Burstein rethinks community in opening convocation

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On Thursday, Sept. 15, Lawrence opened the 2016-17 Convocation Series with music selections from Lecturer of Music and University Organist Katherine Handford and the Welcome Week Choir, opening words from Professor of Music Howard Niblock in the form of a poem by Dylan Thomas, a welcome to freshmen, as well as eight new tenure track professors, and President Mark Burstein’s speech entitled “Together, Against the Current.”

The speech focused on the challenges of creating and rethinking the experience of being in a community. Burstein said that in rethinking our community, the societal trend is to become more inflexible and less willing to listen and reach consensus. In looking for answers, Burstein turned to political and religious leaders, echoing statements made by Pope Francis and President Obama.

Burstein urged students to look for the positive in views that differ from our own. He said, “Lawrence is still a college that can change lives, not just a holding tank.”

However, listening and openness are only part of the challenge. A key element to a liberal arts education is the ability to be tolerant of ambiguity and to wish for more answers rather than questions, according to Burstein. He said that he is “confident in the strength of our community to support its members,” and that “we are strengthened by the search for better answers.”

In closing his speech, Burstein reflected on his own life—an ambivalent course choice ended up changing his path, and that ambivalence can inspire hope and awe. Burstein says he is confident in Lawrence’s ability to overcome doubt and uncertainty.

Senior Rachel Gregory said, “As a senior, this reaffirmed the choice I made four years ago to study at a liberal arts college. I hope that in this year, and in the future, Lawrence will continue to grow as a welcoming and inclusive community that challenges students to broaden their horizons.”

The Convocation closed with words by Nicki Giavanni, read by Professor Niblock, and the “Suite Brève” by Jean Langlais, performed by Handford.

Echoing Gregory’s statements, sophomore Jessica Gehring said, “It was inspirational, given the recent events on campus this year and throughout our society, to hear possible solutions to deep rooted issues.”

CTL combines with SAS to form CAS

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The Center for Academic Success (CAS) is a name many students, new and returning, may have heard mention of since the start of this term. The department is new to Lawrence this year, but the programs the CAS provides have been offered in the past through the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) and Student Academic Services (SAS).

Most of the services that those two departments provided have been restructured into one unit called the Center for Academic Success. The reorganization gives us an increased focus on success—it’s right there in the name,” said Associate Dean of Academic Success Julie Haurykiewicz. “We are trying to be more effective and efficient in how we support students at Lawrence.”

The CAS offers an array of programs and services to students, such as academic counseling, special accommodations for students with disabilities, assistance for English as a Second Language (ESL) learners and tutoring. “We have free tutoring available for any Lawrence student. We have it for almost every 100-level class and a lot of upper level classes as well. If we don’t happen to have a tutor for a class, I’ll make every effort to hire somebody,” Haurykiewicz said. “Every year we have over 200 student tutors, so well over 10 percent of the student body is a tutor, and every year over half of the student body works with a tutor.”

Haurykiewicz emphasized the fact that the services the CAS provides are not just remedial, but useful for any student looking to hone their academic abilities. “We really want to support any Lawrencean wherever they’re at in achieving even more success.”

One of the new parts of the CAS is the creation of the position of dean of academic success. Monta Mohammadian Gray ’92, who will be at Lawrence full-time starting Nov. 1, will fill the position. The Lawrence alumni worked as an admissions counselor in the past and recently served on the Lawrence University Alumni Association Board of Directors. She is coming from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., where she has worked for the past eight-and-a-half years.

“I am excited about the model of success Lawrence is using as its foundation for the position of dean of academic success,” Gray said. “I look forward to collaborating with faculty, staff and students to best meet the needs of our students. The Center for Academic Success will provide services all students can use at any point during their time at Lawrence to help them reach their full academic potential.”

She continued, “Our committed staff can assist students to improve study skills, motivation or time management skills. We also can assist with writing, speaking and quantitative skills and skills needed by students who speak English as a second language. If students require accommodations in the classroom, we will work with them to support their needs. We recognized that there may be other concerns in students’ lives that impact how they perform in their classes. Please find us.”

Provost and Dean of the Faculty David Burrows echoed this sentiment. “The mission of the Center for Academic Success is to help all Lawrence students realize their full potential. This mission is based on our strong dedication to the concept of learning.”

Each of us has the ability to learn, and by learning, to transform ourselves and the world around us. The staff of the Center wants to bring out this capacity for learning in everyone and help them get the most out of a Lawrence education. The important word is ‘success.’ We want everyone to be successful.”

The CAS office is located on the first floor of Briggs Hall. Students interested in getting in contact with the CAS can email cas@lawrence.edu or call 920-832-6530. More information about the CAS, the services offered and the staff members is available on the CAS webpage at www.lawrence.edu/academics/academic-success.
Activities Fair boasts large turnout of both freshmen and upperclassmen

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Lawrence’s annual Activities Fair was held on Friday, Sept. 16. This showcase of Lawrence’s multitude of student organizations gave students an opportunity to meet the leaders and members of various clubs and add their names to the mailing lists of groups that caught their attention.

While the event was primarily geared towards getting freshmen acquainted with the campus’ club and sport offerings, the fair was well-attended by students of all class levels.

