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Concerts Director Remarks

and talents to bring this event newspaper was particularly to St. Lawrence University. disheartening. Therefore I am going to take this opportunity to attempt to your comments made in your correct your errors and reverse editorial. If you had bothered to any misinformed opinions attend the series of smaller which may result from your productions that UCA concerts slipshod, unprofessional jour- has produced this past year,

While I welcome review, you have deliberately misrepresented the original intent of the article from the reviews of the concerts, you for calling your attention to the interest was not due to lack of inconceivable that the editor of the Clash concert will have a the Hill News would stoop to smaller percentage of loss than reprinting an error laden, three any one of those prior concerts. initiating original coverage of does not exist to generate prosuch an event occuring on its fits nor to break even. UCA conown campus. Unfortunately, I certs does have a revenue rewas misquoted in the original quirement; however, its article. UCA concerts was primary function is and always allocated a sum not to exceed has been, to provide musical Clash production. This sum of this campus. Regrettably based on liberal estimates to most of your comments were prevent any cash flow pro-blems. The actual cost of the gest before you cause yourself production will most likely be less. The Clash will appear in embarrassment, that you Buffalo, April 28, not in educate yourself on this topic. Rochester a few days earlier. Sincerely, Scott C. Cant, Direc-The Buffalo performance tor, UCA Concerts. should have no effect on the attendance of our show. Other more trivial errors do exist.

I find the wording of your headline deplorable and irresponsible. You blatantly changed the original headline as it appeared in the Watertown Times. This "journalism" altered the mood of the article and conveniently manipulated the headline to justify your

For the first time in several years student leaders, the ad-

ear Editor: ministration, and several Your reprinting of the article departments of this university on the front page of last week's have come together to promote issue, your intentional misprin- a concert of this caliber, as part ting of the original headline, of a new St. Lawrence tradiand your editoral on the same tion, namely, a meaningful and issue, all which concerned the upcoming Clash concert, has done a disservice to your unnecessarily negative readers and to the many people towards such a positive event who have dedicated their time and to find this in our school

I would like to respond to has produced this past year, you would have found that there has been little student interest in them. Had you bothered to read the Hill News' Watertown Times. The purpose would have found this lack of original article was to promote quality. For example, the the concert and not to create NRBQ concert was attended by meaningless and unnecessary no more than 250 people in spite controversy. Futhermore, it is of the bands popularity. In fact, week old article as opposed to Furthermore, UCA concerts 345,000 to cover the costs of the entertainment for the students and the Hill News any further

Sincerely, Scott C. Cant, Direc-

Ad Hoc Contradictory

BY BETSY BRANTLINGER

recently passed by the faculty display a condradictory and patronizing attitude towards the incoming freshmen they are supposed to assist.

While the proposal to create a variety of living options is designed to "alter the four, year experience significantly establishing a more socially realistic foundation early in the undergraduate career" by integrating freshmen with upperclassmen, the elimination of the first major exposure a freshman has to upperclassmen, namely rush, directly contradicts that noble aim.

Does denying freshmen the opportunity to rush and meet upperclassmen in a establishing a socially realistic foundation"? I think not. It is insulting to eighteen and nineteen year old adults to be told that they are not thought capable of handling the "excessive social demands" brought on by joining a fraternity or sorority. Rush is strictly optional and the choice to pleage or not is totally up to the individual. If the social

The Ad Hoc committee proposals demands do prove excessive there is no pressure to continue. It is unfair to restrict the entire freshman class from making their own decision because of a broad generalization.

Not only will this measure be detrimental to the freshman class and the quality of their experience at St. Lawrence, but it could also prove harmful to the entire Greek system. Seniors would have to hold the majority of offices and houses would have difficulty filling live-in quotas, both factors that would weaken the Greek system considerably.

The Greek experience itself is far from detracting one. Ask almost any social atmosphere provide the basis for , member of a Greek organization and they will tell you that rushing added many more advantages than disadvantages to their freshman year.

Besides the chance to meet upperclassmen, the Greek house promotes involvement in community and campus activities and offers a home-like atmosphere which is helpful in adjusting to college life.

Student Questions SLUSAF

To The Editor:

Over the past few months I Next, and most importantly, have been watching the debate I would argue that the surplus over the SLUSAF surplus with is not just a surplus it is an some interest. With the recent asset. Often one generation of announcement that \$10,000 of SLU students spends money this money will be blown on a that benefits both those curconcert, I feel it is important to rently enrolled and those who make certain observations con- will follow. For example, the cerning this money.

a feeling on campus that the existence of most of this money was unknown until the audit of last semester. As a former committee member I can assure the campus that SLUSAF was well aware of a large surplus two years ago. Furthermore, since the committee chairman of last year was himself a member the previous year, and since many members were also active in Thelmo, it could not be argued that no one knew the money was there. At that time the surplus was not as large as it is now and its existence was an important asset to SLUSAF.

Because the student budget is an estimate only and since deficits and large unexpected expenses can occur the surplus was an important buffer. It is also important to note that the creation of the surplus (Hill News 11-3) was not intentional but due to the overbooking of students. Since the university can also underbook and thereby create a deficit, holding some money in reserve is a good idea.

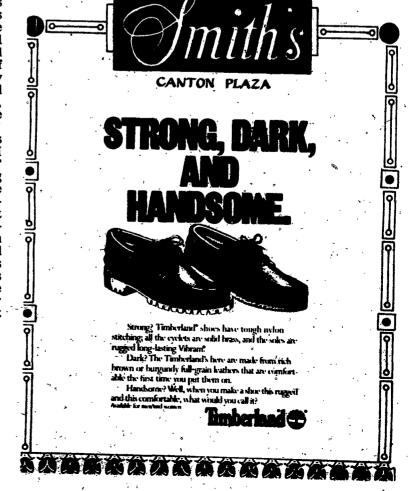
My second observation is really a question. Since, as I have already shown, SLUSAF knew of a large surplus as long as two years ago why were the crease in the activity fee last year? This was clearly unnecessary and I would note in addition that the auditor stated the fee could be reduced by as much as \$10 (the increase was only \$5) and not harm the budget (Hill News 11-3). Why then, was the increase not

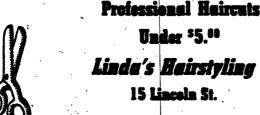
year I was a member of the purchase a van. This kind of transfer of money for one generation to the next is both logical and essential. Without these kinds of expenditures the kinds of services and activities that the various organizations offer would never improve. In addition, since this process never ends no generation of students ever really looses out. Or do they?

What SLUSAF and Thelmo have done by advocating the loss of \$10,000 over a 4-5 hour period is irresponsible. We alone did not create this asset and many of those who paid in-

to it are no longer here. Thelmo and SLUSAF have no justification in spending large chunks of the surplus in such a way as to benefit the current student body alone for, I repeat, we alone did not create it. By their example the Outing Club, at the end of the year, should enter its van in a demolition derby so as First of all, there seems to be committee a large sum was to destroy it and force the next feeling on campus that the ex-spent to help the Outing Club generation to buy a new one. generation to buy a new one. From experience I know

that, because of the ravages of inflation and lack of budget increases, many student organizations have made it a yearly practice to go to the con-tingency fund for needed money. Instead of helping these money starved organizations SLUSAF and Thelmo plan to squander a large portion of an asset not of their making. This leads me to question the competence and motivations of those involved. Maybe it is time, as much as I hate to admit it, for the faculty and administration to step in. Paul Van Ness '84.





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