LUCC passes housing changes

by Jessie Augustyn and
Andy Dolan

Editor in Chief and News Editor

LUCC made several changes to the existing housing legislation in the interest of clarity and accuracy to avoid potential inaccuracy as changes passed earlier in the year.

Students interested in living in substance-free housing in Kohler Hall may now select that preference on housing contracts. Previously, the substance-free housing option was part of a separate selection. It will now be in the selection with the rest of the housing.

Another significant change was the inclusion of the smoking Halo legislation passed last term by LUCC. The legislation states, Kohler Hall and Grimsby Hall have a 25-ft. smoke-free perimeter surrounding the hall. Other residents of both halls will have the opportunity to vote on the smoke-free perimeter option at the beginning of the academic year.

Recent budget allocations to student organizations were also announced. The YUAI community was given $600 in order to provide an additional event for the campus. Another allocation was given to the Lawrence University Football Club, the Lawrence University Marching Band, and the Lawrence University Basketball Club.

A member of the Lawrence University faculty since 1983, Professor Brackenridge taught physics and history of science until his passing in 2003. He was a pioneer in the field of the history of science and was a founding member of the American Society for the History of Physics. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Muskingum College and his master's degree in history of science from Imperial College in London. He completed the Ph.D. in physics at Brown University in 1959.

In announcing his passing, President Richard Warch observed, "Bruce had fought cancer and other illnesses with grit and grace for many years, and his courage and good spirits were evident to the end. All of us grieve his death and extend our condolences to Mary Ann, Lynn, Bob, and Scot. He served Lawrence with remarkable distinction, and we will miss him."

Professor Brackenridge is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Raw; a daughter, Lynn Brackenridge; and two sons, Robert and Scot. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to the college for a fund in the memory of J. Bruce Brackenridge.

There are representatives from all across campus: Yussia, Student Center, Biology Club, the College Republicans, and other groups. Work began first term and has become steadily more involved over the past few weeks.

Students on the committee, which is open to everyone on campus, do a lot of the organizing. Vendors have to be contacted, permits have to be obtained, sponsorships sought, and schedules made and advertised. Students who are involved with SOUP will also be helping at the event itself.

Lawrence will have a couple of representatives in Bob Levy's Big Band Reunion Group. The Sambistas will also be representing LU.

Hendrickson mentioned various highlights for this year, some new and some old. A Shakespeare Man will be seen wandering around soliciting and giving kisses to anyone who is interested. There will also be a fire truck, a horse-drawn carriage.

As an extension of Celebrate!, the performer Ellis will be returning to the coffeehouse on Sunday. Originally interested in becoming a part of Celebrate!, Ellis is very excited about coming back to the Lawrence campus.

Celebrate! will take place on Main Hall green this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Carroll College's students and faculty protest school's proposed academic offering changes

Lawrence still committed to liberal arts education
by Jeff Christoff
Staff Writer

Carroll College, located in Waukesha, Wis., has recently been the setting for many faculty and student protests in response to proposed changes to the school's academic offerings.

The Feb. 20 issue of Carroll's student newspaper, The New Perspective, covers those proposed changes, which include eliminating faculty positions and courses in the humanities and fine arts, and allocating additional resources to the sciences, business administration, and economics, health sciences, and law enforcement.

Another larger modification would include restructuring the college into two parts: a liberal arts school and a professional training school.

While Carroll College is similar to Lawrence University (both are small Wisconsin colleges), Carroll has defined itself as a place committed to liberal arts learning. Lawrence has been able to commit to liberal arts because of its strong foundation, Warch said. "Through the collective actions of administrators and faculty over many decades, Lawrence has shaped and defined itself as a place committed to liberal learning," he said.

He cited past contributions, such as the elimination of certain professional programs in the 1990s and '90s and the establishment of the Freshman Studies program. Currently, Warch explained, Lawrence is at a good operating level. "We have the advantage of strong alumni support, a reasonably strong endowment, though not where it needs to be, and strong admissions and retention results," he said.

Although the search is on for a new president, Warch believes that Lawrence will remain committed to liberal arts learning. "I suppose the next Lawrence president may have a different opinion from mine-he or she will obviously have different opinions and approaches to the matters, but I would be surprised if the trustees would select a president who did not embrace the place and purposes of liberal education," he said.

