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**Construction splits and expands Conservatory**
by Devin Burke
Editor-in-Chief

The ambitious construction that occurred over the summer has shuffled the conservatory like a deck of cards and cut it into two buildings. Although some decisions are still to be made, the move was executed in quick fashion.

A conservatory faculty now work in what affronteau­ity has been dubbed Con West, short for Conservatory of Music West Offices. The new space, which is located above Taste. The College Avenue, has also won such hon­ors as "The West Wing," "The Con" and "The West Campus." Those who have seen the area before and after, the dif­ference is startling. Last year, student publications and organ­i­cal briar patch developed in both Con West and its coun­terpart. As workers knocked down walls and rushed to remodel the entire space, a small team of students and fac­ulty hurriedly packed up everything. Two students in particular, seniors Rebecca Laken and Will Bannom, did most of the packing and mov­ing.

The move required the coor­dination and cooperation of many campus services, includ­ing the conservatory, computer services, the campus activities office, and all the groups and individuals who moved into new spaces this fall. Ellen Mitala, senior administrative assistant in the Conservatory, describing the extent of the changes. In the construction process, nearly all traces of the old space have been removed, save for restrooms and a cabi­net, once used by Ariel. Mysteriously, it managed to stay there.

Construction began late as early July while an organ­i­cal breakdown of the conservatory was under-con­struction. Nine conservatory faculty hurriedly packed up their space and moved to Con West and its coun­terpart. As workers knocked down walls and rushed to remodel the entire space, a small team of students and fac­ulty hurriedly packed up everything. Two students in particular, seniors Rebecca Laken and Will Bannom, did most of the packing and mov­ing.

Building or Shattuck Hall. The jazz department faculty has remained in the area, although offices have already moved to Con West. The route across the street culminated in a steep flight of stairs. The faculty and staff who currently work out of Con West include in­structors Kjell Bjella, Ann Boeckman, Lori Peteler, Steven Jardheim, Anton Miller, Brigetta Miller, Bridget-Michaela Reischi, and Philip Swan.

A total of 28 faculty and staff members are housed, in Con West, Waterman House, or in rooms within the Music-Drama Hall.

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**Lawrentians live in lounges**
Student housing a tight squeeze
by Peter Gillette
Editorial Editor

Floor lounges and RHD offices now serve as student liv­ing space in some Lawrence dorm­iitories, as a higher percentage of non-freshmen than usual returned.

Assistant Dean for Residence Life Amy Uecke and Housing Coordinator Catherine Kilgas faced an administrative Rubik's cube of sorts this summer.

"At the time I started hous­ing the freshman class, we were using the (Kohler and Colman) lounges as triples. Ideally, we like to keep those to doubles if we need to use them," said Kilgas, adding that late-summer swapping did avoid the prospect of a crowded freshman dorm.

Still, students have fewer options this year with room swaps. In the old East, there are no same-se­x rooms on campus and swing housing is already being used. Residence Life even had to order a large supply of beds during the summer process.

While the freshman class is larger than last year's, says Assistant Dean Steve Syverson, the num­bers are right on target. "We base admissions rates on a tar­get from the Registrar that takes into account freshman retention rates and the number of returning stu­dents we expect," Syverson said.

The idea behind the target is to keep enrollment similar from year to year. This year, however, fewer returning students and freshmen changed their minds about Lawrence over the sum­mer. As retention rates rose, Residence Life found itself with few outs, and had to get creative.

"I'm amazed that (Kilgas and Uecke) keep their cool as much as they did this summer," Syverson said. "I mean, at one point there were no more beds on campus."

This year's freshman class stands at 355, although, Syverson said, two students from Bangladesh and Pakistan are currently awaiting visas. Residence Life has also housed 26 degree-seekers this fall, 18 students from Waseda University in Japan.

Just as more Lawrence freshmen decided to return, a larger pro­portion of males decided to accept Lawrence's offer of admis­sions, throwing another wrench into an already-complex process. This year's freshman class fea­tures two more males than females, an anomaly among liberal arts schools, about how many more females are accepted than males... Normally 45% of fresh­men are males, but this year, we're virtually even. I'm not sure what long-term conclusions we could draw from this, but it's certainly interesting," Syverson said.

