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PETERSON MEETS WITH PRESS

First Time Since Inauguration Tuition Hike 7.5 percent

By John A. Forrest

In her first press conference in six months, President Patti MacGill Peterson addressed issues of tuition increase as a result of decreased government funding, the St. Lawrence University Kenya program, and the implantation of new programs in the semester.

Tuition Increase

Dr. Peterson isolated economic problems, such as the lack of government financial support, as reasons for an inevitable tuition increase. Although the persistent question of universities pricing themselves out of existence is constantly asked, Peterson feels justified in backing at least a 7.5 percent increase in next years tuition.

"In 1983-84 the University contributed 48.9 percent of financial assistance," said Peterson, "and now we provide 60 percent of it." She went on to say, with the expected decrease in government assistance and the guaranteed increase in the cost of books, food and other essentials in providing an education, a tuition increase is necessary. "Unless everyone (busi-



Gwendolyn Brooks, see p.9 for story.

Photo by Eric Williams.

ness) in the U.S. decides to keep cost level, maybe 4 percent, then we could keep our cost level also," said Peterson. "The fact remains, that this is not the case.

Peterson expressed a keen interest in working towards achieving better relations with the new Presidential administration with a new Secretary of Education. "An adversary relationship with the past secretary of education has did

not help further the goals of higher education," said Peterson. She does feel, however, that although President Bush did not address higher education in his inaugural address, his previous commitment to secondary education is an indication of a commitment to eventual improvement of education as a whole.

Kenya

Peterson came equipped to the

press conference with two souvenirs acquired on her trip to Kenya. She spoke at length about the St. Lawrence study abroad program in Kenya.

Peterson remarked how this is not a program where student "go to the country's capital and stay there and read about the native culture. While on the Ugandan boarder I realized that there was much more to the Kenya program when I saw a St. Lawrence sweat shirt there."

She described the program as unique simply because the majority of student visit European countries, and only one percent go to Africa.

Peterson revealed the course study in Kenya as being extra special, since much of the students work centering on the wildlife is being used by the Kenya government.

"The people of Kenya know St. Lawrence and are glad to have us there," said Peterson. They consider it a privilege to send two students to SLU each year because only one-third of the population has the opportunity for education, let alone an education in the United States. She said the people asked if a St. Lawrence University could be set up in Kenya, but were satisfied with the present program.

Campus Issues

Peterson went on to laud the campus effort to tame our environmental waste, and said she sup-
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POLICE ARREST FOUR POTSDAM COLLEGE BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Three Charged With Harrasment One Assault

By Steve Criss

Four Potsdam College men's basketball players were arrested in connection with a fight at the intersection of Elm and Market streets shortly after 2:00 a.m. Sunday, January 15.

The players were identified as Corey J. Dace, 20, ('92) of Albany; Michael A. McPeck, 19, ('91) of Binghamton, Alexander L. Perryman, 21, ('91) of Schenectady; and Matthew J. Dyroff, 21, ('89) of Port Jefferson.

Dace, McPeck, and Dyroff were all charged with harassment, while Perryman was charged with third degree assault. The complaint was filed by Timothy Moricca ('89) of Clarkson University, according to Village of Potsdam Police officer Lt. Terry McKendree.

The extent of Moricca's injuries were not mentioned, but Moricca said, "I might not be able to complete my senior year," because of surgery, which was recommended by his doctor.

Court Clerk Patricia Roda said that "all four of the students had returned a summons to appear in court on January 26, 1989." Attorney Roger Linden requested that the case be adjourned until February 9. The request was granted by the court.

Potsdam College Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach Jerry Welsh said that Perryman, a 6-foot-2 guard, "was suspended for the Oswego State game," which was played on January 18. Welsh added that no disciplinary actions were taken against Dace, McPeck, or Dyroff.