

Alpha Tau Omega Runs Drive for Charity

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The brothers in St. Lawrence University's Alpha Tau Omega fraternity recently helped out a kindergarten class in nearby Ogdensburg with a charity project.

ATO brother Brenton Lyon '06, of Massena, NY, is a reading and math tutor for the kindergarten class at Lincoln Elementary School in Ogdensburg, taught by Tracie Kroeger. The class has been conducting a canned-food drive to benefit the Ogdensburg Neighborhood Center's food bank, and when Lyon learned that they had a long way to go to meet their goal, he asked his fraternity brothers to pitch in. The class had wanted to collect 500 cans of food before the Thanksgiving holiday, and had only succeeded in collecting 200.

Over a three-day period, members of ATO collected over 1,000 canned-good items from patrons of area businesses. They brought the collection to the school the week before Thanksgiving, delighting the kindergarteners, their teacher and the staff of the Neighborhood Center.

Kroeger commented, "They went above and beyond for us and made a whole school of young students very happy!"

Maureen Rickett, director of the Neighborhood Center, stated in a story published in the *Ogdensburg Journal*, "I think it's fantastic, it's so great. We appreciate it so much."



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GREEK CORNER

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PANHELLENIC'S GREEK WOMAN OF THE MONTH

November's Greek Woman of the Month is Brooke James of Kappa Delta Sigma. She has been active in her chapter, serving as Social and Alumni/Abroad Chair. In addition to her Greek involvement, Brooke is also involved in other campus activities. She founded the Rotaract Club, is the Senior Class President, a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a staff writer for the Hill News and a student worker in Career Services. Brooke has also represented St. Lawrence abroad, spending a semester studying in Trinidad and a summer in Vienna. Brooke's sisters have nominated her for her diligent pursuit of academic success, in addition to her involvement in numerous activities and dedication to her friends. Congratulations Brooke!

GSA GREEK SCHOLARS OF THE MONTH

Gamma Sigma Alpha, the Greek Honorary Society, has chosen two Greek students as November's Scholars of the Month. Nominated by their sisters and brothers, these students exemplify the ideals of scholarly achievement. For November, we'd like to congratulate Michaela Kimball of Delta Delta Delta and Lindsey Seefeld of Kappa Delta Sigma. Michaela and Lindsey have been nominated for their work ethic, study habits, class preparation and discussion, as well as helping other sisters with their course work. Congratulations!

Gamma Sigma Alpha wishes everyone the best of luck the last few weeks of class and during final exams.

PANHELLENIC'S NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR SPRING 2006

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Student Talent Takes Center Stage

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On Friday and Saturday, December 2nd and 3rd, the St. Lawrence University Dance Ensemble presented the Fall Dance Showcase, featuring a number of very talented student performers. With performances featuring everything from cultural dances such as the "Soco Medley," and "La Calienta Salseras," to classical Ballet in "The Blower's Daughter," the showcase offered a wide range of dance types and talents which wowed the audience.

The first student group to present was Classic Swing Dancing, jumping and jiving their way through "Mr. Pinstripe Suit," by Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, and "Stompin' at the Savoy," by Benny Goodman. The time and effort devoted by all students was evident as the perfectly choreographed pairs adhered to the complex moves of this 1920's favorite. Energy was high, and applause filled the room, greeting Kristin Sherwood in a solo tap performance to Green Day's cover, "I Fought the Law,"

and paved the way for the entrance of Play Something Country's line dancing talents to, "Chattahoochee," by Alan Jackson, and "Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy," by Big and Rich. Each of these student performers dedicated their time and personal flair to enrich the Dance Showcase.

The next section of performance was an interpretive piece, performed and choreographed by Sajana Blank to Israel's, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and offered a memorable and captivating performance, in which the dancer hung, suspended above center stage, twisting and flipping effortlessly. The beautiful image created against the backdrop of the stage was whimsical, and demonstrated the imaginative creativity which all students devoted to the dance show. Also showing vibrant emotion through dance was Alessandra Necamp's Ballet interpretation of the "Blower's Daughter." This section was a relaxing and beautiful piece evoking emotions ranging from disappointment, to frustration and triumph. Alessandra

led the way for the Soca Medley, a cultural piece featuring students performing African dance to modern songs such as, "Mortar," by Machel Montano, and "Carnival," by Bunji Garlin featuring Lil' Bitts. This rich performance raised the energy in the room, stirring the crowd into a frenzy of applause and cheers. Following this were the hot and spicy moves of La Calienta Salseras who fired-up the room with a decidedly Latin beat, and Sails, an interpretive piece performed to "O," from Cirque de Soleil. The performance of "Thriller," as the end piece of the incredible showcase of student talent, was choreographed astonishingly well and complete with student zombies, eerie fog, and offered a disturbingly accurate portrait of students on our campus during finals week.

