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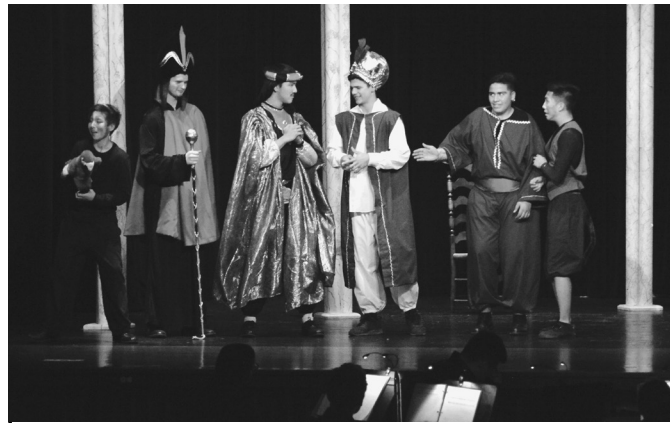
Aladdin Hits SLS Stage

The audience quieted down, then the stage curtains opened, lights lit the stage, and the actors were ready to perform. This year's school musical commenced on Thursday, May 4th, at St. Lawrence Seminary as the students and many teachers and staff watched the dress rehearsal. The public performances continued through the weekend of May 5th-7th. Although many enjoy gathering to watch these performances, few typically acknowledge the amount of effort that goes into making each production a success. Director Mrs. Margie Buelow led this year's musical, along with set and prop manager Mr. Gary Buelow, and co-assistant directors, Mr. Antonio Trinidad and Mrs. Heather Winter. Mr. John Ahlstrom also worked with the cast members on their singing and the pit orchestra on accompanying them. Through their work and that of the actors, the show took to the stage fully prepared to wow audiences.



Aladdin runs away from the Royal Guard.

In the first couple of weeks of March, Mrs. Buelow announced the musical that St. Lawrence would be performing. Every year SLS alternates from performing musicals to plays to keep some variation, and this year St. Lawrence chose a well-known musical: *Aladdin*. The play followed the classic Disney animated film, but with a little twist, it was a bilingual version. In this version a young street kid named Aladdin makes a wish to become a prince, all for the love of Princess Jasmine of Agrabah, just like the film. However, Jafar, who is the Sultan's right-hand man, made a wish (with the help of a genie) that the city



Prince Ali introduces himself to the Sultan.

By: Eric Howard

would be divided by a Spanish and English language barrier, making it impossible for everyone to communicate with each other. However, the cast included four Royal Translators who helped ensure the audience understood what was going on in both English and Spanish.



Genie is at the command of Jafar.

Performing this musical was a harder task than many imagined. Junior Teddy Le, one of the Royal Translators, stated, "The production was a lot more work than I expected. Throughout the practices, I just hoped that when the production came around, it would all pay off." Indeed, many of the members of the cast, stage crew, and auditorium work crew, sacrificed much free time and evening study halls in order to ensure this year's musical success.



Jafar acquires the lamp for himself.

The show was a success in part because of the hard work of a talented group of actors. Playing Aladdin was senior Mitchell Yeakley, along with his trusty sidekick Abu, played by senior Martin Vu. The genie was portrayed by senior Humberto Huerta and the Sultan by senior Timothy Nguyen. The villain Jafar was cleverly acted by junior Max Eliason, and his pet bird Iago was played by freshman Dominic Nguyen. Jasmine was brought to life by Cassandra Washington and her sidekick tiger Rajah was played by junior Eric Howard. These roles as well as the supporting actors, stage crew, musicians, and behind the scenes support made *Aladdin* quite a show to remember.

Friends from Across the World

By: Wilson Burge

With all the opportunities St. Lawrence Seminary offers, one of the most treasured is the exchange program between SLS and Collegium Johanneum (die Loburg), a high school in Ostbevern, Germany, which has been involved in this exchange since 1989. The program began with Fr. Ed Dziejewski, the German teacher at the time, who connected with the then-all-boys school, and the relationship has continued through today. Every other year, the Loburg sends students to the states and in the alternating years, SLS sends students to Germany. "I always enjoy having the German visitors at St. Lawrence. However, my favorite part is every other year when we go to Germany, and I get to eat their famous curry wurst," said Mr. Kevin Buelow, the current German teacher, when asked about the exchange.

This year, the Loburg sent 14 of their students and 2 teachers to SLS to both experience American culture and practice their English. SLS students were paired with each of the Germans to show them around and act as their hosts. Throughout their time at SLS, the



The visitors pose with their junior hosts.

hosts and German visitors bonded through activities such as bowling, soccer games in the gym, and even just relaxing and discussing cultural differences. Through organized trips, the German visitors also spent some time off campus to experience local sites. Before arriving at SLS, the visitors spent four days in Washington, D.C., where they saw many of the monuments and memorials. After arriving at SLS, they visited the Kohler Design Center, the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, Lambeau Field in Green Bay, and Chicago among others. "I really enjoyed my stay in the States and especially at St. Lawrence. Everyone was so kind and more hospitable than most back in Germany," said Ben Van Ijzerlooij when asked about his stay at SLS. All the Germans agreed that they would one day like to return to the States. The continuation of the program for nearly three decades has helped to build connections across continents and open the world to students from both schools.



The German visitors take in Lambeau Field.

