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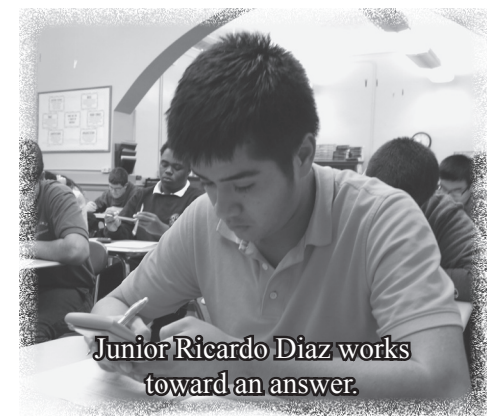
When Mrs. Tabbert announces, “The mighty math marvels are on the move again,” the students on the math team gear up for a tournament. The math team, made up of students from all grade levels, travels to other schools to compete against teams and demonstrate their math skills. A typical math meet consists of four individual tests and one team test. Each individual test is made up of five problems and the team test has ten problems. The three highest scoring teams in the overall meet receive plaques and the top scoring individuals in each grade level receive medals. The SLS math team is always expected to carry the day at math meets, owing to its considerable achievements over many years.



SLS students show off their medals after a home Math meet.

The SLS math team participated in the first math meet of the year on October 13th at Kettle Moraine High School. At the meet SLS Team One emerged as the overall team winners of the meet. Nathan Martens scored the highest among the seniors at the meet. SLS’s Joseph Min, Gary Kim, and William Ko placed first in the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes, respectively. Joseph also scored the highest individually in the overall meet.

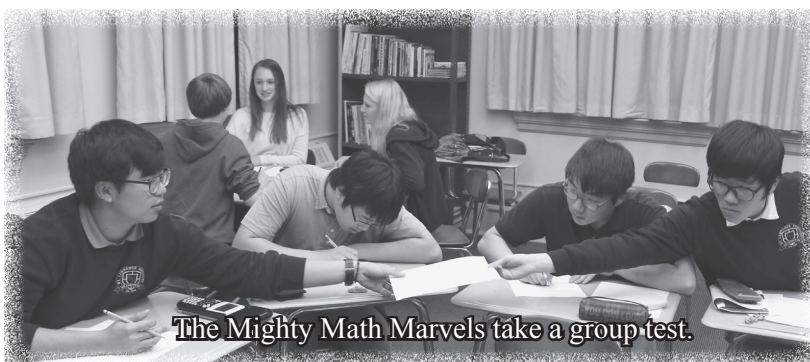
SLS hosted the math meet on Monday, November 10th. The school schedule, as a result, had to be adjusted in order to accommodate the meet. According to Ms. Jamie Stephanie, moderator of the SLS math team, organization was a big factor in hosting the meet. She and Mrs. Tabbert had to ensure that the meet could be held without completely disrupting the dinner and work crew schedules. The meet was another good day for



Junior Ricardo Diaz works toward an answer.

the math team as SLS Team One earned the highest score among the teams that participated. SLS Team Three earned the third highest score. In the individual categories, Joseph Hable and Gary Kim had the highest scores in the freshman and sophomore classes, respectively. Joseph Min again placed first in the junior class and the entire meet. Seniors Nathan Martens and Michael Ko placed second and third respectively among all seniors at the meet.

Nathan Martens said that being a member of the math team has been a good experience for him as he has been exposed to math concepts he thought never existed. He also stated that from this experience, he has learned new ways of solving math problems. SLS can certainly boast of excellence when it comes to the math team. T



The Mighty Math Marvels take a group test.

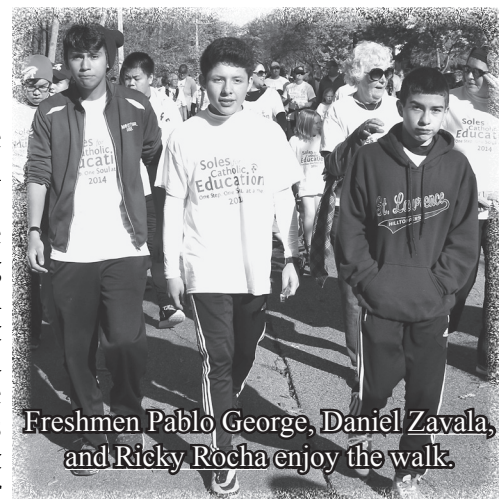
Striding for “Soles”

By: Tyler McFadzen

On your mark... get set... Walk! On October 25th, all 204 of Saint Lawrence Seminary's students joined 10,000 other people for the second annual Catholic Soles for Education Walk at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. Schools and parishes from all over the Archdiocese of Milwaukee came in support of Catholic education. The whole day was dedicated to raising awareness of the benefits that come from a well-grounded faith education and attempting to raise funds for each of the schools in the archdiocese. It was so successful in the first year that they planned it again this year. And this time, instead of just a group of student representatives attending, the entire student body, supervisory staff, and many of the faculty members



Students and staff (and Henry) get ready to walk.



