This week's LUCC meeting was the first with definite results from the recent elections that selected Jacques Maquereb and Ned Contors president and vice-president, respectively, of LUCC.

Despite the increase in the number of voters compared with the last year's election, the issue of clarifying the selection process was raised as there were several voting ballots with unusual markings.

New off-campus program locations were announced, including Amsterdam and Tokyo. These new programs are notable for their low cost tuition.

LUCC is giving serious thought to the creation of smoke-free dorms on campus. As recent polls show that about 80% of the students would approve or at least consider the possibility of smoke-free dorms.

The same poll also showed that a considerable portion of the Lawrence community would desire the construction of another smoke-free dorm. The issue is very likely to be discussed in the future.

Despite requests by some conservatory students, Kathleen McLennon of the conservatory, has not approved the possibility of installing vending machines in the conservatory complex, since it can jeopardize the safety of the instruments, especially the acoustic pianos. She also mentioned that the proximity of the Union and other establishments makes the presence of vending machines even less necessary.

The committee then held a discussion of meal plan pricing, during which some pertinent facts regarding the establishment of prices were raised. The Food Services Department is in a way a small business independent of Lawrence University.

It is an "auxiliary service," where the meal price is determined according to the actual expense of food. The meals are prepared by the Food Services Department with no profit margin.

In discussing the complaint that the TFC (Telephone Facilities Center) in the library is frequently closed for classes as well as for all other training, it was pointed out that the TFC is primarily intended for staff/faculty use.

See LUCC on page 7.

**Ben Folds is the Big Event**

by Ray Feller

Editor in Chief

This April, Ben Folds will bring his piano to the chapel stage as SOUP's Big Event for 2002-2003.

This year is very different from usual for SOUP. Instead of having many smaller events spread throughout the year, LUCC allocated a special sum of money to be used for one well-known performer to come to Lawrence.

To facilitate all of the planning that would be necessary, SOUP formed a special committee called the Big Event committee. Chairing the committee is Andrea Hendrickson.

Finding a performer was a long process, and was based from start to finish on student input. "It has been lots of fun and a lot of work in a little amount of time," explains Hendrickson.

The Big Event committee began meeting in the fall, and positions were opened to any interested students on campus.

The committee sent several surveys to students to narrow down the best choice for performer. Surveys started by asking what type of performer students wanted. From that point, they got more and more specific.

While students were helping the Big Event committee narrow things down, the committee was working to find good performers within the price range who would be able to tour and were willing to do university dates.

The Big Event committee put out a survey with around a dozen bands on it and asked students to rate their top three choices.

In this survey, Ben Folds received over double the votes of any other group. When the Big Event committee saw how strongly the student body felt, they pushed to get Ben Folds as the Big Event.

"It is really exciting because he was so obviously the top choice," says Hendrickson. "We hope he is going to draw the most people."

"Due Activities helped with phone calls, doing the negotiations with agents."

Folds, formerly of the band Ben Folds Five, recently released the album Ben Folds Live, featuring his live performances from the 2002 tour. Folds is known for his ability to interact with an audience. During his solo touring, he used his audiences to provide back vocals and instrumentation.

The concert will be April 8 in the chapel. Students with a Lawrence ID can get tickets for $8; everyone else will get them for $15. Only one ticket can be purchased at the discounted price per ID. Tickets cannot be purchased over the phone, and students will be able to choose their own seats. The box office will be selling to LU students beginning the first week in March, with sales open to the public two weeks later. "This money is coming from the activities fee, so it is for Lawrence students first. We really want the students to get the best seats," says Hendrickson.

**Estrich encourages constitutional vigilance**

Convocation speaker urges political literacy

by Peter Gillette

Editor in Chief

Susan Estrich, Professor of Law and Political Science at University of Southern California, delivered a convocation yesterday entitled "Civil Liberties in the Times of Terror: The Balance Between Security and Freedom."

Estrich, who is perhaps best known for her work opposite Dick Morris as a commentator for Fox News, acknowledged the complexity of Civil Liberties, and how they foster into issues ranging from surveillance to racial profiling, to government secrecy and the argument over tribunals.

She also encouraged Lawrence students to become more politically involved.

Estrich held up as a model the group of Lawrenceans who protested the war in Iraq on the chapel steps prior to her address.

Estrich explored the dilemma of who to search. "Americans believe that it is fundamentally wrong to draw lines on the basis of race, religion, and ethnic background," Estrich said, acknowledging that often it is more expedient to only look at certain segments of society.

Another major issue around such "racial profiling" is "Who is doing the choosing?" That was a major point of Estrich's, a question she used towards military tribunals, police departments, government accountability, and finally civil service.