"At the start of the day," Warch added, "I think the question (as to how Lawrence remains committed to liberal arts learning) can be answered by noting that the administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni of Lawrence have a shared sense of their purpose, which has seen us through difficult times in the past and which I believe will persist into the future."
by Carrie Cleaveland
For The Lawrentian

The question on everyone’s mind: “Is it better than the first one?”

In a word, Yes.

But this wasn’t very hard to do.

The problem with turning any comic book into a movie is that a significant portion of screen time must be devoted to introducing characters establishing the pre-existing story, leaving little room left for any serious plot development. But that’s what sequels are for.

Although I liked the first X-Men movie, it annoyed me that with so many characters to introduce, none of them, besides Wolverine, received sufficient focus. Character profiles were sketched at best and with all these introductions, the plot was whittled down to a very simple story arc.

Such is not the case with X2: X-Men United. The film not only gives the familiar characters a more substantial role, but also creates an exciting new plot with more complications, twists, and entertainment.

While new mutants are introduced (Nightcrawler, Iceman, Pyro, and Lady Deathstrike), the focus remains primarily on the mutants of the first movie.

Jean Grey (Famke Janssen) in particular stands out, as her growing powers establish the probability of her transformation into Phoenix, potentially in another sequel. Nightcrawler (Alan Cumming), however, steals the show and quickly emerges as one of the more memorable mutants. Likewise Ian McKellen, Hugh Jackman, and (surprisingly) Rebecca Romijn-Stamos all give superb performances and make X2 truly excellent.

Aside from the great characters, much of the movie’s strength lies in the fight sequences, which are spectacular. They are (thankfully) not drawn out and incorporate all the action of the X-Men without dragging down the story. And while I enjoyed them all, the opening sequence introducing Nightcrawler’s teleporting had me riveted.

This “Shue” definitely fits: Two plays, one review

by Chris Chan
Staff Writer

I rarely find a book that makes me laugh uncontrollably while I read it. Oh sure, I often appreciate a writer’s humor, but it is not often that I spend 15 minutes on a single sentence, unable to proceed due to the fact that the mere thought of that line leaves me crying joyfully, paralyzed with unstoppable laughter.

Perhaps I was just in a silly mood, but as I took extreme good humor into account, my reading material is still composed of two of the funniest plays I’ve ever seen. I have had the pleasure to read.

The first play in question is The Nerd, by Larry Shue. The Nerd is the story of a young architect and Vietnam veteran named Willum. While in the war, he was stationed in an anonymous hole, who was later identified as Rick Steadman.

Willum’s life upside-down, such is it.

The fact is, Willum is utterly miserable, but he’s too working to realize it. Willum’s trying to design the perfect hotel for a man who has lost his property out of cardboard if he could get away with it, plus his girlfriend is about to move away and he’s too apathetic to do anything to save the relationship.

Who you realize that he is an interesting person with the ability to make others feel appreciated.

I cannot reveal many plot points about either play without spoiling the jokes, but I will reveal that both Willum and Charlie eventually find happiness at the ends of their respective plays, thanks to their own efforts. It is amazing how Shue is able to put the most absurd situations into his plays and make them seem completely plausible in the context of the world of his characters.

Few playwrights would be able to create a character with the ability to put an entire roomful of people off their deviled eggs, or convince those same people to march around the room barefoot with paper bags over their hands, and I won’t even get into the mayhem Rick causes when he tries to save the kids of airplane passengers. Just as exciting is the way the audience is left laughing with the characters instead of at them.

I also got a kick out of the allusions, both subtle and overt, to other X-Men favorites, such as Beast, Gambit, Shadowcat, Colossus, and Jubilee.

The story of the continuing human/mutant tension becomes a little boring at the end when Professor Xavier (Patrick Stewart) starts to get preachy. The slight drop in quality of the ending, however, does not detract from the otherwise excellent movie.

If this movie does well at the box office (and I suspect it will), I’ll put my money on the Summer 2005 release of X3: The Phoenix Saga. I can hardly wait.

In a world where breasts and marketing saturate the music business, it is nice to know that somewhere there is a band singing a song with his friends (or by himself), and that man is Zach Johnson.

