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## Forbes ranks Lawrence best in state

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Forbes.com released its first annual "America's Best Colleges" ranking in August. Forbes.com placed Lawrence University at 68th best in the country, making Lawrence the best-ranked school in the state of Wisconsin. The report, which ranks 569 undergraduate colleges and universities, was compiled by Richard Vedder of Ohio State University and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity. All of the big-name schools made the list, though not in the order one might expect.

The ranking methodology was designed so that the rankings reflected what a student would deem important when choosing a college. Forbes.com and the CCAP gathered their information from the students themselves, basing a quarter of the

rankings on professor evaluations posted on RateMyProfessors.com and another quarter on the achievements of alumni, specifically those noted in "Who's Who in America."

The rest of the ranking is equally weighted between the percentage of students who graduate in four years, the debt students owe at graduation and the national awards won by both students and faculty.

Those working for Forbes.com wished to create a report that would "reflect ... the quality and cost of an undergraduate education at a wide range of American colleges" and to give families "all the information they can get."

Forbes.com cited the report as being an "alternative" to *U.S. News & World Report*, which has traditionally dominated the field of college rankings.

While Lawrence tops the state, it is followed by Carroll

University, ranked 96th, and Ripon College, ranked 109th. Only two Wisconsin state schools made the list: UW-Madison at 335th and UW-Milwaukee at 527th.

Surprisingly, finishing behind Lawrence were many big-name schools that have dominated other college rankings. These schools included the University of California - Berkeley at 73rd, Georgetown at 76th, Johns Hopkins University at 81st, Vanderbilt at 105th, and Dartmouth at 127th.

Lawrence also topped other prominent Midwest schools, including Macalester, ranked 126th, and Washington University in St. Louis, ranked 146th.

The rankings show that students prefer smaller liberal arts schools that can provide personal attention from professors. With this in mind, it's no surprise that Lawrence outshone the competition.



Photo courtesy of Lawrence University Communications Department

## A retrospective on Freshman Studies

Mac Watson  
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Freshman Studies is a class that almost every Lawrence student has endured since 1945, and, at first glance, it seems to be an attempt to let students sample valuable literature and relearn writing techniques that everyone should have absorbed in high school. After closer examination and two terms of the class, I have found that the course can often provide much more.

The experience is also valuable because it can allow students to discuss topics with new peers and expose them to a more liberal way of learning. Not everyone gets a cap-

tivating professor or an interesting class, but the methods and material are universal to the class and hopefully to the university.


Mastering writing-intensive classes and conversational argument is vital to most students' years here, and Freshman Studies may review the basics, but it also puts all students on track to mature as thinkers.

Freshman Studies provides the opportunity to speak conversationally with people you may not otherwise meet. Not all Lawrentians recreate Plato's conversations in "The Republic" over breakfast, but Freshman Studies does inject a dose of intellectual discussion into the community through common ac-

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ademic pursuit.

In a small collegiate environment, Freshman Studies represents everything Lawrence strives to be. Though campus is not always as tight-knit, accepting or engaging as a good Freshman Studies class, hopefully the liberal learning ethic instilled by the class seeps into everyone's greater college experience.



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## In Lawrence news...

Michael Schreiber  
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APPLETON, WIS. — Two members of the Lawrence faculty have been named to endowed professorships. Professor of French Eilene Hoft-March has received the Milwaukee-Downer College and College Endowment Association Professorship. Associate Professor of Government William Hixon received the Gordon R.

Clapp Chair in American Studies. These awards are in recognition of scholarly achievement and teaching excellence.

APPLETON, WIS. — Daniel O'Connor, a Lawrence junior, earned first place in the Regional Competition for Young Organists. The competition, held at the First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, N.M. June 28, is among the most presti-

gious competitions for emerging organists.

APPLETON, WIS. — Four Lawrence students received \$5,000 scholarships to participate in off-campus study opportunities during the 2009-10 academic year. The awards were granted by the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, based in Washington, D.C. Scholarship recipients included seniors Dario LaPoma and Jennifer Grogan and juniors Roy Wimer and Drift Martinez.

APPLETON, WIS — The Henry Luce Foundation has awarded a grant to two Lawrence faculty members who will be studying water resource management in China. The \$30,000 grant will allow the two faculty members and 10 students to travel to China in December. The faculty and students will be visiting the Pearl and Yangtze Rivers during the two-week trip.

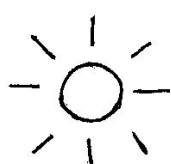
APPLETON, WIS — *G.I. Jobs* magazine has rated Lawrence among the most military-friendly schools in

the nation. Lawrence's designation as a "Military Friendly School" for 2010 places Lawrence in the top 15 percent of schools ranked for military friendliness.

APPLETON, WIS — Lawrence Conservatory Professor Fred Sturm has created a composition that will be featured in a week-long tour by the Scottish National Jazz Orchestra and Gary Burton. Sturm's arrangement of the jazz piece "Yes and No" is his third collaboration with the Scottish orchestra.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

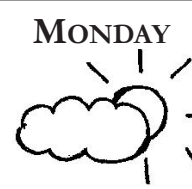
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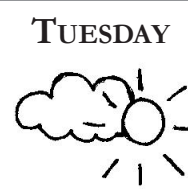
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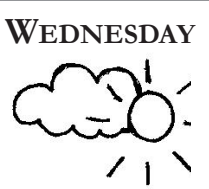
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# Breaking out of the bubble

## A how-to guide to planning affordable off-campus vacations

Christie McCowen  
Associate Layout Editor

In the average year at Lawrence University, there are all sorts of breaks — reading periods, winter and spring breaks and national holidays — that create three-day weekends. During my four-year tenure at Lawrence, I have learned the importance of taking a break outside the Lawrence bubble. I have also learned to remember that there is a world of people who are not analyzing Plato or constructing their daily routine based on when the Mudd and the dining hall open and close.

