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**New programs keep pace  
with a high-tech world**

## Message from the President

**B**y now, you've noticed a few changes have been made to our *La Salle Magazine*. They're indicative of an evolution going on in all areas of the University—in administration, academics, and in our commitment to alumni and friends. Some of this is detailed in the following pages of this issue, but please allow me to put this evolution in context first.

In the past year, the University has begun to introduce a series of new programs and majors that will prepare our students for leadership in the contemporary, high-tech economy. New programs such as Integrated Science, Business and Technology (ISBT), Digital Arts and

Multimedia Design (DART), the E-Commerce

Institute, and our new Information Technology major are all in keeping with the Christian Brothers' tradition of educating students in the disciplines they need for success in the workplace while also providing them with a liberal arts foundation. The response of current and prospective La Salle students to these

programs has been gratifying. And,

in the case of our unique

E-Commerce Institute—

open to students from all majors—La Salle has received excellent coverage in *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*, as well as in the local media.

The sense of positive momentum at La Salle is reinforced by the strong recruiting activity we are seeing on campus, as a broad range of employers seeks to attract our talented, well-grounded students. And there are many other trends that point to a bright future for La Salle, including a record number of applications for this

year's freshman class, as well as more graduate students, more women, and more resident students enrolled than ever before.

In the midst of all these favorable trends and exciting innovations, La Salle's continuing development as a premier educational institution remains firmly rooted in the 300-year-old tradition of the Christian Brothers. La Salle's education continues to be values-based. We remain committed to excellent teaching that prepares students for the changing economic, social, moral, and religious challenges of our society. As part of a Lasallian education, we also continue to foster student involvement in community service.

Just as La Salle is launching innovative programs while remaining firmly rooted in its traditional mission, so too, this magazine is undergoing changes without losing sight of the audience it is meant to serve. There is a new, more contemporary look and style to the magazine. More important, there is also a wider range of stories to keep you informed about what is happening on campus, what our students are achieving, and how alums of all ages are helping to build their communities and careers. Occasionally, I will also take advantage of these pages to share my perspective with you on matters of special importance to La Salle.

All in all, I hope these innovations in *La Salle Magazine* not only help to keep you informed about our alma mater but also serve to strengthen your relationship with the University. To sustain the University's positive momentum, and to achieve even higher levels of excellence in all areas of our values-based education, La Salle needs your active involvement. As I visited with alums around the country in my first year as President, I made one message very clear: "Come back to La Salle." You can't catch the excitement at a distance. So return for a visit. Meet with the students. Enjoy a class reunion event or reconnect with faculty.

Your involvement adds immeasurable value to the La Salle community as it progresses into the new century. I hope to see you on campus soon.

Warmest regards,



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# High-Tech Higher Ed

By Maureen Piché

## La Salle introduces several innovative science and technology programs designed to prepare students for a rapidly evolving future

**L**a Salle University, a respected liberal arts institution for almost 140 years, has gone high-tech.

In very short order, the school's roster of business, liberal arts, and nursing programs has evolved to include some of the most forward-thinking science and technology programs in the country.

But the old traditions weren't left in the dust in favor of the new computer age. In fact, creators of the University's most recent additions have taken pains to integrate the latest technical advances into the other established degrees. The end result: a graduate who is well-grounded in the basics, but who also is prepared to constantly anticipate the rapidly changing future.

If an English major wants to learn how to write and design material for a Website, she can sign up for the new Digital Arts and Multimedia Design (DArt) program. A student considering a career in science or technology, but who also wants to know more about how his company is run, can enroll in the Integrated Science, Business and Technology (ISBT) program. And all students, regardless of major, can take advantage of the first-of-its-kind Electronic Commerce Institute, a program that anticipates a near future when almost every professional will rely on the World Wide Web to promote his or her business.

Those most familiar with the Lasallian teaching traditions of the Christian Brothers say these seemingly radical additions are completely in step with their ideologies.


"I've attended meetings with presidents and chief academic officers from other Christian Brothers universities around the world," said Dr. Richard Nigro, La Salle University Provost. "I found a fascinating and powerful combination of broad liberal arts education and pre-professional programs at these schools. A broad education with a practical side to it is a hallmark of Christian Brothers institutions."

"Academic institutions have a challenge in a sense—nothing can stay the same, we have to evolve," he added. "But at the same time, we want to preserve the past and transmit some of that. Evolution shouldn't mean radical breaks with the past."

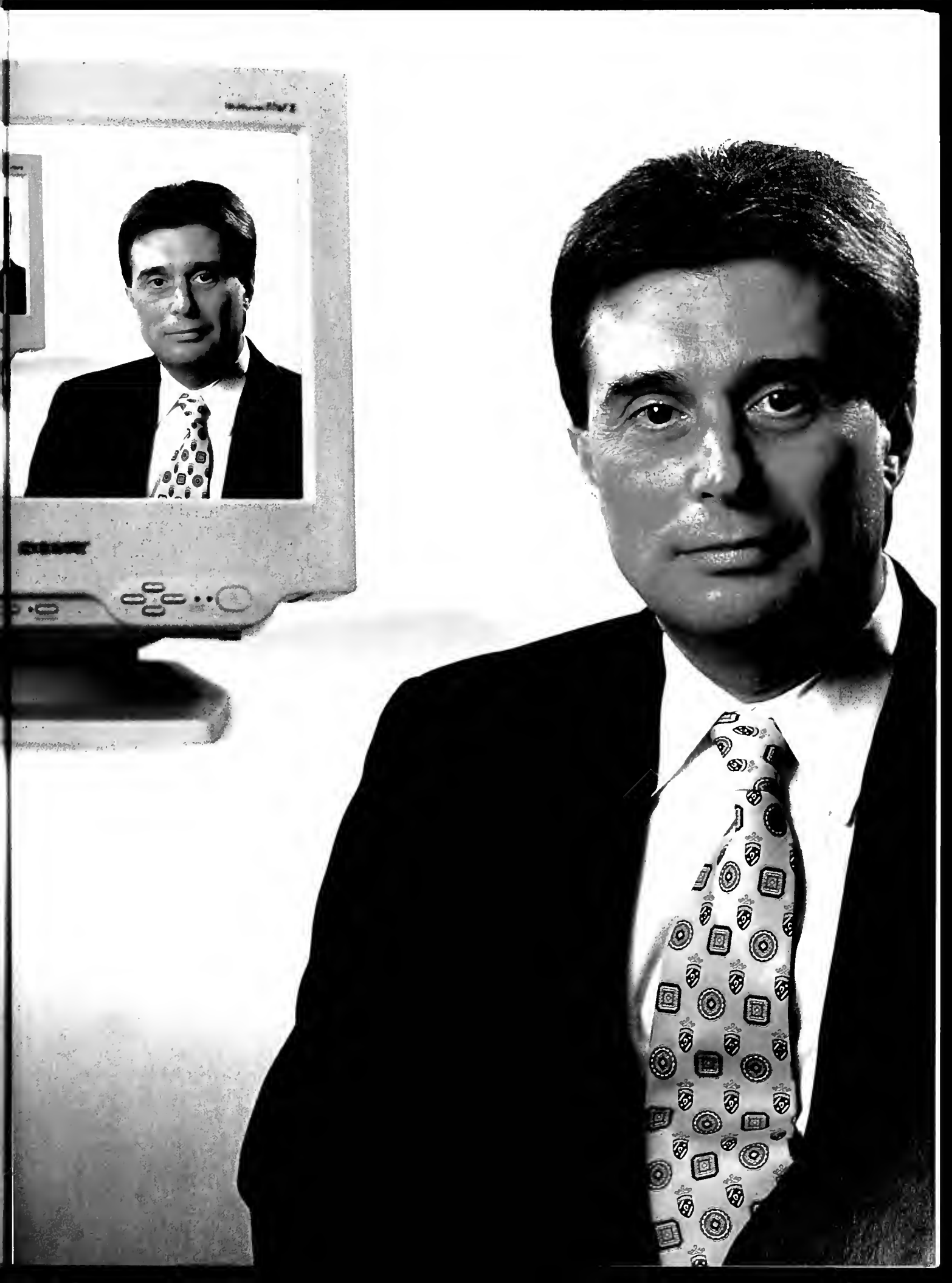
Nigro came to La Salle 2 1/2 years ago, when then-President Brother Joseph Burke and the Board of Trustees had already decided it was time to take a hard look at how well the University was responding to the emerging needs of its students, and the world.

"La Salle was poised for change. It was just a matter of considering our strengths and finding our niche," Nigro said.

In 1998, the University set up a planning group headed by School of



Provost Dr. Richard Nigro is the creative force behind nearly a dozen science and technology-related programs.





Over the past two years, these new programs have been approved and added to La Salle's offerings:

- E-Commerce Institute, M.B.A. Specialization, and certificate program
- Integrated Science, Business and Technology bachelor's degree
- Digital Arts and Multimedia Design bachelor's degree and certificate program
- Information Technology bachelor's degree
- Nutrition bachelor's degree
- Speech-Language-Hearing Science five-year bachelor/master's degree
- Licensed Practical Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Organizational Dynamics bachelor's degree completion program
- Executive Master of Business Administration
- Global Management of Technology master's degree

Arts and Sciences Dean Barbara Millard. The committee eventually focused on the broad issues of science and technology—two areas in which La Salle historically has excelled. And, Nigro points out, these are also expected to be high-demand fields for some time to come.

Nigro said it didn't make sense to let other universities corner the market on developing science and technology programs when La Salle already had the infrastructure in place to create a few of its own.

"Some of these areas of study are just starting to be defined, so why don't we define them?" he said.

"We have a lot of talented and energetic people here ready to develop these programs. And the academic leadership, Deans Greg Bruce (School of Business), Millard, and Zane Wolf (School of Nursing), are

as creative a group as one is likely to find anywhere."

First on the agenda was a Digital Arts and Multimedia Design program, which "builds a curriculum at the intersections of science, technology, fine arts, and communication," Nigro explained. This began as an undergraduate major—an unusual degree program that allows a typical liberal arts student to apply her knowledge to the world of computer design. It has since grown to include a post-baccalaureate degree program, and beginning this fall, an evening and weekend degree program.

La Salle faculty and staff have met with representatives from many different organizations and businesses to hear their needs, specifically what kind of graduate they would find most indispensable.

"We moved quickly to start the E-Commerce Institute, the first program of its kind, so that every student would have the opportunity to explore his or her future potential on the World Wide Web," Nigro said.

La Salle's E-Commerce Institute already has attracted national attention. The Institute is open to any La Salle student, regardless of major, who desires a working knowledge of the "dot com" environment. Institute Fellows attend lectures by e-commerce professionals, and classes with e-commerce components.

Building on that, La Salle now also offers a six-month certificate program in electronic commerce on weeknights and weekends. Individuals can specialize in two fields: information technology (which includes Website design and programming) and marketing and management (which will focus on operating an e-commerce endeavor).

The soon-to-be-launched Integrated Science, Business and Technology program was developed with the gracious help of James Madison University in Virginia. Nigro says the program evolved after a contingent of La Salle faculty and staff paid a reconnaissance visit there.

James Madison University had already begun an Integrated Science and Technology (ISAT) program in answer to a plea from the Virginia legislature. In the late '80s, a number of high-tech companies in Virginia were alarmed to find many of their mid-level jobs were not being filled. The commonwealth decided undergraduate studies should be where those needs would be met, and issued a challenge to colleges to come up with programs.

Nigro said the very same shortages were being felt in the greater Philadelphia area. "By the mid-1990s, we were hearing about the need for 'knowledge workers'—workforce development."

After a second visit, and a close study of how the program worked, La Salle's team came back with a recommendation to implement a similar program, but with one big alteration—the addition of a business component.



Most professionals shouldn't just rest on their particular area of expertise, Nigro explained. Every worker should have some knowledge of information systems, organizational behavior and organizational decision-making, among other things.

"It's not just about being the best scientist or technical person, but knowing how to apply those abilities in different contexts," Nigro said.

The importance of a comprehensive outlook toward one's career will continue to be a theme of many of La Salle's soon-to-be-added pro-

grams. "The genie is out of the bottle. We don't want to stop it now," he said.

Beginning this fall, students who want a global perspective on the world of business can apply for a Master's Degree in Global Management of Technology. Those involved in the program will study here and in Germany. An Executive M.B.A. designed for physicians, engineers, and scientists will also be introduced in Fall 2000. And the School of Nursing will offer a five-year Bachelor's/Master's Degree in Speech-Language-Hearing Science,

anticipating the medical concerns of the aging baby boomer generation.

But, Nigro is quick to point out, science and technology aren't the only areas undergoing changes. Faculty and administrators are discussing a Master's Degree in English, and other additions to liberal arts. "We're not becoming a one-trick pony here," he said. "The situation with science is complex and involved, but it's not the only area for expansion. We're going to keep moving in all directions to keep improving and adding to what we already have." L

## What If Picasso Had Used a Computer?

By Maureen Piché

*Digital Arts and Multimedia Design Program Turns Computers into Artistic and Promotional Tools*

**T**he computer is our friend. This is a statement guaranteed to stir up controversy at workplace water coolers across the country. Most professionals have a computer sitting somewhere in their offices, but not all are yet aware how this mysterious piece of equipment can improve their job performance, promote their business, and just generally make their lives easier.

La Salle University's new Digital Arts and Multimedia Design (DArt) major and certificate program seek to demystify computers, and illustrate their usefulness to students of every liberal arts persuasion.

Those of us bombarded with the "dot com" commercials on TV are well aware computers have become important informational resources and consumer venues. Businesses that want to grab potential customers have to make sure they're noticed in the electronic world of the Web. They need Web page experts who can help them do that.

"The Web is the growing communication tool. Everybody will soon be communicating through it," said Peggy McCoe, DArt Program Director. "In order to function in the 21st century, you're going to need to be Web-savvy.

"There are very few people out there who really have the expertise right now—it's such a new and developing technology. To stay a step ahead, this program will give you some of the groundwork."

The undergraduate major allows day, evening, and weekend students to take a variety of courses in fine arts, psychology/human computer interaction, communication, computer science, English and Web commerce. They're designed to broaden students' core digital design require-

ments, and let students create their own focus. They can also participate in cooperative education assignments and internships that give them on-the-job experience. Graduates will have the skills to become Website Administrators, Interactive Web Magazine Publishers, and Graphical User Interface Developers.

"There's no other program in the Philadelphia area that allows a student to take creative, artistic abilities and blend them so well with other disciplines,"

McCoe said. "The computer isn't the focal point—it becomes the tool.

"This is an arts program in the plural sense. Not just fine arts, not just English, not just music—it's a merger of all three. Plus, it's communication techniques, marketing overviews and human interactions."

The five-course Digital Arts and Multimedia Design certificate program assists people who either want to expand their computer skills, or go into a new facet of Internet development. It was created for adult students who are looking for

a series of classes in computer design, but who don't want to go through a full degree program.

The certificate program emphasizes hands-on learning. In only ten months (six-week semesters), students are armed with a whole slate of Web techniques and digital design skills. Students will be able to develop multimedia documents, build attractive Websites, and send and retrieve Internet information. McCoe said professionals don't need to have any particular degree to take part in the certificate program, although basic computer skills are helpful.

"We're the only school that offers this set of studies," McCoe said. "Other programs concentrate on either the art or the technological aspects. We cover both."



## E-Commerce Institute: A Real Program about Virtual Business

By Jon Caroulis

**A**ccounting Professor Paul Brazina has never been busier or more active than since he proposed last summer to start an Electronic Commerce Institute for students at La Salle.

While e-commerce programs are popping up all over the country, virtually all of them have been for business majors. La Salle's Institute is designed for all students, regardless of major or even career goals. It began last September, and more than 350 students are working to become "Fellows" of the Institute.

There's more. The University is offering a certificate program for working professionals to learn about e-commerce, and this

August the School of Business Administration will begin offering an M.B.A. with a concentration in e-commerce. Interest in the Institute and certificate program was so great that Brazina needed to hire an assistant director to handle the volume of phone calls, e-mails, and other details.

"This isn't a fad," said Brazina. "It's here to stay. We just happen to be one of the first schools in the country to take the initiative in teaching it not just for business students, but for all students."

People are noticing. The Institute has been written about in publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

This attention indirectly led to the creation of the certificate program. Brazina was flooded with calls from people who wanted to learn about e-commerce by attending the Institute. He had to inform them that the program was only for degree-seeking students.

But the volume of calls, along with business and government leaders telling Brazina and La Salle officials that the region's workforce needed to catch up with electronic commerce, led to the certificate program, one of the first of its kind in the nation. (Students will take eight courses on weeknights to learn the basics of the field.) The University also is looking to offer the certificate program to local corporations to train their managers in e-commerce.

Currently, electronic commerce accounts for about 3 percent of the nation's gross national product—and it's

growing. "Any company not thinking about the Internet as a distribution and customer service channel is in the dark ages," said Steve Andriole, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., a holding and operating company of Internet-centric companies.

"It's important that employees in every field have an appreciation for e-commerce architectures, platforms, and business models," added Andriole, who has consulted to the Institute.

"E-commerce is not a stand-alone specialty, it's a new way of doing business, and it has to be integrated within an organization," Brazina said. "My idea was to

make e-commerce education available to all students, regardless of discipline, and integrate it into the curriculum.

"The term 'e-commerce' would seem to indicate business. It's really more than business; it's the use of information, and that use of information does have a financial aspect to it. Yet it's really more a new way to disseminate information on a global basis. That's why it's important for a person

who's an English major who might want to publish online. Or a nursing student can learn about healthcare delivery online—the management of cases and sharing of remedies. For students in the arts and sciences, e-commerce is a way for them to share their expertise online.

"We have graduate students in religion and psychology who are Fellows of the Institute. When they work in mental health centers or in ministries, they will understand how they can use e-commerce to benefit their patients and parishioners," Brazina said.

To become a Fellow, students must complete either approved courses that deal with e-commerce, or lectures by industry experts in e-commerce. Students will submit a research paper and complete 40 hours of professional activity related to e-commerce, which can include a co-op job or internship and/or consulting to a business.

"When Paul came to me with this idea, I thought it was right on the money," says Business School Dean Greg Bruce. "We'd been talking about this for a year (e-commerce education) and we didn't want to offer a degree program. We felt it should be more application-oriented and tied into the curriculum."



Accounting Professor Paul Brazina instructs a class in the latest e-commerce information.

## A Potent and Practical Combination

*Integrated Science, Business and Technology Program  
Answers Needs of Today's Job Market*

By Jon Caroulis

**M**ary Ubbens and Megan Ann Jensen are a couple of mavericks in La Salle's academic history.

When the two enrolled at La Salle in the fall of 1999, they were planning to earn degrees in Integrated Science, Business and Technology—a program that didn't even officially exist yet.

An innovative approach to combining business knowledge with a technological background, ISBT had no courses, no teachers, and no listing in any course catalogue.

But Ubbens and Jensen realized the commitment the University had to the program, and came to La Salle planning to get an ISBT degree once the program became official. (The two spent their freshman year taking core curriculum and pre-ISBT courses.)

"I just thought it would be neat to help start it," said Jensen, who is from Hope, Maine. "It would be fun to do."

Jensen had an interest in environmental science when she came to an open house at La Salle. There, she met Dr. Nancy Jones, Director of the ISBT program. Jensen learned about ISBT and how she could study environmental science and combine it with a business component.

Ubbens had an interest in studying biology, but like her parents, was intrigued by how science and business are combined with ISBT. "I thought the applications to business and technology were really interesting, plus it would help me get a better job when I graduated," said Ubbens, who is from Arlington, Va.

"I think it certainly gives her a better chance of employment when she graduates," said her father, Bill Ubbens. "It seems to have a lot of potential for making her skills marketable." He said his daughter wasn't quite sure what area of biology she wanted to pursue, but with ISBT, she'll have an opportunity to get practical experience with business and technology—experience that will help her select a particular field.

This past January, ISBT became "official" when various University committees and governing boards approved its curriculum. But the program was moving along well before that.

Last summer the Admissions Office hired Jim Plunkett, '94 to recruit ISBT students. That Plunkett

would recruit for only one program was unheard of in college admission circles; that he would be promoting a program that didn't officially exist was daunting.

Jones, who is an associate professor of chemistry, traded in her class and lab assignments to handle such ISBT chores as recruiting an advisory board, getting a logo created, ordering supplies for college fairs, and in general learning a new approach.

ISBT differs from traditional science programs in three ways. The curriculum adds a focus on social and business issues relevant to the applications of science and technology. ISBT students will gain extensive experience in team-building and in using computer technology as a problem-solving tool.

And students will learn science and math concepts not through specific courses, but as components of ISBT classes. For

example, students might not take calculus courses, but will learn principles of calculus in ISBT courses.

"This program will build on La Salle's strengths by making the connections among the ethical and moral dimensions, as well as the scientific and business aspects of these real-world problems," said Jones. An important attribute of ISBT graduates will be their ability to acquire quickly the necessary information and knowledge relevant to a specific problem context, she added.

For more than two years, Jones, Provost Dr. Richard Nigro and other La Salle faculty and administrators have been developing the ISBT program, modeled after a program at James Madison University but containing a higher concentration of business courses in its curriculum. La Salle invited more than 20 area business leaders to join an ISBT Advisory Board and consult on curriculum matters.

Peter J. Julian, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Crown Cork & Seal Company, and a member of the advisory board, said he was impressed with the program because "it not only deals with the specific Information Technology focus but also with surrounding business issues such as finance, manufacturing, supply chain, etc. The program is current, effective, and encompasses a sound technical as well as functional business series of topics."



In the second week of May, where the gleaming ribbon of the Schuylkill River winds through green Fairmount Park, one of the unusual sporting pageants of our times will take place. More than 100 colleges from all over the country will participate in the 62nd Dad Vail Regatta, the championship of small college rowing. If things go according to recent form, local schools will distinguish themselves. Temple will do well in the men's varsity eight and Villanova's women may well dominate their events. St. Joe's will make a respectable showing in several events.

But that's just on the water. Off the river, behind the scenes, doing all the work that goes into making such a huge gathering a success,

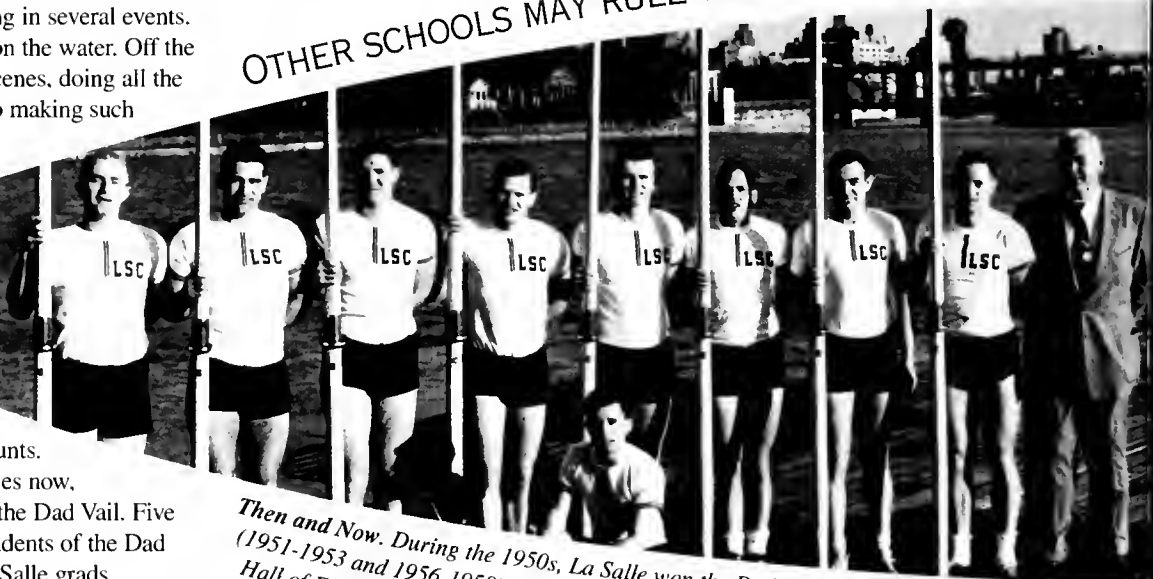
there is only one school that counts.

As it has for decades now, La Salle will own the Dad Vail. Five of the last six presidents of the Dad Vail have been La Salle grads. Although the current president, Jim Hanna, is a Georgetown grad, La Salle people will dominate this year's committee. Of the first 20 officials listed in the program, 15 will be from La Salle. Throw in all the warm bodies involved in 18 committees working on everything from referees and timers to the regatta's internet Website, and another 30 La Salle people (or spouses and children) will be helping to make the huge regatta run smoothly. Officially, the race is now called the Sunoco Dad Vail Regatta. Unofficially, it could be called the La Salle Dad Vail.

How this came to be is rooted in the decade following World War II when La Salle first got into rowing. It was a remarkable era in sports for what had been a small college, for almost 100 years little known outside Philadelphia. But in a few years, beginning in the late '40s, La Salle made itself a national name.

OTHER SCHOOLS MAY RULE THE WATERS, BUT LA SALLE

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*Then and Now. During the 1950s, La Salle won the Dad Vail regatta six times in eight seasons (1951-1953 and 1956-1958). The 1957 Varsity Eight were inducted into the Alumni Association's Hall of Fame because of their outstanding overall record (5-1 in dual meets). Coach Tom "Bear" Curran is on the right.*

This occurred, first in basketball with NIT and NCAA championships, but also in track and field and swimming, where its programs were powerful, and athletes such as Joe Verdeur, Al Cantello, and Ira Davis achieved Olympic distinction.

As successful as these teams were, they were in some respects less impressive than what the crew achieved. At least the basketball, track, and swimming coaches got paid. When La Salle began rowing, its first coach, Jack Bratten, was a volunteer. But he took a small group of oarsmen, some of whom had rowed in high school at La Salle High and West Catholic, and turned them into La Salle's first Dad Vail champion in 1951. The next coach, the legendary Tom "Bear" Curran, whose crews

won five Dad Vails, did get paid but his remuneration was a token. Curran survived as a beer salesman, but he was also a hard-driving, hugely popular man who coached rowing because he loved it. They called him the Bear because no other animal came close.

The crew did not have its pick of superb athletes. With some notable exceptions, the people who take to rowing are not depriving a school's football or basketball teams of their stars, although football players sometimes use the sport to keep in shape off season. But what they all have, or develop, are endurance and determination. Sandy Grady once described the shells as "graceful spiders slithering across the water." But it doesn't feel that way to the graceful spiders.

BY BERNARD MCCORMICK, '58

# CREW

## ALUMS MAKE THE WHOLE DAD VAIL REGATTA FLOAT



Recently, they gathered together (in the same order, standing, from left): Vince Szymbowski, '57; Bob Morro, '58; the empty place represents the late Romeo Burzichelli (Boyd), '58; Dottie Maketa representing her late husband, Dr. Gene Maketa, '57; John Dever, '57; Jack Galloway, '57; Frank McCloskey, '57; and Jim Wagner, '60. Kneeling: Marilyn Loschiavo, representing her late husband, Tom Loschiavo, '57.

There are no better-conditioned athletes in any sport, and often the difference between victory and defeat, in those last 20 or 30 strokes—when your arms feel like lead, your legs are mashed potatoes, your fingers can barely grip the oar, and you are sucking air as if every breath may be your last—is simply the will to win. In the '50s, only a handful of La Salle students came out for crew; in most years, freshmen did not even have eight oarsmen. Half of those who tried out had never rowed before, and the bow man had the disturbing habit of falling out of the boat now and then.

