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Hot Chocolate Wars

By: Kevin Dang

“It was quite a scene,” said Fr. John Holly. The image Fr. John was describing only happens once a year: the entire student body outside covered in layers of shirts, sweaters, jackets, and excitement. Some students were competing; others were warming up by the fire, clinging to cups of hot chocolate as they eagerly awaited their turns. Winter Carnival is an annual tradition where the spirit of camaraderie and fraternities—groups consisting of two to three members from each class—is tested by challenging activities and ruthless temperatures.

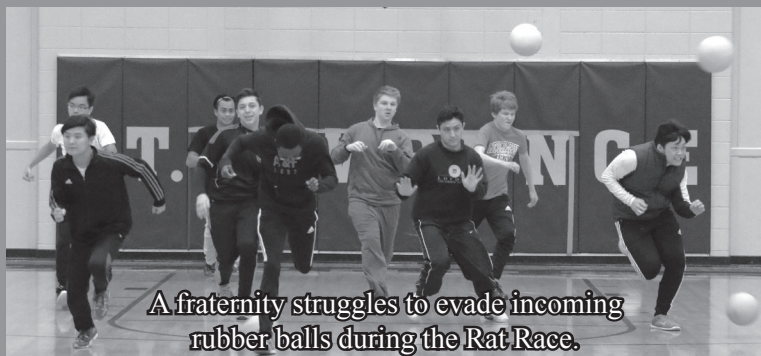


One of the most competitive events during Winter Carnival is the Relay Race.

To kick off an entire day of competition, a prayer service dedicated to Our Lady of the Snows was held in the morning. Before the students were dismissed, Mr. Kevin Buelow, the Dean of Students, announced the only rule of the day: “Have fun.” Once all students were on the soccer field and track area, the fun began. From soccer to football to hockey to relays, there were plenty of ways that fraternities could earn bragging rights in the snow. After lunch, the competition extended to the gym, where indoor activities like basketball, ping pong, and bowling took center stage. In the evening, an awards ceremony highlighted the top five fraternities that collected the most points throughout the day. When all the competition points had been tallied, Fraternity 9 was named the winner of Winter Carnival and Fraternity 12 won the spirit award.



Senior Jang-won Cho and freshman Thomas Vu compete in a new Winter Carnival event: *Fifa*.



A fraternity struggles to evade incoming rubber balls during the Rat Race.

Afterwards, a team of students selected from a lottery played a basketball game against staff members. The annual match was hotly contested this year, even though some of the staff might disagree. “The score was 32 to 37, but we went easy on them,” claimed supervisor Mr. Evan Kinney.

This was the 42nd Winter Carnival and it took place on January 31st, which means it was unsurprisingly cold. But the weather forecast didn’t predict the thick flurries of laughter, constant fun, and restless boys that made this day a memorable one. T

Fired up for Forensics

By: John O'Neill

The St. Lawrence Forensics team has been achieving great success so far this year. Forensics (not to be mistaken with forensic science) is basically competitive public speaking. Categories range from poetry, storytelling, and special occasion speaking to four-minute speeches, original oratories, and oral interpretation of literature. At SLS today, forensics is a well-respected and popular extra-curricular activity.

When asked what he thinks of the Hilltopper's team this year, junior Zeb Boos said, "Forensics, man, that's where it's at." And that could not be truer for the head coach this year, Mr. Antonio Trinidad, who had a similar opinion, "There's a new energy this year within the students—this energy that embodies hard work and dedication is responsible for their success."



Senior Kevin Draftz presents his radio speaking script.

The forensics season at SLS began earlier than normal this year. During the Christmas break, a group of three juniors attended the Amherst Invite. The seminary's small, yet powerful, team earned 1st place in the "Small Team" category. Kamsi Nwanebo received 2nd place in farrago while Kevin Dang earned 1st in the same category. Diego Vargas won 1st place in poetry.

At the first meet for the majority of the team, the Brookfield Central Invite, St. Lawrence's team won 1st place overall in the "Large Team" distinction. Earning 1st place awards were Kevin Draftz, Kevin Dang, Anthony Mensah, Jonathan Nguyen, John O'Neill, and Diego Vargas. Coming in 2nd were Kamsi Nwanebo and the group of Zeb Boos, Benjamin Cruz, Arthuro Cortes, Arnulfo Cortes, and Ramon Rocha. Winners in 3rd place included Tristan De Leon, the group of Franklawrence Amaihe and Dala Iguadala, and Aaron Pereira.

On Saturday, January 23rd, the forensics team was split into two teams, the larger going to the Wisconsin Lutheran Festival and the smaller going to the Appleton East Tournament. At the festival, medalists included Gerard Fernandes, Danny Rico-Sanchez, John Zampino, and Edem Tagbor. Other Hilltoppers at the festival also earned eight blue ribbons and five red ribbons.