Zach Johnson has the smooth guitar lines of James Taylor, the spoken and eulogies of Ann Mitchell, the vocals of Elvis Costello, and the songwriting ability of all three. “Zach Johnson & Friends,” as it was billed, played the Underground last Thursday (that’s May 5th for all you keeping track at home). I have not seen that many people in the coffeehouse all year (besides for a comedian). And as all of the people that were there can attest, his friends were hellia entertaining.

Whether it was the guitar playing of St. McE, the yodeling of chords by Amber Evey during Zach’s violin solo, or just the simply amazing songs done by Zach and his friends, the night was proof that people still play good music in this world. Even if all you see at M&T and hear on the radio is Russian lesbian teenagers who only sing about making out with each other.

Zach said to the audience that he worried that he might turn into a bad talent show, but it never fell to that level. If a wrong note was hit, they’d just laugh it off. If someone would play the wrong opening guitar part they would just laugh about it three or four times. And as I said, if Zach didn’t know the chord progression for a song, no one was there to help him out.

Highlights of that night for me were Zach’s fingerstyle playing done by Zach, Amber, Megan Flod, and Patrick Elbers. The rocking out of Zach, Cardell and Zach on a Bonnie Raitt song, as just said, rocked. Also, Zach, Katherine Moore, and Steven Girard doing “Top of the World” by Patty Griffin was amazing. Oh, can’t forget Zach and Anna doing “The Lucky One,” now that is a good song.

I also had the pleasure last Sunday of having Zach on my radio show. This was a more intimate performance since it was only Zach, a guitar, and two microphones. Zach played all the originals and proved that even if he is one of the funniest people on campus, he could write serious music as well, and that he can play it. Every song seemed sadly beautiful. I mean, I even said that one song was happy, but when he played it the song still came off melancholy.

While I really missed Zach live at the coffeehouse or on my show, don’t worry. He’ll be at this year’s Zoo Music Festival, so you can stop by and listen to the guy everyone is talking about.

(Well, really the one talking about him.)
 Fair Trade not the solution

by Jonathan Home
Letter to the Editor

The indeed dire plight of Latin American coffee farmers has gotten a lot of attention lately. The coffee beans on campus have effectively painted the picture of the poverty these people endure. However, the Fair Trade movement seems like an effective means of dealing with this problem. Briefly, a Fair Trade certification means the coffee beans were purchased by an organization, similar to OPEC, that regulates the price the farmer would be paid for their beans. This would prevent the middlemen from taking a huge profit.

Although you probably never hear it admitted by the anti-globalization elements on campus, the real problem is not the coffee transport to the coffee beans were purchased by an organization, similar to OPEC, that regulates the price the farmer would be paid for their beans. This would prevent the middlemen from taking a huge profit. The problem lies in the market itself. In the 1990s, Brazil and Vietnam increased production and flooded the coffee market; Vietnam itself grabbed a 12 percent market share. This huge increase in supply necessarily forced the price down. This, in turn, forced the farmers to reallocate their crops. Fair Trade fails to address this basic cause of the farmer's poverty. Like any other cartel, Fair Trade will give the farmers an artificially high value for their product, inducing more production, which only deepens the problem in the first place. In addition, the cartel will force consumers, including the average American poor, to put more money for their coffee. Given the radical left's anti-capitalist agenda, it is not surprising that they have chosen a solution that not only hurts American corporations, workers and consumers, but ignores the situation's basic cause.

Activists truly concerned with helping the less fortunate rather than harnessing consumer anger should buy whatever coffee they prefer. Although it may be more time consuming and possibly even less on budget than buying a cup of Fair Trade, truly concerned activists should pressure their congressmen to help the Third World governments shift from commoditization production, such as coffee, to more lucrative areas. And they should tell (or not) the middlemen that punish production in Latin and South America.

If there is one thing the Fair Trade movement has accomplished on campus, it has separated the activist population into two groups: one, that enjoys pointing out problems and another that works for solutions.

Four years ago, I wrote an article for the Lawrencean titled "A Friendly Message from a Concerned, Bikeless Mexican." Today I want to restate my concern about the Fair Trade movement. In particular, I want to address the idea of the "mexican" (American) food you probably would not like real Mexican food. Tex-Mex food is great, I person- ally love it, but it is NOT Mexican.

