

ST. LAWRENCE NEWS REEL

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Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton to Speak at SLU  
TONIGHT!

In order to fulfill her campaign promises, New York State Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit St. Lawrence tonight at 6:00 p.m. in Burkman Gymnasium. Clinton will be giving a short motivational speech before the St. Lawrence Women's Basketball game against Hamilton College. She then will sit as an honorary member of the table crew during the game, giving highlights to spectators during time-outs. Clinton will do the same for the Men's Basketball match-up to follow at 8:00 p.m. Following the basketball events, Clinton is scheduled to talk about how teamwork plays a role in her line of work in her keynote speech entitled, "There is no 'I' in Senate." Following her speech, she will join supporters for a tour of Canton and visits to popular nightlife destinations. St. Lawrence University welcomes Senator Clinton and looks forward to her visit.

Keno Night to Be Held in "Pizza Hut"

Recently, you may have heard about Bingo Night, to be held this Saturday night in the Underground. Well get ready for something else. The University Committee for Students Feeling Good About Themselves (UCSFGAT) felt that Bingo was too juvenile and sophomoric for our students. Thus, they are sponsoring a counter-activity in the Pizza Hut, between Jencks and Hulett Halls, Saturday, February 16 from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. UCSFGAT's Deputy Director in charge of Maturity, Lade E. Luc, told *The Hill News* Wednesday, "We feel that St. Lawrence students are old enough to live away from home, do their own laundry and clean up after themselves, so we feel as if we should offer them a more adult game to play than Bingo." When faced with the challenge that the elderly play bingo, Luc rebutted with, "We can diagram the aging process like a circle of life. We start off in one place and then we slowly make our way around it, until we are back where we began. As we grow older and we get closer to the part of the circle representing our infancy, we like to do infantile things like sleeping during the day, experiencing slow brain waves, throwing temper-tantrums, and having over-active bladders (which, she points out, is not normal at any age). It is the circle of life and it moves us all; that is why we need students to play Keno instead of Bingo."

Students at Keno Night can also look forward to more adult prizes. UCSFGAT promises cash prizes in the hundreds of dollars plus trips, stocks, bonds and spouses. Refreshments will also be served, on tap, and there will be a cash bar. For more information about the Keno Night at the Pizza Hut, please call UCSFGAT at x5140.

St. Lawrence Writers Series to Bring Renowned Mathematician

In order to curb some of the monotony of the St. Lawrence Writers Series, this Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. in Herring-Cole, St. Lawrence will proudly present Yale University's Distinguished Professor of Mathematics Dr. Angelo Scalene, Ph.D. Professor Scalene will address pressing issues such as: why Westerners use Arabic numerals, how many zeros are in a googolplex and how 'dodecahedron' is spelled. The Writers Series committee decided that students were tired of presentations geared for B.A. students, so this one will tempt the minds of those receiving a Bachelor of Science degree. Scalene will also conduct on a chalkboard several geometric proofs and other such problems. During his question and answer period, Scalene will solve equations that the audience posed to him.

In the future, the Writer's Series will bring other mathematicians, along with biologists that will conduct dissections and chemistry and physics professionals that will conduct various experiments in their respective fields of study.

For more information, please contact x5140.

P.S. They are bringing a mathematician because the recent writers have sucked.

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

Photo of the Week



Photo by Dustin Williamson

Internationally acclaimed photographer Benedict J. Fernandez conducted a photo workshop last weekend. The workshop included a photo shoot, group critiques, and a session on the use of a 35 mm camera. It was in conjunction with the recent exhibit "Countdown to Eternity" about Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2002

**SAINT:** Trustee Sarah Elizabeth Johnson '82 for her wonderful and much appreciated donation of \$10 million to benefit the improvement of science facilities.

**SAINT:** The Community Assistants in Rebert and Whitman Halls and Residential Coordinator of those halls, Kelly Pelych. More than 50 students participated in their miniature golf tournament, which was a great community builder and a nice break from the first haul of examinations and papers.

**PURGATORY:** People who left during the Alma Mater at 100th Night. You probably could not hear the directive to stay from Cordella and Skodnick, though.

**PURGATORY:** The students in the Noble Center bathrooms are already gone. Still, it is good to see we are being safe.

**PURGATORY:** We complained about landing last week, and we appreciate the considered effort, but of course there is a consequence - dirty, dirty floors and carpets abound.

**SINNER:** The weekend crew, not Eddie, at Kinney's photo development for taking much longer than one hour to process film for the photo workshop.

