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Building Bonds, Changing Lives

By: Mike Perez

St. Lawrence Seminary students work hard during the school year, but that doesn't mean they stop over the summer. Though everyone loves to sit down and relax during the summer, 11 SLS students and faculty members delayed that relaxation as they completed the 2015 Mission Trip. The trip took place from May 22nd to June 1st, as the group travelled to the south Rio Grande Valley of Texas. There they worked with a construction organization called Proyecto Azteca, mainly assisting in the building of homes for the people there who struggle with poverty. Senior Dhruv Alphonso said of the trip, "It was awkward at first because some of us had never really hung out before, but over the trip we bonded and became like real SLS brothers and achieved success as one." These students and staff truly answered the call to discipleship and demonstrated their faith through their works. Senior Andrew Gumieny said, "It's an experience that I would love to do again if I had the chance."



The mission trip volunteers visit the border of Mexico.



Freshman Sullivan Stier on his way to first place.

Fun in the Sun

By: Eric Howard

As the students of St. Lawrence Seminary were awaiting graduation and the start of summer vacation, the SLS staff was getting ready for its next big thing: the Summer Action Retreat. The Summer Action Retreat has been held every June for the last three years for middle and high school students looking to experience a youth retreat and to encounter SLS. Junior Nene Lor, who acted as a student group leader, described the retreat as, "a place where students can get to know each other and increase their faith and relationship with God." During the Summer Action Retreat, the staff divided the students into groups, similar to the fraternity structure SLS employs during the school year. Then these groups participated in various activities such as field day races and bridge building against other groups. The groups also prayed and sang together in chapel and participated in faith sharing and reflection. "As the days went on, we really got to know each other," said freshman Pedro Fernandez, who participated in the retreat this past summer. The Summer Action Retreat is all about coming together and getting to know one another. It is an annual time for fun and spiritual growth during the summer, and many students are already looking forward to helping out or attending 2016's Summer Action Retreat!

The Results are In!

By: Joseph Hable

In June, three fine young men from St. Lawrence Seminary, Andrew Gumieny, Andrew Wolfe, and John O'Neill, traveled to Ripon College to participate in Badger Boys State. This conference is an annual week-long event meant to teach high school juniors leadership in government by creating a 51st state. Badger Boys State was founded on April 8th, 1939, by Val E. Ove. Thanks to the sponsorship of the American Legion, SLS sends several representatives who have completed their junior year to participate in mock levels of local and state politics. This year, Andrew Wolfe was elected a city mayor, John O'Neill was chosen a council elder, and Andrew Gumieny was elected a campaign organizer. Andrew Gumieny felt, "The convention helped me learn about government on a local and state level, and the experience will help me make educated choices later in life."



Andrew Wolfe poses with WI Gov. Scott Walker at BBS.

Andrew Wolfe was glad that he could participate, as he said, "I was originally not planning on going to Badger Boys, but I lucked out because we ended up being given an extra spot (we usually only have two). Thankfully that happened because otherwise I would not have known how awesome and fun of an experience Badger Boys really is."

New Year, New Building, Same Spirit

By: Andrew Wolfe

A new school year at Saint Lawrence means that students have to readjust themselves to learning, teachers have to readjust themselves to teaching, and parents have to make themselves ready to say good-bye to their beloved sons. These are a few of the things that go on during the summer for students and those who work at St. Lawrence, but this summer was packed with much more activity in order to prepare the campus for the return of students because of the extensive construction and renovations taking place across campus. The last week of summer was filled with many necessities being completed (though much of the work was finished well ahead of schedule thanks to the hard work of construction workers); the renovation of the refectory, the new Weisbrod and Fr. Louis Conference Rooms, and the new junior dormitory were all prepped and waiting for students upon their arrival. The senior class of 2016 arrived on the Hill on Friday, August 21st, in order to prepare themselves to share the spirit of St. Lawrence with all of the new students on Saturday.

The seniors welcomed their new freshmen and all the other students on Saturday by giving them tours and answering any questions, and the seniors prepared to more deeply welcome them to SLS through the all-school social on Sunday, August 23rd. The annual method of invoking the spirit of St. Lawrence truly occurs with the Mass of the Holy Spirit (the first Mass with all of the St. Lawrence students), but the social that follows is always a way to inspire spirit among students. The social was hosted by the student council president, Zeb Boos, and included ice cream and soda, music, and several fun games: a push-up contest, trivia contest, a modified version of musical chairs, and a dance contest. The best aspect, however, is the fact that it “forced us to interact and start knowing the other students right away,” said sophomore Alejandro Flores.

