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But a war in Iraq, in Coffin's opinion, would consolidate opinion against the U.S. and give al Qaeda fertile soil for recruitment. Furthermore, Coffin outlined the difficulties to instate democracy into a country of three different cultures: the Kurds, the Sunni Muslims, and the more fundamentalist Shiite Muslims.

Coffin also echoed a popular sentiment of those who oppose U.S. unilateral action in Iraq, saying that Jordan's leader told CNN the proposed war was "kaddish." "It strikes me as incredible that [Hussein], as intent as he is on sitting in power, would take on a country that would wipe his out," Coffin said. He added that Hussein's army was well tested during the Iran-Iraq conflict, and would be defending its own soil. What's more, an attempted regime change could lead to urban fighting and untold civilian casualties.

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Coffin cited former Strategic Air Commander George Butter; Admiral Andrew Goodpastor; U.S. Supreme Allied Commander in Europe during the early 1970s; and Paul Lintze of the Reagan administration as high-profile people who have advocated destruction of international nuclear weapons supplies.

He also criticized the proposal "Star Wars" missile shield, saying "[Bush] wants to spend millions and millions of dollars on a nuclear shield, when the enemy is not a rogue state but a bunch of stateless rogues," who would more likely come by air or boat than by intercontinental ballistic missile.

Coffin called on the youth to carry on the banners of dissent. "This has disrupted your complacency," he said.

Coffin stressed the need to confront 21st century problems, evoking famous words from Abraham Lincoln's 1862 address to Congress: "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise to the occasion. As our case is new, so must be our solution. ..." Very rarely do conversation speakers interrupt their closing, standing ovation to add a piece of information, but Coffin stepped up to the mic as the crowd was still applauding to provide the audience with the White House's phone number. "If you call, an operator will answer, and you say, I'm very much in favor of the war" or "I'm very much against it." But do call," Coffin concluded.

That number is (202)456-1111.
by Elissa Harbert

Time to dig out the bell-bottoms and revisit platforms! Lawrence’s Habitat for Humanity chapter will host their second Disco Ball Saturday, Oct. 12.

The ball will be held from 8-11 p.m. in the Buchanan-Kiewit Recreational Center. At the ball, Habitat for Humanity will raffle off two tickets to a Green Bay Packers game. The game will be Nov. 4 against Minnesota.

There will also be dance and costume contests, as well as a Noche Blanca. Planning for this event began last spring. Habitat co-presidents Jessica Rosenhall and David Drew, as well as Megan Unger, Brian Torres, Kim Anderson, and Naomi Kalies, have planned and organized almost all aspects of the event, with the help of adviser Curt Lauderdale.

The first Disco Ball was held here last year, but the event did not take place last year.

“It is the student fundraiser two years ago, and we knew a disco would be something the Lawrencia would enjoy,” said Jessica Rosenhall, who is very happy to bring the Disco Ball back.

Jared Thomas and Mike Lee, senior music majors, adopted the project of transcribing and arranging disco music for the orchestra.

“Disco has the ability to bring people together,” Thomas mused. “It’s a blast from the past, I think we’re under-appreciated in this day and age.”

While Thomas and Lee worked together on the project, Lee insists he did all the work. "It would have been easier if Jared hadn’t made me write all the music and given me no credit!"

In any case, Thomas and Lee take pride in the music the orchestra will perform Saturday night.

"Dowenthal is very appreciative of their efforts as well, saying she is "glad to use some of the amazing talent in the Con to help support this worthy cause."

Jonathan Roberts will emcee the ball, and DJ Dave Maloney will play music before and after the disco orchestra performs.

" Heidi Music and The Big Noise are lending the orchestra some instruments "so we can make smooth disco music," said Lawrence Symphony Orchestra conductor Bridget-Michele Raschi.

"I think this is a particularly impressive fundraiser," Raschi said, adding that she hopes this year’s ball will be as much fun as it was two years ago.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian organization that works to provide safe, decent, affordable housing for those in need. Volunteers help build the houses, working on foundation building, siding, roofing and so on.