While many returning clubs were represented, this year’s fair boasted several new clubs, such as Respectful and Tasteful Satire (RATS) and the Makerspace Club. New offerings such as these were frequently cited by upperclassmen as being a significant part of the reason why they return to the fair each year. The fair provides critical exposure for these fledgling groups and allows them to recruit freshmen and upperclassmen, who may be familiar with various such offerings. This ever-changing landscape of organizations reflected the changing face of Lawrence’s population and culture.

A common feature of many booths this year was the offering of free items and friendly advice. Some groups, such as People for Animal Welfare (PAW) and Lawrence University College Democrats, distributed buttons, posters and stickers as a means of drawing visitors to their booths.

Brown recluse spiders on campus

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On Aug. 9, Lawrence University’s summer residents received an email from Dean of Students Karen Lauderdale and Human Resources Director Rochelle Blindauer regarding “brown recluse spiders” on campus.

According to Lauderdale, “by the end of the week, I had been contacted by numerous students who had spotted spiders in a few buildings, primarily by dorms and close to the law center.” Students were informed of a campus email sent out by Lauderdale stating, “There are spiders in the麥re and on the campus. We have been limited, it has been confirmed, “While sightings of the spiders have been confirmed on campus.”

It was also stated that “Facilities Services staff are actively working with William King to prevent and test the spiders and treat buildings on the west side of campus [Briggs, Steel, FVL, Coleman, and the Academy of Music] as needed.”

News of the spiders on campus has had students concerned. Student body President and sophomore Emma Swidler said, “It’s kind of any- thing; anyone who had previously applied for the position up to applications.” Loebl would also like the Public Relations Chair to oversee “any kind of publicity materials for elections and forams” hosted by the LUCC.

Applications for the position were due by Saturday, Sept. 17, and the decision was made on Sept. 19. The General Council unanimously confirmed the appointment of Savvas Stairpoulos as Public Relations Chair.

After junior Ritikkarshan Chunana stepped down from his position of Lawrence University Community Council’s (LUCC) Public Relations Chair, LUCF President Max Loebl and Vice President Jo-Hannah Rifai decided to reopen this position to the Lawrence community.

“Tradition calls on myself and the vice president to fill the position as expeditiously as possible,” commented Loebl. They typically appoint a successor from those who had previously applied for the position; however, an agreement was made to do it differently this time. “We immediately looked at the list of applicants,” said Loebl. “We didn’t really have an agreement. There really wasn’t an ideal candidate, so we decided it would be best for LUCC to open it [the position] up to applications.”

Loebl expects the new Public Relations Chair to maintain a close connection between LUCC and the students of Lawrence, “making sure that the campus stays up to date on the business of the students.” Loebl would also like the Public Relations Chair to oversee any kind of publicity materials for elections and forams.” Loebl would also like the LUCC.
A Creative Comet
Bridging the Gap

Haley Stevens
For The Lawrenceian

In a pickup truck the same age as me, I drove under a bridge—that bridge that spelled the words “Lawrence University” across its torso; an immense tattoo. Three tiny, hairy blobs waddled around under the mama’s wings. They were horrendously ugly and also the most adorable things I have ever seen in my entire life. The little boops were hardly discernable from the down used to pad the nest. If you looked closely, you could just barely see them. I was so happy for mama bird. Her family was perfect and she was perfect and I got to see it all happen.

The next week I came back, and the windowsill was clean. No dove, no nest, no babies. Nothing.
I had never felt so crushed. Were the babies alright? There was no way they could fly yet? Why? Who could have done this?
I was devastated. And that’s where it probably ended. Until I saw a fledgling the other day. She would be just about the perfect age that mama’s babies would be born. On the other side, but still downy and small. She fluttered down from the trees, little bits of down sticking out from under her wings and around her tail feathers.

The memory of those five seconds helped me pack my bags, hug my parents goodbye, and say hello to life at Lawrence. If there are still Lawrentians out there who have not felt this—be patient. It takes time for the right fairy to find you and convince you that you are now on a path toward a greater tomorrow.
Vikings soccer turn in big wins

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Lawrence University’s Soccer team have had a rollercoaster ride of a season so far, but have been working hard to improve their game as the season continues on, accepting each victory with gratitude when presented with the opportunity. This previous week, the men’s and women’s teams played two games apiece, striving towards victory during one and failing to defeat the other.

In terms of the men’s team, Lawrence’s men, 2-4-0, had a successful game at Edgewood College on the 14th, winning 6-0. The game started off hot with sophomore Taylor Reifert scoring his first goal of the season in the 26th minute. Following that, senior Michael Deremo scored the second goal for Lawrence in the 55th minute with aid from junior Robert Desotelle. A free kick from senior Max Loebl led to Lawrence scoring the third goal of the season at 7:35 with an assist from sophomore Mari Krivit. Lawrence had four shots during the second period. Platteville stole the score when making it deep on the Platteville end of the field. Lawrence had four shots during the game, while Platteville had 13. Krivit had six saves throughout both periods. Platteville stole the lead early on in the game from a corner kick, but didn’t pick up the second goal until 50:41 from a deflected attempt in clearing for an own goal.

The Vikings’ women’s team, 1-5-0, played a close game against Lakehead University on the 14th, and came out on top with 1-0. This nonconference game was locked in by junior Ryan Berkley’s first goal of the season at 7:35 with an assist from sophomore Mari Hubahns despite being short-handed by two players in the second half due to injuries. Lawrence had 14 shots, while Lakehead had 12, and junior Kori Looker was able to acquire her first career shutout with three saves.

