Bus visits Appleton

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Campus reaction mixed

by Jonathan Isaacson

Debate over the potential expansion of the bridge on College Avenue has raised concern from the Lawrence University community as well as from the larger Appleton community.

The proposed widening is meant to relieve congestion on College Avenue, but Professor Carol Lawton and others are against expanding the bridge to four lanes.

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College Avenue Bridge expansion referendum on the ballot Tuesday

by Aldan Clark

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Ondracek, Hoerman awarded Watson Fellowships

by Veronica DeVore

Lawrence seniors Janie Ondracek and Rachel Hoerman were recently named recipients of the prestigious Thomas J. Watson fellowship. The Providence, Rhode Island-based Watson Foundation awards selected students $22,000 with which to fund a year of travel and independent study outside the United States. Watson Fellowship recipients choose a specific area of interest, hobby, or passion to investigate and pursue during their year abroad. Applicants for the fellowship are required to plan exactly how they will use the money allotted to them, right down to scheduling flights, finding lodging, and securing visas. Ondracek will use her funds to learn about the cuisine, preparation techniques, and culinary traditions of France, Japan, and India. She will spend four months in each country watching chefs prepare traditional cuisine and learning about how each region’s culinary arts are passed through generations.

"These countries indicate very distinct culture," she said. "I am interested in how foreign influence has affected cuisine in places like India versus in places like France and Japan, where cuisine is a part of the national identity." For Ondracek, a neuroscience major, cooking has always been a passion outside of her academic work. Both of her parents are avid chefs, and watching and learning from them sparked Ondracek’s interest in culinary arts. Through the Watson fellowship, she can cultivate and develop that interest.

For Hoerman, the fellowship provides a means to research a lifelong passion that also happens to be her academic interest. Hoerman, a studio art and history major, will travel to Bhutan, Tibet, Japan, and Australia to research the traditional arts forms found there.

"Bhutan is the only surviving Buddhist kingdom and still doesn’t have much contact with the outside world," she said. "Ancient art forms are found there that have continued to be practiced because they’re still useful to the people." In each country she visits, Hoerman plans to first immerse herself with the existing art in each country and then to learn specific techniques from local artists. She also hopes to lodge with host families and to learn basic conversational skills in the local languages.

Like Ondracek, Hoerman’s interest in art began in her family. One of her relatives fought in Japan during World War II and exposed her to traditional Japanese art. Another relative’s experiences with traditional art while living in Asia piqued Hoerman’s interest.

Both Hoerman and Ondracek are excited about the opportunity the Watson fellowship has granted them. They see the experience as a chance to expand their horizons, test their independence, and find new insight into their lifelong passions and interests.
Friday, April 2
3:00 p.m. Class change period continues; Registrar’s Office.
4:00 p.m. Softball vs. Finlandia; Whiting Field.
6:00 p.m. Opening lecture by Deb Todd Wheeler, Class change period continues; Registrar’s Office, Career Center.
4:00 p.m. Recent Advances in Biology Lecture Second week of classes begins. Instructor’s signature is with Steph Figi, ’89; The Underground
3:00 p.m. Softball vs. Finlandia; Whiting Field.
6:00-7:00 p.m. Anniversary remembrance for Alissa
7:00 p.m. Men’s Tennis vs. Beloit College; 9:00 a.m. Wind Ensemble concert, conducted by Coffeehouse. Riverview Lounge.
8:00 p.m. “Who are the people in your neighborhood? Transitions,” sponsored by ULEAD; Sunday, April 4
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Finlandia; Nienhaus basement. tenor, and Elissa Harbert, oboe; 1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Ripon College; Whiting Field.
5:00 p.m. Student recital: Emily Maillette, required. Saturday, April 3
All day “Who are the people in your neighborhood? Recognizing the ‘T’ and ‘B’ in GLBTQ” Conference. registration fee: LU students/faculty/staff free, other students $10 in advance, $15 at the door.
9:00 a.m. Men’s Tennis vs. Dominican (Illinois) University; Lawrence Courts.
1:00 p.m. Student recital: Jerry Tietz, baritone; Fairfield Hall.
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Finlandia; Nienhaus Field, Appleton.
3:00 p.m. Student recital: Ivy Howell, soprano; Fairfield Hall.
5:00 p.m. Student recital: Emily Maillette, soprano; Fairfield Hall.
6:30 p.m. Student recital: Patrick Ireland, baritone; Harper Hall.
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8:00 p.m. Wind Ensemble concert, conducted by Robert Levy, with guest soloist John Harmon, ’97, piano, and visiting guest composer Rodney Rogers; Memorial Chapel.
Sunday, April 4
9:00 a.m. Men’s Tennis vs. Beloit College; Lawrence Courts.
Monday, April 5
3:00 p.m. IPC workshop: Hands on with OSX.
6:00 p.m. Quad/Graphics information session; Career Center.
6:00-7:00 p.m. Waseda Programs information session with Steph Figi, ’89, The Underground Coffeehouse.
7:30 p.m. Lecture by Jane Roberts, co-founder of the 34 Million Friends of UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) Campaign.
8:00 p.m. Lawrence Chamber Orchestra concert, conducted by Bridget-Michaela Reischl, Memorial Chapel.
Friday, April 9
3:00 p.m. Men’s Tennis vs. Coe College; Lawrence Courts.
7:30 & 10:00 p.m. Classic Film Club movie: High Noon; Wriston auditorium.
8:00 p.m. Student recital: Joshua Hintze, jazz composition; Harper Hall.
Saturday, April 10
10:00 a.m. Men’s Tennis vs. Grinnell College; Lawrence Courts.
1:00 p.m. Student recital: Caitlin Ceder, soprano, and Charles Christensen, baritone; Harper Hall.
3:00 p.m. Student recital: Jeffrey Christoff, tenor, and Elissa Harbert, oboe; Harper Hall.
5:00 p.m. Student recital: Deanna Deblack, violin; Harper Hall.
8:00 p.m. Student recital: Gabriel Lewis-O’Connor, bass-baritone; Harper Hall.
9:00 p.m. Lawrence Christian Fellowship (LCF) movie night; Wriston auditorium.
9:00 p.m. Lambda Sigma movie night; Riverview Lounge.
Sunday, April 11
12:00 noon LU Objectivists meeting; Downer Dining Room F.
5:30 p.m. RLA selection candidate social; Barber Room and Teakwood Room
Protesters relish raised profile

