitled “The Orthodox Church in the Modern West: Tradition and Personal Experience.” While many guest lecturers are cloaked in mystery, His Grace was dressed in an Orthodox robe with simple white beard and medallion. Wriston overflowed with students, faculty, and a sizable contingent of Appleton residents to hear the bishop speak in his high English.

Bishop Ware began by addressing the question “Why should we be thinking about Orthodoxy in the Modern World?” This was broken into three questions about the Orthodox church; “Who are we?”, “What do we do?”, and “Where are we going?” He argued that the church is still relevant today, stating that “tradition means not just yesterday but today.”

Bishop Ware explained that Orthodoxy is the second largest religious sect in the world with 18 local churches and a total membership of over 200,000. The largest, the Russian Orthodox Church, has between 55 and 70 million members. Orthodoxy differs from Catholicism in that it has a de-centralized administration with no single figure of authority comparable to the Pope.

There is a connection between faith and nationality, such as the Russian and Serbian churches who were adminstered in 1995, only 121 of the 7.5 million citizens identified themselves as Orthodox. To be so was to renounce one’s Greek identity. The move was against the will of the congregation, the church as a choice, not national identity. The church will split with its respective nation in some cases, such as an example the Serbian Orthodox Hierarchy separating from its government policies in Bosnia and Croatia in 1992. He criticized the ‘mainstream’ media for failing to report this.

He addressed the persecution suffered by Orthodox Christians in “millitant atheism.” More died in the thirty years after 1917 than in the first three years of the death of Christ. Orthodoxy is experiencing an “enormous wave of persecution” including “Communism collapsed like a house of cards” which subse­quently “brought back the spiritual emptiness.” Thirteen years ago there were 16 Ecumenical Orthodox Union, whereas there are over 400 in the region today. Bishop Ware stated it is “a time of hope” that this is exactly it is a time of anxiety.

The Orthodox Church is seeing a mass movement to the west, and a prominent question is “how do we maintain a Christian lifestyle in an age of materialism?” He spoke as well about the difficulty of maintaining “integrity of marriage, conception, and birth with an anxious life.”

In his second major point, he spoke of the sameness of all Christians which “West has greatly emphasized the reasoning brain.” He criticized this view and stated the “reasoning brain is only part of human,” and then offered “I am loved therefore I am” as the conception of bishops who have anointed women as priests and the possibility of a younger Nicholas II, and then told the story of how his name was changed to Kallistos from Timothy. In all it was a very successful lecture and a unique experience to hear a great religious mind speak about a relatively unfamiliar religion.
Clinton: A utilitarian defense

BY EVAN WISE

A common question posed to those who supported Bill Clinton in 1996 is, "Would you vote for him again?" As a member of this group, my answer to the question is yes.

The President of the United States is arguably the most powerful man in the world. The office bestows upon an individual great power to cause peace or war, freedom or order, justice or tyranny.

When deciding whom to vote for president, one must take into account both a candidate's values and platform, and also how successful will the candidate be at getting things done, such as passing legislation through Congress, establishing favorable treaties, preventing wars, and more.

This is what brings me to the order at hand. Today, as it was the case on election day two years ago, Clinton's stands on issues are closer to what I consider for the greatest good of the greatest number than Bob Dole's. Income tax rates, minimum wage levels, environmental legislation are only a few cases where I stand closer to Bill than Bob. Not only this, but I believe Clinton is a very adept politician, and will get things done.

Consequently, even in light of the Monica Lewinsky scandal, I feel he is the better man for the job. Compared with the tremendous importance of other political decisions made by a president, personal decisions have very little impact on the country as a whole.

While Clinton's decisions to have an affair and to subsequently lie about it are universally recognized as morally repugnant, the number of people directly affected by it is relatively small. His immediate family, Monica Lewinsky, and perhaps a few close friends are those who genuinely feel the impact of the affair.

A president's political policies, on the other hand, can have a great impact. When compared to the immense overall impact of his political decisions, his bedroom behavior becomes quite clearly of small importance.

President Richard Nixon attempted to tamper with the election process and ultimately resigned over accusations of obstruction of justice. The essential difference between the Watergate and Lewinsky is that Watergate was a political matter that affected millions and the Lewinsky scandal is not. A loss of trust in Clinton's role as president because of the scandal is unfounded, because he has continued to serve as an effective president throughout. Nixon's scandal was political in nature, affecting the political process greatly for all voters.