The next game at UW-Stevens Point started off rough and Lawrence was unable to rebound their third TD for the Stevens Point’s goal in the first minute. Lawrence lost 6-0 on the 18th, allowing Stevens Point to score when making it deep on the Stevens Point end of the field. Lawrence had four shots during the game, while Stevens Point had 27 shots. While Lawrence had three. Looker had eight saves during the game. With Lawrence’s Soccer teams’ valiant efforts to turn around from these losses, they will continue to look ahead and tackle each game independently of the rest and take as many wins as they can get. The next games for the men and women will be played at home on the 24th versus Knox College and on the 25th against Illinois College. The men will play first at 1 p.m., followed by the women at 3:30 p.m.

Robert Desotelle. A free kick from junior Michael Deremo scored the third goal, taking the lead to 3-0. Freshman James Petran passed for three touchdowns and Gregg Jacobs kicked six points, while Lawrence’s defense held Illinois College on the 14th, winning 6-0. The game started off hot with sophomore Taylor Reifert scoring his first goal of the season in the 26th minute. Following that, senior Michael Deremo scored the second goal for Lawrence in the 55th minute with aid from junior Robert Desotelle. A free kick from senior Max Loebl led to Lawrence scoring the third goal of the season at 7:35 with an assist from sophomore Mari Krivit. Lawrence had four shots during the second period. Platteville stole the score when making it deep on the Platteville end of the field. Lawrence had four shots during the game, while Platteville had 13. Krivit had six saves throughout both periods. Platteville stole the lead early on in the game from a corner kick, but didn’t pick up the second goal until 50:41 from a deflected attempt in clearing for an own goal.

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Volleyball Red Hawk Invite

Molly Doruska
For The Lawrentian

The Lawrence University Volleyball team continued its difficult nonconference schedule Sept. 17 at the Red Hawk Invitational hosted by Valparaiso College. The Vikings took on two teams from Minnesota, the St. Mary University Cardinals (13-1) and the St. Catherine University Wildcats (8-5).

The morning began with the Vikings facing St. Mary’s. Lawrence dropped the first two sets 25-22 and 25-15 before coming back strong to win a hard fought third set 28-26. The Vikings would ultimately lose the match as they lost the fourth set 25-12. Freshman Rachel Barthel led the team with kills and 11 digs and sophomore Lis Arco contributed another 10 kills. Junior Lauren Ray also had a strong performance earning up 24 assists.

Later in the day the Vikings took on another strong team—St. Catherine’s. St. Catherine’s won a close match with another 11 kills but the Vikings took the second set 25-21. The second half of the match belonged to Lawrence as they won the third and fourth sets 25-18 and 25-17. Arco paced the Vikings in this match with another powerful performance. Other notable individual performances belonged to senior Max Loebl’s goal in the third and fourth sets 25-18 and 25-17. Arco paced the Vikings in this match with another powerful performance. Other notable individual performances belonged to senior Max Loebl’s goal in the third and fourth sets 25-18 and 25-17. Arco paced the Vikings in this match with another powerful performance. Other notable individual performances belonged to senior Max Loebl’s goal in the third and fourth sets 25-18 and 25-17. Arco paced the Vikings in this match with another powerful performance. Other notable individual performances belonged to senior Max Loebl’s goal in the third and fourth sets 25-18 and 25-17. Arco paced the Vikings in this match with another powerful performance. Other notable individual performances belonged to senior Max Loebl’s goal in the third and fourth sets 25-18 and 25-17.

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Events This Weekend

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This week I had the privilege to sit down with Katie Frankel. Frankel, a senior, was named as the Midwest Conference Women’s Tennis player of the week. The Women’s Tennis team swept three road matches at Knox College, Monmouth College and Illinois College. Frankel was perfect 6-0 playing at the number one position in singles and doubles.

Shane Farrell: How do you feel you played in the sweep against Monmouth, Knox, and Illinois College?

Katie Frankel: I think I played solid tennis against Monmouth, Knox and Illinois College. All of the matches were a bit tricky because the players from these schools tend not to have much power, but are very able to stage rallies. So I had to be very consistent in the rallies, make my opponent play, but also stick to my strategy of being aggressive and taking my chances to come into the net and finish points.

SF: Has Coach Francure stressed a motto this year, like consistency?

KF: Consistency is always an important motto: you have to be willing to stay in points and allow your opponent to miss. Being patient in points is also important to remember to let the point play out and not try not to go too far into a shot too soon.

SF: What expectations are you putting on yourself for the rest of the season?

KF: I try not to put any expectations on myself and just take it one match at a time. For me, expectations lead to pressure, so it’s important for me to just play my best and not try to not think so much about whether or not I’m expected to win a match.

SF: What goals are you trying to achieve as a team?

KF: Our main goal is to finish top four in conference this fall so that we can participate in the team conference tournament in the spring.

SF: Being only one of three seniors on the team, have you stepped up into more of a leadership role?

KF: I think being a senior on a team inherently puts you in a lead- ing role, especially since you have three years of experience to draw on. However, this is my second year as a captain of the team so as comfortable as I feel being a leader of the team, we are a small, tight-knit group, so there are hardly any decisions made solely by the seniors or the captains.

