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Learning to be Leaders

By: Anthony Coompson

Over the summer two SLS students attended the Badger Boys State program held at Ripon College in Ripon, Wisconsin. Sponsored by the American Legion, the purpose of this program is to bring young men in high school together, to cultivate them into leaders, and to instill in them a stronger sense of civics. Each year, the SLS social studies department selects one or two applicants from the junior class to represent the school at the program. This year's representatives were Anthony Mensah and Joshua Gerads. The week-long program requires participants to set up city, county, and state governments. In addition to setting up the governments, participants attended classes that dabbled in politics, economics, social problems, and other factors that their government tried to solve. Outside of classes, students were able to participate in extra-curricular events.

Asked about the experience, Josh commented, "It was an experience that changed my life forever. Not only did I make new friends, but I also tried new things as I was appointed secretary to the governor." Embracing the idea of becoming a leader was Anthony Mensah, who campaigned for and was elected as state Governor, out of the 850 boys who attended. He explained, "It was a really enlightening experience for me. Not only did I make new friends but I also learned what it really means to put your mind to something and have it work out. I was very grateful for that experience. I can't imagine what my experience would have been like if I hadn't tried for the position of Governor." After the event, the Mt. Calvary

American Legion, who, along with the Fond du Lac Knights of Columbus, sponsored Josh and Anthony's participation, hosted Anthony on a float in the annual Mt. Calvary parade. By all accounts, the event was successful in encouraging young men to look to the future and begin developing their leadership skills. T



Badger Boys Anthony Mensah and Josh Gerads pose at the event.

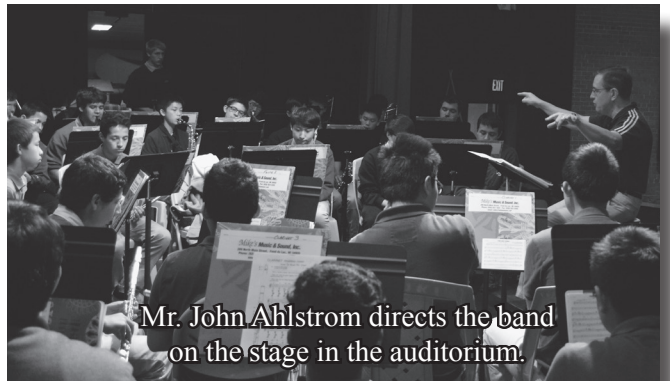
Big Changes on Campus

By: Tyler McFadzen

Since last year, St. Lawrence has undergone many big changes, mainly due to the loss of St. Joseph Hall, the oldest building on campus. The business and development offices, many of the spiritual directors' offices, the religion and health classrooms, the band and choir room, and all the musical practice rooms had to be relocated. "I had no idea what was happening, I didn't know what to think, say or do; it was devastating," said the band's bass clarinetist, junior John Andy Garza, in reaction to the inferno. However, with the start of a new year, the administration needed to find more long-term placements for those displaced.

The development office moved into St. Thomas Hall where the art studio used to be, forcing Br. John Willger to consolidate his classes in the lower portion of that building. The spiritual directors moved all over campus, mainly into the friary. The choir, on the other hand, moved into the chapel, where the acoustics can play a tough role in synchronizing pitches and beats. The band moved onto the cramped auditorium stage. Senior Ronnie Nguyen, a percussionist and string bassist, said, "It's kind of sad seeing a band of this size squished into such a small space."

On the brighter side of things, Mr. John Ahlstrom, the school band and choir director, has been able to buy almost all the music and instruments the school needs through the generosity of benefactors. Although the memories shared in that sacred hall can never be replaced, the Sons of Calvary continue to count their blessings as they work to become young men of Christ. T



Mr. John Ahlstrom directs the band on the stage in the auditorium.

New Staff Interviews

By: John O'Neill

This year, the Hill saw the addition of several new staff members and teachers. Here's an introduction to some of the new faces on campus.



MR. EVAN KINNEY

Q. What class did you graduate with?

A. I graduated with the class of 2012!

Q. What do you do here at St. Lawrence?

A. I'm an assistant junior dorm supervisor and assistant JV basketball coach.

Q. Where are you going to college?

A. Currently, I am going to Marian University majoring in Sport & Recreation Management along with an athletic coaching major.

Q. What do you like to do in your free time?

A. During my free time, I like to watch sports, play them, and work on my chess game.

Q. What do you like best about working at St. Lawrence?

A. The awesome, vibrant community that makes St. Lawrence what it is today.



MR. JAIRO GALAN

Q. What did you enjoy the most about SLS?

A. What I enjoyed the most about SLS was the supportive environment that I received from the staff and classmates.

Q. What is your job on campus?

A. I help with marketing, and I'm an assistant dorm supervisor to the sophomores.

Q. When did you graduate? Is anyone from your class working here?

A. I graduated back in 2009. One of my classmates who is working is working here is Mr. Tangkou Lor.

Q. Where are you from?

A. I was born in Mexico but raised in Chicago.

Q. What do you like to do in your free time?

A. Some of my favorite hobbies are road tripping/traveling and watching documentaries.

Q. Where did you attend college? What were your majors?

A. I graduated from Marquette University this past May with a double major (Criminology & Law Studies and Marketing) and a double minor (Political Science and Entrepreneurship).