While I am fortunate to have fam-

ily close by who allow me to get away during the peaks of each Lawrence term, other are not as fortunate. So, instead of buying that weekly pizza, or going out for drinks every weekend, put a little extra in the kitty and spend it on a weekend trip.

I'm not saying that you have to give up your normal stress-busting activities — just do them less often. Is it really necessary to go to the VR on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday? Do you need to get the works on that pizza, or would two toppings be acceptable? Buying consumable thrills less frequently or finding cheaper alternatives makes saving for something big possible.

Need a little more help planning a college-student affordable vacation? Here are some helpful planning tips:

1. Check out visitor's bureau Web sites for the city or area that you plan to visit. Most of them have online listings of deals and packages for the area as well as calendars of events and advice on the best places to eat, stay and go.

2. Go cheap on the accommodations. Everyone likes staying in a nice fancy hotel room with all the perks and privileges, but let's face it: If the vacation is good, you won't be spending much time in the hotel room. So why spend a lot of money on it? I'm not saying that you have to stay in the off-name motel on the edge of town. Stick to the basics! The right number of beds and a convenient location are more worthwhile than a fireplace, which isn't likely to be real, anyway.

3. Call around and ask about student rates, group rates, current promotions or other deals. If you don't ask about deals, there's no chance of getting one. Many hotels even have special coupons for area attractions that are included just for lodging in a particular hotel, but if you don't do the research, you won't know.

4. Save money on dining by finding a place with continental breakfast included. You can load up on breakfast — the most important meal of the day. Snack during the afternoon and be able to spend more on dinner without breaking your budget.

5. Budget! Really, make sure you have a budget. Don't let the "card declined" statement on the credit card machine be your clue that you've spent too much money. Have a budget for sleeping, eating, shopping and activities.

6. Get an area map. Don't rely on friendly locals to direct you from place to place unless you want to spend most of your vacation lost.

7. Travel in groups. Two, three

or 20 people — it doesn't matter. Traveling in groups makes everything more fun, and a lot more affordable. Did you know that at most hotels it is cheaper per person to get a single room that holds six people than it is to get three separate two-person rooms? And, many times, these rooms are those fancy rooms that weren't affordable when you were going by yourself.

8. Speaking of groups, find out what your student organizations are up to. Tie together a fun trip and a meaningful SORG experience and you've got a way to get a large group of people together — and potentially a group discount on many attractions and accommodations.

8. Be innovative! Get creative with your trip. Be a tourist. Do things you normally wouldn't do — still keep it legal — and be sure to bring a camera! Take a walking tour of the city, have a picnic in the park, go to a local little league game and cheer for the team with the best name — the point is to have fun.

*In my efforts to encourage students to break free, if only for a weekend, I have assembled a list of great getaway spots. The best part about them is that they are all packed with a variety of great things to do and are within a three-hour drive of your current location in Appleton. They can also be accessed by bus.*

### Wisconsin Dells

Wisconsin Dells is an amazing place to visit — not only in the summer, but also year-round. Since many hotels and motels offer combination packages with local attractions, creating an affordable weekend getaway is definitely possible. Below are lists of places in the Dells that are a must.

**Food:** Take a look at Howie's Restaurant. Breakfast is not just affordable at Howie's, it's delicious, too! Open for breakfast and lunch, Howie's offers a great variety of menu options and specials with portions that are sure to fill you up! On the Web, visit <http://www.howiesrestaurant.com>.

When the weather is nice, stop in at the River Moon Cafe overlooking the water. This deli and ice cream parlor scoops up huge portions at a great price. Stop in and enjoy your treats on the patio, in the café or looking out at the water. At night, you can see the lights of the rides

sional driver. Not up for the thrill but still want in on the action? Catch a Saturday night race from the stands. Check out the Web site at <http://www.dellsracewaypark.com> for more information.

**Indoor fun:** Stop at Kalahari Indoor Water Park or Indoor Theme Park for an indoor attraction experience. Laser tag, a movie theater, bowling, mini-golf, a ropes course, go-carts, arcade games, a climbing wall, a Ferris wheel, a merry-go-round and a swing — there's something for everyone at Kalahari. Best of all, you can choose to enjoy individual attractions à la carte or to buy an all-day wristband. Visit <http://www.kalahariresorts.com/> for more information.

**Outdoor fun:** During warmer weather there are loads of things to do outside — try a Dells Boat Tour of the scenic upper or lower dells, or a Jet Boat Tour if you'd like a little more action with your sightseeing. Or, challenge yourself to all 91 holes at Pirates Cove Adventure Golf and Family Fun Center. There are five courses wrapped between trees, up a hill and around a waterfall. See <http://www.piratescoveisdells.com> for more information.

There are so many outdoor water and theme parks in Wisconsin Dells — they don't call it the water park

### Milwaukee

Milwaukee, home of brats and beer! A straight shot south of Appleton, it's easy to navigate your way to a weekend of fun. Here are a few places you might want to stop and see.

**Food:** Since the 1950s, Kopp's Frozen Custard has been serving up custard and jumbo burgers to the metropolitan Milwaukee area. If you've never experienced the wonders of a jumbo cheeseburger from Kopp's you don't know what you've



Photo courtesy of Greenbay.com

A sky view of Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

Best of all — if you're not quite 21, you can still join in the fun and sample sodas instead. Sprecher offers a great selection of specialty sodas that will leave you Googling for the nearest store that sells them. Visit <http://www.sprecherbrewery.com>.