The impulse to scale back civil liberties, as President Warch's introduction attested, is by no means a new one in American history. "We are as afraid of hystera as the next crowd — what will we look back on that we did today?" Estrich told The Lawrentian before her convocation.

Throughout her speech, she cautioned against hystera: "Thankfully, there has been no national round-up of Arab." Estrich said, "but what's surprising is how conservative opponents of big government did a 180 degree turn after 9-11."

Estrich said, saying that 9-11 was "not caused by conspiracy, but stupidity."

"The Constitution and freedom became an easy whipping boy — or girl, as it were. 'Let's not scapegoat, therefore let's not look,"" she said before the conversation of why civil liberties often get scaled back, rather the failures addressed.

Estrich also disagreed with the movement towards military tribunals, saying that President George W. Bush ought to trust the judges his father and President Reagan appointed. "I wouldn't ask the federal judicia to run a war... So why would you expect the military to interpret the constitution?"

While she did not address the war in Iraq directly, Estrich encouraged grassroots movements. A diedhard Democrat, she told the crowd that Dems are afraid of being viewed as soft on defense, and grassroots moves are needed.

"There is a new anti-war movement in students. What we aren't seeing is organization from Washington. So to the extent it seems to be almost sprouting up on college campuses, she said The Lawrentian.

Additional reporting by Ray Feller, editor in chief.
As President Rick Warch's e-mail to the Lawrence community made everyone aware, the search for a new university president is moving along, with hopes of making a final selection by March of 2003, but it isn’t the president’s position that the university is going to fill.

Six departments within the college and one in the conservatory are currently engaging in faculty searches of their own. The college departments currently at various stages in their searches are Anthropology, Art, English, Geology, Government, and History.

The Anthropology department is trying to fill one of two vacancies that will be open next year. The other is to be filled by Carla Doody, who has worked as an instructor on anthropology for the last two years as a pre-doc-toral fellow, according to Peter Poronsky, the department chair. One position is open due to the long-term disability of George Saunders. The other vacancy will open when Julie Hastings leaves at the end of this school year. Saunders and Hastings’ focuses are Europe and Latin America, respectively. According to Poronsky, the new faculty member will hopefully be a specialist in Asia.

The department has already brought in their three candidates and ranked them. The administration is now trying to hire these candidates.

The Art department is looking for a full professor, according to Cynthia Steiner, the department chair. One position is open due to the long-term disability of George Saunders. The other positions will open when Tony Hopf, who has already been offered other positions, comes to the university. Steiner said that they have been screening applications and the pool is a good one.

"We anticipate bringing candidates to campus either late this term or early next term," Orr said.

The Geology department is looking for a geochimist. According to Marcia Bjorme, department chair, the department is looking to hire someone specific in "low temperature environments: surface and near sub-surface environments."

The new professor will hopefully also be able to contribute to the environmental studies courses. The new professor will replace Tony Hopf, who is going to another position.

Currently, the department is having the second of four candidates on campus. Bjorme hopes to have made an offer by the second week in February.

The Government department is looking for a new faculty member to replace Chou-de Hah, who will be retiring at the end of this year. According to Claudia Skran, department chair, they are looking for someone who “will be well-versed in public policy and environmental politics.”

Other departments already conducted two interviews with candidates and will conduct two more in the near future. Stein also, too, hopes to have a decision made by February.

The History department is looking for a Colonial and Early American specialist. Basically from the early 17th century until the current exhibitions in the Wriston Art Center professor George Saunders. The other department in the college that is looking for a professor is German.

The German department has been looking for someone who specializes in public policy and environmental politics. Stein also hopes to have a decision made by the end of the month.

See Faculty on page 7.
LU Trivia Weekend 2003

This year's trivia contest has come and gone with much success. From sleep deprivation to action questions, teams gave it their all in hopes of winning glory, fame, and some piece of junk the Trivia Masters bestowed as a prize.

Among the prizes this year were a dried squid on a stick, an old shag-orange bathroom scale, a shark condom cover, and a light-up cigarette display duct-taped to a broken office chair.

PHRED BEATTIE will be next year's Grand Master.

BUCKY'S TEAM, WHICH WON FIRST PLACE ON CAMPUS, was headquartered in the basement of Plantz Hall.

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Recycling revolution begins to roll away

by Peter Gillette

Changes are, you haven't thought about recycling during the past week. Changes are, you haven't talked about recycling during the past week. But changes are, you've recycled something.

