

ST. LAWRENCE NEWS REEL

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Insects Plague Campus Mail System

If you have been to check your campus mailbox lately you may have noticed that your mail might be slightly more wet than usual. Earlier this week, the University Committee for Students Feeling Good About Themselves (UCSFGAT) sent out a press release regarding a situation in the campus postal system. UCSFGAT reports that, as a result of someone sending food on campus, there was a leakage and the result was massive amounts of insects. Since the release of this information, *The Hill News* has done an investigative report regarding the situation and has been able to fill in a few of the blanks in the story.

According to sources, on Friday of last week, a student sent a tuna sandwich via campus mail to another student. When interviewed, the sending student said, "I placed the tuna sandwich - in an envelope - into the 'campus mail' slot at 6:30 a.m. on Friday morning, expecting it to be delivered to my friend early Friday morning. He went to his mailbox several times on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but alas, it had not been delivered." UCSFGAT's Dietary Specialist Charles T. Una picks up the story. "After careful investigation, we have been able to determine that the sandwich spent all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the incoming mail slot. On Monday morning, the staff at the mail center found all sorts of insects coming out of the incoming mail slot. These insects included millipedes, house flies, fruit flies and maggots. Over the weekend, these insects slowly made their way all over the campus postal office, into student mailboxes and into some unsorted mail." The staff slowly realized that this had occurred when students were coming to the mail center window with larvae attached to their letters. After about fifteen or so students reported these larvae sightings, the campus postal center was closed and all letters and parcels were treated with DDT and other pesticides.

The Hill News, with the help of UCSFGAT, was able to draw this final conclusion: As a result of an individual sending food materials within the campus postal system, bugs ravaged the postal room. Furthermore, it has been learned that the incoming campus mail is not sorted on a daily basis, as it should be. A General Board of Inquiry run by UCSFGAT concluded that there were two major contributing factors to this accident: 1. The placement of food in the campus mail system, and 2. The poor sorting schedule of incoming campus mail.

UCSFGAT asks that the following procedures be followed. Students, faculty and staff may not send food, candy, drinks and the like through the campus mail system. If it is desired that these items be sent to campus addresses, they must be first brought to a United States Postal Office and then mailed to campus, as putting stamps on an item (and spending money on it) make food immune to the attraction of insects.

Anyone with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this food in the mail policy, please feel free to contact UCSFGAT at x5140.

Thelmo Recognizes New Student Group -
SLU Chapter of the National Yogurt Association

At last Wednesday night's Thelmo meeting, the six Thelmo Senators in attendance (which is an above-average attendance number) approved the St. Lawrence University Chapter of the National Yogurt Association. Students approached the Senate two weeks in a row for \$3,000 in order for six students to attend the spring concert of the NYA this March in Tucumcari, New Mexico. Student organizers said that they thought of the idea one day while sitting in the Pub eating cups of Colombo yogurt. They were so compelled by it being 99% fat free and containing live and active cultures that they had to find out more by going to the Colombo website. Carrying on in the Colombo tradition, the St. Lawrence chapter of NYA wants to manufacture their original Colombo flavors on campus with Thelmo money, so that all students can have free yogurt.

Editor's Note: The preceding stories are ersatz. 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

First-year goalie Brendan Dooley receives shots from Coach Chris Abplanap during practice on the North Country Field on a warm Wednesday. With snow in the forecast for the end of the weekend, practice may be moved back inside.

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2002

SAINT: A.C.E. for packing two showings of Wes Anderson's latest film, *The Royal Tenenbaums*, this past Tuesday evening. It is good to see so many of our peers appreciating such an excellent film.

SAINT: Jimmy Shea, who is from Lake Placid, is connected through family to St. Lawrence, and won a gold medal on Wednesday in Skeleton. Congratulations to Shea, a third-generation Olympian.

SAINT: The spiffy new event calendar on the St. Lawrence Website. It is accessible and clear. We like it.

PURGATORY: Construction outside of ODY. Though probably for the maintenance of the heating plant, it has disturbed our studious peers. The ruts on the Library Quad will not be fun after the thaw.

PURGATORY: The lack of attendance at recent campus events. Check the events calendar on the website - there are cool things happening.

PURGATORY: People who put signs up on windows of buildings. Use the bulletin boards! That's what they are there for.

SINNER: Local interlopers in the Student Section of Appleton. We love the North Country, but arguing with its people is not something we like to do. They think we're snobs when we ask for seats in OUR section.

