Elegant Indian fare in Appleton? And the winner is? Though aged, U2 manages to rise again election was now, shockingly, no longer valid. Because of the narrow difference in totals between the two candidates, polls, that the nation is hanging on to a decisive few thousand votes is given to Bush, and then again electoral votes, was first projected over the 270 mark needed to win the election results remain unclear because of the tendency is, just because Fraternities have played an important role in the coming years, grew up in Madison. Music Katz, a new professor this fall, joined the Lawrence College in 1986 and was to remain a tradition of the Lawrence campus was ally recognized, in 1925 Dr. Henry Wriston became president of the fraternity. Katz's doctoral thesis was entitled Phi Delta Theta was chartered as Wisconsin Beta, but was destined to last only two years before encountering difficulties. In the spring of 1961, which brought with it the preparations for the Civil War, classes and studies were discarded, and the fraternities suffered a blow. As all of the Theta Phi members went off to fight, some never to return, the fraternity fell to pieces. When those who did survive came back in 1966, they were dismayed to find that Lawrence had passed against secret societies, such as the fraternity. The chapter seemed a shambles. Then, in 1987, a sophomore named Robert Boyd rekindled interest in Theta Phi and persuaded administration to officially recognize the fraternity. However, with the help of George Banta, a staunch supporter of the Betas, the fraternity was saved in 1984, and was to remain a tradition of Lawrence. Before the chapter was nationally recognized, in 1925 Dr. Henry W. Wriston became president of Lawrence and expressed concern about the number of students who were living and eating in fraternities. Wriston was troubled about the living conditions, deeming them unhygienic. The fraternity was located off-campus at this time, this arrangement did not meet Wriston's idea of a fraternity.
Biosphere II: On the front lines of ecology

BY WES MISKA

The Biosphere II Center is a research facility located near Tucson, Arizona, as a research project of the University of Arizona. The Biosphere II project is a long-term experiment in which a group of 26 people lived in isolation for two years. The purpose of the project was to study the interactions between the natural and human environments and to evaluate the feasibility of living in a closed ecosystem.

The project was divided into three phases: the first phase lasted from October 1990 to September 1991; the second phase lasted from October 1991 to September 1992; and the third phase lasted from October 1992 to August 1994. During this time, the researchers lived in a sealed biosphere with no outside contact, except for occasional visits by researchers from the outside world.

The researchers were divided into four teams: the Agriculture and Forestry Team, the Environmental Team, the Social Team, and the Art Team. Each team was responsible for maintaining the biosphere and conducting research on different aspects of the project.

The research conducted during the project included studies on the effects of isolation on human behavior, the impact of technology on natural ecosystems, and the development of new technologies for maintaining a closed ecosystem.

Although the project was successful in many ways, it also had its challenges. The researchers had to work in close quarters for an extended period of time, and many of them experienced significant stress and anxiety.

In conclusion, the Biosphere II project was a significant milestone in the study of closed ecosystems and the impact of technology on human behavior. However, it also highlighted the challenges of living in isolated environments for an extended period of time.
Amnesty fights to promote peace, freedom of expression

by Jane Ondrack

Amnesty International is an organization devoted to upholding the universal declaration of human rights. The group works to free prisoners of conscience, people who are imprisoned because of the peaceful expression of their beliefs, politics, race, religion, color, or national origin. By sending letters and petitions to the leaders of countries, their ambassadors, and those in charge of the prisons, the members of Amnesty give hope to the people who are imprisoned.

Founded in 1961 by lawyer Peter Benenson, Amnesty International was formed when Benenson heard of the imprisonment of a group of Portuguese students who were arrested for toasting freedom in a public restaurant. This led him start a yearlong campaign called "Appeal for Amnesty 1961" in a local newspaper. The campaign gradually attracted numerous professors, musicians; and artists; the group now has over a million members and members in 162 countries and territories.

The group does not focus only on working to free prisoners of conscience. Every year a general theme is chosen in addition to the organization's general purpose to uphold human rights. Past themes have been supporting minority rights and women's rights; this year's theme is supporting torture. Abolishing the death penalty, working for equal wages and preventing sexual harassment are also upstanding current issues.

While Amnesty International has been around for quite a while, the Lawrence chapter of Amnesty International is in its planning stage. Finally formed again after a two-year break, the members total a grand number of five people-three co-presidents and two devoted members. Despite spending this first term to become more organized, the group has several events planned. It hopes to bring a speaker to the campus at the beginning of the second term to speak about Amnesty International. "A write-athon" at Downer Commons is also being planned where students will have the opportunity to read about various prisoners of conscience around the world and learn how to write letters to the appropriate officials. The group also does workshops at local high schools where the members work with students to build leadership skills, teach how to write petitions, and be able to organize peaceful demonstrations.