Freshmen Pablo George, Daniel Zavala, and Ricky Rocha enjoy the walk.

joined in the Walk. This past year the Walk raised over \$350,000. That money will go to Catholic schools all across the Milwaukee archdiocese.

For SLS students, the day started on the Hill at 7:30 a.m. as students donned their white Soles Walk t-shirts and packed into four large busses. “It is only right to give back to schools I have been attending for the past 13 years. Catholic education has shaped who I am today,” said senior Jesus Moctezuma. Students headed off on the two-mile Walk, which started at 10 a.m. Avid walker Joseph Min, from the junior class, exclaimed, “It felt good to raise awareness and give my time in support of Catholic education.” After the Walk, St. Lawrence students were surprised with their own picnic at a park in Wauwatosa, where they spent the afternoon snacking on Chicago-style hot dogs, playing soccer, telling stories, and skipping rocks in a pond. “I wish everyone knew how awesome Catholic Education is,” freshman Benjamin Quiroz said, “Next year will be even better.” T

Making Parents Proud

By: Michael Ko

SLS held their annual parent/teacher conferences on Saturday, November 1st. As in past years parents came to the Hill to confer with the teachers about their sons' behaviors and academic performance in school. These conferences gave parents a chance to meet the teachers, and it was a great opportunity for teachers to get to know the parents. Mr. Dave Bartel, Fr. John Holly, and Mr. Kevin Buelow, the principal, Rector, and Dean of Students, respectively, also had conversations with parents about the school year, their sons' behaviors, and any other questions parents wanted to address.

Mr. Jeff Krieg, the World and U.S. History teacher, said, “I had many conferences and met with many parents. I appreciate the opportunity to talk with parents, get to know them, and relate to them the progress of their son.” Many other teachers also enjoyed the parent/teacher conferences and took the opportunity to know these parents.

Different than in other years, on the day of conferences the school administered a survey of the parents as part of its accreditation process. Every five years, SLS is re-evaluated on various aspects to be accredited as a school. One of the required steps was getting an evaluation by parents, which helps SLS to know what the strong points of the school are and what needs to be addressed.

After the conferences were over, the fun part for the students began. They got to go off Hill with their parents. Anthony Mensah, a senior, said, “I went back to Milwaukee for a revival held in my church.” Like Anthony, many students spent quality time with their parents in a special way that day. T



Freshman Benjamin Quiroz and his family meet with Mrs. Auch.



Has Santa Come Yet?

By: Andrew Wolfe



Christmas has always been a time in the U.S. that is characterized by an abundance of snow, children staying up late to see Santa Claus, and people singing Christmas carols, feasting together, and exchanging gifts. Students at St. Lawrence Seminary have celebrated Christmas in many different ways throughout the years. Because they come from so many and such diverse backgrounds, their Christmas traditions have often differed from one another. Some students have been forced to celebrate Christmas secretly because of Christian persecution in their home countries; some can celebrate it openly; and, others celebrate Christmas in a way that deviates from the way those in the U.S. do.



Junior Dhruv Alphonso shares Christmas cheer.



Juniors Tristan de Leon and Jungho Moon help decorate a Christmas tree in dorm.

Some countries where students have needed to celebrate Christmas secretly include parts of the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. Junior Tristan de Leon recalled past Christmases saying, "I remember going secretly to Church with other families in Saudi Arabia and then going to a family's house to give gifts to each other and eat together." Sophomore Aaron Pereira reminisced about his Christmases in the United Arab Emirates, "Some parts of the United Arab Emirates cannot celebrate Christmas because most people are Muslim, but in Abu Dhabi Christmas is allowed to be celebrated. Everybody really feels the spirit of Christmas, even Muslims. [My family] goes to midnight Mass, we have coffee and cake with a church group, then we go Christmas caroling to raise money for charity... Because of the spirit, many Muslims even donate." Many students from other countries haven't been able to celebrate Christmas openly, but many students could. However, they have celebrated it in slightly unique ways.