There were far fewer crews in the Dad Vail in those days, but the com-

petition was just as strong, if not stronger than today. Brown, Dartmouth, and Rutgers all had Dad Vail winners, and much larger rowing programs. All of them soon moved up in the '50s to major college rowing, racing against the strong Ivy League crews. The Ivies have always had large, well-financed programs. A La Salle student of statistics noted in the '50s that Penn's rowing budget exceeded La Salle's entire athletic budget. Penn put a dozen boats on the water every day, their gleaming red and blue oars a contrast to the usually scuffed up oars La Salle used.

But what La Salle did have in abundance was something few schools could match—confidence and spirit. There is something about those

cold, wet afternoons in the thin twilight of early spring that bonds oarsmen. It is, after all, called crew, and it is the epitome of teamwork. In La Salle's case, it also seems to generate an uncommon loyalty to the school and the sport of rowing.

"It's interesting that the university board of directors has two oarsmen, Frank Stanton, '51 and myself," says Ken Shaw, '64, who stroked crews in the early '60s and is still an active oarsman today. Stanton stroked one of La Salle's first Dad Vail Winners in 1951. "I don't think any other sport has two people on the board."

In those days, La Salle had its own boathouse. The high school and college crews shared what had been originally (and is again today) known as Crescent Boat Club. La Salle Rowing Association survived through the '50s, but barely. It was a constant struggle to raise money to maintain the 19th-century building, much less provide expensive equipment for the crews, which rowed during the summer after school ended. The club crews often borrowed boats from the college and high school. Many gray-haired men and women remember fondly the boat house parties, which raised enough money to keep the lights and water on for another month.

The river rat closeness produced a rowdy camaraderie. The university had a victory song whose lyrics cannot be reprinted. It was often heard echoing from the upstairs locker room after an Explorer victory. The high school and college oarsmen became friendly, and rowed with and against each other in the summer club programs. Boys from La Salle High and West Catholic first met as competitors, then often rowed together in college. Being around great oarsmen, such as the late John B. Kelly, Jr., of Vesper Boat Club, who participated in four Olympics, helped young oarsmen move up from mediocrity to championship caliber. There was even something glamorous about the grueling workouts. Jack Kelly, John's father, was an Olympic champion and a sports legend of the '20s, and one of Philadelphia's most powerful men. He was often seen around the boathouses, sometimes with his great-looking



daughter who went on to become Princess Grace of Monaco.

Jack Kelly's Olympic doubles partner, Charley McIlvaine, coached La Salle High and his three sons rowed there. These boys, and their friends, were heirs to a winning tradition. Three of the University's Dad Vail champions of the '50s were stroked by men who had rowed at La Salle High. Another came from West Catholic.

La Salle won six Dad Vail Regattas in the '50s, and because so many of the oarsmen in those boats were from Philadelphia, the Schuylkill remained for them a place of pride and nostalgia. Many continued to row for years on the club level, and they always enjoyed coming back to the scene of their college and high school triumphs. They became officials of the dozen rowing clubs along boathouse row, as well as the Schuylkill Navy, the governing body of local rowing. Some began working as officials in various Schuylkill Navy activities shortly after graduation. Gradually, they were joined by others. Wives got involved. Eventually children.

The Dad Vail grew from just a few races for men, to include dozens of events for men and women, and two weight divisions. Every year, more colleges showed up, as rowing became more popular. In the early '50s only Penn and La Salle among Philadelphia colleges had crews. Today there are eight local colleges

competing, most of them with men's and women's programs.

The major trophies awarded to winning crews each year reflect La Salle's contribution. Former La Salle Coach Jack Bratten's name is on the overall point trophy. Jack and Nancy Seitz (now deceased, he was a La Salle coxswain in the '50s, and later, Dad Vail President) is the trophy for the women's point winner. Richard O'Brien, '52 and the late Tom Loschiavo, '57 have trophies named for them.

As the regatta grew, so did the numbers of people needed to run it. Year by year, it became more and more a La Salle-run event. Just registering the close to 3,500 athletes oarsmen who show up from all over the country is a big job. La Salle people become water traffic cops, controlling the hundreds of racing shells that crowd the river, headed to and from the race course. Sometimes it falls to an Explorer to make a tough choice, as was the decision of Jack Galloway, '57 two years ago to

postpone the regatta because heavy rainfall that weekend made the Schuylkill too dangerous. It was a hard call because many of the crews who had come a great distance could not stay around to compete when the racing began on Monday. John Dever, '57, who rowed in two Dad Vail championship boats in the '50s, and who has been involved in boathouse row activities ever since, sums it up: "Some people probably think it's a clique, but it really isn't. Anybody can get in. But you have to be willing to work. It's a lot of work. And it seems that La Salle guys just like to do it, and when they need help they ask other La Salle guys. It's been going on for years, but anybody who wants to work can get in."

For perspective, Temple has dominated the varsity eight race for the last two decades, winning 15 Dad Vails. And yet almost none of the many people associated with all those crews has worked on the regatta. The few who have are related to La Salle grads.

Bob Morro, '58, a La Salle Dad Vail winner from the '50s and secretary of the Dad Vail today, says some of the longtime trojans didn't realize what they were getting into when they signed on years ago.

"I just always enjoyed doing it," says Morro. "In the beginning years it was a lot of fun. We used to have lunches and see the coaches, and have fun. Interestingly enough, the officials seemed to come from the Dad Vail championship crews. I think it was the camaraderie, seeing the same coaches and officials year after year. But today, we don't even have time to do that. Now, it's just a lot of work."

And as usual, this year those trojans will be Explorers. L



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Entrepreneurial alums launch goppilly.com

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It's a one-stop shop for the Republican Convention

By Jon Caroulis

While driving his car with several friends and listening to the radio, Gregg Truitt, '92 heard that Philadelphia would be hosting the Republican National Convention in 2000—and a lightbulb went off in his head.

Along with two other La Salle alumni, Truitt founded POA Interactive, and quickly—even quicker than the Republican National Party—constructed a Website, [www.goppilly.com](http://www.goppilly.com), which showcases the region's businesses, services, and attributes at a time when Philadelphia will be in the world's spotlight.

"The idea behind goppilly.com is to build an online community of businesses in Philadelphia and arm them with cutting-edge applications that capture convention and meeting revenue," says Truitt.

"We've built a foundation of nearly 300 businesses and presented it to a worldwide audience of meeting planners, delegates, and journalists looking for information." Those businesses are contracted and pay monthly membership fees for the marketing and design of their Web pages on goppilly.com.

"It's a cost-effective way for small businesses to get their feet wet on the Internet, with no downside, because of the phenomenal exposure surrounding the GOP Convention," he added.

But the Website is just a springboard for the firm's signature product, E-Z Event, essentially an online marketplace where meeting planners and professionals pick dates for their

events, then initiate proposals with a given city's restaurants and meeting spaces; they, in turn, respond with detailed offers.

Restaurants pay a fee to be a part of the service and pay commissions on bookings. Last year, American businesses spent approximately \$175 billion on travel and entertainment. About one-fifth of that was spent on dining. "That part, about \$35 billion, is what E-Z Event is positioned to take advantage of," says Truitt.

POA's 14 employees are a delicate balance of "super-techs, digital artists, and marketing animals," says Truitt. The majority are La Salle alumni: Vice President/Operations Tim Stephens, '86, studied accounting; Kevin Baird, '92, Vice President/Sales and Marketing, studied philosophy. Truitt studied English. Pat Doyle, '93, a political science major, is a Marketing Specialist. Truitt's cousin, Bob Truitt, Jr., '98, was a marketing major and is a Marketing Specialist. Mark Shugsta was an intern with the firm last summer and will be starting full-

time when he graduates from La Salle this May with a degree in communications. Additionally, Joe Truitt, '86, and Drew Lombard, '88, serve on the firm's Board of Directors.

"The La Salle factor gives us a distinct advantage because we are all able to communicate very effectively. I tell people that La Salle's challenging curriculum readied each of us for the rigors of Internet start-up," says Gregg Truitt. "It was a culmination of our experiences coming together."

A reporter for *The Philadelphia Business Journal* (which recently named Truitt one of the region's top 40 business people under 40) asked him if he had been a computer science major. "No, English," he replied.

"How does an English major succeed doing business on the Web?" asked the reporter.

Truitt said, "In the words of Winston Churchill, 'Play for more than you can afford to lose and you will learn the game.'"

As a way of saying thanks to their alma mater, POA has put La Salle's emblem linked to a Web page right at the top of the home page of [www.goppilly.com](http://www.goppilly.com). L

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*The La Salle Connection: POA Interactive, founded by alumni, has produced a Website to guide visitors to Philadelphia during the Republican Convention this summer. The entrepreneurs are (from left) Bob Truitt, Jr., '98, Marketing Specialist; Pat Doyle, '93, Marketing Specialist; Gregg Truitt, '92, President; Tim Stephens, '86, Vice President/Operations; and Kevin Baird, '92, Vice President/Sales and Marketing.*

## Charter Dinner 2000: A Record-setting Fundraiser

**F**or the second year in a row, the La Salle University Charter Dinner/Leadership Award Ceremony at the Union League of Philadelphia was a sold-out event, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for student scholarships and financial aid.

At this year's eighth annual dinner in March, longtime La Salle supporter and entrepreneur Charles J. Reilly, '62, was honored with the La Salle University Leadership Award. The 360 friends of La Salle in attendance, as well as other supporters not present, contributed \$250,000 in unrestricted funds (\$40,000 more than last year's total). The fundraiser has grown steadily in importance since it first began in 1992. That year, a total of \$35,000 was raised.

Each year, a committee of La Salle alumni and friends awards the La Salle University Leadership Award to an individual who has displayed outstanding leadership in the corporate, civic, governmental, or religious communities that shape the quality of life in this

region. Reilly, co-founder of the Charter Dinner, was a natural choice as this year's recipient.

Reilly is the founder of Reilly Foam Corporation; a founding partner of Safeguard Biologicals and Reilly Mita Industrial Real Estate; and a general partner in several Reilly Real Estate partnerships. He was given honorary membership in the worldwide De La Salle Christian Brothers' Order in 1997 for his faith, zeal, and generosity. The consummate fundraiser, Reilly has raised tens of thousands of dollars in scholarship money for La Salle University and other area educational institutions. He is a University Trustee with emeritus status (1992-97), and a recipient

of La Salle's John J. Finley Memorial Award in 1997 for outstanding service to the University. He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Conshohocken.

The Charter Dinner celebrates the founding of La Salle College on March 20, 1863, and pays tribute to the generations of Christian Brothers, laypersons, and clergy whose dedication has made La Salle University the prominent institution that it is today.

Proceeds from the Charter Dinner/La Salle University Leadership Award Ceremony will be used to enhance the University's Scholarship Fund, and for other financial aid, benefiting future generations of La Salle students.



*Charles J. Reilly, '62 (fourth from left, with his wife, Kathleen) was recently honored for his dedication to La Salle at the University's annual Charter Dinner. Pictured with the Reillys are (from left) Thomas J. Lynch, '62; Brother Michael J. McGinniss, '70; Thomas N. Pappas, '70; and William R. Sautter, '71*

## Preserving the Past for the Future

**M**any requests to La Salle touch the future. Many touch the past. This contribution accomplished both.

John L. McHale, '49, recently donated \$12,000 to the La Salle University Archives for a Microtek ScanMaker flatbed scanner and a Tektronix Phaser 780 color laser printer. This equipment will enable state-of-the-art preservation and reproduction of thousands of photographs—140 years of persons, places, and events.

Part of McHale's grant is also legacy-minded. McHale has commissioned Brother Joseph Grabenstein, '73, University Archivist, to augment the first 40 years of La Salle's limited Commencement records (dating back to 1869) through research at Philadelphia's Archdiocesan Archives and other sites.

McHale, of Vero Beach, Fla., and Greenwich, Conn., has made other contributions to La Salle over the years. His support also assisted construction of the Tom Gola Arena. Among other activities, he sponsors the annual Leo Prize (since 1997), honoring a student's essay on a Philadelphia-area historical topic.



## Grant Support Exceeds Expectations

In recent months, La Salle University's Schools of Nursing, Business Administration, and Arts and Sciences have received substantial grants from a variety of funding sources.

During the fall, the School of Nursing received a \$50,000 grant from the Helene Fuld Health Trust, HSBC Trustee, for scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The grant is part of a program that also seeks to encourage nurses to work in medically underserved areas upon graduation. Five LPNs currently studying for a Bachelor's degree at La Salle will each receive a \$10,000 scholarship. The project director for the scholarship program is Joanne Farley Serembus, Director of Undergraduate Nursing Education at the University.

In December, the Lincoln National Foundation awarded a grant of \$100,000 to the School of Business to establish a new computing center in College Hall. The center will augment new University programs in science, business and technology, and in electronic commerce. The grant was one of five that the foundation, the philanthropic arm of Lincoln National Corporation, made to city charitable and educational groups. La Salle was the

only institution of higher education to receive such a grant. The project director for this initiative is Gregory O. Bruce, Dean of the School of Business.

In February of this year, the La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center received a three-year grant of \$150,000 from the Patricia Kind Family Foundation to continue the support of a program linking medically uninsured children with health care and related insurance. The CHIPLINK Program works through the combined efforts of the Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Medical Assistance Program.

La Salle's CHIPLINK program is the first of its kind in Philadelphia and was developed in response to the growing number of uninsured children presented to La Salle's Neighborhood Nursing Center for primary health care and other programs. The CHIPLINK project directors are Katherine K. Kinsey, Ph.D., Director of the La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center, and Ann Linguiti Pron, Coordinator of Primary Care Services.

In March 2000, the Pennsylvania Department of Education awarded a \$84,882 Link to Learn grant to the University's new Information Technology Program. Funds will be used to develop

six graduate courses that will be offered as part of the Information Technology major and to acquire state-of-the-art equipment for a new Information Technology laboratory in Olney Hall, the University's main classroom building. The new program will provide students with appropriate preparation to enter the information technology workforce once they

graduate and will enhance the quantity and quality of information technology professionals entering the workforce in Pennsylvania. La Salle's was one of 26 projects funded statewide out of 62 applications. The project director is Linda J. Elliott, Chair of the University's Mathematics and Computer Science Department.

"At the Station," an oil painting by Raymond Kirsch, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at La Salle, won the Carkhuff Agin Award at the Lambertville Society and Coryell Gallery's 20th annual Juried Show on Feb. 6, 2000.



## A 63-Year Legacy

Brother John Owens Retires From La Salle's Registrar's Office

**S**tudent, Brother, teacher, administrator. These are just a few of the hats Brother John Owens, '41, has worn throughout his 63-year career—more than half of which has been spent at La Salle.

After dedicating his life's work to the ministry of Christian education, the 82-year-old Brother retired on January 10.

Affectionately known as "Handsome John," Bro. John has served as Dean of Men, Director of the Christian Brothers' Community, and most recently, Assistant Registrar, since he joined La Salle's administration in 1963. Before that, he spent 24 years at West Catholic High School as a teacher, vice principal, and later, principal.

"Bro. John epitomizes the best of Lasallian values," said a long-time friend and colleague, Brother Edward Sheehy. "He is a humble, magnificent individual who has done much for all the dimensions of the La Salle community, academically and spiritually. He has been a continual source of strength and a tremendous inspiration to the people around him."

"For more than 30 years, Bro. John has mastered the intricacies of the roster and is now a campus legend," said Vice President for Enrollment

Services Ray Ricci. "He has the great knack of making everyone else look good. When I was once a relatively green registrar, he made me look like a seasoned veteran. He is one of the most generous and kind people I have ever known, always thinking of this community and his Brothers above his needs."

A native Philadelphian, the Roman Catholic High School graduate was invested in the religious habit in Ammendale, Md., in 1936, and was perpetually professed in Ocean City, N.J., in 1943. He earned his Bachelor of

Arts from La Salle in 1941, Master of Education from Villanova in 1945, and received an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy from La Salle in 1960.



On the occasion of his 60th anniversary in religious life three years ago, Bro. John reflected on his commitment to the Christian Brothers' educational mission. "When I hear that one of the boys or girls from West or La Salle is making it big, I just light up inside," he said. "That's the sort of

news that makes me feel like my life has had some purpose, some meaning.

But I always knew it would be that way. That's why I became a Christian Brother."

Although he'll surely be missed in the Registrar's office, Bro. John is delighted to stay on campus in the Christian Brothers' residence. "As long as I'm staying here, I'm happy," he said.



### Brothers Website

**T**he Brothers are now on the Web at [www.delasallebrothers.org](http://www.delasallebrothers.org).

For those trying to locate Brothers, their present locations are listed on the site. While there, visitors can also find general information about the Christian Brothers and their works, and a listing of events in the Brothers communities. Mass Cards can also be ordered from the site (through the St. La Salle Auxiliary).

<http://www.delasallebrothers.org>

## A Year for Anniversaries

The Lasallian community has much more than the millennium to celebrate in 2000. Three major anniversaries related to St. John Baptist de La Salle will be marked with a special dinner in May and Jubilee Celebration in September on La Salle's campus.

This year is the 350th anniversary of La Salle's birth, the 100th anniversary of his canonization and the 50th anniversary of his declaration as Patron Saint of Teachers of Youth. Alumni and friends are invited to share in the celebration at a dinner May 19 at La Salle University. The dinner is also a fundraiser in support of retired Christian Brothers. To purchase tickets, call Brother Richard Kestler at West

Catholic High School, 215/386-2244.

In addition, the Christian Brothers District of Baltimore will hold Convocation 2000 on Sept. 29 at La Salle University. Christian Brothers from the District, faculty, administrators, and staff will take this opportunity to deepen their commitment to the Lasallian mission by gathering together to celebrate the past and contemplate the future.

The celebration will include numerous workshops presented by Lasallian colleagues: a Eucharistic Liturgy including the reception of the religious habit of the Brothers of the Christian Schools; a report from delegates to the 43rd

General Chapter in Rome, a meeting held every seven years to provide direction for the Lasallian mission worldwide; a special video presentation produced for the convocation; and a continental breakfast, boxed lunch, and sit-down dinner.



*The martyred Christian Brothers and their Passionist priest are immortalized in this woodcut by Helen Siegl. It appeared in Lasallian Liturgies, a book published by the Christian Brothers Conference.*

## Martyred Brothers Declared Saints

Pope John Paul II recently declared eight Spanish Christian Brothers and their priest saints for their martyrdom during the Spanish Civil War.

The Brothers and priest were killed because they were religious men engaged in the religious education of youth. They include: Brothers Cirilo Bertran, Marciano Jose, Victoriano Pio, Benjamin Julian, Augusto Andres, Benito de Jesus, Aniceto Aldolfo and Jaime Hilario of

Tarragona, and Father Inocencio de la Immaculada.

In 1934, the Brothers were accused and executed because of the religious influence they had on their students. The Brothers, residents of Turon in northwestern Spain, were reported to have ignored the government's ban on teaching religion and openly escorted their students to Mass, declaring not only their faith, but also their commitment to their students.

# Enrollment Milestones

A quick scan of the statistics will tell you La Salle has been having a few milestone semesters in terms of applications and enrollment—and the momentum does not appear to be slowing down.

Several records were broken in the Fall 1999 Semester, most notably, the highest day program enrollment in almost a decade, and the largest graduate programs enrollment ever. The Spring 2000 semester promises to be even better.

"We're very pleased to see more and more prospective students are discovering La Salle's reputation for quality education and Christian Brothers values," said Ray Ricci, Vice President for Enrollment Services. "The combination of new, in-demand programs, ease of application, and strong recruiting efforts is really paying off."

Application and enrollment numbers have been strong for the past couple years, Ricci pointed out, but recent changes at La Salle have given them an even greater boost in 2000. As of April 1, Ricci said the University had received 3,600 applications—the most in La Salle's history.

Among the contributing factors: Several new majors now offered at La Salle have piqued prospective students' interests. As much as 5 percent of inquiries are directed toward programs such as Digital Arts and Multimedia Design (DArt), and Integrated Science, Business and Technology (ISBT). The admissions office has also added a recruiter solely dedicated to securing international student applications.

Ricci added that the University has made applications for admission available over the Internet to increase accessibility for students. And while the quantity of applications has increased, the quality of the applicants is slightly higher in terms of high school credentials and SAT scores.

"We've also made a concerted effort to target our student search program to go after students more inclined to consider La Salle seriously," he said. "We're getting a much better return on a smaller recruiting pool."

## Statistics from Fall 1999

**3,066**

Day enrollment is the highest since 1991

**1,650**

Graduate enrollment is the largest in University history

**3,200**

Female student enrollment is at all-time high

**1,852**

Resident student enrollment sets a new record

Four graduate programs set individual enrollment records for their respective programs:

**Computer Information Science**

**Professional Communication**

**Psychology**  
(both Master's and Doctoral)

## The Science of Miracles

By Caitlin Murray

**A**s a boy, Matthew Bucko, M.D., '54, was taught to have faith in miracles. Although the young Catholic was a believer, he never imagined he'd actually witness one.

At the close of a long career as an ear-nose-and-throat specialist, the seasoned doctor's faith—and medical expertise—were put to the test. In 1996, he was introduced to the story of a young Bucks County girl whose deafness had been cured after her family prayed to Mother Katharine Drexel.

Amy Wall, who had been diagnosed with moderate-to-severe deafness at age one in 1993, could barely hear pots and pans banging behind her head. Four months later—after her mother placed on Amy's ears pieces of a nun's habit worn by Mother Katharine, and then prayed—tests showed Amy could hear normally.

"This is an extraordinary case of a deaf child—living in a world without sound—who one day mysteriously takes the hearing aids out of her ears and watches Barney," Dr. Bucko said. "That kind of reversal just doesn't happen."

An unexplained act of nature, or a possible miracle?

Dr. Bucko was asked to find out.

In 1996, Monsignor Alexander Palmieri (a patient of Dr. Bucko's former partner, Stanley Farb, M.D.) requested that Dr. Bucko examine the scientific facts of Amy's case. As the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Vatican's Vice-Postulator of Mother

Katharine's cause for sainthood, he knew it could possibly qualify as the second and final miracle needed for her canonization. (The first, in 1974, was when a Bensalem boy's middle ear bones grew back after prayers to Mother Katharine.)

"I wasn't asked to prove whether or not this was a miracle," explained Dr. Bucko, who was appointed head of the Archdiocese's medical review team. "The Church needed to know if Amy's case could be explained from a medical standpoint. If it could not be explained in terms of medical science as we know it today, then the Church calls it a miracle."

After a thorough examination of the evidence, Dr. Bucko and his team of physicians arrived at an amazing conclusion. "This case defies medical explanation," he said. "Every other child with nerve deafness will go through life



*Mother Katharine Drexel, the Philadelphia socialite-turned-nun who died in 1955, will be canonized in 2000.*

with hearing aids and imperfect speech. No surgery or medicine could ever cure what Amy had. It's just remarkable—flabbergasting, really."

Dr. Bucko and other physicians presented their findings to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome in February 1999. On Jan. 27, 2000—a little more than three years after the Church's official investigation was opened—Pope John Paul II decreed Amy's cure was a result of Mother Katharine's intercession.



### A Meeting with the Holy Father

*Dr. Matthew Bucko, center, with glasses, and his wife, Judy, receive rosary beads from His Eminence Pope John Paul II, while on a trip to the Vatican. Also pictured are Monsignor Alexander Palmieri, the Postulator for the Archdiocese, and Bishop Joseph Martino, Auxiliary Bishop (far right). (Photo: L'Osservatore Romano)*

"The canonization process in the Catholic Church is by no means an easy one," Dr. Bucko said. "I had to play the devil's advocate. I tried to shoot holes in the evidence and disclaim as much as possible, but simply couldn't."

Not only was it an enormous honor for him to be involved in such an important case, but his faith has been strengthened by the experience as well. "Sometimes God has His own purposes that we don't always understand," he said. "I'm certainly a believer."

Dr. Bucko and his wife, Judy, plan to make the pilgrimage to Rome with their two daughters in time for the canonization on Oct. 1.

## Love at First Write

By Maureen Piché

These are the days of instantaneous e-mails, constantly beeping pagers, and ever-present cell phones. The very act of writing a longhand letter, tucking it in an envelope, and entrusting it to a human courier may, to some, seem a little unnecessary—almost extravagant.

It's this very feeling of extravagance—the impression that she was worth the time and effort of a thoughtful and heartfelt letter—that may have won the heart of Krista Hirschmann, '94. The writer, Kevin Rodowicz, D.O., '92, is now her husband.

Their story reads like the plot of a Hollywood romance. Hirschmann was a senior Communications/History major at La Salle in the spring semester of 1994. She wrote a weekly column for the *Collegian* student newspaper. Rodowicz was completing his first year of medical school on City Line Avenue, but he wanted to use La Salle's comprehensive, and quiet, Connelly Library to study for exams. Rodowicz started reading the student newspaper during his visits to campus. That's when Hirschmann's column caught his attention.

"I loved the humor of her writing—how she could cover different topics so well," Rodowicz said. "I got to the point where I was picking up the paper just to read her column. I was actually looking forward to the day it came out."

He said he was so interested in "finding out who she was as a person," he decided to write her a letter, and sent it care of the *Collegian* office. But rather than a straight-

forward letter of praise, he wrote an intriguing mystery note, and signed himself as a secret admirer.

"I remember the letter smelled of cologne," Hirschmann said. "I read it hiding behind a notebook, because I thought it was a practical joke."

But, she was also immediately attracted to his writing style and sense of humor. She remembers telling a friend after the first letter, "This sounds like the kind of guy I would like to marry."

Hirschmann decided to test the joke by placing an ad in the *Collegian*, encouraging the mystery man to contact her again. Rodowicz responded with a dozen roses for Valentine's Day and another letter, but he still wouldn't identify himself. He also provided her with the reference number for a book on the third floor of the library, and told her she could leave future letters to him inside the pages. The book, one of the first clues he gave about his identity, was about Bucks County, where he grew up.

Over the course of several letter exchanges, Rodowicz revealed he was a '92 Biology major while at La Salle, and he gave hints that helped Hirschmann deduce that he grew up in Ivyland. "Then it was just a matter of looking through the La Salle Class of '92 yearbook until I found a Biology major from Ivyland," Hirschmann said.

She discovered his identity, but they still exchanged letters without meeting. Hirschmann was in the process of ending a relationship, and didn't want to confuse things.

But one day in April 1994, about four months after they started their correspondence, fate lent a hand. Hirschmann recognized the face from



the yearbook as she walked past a group of men entering Connelly Library. "We talked for two hours straight," she recalls. "We immediately hit it off."

However, their letter-writing days had only just begun. After graduation that May, Hirschmann headed off

to graduate school in Maine for two years while Rodowicz continued his studies in Philadelphia. Then both lived in different parts of Florida for a year. After that, Hirschmann stayed in Florida to work on her Ph.D. for two more years, while Rodowicz moved back to Pennsylvania to start practicing osteopathic medicine. "We were dating for five years, and July of 1999 was the first time we lived in the same city," Hirschmann said.

All through this long period of separation, the couple continued to write to each other. And they fell in love through their letters and occasional visits. "We say it was love at first write," Hirschmann laughed.

Of course, their romantic story ends with a fairytale wedding. After the couple became engaged, Hirschmann entered a contest held by Reunite, the winemaking company. The contest: describe your dream wedding. The prize: \$50,000 toward wedding expenses. Hirschmann sent in a description of a rustic wedding set in rural Bucks County. They didn't hear back the first year, but after a second attempt, the couple won. And on Oct. 16, 1999, they were married at the Mercer Castle in Doylestown, Pa. Their first dance was to Jimmy Buffet's "Love in the Library."

