**Lawrence University’s 390 newest students packed into the Memorial Chapel for the traditional “president’s welcome” for freshmen, transfer students, and their families.**

New Lawrence University president Jill Beck delivered the welcome, the first of her presidency. Beck succeeded outgoing President Richard Warth July 1, 2004. Beck’s welcome address announced a shift to and emphasis upon civic engagement as a component of the educational process. Beck charged new students to pursue moral and civic responsibility, to motivate themselves towards ethically principled choices, and to develop effective communication skills.

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After encouraging student involvement in the general process through voting, Beck highlighted three specific venues for student engagement with the larger Fox Valley community: LARY (Lawrence Assistance Reaching Youth), PRISM (Partners Reaching Youth in Science and Math), and ArtBridge (a program coming to Lawrence University in January).

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**STAFF EDITORIAL**

**Entering the “Lawrence Bubble”**

What is the “Lawrence Bubble”? The above phrase is part of the Lawrentian language that will slowly slide into your vocabulary during the next year (along with “The Lawrence Difference” and “sketchy” and its variants). “Bubble” is the latest in a series of metaphors adopted by students to describe the relation of the university with the outside world and life. How does it work?

When Lawrentians say they’re in the Lawrence Bubble, it means that life at Lawrence seems all-consumingly important. That everything that occurs here is disproportionately important. Students trapped in the Bubble forget that the Lawrence experience is just one aspect of life.

*How will you know you’ve moved inside the Bubble? You may lose contact with current events and with news at home and beyond, and focus on the life and relationships you are building here.*

The Bubble and its effects are not entirely good or bad. Lawrence was designed to be a quasi-isolated residential community, but also to teach diverse traditions of thought and to allow students to engender their own set of beliefs about the world. Lawrence is a self-sustaining cosmos, but it is not a microcosm of the greater world. This is good because it allows us to form a unique, thriving community; and it could be bad only if we forget that the “real” world exists at the campus limits.

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**LUCU, Hall Councils to hold elections**

*by William Dalsen*

*Op/Ed Editor*

It takes nearly a quarter million dollars a year to fund Lawrence’s student groups and activities. But who allocates all of that money? Who sets the policies that govern these groups?

You do, through the Lawrence University Community Council (LUCC).

LUCC is not a mere “student council” like the ones you remember from high school.

LUCC and its committees hold elections, work to change university policy, arrange room selection for the coming year, and fund student groups, campus speakers, guest bands, comedians, and artists.

They manage and change legislation on everything from student behavior regarding alcohol, drugs, and smoking to legislation on pets in dorm rooms, vehicle registration, and demonstration policy.

In high school, the principal and administrators set the policies; at Lawrence, students are largely responsible.

LUCC is the student voice to the university administration, and works with the administration to better our community. Lawrence is largely what we make of it; and one way to help make a difference on campus is to run for an LUCC Representative position.

Another way to make a difference is to run for Hall Council. Hall Councils have jurisdiction over dorm-specific policies, and also decide how best to enact LUCC legislation for their specific dorm.

They plan hall parties, movie nights, cookouts, athletic events, and also allocate funds for these activities.

Hall Councils work with LUCC Representatives to bring dorm-specific concerns to the attention of the entire Lawrence community.

To draw a very rough analogy, if LUCC is the federal government at Lawrence, Hall Councils are the state government; each on its own issues, responsibilities, and agendas, but all are tied together to form the organization of student-centered government.

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**President Beck greets Lawrence Class of 2008**

*Welcome speech encourages volunteerism, community involvement*

All three programs group Lawrence students with K-12 students within the Fox Valley area in separate various academic areas. Dean of the Faculty Kathleen Murray welcomed students on behalf of the faculty. While Murray also exhorted students that the university’s “business is to learn,” she also encouraged students to learn beyond the classroom by getting to know at least one additional faculty member or administrator during each term at Lawrence University. Additionally, Murray advised that what sometimes is a typical freshman schedule—that is, loaded with course requirements, rather than filled with exciting, interesting, or “even scary” courses. Murray then went on to talk about a somewhat scary book.

Murray shared her somewhat frustrating experience reading Calvin’s I’ve Got a Winter’s Night a Transfer, a work of modernist literature and the first Freshman Studios work being studied. It was a witty attempt to connect with a freshman audience who weren’t having it.

The sparseness of freshman laughter during Murray’s minute-long riff about the text may unfortunately indicate a particularly long and quiet autumn facing FS professors, but only time will tell.

However, if you believe Dean of Admissions Steve Syverson, there are some bright lights after all among the Class of 2008. Perhaps fittingly given Beck’s theme, this year’s freshmen showed a particularly acute aptitude for volunteering and community involvement, and half were involved in the National Honor Society during high school.

Among the many distinctions Syverson highlighted, the audience, one freshman is the youngest nationally certified police dog trainer in the United States, and another has performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Jan Quinlan, Director of Alumni Relations, shared some traditions of Lawrence University and Milwaukee-Downer College with the audience. Lambda Sigma President Emily Barlow welcomed and dismissed the freshmen, and sophomore Ben Klein presented the Class of 2008 with its color scheme.

