

ST. LAWRENCE IN BRIEF



The University Chorus will be singing opera and operetta Saturday, April 12 at 8p.m., and Sunday, April 13 at 4p.m. in Gulick Theatre. Admission is free of charge for everybody. Come and enjoy some music!



This weekend has a few sporting events going on. Saturday, the mens lacrosse team will be facing Skidmore at 2p.m., and at the same time women's lacrosse will be playing Rochester. Also, the North Country Invitational Spring Climbing Competition will be held at 11a.m. on Saturday.



On Monday, April 14 from 7:30 to 9p.m. in Gulick Theatre two speakers, Dan Davis and Dick Beardsley, will be talking about overcoming adversity and substance abuse. It should be a educational experience.



On Monday April 14 at 8p.m. in Bloomer Auditorium, Dr. Kirk R. Johnson, a paleobotanist, will speak on dinosaurs, tropical rainforests and drinking water. The event is open to the public.

THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2003

SAINT: Thankyou Jurassic 5 for putting on a great concert last Saturday.

SAINT: Sophmore class officers for providing us all with the opportunity to purchase St. Lawrence Saints flip flops!

SAINT: The organizers of Susan Taylor's lecture on Monday evening. It was a fantastic experience. Thank you!

PURGATORY: While the Jurassic 5 concert was a tremendous success, did we really have to close the gym while it was taking place?

PURGATORY: Fire alarms are great if there is a fire, but could we please find a way to get them to function properly?

PURGATORY: We love all the activities the campus provides, but lately we're all so over-programmed there is no time to do anything.

SINNER: The waterfights taking place in the residence halls. This would be so much more fun outside, and you won't get your C's in trouble!

SINNER: The First Year Class for showing poor attendance at the *Black and White Dance* this past Friday.

SINNER: Students who leave their trays on the tables in Dana. Take a little responsibility and clean up after yourself.

A LOOK BACK ON LARRYLAND

Hoot History Through the Ages
April 15, 1988

It is ironic that although the Hoot Owl is a hot spot for St. Lawrence University students, many people do not know its interesting history.

It began in 1970 when present Hoot Owl owner Daniel Fay and his friend Bill Helmer had their minds set on opening a bar. The train station in Canton had been vacant for seven years, and they thought it would be the perfect location for their business venture. Fay and Helmer, with the help of Helmer's father, purchased the station from the corporation of an St. Lawrence Alumni, Frank Augsburg, for a small sum.

Fay said, "We were two guys in their middle 20's who took a chance with a limited amount of money."

The station needed extensive renovations, and since Helmer and Fay did not have a lot of money to work with, they did the work themselves. They bought the building in December, and opened it up by March. Fay admitted having trouble thinking of a name for the bar, and finally decided on "The Hoot Owl Express" because he and his college buddies used to use the expression, "I'm drunker than a hoot owl."

At first, the bar drew in mostly townspeople, but by the mid 70's St. Lawrence as well as Canton A.T.C. students took over. "Our most productive time," Fay said, "was in the mid 70's when both schools frequented the bar."

The change in the drinking age to 21 has brought some changes to the Hoot Owl. In 1985 the bar was divided in half and one part became a "juice" bar. Fay said he made this change so the underage crowd could listen to a band and enjoy the atmosphere, although they could not drink. Many Canton bars went out of business after the drinking age, and Fay attributes his business to the Hoot Owl's location.

"We're close enough to campus for people to walk. If someone is sitting at the bar drinking, I don't want them to worry about having to drive home. We have a parking lot, so if people can't drive home, they can just leave their car," Fay said.

One of Fay's most memorable experiences, was when he asked a customer to leave, but the customer did not want to. They kicked him out, and since it was closing time they locked the doors. The drunken customer came back with a chainsaw and tried to cut the door down. Fay fought back with some steel pipes and was able to send the drunk home with a mangled chainsaw.

