Announcement leaves trustees with short time to find successor and pay respects
by Devin Barke & Andy Dolan
Editor in Chief & News Editor

After 25 years of service to the Lawrence community, President Richard Warch will be retiring from his position on June 30, 2004.

Jeffrey Riester, chair of the trustees, announced the president’s decision in a letter to the Lawrence community last Friday that stated, “The trustees ... had hoped that Lawrence could benefit from his leadership for as many years as possible ...”

Warch, who was the 14th president in the school’s history, second only to Samuel Plaitz, who presided from 1984-1992.

President Warch, currently 63, has been thinking about the timing of his retirement for the past year and a half. He felt that the current situation and some fraternities, she said, “Some are very concerned and upset, but opinions held by alumni on this was his retirement for the past year and a half. He felt that the current situation and...”

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With the selection of the 14th president the second longest in the school’s history, second only to Samuel Plaitz, who presided from 1984-1992.

While the members of the board elected not to begin the formal search process until President Warch’s retirement had been formally announced, they had already been actively considering ways of proceeding.

Although it is still too early in the search process to provide a timetable or details, a search committee will include members of the Lawrence community, including faculty, alumni and students.

The board is also researching and making inquiries into the possibility of working with a presidential search firm or consulting firm to aid in the search process.

“Although the trustees are keenly aware of just how good and valuable Bob has been as Lawrence’s president,” said Riester, “we are confident that he will find Bob’s successor and that he or she will be a welcome addition to the Lawrence community.”

Warch currently has no definitive plans for his retirement, but he is not waiting around for a “magical idea to drop from the sky” to his students.

Being a proponent of a liberal arts education, Warch has allowed the student search process with a very open perspective. “It gives you the ability to make choices,” he added.

One area that Warch enjoys and may pursue in some capacity is writing. He may seek to put together a compilation of his speeches for publication.

Warch and his wife will move to Door County after his tenure ends. The two will live about 20 miles from Egg Harbor, which he promises to visit on occasion.

Alumni react to fraternity issues
by Chris Chan

Lawrence’s decision to open up the fraternity houses for formal group housing and the decision to pursue legal action has concerned alumni as well as Jan Quinlan, director of alumni relations, explained how the department of alumni relations is responding to that.

Quinlan remarked that the opinions held by alumni on this issue are wide-ranging. Of the alumni who are associated with fraternities, she said, “Some are very concerned and upset, but at the same time some fraternity alumni are very supportive.”

Most of the concerns from non-fraternity alumni have approved of the plans.

The department of alumni relations has made a concerned effort to contact all alumni who have expressed their disapproval. Said Quinlan, “We’ve kept track of all alumni who’ve...” The associated director and I have been interviewing these people in a one-on-one effort.”

Some of these alumni eventually changed their minds about the plans, whereas others are still voice their concerns. Quinlan feels “very sad that there are alumni who feel so strongly,” and that she tries to “educate [alumni] to how the trustees feel about it.”

Lawrence made an effort to get the opinions of alumni before the plans for the fraternity quad were finalized. A presentation titled “Envisioning the Campus of the Future” was presented 14 times at locations around the country, including Washington D.C., New York City, Boston, Denver, Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Arizona, and Florida.

Quinlan attended most of the presentations, and President Warch attended all of them. Last year similar presentations were given in various locations on the West Coast. On average, about 40 people attended each meeting.

At a recent Lawrence class reunion, New York Times journalist Amy Uecke gave a similar presentation to about 1,100 alumni and received what Quinlan described as a “top reaction.”

President Warch announces retirement

Faculty votes today to pursue change in grading system

Proposal would equalize the gap between minuses and pluses
by Peter Gillette

The faculty will vote today to decide whether or not the Committee on Instruction should continue to pursue its proposal to change the current grading system.

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described as 'very positive feed-

back.'

In addition, on Oct. 31 of last year a letter was sent out to all alumni about the decision on how to proceed and how a task force hired by Lawrence came to the conclusions they did.