It All Adds Up

By: Joseph Hable

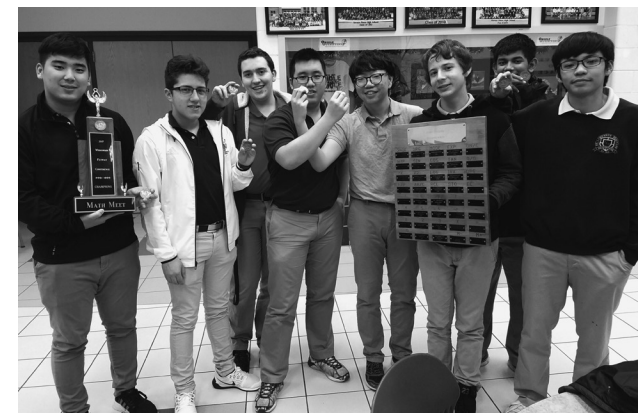
The Saint Lawrence Seminary math team has once again shown the state what our school is made of! This year, the math team won 1st place at every single math meet that they competed at in the conference. The team took third place at the state math meet in March and also dominated the Flyway Conference meet, with Team One netting a 1st for SLS for the 5th year in a row. The team's success is something to be proud of and is due to the efforts of many.

Over the course of the school year, six students competed on Team One at every meet. They were Paul Jeon, Adolfo Mora, Gary Kim, Seung Joo Lee, An Dang, and Joseph Hable. Others

who competed on Team One at different points throughout the year included Sean D'Souza, Karl Bloker, Michael Nguyen, and Anthony Le. At conference, in contrast to all the other meets, the top 24 participants were awarded honors on one of three teams. The top eight were awarded First Team All-Conference, the next eight were given Second Team All-Conference, and the final eight earned honorable mentions. Four students from SLS earned First Team honors at this year's conference meet: Adolfo Mora, An Dang, Seung Joo Lee, and Gary Kim. Sean D'Souza, Joseph Hable, and Paul Jeon earned Second Team. Finally, Matthew Mortell and Raymond O received honorable mentions at the meet. Junior Karl Bloker explained, "I think we did very well at the conference meet. I am very proud of the members of Team One."

For the state math meet, the students on Team One competed against other schools from across the state. This year SLS's team took 3rd, falling one point short of the 2nd place team. This year's test, according to members of the team, was much harder than last year's test, making it harder to earn points.

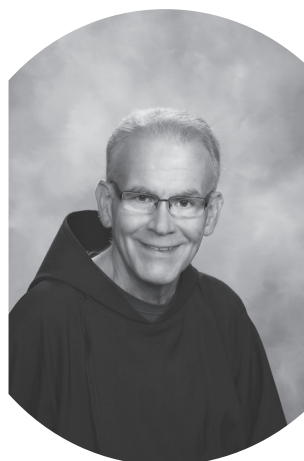
This year's math team has carried on the success of previous years. With four strong senior members of the team graduating, the team will have to work that much harder to continue their dominance. But as previous years have shown, no matter what happens, the students on the math team are dedicated to quality competition and showing other schools that no matter how small SLS is, the Hilltoppers still have what it takes to be the best.



Team One takes 1st place.

Farewell!

By: Fr. John Holly



The months have flown by, as they always do here, and we find ourselves at the end of another school year. A time to give thanks for the many good things that have gone on during this year.

As I come to the end of my time as Rector, I'm so grateful for the opportunities of the past five years. Overall, these have been great years for many different reasons. I've been blessed to work with excellent students. You can't believe the growth and change that I see from this office. Just even looking at the seniors these days, I can't believe the growth from when they were small freshmen trying to find their way around campus!

The staff has been so helpful to me during these years. I'd like to single out Mr. Bartel, Mr. Buelow and Mr. Schroeder. They truly love SLS and its students and staff and they show it many times each day; they have made my job much easier. During these last months, struggling with a broken hip, they have stepped into all kinds of things and handled everything so well; I will miss their efforts in so many ways.

Finally, Mrs. Schmitz is a Godsend day-after-day. Through many months of dealing with her husband's sickness, she has continued to keep everything afloat here.

I am truly blessed. Thank you to all of you for wonderful years!

Dedicated to a Life for Christ

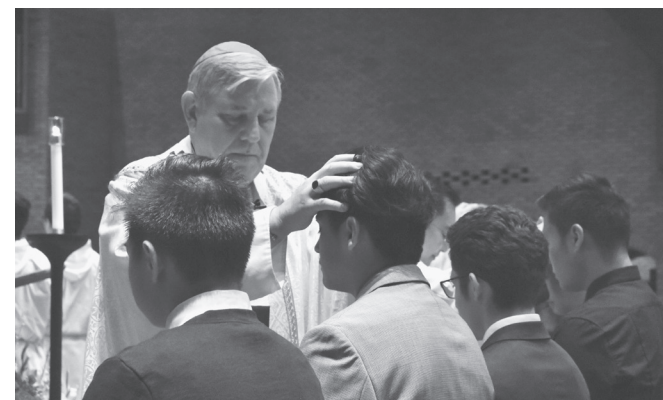
By: Peter Hall

Every year, a group of juniors goes through the preparation that is necessary to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation in the Catholic Church is one of the three sacraments of initiation for Catholics. The other two initiation rites are the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Initiation rites are extremely important in the Church if one wishes to become a lifelong member. After receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, Catholics are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and are strengthened in their Christian life. While all of the sacraments are important, Confirmation is especially important because the candidate must ask for himself to receive this sacrament. This act gives him a greater sense of responsibility and pride in what he has decided to do.



Archbishop Listecki poses with the family of newly confirmed junior Joshua Tran.

As the time of their Confirmation nears, the preparing juniors are faced with a couple of very important questions that they will have to answer before the big day. One of these questions is what Confirmation name they will choose. When a person gets confirmed, they traditionally choose the name of a saint that they will adopt from then on. Generally, candidates will choose a saint that they believe exemplifies the kind of Catholic that they want to be. The saint of choice could have similar traits to that of the candidate or just be one who the candidate especially admires.



Archbishop Listecki lays hands on a junior candidate.