SF: Looking back what has been your favorite tennis memory, and what will you miss the most about Lawrence tennis?

KF: One of the best parts of season every year is preseason because the team gets to spend so much time together and just have fun playing tennis and gearing up for season. I will definitely miss my team-mates the most—we have such a great group of girls and I’m so lucky to be able to call them my friends!

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After two weeks of NFL regular season play, there are not a lot of themes to take from just yet. A few questions have been answered, but more are yet to be asked.

The Los Angeles Rams held their first home game in their new city, having relocated from St. Louis following last season. The first points came on a field goal off the boot of Greg Zuerlein, and that proved to be the only method of production for either team. They beat the Seattle Seahawks, 9-3.

Tom Brady of the Patriots threw a few passes on Saturday with former teammate Wes Welker. Brady is in the midst of a four-game suspension because his halls weren’t big (pressurized) enough. See DEFLATEGATE

Running back Adrian Peterson got hurt (torn meniscus), but the Minnesota Vikings were surprising victors over the Green Bay Packers. For Minnesota, recent trade pickup Sam Bradford failed to make too many mistakes as the Vikings opened to a capac- ity crowd in a brand-new stadium.

Former UW Badger and current Houston Texan JJ Watt continued inflicting fear into oppos- ing coordinators by adding to his sack total and recovering a fumble against the Kansas City Chiefs. The KC offense couldn’t seem to find rhythm and fell to the Texans, 19-12.

The Detroit Lions took a 15-3 lead into the fourth quarter before Marcus Mariota led the Tennessee Titans to a game-winning touch- down with around 1:14 left to play. The final was 16-15, as Detroit’s Matt Stafford threw an interception on their final drive.

In the first game between the Indianapolis Colts and Denver Broncos to be played since 1993 without Peyton Manning, the reigning Super Bowl champions defended their home turf against the Colts, racking up two big, defensive touchdowns in the sec- ond half.

The number two overall pick in the 2016 draft, Carson Wentz from North Dakota State, has been showing good transition to the professional game, lead- ing the Philadelphia Eagles over the Chicago Bears on the Monday Night game to the tune of 29-14. In the game, Jay Cutler, quarterback of the Bears, showed once again exactly how little he cares, and left with an apparent injury to his hand. Other scores include: New York Jets 37 – Buffalo Bills 31; Cincinnati Bengals 16 – Pittsburgh Steelers 24; Baltimore Ravens 25 – Cleveland Browns 28; Dallas Cowboys 27 – Washington Redskins 23; New Orleans Saints 13 – New York Giants 16; San Francisco 49ers 27 – Carolina Panthers 46; Tampa Bay Buccaneers 7 – Arizona Cardinals 40; Jacksonville Jaguars 14 – San Diego Chargers 38; Atlanta Falcons 35 – Oakland Raiders 28.

For next week, I predict the Vikings will neutralize Cam Newton and beat the Panthers, the Seahawks to prevail in an NFC West showdown with the 49ers, the Packers bounce back to win a tense divisional rival Detroit, winless Miami will pull out a vic- tory from winless Cleveland as time expires, and the OBJ-Norman rivalry will cause at least two diva scuffles between the receiver and defensive back as the Redskins beat the Giants.

If you’re into fantasy foot- ball, I recommend not taking my advice, but I’m expecting big games from QB Dak Prescott of the Cowboys against the Bears and Matt Forte of the Jets against a porous Kansas City defense.

I also think RB LeGarrette Blount and the New England Patriots will sputter against the Houston Texans on Thursday night, and QB Jameis Winston of Tampa Bay throws a pair of interceptions to the Los Angeles defense. Consider sitting these players until next week.

As it’s my first NFL column this year, my bold predic- tions for the rest of the season are for Jacksonville and Los Angeles to sneak into Wild Card Games for the playoffs, and Green Bay over Houston in the Super Bowl.

LET’S GO, LAWRENCE!
Unique clubs on the rise at Lawrence

"For some, college is a place where studying, and going to classes are the absolute best ways to get the most out of the thousands of dollars you scraped together last minute between scholarships, part-time pay-checks, and student loans. For the more sensible majority of college students, going to college is about balancing the academics with other activities. Lawrence University students benefit from a broad network of activities to get involved in, ranging from varsity sports to trivia contests. These activities and many more were highlighted at this year’s Activities Fair organized by Campus Life last Friday, Sept. 16 at the March Campus Center. Students got the chance to meet with some upper-classmen involved in on-campus clubs and learn how to get involved. Along with getting some sweet freebies and meet-up with people with similar interests, the fair gave freshmen and other new faces to the Lawrence campus an opportunity to sign up for any club that they found interesting.

This event gathered an enormous crowd of people, with club sign-up lists filling up within the first half-hour. This was the first opportunity for the Class of 2020 to really get involved, and many of them were not afraid to extend their contact info and go to club meetings the next week.

Most, if not all, of these clubs were founded by Lawrence students and have been approved through the Lawrence University Community Council (LUCC), which encourages students to gather friends and kick-start some clubs that they can be interested in.

Now, if you feel like you can’t really rock that juggling or you just aren’t that into swing dancing, and the idea of forming your own club seems to be a little too complicated, there are plenty of unique new clubs featured at the Activities Fair that may suit your needs.

