Students design rare coin exhibition

by Miranda Wardell
Staff Writer

Portrait Coins and Images of Power, a student-designed exhibition of the Ottalia Buerger Collection of Ancient and Byzantine Coins, opens tonight at 6:30 in Wriston Art Center. The exhibition will showcase the effigies of advanced art history students from Professor Carol Lawton's fall term seminar on the Buerger collection and will also honor the legacy of the benefactors, who recently passed away in December of 2001. The display work itself presented a few hurdles to the student designers, since some of the coins represented more than one type of iconography and required both sides to be displayed. Therefore, a new case was built to accommodate the unique nature of this double-sided art with a center Plexiglas display.

The students in Lawton's seminar divided the more than 300 coins in the Buerger collection into iconographic themes, breaking down the art of money into its various components. Some of these themes include: headdress, dynasty, divinity, and piety, each of which is an indicator of the ruler's wisdom, power, belligerence, or ostensible heavenly assistance. The headdress is perhaps the most dominant theme since most of the coins feature portraits from neck up of the ruler at the moment. The tradition of decorative headwear seems to have begun with Julius Caesar's ring of laurel leaves. Later, the simple leaves developed into putting rays, like the familiar sun-like emblems of emperors seen in depictions of medieval kings.

The radiant diadem examples in the Portrait Coins exhibit are not an external religious notion, but rather an emphasis on family gods and images of ancestors. Therefore, emperors would put images of their ancestors on coins, especially those who merited great respect among the people, to inspire the pious sense of a larger religious community and the idea that the emperor was a symbolic father to all the people.

Comments:
- Work: Portrait Coins exhibit.
Pianist Goode to perform in LU Artist Series

by Devin Burke

Since his solo debut in the Cobb Center's 1987 New York Times review, Richard Goode has enjoyed a reputation as a "pianist's pianist." His interpretation of works by some of the most canonical composers of the piano repertoire—particularly Mozart and Beethoven—have won him wide admiration among musicians and audiences. On Wednesday, April 10, Mr. Goode will perform works by some of those composers with whom he has become so identified. The concert will take place in the Chapel at 8 p.m.

As a soloist, Mr. Goode focuses on the German classical composers, such as Beethoven, Mozart, and Schubert. His performances reach Debussy, Chopin, and Brahms have also been well received, and he has recently recorded music of Chopin and Bach. Still, taking the road most traveled by has made all the difference for Mr. Goode. The New York Times has written, "Mr. Goode's most important gift is a clarity and soundness of expression which convinces a listener to rethink familiar pieces in new ways." He has consistently and convincingly explored those works that have been explored by pianists time and time again.

In 1987-88, Mr. Goode performed the complete cycle of Beethoven sonatas in New York, an event that The New York Times called "among the season's most important and memorable events." Since then, he has performed the cycle in 1993. In Korea, he released a recording of the complete Beethoven sonatas, the first by an American pianist. These performances, and especially the CD set recording, have helped him to be recognized as one of the leading interpreters of Beethoven.

Mr. Goode's recording number over two dozen and include the Grammy-nominated Beethoven sonatas cycle and a Grammy-winning recording with clarinetist Richard Stoltzman. He has recorded a duo album with soprano Dawn Upshaw and proved to be an excellent collaborative pianist, although the success of his solo career has made demands on his collaborative schedule.

With the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, he has made a series of four CD recordings of the Mozart piano concerti. Mr. Goode currently records exclusively for the Nonesuch label. In addition to the concert, Mr. Goode will give three master classes, all of which are open to the public. The first is on Thursday, April 8, at 4:15 p.m., and will feature students performing Beethoven sonatas.