MR. WILLIAM MATTES

Q. What do you do here?

A. I supervise freshman dorm, teach sophomore and junior religion, and coach JV soccer.

Q. What do you like best about working at SLS?

A. I like how helpful the students are. I am also grateful for all of the support I have received from the staff members here.

Q. What year did you graduate? Is anyone from that class working here as well?

A. I am from the Class of 2010 (the 150th class). Currently, I am the only member of my class working here.

Q. What are some of your hobbies?

A. I enjoy reading books, watching college basketball, and running.

Q. How was SLS when you were a student?

A. Though a few of the buildings and faces have changed since I was a student here, the core of what SLS is remains the same.



FR. ZOY GARIBAY

Q. How did you come to know about SLS?

A. I heard about SLS when I was a candidate in the Order back in 2004. I went on a Triduum Retreat that year, which was sponsored by the Capuchin Vocations Office. That was the first time I stepped foot in Mount Calvary and learned about St. Lawrence Seminary.

Q. What is/are your job(s) here?

A. My job here involves supervising the senior dormitory, giving spiritual direction to students, and presiding at Eucharistic celebrations.

Q. What do you enjoy about working here?

A. What I like best about working at SLS is the opportunity to work with the students. That is a great responsibility, but at the same time a very satisfying one, we help them to become individuals who reflect very closely the image and likeness of Christ.

Q. Where did you go to college? What was your major?

A. After I completed my secondary education and formation at the seminary, I went to a State University in the Philippines to study nursing. I received a Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing.

Q. Where are you from?

A. I was born and raised in the Philippines, in the small coastal town of Guimbal in the province of Iloilo. It is a beautiful place—a very special place—and it will always remain so to me.

MRS. ALEXANDREA AUCH



Q. How did you hear about St. Lawrence?

A. I've known about SLS for years, as I knew some students who attended SLS around the same time I attended Kiel High School. I was contacted about this position by the school, thanks to a mutual acquaintance at St. Mary's Springs High School.

Q. What are some of your hobbies?

A. I enjoy reading, playing soccer and golf, and riding horses.

Q. What is your job here?

A. I'm a Spanish teacher. I teach Spanish 1 and 2.

Q. Where are you from?

A. I'm from nearby Kiel.

Q. Where did you go to college, and what was your major?

A. I graduated from Lakeland College with a major in Spanish. T

St. Anthony on Steroids

By: Kevin Dang

In the totem pole of any school, the upperclassmen tend to be the ones strutting to the beat of their privileges. When all students came together on registration day, August 16th, that tradition was flip-flopped as the upperclassmen were a little jealous of the underclassmen and their renovated St. Anthony Hall.

“It feels like a hotel,” said new sophomore Mitchell Yeakley. The first thing Mitchell and his classmates noticed were the glossy windows that were installed in each cube at a lower height than the previous ones, which allow the students to see the picturesque sunrise from their beds. Also visible from the windows is the new paved path that provides a straight shot from St. Fidelis Hall (the gymnasium) to the Main Building with the new entrance to the dorm in the middle. (The new entrance was built on the west side facing St. Thomas Hall; the old entrance was on the east



Freshmen and sophomores talk about how “cool” the lounge looks.



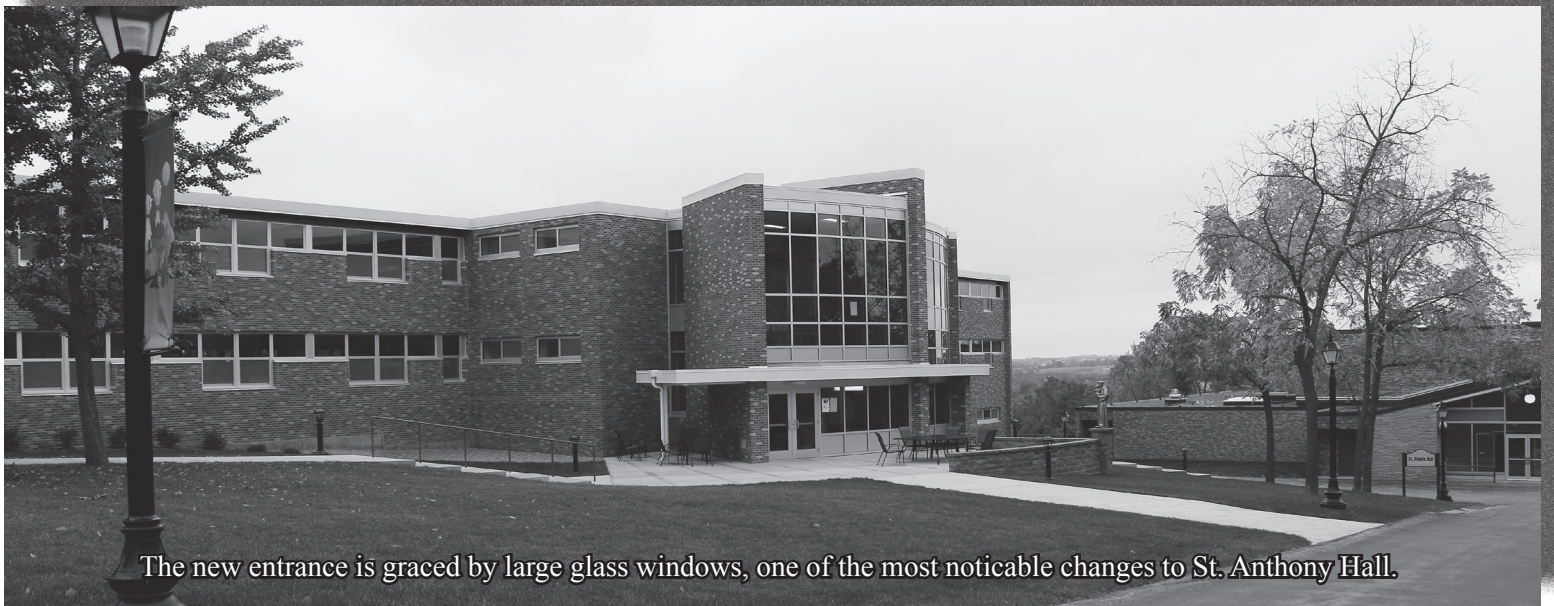
Students enjoy the new game room in the basement of St. Anthony Hall.