The push-up contest pitted the seniors against the sophomores and the juniors against the freshmen. Senior Andrew Gumieny, performed an astonishing 72 push-ups, but was defeated by sophomore Daniel Zavala, who was able to do 83. The junior representative, John Lopez, was able to do 19, but was beaten by freshman Michael Sloom, who completed 29. The trivia game involved a student from each class as well and involved questions about St. Lawrence (see below). The winner was the sophomore class, represented by Joshua Tran. The most exciting game was musical chairs, but instead of chairs, colored balls were used. A student from each class was blindfolded and had to dance while music was playing. Once the music stopped they had to find one of the balls with their feet and then sit on it. Whoever was still standing was out. First place went to senior Richard Lor, followed by sophomore Cesar Gonzalez, then junior Nene Lor, and lastly freshman Lucas Petranovich. The last game for the evening was a dance contest with freshman Jefferson Nguyen, sophomore Bryant Nguyen (Jeff’s brother), junior Logan Burge, and senior Jonathan Nguyen. The winner was decided by cheering, with Logan and Jonathan being the final competitors after intense dancing by all four representatives. After several minutes of dancing, Logan was declared the winner. The social was designed as an enthusiastic start to the school year, and especially to initiate brotherhood among all of the students. As the evening concluded, the entire student body sang the school’s “Alma Mater” for the first time as one fraternity of brothers.



Sophomore Daniel Zavala eases his way through 83 pushups in the face of intense pressure.



Senior Zeb Boos questions junior Jefferson Welbeck, who is guessing on the spot.

- 1. Minkfarm
- 2. St. Conrad Hall
- 3. Dr. Voell
- 4. Francis Haas and Bonaventure Frey
- 5. 46

SLS Trivia

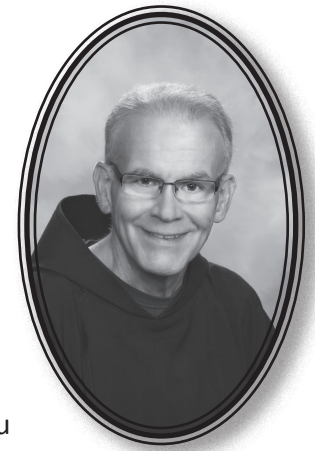
1. What kind of farm did Mr. Bartel grow up on?
2. What is the name of the building that contains the computer lab?
3. Who is one of Fr. John’s classmates who works on the Hill?
4. Who are the two founders of Saint Lawrence?
5. How many students are in the senior class of 2016?