Their iconography on the highest valued of legal tender. Therefore, since the actual material value of the U.S. quarter collection is high and the coins are in excellent condition, each piece is worth thousands of dollars. Lawrence's most recent addition to the collection, a final donation of 26 coins in early 2001, will also be displayed prominently among the other coins in the vast collection.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

What's On at Lawrence University

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6:00 p.m. Waseda/CEA Program information session for students interested in living with a Japanese roommate; The Underground Coffeehouse.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

100 p.m. Art* A* Entertain*ment Editor encies. On Wednesday, April 10, Mr. Goode will perform works by some of those composers with whom he has become so identified. The concert will take place in the Chapel at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

100 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Lake Forest College and Beloit College; Lawrence Courts.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

2:00 p.m. Alumni Band concert; Harper Hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

1:50 p.m. Kajaklub 2002 Music Series; Cellos recital, Selma Soken of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London; Kajakens, Balser Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

11:30 a.m. Masterclass with Anthony Padilla, piano; Harper Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

6:00 p.m. Student recital: Hannah Tribe, violin; Harper Hall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

6:00 p.m. Student recital: Jennifer Glick, violin; Harper Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Union Station sale; Main Hall Green.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13

6:00 p.m. Student recital: Christopher Brammer, baritone; Harper Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

1:00 p.m. Biology Club meeting, Science Hall 202.

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Kajaklub 2002 Music Series; String recital; Allen Butler, piano; Harper Hall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

6:00 p.m. Student recital: Hannah Tribe, violin; Harper Hall.

0:00 p.m. Student recital: Jonathan Liban, baritone; Harper Hall.

2:00 p.m. Student recital: Emily McCollum, voice; Robin Griffith-Lehm, voice; Student Outreach Committee of Dean of Students staff and BACCHUS; Riverview Lounge.

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Kajaklub 2002 Music Series; String recital; Allen Butler, piano; Harper Hall.
by Ceilidh Mar

For the Lawrence student body, third term brings to mind a slew of springtime activities, from games of Frisbee on Main Hall green to the infamous senior streak. One of the best-known events is Celebrate!, a Lawrence-sponsored festival designed to include all of Appleton. It has been called "Lawrence's gift to the community." For the event, the quiet campus transforms into a bustling thoroughfare for craft vendors, performance-goers, and the occasional rowdy townsfolk looking for something to do.

The founding concept was a renaissance festival designed as a senior honors project. Faculty and staff dressed in costumes and participated in games and events related to the era. There was even a game of human chess on Union Hill. The students who had helped plan this first festival loved the idea so much they formed committees to make the festival an annual event. During the next couple of years, Celebrate! evolved into its current state and gained its exclamation title.

Celebrate! has always been a student-driven event. Soon after its conception, student enthusiasts formed the Subcommittee of Programs for Special Events. This group was involved in the planning of Celebrate! in addition to the Homecoming program and a winter ball. Eventually the planning fell to ROOT, which now assigns an independent planning committee to prepare for the large groups of people attending, to book groups, and to enlist student help for set-up and events.

During the nearly thirty years of Celebrate! the planning committee has made many changes to the event. One of the most recent changes was the decision four years ago not to allow the sale or consumption of liquor at the festival. Now other vendors fill the flattened grass spots where kegs used to stand. The vending fees provide a large percentage of the money used for the festival's set-up and bookings, allowing for free admission to the festival and its performances.

This year's performances and events will include a live band as well as a children's area and craft vendors. A winter ball will bring in parts of the Appleton Community that don't typically have a chance to see the Lawrence campus. It also allows the groups and individuals involved to earn money or volunteer to help.

Because of College Avenue construction, one of the main planning concerns for Celebrate! this year was access to campus. Luckily, plans indicate that the area should be clear by early May. Celebrate! will take place May 11 during mid-term reading period. Those students who don't plan to avoid the crowds by hiding in their rooms should make sure to carry their star keys as the buildings will be locked to allow for privacy and prevent damage. Students are asked not to give the public access to the buildings. There is no fee for attending and performances will be going all day. If you are interested in volunteer or paid positions as an individual or group to help with set-up, publicity, security, crowd control, or other aspects of Celebrate! contact Megan Brown at X7566 or leave a message for the Student Committee for Celebrate! with student activities at the Memorial Union.