side.) From the new entrance, a student can either go upstairs to the dorm or downstairs to the basement. The basement features refinished half-courts for soccer, basketball, and tennis, as well as a television room that has surround sound and a large projector. The sophomores live on the first floor and freshmen on the second. The dorm itself is “organized and spacious,” said freshman Teddy Le. Under each elevated bed are drawers that allow the students to neatly make use of that space. Among the other renovations that made the students smile, none was more appreciated than the new A/C system, a treat that St. Anthony Hall’s former residents never had: “The air conditioning system is the one thing I wanted most,” claimed junior Richard Lor.



A new stairway graces the entrance to the building.

Praying to St. Anthony for his help in the search of lost items is a Catholic tradition. Also a tradition at St. Lawrence Seminary is acknowledging the innumerable benefactors who make blessings like the renovation of St. Anthony Hall possible. It isn’t far-fetched to say that St. Anthony’s intercession has been generous to the needs of the Seminary, as benefactors of SLS have always found ways to make the Hill happier than before. T



The new entrance is graced by large glass windows, one of the most noticeable changes to St. Anthony Hall.

Seniors and Freshmen Build Relationships

By: Michael Ko

I love you, freshman; I honor you, senior. There is an important program at St. Lawrence Seminary for building community. Students call it a “frat,” but the fraternity system is a special way of organizing the school. Members of each class are organized into groups of 11 or 12 students, and it is within these groups that the students participate in many events. Fraternities pray together during designated evening prayers, eat with one another during breakfast and dinner, participate in the roles at Mass together, and participate in Winter Carnival and Field Day as a team. This system helps to provide accountability to all the students, as well as allowing them to mix with students from other classes or ethnicities that they might not have meaningfully interacted with in any other way.

One of the most important aspects in these fraternities is the relationship between the seniors and freshmen. Each senior in a fraternity is paired with one or two freshmen.



Senior Miguel Limon shares a meal with his freshman, Marc Vargas.

Every spring the incoming seniors send a letter to their own incoming freshman in order to start fostering a relationship during the summer. When the students arrive at school in the fall, the seniors begin mentoring their freshmen from day one, when they help them move into their dorm and provide tours of the school. Ideally freshman and seniors grow closer together over the course of the school year. Senior Emerson Moder described his freshman as “fun to hang out with.” Many current seniors share friendships with both their freshman and their own seniors from four years earlier.

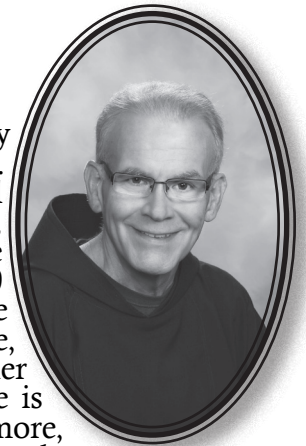
Seniors are paired with freshmen to help freshmen adjust to the school more easily. When a person is exposed to new circumstances, he looks for somebody to rely on; at SLS, that somebody is often their senior. Throughout the year, seniors support their freshmen academically and spiritually, often creating a special, and hopefully, life-long relationship. T

The Rector's View

By: Fr. John Holly

What do we mean when we say “Let it be known to all...Christ is the reason we are here?”

St. Lawrence Seminary is many different things to many different people. For students, this is their high school with all that entails: classes, sports, music, friends. But it is also where we live 24/7. For the Capuchins, about 20 of us, this Hill is our permanent home; we don't have another home in Milwaukee, Chicago, the UAE or Africa! For the other staff members of the Hill, St. Lawrence is a place of employment and so much more, as so many of our employees, whether teachers, coaches, maintenance, or administrative assistants, have faithfully dedicated their lives to SLS and its mission.



When we say “Christ is the reason we are here,” it means that we attempt to announce that Jesus is alive. It means that those who first came to this Hill wanted to announce Jesus and, in turn, wanted to animate others to announce Jesus through how they lived their lives, through what they taught. They wanted to make Jesus, and building His kingdom, THE REASON for the existence of this Hill and all that it means to people.

Over 150 years later, this task has been passed on to us...to make Jesus known, through what we teach, through how we learn and through how each of us lives our lives so that we might speak loudly to each other, and beyond, that JESUS is the reason. Our care for each other, the way we treat each other, the way we welcome guests...really, everything we do lets it be known to all...!

