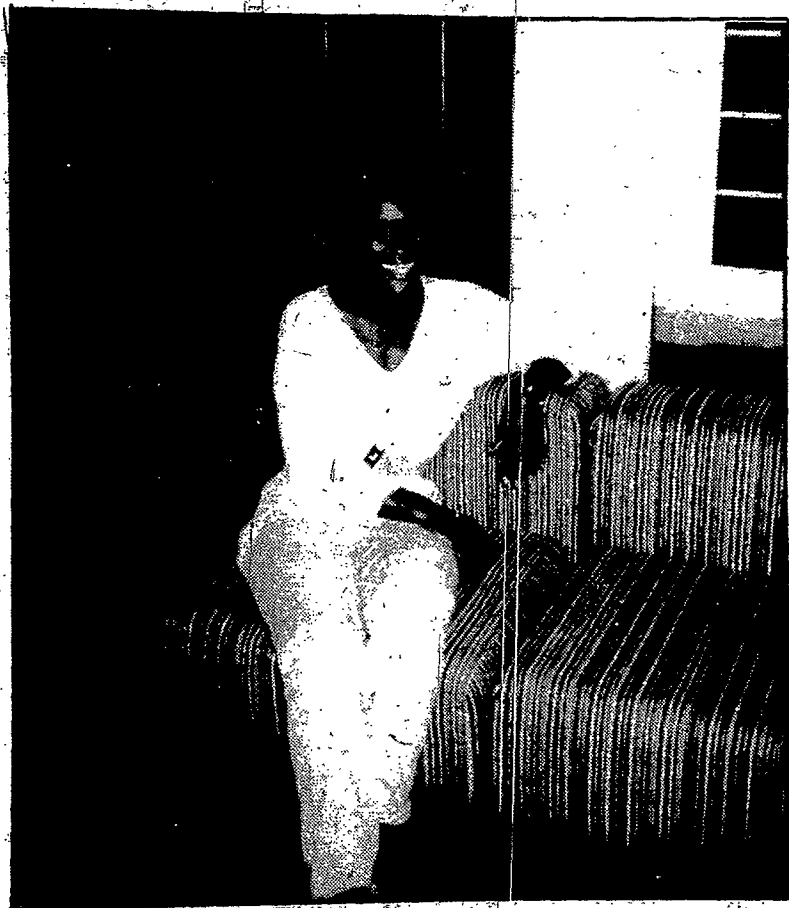


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A Kenyan's First Reaction to SLU



Kenya Native Chris Lukalo

BY CHRISTINE LUKALO me is the idea of partying during the week. This is unheard of for students in Kenya, no matter what the reason. Weekends everyone starts at the earliest Friday seemed to be well occupied and evenings and even on weekends generally having a good time. I was glad to have arrived and parental permission for eager to get involved. Settling down was no problem as I was immediately shown around and visited my room and saw all the relevant people and places.

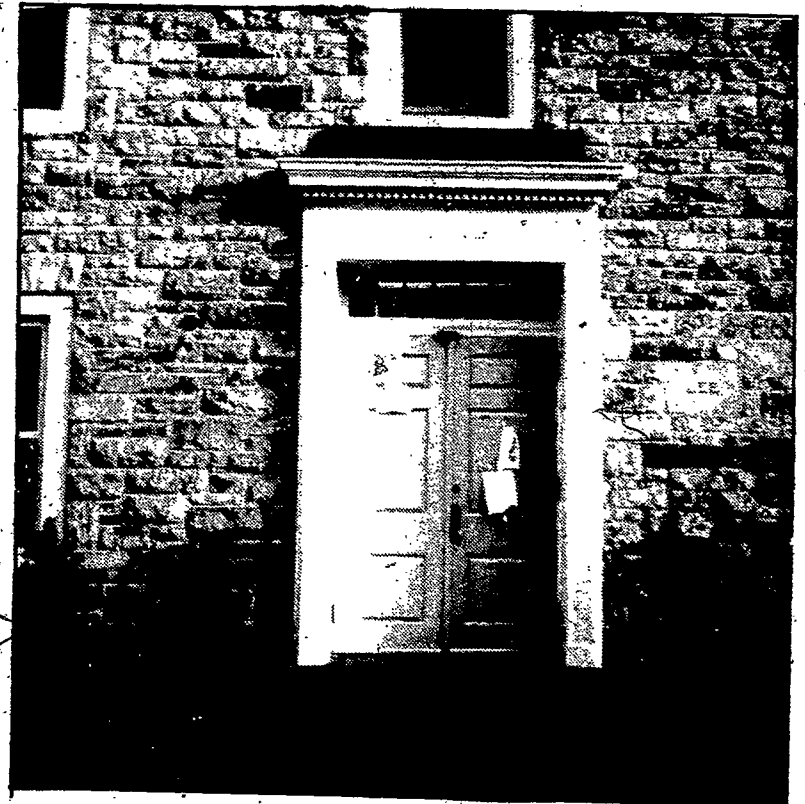
One of the first things I had to adjust to was meal times. Dinner is where the trouble really starts! Dinner in Kenya is at 8 p.m. rather than at the latest here - 6:30 p.m.

Culture shock and its implications have not played a role that I am aware of as yet. This is partly because I had already heard about the American way of life and was expecting a different culture from Kenya.

One thing that does "shock" is upheavals which are always

easier to bear when shared. It also gives scope for learning about other ways of life, but at the same time tends to limit the number of people who get to hear about the different lifestyles. St. Lawrence is quite isolated which tends to make the university community insular and less aware of the rest of the world. The exaggerated result of this is that one comes less aware of anything other than one's personal life. Letting others know about their own cultures and experiences, foreign students can play a small part in increasing general awareness on campus of the world outside SLU and outside America.

One final aspect of SLU that helped me to settle in comfortably is the availability of clubs and teams, both non-sporting and sporting. For me it was the women's tennis team. This affords one diverse opportunities to relate on a smaller scale, get to know people better and probably make lasting friendships or at least develop an atmosphere of camaraderie within which one feels they belong and are therefore more comfortable. An off-shoot for me has been that I have had the chance to see some of the rest of New York state which is a great pleasure with such beautiful scenery and the changing colors of the trees which I've never seen before. St. Lawrence and its surroundings can grow on one - it's a place one can grow to love.



Colburn Speaks On Indian Life

BY JIM ANTINORE

On Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. Thomas Coburn gave a presentation entitled "Sabbatical in Benares-Life and Death in a Holy City," sponsored by Sykes International Residence. Before sharing his slides, Dr. Coburn told the group how he came to study religious life in India.

In 1966, while working in Lebanon as a math and physics teacher, Dr. Coburn became interested in Eastern religions. He later did his dissertation on an aspect of India's religion because he felt that scholars

knew less about that religion than many others. While teaching at St. Lawrence, he was awarded a grant to go on sabbatical in India. Dr. Coburn was in India during the 1981-82 school year, and during this time he took the slides and movie which he presented Wednesday night. The evening consisted of seeing interesting sights from India and hearing brief selections from Dr. Coburn about the time he spent there. After the slides and movie were finished, Dr. Coburn offered a question and answer period.

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