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A Taste of the World

The Best Way to Learn About Culture

It is one of the most anticipated dates on an SLS student's calendar. Cultural Heritage Night allows students to learn about and experience multiple cultures very different from their own. And what better way to learn about many cultures in one night than through the common connector of food? Cultural Heritage Night occurred this year on Sunday, February 26th. The celebration began with a special evening prayer at 6:00 p.m. By the end of the service, one could almost hear the students' stomachs grumbling in anticipation of the flavorful festivities that awaited them in the refectory. Students were dismissed by class and quickly made their way towards the sweet smelling sensations. A "painstaking" wait (of all of three minutes) took place outside while group leaders scrambled to perfect their dishes for the students. The doors were opened and nearly 200 hungry boys flocked inside.



Junior Dylan Lobo serves out curry rice.

The food during Cultural Heritage Night is always so good that it can be easy to forget all of the painstaking preparation that takes place in order for the event to be successful. Preparation for Cultural Heritage Night began a couple of weeks before the night of the event when an announcement was made to the students saying that group names and ideas were being collected. In order to form a group, students had to have a group leader who was a senior. Groups also had to plan what food they would make. Once all of those details were taken care of, groups submitted an ingredients list for their food, which was graciously purchased by the school. A couple of days before the big night, groups began to cook their food of choice. All students in the group were able to take part in the cooking process, no matter how skilled (or unskilled) they were! Finally, the big night arrived.



Members of the Mexican group prepare the salsa.

By: Peter Hall



The International Club represented Jamaica this year.

What greeted the guests inside were about a dozen tables set up with the native foods of multiple countries as prepared by students of those nations or lineage. As students flew through the tables from station to station, they used tickets that they were given to purchase all the food that they could get their hands on. Finally, things began to settle down as everyone found a place at a table surrounded by food and friends alike.

After everyone had their fill, the casino portion of the night began. Students were given fake money bearing the faces of prevalent school administrators. The games that took place in the casino gave students a chance to try to win more money, which could then be used to buy raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes.

All in all, SLS students love Cultural Heritage Night, not only because of the food, but also because of the fellowship that takes place between the students. In almost all cases, students and staff walk away from the night with a full stomach, a smile on their face, and a renewed respect and knowledge of their fellow brethren's cultures.

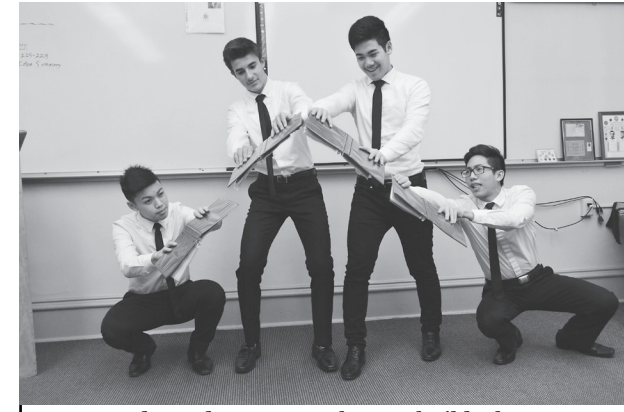


Senior Billy Donohue adds his finishing touch.

Words That Do Mean More Than Actions

By: Joseph Hable

This year, SLS's forensics team has done exceedingly well. The team has diversified into a number of categories other than those students have traditionally entered. SLS has taken first place as a team numerous times, and although the team has also taken second place at some tournaments, overall the team has shown growth over previous years. One measurable improvement is that the team has earned more points and had more finalists than in past years.

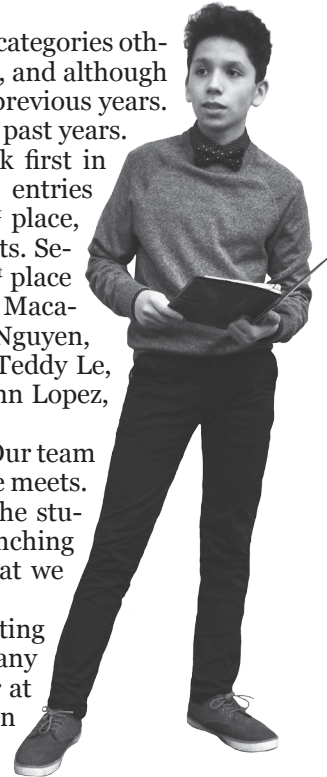


Students demonstrate how to build a home.

At the meet on February 11th, the team took first in the small school division with 308 points, 21 entries reaching the final round, five entries taking 1st place, five taking 2nd, four taking 3rd, and seven finalists. Senior Humberto Huerta nabbed two different 1st place achievements. First place trophies went to Mico Macaraeg and two groups, one consisting of Bryant Nguyen, Jefferson Nguyen, Peter Hall, Martin Vu, and Teddy Le, and the other of Alex Pizaña, Logan Burge, John Lopez, and Jefferson Welbeck.

As head coach Mr. Antonio Trinidad put it, "Our team is scoring more points than last year at the same meets. Although we have taken second a few times, the students are growing in their abilities and are branching out of their traditional categories into ones that we have not done much of before."