Puritan presidents who have led saintly personal lives, such as Woodrow Wilson and Jimmy Carter, have often been incapable administrators. It is the shrewd presidents who have achieved important political accomplishments, like F.D.R., who are remembered for being great. I acknowledge he was not necessarily the most saintly of characters in his private life having had affairs of his own, but still we consider him great for the overall effect he had on America. I, for one, am not prepared to say I would have voted for Hoover in 1932 simply because he may have had a cleaner character.

The decision to impeach a president should be based on one of two things: a lack of trust in the president's overall effectiveness or the negative impact of an action adversely affecting a great number of people on a significant scale. Nearly every president, and certainly all good presidents, have lied to the American people. While we might not trust the President to be faithful to his wife, we might trust him as president because he has, in my estimation, done a good job as president. The Monica Lewinsky scandal, being a private matter, has little effect on the majority of the country. Therefore, I believe Bill Clinton should not be impeached, but instead allowed to continue producing the greatest good for the greatest number.
The Lawrentian Feature
Thursday, October 15

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10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

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Friday, October 16

4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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Homecoming Banner Competition; Riverview Lounge, Memorial Union

Women's Soccer vs. Monmouth College; Whiting Field

Football vs. Lake Forest College; Banta Bowl

Men's Soccer vs. Monmouth College; Whiting Field

Saturday, October 17

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

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3:00 p.m.

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Karaoke in the Viking Room

Sunday, October 18

Noon

2:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. Illinois College; Whiting Field

Men's Soccer vs. Illinois College; Whiting Field

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Redefining symbols

I was intrigued by Cameron Kramlich's recent letter about the symbols of the pink triangle and the rainbow flag (Oct. 8). I agree with Mr. Kramlich that because homosexuals in Nazi Germany were forced to wear a pink triangle in much the same way that Jews were forced to wear a yellow Star of David, the triangle can be seen as a reminder of oppression that homosexual people suffered under Nazi control. By extension, it can be a reminder of all the times gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender people have been discriminated against, terrorized, or killed simply for living/loving against society's expectations. The triangle reminds us of some dark days, and I understand why some in the GLBT community would prefer the rainbow, a symbol of human diversity, as an emblem.

I don't agree, though, that "it is only appropriate to eliminate what is seen by some as a symbol of hate." I think there is a reason to keep the pink triangle. A symbol's power and meaning come from the way it is traditionally used. Think of music, for instance. For years, Israel has informally banned performances of Richard Wagner's music for symbolic reasons. Wagner, a notable opera composer and anti-Semitic, was Hitler's favorite composer; Jewish musicians in concentration camps were sometimes forced to perform Wagner for the dual purpose of the guards' entertainment and their own humiliation.

Recently, some Israeli musicians and audience members have suggested introducing Wagner into the nation's musical repertoire, not to relive the humiliating circumstances of the concentration camps, but to rewrite the music's connotations. The New Israeli Opera, were it to perform Wagner's Ring cycle, would deny that music itself, removed from its extramusical context, can express hatred. Playing Wagner in Israel, some musicians and music-lovers feel, would simultaneously acknowledge and defy the music's negative place in the nation's history and would give it a vastly different place in the future.

Returning to the pink triangle, it is important to remember that a visual symbol's meaning, too, can change over time. I think it would be a mistake to dismiss the triangle simply because of its negative origins; there is an important difference between having a symbol or a name given to you and choosing one yourself. Those who consciously choose the pink triangle symbol to describe their own identities may challenge hatred in a way that simply avoiding the symbol does not. If we use the symbol with pride—defying its original negative connotation—we can rob it of its negative power and help to steer its meaning in a new direction.

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"Barberous" insanity and meaty pies

BY CARY KREUZIGER

A barber wrongly imprisoned seeks revenge on society. That is the basic plot line for Lawrence University's first dramatic performance of the 1998-1999 school year, "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."

"Sweeney Todd" takes place in London, England. Based partly on a true story, the play shows the insanity of a vengeful barber. Soon after being released from prison, Sweeney Todd, to be played by Brian Wood, returns to his practice as a barber in London. He takes his revenge on society by chopping up his clients and making them into meat pies.

Also appearing in the cast are Sandra Ganzer, Justin Zanton, Melissa Kelly, Josh Soucek, Tom Gilmore, Stan Carrico, Jonathan Clapham, Cari White, and Ben Meyer. The stage direction will be under Assistant Professor Timothy Troy and the musical direction under Assistant Conductor Janet Glasser.