At the Appleton East Tournament, the Hilltoppers won 1st place in the small team category. Nearly everyone on the team powered as finalists in their rounds. Winners in their respective categories included Kamsi Nwanebo (2nd), Anthony Mensah (3rd), Aaron Pereira (4th), Jonathan Nguyen (5th), and Kevin Draftz (6th).

With a great start to the forensics season, there are high hopes for the remainder of the school year. The team has had an outstanding performance, winning 1st place overall at the first three meets of the year! It is safe to say that the SLS forensics team is fired up. Great job, Hilltoppers! T

Chillin' in Da Snow

By: Kenneth Ohene-Adu

Snow is here again and once again the students on the Hill just cannot wait to play in it. One day annually students have the opportunity to participate in a skiing trip. This year, the skiing trip was scheduled for Sunday, January 18th, at Sunburst Ski Hill in Kewaskum. The students left shortly after Mass for the trip. It was a fun packed day for the students who went. The seniors on the trip wanted to have as much fun as they could because they felt it was their last year to be kids out in the snow. At Sunburst there were several hills, with many different ways to go down, and of course a ski lodge, where you could warm up and have a cup of hot cocoa.



The ski trip group poses for one last shot of the day.



Juniors John O'Neill, Josue Mota and Raul Reyes pose with their snowboards.

This year's trip was chaperoned by Br. Mark Romanowski and Mr. Thangkou Lor. Most of the students were snowboarding while two were skiing. Br. Mark said, "This year it was a little challenging watching the boys because the Packers' game was also on so I had to multi-task, but it was nice to see the boys having fun." This year, not many of the students went skiing because the Packers' playoff game fell on the same day, which turned out to be a disappointment for the Packers' fanatics on the Hill. At the end of the day, the students who went all came back with tales to tell. Senior Nathan Martens said, "It was a lot of fun despite the fact that I kept wiping out." T

New Year, New Buildings

By: Kamsi Nwanebo

With the new year underway, it is not surprising to see that the St. Lawrence Seminary campus is undergoing a number of visible changes. The most prominent of these is the renovation of St. Mary Hall, the building that houses the refectory, junior dorm, the junior/freshmen study hall, and a number of other places of importance. This renovation quickly follows the recent remodeling of St. Anthony Hall, the building in which the freshman and sophomore dorms are located.



This remodeling is in no way related to the tragic fire that occurred last year. "This project came rather as a response to the building's need for reconstruction," said Rector Fr. John Holly. The plans were made for St. Mary Hall before the fire happened, and it was decided that it would be most efficient and economical to proceed with the contracts as planned. Much of the work will resemble what went on in St. Anthony Hall in terms of furniture and design, however, the plans made for St. Mary Hall differ slightly from



what went on in St. Anthony. "To begin with, due to the immensity of the project planned, much of the work needed to be done is electrical," Fr. John continued. A majority of what needs to be completed involves rewiring the building, working on the plumbing and heating, and all the other aspects involved in the inner workings of a building. "This work also comes as a result of the expansion we have planned for the building," Fr. John explained. "In order for us to provide the juniors with the same amount of space that those residing in St. Anthony have, it is necessary for us to expand upon St. Mary Hall. That being the case, we decided to also take this opportunity to utilize the extra space and to both expand upon the refectory and to create two new conference rooms [on the main level], with the [current] Weisbrod Conference Room becoming part of the refectory."

In addition to all this, a new junior study hall, health department, and development office can be expected in the renovated basement of St. Mary Hall. The student health department is being relocated from its former location, which was alongside the junior dorm, to the basement to allow for more space for the reconstruction of the dorm. After the loss of the former Development Office in the St. Joseph Hall fire, the renovated basement will provide the Development staff with an expanded space in which to conduct their work. With all this work planned, one would expect this to be a prolonged project. "Our hope," explained Fr. John, "is for all of the construction to be completed by October of the 2015-2016 school year, in order for the junior class to move in. Our hope is that everything will be completed before that time; however, whether or not that will be the case only time will tell." T



The Rector's View

By: Fr. John Holly

We have quickly moved into the middle of the third quarter, halfway between Christmas break and winter break. Very soon the season of Lent will be upon us. Even the dreariest of days moves quickly.

While these are exciting times on the Hill, as we look forward to the completion of the new St. Mary Hall and the beginning of the new St. Joseph Hall, these times also present each of us with inconvenience all over the place.

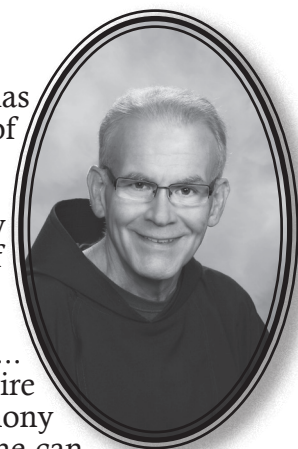
Juniors get used to and come to expect that "juniorland" has all the comforts of home... dorm, study hall, refectory, lounge and even chapel without venturing outside, for the entire weekend! Now the juniors find themselves scattered between the guest house, St. Anthony Hall, a study hall in St. Fidelis, and the dining room and chapel are so far away! If anyone can complain, it's the juniors, and while there have been complaints, the juniors have positively responded to their situation, and we are grateful.