One of these clubs is Clouds of LU Scholars (CLOUDS). Lawrence was officially introduced to its very own cloud-watching club when the LUCC approved its founding in Spring Term 2015. Junior and a founder of CLOUDS, Hannah Levy, recognized that some might find this club to be a joke, but she insisted that it is a very “cirrus” organization.

“We’re getting people off their phones, looking up, appreciating nature, traveling around and being outside,” said Levy. The club meets every other week on Sunday afternoons, and is the perfect way for you and your friends to admire all the sky has to offer.

If your future with cloud-watching isn’t really looking up, you could try joining Fiddle Club. Founded by Lawrence alumna and current Broadway star, Martha McDonnell ’14, Fiddle Club is the perfect way for you to learn from fellow fiddlers and refine your fiddle skills.

“Being in the conservatory, I’ve noticed that there are not a ton of ensembles that are just purely for fun and are low stress,” noted senior and Fiddle Club leader Isabel Dammann. “I think it’s really important to have clubs like this because there are tons of musicians at Lawrence that aren’t in the Conservatory that want a way to keep playing music.”

Dammann also pointed out that it was a great way for Conservatory students to learn from each other and explore new styles they may not have much experience with. The Fiddle Club meets Friday nights at 7 p.m.

Another club introduced to Lawrence in the 2015-2016 school year was the Fiber Arts Club. This organization opens its doors to anybody interested in knitting, crocheting or the many other fiber arts forms.

Senior and co-founder of the Fiber Arts Club, Alex Thorp, commented on the founding last winter: “A friend and I realized that there was no knitting or crocheting club on campus, and that all the ones in the past have failed, so we wanted to start one that would stand the test of time and wouldn’t fall apart when the leaders graduated.”

Thorp looked forward to an exciting year with this club and hoped to engage with many other organizations on campus by volunteering their craft or helping other clubs make friendship bracelets.

If these clubs don’t suit your needs, there are dozens of other clubs on the rise that are eager for more members: Cultural Food Club, Slam Poetry Club and even a Texas Hold’em Poker Club. The most important thing is to get out there, make some lasting friendships, and find that thing that makes your time here worthwhile.

Dogs of Lawrence: Karma, Benji & Ruby Blu

Karma is a three-month-old fox-red Labrador. Owner: Administrator of Financial Aid Susan Chadwick.

Where: Financial Aid Office at Brokaw. Likes: People, animals and lots of attention! Her favorite activities are eating sticks, chasing Frisbees and playing with her toys. Her favorite food is anything and everything!

Dislikes: Rain

Personal Space: Karma loves attention and likes it when people pet her.

Owner’s note: “Karma is always willing to hang out with students having pet withdrawal and is available for play-dates!” said Chadwick.

Benji is seven months old and is being trained by junior Rachel Taber to be a medical alert dog.

Likes: Staring out the window, napping, playing, spending time with people and working in his vest. His favorite food is lamb lung.

Dislikes: Benji isn’t fond of ducks. He also doesn’t like walking on graters.

Personal Space: Because Benji is training to be a working dog, it’s important to give Benji his space while he has his vest on. When he doesn’t have his vest on, feel free to ask to pet him.

Owner’s note: “Custom Canines is a non-profit service dog training dog academy that provides dogs to clients free of charge! [...] Anyone interested in learning more about training service dogs can [...] email me!” said Taber.

Ruby Blu is a Labrador. She isn’t training now, but hopes to be a therapy dog in the future.

Owner: Administrative Assistant at Students Academic Services Lisa Phetteplace.

Likes: Ruby loves everyone and everything! Her favorite activities include spending time with students, going camping and napping.

Dislikes: She dislikes being over-tired and is a little skeptical about cats.

Personal Space: Ruby loves attention and welcomes everyone.

Owner’s Note: “There is a sense of comfort when you are around her,” said Phetteplace. “When classes are in session she is here every Friday.”
It’s a good reminder that no matter where I am I always have a place to belong,” she said.

was from a childhood book “Runaway Bunny” she used to read with her sister and mother.

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in Your Bag?” where random students are asked to take something out of their back -pack that either resonates with them or has a special meaning. This time I have asked freshmen to show us something from their backpack that they brought from home.

Talking to us, some freshmen discussed how they were adjusting to their new lives away from home. Freshman Amos Egleston from Chicago, Ill. thought that his first week is going well. Freshman Amos Egleston from Madison, Wis. added that there had been some stress but everything was working out fine for him. “It is pretty difficult to be honest,” admitted freshman Cole Stofflet

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It is the end of first week and the entire campus is bursting with energy and excite-ment for the weekend. The upperclassmen are thinking about going to wild parties, sleeping in and the big pile of homework on their desks. Meanwhile, the freshmen completing their first week of classes are excited and eager to find out what’s in store for them on the weekend.

At one point or another, they start to feel that sinking, gut-wrenching feeling in their stomachs that upperclassmen know all too well—homesickness. I am dedicat-ing this article to freshmen who are missing or starting to miss home. Upperclassmen may be familiar with the segment “What’s in Your Bag?” where random students are asked to take something out of their backpack that either resonates with them or has a special meaning. This time I have asked freshmen to show us something from their backpack that they brought from home.

Talking to us, some freshmen discussed how they were adjusting to their new lives away from home. Freshman Amos Egleston from Chicago, Ill. thought that his first week is going well. Freshman Amos Egleston from Madison, Wis. added that there had been some stress but everything was working out fine for him. “It is pretty difficult to be honest,” admitted freshman Cole Stofflet from Los Angeles, Calif. “It’s a process.”

