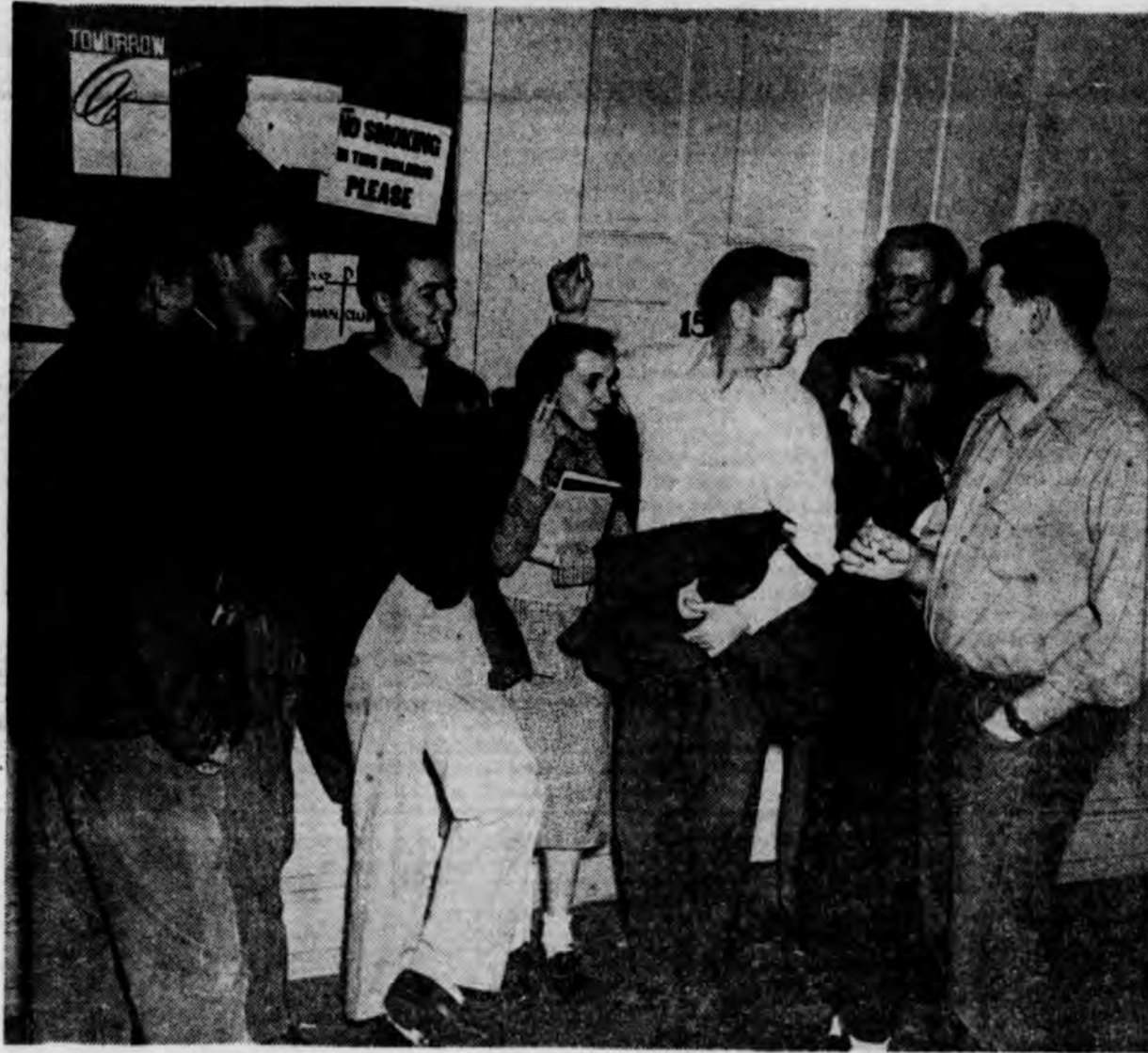


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Lay Down Those Cigarettes, Gang!

BY DAVE DUFFEY

The very existence of a grand old campus landmark is being threatened these days because students are insisting on fag dragging. They have been asked to refrain from smoking in Main hall because the city fire department feels there is a real danger of the venerable old building with all its records and memories going up in a puff of smoke. Cigarette smoke, that is. Old Main's age is nearing the century mark now. Its cornerstone was laid in 1853 after the original main building, where the conservatory now stands, burned down. The building's outer surface is all native Wisconsin stone, some of it taken from the bed of the Fox river. Main hall has seen crude backwoodsmen, bronzed Indians and eastern dandies pass through her portals and has sent students off to the Civil, the Spanish American and World Wars I and II.

With minor additions Main is the same building it was when all the land was wilderness, College avenue was nothing more than a rutted path and the farmers gathered with their produce in what is now Soldier's Square.

A fence once encircled the building to keep away the roving, inquisitive cows that roamed at will in those days. How men, working without the benefits of modern machinery and technique could have constructed a building of the magnitude and beauty

of Main hall is considered one of the wonders of the state.

Originally, the building housed everything that made up the college. Dormitories, laboratories, kitchens, lecture rooms, chapel—they were all in Main hall. About the only things not included were running water and indoor toilets, these features being provided by a pump and some plain wooden outhouses overlooking a panoramic view of the Fox.

Students of an earlier age would probably scoff at the softness of present day students who have hot showers, warm bathrooms and unlimited supplies of sanitary drinking water. Most of Lawrence's history is wrapped up in that one building and the ghosts of its former students and faculty still tread its narrow halls through the memories of living alumni.

Not only is Lawrence threatened with the loss of its historical traditions, but if Main were to be destroyed the loss to the school, the students and humanity in general of the records of such eminent scholars as M. M. Bober, Warren Beck, Howard Troyer or William Raney would be irreplaceable. The life work of these men is lodged in their offices in Main hall and no amount of insurance or condolence could ever replace the time, effort, thought and achievement which those papers represent.

Neither the administration, the faculty nor the board of trustees is entertaining the thought of making anyone stop smoking, says President Nathan Pusey. Tobacco is no longer a moral is-

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Cox Issues SOS

An emergency call of SOS came from Social Chairman Ann Cox at SEC meeting Monday night. Because the Beloit basketball game was incorrectly written on the schedules as being played there, the resulting conflict means that all the decorating for the Christmas formal must be done tomorrow.

Anyone able and willing to work is asked by Miss Cox to make an appearance at Alexander gym sometime tomorrow.

Yuletide Dance Begins Holiday Social Season

The Yuletide social season will get underway tomorrow night with the Christmas formal at the Alexander Gymnasium. One-thirty permits have been granted to all women, and there will be dancing from 9 to 1 a.m. to the music of Orville Bathke's orchestra.

Chaperones for the dance are Mr. and Mrs. A. Roy Eckhart, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Spiegberg, Mr. and Mrs. Craig R. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ming. The entire faculty and staff of the college and conservatory of music have been invited.

Mark LUC Pie to WSSF

Hold 'Alchemist' Tryouts

Tryouts for "Alchemist" will be held in Main hall 42 today at 4 p.m., tomorrow at 1 p.m. and Monday at 7 p.m., Director F. Theodore Cloak announces.