Still to come, as I write this article, we are trying to determine where we will find ourselves eating during the second half of the semester as the winter break will signal the closing of the refectory until August.

I dream that a year from now, we will look back on all of this as we sit in a new St. Mary Hall and laugh at the mess that was.

In the meantime, all of us are victims of the dust and the inconvenience of it all. The Environmental Services staff, headed by Mrs. Mary Bink, and the SODEXO staff, headed by Chef Gary Schrubbe, deserve our constant thanks as they work so hard to keep everything as clean as possible.

Patience and a good sense of humor will help all of us endure these months and help us to remember that the business of the business is your education! Thanks to you for the role you play. T



Back to the Beginning

By: Christian Tango-an



The best part of being a part of a student group at St. Lawrence Seminary such as *Hilltopics* is that it has an elongated history. Dating back to 1965, the *Hilltopics* staff has developed an organization that has been successfully running for 50 years. This 2014-2015 school year, the Saint Lawrence Seminary *Hilltopics* staff is proud to celebrate 50 years of publication.

Welcome to our 4th issue of this school year, the very first one published in 2015. In this issue we have compiled the latest news on the Hill in terms of spiritual life, sports and entertainment, plus our spotlight which features very talented and praiseworthy people. You might have noticed the changes this year. First off, we elongated the issue, expanding from the previous few years' 8-page issue to this year's 12-page issue. The "new students on the Hill" section, which for nine years had occupied the second-to-last page of the issue, morphed into our student and faculty spotlight, to bring you a range of personalities who currently live and/or work on the Hill. And as in years past, we've tried to be a source of information for the daily goings-on on the Hill. The six issues per year are produced on computers and printed off the Hill at Sun Graphics in Plymouth, WI.

Going back 50 years, in 1965, the newspaper and its articles looked much different. The issues were much harder to produce because of the lack of quick printing. According to Mr. Jeff Krieg, the former *Hilltopics* advisor who has more than 20 years experience advising SLS publications, the staff of *Hilltopics* 50 years ago used printing presses, such as the mimeograph, to manually make each page of the newspaper. Moreover, each article was at least one page long and the magazine was printed 13 times over the course of one school year. The issue contained very few pictures, and many would have been hand drawn.

We have a rich history on the Hill, and it's nowhere more obvious than in the archive of *Hilltopics* issues. We hope you continue to enjoy the news of this Hill, no matter how you may be connected to it and its past. T

Papal Visits

By: Taehyeon (Gary) Kim

Pope Francis was in the news recently as he visited Sri Lanka and the Philippines from January 12th to 19th. The official theme of the visitation was “Mercy and Compassion.” The visitation was divided into two parts. Pope Francis visited Sri Lanka from January 12th to 15th, then he visited the Philippines from January 15th to 19th. During the holy Mass on Wednesday in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Pope Francis canonized Blessed Joseph Vaz, the Apostle of Sri Lanka, who was beatified in 1995 by Pope John Paul II. Pope Francis



Pope Francis prays with Sri Lankan religious leaders, demonstrating the message he preached to Sri Lankans.

urged Sri Lankans to follow St. Joseph Vaz’s example and work to overcome religious differences. In the Philippines, he held an outdoor Sunday Mass in the capital Manila. The Mass was dedicated to children, where he said, “We are all God’s children.” Six million people gathered to listen to the homily of Pope Francis. It was the biggest papal Mass since 1995. He also visited survivors of the Typhoon Haiyan (known in the Philippines as Typhoon Yolanda). His pilgrimage to these Asian countries continued to inspire other Christians all around the world. T

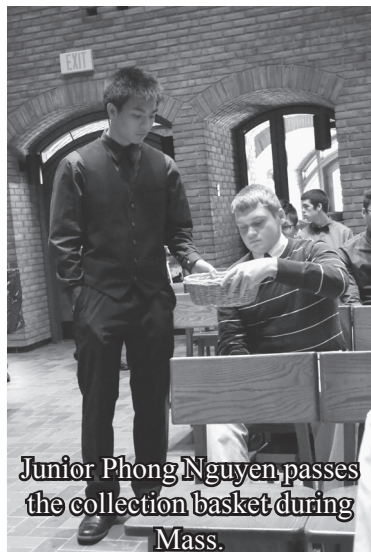


Mercy & Compassion
POPE FRANCIS
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Finding Solutions

By: Adolfo Mora

Every year St. Lawrence Seminary contributes the money gathered during the third quarter collection to a local charity. This year, the third quarter collection is to go toward Solutions Center in Fond du Lac County. Solutions Center provides necessary materials to homeless shelters throughout Fond du Lac County. Students at SLS are encouraged to donate each Sunday at Mass as a sign of their love of God and His people. The Solutions Center is a deserving charity as it is the only domestic abuse and homeless shelter in the city of Fond du Lac and it is community funded. Fr. John Holly, SLS’s Rector, requests that every student should make a contribution to the collection no matter how small it may be. T



Junior Phong Nguyen passes the collection basket during Mass.