Jungho Moon, a junior, remembered Christmases in South Korea as being much like the ones he has heard described in the U.S., but much more Church-oriented. He recalled going to Mass with his family, and then eating at the church with other Church members. "Christmas is really about Church in Korea." Josue Mota, another junior, thought about the Christmases he celebrated in Mexico. He talked about how for a week before Christmas Day, the community sang at various houses and gave out candy. Then, on the night of Christmas Eve, his family prayed a rosary, went to Mass, ate a large meal together and traded gifts. "It all ends at about one in the morning on Christmas Day. The 24th is emphasized more than Christmas Day in Mexico." Students at SLS have celebrated Christmas in different ways, but many have also talked about how they celebrate Christmas in mostly the same ways as here in the U.S. Sophomore Nick Le and seniors Johnny Vang and Kenneth Ohene-Adu brought to mind memories of Christmases much like the U.S. They went to Church, decorated their Christmas trees, ate food together, and looked forward to the gifts they would get from their families.



Freshman Gerard Fernandez lights the Advent wreath.

In that way, Christmas is truly universal, a time for family and friends to gather and celebrate the newborn King. T



The Rector's View

By: Fr. John Holly

There are many special times on the Hill each year, times that I look forward to over and over again. This time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is probably my favorite. I love to see the decorations appear and just enough snow to make the outside decorations look even better! Because of our schedule, we celebrate Advent and Christmas together, giving proper due to both—our own hybrid celebration, if you will.

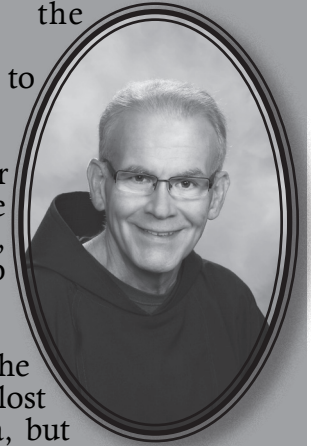
Both seasons, in a sense, beckon us to look back and to look ahead. The close of the calendar year calls us to the same reflection. In Advent, we remember the coming of Christ in time and we await His coming at the end of time. Christmas, in celebration of the Incarnation, reminds us of God's love in sending Jesus, but it also asks us to realize that Jesus wants to be born in each of us, not just once but over and over, way ahead of where we are now.

As we look back, this has been a difficult year for the Hill and for many on the Hill. The fire took a toll on so many. While we give thanks often that no one was injured, so many lost a great deal. Staff members lost entire offices, not just office papers and paraphernalia, but memories of many years of family life and long years of service to Saint Lawrence. Some students lost instruments and others lost a favorite place to hang out, to practice, to be alone or with others sharing their passion for music. Many lost the safe and sacred place of their spiritual director's office. Because of the construction in St. Anthony Hall, over half of the school's dorm life had already been displaced only to have some of the same students' study hall or classrooms moved again. Looking back, life has demanded much of many.

But don't forget, we were renewed by a completed St. Anthony Hall, by the arrival of a great class of freshmen, and the addition of new sophomores and juniors, new staff members and Henry the Hilltopper, too!

So we keep looking ahead as we recall Christ coming among us, as one like us, and His coming at the end of time. We celebrate the Incarnation and we realize that Christ does continue to be born in each of us, every day. And we look ahead to the second semester; yes, with some displaced again (the juniors this time) and tighter classrooms and study hall spaces. But our future is bright with our support for each other: a year from now, the new St. Mary's Hall will already be in full use and the new St. Joseph Hall will be well underway. And we will look back in thanksgiving and look ahead in hope for many reasons, Jesus and His life in us as the biggest.

Yes, it's a great time to be on this Hill. Happy Advent and Merry Christmas to All and to ALL...a long semester break! T



Behind the Scenes

By: Charles Luke

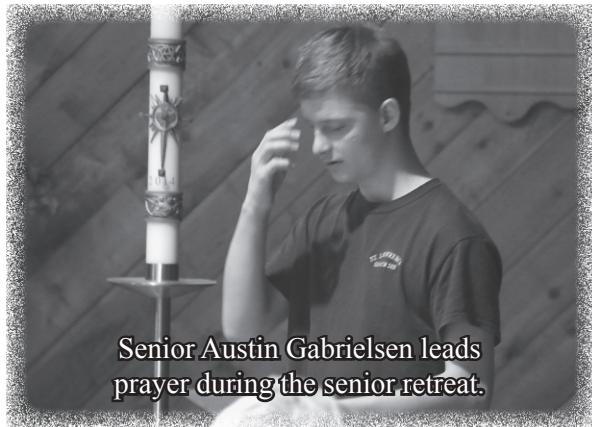


There is a great deal of work that goes into the publication of every *Hilltopics* issue. The process begins at least a month before the publication goes to print. To begin this process the editors meet with *Hilltopics* advisor, Mrs. Katie Daane, to plan the layout and articles for the issue. Shortly thereafter, article assignments are sent to the writers and they begin work collecting information and producing the written content that is published in *Hilltopics*. The photos are an equally important part of the publication and the student photographers play a key role in moving along the process of putting together an issue.