But the influx of males only complicated the already-­difficult process, as each student group seemed to defy established trends. "We normally have a 'wash' of sorts at the end of the summer, where students change their minds about going to Lawrence," Kilgas said, but this year the wash was open for many rooms.

Relief is in sight, however, as a new residence hall rises from the banks of the mighty Fox, behind O'reilly—whose resi­dents may tolerate the construc­tion sounds a bit more than last year's. The building seems more necessary now than ever.

Plans for students currently abroad could further complicate matters, but for now, students should try to make the best of where they are.

"It's no time to be patient," Kilgas concluded. "And if you have a problem, our counselors, the RHDs, and the RAs will work on it and do everything we can to bring a quick resolu­tion."

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**President Waranch calls for volunteerism**

President Richard Waranch begins the 2002-2003 Convocation Series Thursday with a call to vol­unteerism and civic involvement.

In the Matriculation Address, President Waranch quoted a passage from "Thank You for Being Late" to describe the 2002-2003 Civic Engagement initiative.

"Volunteerism has grown stronger in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks," Waranch said. "Volunteerism has grown stronger and created a number of mecha­nisms to facilitate civic involve­ment.

Lawrence participates in vol­unteerism throughout every level, from the Associated Colleges of the Midwest through national organizations, and locally, with innumer­able programs such as Reaching Youth, LARY was also named, over a decade ago, President George H.W. Bush's 312th "Point of Light." Each point of light includes a campus community involvement and vol­unteerism.

Waranch traced how institu­tionally involved Lawrence is on the matter of service. Among the col­lege, volunteerism is now in­troduced in which Lawrence participates are Campus Cares and Campus Compact, for which Lawrence University was a founding mem­ber.

Service should occupy a more noble position in society, Waranch argued. He condemned service as a sanction for crime: "This type of service is often more punitive than redemptive," Waranch said, and does not fit the image society should have of service.

George W. Bush's inaugural address included a strong call for old veterans to commit to two years of public service. But Waranch took Bush—and Reagan—to task for looking down on the role of government service workers.

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Lawrence welcomes wave of new faculty

by Adriana Teodoro-Dier

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Freshmen are not the only mark of first-timers at Lawrence this year. Both the college and the conservatory have hired new professors, instructors, and lecturers.

The science departments have added five assistant professors. Andrew Kunz and Paul Bunson bring to the physics department a shared interest in theoretical condensed matter physics. In the chemistry department, the two newcomers are David Hall and David Thompson. Hall's research interest is in the biological mechanisms of asthma. Thompson hopes to continue research into anti-malarial agents using laser spectroscopy. Rounding out the science faculty, Jodi Sedlock brings an ecological slant to the teaching of environmental science departments, including multiple majors, automated planning, multi-agent systems, and programmatic functioning.

George E. Meyer, 2002-2003 Scarr Professor, Faculty of History, will join the environmental science department. Meyer has a 30-year career with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, including eight as the department's secretary.

Fourteen members of the faculty have been hired in the humanities. Brent Peterson will be an associate professor of German, bringing an interest in, among other things, construction of national and ethnic identities. Alona Boylan and Joseph DuVua will be assistant professors of art history and art, respectively. Boylan's interests range from art history to pop culture, and DuVua specializes in non-Asian art processes.

Steven W. Wulf will be an assistant professor of government, focusing on philosophical applications. Ayako Yamagata will be an assistant professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, teaching Lawrence's new Japanese classes.

Timothy Reed joins the humanities staff in Spanish and French studies; Cecile Desprires-Berry will teach the next generation of French students; and Carole Blouin will teach the next generation of English students, specializing in American politics. Mark Hall will teach French with an eye to French literature; Maria Rosa Tapia Fernandez will bring her cultural perspective to Spanish; and Wendy Walter-Bailey will join the education department.