"Basically," explained Habitat member Valeska Olkryg, "we build the houses top to bottom."

Most of the proceeds of this ball will go toward sending Lawrence’s Habitat chapter to College Challenge, an alternative spring break uniting many college Habitat groups.

The DISCO BALL ORCHESTRA, which brings together members of Lawrence’s jazz and classical music ensembles, rehearse to turn up the "Canned Heat" for Habitat for Humanity’s dance and fundraiser.

Habitat for Humanity meetings are held Sundays at 7 p.m. in the Sage basement. New members are always welcome.

Tickets for the Disco Ball will be available at Dooner during lunch and dinner all week, as well as at the door. Tickets are $3 for Lawrence students and seniors and $5 for general admission.

Internet policing is on the rise

by Chia Chan

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After 16 years, it's time for Jim Doyle!
by Jennifer Dieter

Wisconsin is in need of a change. With a $2 billion deficit and a government plagued in scandal and corruption, it seems there is little to cheer about in the state of Wisconsin. While Wisconsin has long had a progressive tradition, it seems as though the past couple of years have been more regressive.

However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Jim Doyle, the Democratic candidate for Governor of the state of Wisconsin, has in his third term as Attorney General of Wisconsin, Jim has brought many good things to the state while in office: a $6 billion settlement with the tobacco industries; a strong sexual predator law; a criminal background check for handicap buyers, which prevented the sale of more than 3,300 handguns to convicted felons; and a statewide school violence prevention initiative.

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**Parking confusing, unfair to Lawrence students**

Pink tickets greeted many an unhappy Lawrencean driver at the beginning of this school year.

Before the parking lottery was even held, security ticketed an inordinate number of students for parking in lots, such as the one behind Plantz Hall.

At the beginning of the term, common sense says students should expect a measure of leniency. The last thing a college student needs at the beginning of a term is an unwarranted parking ticket on top of books and other expenses.

Sure, parking is a privilege, but it's also a necessity to those who work off campus, not to mention education students who are required to transport themselves to observation.

While it may seem important for Lawrence or Appleton police to "lay down the law," they should wait until after that law is clearly in place and parking has been distributed fairly. Unlike the Honor Code, ignorance should be a valid excuse for parking—especially when, since the parking lottery has not even been held yet, everyone is ignorant.

Parapets before a term begins, the proper authorities could provide returning students who parked the previous term with a temporary sticker good until completion of the lottery.

Or, perhaps students can be counted on to use a sort of parking Honors Code until the lottery. Don't steal a faculty spot, and stay off the city streets.

But come on—should an honest mistake be worth so much money?

A parking ticket is always a nuisance. However, a parking ticket before the parking rules are clarified or even created is not just a nuisance. It's a scam.

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**Beta responds to Warch announcement**

I wish to respond to an announcement regarding the lawsuit filed by supporters of the fraternities.

President Warch: you have been at the vanguard of a movement to disrupt the lives of a large number of tuition-paying students that are members of positive, enriching organizations.

The initiative could be defined as quasi-legal at best, and yet you insist that Lawrence University and its Board of Trustees are victims of unfreeing outsider groups.

When you try to weaken something that means everything to the members, and damage something that is unique to a school our size, realize that those same members will strive to help and protect their meaningful organization.

So please, do not attempt to play the victim, or sound outraged as students protest this infringement.

Thank you for listening.

-Paul Schock
London Center

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**Professor praises campus, community**

This is a note of deep appreciation for all of the campus and community support for Gareth Johnson's recital. I think Harper Hall had only two empty seats, and it was a delight to see so many Lawrence students along with those of the Academy of Music and Appleton citizens who enthusiastically appreciated the exciting work of Gareth and Dr. Kim. As I told Gareth after the recital, he illustrated in every way the musical and social goals of the Series.

-Dominique- Rene de Lemm
Professor of Music

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**The Welcome Week Planning Committee would like to offer a big THANK YOU to all the students and staff who helped greet and unload our newest Lawrentians on opening day**

...you put the WELCOME in Welcome Week!