There are a limited number of copies of the play on reserve at the library and some information on the author, Ben Jonson. Freshmen are eligible to act in this play.

Seniors Apply For Studies in Other Countries

Seek Scholarships Under Fulbright Act; List Nine Students

Applications for graduate study abroad have been submitted by nine seniors, Marshall B. Hulbert, dean of administration, stated this week. This program, carried on under the Fulbright Act, awards scholarships to applicants on a basis of personal qualifications, academic record and the value of the project to be pursued.

Students may apply for study in 21 countries, including Australia, Burma, China, India, Norway, as well as the Benelux countries and the United Kingdom and France. Iran and Italy have recently been added to the list.

The scholarships cover the normal living expenses in each country, as well as transportation, tuition and books. Applications are considered by a committee of three at Lawrence and then sent to the Institute of International Education in New York. Those on the committee are Hulbert, William F. Raney, professor of history, and Stephen F. Darling, professor of chemistry.

Applicants from this year's senior class are Douglas Allen, Robert Campbell, John Fillion, Shirley Hanson, Elaine Johnson, Marie Langenberg, Virginia Scott, David Stackhouse and Karl Tippet.

Board Decides Aid to Foreign Students Needed

"The Lawrence United Charities advisory board has voted to give 100 per cent of their collected money to the World Student Service Fund," Elaine Johnson, co-chairman of LUC, reported at the student executive committee meeting Monday night.

The WSSF campaigns annually in American colleges for funds to aid universities abroad and is the only national agency organized for this purpose, Miss Johnson told SEC delegates.

She continued by stating that LUC has received many requests for aid from individual schools abroad, but that the WSSF is the only organization which is capable of distributing the funds to the most needy students. "The American dollar goes much farther in Europe than it would for purchases in our own country," she pointed out.

The American branch of WSSF, an international organization for aid to university groups in the war-devastated nations, serves by distributing food, clothing, medical aid, books and housing without discrimination as to race, politics or religion.

"The LUC advisory board feels that this type of program deserves our hardest support when the personal solicitations drive is conducted the first week after Christmas vacation," concluded Miss Johnson.

Billboard

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Today

Basketball - Knox - here

Tomorrow

Christmas formal - Alexander gym.

Monday

Chopin recital - Peabody hall - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Orchestra concert

Wednesday

SCA Christmas service - chapel

Intelligence, Imagination, Feeling Make Ted Cloak a Great Director

BY JOHNNY HAMMER

There is a little man who loves to go hunting in that most fascinating, but still untracked wilderness—the jungle of drama, and who triumphantly emerges often capturing that most elusive of all things, the magic of the theater. This man is Ted Cloak, and his weapons are intelligence, imagination and feeling. Thus fortified, he will invade the printed paragon of an Anderson, O'Neil or Shakespeare and under his careful interpretation, words and movement become alive and meaningful.

This man is not only a successful director. Many men are that. A few men wear a mantle of greatness and Ted Cloak justly belongs in this select group. (He may wear his greatness less like a mantle and more like a sweatshirt—he's just that kind.)

Somehow in the process of directing a play, a little of his understanding of human emotions, reactions and dreams, his deep insight into the psychological labyrinth of the mind of man, rubs off onto the people working with him, and often into their brief sojourn into the exhilarating land of make-believe, they leave, richer for their contact with this man.

After living for three weeks in a laboratory where the motivations of human actions and feelings are so minutely scrutinized, the gain-

of these people is inestimable; the loss, at most, a little sleep. It is this enriching of another's life which distinguishes the good director from the great.

It is the opinion of this writer



F. Theodore Cloak

confusing as it reads. The remarkable thing about Ted is that when a person says he or she can't act, he will take that individual and when the curtain comes down after the show, theatergoers depart talking about a "certain person" who did such an excellent job in this or that role.

Seven times out of ten that "certain person" is the he or she who couldn't act," but who now has just turned in a more than creditable job of acting. You may recall some of these "certain persons" like Bob Yahr in "Hamlet," George Mc Clellan in "The Male Animal" or more recently, Denny Seymour in "Berkeley Square."

Is there a secret formula? This man's abra-cadabra is a lu-lu for simplicity. All he asks is that the individual has intelligence, creativeness, imagination and an understanding of people. If they have this, then they can understand their own character and its relationship to others in the play.

It is this complete understanding of character which is, fundamentally, the key to Ted's direction. His familiar cry of "work on interpretation" is the most sagacious advice a budding actor could receive.

The standard of Lawrence Col-

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Choir, 'Messiah' Prepare Town For Christmas

Waterman Coordinates Chorus, Soloists Into Homogenous Group

BY ELOY FOMINAYA

There is little that establishes the spirit of Christmas so well as does a performance of Handel's immortal Messiah. There are just days to wait now; it is prepared.

To coordinate 200 professional voices into a homogeneous group, requires the greatest talent of a master at the baton. However, to accomplish this with a choir made up of students, professionals, amateurs, and persons who just "like to sing", requires far more than a master, it must need an inspired man.

To judge from the Schola Cantorum's presentation, Carl J. Waterman was this and far more. The Messiah is not easy music, the clarity of the many, contrapuntal lines requires split second timing and intense powers of concentration. Waterman led his group through page after page of this in a magnificent fashion.

The performance got off to a rather bad start. Roy Glahn, tenor, began confidently, but badly out of tune. He remained throughout the performance, just as confident and just as badly out of tune. Recovering from a bad case of flu, Glahn may have had difficulty hearing; however, it is difficult to account for his musical bad taste medicinally.

Shirley Rasmussen, on the other hand, reminded the audience that there is ample store of artistry right here on campus. She sang with a confident maturity and keen insight into the nature of the music. Her voice projected well, it was warm, yet delicately fragile. The listener was aware that he was hearing some of the world's greatest music, and a soprano performance that would be difficult to excel.

Muriel Engelland Hoile presented the contralto role with great artistry and a rich vibrant voice. William Harder, baritone, was brilliant and LaVahn Maesch demonstrated his virtuosity in an outstanding performance of the orchestral role.

While all of the familiar parts of the Messiah were especially satisfying, the final "Amen" was glorious. The inherent strength of the music was apparent. The emotional intensity of Handel, which is so

IRC Brings Ripon Exchange Student

On Wednesday November 30, the Lawrence college International Relations club heard Miss Jirina Hrazdilova, 17, Czech exchange student at Ripon college tell about her native land.

Narrating life in Czechoslovakia before and during the war, Miss Hrazdilova stressed the similarities between this country and her native land. Born in Eastern Czechoslovakia Miss Hrazdilova has a working knowledge of Latin, German, Russian and English in addition to her native language.

Miss Hrazdilova has been in this country for two years, sponsored last year at the Wayland Academy in Beaver Dam by the American Field Service and this year at Ripon by Rotary Clubs of District 114 which includes the southern half of Wisconsin.

UNION BRIDGE AGAIN SUN.

Another bridge tournament will be held at the student union again Sunday afternoon. Couples may sign up at the center.

difficult to project without distortion, was done superbly.

Climaxes grew until it seemed that they could grow no more, and continued growing. This terminated one of the most inspired performances of the Messiah ever heard at Lawrence college.

The ovation of the enthusiastic, overflowing audience was richly deserved by the soloists, entire choral body and their beloved conductor.