Answers found underneath photo

Rector's View

By: Fr. John Holly

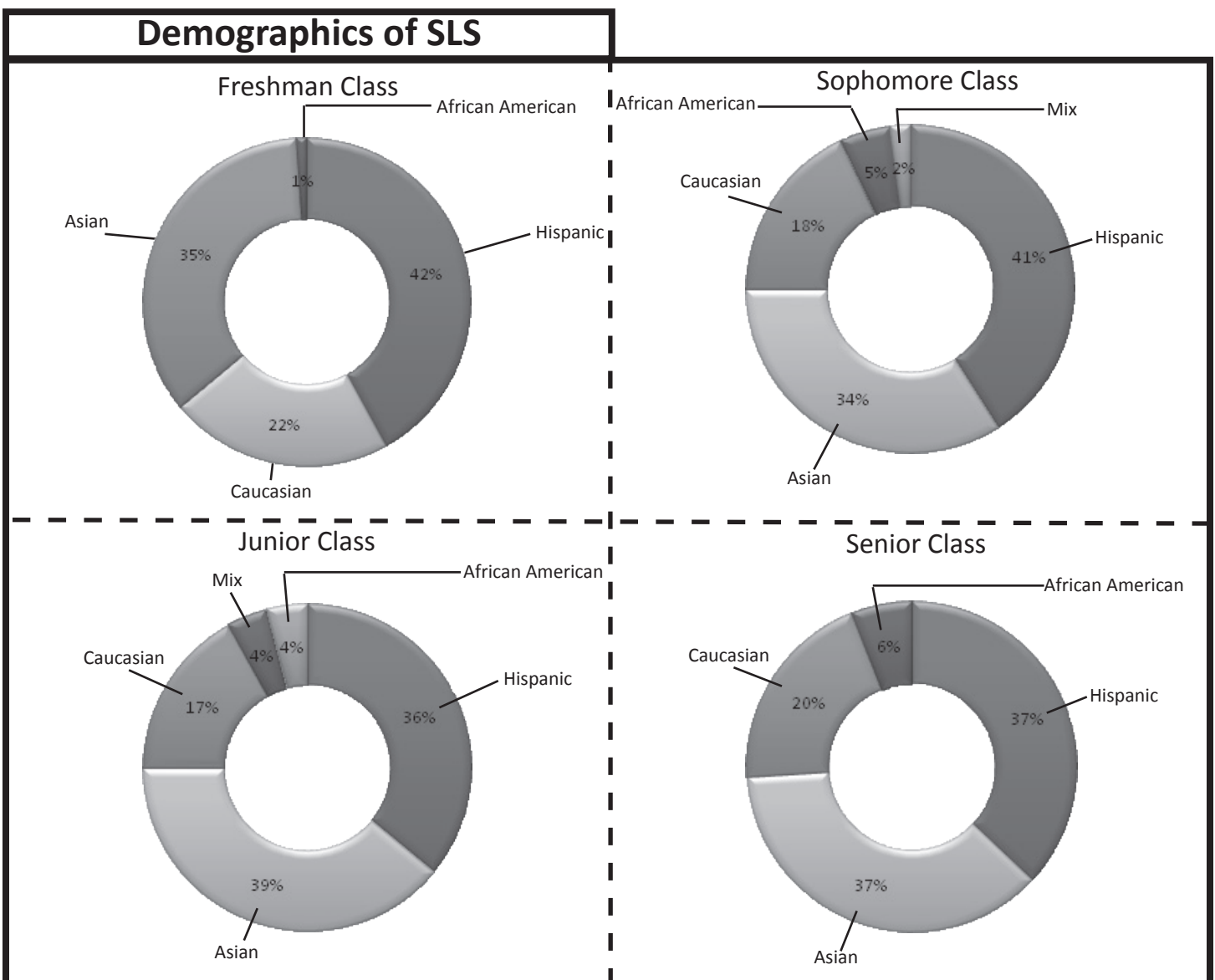
A new year, a new beginning! Though we've been here over a month now and most have settled in to the new year, there are still many new things that our freshmen and transfer students will experience for the first time. In addition, some of our traditions and ways of doing things will seem new to even some returning students because they were just on "overload" last year with so many new things.



It's never too late to make some resolutions, to decide to try things a different way:

- Maybe it's time to finally begin to listen to the hints given at the beginning of every week regarding your homework time and preparation for class time.
- Maybe it's time to spend some extra time in prayer, maybe allow Jesus to get to know you better and, in the meantime, to give you the opportunity to get to know him better.
- Maybe it's time to admit to yourself that gaining weight EVERY week is not a good thing for you. Maybe it's time to stop going back for seconds at lunch, maybe it's time to choose the healthier choices offered.
- Maybe things are really going well for you and it's time to kick back, relax and enjoy these beautiful fall days.

Regardless, welcome back to what will, hopefully, be a great year!



Readers Unite!

By: Matthew Mattes

From *The Middle Passage* to *The Name of the Rose*, the reading club has given many students at St. Lawrence a good book to read for many years. Advised by Mr. Lou Wappel, a junior and senior English teacher, students actively discuss specific books that are selected each quarter. Students also participate in the reading club to fulfill their quarter reading requirements in English classes at Saint Lawrence. For the first quarter, sophomores can read *The Catcher in the Rye*, juniors can read *The Middle Passage*, and seniors can read *The Name of the Rose*.

The club itself was started many years ago by two students who wanted a book club. The Rector at the time said that they needed an advisor, so they asked Mr. Lou, who accepted. "Talking about books with students is a great joy of mine," said Mr. Lou after one of his reading club meetings. The meetings take place every weekday during the study hall periods and during the afternoon on the weekends. The reading club meetings are very informal, as students talk about what they read for the meeting and their thoughts on what happened in the book.