Professor Rich Frieland, head of the stage crew, has reported the Washington Post on Sept. 30. Although instilling fear of parental discovery may discourage drug use, college students will remain college students. As much as many parents and students alike disapprove of this kind of behavior, an adult's private life, regardless of age, must be maintained. This will allow a university to serve its primary function, which is to educate, not to baby-sit.

This is not to say that there shouldn't be any consequences for irresponsible behavior. These kinds of actions not only endanger those committing the act, but they also put others at risk. But, if students are ready to risk expulsion, local police charges, and such other reprisals already implemented by a typical university, one more consequence is hardly likely to make a difference.

It is true that college is a time of great experimentation and new freedom. Unfortunately, with that freedom there are those that will act out in ways that aren't mature and may even be dangerous. However, adults must learn to deal with consequences by themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON REACCRREDITATION

Lawrence University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit February 8-10, 1999, by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Commission is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Lawrence University has been accredited by the Commission since 1931.

For the past year and a half, Lawrence University has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's requirements and criteria for accreditation. An evaluation team will visit Lawrence to gather evidence and review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation and General Institutional Requirements.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college:

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31 North Lindele Street, Suite 2400
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By Carly Kreuziger

A stage rendering of the set for LU's "Sweeney Todd."
Men's soccer records first victory of season

BY MIKE STONE

The LU men's soccer team began the season with only three seniors and twice as many freshman as last year. The young team found itself searching for its first win of the season after eight games. They got it on Oct. 11 as they defeated Carroll College 1-0 in Waukesha, Wis.

The victory over Carroll brought their season record to 1-9 overall and 1-5 in conference play. The Vikings had come close to victory many times this season with close losses to Grinnell (2-1), Lake Forest (1-0), and Edgewood (3-2).

Sophomore forward Kip Irish scored the only goal of the game on a penalty kick late in the second half. The kick resulted from a penalty drawn by Robb Raufus.

A block by junior goalkeeper Keenan Leahy preserved the lead for the Vikings later in the game. Another goal by Kip Irish was called off due to an off-sides penalty. Irish was double-teamed all game as well, allowing LU's outside forwards to run free.

The victory almost did not happen as the Vikings missed many opportunities to put the ball in the goal. But they managed to keep Carroll's score at zero.

Senior defender Neil Dannemiller commented that the victory was "a great feeling." He added that it was "a weight was lifted off our shoulders, and hopefully we can feed off this and win some more."

The men's team traveled to Ripon on Oct. 14 for a conference game with the Redhawks. They were unable to keep the winning streak alive, however, with a 2-0 loss. The Vikes had their chances, but penalties at crucial moments kept them out of contention.

The Vikings have two home games this weekend—Oct. 17 vs. Monmouth at 3:00 p.m. Oct. 18 vs. Illinois College at 2:00 p.m.

Michigan State ready to defend Big Ten title, live up to hype

BY GREG MULLIN

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich.—A year ago, the MSU men's basketball team was picked to finish somewhere in the middle of the Big Ten. Heading into the 1998-1999 season, the Spartans are considered a preseason contender for the national championship.

All major preseason magazines and newspapers are picking the Spartans to outright win the conference. Street & Smith's has MSU ranked No. 3 in the nation. The Basketball News and basketball expert Dick Vitale are both placing MSU at No. 5.

Junior Mateen Cleaves is expected to be the nation's premier point guard after a breakout season in which he was named Big Ten Player of the Year and a first-team All-American.

"It's a big jump after just one season," Cleaves said. "But I can't let it blind me from my team goals."

It's no secret that those goals are to repeat as Big Ten Champions and to make it to the Final Four.

To do that, head coach Tom Izzo said he feels there are some key areas that need attention. He said that MSU hopes to have more consistent scoring—especially down low.

"If this team is going to go from a good team to a great team, we are going to have to step up our inside scoring," Izzo said.

He said he has been impressed with the off-season work ethic of his players in the summer.

"If I had to pick three guys this summer, T.K. (Thomas Kelley), Charlie Bell and Jason Klein probably worked as hard as anyone I've seen work here in a while," he noted.

Kelley, a senior point guard, returns from a foot injury which sidelined him last season. Kelley adds depth to the talented MSU backcourt, which already features Cleaves and sophomore shooting guard Charlie Bell.