May this new school year help each of us to grow in greater understanding of Jesus in our midst, may this year help us to announce what we learn of Jesus so that it becomes obvious to all, through our words, and especially our actions, that Christ, indeed, is the reason we are here! T

New Look, Same *Hilltopics*

By: Charles Luke and Christian Tango-An

Welcome back! As co-editors of *Hilltopics*, we are excited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Saint Lawrence Seminary's student publication and continue the tradition of student publications at SLS. The publication started in 1965, and through many adaptations, continues today as the student produced newspaper of the school. While the style and size of *Hilltopics* has changed over the years, the publication is still very similar to the issues that were published fifty years ago. This year we are excited to introduce new features such as the faculty/student spotlight and the addition of four new pages to the magazine. Over the course of the next six issues, the *Hilltopics* writers and staff will try our best to bring you, our readers, the very best in news and updates from SLS. T

Papal Visit to Korea

By: Edem Tagbor

In August this year, many young South Koreans were thrilled to be in the presence of His Holiness Pope Francis during his visit to the country. The Pope's visit marked the first time a pope has visited the Korean region in 25 years. His visit was also marked by the fact that Asia is gradually becoming the future of the Catholic Church. While in Korea, the Pope delivered a message of peace to the divided Korean region and encouraged young Catholics to spread their faith in the region. The aims of his visit were to beatify 124 Korean martyrs and foster the growth of the Catholic Church in Asia. The Pope's visit was also highlighted by the Asian Youth Day celebrated in Daejeon. Asian Youth Day takes place every three years or so, and like its counterpart World Youth Day, it is a celebration meant to enliven the youth of the Catholic Faith.

When the Pope touched down in Korea, he met with relatives of the South Korean ferry disaster that took the lives of more than 300 people. On the first day of his visit, Pope Francis met with the bishops of Korea. In his message, the Pope warned against allowing the country's prosperity to hinder evangelism in the region. On August 15th, the Pope left for the South Korean city of Daejeon where he was the celebrant of a Mass in the city's stadium. Following this the Pope visited a major seminary in the city and had lunch with some young people. Senior Michael Ko was part of the youth group that met with the Pope during his visit.

He described the experience as, "Fascinating since not many young people in this part of the world get the chance to see the Pope." He enjoyed the question-and-answer session where the Pope answered questions regarding political issues and suggested ways to move ahead. To the youth in Korea, Pope Francis stressed the virtue of charity as an influential tool for evangelism. The Pope's visit was very significant in encouraging the growth of the Catholic Church. T



Senior Michael Ko attended Asian Youth Day in Korea.

Christians Face Persecution

By: Andrew Wolfe

Americans are accustomed to having the right of freedom of religion, but in other countries this right does not exist. One country that does not have this right is Iraq. Not only do Iraqis lack freedom of religion, but they are also forced to choose between paying a tax for being non-Muslim, converting to Islam, or facing death. While these conditions have existed in Iraq for a long time, there has been an increase in the violence perpetrated against non-Muslims.

The persecution in Iraq is being led by a radical, Sunni terrorist group known as ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). ISIS began imposing a strict Sunni Muslim rule in parts of Iraq and Syria in 2003, but really started to take control of regions since 2011. ISIS has been persecuting all non-Muslims, but two groups have been especially targeted: Christians and Yazidis, a Kurdish ethno-religious group. Hundreds of thousands have been forced to flee Iraq in pursuit of religious freedom, but according to the Vatican's Pontifical Council, many have also suffered "the execrable practice of decapitation, crucifixion, and hanging of corpses in public places" by ISIS.



Refugees from Iraq and Syria try to find a new home.



ISIS has forced Christians and moderate Muslims from their homes.

The United States has tried to help Iraq against ISIS by spending hundreds of billions of dollars in order to train the army of Iraq and by sending 300 military advisors to help aid the Iraqi government in its fight against ISIS. The United States has also faced mounting pressure to stop the conflict as two American journalists were beheaded by ISIS and the films of their beheadings were distributed as propoganda. Much of the United States' efforts has come to little or no change in the persecution so far, but Pope Francis continues to teach that "Violence isn't overcome with violence. Violence is conquered with peace." With this in mind, all Christians are called, in a particular way, to pray for peace and an end to the persecution that is going on in Iraq. T

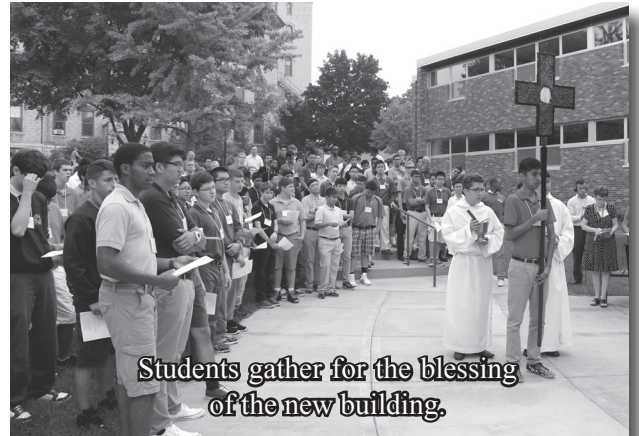
Many Blessings

By: Austin Stevens

The past year has certainly been one of many changes for Saint Lawrence Seminary and one of many blessings! One of the most noticeable changes for students upon the start of school was the remodeling of St. Anthony Hall, in which the freshmen and sophomores now comfortably reside. On Friday, August 22nd, a special blessing of that hall took place. First, the community gathered for the standard Friday morning Mass, in which the benefactors were honored and thanked. Then at the end of the Mass, as every Friday, a letter full of their intentions was read for the students to keep in mind and pray for during the week. Still singing the recessional hymn, the entire community walked from the chapel to St. Anthony Hall to witness the blessing of the cornerstone of the new dorm. Fr. John Holly, SLS Rector, was the presider over the blessing, which included a prayer, anointing the stone