This year the school looked forward to hosting the Flyway Conference Forensics meet on Monday, March 20th. Normally, the school does not hold any forensics meets on the Hill, in fact it was something that had not happened in many years. Last year at Conference, the SLS team took first place. This year, with the support of the student body and being on their home turf, the forensics team was happy for a repeat proving the school's great talent and oratorical skills. When the fated day arrived, the team dominated and took first place overall as a team.

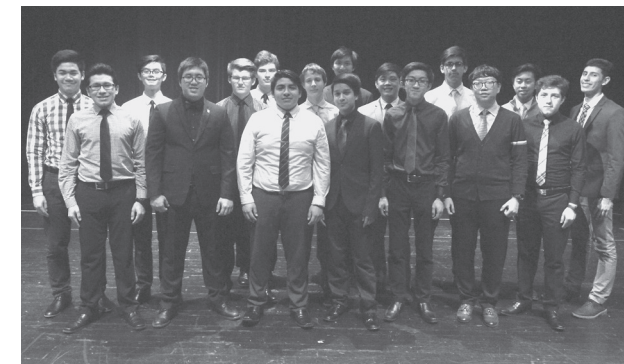


Sophomore Alejandro Reyes recites his farrago piece.

NHS Inducts New Members

By: Yann Memiaghe

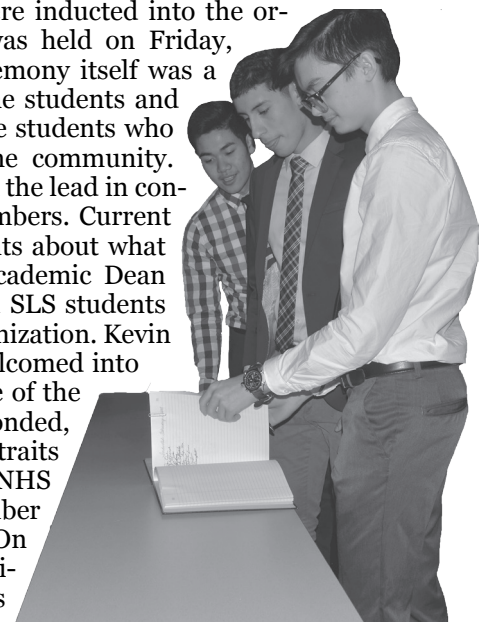
The National Honor Society (NHS) can best be described as an organization of top students who are dedicated to helping others. Only a select assemblage of students is chosen for admittance to this society based on their academic performance, demeanor and actions that build and better the community. The NHS ideals of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character are essentially what Saint Lawrence Seminary expects from all students as they work to their full potential. Students are chosen to join the group because they never settle to be ordinary students and as leaders. A lot of people assume the only way to be included in NHS is to be exceptionally smart. This is far from the truth, as all of the members strive to improve themselves and lift their schoolmates up at the same time, whether in school, sports, or extra-curricular activities.



All of the members of the National Honor Society.

This year, ten new students were inducted into the organization at a ceremony that was held on Friday, February 24th. The induction ceremony itself was a significant event in which both the students and staff came together to honor those students who set the example for others in the community. Current members of the NHS took the lead in conducting the induction of new members. Current members explained different points about what it takes to join the NHS, and Academic Dean Mr. Dave Bartel spoke on how all SLS students have the potential to join this organization. Kevin Nguyen, a junior, was recently welcomed into NHS. When asked the importance of the National Honor Society, he responded,

"The purpose of NHS is to help promote scholarship, service, leadership, and other traits that will help one succeed in the future. I will use the privilege of being a member of NHS to help to continue building up the SLS community and its students." Becoming a member of the NHS does not mean one is granted the right to be condescending or a show-off. On the contrary, his responsibility is to inspire others to work their way into the same position. One of the ways National Honor Society members do this is by tutoring students during evening study hall and during the weekly breakfast clubs. Taking everything into account, the National Honor Society is ultimately what SLS fosters.



New members sign their names in the register.

The American Dream

The United States is built on immigrants. From those who colonized the thirteen colonies to the ones who still arrive today; many immigrants come for a better life. Many times in their native countries, a living wage equal to one in the United States is unheard of. They come to experience the American Dream.

Every day immigrants flow into the United States. They come in legally with work visas or on vacation. Some choose to come in illegally. Illegal immigration has been a problem confronted by many politicians. People say that these immigrants should become citizens or simply be deported. Unfortunately, the solution to the problem of border security and immigration is not that simple. The simplest way to become a citizen is outlined in the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." Because of the wording of this statement, pregnant women often come to the United States hoping that their child is granted citizenship.

People who were born into citizenship often do not comprehend how special the privilege of citizenship is. The path to getting citizenship is not easy. There are many steps applicants have to undergo. They must first verify that they fit the requirements for citizenship and send in various forms for the government to review. The time for processing these forms can be months. Some applicants even have a biometrics appointment where their photos are taken and other identifying information like fingerprints and signatures are collected. Applicants then go through a series of interviews. They must also pass the citizenship test, which requires that they read, write, and speak in English and then answer 10 American civics questions (of which they must get at least 6 right). Once approved for citizenship, the final step is to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States.

