

LETTERS

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students are not apathetic and there are things that the St. Lawrence community feels very strongly about. Strong opinions have been expressed on both sides of the argument surrounding the Greek System and many of these opinions are just that—opinions with little factual evidence to back them up. When many people look at the Greek System, what comes to mind is the negative things they have heard about Greek houses. However, this is not the true essence of what being in a Greek House means. Being a Greek means you have a high commitment to better yourself and the community around you. You are committed to making a difference through community service and scholarship. As one of my fellow sisters said, Maybe we do it (join a Greek house) just to be together, to find that elusive sense of us that you'll never find in a classroom. And that, at its core, is what the Greek system is about. It is not about the parties, it is about the sense of community and belonging when a student finds a place he/she belongs.

There is much more to the Greek System than people first may assume and Greeks are some of the most active members and leaders of the St. Lawrence community. I encourage everyone to look at the big picture and talk to a member of the Greek community to find out what the system really does for this campus. I think you will find that Greek members have a strong sense of community, loyalty, and commitment to their school and their house. I believe that together, the sororities, the fraternities, the faculty and the administration can work together to help the Greek System flourish in a meaningful way on this campus for many years to come.

This issue just illustrates that students do care for and are willing to fight for what they believe in. I realize how much my house, as well as the Greek community as a whole, means to me and I want to be like the woman I met at reunion weekend and asking, on her 50th reunion, directions to a certain Greek house. And I want to be told, just like I was able to tell her, where to find my house and where I can meet my new sisters.

Sincerely,
Melanie Adamsen '03
President of Chi Omega

Paper Waste Concerns Not Anti-Hill News, Just Anti-Waste

As a member of EAO, I spent most of last Friday down in the mailroom trying to get student signatures for a petition to reduce the amount of wasted paper. The purpose of our petition is to survey students and find which ones would prefer to read generally circulated copies of the newspaper rather than receive a personal copy each week in their mailbox. As of now, every student receives a copy, as well as having access to the paper in various places around campus, which means that there are many more copies printed than there need be to assure that every student has access to the newspaper. The excess of copies means that there is much more wasted paper, as well as higher printing costs for the Hill News. I would like to emphasize for anyone who still thinks that we are dirty tree-huggers bent on eliminating the Hill News that we are honestly just trying to cut down on the waste. It is important for students to have access to a newspaper written about their community by their peers, I don't think that anyone would dispute that. It is equally important to be able to see the effects of even such a small-scale operation on the environment. If things cannot be changed or questioned at a tangible level, such as the number of newspapers that are circulated through this small school, there is very little hope of larger systems changing. I would like to thank all those who signed the petition, and also the members of the Hill News staff who stopped by the petition and were, for the overwhelming majority, very supportive of our efforts. So thanks, and hopefully you are reading this from a copy of the newspaper in the pub, rather than one received in your mailbox. (When you're done with the paper, would you mind passing it along to someone else or putting it in the recycle bin? Thanks.)

Bethany Taylor '04

Editorial Note: We continue to encourage members of the St. Lawrence community to weigh in on matters which are currently being discussed across campus. We are delighted to hear and see concerns both about the Greek Engagement Project and the EAO Paper Waste Initiative. Please write us. Our deadline is Tuesday at 5 p.m., weekly, at our office in the basement of the U.C.

Photo of the Week



Junior Melissa Hayman and sophomore Ian Hibbard enjoy

THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2002

<p>SAINT: The fans of the Montreal Expos for their defiant optimism. Their abuse of former owner Mike Loria was appropriate and wildly humorous.</p>	<p>SAINT: The Outing Club for finally pulling off the Snowbowl. Now, it is time for Spring.</p>	<p>SAINT: Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Delta Sigma for successfully completing a 30-hour fast, which raised funds for a number of charities. Great work - keep it up!</p>
<p>PURGATORY: The amount of mail on the Hill for 2002. Five weeks of freedom, but only five weeks of raising hell left.</p>	<p>PURGATORY: We hate to do it, but the weather. We have all had enough of a seemingly endless November. It is most certainly time for warm weather and sunny days.</p>	<p>PURGATORY: The library for the tragic death of the last free photocopier on campus -- it was great while it lasted.</p>
<p>SINNER: Our neighbors in Potsdam for once again demonstrating their maturity with this week's sport. <i>The Clarkson Institute</i>. Will they ever stop being enemies of Canton?</p>	<p>SINNER: The Canton Police for ticketing those who parked on University Avenue during Kappa Delta Sigma's Chi Omega's Easter Party. Did you have to speed the ticket?</p>	<p>SINNER: The cowards who broke the window of the Macalaster room in the Oaker D. Young '94 Library. Vanalabson's acceptable and not very funny at all.</p>