1. Check out the worst national brand of beer in Mexico. And for all of you who have bought it in your trips to Mexico, you know they sold it to you. So why not try Dos XX, Negra Modelo, Sol, or Victoria.

2. I agree with her, I believe that this ignorance is inherently discriminat- ing and it should be understood within the context of the mockery with which Mexican culture is treated. I present for you a few facts that are important to know:
2.1. Any Mexican food that includes yellow (American) cheese is NOT Mexican. For that matter, if you like this type of food, you should appreciate it for what it is and not try to make fun of it.
2.2. I can no longer accept this mockery of my country and of my culture.

Support troops, not war decisions

by John and Dorothy Dreher
Letter to the Editor

This Letter to the Editor was originally submitted to the Appleton Post-Crescent April 12 and printed April 33. It is reprinted here with the permis- sion of both the Post-Crescent and Professor John Dreher.

Mast we stand united behind our troops in war zones? You bet. Let's support our troops with every- thing they need in the field and give them huge expressions of gratitude when they come home.

Mast we also unite behind the politicians who aberrated what seemed to be a promise in their election cam- paign and who ordered the invasion of a poor country ruled by a ter- rible dictator? No.

A loyal opposition is a key part of a democracy. It is vital for our democracy to try to silence citizens by ordering them to hurry. We are told to hurry because, allegedly, George Bush and Dick Cheney know best. We are told that, if we don't do it the way they want, we should move to Iraq.

That's silly. It's just as silly as saying that if you want to sup- port a leader blindly, you should move to Korea, where you can praise "dear leader" non-stop.

Let us work together in our democracy to figure out better ways to use the power of our nation to promote human flour- ishing on our planet. As a simple first step, let us make clear that we can support our troops without also supporting recent (and future?) decisions to rent the movie from a real video store, which may be. Now, it's up to us, some- how, to figure out what the right thing is.

After all, we did read Plato...
Environmental conscioius smokers

by Kim Dunlap

I am not a smoker. (Fritzellian font: Not in that sentence!) All Appleton's scenic industrial park, preferring to not walk around er, preferring to not walk around which, to me, means that I have a fifth box of "casual smoking," and I really cannot stand the sight of cigarette butts contaminating otherwise attractive landscapes. But can one really blame smokers for this? Well, the obvious answer is "yes," because smokers are directly responsible for littering cigarette butts seemingly everywhere.

"There is, however, a more indirecctly responsible party that has contributed to this contamination.

WMD: Who needs them anyway?

by Ben Dictus

I must first thank Jesse Heath for the well-written article, Locks for what I thought was an excellently written article, and John for the other articles that criticized me. Not only am I glad that people wrote to express what they believe, but it also helps enforce one of my views on the war. You people were so angry at what I wrote that you want to make it clear that insult--and I can certainly defend my arguments. Your arguments were sound and I see where you're coming from, but I still think what I argue is right. I think what you should have said is that I believe I am wrong, not that I am ignorant. I have watched countless hours of war coverage and read countless articles, just as I'm sure you have. And yes, the stuff I find to be true is right-winged, just as the information you choose to use is leftist, with no doubt. No one is ignorant here; we simply oppose each other and use material that inherently supports our views.

I would also like to point out that with my last article, it was not my intention to insult anyone. I was trying to convey a few of you anti-war people over to my side and see that the war was a positive thing in many ways. No one is an expert on any means, and I still support the war, but I want to make it clear that insulting my opponents was not my goal. I was trying to convert some anti-war article after anti-war article with little to no voice for the pro-war side. So I did something about it. (And to those of you that didn't like my poor grammar, "I ain't got no problem with that.

Defending myself

by Josh Locks

To Jesse Heath:

There is nothing wrong with having different opinions. I am glad that you felt the need to respond to me with such passion. However, "Anybody can play the 'I care more about people' game. Anybody can play the 'I know more about the issues' game. But why does it have to become a personal attack on me? I may not have the same opinions as you, but does that make you so much better than me?"

Josh Locks

"What new business would you like to see on the Ave?"