Izzo said that he doesn't think the addition of Kelley will affect the team's chemistry, which was a key to much of last season's success.

"He's earned everyone's respect," Izzo said. "I see being able to put him in a couple of positions. But I'm not going to lie. It's something that concerns me every day."

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Sports Briefs

- Lawrence football leads the Midwest Conference in team rushing with 298 yards per game and total yardage with 441.
- Freshman stopper Kiana Neal was named to this week's Midwest Conference Women's Soccer Team of the Week for her performance in a 2-0 win over Ripon on Oct. 7 and a 3-1 loss to Lake Forest on Oct. 10.
- Senior utility player Lisa Hess is this week's North Division Volleyball Player of the Week. The Vikings beat Ripon 3-0 on Oct. 7, and on Oct. 10 at the University of Chicago Triangular, they beat Clarke College 3-0 and Chicago 3-1. Hess set a Lawrence record against Chicago with six service aces.
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Another goal by Kip Irish was called off due to an off-sides penalty. Irish was double teamed all game as well, allowing LU’s outside forwards to run free.

The victory almost did not happen as the Vikings missed many opportunities to put the ball in the goal. But they managed to keep Carroll’s score at zero.

Senior defender Neil Dannemiller commented that the victory was “a great feeling.” He added that it was “a weight was lifted off our shoulders, and hopefully we can feed off this and win some more.”

The men’s team traveled to Ripon on Oct. 14 for a conference game with the Redhawks. They were unable to keep the winning streak alive, however, with a 2-0 loss. The Vikings had their chances, but penalties at crucial moments kept them out of contention.

The Vikings have two home games this weekend—Oct. 17 vs. Monmouth at 3:00 p.m. Oct. 18 vs. Illinois College at 2:00 p.m.

Michigan State ready to defend Big Ten title, live up to hype

BY GREG MULLIN

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — A year ago, the MSU men’s basketball team was picked to finish somewhere in the middle of the Big Ten. Heading into the 1998-1999 season, the Spartans are considered a preseason contender for the national championship.

All major preseason magazines and newspapers are picking the Spartans to out-win the conference. Street & Smith’s has MSU ranked No. 3 in the nation. The Basketball News and basketball expert Dick Vitale are both placing MSU at No. 5.

Junior Mateen Cleaves is expected to be the nation’s premier point guard after a breakout season in which he was named Big Ten Player of the Year and a first-team All-American.

“IT’s a big jump after just one season,” Cleaves said. “But I can’t let it blind me from my team goal.”

It’s no secret that those goals are to repeat as Big Ten Champions and to make it to the Final Four.

To do that, head coach Tom Izzo said he feels there are some key areas that need attention. He said that MSU hopes to have more consistent scoring—especially down low.

“If this team is going to go from a good team to a great team, we are going to have to step up our outside scoring,” Izzo said.

He has been impressed with the off-season work ethic of his players in the summer.

“If I had to pick three guys this summer, T.K. (Thomas Kelley), Charlie Bell and Jason Klein probably worked as hard as anyone I’ve seen work here in a while,” he noted.

Kelley, a senior point guard, returns from a foot injury which sidelined him last season. Kelley adds depth to the talented MSU backcourt, which already features Cleaves and sophomore shooting guard Charlie Bell.

Izzo said that he doesn’t think the addition of Kelley will affect the team’s chemistry, which was a key to much of last season’s success.

“His earned everyone’s respect,” Izzo said. “I see him being able to put him in a couple of positions. But I’m not going to lie. It’s something that concerns me every day.”

MSU’s roster features no true center on the list.

The Spartans will miss the inside shot-blocking threat of graduated center DuJuan Wiley.

Junior forward A.J. Granger has added about 10 pounds of muscle and some newfound confidence, which could help fill the void of Wiley’s departure. Sophomore forward Andre Hutson knows the frontcourt’s performance will be key, especially with such a tough nonconference schedule.

“All of the big guys are going to have to step up: me, Antonio and A.J.,” Hutson said. “Games like Duke and Connecticut, and Temple—those are the games you live for. Michigan State hasn’t had games like those in a while.”

For two December games, all eyes will be on the Spartans. In back-to-back games on Dec. 2 and Dec. 5, MSU takes on Connecticut in Storrs, Conn., and Duke in Chicago. The Huskies and Blue Devils hold the top two spots in many preseason rankings.

“The schedule is good as there’s ever been in the history of this school,” Izzo said. “We can’t fear our schedule.”

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