Also, Jane Shippen (with an interest in Latin American literature) and W. Flagg Miller (in culture) will be lecturers in English and linguistics/anthropology. Timothy Reed, Iliana Martin Rodriguez-Silva will hold the minority pre-doctoral fellow in history. In the conservatory, the following will hold assistant professorships: Antoinette Powell, music librarian; Kevin Clifton, music theory, and Tom Daniel, trumpet.

Dmitri Novgorodsky and Phillip Swan will be visiting assistant professors of piano and choral conducting, respectively. Fred Sturm is returning after 11 years' absence as professor of jazz studies. Jose Luis Escamante holds the minority pre-doctoral fellow in music and specializes in jazz and improvisation. Both Strum and Escamante came to Lawrence from the Eastman School of Music.

David Thrushmiller, who brings an interest in music theory pedagogy, will be an instructor in music theory. The following will hold the position of lecturer in music: Suzie Rogers, Laura Snyder, and Mary Van De Lee. Seong-Kyung Graham will be an assistant professor of music. New to the position of tenured associate professor are: Michael Inaja Kim, piano; Kathryn Rosey, religious studies; Rebecca Epstein Matveyev, Russian; Anthony Papadis, piano, and linguistics.

Both politicians, in adopting an outsider stance, have condemned "the bureaucracy" as being inefficient, thus reinforcing the perception that federal workers are mere cogs in a larger institutional machine.

In wake of the Enron collapse, Warch recalled the words of New York Times foreign affair columnist Thomas Friedman, who called federal workers "the unsung guardians of our civic religion."

Other nations, Friedman says, look up to our nation because of the fundamental decency of the government and its bureaucrats.

Warch set out to dispel the largely perception of government workers by receiving an impressive laundry list of Lawrencians working at home and abroad for the government as well as private charities. Alumni work in such hothed areas as Pakistan and the US Information Agency in Jerusalem.

Also, Lawrence and Milwaukee-Downer alumni have helped operate, among other organizations, World Vision Canada, an international food bank; helped promote literacy for Humong students in the Fox Cities area, and created one of the nation's first AIDS hospices.

"Lawrencians logged 18,000 hours of community service last year...a number which may not do justice to [the work of student volunteers]," he said. Students have ample opportunity to volunteer and affect both Appleton and their home communities. But the university, he said, to go beyond service and into civic engagement by enacting the core values of liberal education.

Finally, he stressed that exhortations and civic class mandates are not the effective road to service and responsibility. "Let us not just work to alleviate the effects of poverty, but to understand the cause of it," he said, adding that government service on all levels is a powerful way to address the fundamental inequities toward the problems of the greater good.

The next convocation will feature anti-nuclear activist William Sloane Coffin, who will speak on "US, Iraq, and Nuclear Weapons.'
Inaugural Welcome Week much more Welcoming than New Student Week

by Peter Gillette

As part of my ongoing efforts to chronicle the Lawrence experience, this year I decided to participate in Welcome Week. Welcome Week is brand new to Lawrence, and has lived up to its billing.

After experiencing New Student Week last year, I feared that Welcome Week would be but a repeat of that experience. But I can say, unequivocally, that this Welcome Week was nothing like my New Student Week. I think the main difference between the two Weeks is that Welcome Week made me feel...well, more Welcome.

I arrived the Saturday prior to Welcome Week, in the evening, and slept (alone) in Sabin House. Sabin House is scary when no one else is around, and I kept hearing a creepy squeak every couple minutes. A few days later, I was relieved to learn that the sound was nothing more than an indicator that the emergency exit alarm needed its battery changed, and not a ghost.

Nonetheless, I didn't feel Welcome my first evening. Sunday, I put on my "Chicago Bear" 1988 NFC Central Division Champions' shirt and rode my bike for a few miles around Appleton. It seemed that I had committed some sort of faux pas. Evidently the 1988 Bears were not very popular in Outagamie County.

One Richmond Avenue motorist, however, seemed to indicate that the 1988 Bears were "Number One." However, I cannot be sure, since for some reason he didn't use his index finger.

Needless to say, I should have caught on before I walked into an auto supply store, which, on that Sunday, resembled a sports bar minus the Miller. Monday, I still wasn't feeling Welcome. So I went to my bank. One major difference between this year and last, which initially made me feel unWelcome, is that last year my bank gave me ten dollars to open up an account. This year they had to worry about being unWelcome and New. But Welcome Week brought no such feelings for me.