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"What new business would you like to see on the Ave?"

"More music shops." -Molly Day

"More bars!" -Mansi Poddar

"More hate." -Mansi Poddar

"I don't think we have enough beer and coffee shops."

"More food!" -Adam Locke

"What would I like... might not be appropriate for publication." -Steve Tie Shoe

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The places where I choose to smoke generally do not have near­by ashtrays, so I carry my butts with me until I can dispose of them properly. I am definitely in the minority, as most people, when they do not have access to ash­trays, will litter.

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SPORTS

Viking Baseball wraps up season

Team looks for a better finish next year

by Andy York
Sports Editor

The Lawrence University Invitational track meet was held last Saturday here at LU. No team scores were kept, but several individual performances.

On the women’s side, Shelley Ebert and Sarah Silvinski once again carried the load. Ebert took first as usual in the 400 meters. Silvinski took first in the 400-meter hurdles, the high jump, and the javelin, and second in the triple jump. Michelle Milner took home the title in the 100-meter hurdles for LU.

The Vikings also won first in the 4x400-meter relay.

The Vikings had a host of other top finishes. Val Curtis took second in the 5000-meter run for LU. Courtney Miller took second in the 5000-meter run.

The Vikings had a slew of other top finishes, including James Hahn taking home second in the 400-meter hurdles, Kyle Hewitt taking third in the 1500 meter, and Dwayne Agba-Mills taking third in the 400, and both the men’s 4x100 and 4x400 taking third place as well.

The Vikings will be competing at the NCAA Championships this weekend at Monmouth College. While the Vikings as a team may have won, several individuals have good shots at titles and qualifying for the NCAA Championships in two weeks.

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Track and Field

Sarah Slivinski won three events at the Lawrence University Invitational last Saturday. The senior from Eagle River won the 400-meter hurdles and broke the school record. She ran the event in 1:05.52, winning by 4.5 seconds.

Slivinski also won two field events, the high jump and javelin. She won the high jump with a leap of 4 feet, 9.75 inches, and took the javelin with a throw of 114-4. She also placed second in the triple jump at 32-9.

Golf

Andy Link earned medallist honors and led Lawrence University to a victory in the fourth round of the Midwest Conference North Division Championships last Saturday. Link, a freshman from Rochester, Minn., captured MWC Golfer of the Week honors after winning the event at The Golf Courses of Lawsonia. The former Century High School star carded a 1-over par 73 on the Links Course, his second-lowest round of the year. He fired a 72 during the second round of Clarke College Oktoberfest Tournament last fall.

Led by Link’s effort, Lawrence finished first in the team standings with a round of 298, 33 shots better than the second-place team.
The Vikings Softball team had high hopes coming into the weekend. They were the Northern Division Champions. They were hosting the conference tournament at home.

The Vikings had a bad day in practice before the tournament started, and it all went downhill from there as LU lost their first two games in the double elimination tournament to Lake Forest 13-7, and then to St. Norbert 17-0.

The Vikings were playing down from the start of the tournament. The day before the tournament started, the Vikings' all-region shortstop and all-American candidate Jenny Burris dislocated her shoulder in practice in a collision with center fielder Becca Reason.

Burris was unable to play in the tournament, and her loss showed how the Vikings' depth.

In the first game of the tournament, the Vikings faced off against Lake Forest. The team that took second place in the country last season.

The Vikings played well early, taking a 4-3 lead after the fourth inning. Then things went downhill.

Vikings pitcher Lauren Kost was pulled after a leadoff home run in the top of the fifth. Amy Varda came in to pitch for the Vikings. Varda gave up nine hits against St. Norbert.

The Green Knights found their hitting stroke. The Vikings gave up two of the runs were earned, the Vikings committed two errors, which led to Forester runs. By the time the game was over, Lake Forest had escaped with a 13-7 win and was off to the winners' bracket, while the Vikings went to the losers' bracket to play St. Norbert.

Shannon Averdi, who had two RBIs, and Ashley Eaton, who went 2-3 with two runs scored, led the Vikings on offense.

The second game was a complete disaster for the Vikings. The teams both went scoreless for the first two innings. Then the Green Knights found their hitting stroke. The Vikings gave up four, five, and eight runs in the third, fourth, and fifth innings respectively.