First Symphony Of School Year Slated Tuesday

The Lawrence Symphony orchestra will begin its second concert season under the baton of Kenneth Byler Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m. in the Memorial chapel.

This year's enrollment in the symphony orchestra is one of the largest in recent years. This fact permitted cooperation with the freshman studies department in providing a performance of the Brahms Variations on a Theme by Haydn, which is being studied in that course.

The richness of Brahms' harmonic style requires massive orchestral sounds, which would be impossible in a smaller ensemble. The increased enrollment and flexibility of the orchestra has made this possible and has provided an opportunity to correlate theoretical study with a tangible realization through a "live" performance.

The Brahms, Variations will be the major work, also included on the program will be the orchestral suite "The Faithful Shepherd" by Handel, and three contemporary works, the "Ceremonial and Flourish" for brass, by Richard Arnell, Shostakovitch's "Prelude in E flat minor" and a "Short overture to an Unwritten Opera" by Don Gillis.

Con Column

Concerts Honor Chopin's Death Include Composer's Little Known Works

A series of two all-Chopin concerts will be presented this year by students from the studios of Gladys Brainard and Muriel Engelland Hoile, planned in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the eminent Polish composer-pianist's death.

Chopin has been often termed the supreme master of the small forms, a "poet of the piano." His numerous works enjoyed an almost immediate success and their popularity has never waned. He did not restrict himself entirely to small forms, composing several sonatas and concertos for piano and orchestra.

Although it is not generally known, he also wrote 17 songs which are rarely heard. Several groups of these will be presented in the two concerts.

The first concert will be presented this evening in Peabody hall at 8:30. It will open with the Preludes in E Minor and B minor, and the Marche Funebre from the B flat minor Sonata. These works were performed as part of the funeral services for Chopin in Paris in 1849.

Also to be heard are several of the ballades, mazurkas, impromptu, etudes and scherzi. The first group of songs will be presented by Paul

Ted Cloak Proves Consistent Winner

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lege's theater productions, attendance and community interest, has never been higher. The on-the-aislers are intoxicated by this man's theatrical cocktail of which the recipe is: Take one good play, add enthusiastic, intelligent people, mix in a good setting (which thanks to John Ford Sollers, is always good) and serve with imagination. Of course a dash of Munchow, if available, adds considerably to the flavor.

It all adds up to this: when John Brown and Mary Smith are pretending under lights, they are absorbing more than flood light and grease paint. They are absorbing a precious gift — the gift of artistic achievement — donated through the courtesy of that little hunter, so expert at capturing the magic of the theater.

ine Kokke and the pianists will be Doris Pommerening, Majorie Bliese, Derk French, Charles Crowder and Raymond Peeters. Joan Slegler will accompany Miss Kokke.

The second program will be heard on Sunday evening. This will include the complete Sonata in B flat minor, a scherzo, two nocturnes and the popular Polonaise in A flat, Opus 53.

Two movements from the Concerto in F minor will be performed by Susan Reiland, Miss Brainard assisting with the orchestral transcription. The second group of songs will be performed by Shirley Rasmussen, Joan Slegler accompanying.



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Fag Draggers Still Menace Old Main Hall

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 sue and it is accepted almost as clothing, food and shelter is accepted. Students are only being asked to "exercise a little common sense and consideration in refraining from smoking in areas that inspection by a fire marshal has deemed dangerous."

The fire department has, in former years recommended that no smoking be allowed in Main hall but college authorities never enforced such a measure rigorously, believing that the students would confine their inhaling to the first floor hall, which has a tile floor. In practice this has not worked out and the air got just as blue on the second, third and fourth levels as it did on the ground floor.

These upper stories are where the real danger lies. An unextinguished cigarette butt could rest smoldering for some time and ignite the old, oil-soaked (from the janitor's cleaning compound) wooden floors and have a tremendous head start before it was ever discovered. If Main hall was to be gutted with flame, it is extremely doubtful that Lawrence could continue to operate.

Another point being stressed is the well known human angle. Somebody has to clean up those butts so flippantly flung in all directions. Well, that somebody is a little, stooped old gentleman who has his hands full as it is, janitorialing a large building like Main hall. Harry Sager puts in 10 to 12 hours a day in Main hall and it's a thankless, monotonous job.

Maybe with a little help from the students he could spend an extra hour or two at home with his family reading the newspaper instead of bending his back to scrape into his dust-pan the pulverized, filthy wet, tobacco and paper that has been worked into the floor.

"There's a simple solution to all this fuss", sneers the wise guy. "Just put some big ash trays and receptacles at strategic points." We said the same thing, but does it work out in practice? Ask the janitors, or think back to the time when there were big, sand filled ash trays in Main hall and Science hall. Butts in the receptacles? A few, sure, but most of them were dropped to the floor and ground up by the hundreds of heels and soles that passed over them.

To quote one janitor, who handled Science hall for several years, "The boys was pretty good about it but them girls — most of the butts on the floor had lipstick on 'em." Inasmuch as most of the men at Lawrence are not addicted to lipstick unless it's massaged in by another pair of lips, this particular indictment seems to fall on the weaker sex who will be going out into the world, presumably to provide homes for us sloppy old men.

We just hope their husbands spend the evening hours at home flipping cigar butts and ashes all over the parlor rug. But the school's women aren't the only offenders by far and guys who rap their pipe dottle out on the floor must be just as irritating.

Like it or not, this year it is going to be necessary for the school to enforce the no smoking rule, under orders from the fire department and the board of trustees. If it becomes imperative to hire a man or to take some of the faculty's time to police the building — despite being a poor commentary on the student body's mature sense of responsibility — it will be done.

A three inch concoction of weed and paper, costing about one cent, could raze a historic, venerable monument over 90 years old, containing records and papers of inestimable value, and actually threaten the existence of Lawrence. Depressing, isn't it?



Part of the group who made the Christmas cards being sold by Lawrence United Charities this week is pictured above at work on the project. LUC card producers were Warren La-Mack, John Fillion, Eva Hirsch, Pat Foley, William Sievert, Audrey Lund, Daniel Teas, Donald Peterson, Ron Lange, Jean Eiss, Sally Teas, Phyllis Ekdahl and Elaine Johnson.

Sale of student made Christmas cards highlighted the Lawrence United Charities campaign this week. Providing the talent for this project were Audrey Lund and Elaine Johnson.

Backed by a crew of aides, they produced 3000 cards during the week preceding sales and had them ready for distribution Monday.

Four different cards were created, each with a distinctive Lawrence twist. Jean Eiss and Eva Hirsch headed the sales program, assisted by a group of volunteers. Paper supplies used were donated by the George Banta Publishing company.

Proceeds from sales will be placed in a fund aimed at pro-

moting the intellectual and material rehabilitation of foreign students. Similar drives are being carried on in most colleges throughout the country.

An extensive program of personal solicitation is being mapped out by the LUC advisory board. This drive is scheduled to begin the first week after Christmas vacation.

NEWMANITES PARTY SUNDAY
 Newman club members will hold their annual Christmas party Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's CYO hall. Guests will be members of the Oshkosh State Teacher's college chapter.