Today, Hirschmann is an adjunct Communication professor at La Salle, and Rodowicz is practicing medicine in Allentown, where they reside.

## Renaissance Woman

By Kate Miller, '99

**W**hen Ann Gallagher, '99, was pursuing her Master's Degree in Theology at La Salle, she stood out among her fellow classmates. Her projects had a creative flair. She read the work of church scholars as leisurely as her favorite mystery novels. And, she was more than twice their age.

After 50 years of being out of school, Gallagher says she decided to go back for her Master's degree during a troubling time in her life. She had come to a point where she needed to evaluate her faith and either leave or stay with the Church.

"I knew that I really needed to understand and learn as much as I could about my religion if I was going to stay with it," she explains. "So I decided to take classes at La Salle and get my Master's. I was really interested in learning more about the history and origins of my religion."

Raised by agnostic atheist parents, Gallagher was always intrigued by theology. Although she went to a Quaker high school, she had very little experience with religious practice. It wasn't until she was in college in the 1940s that she began to consider Catholicism.

"I had several very good friends who were Catholic, and I started to realize that intelligent people believed in religion."

One of Gallagher's most outstanding characteristics is that once something has caught her interest, she can't stop thinking about it until she has researched its every aspect. Gallagher's interest in Catholicism was no different.

"At one point, I sat down and read straight through St. Thomas Aquinas. I was bored out of my skull, but at the same time I was so intrigued by it."

Soon, she converted to Catholicism and began to enjoy going to church with her friends.

"I'll never forget the first day I went to Mass. It was the day after Pearl Harbor, and the church was jammed full of people. We had taken the bus from campus to the church, and my friends had given the bus money to me to hold onto. When they passed the collection basket around, I got carried away and put all of the bus money in it! We had to walk home and we were late for class."

Gallagher seems to have the same enthusiasm for church today as she did the first time. Now, she regularly participates in her church's Bible study group and she

recently put on a play about the history of religion, called "Welcoming the 21st," a project she originally began working on as a grad student at La Salle.

The dramatization is about seven women who represent worship through the centuries, from a first-century Jewish woman to a 20th-century American. The women gather before the turn of the century to plan how they will greet the 21st century, their new neighbor.

"I picked all women characters because they've been a bit ignored in the past and they need to have their voices heard," Gallagher says.

"Welcoming the 21st" was a big hit, both inside and outside of class.

Most recently, Gallagher and some friends put on the play at Jesus House, a retreat center in Wilmington, Del.

"We had a great time with it," Ann remarked. "One of my friends,



who played the 7th-century Irishwoman, spent all summer learning the accent from an Irishman who worked on the beach in Cape May. The 14th-century British prioress was played by a friend of mine who is actually from England, so her accent was flawless."

Aside from taking classes, Gallagher also teaches at the University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning, a continuing studies program for people age 50 and over. A retired high school English teacher, she says it's a pleasure to return to her profession.

"I started out as a student," she says. "I took art, history, and French. Now I'm teaching a memoir-writing seminar called 'Yesterday for Tomorrow,' as well as a 'Pleasures of Poetry' course. I'm just going to teach people about poems I like, from ancient to modern ones."

Gallagher's interest in just about everything has earned her the nickname "Renaissance woman" from her friends. However, she insists, there is one thing she can't do—her income taxes.



## For Donnie, a Carr-load of Achievements

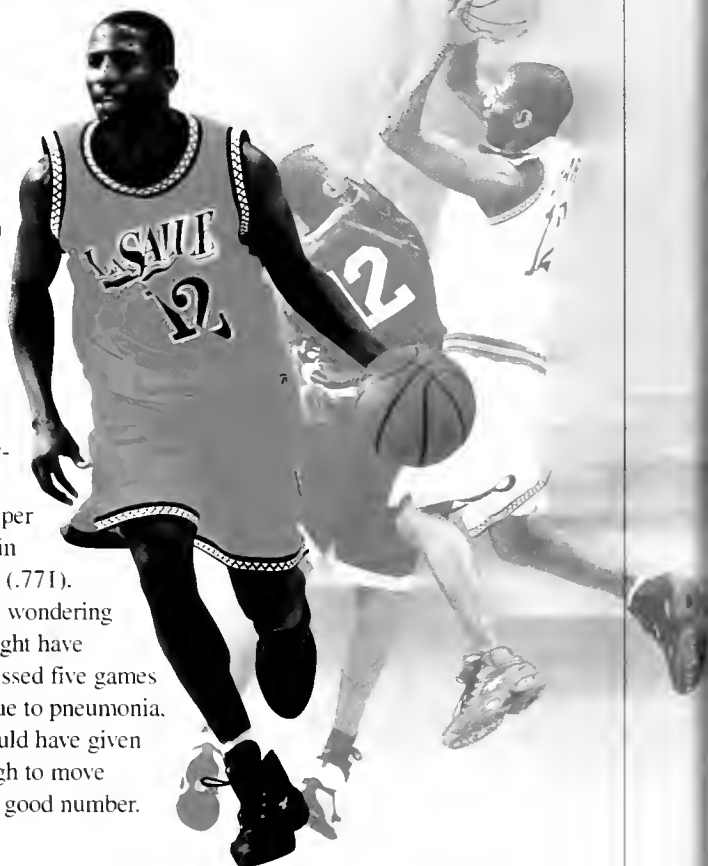
**W**hen graduating senior Donnie Carr finished his basketball career on March 8, he had marked 2,067 points as La Salle's fourth all-time scorer and the fifth Explorer to reach the 2,000-point plateau. The others are Lionel Simmons (3,217), Michael Brooks (2,628), Tom Gola (2,461), and Steve Black (2,012).



*Speedy Morris and Donnie Carr confer during a timeout.*

Some other La Salle highlights in Carr's outstanding career: first in career three-point field goals (308), sixth in three's in a season (99), seventh in field goals made (683), seventh in career assists (404), tenth in assists per game (3.8), and 11th in free throw percentage (.771).

And in case you're wondering what point total he might have reached had he not missed five games in his senior season due to pneumonia, the additional 100 would have given him 2,167—not enough to move higher, but still a very good number.



## Volleyball's Hodge an All-Around Star

**M**elissa Hodge carries a 3.97 GPA (out of 4.0) in management/marketing. She has earned berths on such classroom-oriented groups as the GTE Academic All-America team, the Atlantic 10 Conference All-Academic team and, would you believe, the All-American Farm Team.

Besides all that, you should see her spike a volleyball.

The graduating senior from Downingtown

(Pa.) High has combined academics and athletics in such a successful manner that, for three consecutive years, she has won her way onto the GTE District 2 team.

Off the court and away from her studies, Hodge has found time to be active in the Business Honors Society, in Junior Achievement and with Project Teamwork, the Athletic Department's Youth Outreach and Community Service Program.

And to explain the "Farm Team" reference, *Successful Farming* magazine, in conjunction with Dodge trucks, annually selects a five-person volleyball team and five honorable mentions. As a junior, Hodge was one of the five honorable mentions.

The basic criterion: a student-athlete must be from a rural area. In Hodge's case, that has been augmented by the fact that her parents, Bruce and Nancy Hodge, manage and work at the Highlands Orchard between Downingtown and West Chester. Melissa helps out as often as possible, when she isn't studying, spiking, and pursuing other hobbies, including singing and playing the flute and piccolo.

When she finished her volleyball career in November, she was La Salle's all-time leader in games (455), kills (1,302), solo blocks (204), and assisted blocks (259).





## Student-Athletes Earn High Marks

**B**oth on the fields (and courts) of play and in the classroom, La Salle University continues to produce an outstanding array of student-athletes.

Here is a representative list of student-athletes who have combined high marks in their studies with performance in some fall and winter sports events.

### Football

**All-Conference (Metro Atlantic Athletic)**—Kevin Campbell (*First Team*), Pete Turchi (*Second Team*)

**All-Academic**—Kevin Campbell  
GTE/CoSIDA First Team All-District II

**Player of the Week honors**—Kevin Campbell and Rocky DeVuono

**Philadelphia Chapter of National Football Foundation Hall of Fame**—Ed Klusman

### Men's Soccer

**All-Conference**—Bill Blesi (*Second Team*)

**Player of the Week**—Don Tuohey

**NCAA**—Don Tuohey  
(1999 Division I Saves-Per-Game Leader)

**All-Academic**—Dave Rajakovich  
National Soccer Coaches Association All-East  
Honorable Mention

### Women's Soccer

**All-Conference**—Dana Gavaghan (*First Team*) and Blair Hontz (*Second Team*)

**Rookie of the Week honors**—Lara Wean and Amy Schneider

### Field Hockey

**National Field Hockey Coaches Association**  
All-Academic Team—Lindsay Block, Alishia Faller, Lauren Feracco, Julie Hope, Kelly Saxman, Annette Sciamanna

**All-Conference**—Jami Wilus (*First Team*)

**All-Academic**—Kelly Saxman (*First Team*)

### Men's/Women's Cross Country

**All-Conference (Men)** Tim McAteer (*Most Outstanding Rookie*), Colin Dooley, Scott Levell, and Kevin Myles  
**(Women)** Maura Calahan and ToniAnn Razzi

**Performer of the Week**—Kevin Myles, Colin Benner, and Tim McAteer

**All-Academic**—Kevin Myles (Atlantic 10 First Team and NCAA District II)

**NCAA District II**—Scott Levell, Kathy Heabel, Maura Calahan

### Men's/Women's Indoor Track

#### Atlantic 10 Champions

**Most Outstanding Women's Performer**—ToniAnn Razzi

**Most Outstanding Women's Rookie**—Ndiri Obichere

**All-Conference (Women)**—Ndiri Obichere, ToniAnn Razzi, Maura Calahan, Kathy Heabel

### Volleyball

**All-Conference**—Melissa Hodge (*First Team*)

**All-Academic**—Melissa Hodge (Atlantic 10 First Team; GTE/CoSIDA First Team All-District II, and GTE/CoSIDA Third Team All-America)

### Men's/Women's Diving/Swimming

#### Atlantic 10 Champions

Melanie Coots, women's diving

Jamie Davidson, men's diving

**All-Championship Team (Men)** Jamie Davidson, Chris Hefty, Michael McGinniss, Tom Yaegel, and Mitch Zackowski  
**(Women)** Melanie Coots

## Coaches Honored

**W**hile you're marveling at the accomplishments of these student-athletes, remember it takes someone to lead them, and La Salle coaches have earned their share of the awards. Charles Torpey was named Coach of the Year for men's cross country; Chris Bergere, for men's and women's diving; and, in case you missed it last spring, Larry Conti was the Atlantic 10 baseball Coach of the Year.



Charles Torpey



Chris Bergere



Larry Conti

## Meanwhile, in the Classroom...

### MEN'S GTE ALL-AMERICA

Three La Salle athletes earned nominations for the men's GTE Academic All-America team for District II for fall and winter sports. They are Bill Blesi, men's soccer, 3.74 GPA in Elementary and Secondary Education; Colin Dooley, men's cross country, 3.78 GPA in Business; and Tom Yaegel, men's swimming, 3.48 GPA in Accounting.



*Bill Blesi*

*Colin Dooley*

*Tom Yaegel*

### WOMEN'S GTE ALL-AMERICA

Four La Salle athletes earned nominations for the women's GTE Academic All-America team for District II for fall and winter sports. They are Melanie Coots, diving, 3.62 GPA in Education; Blair Hontz, soccer, 3.61 GPA in Biology; Kathy Heable, cross country, 3.48 GPA in History; and Melissa Hodge, 3.97 GPA in Management/Marketing (not pictured).

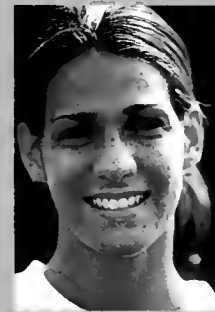


*Melanie Coots*

*Blair Hontz*

*Kathy Heable*

## Razzi Races to Atlantic 10 Honors



**T**oniAnn Razzi already had a reputation as an indoor track senior with a 3.40 GPA in biology. But, in just the last few months, the title Outstanding Performer in the Atlantic

10 Conference Indoor Women's Championships has been added to her running record.

In one weekend at the University of Rhode Island, the former Archbishop Prendergast High star from the Philadelphia suburb of Drexel Hill set a record in the Atlantic 10 mile (4:55.19), tied the conference standard in the 800 meters (2:13.71), and was part of the Explorers' 4x800 meter foursome that set a conference record (9:11.67).

Razzi followed that with a 4:45.84 mile in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) meet in Boston with a La Salle record for the mile. That earned Razzi a berth in the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. Her time eclipsed the 4:47.92 set by Terry Carroll in 1988.

# Exploring New Heights

The **Explorer Club** is the athletic development fund for La Salle University and provides financial support for 23 intercollegiate athletic programs.

Members of the Explorer Club can **receive benefits** at various levels including priority for purchasing the **best seats in the house** for ticketed events. Gifts can be designated for the sport of your choice or to the General Athletic Fund.

## Program areas supported by the Explorer Club

- Athletic Recruitment Program
- Academic and Student Support Program
- Degree Completion Assistance Program
- Athletic Equipment Supplies
- Athletic Publications and Promotional Materials
- Radio and TV Production
- Athletic Travel
- Other Special Needs

To receive an Explorer Club Membership application or for more information, call **215/951-1606**.

[www.lasalle.edu](http://www.lasalle.edu)



Explorer Club President John Carabello, '62, presents La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, '70, with a commemorative Explorer Club lapel pin.

## 3rd Annual Explorer Club Spring Fund Drive

We are looking for individuals who are interested in serving as fund drive workers. All interested persons should contact the Athletic Advancement Office at 215/951-1606.

### Fund Drive Schedule of Events

Reporting Session May 11

Phonathons May 1 and 2 | May 8 and 9

May 15 and 16 | May 22 and 23

Victory Celebration May 25

Become a member of  
the Explorer Club

## Creating 2000 Memories

By Caitlin Murray

**M**ore than just memories will be created at this year's Reunion gala on May 12-14. A series of new traditions will be introduced as well.

For the first time, Reunion is focused on welcoming all former Explorers back to campus, whether they are members of the Class of 1919 or 1999 or anywhere in between.

special address to all attendees by La Salle's new president, Brother Michael J. McGinniss, '70.

"It's a great time to rejoice in the good things that are happening at La Salle," said Alumni Association President

While the University is taking steps to include alumni of all ages, the silver and golden jubilarians need not feel slighted. At a private reception in their honor, each member of the classes of 1950 and 1975 will receive a commemorative medallion.

Jim Conboy, '50, Reunion Committee Co-Chair for the Class of 1950, said he is "absolutely thrilled" about the prospects of this year's event. "Over the years, life changes as you get a job, get married, and have children. You start to lose touch with former class-



"We want to make sure all alumni always feel at home at La Salle," said Director of Alumni George "Bud" Dotsey, '69. "Reunion 2000 gives everyone the opportunity to join in the festivities even if they're not part of a five-year anniversary class. It broadens the relationships between graduates of all years."

More "firsts" to look forward to on the weekend of May 12 include: an increased amount of affinity groups and Explorer sessions, an Alumnae Anniversary Awards Brunch, a multimedia display of graduates' memories, and a

Charles Quattrone, '72. "With the new enthusiasm Bro. Mike has brought to the University, the 30th anniversary of women on campus, and the 100th anniversary of the canonization of St. John Baptist de La Salle, this is the perfect year to take Reunion to the next level."



mates and drift apart from your old college friends. I'm really excited to catch up with some familiar faces and exchange reminiscences," he said.

The Al Raymond Big Swing Band, a Reunion liturgy, an archival time tunnel, a walking tour of Belfield Estate, aromatherapy, and photo opportunities with campus notables are just a few of the slated activities guaranteed to conjure up a few old memories—and create some new ones.

## Clubs and Chapters

**D**ear La Salle Alumni,  
As we start a new century, La Salle's President, Brother Michael J. McGinniss, '70, and I would like to issue an invitation to all La Salle alums across the country. We invite you to help your alma mater by working in your own local areas to establish alumni clubs and chapters. Please allow me to explain a little about them, and why they're so important to the University.

In this his first year as La Salle's President, Bro. Michael has made it a top priority to visit a number of alumni groups, in areas as close as Bucks County, and as far away as Chicago. He's excited about what he's seen: Alumni of all ages and backgrounds are coming together because of a shared loyalty to La Salle and a desire to help new generations of students.

For their part, alumni tell us that clubs and chapters offer camaraderie, business opportunities, and a

chance to contribute to future generations of La Salle students, as well as the alma mater.

By way of definition, clubs are loosely organized groups of alumni who have La Salle and geographic proximity as common affinities. They occasionally meet for social and business-related functions.

Chapters are clubs that have received official recognition by the La Salle Alumni Association. They have a formal set of bylaws, recognized leadership, and a calendar of planned events. Their official recognition links them to, and entitles them to, support from the Association. La Salle alums have established two such clubs to date—one in Florida and the other in Washington, D.C. Several additional chapters are in the process of gaining official charters.

Both clubs and chapters are open to all interested alumni, regardless of age, academic discipline, or extracurricular activities.

Affinity groups or societies, on the other hand, are usually dedicated to something other than geographic location, such as professional interests (i.e. business or law). There is also an alumnae affinity group in the process

of re-forming, as well as a new African American affinity group.

Typically, all of these groups work in some way to help La Salle continue its mission by planning fundraising activities for the University, volunteering for different events, creating a support network for newly graduated alumni, or assisting with recruitment and admissions.

We invite you to attend an upcoming club or chapter meeting near you. We've included some future dates and locations, as well as a few recently held events, in the box on this page.

To find out more about current clubs and chapters, or to help start one in your area, please contact the La Salle Alumni Office at 215/951-1535, 888/4-ALUM-LU, or [alumni@lasalle.edu](mailto:alumni@lasalle.edu). You can also find information at our Website, [www.lasalle.edu/alumni](http://www.lasalle.edu/alumni).

Many thanks for your continuing interest in La Salle. Bro. Mike and I look forward to visiting with you at an alumni group meeting in the near future.

Best wishes,

George "Bud" Dotsey, '69  
Director  
La Salle University Alumni Office

### The President's Recent Club and Chapter Visits

Chicago  
Washington, D.C.  
Florida (three separate locations)

*(Right) La Salle University President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, '70, discusses future plans for the Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter with Tom Curley, '70, President and Publisher of USA Today. The two are at a December Alumni Chapter gathering at the national newspaper's headquarters.*



*(Left) Bro. Michael discusses his vision for the University's future with alumni and friends gathered at a Chicago-area alumni reception in December 1999 at Northwestern University. Chicago Alumni Club members Ed Zajac, '69; Tim O'Conner, '81; and Frank Possinger, '69, organized the event.*

### Bro. Michael's Upcoming Club and Chapter Visits

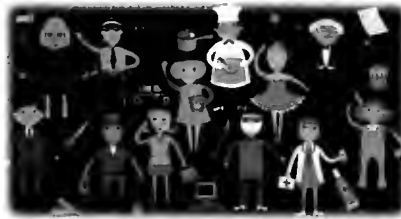
Bucks County, April 30  
California, May 23-28  
San Francisco  
Los Angeles  
Orange County  
San Diego  
Minneapolis, June 23  
Atlanta, Fall 2000

Pre-registration requested.  
Contact the Alumni Office at:  
215/951-1535, 888/4-ALUM-LU

## La Salle Co-Sponsors Career Fair for Young Alums

La Salle's Alumni and Career Planning Offices, along with PACNet, a consortium of 11 other local institutions, sponsored ACCESS 2000, the second Annual Career Fair for young alumni on April 4 in King of Prussia.

Participants had the opportunity to join alumni from area colleges, with approximately 2-10 years' experience, for an evening of networking and interviewing with up to 70 companies seeking candidates for

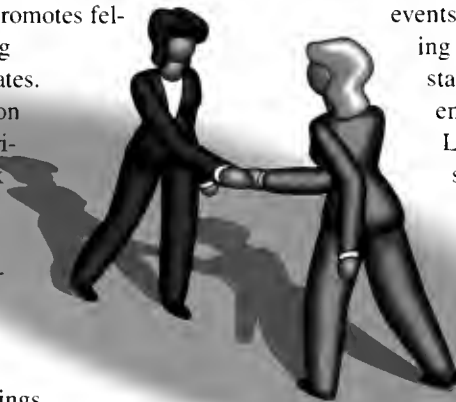


attractive job opportunities. Informative career success seminars were also presented. Look for more information on upcoming events in the next issue of *La Salle Magazine*.

## La Salle Lady Alums Re-form Affinity Group

It has been less than nine months since the La Salle Alumnae Association has been revitalized, and the momentum is outstanding.

The Alumnae Association, an affinity group of the Alumni Association, promotes fellowship among women graduates. The Association sponsors a variety of network opportunities for alumnae, including education programs, social events, and monthly meetings. The "Investing in Yourself" seminar held in January offered financial planning advice from professionals throughout the Delaware Valley. The Alumnae Association will sponsor the financial planning seminar again because of its popularity and effectiveness.



The Association will be holding elections for its officers in April. Officers will be announced at the Alumnae Association Awards Brunch, held on May 13. The Brunch, one of the Reunion 2000 events, honors outstanding female faculty, staff, and graduates emulating the Lasallian values of service, integrity, and compassion. All are welcome to attend the brunch; tickets are \$20 and may be purchased through the Alumni Office.

For information regarding membership or to receive a copy of events sponsored by the Alumnae Association, contact the Alumni Office at 215/951-1537 or 888/4-ALUM-LU. The e-mail address is [alumni@lasalle.edu](mailto:alumni@lasalle.edu).

## Alumni Calendar

### April 14

Warren E. Smith African American Alumni Award Dinner  
*Ballroom*

### April 24

President's Cup Golf Outing  
*Blue Bell Country Club*

### April 26

Grimes Lecture Series

### April 27

School of Business Reception  
*Union League of Philadelphia*

### April 28

Holroyd Lecture and Award  
*Rodden Theatre*

### April 30

Bucks County Alumni Reception  
*Bucks County Center*

### May 12-13

Reunion 2000  
*Campus*

### May 23-28

Alumni Receptions  
*California (see page 25)*

### June 23

Alumni Reception  
*Minneapolis*

### August 26

Annual Young Alumni Beach Party  
*Princeton Inn, Avalon, N.J.*

### September 18

Alumni Association Golf Outing  
*Melrose Country Club*

## Newest Hall of Athletes Inductees



**F**our outstanding La Salle athletes and a former coach were recently inducted into the Alumni Association's Hall of Athletes at the 2000 Induction Ceremony. *From left:* Tracey Lynn Sneed, Esq., '89, who graduated as the third highest scorer in women's basketball with 1,486 points; Stephen P. O'Donnell, '89, who had a four-year batting average of .403 in baseball including 45 home runs; La Salle President, Brother Michael J. McGinniss, '70; John T. Hurd, '92, men's basketball team captain in his senior year, who started every game (124) in his four-year career; Marguerite C. Kriebel, the founder and first coach of La Salle's women's volleyball team (1973-82), inducted into the "Coaches' Corner"; and Jeff Van Tiem, '93, who finished as the second leading scorer in soccer at La Salle with 92 points in three seasons.



## 6 Great Trips for the Year 2000

*Sponsored by "Explorations"*  
*La Salle University Alumni Association's*  
*Travel Committee*

### **Scandinavian Capitals and St. Petersburg**

16-day Deluxe CruiseTour

### **Canada and New England**

11-day CruiseTour with 3 nights in Montreal

### **Alaskan Discovery**

8-day Cruise of Inner Passage or 14-day CruiseTour including  
Denali National Park

### **Vienna, The Magical Danube & Oberammergau**

12-day Tour and River Cruise  
18 alums have already signed up!

### **Australia and New Zealand**

19-day, leisurely paced, fully escorted, memorable journey

### **Around the World**

35-day Tour covering four continents: Australia's Great Barrier Reef, the Great Wall of China, India's Taj Mahal, an African Safari, a stay in an authentic French chateau, and much more.

*To receive a travel packet, call the Alumni Office at 215/951-1535 or  
888/4-ALUM-LU.*



**School of Business Administration**

'45 | 55th Reunion

'50 | 50th Reunion

'55 | 45th Reunion

May 12-13, 2000

**1955 | Dr. Charles A. Coyle** represented Kutztown University as a delegate at the inauguration of Michael J. McGinnis, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, as President of La Salle on Sept. 24, 1999. **Dr. Coyle** is a Professor of marketing at Kutztown and a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Allentown.

'60 | 40th Reunion

May 12-13, 2000

**1960 | Eugene A. King** received a Master's of Science in Taxation from Widener University. King is the principal of King Financial Advisors in Feasterville, Pa., and provides insurance, investment, and tax services to businesses and individuals.

**Vincent A. Romano** recently retired from Seagate Technology in Oklahoma City.

'65 | 35th Reunion

May 12-13, 2000

**1968 | George F. Longshore** was recently appointed Vice President,



Human Resources for Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest

Catholic health care systems. Catholic Health East is based in Newtown Square, Pa., and serves 18 communities in 10 Eastern states.

'70 | 30th Reunion

May 12-13, 2000

**1972 | Dr. John F. McInerney** was appointed Adjunct Professor of the graduate psychology program at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**1973 | Robert G. Liney** was named Director of Employee Relations at American Infrastructure in Worcester, Pa.

'75 | 25th Reunion

May 12-13, 2000

**1975 | Paul Jenkins** was named President of Watson



McDaniel, a manufacturer of industrial and process products used in steam applications,

located in the Valley Forge Corporate Center.

**1978 | Donald J. Degrazia**, CPA is a partner in the accounting firm of Gold Meltzer Plasky & Wise, P.A. located in Moorestown, N.J. Degrazia's speaking engagements for 1999 included the American Institute of CPA's National Advanced Litigation Services Conference and its Advanced Business Valuation Conference, as well as the

New Jersey Superior Court Judicial College. He is also a contributing author to the American Institute of CPAs' newly published book, *The Complete Book of Income Reconstruction*.

**1979 | Richard Wiley**



was named Vice President of Sales for the Northeast and mid-Atlantic corridor for Edward Don & Company, the nation's

largest independent distributor of foodservice equipment and supplies.

'80 | 20th Reunion

May 12-13, 2000

**1980 | Anthony Bosco** has been named Project Director of Enterprise 2000, Day & Zimmerman, Inc.'s SAP implementation project. The Day & Zimmerman Group, Inc., headquartered in Philadelphia, is a leading global provider of diversified professional, technical, and personnel services.

**1984 | Birth:** to **Carla DiGregorio Hendricks** and her husband, Len, a daughter, Victoria Theresa.

'85 | 15th Reunion

May 12-13, 2000

**1988 | Greg A. Scolieri and Debra Chiaravallotti Scolieri** (BA '89) are the owners of the Goes-Scolieri Funeral Home and the Petals

and Stems Flowers and Gift Shop, both located in Willingboro, N.J.

**Births:** to **Colleen Humphries (Clark)** and Kevin Clark, a son, Brendan Colin; to **Dominic Catrambone** and **Jennifer Delio Catrambone** (BA '90), identical twin girls, Cassidy Madison and Devon Leigh; to **Greg A. Scolieri and Debra Chiaravallotti Scolieri** (BA '89), a son, Greg A., II.