As the articles are completed, they are proofread and edited by Mrs. Daane and by retired SLS faculty member, Mrs. Jo Mickiewicz. Once this is completed, the editors take all the articles and pictures and place them in an electronic copy of the publication, using Adobe Photoshop and InDesign. The issue is then proofread (again) this time by the editors and the final copy is prepared. The issue is sent to Sun Graphics in Plymouth, WI, to be printed. A week later the issue returns from print and is then placed in the student and staff mailboxes and sealed, addressed, and stamped to be mailed out to all the subscribers. The tremendous amount of work that goes into the production of a single issue is accomplished only by the work of many willing volunteers who give their time and talent to produce six issues of *Hilltopics* each year. We hope you enjoy each issue as we attempt to bring you the news of the Hill and beyond six times a year. T

Review, Reflect, and Renew

By: Joseph Min



Senior Austin Gabrielsen leads prayer during the senior retreat.

Spiritual depth, along with academic excellence, has always been a major part of the mission of St. Lawrence Seminary. Bonded by a common faith, the students of SLS go to prayer services every morning and evening, celebrate the Eucharist three times a week, and have a short prayer at the beginning of every class. In addition to growing in spirituality through their daily activities, there was a great opportunity for the students to review, reflect, and renew their faith through their retreats, which were conducted during the first week of November.

The juniors and seniors were the first to go on their retreats on Wednesday, Nov. 5th. This year the seniors went to a different retreat center, which was Schoenstatt Center in Oconomowoc, WI. Building on the three years of their spiritual experiences, the seniors were led by Fr. Steve Kropp and Br. Kent Bauer. It was “an extraordinary experience,” said Kevin Draftz, the spiritual life representative of the

senior class, “At the same time, it was kind of sad that this would be our last retreat together.”

The juniors went to the Mount Morris Retreat Center in Wauwatosa, where they were greeted by the Spiritus team, a group of youthful volunteers who work for a year leading youth retreats across the state. The juniors focused on the power and grace of the Holy Spirit. Isaias Godinez, the spiritual life representative of the junior class, explained their first retreat off campus as “a time the juniors united with each other not only as a class, but as individuals of a shared faith.” The juniors and seniors returned to the Hill in the afternoon on Friday, while the underclassmen were still having their retreats, which started on Thursday evening.

Spiritus also led the underclassmen retreats, but these were done on campus and with different themes. The sophomores focused on building a community and creating a relationship with Jesus, while the freshmen were geared towards getting closer to God through the various forms of prayer. Through prayer sessions, discussions, and other activities, the sophomores and freshmen delved deeper into their faith.

By the time all the retreats had finished, most of the students had an experience that they would never forget. Through talking, sharing, praying, learning, and expanding their spiritual boundaries, the students at SLS started off the month of November by taking a step back from their busy school lives and sustaining the mission of St. Lawrence Seminary. **T**

So, You Guys Don't Have Prom?

By: Kevin Dang

Any student who has taken World History at SLS knows that the best way for a group of people to improve their society is through an exchange of ideas. More specifically, when a society trades with other groups of people, that society is exposed to foreign inventions and concepts they could take back home and prosper from. This is how nations have been built since the beginning of time; they learned from each other and still do today. So could this idea be applied to high schools? The Archdiocese of Milwaukee answered that question on October 23rd by organizing a Youth Summit that took place at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School (DSHA) in Milwaukee.

All the schools within the archdiocese were invited to send delegates who would meet with delegates from other schools. The class presidents and Student Council Executive Officers were selected to represent SLS at the meeting. The primary goal of the day was to “foster better collaboration and communication between Catholic high schools in Wisconsin,” student council secretary John O’Neill explained. Junior class president Joseph Min added to that saying, “We were separated into small groups that included one member from each school, and we shared ideas about how our schools operated.” Discussions ranged from broad topics, like racial and religious diversity, to simpler things, such as the non-existent female student body of SLS. “The other schools were fascinated with how a school could exist without girls,” said sophomore class president Adolfo Mora.

At the end of the day, students came away enlightened after learning about other schools and explaining their own, paving the way for an exchange of ideas that can help the minority of Catholic schools prosper in the midst of public schools. This was the first time that the Archdiocese has organized a Youth Summit for its high schools, but judging by the positive remarks of all those who attended, it certainly won’t be the last. **T**

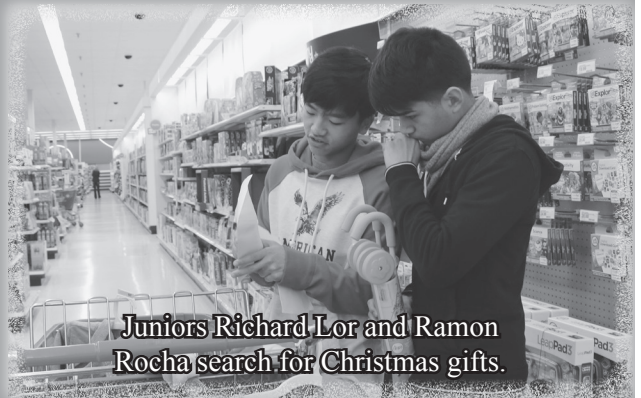


The student council executive committee participated in a recent Youth Summit.