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Ready for some barbeques? If only it would warm up!
SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK: Go and see Dave Binder perform tonight in the Pub at 5 p.m. If you like James Taylor, you should really go. He's good.
QUOTATION OF THE WEEK: "I hate this word 'spinning.' It's a nice, uptown way of saying 'lying.'" - Benjamin C. Bradlee, Jr. Editor-at-Large, *The Washington Post*

ST. LAWRENCE IN BRIEF

- The six-piece Klezmer band, Hot Pstromi, under the leadership of Yale Strom, will perform in concert at St. Lawrence University on Thursday, April 11, at 8 p.m. in Gulick Theatre. Free tickets for the concert are available at the Brewer Bookstore and the E.J. Noble University Center on campus.
- Novelist and short-story author Richard Ford will speak at St. Lawrence University on Thursday, April 11, at 8 p.m. in the Common Room of Sykes Residence Hall, as part of the University's Writers Series. The event is open to the public, free of charge.
- Cadernos da Tradução, a journal from the Federal University of Santa Catarina in Brazil that specializes in literary translation, has published book reviews written by Justin Bland '03, North Falmouth, MA (Umberto Eco's *Experiences In Translation*; Tia Rabine '02, Glens Falls, NY (Changing The Terms: *Translation In The Post-Colonial Era*) and Sylvia Mello '04, Danvers, MA (Who Translates? *Translator Subjectivities Beyond Reason*, by Douglas Robinson). The students' reviews were written as an assignment in Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures Steven White's fall course, Stylistics & Translation.
- Professor of Psychology Alan Searleman was quoted in a story in the April issue of *Glamour* magazine about a new birth control "patch" for women. Searleman's comments related to whether or not it would be difficult for women to remember to change the patch since it was a weekly, rather than daily, application; Searleman is an expert on memory.

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THE MZUNGU VIEW
Human Nature Disproved

Tanzania. We spent two weeks in northern Tanzania camping out and discussing wildlife and natural resource conservation and how local people are involved with environmental protection. Okay, okay, and swimming in mountain streams, hiking active volcanoes, seeing monkeys, zebras, giraffes, and pink flamingos, and learning how to shoot bows and arrows. We travelled all around the area of the Serengeti, Ngorongoro crater, and Arusha. We drove around in Land Rovers, and I promise you that each and every one of us has a new definition of "off roading." After the rains it's that much easier to get stuck in the red mud.

First we travelled to Arusha, hiked to a waterfall, and met a family who has a completely sustainable farm where the waste from their cow is used to make methane gas that lights their house and is used for fuel for cooking.

Later we travelled to Yaida Valley where we were privileged enough to stay with the Hadzabe, a nomadic hunting-gathering community. There we learned how to dig for the

LARRY ON THE ROAD - IMPRESSIONS OF KENYA

Sophia Hasenfus
Columnist

ing and amused by our lack of knowledge of the world around us. The Hadzabe are a completely egalitarian society, going out every day for only the food that they need for that day and sharing with everyone in their community. They own only what they can carry from one house to the next and do not amass any surplus or unnecessary goods.

We read *Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn and got to see first-hand that it isn't human nature to overconsume. It isn't human nature to get caught up in the whims of pop-culture, to wear brand name clothes, and to privilege some people in a society while marginalizing others. They showed us a gambling game and taught us how to make fire, then we sang songs, danced, and showed them how to do the hokey pokey.

After that experience, we took the

decent representation of the animals that we got to see, except it left out the hoards of Land Rovers with nerdy hat-clad white people armed with six foot camera lenses and sunglasses, lined up to "piga picha" of the lions.

One thing that we haven't been able to avoid is the quite obvious disparities between rich and poor. Everywhere you turn there are contrasts. Going from camping right near the Serengeti to the posh tourist hotels can be a culture shock of its own. We also stayed at a gorgeous spot of land that belonged to three Maasai villages. Tanzania used to have a system of "ujamaa" (African socialism). Under that system, local villages are given political power and control over their resources. They have an agreement with Dorobo Tour company that they can camp and we pay them a fee to get to be in an absolutely pristine area. The Maasai are pastoralists and have low impact on the land with their herds of cattle. Since they have successfully preserved the land, we were lucky enough to stay there. Ujamaa has slipped away because of the pressures of a cash economy, but these