**1989 | Steve Dougherty** was recently named Account Executive of the Year for Prophet 21 Inc., a company that specializes in order fulfillment software.

'90 | 10th Reunion

May 12-13, 2000

**1992 | Kathleen Allen Law** is an Assistant System Manager with the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office.

**Marriage:** **Kathleen L. Allen** to Corey Law.

**1993 | Birth:** to **Anthony Wilson and Melissa Rebl Wilson** (BA '94), a son, Anthony Charles.

'95 | 5th Reunion

May 12-13, 2000



## School of Arts & Science

'45 | 55th Reunion  
'50 | 50th Reunion  
May 12-13, 2000

**1954 | Dr. Geoffrey B. Kelly** recently published *Reflections on Bonhoeffer: Essays in Honor of F. Burton Nelson* (Covenant Press, 1999); the eighth book that he has either authored, edited, or co-edited. Dr. Kelly's ninth book, the new critical edition of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*, is scheduled for publication in June 2000. He is in the last year of his second term as President of the International Bonhoeffer Society and has been invited to address the Eighth International Bonhoeffer Congress in Berlin this August.

'55 | 45th Reunion  
May 12-13, 2000

**1955 | Harvey Portner** was recently re-elected as President of the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners. A township commissioner since 1988, Portner has served as Board President twice before and as Board Vice President five times.

**1958 | Robert H. Fitzsimmons** was inducted into the Northeast Catholic High School Alumni Hall of Fame for his contributions to Catholic education. He has been a faculty member there for 40 years.

'60 | 40th Reunion  
May 12-13, 2000

**1962 | George Vercesi** recently published his second novel, *SEAL-Test*, available directly from 1stbooks.com or in bookstores via Ingram Book Company and its subsidiary, Lightning Press.

'65 | 35th Reunion  
May 12-13, 2000

**1967 | John Flinn** was appointed Vice President/Human Resources for the *Boston Herald*.  
**Dr. Augustine E. Moffitt, Jr.** was elected Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation located in Bethlehem, Pa.  
**Bro. Richard Grzeskiewicz** has been named to succeed **Bro. Lawrence Monroe, '60**, as principal of Central Catholic High School, in Pittsburgh, effective July 1, 2000.

**1968 | Michael G. DeFino**, a 1975 graduate of Widener University School of Law, was named Chairman of the law



school's Board of Overseers. DeFino, the first Widener alumnus to hold the position, is the principal in the Law Office of Michael G. DeFino in Media, Pa.  
**Gerald A. English, Ph.D.** has obtained a career research position in radiochemistry and actinide chemistry at Ernest O. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory of the University of California.

'70 | 30th Reunion  
May 12-13, 2000

**1970 | Richard Tucker, D.O.** was named Director of Medical Education at Rancocas Hospital in Willingboro, N.J. Dr. Tucker will oversee the continuing education and enrichment of the physicians on staff, residents, student physicians, and the student physician assistants at the hospital.

**1971 | William B. Sudell**, former adjunct faculty member, has released his first novel, *Though All The World Betrays Thee*.  
**Amy Wohl** has been appointed to the Board of Advisors of Omnient Corporation, an end-to-end e-business solution

provider headquartered in Blue Bell, Pa.

'75 | 25th Reunion  
May 12-13, 2000

**1975 | Christine Wronka Gawlak** has received recognition for accomplished teaching from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which offers a new system of advanced, voluntary certification for teachers. She is among the first group in Florida to achieve this honor in the area of Adolescent and Young Adult Mathematics.  
**Bro. Dennis Malloy**, who has served as Director of De La Salle Vocational School,

## Gallagher Helps His "Hometown"

Philadelphia's loss is Baltimore's gain. Matthew D. Gallagher, '94, has left his job as Philadelphia's Assistant Deputy Mayor to oversee a study of Baltimore's departments for the Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC).



Gallagher, a graduate of La Salle's Honors Program, has joined GBC to coordinate studies of business leaders of the city's public works, housing and community development, health and recreation, and parks departments. The effort mirrors a strategy by former Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell in 1992 that helped the city save \$150 million.

For the past three years, the Baltimore native has worked in Philadelphia's Office of Management and Productivity. The office focused on cost-cutting measures and ways to increase city revenue.

Gallagher is married to Helene Grady, '93, and is the son-in-law of La Salle Honors Program Director John S. Grady.



## Brother Arthur Bangs Receives West Catholic's Outstanding Grad Award

**B**rother Arthur J. Bangs, '53, has done more than just teach for 50 years—he's spent those five decades making a difference in young people's lives.

The longtime La Salle professor and Campus Counseling Center staff member was recently honored by his high school for a half-century of service and dedication to Greater Philadelphia youth.

At West Catholic High School Alumni Association's Annual Communion Breakfast in March, Bro. Bangs was awarded the Brother Edwin Anselm, F.S.C. Award. The award honors a West Catholic graduate who continues to contribute to the school while achieving outstanding success in his chosen field.

Bro. Bangs, an Upper Darby, Pa., native from St. Laurence Parish, graduated from West Catholic in 1949. His impressive list of degrees includes: B.A., Maxima Cum Laude in Classics in 1953 and M.A., Theology in 1954 from La Salle College; M.A., Classics from the University of Pittsburgh in 1959; M.A. and Ph.D. in Counseling from the Catholic University of America; and licensure in Psychology in 1973.

Combining his studies with teaching, Bro. Bangs taught Religion, Latin, Mathematics, and English at several area high schools before coming to La Salle in 1969. Since then, he has been associated with the Counseling Center, Department of Education. His greatest satisfaction, he says, is working with young people in any capacity.

From 1979 to 1982, he was the Director of the American College Program at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, directing the programs for approximately 270 students from 30 U.S. colleges and universities.

Bensalem, Pa., has been appointed Director of Operations for the St. Gabriel's System.

**1977 | Richard M. Connelly, Esq.** was appointed General Counsel of J.G. Wentworth, a specialty finance company in Philadelphia.

At a recent convocation at Northeast Catholic High School, **Barry Donald Brodzinski** was inducted into the Philadelphia school's Alumni Hall of Fame.

**'80 | 20th Reunion**  
May 12-13, 2000

**1981 | Kurt T. Kessler, Ph.D.**, has been named executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of MK Associates, the largest supplier in the world of custom marketing research services to the healthcare industry.

**Carlton A. Payne** was awarded a Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Temple University.  
**Birth:** to **Theresa Gauder Kraus** and **Ingo S. Kraus** (BBA '80, MBA '84), their third child, a son, Matthew Joseph.

**1982 | Theresa Martin Golding** has published her first book, *Kat's Surrender* (Boyd's Mills Press). The story is set entirely in Philadelphia.  
**Martin A. Healey** is Director in the Special Situations Investments and Restructuring Group of First Union's Capital Markets.

**Coleman Kane**, President of the Phonics Game, has been named Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County, Calif., company.

**1983 | Joseph J. McGrenra** has been named President of the Norfolk (Va.)

chapter of the National Contract Management Association.

**1984 | Births:** to **Barrie Leasoff Hovis** and her husband, Jack, their second child, a daughter, Isabella Zacari; to **Lenore Troyanosky-Siegler** and her husband, Ken, their second child, a son, Troy James.

**'85 | 15th Reunion**  
May 12-13, 2000

**1986 | Gregg R. Melinson** has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Economy League's (PEL) eastern division. The PEL is a nonprofit organization that conducts public policy research and development in the areas of economic development and public sector performance.

**1989 | Debra Chiaravallotti Scolieri** and **Greg A. Scolieri** (BBA '88) are the owners of the Goes-Scolieri Funeral Home and the Petals and Stems Flowers and Gift Shop, both located in Willingboro, N.J.  
**Birth:** to **Debra Chiaravallotti Scolieri** and **Greg A. Scolieri** (BBA '88), a son, Greg A., II.

**'90 | 10th Reunion**  
May 12-13, 2000

**1990 | Mark R. M. Sermarini, M.D.**, 1990



La Salle men's swimming team captain, is currently Team Physician

for the Special Olympics swimming team in Montgomery County, Pa.  
**Birth:** to **Jennifer Delio Catrambone** and **Dominic**

Catrambone (BBA '88), identical twin girls, Cassidy Madison and Devon Leigh.

**1991 | Jose Mallabo** founded Full Disclosure Media, LLC, a New York and San Francisco-based new media company focused on investor-oriented services and e-commerce.

**Birth:** to Salvatore A. Barreca and Kelly Maher Barreca, a daughter, Cecilia Margaret.

**1992 | Birth:** to Thaddeus and Maribeth Nowakowski their second child, a daughter, Lily Bea.

**1993 | James T. Hannigan, Jr.** is the Associate Director of Admissions for Keller Graduate School of Management in Arlington, Va. **Marriage:** James T. Hannigan, Jr. to Patti Mattson (BA '95).

**1994 | Karen DiStefano Spring** joined Harte-Hanks Direct Marketing in Bellmawr, N.J., as an account manager.



**Captain Douglas LeVien** has been appointed Commander of the Soldiers of the Echo

Company at Fort Stewart, Ga. **Marriage:** Karen M. DiStefano to Eric Spring. **Births:** to Nicole S. Pilkus and her husband, Joseph, a daughter, Katerina Anne; to Melissa Rebl Wilson and Joseph Wilson (BBA '93), a son, Anthony Charles.

'95 | 5th Reunion  
May 12-13, 2000

**1995 | Patti Mattson-Hannigan** is a statistician for the Criminal Justice Statistics Branch of the Bureau of the Census in Washington, D.C. **Kirsten Quinn** is working as

an actress in Philadelphia, as well as teaching at Community College of Philadelphia.

Quinn recently received membership to Actor's Equity Association, the professional stage actors' union.

**Johanna Schaaf** is a program director for Impact Systems, Inc.

**Marriages:** Michelle T. Connery to James E. Dwyer, IV; Patti Mattson to James T. Hannigan, Jr. (BA '93).

**Births:** to Heather MacPherson Smith and David Hall Smith, a daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth; to Johanna Schaaf and her husband, Ed, their first child, a son, Joshua.

**1996 | Christine M. Dieckhaus** has been awarded the National Epilepsy Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship at the University of Virginia to study novel biochemical processes implicated in seizure production. **Brian Kenney** joined the public relations department at

Dorland Sweeny Jones in Philadelphia.

**1997 | Adrienne N. Gagliardo**, an ensign in the U.S. Navy, recently completed the Officer Indoctrination Course at Naval Station Newport, R.I.

**1999 | April White** was featured in a recent issue of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. White discussed her reasons for remaining in the Philadelphia area after graduation despite being raised in a small New England town.

### Master of Business Administration

**1984 | Ingo S. Kraus (BBA '80)** recently joined GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corporation in Horsham, Pa. as Assistant Vice President and Portfolio Manager in its Equity Investment Group. **Kenneth J. Sylvester** joined Schein Pharmaceutical in

## A Compassionate Presence



In Maryellen (McGettigan) Glackin's line of work, education doesn't just enlighten—it saves lives.

For a year now, Glackin, '79, has served as administrator of the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Office for AIDS Ministry. In that role,

she works hard to be "a compassionate presence, not only to those suffering, but to their families and caregivers—to be non-judgmental, to be with people in their suffering. Jesus was there with them in their suffering, and as part of the Church, that is what we are called to do."

Her interest is mainly in the educational aspects of AIDS prevention. "I'm a mom with four teens, and I really believe the way to stop the spread of the disease is through education."

Glackin said the AIDS Ministry sponsors many presentations at middle and high schools, talking about the dangers of drug use and risky sexual

behavior and relating them to the spread of the AIDS virus. She said AIDS Ministry speakers also stress the importance of strong families in children's lives, "helping family members to value each other. A lot of times, youths turn to dangerous behaviors because they feel they're not valued at home."

Glackin said she always had an interest in working with young people, and it only increased during her time at La Salle. "Brother Joseph Keenan convinced me to double my major (psychology and religion), and I ended up teaching religion for six years after I graduated." She taught at Camden Catholic and Archbishop Ryan high schools.

After putting her career on hold for a few years to be a full-time mother, Glackin returned to work, as a grief counselor in her home parish of Maternity B.V.M., where she set up and conducted a bereavement and grief ministry program.

She and her husband, Joseph, '77, live in Philadelphia with their four children, ranging in age from 11 to 17.

## Col. McCloskey Named a Knight of Malta

Chivalry is not dead. And La Salle graduates continue to prove it.

One such alumnus, Colonel James E. McCloskey, '68, was recently honored for his life's dedication to faith and good works with an invitation to join one of the oldest and most respected heraldic orders in the world.



The Blue Bell, Pa., resident has been selected as a Knight of Malta—Knight of Grace and Devotion. The heraldic order, also known as the Sovereign Military Order of Saint John, goes back to the time of the Crusades—some 800 years. The Knights are the oldest chivalric order in existence today.

"This honor is well deserved as demonstrated by Col. McCloskey's years of unselfish service to his fellow man, active compassion for those less fortunate, and being a standard bearer of hope. These are qualities that have remained constant over the past eight centuries for those individuals who aspire to be a knight," said Timothy E. Zack, Knight Commander for the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta.

The order began with a group of fighting monks, who participated alongside the Crusaders to hold fortresses and hospices across the Holy Land in the 12th century. Today, the organization is divided into a religious order, a religious institute of laymen, and an international order of chivalry. Col. McCloskey belongs to the latter order, whose main activities are religious and charitable (hospital and medical assistance).

Col. McCloskey is a native-born Philadelphian, and a 1968 distinguished military ROTC graduate of La Salle. He served in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He recently retired as acting commander of the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade. As a civilian, he is president of a management consulting and investment firm. He is the son of retired La Salle administrator Jack McCloskey, '48. He and his wife, Carol, have three children.

Cherry Hill, N.J., as Vice President of Operations.

**Birth:** to Ingo S. Kraus (BBA '80) and Theresa Gauder Kraus (BA '81), their third child, a son, Matthew Joseph.

**1991 | Joseph Massucci** has authored a children's book, *Is There a Cricket in the House?!* published by Huckleberry Press. Massucci is employed as Product Manager with Bridge Information Systems in Mt. Laurel, N.J.

**1994 | Birth:** to Peter Linn and his wife, Dana, their second child, a son, Alexander William.

### Master of Arts

**1994 | Stephen Czekalski** (BA '85) owns Motivators Inc., a performance enhancement firm in Collingswood, N.J. Czekalski also writes a sports motivation column for the *Courier-Post* newspaper and has written a book, *Pep Talks: The Twenty-Four Hour Coach*.

### In Memoriam

**1941**  
Francis J. "Beau" Griesser, Sr.

**1949**  
Joseph J. Tilden

**1950**  
Reverend Thomas E. Comber, C.S.P.

**1951**  
Eugene Fitzgerald  
Joseph F. McAveety

**1955**  
Michael G. Flach

**1957**  
Leo W. Reilly

**1958**  
Thomas E. Adams

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John V. Theveny

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John F. Maher

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As a Catholic university, La Salle strives to offer, through effective teaching, quality education founded on the idea that one's intellectual and spiritual development go hand in hand, complementing and fulfilling each other. The University has, as its basic purpose, the free search for truth by teaching its students the basic skills, knowledge, and values that they will need for a life of human dignity. The programs of the University also aim at preparing students for informed service and progressive leadership in their communities and to fulfilling the immediate and final goals of their lives.







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## Letter from the President



*Our ability to sustain the Lasallian tradition of excellence in values-based education—and to do it at an affordable price—depends directly on increased levels of financial support from private benefactors.*

### Dear Friends of La Salle:

On behalf of the entire University community, I want to offer my deepest thanks to our loyal benefactors and supporters for helping to make this past year so successful for La Salle University. The generosity and commitment of the thousands of donors whom we recognize here directly enable La Salle to enhance academic programs, upgrade campus facilities, maintain competitive levels of financial assistance for students, and continue our mission of service to the diverse communities that are La Salle's neighbors.

I also want to take this opportunity to share with you the details of key accomplishments for the University in the year just concluded. Foremost among them are:

- The very encouraging results from our fundraising efforts, with unrestricted gifts and grants totaling \$4.7 million, due in large measure to the generous gifts from John McShain Charities, Inc., \$2.89 million of which was designated for unrestricted giving. Spurred by a \$125,000 challenge grant from the University's Board of Trustees, overall gifts and new pledges totaled a record \$12.8 million;
- The record number of applicants for places in the University's incoming freshman class as well as the record number of graduate students, women, and resident students enrolled at La Salle;
- The continuing development of new academic initiatives to prepare our students for leadership in the 21st century. New programs in Digital Arts and Multimedia Design, our E-Commerce

Institute, and new majors in Information Technology and in Nutrition successfully completing their first year in La Salle's curriculum. Moreover, the University's new Integrated Science, Business and Technology program, which began this August, has attracted a strong class of incoming students;

- The development of a new core curriculum across the University, fostering an interdisciplinary approach to learning and problem-solving, and the additional creation of a new undergraduate curriculum in our School of Business Administration to address the impact of emerging technology on business;
- The Business School's introduction of two highly selective, innovative graduate programs: an Executive M.B.A. Program designed to develop leaders for technology and science organizations; and a Master of Science Program in Global Management of Technology, in partnership with Germany's Reutlingen University of Applied Science. Both of these exciting new programs began classes in the Fall 2000 semester;
- The success of our Bucks County Campus, in Newtown, Pa., which has reached capacity evening enrollment three years ahead of plan;
- Advances in alumni relations including successful alumni gatherings, which I visited in eight cities across the country, and the development of a new alumni newsletter, which made its debut in August;

- The continuing strength and recognition of our volunteer and community service programs, which involve the University's students, faculty, staff, graduates, and neighbors, especially through our Ministry and Service Center, the Neighborhood Nursing Center, the Nonprofit Management Development Center, and our Department of Athletics' Project Teamwork.

Looking ahead, we plan to build on the strong foundation of these achievements. Our highly regarded School of Nursing, for example, is developing a new major in Speech-Language-Hearing Science and also has very exciting plans to offer several post-graduate specializations on the Web, including Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing, Perioperative Nursing, Women's Health, and Gerontology.

In addition, the University has just begun a Master Facilities Plan process that will help us address the needs La Salle faces in terms of plant and facilities as we grow in the new millennium.

Most importantly, we continue to look forward to preparing students for the ever-changing economic, social, moral, and political challenges of contemporary American society. In this vein, the past year has seen significant achievements in the process of continuing and extending the University's commitment to the spiritual and religious values at the heart of La Salle's identity as a Catholic institution of higher education in the 300-year-old tradition of the Christian Brothers. Examples include offering students the opportunity to minor in Catholic Studies as part of their overall education; adding six more lay faculty/staff participants—for a total of nine—in

the Lasallian Leadership Institute, to develop a solid grounding in the vision and principles of our founder, St. John Baptist de la Salle; and integrating into our new undergraduate core curriculum a range of experiences that introduces students to the values so vigorously espoused by St. La Salle.

Clearly, then, the University's future has many bright prospects, but they come with major challenges as well. Our ability to sustain the Lasallian tradition of excellence in values-based education—and to do it at an affordable price—depends directly on increased levels of financial support from private benefactors.

So your continuing loyalty and support will have a direct impact not only on La Salle University as an institution but also on the lives of thousands of people. I look forward to working with you and with many new supporters to help the University realize, even more fully, its potential as a positive force in our society.

Many thanks, again, for all that you have done for La Salle and our students.

Sincerely yours,



Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., '70  
President

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# Highlights 1999 - 2000

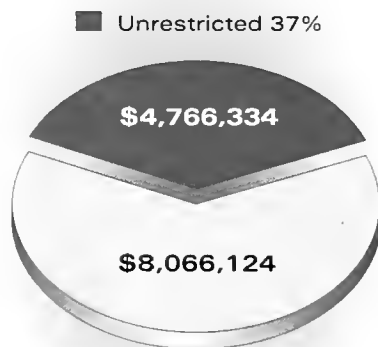
## Individuals

Alumni:	\$ 1,453,176
Board of Trustees:	234,775
Bequests:	153,433
Friends:	85,771
Parents:	75,078
Faculty/Staff:	70,801
Christian Brothers:	66,000
Alumni Spouses:	26,951

**\$ 2,165,985**

## Uses of Gifts and Grants

### Cash and New Pledges



**Total  
\$12,832,458**

Gifts and grants reported in the President's Report reflect donations received by the University between July 1, 1999 and May 31, 2000. Contributions are reported in accordance with CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) standards. Income during FY '99-00 may include any of the following: gifts of cash; gifts of stock; matching gifts; bequests; planned gifts; independently appraised gifts-in-kind; real estate; gifts of paid-up life insurance; and new pledges. We are also reporting government grants for which we applied.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the donor list. If a name has been misspelled/omitted or if a gift has been incorrectly reported, we appreciate your assistance in reporting it to the office of University Advancement at (215) 951-1539.

## Private Sources

**Individuals \$2,165,985**

**Matching Gifts \$193,901**

### Corporations

Independence Blue Cross	\$103,660
Philip Morris Companies, Inc.	25,000
Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company	23,714
Rohm & Haas Company	16,534
Crown Cork & Seal Company, Inc.	8,660
Elliot Lewis Corporation	8,160
Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP	8,160
Reilly Foam Corporation	7,700
Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young, LLP	7,185
Summit Bank	5,660
SEI Investments	5,460
Foamex	5,200
Du Pont Company	5,000
FirstEnergy	5,000
Hercules, Inc.	5,000
Jefferson Bank	4,930
TFM Investment Group	4,460
Valley Forge Asset Management Corporation	4,460

Abilitech	4,200
Atkinson & Mullen Travel, Inc.	4,200
Coffey & Kaye	4,200
Safe Guard Packaging Products Corporation	4,200
Voltek Division of Sekisui American Corporation	4,200
Beneficial Savings Bank	3,740
Pitcairn Properties, Inc.	3,420
D & D Securities	3,260
PNC Bank	3,000
Reilly Mita Partnership	3,000
Pershing Trading Company LP	2,920
Wien Securities Corporation	2,920
West Catholic High School	2,700
PrimeSource Corporation	2,450
Aetna US Healthcare	2,200
Bell Atlantic of PA	2,200
Fred Hill & Son Company	2,200
Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg Ellers	2,200
Mantas, Ohliger, McGary & Quinn PC	2,200
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	2,200
United Refrigeration, Inc.	2,200
La Salle College High School	2,100
Barnes & Noble College Bookstore	2,000
First Union Conshohocken	2,000
HGO Services	2,000

PICPA Greater Philadelphia Chapter	2,000	H.B. Frazer Company	730	Elite Vending	250
Pfizer, Inc.	2,000	Farmers Insurance Group, Inc.	600	Gambone Brothers Development Company	250
Tamburri Associates, Inc.	2,000	Alexander Associates, Inc.	500	Isdamer & Company	250
Dole Food Company, Inc.	1,960	Applied Card Systems	500	Oxford Sales & Service Company	250
Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehab Association	1,710	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	500	Blue Bell Inn, Inc.	200
Paul L. Newman Newman's Own	1,500	Balford Farms	500	Conshohocken Ford	200
Swift Mailing Services Inc.	1,465	Blum Capital Partners LP	500	Data, Inc.	200
Arthur Andersen LLP	1,460	Colonial Lift Truck Company	500	EBSCO Industries, Inc.	200
Bloom Staloff Corporation	1,460	Crest Hood Foam Company, Inc.	500	New Knight, Inc.	200
DVI Financial Services Inc.	1,460	Fecken Kirfel America, Inc.	500	Apple Press	100
Hayden Real Estate, Inc.	1,460	Foam Fair Industries, Inc.	500	Baumer of America, Inc.	100
McNamara Trading Company	1,460	GESU School	500	Bob Wilson Gulf Service Center	100
Migliore & Smith PC	1,460	General Foam Corporation	500	Kahlau Consulting	100
Philadelphia Stock Exchange	1,460	Grey Matter, Inc.	500	Royal Petroleum Corporation	100
Susquehanna Partners GP	1,460	HB Enterprises, Inc.	500	Savoy Travel Service, Inc.	100
The Options Clearing Corporation	1,460	Hager Real Estate	500	Silesia, Inc.	100
US Foodservice, Inc.	1,460	Hambrech & Quist Investment Bankers	500	Tobacco Valley Sanitation Service Company, Inc.	100
Wilmington Trust Company	1,460	John S. Kokonos & Associates	500	Western Pest Services	100
IGA Federal Savings	1,400	Kemper Group	500	CSX Corporation	96
Crest Foam Industries, Inc.	1,000	Legacy Business Group	500	Comcast Corporation	78
Delaware Valley Packaging Group	1,000	Marino Building Contractors	500	Choice Capital LLC	75
Ernst & Young LLP	1,000	Miller Anderson & Sherrerd	500	Landau Associates Inc.	50
Ewing Cole Cherry Brot	1,000	Nason and Cullen, Inc.	500	Mental Health Consultants, Inc.	50
First Options of Chicago, Inc.	1,000	National Packaging Company	500	University City Science Center	50
Hansen Properties, Inc.	1,000	Peggy Gallagher Commercial Real Estate	500	Heaney & Associates	<u>25</u>
Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin	1,000	Reichhold Inc.	500		<b>\$ 394,553</b>
Mercedes-Benz of Devon	1,000	Rittenhouse Financial Services	500		
Next Generation	1,000	Sentinel Polyolefins LLC	500		
PFPC, Inc.	1,000	The Barness Organization	500		
PWI Energy, Inc.	1,000	Whale Securities	500		
Quickie Manufacturing Corporation	1,000	William T. Burnett & Company	500		
RC Services, Inc.	1,000	Chestnut Hill Dental Group	465		
Regal Corrugated Box Company	1,000	Philadelphia Suburban Water Company	442		
Rogers Foam Corporation	1,000	M. A. Bruder & Sons, Inc.	400		
Janney Montgomery Scott, Inc.	800	McLaughlin & Morgan Inc.	400		
Garrigle, Palm & Thomasson	730	Oak Value Capital Management, Inc.	365		
		Associated Pacific Machine Corporation	300		
		Spontex, Inc.	300		
		Blank, Rome, Comisky & McCauley LLP	250		

## Charter Club

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 Frank Stanton  
 Dorothy and John W. Turner, Jr.