Gifts From God

By: Christian Osornio

One of the many values St. Lawrence Seminary tries to instill in students is the importance of their contribution to the community. One way this value is taught is through a ministry offered every year around Christmastime called the Angel Tree Project. The Angel Tree Project is a ministry that collects donations from all over the United States to buy Christmas gifts for children whose parents are incarcerated. This program has been known to help about 2.7 million children who, at a young age, bear the weight of having a parent in jail. The goal of the Angel Tree Project this



Juniors Richard Lor and Ramon Rocha search for Christmas gifts.



Freshmen Isaac Davison and Karl Bloker wrap presents.

Christmas was to reach out to 425,000 children across the United States. St. Lawrence students and staff did their best to contribute by sponsoring over 100 children.

Every class had a different job when it came to this ministry. The sophomores and freshmen made cards for and helped wrap all the gifts for the children. The juniors went out with members of the staff to purchase the different gifts. Lastly, the senior class was the group that went out with a staff member to personally deliver the donations to the children on December 14th. Senior Connor McCabe said, "This is a really great thing our school is doing for those kids, and I was glad that we were able to contribute even more this year than we have in the past," This Christmas brought a lot of the members of the SLS community together to help out the less fortunate. T

"Hip and Around We Go"

By: Isaias Godinez



Freshman Matthew Ngo spots classmate Daniel Sanchez.

When you think about physical activity, what are the first thoughts that enter your head? Muscle? Cardio? Sweat (because it makes teachers happy to see you tired and depleted of energy by the sports you were doing)? Well, junior Jae Lee stated his first thoughts, "It is an active and social interaction with one another, but the most important thing to learn is that teamwork is required." Another student freshman Max Lemus said, "Phy. Ed. is all about sports, and physical activity, something that keeps you active and not a couch potato." At SLS the teachers attempt to instill all of those things (socialization, teamwork, knowledge of sports, and physical activity) into one very important course: physical education.

Physical education at SLS is taught by Mr. Dennis Holm, Mr. Charles Lefebber, and Mr. Phil McCabe, and in each year of the course, students get to encounter an assortment of interesting and unique sports. Sophomores have played a sport called line soccer. This game is basically soccer but with some new rules. One is that players can pick up the ball, but only if they catch it in the air or use some part of the body to bounce it up and catch it. To score one either has to throw or kick the ball into the goal. If throwing the ball, it is one point, and if kicking, it is two points. Sophomore Mathew Mattes exclaimed, "This is a fun and exciting sport that makes me want to score the game-winning goal or be the start of a comeback. It is fun and something different."

"The most challenging gym class I have ever taken is right now with Mr. Holm. We are learning this new dance called the Highland Fling from Scottish origins," said junior Donovan Stier. Mr. Holm said junior class physical education has one important rule, "You come to gym to build muscle and cardio. The Highland Fling is series of foot movements, concentrating on hand eye coordination." Whether students are learning a brand new sport or activity, or whether it is just a new take on something long established, there is always something active and fun happening in Phy. Ed. T



Sophomores stretch before working out.

The Hoop Squad of SLS: New and Improved 2014

By: Zeb Boos



Junior Brian Pham attempts the three point shot.

Every year when the winter sports season comes around, there are unmistakable signs that pop up around the Hill. The gym gets a little louder, the dorms become quieter, and the days get shorter. All this points to one important thing: basketball. Starting on Monday, November 17th, guys from every class began trying out for a coveted position on the team so that they, too, could be part of the big experience. Making the team, however, was a different story. Tryouts were different this year than they had been in previous years. Speaking from experience, junior Brian Pham said, "Mr. Bartel definitely made us work hard this year. We had to memorize plays and know every position, which definitely made things difficult."

Mr. David Bartel, head coach of the varsity team, said he was very hopeful for the next couple years. "The future looks bright because the freshmen are tall," he said. This could not be truer. Freshmen Marcelino Jean, Jean-Paul Ajide, and Zachary Michalak are each over six feet, with Marcelino being

the tallest at 6'5". This height, however, doesn't negate the fact that they are freshmen who are still young and learning the fundamentals of the game.