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The beauty of the EP

By Brad Lindert

The EP is a beautiful thing. It's not an album, but it is not a single. Four or five songs not on any other release are found on a CDEP or on 7-inch vinyl. And do you want to know what is better than just a normal EP?

The split EP Punk has been doing is for years with two bands joining up to contribute songs to a common recording. But, if you are like me, you don't like punk anymore. Sure, when you were in 7th grade you liked Rancid and Green Day, but those days of pretending to defy authority are over.

With these changing times comes another form of the split EP. Thanks to Post-Parlo Records all indie kids can once again buy split EPs without needing to wear NOFX shirts and have safe pins in their ears.

Home: The Post-Parlo Record Split CD Series combines two great indie bands and lets them run wild for four songs. On Volume four, Post-Parlo got Connor Oberst of Bright Eyes fame and Spoon lead singer Brit Daniel.

Download: Lawrence monitors what is stored on university-owned computers

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Robert Lowe, Lawrence's network manager, discussed Lawrence's response to this growing problem. He cited the following LUC's regulation: "Students may not take any action which would impair the operation of any computer facility or which would destroy or alter equipment configurations, software applications, or electronic data."

Robert Lowe pointed out that Lawrence would be ready to "take actions to protect the integrity and usability of the network, including the university's internal connection."

"Since access to Internet resources is of primary concern to many in the Lawrence community, it is important to realize that our Internet connection is limited in capacity, and that the effects of abuse by one or two individuals can be immediately felt by all other users." When asked if Lawrence monitors student downloads, Lowe only said that they track what materials are viewed or downloaded; we may see if it is stored on University-owned computers."}

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Earn $1,000-$2,000 this semester with a proven CampusFundraiser.com 3 hour fundraising event Our program makes for more informed leaders and their lives are uncovered by Swift's careful, gradual revelations. Of course, comprehending all this requires a great deal of effort on the part of the reader.

The book utilizes about a dozen narrators: primarily the也不例外Amy but a barmender, several onlookers, and even the late Jack himself add to the story. The eclectic mix adds a lot to the style of the book, but it comes with a price in terms of coherence. Narrators are introduced before the reader knows who they are, and in some scenes the narrator is not identified and can only be determined by process of elimination. Actually, some of the narrators are hard to tell apart. The stories themselves in the book are those of the melancholy yet good-humored Ray and the wistful, grieving Amy. The book really seems to pick up when one of these narrators tells his story.

Looking over this review, it seems that I may have given the impression that Swift is a downer. Surprisingly, this is not the case. While the book is sad in many places, it is also quite funny (although the humorous lines lose a lot when taken out of context). All in all, Last Orders is a highly rewarding read, but for better or for worse. Depending on if there is a movie version, the answer is yes. A film adaptation starring Michael Caine, Bob Hoskins, and Helen Mirren was released earlier this year and is now available on video and DVD. It is superb. But there is no reason not to read the book.

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Men's soccer team exhibits Jekyll and Hyde personality

by Tariq Engineer
Sports Columnist

The Lawrence University men's soccer team continued to fluctuate and deceive over the past weekend. On Saturday, Oct. 5, the team deftly won 3-1 away at Knox, only to turn around and concede three second-half goals in a 4-1 defeat at Grinnell the following day.

After a scoreless first half against Knox, Jesse Belcher opened the scoring for the Vikings in the 64th minute on an assist from Brian Payne. He then added a second goal nine minutes later. Knox managed to pull a goal back in the 77th minute, courtesy of Tom Quirk, but Adam Minor sealed the win with nine minutes remaining with his third goal of the season.

Against Grinnell, Lawrence found itself 1-0 down early but fought back to equalize before half time. The second half then turned out to be a disaster for the Vikings, with the Pioneers scoring three unanswered goals.

"We tend to lose our focus," said midfielder Payne. "For some reason we are unable to maintain the same level of intensity for all games."