Today, students read a plethora of books that Mr. Lou gives out. One book that is always a treat is *The Count of Monte Cristo* which sophomores read. "By far, that is the most popular," Mr. Lou remarked. Junior Roberto Silva, who read the book as a sophomore last year, said, "What happens in the book is crazy, just crazy." Sophomores can choose to read the 500 page version or the 1,500 page version during their second quarter. Many will choose to read the 500 page abridged version, and some will challenge themselves to read the 1,500 page edition, but regardless of their choice they will all be striving for greater reading skills.



Mr. Lou leads a Book Club discussion.



Senior Tristan De Leon presents the Kingdom of Bahrain.

may learn about Kiribati. For each country, the students learn its GDP, culture, traditions, demography, and food—and often times there are unexpected surprises about a country. Students in the International Club also cook foreign foods from a country they have studied for Cultural Heritage Night, a major event at SLS.

Many students in the International Club last year enjoyed the activities and presentations. Junior Alexander Pizana, who has been part of the International Club from his freshman year, said, "It's great to see how Mr. Krieg is willing to spend time with curious students who want to learn about foreign countries." Tristan De Leon is a senior and the leader of the International Club this year. He is looking forward to another year and new members. He said, "Please come to the International Club and learn new and fun facts about countries you probably didn't know existed!"

Welcome to the World

By: Gary Kim

Of the 196 countries in the world, have you ever heard of the country called Burkina Faso in Africa? How about Azerbaijan in Asia? Are you interested in learning about these countries? If you answered yes, International Club is just the club for you. International Club is one of the many clubs at Saint Lawrence, and it is very popular among the students. Supervised by Mr. Jeff Krieg, students learn about many foreign countries that may be unfamiliar to them.

There is one sole purpose for the International Club: learn new things about foreign countries. Every time the students meet in the International Club, they learn about a certain country that is the topic for that meeting. For example, at one meeting they may learn about Ireland, then at the next meeting they



Attentive students learn about a new country.