Becoming a citizen provides many benefits. New citizens will have the ability to vote once they are eighteen years old and they meet other requirements outlined by their specific state. Once one family member is a citizen, it becomes simpler to petition for the citizenship of another family member. Citizenship comes with much responsibility, but it also comes with some of the biggest benefits: finding a new home and all the opportunity that may provide.

By: Adolfo Mora



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE
* TO THE FLAG OF *
* THE UNITED STATES OF *
* AMERICA *
AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS
ONE NATION
UNDER GOD
INDIVISIBLE
WITH LIBERTY & JUSTICE
FOR ALL

Man am I Lucky?

As March kept on marching, many people were on the lookout for leprechauns coming into towns and cities wearing their little green suits and jumping for joy as St. Patrick's Day approached. With their curiosity and cheerful nature, leprechauns have passed this trait down to the rest of the world as they celebrate their special day on March 17th. From shamrocks to dyeing rivers green, St. Patrick's Day is a renowned holiday celebrated across the whole world by all nationalities, from kids wearing their little green hats to adults wearing their green suits; this is no longer a holiday celebrated in Ireland where the holiday originated.

But what is the history of St. Patrick's Day? Understanding that requires a trip back to 385 A.D. when a baby named Maewyn Succat was born in Britannia (modern-day Great Britain and Ireland). When he was a teenager, pirates captured him and sent him to Ireland as a slave to work as a herdsman. After six years, he escaped and managed to return home where he converted to Christianity.

Eventually in 432, he went back to Ireland where he spent the next thirty years of his life founding schools, churches, and monasteries, and working to spread Christianity across the nation. He became Bishop of Ireland and worked in, with, and for the people of Ireland for the rest of his days. He ultimately succumbed to death on March 17, 461, after which he was named Ireland's patron saint.

March 17th became a religious feast day for St. Patrick, but as emigration occurred, the Irish people brought along their celebrations of St. Patrick, which people still observe today, to their new homes. Some of the strongest ties to St. Patrick remained in Irish-American immigrants, and the first parade celebrating the saint occurred in New York. Ireland has marketed the holiday as a way to celebrate their heritage and to help drive tourism, and no matter a person's ethnic background, he can certainly get in on the fun. St. Patrick's Day brings the whole world together to rejoice and honor the Irish heritage. Senior Billy Donohue said, "Being Irish just makes the whole experience even more meaningful and significant for me."

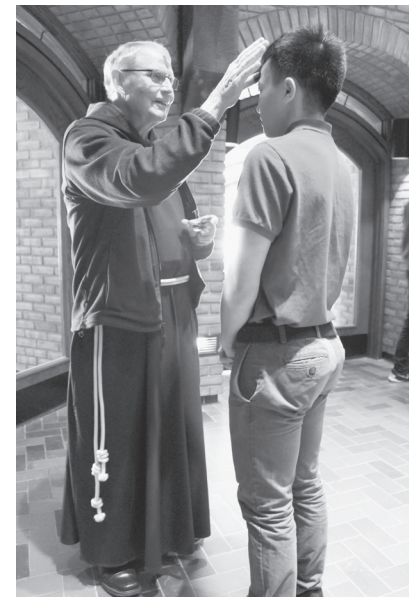
By: Nene Lor



Let Not Your Lament Lay Over Your Lent

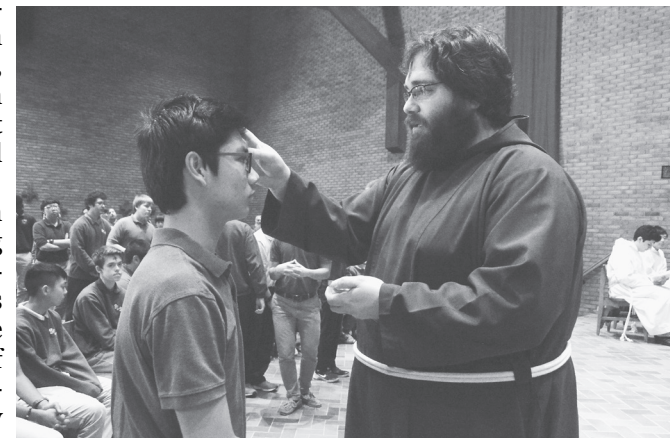
By: Gary Kim

The season of Lent could probably cause one to roll his eyes and complain. Lenten observance often means giving up vices, abstaining from meat, and extra-long Masses on special days. However, at St. Lawrence, the school tries to make the season of Lent a spiritual journey. Through various works and observances, the school opens up the season of Lent to be more meaningful, so the students can reflect on their personal relationship with Christ.



Fr. Ron Smith signs a student's forehead with ashes at the start of Lent.

The word "Lent" comes from the Middle English word meaning "springtime." The Church celebrates Lent during spring, and it is a time of fasting, prayer, penance and almsgiving. The forty days of Lent reflect Jesus's stay in the desert for forty days while tempted by the devil. "Lent is essentially a time of preparation for Easter," Fr. Zoy Garibay, Campus Minister and religious education teacher of SLS, explained. "It reminds us of our call to 'repent and believe in the Gospel.'" The same message is echoed during Ash Wednesday when one receives the ash cross on the forehead. "Repent and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember, you are dust and to dust you will return," are the phrases that one hears while receiving the cross made out of ash.