This issue remains contro-

versial, with opinions of every
degree of intensity on both sides being voiced.

Quinlan noted that there was "no monolith of reaction," but gave her support to how President Warch has been responding to the controversy. Quinlan declared, President Warch has done a fantastic job showing reasons for the decisions made by the task force.

Quinlan ended by expressing her hope that this issue could be resolved, and noted that her opinions of alumni are always welcome at Yale.

Lawrence University opened the 1979-80 academic year with a new President. Richard Warch, 49, has been the University's Vice President for Academic Affairs since September 1977. He replaces William Thorton, whose resig-
nation became effective August 9.

The selection of Warch by the Lawrence Board of Trustees cli-
ned an intensive five-month na-

tion-wide search conducted by a committee of faculty members, alumni, trustees, and students. The committee, which selected Warch from among 250 nomi-
nated, cited the demonstration of his leadership abilities at Lawrence and in previous expe-

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by Jeff Wisser

LOOKING BACK

Warch received a bachelor of
to philosophy in American Studies

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and a degree in Greek and Latin from Yale in 1968. He received a doctorate of

from Yale.

Before coming to Lawrence, he was associate dean of Yale College, director of summer

places for Yale and director of Yale's visiting faculty program. He was also an associate pro-

fessor of history and American Studies at Yale. He has received several awards and fellowships, consulted for educational administra-

tions and institutions, has been

author or editor of several books, and published widely.

Warch was married on September 8, 1962 to Margot Lynn Moses, a 1961 graduate of the University of Rochester with a bachelor of arts degree in English and of Southern Connecticut State College with a master of science degree in spe-
cial education. She is an instruc-
tor and reading specialist in the adult basic education program at the Fox Valley Technical Institute. Their two sons have two sons.

Stephen, 13, and David, 10, and a
dughter, Karin, 6.

In a recent view, Warch stated that he had a "realistic,

ly upbeat" outlook on Lawrence and its future. "Coming out of the Academic Vice Presidency," Warch said, "I think I've come in, in two years, to have a good informed and appreciated understanding of the program of the University in the College and the Conservatory. From the academic side, I'm very confident that we enter the '80's in good shape."

Warch cited the need for con-

tinuous attention in the area of admissions: "I have great confi-
dence in Dave Buse and his staff...We've seen increases in the major classes for two straight years. This quality of the incoming class was very good; 88 percent in the top 30 percent of their

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Saturday features a full day of events for the composer-in-residence of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra by Reid Straton

Musicans all over Lawrence are locking their chops. It's not every day that one of the biggest and most forward-thinking names in music truck up to Appleton, Wisconsin.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, world-renowned composer Augusta Read Thomas will visit the campus. Her appearance provides a rare opportunity to meet with a composer who is leading the way in 21st century music.

During her time at Lawrence, Thomas will conduct a rehearsal with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and give a master class to composition students. She will also give a lecture about her own music and have an informal meet-and-greet session with students before concluding with a master class.

Augusta Read Thomas is currently a professor in the composition department of Northwestern University. She is also composer-in-residence with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra until 2006, a position that recently became available after the retirement of its previous holder, soprano Mari Sato.

Thomas has been highly decorated by just about every music school and foundation in America and beyond. She has premiered works in places as exotic as Paris, Berlin, Denmark, and Cleveland. To put the icing on the cake, she is even married to Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Bernard Rushton.

On Saturday morning, the Lawrence Symphony Orchestra will have the unique opportunity to rehearse a piece with its composer. This sort of encounter is particularly interesting because the players get to hear firsthand how the composer wants the piece to sound.

The piece Thomas is bringing, "Sunlight Shines," is a work for chorus and orchestra featuring texts by Emily Dickinson. It premiered last February at Carnegie Hall by the Chicago Youth Symphony and Chicago Children's Choir.

Composition students will benefit most from Thomas's visit. Many composers are interested in the process of writing just as much as the product, which is why visits like this are such a valuable resource.