As the juniors at St. Lawrence Seminary go through their daily lives and routines, they also take time out of their busy schedules every Sunday night to attend Confirmation preparation class. While focusing on topics directly related to Confirmation, the class also covers a variety of different topics ranging from the gifts of the Holy Spirit to discerning vocations. The class is taught by SLS's Spiritual Life Director Mrs. Margie Buelow, who often brings in guest speakers to add variety and different views about the Catholic life that the students can relate to. Junior Kevin Nguyen is one of the many candidates this year participating in the class. He said, "The guest speakers are able to give us a perspective about what our adult Catholic life is really going to be like." Students are given the opportunity to question these guest speakers and pick their brains to see why they decided to be Catholics for life. Needless to say, the Confirmation class provides the students with a very unique and in-depth perspective on the Catholic faith.



Juniors perform the multilingual intercessions.

The next decision that a candidate will make is that of choosing a sponsor. A Confirmation sponsor must be a confirmed individual who is at least 16 years old. The role of a Confirmation sponsor to their candidate is simply to be a strong and solid role model and guide to those whom they are mentoring. Sponsors are often family members such as aunts or uncles, or older brothers or sisters. However, the honor of sponsorship is not limited to those in one's family; a candidate can choose whomever they like as long as they meet the requirements. Mr. Dave Bartel, the school's academic dean/principal, has even been honored by students of the past to be their sponsor.

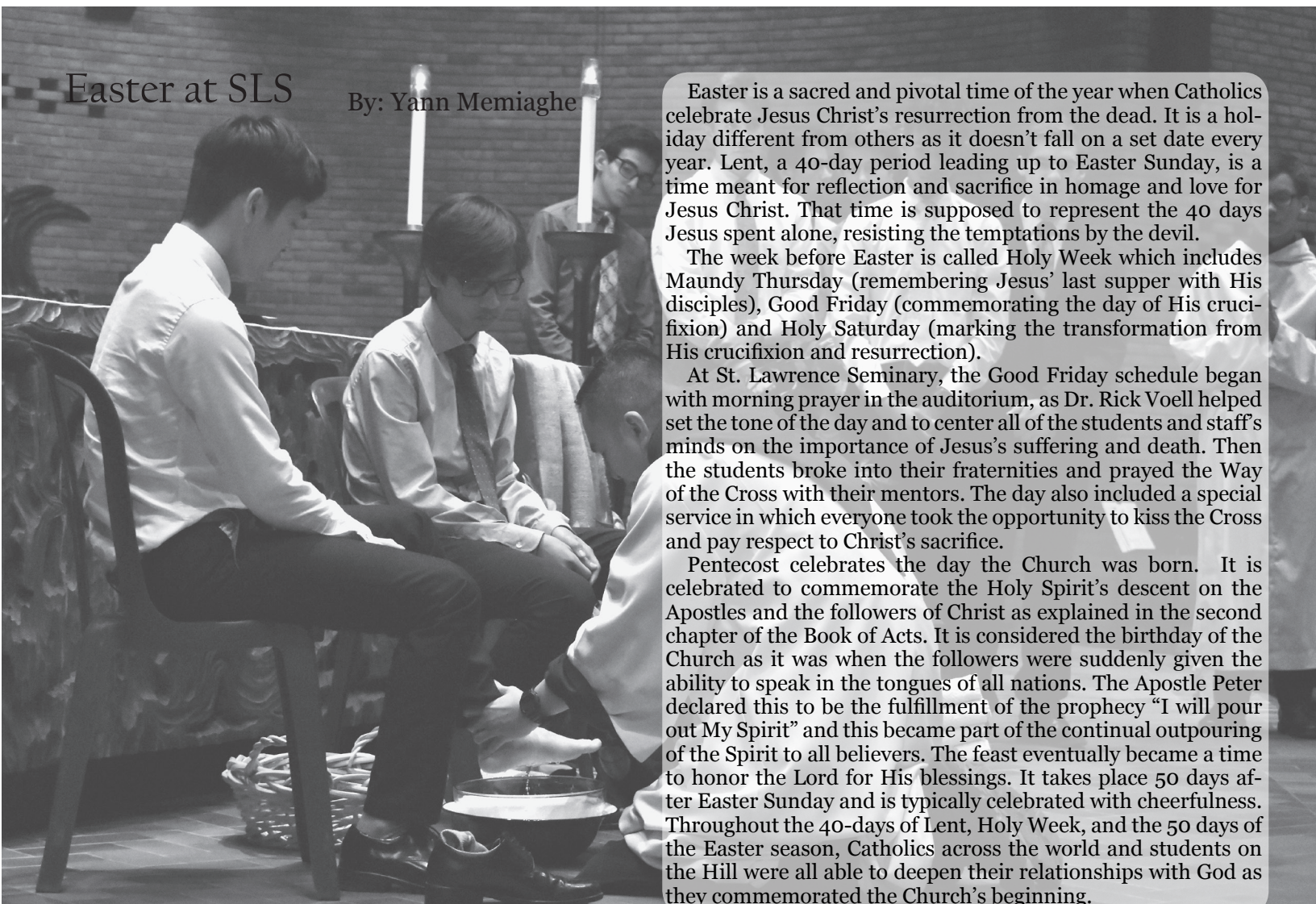
This year, St. Lawrence's candidates were confirmed on Sunday, April 30th, with Archbishop Jerome Listecki presiding at the Mass. The event was a great success as many family members and friends of the newly confirmed students came up to witness the once-in-a-lifetime event. As the ceremony concluded, one could not help but notice the proud smiles on the faces of the newly confirmed students.



Archbishop Listecki quizzes junior Eric Howard on his saint.

Easter at SLS

By: Yann Memiaghe



Easter is a sacred and pivotal time of the year when Catholics celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is a holiday different from others as it doesn't fall on a set date every year. Lent, a 40-day period leading up to Easter Sunday, is a time meant for reflection and sacrifice in homage and love for Jesus Christ. That time is supposed to represent the 40 days Jesus spent alone, resisting the temptations by the devil.

The week before Easter is called Holy Week which includes Maundy Thursday (remembering Jesus' last supper with His disciples), Good Friday (commemorating the day of His crucifixion) and Holy Saturday (marking the transformation from His crucifixion and resurrection).