SDA Selects Study Topics

Labor, national health insurance, the Brannan farm plan and federal aid to education were selected as study topics by Students for Democratic Action recently in preparation for a role of active participation by the Lawrence chapter in next spring's state primary election.

President Harry Clor states that in the next three months these problems will be studied by four committees, headed by Joe Kortenhof, Harry Clor, Art Thiel and Ca-

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rolyn Lewis, respectively. Membership on these committees is open to both members and non-members of SDA.

"These problems will be studied from the viewpoint of freedom versus security; the extent to which the individual can have economic security within the basic context of individual freedom," Clor continues. "Or in other words, it may be resolved to the question, does individual freedom actually mean anything in the 20th century without a certain amount of economic security?"

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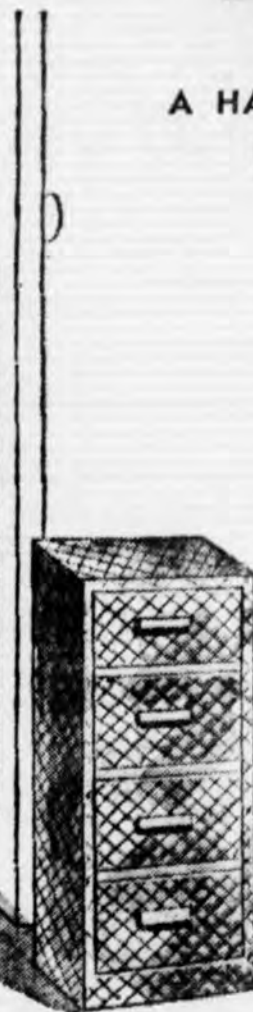
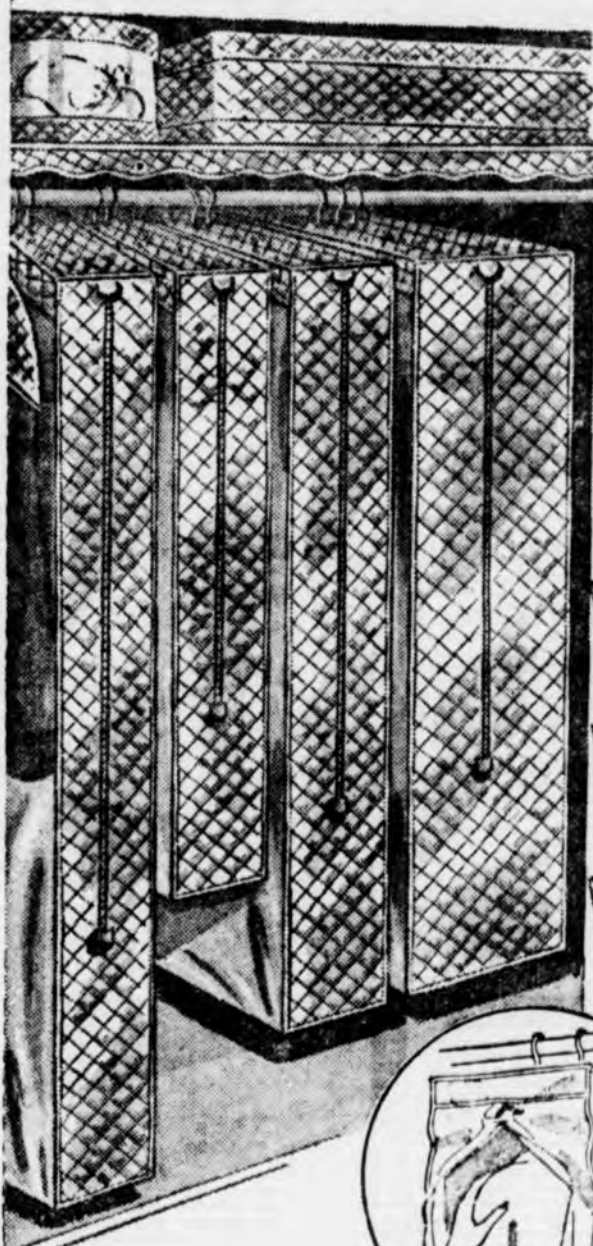
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Santa to Have His Spree —Rush Rules in Order

GREEKS PLAY HOST Lead and 1st add M9A Lawrentian ...
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Good works will characterize the sororities and fraternities social functions this week. Along with ringing in the annual Christmas formal the majority of the Greeks will be devoting their time to the entertainment of underprivileged children of Appleton. Fraternities and sororities are reminded that rushing rules are in effect regardless of the age of the prospects.

Cruising Down The River

Over Thanksgiving vacation Delt Earl Glosser gave his pin to Elizabeth Walter, a student at St. Mary's college in Indiana. SAI Betty Plautz recently received a diamond from Jim Leeson of Beloit college. DG alum Ruth Hartmann is engaged to Delt Bob (Whitey) Herman from the University of Wisconsin.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Our annual Sig Ep Christmas party for Appleton kiddies will be held next Thursday afternoon. The jolly old elf, Tom Keough, has been east as the familiar gnome who will help the Sig Eps and their dates entertain the children.

Field Secretary Gus Schmidt, paid a visit to the chapter last weekend. He was a guest at the

(Roland Strid was the only volunteer for the editorship of the Greek column. Our offer still stands: we'll give anyone a crack at editing the column before making the final decision as to whether Jack Glasner shall continue as the Greek editor. Qualifications include, as stated this week on the bulletin board in The Lawrentian office:

"Must use an original style to keep the column on a feature basis; include humor in nearly every report — burlesque, satire or subtlety; Must avoid wording or constructions of any kind which are hackneyed or trite." ED.)

meeting of the Saturday Evening Eating Club, a newly founded organization that has endeared itself in the hearts of all connoisseurs of MEAT.

A rehabilitation program is planned for Denny Seymour in order to acquaint him with fraternity life after he completes his hitch as a floor walker at a local department store. Denny has been sharpening his tongue and chewing raw beef to fully qualify for his position.

Delta Gamma

A surprise for the unsuspecting actives is in store for the Christmas party which our pledges are giving for the actives next Monday. Swimming, badminton, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, and much to eat was enjoyed by the actives, pledges, and their dates at the party held out at the gym last Friday night.

Delta Tau Delta

This next Saturday afternoon we are holding our annual Christmas party for underprivileged children of Appleton. We trust that this affair will be as great a success as have been those in the past.

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Our pledge class proved themselves last Saturday evening. They held a "cowboy" party for the actives which went over better than does the average party the actives give for themselves. The main feature of this party was an unusual skit.

Some of our so-called hearty members have shown their true colors. Due to the sub-zero weather on the porches we have seen two double-deck beds crammed into a certain two study rooms. It seems that some don't realize that fresh air is good for a person. Could it mean anything that four "weaker" ones come from the Chicago area?

A complaint showed that there seems to be a certain amount of deception about a certain railing on a certain dormitory porch.

Pi Beta Phi

With Phyl Haeger directing and Alice Wanner giving us the pitch, the Pi Phis gave their annual winter serenade last week. Discounting the frozen noses and the chilled feet, we all had fun.