I woke up Thursday and then worked at the Lawrentian, and started talking to some of the freshmen. I was very nervous because I had never met any of them, but nevertheless I felt that our interactions all took place out of Welcomeness, not Newness.

Thursday afternoon, I took a nap on a couch on the Sabin House porch. Last year, I was New and scurrying around and moving things up the Kohler elevator at that time. But Welcome Week was here; and when it started raining Thursday afternoon, I didn't have to rush to close my mom's car windows. I could just sit and feel Welcome. Thursday night I went to Welcome Week's concert, and, since it wasn't New Student Week, I felt less anxious. I felt like I had known the performers on stage for months.

Friday morning I handed out pencils to the freshmen who tested at the test. I was, incredibly, less nervous than a year before. I could just sit back and be Welcomed.

Lambda Sigma President Suzanne Heinrich was the first to formally Welcomed me to Lawrence. Then President Warch gave his remarks, which were not nearly as they were during New Student Week—New, but rather familiar and Welcoming. It was so much easier to meet students this year when I didn't have to worry about being unWelcome and New. I especially met a ton of cool freshmen.

I felt so Welcomed by my freshman friends that I even wanted to participate in their photograph. But this year they distributed shirts prior to the 7 p.m. Sunday photograph. New Student Week's photograph and Welcome Week's photograph were so different, and represent a shift in how the name change has affected campus.

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Edward Hirsch made Guggenheim president

by Amanda Loder

Traditionally, speakers in the Lawrence Convocation Series have been well-known members of their respective fields. One such speaker was poet and professor Edward Hirsch.

Hirsch concluded the 2001-2002 Convocation Series May 21 with his lecture "Reading as Relationship." During the convocation, Lawrence University awarded Hirsch the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Less than four months after his visit to Lawrence, Hirsch was named President of the Guggenheim Foundation.

Hirsch was the fourth president of the Foundation, with which he has a long history.

In 1985 he was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship, four years after his first book of poems, "For the Sleepsick Sleepers," was published. In 2001 he served on the Guggenheim Selection Committee for American and Canadian applicants.

In the words of his presiden­tial predecessor Joel Conarroe, "There is nobody better suited by intelligence, imagination, and skill to shape a grant-making organization. There is no better president for this Foundation at this particular time than Hirsch."

Hirsch has also been the recipient of many grants and fellowships. He holds a Guggenheim Fellowship, commonly called a "genius grant." In welcome to his new position, Hirsch is now also continuing work on another book of poems, set to be published in 2007.

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College Avenue gets a facelift
by Adriana Teodoro-Dier
Managing Editor

Students new to Lawrence may not be aware that College Avenue has undergone a complete metamorphosis. The once shabby downtown now has a warm and friendly atmosphere, inviting more people to enjoy the city.

On the surface, the old College Avenue looked very different than it does today. The primary cause for this renovation was that the street’s water mains, many of which dated back to the early 1900’s, needed to be replaced. However, the city decided that as long as the water mains had to be redone, the rest of the street might as well be touched-up.

The rebuilding of College Avenue took place from February 11 to August 2, 2002. Construction workers dug seven and a half feet under the ground, replacing not only the water mains but also the base of the street and the sidewalks. New fiber optics were also installed. College Avenue now sports colored and stamped cement, new crosswalks and new street, pedestrian and stoplights.

The rebuilding did not stop there. To encourage more people to visit the Avenue, the city also installed benches, banners, city maps, planters and trees, making the avenue more pedestrian-friendly.

Also new to the avenue are more retailers, restaurants and bars, including the Ravens, Deja Vu and Café Mexican. According to Mary Ann Wepfer, the marketing director of Appleton Downtown Inc., interest in all businesses on College Avenue has increased since the construction.

Now that College Avenue has been revamped for the benefit of the entire Appleton community, we invite you to go check it out. Go visit some of the new store fronts or just go walk around. You might be pleasantly surprised.