At St. Lawrence Seminary, the Good Friday schedule began with morning prayer in the auditorium, as Dr. Rick Voell helped set the tone of the day and to center all of the students and staff's minds on the importance of Jesus's suffering and death. Then the students broke into their fraternities and prayed the Way of the Cross with their mentors. The day also included a special service in which everyone took the opportunity to kiss the Cross and pay respect to Christ's sacrifice.

Pentecost celebrates the day the Church was born. It is celebrated to commemorate the Holy Spirit's descent on the Apostles and the followers of Christ as explained in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. It is considered the birthday of the Church as it was when the followers were suddenly given the ability to speak in the tongues of all nations. The Apostle Peter declared this to be the fulfillment of the prophecy "I will pour out My Spirit" and this became part of the continual outpouring of the Spirit to all believers. The feast eventually became a time to honor the Lord for His blessings. It takes place 50 days after Easter Sunday and is typically celebrated with cheerfulness. Throughout the 40-days of Lent, Holy Week, and the 50 days of the Easter season, Catholics across the world and students on the Hill were all able to deepen their relationships with God as they commemorated the Church's beginning.

Help Wanted: Anybody Touched by God

By: Gary Kim

A normal high school student needs to think about his future beyond the present and ponder, "What should I do after high school?" Some might want to earn big money and seek to be a doctor, lawyer, or practice another high-paying profession. Some have very specific talents and pursue becoming a professional athlete or musician. When asked what is your career goal after high school and someone replies, "I want to become a priest," the general reaction is often something like, "Why?" It is not a high-paying nor a specific talent-oriented job. Based on the job description, it seems illogical to some to become a priest. However, the people who choose to become priests do not look at their salary nor their sports or artistic abilities. So, one might ask: What does make people want to choose a religious life?



Br. Brenton Ertel shares his vocation story.

The speakers explained why they personally chose a religious life, the process to become a Capuchin, and the next step of their goals. Each presentation was forty minutes, and between presenters, fraternities were given time for reflection as students pondered whether they wanted to become a priest or friar. Through CCAP, the school was able to promote the career of religious life. "Overall, I thought it was interesting to hear the story of the Capuchins," Suemeng Lor, a senior, explained, "and some were really relatable to us."

Each presenter had his own unique story that led him to religious life. Br. Nick explained he went to the novitiate in California but left because of his uncertainty and self-doubt. However, he made it through a second try when life back home led him to reconsider his choices. Br. Jason wanted to go to a law school, but when his application was misplaced, he ended up in a position serving underprivileged youth and rethinking his career choice. Br. Brenton faced some questions at home as one of his parents is Lutheran and wondered if the priesthood would be the best career path for him to pursue. Fr. Pushparaj wanted to become a diocesan priest rather than Capuchin priest due to the dull color of the Franciscan habit, but he changed his mind when he saw the work that the Capuchins were doing and the opportunity to help in many different places. Their stories were not extraordinary; their stories were normal and relatable to each student. Each of their main messages was to pray for God's guidance, talk to their neighbors, friends and family, and take time to think. Though each had a very different path to the Capuchins, it was because they listened to God that they ended up there. The process of being a Capuchin, according to them, is a long journey that one continues to discern throughout the process before the final vows.

A seminary, by definition, is an institute to train young priests, which originated in the Middle Ages. Western society may have changed in culture and values, but the original purpose still speaks today. SLS has continued its original purpose of a seminary and is still encouraging young men to consider a religious life of holiness through CCAP. Through this program, students were able to explore the career of religious life.

On Friday, March 31st, four presenters talked about the reasons they chose religious life during the Church Career Awareness Program, or CCAP, at St. Lawrence Seminary: Br. Nick Blattner, Br. Jason Graves, and Br. Brenton Ertel, Capuchin brothers in St. Clare Friary in Chicago, IL, and Fr. Pushparaj, a recent addition to the staff of SLS. Students were able to listen to these four presenters in place of their regular classes.

BR. NICK BLATTNER, OFM CAP.

Simply Professed Friar - Age: 27

From: Valders, Wisconsin

Current Location: St. Clare Friary, Chicago, IL

Working on M.Div. at Catholic Theological Union



BR. JASON GRAVES, OFM CAP.

Simply Professed Friar - Age: 29

From: Hazel Park, Michigan

Current Location: St. Clare Friary, Chicago, IL

Working on: M. Div. at Catholic Theological Union

FR. ALPHONSO PUSHPARAJ, OFM CAP.

Ordained Priest - Age: 36

Tamil Nadu, India

Current Location: Mount Calvary, WI

Working St. Lawrence Seminary



BR. BRENTON ERTEL, OFM CAP.

Simply Professed Friar - Age: 32

From: Racine, Wisconsin

Current Location: St. Clare Friary, Chicago, IL

Working on: M. Div. at Catholic Theological Union

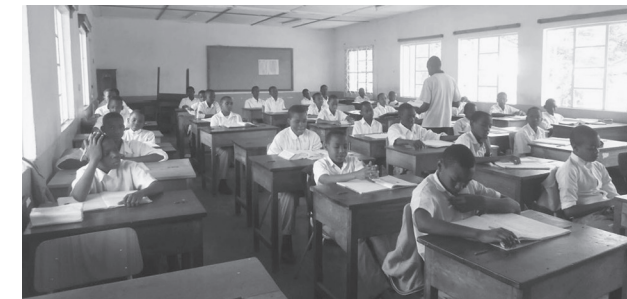
Pennies in a Basket

By: Mike Perez

The Masses in the chapel at St. Lawrence Seminary are very special. There is just something about the unison of every voice singing in praise of our God that enlivens the worship. This loving praise of our Lord also often inspires the offering collected during Sunday Mass.

While most parishes take up two collections, one for maintaining the church and another for a specific cause like a school or other project, St. Lawrence only takes up a single collection. The cantors at the Mass announce the collection's singular purpose. The purpose of the collection changes with each quarter of the school year, but there is a pattern to the cycle.