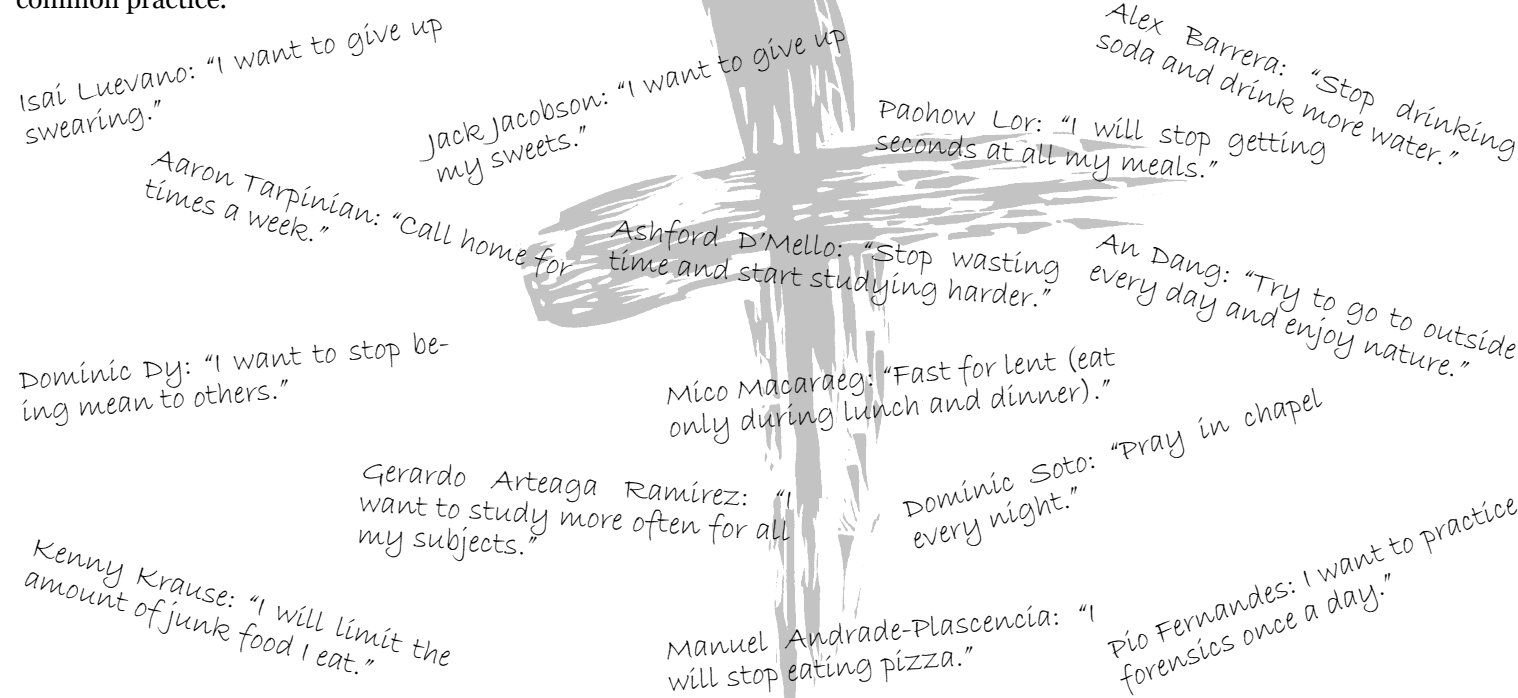
Br. Mitch Frantz distributes ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Lent is truly a spiritual journey that one needs to take to the fullest. The school celebrated Lent by emphasizing this very theme. The aspects of fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving were observed in various ways. No meat was served on Friday, including meat pizzas in the canteen. Lenten optional Masses were available to any students who wished to deepen their Lenten experience. The Spiritual Life Committee selected a Lenten focus of "Respect" this year and each week of Lent highlighted a different type of respect, including respect for women (and avoidance of pornography), respect for oneself, avoidance of lying, cheating, and dishonesty, and, finally, heightened awareness of social concerns. Students collected money through the regular collections as well as a special jeans day, where students could donate a dollar to wear jeans to school. Money raised will be directed toward the upcoming junior mission trip. With one small step in each stride, the students deepened their relationship with God as they imitated the love of Christ throughout Lent.

Lenten Promises

By: Carlos Núñez

In the Catholic Church calendar, the Lenten season is under way. As a time of fasting, praying, and almsgiving, it is a common idea to give something up or practice something additional for Lent. Many students across campus have decided to observe this common practice.



Music to Our Ears

It's about that time of year again...the time SLS students show off their astounding skills in music! On Saturday, February 25th, SLS students participated in the Solo/Ensemble Festival held at Hilbert High School. SLS submitted 37 entries performed by 31 students for the competition. Some students exceeded expectations by doing more than one piece. Senior John Zampino was involved in six entries and senior Gary Kim was involved in seven entries!