A Day in the Life: Chef Kevin Lackas

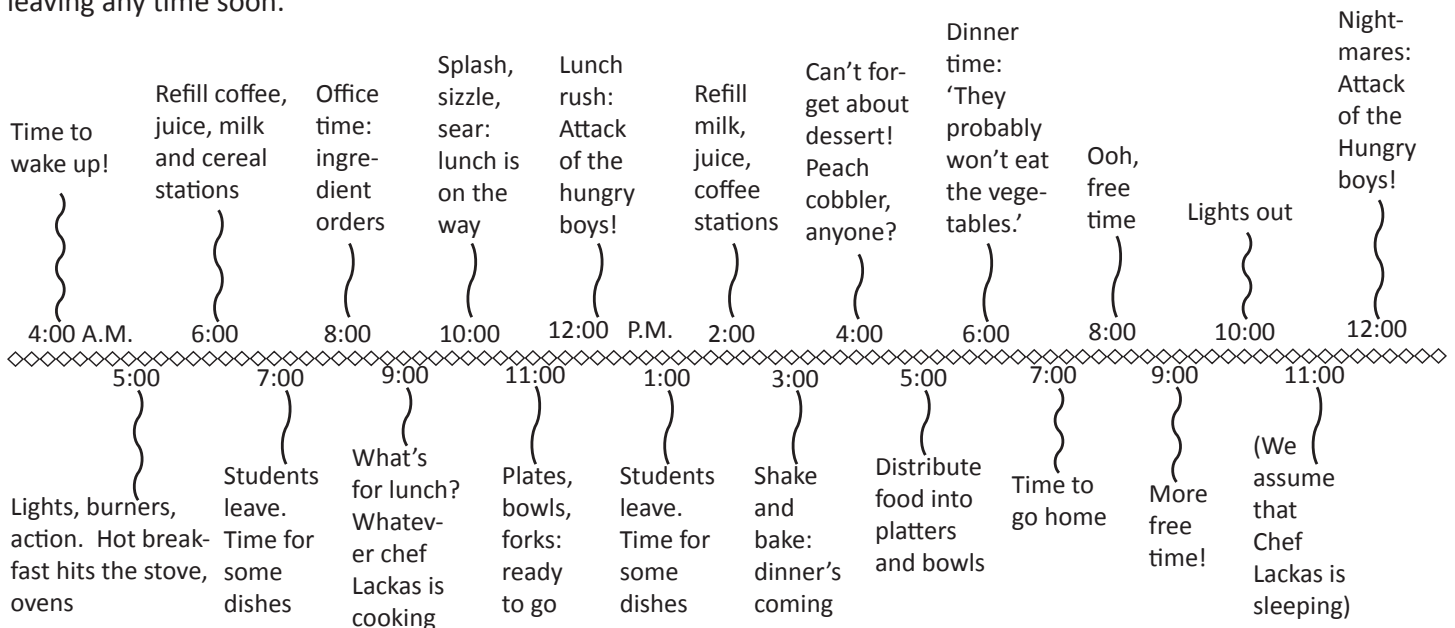
By: Kevin Dang

According to Head Chef Kevin Lackas, cooking for 200 boys is anything but boring. In fact, "it's very interesting," he claims. The same could be said for Chef Lackas himself.

Born and raised in Fond du Lac, WI, Chef Lackas grew up watching lots of football. His favorite team? The Denver Broncos, of course: "When I was young, my mom took me to the store and told me I could pick out any team jacket I wanted, and I just went from there." Besides being an NFL enthusiast, Chef Lackas also enjoys playing golf, pool, softball, and going on occasional fishing trips. Oh, and he's a full-time member of the Fond du Lac Rugby League. So how did the multi-sport athlete decide to chase a cooking career? The laid-back, unassuming chef explained that his inspiration came from cooking with his mom in the kitchen at a young age. This inspiration guided him through Culinary Arts School in Fond du Lac and eventually to St. Lawrence Seminary, a job he believes is ideal for his easy-going personality: "Everyone, students and adults, are always positive and polite and my coworkers are always dependable."



For those who are considering a career in Culinary Arts, Chef Lackas has some valuable advice. "Don't do it," he said jokingly. He explained, "It takes a while to get where I am. You don't start off as an Executive Chef. You have to be passionate about cooking; otherwise you're going to hate your life." Based on what goes on in the kitchen and the food that comes out, it's obvious that Chef Lackas is more than passionate about what he does, "I don't plan on leaving any time soon."



Above: Chef Lackas working the action station that serves food fresh from the stove.

Some Questions?

1. Favorite restaurant?
La Tapatia
2. Dream job?
General Manager of the Denver Broncos
3. How do you like your steak cooked?
Rare
4. How do you like your eggs cooked?
Over Easy
5. Favorite food?
Cold Cut sandwiches
6. Favorite Drink?
Milk
7. Favorite Cuisine?
Mexican/Italian
8. Past jobs?
Dish washer, waiter, bartender
9. Best part of day?
Staying busy
10. Worst part of day?
Waking up at 4:00 a.m.
11. The dish you would make in a competition for a million dollars?
Fish Tacos

Taxed Enough Already!

By: John O’Neill

It’s a refreshing experience: receiving that first paycheck! Thirty hours at the federal minimum wage should be about \$217, and so it will read on the “Net Pay” line. However, look down just a couple more lines, and there are numerous deductions. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Federal Income Tax, State Income Tax... the list continues (or stops) depending on the state of residency. Taxes are again in the neck if you ask any adult out in the real world, but it really is a part of growing up, becoming an adult, and entering the working world.

There are whole libraries written on the subject of the Tax Code (or tax regulations) for just a single year. Accountants, lawyers, and some lawmakers read, study, and act from these commandments of taxes. Basically, the tax rate for an individual relies on the number of dependents (people under the taxpayer’s care or guardianship), whether or not the taxpayer is married, the amount of money made, and the state tax percentage. In Illinois, for instance, a single worker with no spouse would have a whopping 20% of his/her paycheck withheld for taxes and government services.



This summer, many students (mainly upperclassmen) had their first experiences with taxes being withheld from a paycheck. Kamsi Nwanebo, a senior, recalled when he first saw how much money was gone after taxes, “I wished that I had found some sort of ‘under cover’ job or worked in another state. I also wondered if I’d ever see the money again.” This is a legitimate concern from taxpayers. Where does the money go? Well, as much as there are deductions from a paycheck for taxes, there are needs for the taxes. Roads, emergency services, and schools are just a few of the major expenditures a municipality or state has, and they are paid by, for the most part, income tax. Social Security and subsidized healthcare are also provided via taxes. So while the money may not be seen directly, innumerable government services would be completely impossible without taxes.