Thanks to the efforts of professor Dr. Gene Biringer and Dr. Joanne Metcalfe, Thomas is able to share her expertise with the Lawrence community and spread her years of knowledge to future members of the music industry.

To learn more about Thomas, visit her website at www.augustareadthomas.com. The master class will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Music Drama Center 254, and the Lawrence Symphony Orchestra concert will take place at 8 p.m. in Memorial Chapel.

Guided by Voices needs some guiding by Brad Lindert

It is a well-known fact in the indie rock community that Guided by Voices is one of the greatest living bands. They started the seminal low-fi revolution, for crying out loud. GBV is one of the greatest bands out there right now, but you wouldn't know that from their last couple releases.

1997's Mag Earwhig! was the beginning of the end for GBV and their leader Robert Pollard. The band has its moments but the moments don't come close to Alien Lanes, Under the Bushes Under the Stars, and the essential Bee Thousand. Why are these albums so good and everything Mos May be bad?

The album is the departure of Bob Pollard. He was the only person in the rotating cast of GBV that could do as good a job as he can do. GBV are a band that have an impressive following among the low-fi revolution, for crying out loud. GBV are a band that have an impressive following among the low-fi revolution, for crying out loud. GBV are a band that have an impressive following among the low-fi revolution, for crying out loud. GBV are a band that have an impressive following among the low-fi revolution, for crying out loud.
I would like to draw atten­tion to an incorrect statement that appeared in Mr. Schmidt's editorial on Governor McCallum two issues ago.

Jim Doyle was not invited by the administration to visit Lawrence University. In fact, the administration is not allowed to endorse or invite candi­dates to campus, as it is a viola­tion of their tax-exempt status.

Secondly, while the College Democrats hosted Attorney General Doyle, his campaign sought out the opportunity to come to campus over the lunch hour.

If Governor McCallum had the desire to meet Lawrentians, he would take the initiative to arrange a visit to campus. He too would not wait to be invited.

Thank you,

Jennifer Biskupic
President
Lawrence University College Democrats

Want to respond to an article?
Use the online forums
Does Governor Tommy Thompson really support Scott McCallum?

An interesting development in the governor's race was discussed in the Capital Times on Oct. 2. Just who is Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson supporting for governor?

Although Tommy has given a perfunctory endorsement to his Republican gubernatorial successor Scott McCallum, his brother, Libertarian candidate for governor, presumably has the support of Tommy. He has told him that he intends to vote for him. This does seem most credible, as the Governor knows that Tommy tried to dump then Lieutenant Governor McCallum's brother, Scott McCallum, from the GOP ticket in 1998 in order to replace him with a competent running mate: "Bill McCoshen, a Thompson cabinet member and confident with superior political and people skills."

Adding a credence to Libertarian Ed Thompson's assertion that his brother Tommy is indeed going to vote for him, and thus repudiating his successor, was the refusal of Tony Jewell, a spokesperson for Tommy Thompson, to tell a reporter for whom his boss was going to vote.

It should be obvious that Governor Tommy Thompson lacks confidence in Scott McCallum's ability to govern Wisconsin. This is understandable in light of McCallum's blunders respecting shared revenues with municipalities and his proven fiscal incompetence. But now it is understandable for Tommy to vote for his brother Ed. I hope most Wisconsin voters will vote for a real change on behalf of competence and fiscal responsibility on Nov. 5 by casting their vote for the Democratic candidate for governor, Jim Doyle, presently attorney general of the state of Wisconsin.

-Peg Lautenschlager

Correction to Oct. 11 staff editorial

The Lawrence's Oct. 11 staff editorial, titled "Parking Unfair, Confusing to Students," erroneously suggested that LU security issues monetary penalties in conjunction with tickets. The article failed to differentiate between Appleton Police practices from LU policies.

As for pre-lottery parking, students should be aware that only cars parked in faculty lots during prohibited hours were ticketed. Those students who are unaware of a lot's function and usable hours need look no further than posted signs in each parking lot throughout the campus.