CORRECTION:

In the September 20 issue of The Laurentian, the article “Nineteen Waseda students come to Lawrence for new international program” stated that Waseda University is located in Waseda, Japan. The University is actually located in Tokyo, Japan. The Laurentian regrets this error.
When Your Home is Not Your Castle

Should random passersby be able to dictate the color of your house?

The Lake Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, which enforces this and other assaults on property owners living around Lake Tahoe. A recent lawsuit against the agency recommends a swarm of new regulations. A house near the lake is too much and less visible.

Think of the millions of people who come here to see the clear water, trees, and natural land forms. The agency has given veto power to the non-property-owning public over the design of its lakefront neighbors.

A brown house might be deemed preferable to a white one, for instance, since a black house would be seen more easily by boaters looking from the lake to shore. Large lakefront windows would lower the score; small windows, dark colored decks, or screens that cover large portions of the property, however, might raise the score.

These government regulations demand the submission of the Tahoe property owner's "esthetic preferences" for any change. While The Lawrencean sympathizes with the needs of the small business, how more immediate should be the needs of our school's students?

Faced with coldness as the students, Conkey's remains the easy target for frustrated campus consumers. However, Lawrence University should be held tactfully but overwhelmingly responsible for rapping its students in a consumer headlock.

As we all arrive on campus and spend half of our savings on textbooks, let us encourage the University to find a solution for such a project. The CTL already communicates regularly with professors regarding course content, in order to facilitate tutoring. The CTL has sought a higher profile and increased usefulness since its inception last year. Collecting information and posting lists could also be a work-study opportunity, one which would aid students.

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The Center for Teaching and Learning, which encompasses College Place and Writing Tutors, would provide the local mechanisms for such a project. The CTL already communicates regularly with professors regarding course content, in order to facilitate tutoring. The CTL has sought a higher profile and increased usefulness since its inception last year. Collecting information and posting lists could also be a work-study opportunity, one which would aid students.

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For over a decade, numerous Lawrenceians have volunteered their time to make this program possible. LARY Buddies spend one hour a week with a student at E d i t o n A d v i s o r y. This award is going to a person or an organization that has gone above and beyond the call of duty, while volunteering, to make a positive change in the Appleton school district.

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This year it was a great honor for me to accept the Friend of Education award on behalf of the LARY (Lawrence Assistance Reaches Youth) program.

For generations, Lawrenceans have perennially griped about Conkey's refusing to release reading lists over the phone or prior to a textbook list by course. Such "customer service,"according to the administration, is not part of the customer's job. Thus, the University now begins to use online resources and competing consumer outlets to purchase used or discounted textbooks.

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New professor Kevin Clifton crosses bridges with new music

by Jonathon Roberts

Kevin Clifton now teaches music theory at the Lawrence Conservatory as an Assistant Professor. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Austin College and a Master of Music and Doctorate of Philosophy in Music Theory from the University of Texas at Austin. While the long list of letters after his name brings him high academic praise, it is his aspirations to make contemporary music and theory accessible to all people that make him a distinct and exciting new part of the Lawrence community.

Professor Clifton's unique road to music allows him to be very open-minded about a variety of musical styles and cultural influences. Growing up on a farm in North Texas, his earliest memories include sitting on a combine listening to Dolly Parton with his Dad. From that charming introduction to music, a lifelong interest was born.

"I started taking piano lessons when I was about five years old. I was always musical, but when I went off to college I had to get away from music so I kidded myself and went the pre-med route. [Laughs] So I did biology for about three years."

After realizing that was not the path for him, Clifton came back to music, got a piano performance degree, and moved to Austin, Texas, the "live music capital of the world. There I really got excited about music-pop music and culture—and decided to do a masters in theory."

Clifton's pop music interest became a catalyst for a broader look at contemporary music. "That was when pop music was really infiltrating the academy. So I got really into cultural studies, ideas of gender, and other extra curricular academic pursuits and how that might come into music." This research led him to his Ph.D. and a brief teaching position at Colby College in Maine. "I just defend my dissertation in July, so I'm fresh."