There's no better late-night experience than a round around the stump in the back of the Old German Beer Hall. Buy your nails — and a beer — at the bar and take turns hitting them into the giant tree stump near the alley entrance. The last person to tap in a nail buys the next round. Go to <http://www.oldgerman-beerhall.com>.

### Green Bay and Door County

If you haven't been there yet, at some point in your Lawrence career you must make a trip up to our fantastic "northern campus" up in Door County. However, Björklunden counts as part of the bubble that you need to get away from during breaks. When you need to get away, but there isn't much time, spend a day up in Green Bay or Door County.

**Gambling:** Head on up to the casino and splurge — just make sure that you've got a full stomach and a full tank of gas to get home on before you head in. This may not



Photo by Christie McCowen  
A view of Calatrava's Milwaukee Art Museum building overlooking Lake Michigan.

been missing. They aren't kidding when they say jumbo burger. Make the trip over to Kopp's on your first day — don't forget to add fries and a chocolate custard shake — and you won't be hungry for the rest of the weekend. The downside is that you'll be craving Kopp's custard long after you've left. Fear not — visit the Web site at <http://www.kopps.com> to order 10-packs that can be delivered any time you need a reminder of how fantastic it really is.

**Sports fans:** Take your pick of basketball or baseball. Depending on the time of year, you can catch a professional sports game for not a lot of money. Pay attention to Web sites for schedules of college specials and giveaway nights. Nothing says "Happy Birthday, Roomie!" like a free bobble-head.

**Drinkers:** Can you say "Brew City"? Milwaukee's brewing heritage makes for a great weekend for brewery tours. There are microbreweries and large label beers to be found all over the city. For a small fee, you get a history lesson, a tour and samples.



Photo by Christie McCowen

A participant in the Dells Raceway Park Driving Experience in Wisconsin Dells drives 10 laps in a professional stock car.

and attractions nearby. Call 608-254-4141.

**Thrills:** Try Dells Raceway Park. Located a few miles off the main drag of Wisconsin Dells, this is the ultimate thrill for anyone who is looking for a 100-mph adventure. At Dells Raceway Park, you can get behind the wheel of an actual stock car and drive on a one-third-mile track that has launched many professionals from Wisconsin into the pros. Whether you're a fan of racing or not, this really is a great time. With the Dells Raceway Park "Drive or be Driven" experience, you can drive a car or be driven by a profes-

capital of the world for nothing — that it's hard to pick one. So, do some research and find a park with the most of the types of rides that you like — then find a hotel that gives you free passes with your stay!

**Something strange:** Have you ever wondered what the White House would look like if it were picked up by a tornado, torn in two and dropped upside down? Well, look no further than Top Secret. It looks really cool from the outside and it involves passageways and a tour with detours—that's all I can say. On the Web, visit <http://www.dellstoppingsecret.com>.



Photo courtesy of VisitMadison.com

A view of the Capitol from the waterfront.

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# Top 18 things no college student should live without

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Associate Layout Editor

Welcome to Lawrence University, your home for the next nine months. Are you sure you have everything you need? I remember my first move-in — unpacking, picking which activities to go to, the excitement of Freshman Studies — that feeling will pass. Now, on the brink of graduating, I pass on my list of essentials — the 18 things you'll never return to campus without.

## 1. USB flash drive

When your printer is broken, or the computer lab is out of paper, a flash drive may be the key to getting your paper printed quickly. As you will discover, the less often you log on to a campus computer, the longer it takes for the computer to log you on. If you are in a hurry, put your paper on a flash drive and find someone already logged on. Ask to borrow that person's computer, if he or she has a moment to spare, so you can print your paper.

## 2. Hot pot

Do you like tea? Hot chocolate? Soup? Macaroni and cheese? All of these — anything that requires hot water to prepare — can be made in a hot pot. Just make sure that you buy one that is designed for food, and not just water. Otherwise, get yourself a microwavable bowl or mug and use the microwave on your floor. You may also check out a pot or pan from the hall front desk and head down to the kitchen to cook the old-fashioned way.

## 3. Mattress pad

While the mattresses are not the worst I have ever slept on, they are not like your bed at home. The best case scenario? Your bed is comfortable ... most of the time. My advice is to get yourself a mattress pad to make what sleep you get the best possible. Buy a king-size egg-crate-style mattress pad, and cut it in half. You can double the padding, or split it and the cost with your roommate.

## 4. Compact umbrella

You never know when it is going to rain. Just in case, get yourself a collapsible umbrella that fits in your book bag. This way, you will never be caught off guard. A rain jacket or a poncho is a good alternative, but can be bulky or easily forgotten on a sunny day. Check the forecast in the morning to see what the weather calls for.

## 5. Water purifier and recyclable water bottle

Why spend money on bottles of water when you can just refill a recyclable water bottle? Save your money and the environment at the same time. A water-purifying jug will keep water at your finger tips and help keep you hydrated. If you are like me and enjoy cold water, filtered or not, just keep a spare water bottle in your fridge for when the other gets low.

## 6. Fabric refresher spray

Do not waste your quarters doing laundry for things that do not need to be washed ... yet. A bottle of fabric refresher spray can get you another day of wear with that sweatshirt. Did your favorite pair of pants get mixed in with the dirty laundry? A quick spray and they are

ready for a night out. A few hours of wear does not mean it is ready for the laundry.