Recycling has become second nature, in such a way, in such a short time (a little over a decade) that it's easy to forget how remarkably Americans have begun to change the way we look at trash. Reusing bottles, while better than throwing them away, is no longer the way to go; it's time to take recycling seriously. Recycling has become second nature, in such a way, in such a short time (a little over a decade) that it's easy to forget how remarkably Americans have begun to change the way we look at trash. Reusing bottles, while better than throwing them away, is no longer the way to go; it's time to take recycling seriously.

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Last winter, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg sought to kill recycling in a "no sacred cows" proposal that compiled that recycling costs $140 per ton, while simply trashing it all costs $130 per ton.

Why buy recycled paper when you can just reuse paper? According to the Wisconsin DNR, in one year we use enough office paper to build a 10-foot-high wall that's 118 miles long, or 100,000 miles or so. You're holding on to paper; do the right thing.

Perhaps you could find a use for it. Reusing saves you money. Why buy textbooks for your course? You have a newspaper! And reusing bottles just makes sense.

And if you print text from the Internet, emails — generally anything other than formal prose — recycling is a small step toward being the norm.

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All in the name of journalism

Journalists often place themselves in dangerous locations to report stories to the uninformed public, and that is a risk that most writers weigh into the decision to report or not. While negotiating the job of writing a weekly opinion column for The Lawrentian, I had no idea I would be putting myself, or others, in harm’s way. Yet, this past weekend proved otherwise.

At a party with friends, an offended Lawrentian reader verbally assaulted me. Not only were obscenities used but also a bevy of control problems, or the excitement of promoting them. To fan support, and hinting to the administration, that I believe there is enough support to sponsor an actual, legitimate, team. Lastly, I was applauding the fans, and suggesting they take it one step further and start a real team, to actually stop negative criticisms about uniformed non-cheerleaders. My editorial was mistaken for a negative criticism, and after I explained it to the person at a later date, we came to an understanding.

This is a dilemma most writers struggle with: the inability to get their point across clearly, and the conflict with the reader who is unable to understand a point, no matter how clear it is to the mass public.

In addition, I merely write an opinion column for The Lawrentian. As important as this is to me, I am not the front-page writer for the Washington Post, figuratively speaking. Merely a social critic myself, I can only advise (or request please) to all other critics out there, such as the one who attached me this weekend: Follow in my manners, by critiquing any and all subject matter with an intelligent, thorough, and non-violent approach to prevent against similar upset in the future.

-Robin Humbert

Trivia Masters Photo Poll: What do you remember about Trivia Weekend?

"The enormous boote." -Cara Ketchum

"Being written a song by a nerd with graphoids." -Jon Bens

"Party Robot." -Jessie Augustyn

"Hanging supplies." -Nick Siegel

"SKULL SQUADRON!!" -Jonathan Roberts

"Cutting a rug on four hours of sleep." -Steve Hettel

"I think that Planet’s final speech said it all. He’s the perfect choice for the next grandmaster; he radiates so perfectly all the pointless foolishness that is music. And I say due with only the most sincere respect and affection." -Nick Sario

[Phred]: "Disappearing for 13 hours… and finding something that you’ll never hear about. Look at the comic book version in 2005."
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-Phred Beastie
with Lindsay Moore

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Notes to listen for from LU Jazz

by Chris Swade

The LU jazz program has an exciting term ahead, with three concerts put up in the next six weeks. Tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the chapel, a modified LU Jazz Ensemble will be presenting Till Eulenspiegel's tricks. Tomorrow, Feb. 12 and March 14. The February concert will feature all of the LU jazz bands. The March concert will again feature LUJE. The theme of that show is "Nuevos Tiempos." The March concert will feature a return of the college tours of Sturms' arrangements of Astor Piazzolla works.

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The group will tour March 22, 23, and 24 in Chicago. The Laurentian would like to congratulate Encarnacion on the birth of his first son, Julian Encarnacion, who was born at 8:45 a.m. on Jan. 27.

Look for previews of the February and March concerts, as well as a feature on Sturms, in upcoming editions of The Laurentian.

LU Theatre produces new talent

by Tony Gherardin

What would you do if someone told you that you had five minutes to show just how talented you are? Belinda Behrman, a senior LU student, recently found out. Behrman and three fellow students had to do just that. Teams of two competed in the Irene Ryan Scholarship, a six-week performance put up by the Irene Ryan Scholarship. The Irene Ryan Scholarship is the only performance put up by the students this year. Behrman is the only student to have a chance of winning the Irene Ryan Scholarship. Behrman had five minutes to perform a song, recite a monologue, and act in a scene with another person. Behrman's performance had "strong showing" as she performed a song, recite a monologue, and act in a scene with another person.

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by Brad Lindert

Men's Basketball

The Lawrence University Men's Basketball team split a pair of games against MWC foes this past weekend. The Vikings crushed Monmouth 75-40, but lost a heartbreaker to Grinnell 150-149 in these overtime affairs.