Taxes have been around since the beginning of civilized government. Even the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, the place of Jesus’ birth, so they could be counted for taxes! Though it is not a great feeling to see that nearly a third of a paycheck “disappears” on payday, it’s simply a part of life. Now, get cracking on those 1040 Forms: your federal and state taxes must be filed by April 15th!

So what is John trying to say?

Basically, if you are single and live in Wisconsin, then below is how much money will be taken for Federal Taxes.

over	but not over	2014 tax is	of the amount over
\$0	\$10,910	4.00%	\$0
\$10,910	\$21,820	\$436.40 + 5.84%	\$10,910
\$21,820	\$240,190	\$1,073.54 + 6.27%	\$21,820
\$240,190		\$14,765.34 + 7.65%	\$240,190

Where does it all go?

A million places, but here are a few of the most important.

Health Care	27.49%
National Defense	23.91%
Job and Family Security	18.17%
Net Interest	9.07%
Veterans Benefits	5.93%
Education and Job Training	3.59%
Immigration, Law Enforcement, and Administration of Justice	2.00%
International Affairs	1.85%

Beautiful Bertha

By: Kamsi Nwanebo



What about Cross Country attracted you to join, or did you suddenly realize you were crazy and liked forcing your body to run 3-plus miles a day?

Logan Burge, Junior: At first I wanted to run because I had nothing better to do after school. I eventually got used to it because it became a habit and I couldn't think of any good reason not to do it.

Zebadiah Boos, Senior: I joined because I got cut from soccer freshman year. Now it's my training for basketball.

Timmy Le, Senior: Yes, I truly believe that I am crazy for joining Cross Country. I do not know what I was thinking.

Have you ever found yourself halfway through a long run, drenched in sweat, tongue drier than the desert, with an aching desire to just stop and take a nap right there on the ground? If so, what kept you going?

LB: It happens like every time I run. Despite this, I usually decide to keep on going because the only way it will be easier the next time is if I push myself at that moment.

ZB: Yes, that's every practice. I keep going because I'm afraid my dad will yell at me.

TL: To be honest, I was ready to just give up on run ning and life; Mr. Holm's constant words of encourage- ment kept me going: "Timmy, if you stop running, we run Berthas!" Thank you, Mr. Holm.

What words of advice do you have for the Hilltop- pers-in-training who are considering joining Cross Coun- try?

LB: It doesn't get easy ever; you'll always have to push yourself.

ZB: Try out for soccer first! The heart works four times harder than the legs. Hope you have a strong heart.

TL: Make sure that you are not only physically prepared but also mentally prepared. This is not for the weak-heart- ed, so if you feel that you are a real macho man, then con- sider trying out for Cross Country.

The Hilltoppers are near the finish line of a solid season. At the annual Hilltopper Invitational, the brown and gold took 8th place. Overall, the team has regularly placed around the middle of the pack.

The School, the Team, the Players

By: Joseph Min



Look back at the first day of practice. When you first went down to the soccer field at 4:00 P.M. right after school, and there were more than 70 people trying out, what was your reaction? How did you feel?

Ricardo Diaz, Senior, Stopper: I couldn't keep up with ev- eryone because I was too fat, but I was looking forward to the infamous Bertha loop.

Yannick Hernandez, Junior, Center Mid: I wondered if ev- eryone was going to be in shape, and that it would be nice to have so many new people on the team.

Isai Luevano, Junior, Striker: I was like: there's not going to be enough water. I was honestly worried.

What would you say is the most defining/special aspect of the team?

RD: Our footwear. We have some very nice-looking shoes. We also have a unique, brotherly team chemistry that comes from being surrounded by each other 24/7.

YH: Being able to get along and build chemistry in such a short period of time.

IL: How awesome we look both on and off the field. How we're all funny and get along well.

What do you think the biggest problem/struggle for the team is/will be?

RD: Keeping our composure, starting with *me*.

YH: Passing the ball around. Everyone wants to hoard the ball, including myself.

IL: I think it is, and will be, our height disadvantage.

How do you plan on continuing with the season? How do you hope the team continues?

RD: My goal is to eventually run faster than Henry. For the team: winning State.

YH: I plan on scoring more goals during games. As a team, I hope we make it to State and win it.

IL: I plan on continuing to develop as a player who others can freely ask anything. As a team, I hope we build chem- istry and win State.

The soccer players started the season hot with an away draw against perennial power Winnebago Lutheran Academy. After 11 games, they are still on fire with an 8-2-1 record and a spot at the top of conference.