Although Stofflet sometimes felt home-sick, Dahl and Egleston differed. Dahl com-mented that his homesickness was not “deadly” because he could always call and text his family. “I live only three hours from home, but if I wanted to go home I could,” he said. Dealing with homesickness, Stofflet mentioned he used FaceTime and video chat because it was “helpful to see someone and talk to them.”

When asked about something special they brought from home, Stofflet mentioned a quilt that his quilt-enthusiast friend made for his whole friend group at home.

Dahl said, “My mom gives me bad gifts that end up on my dresser. She gave me a ceramic lemon from Target.”

The items that are carried can say so much about a person. They can also be the best cure for homesickness. If at any point you start to miss home, remember you are not alone.

Lawrentians Celebrate Mid-autumn Festival

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The Chinese Students Association (CSA) hosted a Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration at International House on September 16 at 8:30 p.m. More than 50 people from various countries visited the International House to enjoy the party. The club served several types of mooncakes—traditional Chinese desserts served dur-ing Mid-Autumn Festival—and played an ancient board game called Mahjong. The celebration offered all the club members a great chance to meet and mingle, as well as to share the Chinese cultural heritage with other American and international students.

The Mid-Autumn Festival is amongst one of the most important harvest festi-vals largely celebrated in China, Korea and Vietnam. On every eighth full moon of the year, or August 15 on the lunar calendar, they celebrate the end of harvest seasons, appreciate the beautiful full moon at night and reunite with family members and rela-tives. As this September 15 was the cor-responding date for this holiday, the board members of CSA decided to host the festival the day after it.

During the event, Chinese students away from their home country gathered together with other international students to celebrate this cultural holiday.

“When people see the moon, it reminds them of their family members,” said junior and CSA secretary Moon Wang. “Especially for us, we’re studying abroad so it is very special to think about our family members. Since I was a child, I loved this festival because it’s time for whole family members to gather together and share our love.”

Wang also commented that she was happy to meet new friends and get to know each other through this opportunity.

“We’ve already back to campus so we can’t celebrate with other family,” said sophomore and Vice President of CSA, Alice Huang. “Instead, it is a chance for Chinese students to see other people and feel comfortable. It’s also a chance for both American and international students to see people from other countries and try the traditional mooncakes.”

During the celebration, all students were teeming with excitement and liveli-ness for celebrating this traditional harvest holiday together. The students would form a group of four or five over the International House and enjoy various types of tradition-al activities, including eating sweet Chinese candies and mooncakes and playing mah-jong together. One of the students deep-ly engrossed in winning the board game, Kathy Yan Li, as president of CSA, expressed her affection for this festival in line with other students. “There are so many people at the festival and it is so much more than what we expected. I’m glad that we made it as an open house event and we will do more open houses later in the term.”

In the near future, CSA is planning to host more festivals and events such as Lunar New Year Festival, a tea party and winter pot party for all students from dif-ferent backgrounds as well as for Chinese students. By cooperating with other clubs, CSA also hopes to build a close-knit rela-tionship with other campus organizations and carry out more multicultural activities and events.
To start off the year right, the Lawrence University Faculty Jazz Quartet played a concert on Sept. 14 led by Lecturer of Music Bill Carrothers. While the jazz faculty groups typically have at their core Carrothers on piano, Associate Professor of Music Mark Urness on bass and Professor of Music Dane Richeson on drums, this concert featured a new musician as well. Instead of the quartet’s usual horn player, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Jazz Studies José Encarnación on saxophone, the trio was joined by Assistant Professor of Music Tim Albright.

Albright began teaching trombone this term, and with a background in jazz, chamber music, pop and more, it was clear he would fit right in with the rest of the quartet. Many of the audience eagerly awaited the performance, which had been a long time since a new professor has joined the jazz faculty. While the buzz from the nearly full Harper Hall died down, Carrothers humorously introduced the title of Bach’s opening piece “Siciliano BWV 1053.”

As the piano and trombone gently flowed, weaving through each other, bass and drums created in and out of the foreground, providing solid footing and ornaments at ease. With the resulting sonority, it was hard to believe that this was a performance of Bach’s suite. The trombone playing was elusively simple yet added another layer of excitement and wonder. As the concert ended with the short but sweet “Moonlight Serenade,” freshmen sat in their seats, prepped to applaud, with a clear view of the performance above and behind them. The audience rose to brief applause, likely not only because of the music, but also because of the shear level of improvisation and ingenuity present on stage that night. Whether it was as the music was written or written in 2016 cemented the sense of a concert.

Assembling a meaningful and interesting musical program is an important skill. Mizrahi showed us all how playing artfully while keeping the overall concert theme in mind can have a large impact on the feel of a concert.

Associate Professor of Music Michael Mizrahi takes the Memorial Chapel stage to showcase different dance music for piano. Photo by Angelica Hurtado
Saxophone recital illuminates Chapel

This past Saturday, Sept. 17, faculty, staff and students gathered in the Lawrence Memorial Chapel for the first faculty recital of the term. Chairs were set out on the stage, inviting the audience to engage with the music as well as participate in the program. Soprano saxophonist, chamber musician and Instructor of Music Sumner Truax started out the program with Fuminori Tanada’s “Mysteries Morning III.” Constructed of both atonal and flurrying notes, the piece resonated an unsettling though intriguing sound throughout the chapel.

