



CEREMONIAL "CONCRETE POUR" FOR CAMPUS CENTER

Amid fanfare from the horns of the Lawrence Brass, a crowd of more than 150 trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students turned out on October 18 for a ceremonial concrete pour for the Campus Center. Nathan Litt '08 and Peter Bennett '08, members of the Campus Center Planning Committee, were chosen for the honor of unleashing the concrete from the giant bucket. The walls and floor of the first level were poured in January, while work on the 60-foot-wide "land bridge" spanning Lawe Street also began. Construction of the \$35 million, 107,000 square-foot building is scheduled for completion in June 2009.

CHAPEL GETS SOUND, LIGHTING UPGRADE

Ty Pennington wasn't involved, but the Lawrence Memorial Chapel received a "makeover" last summer. The 89-year old venue received a total renovation of its sound system and a lighting system upgrade.

The new \$125,000 sound system, tuned specifically for the chapel's acoustics, features a fully digital 40-channel distribution system, allowing for simultaneous live sound mixing, stage monitoring, and recording.

A \$70,000 enhanced lighting system with new energy-efficient fixtures provides more even illumination for the stage area.

"The sound system renovation should yield significant improvement for the audience in terms of audio quality for

musical performances and speech intelligibility for speaking events," said Larry Darling, director of recording. "The new lights will eliminate some of the dark pockets we had on stage and do a much better job of illuminating the performance area."

POLITICAL WEB SITE FEATURED IN CHICAGO FREEDOM MUSEUM EXHIBITION

MyElectionDecision.org, a Web site designed by Lawrence students, staff, and faculty to help voters match their positions on the issues with those of presidential candidates, is included in the exhibition "Vote 4 Me!" at Chicago's Freedom Museum. The exhibition, which continues through the November election, takes visitors on a trip through the entire election process. Since the MED Web site was launched in October, more than 8,700 registered users have participated in its interactive surveys.

U-CAN PROVIDES COLLEGE SEARCH ASSISTANCE

Lawrence was among nearly 600 private colleges and universities nationwide participating in the launch of a new web-based tool designed to assist families in their college searches.

The University and College Accountability Network — www.ucan-network.org — was developed by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) in Washington, D.C., to provide students and their parents with easy access to in-depth information on private colleges and universities.



Left: LARY Buddy Amanda Van Lankvelt '10, (seated), with Edison Elementary School students Ana Briscolino and Taylor Tuchscherer, and Wisconsin First Lady Jessica Doyle

Below: Jeopardy! television game show host Alex Trebek with Greg Peterson '11

"As an institution devoted to helping individuals realize their full potential, we especially appreciate how this new tool can help students find schools that best suit their own unique sets of interests and abilities," said Lawrence President Jill Beck.

HIGHER EDUCATION DAY DRAWS VISIT FROM WISCONSIN'S FIRST LADY

A pair of Lawrence community engaged learning initiatives drew a visit from Wisconsin First Lady Jessica Doyle October 9 as part of the state's celebration of "Higher Education Day." Mrs. Doyle met on campus with President Jill Beck and then took a trip to Appleton's Edison Elementary School where she learned about the LARY Buddy program from several Lawrence students involved in the mentoring project. She also spoke with Lawrence ArtsBridge scholars working with Edison fifth-graders in a "Mapping the Beat" curriculum.

COOK TO HEAD NATIONAL PHYSICS ASSOCIATION

The future of the United States as a world leader in science and technology and the strength of the U.S. economy are at risk, physicist David Cook believes, because too few young people are pursuing careers in science and engineering. He is looking forward to helping change that.

Cook, professor of physics and the Philetus E. Sawyer Professor of Science, was elected to the executive board of the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT). In January, Cook began a four-year appointment in which he will serve one year each as AAPT's vice president, president-elect, president, and past-president.

When he assumes the association's presidency in 2010, Cook sees an opportunity to address what he calls "a growing crisis" facing the country.

"We are losing our competitive advantage because of the insufficient number of highly-trained scientists and engineers we're producing," said Cook, the first Lawrence faculty member ever elected to the AAPT's executive board. "Science is not held in very high regard. We need to educate the public on the importance of science and increase the appreciation for science education."

Founded in 1930, the AAPT is the world's leading organization for physics educators with more than 12,000 members in 30 countries.

"David's election reflects his national standing as a leader in physics education," said Lawrence Provost David Burrows. "Lawrence is proud that one of its own has achieved this high honor."

CLASS OF 2011 IS MOST SELECTIVE

Greg Peterson '11 is hoping his new classmates and professors will understand if he occasionally answers their queries in the form of a question. Old habits are hard to break.



One of 376 students Lawrence welcomed last fall, Peterson placed second in the 2007 Jeopardy! Teen Tournament. Leading after the first day of the two-day finals, he wound up with a total of \$38,600, finishing one dollar short of the tournament winner.