Local acts, such as the Sambistas and other student ensembles, have entertained the crowds of Celebrate! in the past.

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Palestinian reflects upon recent events in Israel

by Saleh Hijazi

Palestinians have been known for their herculean sacrifice, courage, dedication, and above all, their loyalty to their homeland and their identity as Palestinians. Surely there were exceptions to the rule, but we all know that in general we declare our Palestinian and Arab identity. It is like associating oneself with the good traits that any man or woman likes to be associated with, as a walk down the street.

Our love for Palestine is a unique one. Our love for Palestine is a brother, the sister, the child, and identity. It is like associating briefly considered opening a bookstore outside a small liberal arts college in an effort to capitalize on the ignorant and unknowing instead of completing any degree. Although I've resigned myself to that sorry truth, as I purchased my textbook and mercifully accepted how ridiculously priced college textbooks are. I've found a few websites or other textbook sources that are as convenient, including College Avenue to Conkey's. These sources allow me to avoid the ubiquitous price wars of how little Conkey's values its college customers.

This term I became aware of the miraculous way in which every textbook and promotion deal at Conkey's excludes textbooks. For instance, a sale a few weeks ago boasted store credit for purchases of $100 or more, with huge discounts on a variety of other books—textbooks excluded. A sign behind the counter reads that complimentary handbags are given to customers spending $100 or more—once again, textbooks excluded. In fact, I can't remember a single instance since the $10 gift certificate I received as a freshman at Conkey's has had a promotion deal to thank the college students who grudgingly (and three times a year) spend large amounts of money at their store.

Also, the customer service side of their sales is noticeably lacking concerning college student inquiries. When calling to see if the textbooks for third term were in, a friend of mine was inquired as to what books were required in his class—and was denied an answer by the employee he spoke with. Furthermore, many of the signs posted beneath the course names this term in the Lawrence textbook section do not have complete lists of the books required for the class. When I asked an employee about the history books I needed for a certain course, the employee refused to show me the "master list," and instead insisted upon playing twenty questions before locating the correct course listing on their own.

I'm not asking for a parade in honor of all textbook purchasing students. I don't even want a stupid handbag. What I do want is to see, however, is a bookstore that takes the sting out of spending a large chunk of my work-study every term by offering small discounts—like a small percentage off large purchases. Also, I would like to see Conkey's cut $20 off my next purchase after I spend the first $500 (seriously), or at least a small discount coupon. Instead, I'm faced with a bunch of sale signs that pointedly exclude me, despite the fact that as a college student, I am the reason Conkey's can hold such massive sales in the first place.

My feeling is that I should clear out of the bookstore; I am a supporter of the Palestinian cause, but I do not support suicide bombers or the violent way that the PLO, Hamas, and other rebel organizations have tried to win back their country. In diplomacy lies the answer, but the Israelis seem beheaded to listen. Fighting an impossible battle is the Palestinians' only alternative, because giving up one's homeland is not an option. The first key to peace lies in the hands of the Israelis.

Currently Sharon is using Bush's actions further east to justify his hometown "hoint on terrorism." I have separate problems with Bush's "strategic" but have limited space. So for us to stand idly by and see that Sharon is simply coping with us like an unimaginative sibling is a crime in itself.

Everyone is at fault in this situation. We have much more to say, but I lack the space in this article, and I pose no solution beyond my extreme "Well, let's just kill everyone!" I am simply posing some ideas out, though. What have you done for peace today?

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Those pigs at Piggly Wiggly 'choose' prejudice

by Robin Humbert
Guest Columnist

A travesty has occurred: discrimination has hit close to home. Last term The Lawrentian printed a letter about a young woman's mistreatment at Denny's. Unfortunately, I have a similar story to tell. I was refused service at the Piggly Wiggly on College Avenue for what I can only assume to be age discrimination.

