

Kenya

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stroy every other species in the park and, in the end, themselves. Problems such as this are facing many African nations and are what we were trying to solve through our discussions and research (needless to say, these problems cannot be solved in a semester, but the first step is to increase awareness, which is what the program aims to do).

The district of Meru was the first target of our last safari. This safari was tagged as the "cultural" safari. We visited schools, markets and farms in and around the town of Igogi and some students spent the night in people's homes. I came down with a "tummy ache" and was unable to participate in the home-stay. Though I did not think so at the time, I was actually the lucky one, for everyone that stayed out returned to our camp sicker than I.

The second half of the safari was to Mount Kenya, Africa's second highest mountain. Though the mountain lies on the equator, it receives a steady rainfall which allows for the growth of beautiful alpine forests. We set our camp at about 12,000 feet in the alpine tundra region where, during the day, the sun is blistering hot, but, at night, our water bottles froze.

We took one other trip during the semester; this time, without teachers. Yes, Spring Break even comes in Africa. Four other students and I traveled by overnight train from Nairobi to Mombassa, on the coast of Kenya. From there we caught a matatu (a taxi of sorts) to Diani Beach, where white sand and palm trees line the clear waters of the Indian Ocean. We rented a house with electricity, flushing toilets, a bathtub, real beds and a cook for a whopping \$8 a night. We thought we were in heaven. We spent our days swimming, snorkeling and making friends with the many souvenir salesmen that wandered the beach. We returned to the ranch with sunburned bodies and rested minds, eager to continue our study of African wildlife.

I feel like I have only scratched the surface of my activities and adventures as a student in Kenya. I have so many more stories to tell (and I will next week as I recount my experiences as an intern last summer). By immersing myself in a totally new area and culture, I learned more than I ever could have imagined, yet I still have so much to see. The land, due to biannual rainy seasons, is ever changing and the diversity of animals is astounding. I have only just begun to understand the cultures of the Kenyan people. Though they are very poor by our standards, they are proud and content. I hope that anyone interested in going to East Africa, as a student or a tourist, would not hesitate to call me. Until next week...Kwaheri!

Outpost

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that he has asked the Union to keep track of the number of people served between 11pm-1am at the Cafe during the nights when it is open.

Pritchard said, "My own feeling is, once the kids know it's there it will be more popular."

The number of students who have visited the Outpost has stayed relatively the same over the past few weeks. The Outpost has served an average of around 112 people a

night since it opened on September 9th. On September 16th 107 people were served at the Outpost and 98 people were served on Thursday September 17th.

This past Wednesday, September 23, 116 people were served and on this past Thursday 106 people were served. Last weekend 125 people were fed on Friday night and 122 on Saturday night.

Pritchard said that he will continue to operate the Union Cafe and the Outpost as they are now, having only one facility open at a time, at least through this weekend. He said if changes were to be

made they would "probably [occur] around fall break."

Pritchard said of the Outpost, "We think it's a great idea, and it's coming together very nicely."

Students who have suggestions as to when the Outpost should be open and what should be served there should contact Pritchard at x2610. Pritchard said that he has asked the Student Government Association to do a general study of the whole operation to decide how well it is working and how well it is providing for students' needs.

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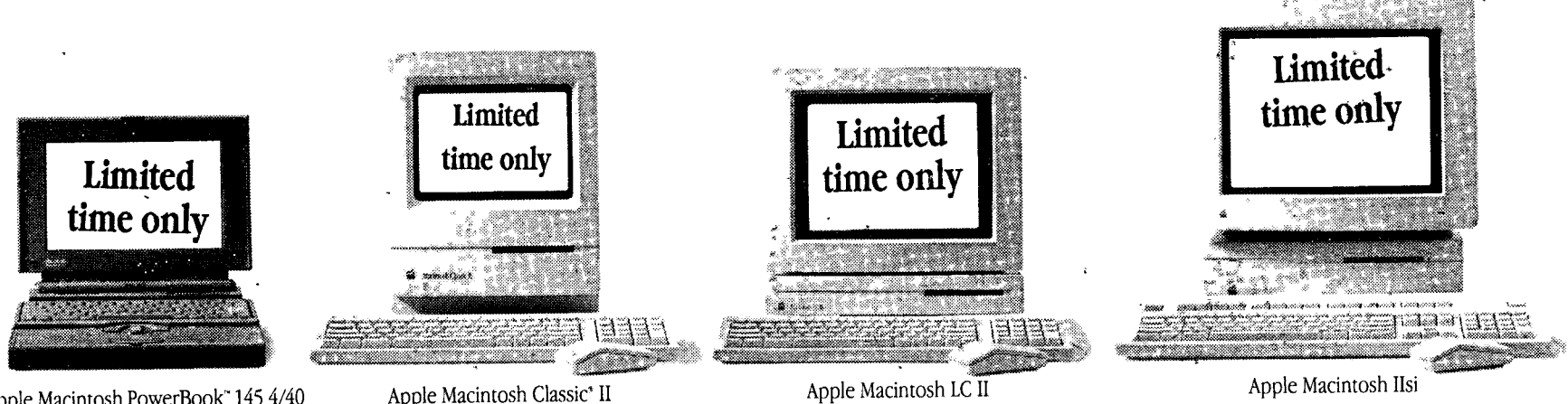
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