The Vikings committed four errors, so only 11 of the 17 runs were earned. The Vikings had no offense with Burris hurt, and only got four hits against St. Norbert. Pitcher Gina Collar.

The Vikings were eliminated and St. Norbert went on to advance to Saturday's play.

The Championship game matched up MWC South foes Lake Forest and Monmouth. The first championship game was tied at two until Monmouth catcher Rachel Webster hit a three-run home run to give the Scots a 5-2 victory.

That set up the second and final game: the winner would move on the NCAA Tournament; the loser was done.

Monmouth jumped out to what looked like an insurmountable 5-0 lead on the Vikings. That lead was quickly narrowed in the third inning when Lake Forest DH Shannon Clark hit a grand slam to bring the lead to 5-4.

Monmouth struck back and increased their lead to 8-4, but a run in the bottom of the sixth inning trimmed that to 8-5.

The bottom of the seventh inning was one of the biggest championship game comebacks in MWC history. After putting the bases loaded and putting the winning run at the plate, Monmouth pitcher Heather Burrows walked in a run and was replaced by Shelly Orwig.

An RBI single cut the lead to 8-7, with the bases loaded and still no outs. Orwig struck out the next batter, and Lake Forest catcher Jen Thomason doubled to the gap in right center field, scoring two runs and winning the championship for Lake Forest 9-8.

The Foresters advance to the Midwest Regional of the NCAA Softball Tournament and will play host Wisconsin, La. today.

The six-team double elimination tournament will last the weekend, with the winner advancing to the NCAA Softball World Series, where the Foresters took second a year ago.

The Vikings will graduate several key seniors this year. Varda, Sarah Sager, and Stephanie Swoboda will all graduate for LU. Coach Kim Trotter will have to find some new players, but look for the Vikings to be near the top of the MWC again next spring.

What a season it's been for the Lawrence University Men's Golf team. They went through the fall season looking sharp as ever. They started the Northern Division Championship events, except their own tournament, because of NCAA regulations.

This hasn't stopped the Vikings from being the favorite going into this weekend's MWC Championships at Alden Golf Course in Rockford, Illinois.

The Vikings have demoted MWC competition so far this season. The Vikings won the first round of the Northern Division on the MWC by 28 strokes over eventual Northern Division champion Beloit. In the second round, it was a 31-stroke win.

In the Lawrence University Invitational, the only tournament that the Vikings were allowed to play besides the conference tournament, they crushed the competition again. This time it was 33 strokes over St. Norbert.

The Vikings had to drop out of the third and fifth rounds of the Northern Division Championships to avoid breaking an NCAA regulation. According to Joe Vanden Acker, the Lawrence University sports information director, if a golf team plays both fall and spring seasons, it's only allowed to play so many days.

If the Vikings had played in those two tournaments, they would have exceeded the limit, and would have been ineligible to play. The Vikings may not have been able to compete in the Midwest Conference Championship Tournament. The Vikings are coming off their best finish in the MWC in over 20 years last season. They finished three shots behind Monmouth in a tournament shortened to one round by rain. The Vikings are this year's favorite, and it's because of the play of several freshmen.

Andy Link and Joe Loehnis have led the Viking Golf team all season.

Link, out of Rochester, Minn., has had an impressive amateur golf career in Minnesota. He came on to this Viking team and immediately contributed. Link shot a one over 71 to win the Lawrence University Invitational last weekend, and is one of the favorites to win an individual MWC title this weekend.

LU has another freshman who has made an immediate impact. Loehnis is from Appleton, and he has also taken medalist honors at a tournament this season. He won the second round of the MWC Northern Division tournament with a four over 74. Loehnis is another favorite this weekend to win.

The Vikings have last year's individual champion, Jeff Henderson, returning as well. Henderson tied for the MWC title last season, and is looking to win it outright this year.

Henderson has also played very well this season, winning the first round of the MWC Northern Division Championship with a one over 74. Henderson has shot some high numbers this season, but he had the potential to go under par if the conditions are right.

The Vikings are the team to beat. They have posted the lowest score in the MWC. If the Vikings play to their potential, there is no reason they won't bring back their first MWC Golf team title since 1949.