Allen Jimenez

By: Austin Stevens



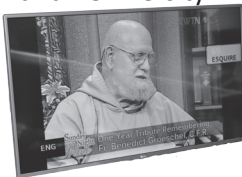
- Q. *What's is your position at St. Lawrence?*
A. I'm working in the senior dorm as a student supervisor.
- Q. *Where are you from?*
A. South side of Chicago, Illinois.
- Q. *Have you always lived there?*
A. Yes.
- Q. *Do you have any brothers or sisters?*
A. Yes, I have four older sisters, one older brother, and then one younger brother; Michael Jimenez, who is a current sophomore at SLS.
- Q. *So what are some of your interests/ hobbies?*
A. I love carpentry, scenic car ride cruising (I find it peaceful), and I like exploring exciting newplaces (especially the countryside of Wisconsin).
- Q. *What kind of things have you previously done in regards to work?*
A. I worked as a barista in a coffee shop, so I can make just about anything that you'd find in a coffee shop (hint hint:get me the supplies and I can start whipping up some really good stuff!). I also worked for about nine months at the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum.
- Q. *So how did you find out about Saint Lawrence?*
A. Father Mike Sullivan (who is now the Capuchin Provincial) came to my parish and told me about the school. I loved the sound and idea of the school, and even before my weekend visit, I knew this was the school I wanted to go to.
- Q. *What year did you graduate from Saint Lawrence Seminary?*
A. 2011.
- Q. *Where are you going to college now?*
A. I am studying criminal justice at Marian University, and I hope to be a Wisconsin State trooper in a year or two, whenever the opportunity presents itself.
- Q. *What do you look forward to this year?*
A. I look forward to settling in and enjoying Saint Lawrence once again, getting to know everybody and being a friend to all, and I especially look forward to getting to know the seniors really well and helping them through their last year—helping them make good decisions for their futures.

Peter Truong

By: Kevin Dang

- Q. *Where are you from?*
A. Glendale Heights, IL.
- Q. *What year did you graduate from SLS?*
A. 2014.
- Q. *Where do you go to school now?*
A. Marian University.

- Q. *What are some of your hobbies?*
A. Watching movies, playing video games, shooting some hoops.
- Q. *Favorite movies?*
A. *Forest Gump, Rush Hour, Lelo and Stitch* (in no particular order)



- Q. *How did you end up back at SLS as a supervisor?*
A. I applied after thinking about it for a year—I was asked my senior year. I spent a good amount of time thinking about the different things I'd have to do. My brother, a supervisor for four years, gave me lots of advice
- Q. *How do you like your new dorm?*
A. It's amazing—completely different. My own room is a lot more than I deserve.

- Q. *Are you having more fun as a supervisor than as you did when you were a student?*
A. (After serious thought,) yeah. Although I have more responsibilities, I get to see life through the eyes of a supervisor, which is different from a student's perspective. From here, you really see a lot of behind-the-scenes work.
- Q. *For alumni considering applying for a supervisory role here, what would you tell them?*
A. It depends on what your responsibilities are on campus. I have the refectory, so my responsibilities are mainly food-based. Mr. Jimenez does most of his work in St. Fidelis Hall (the Gym and Canteen). So it's all about being okay with what your assignments are.

Together, We Pray

By: Adolfo Mora

All Catholics can pray for themselves or for their own problems, but truly great Catholics know that the best prayers are those offered for others. For strength and unity is built when all Christians act as one Body of Christ through prayer and charity.

Andrew Wolfe: For those with no one to pray for them.
Aleck Torres: For my mom, who is in the hospital.
Joseph Hable: For my father, that his surgery goes well.
Marc Vargas: For my aunt Gloria who suffered a stroke

Cesar Gonzalez: For my grandma, who has leukemia.
Mitchell Yeakley: For my older sister, Meaghan, that she may do well in college, and for California's drought
Marcial Perez: For the mother of a close friend, who is recovering from a stroke.

Bryant Nguyen: For my grandparents: my grandmother has a bad back yet she insists on cooking and helping with house chores. She attends Mass every day and I pray with her every evening. My grandfather served in the Vietnam War and is sick. I look up to my grandparents as role models and wish for them to get better.