The first quarter collection traditionally goes towards SLS's sister seminary in Tanzania, the Capuchin Seminary of Maua. This seminary struggles financially and gratefully benefits from SLS's support each year. This year, SLS was able to send \$5,613.23. The second quarter collection goes toward a program for giving gifts to children with incarcerated parents. This program is called Angel Tree and serves over 100 children this year. That takes some serious donations. Through the generosity of students, staff, family and visitors, this quarter's collection was \$7,626.21. The third quarter collection goes towards a local ministry program to which SLS has ties. This year the collection served a local food pantry called Broken Bread, where many students perform ministry during the year. The total collected for this ministry was \$1,872.17. The fourth quarter collection always goes towards the mission trip for a group of juniors to the Texas-Mexico border to help the indigent population around the area. This trip usually involves more than a dozen students and several staff members who serve the area over a two-week period at the start of summer break.



SLS's sister seminary in Tanzania, the Capuchin Seminary of Maua.



The line for Broken Bread in Fond du Lac.

As of the first week of May, \$2,206.82 had been collected for the trip participants. Fr. Oliver Bambenek, the librarian friar at St. Lawrence, said he enjoys that the community gives money for outside ministry, "It keeps us aware of the rest of the world's needs and that we can help with that." As a small school, the amounts collected are incredible and speak for the generosity of all who attend Mass at St. Lawrence. Thank you to all who helped support one of these very worthwhile causes and demonstrated your loving praise of our Lord with your donations.

Roses are Red..

By: Matthes Mattes

During the second Sunday of May, the students at St. Lawrence Seminary once again celebrated the long-standing tradition of Mother's Day. Anna Jarvis is most often credited with starting the celebration of what we now know as Mother's Day. In the year 1905, Anna Jarvis celebrated her late mother who had organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" in the 1850s to help provide medicine for the poor, nursing care for the sick and care for those ill with tuberculosis. Others attribute the origin of Mother's Day to a woman named Juliet Calhoun Blakely of Albion, Michigan, and her two sons who honored her every year. Despite its origin, the tradition of honoring Mothers dates back through the centuries, and it is a time to celebrate all the important women in one's life. At the inception of the holiday, it was a day when people attended church, wrote letters to their mothers and spent time with their families. Mother's Day continues to turn our attention to the roles that Mothers fulfill for us.

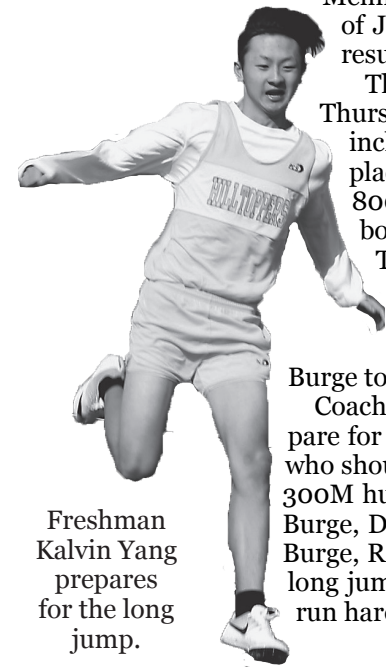
At St. Lawrence, Mother's Day holds a special place in honoring the Moms of SLS. One way Mothers are honored is through the rose sale held by the St. Lawrence's Development Office. Each year the Development Office buys roses that it sells right before Mass. Students may either get a rose to give to their mother if she is present or buy one in honor of their mothers even if she will not be at the Mass. While the day was secular in its creation, it has also become a special way to recognize Mother Mary in the Catholic church. As the Church celebrates Mary's role as the Mother of Christ, she is a fitting example for all Mothers.

In recent years, many businesses have held special promotions and sales on Mother's Day by selling specific cards and gifts for Mothers. Though Mother's Day has become commercialized in some ways, St. Lawrence students still love to honor the women who have cared for them for so many years.

Sprinting through the Season

By: Isaac Villegas

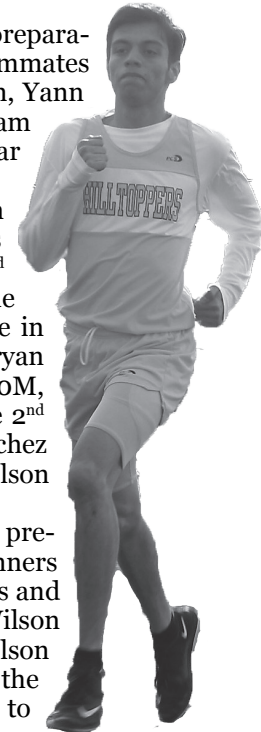
Track season kicked off in March and, while the weather was often still cool and rainy, there was much preparation for the rapidly approaching meets. The track team began its competition on Tuesday, March 21st, as teammates competed in a meet held at UW-Oshkosh. The 4x200M relay team of Andrew Nguyen, Yann Memiaghe, Martin Vu, and J.P. Ajide earned 8th place. The 4x400M relay team of J.P. Ajide, Gerard Fernandes, Wilson Burge, and Daniel Zavala had similar results with an 8th place finish. In the 400M race, Wilson Burge won 2nd place.



Freshman Calvin Yang prepares for the long jump.

The team then went on to take part in a meet at Kettle Moraine Lutheran on Thursday, April 6th, and took 6th place overall. Some of the notable achievements included Yann Memiaghe's 6th place finish in the 200M, Wilson Burge's 2nd place win in the 400M, and Roberto Silva's 6th and 4th place finishes in the 800M and 1600M, respectively. In hurdles, Timothy Nguyen took 3rd place in both the 110M and 300M. In the 4x100M, the group of Andrew Nguyen, Bryan Truong, Yann Memiaghe, and Isai Luevano took 5th overall. In the 4x400M, Wilson Burge, J.P. Ajide, Daniel Sanchez, and Daniel Zavala took home 2nd place. Additionally, in field events for the day, J.P. Ajide and Daniel Sanchez placed 2nd and 6th respectively, in the long jump. In the triple jump, Wilson Burge took 8th place, and in the shotput, Jose Mercado took 2nd place.