The important thing about Amnesty International to realize, says Megan Brown, a co-president of the organization, is that "people should know that one person can make a difference." People have been freed because of Amnesty. The letters give the prisoners hope and let them know that there are people outside who know what they are going through and who care.

Amnesty International meetings are held every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Colman Lounge. New memberships are vigorously encouraged. If there are any questions call Megan Brown at 832-7564.

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A Lawrentian in the humanitarian trenches:

Human rights in East Timor

TO THE EDITOR:

Slaughter is quick to point out that although more women and minorities are winning jobs, the standards of performance for minority women and students at almost any time? Why do they not have the opportunity to influence the administration to improve their situation? And why do they not have the opportunity to vote for their representatives in the student government?

The administration argues that the students are left with few options. This is a time for advisors to step in and provide guidance. Does this actually happen? The administration has not addressed this issue in a comprehensive manner. The students are left without a voice in decision-making processes. This is a time for advisors to step in and provide guidance. Does this actually happen? The administration has not addressed this issue in a comprehensive manner. The students are left without a voice in decision-making processes.

Mid-term reading period

An ill-defined distraction

Staff Editorial

There comes a time once a term when the students of Lawrence are universe, into line with the mid-term reading period, as it is affectionately known. The lawrence administration, is one of remarkable confusion, as it is clear that it is not being. It exists under the guise that the students will use it as a time to rest and get back on their feet. The mid-term reading period is meant to pass and therefore require no extra preparation. What on earth are we doing, then?

Some might argue that this time should be used to create the right obstacles that men in the field have not had. Of a recent minority outreach to monitor their abuse. Without support, these students could not have had. But were it only applied in practice, but were it only applied in principle, including the swim team as they face U.W.Lacrosse this Saturday, at Buchanan-Kiwit Center. People in the conservatory still have many valuable achievements. But, if we are expected to fulfill, including rehearsals. Additionally, there are several science labs that still remain. This is not exactly a break.

The administration argues that this is time for advisors to meet with their freshmen and sophomores in order to better guide them down the path of effective higher learning. Does this actually happen? It is not a highly publicized use of the time. If it is, it is in fact the actual use of the mid-term break, it follows to ask why the school would designate three days of free time for students. Why do advisors not meet with their students at almost any time? Why do they not meet with their students at any time? Why do they not have the opportunity to influence the administration to improve their situation?
Why Downer sucks

Jason Downer Commons has a variety of dining options, including a variety of food services. There are a few competitors, such as Lucinda's, which are located near Downer,ends, and dinners, and the Union Grill, which can handle limited volume. Because of this minimised competition, Downer can get away with a lot without losing its captive customer base. It is possible to avoid Downer, but because all students not in a fraternity are required to sign up for a meal plan, that requires throwing hundreds of dollars to the wind every term, which most students cannot afford to do.

The quality of Downer cuisine is execrable. The rice is drier than the Sahara. They put onions in just about everything, whether they belong there or not. The cream of potato soup bears a disgusting resemblance to baby food. The bread has more mold than a rotting beach ball. A conversation was once heard between two employees. "Why don't we stop looking through a refrigerator. I don't know, but it's been there long time." This commitment to excellence comes at a price, though. The average price for a meal at Downer is about $6.00, or twice as much as most other restaurants across the campus. Downer does have its upsides, but compared with the food available elsewhere, its heavily subsidised monopoly just doesn't cut it. There are myriad ways of dealing with this problem. Firstly, meal plans should not be mandatory. Period. Lawrence is bilking its students out of thousands of dollars every year, and that is wrong. College is expensive enough as it is. There are numerous restaurants just blocks from campus offering food at significantly lower prices. Many students would rather patronise Than Downer, even if just to get some variety from the usual Downer fare, and the university takes a cut from their student's individual tastes. We will have more and better choices, and prices will be kept in check.

The university is doing a great disservice to its students and staff with the current meal plan system, where many students pay exorbitant prices for food they may not even eat. A pay-as-you-go system with a budget, and being billed at the end of the term only for meals actually eaten, is more applicable to Gore. He has spent his adult life, and arguably his childhood, preparing to take the highest level of government office to serve the American people. Whether he is victorious or not, he has fought the good fight and served as an example for all politicians.

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Letters to the editor are welcome and encouraged.

TO THE EDITOR:

We must begin to reassess the democratic party.

As we approach the 2000 election, Bush or Dole, it is important to consider what the American people want and need from their government. The American people are disillusioned with the current political system, which they perceive as ineffective and unre sponsive to their needs. The United States is facing a number of pressing issues, such as health care, education, and the environment, which require bold and innovative solutions.