The Vikings now own a 2-6-1 record overall and a 2-2 record in conference.

In the process of scoring four goals over the weekend the team almost equalized its goal tally from its first seven games. The team has now scored a total of nine goals for the season in nine games.

During the first few games of the season it appeared the Viking offense might benefit from the new 3-5-2 system, a system introduced in an attempt to accommodate the glut of midfield players in the squad.

An early 3-0 win over Lake Forest raised expectations that the team may have left its scoring problems from last year behind, but after failing to score in their last three games prior to the weekend, the Vikings were averaging a meager 0.7 goals a game. They now average a goal a game.

In addition to the new system, the team also had to make another significant adjustment. For the first time in four years the Men's Soccer team began their season without their team leader from last year, Tom Conti.

Conti was the key to the Lawrence defense last season when the Vikings finished third in the Midwest Conference, allowing just 1-7 goals per game. Conti was also named to the All-Central Region team and was one of just six players from the Midwest Conference to be so honored. According to Payne, "Losing Conti is a huge blow to the team."

The performance of the team at the back to this point appears to support Payne's statement. Unless the Vikings can shore up the defense, which is cracking without Conti, and begin to score goals on a regular basis, the season could be over sooner rather than later.

The good news is that the team's next conference game is at Ripon, a beatable opponent. The Vikings next non-conference game is against Wisconsin Lutheran on Oct. 20. It is a game Lawrence should win and if they do it might prove to be the catalyst that spurs the Vikings to a winning season.

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Lawrence rally falls short in fourth quarter

by Andy York
Sports Editor

The Lawrence University Football team played lackluster football for three quarters on Saturday. They came alive in the fourth quarter, but it wasn’t enough as the Vikings fell to Beloit 27-14. The Vikings were victimized by Beloit running back Ed Williams, who scored all four Buck touchdowns in the game. Williams ran three in and took a 55-yard pass from Nate Skelton to the house in the first quarter. Williams finished the day rushing 11 times for 128 yards, and caught two passes for 97 yards. Viking coach Dave Brown thought a change in quarterback might help his passing offense, but it was the same old story until the fourth quarter. Starting quarterback R.J. Rosenthal was benched for the game, and Brown started freshman Jake VanDerStarid. Early on the plan looked like it might work. VanDerStarid completed six of his first seven passes. However, those would be the only ones he would complete in his three quarters. He finished six for 16 for 59 yards. The Vikings got close, but could not score in the first half.

by Felix Ankrath

The Lawrence Women’s Soccer team had a rough weekend on the field. They crushed Knox 7-0, but suffered their first defeat to Grinnell 4-0. The Vikings on Saturday recorded their largest victory this season by beating Knox 7-0. Alyssa Speyska opened the scoring at Knox within the first five minutes and added two more goals later in the first half for the hat trick. She is Lawrence’s leading scorer with 5 goals to her credit.

by Justin Ecki
Staff Writer

LU Women’s Tennis conclud- ed their season with three hash marks in the loss column in matches played last weekend to conclude the season in last place with a 2-10 record. The Vikings were strongest against Wisconsin Lutheran on Friday, losing 6-4. Junior Abby Birling (8-3), freshman Liz Bullock (default), and senior Natalie Fleming (9-8) (7-4) won their singles matches. The doubles combo of Fleming and sophomore Amy Gammon also won their match (8-3) (7-5).

Yet if you think that a last place ranking and a record equivalent to last year’s disappointing season might have an adverse affect on morale, you’re sorely mistaken. “We just had a lot more fun this year because all of the girls on the team] are so close in skill level,” said sophomore Justine Reimnitz, adding that a lack of major discrepancies in skill level among the players afforded them a sense of equality.

When pressed whether it was perhaps because LU lacked one or two high-caliber players that could jump start the team toward a winning record, Reimnitz offered, “The nature of Division III play is that you’ll get players who are nationally ranked and could play Division I. Yeah, we could definitely use that, but it’s not going to stop us from going out there and playing hard.”

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