Coach Phil McCabe said, "The track team has been practicing and working out to prepare for the conference track meet. We have a good mix of veteran and young runners who should do well at the Conference meet." At that meet in both the 110M hurdles and 300M hurdles, Timothy Nguyen won 4th. The 4x400M relay team of J.P. Ajide, Wilson Burge, Daniel Sanchez, and Daniel Zavala took 3rd place. The sprint medley of Wilson Burge, Roberto Silva, Yann Memiaghe, and Andrew Nguyen earned 4th place, and the long jump saw J.P. Ajide place 4th. As the season progressed, the team continued to run hard as each member put his best foot forward at each event.



Senior Roberto Silva completes the 1600M.

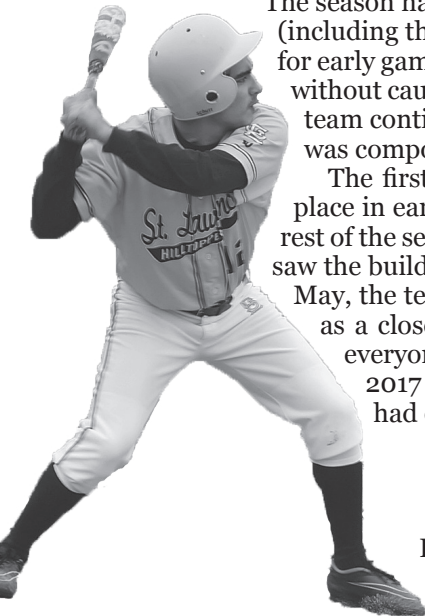
Playing on the "Upper Ball Diamond"

By: Alejandro Reyes

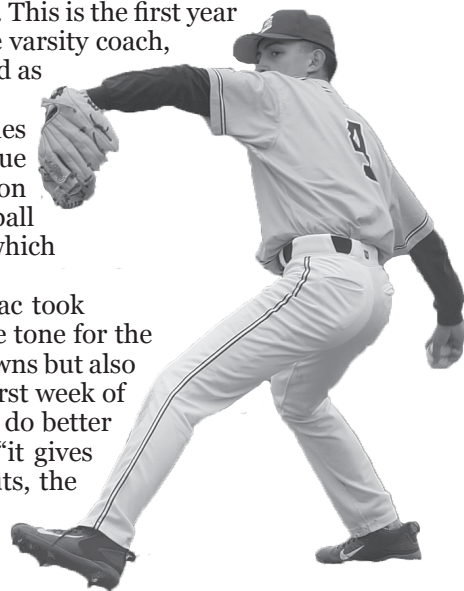
Even though SLS's baseball program is not attached to a conference, SLS continues to carry out its long tradition of fielding a team. Despite being one of the less popular sports at SLS, the spring sport attracts some of the most dedicated and experienced players. The 2017 season, however, was different from past years. This is the first year of many that there was to be only one team. The team also saw the retiring of long-time varsity coach, Mr. Charles Lefebber, and promotion to head coach of Mr. Chad Dowland, who had served as assistant to Mr. Lefebber for many years.

The season had a very slow start with the cancellation of many games (including the first one) due to the spring rain. This is often an issue for early games in the season as the fields are often too wet to play on without causing damage to them. Despite the slow start, the baseball team continued to practice and improve their skills as a team, which was composed of players from all four classes.

The first game for the Hilltoppers against North Fond du Lac took place in early April and went down as a "win." That game set the tone for the rest of the season. The games to follow were filled with ups and downs but also saw the building of teamwork from the unlikely group. As of the first week of May, the team had won 3, tied 1, and lost 3. "I feel as though we do better as a close knit team of friends," said senior John Zampino, "it gives everyone a sense of importance." No matter the ins and outs, the 2017 baseball season will be remembered as the year SLS had only one team, and "won more."



Senior Fernando Puente eyes the ball.



Freshman Luis Flores winds up a pitch.

Back Handing into Spring

By: Carlos Núñez



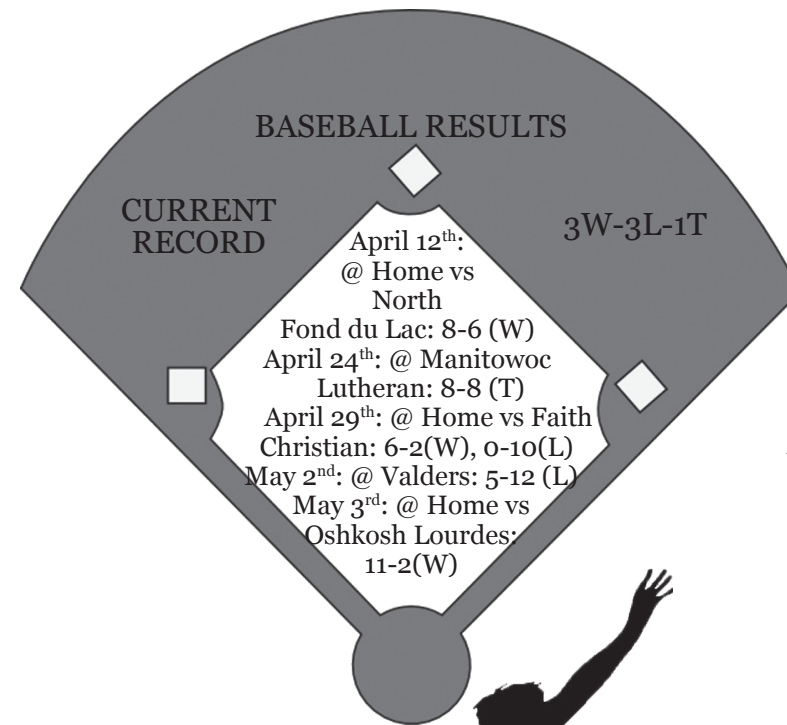
The tennis season for the Saint Lawrence Hilltoppers finally began as spring arrived. The entire varsity team, except one, is a returning player to the team, and it showed as the Saint Lawrence tennis team had a great start, winning the majority their matches but two. Coach Dennis Holm and Coach Larry Miller led the Hilltoppers throughout the season, with the typical varsity lineup of Princeton La, Jasper Sampaga, Carlos Núñez, and David Trinh leading in singles, and the teams of Eric Howard / Dominic Dy, Adolfo Mora / Bryant Nguyen, and Gary Kim / Mico Macaraeg leading in doubles. In non-conference meets, Princeton La and Carlos Núñez would team up for doubles to prepare them in hopes of qualifying for the State Tournament. The junior varsity squad also did very well throughout their season and had come a long way from the start. Sophomore and new-comer Alexis Rojas said, "Mr. Holm's coaching is unique but has helped me become a better player." Practice consisted of the coaches working on the team's weak points at meets, such as net play and serves. The team undertook several meets each week throughout their season, and as they participated in each, the players found themselves developing more and more skills. SLS's tennis team has had very successful seasons each year, and this continued to be one of them.