The Lawrence hopes this clarifies students the rules and regulations of pre-lottery parking situations.

"Family Weekend Photo Poll: How has your house changed now that your child is at Lawrence?"

"We miss the music, the dancing. What about you? Do you have anything to say?" — Lawrence, Mother and father of Sarah Kind, '05

"We can sleep a little later because we don't have to get up and make them lunches all the time." — Lawrence, Mother and father of Anna Hochleider, '06

"We got a cat to replace the daughter." — Jacob Landers, '05, and Scott Fuller, '05

The opinions expressed in these editorials are those of the students, faculty, and community members who submitted them. All facts are as provided by the authors. The Lawrence does not endorse any opinions piece except for the staff editorial, which represents a majority of the editorial board. The Lawrence welcomes everyone to submit their own opinions using the parameters outlined in the masthead.
I recently tried a plum wine at a restaurant specializing in Japanese and Korean cuisine. It was akin to sipping down liquid Jolly Ranchers.

I may approach this from a position of bias because I prefer very dry red wines or a nice Bordeaux from '82, but I also prefer supermodels, and I am much too ugly to date them. I did incorporate the sipping of this liquid candy into my meal of beef bulgogi, and although it would be far too sweet to drink on its own, it did complement the meal in a pixie-stickesque sort of way.

Allow me to wander astray from wine for just a moment. It has been my good fortune to try a snifter of French oak finish 12-year Glenlivet. Although I have had nightmarish experiences with scotch in the past, this bottle came highly recommended.

Just as one should not judge Chicago based on the drive through its southern arrangements to Indiana when one really should be overlooking Lake Michigan from a posh downtown vista, so too should you avoid generalizing based on one paint-thinning scotch experience.

The dangerous odour was still present, but my tongue sang glorious praises to the scotch gods when the lovers made contact. It is so smooth your senses can barely catch the suggestion that you are drinking something slightly poisonous. It was so magical, in fact, that it dissolved in my mouth and didn't even make it down my throat. The downside: It costs about $40, and yes, it still tastes like scotch.

I also had an opportunity to sample a reasonable bottle of Australian wine. Australia is opportune in that it has excellent growing conditions and there is plenty of space for vineyards. European wines, although very well established, have to deal with limited space and have higher prices, accordingly. With thanks to the former, one might fine that with an Australian and a European wine of similar caliber, the former costs 50% less. Stonehaven Shiraz from 1999 is such an example. If you are looking to get the most out of six dollars, this bottle is for you.

I had previously established that wine is an excellent tool for introduction, but overcoming your own social shyness and inviting a stranger (especially one of the opposite sex) to enjoy nice liquor with you may be too much for some to bear. Therefore, I declare this Saturday to be Lawrence's "Invite a Hot Stranger to Wine Day."

I am too lazy to check if there is a real corresponding holiday, and too impatient to wait for it if there is. And most importantly, if there are any ladies that cannot find an appropriate wine friend, I may be reached at x1283 (read: wine party).

Naturally, the opinions expressed in this review are superfluous and silly, unlike the rest of the journal you are holding, which should be taken very, very seriously: much like a grave threat against one's family. Then again, if you are reading this review because you are unable to produce an opinion of your own, just call me Bacchus.

*LU's BACCHUS, the student group that promotes responsible drinking, cringes at Mr. Grady's reference, but acknowledges that it's their own fault for selecting such an ironic name.
Warch: The Lawrentian's first interview of many with President Richard Warch

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Admission is strong in both numbers and quality, but we have to remain attentive to that."

On the broader topic of fund raising and alumni affairs, Warch also expressed concern. "We need to work imaginatively and persistently on that front."