After years of practice, the self-described "quiz show nut" from Park Ridge, Ill., says "it just becomes so natural to say 'who is' or 'what is' at the start of every sentence."

With a growing applicant pool and an enrollment cap of 1,400, just under 56 percent of this year's applicants were admitted, while two years ago, the acceptance rate was 68 percent.

"It seems counter-intuitive, but when a school starts getting more selective, it builds student interest and that in turn fuels

additional application growth,” explained Ken Anselment, Lawrence director of admissions. “We’re still the high-quality place we’ve always been, but now there are more students interested in us.”

This year’s 361 freshmen hail from 275 different high schools in 37 states and 21 countries. While Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota account for slightly more than half of the freshmen, New York sent the fourth-most students (17), with California, Massachusetts, Oregon, and China also ranking among the top 10. Thirty-seven percent of this year’s freshmen are international students.

The academic profile of the freshman class boasts an average high school grade point average of 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, while the average ACT score reached an all-time high of 28.9. Twenty percent of freshmen ranked in the top five percent of their high school graduating class, while 71 percent graduated in the top 25 percent of their class.

“We are thrilled with the quality and energy of this class and with the steady increase in applications. All of this will help us to continue attracting and enrolling the most broadly talented and engaged students we possibly can,” said Anselment.

STUDENTS OFFER ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY SHOPPING OPTION

The first Alternative Giving Fair, sponsored by Students’ War Against Hunger and Poverty, drew more than 300 campus and community “shoppers” to Riverview Lounge. More than \$1,200 worth of traditional gift items were sold, while an additional \$9,000 was donated toward the purchase of “alternative gifts” for more than 30 programs and organizations around the world that are working on social, economic, and environmental issues.

KUDOS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EFFORTS

For the second straight year Lawrence University has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The Honor Roll recognizes the contributions of colleges and their students to local communities and the nation as a whole through volunteer service. It is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

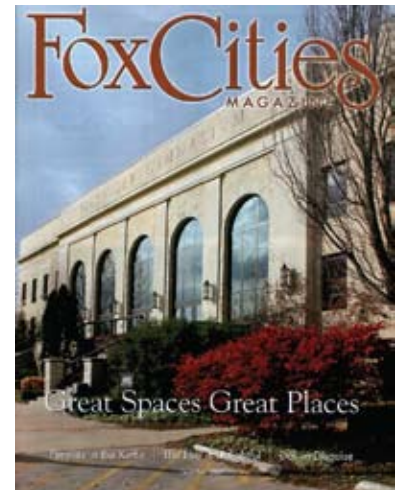
In the past year, Lawrence, with an enrollment of 1,400, documented 6,000 service hours involving at least 650 students, including more than 50 students who performed at least 20 hours of service per week. Of that total, 1,430 service hours were devoted to the disadvantaged.

“We are extremely pleased to be recognized for our community service efforts again this year and I continue to be amazed by the quality and depth of our work in the community, not only by students, but by Lawrence faculty and staff,” said Jill Beck, Lawrence University president. “More and more often, community engagement is an extension of our classrooms and the result is a better learning experience and a better community.”

The honor roll is jointly sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the U.S. Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation.

ALEXANDER GYM RECOGNIZED AS HISTORIC LANDMARK

Venerable Alexander Gymnasium was named Best Historic Landmark Building in *Fox Cities Magazine’s* second annual “Great Spaces/Great Places” architectural awards program. Selected by a panel of five community members, Alexander Gym graced the cover of the magazine, sharing the top honor with Neenah’s Bergstrom-Mahler Museum. The historic landmark category included buildings considered “icons of the Fox Cities.”



TEN FACULTY MEMBERS JOINED THE COLLEGE FOR THE 2007-08 ACADEMIC YEAR WITH TENURE-TRACK APPOINTMENTS



Garth Bond
Assistant Professor of English
B.A., Trinity University,
M.A., Ph.D., University of Chicago
Interests: Renaissance literature,
poetry and drama, film



Adam Galambos
Assistant Professor of Economics
B.A., University of Northern Iowa
M.S., Ph.D., University of Minnesota
Interests: Microeconomic theory, game
theory, social-change theory



Dominica Chang
Assistant Professor of French
B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, M.A.,
Middlebury College,
M.A., Ph.D., University of Michigan
Interests: Romance languages and
literature



Benjamin Haller
Assistant Professor of Classics
B.A., College of William and Mary, M.A.,
Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh
Interests: Greek and Latin languages,
literature, and classical civilization



Scott Corry
Assistant Professor of Mathematics
B.A., Reed College,
Ph. D., University of Pennsylvania
Interests: Algebra, algebraic geometry,
theories, literature