by Peter Gillette

Lawrentians were hardly the only protesters opposing or supporting Bush's PAC address. The scene downtown in Appleton during President Bush's PAC address could best be described as orderly but chaotic, the slow threat of rain never dampening the enthusiasm of the well over a thousand townpeople, Lawrentians, and area protesters who sacrificed a lunch hour to support or oppose President Bush this afternoon.

The "townie" protesters ranged from young activists with patched backpacks and creative signs, to retirees and workers playing hooky, to seasoned politi­cians. The debate was less over Bush's speech in partic­ular and more about a myriad of controversial issues, and elec­toral politics loomed large.

One such seasoned protester came to Appleton on the heels of a "find-finding" mission in Iraq. George Martin, Wisconsin Green Party spokesman and member of the Milwaukee Coalition for a Just Peace. Martin was one of several speakers at an organized anti-Bush protest brought together by many groups under the auspices of the Fox Valley Coalition for Peace at noon in Houdini Plaza.

"The US is spending ten to twenty billion dollars on the Iraq reconstruction, but you don't see it [there]. There's a lot of suffer­ing and chaos, and many Iraqis argue that life during the reconstruction is 10 to 15 percent worse than it was before the war," Martin said after the rally. Martin had exhorted rally-goers to exercise "regime change" in America.

Other speakers at the rally looked beyond a Bush presidency and called for defense against the proposed constitutional amendment banning gay mar­riage, especially one in Wisconsin that would go further than Bush's proposed amend­ment and ban homosexual unions as well.

Several Bush supporters, in addition to more than a few mildly curious onlookers hoping to glimpse an important moment in Appleton's political history, watched Bush's speech outside NBC-26 TV's studios on the north side of College Avenue where it intersects with Appleton Avenue. Several anti-Bush protesters also moved near the studios during the speech to hear what the president had to say, although more than a few grumbles could be heard.

Randy Larson, 20, of Oakshott stood at the intersec­tion holding a Bush/Cheney 2004 sign. Larson appreciated the rights of anti-Bush protesters, but had a complaint about their arguments. "I don't mind them, but I at least wish they'd support a candidate. I have hardly seen one Kerry for President sign the whole afternoon," Larson said.

A man in his middle age sup­porting Bush, Henry (who asked to be identified only) stood at the "Bush side" of the intersection in military fatigue from his service during the early 1980s. Henry came to Appleton "to stand up for my commander-in-chief." He watched the speech outside the crowd a short and thought it made a lot of sense. "I don't mind protests, but I just wish those people would stop and take notice that freedom is never free," Henry said.

When asked what he thought of the protesters, Henry held up a middle finger.

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The LAWRENTIAN

by Kim Dunlap

Last Tuesday, 2100 Fox Valley residents welcomed President George W. Bush to the Performing Arts Center in downtown Appleton with a lengthy standing ovation.