It was Friday, about a month after my twenty-first birthday, when I went there to purchase an alcoholic beverage. The store manager who checked me out spent some time looking at my valid driver's license. After inspecting it, he did not believe it to be legitimate, as it was from Illinois and was "shoddy." He graciously offered to sell me the limes I was planning to buy, but without my beverage I assured him that was not necessary, and I left.

After going to two other stores and not finding the beverage I wanted, I returned to the Piggly Wiggly with my birth certificate (complete with water seal). The manager would not accept it, claiming it was not a valid form of identification, even in addition to my driver's license and school ID. To get a passport and leave or enter the country, one needs only two forms of identification. The manager, however, made it seem that buying alcohol in Wisconsin is actually a more important, riskier ordeal.

Not only did I have three forms of legitimate identification, but I also offered to call a police officer to verify the validity of my being. The manager still refused, giving no reasonable explanation. He kept repeating that my license was from out of state and that he could refuse to sell because the store policy is as follows: When in doubt, accept only a Wisconsin license or ID card.

He told me not to bother calling a police officer because even if I did, to cure any doubt of illegitimacy, he would still choose not to serve me. Yes, he used the word "choose." To him, it was a choice not to serve me: not his job, not his duty, but his choice.

When the corporate district manager was alerted of the discrepancy between the manager's actions and his place in the law (claiming he had more authority than a police officer to choose who to sell to whether or not they are of age), the district manager condemned his behavior. I am still in the process of righting the wrong via e-mail with the manager, but she has ceased responding and is now ignoring my efforts. I hope that by letting my message and cry for equality be heard, it may prevent further age discrimination in the future.

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December 5, 2001

Dear:

You have been found in violation of the Lawrence University Honor Code for plagiarism on your paper in X with Professor Y. As discussed and agreed upon during the sanctioning conference on Wednesday, December 5 your sanction will be "O" on assignment and "F" in course. Be advised that should you be found in violation of the Honor Code in the future, the information contained in this letter will be used in determining appropriate sanctions.

The Council wishes to remind you of the importance of confidentiality. Details from the sanctioning conference may not be released without the consent of all individuals involved. This includes students and professors and as you know, sanctions agreed upon during this conference cannot be appealed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. The Council trusts that you recognize the seriousness of the violation and the threat it poses to the Lawrence University Honor System. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Honor Council or Dean Hemwall with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

The Honor Council

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November 28, 2001

Dear:

You have been found in violation of the Lawrence University Honor Code for extensive violation of exam parameters on your midterm in X with Professor Y. As discussed and agreed upon during the sanctioning conference on Wednesday, November 28 your sanction will be "O" on assignment and two-letter grade reduction in course. Be advised that should you be found in violation of the Honor Code in the future, the information contained in this letter will be used in determining appropriate sanctions.

The Council wishes to remind you of the importance of confidentiality. Details from the sanctioning conference may not be released without the consent of all individuals involved. This includes students and professors. As you know, sanctions agreed upon during this conference cannot be appealed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. The Council trusts that you recognize the seriousness of the violation and the threat it poses to the Lawrence University Honor System. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Honor Council or Dean Hemwall with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

The Honor Council

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November 20, 2001

Dear:

You have been found in violation of the Lawrence University Honor Code for use of unauthorized materials on your midterm exam in X with Professor Y. In your testimony you were unable to provide any reasons to question these assessments. You have unfairly advanced your academic performance and violated the mutual trust between students and faculty upon which the University depends. By opening and passing through the course notebook during the midterm examination, you violated the parameters of the test and unfairly advanced your academic performance. Consequently, you have been assigned a sanction of a three-semester letter reduction on the exam. The sanction represents the severity of the violation and is consistent with the sanctions attached to similar violations in the past.

Be advised that should you be found in violation of the Honor Code again, this letter will be used in determining an appropriate sanction.