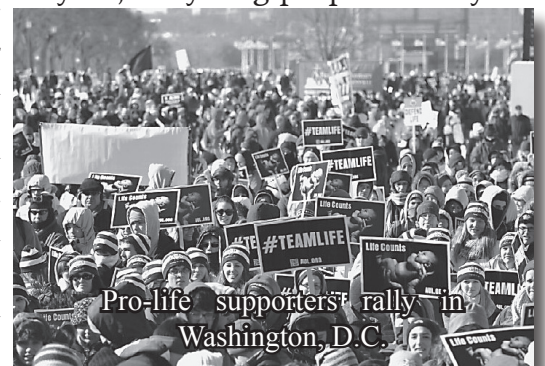
Marching for a Cause

By: Michael Ko

Each year the March for Life takes place in Washington, D.C. The annual march began on January 22, 1974, as a small demonstration of pro-life support founded by Nellie Gray. Now, it is one of the biggest annual marches in the United States. In 2013 it is estimated that 650,000 people attended the march. The March for Life’s main purpose is to protest the Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion. Since the march started, the numbers of abortions have been reduced, but the protest hopes to eliminate them entirely. This year the march was held on Thursday, January 22nd, and afterwards there were several Masses held which were attended by 20,000 young people. Clearly the message of hope for unborn babies remains in the forefront of many people’s minds and actions. T



March for Life 2015



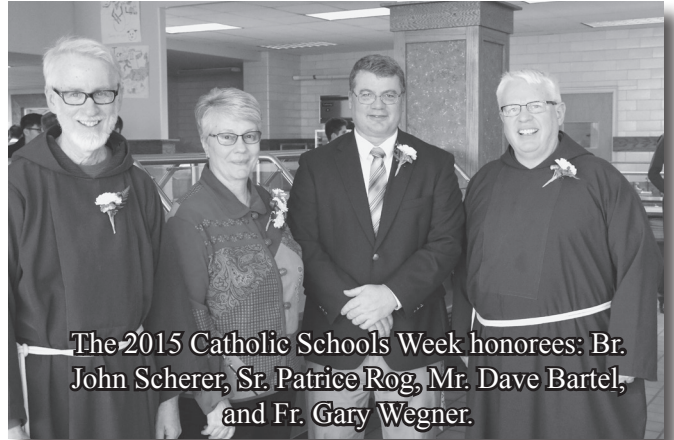
Pro-life supporters rally in Washington, D.C.

Honoring the Call and Those Who Followed

By: Zeb Boos

This year National Catholic Schools Week was celebrated from January 25th-31st. Throughout this week schools across the nation acknowledged their commitment to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The theme for this year was "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." This major event allowed Catholic schools to receive the recognition they deserved for the education of countless youth and their contributions to the church, their communities and the nation.

This year's celebration on the Hill, which took place on Friday, January 30th, allowed for the recognition of many esteemed members and past and present members of the St. Lawrence Seminary staff. Mr. Dave Bartel, the Principal and Academic Dean, was recognized for his 25 years of service



The 2015 Catholic Schools Week honorees: Br. John Scherer, Sr. Patrice Rog, Mr. Dave Bartel, and Fr. Gary Wegner.



to the Hill. Also honored were Br. John Scherer, the former Spanish teacher and dorm supervisor, and Fr. Gary Wegner, who taught social studies and acted as the Dean of Students, both of whom had dedicated more than 20 years of their lives to the [students on the] Hill of Happiness. This was also a formal farewell to Br. John Scherer, who left this past summer before many students had the chance to say goodbye. Finally, Sr. Patrice Rog was honored on the occasion of her retirement. Sr. Patrice served as Campus Minister, a spiritual director, guidance teacher, and tutor.

In short, this was a week that was made for a school like St. Lawrence. Junior Andrew Wolfe said, "It was great to see the dedication to and appreciation for our Catholic values. I really enjoyed seeing this same appreciation in the students of our own Hill. This was a great unifying experience." T

SCOREBOARD

By: Anthony Coompon

VARSITY BASKETBALL

SLS	39-59	Living Word Lutheran
SLS	55-46	Gibraltar
SLS	51-38	Stockbridge
SLS	54-53	Johnson Creek
SLS	37-45	Elkhart Lake
SLS	38-57	Lomira
SLS	42-56	Oneida Nation
SLS	34-36	St. John's Military Academy
SLS	59-37	Eastbrook Academy