with oil, and the singing of the Alma Mater. When asked how he felt about the new dorm, junior Tristan De Leon said, "I felt honored to be present at this event, knowing that I was able to be there, and that so many generations of students after me will be able to use it."

After the blessing, coffee, juice, and doughnuts were available to all present. Everyone was also invited to walk through the dorm and explore it, which was a great treat in itself to the students, especially the juniors and seniors who don't live there. It also must be mentioned how grateful the entire SLS community is to the benefactors who make everything here possible. As junior John O' Neill put it, "Without the benefactors, we wouldn't be able to attend school here. They really are a blessing to all of us at St. Lawrence." A special thank you goes to all of the benefactors of SLS! T



Students gather for the blessing of the new building.



The newly blessed cornerstone is placed in the wall of St. Anthony Hall.

SCOREBOARD

By: Adolfo Mora

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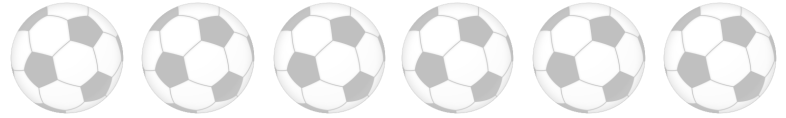
- 8/26/14—Sheboygan South 3-0 SLS Varsity
SLS JV 2-0 Sheboygan South
- 9/4/14—SLS JV 0-0 Sheboygan Christian
- 9/5/14—Appleton Xavier 1-0 SLS Varsity
- 9/6/14—Manitowoc 2-0 SLS Varsity
- 9/6/14—Fond du Lac 2-1 SLS Varsity
- 9/9/14—Winnebago Lutheran Academy 4-0 Varsity
Winnebago Lutheran Academy 1-0 JV
- 9/11/14—Varsity 5-1 Oshkosh Lourdes
- 9/13/14—De La Salle 1-0 Varsity
SLS JV 2-1 De La Salle
- 9/16/14—Varsity 11-3 Central Wisconsin Christian
- 9/18/14—Kettle Moraine Lutheran 3-2 Varsity
JV 3-1 Kettle Moraine Lutheran
- 9/23/14—Varsity 3-1 Lomira
- 9/25/14—Varsity 7-0 Mayville
- 9/28/14—Varsity 5-1 Wayland Academy

CROSS COUNTRY

- 9/2/14—Winnebago Lutheran Invitational
Varsity 1st Place
JV 1st Place
- 9/4/14—Kiel Invitational
Varsity 9th Place
JV 3rd Place
- 9/16/14—Sheboygan Lutheran Invitational
Varsity 9th Place
JV 2nd Place
- 9/20/14—SLS Hilltopper
Varsity 9th Place
JV 2nd Place
- 9/25/14—Horicon Flyway River Run
Varsity 8th Place
JV 1st Place
- 9/27/14—Saint Mary's Central
Varsity 3rd place

Soccer Gets Underway

By: Kenneth Ohene-Adu

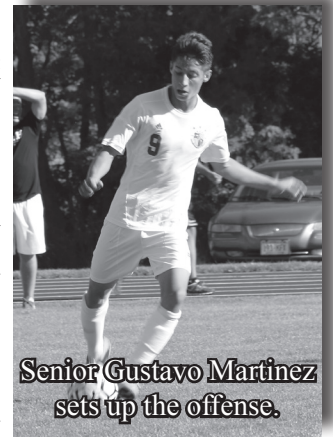


Not long after the students' return to the Hill, the soccer season began. First there were tryouts as everyone tried their best to make the teams. Over 80 students tried out, but only 43 made the varsity and JV teams. The teams had to practice hard from the start because they had games within a week of their rosters being finalized. The JV team proved dominant in their first game, winning 2-0 against Sheboygan South. The varsity team, on the other hand, lost their first game to Sheboygan South 3-0, but SLS displayed a fighting spirit which gave the fans hope for the rest of the season.

Sheboygan County Christian was the JV team's next opponent and they played to a draw 0-0. Next, the varsity squad took on three opponents during the Fond du Lac Invitational. The team came up short in each of the three matches against Appleton Xavier, Manitowoc, and Fond du Lac. Senior Cristian Estrada, a member of the varsity squad, explained the first losses, saying, "First of all, the team has a lot of new guys, which means it will take some time for the team to find chemistry, and secondly, the team did not have enough time to practice." The season is just beginning and the team is getting in more practice, so, hopefully, there will be more positive results to report in the near future. T



The JV soccer team



Senior Gustavo Martinez sets up the offense.