Senior Princeton La practices for his solo.

Some students began working on their Solo/Ensemble pieces as early as January, rehearsing every day to memorize their pieces. On the day of Solo/Ensemble, students woke up early in the morning to get their breakfast. When they arrived at the competition site, they started to warm up their lungs or their instruments. When it was time to perform, they went into their assigned rooms and performed in front of a judge.

Pieces ranged in difficulty from classes A to C, with A being the most difficult rank. Each performer earned a score of one through four, one being the best a person could do. Performers could also progress to state competition if they earned a "starred first" rating for their entry, but only class A pieces were eligible. In the end, 18 entries received a "starred first" rating and qualified for state. Senior Gary Kim is heading to state with six different pieces and senior John Zampino with four different pieces! The state competition is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th, at UW-Oshkosh.

The school music director, Mr. John Ahlstrom, was with the students every step of the way. Mr. Ahlstrom organized every entry submitted. He spent numerous hours after school working with each student to help him perform at his best. Mr. Ahlstrom stated, "It doesn't matter if a person performs a class C entry; every person who participates in the Solo/Ensemble comes out a better musician. And that is what counts."

By: Tom Vu



Senior Gary Kim introduces his piece.

SLS Goes Live

By: Isaac Villegas

The talent show has been a tradition at St. Lawrence for many years. Whether it be singing, dancing, or playing instruments, the students at St. Lawrence have many talents that they were able to showcase at the talent show on Saturday, March 25th. This year, as in years past, there were many solos, duets, and even ensemble singing. The entire junior class also took part in a comedic skit that imitated some of their favorite teachers and staff. The entire student body attended and faculty and staff were invited as well.



A group of seniors perform an original medley.



Freshman Pio Fernandez sells his personality pill.



Junior Ben Quiroz expresses his love for the girl from Starbucks.

dance crew, last year.

This year, there were many musical performances; to name a few: senior Alex Pizaña's (piano solo), a saxophone solo by freshman Josh Prado, a rock band performance by a group of seniors, a vocal solo by freshman Dominic Nguyen, as well as



Senior Alexander Pizana performs a piano solo.

a vocal solo by junior Kevin Nugyen accompanied by senior Princeton La on guitar. There were two forensics pieces, one by junior Ben Quiroz and another by freshman Pio Fernandez. There were some funny videos from the senior class as well. The juniors put forth their skit where the teachers played Family Feud—it wasn't clear who won that but there were some entertaining appearances by faculty members and random TV personalities. Last but not least, although ETC did not make an appearance, there was a dance by two freshmen, Vito Correa and Gabriel Aidoo.

Awards were given out at evening prayer on the following Monday. Fourth place went to Pio Fernandez for his forensics piece. Third place went to the senior group of Mitchell Yeakley, Princeton La, John Lopez, and Logan Burge for their mashup of several popular songs. Alex Pizaña took second place with his piano solo. Finally, junior Kevin Nguyen took the first place prize for his vocal solo. All together the talent show was a really great example of how talented the students of St. Lawrence really are.

Latin Scholars Test Their Knowledge

By: Alejandro Reyes

Latin, the original language of the Catholic Church, is still taught at SLS despite only being spoken today by very few. Though spoken by few, understanding Latin gives scholars a solid foundation for understanding other languages, as so many are originally derived from Latin. It also helps in field-specific languages, especially in law and medicine. Mr. David Gritt, a 1958 graduate of SLS and the current Latin teacher, prepares students in a curriculum of vocabulary, classical literature, and the history of Latin. The course of study may be difficult for some, but it prepares students for the annual National Latin Exam, which was held this year on Wednesday, March 15th.

The National Latin Exam is a test that compares the skill level and progress of students to expected achievements based on grade level. This test is offered nationwide and, in some cases, internationally. Depending on his test score, a student could receive certain awards or even scholarships to some colleges. Fourth place earned a student a cum laude certificate, third place a magna cum laude certificate, second place earned a silver medal and a maxima cum laude certificate, and first place earns a gold medal and a summa cum laude certificate. The school also earned a National Latin Exam Certificate of Merit for participating in the exam. While individual results were not back as of print time, it was clear that SLS students had worked hard before and during their tests.

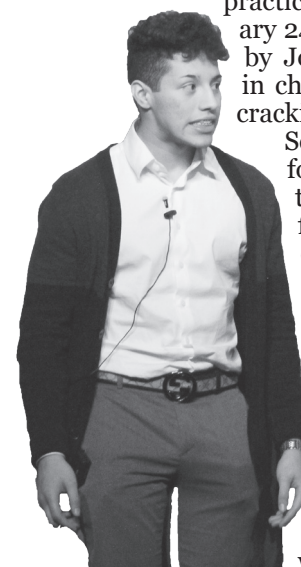
"Mr. Gritt prepared us pretty well for the exam, in my opinion," said sophomore and Latin II student David Draftz when asked about his preparation for the exam. "He gave us a daily quiz based on previously learned material, most of which appeared on the exam. As expected, the exam itself was just like any other test." Congratulations to all SLS students who partook in this year's NLE.