On Friday the Vikings had no trouble defeating the Scots. The Vikings came out early, and with the game tied at 12, the Vikings went on a 23-2 run to make the score 35-14. The Scots got as close as 16 points at the half at 38-22, but could not stop the potent Viking offense in the second half. The Vikings cruised to an easy 75-40 win.

Chris Braier, who had another double-double, led the Vikings with 23 points and 12 rebounds. Jason Hollinbeck was second among other Viking double figures with 11 points.

Saturday the Vikings took on a Grinnell team that is the leading scorer in any NCAA division. The Pioneers are averaging 136 points per game, and Saturday was no exception. The game was an offensive battle right from the beginning. The pioneers shot three, and the Vikings beat the transition back for lay-ups. At the half the Vikings were up 54-50, but that was not nearly enough against the Pioneer attack.

The Vikings couldn't hold the lead in a seesaw second half, and the teams went into the first overtime period tied at 106.

The first overtime saw the Vikings seem to have the gam e won. They played better, and had a three point lead with the period ending. But Grinnell couldn't be stopped.

Steve Wood had a desperation buzzer sounded, and the game went into a second overtime. Wood was the leading scorer for both teams in the game, he finished with 48 points and shot an astounding 14 free throws.

The second overtime was even again as the teams put up 15 points apiece to send the game to a third and final OT.

In the third overtime, Grinnell finally took a lead. They were up by one, 150-149 as time wound down, but the Vikings had one last chance.

Bruce Vandermusse had a shot at the buzzer to win for the Vikings, but it didn't fall, and Grinnell came away with a hard fought win, 150-149.

Bruce led the Vikings again, tying a school record with 45 points. He also added an amazing 20 rebounds.

Also in double figures for the Vikings were Brendan Falls with 34, Chris MacGillis with 25, Hollinbeck with 21, and Quantin Herrng with 10. The Vikings shot a horrendous 64 percent from the free-throw line, which was ultimately their undoing.

The Vikings are still in first place in the MWC and will be home this weekend. They play Knox tonight and Carthage tomorrow afternoon. Both games can be heard on 91.1 WLFM.

LU Women win one of two on weekend

The LU Women's Basketball team won their first game against Monmouth Friday night, but couldn't defeat Grinnell on Saturday.

The Vikings and Scots both were horrendous from the field on Friday. Neither team shot above 30 percent for the game.

The Scots came out and scored six points in a minute in the first half to jump to a 17-10 lead over the Vikings and they parlayed this into a 25-19 halftime lead.

The Vikings came storming back in the second half. Monmouth got the lead up to as much as nine, but the Vikings hit their free throws in the end, and came out the victors, 51-48. The Vikings were led by freshman phenom Claire Getzoff who had 16 points. Felice Porretta added 12 for LU.

The first half of Saturday's game looked a lot like the first half Friday. Neither team shot well, and the Vikings trailed by four at the half, 33-29. This time there would be no second half comeback, however.

The Pioneers pushed the lead further, took the win in hand, and Claire Getzoff's 17 points led the Vikings.

The Vikings are tied for the fourth and last playoff spot in the MWC. They will host Knox and Monmouth this weekend at Alexander Gym. Tip is 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 2:00 p.m. Saturday. Both games can be heard on 91.1 WLFM.

Swimmers have rough time against tough competition

The Lawrence University Swimming and Diving team had a rough time against very tough competition at the Get to the Point Invitational at UW-Stevens Point last weekend.

The Viking women placed 10th out of 11 teams and the men placed 8th out of 9 teams.

The Vikings won 195-120 over UW-Stevens Point and took eighth out of nine teams.

Jody Primus, who took fifth in the 100 IM, paced the women. The men had Tom Carroll take third in the 50 freestyle, and sixth in the 100-meter freestyle. Nick Heuer took fifth in the 100 butterfly.

The Vikings will be home this Saturday hosting the Wisconsin Private College Championships in the Boldt Natatorium. The meet will begin at noon.

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One for the ages

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What’s more the latest incarnation of Agassi appears to be here to stay. He has rediscovered his talent and his fleeting nature. I am really overwhelmed by it. Agassi says after winning his 4th Australian Open. I’ve said so many times as you get older you realise how much you take these moments for granted and you want to make the most of it.

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In the third the Vikings scored three goals in a span of five minutes to coast to the win. Scoring for the Vikings was Andy Link, Paul Melchiori with his second of the game, and Aaron Graber. MCHA Goalie of the Week Daniel Jurgil also led the Vikings. His two wins bring his record on the year to 8-7.
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