Beta Theta Pi

Wooglin looked in upon another Beta election. The officers elected are Don Brown, president; Reed Forbush, vice-president; Jerry Walecka, treasurer; Bob Nicholls, recorder; Don Dougherty, corres. secretary; Doug Robertson and Dick Swenson, co-chairmen of rushing.

We are sure that these men will carry on in their official capacity as well as our retiring officers have done.

Phi Kappa Tau

The Phi Tau's and the KD's plan to share a number of underprivileged children with Santa this

Women Vote on LWA Revisions Propose Three Major Changes in Constitution

Revisions in the LWA constitution have been completed and will go into effect within a week if ratified by members. The proposed constitution is posted in all women's dormitories.

Three major changes and additions are proposed. First, the president of each women's dorm will now automatically be a member of the LWA council.

Second, dormitory presidents will no longer be members of the Judicial board, as previously. Third, in accordance with the Lawrence student body constitution, an LWA Board of control will be formed.

Members will be the president, treasurer and social co-chairmen of LWA, and an SEC member appointed by the SEC president. The duties of the board of control are stated in the new constitution.

coming Sunday. A good time is in store for all children present.

The party last Saturday night was a big success. The pledges and their dates planned the arrangements for the actives and their dates while weiners, buns and cider were provided for those who were hungry.

Will anyone who is interested in buying a fraternity paddle or beer mug kindly see Brother Harry Clor?

Sigma Alpha Iota

Under the direction of Jean Bunks the SAI choir is preparing for the vesper service which will be given December 14 in conjunction with SCA.

Mrs. Watts, patroness, generously offered her home to the SAI's for a Christmas party this coming Saturday afternoon.

Alpha Delta Pi

Beverly Kivell now resigns as president of the pledge class. The record party last Friday was a big success and we have a swell new collection of records.

(NOTE: Greek column writers are reminded that in order to save space and the cost of printing, athletic events and other news items covered elsewhere in The Lawrentian will not be reprinted here. S.)

Now Hear This

All Rejected Athletes: Mixed Volleyball Here

Rejected by WRA: Sines can't use you in his act? The AP overlooked you for Little All-American end? Here's the chance you frustrated athletes have been waiting for so earnestly! Work off excess f1 a b the easy, pleasant way. MIXED VOLLEYBALL IS HERE!

ELEGIBILITY: Participants must be either male or female. Participants must have a body temperature at or about 98 degrees F. (A variance of 10 degrees either way is permissible.) Participants must have access to tennis shoes and some concealing attire.

REGISTRATION: You can register: Individually. (You will be assigned a partner.) With partner or as an entire team (eight players, four females and four males.)

SIGNING UP: Lists will be available in dorms and fraternity houses next week. Sign these lists. If you are unable to write your name, place an X on sheet or place your thumb on a specially prepared WRA ink pads and leave the print.

TOURNAMENT: The matches will be held immediately after Christmas vacation and will be-

Watts, Santa Claus Visit Brokaw Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Watts will be co-featured with a visit from Santa Claus as guests at the weekly Brokaw hall house meeting Wednesday night.

St. Nick's visit, presents and all, will follow a talk given by Watts, Lawrence business manager, on the financial program of the college, expenditures and the channels into which the student's tuition is sent.

Feature Puppets At German Party

"Weihnachtsfest," the annual Christmas celebration conducted by members of the German club, is scheduled for Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Hamar union.

Highlighting the program will be a puppet show starring Mel Storm, Karl Weinke and Rachel Finger. Christmas songs will be sung by members of the conservatory

gin at 4:30 each evening. You will receive advance notice as to precise dates. Matches will be held until fingers are burned.

It won't take much — just quit smoking, abstain from alcohol, take long walks, get plenty of sleep, exercise and the right kind of food, stay in New Year's Eve, and on dates with your partner, discuss volleyballly.

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Badger Mermen Prepare Vikings For Beloit Meet

Lawrence college's swim team meets the University of Wisconsin Junior varsity mermen in the Alexander gymnasium pool tomorrow afternoon in their second meet of the season in preparation for their contest with the powerful Beloit college tankers December 15.

Co-captains Don Koskinen and John Watson will lead the Blue and White team against the Golds with a hope of revenge for the two setbacks administered by Beloit last year. Last season's scores were 58-17 and 53-21 in favor of Beloit.

Beloit won the conference championship while Lawrence finished fifth among the six competing teams with a total of three points.

This season Beloit will be led by newly elected Captain Jim Sprackling, senior free styler from Janesville. Although this year's squad is slightly weaker than last year's, the team still has eight returning lettermen. Sprackling was a member of two relay teams which set conference records in the medley relay trio and the 440-yard free style relay.

With the Viking swimmers reported a bit stronger this year and the Golds a little weaker, Coach Ade Dillon and his team are looking for an upset.

DG's Place First In Bowling Tourney

Delta Gamma placed first in the intersorority bowling tournament held last Saturday at the Arcade alleys. The DG point total was 1,788, and Alpha Delta Pi was second with 1,776, Kappa Alpha Theta third with 1,751.

High game winner was ADP's Mary Hoffman with 191. Following were Theta Marilyn Donahue 163, and Janis Weller, Kappa Delta, with 143.

High scorers were also Misses Hoffman, Donahue and Weller in the same order with 408, 406 and 397.

Beta Spikers Pace Volleyball Phi Delts are Second At End of First Round

Beta Theta Pi, by virtue of its victory last week against Phi Delta Theta, was the lone undefeated team in the interfraternity volleyball race at the end of the first round of play last week. The Phi Delts were second. Delta Tau Delta Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Kappa Tau followed.

The league-leading Beta squad includes Sid Ward, Reed Forbush, George McClellan, Fred Parker, Tom Van Housen and Frank Sanders.

The members of the other fraternity teams follow: Delta Tau Delta — Dick Bickle, Roger Barquist, Earl Berry, Earl Glosser, Pete Green, Chuck Reitingger and Bob Thompson.

Phi Kappa Tau — Larry Tous-saint, Elwood and Arden Horstman, Len Newendorp, Dave Dwyer, Phil Alley, Dean Gray and Jack Fischer.

Phi Delta Theta — Bill Sievert, Rocky Schulz, Bob Sorenson, Bob Landsberg, Don Power, Bill Carlton, Dick Schmidt and Ed Wright. Sigma Phi Epsilon — Al Mink, Chuck Williams, Chuck Knoedler, Bob Polzin, Tom Stienecker, Don Brown, Len Lindstrom and Bob Parker.

Veteran Knox Quintet Invades Gym Tonight

Vikes Play Beloit There On Thursday

BY BILL FERGUSON

Tonight at the Alexander gym the Vikes will run into rough competition when they tackle the tough and highly-rated Knox five. Last year the Knox-Lawrence game took place at Galesburg and at the final horn the 52-51 score found the Vike's opponents at the long end of a real thriller.

A veteran outfit will compose the Knox quintet this year. It will be spearheaded by Lundeen, one of the outstanding players in the conference and the man who led the way to the Knox victory last year with 18 points. Other holdovers who figure to keep Knox near the top of the Midwest conference standings this year are King, Gibbs and Dredge.



John Sines

Coach John Sines will probably start the same five men who showed such a well-distributed scoring punch against Carroll in the attempt to foil Beloit and Knox. Seniors C. Radtke and Don Boya

will be in at center and guard spots respectively. Sophomore Forwards Doug Robertson and Jack Pribnow and sophomore Guard Dick Anderson will complete the starting lineup.

