

Abroad Programs Move Forward

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Despite the war and the SARS epidemic, the number of students studying abroad next fall from St. Lawrence remains relatively the same with a few program exceptions. According to Nancy Pierce, the Director for Off-Campus Programs the only real anxiety about traveling abroad has been from parents.

The two students who are currently studying on St. Lawrence's new program in China have been in contact with the Center for International and Intercultural Studies stating that they want to stay on the program, which is based in Shanghai. Pierce stated, "They're safest right where they are." Other college programs closer to the SARS epidemic have been canceled, such as the Syracuse program based in

Hong Kong. The State Department issued a travel warning against China, which helped cancel a St. Lawrence research trip to China. Professor of English Sid Sondergard and Lucas Buckingham '04 planned to travel around China doing research this summer but will have to postpone their trip to the summer of 2004.

England received 35 applications for 25 places, while Pierce noted that the number of students attending Kenya is down, attributing the decrease to parental fears. "I think it has to do with how people fear the U.S. might be targeted," she said. Their biggest disappointment was with response to the France program, which didn't receive enough applications for the fall semester, but Pierce noted that the new spring semester program is going strong. The Italy program, which was started about 3 years ago, has con-

sistently received a large number of applications. "We let applicants know that it is an extremely competitive program and that priority is given to fine arts students," Pierce said. "This year we had 23 applicants and could only take 11 for Italy."

Number of students attending each program:	
Australia	- 4
Canada	- 2
China	- 3
Costa Rica	- 1
Denmark	- 6
England	- 25
India	- 1
Italy	- 11
Kenya	- 12
Spain	- 14
Washington D.C.	- 11

Environmental Studies Students Collect and Produce Solar Energy

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Dr. Alan Schwartz, Professor of Environmental Studies, is intriguing the St. Lawrence campus with his class on Energy and the Environment. Recently the class was involved in a hands-on project to collect and produce solar energy. The students set up a photovoltaic array panel to produce electricity to be fed into the Niagara Mohawk grid.

This system is anticipated to provide approximately 1 kilowatt of

electric power to an ecologically sustainable, 110-acre section of land.

The land, owned and maintained by the University, contains a farmhouse that will be powered by the array. When the house utilizes more energy than the structure is capable of producing, Niagara Mohawk will compensate and provide power. When the system produces more power than needed, it will then be sold back to the plant.

Excited about the development and potential of the project, Dr. Schwartz commented, "Producing

electricity from sunlight, and thereby avoiding pollution associated with other methods of producing electricity, is exciting. However, what makes this initiative most exciting is that students were able to help erect the system, and future students will collect valuable data to monitor the capabilities of solar electric energy in a place like Canton, New York."

Current and future Environmental Studies students can certainly look forward to some interesting opportunities in relation to this project.

Senior Week Rumor Is Dispelled

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After four years of being here at St. Lawrence, this year's seniors are looking forward to a fun and relaxing Senior Week before graduation on Sunday, May 18. Usually, when one thinks of Senior Week, various images come to mind: parties, music, various events and alcohol. Most seniors are 21 or over, so this is not a problem. But what would happen if there were no alcoholic beverages allowed during Senior Week, even to those over 21? That was the rumor going around campus; that administration had said

no alcohol for Senior Week.

If the rumor were true, how would current seniors react? Would it mean that no other classes could have alcohol during their Senior Week either?

To the joy of many seniors, the rumor was just that, a rumor. According to senior class secretary, Becky Oppedisano '03, there will still be alcohol allowed at Senior Week for people of age. She also commented on how the rumor probably got started. Every year the senior class goes before the Thelmo Senate to ask for funding from contingency for Senior Week. When a group goes before the Senate, they

have to have a list of what they plan on spending the money on to pass out to the Senate. This is so that the Senators are well informed about what they are voting on. On that list they had not included money budgeted in for alcohol. This is because, as Becky explained, SLUSAF money cannot be used to buy alcohol. With this rule in mind, as a class, the seniors have money in their budget that will go toward buying the alcohol for the week.

So there is no need to worry about this year's seniors, or Senior Week for subsequent classes not being allowed to have alcohol as a part of the celebration.

Students Get Hands On Experience

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Bridging the Gap, a St. Lawrence University sponsored program, sent six students to A. A. Kingston Middle School in Potsdam on April 3 and 4, to interact with fifth grade students as they gave a presentation entitled "What Defines a Person with Character." Designed as an Independent Project within the education curriculum, the program is an opportunity for students to gain real classroom experience while relating with North Country students.

Originally started in November 2001 by Brettany LaDuke '04, Stephanie Peets '03, and Nikki Renda '04, the group has visited three area schools thus far this semester alone (St. Regis Falls and Hermon - DeKalb, in addition to Potsdam), with plans to visit at

least two others (Malone and Canton). In addition, the group also helps to organize visits to St. Lawrence by area students. Last semester, the project was headed by three students: Ryan Gagne '04, Erin Lloyd '05, and Jennifer Whorrall '04, all Education minors, under the advisement of Associate Professor and Chair of the Education department James Shuman, Educational Instructor James Waterson, and Adjunct Instructor of Education Don Mesibov. Several other St. Lawrence undergraduate and graduate students have participated, as the project also helps education students fulfill their fifteen-hour field experience requirement.