## Foundations and Trusts

John McShain Charities Inc. \$ 3,000,000  
 The William Penn Foundation 159,000  
 Independence Foundation 150,500  
 The W. W. Smith Charitable Trust 94,000  
 The Patricia Kind Family Foundation 75,000  
 Helene Fuld Health Trust/HSBC Bank Trustee 50,000  
 Lincoln National Foundation 50,000  
 James S. Kemper Foundation 41,800  
 Joseph Schmitz, Jr., Trust 37,450  
 Phoebe W. Haas Charitable Trust 35,000  
 The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation 29,000  
 Bell Atlantic Foundation 25,000  
 First Union Foundation PA/DE 25,000  
 Gannett Foundation, Inc. 20,000  
 Stockman Family Foundation 17,000  
 Samuel P. Mandell Foundation 16,666  
 Leo Niessen, Jr., Charitable Foundation 15,000  
 The Coleman Foundation, Inc. 15,000  
 Paul E. Kelly Foundation 10,000  
 Prudential Foundation 10,000  
 Samuel S. Fels Fund 10,000  
 Phoenixville Community Health Foundation 7,500  
 The Lemelson Foundation 6,000  
 The Philopatrian Scholarship 5,000  
 Winchester Foundation 5,000  
 Christian R. & Mary F. Lindback Foundation 4,000  
 State Farm Companies Foundation 3,750  
 The Kingsley Foundation 3,000  
 May Department Stores Company Foundation 2,500  
 Anonymous 1,000  
**\$ 3,923,166**

## Other

United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania \$ 3,160  
 Class of 1999 Senior Night Out 1,365  
 Sisters of Saint Joseph Freedom Valley 650  
 Girl Scout Council Parents' Association 500  
 Student Government Association 500  
 La Salle University Explorers 400  
 United Way of Tri State The Hahn Gallery 250  
 Anne Arundel Community College 150  
 Friends of Denny O'Brien 100  
 LTK Engineering Services 100  
 President's Cup of La Salle University 100  
 The English Speaking Union 100  
 Mack Trucks Mack Canada, Inc. 75  
 TV Guide Magazine 65  
 United Way of Camden County 62  
 Charles County Education Center 50  
 Cheltenham Township Adult School 50  
 Sweetheart Cup Company, Inc. 40  
 First Presbyterian Church of Salem 25  
**\$ 8,342**

**UNDUPLICATED**

**SUBTOTAL,**

**PRIVATE SOURCES \$ 6,685,947**

## Government Sources

### Federal Government

National Science Foundation (Greater Philadelphia Secondary Mathematics Project)	\$ 585,945
National Science Foundation, Academic Research Infrastructure Program	414,344
Department of Health and Human Services (Neighborhood Nursing Center: Men's Health Program and Hill Creek Health Center)	391,521
Department of Housing and Urban Development (Institute for the Advancement of Mathematics and Science Teaching)	94,681
Department of Health and Human Services: Office of Minority Health (Neighborhood Nursing Center: Cancer Awareness Program)	89,308
Department of Health and Human Services (Professional Nurse Traineeship Program)	78,540
Department of Health and Human Services: Office of Minority Health (Giving of Self Program)	50,322
National Science Foundation (Systemic Elementary Mathematics Team-Tutoring Initiative)	32,837
National Science Foundation (Strathaven Research Project)	15,302
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	14,634

Urban Systemic Initiative (Interactive Mathematics Program)	<u>5,481</u>
	<b>\$ 1,772,915</b>

### Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (Neighborhood Nursing Center: Reach for the Stars Program)	\$ 179,156
Department of Education, Act 101 Program	96,465
Department of Education, Act 143/Adult Literacy Program	32,780
Department of Education, Section 231/Adult Basic Education Program	8,292
Department of Health, Community Primary Care Challenge Grant	<u>2,761</u>
	<b>\$ 319,454</b>

### Other

City of Philadelphia (Neighborhood Nursing Center)	\$ 385,705
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Research Foundation of the CUNY (Interactive Mathematics Program)	61,090
Nationalities Service Center: GLOSSC 2000	22,868
Linden/Rahway, NJ (Greater Philadelphia Secondary Mathematics Project)	<u>6,090</u>
	<b>\$ 475,753</b>

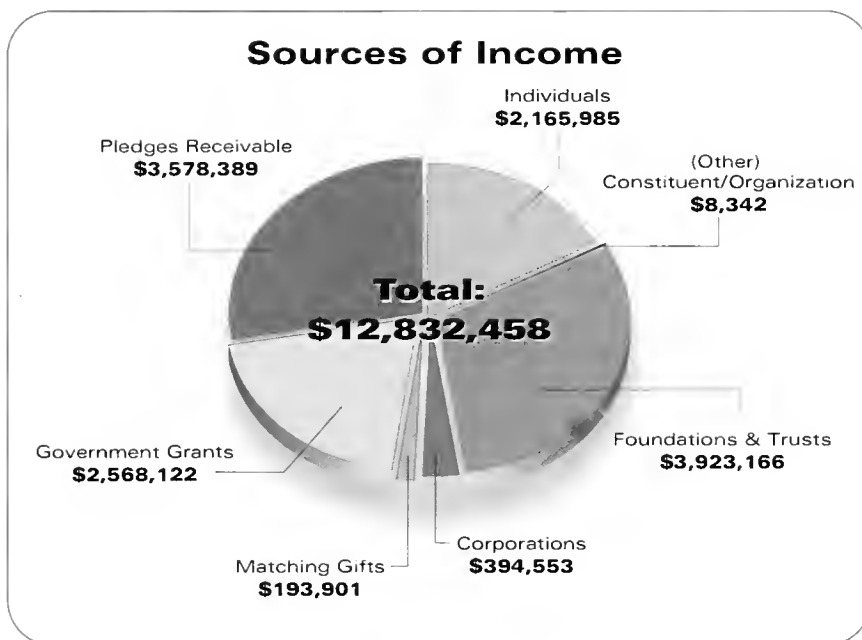
**UNDUPLICATED SUBTOTAL, GOVERNMENT SOURCES** **\$ 2,568,122**

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1956	82,661	4th
1952	81,174	9th
1958	81,127	1st
1962	80,001	7th
1970	76,360	3rd
1969	70,535	2nd
1941	66,873	N/A
1980	65,060	6th

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1975	166	6th
1970	165	2nd
1999	164	N/A
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1971	156	4th
1977	152	10th
1973	145	5th
1966	144	N/A

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1950	33%	8th
1944	29%	N/A
1956	26%	10th
1957	23%	N/A
1955	22%	9th
1961	22%	N/A
1962	22%	N/A
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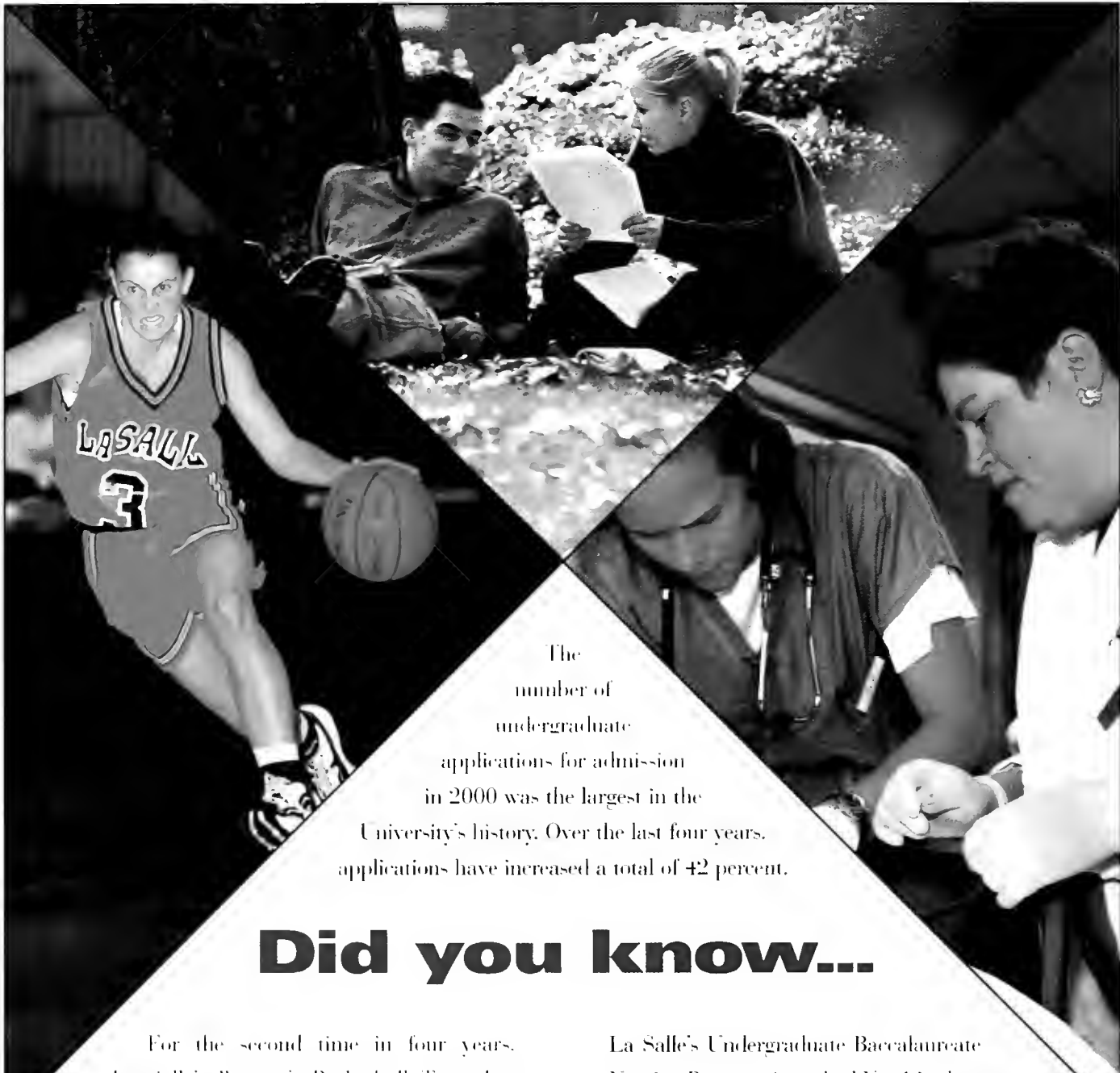
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# The Start of Something BIG

By Maureen Piché

**W**e don't need a history book to tell us 1970 was a big year for change.

America was saying goodbye to the idealistic '60s and was still buzzing about the first moonwalk. Anti-Vietnam War sentiment was steadily growing. The women's movement was gaining momentum. And, following the path recently established by other male-only colleges, La Salle University for the first time allowed women to attend classes as full-time day students.

As today's freshman class (more than half female) begins the Spring 2001 semester at La Salle, it's hard to imagine a day when women students weren't talking with friends in the food court, or sharing opinions in class. And yet, a generation ago, coeds were blazing trails current students may very well take for granted.

"I don't think of us as pioneers—just people who happened to be here," said Marianne (Salmon) Gauss, '74, who was not only in the first class, but also majored in the predominantly male field of mathematics.

The initial adjustment was difficult for most of the new female students in the 1970s. Many came from all-female Catholic schools and had lived sheltered lives in the close-knit neighborhoods of Philadelphia. Frequently, they were the first in their families to attend college. They were still in an age when many parents didn't see the need for their daughters to attend college. So, just applying was a major hurdle, let alone sitting down in an overwhelmingly male classroom.

Male students and professors had to do their share of adjusting, too. Although coeds interviewed for this article had nothing but praise for the way the Christian Brothers



welcomed them into the classroom, they admitted several lay instructors initially exhibited clear signs of bias and discrimination. And some male students took the opportunity to declare open season on harassment and flirting.

## The Reasons

The decision to admit female students to day classes was a gradual one, and was based on a combination of societal and economic reasons.

The University's earliest recognition of the female contribution to higher education may well have been in 1955, when the first Putting Him Through (Ph.T.) certificate was awarded as part of Commencement exercises. La Salle was one of the first colleges in the country to honor women who supported husbands. As the certificate stated, they were hailed for having "... loyally and lovingly accepted the conditions essential to conjugal and collegiate helpfulness...."

From then on, the rules were bent a little at a time.

In the late '50s and early '60s, a small contingent of nuns and other women was permitted to attend certain classes. Eventually, La Salle signed a joint agreement with all-female Chestnut Hill College that allowed students at both schools to take selected classes at either one. By 1967, female students could enroll in La Salle's evening program. And in 1969, La Salle and Germantown Hospital Nursing School signed an agreement that brought female nursing students into day classrooms.

While the late '60s and early '70s were years of social awakening, especially in terms of female equality, La Salle administrators had additional reasons to make the change.



A committee charged with studying coeducation released its report in the fall of 1969, finding that circumstances were right for coeducation at La Salle, beginning the next fall.

The committee report was quoted in a September 1969 edition of *The Collegian*: "If La Salle is to increase enrollment over the next 10 to 15 years while remaining all-male, present evidence suggests that the academic quality of the student body will gradually decline."

The article went on to say that the committee cited overwhelming student support for coeducation as another reason for changing the college's

status after 106 years. A questionnaire revealed 82 percent of the students polled to be in favor of coeducation.

Brother Emery Mollenhauer, Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1969, was quoted: "To seek to continue our identity as an all-male college would be to perpetuate an anachronism." In fact, other all-male colleges and universities across the country were coming to the same conclusion: To stay afloat financially, to maintain academic standards, and to keep up with the changing social times, these educational institutions would have to admit women.

### The First Ones

Brother Andrew Bartley, who was Associate Director of Admissions in 1969, was quoted as saying, "The self-confidence and poise of the first women who were chosen to come to La Salle made the first year of coeducation a success." This is no overstatement. Consider the typical adjustments a first-year student must make (leaving home, taking responsibility for one's self, trying to fit in, and handling the workload), and then add to the mix the pressures of breaking a longstanding barrier.

And there were other smaller worries. *The Collegian* reported the

# La Salle Female Firsts

Prior to 1936	1945	1945	1946	1955	1958-60	1963
Earliest record of a female employee on campus (paraprofessional in Bursar's Office)	Mrs. Edward Morrell, first female Signum Fidei Award winner	Ann Dugan (later, Mrs. James O'Neill), first female professional on campus (Presidential Secretary)	Margaret Keily Lennon, first female staff member with administrative status (Assistant Registrar)	First Ph.T. certificate (Putting Him Through) given. La Salle was one of the first colleges in the nation to honor women who support husbands attending college	Six women, three of whom are nuns, admitted to attend selected courses	Contingent of nuns who enrolled in the Sisters' Science Institute, sponsored jointly by La Salle and the Philadelphia Archdiocesan School System, are considered the first recognized grouping of coeds in the first La Salle program designed for women

college wasn't quite ready for the new students when they arrived. All three floors of St. Edwards Dormitory were for women. One of the three floors needed to be painted, the wiring for many lights remained unconnected, and the windows were covered with unlined, see-through drapes.

Still, most of the female students managed to concentrate on the positive. "I've had business dealings that were ten times worse than anything negative I experienced on this campus as a student," Gauss said. "And I do think the Brothers tried hard to change. They've always been good about that."

Gauss entered as a chemistry major in 1970. She was living with her family in the nearby Olney neighborhood. "I picked La Salle because I could

get here," she explained, noting it was an easy bus trip to and from classes.

Gauss and her classmates had more than transportation to worry about in 1970. Many parents still did not see the need for their daughters to earn college degrees. Gauss said she had to come up with her own means of funding. La Salle, always in the business of assisting students in financial need, provided her with enough aid to make her education feasible.

"I was atypical by gender, but very typical in terms of the students La Salle attracted over the years," Gauss said.

She recalls even though there weren't a lot of women (statistics

pulled from the 1971 yearbook indicate the initial ratio was 16 male students to every one female), there was a "sufficient mix" of people on campus. Along with the typical college-age students, there also were many older students who were Vietnam veterans taking advantage of the G.I. Bill.

"Often, I was the only female in the class," Gauss said. "I would have been nervous going anywhere, but I was good at school and I was doing what I wanted. I was just thrilled to be going to college at all."



Gauss said she experienced a few slights, but only from a small portion of the male students and lay faculty. On at least one occasion, a professor accidentally referred to Gauss as mister instead of miss. Another science professor

announced he didn't want any women in his class unless they were at the lab sinks washing glassware.

Dr. Janice (Statuti) Beitz, who attended from 1972-75 as part of the Germantown Hospital agreement for nursing students, said her sister, Peggy, used her sense of humor to fend off nasty comments from male students. Peggy, who attended with the first wave of nursing students in '69, was told, "We don't want your kind here," by a male classmate, to whom she answered, "Don't worry. We won't bite."

Some male students spent a lot of time flirting with the coeds, while oth-

ers found ways to tease them. Many women in the early days remember walking by the windows of the Student Union, only to see male students on the other side holding up signs rating them on a scale of 1 to 10.

"The coeds did have two sanctuaries during the first weeks of school: any ladies' room and Dean Phyllis Montgomery's office. You would be amazed at the scene in any ladies' lounge during the free periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Picture if you can, hundreds of faces with haggard signs of relief upon them as they close the door. The lounge on the second floor of the Union Building holds the largest number of coeds and even at that, there was no space available (even the floor) to rest weary bones," Bobbie Costa, '72, wrote in the 1971 *Explorer* yearbook.

## The Benefits

There were some definite advantages to being a coed at the time. "I saw female classmates of mine get an awful lot of tutoring help because they were female," Gauss said. And she and other female students have memories of being called on for the "female perspective" during class discussions.

"Knowing I was going to be called on every day made me work hard and really do my homework," Gauss said.

"I often found myself speaking for the women of the world on subjects I knew little or nothing about," Costa noted back in 1971.

Beitz agreed. "I felt it was important for us to do well, to show we



**1965**

The Graduate Religion Program expands to include priests, nuns, and seminarians

**1965**

Shirley Ann Eriksson is the first full-time evening division faculty member (instructor in English)

**1967**

Women are admitted into the Evening Division as a result of a Vatican II ruling. Sister Katherine Fitzgerald, A.C.J., is the first woman admitted

**1967**

The first female full-time faculty members in the Day Division are hired: Diane Blumenthal and Minna Weinstein (Weinstein goes on to become the first female Lindback Award winner in 1969)

**1969**

Nurses in the Germantown Hospital Nursing Program attend Day Division classes

**1969**

On Oct. 14, college trustees approve full coeducation at La Salle, beginning in the fall of 1970

**1970**

150 female freshmen and 100 female transfer students are admitted. The ratio of men to women is 16 to 1

could handle the work and meet the challenge. We stood up to the bar with the rest of them."

The experience of learning alongside male students prepared the women for what they would later face in the working world.

"I got a different education because of this experience. If I had gone from an all-females' school into the all-male world of banking, I would have failed," Gauss said, referring to her first career path after graduation.

"I made many male friends here at La Salle and I wouldn't trade those friendships, some of which have lasted to this day, for anything," wrote Diane Bones, '75, in 1995. "And learning in a predominantly all-male environment also was great preparation for the 'real world'. For example, today if I walk into a business meeting that is all-male, I don't flinch (been there, done that!)."

Gauss observed, "I learned how to handle what looked like discrimination, but wasn't. Sometimes, what was really hazing was seen as discrimination. I was learning how males initiated people into their groups. The type of hazing was very benign, and not at all gender-based. It was merely the way men socialized. Learning to deal with it, and recognize it, saved me many headaches later in life."

The college experience was a big awakening for many young women who were sheltered by their families and all-female parochial schools. Bones, who was the first female in her family, and among her girlfriends, to attend college, said La Salle's female

instructors opened doors of endless possibilities to the young coeds.

Bones wrote that, in the 1970s, Caryn McTighe Musil (a Women's Studies professor) and her colleagues "offered opinions and theories that I had never heard before, but that made a lot of sense to me. Their dialogues enabled students like myself to become much more open-minded, critical thinkers than we had been before entering La Salle."

"How lucky we were to have women teachers who gently informed us that we weren't in Kansas anymore, that we probably wouldn't live life as our mothers had (they were right about that) and that the world in 1970s America was truly changing for women," Bones added.

Beitz also has grown to appreciate Musil's wisdom. "She wanted us to look at our lives in a different way. She was teaching us how to think and articulate our ideas."

## A Different World

After spending her early career in banking, Gauss came back to La Salle as a management professor in the School of Business Administration. A popular professor, she is a past recipient of the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for excellence in teaching. She knows her current students, both male and female, have very little idea how much change has

occurred in the past 30 years. She suspects young women take for granted their right to attend a coeducational college, and she thinks that's a good thing.

"I think the women I teach now are more self-aware."

Gauss said. "They certainly have more laws that protect them, such as Title 9 for athletics. But they still have a row to hoe, even though they might not realize it."

"My daughters can't imagine a place

or time when they weren't welcome," she added.

Beitz also returned to La Salle, first as a Bachelor of Science in Nursing student when the School of Nursing was founded in 1980. She said in just 10 years, the campus climate had completely changed. "By the time I came back to campus, there were more women than men. It was very well accepted that women could do it, and they were here to stay," she said.

Today, Beitz directs La Salle's Graduate Nursing Program and teaches Nursing students. She, too, is pleased that her current female students seem to view higher education as an expected step, not a rare and difficult achievement.

"I think it's good. They don't even have to think whether they deserve a college degree. It's accepted. They deserve it just as much as men do." L.



# Conventional Wisdom

A La Salle student reveals life lessons learned while covering the GOP Convention

By Mark Holmes, '02

Sometimes a special opportunity sits in the pathway of life, ready to be tackled. That opportunity can change a person in countless ways, or even one important way.

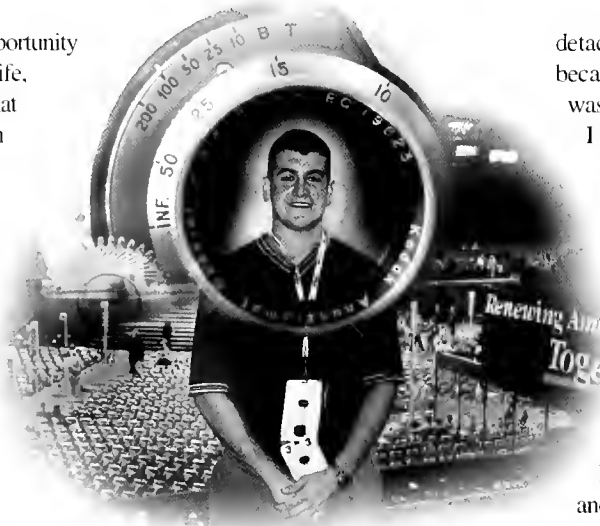
Last summer, I had the amazing opportunity to intern as a journalist for the *New York Times* at the Republican National Convention, in my hometown of Philadelphia.

After my experience was over and I returned to my communication classes at La Salle, I looked back and saw that my outlook on the mass media, the glamorous life of politicians and famous individuals, and my own life, had changed dramatically. I had lost my innocence.

Being a part of something so large and so influential was amazing at first. I would read the *New York Times* in the mornings at the workspace, then look around and see those people who had written the article I was reading. I had given some of them a ride back to their respective hotels the night before, and chatted with them about the day's events.

I began to feel a part of the entire process, and was satisfied that I had been involved in some aspect of the front page that I was reading. I answered and transferred incoming telephone calls, picked up the food for everyone at the workspace, and provided inside information on Philadelphia for the outsiders.

But slowly, the changes began. When I arrived at the convention, I wanted to jump in front of every camera in my field of vision. I felt impul-



sive, and had to fight the urge to either make a fool of myself or gather the attention of crowds. Yet at the conclusion of the convention I did not even want to see a TV camera.

The sight of a news crew didn't even tempt me to look twice to see if someone important was being interviewed. For instance, Ted Koppel held an interview broadcasted on "Nightline" from the *Times* workspace with two of the editors or writers each night. I was unaware that this network show was conducting nightly interviews until a friend who saw them on TV told me about it. But this was toward the end of the week, and by that point I had become used to such things.

During the next TV interview from the *Times* workspace, I simply went about my business, and that is when I realized I had become part of this conglomerate called the mass media.

I believe the long hours and drudgery probably had an effect on my loss of interest in the glamour of the situation. But there was something deeper there: I think I became mentally

detached from the journalistic world because I was overwhelmed with what was really behind the scenes.

I became sick of the show that was being put on, and the need for all these companies to cover this show for the sake of pleasing the public eye.

By the end of the week, even famous individuals and politicians failed to interest me. After seeing influential politicians such as former House speaker Newt Gingrich and Philadelphia Mayor John Street, and watching vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney give a talk not far from where I was working, it did not faze me when a press release was given to us about George W. Bush's possible entrance into our pavilion for interviews.

I also felt on the same level as wealthy and famous individuals who were present. Network "stars" Sam Donaldson and Tom Brokaw had done interviews inside our pavilion. Each time I saw them, I was less interested in the glamour that they carried with them, as I became numbed to the aura of importance that sometimes surrounds the lifestyles of the famous.

At the age of 20, I became a part of something that the entire nation had their eyes trained on for a week, and I exited the Convention more confident about my skills and place in life.

Yet it was the end of my awe of the heralded television camera and to the writers behind the pen (or word processor). As a result, the world no longer feels so overwhelming, and I no longer feel that anything in life is unconquerable. I've been behind those closed doors where they make the stories and the magic, and things are much clearer now. L

# Ambassador at the Gate

By Jon Caroulis

The security office dedicates a plaque to a colleague who greeted La Salle's visitors with stockpiles of candy and smiles.

Even during bad weather, Brother Joe Grabenstein, '73 would make an effort to take the "long" way back to campus towards 20th Street. He'd drive by the first entrance gate in order to enter the second (lower) gate, down near McCarthy Stadium, so that he could see Ernestine "Joycey" Lancaster, the security guard on duty in the afternoons.

"I did it just to see her smile," Brother Joe said. "That's the No. 1 memory I have of her, that smile."

Lancaster died of cancer last May, and to honor her, colleagues in the security office had a plaque made with her picture on it to hang in their building. The plaque was dedicated in a ceremony in August with her family, friends, and co-workers.

"When I interviewed her for the job, she just charmed me," said Bob Levins, Director of Safety and Security. "I thought, this is too good to be true, so I called her previous employers and they said, 'That's Ernestine.' I figured I'd better offer her the job before someone else does."

Lancaster started working at La Salle in May 1996 and almost immediately made an impression on the community. "She was an ambassador for La Salle," said Dave Fleming, Vice President for Business Affairs, who saw her every day as he left work. "Everybody who came through that gate, she made them feel at home." Lancaster would even pass out candy to students. "She'd pass out those round striped mints, or root beer barrels and butterscotch candies," said Officer Barbara Morgan. "Even if you didn't want them, she'd give them to you. 'You never know when you'll need mint,' she'd say."

"She loved her job," said Capt. Fred Lytle, who was her shift supervisor. "If there was a potential problem, she just turned it around and made everybody feel good."

Because of her illness she resigned her job in July 1999, but came back to attend the department's Christmas party. "You never would have known she was ill, she was her usual smiling self," said Levins. Her family said that La Salle students visited her while she was a patient at Albert Einstein Hospital. Others called or sent cards.

"She didn't like her job, she LOVED her job," said her daughter, Stacey Polk, who added that her mother made an effort to help younger students feel more at ease and helped them adjust to being away from home.

At the suggestion of Officer George Bundy, the department decided to honor her with a plaque, and the notion grew into a dedication ceremony with Lancaster's family, friends, and co-workers. Officers Morgan and Cheryl Ruffin organized the event.

"She was one of a kind, she just played an important part in my life, always being there, offering advice," said Morgan. "Her integrity was always intact."



At her post at the McCarthy Stadium entrance, Ernestine "Joycey" Lancaster had a knack for making everyone feel good.

Morgan met Lancaster several years ago while she was working at a grocery store and Lancaster walked in. "I was having a bad day," said Morgan, "and when she asked me how I was, I said I was having a bad day, and she came back with a cup of coffee. On my break we talked—I was a complete stranger with a problem, but that's the person she was."

Lancaster was always willing to help out planning with parties and events for the security staff. "She was a sweet person, she kept you going when you got tired or burned out," Ruffin said. L

# U N I V E R S A L L A N G U A G E

The great words  
of Shakespeare  
come to life  
in the hands  
of a unique  
theater group

By Kimberly Dugan

A blind man, a deaf child, and a woman blessed with all of her senses sit side-by-side in the same theater and enjoy the same performance. Despite their range of physical differences, they are all able to understand and appreciate the show being performed in front of them.

This is possible because they are experiencing a production by the Amaryllis Theater Company. Among a very elite class of theater groups, this ensemble makes plays accessible to all audiences, including those traditionally labeled disabled.