Running Like Forrest Gump

By: Zeb Boos

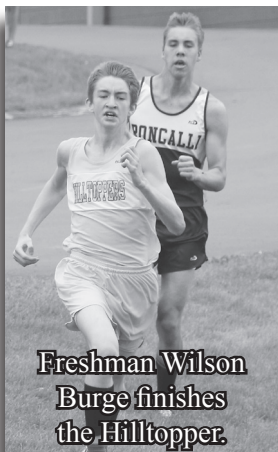


The cross country team was off like a shot this year, claiming victory at its first meet. The team, coached by Mr. Kevin Buelow and Mr. Dennis Holm, is likely to do very well this year as demonstrated by the first couple of meets. Although competition will be tough, seniors Tyler McFadzen and Alex Serrato are optimistic. Tyler said, "I think we have the makings of a power house this year. This is totally going to be a great season. I'm super excited." So far, the entire team has been strong through practices and is ready for the challenge of the upcoming meets.

At the Winnebago Lutheran Academy invite held on the UW-Fond du Lac campus, SLS took 1st place overall as a team, with the entire varsity squad of seven placing in the top 16. The JV did just as well with senior Matthew Enright finishing 1st. He said after the race, "Boy, what a race. I didn't know I had that in me. That was fun." The second race run by the team was the Kiel Invitational. At this meet the times of all on the team improved, but not the standings. Alex Serrato finished in 20th place followed by Tyler McFadzen at 46th. As a team the Hilltoppers finished in the top ten. Senior Hub Bradley is confident about the runners' prospects for the rest of the season saying, "This is the year I've been waiting for. We got this."



Varsity boys Cross Country lead the Hilltopper.



Freshman Wilson Burge finishes the Hilltopper.

St. Lawrence put on another fantastic showing for the 37th annual Hilltopper on Saturday, September 20th. Approximately 900 people were on the Hill, which included runners, families of runners, and alumni who came to run the fun run (and attend the alumni reunion that took place that day). The cross country course eventually got to most runners as it was a very intense run. Bertha once again claimed her victims. The St. Lawrence runners were not part of those victims, however, with varsity finishing 9th overall and JV 2nd overall. The top runner for St. Lawrence was senior Tyler McFadzen who later said of the race, "It was a fun race and I'm glad we're running conference here so that I can tackle Bertha one last time." Tyler finished 34th overall. The school who won the meet was Freedom, with a score of 35 points; they have won it the last two years. The Hilltopper was big success this year with many positive comments from the visitors and alumni. Mr. Phil McCabe, SLS's athletic director, addressed the students and staff who volunteered, saying, "I would like to thank you all for volunteering. It was through your help that the Hilltopper was as successful as it was. Thank you, also, to the students for using your social skills very well." Arturo Cortes, a junior, said after volunteering, "Man...that was fun. The runners looked like they were having a blast. I want to do this again next year." T

Apple's Delicious New Creation

By: Kamsi Nwanebo

For anyone interested in technology, it is that time of the year again, and no, it's not Christmas. It is time for Apple to reveal its latest model of its flagship product, the iPhone. With expectations of an official announcement circulating all summer, rumors about possible upgrades were rampant. When the device debuted in September, it lived up to most of those rumors. In regards to this new iDevice, Apple went out of the norm and joined their competitors in the phablet (phone/tablet) race by increasing the screen size of its phones. Specifically, Apple released two models, one with a 4.7-inch display (the iPhone 6) and another with a larger 5.5-inch display (the iPhone 6 Plus). This year's model is the sixth installment and came with a number of changes that could help all those who are unsure whether or not this new Apple device is worth taking a bite of.

Along with being larger, the new iPhone includes a vibrant, oleophobic (fingerprint-resistant) Retina HD display. In addition to this new display, there

were also changes made to the phone's shell. The iPhone 6 has a liquidmetal shell that measures 138 by 67mm, compared to the 123.8 by 58.6mm of the iPhone 5. Other improvements that came out of the box with the device included a better camera, up to 128 GB internal or expandable storage, the brand new iOS 8 operating system, an A8 processor, and wireless charging. With all these new features, one has to assume that a hefty price will also be included due to these improvements. The current prices for the devices, with a new two-year agreement, are \$199, \$299, and \$399 for the 16, 64, and 128gb models of the iPhone 6 respectively, and \$299, \$399, and \$499 for the 16, 64, and 128gb models of the iPhone 6 Plus respectively. Only time will tell whether or not these prices match up to the device's performance. Hopefully, Apple is enticing consumers with another device that proves why it is looked to as an innovator of technology. T



The new iPhone 6 and 6 Plus are larger than their previous counterparts.

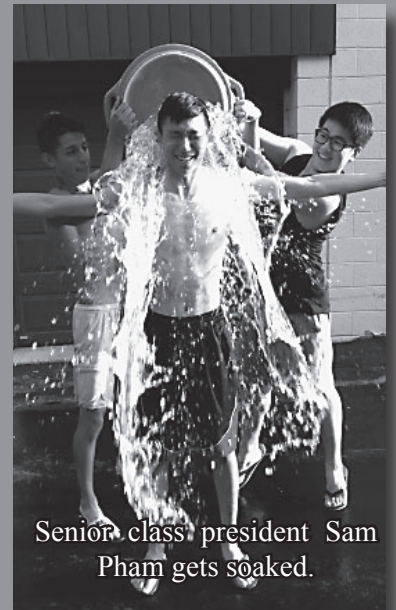
#MakingIceBuckets

By: John-Andy Garza

Have you seen all the people dumping buckets of ice water over themselves? Some may think it is ridiculous, but it's actually meant to raise awareness of a very serious disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). ALS is a neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord, which was discovered in 1869 by French neurologist Jean-Martin Charcot. ALS, aka Lou Gehrig's Disease, first became well known in the U.S. when Lou Gehrig, the first baseman for the New York Yankees in the 1920s and 1930s, contracted the disease and died from it in 1941. When he died, many people started advocating research to find a cure to the disease.