JV BASKETBALL

SLS	13-39	Living Word Lutheran
SLS	19-45	Gibraltar
SLS	43-30	Elkhart Lake
SLS	30-35	Random Lake
SLS	26-39	St. Mary Central
SLS	35-68	Lomira
SLS	37-65	Early View Academy
SLS	47-20	St. John's Military Academy
SLS	32-28	Wayland Academy

WRESTLING

SLS	24-54	Elkhart Lake
SLS	78-0	Kettle Moraine Lutheran
SLS	21-60	Laconia
SLS	0-79	Lomira
SLS	34-48	Mayville
SLS	42-39	NFDL/Springs
SLS	6-70	Omro

Winter in Wisconsin means... Wrestling

By: Joseph Min

Aside from what they literally mean, the three words “winter in Wisconsin” hold several special connotations for students at St. Lawrence Seminary. Not only must students wear jackets outdoors but it also denotes the dawn of the long-awaited winter sports season, which officially started on November 17th on the Hill. As the students hastily prepared themselves for wrestling, coaches Mr. Nick Holm, Mr. Phil McCabe, and Mr. Thangkou Lor were busy planning for a whole new, successful wrestling season.

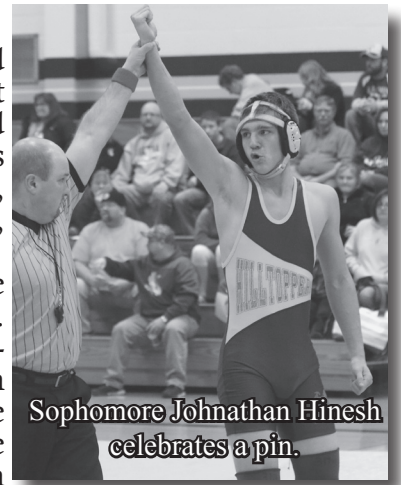
Though 40 students tried out, only 25 wrestlers continued their journey on the SLS wrestling team. The reason for such a drop, according to assistant coach Mr. McCabe, was because of “the nature of wrestling...that it is a one-on-one, close-combat sport.” Fortunately, however, the Hilltoppers have many new freshmen and veteran wrestlers, who have worked hard to win. After several days of practice upon return from Christmas break, the wrestling team was ready to compete once again. Specifically, the team competed at home against North Fond du Lac on

Tuesday, January 20th, and came out victorious

with a score of 42-39. Senior Christian Osornio, junior Joseph Mortell, sophomore Jonathan Hinesh, and freshman Kelly Paulsen each won their individual matches with a pin. A few days afterwards, the team travelled to Appleton West on Saturday, January 24th, for its wrestling invite. Juniors Jacob Prado, Joseph Mortell, and Josue Mota each won 1st place in their respective brackets, and seniors Connor McCabe, Christian Orsornio, and sophomore Kelly Paulson all placed 2nd. After the meet, many wrestlers expressed their high hopes for the rest of the season, including junior Josue Mota, who commented that he believes the team is “improving both individually and as a team.” **T**



SLS wrestlers look on during a match.



Sophomore Johnathan Hinesh celebrates a pin.

Make them Buckets!!!

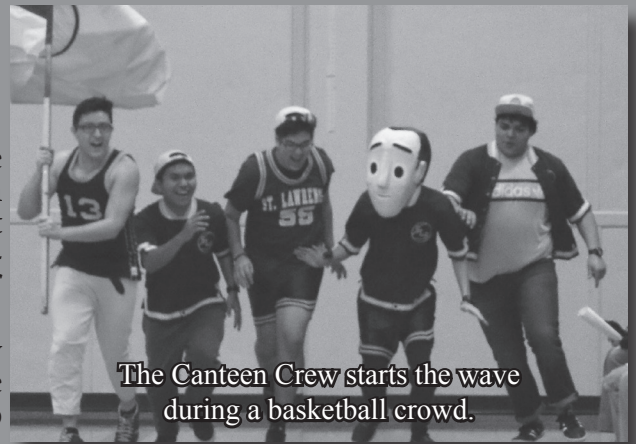
By: Edem Tagbor

Many students at SLS were eagerly awaiting the start of the basketball season as it is a beloved sport by many. Though SLS's teams in recent years have struggled to win, that hadn't dampened the players' love for the game, and many were anxious for the start of the season. The inclusion of a number of juniors on the varsity team helped to build this anticipation. By dint of hard work during practice, the team earned a pretty impressive 3-2 record before the end of the first semester. The SLS Hilltoppers returned from the Christmas break hoping to build on their good start to the season. Senior Matt Enright emphasized this when he stated, “We want to play hard, work better as a team, learn from past mistakes, and move forward.”