## 7. Collapsible laundry basket/hamper

Try your hardest to keep the clutter at a minimum, but sometimes things just pile up. Your dirty clothes do not have to be a part of the mess. A collapsible hamper or a laundry basket tucked into your closet or under your bed will help keep things cleaner. It also comes in handy when laundry day finally arrives and you have to cart your clothes to the laundry room.

## 8. Date book

Stay organized with a date book. If you keep it with you at all times, you will always know when you are available, or when your paper is due. When you get your class syllabus, transfer all of the due dates to your date book — it is harder for a paper to sneak up on you if you keep yourself organized. If a date book is not your style, try using Google Calendar — it is free if you have a Gmail account, which is also free. Another option is to get a wall, desk or dry-erase calendar. Whatever works for you to keep organized is the right system.

## 9. Vitamins

We all try to eat right, stay hydrated and get plenty of sleep in the beginning, but then things build up. The stress of trying to keep up starts to increase, and pretty soon eating right is reduced to remembering to eat anything at all. It is not always easy for us to remember to take care of ourselves. Help keep yourself in top performing condition by staying as healthy as possible and taking a multivitamin to fill in for what you do not or cannot get on a daily basis.

## 10. Electric fan

You'll want a fan. Even if you end up in Hiatt with the fancy temperature control, you'll still want a fan for circulation. The air can get stale really fast, especially in winter when it is too cold to open the window, so buy an oscillating fan to keep things cool and fresh.

## 11. Power strip

Television, DVD player, lights, various chargers, computers, accessories and everything else that goes into a dorm requires power. Believe me, for two people there just are not enough outlets for everything, especially if you live in a building where the top outlet is controlled by the wall switch.

## 12. Shower shoes or flip-flops

While I was never a big fan of wearing shoes in the shower, I did like to wear them to the shower. Prevent the possibility of a fungus, because you really do not know what happened in the shower before you got there.

## 13. Extra lighting

You will thank me for this one when winter comes, and the sun goes down at 5 p.m. What used to be plenty of light with the curtains open becomes eye strain

within three months of living on campus. A desk lamp, standing lamp or really any extra lighting will help prevent headaches. If you enjoy reading in bed, go for one of those little tap lights that you can stick to the wall.

## 14. Sleep mask

You may have turned in your Freshman Studies paper on time, but that does not mean that your roommate did — he or she really meant to finish before you were planning on sleeping, honest! In case of emergencies, forgo fashion and put on a sleep mask. There are times when you just have to deal with the fact that your roommate moving all of that stuff to the nearest computer lab is more hassle than you dealing with a little extra light.

## 15. Coffee, soda, caffeinated tea

Good for pulling an all-nighter, watching the sunrise or waking in the morning. If you do not have time to make it to the campus center before class, it is always good to have a backup plan. Or, try something with natural sugars, like an apple.

## 16. Sticky tabs and hooks

Whether it's the hooks, the frame mounts, or any other removable wall accessory adhesive, it's all good for dorm decorating. Don't get caught puncturing the walls and risk a fine. Hooks and removable adhesives are the perfect accessory to dorm living.

## 17. Headphones

You may not think that your music is bothering anyone, but it probably is. If you want to listen whenever you want, go with headphones. Trust me — it will prevent roommate drama!

## 18. Alarm clock

While your cell phone may double as a great alarm, you will want something a little more effective after pulling your first all-nighter. Just make sure to be considerate of your roommate before buying the alarm that can be heard from across the street. Also, remember to turn it off when you go away for the weekend. Your neighbors, and security, will thank you.

# Living on a budget

**Christie McCowen**  
Associate Layout Editor

Being on your own is difficult, especially when it comes to living on a college student's budget. It is not easy — but it can be done. The first step is to know the difference between want and need.

Technically speaking, to want something is to desire it, whereas to need something is to require it. Do you really need new shoes, or do you just want them? Is it necessary to buy an expensive latte every morning, or could you get your caffeine fix in a cheaper way?

The second step is to figure out how much the things you buy, whether you need them or not, are costing you. It is not just about the dollar value.

If you have not discovered this yet, the most valuable thing at Lawrence is your time. Among required reading, research papers, and keeping up with your friends — and those other required activities, like going to class, eating and sleeping — your time gets stretched.

Though the federal government deems the minimum value for your time to be \$7.25 an hour, you will come to find it priceless, especially when a little time means the difference between getting a full night's sleep and pulling an all-nighter.

Speaking of minimum wage, take a look at that price tag again — and this time, divide the total by \$7.25. That \$19.99 DVD you bought actually cost you three hours of your time. Your morning coffee at the café down the street runs you half an hour. If you read at an average rate — approximately 200-250 words per minute, according to mindbluff.com — what that DVD really cost you was a paperback novel.

Before every purchase, ask yourself what it really costs. When you know the true value of your money, and your time, you will be able to determine if you can really afford what you want, after your needs are met.

Here are a few more budgeting tips — invest a dime of your time to read them.

## Buy used textbooks

When you cannot borrow your books from friends, buying used books is the next best thing. Though the Lawrence-provided bookstore may be convenient, there are better

prices on the market. Put in the extra effort to find out what books you will need for the upcoming term, and buy them early. The earlier you buy, the cheaper the shipping method you will need. Check out great used book shopping Web sites that compare prices from a large number of stores. Searching on <http://www.addall.com> is a great place to start.

## Split the bill, tip included

You could do the math in your head, or you could use technology. These days, every cell phone is equipped with a handy tip calculator. If you have not put it to use already, try it out. Not only does it calculate tips at varying percentages, it splits the grand total by the number of guests as well.

