

## ST. LAWRENCE

### Chamber of Commerce Approves New Member

After a unanimous vote last week, *The Hill News* Jarrod Caprow (male) was appointed as the Deputy Chamber of Commerce Officer of Student Affairs (DCCOSA). Caprow will begin his term on January 8, 2001, and his position will continue until the end of the Chamber of Commerce position of DCCOSA. Jarrod Caprow will hold a new one to the Town of Canton and he will be the first to hold it. Some of his duties will be to encourage and assist local businesses and utilize the services of local business in interviews with *The Hill News*. DCCOSA Caprow said that he is excited to work with such a nice group of people, that care about the students that spend nine months out of the year in their town. Caprow hopes to bring more business to Canton and to allow for area merchants to get more business out of the students. One of his first measures in office will be to allow students to get class vouchers for shopping in town. Caprow said, "The system will be sort of like a trading stamp operation. Every time a St. Lawrence student spends five dollars at a Canton shop or business, they will receive one trading stamp. At the end of each semester, students can trade in 1,000 stamps at the Registrar's Office to get one of their final grades increased by one marking point. For example, a student with an 'A' in a course could move to an 'A+' or a student with a 'B+' could move to a 'B'. The system looks to be quite simple and given the rewards it could offer many students, including its potential money in town, especially those taking chemistry classes. Trading stamps are transferable and do not expire, so you can collect them and use them when you need them, especially during times of academics. For more information about the trading stamp program, please contact the Office of the DCCOSA, Jarrod Caprow at 315-270-5140.

The University of Vermont's Commission on Student Fees (UCSEFGAT) is currently reviewing the current structure of the university's student fees. The commission is looking for ways to improve the current structure of the fees and to ensure that the fees are fair and equitable. The commission is also looking for ways to ensure that the fees are used for the benefit of the students. The commission is currently holding public hearings on the issue and is seeking input from students, faculty, and staff. The commission is also looking for ways to ensure that the fees are used for the benefit of the students. The commission is currently holding public hearings on the issue and is seeking input from students, faculty, and staff. The commission is also looking for ways to ensure that the fees are used for the benefit of the students. The commission is currently holding public hearings on the issue and is seeking input from students, faculty, and staff.

For more on this, or any other Y2K11 programs, please contact Father Jon Tyme at the Office of the Commission for Student Fees. Good About Them, 1001-1002, 270-5140.

## THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2000

If you would like to ask a question, give a suggestion or give a quotation, we will happily accept it. Please write it and submit it in an envelope to "The Week of..." c/o *The Hill News* - Opinion, and put it in campus mail. We hope to hear from you, and please do enjoy!

**SAINT:** The end of fall semester classes!

**SINNER:** Students who continue to steal private property from local homes on Park, Elm and Maple Streets.

**SAINT:** Wednesday night Student Activities Desk minder Victoria Engle for helping us out with all of our after hours questions.

**SINNER:** The people who broke the ODY 24-hour study area window facing University Avenue.

**SAINT:** The person who put his rear-end through the wall in Lee Hall and admitted to doing it.

**SINNER:** The recent pipe problems causing damage in academic offices and student rooms.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** Time will pass between now and the end of the semester, but will you?

**SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK:** Make a New Year's resolution.

**QUOTATION OF THE WEEK:** "Freedom is not a gift but a risk that must be taken."

-James Cone, theologian, educator, 1999.



## KENMARK 2000

### THE EXCELLENT ADVENTURES OF STAFF WRITER KEN OKOTH IN DENMARK

**Caprow** - The end of the semester is here, and so too all the frustrations and stress that come with it. This end of the holiday season makes it harder for me to study for the semester. The end of the semester and the end of the year are a time when I can hardly believe that a four-month semester is almost behind me. I wonder whether there is just one more thing I could have done to get more out of the semester. Studying in Denmark and living with a host family, I will never know for sure.

Certainly, there is a feeling of inadequacy now, as I feel that perhaps I could have learned a little bit more about Denmark and its people. Will the months and years ahead turn this lingering sense of inadequacy I feel currently into a period of pride to which I can look back upon with pride? Maybe, as my elders tell me, when I grow older and wiser, I will actually appreciate the

whole experience a little more. I am excited to see how I shall feel about these lessons months after I have been away from it all. In spite of all the challenges, I had actually started to enjoy life in Denmark, and liking it quite a bit too. The Danish language has just begun to fall into place in my mind, and I can make much more sense out of my surroundings now. All the same, I must look forward to the future, which means coming back to campus. That might not be very easy.

How will I feel about all those new

freshmen running around the campus? I am excited to see how I shall feel about these lessons months after I have been away from it all. We shall surely find a way to get along and even have some great times together.

I take this moment to thank you for reading my column, and say that I am actually excited by the prospect of actually coming back home. Come aboard; it has been one of the very best things I did at St. Lawrence. I am glad I was able to share some of my experiences. I hope you will do so too. I wish you a happy, safe and blessed holiday season.

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## OUR KENYA

Tanzania and may leave worse off than when she first arrived. Kenyan culture and African culture in general is markedly non-materialistic and doesn't place as great a value on convenience, materialism and the so-called finer things of life. We may not have the latest technology but we live a full and satisfying life. There is more to life than fast food, shiny cameras, and the latest in wrist-

watch technology. Our two cultures are incommensurable; they cannot be compared to each other on even the most basic points. We do not ask for and neither do we need her pity, we are well off as we are, in fact she has been given a great opportunity to have her life enriched by the great wisdom and experience of a culture much older and grounded than her own. Unfortunately she has decided to throw that gift back in the face of those who freely gave it to

her. It is our sincere hope that her opinion is not held by the entire group of students currently in Kenya. As Kenyans on this campus, we demand respect for our culture and our people and it is our hope that the St. Lawrence community will increase its efforts in fighting cultural insensitivity.

Kwekwe Kivutha '02  
Wamae Murinki '03  
Rahab Mwangi '02  
Wanja Nyoro '03