In his introduction speech, Bill Welch, President of the Fox Valley Chamber of Commerce, greeted President Bush, statting "What hasn't changed is the extraordinary admiration our community has had for war President." He got an another standing ovation, President Bush began his speech by thanking the entrepreneurs for their con­tribution to the American econ­omy as well as the volunteers who have dedicated their time to the well-being of others. He thanked, in particular, Marie Grenada, a local resident who met him at the airport earlier that day. Bush used her example of volunteerism as a vehicle to point out America's strengths, asserting "Our strength [as a country] lies in the hearts and souls of America. . . ." My call to our fellow citizens is to love your neighbors as you love yourself.

President Bush then addressed the challenges that the United States has faced and overcome during his tenure as President-an economic recession, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the betrayal of Americans' trust by "people who weren't raised right" in corporate scandals. Bush defended his "No Child Left Behind" act. He maintained that the war on terrorism is going well, and stressed the importance of accountability in the procurement of a stable and secure future. Bush claimed, "We are now marching to peace."

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We write to urge the members of the Lawrence community to vote 'yes' on the College Avenue Bridge referendum in next Tuesday's election. A 'yes' vote is a vote for a two-lane bridge rather than a four-lane bridge.

There are many reasons to vote for a two-lane bridge, but for the Lawrence community, the most important reason is to preserve the safety and character of our community. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation estimates that a four-lane bridge will draw an additional 8,300 vehicles per day, raising the average daily traffic count over the bridge and through Lawrence to some 33,000 vehicles. Although the posted speed limit is likely to remain at 30 mph, the four-lane bridge will be designed to carry traffic at speeds of 35-55 mph. The increased hazards for students, faculty, staff, and visitors crossing College Avenue are obvi­ous. Furthermore, the increased traffic will almost certainly lead to the deterioration of the environ­ment and of the residential and historical character of the surrounding neighborhood.

The newly refurbished College Avenue, with Lawrence, the new Performing Arts Center, a small shop, restaurants, bars, and summer farmers' market, should be regarded as a destination, not an east-west thoroughfare. The Lawrence community can play a major role in determining the future character not only of the campus but of the larger community, next Tuesday vote 'yes' on the College Avenue Bridge referendum.

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TO THE EDITOR

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by Peter Gillette

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The Lawrentian ushers in a new Editorial Board

Jessie Augustyn and Ray Feller have each served this publication for four shining years. Most recently, the pair served as Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor, respectively. Please join the Editorial Board in thanking them as each allows buds of senoritis to flower in full.

This coming year promises a bevy of changes and re-evaluations, with a new president, a new LUCC administration, and a prime opportunity to reflect on twenty-five years of institutional life all on the horizon. In light of this, the modest changeover of an Editorial Board pales in comparison.

We hope, however, to become an integral part of the coming year, chronicling the opportunities, challenges, and lighter moments of campus life.

Peter Gillette moves from Copy Chief to Editor-in-Chief. Kate Enoch moves from Features to Managing Editor for this term, a position that involves a little bit of everything. Jon Issacson returns as News Editor and Kim Dunlap returns to Opinions and Editorials, each in their final term at Lawrence.

Julien Pennet edits photos, and Andy York holds down the sports.

There are also several new faces, young and old, who will join the board either as editors or as associates in training for next year. Dan Holbrook, a grammar snob of the first order, comes on as Copy Chief. Freshmen Aidan Clark and Beth McHenry also join the board. Clark as Associate News Editor and McHenry as Features Editor. Clark and McHenry have been among the most reliable Lawrentian writers of recent memory, and will certainly serve well. Corin Howland will tackle the tough job of laying out stories week in and week out.

This year, we will focus on a broadening our coverage in news, making Staff Editorials more timely and, hopefully, useful in shaping future university policy, and producing consistently illuminating features and arts & entertainment stories.

However, a lot of our mission depends on you, the reader, helping us know what is going on, and not being afraid of using The Lawrentian as your laboratory. Know a story, little or small, that you think deserves to get into print? Tell us. Have an opinion about something, or a fact you think others ought to hear? Write it.

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Sincerely,
John Tharp

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PHOTO POLL:
How effective do you think the Bush protests were?

"Lawrence has 1,300 students and I saw about 50 at the protest. I was impressed." —Alex Wien

"I felt it was pretty effective because it brought strength and energy to the issue. It's kind of empowering to experience something like that." —Celine Vaaler

"I think the pressure made a good point. I'm probably for the war now." —Jon Horne

"A protest is to be expected. The actual effectiveness of the protest was minimal. Has there ever been an effective protest?" —President Ronald Reagan

JOHN THARP
Former Lawrence faculty composer Rogers returns  

by Devin Burke  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

This Saturday's Lawrence University Wind Ensemble concert would have a full program even without its featured piece, *Air Mosaic* by Rodney Rogers. Guest artist John Harmon will join the ensemble, and the concert will feature not one but two premières of new works. However, it is Rogers' return to Lawrence that headlines the concert.