Douglas Martin
Assistant Professor of Physics
B.A., Pomona College, B.A.
Ph.D., University of Texas
Interests: Mechanisms of kinesin motility,
lateral diffusion in artificial cell membranes



Stefan Debbert
Assistant Professor of Chemistry
B.S., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities,
Ph. D., Cornell University
Interests: Organic chemistry, organic
synthesis, computational chemistry



Yudru Tsomu
Assistant Professor of History
A.A., Central University for Nationalities
B.A., Beijing College of Education, Ph.D.,
Harvard University.
Interests: Chinese and Tibetan history and
culture, Sino-Tibetan relations



Kimberly Dickson
Assistant Professor of Chemistry
B.A., Smith College
M.S., Johns Hopkins University Ph.D.,
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Interests: Protein structure
and function



Hiroko Yamakido
*Assistant Professor of Chinese
and Japanese*
B.A., Tsuda College-Japan, B.A., Ph.D.,
State University of New York-Stony Brook
Interests: Japanese linguistics, history
and dialectal variation of Japanese,
morpho-syntax, lexical semantics,
Japanese language pedagogy.

FELLOWS PROGRAM ADDS SIX NEW APPOINTEES

Six recent Ph.D. or terminal graduate-degree recipients joined the faculty in the fall as the third class of two-year appointees to the Lawrence University Fellows in the Liberal Arts and Sciences program. Launched in 2005, the program currently has 12 fellows in residence for the 2007-08 academic year. The newest appointments are:



Laura DeSisto *Education*
DeSisto finished her Ph.D. in philosophy and education at Columbia University. Her areas of specialization are humanism and the philosophy of education. She is teaching courses on humanism and education, school and society, and the history of education in the United States.



Alison Guenther-Pal *German and film studies*
Guenther-Pal completed her Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. Her research interests include cinematic representations and their relationship to postwar West German identity. She is teaching courses in film studies and German studies.



Tad Hardin *Conservatory of Music (voice)*
Hardin earned a D.Mus. from Florida State University. At Lawrence, he is involved in vocal coaching and will teach courses on vocal literature.



Chad Lane *Mead Witter Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow in Geology*
A specialist in paleo-environmental change and biogeography, Lane completed his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee. He is team-teaching courses in geology and environmental science.



Brigid O'Donnell *Biology*
O'Donnell earned a Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut. She is teaching courses in developmental biology and evolutionary biology.



Kevin Tracy *Classics*
Tracy completed his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to teaching courses on classical and Latin literature, he also is teaching in the Freshman Studies program.

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Garth Neustadter '09, the youngest of five finalists, earned first-prize honors (second place behind the grand prize winner) at the 8th annual Young Film Composers Competition in Hollywood, sponsored by the cable television network Turner Classic Movies. The competition drew more than 800 participants from five countries. Each finalist had to score a 90-second clip from the 1924 silent movie classic "Beau Brummel."

Bethany Wiese '08 placed second in the Tuba Artist Division of the 22nd annual Leonard Falcone International Euphonium and Tuba Festival in Michigan. Wiese was one of 150 musicians worldwide who participated in the competition.

"Migrations," the latest composition of **Fred Sturm '73**, director of jazz studies and improvisational music, received an international premiere by 10-time Grammy Award-winning vocalist Bobby McFerrin and the Norddeutscher Rundfunk (NDR) Big Band at the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival in Hamburg, Germany. The commissioned work showcases 23 indigenous songs from 21 countries, including an aboriginal chant from Australia, a Mbuti Pygmy tribal song from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and an Inuit chant from Greenland. Dane Richeson, professor of music, served as ethnic percussion consultant for the project and performed as drummer/percussionist at the premiere. Brian Pertl '86, an



FIRST LOOK

Michael Orr, professor of art history, led New York-area alumni, parents, and friends on a guided tour of Renaissance art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The highlight of the event was touring a special exhibition of three panels from Lorenzo Ghiberti's newly-restored *Gates of Paradise*, often called one of the most influential works of the Italian Renaissance. It was the first time the panels had ever been exhibited in the United States.

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ethnomusicologist and manager of Microsoft's Media Acquisitions Group, collaborated with Sturm in researching recordings from around the globe.

Violinist **Alberta Barnes '09** won Shar Music's "The Value of Classical Strings" essay contest. Her winning essay was published on page two of the January Shar Music catalog. She also was awarded a \$250 Shar gift certificate.

Lacey Jo Benter '09 won her third straight title in the Wisconsin chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition. Benter, who sang in the junior women's division, was one of six Lawrence students who earned first-place honors at the 2007 competition on the Lawrence University campus. **Emily Fink '08** won the senior women's division and was named the competition's outstanding female singer. Other first-place finishers were **Katy Harth, '11**, freshman women's division; **Katherine Meckel, '10**, women's lower college musical theatre division; **Nicholas Benson, '10**, men's lower college musical theatre division; and **Ashley Korolewski, '08**, women's upper college musical theatre division. **Kerry Hart, '01**, won the adult professional division.