His research has includes a wide variety of topics from musical semiotics and narrative to analysis of popular music. Whatever the subject may be, it always has undertones of crossing bridges in musical styles and communicating new ideas on music to all people.

For his doctoral dissertation, Clifton found a kindred spirit in the life of French composer Francis Poulenc (1899-1963), a visionary who also crossed musical boundaries and broke cultural barriers. "Poulenc was a composer who wrote for the people. He bridged the world between higher and lower culture. To me, that's what is exciting. It's not an "either or," but a "both." Also, I'm a pianist and I love playing his music, and loving to play is what it's all about."

Clifton also approaches music analysis with that same joy. "I start with notes and I analyze the music, but then I step back and look at what's really going on in the piece. I either look at cultural issues or look at the biography of the composer to see why he is using this particular sound."

A music theory scholar with this kind of outlook is a great commodity to other academic circles on campus. He has already been contacted by two faculty members in the liberal arts college. "It's fun to open up the dialog."

Having such unique approach to popular music and culture I thought perhaps Clifton might be able to shed some light on the cultural phenomena that is "American Idol." "The talent was impressive, but it was just as much fun watching the banter between Paula Abdul and Simon. And the fact that Kelly Clarkson won, you know, she's a Texan."

Clifton's enthusiasm of course begs the question of getting Clarkson to come to Lawrence, perhaps to do a conversation address. "Dude, that would be cool. Well, if we had the funding, I'm sure I would try."

There you have it, whether it be tracking down Kelly Clarkson, explaining Bach's Brandenburg Concertos, playing music in Gender Studies 100, or forming an "experimental band to play in the clubs in town" (one of his ideas), Kevin Clifton is in your man.
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**The Lawrence Universitysoccer teams started the Midwest Conference season off right with a sweep of Lake Forest College. They have not played as well in non-conference games, but much of this can be attributed to their opponents and not the Vikings. The women’s soccer team started off by losing a pair of games to Minnesota schools. The Vikings lost to a tough St. Benedict team 2-0 and St. Olaf 3-0, before facing nationally ranked University of Chicago. The Vikings could not find their scoring touch against the Maroons. Lawrence returned home to open the Midwest Conference season against Carleton College last weekend. The Foresters were the defending MWC champions, and posed a great threat to the Vikings. Lawrence played superlatively in the rain, showing why they were voted to be the conference’s favorite. The lone goal of the game came in the first half as Alyssa Spyksma put in Sara Compas’s corner kick to give the Vikings a 1-0 lead. The Vikings were tested many times in the second half by the potent Lake Forest offense, but goalkeeper Katie Wilkin was always on the doorstep for Murphy. She finished the game with seven saves for her first shutout of the year. The Vikings surrendered their only loss of the season thus far to the Foresters, who won 1-0 at home. Tuesday, the Vikings defeated Edgewood College 1-0. Daria Bustanoy scored her first collegiate goal in the victory. Wilkin had nine saves in her shutout. This was the first win Lawrence had against Edgewood in seven meetings between the schools. The Viking women’s next game will be at Lake Forest MWC contender, St. Norbert. The men’s soccer team lost their first two games in heartbreakers. The men barely lost to Carleton College 1-0 and Benedictine University 3-2. The Vikings next faced a force in UW-Oshkosh, and came away losing 2-0. The Men opened up conference play against the Foresters as well. The Foresters were last season’s conference champions, but for the second year in a row, it was all Murphy. Adam Minot got the scoring rolling for the Vikings. He scored thirteen minutes into the game to put the Vikings up 1-0. Elliott Spruell added his third goal of the year early in the second half to put the Vikings up 2-0. Then as time was running down, Minot put in his second goal of the game to put it away. The Vikings defeated Lake Forest 3-0. For his efforts, Minot was named the MWC offensive player of the week. This was his first multi-goal game for the Vikings. "Also, for the second time in a row, LU goalkeeper Tom Murphy was named the MWC player of the week. Murphy got his first shutout of the season by stepping thirteen Forester shots. Murphy received the award the previous week for stopping fifteen shots against a strong Carleton team. The men will also play this weekend, facing Carroll College in Waukesha on Sunday afternoon.

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