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## Abroad Program Offers SLU Students Opportunities for the Future

By Amit Jain

The St. Lawrence Abroad program provides students an insight into other cultures and ways of life.

It also acquaints them with different racial and ethnic groups, and at the same time does wonders in strengthening their professional worth. Dr. Nancy Pierce, the Assistant Director of the Intercultural and International Studies at SLU, appro-

propriately observes that the SLU Abroad program "broadens a person's perspective of the world making him/her so much richer [in terms of cultural and moral values, and academic capabilities]."

From Washington, D.C. in the United States to Costa Rica in Central America, to Montreal in Canada, to India in South Asia, to Kenya in Africa, to Tokyo and Nagoya in Japan, to England, Russia, Denmark, Spain, and France in Europe—the globe is definitely St. Lawrence's extended campus.

The most interesting fact about this incredible program is that one gets full credit from St. Lawrence University for courses taken abroad. It gives one a chance to explore different cultures and surroundings

while fulfilling graduate requirements at SLU. Many international courses complement those offered on campus.

Even though a student can apply for any of the 11 abroad programs regardless of his/her major, it is in one's best interest, as Pierce points out, "to plan how one can fulfill the requirements for one's major and/or minor or pre-med while on campus."

On an average, 225 SLU students participate in the abroad program. Pierce acutely observes that even though the number of SLU students vary over the years, the proportion of those involved in off campus study remains more or less constant. She also noted that even though Kenya, with 46 applicants, and London, with 44 applicants, were unde-

nably the most popular programs this year, there was a commendable inclination towards programs in developing countries like India and Costa Rica.

When asked about what made the recent years unique from the past years, Pierce replied, "Competition." According to her, because of increasing numbers of qualified applicants interested in the SLU abroad programs, the competition among candidates has gained fire. It is now no longer a matter of just meeting the prerequisites of a specified program; but of successfully qualifying and getting selected. The competition has become so intense for popular programs that the number of applicants greatly overshadows the number of spots available. For the

four to five spots available for the program in India, for example, the response is great, even though the Indian program was introduced very recently. To get selected for the program of one's choice the student has to present a demanding application. "This is why it is better for a student to apply for his/her choice of program at least after the first semester of the sophomore year, if not later, so that the student can present a better track record," Pierce said.

Pierce asks SLU students to start planning today. "Time and tide wait for no man," a famous person once said, and if you miss your opportunity at SLU's Abroad Program, you will certainly regret it!

## St. Lawrence Unites To Protest Violence and Take Back The Night

By Kim Smith

This year at St. Lawrence University, four days of activities will be included as part of SLU's annual Take Back The Night. Take Back the Night marches and rallies are held all over the country to make a statement about violence against women. According to Sue Cypert of Equity Programs, this is a symbolic way for women to show that they "have the right to not be victims of violence." She views it as "an opportunity for women, and men who support women, to take back the night [from violence]." The Women's Resource Center and STOPS have worked with other groups on campus to plan the week's events.

On Tuesday, November 12 at 8

p.m. in Sykes Formal Lounge, Nancy Hulse will perform "That Ain't No Way to Treat a Lady." The performance concerning domestic violence includes music, dance, and audience participation.

On November 13 and 14, students will have the opportunity to make T-shirts for the clothesline project of St. Lawrence County. Cypert explained that the clothesline project is a nationwide effort to remember and visually represent acts of violence. Victims or their loved ones write messages on T-shirts which are then hung for others to see. Each color T-shirt represents a different type of violence. Eva Dunn-Froebig (98), coordinator of the Women's Resource Center, asks that anyone with a T-shirt in the St. Lawrence County collection who does not

want it displayed on campus should contact her at x6971. There is a need for solid color T-shirts with no printing on them. Anyone with T-shirts to donate can also contact Dunn-Froebig.

The Take Back the Night rally will be on Thursday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Gunnison Chapel. There will be several speakers followed by a march around campus. When the marchers return to the chapel, the floor will be open for individuals to speak about their experiences with violence. On Friday, November 15, the Mumpers will be presenting plays related to women's violence issues. These events bring a painful and serious problem into the light and give us all the opportunity to learn from and be supported by one another.

## Ruggers Trick Or Treat

By Soo Rhee

It's that time of the year again when the leaves have changed colors, decorated pumpkins are on window sills, and the grocery stores are overflowing with all sorts of "fun-size" candies ranging from M&Ms to Three Musketeers. Yes, it's the one and only Halloween! When else during the year can you cross dress or be Mr. Potatohead comfortably without looking like an idiot?

This Thursday, the male and female Ruggers (Rugby players that is) of St. Lawrence University had fun while helping our Canton community. At 5:45 p.m., each Rugger took on the responsibility of about four children (or should they be called ghosts or goblins?) from Banford Elementary School in Canton to take them trick or treating around the town. This community service provided a safe and exciting

Halloween for local elementary students, that allowed for their parents to be home to answer the never-ending ringing of the doorbell while being assured of their children's safety.

The idea of Community Trick or Treating with Bradford Elementary School was originally suggested by the team's coach, Kelly Davis, who also has two children attending Bradford. She felt that it would be a great way for the Ruggers to help the community and have fun with both the team and the children. With the total support of both the men's and women's Rugby teams, Coach Davis, Melissa Logan (President of the women's team), and other team members, the suggestion developed into reality. The SLU Ruggers had a great experience and hopefully the children had almost as much fun as the team did.