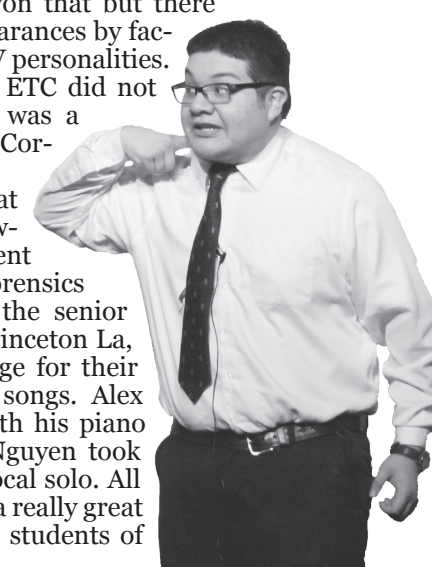
Mrs. Lefeber prepares the students for the exam.



Students decipher Latin roots.



Host Julian Moron



Host John Lopez

Smell of Roses and Competition

By: Matthew Mattes

As the leaves of the trees began to bud and birds returned to the Hill, so did another season...that of spring sports. St. Lawrence participates in three separate sports from March until the end of the school year in May: tennis, track and field, and baseball. This year athletes hope to improve upon team accomplishments from last year as well as set personal goals of achievement.

The tennis team has had successful seasons these past couple of years, winning a majority of their meets. A returning tennis player this year is junior Jasper Sampaga who hopes, "To get into singles two or singles one." Coach Holm talked about the upcoming season as well, saying, "Our goal each year is to improve. We have a full schedule this year which includes conference play. A couple of weeks we are playing three and four times in a week. This will definitely be a challenge. However, getting back into conference and having a conference tournament gives us more incentive to put our best efforts in each outing. Also, we do have the potential to have 15 returning players. When students continue with a given sport each year, it always helps in building a competitive program. Our goal is to improve and be competitive in each match and meet."

During last year's track season, the team accomplished many feats, including a second place overall win at the St. John's Northwest Military Academy Invitational. Two returning competitors are seniors Alexander Pizaña in long distance running, and Devin Do in shotput and discus. "I want to improve my time in the mile run, 800 meter, and stay in more physical shape," Alexander stated. Devin Do explained, "My hope this year is to *try* to beat Omro." Coach Rick Voell went on to explain his goals for the team, "Set high expectations, build a strong community, develop good integrity, and improve skills."

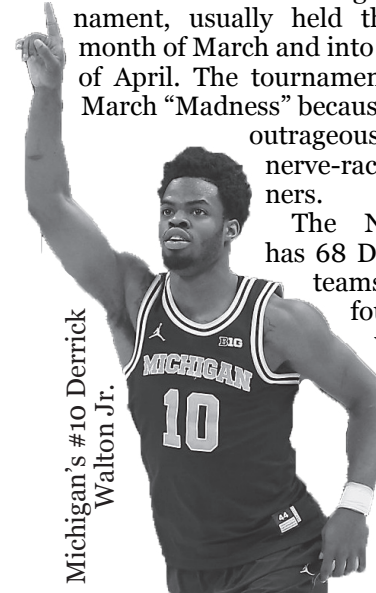
The hot topic this year on the baseball diamond was the replacement of long-time Coach Chuck Lefebber this season. Coach Chad Dowland stepped in and took over the varsity team this year and hope to improve on last year. Some returning players include junior Isaiah King and senior manager John Zampino. "I think we'll have an okay team this year because of the success we had last year on JV," said Isaiah. "It will be interesting to see how we do without Coach Lefebber. I feel, will do well with Coach Dowland c," said John. Coach Dowland explained his goals as being competitive and playing their hardest this season.

No matter what sport students joined, the spring season promised them a chance to develop their athletic skills and to participate on a team.

Method of the Team's Madness

By: Eric Howard

The time so many had been waiting for finally arrived on March 12th. It was time for March Madness!!! One of the biggest phenomena in sports, March Madness was just another name for the time of the annual NCAA college basketball tournament, usually held throughout the month of March and into the beginning of April. The tournament was coined March "Madness" because of the many outrageous upsets and nerve-racking game winners.



Michigan's #10 Derrick Walton Jr.

The NCAA tournament has 68 Division One basketball teams that are arranged in four regions: East, South, Midwest, and West. (The first round can be viewed as the preliminary round; it consists of four teams playing each other for a chance to join the competition in a certain region.) In each region there are 16 ranked teams.

The pairings for this year's tournament were announced on Selection Sunday, held this year on March 12th, selected by a committee of basketball specialists. Determinations were made for the teams picked, including the team's seed number and whom they would be facing. The team's seeding corresponded to their record during the regular season. To launch the tournament, the #1 seed faced the #16, the #2 seed faced the #15 seed, and so forth.

On Selection Sunday, many people printed a copy of the NCAA bracket. Their goal was to try to correctly pick the winners of each game and overall, the winner of the tournament. However, while it might seem easy to fill out, it is harder to win than it looks. According to *ESPN.com*, out of the 11.6 million brackets that were filled out in 2015, only 14 were filled in correctly. This means that only .0001% of participants correctly filled out the bracket. While the chances of winning it all appear remote, anything can happen. Just maybe your bracket was the lucky one! And even if you didn't win, perhaps you enjoyed a bit of the madness.