Ashley Korolewski '08 advanced to the semifinals of the American College Theatre Festival's Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Competition held in Milwaukee in January. She was one of five Lawrence students selected for the five-state regional competition for their exceptional performances in campus productions. Also participating in the acting competition were **Kristen Hammargren '08**, **Jem Herron '09**, **Aram Monisoff '08**, and **Asher Perlman '08**. **Julia Robinson '08**, **Lauren Sholofsky '10**, and **Kim Stabile '08** represented Lawrence in the ACTF's design competition.

Fred Gaines, professor emeritus of theatre and drama, wrote and directed the Attic Theatre production *Hometown*, which was performed in March in Cloak Theatre. Nominally set in Appleton during World War II, the play examines the pressures of life and the ways families dealt with them.

INDEPENDENT 529 PLAN STUDENTS ENROLLED

You might say **Mark Hirsch '11** and **Andy Knoedler '11** are pioneers of sort. This fall they became the first students to enroll at Lawrence using the Independent 529 Plan.

The Independent 529 Plan is a prepaid college tuition plan designed specifically for private colleges. It allowed Mark and Andy's parents to invest in tuition certificates that were locked in to the tuition rate at the time of purchase.

"Being able to lock in Mark's tuition was a key for us," says Mark's father, Edward Hirsch, "I was able to avoid years of tuition inflation."

Steve Syverson, vice president for enrollment at Lawrence, says that a volatile stock market and an uncertain economy are causing many families to question their ability to finance a private school education. "The biggest advantage of the Independent 529 Plan is that it takes out the uncertainty," says Syverson. Andy's father, Dan Knoedler, agrees, adding "I believe there is no better way to save. Nothing can compare with the return on investment."

Lawrence was among the original members of the Tuition Plan, Inc., a group of independent colleges involved in designing the plan. Syverson, who represented the college at those early meetings says, "a decade after those first discussions, it is gratifying to have Lawrence enroll its first students whose families have been able to take advantage of this plan."

If you would like to explore the option of the I-529 Plan, visit www.independent529plan.org or call Syverson at 920-832-6506.

TWO LAWRENTIANS JOIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Charles Saunders '84, of New York City, and **Dale Schuh '70**, of Stevens Point, Wis., were elected to three-year terms on the Lawrence University Board of Trustees at its fall meeting. They officially joined the board in January.



Saunders is a principal and portfolio manager/analyst at NorthRoad Capital Management, an employee owned investment firm in New York City. He is responsible for investment decisions regarding NorthRoad's international and global equity portfolios.

Before joining NorthRoad in 2005, Saunders was the investment director of international equities for the State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB). Previously he was vice president of the investment banking department for the Industrial Bank of Japan in Tokyo.

Saunders is a former Lawrence admissions volunteer and member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.



Dale Schuh '70 is chairman, CEO, and president of Sentry Insurance. During a career that spans nearly 40 years, Schuh has advanced from the position of actuarial intern to become head of one of the nation's leading providers of life, group health, auto and other property/casualty insurance.

Schuh is also a fellow of the Society of Actuaries, member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and a member of the board of directors for the Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce. He is also a member and former chair of the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance. For his distinguished record of championing workplace safety and health, Schuh was inducted into the Wisconsin Safety Hall of Fame in 2006.

Schuh is a former Lawrence admissions volunteer and member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Also at the fall meeting:

- **Harry M. Jansen Kraemer '77** was appointed chairman of the board, succeeding **Bill Hochkammer '66** who served in that position since January 2005. Hochkammer remains on the board as a trustee.
- **Kim Hiatt Jordan '58**, a trustee since 1991, was elected a trustee emerita.
- **Susan Nelson Goldsmith '65** retired from the board. ■

FOCUS ON

Bringing the sights and sounds of Lawrence to alumni, friends, and prospective students in Chicago, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and Milwaukee

Upcoming Events

American Choral Masterpieces Tour with Cantata and Concert Choirs
April 12: Neuqua Valley High School Auditorium, Naperville, Ill., 7:30 p.m.
April 13: Baha'i House of Worship, Wilmette, Ill., 1:00 p.m.
April 13: St. Robert's Church, Shorewood, Wis., 7:30 p.m.

Wine-tasting course and reception with Nick Maravolo
May 9: Winnetka Community House, Winnetka, Ill., 7:30 p.m.

Boerner Botanical Gardens Nature Walk with Nick Maravolo
May 10: Hales Corners, Wis., 2:00 p.m.

"Promoting Democracy Worldwide — Lessons from Iraq, Afghanistan, and Sierra Leone" with Dena Skran
May 10: Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, reception 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

