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(Mick Harrington photo here)

FROM THE CHAIR

Hello FRIENDS,

Your organization has been busy over the last couple of months. January saw two major events sponsored by the FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY.

On January 11 our annual Potluck Dinner was held at the K of C Hall in Canton. A crowd of around 130 enjoyed the company of the teams and coaches, and an outstanding array of delicious food prepared by members. We want to thank all of those who assisted co-chairs Barb Phippen and Janet Stitt in cooking turkeys and hams, and preparing all kinds of dishes for the dinner. Great turnout, great food, and great company. A truly memorable event.

January 30 found us at Appleton Arena for the Skate with a Saint event. Again, another huge turnout of fans, young and old. The kids especially had a great time skating with the players, getting autographs, taking pictures, and winning prizes. Again, a big thank-you to all who helped: Joan Narrow; Ken Lawrence; Cindy Ford; Penny Pitts; Dick and Chris Pike; and Phil Spadaccini, who ran the raffle for signed sticks and jerseys. A very special thanks to our local Dunkin Donuts, who graciously provided hot chocolate, coffee, munchins, cups, etc., for all.

Watch for upcoming events including year-end banquets, and possibly a between-games get-together on campus between the afternoon and evening games on February 12.

Thank you all for your support of Saints Hockey. GO SAINTS!

Mick

IN MEMORIAM: SARGE WHITTIER

(Sarge Whittier photo here)

It is impossible to overstate the impact that **Sarge Whittier**(SLU '57) had upon the college community and the local municipality, as well as upon the countless lives he touched as their wise and patient mentor.

With his passing we have also lost a man who, firmly enshrined in Saints hockey history, supported our teams' fortunes for the rest of his days.

Herbert Sargent Whittier Jr. came to St. Lawrence from Longmeadow, Massachusetts, as a freshman in the fall of 1953, and tended goal for the freshman hockey team. On the varsity, he

played sparingly the following two seasons behind All-America netminder **Bill Sloan**. In March 1956, undefeated Clarkson declined a bid to the NCAA Championship Tournament after learning that their seniors would be ineligible; offered the bid instead, St. Lawrence accepted even though their own seniors, including **Sloan**, were also barred.

With **Sarge** in the starting goalie spot, St. Lawrence drew as their semifinal opponent a Michigan team overwhelmingly favored to crush them. But **Sarge** sparkled in the net, and an inspired St. Lawrence team took the play to the Wolverines; at the end of regulation the score was knotted, 1-1. While bowing to an overtime goal by the eventual national champion Wolverines, the Cinderella Larries came back to take Third-Place honors the following day over Boston College; for his efforts **Sarge** was named to the All-Tournament Second Team.

Following graduation and military service **Sarge** served St. Lawrence for many years as an administrator, rising to the post of Vice President for Development. He was also active in many community organizations that benefited the local area. In the process, **Sarge** became widely respected for his competence, his kindly nature, and his counsel. The FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY extends condolences and best wishes to the Whittier family.

IN MEMORIAM: LAURA PATTERSON

(Laura Patterson photo here)

Laura Bishop Patterson passed away at her home in Norwood on Friday, February 5, 2011. She had been in declining health for several years.

Born in Colton, N.Y., **Laura** graduated from Norwood High School, and after obtaining her Norwood-Norfolk Central School, where she taught science subjects and later served as Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, retiring in 1986. She was awarded master's degrees from both Clarkson and St. Lawrence during that period. Following her retirement she was elected to two terms on the NNCS Board of Education.

A devoted fan of St. Lawrence hockey, **Laura** followed the teams closely for many years and served on the board of the Saints Hockey Boosters. An active participant at club events, her hospitality was well known to many players and their parents, and was voted an Honorary Member of FSLH several years ago, joining an elite circle of Saints fans. Her keen intelligence, good nature, and selfless concern for others will be missed. The FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY extend condolences and best wishes to her family.

GOOD HEALTH WISHES FROM FSLH TO –

- Men's Head Coach **Joe Marsh**, who underwent surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in late January. While Joe's recovery has not been as speedy as he might have wished, he hopes to be back behind the bench full-time in the near future.
- Retired St. Lawrence administrator and Canton community benefactor **Peter Vandewater**, a devoted follower of Saints Hockey since his student days.

AND WE CONGRATULATE . . .

Brand-new grandparents **Joe** and **Teddi** Marsh, whose daughter Sarah gave birth to William Joseph Rothman in early February, in Denver, Colorado!

SAINTS HOCKEY ALUMNI NEWS

Mike McKenzie '10 was named the Reebok Hockey ECHL Rookie of the Month for December. Playing for the Florida Everblades (ECHL) **Mike** rolled up 17 points in 14 games on 9 goals and 8 assists, with a +5 defensive rating. He scored 2 goals in a 4-2 win over Cincinnati and another pair over Gwinnett, and had 28 points in 33 games as of mid-January, good for second among rookies in goals, and tied for fourth in points and shooting percentage (20.3%). In mid-February Mike was called up by the Charlotte Checkers (AHL).

Brock McBride '09 rejoined the Elmira Jackals (ECHL) in January. He earned a second star in Elmira's 8-7 loss to the Toledo Walleye on Jan. 24.

Derek Keller ('10) has joined the South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL).

An Albany media source credited outstanding goaltending by **Mike McKenna**'05 for a January surge in the Albany Devils' (AHL) fortunes. Mike stifled Syracuse 2-1 and shut out Worcester 2-0 in one stretch. In early February Mike was recalled by the parent New Jersey Devils (NHL), where he remains at press time.

Jared Ross '09 earned a Second Star for his work in his Reading Royals' (ECHL) 4-2 win over Trenton Devils on Feb. 4. **Jared** had a goal and an assist in the game.

Zach Miskovic'09 contributed a goal and an assist in his Hershey Bears' (AHL) 5-1 win over the Manitoba Moose on Feb. 6, earning him a Second Star.

Jeff Caister was named the game's First Star on Feb. 2 when his two goals helped propel the Victoria Salmon (ECHL) to a 6-3 decision over the Alaska Aces.

Thanks to R.B. Lawrence and Kimberley Trombley for these updates. Please e-mail alumni updates to Bob Graham at her3bay@twcny.rr.com

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