## Use your meal plan

There may be no such thing as a free meal, but there are meals that you have already paid for. Things at the campus center may not always appear appetizing, but eating is one of those requirements to life I mentioned earlier. The cheapest way to eat is to utilize the meals you already paid for. There are plenty of options at the campus center, if you get a little creative. Not hungry now? Make a stop for a grab-and-go meal. For just one swipe, you can fill a container with plenty of provisions for later.

## Keep an eye out for deals

There are some expenses that you cannot avoid — whenever possible, keep an eye out for deals. Check newspapers, as well as store and company Web sites for coupons and other great deals.

## Create a budget

Tuition is just one of many expenses you are going to have this year. Do yourself a favor and budget for all of your expenses. Knowing exactly how much you have to spend will help set some limits and steady the line between want and need. Plus, budgeting can give you the incentive to save. An allowance of \$10 per week for non-university food can mean five cups of coffee, or it can be saved up for a Friday night dinner with friends.

Anyone wanting a reimbursement for those extra paragraphs can request it by writing to: *The Lawrentian*, SPC 51.





## STAFFED Welcome ne

We would like to offer our most sincere welcome to Lawrence's newest members, be they freshmen or transfer students. As Welcome Week comes to a close and you begin to shake off the sugar from cookies and finish get-to-know-you games, we welcome you to the place that, for four years, will be your home.

Today you had your first Freshman Studies class, which, as you have undoubtedly already been told, is to begin you on your journey of liberal learning. Your first class may have been incredibly inspiring or altogether unimpressive, but the fact remains that it is here that your Lawrence education begins. Not solely the educa-

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# PHOTO POLL

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## What did you forget to bring to campus?

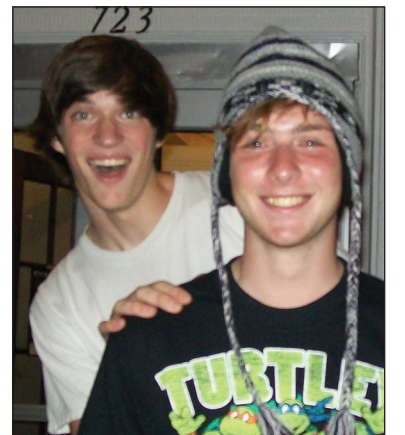


"I forgot walls for the shower. Those curtains do not hold up well."

— Taylor Scott

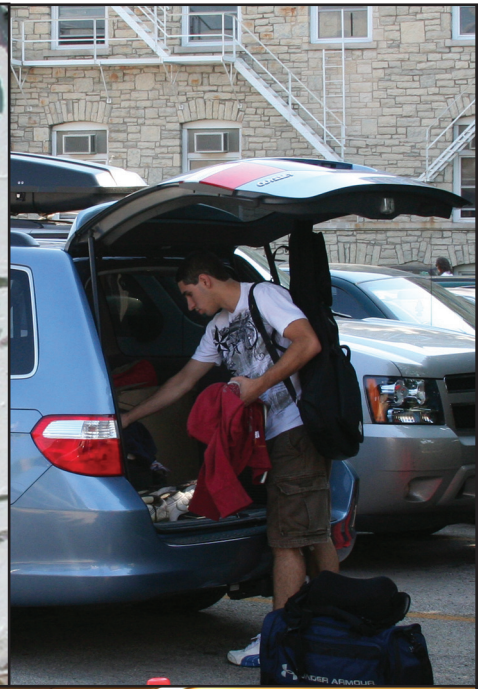
"I forgot extra sheets."

— Sam Estrem



"Lightbulbs. I've been living in the dark."

— Rowan Tabor



## EDITORIAL New students!

tion provided by academia, but also the education provided by life. It is here that you will gain the tools to explore the world around you, and you will use those tools for years to come.

It is in this spirit of beginnings and exploration that we implore you to make the most of your few short years here. Learn all that you can, talk to your professors and constantly question. Truly listen to your fellow students, for everyone has something to teach and much to learn. Cherish the opportunity you have been given to devote yourself to learning and, perhaps most importantly, remember to sleep — go easy on the coffee.

Christie McCowen



"I forgot modesty."  
— Mike Russell



"Toothbrush."  
— Luke Flanigan



"I forgot nothing."  
— Kevin Lokko



"Milk."  
— Maureen Darras

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## A summer at the movies

Stephen Exarhos  
Sports Editor

### "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen"

Even with all the hype before and while this movie was in theaters, and even though I saw it in an IMAX theater, I was left utterly disappointed by this film. There were far too many plot holes in the script and I was left with a headache after seeing an explosion or a nearly naked, super-enlarged girl every few minutes. This was obviously aimed at the teenage male demographic, and I guess I fail to meet the specifications of said demographic.

### "Inglourious Basterds"

One of my favorite movies of the summer for sure. Somehow Quentin Tarantino made a gory, gruesome story into a sadistically comedic masterpiece. The film did spend too much time introducing unimportant characters, though I feel this only saved the audience from more Nazi-bashing, which might be a good thing.

### "Star Trek"

This was hands down the best movie of the summer, even though it came out in May. Director J.J. Abrams successfully combined the nerd-tastic glory of the "Star Trek" of old with the brilliant special effects of today. Thanks to modern technology, "Star Trek" is no longer a hot subject for physics majors locked in their basements, but is actually cool.

### "Funny People"

An epic idea on paper, this movie combination of some of the nation's biggest music, television and Hollywood stars tended to be either side-bustlingly funny or gut-wrenchingly sad. The film was also too long to keep me entertained. Seth Rogan, as always, stole the show, and Adam Sandler did not impress. In my mind, Sandler would not be the ideal actor to play someone faced with oncoming demise. He would not be ideal to play the hopeless romantic, either; nevertheless, this is how his character was described.

