

Looking Odd, Singing Well-- Fraser and Debolt



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Daisy Debolt and Alan Fraser are minstrels. They are Canadian minstrels, tramping around in work clothes and looking pretty much as country people should. But they play music more sophisticated than country music, and actually much more sophisticated than almost any other musical group.

They did look odd though. The girl, Daisy, seemed to be dressed in what resembled the remains of previously used garments. People who didn't like the concert or who had seen them before asked: "Why did she make herself look so unattractive?" She played the piano, acoustic guitar, and mouth harp.

Alan Fraser played acoustic and electric guitar. He had chest length hair, and when they worked together he carefully watched the way she moved, the way she swung her body.

Many Larries didn't like the concert. It was in the U. C. auditorium the night before classes began. Two sets, eight and ten. Inside the auditorium it was so hot that Fraser and Debolt must have been drenched by at least a winter coat's worth of sweat.

The music started casually, as if they were just fooling around up front. Yet even the soft rambling songs had a form rhythm. Never anything explicit, always innuendo rhythm, a series of stops and starts and delays which suggested a strength and tension ripping wildly along in some deeper place.

How they played! And I guess that you had to know, or at least feel with rhythm in your own body how their walls and their brief sudden silences could tear the listener along and leave everything moving breathlessly, despite the speed of the song itself.

They only did two songs from their first album, "Gypsy Solitaire" and "Warmth." The rest will be on an album which they are reportedly going to record within the next month or so. The first album Fraser and Debolt, with Ian Guenther has been out for almost a year, and it sounds like an immature version of their present music. Not quite country music. They have played together much more since then, and watched each other more. Maybe they know that there is more to music and to other people than what plain words say.

Elliott To Speak Wednesday At Annual Convocation

St. Lawrence University will confer an honorary degree upon George P. Elliott, professor of English at Syracuse University, at its convocation on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

The poet, novelist, and critic will deliver the address and receive an honorary doctorate degree of humane letters at the convocation in Gunnison Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a.m. His topic will be "Reflections on the Death of the Old Age and Birth of the New One."

In 1970, Professor Elliott was named Centennial Professor at Syracuse. He has been awarded a number of fellowships, including a Hudson Review Fellowship, Guggenheim Fellowship in 1961, and a Ford Foundation Fellowship in 1965. In 1969 he received the National Institute of Arts and Letters award.

Professor Elliott is the author of short stories, essays, poetry, and several novels, including "Parktilden Village," "David Knudsen," and "In the World."

Six Professors Promoted

Six members of the St. Lawrence University faculty have received promotions in academic rank, it was announced today by Dr. D. Kenneth Baker, vice president and dean of the college.

Promoted to full professor were Lauren V. Clute, economics; Dr. Henry H. Crimmel, philosophy; Dr. Rita Goldberg, modern languages; and Dr. Ronald Hoffmann, physical education.

Dr. George Frear of the religion department, who is on sabbatical leave this academic year, was promoted to the rank of associate professor.

Promoted to assistant professor was Bernard McKinnon of the physical education department.

Professor Clute, head of the economics department, joined the faculty in 1956. A graduate of Skidmore College, he received the M.B.A. from

Siena College.

Dr. Crimmel, a graduate of Indiana University, received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He came to St. Lawrence in 1962.

Dr. Goldberg is director of St. Lawrence's Junior Year Abroad program in Spain this year, as she was last year. A graduate of Queens College, she received her master's degree from Middlebury College and her doctorate from Brown University. She has been at St. Lawrence since 1957.

Dr. Hoffmann, a 1954 St. Lawrence graduate, is chairman of men's physical education. He received the D.P.E. degree from Springfield College and joined the faculty in 1958.

Dr. Frear came to St. Lawrence in 1964. A 1954 Yale University graduate, he received the B.D. and doctorate of theology degrees from Union Theological Seminary. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister, and is presently on sabbatical leave in Europe this year.

Mr. McKinnon received his bachelor's and master's degrees from St. Lawrence. He joined the faculty in 1966 and was named varsity hockey coach last spring.

Pengelly

Phi Kappa Sigma will sponsor a concert featuring David Pengelly, Wednesday, September 20, at 9:00 p.m. in the Noble Center auditorium.

Pengelly, a former student at ATC Canton, is now on a tour of New York State, including Eisenhower College, ATC, and several other schools.

Early in September, Pengelly released his first album, "Bits and Pieces: David Pengelly Puts It All Together," a collection of his work that displays his great versatility in musical styles.

An open house will be held at Phi Kappa Sigma following the concert. David Dexter, social chairman, urges anyone interested to attend both functions.

Nairobi Interterm

On September 27, there will be a meeting in Cook Hall, room 206, at 4:00 p.m. for any students interested in an African Field Seminar led by Dr. Peter French of the government department. This seminar is part of the 1972 January term.

The seminar will be conducted in the Republic of Kenya in East Africa during January, 1972. Participation will be limited to fifteen students, with preference being given to juniors and seniors.

The seminar program includes air transportation to and from Kenya via Kennedy airport, a short stay in a Kenyan village, observation of the Kenyan Parliament, and internships in several areas of Kenyan politics. During the internship program, there will be a series of evening seminars at the United Kenya Club.

At the conclusion of the internship program, students will make a five day field safari terminating at the Masai-Mara Game Reserve.

Information on costs and other details will be made available at the September 27 meeting.

'Author Hills' Criminology Study

Dr. Stuart L. Hills, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, is the author of a new book entitled "Crime, Power, and Morality" (Chandler Publishing Co., San Francisco). The book focuses on the social and political forces that contribute to the formulation of our criminal laws, their enforcement by the police, and the administration of justice in the United States. The impact of this criminal-law process on the individual and society is analyzed in three crime-problem areas: marijuana drug use, the Cosa Nostra and organized crime, and white-collar occupational crime.

Professor Hills, who just joined the St. Lawrence faculty this fall, received his B.A. degree from the College of Wooster and both his M.A. and Ph.D. from Indiana University, before coming to SLU, he taught at Indiana and Central Michigan Universities and at Muskingum College, where he was chairman of the Sociology Department. In 1968, Dr. Hills was the recipient of the "Distinguished Teacher" award at Muskingum College. His major fields of teaching and research interest are criminology, race relations, deviant behavior, and stratification, in which he has published numerous articles in criminology and sociology journals.

Quaker Meeting

Quaker Meeting: The first Friends Meeting for worship will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. in Atwood Hall chapel. These meetings are planned for the first and third Sundays of each month. They are unprogrammed meetings, held mostly in silence. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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