The junior varsity team lost 30-35 to Random Lake High School on January 15th. The team suffered three more defeats to St. Mary's Central, Lomira and Early View Academy by scores of 26-39, 35-68 and 37-65, respectively. On January 19th, the varsity team was humbled to a 57-38 loss at home by Lomira. Three days later in a close contest with Oneida High School, the varsity Hilltoppers lost 42-56. The team then travelled to St. John's Northwestern Military Academy on January 24th and in another close encounter, lost 34-36. The JV basketball, however, won 47-20 against the SJNMA JV team. Finally on January 27th, the varsity team managed a win against East Brook 59-37. With that win, head coach Mr. Dave Bartel expressed his hope for continued success, “We needed this game to get some confidence back.” Players hope to build on their recent wins, and players and fans alike hope to see the fruits of the team's hard work pay off. **T**



Junior Ricardo Diaz dribbles the ball past the defense.



The Canteen Crew starts the wave during a basketball crowd.

Oliver!

By: Tyler McFadzen

During the first week of February, musically talented students tried out for this year's theater production, the musical *Oliver!* Throughout the week directors Mrs. Margie Buelow and Mr. Craig Hostetler spent hours coaching future stars to sing, speak, and produce good stage presence. The actual judging consisted of individual and group activities where students sang songs and acted out scenes from the vocal score as the two stoic directors watched. After viewing all the progress made, Mrs. Buelow and Mr. Hostetler sat down for several hours and determined who fit each role best. As one might know, musicals are not easy productions. Sets need to be built, costumes and props need to be found and a pit-band needs to be formed. Band director Mr. John Ahlstrom works separately from the other directors on the music until about three weeks before opening night.

The musical itself is all about a young child named Oliver who lives in a workhouse with numerous other boys. After a disturbing dinner one night, Oliver is sold to a local undertaker but runs away due to his horrible mistreatment. When he happens upon Paddington Green, Oliver quickly makes friends with a boy named Dodger, who in turn takes him to an academy for orphans. This is by no means an ordinary academy; it is run by an older gentleman named Fagin who teaches the boys how to be pick-pockets. At this time Oliver is introduced to two people, Nancy Spikes, a lovely young lady, and Bet. Oliver doesn't really show aptitude for pick-pocketing as he is caught by the police on his first attempt. The man he tried to steal from, Mr. Bronlow, learns of Oliver's tragic past and takes him in. Then the malicious Bill Sikes, husband to Nancy, starts to worry that Oliver will tell the police where the thieves live and operate from. As the musical continues, Oliver is caught up in Bill's schemes as he tries to make sure Oliver doesn't tell. The musical will be performed May 1st-3rd at St. Lawrence Seminary. **T**



The Great Escape

By: Ronnie Nguyen

For students who attend SLS, Christmas vacation is a time where they can get away from the daily routine of school and extra-curricular activities. While some students used this time to relax in their own homes, other students saw the time as an opportunity to acquire new experiences outside of the confines of their home. Senior Tyler McFadzen used this time to vacation in the warm island nation of the Bahamas. Sophomore Alexander Pizaña visited the pyramids of Mexico. Junior Jae Beom Lee vacationed in Maine for a week, while senior Alex Serrato went to Mexico. Junior Tristian De Leon went sledding on the sand dunes of Saudi Arabia, and senior Kent Hong explored Universal Studios Hollywood with a pair of alumni (Vy Tran and Joseph Lieu, Class of '14). Senior John Noel Santiago went golfing on the Sand Golf Course in Saudi Arabia. Junior Zebadiah Boos helped build a bedroom for his sister and became a lifeguard, while fellow junior John O'Neill played Christmas carols on his guitar for hospice patients. Even though most students would say it was a brief three-week vacation, clearly many students enjoyed them to the fullest. **T**

One Last Time

By: Christian Osornio



The movie that had a lot of teens (and others) rushing to the box office over the Christmas season was the end to the latest trilogy of *The Hobbit* movies, *The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies*. This film is about the adventures of a young hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who travels all around the Middle Earth with a band of warriors and a wizard named Gandalf. Throughout the past two films (*The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* and *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*), Bilbo has gone through many adventures to help his troop of dwarves regain what they call the Misty Mountain; however, there are a few problems with their quest. Once they entered the mountain, the wicked dragon Smaug, who guards the mountain and all its gold, awoke and was not pleased with his visitors. After the warriors find a way to eliminate this problem, they face an obstacle that is even harder than the last: the Battle of the Five Armies. The amount of gold left in this mountain is outrageous and every kingdom in the Middle Earth wants a share. This movie takes Bilbo and his friends on a twisted, surprising journey once again, leaving Bilbo in the end with the tale of a lifetime. Senior Beom Kim said, "As a fan of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* series, I liked *The Battle of the Five Armies*, especially because it was hard to imagine while reading the book, and the movie solved the problem." This film was rated a 7.7/10 on IMDB (a trusted film database) and grossed an estimated 722.7 million dollars in theatres. When a movie brings in that much revenue, it's safe to say that this movie was a hit. **T**

Faculty and Staff

SPOTLIGHT

By: Andrew Wolfe

MR. RICK VOELL

Q: When did you first learn about SLS?

A: Probably 1959, 1960, or the late '50s. My mother was involved with Capuchins in Milwaukee. She learned of it through some of the friars. My older brother came so I would visit him.