The Council wishes to remind you of the importance of confidentiality. Details from the hearing may not be released without the consent of all individuals involved. This includes students and professors.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. The Council trusts that you recognize the seriousness of the violation and the threat it poses to the Lawrence University Honor System. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Honor Council or Dean Hemwall with any questions you may have. You may appeal this decision to the President of the University within one week of receiving this letter.

Sincerely,

The Honor Council

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December 11, 2001

Dear:

You have been found in violation of the Lawrence University Honor Code for misrepresenting your actions and thereby violating section 2 of the Honor Code in X with Professor Y. As discussed and agreed upon during the sanctioning conference on Tuesday, December 11 your sanction will be "F" in course. The reasons for this sanction are the seriousness of your plagiarism and the fact that you jeopardized another student’s academic reputation. Be advised that should you be found in violation of the Honor Code in the future, the information contained in this letter will be used in determining appropriate sanctions.

The Council wishes to remind you of the importance of confidentiality. Details from the sanctioning conference may not be released without the consent of all individuals involved. This includes students and professors and as you know, sanctions agreed upon during this conference cannot be appealed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. The Council trusts that you recognize the seriousness of the violation and the threat it poses to the Lawrence University Honor System.

Sincerely,

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June 15, 2001

Dear:

You have been found in violation of the Lawrence University Honor Code for plagiarism by copying an entire exam from another student in X, Term III with Professor Y. As discussed and agreed upon during the sanctioning conference on June 15, 2001, your sanction will be "F" in course. Be advised that should you be found in violation of the Honor Code in the future, the information contained in this letter will be used in determining appropriate sanctions.

The Council wishes to remind you of the importance of confidentiality. Details from the hearing may not be released without the consent of all individuals involved. This includes students and professors. As you know, sanctions agreed upon during this conference cannot be appealed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. The Council trusts that you recognize the seriousness of the violation and the threat it poses to the Lawrence University Honor System. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Honor Council or Dean Hemwall with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

The Honor Council

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June 29, 2001

Dear:

At this time the Honor Council wishes to inform you that the case of possible collaboration on your exam in X with Professor Y, Term III 2001, has been dropped.

Thank you for your time and willingness to supply the Council with evidence that supported your claim. Upon looking over your homework problems and notes for the term, we believe that there is not enough evidence of a possible violation of the Lawrence University Honor Code at this time.

The Council wishes to remind you of the importance of confidentiality. Details from the sanctioning conference may not be released without the consent of all individuals involved. This includes students and professors.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. The Council trusts that you recognize the seriousness of the violation and the threat it poses to the Lawrence University Honor System. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Honor Council or Dean Hemwall with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

The Honor Council

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December 4, 2001

Dear:

You have been found in violation of the Lawrence University Honor Code for providing false documentation for class absence in W and X with Professor Y. You have violated the trust between staff, students, and faculty in providing false documentation. The planned and deliberate nature of your actions add egregiousness of the violation. Details from the hearing may not be released without the consent of all individuals involved. This includes students and professors.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. The Council also appreciates your honesty and forthrightness during this procedure.

The Council trusts that you recognize the seriousness of the violation and the threat it poses to the Lawrence University Honor System. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Honor Council or Dean Hemwall with any questions you may have. You may appeal this decision to the President of the University within one week of receiving this letter.

Sincerely,

The Honor Council

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November 21, 2001

Dear:

You have been found in violation of the Lawrence University Honor Code for unacknowledged and unauthorized assistance on your paper in X with Professor Y. As discussed and agreed upon during the sanctioning conference on November 21, your sanction will be "O" on assignment. Be advised that should you be found in violation of the Honor Code in the future, the information contained in this letter will be used in determining appropriate sanctions.