The 8th seeded Wisconsin upsets the 1st seeded Villanova.

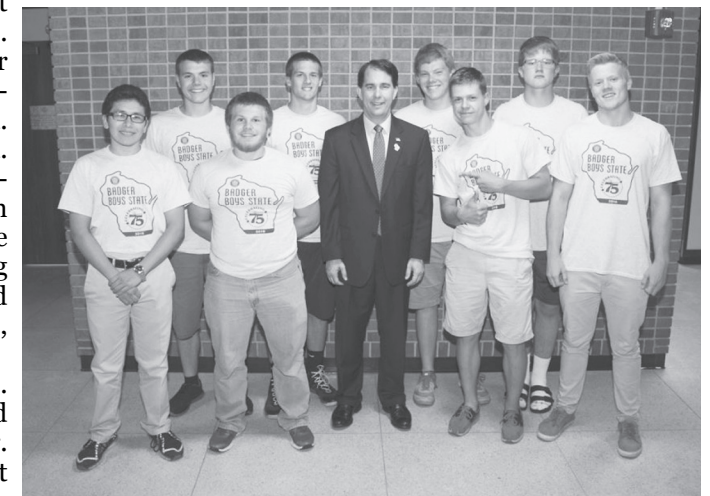
The 51st State

By: Adolfo Mora

To make a difference, one must possess a voice with the ability to resonate to the masses. Every year, St. Lawrence sends members of the junior class to Badger Boys State to nurture that type of leadership skill. Hosted every year at Ripon College, selected juniors learn the ins-and-outs of state government. SLS representatives pay nothing out-of-pocket for this experience because they are sponsored annually by the American Legion Post below the Hill in Mt. Calvary. They believe that St. Lawrence students are worth sponsoring and are perennially impressed by how they present themselves. Badger Boys State is an opportunity that should not be taken lightly.

Students arrive at Ripon College on a Saturday and remain on campus for a whole week until the following Sunday. During this time, students divide up into separate cities. They vote amongst themselves for various governing positions and set the basis for laws. Students increase rank by getting voted in by other students. Senior Alexander Pizaña remembers his Badger Boys experience last summer as "An incredible experience that should not be taken for granted. I learned the importance of being a good citizen in the real world. A citizen's responsibilities are what keeps a state functioning." Badger Boys State participants return proud to have been among such a group of individuals. Having gained experience in how the state works throughout the week, alumni go off to do great things. Having Badger Boys State on one's application or resume makes him stand out to colleges and future employers. Bill Clinton, Neil Armstrong, and even Michael Jordan are Boys State alumni.

The application process was recently undertaken by several juniors. The faculty members of the Social Studies department then reviewed applications and selected two participants for this coming summer. Juniors Eric Howard and Benjamin Quiroz were chosen to represent SLS at this year's Badger Boys convention. It may be too late for current juniors to consider Badger Boys State, but sophomores should start thinking now for participation in 2018.



Senior Alexander Pizana poses with Wisconsin's Governor Scott Walker at Badger Boys State.

Wherefore Art Thou Romeo?

By: Mike Perez

One of the required readings as a freshman at St. Lawrence is Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*, a tragedy that is praised worldwide today despite being published 420 years ago. Arguably one of Shakespeare's most popular plays, it is a tale that most people know well, even if they have never actually read the original script.

The story takes place within the span of a week and revolves around the "star-crossed" lovers who lend their names to the play. They are young lovers kept apart because of an old family feud between their noble houses in Venice, Italy. This conflict tears at the budding relationship and escalates until the play's finale where, as the type of play suggests, tragedy lays its heavy hand on the young couple.

Students were able to see a live performance of the play on Thursday, March 23rd at The Grand Opera House in Oshkosh, WI. Organized by English teachers Mr. Anthony Van Asten and Mrs. Katie Daane, all of the freshmen were taken as a part of their English curriculum. The trip was also offered to other stu-

dents. In total, 66 students and 5 adults traveled to the theater to take in the Hysterical Productions rendition of the classic tale. Their interpretation set the events in 1920s Venice, but the storyline remained the same.

Though reviews of the performance were mixed, many enjoyed the evening. Criticisms ranged from dislikes of particular casting choices to a lack of commitment to the 1920s setting. Sophomore Gerado Aguirre said, "It didn't seem like they needed to change it to the 1920s. The only thing it really changed was the costumes." Praise for the performance varied. Some liked that seeing it helped make the language clearer. Others appreciated the jokes more having heard them performed rather than read off the page. Freshman Julio Perea said, "While I didn't love the performance, it did make the play easier



Students who attended *Romeo and Juliet* pose for picture.

to understand." Though not everyone loved the performance, it was a valuable opportunity for students to experience Shakespeare's plays the way his original audiences would have.



Junior Jae-Suk Lee's winning piece "Save the Water."