Senior Princeton La enters the court.



Junior Jasper Sampaga prepares to serve.

By: Nene Lor



TRACK RESULTS

- April 6th: @ Kettle Moraine Lutheran: 6th Place team finish
- March 21st: @ UW-Oshkosh: 3 Top 10 finishes
- April 25th: @ NFDL: 10 Top 5 finishes
- April 6th: @ KML: 8 Top 5 finishes
- May 2nd: @ Flyway Conference Relay: 5 Top 5 finishes

TENNIS RESULTS			
April 4 th : @Kewaskum: 1-6 (L)	April 7 th : @ St John's Military: 7-0 (W)	April 25 th : @ St. Mary Springs Academy: 5-2 (W)	May 6 th : @ Roncalli Tournament: vs Two Rivers: 5-2 (W)
April 6 th : @ Wayland Academy: 5-2 (W)	April 11 th : @ Howards Grove: 4-3 (W)	May 2 nd : @ Home vs University Lake: 4-3 (W)	vs Manitowoc Roncalli: 2-5 (L)
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Congratulations to the Class of 2017 as They Select Schools

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Milwaukee, WI | Humberto Huerta
DePaul University
Chicago, IL | Isai Luévano
Marquette University
Milwaukee, WI | Nathan Ocon
Marian University
Fond du Lac, WI | David Trinh
Montgomery College
Rockville, MD |
| Logan Burge
Marian University
Fond du Lac, WI | Paul Jeon
Grinnell College
Grinnell, IA | Matthew Mattes
Wisconsin Indianhead
Technical
College-Ashland
Ashland, WI | Miguel Perez
University of
Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Milwaukee, WI | Bryan Troung
University of Central
Florida
Orlando, FL |
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DePaul University
Chicago, IL | Gary Kim
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DeKalb, IL | Alexander Pizaña
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Fond du Lac, WI | Mark Valenzuela
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Beat the Stress

By: Tom Vu

The ACT is one of the many trials that juniors have to undergo in pursuit of their desired university. The ACT, a major standardized test that many colleges use to determine admissions, puts a lot of stress on high school students all across the nation. Over 1.84 million high school students take the ACT annually. The test consists of four mandatory subject tests: English, mathematics, reading, and science. There is also an optional writing portion. The hours-long test is a major milestone for students as they near the end of their high school careers.



Junior Juan Zuniga considers a practice ACT test question.

So how does one prepare for the test? The ACT isn't exactly a test that students can study for as it covers all of their schooling knowledge, but students can always prepare for the test. On Wednesday, April 5th, the students of St. Lawrence took a day off their regular classes to either prepare for the upcoming test or take the ACT Aspire, which gives freshmen and sophomores a feel for the test. Juniors took the day to prepare by doing online tests that are similar to the real thing.

The Junior test prep day was led by Mr. Anthony Van Asten, Mrs. Jenny Tabbert, Dr. Gereon Welhouse and Mrs. Katie Daane. The teachers led the students through specific test-taking tips and reviewed the correct answers for the practice exam. On that day, the juniors also took an interest survey to see what career would fit their skills and interests. Whenever students take the test, they will hopefully have a few more tools for achieving success.

How the Magic Works

By: Paul Jeon

When the yearbook or *Hilltopics* is released, students often look in it to see how many times they are in a picture. They admire their looks and page through to find other funny or interesting things. What many people do not realize, though, are the many hours and adversity each editor faces in accomplishing the final product.