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people so that you will work for justice, equality and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

Author Unknown

Adrian Gonzalez: For my sister, who has social problems.
Brother Mark: For Mr. Wehner's family, that in the passing of Mr. Wehner's father-in-law they may find peace, solace, and grace from the love of God.

Yannick Hernandez: For my parents, that they will be able to support me throughout the year

Michael Sloot: For Corien, my aunt, who has stage five cancer, and my grandma who recently passed away.

Matthew Tran: For my uncle, who has cancer, and my great aunt, who is approaching death.

Jefferson Nguyen: For my grandma, who is deaf in one ear and blind in one eye.

Nestor Santos: For my uncle, who is losing his eyesight and might go blind.

Lawton Stier: For my uncle, who was burned in a fire and had to have both legs amputated.

John Zampino: For my dad, who is being ordained a deacon on September 14, 2015.

John O'Neill: For my family, that we continue to settle in well after our move.

Miguel Perez: For Freddy, that he gets better quickly, and Erika, who has cancer.

Michael Tinh Nguyen: For my grandfather, who is in very critical condition.

Stephen Netter: For my grandfather, who is deceased, so he may enter the Kingdom of God.

Ricardo Rocha: For the recovery of my little step-brother, who was hit by a car.

Wilson Burge: For my cousin, who recently joined the army.

Julian Morön: For my great-grandmother, who died of old age, that she may peacefully journey through the Kingdom of God.

The Power of Hard Work

By: Zeb Boos

In the heart of beautiful Tanzania, underneath Mount Kilimanjaro herself, lies the Capuchin Seminary of Maua. This seminary is a wonderful model of hard work and dedication because, in spite of its lack of resources and poor facilities, the school has ranked nationally among the top 5 high schools for academics every year for the past 20 years! The seminary was in the province of the Swiss Capuchins at its founding. For decades, the Swiss Capuchins dedicated their state pensions to the seminary, but as the number of Swiss Capuchins directly involved continued to decline, the financial support also dwindled. This is the reason that the St. Lawrence Seminary community is currently sending the first quarter collection to support the institution (as has been the practice for several years).

The Capuchin seminary remains “needs-based” and struggles with their small budget. The students of SLS learned a great



The Friary of the Seminary is aging and in need of a new roof.



The dirty, cramped and unsafe freshman dorm.

deal about the sister school thanks to a presentation by Dr. Eric Boos, an alumnus who spoke during a Good Friday service a year and a half ago. Recent donations have greatly helped the Tanzanian students by improving Maua’s water filtration and usage, as well as providing many other necessities. The seminarians’ classrooms are highly inadequate due to their lack of funds, yet this does not stop their academic success. Several years ago, a few boys received a national science award for inventing a method of using rice hulls as a pesticide.

The greatest challenge that the seminary faces is in regards to its living conditions. The buildings are in an advanced state of disrepair. Several of their buildings, including their freshman dormitory, have been condemned by the state as uninhabitable. To put this in perspective, for Tanzania to condemn a building even though half the country lives in mud huts, there must really be a serious need for funds to provide basic living conditions.

The success of this seminary is imperative for the Capuchins in Tanzania, the Church in Tanzania, and the country of Tanzania. It is an excellent, needs-based education that focuses on practices that support all learners. But they face a tall order in keeping it going. Thanks to St. Lawrence’s continued support, the seminary is growing and changing for the better.

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Have you seen the changes around the Hill lately? Many alumni have commented that they can't recognize the places they used to know. So to help out, Henry has decided to give everyone—alumni, students, benefactors—a short tour of campus. (With some helpful hints)



If you like to read and love God passionately, come pick up the Gospel in the _____.



If racing is your kind of match, see who wins in the _____.



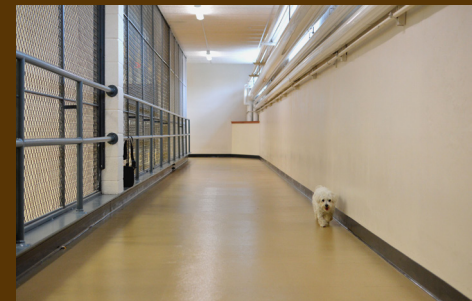
If pizza and ice cream were your only cares, you've probably run down the _____ stairs.



If you want to play games and can be patient, come hang out in the new St. Anthony Hall _____.



If you think you can ball, stop by _____ Hall.



If you liked to play sports, you probably remember this walkway above the _____.