Associate Professor of Music Asha Srinivasan introduced the second piece, “Keerthanata,” which she composed in 2012. Srinivasan described “Keerthanata” as an exploratory piece of Indian music form. Inspired by the “keer-than” form in her composition, Srinivasan’s piece guides the listener in hearing different parts of the work and a distinct melody that gradually adds on variations. She described her pieces as employing different saxophone techniques, and saxophone and ethereal-sounding recordings aided the performance. Truax alongside senior and alto saxophonist Joe Conover performed Srinivasan’s piece, emphasizing the effect of the two different parts complementing each other with the variation in melody. They both wore headphones and played with the variation in melody. The seemingly telepathic ensemble connected with each other and their music, making sure their parts were played in conjunction. The drumming of the percussion led to another drone-like atmosphere, and the saxophone’s varying pitches and tones gave a strong likeness to the earlier pieces’ atonal and sometimes unsettling nature. The second part of the piece changed drastically from the first, giving a light carri-val-march feel, which could easily be imagined as a carousel ride.

Both Truax and Reifsteck performed solo the next two pieces, “Sequenza VIIb” and “Wicker Park,” which each had a distinct meditative characteristic that complemented but also contrasted one another. “Sequenza VIIb” was a fantastical piece, which followed the storyline of an obsessive musician who couldn’t stand to be alone. They could not be perfect. In this part, the audience was asked to participate in the performance by humming a continuous note, which added to the meditative nature of the piece and let the listeners become part of the composition. The humming acted as a drone and added an “offstage” presence that worked with the description of the piece’s subject.

“Sequenza VIIb” then silently ended, and Truax moved right into the next piece, “Wicker Park.” This piece by contemporary classical music composer Marcos Balter had a different interpretation compared to “Sequenza VIIb,” having a quieter but still meditative sense and also employing a soundscape quality. Some of the parts were almost inaudible and the notes were indistinguishable except for the breath of air on the saxophone. At the same time, the piece was whimsical and ethereal and nicely arranged next to the earlier pieces.

To conclude the recital, Iannis Xenakis’ piece “Dmaatien” was performed by Truax and Drumming Ensemble instructor Dan Reifsteck ’15. Audience members were advised to wear earplugs, as the piece would be introducing a range of different pitches and sounds. Even to the musicians performing the piece, it was unclear exactly how one went about describing Xenakis’ work. There were two distinct sections of the piece—the first described like a folk dance while the sec-ond took on more of a circus-like march with carnival sounds.

Overall the audience greatly enjoyed the performance as the final number received a roaring applause. Though each piece was different, the different techniques and use of the Chapel space gave the audience a different approach to the music, allowing them to be up close with the performers and to become a part of the various worlds. The unique set up on stage also gave the listeners a better understanding of how the music was composed and added more mystical realism to the unique pieces.
STAFF EDITORIAL

Diversity: Improvements and Room to Improve

Last year our campus faced a number of frightening and disheartening problems surrounding inclusion and diversity. An individual disrupted Sankofa’s Halloween party dressed as a member of the Ku Klux Klan. On a different occasion, students protesting racism in Appleton were met with heckling and bigotry. Meanwhile, a group of students of color published a list of demands outlining the numerous ways they were being marginalized and mistreated on campus. They were faced with cruel and unsympathetic comments both in person and on social media. GLOW separately raised concerns over discrimination and faced similar inappropriate reactions when they published their own list of demands.

Due to these various concerns, changes were implemented around campus. Many of these diversity initiatives were summarized in an email sent out by Nancy Truesdell shortly before the beginning of the school year.

The Diversity Center has been moved to a newly renovated space on the entrance level of Memorial Hall. This action highlighted the importance of the center as a resource to all on campus and presented diversity as a top priority. The space has become safer, more accessible and more visible to the Lawrence community.

Gender-neutral bathrooms have become prevalent in several university buildings. Ormsby has now multiple “single user, self-contained” gender-neutral bathrooms that are fully equipped with showers, a first for residence halls at Lawrence.

New staff include Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion and Associate Dean of the Faculty Kimberly Barrett, whose duties entail “enhancing the diversity of the faculty, student development, especially in areas of inclusive pedagogy, and affirming the educational importance of diversity in educational programs,” according to Lawrence’s website; Julie Esch Hurvis Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life Rev. Linda Morgan-Clement, whose duties entail “reinforcing a welcoming and supportive community environment for spiritual and religious exploration and expression of all faiths, beliefs and religious traditions”; and many other new hires in the student success, counseling, career services and athletic departments. New faculty positions have been added across several departments in order to diversity the perspectives available within and outside of class.

The science departments in particular have worked towards creating a more inclusive and cohesive environment through the establishment of Lawrenceians Enhancing Diversity in the Sciences (LEDS). The initiative includes faculty and staff in addition to students. Open dialogue and honest communication are encouraged through LEDS-sponsored events. These conversations have prompted many faculty members to add inclusivity directly in their individual course syllabi.