The Democratic Party has a clear and compelling message for the American people: a government that works for the people, not just for the powerful few. The Democratic Party is committed to protecting and expanding Social Security, reforming our health care system, and making college more affordable. We will work to create opportunities for all Americans, not just a select few.

In the political maelstrom that is Washington, it is essential that the Democratic Party remain true to its core values and principles. We must not be afraid to challenge the status quo and to stand up for what is right. The Democratic Party is the party of progress, and we will continue to fight for a brighter future for all Americans.
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Now I'm going to work on my research paper. Here's wishing everyone at Lawrence a happy end to midterms, and wishing me a week of finally locating Skippy peanut butter and drinking lots of yogurt. Zaijian!

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U2 regains balance with strong pop effort

by Tom Sherrin

Rock and roll is in trouble, and the members of U2 want to save it. At least, it would seem that they do, even though the politically minded Irishmen must be getting well into their fortieths by now. U2's lead singer is still called Bono, and the lead guitarist is still called The Edge. Adam Clayton still plays bass, and Larry Mullen still bats things for a living.

In a song called "Kite," from the new U2 album, "All That You Can't Leave Behind," Bono sings, "I know that this is not goodbye," and mumbles in a tone resembling an electronic toy, and Bono was starting to sound rather properly pure.

"All That You Can't Leave Behind," is different. It contains nothing but pop music. U2 returns here neither to its punkish "War" era sound nor to that of the dusty, Americana-soaked "Joshua Tree." There are no rockers like "Bullet the Blue Sky," "Exit," or "The Fly," and likewise no experimental tracks like "Daddy's Gonna Pay for Your Crushing Hat." Instead, U2 sticks to basic pop arrangements, good tunes, and—with a couple of glaring exceptions—lyrics that don't tackle anything too significant.

The catchiest song is almost certainly the first track, "Beautiful Day." When this song sticks, slipper bass line gets stuck in your head, it can make an ugly day feel like a Beautiful Day. In other words, it is a great pop song.

The second-to-last track, "New York," is also a winner, and it is one of the least catchy songs on the album. It sweeps you off of your feet with its ethereal, chiming guitar arpeggios and with the tale of the protagonist, who's got "an unquenchable thirst for New York." In New York, Bono explains, you can see Bono, in a restrained, matter-of-fact tone, "summers get hot, well into the hundreds / You can't walk around the block without a change of clothing." This song is U2 at its finest.

The honorable mentions of "All That You Can't Leave Behind" include "Kite" and "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of." The former sounds remarkably like a kite — no small feat for a pop song. Its self-reflective lyrics engage the listener, apart from the unlikable line "I don't know which way the wind will blow." The latter sports Bono's great guitar work.

Bono gets in trouble when he tries to sing in the voice of everyman, as he does on "When I Look at the World," and "Grace." Sometimes his candid observations are a little too self-revealing. And upon what realm of experience is Bono drawing in "Peace on Earth," where he croons that he's "Sick of hearing again and again / There's going to be / Peace on Earth?" How many people were telling us last year that at least one major city would go up in flames when the year 2000 hit?

A couple of the songs fall short of U2's normal standard musically. If "Wild Honey" is slightly anti-quiet-sounding, or "retrò," then "In a Little While" is positively prelapsarian. Bono does his best drunken-Marx-Vonnies impression over a guitar hook only a gramophone-toting grandmother could love. "All That You Can't Leave Behind" is not the masterpiece many U2 fanatics were hoping for. It is, however, a good album, which you cannot say for "Pop." While the album contains some neat sounds and about four very good songs, it seems that U2's best work is behind it. And pop songs, no matter how flawless, cannot save rock and roll. Nothing can save rock and roll.

What is a quadrangle?

Lawrence community In a 1970 document written by Barton White, then assistant to the dean of student affairs, Wriston is quoted as stating, "If fraternities were to be welcomed at Lawrence, they should be conducted in such a manner as to make a constructive contribution to its educational objective and social program.

Wriston determined that the fraternities needed adequate living accommodations if they were to thrive on campus. Wriston's idea became concrete when, in 1940, five fraternity houses were added to the campus and the quadrangle was formed. The buildings were later dedicated in 1941.

The five fraternities that were on campus at the time, Sigma Phi Epsilon (1925), Phi Delta Theta (1934), Delta Tau Delta (1935), and Beta Theta Pi (1936) promptly moved into the houses.

The houses have since housed a variety of people. During WWII, only 28 civilian men were present on campus, and all of them lived in the Phi Delta house. Women, who added amenities to the décor, inhabited the rest of the houses. Many of the soldiers who returned from duty were dismayed to find their house windows covered with lace curtains.

A sixth fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, was chartered in 1955 and a house was built to accommodate the new fraternity. Phi Gamma Delta later disbanded, the house was turned over to general residents, and is now known to the community as the all-women's dorm, Draheim.

