

ST. LAWRENCE NEWS REEL

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Steam Baths Installed Around Campus

Due to the recent very cold snaps, and the ongoing problems with heating pipes around campus, and steam coming out of the ground all over the place, the University Committee for Students Feeling Good About themselves (UCSFGAT) announced Thursday plans for new steam heated baths around campus. UCSFGAT Deputy Minister for Water & Hydrology Fern Daltwhal told *The Hill News* that starting Monday, the first location for a campus steam bath will be in the former parking area in front of the Noble University Center. Creators for the steam bath say that students will be able to use these areas to release stress along with other students 24 hours a day. In addition to being a relaxing place to go, the Heating Plant will not have to replace leaking pipes, as the steam bath will constitute a viable use for the heat. It is a win, win solution for all of those involved. Students are asked to respond with any input about these clothing optional baths by calling the Office of UCSFGAT at x5140. More baths will be setup around campus as further leaks in the heating pipes develop. *The Hill News* estimates that at the current rate of leaks, there should be about 20 baths located campus wide by February.

The United States Has A President-Elect

Come on now, let's not get nuts.

More "Sleeping Police Officers" to be Installed Campus Wide

British United Technologies (BUT), in cooperation with St. Lawrence Safety and Security has developed a system of what the British call "sleeping police officers" around campus to decrease speeding on campus. The sleeping police officers, known in the U.S. as speed bumps, will be installed on outer Romoda Drive near Main Street, on University Avenue and on Park Street. According to Marge Thacker, Chief Executive of BUT, "the new sleeping police officers will cause damage to the boot of your car by raising it up on a lift and then slamming it down again." The technique has been a proven speed stopper in Britain as 21.6% of all cars getting caught by the sleeping police officers have suffered severe damage. The only disadvantage of this program is that police officers need to sleep on the side of the road 24 hours per day in order to control the device. Currently, BUT is working on plans to make an automated system, but right now St. Lawrence Security says it is up to BUT to make the first move before the University goes to an automated system.

Editor's Note: The preceding stories are crazy. All characters in the situations portrayed above are fictitious, and any resemblance to actual persons is purely coincidental.

Rebel action: "The Liberal Party won the Canadian election under the leadership of Jean Chrétien."

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



photo by Dustin Williamson

This week's photo of the week comes to the paper from the SLU abroad members in France. While travelling throughout the country, living off bread, cheese, and wine, we also take some classes in the centuries old city of Rouen. One of our voyages was to Mont St. Michel. First row, left to right: Ida Driscoll (Assistant Program Director), Kerianne Murphy, Valerie Racine, Kate Shaw, April Riel. Second row: Tyler Bradbury (holding Grace Caldwell), Johanna Williams, Hillary Baker, Kami Koleva, Emily Warren, Mark Desens, Dustin Williamson. Third row: Ted Hendrickson and Antje Bauman. Our other voyages were a week in Paris and a week in Senegal, Africa, where we just spent Thanksgiving. Wish you were here (more like you wish you were here).

Submitted by Dustin Williamson
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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 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: All of the people who gave to others during the holiday season, be it through the Giving Tree or another means of holiday sharing.

Let *The Hill News* know if you or someone you know did something generous this holiday season!

SINNER: The person or the people responsible for recent "grinchiness." This week a Christmas tree was stolen from the Rebert Hall lounge, complete with ornaments, and a flag stolen from I-House, along with holiday lights and other decorations. There were also eggings and defacement of walls and doors.

Be respectful of other people's property.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Do you find that things are getting only half done, or done poorly? Maybe you are overcommitted? You should reassess where you are before you set yourself up for more stress next semester.

SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK: Do something nice for yourself.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK: "When we lose the right to be different, we lose the privilege to be free."

-Charles Evans Hughes, U.S. Supreme Court justice, 1925.



KENMARK 2000



THE EXCELLENT ADVENTURES OF STAFF WRITER KEN OKOTH IN DENMARK

Copenhagen - It is a mild day in Copenhagen today. The sky is gray, the sun is barely visible through the clouds. The crunch is on for me to work on massive term papers that are due soon, yet motivation is totally lacking. I really need some hot chocolate. I want to run away from the world and go back to my room. I would love to tuck myself under the warm soft comforter in my bed. Only problem is, my bed is not a real bed!

Well, I am in the library now, and there is no way I can go back home now and pretend I never woke up this morning. I would love to be in a blissful land far away. Perhaps I shouldn't have spent the weekend watching that Disney movie. I won't tell you which movie it was, but I think it is all Disney's fault that I feel this way. They owe me a free visit to Disneyland, those corporate cultural manipulators!

Seriously, do you believe that Simba and Pumba and Rafiki and Mufasa actually speak English mixed with snippets of Swahili such as Jambo and Hakuna Matata? Makes me wonder since Disneyland is in Florida, to which political party they make their campaign contributions. Perhaps Disney does not support any of the political parties, but it would be sure

nice to know.

Maybe by now you are wondering what am I up to with this column. I don't know either. There has been so much news about the presidential election and Florida and so on I have been trying to avoid commenting on it, that's why I first gave you three paragraphs that might as well have been gibberish. Now I can't hold myself from lending an opinion on the elections fiasco in Florida, but at least, you won't have to read so much of it.

Here is my view. The Florida saga SUCKS big time. Now I am not one to use such strong language, especially not in print, but I have no choice.

Coverage of the elections has dominated television for more than a week now. It is impossible to go anywhere without hearing about the legal wrangles now. That is just plain ugly. From Libya to Lesotho, Luxembourg to Laos, the whole world is laughing at America. Even in Tibet and Timbuktu, I bet you many people are questioning the cleanliness of America's democracy.

The good news for me is, I have seen a similar scenario two times before in Kenya! Yes, the Kenyan

president has been in power since 1978! For both of the last two terms though, he has not been able to (mis)rule effectively because his victories were publicly disputed, and faced protracted legal challenges.

It is hard to get a clear interpretation of the disputed November 7 election results. Unlike Kenya, maybe America has reached the stage where government, including a president, is totally irrelevant. In countries like Russia, ballots offer the voters a choice to vote against all candidates in an election.

It works like your multiple choice exam - A - Gore, B - Bush, C - Nader D - None of the above!

If the majority of the dissatisfied voters choose D, then a new round of elections is conducted, with a new batch of presumably more appealing and better qualified candidates. A - Bill Bradley, B - George McCain C - Jay Leno D - None of the above! Now, that would be refreshing, wouldn't it? I better go back to writing my term paper now, before both candidates sue me for suggesting they should all give up.

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