But why are people dumping ice water on themselves to raise awareness? It all started with Pete Frates, age 29. Frates has had ALS since 2012 and has worked with ALS Association's Massachusetts Chapter. Frates and his family hoped to use the ice bucket challenge as an internet sensation, for the video to go viral, to raise awareness and money to work toward a cure for the disease. The challenge involves people getting doused with buckets of ice water on video, posting that video to some kind of social media website, and then nominating others to complete the same challenge. People can either accept the challenge or make a donation to ALS or do both. The challenge has even dumped itself over SLS.

As the challenge has swept the entire country, many students from all classes have participated in this challenge. Students have been challenged from others outside of school, and then they would nominate their classmates and so on and so forth. Junior John O'Neill has been nominated by his fellow classmate and he said, "Though the disease is tragic, I don't think I would do the challenge; I would rather just donate." But of course there are the students who have been nominated and have completed the challenge. Gustavo Martinez, a senior, said this. "I did it but I haven't posted it online. I think it would be stupid because I haven't donated and that would be like mocking a serious disease." Junior Zebediah Boos has unfortunately not been nominated but he states, "I'm very glad that people are aware of the cause and that they are donating money and supporting it." T



Senior class president Sam Pham gets soaked.

Faculty and Staff

SPOTLIGHT

By: Joseph Min

Mr. Ron Schaefer

Q. What is your job?

A. I am a custodian and the assistant varsity basketball coach.

Q. Did you graduate from SLS?

A. No, I actually went to St. Mary Springs.

Q. How did you come to work at SLS?

A. I retired from Kohler (the company) and found that retirement was not for me, so I did some part-time jobs. Then a job opened up at SLS, and I started working here four years ago in May.

Q. What would you say is the best thing about your job?

A. The students, the people I work with – and actually the whole staff.

Q. How did you become our basketball coach?

A. Actually, Mr. Dave Bartel, who I had known for 30 years, asked me to help.

Q. How did you know Mr. Bartel for so long?

A. Mr. Bartel and I started coaching basketball in our hometowns at the same time. So, we actually coached against each other many times – (jokingly) in fact we were mortal enemies.

Q. Is there a specific reason why you took the coaching job?

A. I took the coaching job because I prefer to be called “coach” than “Mr. Schaefer” because that sounds like I’m old (chuckling).

Q. How would you describe your time at SLS?

A. I’ve enjoyed it. I mentioned that to Fr. Gary Wegner a while ago when we met, and he said the work keeps me young. T



Mr. Schaefer is a custodian and coach at SLS.



Mr. Ron Schaefer (center) and the maintenance staff.

Mr. Dave Bartel

Q. What is your job?

A. I am the principal and academic dean.

Q. How did you come back to SLS after you graduated?

A. After I graduated from college with a degree in mathematics for teaching, I worked at my family’s farm. We reduced the size of the family farm when my father retired. Due to various situations at the farm, I started working at SLS.

Q. How did you become the academic dean?

A. I was asked if I were willing to, and I accepted.

Q. How long have you been working at SLS?

A. My first year was the academic year of 1990 to 1991, so it was far before you were born.

Q. Have you ever thought about retiring?

A. (Jokingly) Every year, it’s time to retire. No, not yet, seriously. I just tell everyone I’m going to retire every year.

Q. Why did you adopt Henry, your new canine friend that we all love and adore?

A. I always thought having a dog up here at SLS was good for the school and students.

Q. What would you say is the best thing about your job?

A. (Jokingly) Henry. I think it’s to see a lot of students succeed and mature even though they seemed like they would not at first. I become proud of the finished product. T



Mr. Bartel’s pet dog, Henry the Hilltopper.



Mr. Bartel works with the varsity soccer team.

Student

SPOTLIGHT

By: Christian Osornio

Isai Luevano (Sophomore)

Q. What activities do you take part in at SLS?

A. Soccer, basketball, and baseball.

Q. How's soccer going?

A. Swell, we're starting to get that team connection to be ready for the soccer season.

Q. What would you say the status of the team is?

A. We're a team with a lot of talent and a lot of potential because we're mostly young players, so we have a lot of time to learn and grow.

Q. How's sophomore year going for you?

A. So far so good, nothing too challenging. Well, besides Computer Ethics class.

Q. What do you think of the new dorms?

A. We got the hookups! I think they're sweet.

Q. What do you like most about the year so far?

A. I like the fact that our class has a stronger bond now that we've been through a whole year together, and we aren't the youngest class anymore.