Klein also modeled the new class of 2008 t-shirt.
Sell your car to a senior

by Peter Gillette
Managing Editor

Welcome to Lawrence University. Don’t expect to get a parking spot. We, the upperclassmen, will haul you into a false sense of security. We will sit and wait back until Sunday. Then and, as a massive automotive army, we will amass at once, springing onto campus and snatching up every space available.

There will be a week during which your car is registered—you will be allowed to park in a space. This is another cruel trick. One week later, you will get a letter in the mail. It will say, “You did not get a parking spot.”

You will tell yourself, “I can work on this. I will park on the street during the day, and at night, I’ll move my car into a faculty lot.” And at 6:45 a.m. every morning, I will wake up and move my car out of the faculty lot so I won’t get any tickets.

You will not wake up at 6:45 every morning. You will amass parking tickets. And after the third parking ticket, you will do what I did last March: you will beg BEG-one of your more fortunate peers to drive you to the Tow-Star office, conveniently just beyond walking distance, and you will pitifully beg-PITFUL-LY one of your more prosperous friends to come along with you, write you a check that you can cash at a currency exchange, bring to the Tow-Star office, and—$150 later, after extra charges for things like “having no trailer hitch” or “having a yellow car”—exchange for the meek restoration of your dignity, for the time being. Until, of course, you amass parking tickets three through six.

Now, we the upperclassmen are in positions of power in student government, and we get very upset when the little ones steal our spots. We get so upset, in fact, that we construct other cruel tricks.

Last year, the Student Welfare Committee announced that at least one freshman, one sophomore, and one junior will receive a parking spot via lottery. The catch? You have to register your car.

Now, school rules state that all cars on campus must be registered. However, there are drawbacks to registering: namely, “They can track you, ticket you, send you weeping to Tow-Star, and this is the ultimately diametrical part of the plan—you will then not be eligible for future parking lotteries. That means, of course, that you will be stuck in a hellish Groundhog Day wherein you try to wake up at 6:45 a.m. every day until you finally get it right for an entire term.

In college, learn to make choices for your own reasons

by Amy Siebels
Managing Editor

Why did you choose to come to Lawrence? You’ve been asked that question dozens of times. Your standard response probably has something to do with Lawrence’s academic reputation, musical opportunities, or small size. You may take for granted one of the most important attributes of a college like Lawrence: you have the freedom here to make your own choices.

Now that you are in college, no one will be watching your every move. No one will be waiting to suspend you or expel you if you don’t attend class or don’t class your room. That is not to say there are no consequences. But the consequences here are different. Now there are no phone calls from the principal, no lectures from your parents. Instead, you may find that if you skip class you’ll miss out on crucial information and stimulating discussions. If you drink too much you may find yourself peeling up your floor in the morning with a throbbing headache. It’s not just the choices you make that are important. It’s your reasons for making them. “My mother said not to” is no longer a good enough reason. “I’ll get in trouble” rarely applies.

You need to reexamine your values and decide whether they work for you now. Maybe you’ll decide to be sexually active, even though your parents told you to wait until marriage. Maybe you won’t.

The truth is that most people will find their values are pretty close to the ones they were raised with. But the process of finding that out is invaluable. It will give you a stronger foundation than just accepting what you’ve been told.

You may think this freedom is nothing special. You may think every college student has it. But what students living at home have the luxury of choosing careers, locations, and significant other people we need to have the freedom to make our own choices as well.

No varsity? No problem: Lawrence, Appleton offer recreation for non-athletes, too

by Andy York
Sports Editor

Most Lawrence students are not varsity athletes. It’s fun to watch the LU football team grind it out on the field, or watch the volleyball team rape on MWC opponents. But sometimes even non-athletes want a chance to be more than spectators.

Here’s a guide to some athletic opportunities for all LU students both on and off campus.

First we start off campus. There are a lot of great parks and trails in Appleton, several within walking distance from Lawrence. On the opposite side of the Fox River you can find a walking and biking trail that stretches behind the paper mills. It’s a nice distance for a relaxing jog, or for a bike ride looking at all the fall colors.

Near the far side of the College Avenue bridge is Teholah Park. It’s one of three Appleton city parks that are within a short walk from campus. Teholah Park is popular with LU students because of its disc golf course. It’s free to play, but it’s one of two in the city. The other is at Pierce Park.

The other two parks near Lawrence are Pabody Park and City Park. Pabody has a paved pavilion, a playground, and an area for football and soccer. To get there, follow College Avenue toward the river, then turn left on North Street. City Park is right behind the conservatory. This small park is nice if you want to find a relaxing place to sit and study, or if you just want to walk around and see the fall leaves.

For the golf enthusiasts at LU, there are several courses nearby. Reid Municipal is the closest one, located downtown. It’s free to play and it’s open until November if the weather permits. The other two courses are at the Fox River, then turn left on North Street. City Park is right behind the conservatory. This small park is nice if you want to find a relaxing place to sit and study, or if you just want to walk around and see the fall leaves.