### "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"

This movie broke records, yet it managed to break my heart. I am a huge fan of the "Harry Potter" book-series, and the movies simply aren't up to par. This episode especially let me down. It seemed as if its sole purpose was to set up the next movie. That might be acceptable in a book series, but I do not go to a movie just to follow along with the series; I want the movie to be truly entertaining in itself, and "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" just was not.

### "The Hangover"

The Hangover has been added to my list of the funniest movies I have ever seen. The pure absurdity of the movie brought me to my knees. I will say no more. If you have not seen this, go see it, and if you have, you know what I am talking about.

There are two movies just coming into theaters: the adaptation of Maurice Sendak's classic children's book "Where the Wild Things Are," and Tim Burton's latest animated creation, "9." I hope not to be let down by either.

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## Warch Campus Center grand opening schedule

### Thursday, September 17

7:00 p.m. Sustainable Lawrence Video Screening and Awards — Cinema  
7:45 p.m. Sustainable Lawrence Video Reception — Hallway outside cinema

### Friday, September 18

5:00 p.m. Grand Opening Ceremony — Boldt Plaza  
Note: To include President Beck, Harry Kraemer, Rik and Margot Warch and musicians. Followed by the unveiling of the Warch portrait.  
5:30 p.m. Lawrence Artists of the 21st Century Opening and Reception — Gallery  
6-7 p.m. Meet and Greet with Rik and Margot Warch — Pusey Room  
6:30-8 p.m. Activities Fair — Esch Hurvis Studio/Room  
7 p.m. Student Short Videos — Cinema  
7 p.m. President Beck Dinner — Andrew Commons  
8:30 p.m. Occidental Brothers Dance Band International — Esch Hurvis Studio/Room  
Midnight Fight Club - Cinema

### Saturday, September 19

10 a.m. Fun Run — Boldt Plaza  
10:30-11:30 a.m. Coffee and croissants with Rik and Margot Warch — Boldt Plaza  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. A Farmer's Market Feast and Live Music — Andrew Commons  
1:30 p.m. "The White Sister" — Cinema  
2:30-3:30 p.m. Meet and greet with Bon Appetit — Andrew Commons  
4:30 p.m. "The Black Pirate" — Cinema  
6 p.m. Warch Campus Center Planning Committees Reception — Somerset  
7 p.m. Warch Campus Center Planning Committees Dinner — Somerset  
8:30 p.m. LU Live — Esch Hurvis Studio/Room  
10:30 p.m. Coffeehouse performer Rachel Loy - Café

### Sunday, September 20

1 p.m. President Beck welcomes community guests — Somerset  
1:30 p.m. Mary and Bill Film — Cinema  
1:30 p.m. (20 minutes) Sambistas — Esch Hurvis Studio  
2 p.m. (20 minutes) Ninjitsu — Esch Hurvis Studio  
2:30 p.m. (20 minutes) Liam O'Brien's Faithless Followers — Esch Hurvis Studio  
2-3 p.m. Meet and greet with Rik and Margot Warch — Pusey Room  
3 p.m. (20 minutes) Mêleé — Esch Hurvis Studio  
3:30 p.m. (20 minutes) Pep Band — Esch Hurvis Studio

**Ongoing:** Campus Center tours (stationary), community outreach poster session

# What to do in Appleton

Alicia Bones  
News Editor

Face it; thanks to the campus center, you would never need to leave campus if you were so inclined. However, if you are anything like most Lawrentians, seeing your favorite math professor on your walk of shame or running into that kid you just can't stand in the bathroom again starts to get to you after a while; you'll probably have to burst the bubble. Here are some hot spots in Appleton, most of them within walking distance, to get you away from campus for the afternoon or evening.

**Vagabond Imports** — 113 E. College Ave., 920-731-5710, walking distance.

An international import store, Vagabond offers posters, well-made hippie clothing, wooden boxes, colorful knickknacks, and wacky gifts. Come here to decorate your room and yourself.

**Russian Delights** — 2171 W. Wisconsin Ave., 920-882-0003, driving distance.

Russian Delights is surprisingly well stocked with desserts, cheeses, candies and more. The friendly own-

ers will let you taste everything — except the vodka. It's a taste of The Motherland when Andrew Commons seems smothering.

**Fox Valley Thrift Shoppe** — 231 S. Walter Ave., 920-954-9200, driving distance.

Students can thrift through the warehouse of clothes, shoes, jewelry, books and other stuff. The store is perfect for various costuming needs — don't think you won't need costumes — and a lot of people find reasonably priced bikes here, too.

**Shenandoah Books, Etc...** — 133 E. Wisconsin Ave., 920-832-9525, walking distance.

This tiny shop houses towering bookshelves of ambiguously sorted fiction paperbacks, hardcovers and hundreds of categories of nonfiction. The owner is especially knowledgeable on all non-fiction subjects; just ask.

**Valley Value Cinemas** — 2165 S. Memorial Drive, 920-734-2388, driving distance.

The late-run movie theater in town is always cheap, but if you really want to get off of campus, Tuesday movies are the way to go. All seats on Tuesdays are only \$1.75.

**City Park** — 500 E. Franklin St., walking distance.

A well-tended park that's basically on campus — it is directly behind the con. City Park is excellent for people-watching, picnicking or releasing your inner child on the playground and swings. Do not be too creeped out by the weirdo children-dancing-around-the-fountain-with-their-feet-linked sculpture — it doesn't bite.

**Appleton Public Library** — 225 N. Oneida St., 920-832-6173, walking distance.

The APL offers a great selection of magazines, foreign and independent DVDs and books that the Mudd Library may not have or may already have checked out. You can get a library card there as a Lawrence student; just bring in a piece of mail.