Dr. Stephen Smith, Associate Professor of English at La Salle—along with his wife, Mimi Kenney Smith, and former La Salle professor Linda Merians—created this unique group two years ago. Their recent groundbreaking debut of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* was performed at Philadelphia's Prince Music Theater with a professional ensemble of both deaf and hearing actors. The play was simultaneously spoken and signed using American Sign Language (ASL) for audience members with and without physical challenges.

Smith explains that Shakespeare's plays are a very physical genre because the language is peppered with metaphor. Since ASL involves

every muscle in the entire body, it brings Shakespeare alive in a way never before seen.

"Every twitch of a face muscle or shift of an eyebrow means something. The movement creates pictures out of Shakespeare's language," Smith said. "The emphasis on the physical nature of Shakespeare has opened up new possibilities of interpretation."

Smith and his colleagues had their work cut out for them when choosing to perform a Shakespearean play. Because there are multiple interpretations, one of the most difficult tasks was the translation process. It took 16 months for the translation of Shakespeare's text to ASL to be completed. Then the translation had to be taped to provide "text" for the actors to learn their lines. The deaf and hearing actors had to work together to synchronize the signing and speaking of text to illustrate a fluent unification of the signed and spoken word. Once perfected, the result is a one-of-a-kind theater-going experience.

Though he has dabbled in acting himself, Smith—a professor of all genres within the English discipline from Romantic British Literature to Technical Writing—stays behind-the-scenes as Literary Director of the Amaryllis Theater Company. It was through his wife, Mimi, that he

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*"These are incredibly gifted actors who happen to be deaf—and because of their deafness, they do not always get the opportunities they deserve."*



became interested in a theater that would be open to individuals from all walks of life.

In addition to having been touched by a performance of "Theater for the Deaf," Mimi also had a friend who was paralyzed in a tragic accident. From then on, she had a vision of a theater that would foster a mission of inclusiveness when it came to cultural and physical boundaries.

The purpose of the Company is summed up succinctly in its mission statement: to provide universal

access and to promote universal understanding.

To uphold the validity of this mission, Smith and his colleagues make sure that their productions are held in locations equipped with the proper resources for the physically challenged, such as wheelchair accessibility. Programs also are printed in both regular text and Braille, and designated showings of the production include a special audio description of the action taking place onstage.

Because of the efforts of its founders, the Amaryllis Theater Company opens the theatrical experience to all individuals regardless of cultural, physical, or even linguistic differences or limitations.

"We are not doing this as an act of charity," Smith said. "These are incredibly gifted actors who happen to be deaf—and because of their deafness, they do not always get the opportunities they deserve." L



*A Clear Sign – Dennis Webster, Peter Cook, and Alek Friedman re-enact a scene from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." The production was recently performed by the Amaryllis Theater Company, which was co-founded by Steve Smith, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English at La Salle.*



# Gracefully Crossing the Finish Line

By Michael J. Mishak, '02

If I can stop one Heart from breaking

I shall not live in vain

If I can ease one Life the Aching

Or cool one Pain

Or help one fainting Robin

Unto his Nest again

I shall not live in Vain.

—Emily Dickinson

**Y**ou don't have to go far to find people who do exceptional things.

In fact, you don't even have to travel to an exotic island full of greedy competition-crazed lunatics to find some harrowing feats of survival. You need only to travel to Horsham, Pa., to find a most remarkable person.

Marcella (Kuttler) Bossow, '90, is a survivor. Not in the sense of CBS's reality-based program, but in the sense of overcoming true life obstacles in the face of adversity.

Marci suffered the loss of her husband, Pete, '90, when his battle with cancer ended last year. Despite the untimely tragedy (Pete was just 30 years old), Marci is embracing life and devoting herself to others.

Pete may be gone, but his spirit still remains as an instrument Marci uses to ease the lives of young cancer patients. She is maintaining Pete's legacy by founding Crossing the Finish Line (CFL), a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for young adult cancer patients.

Crossing the Finish Line was a joint venture of outreach. The idea was sparked during a vacation Marci and Pete took during his brief period of remission. "Our family and friends held a beef-and-beer in our honor," Marci said. Enough money was raised to send the couple on a three-week vacation to the Caribbean. It was just the break from rigorous treatment they needed. "That vacation was the only certainty in a completely uncertain future. It helped sustain us."

Realizing the tremendous benefits of a retreat and a chance for spousal re-connection and intimacy, Pete and Marci shared many conversations about Crossing the Finish Line. They spoke of developing an organization that could provide young couples and families struggling with cancer the unique opportunity they had been afforded.

Thanks to Marci's tireless effort and dedication, Crossing the Finish Line evolved from an idea into a reality. Since its founding over a year ago, it has sent eight families on dream



*After losing her husband, Pete Bossow '90, to cancer at age 30, Marcella (Kuttler) Bossow, '90, founded a non-profit organization. Its purpose is to give a dream vacation to young couples and families struggling with the disease.*

vacations. A family with five children enjoyed a trip to Disney World, while others have spent their retreats relaxing at the shores of Sea Isle City, N.J., and Lake Carey in Scranton, Pa.

"The dying process was the most beautiful journey we could ever take," Marci said. "The trip was an opportunity for Pete and me to be away, and an opportunity to embrace the dying process." One would think that embracing the dying process is easier said than done but Marci exhibits an attitude of acceptance and optimism.

"Every day is a struggle, and some days are better than others," she said, "but death is just part of our journey. We are called to embark upon life's journey to death and beyond, simply by our birth. It's meant to be this way."

The name Crossing the Finish Line exemplifies Pete's attitude and reflection on his life's journey. "The name captures Pete's emotions upon completion of his initial treatment and the resulting vacation," Marci said. Crossing the Finish Line also addressed the spiritual line often

ignored by many: the line of crossing from death to eternal life.

CFL targets young adult patients, ages 18 to 50, and their caregivers. The foundation also works with healthcare professionals to identify couples within the tri-state region (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware) who are eligible to participate in a unique and harmonious retreat experience, "a chance to get away from all the doctors and prescriptions," Marci said.

While modern medical science focuses on treating the source of physical ailment, CFL is concerned with another aspect of healing: that of the soul and mind. "We focus on an area which modern medicine is unable to treat: the emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma that accompanies a cancer diagnosis," Marci said.

Marci and Pete's vision is being realized through the use of donated retreat homes. Her long-term plans include four custom-built homes located in Nevis (the Caribbean island that hosted the Bossows last year), Sea Isle City (where the couple spent

numerous summers), Florida's west coast, and on lakefront property in the Pocono Mountains. "Ideally, we'd like to have properties that are tailored to the individual's needs," said Marci, "but now we're working at a pace we can accommodate." In September 2000, the foundation received a \$10,000 grant and hopes to continue its plans for custom home construction.

Marci's life is a literal whirlwind of paper shuffling; she's busy with writing proposals, finding corporate sponsors, and organizing fundraising activities. "This organization is really unique in its mission and target group," Marci said.

Pete's presence can still be felt in Marci's tireless devotion in reaching out to young cancer patients and their families. She has survived personal tragedy, using it as a motivation for public outreach, keeping her and her husband's message alive in the hearts of many: Cancer is devastating yet love is sustaining. L



La Salle's school of business forms an educational partnership between students and companies

# Down to

By Jon Caroulis

A school can't exist in a vacuum. What is happening outside the classroom is as important for college students to learn as the wisdom in books and on blackboards.

"The business world is changing rapidly, and how we do business is ever-changing. We need to partner with companies in order for us to learn the newest technologies and strategies so that we can prepare our students to work in that environment," says Gregory O. Bruce, Dean of the School of Business Administration. "The faculty need to be aware of what's happening in practice, and they also need to know the needs of business."

"Additionally, the world has gone global," he added. "Business schools and businesses have had to re-orient themselves in this direction. That's an example of how and where we learn from each other."

To bridge these gaps, the business school has cultivated a number of partnerships with area corporations in which both parties learn important lessons.

Bruce talks about partnerships almost like he would talk about his children (he's the father of three). Successful partnerships require a sense of nurturing similar to that of personal relationships. High-tech

companies, financial firms, accounting firms—the school has built bridges with many corporations in many fields.

But these connections go well beyond having a network of graduates in top posts who will hire La Salle graduates (although that does happen). Businesses also gain access to faculty members, who provide research and consulting services, while the faculty stay on top of trends and innovations. And, yes, businesses

*"In this dynamic world, the only thing that's constant is change. You have to be a change agent to make it in today's business climate. The business school learns things every day that they can teach us, so it's an ideal situation for us."*

*Robert Truitt (speaking to a La Salle class)  
President, Beverage Can Division  
Crown Cork & Seal*





*(Opposite page) Pfizer Pharmaceuticals recognizes La Salle as one of its top recruiting schools and continues its partnership with the School of Business. Shown here are La Salle business students Faith Piatt (left), Linda Johnson (fourth from left) and Amy Shumaker (right). With them are (from left) Jim Thurston of Pfizer; Julie Bruce Reilly, '92 of Pfizer; Dean Gregory O. Bruce; marketing Professor Sharon Javie; and Nick Parella of Pfizer.*

get access to top students who, they hope, will become top employees.

"Sure, it helps with the quality of kids we hire, but it's also an opportunity for us to help contribute to the curriculum development at La Salle," says Dave Carberry, Vice President for Finance and Health and Fitness at Johnson & Johnson (J&J) Healthcare Systems.

An interesting outcome of the J&J and La Salle partnership is Business 100, a course required for all first-year students. The course will focus on an industry, such as pharmaceuticals or technology, and students will learn about the industry from all phases: marketing, operations, finance, human resources, etc. This spring, Johnson & Johnson will "partner" with the school

in the course; students will study J&J's operations, even visiting company sites in the region. J&J executives will be lecturing during different segments of the course.

One example of corporate partnering working on multiple levels is the consulting team of faculty in La Salle's Management Department. The team consists of Jim Smither, Steve Meisel, and Joe Seltzer, who have worked with Crown Cork & Seal, the world's leading manufacturer of packaging for consumer goods. The faculty are involved in the company's management and leadership development program, an in-house effort for mid-level managers. Smither and his colleagues design and provide training programs on management topics such as communication skills, dealing with negative feedback, and decision-making. This consulting team has become familiar with the culture and goals of the company and can design and tailor its instruction for issues and problems unique to Crown Cork & Seal employees.

"Crown Cork & Seal has allowed me and my colleagues to work on the design task force, to put this together, and they think of me as a member of

their team," Smither said. "That's when it starts to be a partnership."

This partnering strategy has led to a number of initiatives that have put La Salle's School of Business Administration in a leading position within the region. The faculty, students, and alumni of the School of Business have seen the direct results of these efforts: the new Global Management of Technology master's program; the move into executive education with the start of the Executive M.B.A. Program for Science and Technology; and the Electronic Commerce Institute and Certificate program, which moves La Salle into the forefront of electronic commerce.

La Salle's School of Business continues to place high priorities on initiating and cultivating corporate partnerships. These initiatives have resulted in advancement in diverse areas—new programs at the graduate level; innovative curriculum changes at the undergraduate level such as the Integrated Science, Business, and Technology (ISBT) program; and the renovation of nearly ten College Hall classrooms. |

# Business



**"It's right on the mark. It's a chance for students to get more practical, hands-on experience, and it's an opportunity for us to develop a quality workforce. It's a real step forward for La Salle."**

*Dave Carberry (on the right, speaking with guests at a student event)  
V.P., Finance and Health and Fitness  
Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Systems*

**"If we just went to a company and did a consulting service, then we're just another vendor for them. For a partnership to work, it has to work on multiple levels, where both parties benefit."**

*Gregory O. Bruce (on the left, with Terry Connors of Arthur Andersen)  
Dean, School of Business Administration  
La Salle University*



*Proof positive of La Salle's business partnership can be seen in the plaques posted on classroom doors in College Hall.*



*"It was difficult to try to stay clean and do right for myself and my son. You slip. You slide."*

—Jillian Bullock, '91

# When Dreams Began for a Mother and Son

By Ralph Vigoda

*"I was the son of a 16-year-old, drug-addicted prostitute....I always dreamed of attending college."*

—Clinton Bullock, '00



**W**hen Clinton Bullock, '00 gave a speech at an award ceremony at La Salle, he talked about his mother. "I was the son of a 16-year-old, drug-addicted prostitute."

He talked about himself.

"The doctors told my mother I wasn't expected to live, and, if I did, I would probably be physically and/or mentally deficient."

And he talked about dreaming.

"I always dreamed of attending college, ever since I was a little child."

Bullock could scarcely have had the odds stacked more unfavorably against him, but, as he noted in his speech,

"dreams do, in fact, come true."

And so, not only did he graduate in four years from La Salle, he was chosen to be

part of a program that will place him in Japan for the next year to teach English.

And his mother? Jillian Bullock, '91, at age 39 is now a filmmaker raising her two other children.

Clinton Bullock had hoped to give his speech at La Salle's graduation on May 21.

Another student, however, was selected. So, when Bullock learned

he was to receive an award from the school's multiculturalism organization a week before Commencement, he took that opportunity to speak out.

"I wanted to stress the importance of having goals," he said, "[to talk] about how dreaming is important—because if you don't have a dream, you have nothing to strive for—and how it's possible to achieve your goals and dreams and visions, even if you have the most messed-up of backgrounds."

At 15, Jillian Bullock fled from what she called "an indecent environment" in Philadelphia and ended up in Orlando, Fla., where she took to the streets.



*Success Times Two: Now a filmmaker, Jillian Bullock, '91, is raising her other two children in a townhouse in Upper Darby, Pa. Her son, Clinton Bullock '00, has headed to Japan to teach English following his graduation.*

She supported herself—and her drug habit—through prostitution. She was offered a haven by a man in his early 20s, became pregnant by him, and returned to Philadelphia to have her baby.

"I was thinking of putting him up for adoption," she said of Clinton.

"But something told me he would be my way out. I changed my way of thinking, stayed on him constantly, kept him in the house, away from the neighborhood.

"I do not know how I was able to pull it off; I was still a child myself. It was difficult to try to stay clean and do right for myself and my son. You slip. You slide. But I knew I wanted to give him a chance to have a better life.

"Everybody felt he was doomed to failure," she said. "I had to prove them wrong."

She got her high school degree and, a few years later applied for a position at the Philadelphia office of the *Wall Street Journal*, which has since been closed. At the same time, she began an 11-year journey through college, graduating from La Salle in 1991.

By then, Clinton had won an exchange-student fellowship, and he spent a year at a high school in Venezuela, where he graduated.

His mother, in the meantime, got a film company, Jaguar Productions, off the ground. (She recently completed "When Dreams Begin," a comedy about two female filmmakers.)

When Clinton returned from South America, he dove headlong into college work, majoring in Spanish and minoring in Italian, as well as into community service. Now he has been accepted to do his graduate work at American University in Washington, though he has not decided whether he will go when he returns from Japan.

No matter what he does, he knows he has come further than expected—and he knows why.

"My mother always told me," he said, "that I was not going to be just another statistic." L.

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## Commencement 2000

La Salle University presented degrees to the Class of 2000, its 137th graduating class, on Sunday, May 21. In addition to the conferring of the graduate, undergraduate, and associate degrees, La Salle presented honorary degrees to three celebrated and distinguished guests, and bestowed an award in teaching excellence on a La Salle professor.

Following the processional and invocation, graduating senior Eric Maxwell Augenstein started off the Commencement activities with the traditional opening speech. The

theme of his speech was "the story of the class of 2000." It emphasized the importance of storytelling and the stories we tell each other. He spoke of the Christian Brothers as "the guiding light, the star that has guided us along the path of enlightenment." Augenstein graduated with a degree in theology and philosophy and plans to enter the priesthood.

Honorary degrees were conferred on three distinguished individuals:

- Sister Mary Scullion, R.S.M., has been involved in service

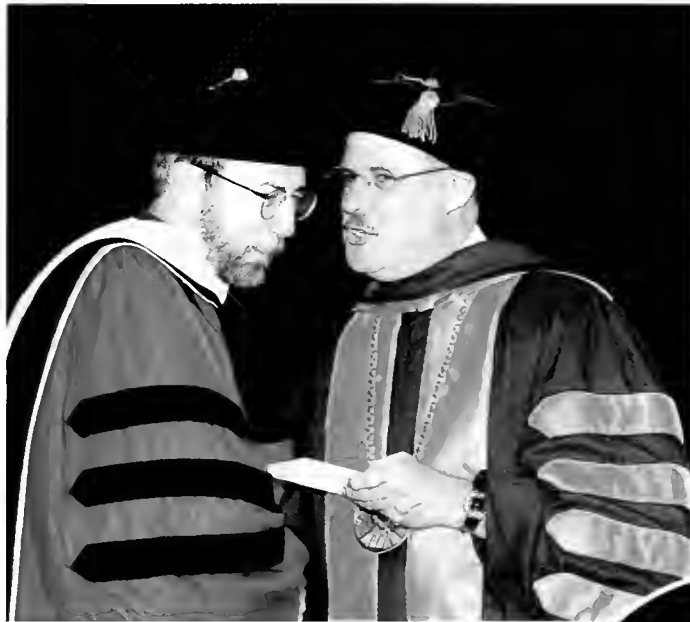
work and advocacy for the homeless and mentally ill since 1978. A co-founder of Project H.O.M.E., among other initiatives, she has helped provide supportive housing, employment, education, and healthcare for the homeless. Project H.O.M.E. has grown from an emergency winter shelter to 246

units of housing and four businesses that provide jobs to formerly homeless individuals.

- William J. Avery, CEO of Crown Cork & Seal, has worked in partnership with Sister Mary and Project H.O.M.E. to prevent homelessness in a low-income neighborhood in North Philadelphia. Avery is very active in numerous educational, charitable, and civic organizations, both in Philadelphia and outside the region. He was knighted by Pope John Paul II and inducted into the Pontifical Order of St. Gregory in 1995. He was made a Knight Commander of the Order in 1998.
- Dr. Joseph F. Flubacher, a former economics professor, has had a significant impact on students in and out of class throughout his career at the University. Friends, students, and colleagues have created a scholarship in his honor. After retiring from teaching in 1984, Flubacher served as secretary for La Salle's Board of Trustees. In 1992, he was made an affiliated (honorary) member of the Christian Brothers, the Order that founded the University



La Salle senior Eric Maxwell Augenstein (circle) delivers the opening speech at Commencement. (Above) The La Salle faculty procession queues up for the ceremonies.



*Dr. Francis Ryan (left) receives the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching from Brother Michael J. McGinness, La Salle's President.*



*(Top right) Dr. Joseph Flubacher, professor emeritus, is presented with an honorary degree by Brother Michael, while Brother Gerry Molyneux, communication professor, looks on. Sister Mary Scullion (above, center) and William J. Avery (circle) say a few words to the graduates after receiving their honorary degrees.*

in 1863. In 1998, he received the Signum Fidei Medal, La Salle's highest alumni award.

Following the conferral of honorary degrees came the presentation of the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, which is made possible by a generous grant from the Lindback Foundation. This year's award went to Dr. Francis Ryan, associate professor of Education, who, as Provost Dr. Richard Nigro said in his citation, has been praised by both students and faculty for his knowledge and enthusiasm for his subject and his dedication to students. Ryan has been a member of La Salle's faculty since 1987. He teaches courses in educational history, the social and emotional develop-

ment of children, and character education. The Lindback Award is given annually for teaching excellence; the winner is chosen by students and faculty.



## Dial F for Fundraising

**L**a Salle grads, the future is calling you! Future alumni, that is. The University Advancement Office is running a series of phonathons for the Annual Fund, and current students are doing the calling.

And the students have had fantastic success, especially when compared with the outside telemarketing company used in the past. This year, the total amount of dollars pledged by alumni is \$311,000. This represents an increase of \$31,000 over last year's total raised by professionals.

La Salle alumni should be congratulated. The students received pledges from 44 percent of those contacted. The



*Clockwise from bottom left: Supervisor Trey Ulrich, with Ann Lynch, Kyle Jacob, and Molly Keenan, the three most dedicated Phonathon student callers.*

average gift was \$73, which represented a \$15 increase over last year. This could be attributed to the Challenge Grant issued by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees agreed to match up to \$125,000 in pledges. As a result of the Challenge Grant, 66 percent of contributing alumni increased their gifts this year.



La Salle students again in Fall 2000 manned the phones, attempting a few more fundraising records.

The University appreciates your continued support. The Annual Fund not only helps La Salle meet its operating budget, but also bridges the gap between tuition and the real cost of educating a La Salle student. Tuition and fees only cover 80 percent of what it costs to operate a quality university.

Unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund provide La Salle with the resources to enhance student financial aid and scholarships, create new academic programs, upgrade campus facilities, purchase new technology, and recruit and keep top faculty. Every gift to La Salle matters because alumni and parent participation are very important factors when ranking a university. Corporations and foundations also measure participation when making decisions on grant applications.

## Vision for the Future

**A** new award honoring individuals who have shown foresight and innovation in the field of electronic commerce was bestowed on a La Salle alumnus and broadcasting pioneer.

The first E-Vision Award was presented to Bernard P. Gallagher, '69, who was credited for helping to usher in an era of cable TV and home shopping. The ceremony, sponsored by La Salle's E-Commerce Institute, was held January 25, 2000 at the

Dan Rodden Theatre.

Gallagher, who majored in history at La Salle, began his TV career with Comcast Cable in the Philadelphia area in 1979, when the field of cable television was just getting started. He eventually became Vice President and Treasurer of the corporation.

When Gallagher joined Comcast, the company had 44,000 subscribers, and only a few cable systems



were operating in metropolitan areas. As the technology developed and grew, the company then launched QVC, the home shopping network, in the 1980s. This was one of the first forays into electronic commerce, which now accounts for 3 percent of the nation's Gross Domestic Product.

Gallagher served as President, Chief Operating Officer, and a Director of Century Communications Corporation prior to

its sale to Adelphia Communications in 1999. He is a trustee of the Walter Kaitz Foundation and of Cable Positive. He is also a Director for the Cable Television Advertising Bureau and the Cable Telecommunications Association. In addition, he is a Trustee for the Child Health Institute of New Jersey. He lives in New Canaan, Conn., with his wife, Mary, and their three children.

## La Salle's Graduate Religion Program: Fifty and Fabulous

**L**a Salle's Graduate Religion program celebrated...and studied... all week long

For its 50th anniversary, the Graduate Religion Program celebrated its students, past and present, and all of the changes and advances the program has made by holding a week-long workshop this past summer.

Priests and Brothers aren't the only people to have graced the Graduate Religion Program with their presence. Although that wasn't the case 50 years ago when La Salle began its program, it isn't so anymore.

"Now, most of the students in the program are lay people," says Father Frank Berna, the program's director. "The students are primarily Catholic, but we have some Protestant and Jewish students, too."

Created with the intent

of educating Christian Brothers to teach religion in high schools, the program was opened up to lay people in the early '70s. Today, La Salle's Graduate Religion students are high school teachers, like the Christian Brothers who pioneered the program; pastoral assistants who lead youth groups and adult education in parishes; and directors of religious education.

Bishop Cullen attended the workshop as the main celebrant and homilist. Other featured presenters were Monika Hellwig, theologian and executive director of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU), and William O'Malley, a Jesuit priest, teacher at Fordham Prep, and author of 28 books.

Workshop participants enjoyed an evening concert featuring Theresa



(From left) Father Frank Berna enjoys a panel presentation on "Lay Ministry in the Church Today," given by Rosemarie McGinty, Mary Ann O'Donnell, Sister Amy Hoey, and Leonard DiPaul.

Donohoo, Gary Daigle, and Rory Cooney, all well-known contemporary church musicians.

Upon its anniversary, Berna reflected on how the program has grown, noting that its mission has changed from teaching to

applying the Christian Brothers' philosophy of sound academics. "We don't just think great thoughts," Father Berna laughs. "We want to connect great thoughts with what people do."



Joseph Cicala, Dean of Students (right), congratulates the Most Reverend Edward Cullen, Bishop of Allentown (left), on his moving homily at the 50th Anniversary Mass, offered as part of the Graduate Religion Program celebration.

## New Chaircouple

**T**eri and Charlie McClafferty, the newest Chairpersons of the Parents' Association, are the parents of two daughters, Erin, a recent college graduate, and Sara, a member of La Salle's Class of 2003 and an elementary special education major. Teri works in Key Account Retention for Aetna US Healthcare and Charlie is an attorney. The McClaffertys reside in suburban Philadelphia. Teri and Charlie believe that parental involvement in university life through the Parents' Association complements the college experience of students. They invite everyone to become involved in Parents' Association activities.



## Diplomats Discuss International Security

**L**a Salle University conducted its seventh annual Diplomat-in-Residence Program, "World Diplomacy: Threats to International Security," on April 10-13, 2000. This program, which was free and open to the public, constituted one of the largest and most diverse assemblies of diplomatic representatives to take place in the Delaware Valley in 2000. The representatives of the program gathered to discuss the most pressing and controversial issues in international relations and security.

The conference consisted of four main sessions, with each session focusing on a different topic in international relations. Sessions included: "Women in Politics and

Diplomacy," "Neighbors in Conflict and Peace," "The Present Danger: Terrorist Groups and Criminal Cartels," and "U.S. Foreign Policy and Humanitarian

Intervention." Speakers included ambassadors, government officials, and other diplomatic representatives from Swaziland, Cyprus, Israel, Panama, Greece, Pakistan, the Republic of Ireland, Great Britain, Turkey, India, Indonesia, Albania, Yugoslavia, China, Chile, and the U.S.



## Tee Time

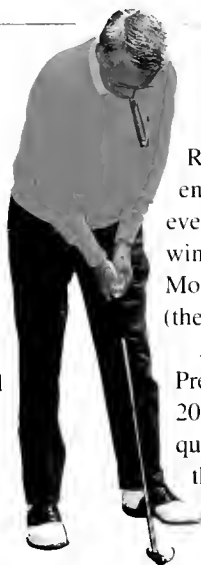
**B**lue skies and fresh green fairways greeted everyone who participated in the second annual President's Cup Golf Tournament, held April 24, at Blue Bell Country Club. Hosts again this year were Bud Hansen, Jr., '58, and Bud Hansen, III, '90.

An impressive 208 friends and alumni of La Salle University came out that day to golf, meet new and old friends, have fun, and most importantly, to help raise money for student financial aid and scholarships.

The event raised more than \$175,000 from participants. The

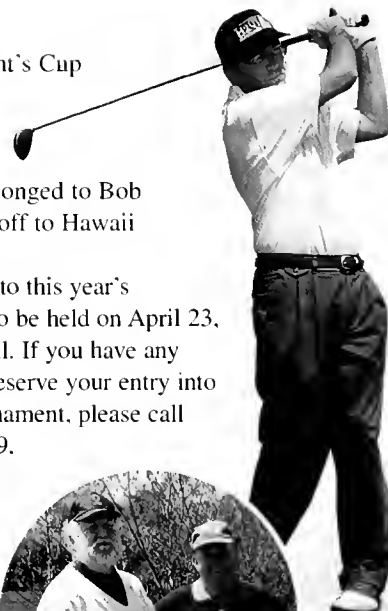
University is grateful for their support.

The winning foursome was led by John T. Williams, '92.



The President's Cup Raffle drawing ended the evening. The winning ticket belonged to Bob Moran, '68. He's off to Hawaii (the Grand Prize).

All are invited to this year's President's Cup to be held on April 23, 2001, at Blue Bell. If you have any questions, or to reserve your entry into this year's tournament, please call 215/951-1539.