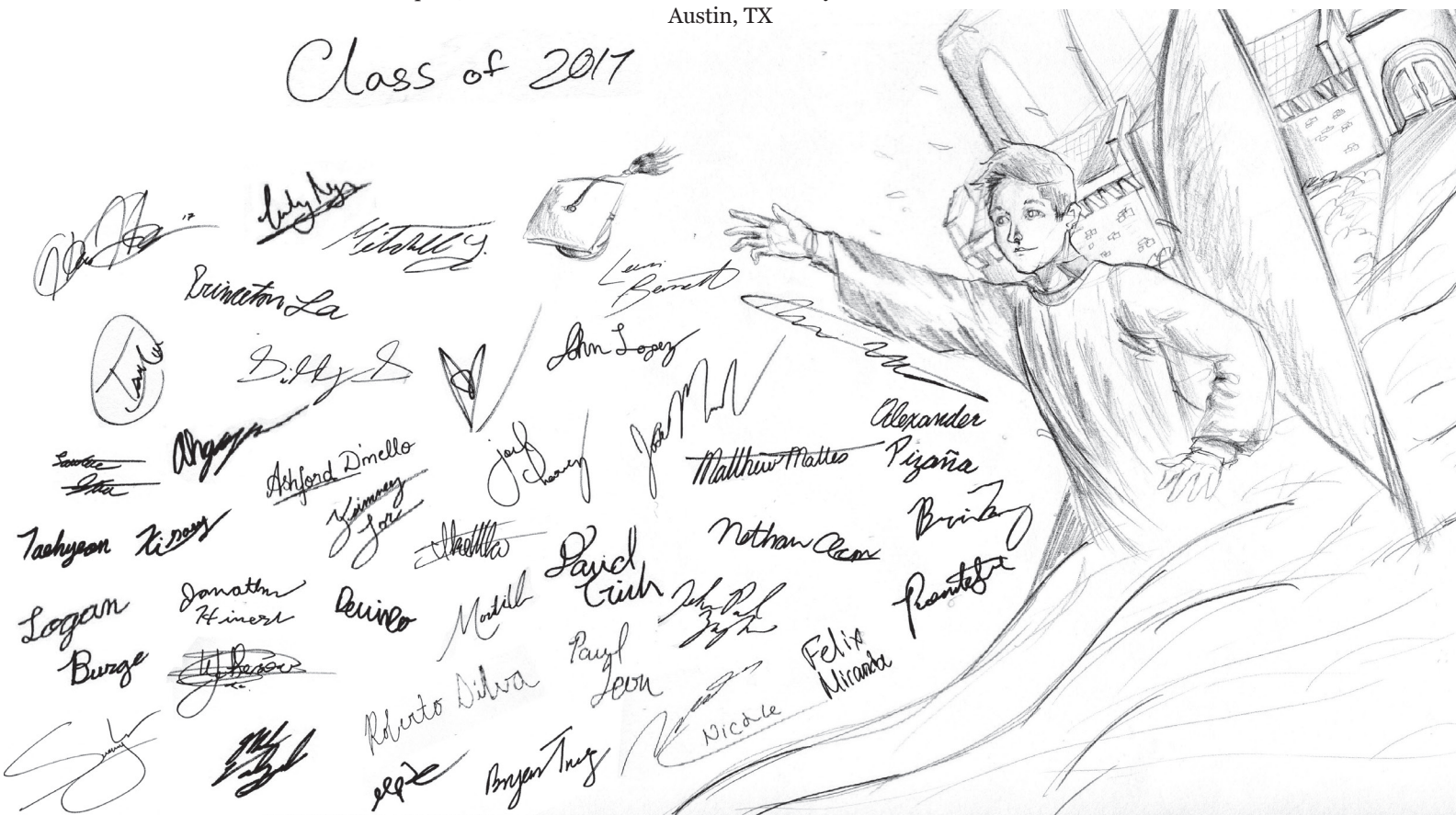
This year the yearbook, which is also known as the *Laurentian*, was led by co-editors Alex Pizaña and Roberto Silva, as well as advisor Mr. Jeff Krieg. The editors were chosen in late April of last year so they could learn the programs they would use, Adobe InDesign and Photoshop, and to discuss plans for the next year. Throughout this year, Alex and Roberto had several major deadlines to accomplish. The first deadline was on October 5th, when the cover and the endsheets were due. The next deadline was December 12th, when 71 of the 128 pages were due. The next and the final deadline was March 9th by which point the yearbook was completed and submitted.

Hilltopics is a small magazine-style newspaper published six times a year that attempts to highlight current events on and off the Hill. For each issue of *Hilltopics*, this year's editors Paul Jeon and Adolfo Mora, along with advisors Mrs. Katie Daane and Mrs. Heather Winter, worked to create a unique publication. That started as the editors created an article list for the issue, looking ahead at the schedule to pick out events happening on the Hill and around the world. After the article list was made, the writers were given their assignments and tasked with generating the newspaper's content. Once the articles were turned in and the grammar checks had been made, the editors laid out the 12 pages. Usually, the editors were given about 2-3 weeks to submit the issue. After the issue arrived from printing, each student received one in their mailboxes.

Both *Hilltopics* and the *Laurentian* editors face some big adversity. The biggest one is time management. With sports, school work, and college applications, finding the time to work is the hardest thing to do for these seniors. Another challenge the editors of both publications face is generating unique ideas and layouts for each page. But while there are challenges, editors of both publications can take a lot of pride in the impressive products that they are able to provide to the school as a record of each academic year. Hopefully, it is one that the whole school community can treasure.



The new *Hilltopics* editors learn the ropes.



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Numbers to Keep in Mind

After **6** issues, **72** pages and **98** articles, we are finally done. It has been a great year from enjoying the brand new St. Joseph Hall to welcoming German visitors from our sister school in Germany. The senior class in particular has been on a rollercoaster ride of high points and very low points. We will surely miss our time here on the Hill. We have the pleasure of knowing everyone graduating with us personally rather than being part of a class of a thousand, typical of a public school. Even after we graduate the year is not over yet, it is time for the new set of seniors to take over. Along with new seniors, there are new editors. Eric Howard and Mico Macaraeg will take our place and we trust that no matter what path they may choose, they will be able to produce an excellent Volume **53** of *Hilltopics*. Creating *Hilltopics* is not easy: balancing responsibilities, working to meet deadlines, meeting the advisor's demands. Eric and Mico will learn all that next year. Whether it is finding enough topics for articles to fill up all **12** pages or simply deciding what picture would be able to fill up that **1** bit of white space. It takes time and should not be left until the last minute, which we were guilty of for a few issues. But after regular disagreements and a good deal more collaboration over these past **6** issues, we have come to enjoy it. We want to thank all the writers, photographers and miscellaneous workers for their time. We also want to thank our **2** advisors Mrs. Katie Daane and Mrs. Heather Winter for keeping us on track and making sure it all got done. Thanks for enjoying the **2016-2017** volume of *Hilltopics*. We hope readers found it as enjoyable to read as we did as we did to create.

Sincerely,



Adolfo Mora



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