After tryouts, the JV and varsity teams were put to work immediately, as right after their Thanksgiving break was the first game of the season, on Tuesday, December 2nd. Their first opponent was Living Word Lutheran. The varsity team fell 59-39 in their first game. Coach Bartel said, "The game went as expected in the first half. It was our first game and we came out timid. In the second half, we calmed down and played much better." Top scorers were Ricardo Diaz and Mark Berryman. T



Senior Mark Berryman controls the offense.

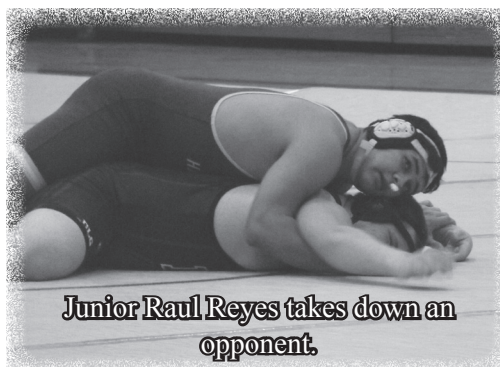
Extreme Conditioning

By: John-Andy Garza

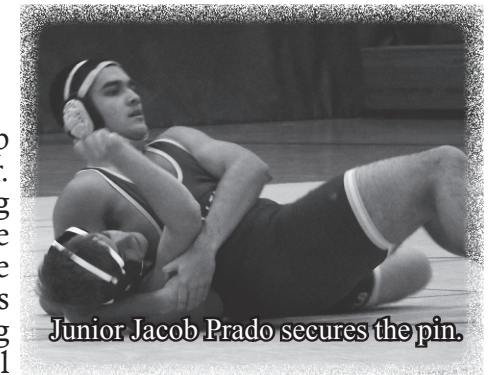


It's that time of the year again, where St. Lawrence wrestlers get to suit up and get ready to "RUMBLE!" About three weeks ahead of the season, Mr. Phil McCabe and Mr. Nick Holm, the wrestling coaches, began challenging both the new and returning wrestlers to get them in tip top shape. Some of the wrestlers this year participated in something new. They attended an obstacle course sponsored by TNT Fitness. In the obstacle course, 10 SLS wrestlers tested their speed, agility, and strength. A third year wrestler, junior Phong Nguyen stated, "It was just like American Ninja Warrior! They had these cool monkey bars that went up and they even had a warped wall!"

As the wrestlers prepared for their season, all of them were expected to come to practice to work out, learn moves, and condition. Bryant Nguyen, a freshman and first-year wrestler commented, "We had to lift weights on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Then we would go into the mat room and learn some moves. Dropping people on the ground was really fun! But then we had to do up-downs where we had to purposely drop ourselves on the ground, and it was really exhausting." All of this training was in preparation for their season, which began on Tuesday, December 2nd. The varsity and junior varsity wrestlers faced Lomira in their first meet. Though the meet was a loss for SLS's team, Coach McCabe didn't look at it as a failure. He had put six first-time wrestlers up against Lomira's very seasoned team. He was just thankful that these new wrestlers were able to get some experience on the mat. In their second meet of the season on Thursday, December 4th, the results were better. The varsity team beat Kettle Moraine Lutheran 78-0. Bringing home pins were sophomore Fernando Puente, junior Raul Reyes, and senior Connor McCabe. The wrestlers, both on the varsity and junior varsity teams, expect to continue working hard in order to make this season a successful one. T



Junior Raul Reyes takes down an opponent.



Junior Jacob Prado secures the pin.

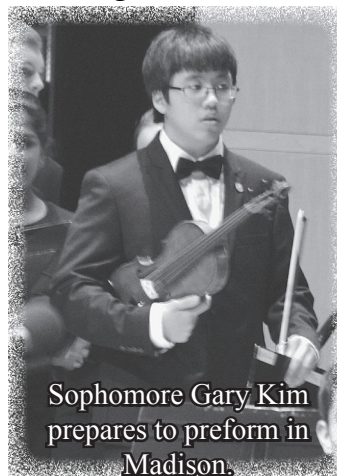
A Sound Like No Other

By: Austin Stevens



This past October, Gary Kim of the sophomore class had the opportunity to participate in quite an exclusive and prestigious event. He was chosen to play violin in the 2014 Wisconsin Honors Orchestra. The Honors Orchestra is just that: a great honor. It is a group of some of the state's best performing high school musicians, who all gather to play a concert. It is truly a testament to how good a musician one is. This is truly demonstrated in the fact that the orchestra members were only able to practice their pieces together as a complete group for a total of five days before their concert!

To first be considered and accepted, Gary had to register online in November of 2013. Then, he had to audition for the spot on January 25, 2014 (coincidentally on the day of the SLS Winter Carnival). He then had to wait in anticipation for the results to be posted online, which finally happened in April. Gary started scanning the list, and finally, he found his name! He was very excited by the prospect of getting to participate.