**Performing Arts Center** — 400 W. College Ave., 920-730-3782, walking distance

The PAC brings in quite a few big-name performers and has a first-rate Broadway series to take care of entertainment needs. Highlights this season include "In the Heights," Dec. 8-13, "Ballet Folklorico de Mexico," March 10, and "Fiddler on the Roof" with the film's Tevye, May 11-16.

## Downtown dining review

Grace Christiansen  
Editor in Chief

This year brings many exciting changes to Lawrence — not the least of which are the new Bon Appetit catering services. But even with the prospect of delicious dining being a constant, all Lawrentians must admit that sometimes the bubble grows tight and you just want to get off campus for a meal.

The following are some of our favorite restaurants around on College Avenue.

### Sal's Pizza

Sal's offers New York-style pizza in Appleton. A variety of fresh pizzas are displayed, and when you pick, your slice is put in the oven and served piping hot. Sal's is quick, delicious, inexpensive and open until 3 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Essentially, you cannot go wrong. We recommend the BBQ chicken pizza.

### Sirocco's Mediterranean Tapas

Following the wind it was named for, Sirocco's serves tapas and entrees from Lebanon, Greece, Italy and Spain. This restaurant has a lively atmosphere and is an excellent choice for a longer dinner with friends. Depending on how you order, Sirocco's can either be predictably expensive or shockingly cheap. We suggest that you go with friends and stay a while.

### Taste of Thai

Taste of Thai is as close as you

can get to Lawrence without actually being on the campus, but once inside, you feel as though you have left the bubble. The proximity makes it an excellent choice for cold winter nights. It serves traditional Thai food with allowances for the Midwestern palate. The lunch specials are a great deal and the sweet sticky rice with mango is delightful.

### Hunan 1

Hunan 1 offers decently priced Chinese-American fare just a block farther down the Ave. than Taste of Thai. General Tso's chicken with lo mien and a pork egg roll or crab Rangoon is more than enough for two people or two meals. Hunan 1 is great for an American-Chinese food fix and has many choices, big servings and a brand-new Lawrence special.

### Victoria's Italian Cuisine

Italian food that is perfect for a first date or a simple night out with friends or family, Victoria's is a casual place where formal still fits in. With so many sauces — meat, seafood and vegetable varieties — and several types of pasta, a plate will serve two people or provide leftovers — lots of leftovers. Victoria's also has the freshest salads and wonderful garlic bread and rolls, which all come with a meal.

### Erbert & Gerbert's

Erb's and Gerb's, just one of its familiar nicknames, is a favorite not-campus-dining lunch choice.

It is also great for the before- or after-convocation lunch rush. A great health choice, especially late at night, Erb's and Gerb's is open until 2 a.m. Their subs are made with a range of toppings, including avocado spread. A similar restaurant, farther down the Ave., is Jimmy John's.

### Katsu-Ya

Katsu-Ya offers two dramatically different dining experiences in one restaurant, plus an atmospheric bar that features happy hour sushi specials. Choose to see showy chefs grill up hibachi meals right in front of you or choose the more serene sushi room, which features a grill-your-own yakiniku barbecue and anime on flat-screen TVs.

### Harmony Café

Harmony is a charming non-profit café and community center that is only a block from campus. Delicious food and drink paired with a strong community and beautiful space make this a favorite among Lawrentians looking to "break the bubble" to study, socialize or listen to live music.

### Good Company

Good Company offers American pub favorites with some Italian and Mexican offerings in a quirky and diverse atmosphere. Choose to dine in their rustic bar complete with Packer memorabilia, the main room that evokes the French Quarter or an upstairs library that showcases the owner's book collection.

## Tricks of the trade

Karl Hailperin  
Web Manager

By the time you graduate, you will probably have picked up a variety of methods to keep your life running as smoothly as possible. Here are some basics to help get you started.

### Basic goods

The convenience store in the new campus center has most of the things you will need to get by for the year. It has, among other things, notebooks, pens, pencils and toothpaste.

### Off-campus resources

There is a good selection of businesses within walking distance of campus. You might want to keep an eye on the schedule of the Fox Valley Performing Arts Center. Discounted tickets are available one hour before most shows if you have a student ID. There are also a good number of affordable restaurants with which you can diversify your diet that are either nearby or that will deliver to your dorm building. The Appleton Public Library and Pages & Pipes both have reasonable selections of books. If you have time to kill, a walk around town or just down College Avenue will give you an idea of the options available to you.

### Office hours

Remember to take advantage of office hours. In almost all cases your professor will be able and more than

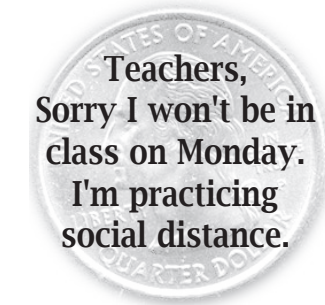
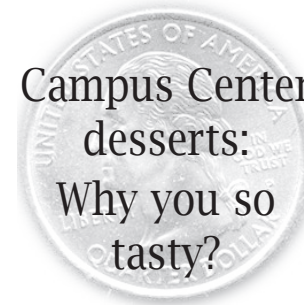
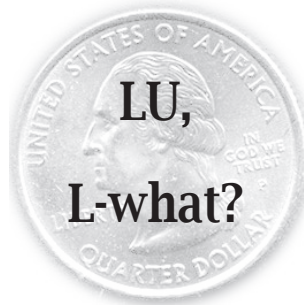
willing to at least put you on the right path or clarify any portions of the material that you do not understand. Even if you are not having trouble with a paper, consider seeing if your professor will go over it with you or accept a rough draft. Professors might notice an error you overlooked or a portion of the paper that could stand to be fleshed out. Whenever possible, be sure to start your work and your studying far enough in advance that if you do run into problems, there is an office hour before the due date or exam.