Students admire various works at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Junior Wins Art Award

By: Wilson Burge

There are many opportunities for students at SLS to earn awards in areas such as band, choir, forensics, academics, sports, and leadership. In recent days, however, a current junior at SLS has received an award that hasn't been given to a student of SLS for a long time. On Saturday, February 11th, junior Jae-Suk Lee traveled to the Milwaukee Public Art Museum to claim his Silver Key Award in the Scholastic Art Awards for the Wisconsin region. Each year, students in grades 7-12 submit work in a range of categories to be considered. The Silver Key award acknowledges statewide recognition and is a high honor, while Gold Key recipients have their work go on to compete at the national level.

"It feels really good to be recognized for my work and to travel to Milwaukee to represent SLS," said Jae when asked about his accomplishments. Over 300 student works were on display at the Milwaukee Art Museum, selected from more than 3,000 submitted works. Unfortunately, Jae was unable to have his work on display at the museum because it was simply too large to ship from South Korea, where he had created it last summer. His winning work was entitled "Save Our Water" and was a work of his printmaking. He created the work by carving the print form, printing it onto paper bags, and then pasting them onto a backing board. He also carved a faucet at the bottom of the board. Finally, it was staged on a street in South Korea and photographed for the submission.

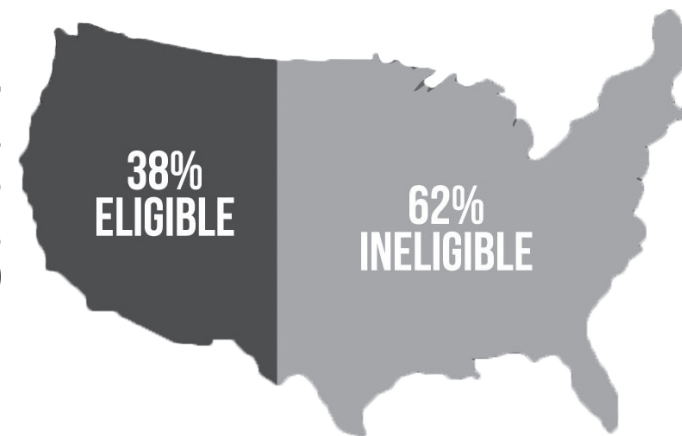
Inspired by Jae's accomplishments, a field trip for SLS students to the Milwaukee Art Museum was organized for Saturday, February 25th. A group of 19 students travelled to Milwaukee to spend an afternoon taking in the winning artwork by highschoolers as well as the museum's regular exhibits. Joel Rivas, a junior who attended the field trip, said, "I enjoyed going to the art museum because there was really amazing artwork, and I even got to see a painting made by a friend of mine from Milwaukee." Hopefully, both events will inspire other artists at SLS to strive for similar accomplishments.

Blood Drive

By: Paul Jeon

Each year millions of people need blood transfusions due to accidents and illnesses. While most people expect the supply to automatically be available at a hospital if they need it, the reality is that hospitals often run low on blood supplies. The blood that they have and use is donated by citizens who are willing to take time out of their lives to offer the precious and necessary resource. This process requires at least an hour of one's time, and donations can be made up to every eight weeks. The process begins with the donor reading important information regarding safe donation guidelines, then undergoing a brief physical exam to ensure their health for donation, and finally the actual donation procedure. On Tuesday, March 14th, there was a Holyland Blood Drive held in Mt. Calvary, which was well attended by St. Lawrence Students, helping the committee to collect 157 units of blood and exceeding their goal of 126. For those who need the life-saving supply, the time and effort offered by blood donors is priceless.

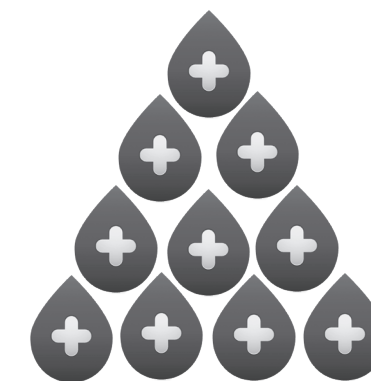
OUT OF THE ESTIMATED 38% OF THE U.S. POPULATION THAT IS ELIGIBLE TO DONATE, LESS THAN 10% DO SO EACH YEAR.



American Red Cross SUPPLIES ABOUT 40% OF THE NATION'S BLOOD



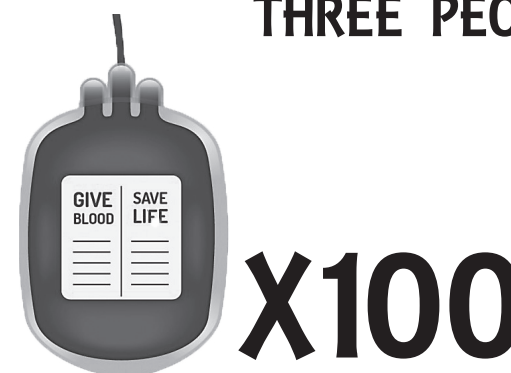
ONE DONATION CAN SAVE UP TO THREE PEOPLE



ADULTS HAVE ABOUT 10 PINTS OF BLOOD IN THE BODY



EVERY 2 SECONDS SOMEBODY NEEDS BLOOD



A SINGLE CAR ACCIDENT VICTIM CAN NEED UP TO 100 PINTS OF BLOOD

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