Unless the Trustees' decision is overturned, the houses will again undergo residence changes, but there appears to be no concern that the fraternities themselves will disappear, continuing a tradition that started over one hundred years ago.
Viking volleyball ends season with two losses in conference

by JOE PRIAMUS

It's been a season of growth for the lady Vikings.

While they had a slow start in the beginning of the season, the Vikings shined through towards the end. However, in the Midwestern Conference tournament, they found that they couldn't hold on.

The Lawrence University women's volleyball team ends its season with an unfortunate loss to Illinois College. As well as suffering a loss to Beloit. Last Friday, the Vikings went down 1-3, losing 15-13, 10-15, 15-10, and 15-2. They also lost in three sets to Beloit, 15-7, 4-15, 16-14, and 15-3 at the Midwest Conference tournament.

Head Coach Kim Tatro said, "It was the closest we've been to winning. For Tina and me to see the girls go out the way this program has been in place."

Tatro led a three-need three. Vikings settled play off right, in a close, tight match against Illinois College. The women kept the tempo high and moved in on Illinois during the second game, tying it up. Unfortunately for the Vikings, Illinois kept their composure and moved on to win the next two sets.

Tatro said that there were many mental mistakes that led to the eventual shut down of the Vikings, but that the women played some great matches. The turning point came in the third match.

"If we could have won the third match, we would have won the game," said Tatro. "This experience will benefit the freshmen in the years to come."

The Viking women ended the season standing 11-16 overall.

Opportunities abound at Biosphere 2

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In addition to ballot tampering allegations, the Democratic National Convention claimed nine allegations, the Democratic and Republican web sites were hacked into on Monday morning. The Democratic site crashed and returned it 84 yards for a touchdown as Ripon broke a 46-47 all-time tie in the historic series and claimed the coveted Doehleng-Heselson trophy.

Ripon's Dan Henken put the home team up 19-6 at halftime with an 87-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the second quarter. Ripon had two interceptions, pushing his league-leading total to ten for the season. A Lawrence put up impressive offensive numbers thanks to 13 more minutes of possession time in the game. Running back Justin Berren was a big part of that, rushing 34 times for 153 yards and a touchdown. The Vikings out-gained Ripon by 115 total yards for the game. Ripon beat Lawrence 31-18.

The cyber world suffered political mishap, but they have been sitting at the supervisor's office," stated Cast.

This cyber world suffered political blows as well, as both official Democratic and Republican websites were hacked into on Monday night. The Democratic site crashed due to a large influx of e-mail messages sent simultaneously. The Republican page address was rerouted to a site with a lengthy address of the hackers, The Democrats had their site successfully running again by Tuesday morning, with the Republican site following not long after. While the problems of this election appear overwhelmingly numerous, political analysts have commented that such mishaps occur during every election but that, with an election in which every vote bears such substantial weight, these problems now attract national attention. The fate of the nation hangs on the votes of a few citizens in Florida, as well as on the proper practices of officials and ballot volunteers. All we can do is wait and see.

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tion. I met travelers from around the world, working as a docent for the tour office. I worked in the engineering department organizing maps and blueprints of the Biosphere II facility. I played Lord Montague in a student production of Romeo and Juliet. I ran in the Tri-run Marathon. I went on my first bird watching trip in New Mexico, playing Sim the warbling king, several of my friends and I took a road trip around California and Arizona. Many sleepless nights were spent with Universe Student friends and their tele­ scopes. I learned how to surf in San Diego...

The best general aspects of the program were the many experiences and the practical, scientific methods of the topics of study. These topics were often of enormous propor­ tions and extreme importance. One sensed optimism in human ingenuity and progress, and a satisfaction in learning, while at the same time struggling with incomprehensibly complex sys­ tems, severe global moral inade­ quacy, acknowledgment of the profundity of human ignorance, and a feeling of powerlessness and helplessness. At the Biosphere II Center, one had the feeling of being in the front lines of a battle between humans and their worst enemy—thehemselves.

The worst aspect of the program was the general attitude of the students. I was impressed by the overall quality of the students at the program, no matter what the collective ratings of the institutions they came from. I found many of the students to be hypercritical and non-academic. Responsibility, discipline, and seriousness were preached by day, and, blues and bottles and bongs were sought by night. The gener­ al unifying theme of the student body was a quest for fun, in its most immature sense, and not a serious pursuit of knowledge.

I expect that the program has already made changes to remedy this problem, either by tighten­ ing its residential rules, or by refining its student selection process. I would recommend the program to serious upperclass­ men with a solid foundation in geology and biology. I believe that the Earth Semester is among the greatest environmental­ programs in the world, and it has the support from very inter­ ested administrators and faculty members. It will continue to improve, and I look forward to visiting again.