These changes are a great start toward making our campus a place where everyone is safe, welcome and able to learn. However, there is still more that needs to be done to correct the inequities on our campus. Lawrenceians must be willing to be vulnerable and have open conversations. We all are responsible for looking critically at ourselves and unpacking some of the privileges and biases we have. Only then can we be more constructive members of our community. Listening is a vital part of this process. We, The Lawrentian Editorial Board, want to offer up the pages of our newspaper to provide a platform on which one can speak to these issues and their experiences by submitting Letters to the Editor or opinion pieces. In order to create a more diverse and inclusive space, the Lawrence community must come together and actively facilitate change.

Letters to the Editor can be sent to Opinions & Editorials Editor, Jonathan Bubbe at jonathan.c.rubin@lawrence.edu. We review all letters and consider them for publication. The Lawrentian staff reserves the right to edit for clarity, decency, style and space. All letters should be submitted on the Monday before publication, and should not be more than 350 words.

Conservatism: LU’s Largest Taboo

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For those who could not attend Activities Fair, it was a successful gathering of diverse Lawrenceans, with varying interests, sharing their ideas and work. However, unlike previous years, this year’s event featured a group that tends to cause controversy on campus: Republicans.

Controversy around such groups arose on campus due to the high number of liberal and progressive students that we have. This disparity in ideology has left conservative students out of many conversations and has even resulted in harassment from other students. Ironically, the “Lawrence Difference” that promotes inclusion and diversity within the school does not seem to apply to conservatives. If Lawrence is to become a more open and accepting place, we must learn to respect ideologies aside from our own. The mocking, dismissiveness, and even harassment towards conservative students must cease.

In case you do not know, the group known as Lawrence University College Republicans is not a returning club on campus. In fact, they are a bit of an anomaly. Similar conservative-oriented student groups have previously existed on campus. Yet they tend to disappear shortly due to a lack of interest from the student body. However, as some conservative students that I know have pointed out, it is a sense of alienation that has kept conservative students from being able to meet in an organized fashion.

You might think that you are not guilty of creating such feelings of estrangement, but most of us probably are. Name calling, a form of estrangement, is common when someone with a conservative outlook is opposed to an opinion—even within a classroom. Conservatives are often labelled as racist or intolerant by people who do not actually know them personally. What is more, students who are open about their ideology often face harassment on social media, or become victims of mischaracterizing rumors. This “word on the street” negativity, ultimately causes conservatives to come, go or just stay silent. Something that goes against the root of education at Lawrence.

As someone who is openly progressive, I have definitely seen and perpetrated some of these divisiveness actions. But such actions should not go unnoticed anymore. We should, as a student body, hold anyone who allows these types of behaviors accountable. No conversation about diversity, empowerment, or inclusion can occur, if we attack one another based on the ideologies that we have.

That being said, I am not discouraging anyone from challenging each others’ beliefs. The progress that has been made this far at Lawrence, and any more to come, arose from students’ ability to challenge those who had divergent opinions. Whether conservative or liberal, everyone has positive change to offer on campus. But without constructive discourse, we exclude some of this progress. Let’s keep attacking each others’ viewpoints, but let’s refrain from personally attacking each other.

I encourage all readers who have felt alienated to engage in a critical dialogue to continue to push for representation on this campus. Bringing an ever-evolving and open-minded individual means not assuming that people are intolerant based on ideology. I do not believe that clubs like LU’s College Republicans are pursuing an agenda of intolerance or divisiveness, and I encourage them to come to the Lawrence University students’ table. As someone who is openly progressive, I have definitely seen and perpetrated some of these divisiveness actions. But such actions should not go unnoticed anymore. We should, as a student body, hold anyone who allows these types of behaviors accountable. No conversation about diversity, empowerment, or inclusion can occur, if we attack one another based on the ideologies that we have.

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Why you don’t love either candidate

Cassie Gitkin

Both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are using mud-slinging tactics in this election cycle. This is nothing new—mud-slinging, or making the opposition look bad, is a tactic common in politics, whether it be on a small scale like wildfire throughout dozens of interconnected platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat. During the 2012 election, there was a lot of mud-slinging about Obama’s birth certificate and some concern regarding Romney’s fluctuating records and finances, but the attacks were confined to television ads. Direct attacks on candidates’ personal narratives and statements and so-called proof of either candidate’s illegitimacy to be a successor of the president. mud-slinging is a tactic that has been shown to work, as the prevalence of its use on media outlets that Americans are constantly exposed to has increased even more in the past four years.

The amount of negative press about the presidential candidates seems particularly pervasive this election season. This increase in distrust and suspicion of both candidates is due in part to the sheer amount of platitudes forms where rumors, attack videos, and mud-slinging is starting to work against candidates that are looking to the the public outcry of injustice against our most vulnerable citizens, but I believe that in many ways, individuals of mental health have been silenced, due to this election cycle.

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What diversity initiatives would you like to see on campus?

- "I think Lawrence should help LI advertise for their activities in order to get more domestic students involved." —Jawaid Waliqat
- "I’d like to see the Diversity Center with its very own building." —Suzanne Hones
- "I think Lawrence is very diverse, you just need to change your perspective on what diversity is." —Peter Joonsoo
- "I’d like to see more support groups for people with learning disabilities." —Celeste Hall
- "A peer mentor program where upperclassman who are POC can mentor incoming freshman who are also POC." —Navin Pandhiassoo
- "An attempt should be made to create safe spaces for discussion about difficult topics, where people can ask the questions they are curious about without judgement or impatience." —Abbi North

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