During the 45 minute sessions, the St. Lawrence participants educate students in the grades of K-12 to discuss what a fact sheet on the program describes as "issues inside/outside of the school," with topics

ranging from "character education, motivation, 'It's Cool to be Smart,' and the college application process."

The project is designed to help students as well as aspiring teachers. "The program is good for the [St. Lawrence] students who can work on their teaching skills and figure out if it is really something they want to do with their future," while having a "real impact on the students," Gagne stated. He continued, "They aren't getting the messages from their teachers or another authority figure - we are closer to being peer mentors, and sometimes they may take what we say more seriously." Mesibov explained that "Teaching is about student learning and learning occurs, most effectively, when students are afforded the opportunity for authentic, real-life applications," which the goal of the project is.

THELMO NOTES

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During Officer Reports Secretary Adam Casler '06 read a statement in regards to the recent cutting of the St. Lawrence Student Safety Patrols that was given to him by an anonymous student. The statement stated that the Student Safety Patrols have been cut drastically to one team of two people on only Friday and Saturday nights, versus previously when patrols were on duty every night of the week with multiple patrols on weekends. The statement also said that the position of Student Safety Driver has been cut completely. All cuts have been due to a lack of funding.

Budget and Finance Chairwoman Stefi Anton '04 came before the Senate during her report and received first approval for this year's SLUSAF budget in the amount of \$323,345.00, an increase of 3.75 percent over the previous year.

During Old Business, Shannon Fritts Penniman '05 came before the Senate and received second approval for contingency funding in the amount of \$30 to cover gas expenses for a trip to Albany by Democracy Matters that was held earlier in the week. A representative from the New York State Peace Conference, on behalf of Erin Cianchette '03, came before the Senate and received second approval for contingency funding in the amount of \$525 to cover various events taking place in regards to the Peace Conference. Vice President of University Relations Allison Turcotte '04 came before the Senate and received second approval for contingency funding in the amount of \$1426 for the installation of new security gates for the Thelmo Storage area underneath Lee Hall.

During New Business, Academic Honor Council Chairman Joshua Van Epps '03, came before the Senate and received first approval of the appointment of Sara Goodnow '04 as the Chairman for the Academic Honor Council, beginning during this year's Senior Week. Dan Lee '05 and A.J. Wright '04 came before the Senate and received first approval for contingency funding in the amount of \$300 for refreshments and advertisement of Daniel Flynn, who is coming to campus to speak soon. Gabe Sataloff '05 came before the Senate and received first approval for contingency funding in the amount of \$248 for the Wrestling Club to join the National Collegiate Wrestling Association.

During Member's Time, Andrew Hogan '06, announced Habitat For Humanity's yearly celebration "habifest" would be holding their conclusion celebration on Friday evening from 5-9 p.m. in S lot. Turcotte informed the Senate that Weavers are needed for Moving Up Day.

FROM THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Orientation Sessions

Congratulations to all who were accepted to off-campus programs for next semester. The next step is orientation so you will be well-prepared for your experience. Please note that these meetings are MANDATORY and your acceptance is contingent upon your attendance. We look forward to seeing you!

AUSTRALIA	Thursday, April 24 4:30	Carnegie Hall 112
CANADA	Tuesday, April 22 4:30	Carnegie Hall 112
CHINA	Thursday, April 24 4:30	Carnegie Hall 112
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COSTA RICA	Thursday, April 24 4:30	Carnegie Hall 112
DENMARK	Tuesday, April 22 4:30	Carnegie Hall 112
ENGLAND	Wednesday, April 23 4:30	Carnegie Hall 114
ISEP	Tuesday, April 22 4:30	Carnegie Hall 112
ITALY	Tuesday, April 22 4:30	Carnegie Hall 112
KENYA	Thursday, April 24 7:00	Carnegie Hall 112
	Thursday, May 1 7:00	Carnegie Hall 112
SPAIN	Monday, April 21 4:15	Carnegie Hall 114
	Tuesday, April 22 4:30	Carnegie Hall 112
WASHINGTON DC	Wednesday, April 30 4:30	Carnegie Hall 107

Have you studied off-campus?

Would you be interested in becoming a student ambassador and working with CIIS next year to promote our off-campus programs? We are currently seeking students who have been on the Denmark, France, Kenya, London, Spain, Vienna, and Washington semester. Applications are now available. Stop by the office to pick one up.

"Most people would rather be certain they're miserable, than risk being happy." -Robert Anthony

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Talk Given on Addiction

ing physical stomach pain, taking 80 to 90 pills a day, cocktails combining drugs such as Percocet and Demerol. The doctor finally noticed that there was a serious problem and he was overusing. The problem extended to a legal issue, because he was forging doctors' signatures. Federal Drug Enforcement Agents questioned him, and believed that he wasn't selling the drugs, but consuming them all himself. He was ordered to spend nine days in a psychiatric ward, and upon dispatch was confronted with the relation-

ships, which would need great attention in the reconstruction of trust.

These men were overwhelmed by a power outside of them, but made it through the experience with a lot more self-knowledge. As Davis concluded in his prologue, "The drug, the drug, will take the dream away!" Both Beardsley and Davis agreed that "the choice is yours to use or not, the first high is the ultimate, and trying to reach the same will never happen" and you may just die trying.