## Allen Honored for Making a Difference in Students' Lives



*Enriching the lives of undergraduates has become the credo of Anna Allen, Assistant Dean of Students.*

**W**hen Anna Allen, Assistant Dean of Students, was given the Lasallian Distinguished Educator award this year, the La Salle community began to rethink what it means to be an "educator." For the first time, the award was presented to an administrator who lives the Lasallian message through her work.

"The effort to honor an administrator speaks to what is very important about any Lasallian institution," Allen commented. "If we are involved in the lives of students in any way, and if we take seriously our responsibility to positively affect their educational experience, then we are, indeed, educators."

After 20 years of serving on La Salle's Admissions staff, Allen now serves the entire student body as the head of

University Life. Her work with multicultural and diversity education, international education, campus-wide programming, and student celebrations deeply enriches the lives of every student at La Salle.

"In my years in Admissions, and now as Assistant Dean of Students, my best days have been and will continue to be the days when I know I've made a difference for students," she says.

Allen was presented with a print of Brother William Woeger's "The Icon" during the Opening Weekend Faculty Meeting on Aug. 24. The inspiring image of St. John Baptist de La Salle is now proudly displayed on Allen's wall, serving as a reminder of how every person at La Salle has an impact on the learning community.

## Wiley Named Distinguished Professor

**D**r. Samuel Wiley, an associate professor of mathematics and computer science, received the Provost's Distinguished Faculty Award at this year's Freshman Convocation, Aug. 24. Provost Dr. Richard Nigro commended Wiley for the "exemplary professional and personal commitment that he has given to La Salle and its students."

Nigro pointed out that Wiley is not only a teacher, but also a student. "He literally went back to school to retrain in the skills his department needed to serve the University and its students," Nigro added.

A La Salle professor for the last 37 years, Wiley has been chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science department for a total of 12 years. He also dabbled in the administrative end of University work

as the Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences for five years.

Wiley, standing before the freshman class, took advantage of this unique situation to pass on some of his knowledge of La Salle to those students beginning their first year. "La Salle is not the buildings and grounds situated in Philadelphia somewhere near 20th Street and Olney Avenue," he said. "It is instead the people that work and study here. You are now one of those people."

Three of Wiley's five children have graduated from La Salle. Drawing from his own experience as a concerned parent, he took a moment to reach out to the parents of the Class of 2004. "I want to assure you, the parents, that we will do what we can to provide your daughter or son great educational opportunities."



*Dr. Samuel Wiley (left) receives the Provost's Distinguished Faculty Award from Provost Dr. Richard Nigro.*



*Created in the fall, La Salle's new Explorer Ambassador Program is designed to promote the school's interests, goals, and traditions by acting as University representatives at various social events. A team of 23 Student Ambassadors has been selected to participate in this first year of the program. At the top of the stairs are: Grant Lodes, Bill Mullen, Pete Mosteller, and Dan Kern. In the two rows are: Jessica Crawford, Meg Kane, Maureen Keys, Alexis Karras, Tracy Rogers, Maureen Frenex, Michelle Brigoli, Christa Gardner, Kate Mc Cauley, Alison McGrath, Karen Gaedke, Sara McClafferty, Gabe Randall, Heather Rakes, and Gina Marandola. Not pictured: Megan Barnett, Ania Kernysky, Meredith Mollitt, and Matthew York.*

## Courtney Scholarship Established

La Salle University honored one of its most revered professors on May 12, bestowing Robert J. Courtney, Ph.D., '41, with posthumous Professor Emeritus status, and naming a scholarship in his honor.

Courtney died on Dec. 6, 1996. His numerous contributions to the University include 45 years teaching politics and government, 27 years as department chair, 12 years as the Athletic Committee Chair, and three years as Faculty Senate President. He was one of four origi-

nal faculty members of the Evening Division—now called the School of Continuing Studies. Former Chair of the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Board of Appeals, which mediates disputes between teachers and Archdiocesan school officials, he was an arbitrator for the Pennsylvania Bureau of Mediation.

Courtney's family includes his wife, Dawn Riley Courtney, Esq., '83; two sons, Robert J., Jr., '69 and Donald J., '72; and a daughter, Joan M. Leicht.



*Political science major Maureen A. Carroll (right) receives the Courtney Scholarship from Joan M. Leicht, daughter of the late Dr. Robert J. Courtney, for whom the scholarship is named. Courtney taught politics and government at La Salle for 45 years.*

## Nursing Center Receives Award



Dr. Kay Kinsey (right), Director of La Salle's Neighborhood Nursing Center, provides health care information to a family from the Center's Germantown-Lagan-Olney-Wister neighborhood service area.

La Salle's Neighborhood Nursing Center, along with three other collegiate nursing providers, was recently honored by the federal government for its continued efforts in providing primary care for underserved communities and for training nurses to work in those areas.

Along with La Salle, nursing centers operated by the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, and the Medical College of Pennsylvania-Hahnemann University School of Nursing, received the Community Excellence Award.

"These four clinics not only offer real-life learning opportunities for nearly 1,000 future nurses, they provide badly needed primary care to more than 23,000 needy city residents," said Dr. Claud Fox, Director of the Health

Resources and Services Administration, an agency of the federal Department of Health and Human Services. "The clinics truly fill the 'health care gap' in Philadelphia."

Accepting the award was Kay Kinsey, professor of Nursing and Director of the Neighborhood Nursing Center.



La Salle Nursing students spend many hours in the field, learning from physicians and nurses.

## A Real Bargain

Everyone likes a bargain. No one likes to pay "full price," if they can avoid doing so. How would you like to make a donation to La Salle without paying full price? There is a way to do this.

In today's environment of constantly appreciating investment securities (despite the occasional market dip), many of us have seen our investment portfolios grow beyond our wildest dreams.

Unfortunately, the Internal Revenue Service has seen the potential for capital gains tax collections grow beyond its wildest dreams. By donating appreciated securities (which you must have owned for longer than 12 months), rather than selling them and donating the proceeds, you avoid recognizing capital gains. (There are special rules for stock involved in a merger, and you should consult with your tax advisor about this.)

In addition to saving capital gains tax, a charitable deduction may be taken for a gift of appreci-

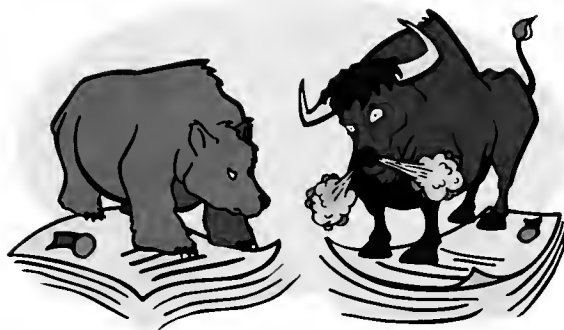
ated securities. The amount of the deduction is equal to the mean value between the high and low price on the date of the gift—not your cost basis.

So, donating appreciated securities to La Salle can result in double income tax savings, which, in reality, reduces the actual cost of the gift.

*Example:* A taxpayer, who is in the 28 percent income tax bracket, owns stock with a current value of \$5,000 and a cost basis of \$2,000. By donating the stock to La Salle, she can save \$2,000 in capital gains and income taxes; thus her net cost would be \$3,000—a real bargain!

*Note:* Never donate securities in which you are showing a loss. Instead, sell the securities and donate the cash. This allows you to benefit from the capital loss.

For information on how to make a gift of appreciated securities, contact Gregory J. D'Angelo, Director of Planned Giving, at 215/951-1881.



## "Fraternal Character"

Longtime La Salle lay professor named Affiliated Brother

By Jon Caroulis

Last spring, Sid MacLeod was editing a video he'd been making about the Christian Brothers when Brother Gerry Molyneaux asked him how it was going. Later, Brother Gerry added, "You'd better make it good, because you're going to be one." He explained that MacLeod would be named an affiliated member of the Christian Brothers.

"I was overwhelmed with emotion," recalled MacLeod, who's been teaching at La Salle for 42 years. "To be asked to join a group of teachers whom I love and respect just floored me."

At Convocation 2000, a special gathering at La Salle of the Brothers and lay colleagues of the Baltimore Province of the Christian Brothers, MacLeod was formally recognized as an affiliated Brother. Affiliation is an honor given to persons who support the Brothers and their work not only in terms of gifts or service, but also by a relationship to the Brothers that has a "fraternal character." There for the ceremony were MacLeod's 88-year-old mother and his sister, who traveled from Chicago to attend.

In becoming affiliated, MacLeod joins several La Salle faculty and administrators, including Joseph Sprissler (1964), Roland Holroyd (1969), Joseph F. Flubacher (1992), and John McCloskey (1992).

Brother Gerry, who nominated MacLeod for the honor, said, "Sid has always been there for the students, and goes out of his way to help them, or anybody who asks for it. His devotion to La Salle has been extraordinary. He's a team player, he builds community." He added that when he contacted various Brother schools and institutions to begin the process of having MacLeod affiliated, many people at those schools remembered MacLeod and recalled

how he had helped them with various film and other projects.

MacLeod graduated from St. Mary's College in Minnesota, which is also run by the Order. He found his way East to work in a summer theater in Maryland run by the drama department of the Catholic University of America, where he received a scholarship and earned his M.F.A. in speech and drama. There he met Dan Rodden, a professor and drama director at La Salle. After MacLeod served a two-year hitch in the Army, Rodden encouraged him to join La Salle's faculty and work with him in its theater. He now teaches video production and speech. In 1994 he won the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for distinguished teaching.

This year marks several anniversary observances for the Christian Brothers: It is the 350th anniversary

of the birth of St. John Baptist de La Salle; it is the 100th anniversary of De La Salle being canonized as a saint, and it is the 50th anniversary of De La Salle being named the patron saint of teachers. To commemorate these events, MacLeod is making a documentary. He visited every Christian Brothers school in the Baltimore Province (which stretches from Washington, D.C., to Jersey City, N.J.). "I can tell I'm in a Brothers' School—it's the same feeling whether it's in the city or in a rural area. There's an aura of the Christian Brothers in there. It's the way the students are treated. You can feel it."

Now 67, still teaching and managing the Communication Center, MacLeod has no intention of slowing down.

"No way I'm retiring," he says. "I'm having way too much fun!"



Honoree Sid MacLeod (center) with his mother, Mary Elizabeth MacLeod, and Brother Michael J. McGinniss, La Salle's President.

**Saturday, March 24, 2001**

**The Union League of Philadelphia**

**I**n honor of his outstanding contributions to the community and the field of higher education, Michael J. Emmi, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SCT, will receive the La Salle University Leadership Award at the University's ninth annual Charter Dinner on March 24. The driving force behind SCT's

BANNER administrative software series, Emmi has helped transform colleges and universities around the world into more efficiently run, cost-effective institutions. As head of the Pennsylvania chapter of the National Board of the American Electronic Association (AEA), he was also behind the first AEA Mentoring Program.

In its ninth year, the Charter Dinner celebrates the founding of La Salle College on March 20, 1863, and pays tribute to the generations of Christian Brothers,

laypersons, and clergy whose dedication has made La Salle the prominent institution it is today. Proceeds from the event are used to enhance La Salle's Scholarship Fund and for other financial aid, thus benefiting future generations of Lasallians.

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## Measuring Courage by Degrees

By Jon Caroulis

**N**obody plans to get hit by a truck.

It just happens. Ask Steve Kammerman, M.B.A., '00, who was not expected to survive his accident with one, and if he did, the odds were he'd be crippled.

Four years ago he was sitting in his car waiting for the light to change when a much larger vehicle slammed into him, breaking his neck. For 18 months he lay immobile with steel rods in his body, wondering if he'd ever walk again. A successful business entrepreneur—he owned a herb and vegetable business—Kammerman slowly began to recover, which gave him plenty of time to think about his life and what he wanted to do with the rest of it. He decided that if he got better, he'd start doing things differently. He'd do things because he wanted to do them, not because he felt he had to do them.

"I would do more enjoyable things at this stage in my life," he said. Having plenty of free time on his hands, he enrolled in a graduate business course at La Salle's Bucks County Center "to keep me occupied. I thought I'd see how I'd do." Three years later Kammerman has earned his M.B.A.

He initially took some graduate business classes, but "Joe Ugras [Associate Dean of the Business School and Director of the M.B.A. program] and Brian Niles [then director of external affairs for the school] suggested I take the GMATs and work toward a degree," said Kammerman.

"He seemed interested in education," said Ugras, who taught Kammerman in a course in managerial accounting. "He's a very bright guy, and his only concern was learning, not a job promotion."

Kammerman combined his studies with a program in physical therapy, but

the two balanced each other. His coursework, he says, provided structure and something to look forward to each day. At first he couldn't drive a car, and his wife, Gayle, had to ferry him to the Newtown campus. His teacher, Don Nucera, an adjunct professor and Vice President with IBM, suggested she stay for the class rather than make two trips. "Most colleges would have charged her an audit fee," says Kammerman. "It was so nice of him to do that." Today Kammerman can drive himself, but he's not completely recovered. His left hand is still numb and he had to type his papers with only his right hand operating the keyboard.

While Kammerman's physical status was different from his classmates', his mental outlook was also different. Most of the students, he says, were seeking an M.B.A. to further their careers or retool for a changing job market. He was there for the experience of learning. "If I could impart one thing to my classmates, it's this: Don't miss the opportunity to learn. Many of them saw the M.B.A. as a way to advance themselves, but it was also a great opportunity to learn new things." So what did Kammerman, a successful businessman, learn from his studies? Not to be so compartmentalized, he said. So many people focus in on their one area in a company, but you have to look at it as a whole, he says.

And while he was learning, he was also helping his teachers.

"He had a lot of interesting life experience, a lot to contribute," says Walt Schubert, Chair of La Salle's Finance Department, who taught Kammerman in a course in international finance. "He's certainly a class leader. With somebody like that, they usually dominate the class discussion, but that wasn't the case with Steve. His presence was what you would call



*After a serious accident, Steve Kammerman, M.B.A., '00, found learning to be the best medicine. He had to miss his graduation to attend his daughter Courtney's.*

'value-added' to the class. Here is somebody who's experienced the things you're talking about."

Kammerman doesn't think he'll return to his business, but with his degree in hand he might do some consulting for friends.

He was unable to attend La Salle's graduation—his daughter, Courtney, was graduating that same day from the University of Pennsylvania. At Baccalaureate, however, along with other graduates who spoke foreign languages, Kammerman was asked to offer the class a wish in Hebrew.

But something his daughter said might have put his whole experience in perspective. In addition to graduating from college with honors, Courtney has also performed with the Bolshoi Ballet in Russia (one of the first Americans to be invited to dance with the troupe), been named a junior ambassador to China, and was honored at the Albert Schweitzer Awards (previous honorees have been Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barbara Bush). Yet as Kammerman was finishing his degree, his daughter said something children usually hear from their parents at graduation, but rarely say to them: "I'm proud of you," she told him.

## Joining the Ivy League

### Two La Salle alums major in public service at Harvard University

**J**ohn F. Kennedy Street in Cambridge, Mass., is a far cry from West Olney Avenue in Philadelphia. In spite of this distance, the path after graduation has led two of La Salle University's top students there, where they have made new homes for themselves at Harvard's prestigious Kennedy School of Government (KSG).

Mike Boyle and Tina Wahl, both 1998 graduates, are pursuing Master's degrees at KSG, which seeks students who set the tone. They look for passionate, principled, committed, persistent, and talented students to fill their classrooms. Both Wahl and Boyle fit the bill.

The youngest member of La Salle's Board of Trustees, Wahl was a varsity basketball player throughout her four undergraduate years, a Rhodes Scholar Pennsylvania finalist, and class spokesperson on numerous occasions. Boyle, a former political science and English double major, was editor of the student newspaper, *The Collegian*, and was chosen to deliver the Commencement address.



Tina Wahl, '98

"Tina is one of the top students, if not the most impressive student, I have ever had," said Dr. Mary Ellen Balchunis-Harris of La Salle's Political Science department. In one of her courses, Wahl was selected to be the spokesperson for the class sponsorship of the "Baby Bill," which advocated a mandatory hospital maternity stay of at least 48 hours. "She is very well spoken," her former professor recalled. "I see her one day becoming a cabinet member or filling any other high-level political position."

Wahl is obtaining her Master's degree in public policy with a concentration in human services and social policy. Attending La Salle as an undergraduate heavily influenced this choice. "Living in the city and not being secluded really opened my eyes to the importance of diversity," said Wahl.

After graduating from La Salle, Wahl dedicated a year of her life to New York Covenant House, where she worked with homeless youth as a Vincentian Service Corps volunteer. "In New York, I learned to appreciate the things I have been blessed with. All of those midterms and exams I had stressed so much over are really not so important, after all. Having food to eat and clothes to keep warm are important," she said.

Boyle obtained a Master's degree in international relations from Cambridge University in England. He is currently working on a second graduate degree in international security, specializing in internal affairs, civil wars, and internal conflicts.

Boyle vividly recalls the degree

By Amanda Ward, '02



Mike Boyle, '98

of excellence in teaching during his undergraduate career at La Salle. "I remember having the fundamentals constantly drilled into us," he said. "The perspective gained from attending La Salle was very advantageous."

He hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in international relations and is planning a career in diplomatic service.

Currently, Boyle is the editor-in-chief of the Kennedy School's newspaper, *The Citizen*. His experience at La Salle's paper fueled Boyle's interest in journalism, which he says is critical to the circulation of thoughts, ideas, and critical debate in society. He's a staunch proponent of the First Amendment right to a free press, which he believes is fundamental to people's interaction and participation in a democracy.

Wahl and Boyle are grateful for the opportunities they have been given. They are both looking forward, but have never forgotten the Lasallian experiences that have made them who they are today.

## La Salle Women Explorers Cover the Courts of Europe

By Keith D'Oria

**O**n August 10, 2000, the La Salle University women's basketball team began a nine-day, three-game European tour that led the Explorers to Strasbourg, Paris, Bruges, and Amsterdam. La Salle began the tour with two days in Strasbourg, touring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the Palais de Rohan, the Ponts Couverts and Petit, France. On the third day, the Explorers journeyed to Reims, France and visited another beautiful cathedral before ending the day in Paris. Head Coach John Miller and the Explorers saw many of Paris' intriguing and history-filled sites, including the Arc de Triumph, the Rue de Rivoli, the Champs Elysées and, of course, the Eiffel Tower. The three days spent in Paris also allowed the team to venture to Versailles to see the gardens and travel along the Seine River, as well as to visit the Louvre, which

contains the famous "Mona Lisa."

The Explorers then traveled to Bruges, Belgium, home of the Basilica of the Holy Blood, one of the most beautiful cathedrals in all of Europe. The team played against the Eureka Bruges Basketball Team on the first night and the Dames Basketball team on the second. La Salle finished its European tour by traveling to the Netherlands for a game against Dr.

Foots Top Basketball Team. The Explorers concluded the trip by seeing some of the sites in Amsterdam, including the Anne Frank House. They returned home on August 19 with a 2-1 record and a lifetime of memories from their excursion.

### Game 1 St. Andries Gymnasium De Varens, Belgium

In the first game of its European tour on August 17, the La Salle team defeated Eureka Bruges 92-38.

The Explorers jumped out to a 23-8 lead after the first quarter, which eventually stemmed into a 48-19 lead at halftime.

La Salle then outscored Eureka 25-6 in the third quarter.

Despite using a men's ball and playing by European rules, La Salle shot exceptionally well from the floor and had a well-balanced attack.

Forward Shannon McDade led the offensive onslaught with 17 points, six rebounds, and three blocked shots. She teamed with guard Jen Zenszer to combine for 12



(From left) Laura Newhard, Marjorie Rhoads, Beth Hudak, and Suzanne Keilty in Bruges, Belgium.

points in the Explorers' third-quarter push. Zenszer finished with 15 points, six assists, and three rebounds.

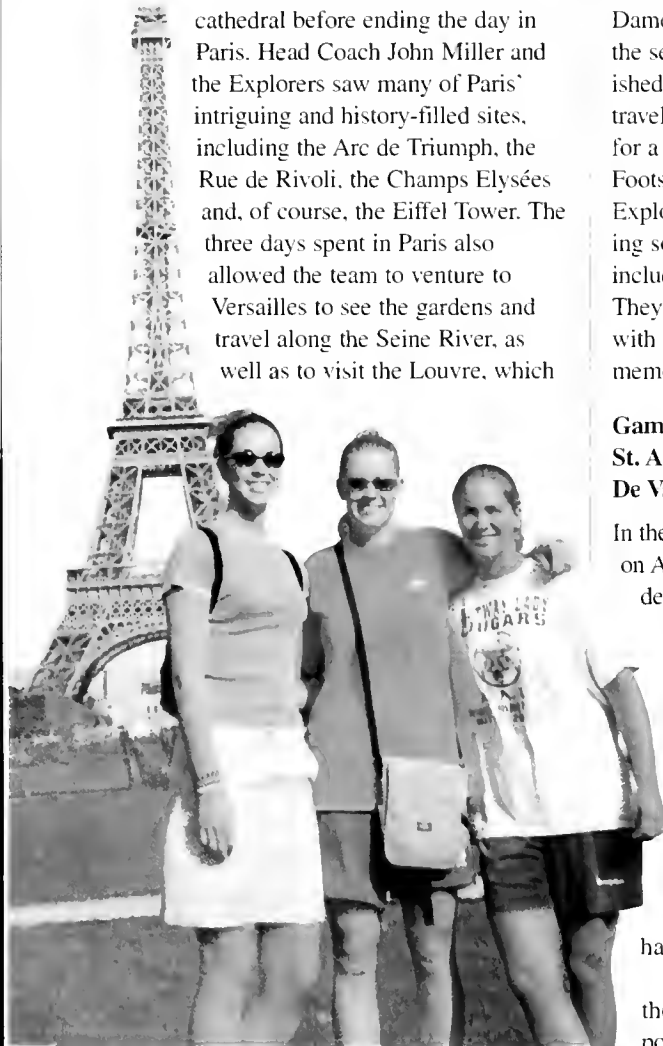
Suzanne Keilty added 16 points while Marjorie Rhoads had 12 points and four rebounds. Beth Hudak contributed 14 points and nine boards while Melissa Hindenlang tallied eight points and grabbed a team-high 13 rebounds. Chrissy Walker registered four rebounds and six assists. Guards Bonnie Randa and Beth Mays added eight points and two points, respectively.

### Game 2 Stedelijke Sportzaal Waregem, Belgium

The Explorers lost to Dames Basketball Team, 55-47 in Waregem.

The score was tied at 25 at the half. Both La Salle and Dames played strong defense and limited each other's offensive options. Dames held the lead going into the third quarter 39-37 and held off the Explorers by outscoring them 16-10 in the fourth period.

Despite the loss, La Salle received a solid all-around effort from the players. McDade again led the Explorers



(From left) Chrissy Walker, Bonnie Randa, and Beth Mays take in the sights of Paris.





(From left) Bonnie Randa, Marjorie Rhoads, Jen Zenszer, Colleen Randa (Bonnie's sister), Beth Hudak, Chrissy Walker (in hat), Suzanne Keilty, Laura Newhard, Shannon McDade, and Melissa Hindenlang, with Beth Mays leaning over in front. This was taken in Reims, France.

in scoring with 15 points, including seven in the third quarter to keep La Salle in the game. Hudak turned in another good performance, registering 11 points and six rebounds.

Hindenlang, a center, led the Explorers with 10 boards, her second double-digit rebounding effort of the European tour. Keilty and Rhoads netted five points each and Mays added four points and four rebounds. Zenszer tallied three points, four boards, and a team-high three assists. Randa and Walker also played stellar defense.

**Game 3  
Lieshout Sporthal Papenhoef  
Lieshout, Holland (the Netherlands)**

Rebounding from their loss the Explorers defeated Dr. Foot's Top Basketball Team, 77-44, in the final game of their European tour.

The Explorers won the first quarter 15-12, but Dr. Foot's stayed in the game until halftime, going into the intermission with the Explorers leading, 34-28. La Salle then exploded for 25 points in the third period and held Dames to just two points in the quarter. The Explorers outscored the Dames 18-14 in the final period.

Hudak led all scorers for La Salle, netting 16 points while pulling in six rebounds. Keilty shot well from the field and hit four three-pointers, finishing with 14 points.

Zenszer chipped in 13 points in the winning effort for La Salle. Rhoads dropped in 12 points while McDade scored 11 points while grabbing four rebounds.

Hindenlang led the team in rebounds for the third straight game in Europe with 10 and added five points. Randa added five points, Walker dished out a team-high five assists and Mays grabbed four rebounds in the game.

**Recap**

Besides enjoying themselves and seeing the many beautiful sights throughout France, Belgium, and the Netherlands, the La Salle women's team also gained valuable experience that will only help in the 2000-2001 season.

Coach Miller and his staff saw improvements from everyone on the team and gained insight on the team's strengths and weaknesses.

The forwards and centers illustrated how they can contribute to the squad.

McDade once again established herself as the primary scoring threat from the post, averaging 14.3 points per contest. Hudak also proved that she can score and rebound, averaging 13.7 points and seven rebounds per game. Hindenlang provided solid rebounding, leading the team in all three games and averaging 11 boards per contest.

The guards also looked promising for the Explorers. Zenszer contributed 10.3 points and was second on the team in assists, averaging two per game. Rhoads also performed well, netting 9.7 points per game, while Keilty dropped in 11.7 points per contest. Randa, Walker, and Mays also showed promise throughout the tour. Randa provided scoring off the bench, adding 4.3 points per game and was another three-point shooting threat. Walker played a versatile role, averaging 3.7 assists per game to lead the Explorers in that category. Mays played solid defense and distributed the ball well, averaging 2.3 assists per game.

Not only was the European tour a fantastic cultural experience, but it was also one for La Salle to build on—both on and off the court.

## A Win-Win Situation

La Salle athletes and coaches score big points through community service

**W**hat is La Salle University's Project TeamWork? Exactly what it sounds like: a project relying on teamwork among the University's athletics department, student-athletes, coaches, the community, and the generosity of sponsors and partners who provide financial and service assistance.

Shortly after his arrival at La Salle in 1997, Director of Athletics Dr. Thomas Brennan introduced Project TeamWork as the Department of Athletics' youth outreach and community service program.

"Project TeamWork is highly consistent with the Lasallian tradition and the Christian Brothers' well-recognized history of exemplary service to youth and the community," Brennan said. "It occupies a very high priority within our athletics department."

He cited three achievements as positive examples of the contribution of La Salle in the community. They are: the induction of men's basketball Coach Bill "Speedy" Morris into the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Hall of Fame for his volunteer service throughout the Philadelphia Archdiocese; the work of Assistant Athletics Director Peter D'Orazio with the Inner City Games; and the work of the Athletic Relations Council (ARC), a student-athlete leadership group.

Foremost among the activities initiated this past year by Project TeamWork has been the Explorers' relationship with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, which is part of a national pilot program with the NCAA "Campus Pals." Trips to the Franklin Institute, the New Jersey

State Aquarium, a Clean-Up Day in Fairmount Park, and the coordination of Youth Day themes at La Salle sporting events have all been successful.

As part of Project TeamWork, the athletics department also established an Adopt-a-School program. Currently, student-athletes work as mentors and tutors with several local schools. In addition, students at participating schools are invited to take part in clinics and workshops, and to attend La Salle sporting events and other activities as part of an Explorer Incentive Program.