Sophomore Gary Kim prepares to perform in Madison.

Over the past summer, he was required to fly back to Wisconsin from Texas to attend the mandatory orchestral preparation camp at UW-Green Bay. The camp lasted four days. That was the very first time that musicians saw the music selections that they would be playing, and during those four days they practiced nonstop in order to learn the music.

The next time the orchestra members met was Wednesday, October 29th, the day before the concert was to be held in Madison. They spent the whole day perfecting the music, making sure that it was flawless. The concert itself went very well according to Gary, "It was so amazing, seeing and playing with all of those other talented high schoolers!" Mr. John Ahlstrom, Gary's band director at SLS, helped coordinate Gary's application to the program, and attended the concert with several other SLS student band members. He, as well, had nothing but praise for the performance, "It was truly captivating and amazing, seeing all those talented young people performing like that." Congratulations, Gary, and, hopefully, SLS will see you there again next year! T

Opportunities off the Hill

By: Adolfo Mora



Nobody wants to stay on the Hill of Happiness forever. It's good to get off every once in a while. Whether it's with one's parents, the parents of others, or staff members, some jump at the chance to go off Hill. Mr. Anthony Van Asten, the freshman and junior English teacher, helped quite a few students get off the Hill on Thursday, November 13th. He organized a trip to the Grand Opera House in Oshkosh to see the play *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. "It is such a wonderful play students read junior year. It would be such a waste to have missed a great opportunity in our backyard," said Mr. Van Asten. "Reading a play is one thing, but watching it adds much more depth and understanding." *The Crucible* takes place in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692. The play was written to reveal a dark moment in American history as Miller fictionalized the Salem witch trials of the time.

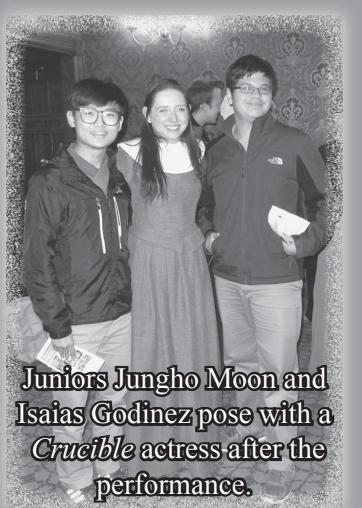
Another great event for which students travelled off the Hill recently was the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band Cathedral Concert. Held on Sunday, November 16th, this



Students pose for a picture after seeing a production of *The Crucible*.

has been a popular trip for students from the Hill. Mr. John Ahlstrom, the SLS choir and band

director, is a member of the symphonic band and has inspired many young men at St. Lawrence who enjoy the opportunity to see a talented group perform. The concert included four original works as well as popular hymns and carols. Sophomore Timothy Nguyen said, "it was a masterful presentation by talented individuals who were obviously proficient in the musical arts." T



Juniors Jungho Moon and Isaias Godinez pose with a *Crucible* actress after the performance.

Faculty and Staff

SPOTLIGHT



By: John O'Neill

Mr. Dennis Holm

Q. How many years have you been with the St. Lawrence staff? Did you have a different job when you started?

A. I've been here 39 years. I was initially hired as a teacher of biology and PE but through the years have served as Dean of Students, Athletic Director, and have coached all sports except football and soccer.

Q. Where did you get your education?

A. UW-Oshkosh, UW-Madison, and Marian University.

Q. Why did you begin working at St. Lawrence?

A. I needed a job and a one-year teaching contract was offered to me. It gave me an opportunity to use my degree in education.

Q. What are some of the jobs you currently do here?

A. I teach two levels of biology, junior and senior physical education, and coach tennis and cross country.

Q. How has St. Lawrence changed since you began working here?

A. There have been many changes but the first ones that come to mind in regards to change are: 1. the changes in total student enrollment, 2. the change in staff from the majority being friars to now being lay staff, 3. the increase in student body diversity.

Q. Is there anything that changed that you would have rather kept the same?

A. My hair.

Q. About how many students have you encountered since you began working here?

A. To the best of my calculations somewhere between 8,000-9,000. T

Mrs. Margie Buelow

Q. How many years have you been with the St. Lawrence Staff? Did you have a different job back then?

A. I've been here 18 years. We moved here so my husband could take the job of band and choir director at St. Lawrence.

Q. Why did you begin working at St. Lawrence?

A. When my husband was band and choir director, he was here seven days a week. If I ever wanted to see my husband, the answer seemed to be to get a job here.

Q. What is, in your opinion, the absolute best part about working here? Why?

A. Working with students! I love doing the activities involved with student council and directing the plays. I really enjoy speaking to the parents of prospective students, too. I guess I love everything I do.