The Council wishes to remind you of the importance of confidentiality. Details from the sanctioning conference may not be released without the consent of all individuals involved. This includes students and professors and as you know, sanctions agreed upon during this conference cannot be appealed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. The Council trusts that you recognize the seriousness of the violation and the threat it poses to the Lawrence University Honor System. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Honor Council or Dean Hemwall with any questions you may have.

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Thank you for your time and willingness to supply the Council with evidence that supported your claim. Upon looking over your homework problems and notes for the term, we believe that there is not enough evidence of a possible violation of the Lawrence University Honor Code at this time.

Given the nature of Honor Code violations and possible violations, please keep in mind the overall importance of confidentiality. Although this situation did not go forward as a case, it is important to the nature of the Code and to the overall integrity of the University that this situation is not discussed without the permission of all parties involved.

If you have any questions regarding this situation, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Honor Council, or Dean Hemwall. Again, you may appeal this decision to the Council with information. Best wishes for a successful and rewarding summer.

Sincerely,

The Honor Council
Perret book defends Grant's successes, strategies, and sensibilities

by Chris Chan

For decades, the historical consensus toward Ulysses S. Grant has been generally negative in many circles. Numerous scholars have portrayed him as an inept, mediocrity who triumphed more from luck than military skill. In recent years, this traditional viewpoint is being challenged. One historian who argues that the standard opinion is incorrect is Geoffrey Perret. In his book *Ulysses S. Grant—Soldier and President*, Perret provides a reevaluation of Grant's life and career, pointing out that he was a man of strong sensibilities who was interested in the Civil War, its history, and its social impact. Perret has written eight other books on the topic. His earlier works include *Soldier and Peacemaker: The Civil War Era of Ulysses S. Grant*.

Perret's research into Grant's life and military career is based on extensive reading of primary sources, including letters, diaries, and official reports. He argues that Grant was a strategic thinker who was able to adapt to changing conditions on the battlefield. Perret also suggests that Grant's personal life and relationships with his family and friends contributed to his success as a military leader.

Perret book defends Grant's successes, strategies, and sensibilities

Many of Grant's fellow officers who spread slanderous rumors about the general out of ambition or sour grapes. Perret acknowledges that while Grant occasionally avoided alcohol, he was not the constant dipsomaniac that critics accused him of being. Grant's military successes were the result of his strategic thinking and his ability to adapt to changing circumstances.

Perret's strongest criticism of Grant is that he appears to have been a poor judge of character. He suggests that Grant's failure to understand Lee's motivations and strategies led to the Confederacy's eventual defeat. Perret also argues that Grant's personal life was not as exemplary as many historians have portrayed it. For example, Perret suggests that Grant's relationships with his family and friends were not as ideal as they have been portrayed.

Perret's book is a welcome addition to the literature on Grant. It provides a balanced and thoughtful perspective on Grant's military career and personal life. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the Civil War.
Practice pays off

by Andy York

LU baseball optimistic after successful Spring Break series

The Lawrence University baseball team is starting to see all the hard work they put in practice pay off in games. The Vikings came back from a 2-0 spring break trip with their third straight win and record for their annual trip. The Vikings returned north with a 5-7 record and only one win less now than during the entire spring season last year. Coach Korey Krueger comments, "It's just us deciding we are not going to lose any more, and getting that attitude change.

The Vikings are returning to their entire pitching rotation from a season ago, a rotation that Krueger calls "pretty solid." Senior right-hander Rick Herzog leads the rotation. Herzog is off to a slow start, but he is expected to be a key player for the Vikings. Other returning pitchers Krueger expects to contribute are junior Justin Anthony, junior Ryan Zottier, and sophomore R.J. Rosenthal.

The Vikings also look to their freshman pitchers to play a large role this season. Anthony Koubas has been the best pitcher on the Viking staff so far with a 1-1 record and an earned run average of 1.54. Left-hander Allen Servalis has been coming out of the bullpen but has been very consistent for Lawrence.