Q: What other jobs did you have before working for SLS?

A: I worked at St. Mary's parish, taught at St. Thomas More [High School in Milwaukee], worked construction, gave retreats, and worked at Firestone Tire and Rubber.

Q: Did you attend SLS? What year did you graduate?

A: I graduated in 1971 in the same class as Fr. John Holly.

Q: What is your favorite thing about SLS?

A: Whatever I'm doing at the time.

Q: What are the various things you do for SLS?

A: I teach Senior Religion, Psychology I and II, act as a spiritual director, coordinate the ministry program, do staff formation periodically, partake in "round table" discussions, and administer retreats. I also used to teach sophomores and juniors.

Q: What are some of your hobbies? Which is your favorite?

A: Woodworking, racquetball, tennis, walking, reading, and napping. Woodworking is my favorite.

Q: What was hardest thing for you to become accustomed to after the fire?

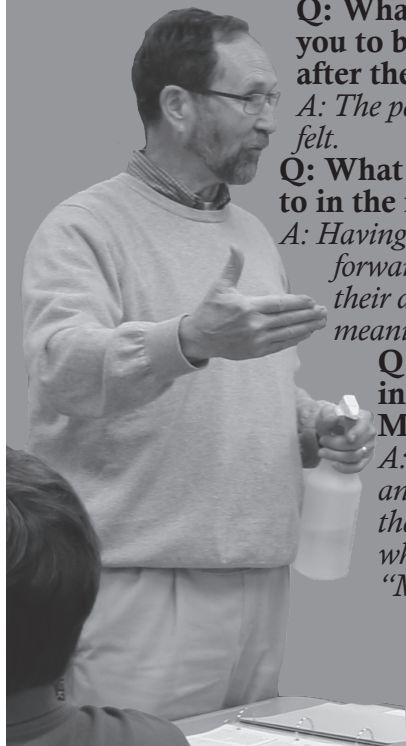
A: The pain and anguish that others felt.

Q: What are you looking forward to in the future of SLS?

A: Having a classroom. I also look forward to the students continuing their desire to learn and engage in meaningful ministry.

Q: What is your doctorate in and do you prefer Dr. or Mr.?

A: My doctorate is in ministry and I have an M.A. in theology. I really don't care whether I'm called "Dr." or "Mr." T



MR. TIM SCHROEDER

Q: What other jobs did you have before working for SLS?

A: [The company I worked for was] involved in the investment industry, ranging from reporting investment returns for high net worth individuals to implementing the U.S. Patriot Act and anti-money laundering regulations after 9/11.

Q: Did you attend SLS? What year did you graduate?

A: I did. I graduated in 1993.

Q: What is your favorite thing about SLS?

A: Praying with and serving with the students and trying to ensure that the staff has the resources they need in order to serve the students.

Q: What are the various things you do for SLS?

A: I'm responsible for all the accounting, the finances, the budgeting, and the human resources.

Q: What are some of your hobbies? Which is your favorite?

A: I like to go camping with my family, which is one of my favorites. I also like to hunt and golf.

Q: What was hardest thing for you to become accustomed to after the fire?

A: The realization that a "normal" day won't return for some time, however, that realization is also exciting because it opens further opportunities to help the mission of St. Lawrence, the students, and the staff.

Q: What are you looking forward to in the future of SLS?

A: The completion of St Mary's Hall renovations and St. Joseph's Hall reconstruction. T



Student

SPOTLIGHT

By: John-Andy Garza and Mrs. Katie Daane

DANIEL MATTHEW

Q: What grade are you in?

A: I'm currently a senior.

Q: Where are you from?

A: I'm from St. Francis, Wisconsin, just south of Milwaukee.

Q: Do you have any siblings?

A: I have five older brothers and two older sisters.

Q: Did you have any family come here before you?

A: No family, I'm the first one.

Q: Why did you come to SLS?

A: I originally came here to become a priest.

Q: What do you plan to do after you graduate?

Where do you hope to go to college?

A: I plan to attend a college for music education or composing and arranging music. I hope to attend UW-Madison or Northern Michigan University.

Q: What instrument do you play?

A: I play a lot of them. In band I play trumpet, but I also play percussion, piano, alto sax, guitar, and Ukulele.

Q: What are your goals for this year?

A: I plan to make one more composition before I graduate for the band to play.

Q: Do you currently have any other ideas for a composition?