Larry Faculty Attacks the Greeks by Approving Recommendation
Friday, March 4, 1988

The St. Lawrence faculty voted in favor of three "general principles" concerning the Greek system in last Tuesday's meeting. These principles were presented to the faculty by the Faculty Council in response to the Committee on Alternatives to the Greek System report.

The third general principle created the most controversy. It states, "In assessing the Greek system at St. Lawrence University, the faculty concludes that its liabilities outweigh its benefits, and that the University would be a better place without it."

Some faculty members expressed concern about the statement's contents. Dr. John Jaunzems said the wording was, "deceitful and cowardly."

Concern was also expressed about how the statement would be perceived by the rest of the University. Dr. Peter FitzRandolf said that they would be seen as "Greek-bashers."

However, proponents of the principle argued the statement was merely an expression of the faculty's attitude. Dr. Metcalf said these principles are, "...an expression of where we (the faculty) stand, not a recommendation of abolishment."

The principle was adopted by a vote of 35 yes, 28 no and 10 abstentions. The first and second principles were also debated, but the votes were not close enough to require an individual count.

The first principle states that the faculty believe Greeks should not be privileged over other students. The second principle was amended by Dr. Pat Alden to state, "The faculty believes that St. Lawrence University bears responsibility for supporting and enriching student social life."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: School will soon be over! Have you accomplished all the goals you set out to do here at St. Lawrence?

SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK: Do something outside this weekend that you have missed for the whole winter, or just go and watch the lacrosse game on Saturday at 2p.m.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Life is just one crushing defeat after another, until you just wish Flanders was dead. -Homer Simpson

BEYOND THE HILL

Sexual Assault

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Columnist

One day in Nairobi, I was sitting around the compound library vaguely doing research about women in Kenya, when I stumbled upon a pamphlet entitled "Violence Against Women" by the Kenyan Human Rights Commission. It was very simply laid out for people to look at to explain what sexual violence is. Many of the questions it raised were similar to questions that came up at the sexual assault panel, and it occurred to me that these issues are much deeper than misunderstandings of yes or no—people have no idea where their sexual boundaries are. As a little clarification, I thought I would share some of what the pamphlet had to say.

If you can answer yes to any of the following questions, you have been raped, sexually abused, or assaulted. Have you ever:

- had sex with someone when you were not really sure if you wanted to?
- been forced to have sex with someone because you were not asked if you wanted to, or because you were ignored when you said "no"?
- been in a situation where you felt you

- had to have sexual contact with someone because they just would not stop?
- had sex with someone because you felt pressured or feared that you would break your relationship if you did not?
- had sexual contact because you were forced physically?

Had parts of your body touched without your consent?

It then went on to ask questions to abusers (i.e. if you have done any of these things, you have sexually abused someone). Without downplaying the fact that sexual abuse can happen to men as well, I imagine that many women on this campus can answer yes to one or more of these questions. Most people don't realize that if you have to persuade or convince someone to have sex with you, it can be considered sexual assault. The question is where the boundaries are — boundaries that are too easy to cross without good communication.

This is not simply a women's issue. One of my biggest frustrations about sexual assault stems from the fact that

this is something that men and women need to deal with together. This is something that I cannot address with the type of male that might abuse someone on a Saturday night and not think twice about it. This is something that needs to be addressed with a lot of recognition of sexuality, power relations, and issues of control. This is an issue that needs to be addressed openly and regularly on this campus, because there is a thriving culture of unhealthy sexual behavior.

Since I am about to graduate, a few of my friends convinced me that I couldn't leave this place without at least going to the Tick Tock once to see what it was like. The first conversation I overheard someone having was, "Hey, you should hook-up with that girl over there in the purple tank top, I know you don't know her, but a friend of mine hooked-up with her last weekend, and she was easy." Until people are treated like people and not objects, sexual assault will thrive.

Multi-Cultural Dinner
Come learn about different countries around the world and enjoy free food from these countries!
April 13, 2003 UC Formal
6 p.m.
Countries that will be represented include:
India, Nigeria, France, Kenya, Japan, Italy, and China

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