Seeing action also will be Karl Tippet, Dick Nelson, Harlan Hunger, John Fried, Tom McKenzie and Phil Haas.

Next Thursday night down at the Beloit college field house the Vikings will square off with the high-flying Buccaneers from that school. If last year's games are any indication, the coming contest will be a high scoring one. Both Lawrence and Beloit seem to have something "extra" whenever they find themselves on the same floor. Last year the Buccaneers won both games by the scores of 97-73 and 94-64.

Faced by the toughest schedule in the school's history, by the loss of NAIB all-American Johnny Orr and towering Don Sudkamp who went six-feet, 7-inches, Coach Dolph Stanley has never-the-less been working his squad hard all fall hoping perhaps of equaling the fine record compiled last year of 29-4.

Returning to the defense of their Midwest conference championship, which has been their's for the past four years, are ten lettermen. Veteran Ron Bon-temps, who was the team's high scorer last year, has the center slot firmly nailed down.

The guard spots are filled by Clarence "Sour" Anderson and Francis Stahr. Bob "Babe" Baptist has one forward position clinched while Bill Kelley and Arne Larson are filling the other spot.

Despite a noticeable loss of rebounding strength the Bucs are a fast team and Stanley will probably substitute frequently to keep up a fast pace. Backing up the starting five is all-conference grid Tackle "Red" Janssen who has switched to the hardcourt, at center. Dick and Dave Jones, Dick Lind and Ed Welsh can be expected to see action in the game.

among fraternities. This will not be a part of their year's sports program.

Physical education credits will be given men for curling participation during the course of the activity.

Curling is open to both faculty and student participation. Posters will be placed in Main hall and Alexander gymnasium.



Co-captain of the Lawrence swim team which meets Wisconsin's JV squad here tomorrow is Don Koskinen, free styler and diver. Koskinen has varied talents in many athletic fields — chiefly involving aerial agility. (Post-Crescent Photo).

On Unicycle or Springboard Koskinen Keeps Up in the Air

BY DUFF

"He floats through the air with the greatest of ease" is a trite but apt way of describing Don Koskinen, co-captain of the current Lawrence swimming squad.

Don seems to have a fondness for all sports that require abrupt changes in altitude and necessitate almost phenomenal muscular coordination. In leading the swim team he is a free styler and a diver, but guess which of the two is his favorite event. That's right — diving.

He won a track letter in 1948 and he wasn't content with doing any event that featured both of his feet on the ground most of the time. Kosky won his letter as a pole vaulter, his highest vault scaling 11-feet-9.

Add to these, Don's ability as a trampoliner (those clowns that bounce up and down on a tautly pulled stretch of canvas and do twists, gainers, flips and so on while in the air) and you have a veritable birdman. Trampolining is a sport that definitely is not for the more awkward gent and requires a fine sense of timing, balance and coordination on the part of the performer.

The well proportioned, 5-foot-11, 175 pound high-flyer came to Lawrence from Menominee, Michigan, high school where he won letters in football, basketball and track. He won frosh numerals in the grid sport at Lawrence but was forced to retire because of a brain concussion in his sophomore year.

Evidently the thought of descending incorrectly from the stratosphere in one of the aerial performances he puts on and bouncing his tender noggin off the floor hasn't occurred to Don.

The sturdy Vike likes fishing and ice boating too, but his favorite diversion is climbing onto his unicycle and going through a comedy act. Most Lawrentians have enjoyed watching his traffic disrupting antics on College avenue at one time or another during student elections, homecoming or some other big event.

This is one hobby that Don sincerely wishes would turn lucrative enough so that he could make a living at it. He really enjoys the

routine he goes through on his one wheeler.

Don was student body president at his high school and naturally got a big kick out of the write-up Life magazine recently gave the Menominee, Michigan-Marinette, Wisconsin sports rivalry. He holds the fraternity offices of athletic director and warden in the Phi Delta chapter on campus.

A biology major, likeable Don figures that maybe he'll wind up as a teacher, but after having a little taste of show business last summer putting on his unicycle act at a few fairs and small gatherings, the thought sticks in the back of his mind that a job like that would be his meat.

If you're visiting a county fair and a looney on a one wheeled bike rolls out and convulses the audience, just give a sophisticated sneer and say, "Hell, I saw Kosky do that act when I was at Lawrence."

Fishing Trips, Curling Begin After Vacation

Curling and ice fishing activities, sponsored by the recreation department, will begin after the Christmas recess. Athletic Director A. C. Denney announces. A meeting was held Wednesday at which time the types and uses of ice fishing equipment was demonstrated and the curling program was outlined.

Ice fishing trips will be sponsored to Little Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winnebago, Lake Poygan and the Upper Fox river at Kimberly during the season, which is open January and February.

The type of fish to be caught are perch and wall-eyed pike with equipment constructed by the students.

The curling sessions will be held Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, using the Appleton Curling club facilities at Pierce park. Fridays will be reserved for informal competition

The Press Box

By GEORGE FREDERICK

This week the Pressbox salutes three of Lawrence's outstanding athletes. Claude Radtke, Phil Haas and Bill Sievert.

Claude climaxed a brilliant four year football career at Lawrence by becoming the first Little All-American in the history of the school. An individual star par excellence, he had no peer for sportsmanship and the high esteem in which his teammates held him was evidenced by his election as the team's "most valuable" player.

Phil was probably the most outstanding back in the conference. He had the best rushing average on the team and tied for the lead in conference scoring. He passed, punted and played a whale of a game on defense. With the possible exception of Reed Forbush, he played more than any other back. His election as captain of next year's team is a fitting reward for the terrific job he did this year.

Bill was chosen by his teammates as captain of next year's cross country team. For our money, the choice couldn't have fallen to a more deserving guy. Handicapped in the early part of the past season with a bruised leg, Bill didn't hit his stride until the harriers ran against the U. of Wisconsin JV's when he finished first.

He ran his best race of the season when he finished third in the conference behind Beloit's Carrol Schumacher and Cornell's Ralph Harris. His coach, A. C. Denney, calls him one of the three best distance runners he has had at Lawrence. The others: Jerry Hecker, who set the Lawrence half-mile and mile records in 1936, and Bill Lawson '47, who set the two-mile mark in 1944. Lawson was also the Big Nine individual cross country champ in 1944.)



Sievert



Haas



Radtke

of the new basketball scoreboard which adorns the south wall of Alexander gymnasium.

The new board, a product of Fred Medart & Co., priced at about \$550, is a welcome addition to the gym. Money for these projects is raised from the sale of blotter advertising, concessions, etc. The value of this group's efforts have been discounted by many. It is time we realize that Lawrence in general and athletics in particular are much better off because of the L club.

The L club also deserves a word of praise. This group directs all of its efforts at improving the athletic setup at Lawrence. Each year they bring promising high school athletes to the campus to acquaint them with the coaches, the teams and the facilities available to the sports-minded individual at Lawrence. In addition, they promote one big project each year which usually provides the school with something it needs but cannot quite afford.