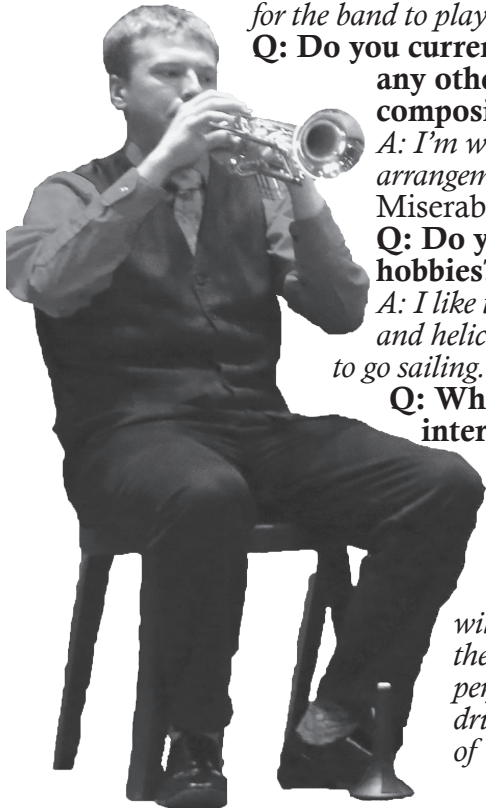
A: I'm working on an arrangement from Les Miserables.

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

A: I like to use RC cars and helicopters, and I like to go sailing.

Q: What is something interesting about you that others might not know?

A: This summer I will be traveling the country and performing with a drum line based out of Racine, WI. T



DAVEE VANG

Q: What grade are you in?

A: I'm a freshman.

Q: Where are you from?

A: I'm from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Q: How did you hear about SLS?

A: I had three brothers come here, so I was interested in coming too.

Q: Do you have an interesting fact that you would like to share?

A: I'm very athletic and I like to play a lot of sports. I played soccer and I am currently on the JV basketball team.

Q: What position did you play in soccer and do you play in basketball?

A: I was goalie in soccer and play a small forward in basketball.

Q: What are some of your hobbies?

A: I like to play basketball, soccer, and volleyball.

Q: Do you have any goals this year?

A: I want to keep my academics up to at least a 3.6 G.P.A.

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?

A: I'm not really sure yet.

Q: What do you expect to get out of your time here at SLS?

A: I hope to become more mature and to approach challenges like a leader.

Q: What do you like about SLS?

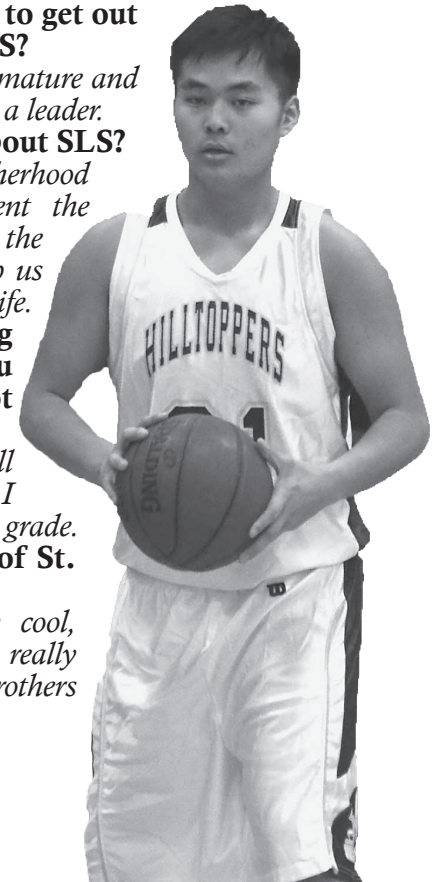
A: I really like the brotherhood formed, the encouragement the staff gives, the care from the faculty and how they help us learn in school and about life.

Q: What is something interesting about you that others might not know?

A: I love play volleyball with family and friends. I played on a team in eighth grade.

Q: What do you think of St. Anthony Hall?

A: I think it's a really cool, modern building. It's really different from when my brothers were here. T



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TIDBITS

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- A subscription cost \$3 for one school year in 1965. Today the subscription is \$10.
- The play *Oliver!* was performed at SLS 50 years ago and will, coincidentally, be performed again this spring.
- 34 *Hilltopics* staff members worked on the first issue. The current staff has 29 members.
- Volume 1, issue 1 included 8 pages and 5 photos. Volume 50, issue 1 was 12 pages long and contained 39 photos.



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FATHER'S DAY '65

Father's-Dads ball game is the feature of an exciting day.

PREVIEW OF FALL PRODUCTION

The first calvary production of the 65-66 season will be the three act play, *Brother Orchid*, written by Leo Brady to "tid that his throne has been usurped and that he is to be killed. He escapes his would be murderers and takes refuge with the Little Brothers of the Flowers, a community of monks who make their living by growing flowers. The Brothers show Little John a kindness and a new way of life he never knew possible, and he begins his regeneration by changing his name to Brother Orchid. Brother Orchid's continual use of slang and his propensity for such antics as playing Alexander Rapture Band on the chapel organ startle the Brothers just a little, but they accept him for what he is and he finds happiness with them.

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ALL HEAVEN KNOWS
HE LOVE YOU'VE GIVEN ME.
HEAVEN ALONE CAN HOLD
ENOUGH LOVE TO
REPRAY THEE!