Kudos to all of these performers for their entertainment and efforts. The Fall Dance Showcase was truly a success representing the diverse talents of the St. Lawrence University student body.

Michael J. Curtis '67 Wins Lifetime Achievement Award

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Michael J. Curtis '67, professor of school psychology in the department of psychological and social foundations at the University of South Florida in Tampa, received the National Association of School Psychologists' 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award.

A press release from the association states, "For 30 years, Dr. Curtis has dedicated his career to the quality preparation of school psychologists, educating, supervising and mentoring hundreds of specialist and doctoral level school psychologists. His scholarly contributions and understanding of systems level change and long range planning have singularly influenced the knowledge base of school psychology and the professional standards on which school psychological practice currently rests."

Curtis holds a master's degree from St. Lawrence as well, and earned the Ph.D. in school psychology at the Uni-

versity of Texas at Austin. He has worked at the University of Cincinnati and was a visiting scholar at the University of Exeter in England, and has



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been on the faculty at the University of South Florida since 1993.

President of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) in 1988-89, Curtis has held a number of other leadership posts in the organization. He also has also been involved

with several other professional organizations, including service as president of the Ohio School Psychologists Association, the Journal of School Psychology and the Society for the Study of School Psychology, and as chair of the Council of Directors of School Psychology Programs.

Curtis has served as a member, chair or co-chair of committees in the Division of School Psychology of the American Psychological Association for 12 years and as an accreditation site visitor for APA since 1988. He also has been an organizational consultant to 27 schools or school districts and has assisted 21 state school psychological associations with strategic and long-range planning.

Curtis is also the author of some 20 chapters in textbooks and hundreds of articles for a variety of publications. In addition, he has been a volunteer for the Special Olympics for many years, including service on the Board of Directors for the Hamilton County (FL) Special Olympics.

Summer Session Offered in Kenya

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Beginning next year, St. Lawrence University will offer a summer version of its very successful program of study in Kenya, which began in 1974.

Summerterm in Kenya will be held June 3 through July 1 in 2006, offering students an exciting, multifaceted, intensively cross-cultural experience, combining classroom instruction and field experience in one of Africa's most stable and thriving countries.

Participants choose one of three courses: Challenges in Conservation; National Parks at Risk; Health Care Delivery in a Developing Country; or Archaeology in Kenya: In Search of Our Ancestors.

The program begins with several days of orientation, common to all three courses. Students will stay for this period on the University's five-acre compound near Nairobi, which is home to the semester program. Orientation includes a game drive

in Nairobi National Park; introduction to Kenyan cultures and to Swahili language; lectures on history, geology, archaeology and contemporary issues in Kenya; and the opportunity to get to know the museums, markets, music and art in the nation's capital city.

The value of study in the field is emphasized. Students in the conservation course will participate in extended field trips to two of Kenya's great national parks.

Those in the archaeology course will be in the Great Rift Valley, for three weeks.

Participants in the health care course will spend much of their time in urban and rural hospitals, clinics, treatment centers and orphanages.

The program is intended for students from colleges and universities at any stage of study. The archaeology course has a prerequisite of one course in archaeology or biological anthropology. There are no prerequisites for the health or conservation courses, both of

which can accommodate students at introductory and advanced levels.

Students successfully completing the program will earn 1.5 units at St. Lawrence, or six credits. The program fee of \$3,995 includes tuition, room, board, cultural activities and park entrance fees; use of program field equipment; and all program-related local transport. Not included are any costs associated with an individual participant's personal expenses and transatlantic airfare; it is anticipated that a group flight will be identified for those wishing to travel as a group. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with March 1, 2006, as the deadline. Early application may enhance the chances of acceptance.

For further information about eligibility and application, visit the [University Web site for the Summerterm program in Kenya](http://www.stlawu.edu/kenya) or call the Center for International and Intercultural Studies, at 315-229-5991.