Q. What are some of the jobs you do here?

A. I am the liturgical life coordinator. I also work with the charter transportation, direct the yearly play or musical, assist with some aspects of the ministry program, oversee Angel Tree, coordinate the confirmation program, and I am one of the advisors to the Student Council.

Q. How many days a week do you make the drive to St. Lawrence?

A. Some days I come to school with the Dean of Students. I am often here seven days a week, sometimes twice on Sunday. T



Student

SPOTLIGHT



By: Christian Osornio

Timothy Nguyen (Sophomore)

Q. What would you say is your favorite pastime?

A. I would say that my favorite pastime would be practicing drawing things I've never drawn before.

Q. What do you see yourself doing after you graduate from Saint Lawrence?

A. I see myself going to college to study animation and graphic arts.

Q. Who is your favorite drawing artist?

A. It's a tie between Vincent Van Gogh and Sparth (a video game artist).

Q. What do you like most about your new dorm?

A. I like how it looks. It feels like I'm living in a hotel.

Q. If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

A. I would have the power to control time so that I could fix any mistakes I make.

Q. What are looking forward to the most this year?

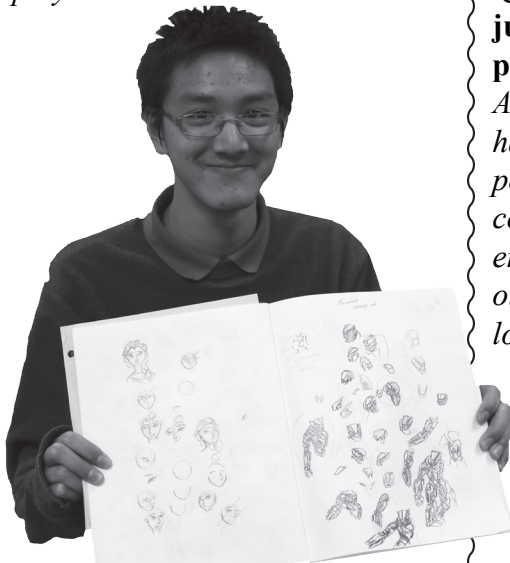
A. I'm looking forward to seeing how far I've come in my art and how well I can draw.

Q. If your senior were to come back for a visit to Saint Lawrence, what would you tell him about your growth since freshman year?

A. I would tell him that I have become a better artist and that I can play the bells pretty well now.

Q. What advice would you give this year's freshman class?

A. I would tell them to try and be a little more polite to the upperclassmen. T



Ashiq Legi (Junior)

Q. What's your favorite genre of music?

A. I can't choose between Pop and Classical music. I like them both.

Q. What do you see yourself doing after you graduate from Saint Lawrence?

A. I see myself studying medicine at a college in Texas.

Q. What is one interesting thing you feel people couldn't tell just by looking at you?

A. They wouldn't be able to tell that I'm a huge trickster.

Q. After having been at St. Lawrence, what do you like most about it?

A. I really like the people here and how diverse our school is.

Q. Where are you from?

A. I'm originally from South Kerala, India, but now I live in Houston, Texas.

Q. If you could wish for anything in the world, what would it be?

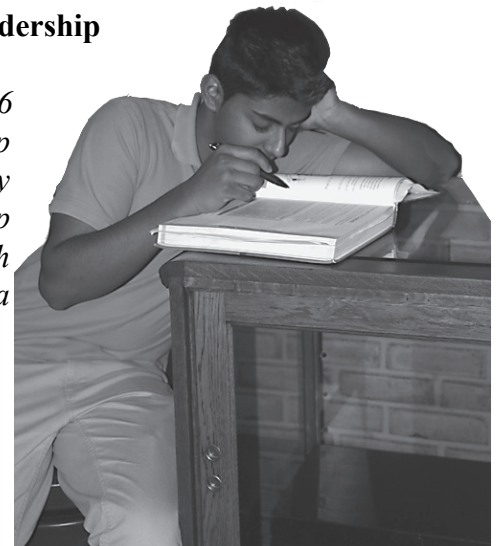
A. I would wish for a magic carpet, a monkey, and a turban so that I could be Aladdin.

Q. What are you looking forward to the most this school year?

A. Eating the spiciest noodles without crying.

Q. What are your comments on the junior class's leadership potential?

A. The class of 2016 has great leadership potential, and if they continue to help encourage each other, they will see a lot of success. T





By the numbers...

By: Taehyeon (Gary) Kim

Number of freshmen who earned the Dean's List or Rector's List during the first quarter.

15

36

Number of math team awards in Ms. Stephanie's classroom.

Number of computers in the computer lab.

62

24

Number of Social Skills taught at SLS.

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