A few years ago, they contributed the football scoreboard on Whiting field. Last year they donated the "whirlpool" bath. This year Cal Chamberlain headed a committee which authorized the purchase

Lawrence Downs Pioneers 72-57

Chalk Up Two Wins In Previous Game

Showing a balanced scoring punch, Coach Johnny Sines' Lawrence cagers defeated Carroll college at Waukesha last Saturday but were downed by a scrappy Lake Forest squad 57-42 there Tuesday night.

Pioneers trailed all the way, but came to within three points, 44-41, early in the second half. The score at half-time was 37-21. Center Willie Weins of Carroll and Vike Guard Dick Anderson took scoring honors with 16 points each. Right behind them with 15 was Lawrence Forward Doug Robertson.

In the first game of a double-header at the Alexander gym Tuesday, November 29, the Vikes defeated Fond du Lac junior college, 50-42. Lawrence reserves played the first half and led 26-24. The regulars started the second half and increased the lead in spite of numerous near-misses on their shots. Center Hank Schuette was the big gun in Fondy's attack with 16 points.

Lawrence topped Mission House 66-46 in the second game. The Vike starters ran up a lead of 8-0 before Mission House could score, and led midway in the first half, 27-12. The half-time score was 38-15. This time the reserves played the latter part of the game. Louis Plum, center for the Plymouth team, was high scorer with 17 points, while center Claude Radtke and guard

Five Vikes are All-Conference

Lawrence college, 1949 football champion of the Midwest conference, placed five men on the 12 man all-conference team chosen by the coaches. Second place Ripon placed three men on the first team, Knox, Cornell, Carleton and Beloit one each.

Twelve men were chosen on the first team, since Keith McDonald, Ripon, and Roy Peregrine, Carleton, tied for the center post.

For the second consecutive year, Claude Radtke, Lawrence end, led the balloting. Other members of the Lawrence squad picked on the first team were Don Boya and Phil Haas, backs, Guard Bob Landsberg and Tackle Cal Chamberlain. End Tom McKenzie was a second team selection.

In addition to Radtke, two other holdovers from 1948 are included on the all-conference team, Tob Peters, Ripon end, and Earl Zamzow, Ripon guard.

Don Boya topped the Vikes with 13 apiece.

Following is the individual record for Lawrence players through the Fond du Lac, Mission House and Carroll games:

PLAYER	GP	FG	FT	PF	TP
Boya	3	14	4	10	32
Radtke	3	11	5	11	27
Pribnow	3	7	8	8	22
Robertson	3	9	4	9	22
Anderson	3	7	7	13	21
Tippet	3	4	5	8	13
Fried	3	4	5	7	13
Haas	2	3	3	3	9
Hunger	3	1	6	6	8
Swenson	2	3	2	5	8
Nelson	3	3	1	4	7
McKenzie	3	2	0	6	4
Watson	2	1	0	1	2
Storm	2	0	1	1	1
Smith	1	0	1	1	1

Individual Award Given By Lawrentian Outstanding Sportsman In Greek Competition To Receive Trophy

An award to the outstanding individual competitor of the year in the interfraternity sports program will be given annually by The Lawrentian at class day convocation. Sports Editor George Frederick and Editor-in-Chief William Donald announced today.

The award will be officially added next May to the several now given on class day. It will consist of a permanent trophy to be kept at Alexander gymnasium with the names of men winning the distinction inscribed on

it. Small medals will be kept by the recipients as keepsakes.

Selection of the outstanding Greek sports competitor will be made each year by the director of recreation and intramurals, the athletic director and the sports editor of The Lawrentian. The publication's interfraternity sports writer will serve on the committee in an advisory capacity.

The committee will select the winners of the distinction from nominations submitted by each fraternity and the independent men's organizations. Each group will be limited to three nominations.

Selection will be based on what the committee considers as the greatest contribution to the interfraternity sports program by individual exhibition of cooperation, sportsmanship, leadership and participation.

To qualify for consideration by the board, nominees must have participated in a minimum of four of the 12 Greek sports. Each organization must submit nominations with written reports citing the qualifications of each candidate.

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Knox Builds Gymnasium; \$650,000 Memorial Will House Gym, Pool

Galesburg, Ill. — Construction of a new \$650,000 Knox college Memorial gymnasium will begin within the next 30 days. It was announced by President Sharvey G. Umbeck.

The new building will be erected on the southern edge of the Knox campus.

Both a large gymnasium and a modern swimming pool will be contained in the memorial structure, which is to consist of reinforced concrete and steel frame and exterior walls of red brick and glass. The overall design will be modern, simple and exceptionally functional.



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Greek Club Aims

There can be no doubt in anyone's mind that Lawrence fraternities and sororities are generally tagged as "social groups." Certainly the major emphasis of the Greek programs is concentrated on social activities and diversion from the college curriculum. This, of course, is in sharp contrast to a bottomless reservoir of torso thumping declarations about "truth for its own sake" which are expressed so eloquently in the creeds and penned convictions of the 11 groups — referred to in the same matchless gasps as "scholastic" organizations.

When enrolling at Lawrence, students enter upon a contract to become educated men and women. They join fraternities and sororities to experiment, reputedly, with the "other side" of this educational process — the side that affords relationships with "brothers" and "sisters" amid "democratic atmosphere." More simply, they contract themselves

with bull sessions, dances, parties and unique friendships with unique associates — who are picked through a unique system at the beginning of each year in which, in the case of fraternities, potentially unique persons are offered the privilege of future residency in swank, unique dormitories.

When enrolling at Lawrence, students also agree to lay open their hitherto virtually unpenetrated minds to a process known as intellectual development. And as a supplement, the fraternities and sororities have tutoring classes, hours at the library, aims for raising grade point averages, test files, and initiation eligibility standards also based on grade averages, as well as the bull sessions, parties, dances and, of course, the unique room mates. Some groups even have an overhanging threat of deprivation of the privilege of trying to fit in with the group's uniqueness if grades are consistently too low.

We have a question. It's an awful choking question — choking the gasps, the creeds, the convictions, the bull sessions, the test files and tutoring, the parties and dances; how much is all of this — how much is the fraternity - sorority system — accomplishing here which can be considered worthwhile.

(Naturally social functions, bull sessions and living together are integral elements in collegiate life. But so what? Of course this "blue baby" formula of tutoring, test files and grade bases has been hatched from the very practices and policies followed by the college itself. What of it?)

If you are a cool analytical reader, you have probably begun ripping apart our "choker" by now; asking what we mean by "accomplishment" and "worthwhile."

So are we. It seems regrettable that no crystallized aim has ever yet been established by the 11 Greek societies or by the college to measure the extent to which the clubs are fulfilling an over-all acceptable purpose for their existence here — a purpose which is in harmony with the spirit, ideals and philosophy of education of the liberal arts college.

It seems rather odd that we should even have to fumble in the dark for some platitude justifying the system's existence at Lawrence. There must be some concrete things we can point to besides our room mates or the exam files. There must be at least some more discernible abstract basis beside "uniqueness."

And until a purpose is established, we cannot measure past efforts or direct new efforts which will be examples of "accomplishment" toward the defined "worthwhile."



from the editor

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—WILLIAM DONALD

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Cinematic Policies Here

There has been an increase this year in the number of better foreign and domestic movie films made available to Lawrence students. This trend has been effected on campus through the efforts of Sunset, along with the art association and the language clubs. Downtown the Varsity theater has been in-

strumental in procuring the high caliber movies which one so rarely sees these days.