Warch was particularly strong in backing Lawrence's liberal arts tradition. "I think that in the coming years Lawrence needs to be more aggressive in articulating and arguing for its nature as a liberal arts college and conservatory. I don't think that we've been apologetic about it, but I feel that, like many other colleges, we've gotten ourselves unhappily on the defensive on a lot of fronts and we need to turn that around. That's not easily going to be done, but I think that we need to understand ourselves as one on the institutions of quality that for whom the critical issue is not simply surviving the 80's, but thriving in the 80's. We don't do our students, our alumni, the state of Wisconsin, the Midwest or the nation any good by attempting to become like either institutions for whom simply perpetuating the institution is in and of itself the purpose of the institution. Balancing the budget is, through it all, a central concern, but I believe as the previous administration believed, that balancing the budget is a mission to be accomplished without compromising our excellence."

Warch pointed to the renovation of Main Hall as another sign of institutional health. "We've brought that building into the twentieth century," he stated, "and I think it will work well as a classroom facility. More importantly, the size and set-up of the offices suggests much about the quality of Lawrence."

When speaking of the change in titles of two administrative posts from Vice President to Dean, Warch explained, "The decanal title is, by tradition, an academic designation for these positions. Neither position has been denigrated by the use of the term 'dean.' It's simply that, when I was Vice President for Academic Affairs and people elsewhere would ask me what I do, I would say I was Dean of the Faculty, which was, in effect, what I was. It just seemed to me that those titles more closely reflect what the institution is."

Warch also expressed concern over the condition of Brokaw Hall and Alexander Gymnasium, two facilities analyzed during the Smith administration. "I think that some time within the next few years Lawrence will undoubtedly engage in a capital drive and that those two buildings, it is generally agreed by all of us, are on the menu as needing attention."

Warch concluded by expressing his interest in maintaining president-student relations. "My first two years here, he said, "I taught. I had a sugar plum vision that I would also teach this year, which several of my colleagues happily, I think talked me out of. At some point in the coming years, I would like to return to the classroom in some capacity. "I enjoy students and interaction with them. It's certainly a part of my job that I don't treat as my job, but just simply think that that's one of the pleasures of my work, that one can get to meet students and get to know them.

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SPORTS

Vikings beat up by MWC foe again

by Andy York

While thinking about Favre's amazing streak, I was struck by another reason why we do. We don't have a superman to fly through the air and run faster than a speeding bullet. Instead, we have our Cal Ripkens, our Lou Gehrigs and our Brett Favers. There is something comforting in the knowledge that we know the score out there, doing what they do best. We can turn on a Packer game and know that Favre will hit the right note. We know that come rain or shine, anytime we turned on an Oriole's game during a 16-year span, we would be sure to see Cal Ripken, at least during the earlier part of his career, then later at 3rd base. Day after day they put their bodies on the line, pushing themselves further, faster, higher than anyone who has gone before. They show us what it means to fight, to strive and not to yield and in doing so they show us it is possible to transcend our physical limitations.

And in the transcending of physical limitations these men become somehow superhuman in our eyes. They become our heroes. In other words, They show us we can be so much more than we appear to be and for this we pay homage, now and forever.

SPORTS shorts

LU Cross Country takes fifth and tenth

The Lawrence University Cross Country teams had a good day overall. The men finished fifth out of 13 teams and the women finished tenth out of 15. Val Curtis, who finished third overall in a time of 19:30, led the women. Paul Schoenfeld, who finished sixth in a time of 25:51, led the men. This week the Vikings host the Lawrence University Invitational at Planman Park.

Volleyball wins versus Wisconsin Lutheran

The Lawrence University Volleyball team defeated Wisconsin Lutheran College last Friday night. The Vikings won 3-0, by scores of 30-21, 30-22, and 30-24. Midwest Conference Player of the Week Lis Pollick led the Vikings with 12 kills. Pollick had an amazing 56 percent hitting percentage. She is leading the MWC with a 32 percent hitting percentage for the season; however, they had victory on their minds. They got that victory when Adam Minor put in the deciding point of the game. The win brings the Vikings record up to 3-8 on the season. The next game for LU will be at home against Carroll University. The game will be at 1 p.m.