SINNER: The Brewer Bookstore for not reordering books for Introduction to Sociology. The book is much needed by the students in that course.

SINNER: We have held off for a long time, but here it is.

The still broken soft serve ice cream machine at Dana Dining Hall. We think we have waited long enough.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Are you a Wes Anderson Fan?

SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK: Get on out to the Snow Bowl Extravaganza

tomorrow! Just go down Route 56, through Colton and South Colton.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK: "I am talking about genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on earth worth living, the kind that enables men and nations to grow and to hope and to build a better life for their children--not merely peace for Americans but peace for all men and women--not merely peace in our time but peace for all time." - John F. Kennedy

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



St. Lawrence University graduates Michel Pelletier '88 and Richard Stewart '89, both former hockey players who were lost in the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, will be remembered by friends and family with a series of events to be held on campus on Saturday, March 2. A memorial service in Gunnison Chapel, a concert by David Pelletier '90 in Gulick Theatre and a Ceremony of Remembrance at Appleton Arena are planned.



The Mackay Lecture, "Women, God, Power: Crossing Boundaries," will be on Thursday, February 28, at 8 p.m. in Gulick Theatre, with Hyun Kyung Chung, Charlotte Fonrobert, Jacqueline Armijo-Hussein and Mary Hunt, representing Judaism, Catholicism, Islam, and Salim.



A program on how to identify cases of child abuse and maltreatment and report them to authorities will be held at St. Lawrence University on Tuesday, March 12, from 4 to 6:45 p.m. in Atwood Hall, Room 106.

The Mzungu View

The Public Hospital in Nairobi (Nairobs, affectionately)

We walked in past the security guard, getting through by telling him we were volunteering at the pediatric ward. I guess in a way we were, but we didn't have to prove it to him, and we could have been anyone. We took the stairs to the third floor, which would actually be the fourth in America, but they do that British "ground floor" thing here in Kenya.

Shelia had come to the hospital already, so she knew all the doctor's names and they remembered her. The kids remembered her too, and their faces lit up once they saw her.

We saw a week-old girl who had been brought into the hospital by street children who had found her. One of the other children in the ward had named her Vanessa, and she seemed very healthy (compared to the rest of the children in the ward). In the room that we spent most of our time in, there were about 11 kids who were being treated for various problems: skin infections, dehydration, malnutrition, and most likely malaria. All of them had IVs taped to their skin, and we were informed that that was how they got water or other injections. At lunch, a nurse came by with a cart and gave everyone rice, chicken, and beans. For some reason,

LARRY ON THE ROAD - IMPRESSIONS OF KENYA

SOPHIA HASENFUS
COLUMNIST

I didn't see anyone drinking liquid.

Shelia told me she had found out that 100% of the kids in that ward were HIV-positive, but that's not what they were there being treated for. AIDS is rarely discussed, and my homestay sister said that when people die of it, the village is told it was malaria or some other disease.

Preventative measures are hard to take when no one will admit the reality of AIDS. Down the hall there was a place for very young babies who were sick enough to need to spend the night, and still young enough to need their mothers with them. There were beds about the same width but shorter in length than St. Lawrence beds. There were two mothers and their babies per bed. The doctors were all very friendly and welcoming. They were happy to tell us anything, and we helped the doctor who was injecting IVs.

He even offered to let me try it, but I told them no, I wasn't a med student.

There are public health centers and private health centers in Kenya. I visited a public hospital while I was in Meru, and it was extremely overcrowded. I was told that they have a "cost-sharing" program so that the medication can be bought fairly cheap at public hospitals. The only problem is that a lot of medicine isn't available, and it didn't seem like there were enough doctors and nurses.

At the Kenyatta hospital, Shelia and I did not see a single nurse come in and check on the kids all day long. Whether they soiled their beds, spilled food on their clothes, or vomited, crying would not bring a nurse to change the sheets or clothes.

Private hospitals are often less crowded and provide better care, but so expensive that only an elite few can afford it. The same goes for medication that is specific to a condition, AIDS being one example. Much of the medication is available through charity organizations, but transnational corporations have patented drugs and made them inaccessible to most people. Generic drugs could easily be produced at a lower cost, but the companies who hold patents prevent this from happening. Drug patenting is part of free trade. We get products at a cheaper cost, they get no medication.