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Get involved - join an organization

GOP sets sights on reelection

Help to reelect President Bush! The LU College Republicans will make a major contribution to the right's grassroots army, staffing phone banks and dropping literature.

Besides President Bush, the College Republicans will support Tim Michaud in his campaign for the Senate, we'll help Congressman Mark Green win re-election, and we'll support our state and local reps.

Greens, entertain, educate, serve

Interested in going Greek?

The Lawrence University Interfraternity Council is the organization made up of members of all five fraternities on Lawrence's campus: Phi Kappa Tau, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Phi Epilope, Phi Delta Theta, and Beta Theta Pi.

We encourage a change in presence on campus and in the Appleton community. We come from all different backgrounds and we hope to be a reflection of that.

EFC works closely with the Panhellic Council, whose members make up the three sororities on LU's campus: Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Kappa Alpha Theta.

Remember to keep up with the second week of term, but we encourage you to talk to people in the fraternities and sororities and see if you would like to join.

LCF welcomes Christians, curious

The Lawrence Christian Fellowship welcomes new students!

LCF is an inter-denominational student-led group, committed to serving Christ through faithful worship, study and service. Together we seek to deepen our faith and show Christ to the campus and community.

A chapter of the international organization, Campus InterVarsity, LCF affirm that the following is the doctrine of the entire organization (found on the IV website at www.iv.org).

To be a part of a nationally affiliated organization that's working day and night to help reelect the president and other Republicans, contact Michael Papazian at papazian@lawrence.edu.

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 9:30 p.m. in the Sage lounge.

With your help, the College Republicans will make a difference this fall.

Greek life is for you. You will be getting much more information over the course of first term on recruitment and there will be several information meetings as well.

If you could like to get an early look at some of what Lawrence can offer us for our annual Greek Lius in Reserve Lounge, Wednesday Sept. 21 from 9-9:11 p.m. There will be representatives from all eight Greek organizations there and you can find out a lot about them.

If you have questions about fraternity and sorority life, contact Andy York, Lawrence University Greek Advisor via e-mail at yorka@lawrence.edu.

If you have sorority questions, contact Amy Gammon, Panhel president at gammon@lawrence.edu.

Contact us if you have any questions about the Greek system, or if you want to know anything else about sorority life, contact Lawrence University Greek Advisor Megan Popkey at megan.m.popkey@lawrence.edu.

Students for Leftist Action is the largest political student group at Lawrence. We have devoted our efforts to issues concerning social justice, pro-annexation and liberal-democratic non-violence, the protection of civil liberties, and freedom and equality for all, with high priority to international law to local farming practices.

Students for Leftist Action organizes and promotes many activities on campus to engage the greater Lawrence community.

Events in the last year have included speakers such as John Peck from the Family Farm Defenders, Kathy Greene from the Fair Housing Center of NE Wisconsin, and longtime civil rights activist Joyce Ellwanger.

SLA often sends representatives to conferences such as those of the Fox Valley Peace Coalition, Campus Anti-War Network, and Fair Housing Center of NE Wisconsin, and long-time civil rights activist Joyce Ellwanger.

Some of the events that took place last year include two student art sales, a raffle of professor-donated works, and a medieval-themed art-related movie nights, trips (Milwaukee art museum), the funding of visiting artists and receptions for visiting artists.

SLA works closely with the student newspaper at Lawrence. The organization is devoted to spreading art appreciation to students at any level with an active and positive force on the Lawrence campus.

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The world goes 'round

I can still see my 70-year-old astronomy professor demonstrating the mutual attraction of the earth and the sun by swiveling his hips and rotating a beach ball around himself. Oddly enough, he could pull this off without too much embarrassment, for himself or for the students.

Terry Rew-Gottfried
Professor of psychology
University of Minnesota, B.A.

Strange bedfellows

After having stayed up all night studying for a Calculus exam, I immediately went back to my dorm, plumped down on my bed, and crashed out with images of math problems flooding my mind. Upon awakening, I found that I had accidentally fallen asleep on my pet bird. Rest in peace, Tweetie.

Matthew Ansfield
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Images from Welcome Week

Emily Passey and Alison Bauer deck the walls.

Gabby Prytly and Shauna Burnette move freshman trash into Coleman.

Joelien Hwang unpacks her suitcase in her new Kohler double.

Falling fast...

My most vivid memory from my first year of college is falling toward the earth at 120 miles per hour. As part of moving off on my own, I decided that I should do something I had never done before, so I joined the skydiving club and jumped out of an airplane. I sent the pictures to my parents. They weren't as thrilled as I was.

Bob Williams
Assistant professor of education
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Golf Studies

One of my favorite memories from my first term at Lawrence was being invited to play golf with my advisor and calculus instructor, Professor Sanerib. I have no recollection of how I played that day, but I do remember that, from that point on, my friends attending larger schools always considered the "Lawrence Difference" to mean "playing golf with your prof."

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