Lawrentians seem to be appreciating these efforts by attending the showings of the masterpieces from the cinema world. They hope that the policies of offering them will be continued and extended by those responsible.

On Campus

Cop Radioman, Aviator, Guitar Strummer are All Lawrentians

BY DON WILLIAMS

One of the most unusual part-time jobs held by a Lawrentian is being filled by Don Swenson. . . Swens is radio squad car dispatcher and jailer for the Outagamie sheriff's office. . . But if you ask Don about his job under a guise of innocence, he usually answers rather sheepishly, "Radio announcing." . . . Wonder what wave length.

There's a brother-sister team responsible for a sizeable section of every edition of The Lawrentian. . . Dan Teas, besides co-directing campus charity work, is assistant business manager of the newspaper. . . Sister Sally is a freshman reporter and also solicits ads. . . She covered the SEC this week — if you're interested in what she wrote for today.

Holder of a private pilot's license is freshman Pat Towle. Pat plans on making a career of commercial aviation after college. . . Another new student, sophomore Harvey Winter, is a fire extinguisher salesman in spare moments.

Member of a crew that finished second in the largest sailing race on the Great Lakes, the famed Chicago-Mackinac race of some 333 miles, was Fred Parker. . . Fred makes the lake sport a hobby and was with Green Bay racer Max Murphy on Murphy's 45-foot yacht that finished second last summer in the Class B cruising competition. . . Fred can tell a heartbreaker about it, too, thanks to a squall that hit Murphy's vessel in Manitowish passage.

OFF CAMPUS NOTE. . . Five Lawrentians, Bob Daetz, Eloy Fo-

minaya, Jack Glasner, Charley Lentz and Sadao Odo, are residents of the YMCA. . . Strange. . . Glasner and Fominaya are both Lawrentian columnists. . . especially Glasner.

For newcomers who don't know. . . there's a Lawrence student married to an infirmity pill peddler. . . His name is Art Thiel. The nurse goes by "Bunky." She's the former Betty Bunkleman.

ODD HOMETOWN NAMES DEPARTMENT. . . Bill Bradlee, Egypt, Mass. . . Miriam Comer, Great Neck, LI, N.Y. . . Harriette Young, 3 Arch Bay, Calif. . . Bill Kuenzi, Ixonia, Wis. . . Larry Pooler, Onalaska, Wis. . . Judith Pfeiferle, Shaker Heights, O. . . Bob Hittle, Prophetstown, Ill.

LAWRENCE SCORES AGAIN DEPARTMENT. Outstanding sophomore prospect for the Lawrence college basketball team is Jack Pribnow. . . Handling sports publicity for Lawrence college is Jack Pribnow. . . Talk about efficient placement.

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ICONOCLAST

HITTLE AND GLASNER

We feel just like a couple of inane cannons loaded with oatmeal (pre-cooked). We really and truly are sorry for irreparable damage which we may have done in the past. There are those who would say that we do not realize that, after all, there are some things which are sacred. That is an incredibly dirty, and also an impossibly filthy, lie.

We do too realize that some things are pretty sacred. We realize that when a poor, little, frightened freshman pledges (or is pledged by) a sorority or a fraternity, that is an important, not to say momentous, day in that boy or girl's (as the case may very well be. This, of course means in



relation to the organization, seeing as how fraternities are for boys and sororities are for girls, even though sororities are officially known as fraternities in the Banta Greek Exchange, but who wants to exchange Greeks anyway, because if you went and joined the two the heck together you'd have kind of a frenetic fratority, and there are those nasties who feel that this would have the overtones of being strictly on an OK kick too, so there — too!) life. Who are we?

There are a lot of sacred things: cows in India, automobiles in Detroit, money in the world, beans in Boston, coeds at Lawrence, and many others, too sacred to mention.

Continuing along (at a rapid clip

If It's Gone but Isn't Forgotten--

For the benefit of the absent-minded campus co-ed and her male counterpart, the Lawrence version of "Dilbert", a lost and found bureau is maintained at the business office. Articles, many of considerable value, regularly show up there and often are never calimed.

Among the misplaced articles now taking up space in the office are 10 pairs of glasses, four fountain pens and a pencil, a raincoat, a jacket, jewelry, knitting (an unfinished pair of argyle socks), a purse and a set of keys.

Any student who has missed some article of worth might find it collecting dust in the office. And for the 95 per cent who are honest, this is the place to take property which has lost its owner.

— as exciting as a dose of nembutal) this line of "thought", we think that bridge at the union (new, old or in transit), or sacred, although not mentioned. Of course, one can play bridge anywhere (we mentioned this before, but it's a pretty significant point and should not be underestimated or neglected or anything); like in Oak Park, or any other representative Babbittville.

We don't hate Greeks or Greek societies at all. We like Greeks — we just think that we like them better when they know their place — right behind Sage Palace (there's a subtle meaning here, kids — dig for it, analyze it, do something — practice something because the one inexcusable thing in this life is to do nothing; as we all know — all of us kids here at Lawrence anyway). Blind confusion is better than lethargy.

Is consistancy a virtue? Is relativity a sin or a virtue or both? Are virtues virtuous? THINK!

To become serious for a nonce or two, we think that it is marvelous, fabulous, keen that the social societies (Greek) on this (Lawrence) campus have risen above their petty, inconsequential individual shells and united for a common unselfish purpose. This is true of all petitions — they are the soul of democracy, they are real expressions (free) of opinion (prejudice). Practice petitioning, it develops your penmanship.

Speaking of not seeing the forest for the trees, a big hill is not a little mountain. Practice seeing.

TILT

BY BRADLEE

In case you were so insensed over Glasner's editing that you missed this, we are reprinting an Associated Press bulletin which appeared in the Milwaukee Journal three weeks ago. The story is dated Lynn, Massachusetts. It begins. . . .

A heartbroken war widow pleaded Wednesday in an open letter to the world to give her the right answer for her 11 year old son's questions, "Why did my daddy have to die?"

For 66 dollars?

Mrs. E. Sylvia Goldstein, widow of Maurice Golstein, who died while with the 2nd infantry, 41st division, on Nov. 20, 1944, wrote the Lynn Item:

"On Wednesday evening, Nov. 2, my 11 year old son, Laurence, was waylaid by several large boys. These boys insulted, spat, beat and kicked my son into the gutter because he was, as they sneeringly said, 'a Jew.'"

Crime doesn't pay.

"Ironically enough my son was coming home from a boy scout meeting — a meeting at which one of the watchwords, I believe, is: "A scout is reverent, he is reverent toward others, he is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion."

Do unto others

"Maybe if he would have run away he would have been spared the beating. But, being the son of a veteran, killed in the service of his country, he could do no less than stick it out against unfair odds and strike out against injustice, even as his father did before him."

. . . before they do you.

"Perhaps if such incidents were brought to the attention of the public there would be fewer heartbreaks, like the one I mention. Maybe then, too, I would know the right answer to give my son when he asks: 'Why did my daddy have to die?'"

Merry Christmas.