**SINNER:** Organizations and residences who do not regularly send senators to Inelmo Cove the Williams group a break and give the Senate some legitimacy.

**SINNER:** This is something of a preview Sinner, but we will indulge ourselves. Those of you who will not wear white tonight, and those who will not ever participate in supporting our teams.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Can we have a blizzard before Snow Bowl?

SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK: Come out and support the Women's and Men's Basketball Teams tonight and tomorrow afternoon, in their final regular season home games.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK: "Now tell, me who's your housekeeper and what you keep in your house?" - Ludacris

If you would like to submit a Saint, Purgatory, Sinner, Question, Suggestion, or Quotation, we would be happy to publish it. Please contact us by mail, simply addressing your submission to *The Hill News*, or by dropping your submission at our office in the Noble Center, or by phone at extension 5139.

ST. LAWRENCE IN BRIEF



Canadian Musician Ember Swift will perform in Eben Holden Dining Hall tomorrow evening at 9 p.m. as part of the St. Lawrence Festival of the Arts.



Hussein Hassouna, permanent representative of the League of Arab States to the United Nations and the United States, will give a talk on Middle-East politics on Monday, February 18, at 8 p.m. in Gulick Theatre.



Kathryn M. Fitzgibbons '02, Saratoga Springs, New York, plans to bicycle cross-country during the summer to raise awareness and money for Habitat for Humanity and bicycle safety for children.



Emily S. Perlman '03, Oswego, New York, plans to participate in the Avon Breast Cancer Three-Day, a 60-mile walk from Ann Arbor to Detroit, Michigan, scheduled in May. The event is planned to raise money for breast cancer research, education, treatment and screenings, with participants each raising a minimum of \$2,000.

Images of Wealth and Consumption

"You're the most beautiful woman I've ever seen in my life," the young man says as he admires the fair skin of the woman across the room. The woman closest to him looks at her darker skin in shame and disappointment, wishing there was some way to become more beautiful by lightening her skin. Luckily for her, there is a new product in stores just for people who share her dilemma.

This scenario was from a commercial for "Fair and Lovely," a "skin care" product for women who wish to lighten their skin that I saw on TV while at a rural homestay in Meru, Kenya. The skin cream is applied daily and it contains chemicals that soak into your pores, helping to "lighten your skin within weeks." The commercial shows the example that, after weeks of using the cream, black skin can be lightened. After spending a week in Meru, it became abundantly clear how such commercials can create problems in a community.

I have not been blind to the reality of racism on both local and international levels, but I was shocked to find the extent to which race plays a role in one's self image and self worth. The students on the St. Lawrence University Kenya Semester Program this term are from St. Lawrence, Washington University, Amherst College, and Middlebury. We live at a gorgeous compound in Karen, Kenya, right outside of Nairobi. The compound acts as a base to come home

LARRY ON THE ROAD - IMPRESSIONS OF KENYA

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to when we aren't in the field, travelling to different parts of Kenya, staying with communities and learning about their culture and lifestyle. I'll keep everyone back at St. Lawrence posted about what we are up to through this column.

For now, imagine 21 white, wealthy, well-dressed students driving around Kenya in a massive blue army truck (the lorry). People laugh at us, shout "MZUNGU!" (white people) and stare at the spectacle we make. This is part of the routine that we've all become more or less used to. Our first week was spent recovering from jet lag, getting to know each other, picking out classes, and getting used to our new environment.

During the second week, we got our first taste of what Kenya is really like at our rural agricultural homestay in Meru. We were welcomed by our families and treated like royalty for a week, walking around the village, greeting people, and

learning about each others' lifestyles. I quickly learned that television is part of that lifestyle. Each evening, my host father would bring the car battery inside and hook it up to the TV so we could watch the news. Many of the students on our trip were also lucky to catch "Touched by an Angel," "The Bold and the Beautiful," and other 'classics' that are no longer aired in America.

This was a source of great amusement for many of us, but also somehow disturbing. The only mzungu that most families in Meru ever see are the ones on television. So naturally, most people think that every American is white, skinny, happy, and extremely wealthy. No one ever believed me when I explained that there is unemployment, poverty, and hard times in America, too. The image of white man as powerful has perpetuated itself from colonial times to today - a perfect example of how is through commercials like the "Fair and Lovely" one that are aired making people feel beautiful only if they have fair skin.

Fair skin = beautiful = successful = happy = wealthy. The "myth of the American dream" has extended to a global scale. The assumption that "coming to America will make everything better" is disempowering to local communities. I think it's time to examine how images of wealth and consumption leak into communities around the globe and affect their lifestyles.