### Studying

The library is a classic place to study for good reason: It is quiet and largely free of distractions. However, math and natural science students might want to consider the ground floors of Briggs Hall and Science Hall, respectively. They have the advantages of the library and there's a reasonable chance that someone who took or is taking the course is studying there as well. Absent a professor, fellow students are your best bet for helping understand difficult material.

### Minimizing classwork-related stress

Avoid procrastination; getting work done early enables you to spend time doing things you enjoy without worrying about leaving time to do a good job. However, try to avoid letting work consume all your time. Find time to relax and hang out with friends.



# Fall 2009 preseason highlights

Stephen Exarhos  
Sports Editor

Several fall athletes from seven different teams and I arrived here on campus Aug. 22. Thus began preseason, my favorite time of year. It is the time of year when coaches are not forced to work around time-consuming class schedules or mind-numbing campus jobs. In preseason, we eat, we sleep, we play.

## Football

Every year, the ground shakes from the most apparent arrival on campus, the football team. As of right now, the team has yet to play in its first game, though it did play an intrasquad scrimmage last Saturday. The team's first game is this weekend against the perennial national powerhouse Monmouth.

The game is at 1 p.m. at our very own Banta Bowl. The football team is looking for all the fans it can get to go out there and back the team up, as the football team is starting its season with probably its toughest opponent. As this game will be before three-quarters of the student body is supposed to return to campus, this is a call to all the freshmen out there to come show some pride in your new school.

If you do not know where the Banta Bowl is or how to get there,

swallow your pride, ask some hot someone, and make a new friend.

## Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team is also back on campus, ready to take care of business. The soccer team kicked off its season last week with a scrimmage against Lakeland, resulting in a 2-2 tie. Another scrimmage against some LU soccer alums resulted in a dismantling of the elders.

The soccer men kicked off their season at home with a disheartening 2-0 loss to Marian, then drove to Indiana for games against Anderson University, resulting another disappointing 3-1 loss, and Earlham College, resulting in a 1-1 tie.

Men's soccer played MSOE this past Wednesday night in Milwaukee, and will travel to Beloit Saturday for the first conference game. The next home game will be Saturday, Sept. 19 against Finlandia at 4:30 p.m., and the team expects a huge fan-base. Though soccer fans have been lacking in the past, the team remains optimistic that things will look up a bit this year.

## Women's Soccer

Women's soccer has much the same schedule as the men, except that the women have been winning. They scrimmaged Marian, producing a 2-1 victory, and defeated Hamline in another 2-1 victory. The women

went on to thrash Anderson in a 3-0 win, but then ran into stiff opposition at Earlham when they were dealt a wild 6-2 defeat. The next opportunity to support the women will be next Saturday when they take on Finlandia at 2 p.m.

## Women's Tennis

Women's tennis had a great season last year, and the team has high hopes for this year. They went undefeated in conference play and ended up finishing second in the conference tournament, while two singles players and a doubles team took their respective titles.

The women are already off to another great start this year after taking down Monmouth and Knox Thursday. The women then won again Saturday playing Dubuque before finally dropping a close one to Loras.

The women's tennis team has four matches on four consecutive days coming up: Thursday at home against Carroll, away at Lake Forest Friday, at home against UW - River Falls Saturday and at home against Marian Sunday.

The tennis courts are right next to Hiett Hall, and the women look forward to getting some fan support.

## Women's Volleyball

Women's volleyball had a disap-

pointing year last year, but the team is already proving that last year is ancient history with a quick start to this season. The women started with an easy shutout win over Mount Mary College, then defeated North Central (Minn.) with another shutout. The women were only slowed by a loss to Wisconsin Lutheran.

Women's volleyball then split another pair of matches, defeating the University of Minnesota - Morris and falling to North Central (Ill.). The team has three away games this weekend at the Augsburg College Invite. The next home game will not be until Sept. 26 when the women host Carroll.

## Cross-country

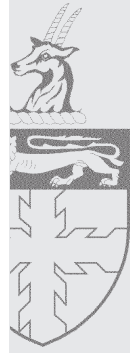
Finally, the hard-working men's and women's cross-country teams are also off to a running start. They have had one race so far this year.

The men's team took fifth out of 12, with Mark Sprtel leading the way, taking 20th personally.

The women's team took sixth out of 14, with Emily Muhs taking Lawrence's fastest time and landing in 15th place.

That's all the fall sports. Freshmen, attending fall sports events is a great way socialize, so go make some new friends.

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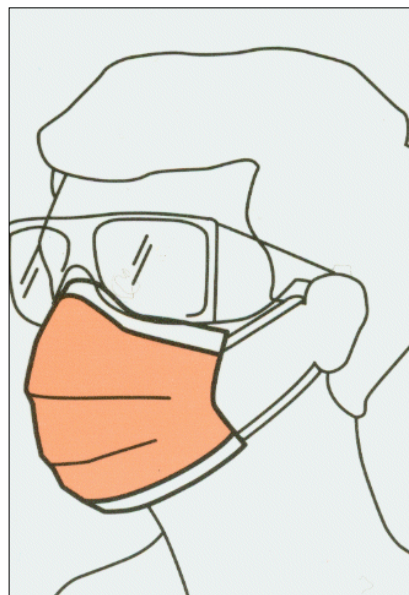
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