Q. What does St. Lawrence Seminary mean to you?

A. It's my Hill of Happiness where I create not just friends, but brothers because living with a person makes you get to know a person better and experience different things about a person, as opposed to at public school where you only see your friends for a few hours. T



Tristan De Leon (Junior)

Q. What activities do you take part in at SLS?

A. I am a Cross Country manager and participate in choir and forensics.

Q. How's junior year going?

A. I can feel myself maturing and gaining responsibility through my work crew and as a minister of hospitality. I can't wait to see what new challenges are in store for me.

Q. What do you like to do on the Hill?

A. I enjoy helping out my friends with whatever struggles they have. I get the feeling of accomplishment and it helps them.

Q. What do you like the most about this year so far?

A. I like the improvements, especially in the refectory; I envy the freshmen and sophomores with the refurbished dorm.

Q. How is it different from past years?

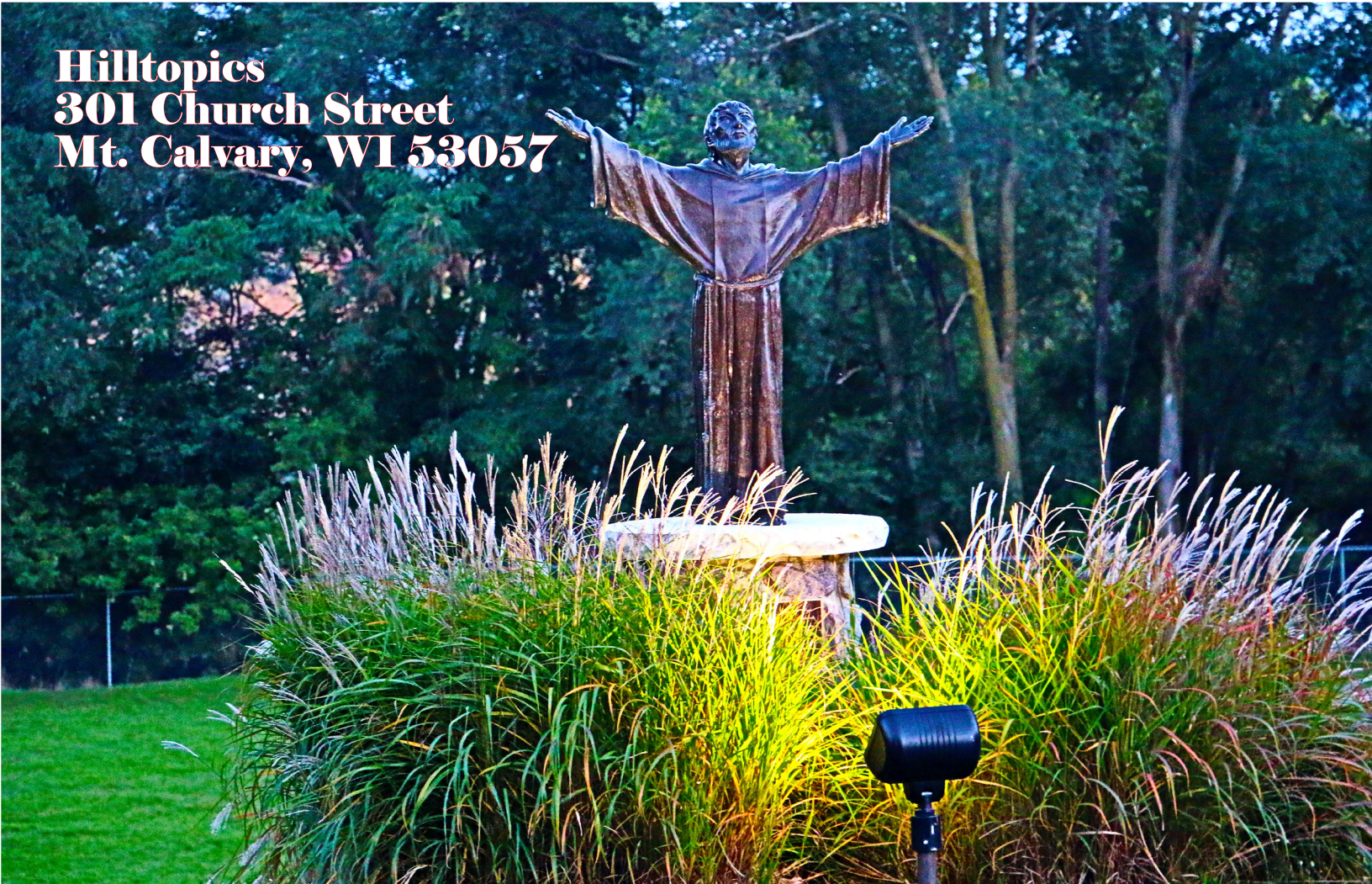
A. When I first came, everyone was a stranger and it was all a maze. But then as the year went on, everything became more familiar to me. It was like I knew I belonged here.

Q. What does St. Lawrence Seminary mean to you?

A. It's an adventure. I get to meet new people and do fun things with them, like studying, hanging out at the canteen with friends, and having a good time. T



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By the numbers...

By: Charles Luke

1400 *The total weight of all the 45 pound weights in the weight room.*

The number of steps up the center stairway of the Laurentianum.

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5 *The number of goals senior Gustavo Martinez scored in a win against Central Wisconsin Christian.*

Approximate number of bricks salvaged from Saint Joseph Hall in the aftermath of the fire.

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