Krueger only sees one weakness in his pitching staff: "We don't have a true number two pitcher. Our third and fourth starters are relatively good as any in the league, and our first and second pitchers are as good as any other teams second and third guys. We just don't have a guy, like a number one pitcher who is a stud."

On the offensive side, Krueger likes what he sees. Returning for his senior season is catcher Jason Shanda. He batted .379 for the Vikings last season and is off to a hot start this year for batting .400 with three doubles and two triples.

Senior center fielder Matt Smith is also expected to play a role in the Vikings offensive attack. Though off to a slow start with a batting average of .222 in Florida, Smith's hit is expected to heat up as the season continues.

Two other playing major players are junior shortstop Jeremy Taffalon, who led the team in 359 with seven RBIs this spring, and junior first baseman and pitcher Chris McGinley. McGinley did not play last year but after hitting .264 with four home runs his freshman season. He is expected to give the Vikings some extra power from the first base spot.

Coach Krueger feels the team's offensive strengths are their depth and their speed. While they have not stolen many bases so far this season, they intend to during the conference season.

The coaches in the Midwest Conference have ranked the Vikings third out of five teams in the conference. The Vikings are now, saying, "Ripon is the top dog, but I don't think there is a coach in the league that doesn't feel we can compete for second." The first two teams in each division make it to the Midwest Conference Tournament, which is the Vikings' goal.

"We want to make it to the MWC Tournament and knock off Ripon in the championship game. These guys have been great. They have really won to win," The Vikings will host Carroll College for a doubleheader Saturday afternoon with the weather permits.

Softball swings into season

by Andy York

The Lawrence University softball team is looking forward to the beginning of their Midwest Conference season. The Vikings returned from their spring break trip to Florida with a 5-5 record. The Vikings have many players coming back from last season, including the entire infield.

The Vikings return four of their five top batters from last season, and of the few of them are more important then sophomore shortstop Jenny Burris. Burris was a first team all-conference and all-region selection for the Vikings last year. She batted .440 last season and, in the ten games so far this season, she leads the team with a .452 batting average and 16 stolen bases in ten games.

Viking coach Kim Tatroe has nothing but praise for this week's MWC Player of the Week. "If she keeps her stats the same as last year, and so far she is on pace to do so, she will have an incredible year and be a huge player in our success."

Burris isn't the only player who is stepping up to play a larger role for the Vikings. Senior Erin White is the most versatile player on the Vikings' roster. She played every position but pitcher last year and is the new starting catcher for LU this spring. Her hitting has improved greatly in Lawrence's lineup.

Junior outfielder Sarah Sager is another player coach Tatroe feels will have a breakout season. She is batting .370 after the Florida trip, and she is very close to stepping up to be the Vikings' hitting strength. Coach Tatroe feels that she does not have to rely on any one of these players for a victory. "Our lineup is very balanced from the number one hitter to the nine hitter. Any player in our line up could go up to bat and hit for three or four for on a given day."

The biggest question mark for the Vikings is their pitching staff. They are missing their best two pitchers this season. Their ace pitcher is off campus this term, and their second pitcher, Pam Schimsaks, is out for the season with a shoulder injury. Coach Tatroe has to rely on three pitchers who have very little to no game experience. She is not worried, though. "They did a great job in Florida, and I feel they can do just fine in conference play."

One player who is helping the pitching staff is sophomore Lauren Kost. So far this season she is 3-0 with a 1.80 earned run average. She is the best pitcher on the Viking staff currently, having given up only seven runs in twenty innings pitched.

Because of the injuries to Lawrence's pitchers, the coaches in the Midwest Conference ranked Lawrence third out of five teams in the North Division of the Midwest Conference. Coach Tatroe does not take this detrimental to her team. "It just gives us more motivation to achieve our goal of making it to the MWC Tournament. I feel we are capable of finishing first or second in all division."

Assuming the weather becomes more spring-like, the Vikings will host their games in two days against various conference opponents next Friday and Saturday.