Rogers, who now teaches at Arizona State University, taught at Lawrence during the 1990s. During his time here, he started a collaborative relationship with Robert Levy, the director of the Lawrence University Wind Ensemble, which has continued over the years. Levy has conducted many of Rogers' works, including some of those on Rogers' *CD Complicated Optimism*. This *CD* also features a number of the musicians with whom Rogers worked when he taught here.

*Air Mosaic*, a piece in three movements, was commissioned in 1991 by the Lawrence Chamber Orchestra for a truly interesting program. Two works will be featured: The Symphony No. 39 of W.A. Mozart and Olivier Messiaen's *Un Sourire*, whose music smiles down through the 20th century composer might seem out of place on the same program as Mozart, but this piece in particular fits perfectly *Un Sourire*, which translates to *A Smile*, is Messiaen's homage to Mozart, whose music smiles down through the ages. The piece was written in 1989 to honor the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death, and was given its American premiere by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1992. Though the piece may be titled *A Smile*, don't go expecting a big yellow smiley-face. Instead, this pensive, appealing piece will leave you with a relaxed, pleasant feeling.

The Lawrence Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Bridges-Michael Reischl, performs Thursday, April 8 at 8:00 pm in the Memorial Chapel.
Thanks Vikings
by Andy York

You have to remember that these trips, first to Storm Lake, Iowa, and then to Tacoma, came during 10th week and finals Reading Period respectfully. All these guys, who worked their tails off every day for an added month, still worked with the rest of us. Imagine being gone and unable to study for most of reading period and for a good chunk of the week before, then coming back and taking finals. It’s not an easy task, and these guys did it with poise and confidence.

As I look back at an amazing season, and see all the team has accomplished, and all I have seen, I can only specifically thank the seniors on this team. Rob Nenahlo, Chris MacGillis, Brent Vandermus and Steve Vincenteno were true leaders down the stretch. While it was normally only Rob and Chris making headlines in the games, Brent and Steve are critical to where this team had come from and to where it is now. These men are true leaders, and I commend them for a job well done.

While we will lose four, there are still fourteen more who will return next fall with the bitter taste of defeat still in their mouths. With All-American Chris Braier, and coach Tharp behind the bench, I wouldn’t want to face our team. The team has the potential to do this again next season, and you can bet I’ll be along for the ride again.

Viking Tennis off to fast start

The Lawrence University Men’s Tennis team is off to one of their best starts ever at 3-0. The Vikings are a perfect 2-0 in the Midwest Conference and leading the MWC in a number of statistical categories.

The Vikings defeated the Benedictine College team 4-1 in February. Brian Hilligam won the deciding singles match for the Vikings over a tough Benedictine player since 1984. The Vikings then went on to crush Carroll 7-0, to go a perfect start. These two wins have drastically changed the team’s status, which would have sent them, by John Tharp. While you will never forget.

The players should also be commended for the job they did.

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Hire a part-time position which along with what he would do the next night—would garner him third team All-American status.

The next night the Vikings faced the Pointers in an all-Wisconsin final in Washington. The Pointers had blown past the Vikings early on, taking control. With 46 seconds remaining, the Pointers inbounded to guard Tamaris Relaford, who caught the ball at his chest, and braided it to teammate Lauren Kost. Kost, who has been the Vikings best pitcher each of the last two years, headed to the mound in all five L U wins, and is 5-2 on the season.

In the game, the Pointers had the ball at the 30-yard line. The Vikings switched back to a 3-4 zone to try and contain the Pointers. The Pointers got the ball after a Lawrence University.

The Vikings did take home some commendations. First, the seniors were honored, and then to where it is now. These men are true leaders, and I commend them for a job well done.

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**Vikings go on amazing playoff run**

**Vikings barely lose in Elite Eight**

**by Andy York and Anthony Todoroff**

Sports Editor/Staff Writer

From the regular season it was clear that Head Coach John Thrapp and his Vikings could win at home. Their perfect 13-0 mark this season includes sweeping the conference tournament and a first round NCAA Tournament blowout win against Lakeland College. It is clear now that the Vikings can win the big games on the road, and on a neutral court, posting a 72-66 win against Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, a 86-79 gritty come-from-behind overtime victory over Sul Ross State, and lastly a heart-wrenching 82-81 loss in overtime to National Champion UW-Stevens Point.

The Vikings used a complete team effort to defeat the Beavers. Their team defense allowed Lawrence's big men, Chris Braier and Tony Olson, to effectively defend the talented Buena Vista forwards. With efficient double teams and help side defense, Braier and Olson negated the significant height advantage of Scott Weber and Randy Bienen. In the second half, Braier played like a man possessed and out-muscled the taller Buena Vista players, turning around the rebound differential that had hurt the Vikings in the first half.

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