Perhaps Project TeamWork's goals and achievements were best summed up in a citation from the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS), which named La Salle to its Honor Roll for excellence in community service and outreach activities: "We thank you for all the hard work and dedication displayed by your department for the well-being of your student-athletes and your community," wrote NCAS Executive Director Richard Lapchick. "Your leadership

enables your student-athletes to succeed, and to give hope and inspiration to those in their communities. The NCAS acknowledges and appreciates all that you do."

The success of Project TeamWork has also been made possible by the generosity of local foundations and corporate partners. Most notably, the Patricia Kind Family Foundation recently awarded the athletics department a three-year grant of \$75,000 to help sustain and enhance Project TeamWork. Former Explorer basketball star Steve Black, '85, was hired as the Director of Project Teamwork.

D'Orazio, who has overall program responsibility for Project TeamWork, noted, "I have been extremely impressed with the willingness of local businesses, industries, and foundations to partner with La Salle athletics as we endeavor to enhance the quality of life for youth in our service area. Special kudos to the Patricia Kind Family Foundation. We are grateful for their support and encouragement."



La Salle student-athletes celebrate with community youth from Big Brothers/Big Sisters, whom they mentored all year.

## Wilus Adds to Her Laurels



**J**ami Wilus, '02, a three-sport athlete as a freshman, gave up one of them—basketball.

But, as a sophomore, her career continued to flourish in field hockey in the fall, and in lacrosse last spring. During lacrosse season, Wilus averaged 5.27 points per game, the second highest in the country, finishing less than a point

behind Maryland's Jen

Adams. She also finished second in the Atlantic 10 Conference with 79 points while playing three fewer games than the leader, Kelly Ruch of Temple, who had 81 points. Her four-goals-per-game average placed her third nationally. Besides making the Atlantic 10 All-Conference team, Wilus was also voted to the Mid-Atlantic Regional All-American Second Team.



## Carr "Big" in the Big 5



**W**hen La Salle's Donnie Carr, '00 was voted to the All-Philadelphia Big 5 basketball First Team this past season, he became only the fourth player to

earn such an honor for four years. Two of the other three are former Explorers: Michael Brooks, '80 (1977-80) and Lionel Simmons, '90 (1987-90).

In addition to that achievement, Carr led the Big 5 in scoring the three previous seasons.

## Coach and Player Team up Together

**I**t usually happens every day in practice, that a coach roams a field showing players how to execute certain moves. Not often do coaches and players play on the same team in meaningful situations.

That all changed this summer for Jenn Harpel and Jami Wilus. Harpel, the Head Coach for field hockey and lacrosse, and Wilus, who plays both sports under Harpel, teamed together as part of the Upper Atlantic Regional Lacrosse Team. Harpel returned to the regional team after two years away from competition. Wilus was selected to the squad for the second straight year. The tournament is used by the United States National team as a selection venue, allowing the two to play together under NCAA rules.

"Jami and I are both very competitive. It was great to share the

field with someone who loves the games as much as I do," Harpel said.

"We read each other well on the field, and we had fun. Jami is capable of being a National Team Player."

While she knew Harpel's intensity on the field as a coach, Wilus saw another side of her on the playing field. "Jenn was so focused and intense on the field," Wilus said. "I've seen her intensity as a coach, but when we stepped onto the playing field, she was more driven than I have ever seen."



*Coach Jenn Harpel and Jami Wilus, '02, played on the Upper Atlantic Regional Lacrosse Team.*

Wilus said this about Harpel's National Team experience: "Jenn drives me to improve in practice every day. Having played with her, I now know that she is driving me to a level where I can compete on the National Team. Her knowledge of having played on that level before will help me to continue to improve."

Applying their teamwork, Harpel and Wilus hope to lead the lacrosse team to new levels. Wilus, already a two-time First Team All-Atlantic 10 Conference performer, will try to use this experience to help her gain a berth on the National Team.

## Kudos for Senior Scholar-Athletes

The eighth annual Senior Student-Athlete Luncheon was held on May 2 in the Dunleavy Room. The luncheon, one of La Salle University's commemorations of National Student-Athlete Day, was begun by the director of Academic Support Services, Dr. Joe Gillespie, to thank seniors for their years of academic and athletic service to La Salle. In addition, each senior could invite the member of the La Salle community who had been most inspirational during his or her academic career.

At the luncheon, the outstanding male and female scholar-athletes are

also recognized. This award recognizes the senior male and female with the best blend of academic achievement and athletic accomplishment. This year, the female recipient was volleyball's Melissa Hodge (3.97 GPA in management/marketing). Co-winners of the male award were baseball's Kevin Ibach (3.77 GPA in communication) and track's Kevin Myles (3.30 GPA in psychology). Jill Evanko, a member of the women's tennis team, was also honored for having the highest GPA among all senior athletes (4.0 in finance).

### Cross Country

- Men's Team—United States Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Honor Roll
- Women's Team—Women's Intercollegiate Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Honor Roll

### Baseball

All-Conference—Kevin Wittmeyer (Second Team)

### Softball

Player of the Week honors—Winter Eastmond (April 9, 2000)

### Women's Lacrosse

All-Conference—Jami Wilus (First Team)  
 All-American—Jami Wilus (Second Team Mid-Atlantic Region)  
 Player of the Week honors—Jami Wilus (April 9, 2000)

### Men's/Women's Outdoor Track

All-Conference—P.J. Gallagher, Colin Dooley, and Ndidi Obichere  
 Player of the Week honors—Ayes Ehikjoya (Rookie) (March 26, 2000), Andre Swanston (Rookie) (April 9, 2000), Tim McAteer (Rookie) (April 17, 2000)

## Record-Setting Track Explorers

Congratulations to track standouts Colin Dooley, Ndidi Obichere, and P.J. Gallagher for their performances in the Bell Atlantic/Atlantic 10 Conference Outdoor Track Championships at Virginia Tech. Obichere, a freshman, set a meet record of 2:11.30 in the women's 800 meters. The mark of 2:11.38 she broke belonged to a former Explorer, Terry Carroll, '98. Grad student Dooley covered the 3,000 meters in 9:14.87, breaking the mark of 9:17.95 set by Massachusetts' Ryan Carrara in 1998. Gallagher, a senior, nabbed a first-place finish for La Salle with 33:14.45 in the men's 10,000 meters.



Colin Dooley



Ndidi Obichere



P.J. Gallagher



## Men's Basketball Schedule

### January 2001

Thu.	4	<b>TEMPLE *</b>	8 p.m.	A10TV
Sun.	7	at Xavier *	2 p.m.	A10TV
Sat.	13	at George Washington *	2 p.m.	
Wed.	17	<b>DUQUESNE *</b>	7 p.m.	
Sun.	21	at Dayton *	4 p.m.	
Thu.	25	<b>MASSACHUSETTS *</b>	7 p.m.	CN8
Sat.	27	at Rhode Island *	2 p.m.	A10TV
Wed.	31	<b>FORDHAM *</b>	7 p.m.	

### February

Sat.	3	<b>ST. BONAVENTURE *</b>	4 p.m.	A10TV
Tue.	6	<b>RHODE ISLAND *</b>	7 p.m.	
Sat.	10	at Fordham *	2 p.m.	A10TV
Wed.	14	at St. Bonaventure *	7 p.m.	
Tue.	20	at Duquesne *	7 p.m.	
Sun.	25	<b>XAVIER *</b>	4 p.m.	ESPN2
Wed.	28	at Temple * †	7 p.m.	CN8

### March

Sat.	3	<b>ST. JOSEPH'S * †</b>	8 p.m.	A10TV
W.-S.	7-10	Atlantic 10 Championships at First Union Spectrum, Philadelphia		

\* Indicates Atlantic 10 Conference Game

† Indicates Philadelphia Big 5 Game

Games listed in **BOLD CAPS** are played in the Tom Gola Arena.

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## Women's Basketball Schedule

### January 2001

Fri.	5	<b>DAYTON*</b>	7 p.m.	
Sun.	7	at Duquesne*	Noon	A10TV
Fri.	12	<b>ST. BONAVENTURE*</b>	7 p.m.	
Mon.	15	<b>GEORGE WASHINGTON*</b>	1 p.m.	
Sat.	20	at Rhode Island*	2 p.m.	
Mon.	22	at Massachusetts*	7 p.m.	
Fri.	26	<b>ST. JOSEPH'S*†</b>	7 p.m.	
Tue.	30	at George Washington*	7 p.m.	

### February

Fri.	2	<b>RHODE ISLAND*</b>	7 p.m.	
Sun.	4	<b>TEMPLE*†</b>	1 p.m.	
Thu.	8	at Xavier*	7 p.m.	
Sat.	10	at Dayton*	2 p.m.	
Wed.	14	<b>FORDHAM*</b>	7 p.m.	
Sun.	18	at St. Bonaventure*	Noon	
Wed.	21	at Temple*	7 p.m.	
Sat.	24	<b>DUQUESNE*</b>	1 p.m.	

### March

Fri.-Mon. 2-5 Atlantic 10 Championships  
at Temple University's Liacouras Center

\* Indicates Atlantic 10 Conference Game

† Indicates Philadelphia Big 5 Game

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## Men's and Women's Swimming Schedule

### January 2001

Fri.-Sat.	12-13	at Rhode Island Invitational	All Day
Sat.	20	<b>DREXEL</b>	1 p.m.
Sat.	27	at Fordham	1 p.m.

### February

Fri.	2	<b>SETON HALL</b>	5 p.m.
Sat.	3	<b>PENNSYLVANIA/DUQUESNE</b>	1 p.m.
Thu.-Sat.	15-17	at Atlantic 10 Championships (Buffalo, N.Y.)	All Day
Thu.-Sat.	22-24	at ECAC Champs (Sewell, N.J.)	All Day

Events listed in **BOLD CAPS** are held in the Hayman Center's Kirk Pool.



**Reunion 2000:** Alumni of all ages created memories at the Reunion 2000 — the first time the event focused on welcoming all former Explorers back to campus, even those who were not a part of a five-year anniversary class.

## Awards Honor Two Exemplary Alumni and the Christian Brothers

**T**he La Salle Alumni Association held its annual awards dinner on November 17. This year, Nicholas A. Giordano, '65, former president of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange and 1998-99 interim president of La Salle; and Dr. John Carabello, '62, member of the Association's Board and president of the Explorer Club, were given the John J. Finley Memorial Award for their extraordinary contributions to La Salle.

The Signum Fidei Medal, La Salle's most prestigious alumni honor, was bestowed upon the Brothers of the Christian Schools for their lifetime of living, teaching, and

promoting the Lasallian values of peace and social justice. The dinner was shared with the Alpha Epsilon Honor Society, which conferred membership on the top scholars of the senior class.

The John J. Finley Award is given annually to valued alumni who have exhibited outstanding service to La Salle or the Alumni Association. To his contemporaries, Finley was known as "Mr. La Salle" for his devotion to the University.

The Signum Fidei Medal, derived from the motto of the Brothers of the Christian Schools—"Sign of Faith"—recognizes personal achievements in harmony with the

established aims of La Salle and the objectives of the Christian Brothers. It is awarded annually to the person or persons who have made the most noteworthy contributions to the advancement of humanitarian principles in the spirit of St. John Baptist de La Salle.

Instituted in 1936, the Alpha Epsilon Alumni Honor Society was designed to recognize "high scholarship in the pursuit of a Christian and liberal education together with the exceptional but unrewarded participation in the extracurricular life of the University." Members are selected each year from the upper fifth of the senior class.

## Alumnae Association Celebrates History of La Salle Women

The La Salle University Alumnae Association celebrated the 30th anniversary of women attending the University with an Awards Brunch on campus held on May 13. Outstanding female graduates, staff members, and faculty were honored at this ceremony, held every five years.

The following individuals received awards: Marianne (Salmon) Gauss, '74—Outstanding Faculty Award; Elaine Mientus Mattern, '90 — Outstanding Staff Member Award; Suzanne Pope Brooks, '75— Outstanding Graduate, 1970s; Stephanie Belzer, '87

—Outstanding Graduate, 1980s; and Christine Dieckhaus, '96— Outstanding Graduate, 1990s.

In addition to honoring

these exceptional women for their dedication to the Lasallian virtues of integrity, service, and commitment, the newly elected officers of the Alumnae Association were

announced. The officers for the

June 2000-May 2002 term are: President, Stephanie Belzer, '87; Vice President, Colleen Gain, '98; Secretary, Edie Belzer, '90; New Recruitment, Mary DeMasi, '98; Scholarship/Awards Luncheon, Marianne Dooley, '75; Calendar, Kathy Heffron, '77; and Publicity, Renee Cooper, '98.

Please contact the Alumni Relations Office for more information about the Alumnae Association.



Honored at the brunch were (from left) Suzanne Pope Brooks, '75; Stephanie Belzer, '87; Elaine Mientus Mattern, '90; Marianne (Salmon) Gauss, '74; and Christine Dieckhaus, '96.

## 5 Great Trips for the Year 2001

Sponsored by "Explorations"  
La Salle University  
Alumni Association's  
Travel Committee

### The Extraordinary Wonders of China and the Yangtze River

21-day fully escorted land and river cruise tour; possible post-extension to Japan

### America's National Parks

15-day deluxe motor coach tour of seven magnificent National Parks

### Impressions of France

15-day tour of the Alps and a cruise through Provence and Paris

### Waterways of Holland and Belgium

12-day tour and river cruise

### Shades of Ireland

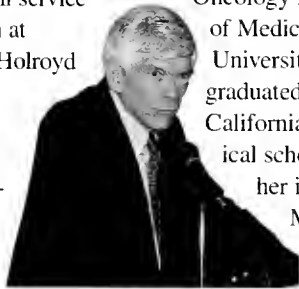
10-day tour of Ireland's coasts, including an overnight stay in an Irish castle

To receive a travel packet,  
call the Alumni Office at  
215/951-1535 or  
888/4-ALUM-LU.



## Doctors Who Make a Difference

**J**ohn T. Potts, Jr., M.D., '53 received the 2000 Holroyd Award for distinguished alumni service to the health profession at La Salle's 21st annual Holroyd Lecture. The lecture, "Go Gentle": Opportunities and Obligations in End-of-Life Care," was delivered by Janet Abraham, M.D.



*John T. Potts, Jr., M.D., '53*

Dr. Potts graduated maxima cum laude from La Salle in 1953 and studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He left Philadelphia to become an intern in medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, an institution he has been affiliated with for most of the past 40 years. Dr. Potts is currently the distinguished Jackson Professor of Clinical Medicine at Harvard Medical School, where he has taught since 1968. He joined the staff at Massachusetts General that same year, and has served as Chief of Endocrinology, Chairman of Medicine, and Director of Research for the hospital.

Dr. Abraham is Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of

Pennsylvania Medical School and a member of the Hematology/Oncology Division of the Department of Medicine of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She graduated from the University of California at San Francisco's medical school in 1973, and completed her internship and residency at Massachusetts General. In 1980, she joined the faculty at Penn. Dr. Abraham is currently the Medical

Director and Director of Education and Research for Wissahickon Hospice of the Penn Health System and has just been awarded a five-year NIH grant to train clinical fellows in pain management care.

Dr. Roland Holroyd, beloved by legions of students as "the Good Doctor," taught at La Salle from 1920 until his retirement as the University's first emeritus professor in 1973. An Anglican vestryman, he became one of the first non-Roman Catholics in the world to be named an affiliated member of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. On the day of that honor in 1970, La Salle's science building was dedicated as the Roland Holroyd Science Center. He died in 1985.



*(From left) Joan A. Litt, M.D., '83, who introduced the Holroyd Lecturer; Dr. Janet L. Abraham; Geri Seitchik, Ph.D., associate professor of biology at La Salle and chair of the 2000 Holroyd Selection Committee; and Barbara Millard, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at La Salle.*

*(From left) Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., La Salle's President, poses with John F. Kent, Esq., '72, as he presents the Holroyd Award to the family of the posthumous recipient, William J. Daly, M.D., '72: Mrs. Marie Daly and their son, Austin.*



## Alumni Calendar

### JANUARY 2001

- 4** Temple at La Salle Reception for Classes of 1981 and 1986
- 13** La Salle at George Washington Reception for Washington, D.C. area alumni
- 17** Duquesne at La Salle Reunion Committees, Alumni Association Board, Alumni on Campus
- 20** Second Annual Alumnae Association Investment Seminar
- 25** UMass at La Salle Reception for Classes of 1991 and 1996
- 31** Fordham at La Salle Nursing, Law Society

### FEBRUARY

- 3** St. Bonaventure at La Salle Hall of Athletes Induction
- 20** La Salle at Duquesne Pittsburgh area alumni
- 25** Xavier at La Salle Classes of 1971 and 1976 Young Alumni—postgame reception at Tom Gola Arena

- TBD** Warren E. Smith African American Award Dinner

### MARCH

- 3** Health Professions alumni

### MAY

- 19** Reunion 2001 Pittsburgh area alumni

### JUNE

- 2** Alumnae Association Golf Outing



**Golden Jubilee Mass:** (From left) Br. Philip Whitman, '53, Br. Timothy Dean, '55, Br. Charles E. Gresh, '54, Br. Benedict Oliver, '60, Br. Brendan Garwood, '55, and Br. William Quaintance, '54, renew their vows together at their Golden Jubilee Mass in October.

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## The Brothers of the Pennsylvania Omega Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon

are pleased to announce the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Sigma Phi Epsilon at La Salle University.

Planning for the event, which will take place on April 7, 2001, is already under way. If you are interested in finding out more details about the anniversary celebration please e-mail:

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*Come back and reunite with fellow alumni brothers of Penn Omega,  
as well as meet the active brothers of the chapter.*

**Homecoming 2000:** A mix of old and young alumni gathered for Homecoming on September 22-24. They celebrated the beautiful fall day with a Fun Run, the crowning of Homecoming king and queen, and, of course, football.



**School of Business Administration**

**1956 | Anthony DiPrimio** was appointed dean, School of Business Administration at Holy Family College in Philadelphia.

**E. Rodney Smyrk** retired after a 28-year business career in commercial real estate in New York City and moved to Vero Beach, Fl.

**1966 | Robert G. Fryling**, partner in the business and corporate department of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP, was elected president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Contract Management Association for the 2000/2001 year.

**Jeffrey M. Voluck** has been a criminal defense attorney for 25 years, handling many high-profile cases. He was featured in the August issue of *GQ Magazine*.

**1967 | Rear Admiral William E. Herron** retired from the U.S. Navy after completing nearly 35 years of service. He began his military career as an E-1 enlisted man and completed his career as a two-star Admiral.



**Michael E. McCloskey** recently retired as vice president-controller of General Accident Insurance and is currently a member of the accounting department faculty at St. Joseph's University.

**1971 | Louis T. M. Conti**, a partner in the Orlando office of Holland & Knight LLP, was appointed chair-elect of the Tax Section of the Florida Bar.



**1973 | Alfred "John" Fry** was promoted to battalion chief with the Philadelphia Fire Department.

**1974 | John J. Foff, Jr.** has assumed the role of president of Malvern Federal Savings Bank in Chester County, Pa.



**1981 | John D. Rossi, III** has successfully completed the certification process with the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts to earn the designation of Certified Valuation Analyst.

**1983 | Joseph F. Connors**, a senior vice president at Beneficial Savings Bank, was named chief financial officer at Beneficial and will oversee all accounting and investment activities.



**1986 | Michael C. McCloskey** was elected senior vice president and Connecticut and New York retail manager for LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc., headquartered in Richmond, Va.

**Birth:** to Roman S. Maslij and Alison Rush Maslij (MA '98, BA '93), a son, Stephen Paul.

**1988 | Births:** to Ann Lichtey Avallone and her husband, Don, their second child, a son, Jeffrey Charles; to Lisa Donnelly Denton and Jeffrey Denton (BS '90), their third child, a daughter, Nora Donnelly.

**1989 | Timothy Kolb** received an M.B.A. degree in finance and management from Rutgers University. He is currently a senior treasury analyst for Independence Blue Cross.

**1990 | Birth:** to Jeffrey Denton and Lisa Donnelly Denton (BS '88), their third child, a daughter, Nora Donnelly.

**Education Put into Action**

**W**hen Kathy Triolo, '96, received her M.B.A. degree from La Salle, she was already an experienced businesswoman. Two years earlier, in 1994, she and her husband, Cookie, had fulfilled a lifelong dream by opening the doors of Pineapple Hill, a bed and breakfast located in New Hope, Pa.



However, Triolo credits the M.B.A. program, particularly the Business Policy capstone course, for giving her the extra background she needed to expand her already booming business. In fact, her Business 699 class gave her the idea for an addition to Pineapple Hill.

As part of a project for this class, Triolo and the team she was working with put together a hypothetical plan for a Pineapple Hill addition and presented this plan to local business professionals who were invited by the school to review them.

Although the plan was only an idea when Triolo and her group presented it in class, Triolo quickly put the plan into action, and in 1996 built a five-room addition to Pineapple Hill. Since building the addition, the income generated by the extra rooms allowed the Triolos to hire a housekeeping staff.

For more information on the Pineapple Hill Bed & Breakfast, visit [www.pineapplehill.com](http://www.pineapplehill.com) or call 888/866-8404.

**1995 | Marriage:** Staci M. Wilhelm to Derek P. Loranca (BS '96).

**Birth:** to William Duff and Kylie Yanke Duff, a daughter, Grace Taylor.

**1996 | Marriages:** Derek P. Loranca to Staci M. Wilhelm (BS '95); Kevin S. Gerry to Jennifer Thomeczek (BA '97).

**1998 | Marriage:** Erica L. Giehl to James Conlon, Jr.

**2000 | Cory (Christian) Kapusta** is a buyer for Alfred Angelo Inc. in Horsham, Pa. **Marriage:** Cory Christian to Jeremy P. Kapusta.

### School of Arts & Sciences

**1938 | Michael C. Rainone** was recognized as a senior member of the Justinian Society of Italian-American lawyers and judges. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association and was named Chair Emeritus of the Justice Michael A. Musmanno Award Committee.

**1948 | Leo C. Inglesby** has published his World War II memoirs, titled *A Corporal Once*.

**1950 | James P. Connor** recently retired from the marine instrument business and is now consulting part time in the U.S.A. and U.K.

**1955 | Michael F. Avallone, Sr., D.O.** was re-elected to the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, a statewide organization for physicians holding the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree.

**James J. McKenna, Jr., Ph.D.** was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Social

Science from Villanova University. The award in May 2000 was made in recognition of Dr. McKenna's "contributions to the improvement of the American criminal justice system," particularly in the field of corrections. He is the first faculty member in the 158-year history of Villanova to be awarded an honorary doctorate.

**1956 |** The University of Pennsylvania presented the first **Francis H. Sterling Teaching Award**. This award will be given annually for physicians who excel in teaching at the Veterans Hospital.

**1957 | Charles P. Kindregan** was elected to the board of directors of the Probate and Family Inn of Court and recently spoke at a conference on inherited assets in divorce cases at Boston College Law School. He was appointed as the academic representative to the American Bar Association Publications Board for the Family Law Section.

**Jack C. McDevitt's** first two science fiction novels, *The Hercules Text* (1986) and *A Talent for War* (1989) have been reprinted in one volume, *Hello Out There*, by Meisha Merlin Publications. McDevitt's most recent novel, *Infinity Beach*, was released in February by HarperCollins.

**1960 | Edward Paczkowski** is a volunteer with Rhawnhurst (Pa.) Townwatch and sits on its board of directors. He is active with the district attorney's youth aid panel and recently received a citizen's service award from the Delaware Valley Citizens Crime Commission for the YAP program.

**1964 | Father Emmett Gavin** moved back to Washington, D.C. to serve as

formation director of the Carmelites after eight years in Chicago as treasurer of the Order and vice chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

**Vincent J. Pancari** has been re-appointed a trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, the educational and philanthropic arm of the New Jersey State Bar Association. Pancari, a certified civil and criminal trial attorney, is senior partner with the Vineland law firm of Kavesh, Pancari, Tedesco & Pancari.

**1965 | Joseph J. Dittmar** recently had his third baseball book published, *The 100 Greatest Baseball Games of the 20th Century Ranked*.

**1967 | Joseph Pizzo** was appointed to staff representative for the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers.

**1968 | Edgar J. Langdon** retired as senior lab tech (clinical lab) at Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia after 38 years of service.

**1969 | Norman H. Rappaport, D.D.S., M.D.** is president of the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons and president-elect of the Houston (Texas) Surgical Society. Dr. Rappaport is on the board of directors of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons and The Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation.

**Dr. Mark J. Ratkus** was recently elected President of the La Salle Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

**1970 | Vincent A. Guarini** was awarded the Pennsylvania Prison Wardens Association's "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his work in corrections. Guarini is only the second warden to

have received all three of the association's top awards. He was named Warden of the Year in 1989 and received the President's Award in 1997.

**1971 | William G. Madden, Ph.D.** has been named chairman of the Natural Sciences Department in Lawrence Technological University's College of Arts and Sciences in Southfield, Mich.

**Patrick J. McHugh, Ph.D.** was named an alumnus of distinction at the Saint Vincent College and Prep in

Latrobe, Pa. Dr. McHugh is a clinical psychologist who maintains a private practice in Philadelphia and is the executive director of Advanced Behavioral Care, a psychology group providing services to residents in nursing facilities in three states.

**1972 | Paul R. Driscoll** was named executive vice president of the community

banking division of Beneficial Savings Bank. **Driscoll** oversees all 34 Beneficial offices and all depositor-related activities.

**Thomas H. Schurtz**, a teacher at Absegami High School in Absecon, N.J., was named to *Who's Who of American Teachers* for the year 1999-2000.

**1974 | William Hann**, a senior scientist for Rohm and Haas Company in Philadelphia, won the 1999 Otto Haas Award for Technical Excellence. The



award recognizes continuous, unique, and broad technical contributions of only the highest caliber that have been significant in the overall success of the technical programs of Rohm and Haas.

**MaryEllen Roken Schurtz**, a teacher at Assumption Regional School, has been named to *Who's Who of American Teachers* for the year 1999-2000.

**Lt. Col. John S. Wargo (Ret.)** was named teacher of the year by the administration and National Honor Society Chapter of Gurdon S. Hubbard High School in Chicago. As the Army JROTC senior instructor, he led the unit to its first city drill cham-

pionship in 14 years and the first JROTC city championship in its history.

**1975 | Paul "Quincy" Juska** and his wife, Leigh, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

**1977 | Michael R. Buckley, Ph.D.** has been named to the McCartland Foundation Chair of American Free Enterprise at the Michael E. Price College of Business at the University of Oklahoma. **George L. Weber, D.O.** was recently elected to serve on the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, a statewide organization for physicians holding the

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree.

**1983 | Michael J. McShane** is the director of institutional advancement at St. Pius X High School in Pottstown, Pa. McShane is the yearbook advisor at Pius X and teaches a fifth-grade CCD class at his parish church, Saint Aloysius, in Pottstown.

**1985 | J. Mark Coulson, Esq.** was elected a principal in the law firm of Miles & Stockbridge in Baltimore, where he focuses on trial work.

**1986 | David J. Dragonosky**, an attorney in the litigation department

of Fox Rothschild O'Brien & Frankel, LLP, has been elected Special Counsel to the firm. A member of the Family Law Group at Fox Rothschild, he



regularly handles complex cases involving divorce, property division, alimony, support, custody, and protection from abuse. **Birth:** to **Gregory Braun and Judith Gallagher Braun**, their first child, a son, Robert.

**1987 | Leigh McDonald Tobin** has been promoted to manager, media relations and publications for the Phillies. Tobin is now the primary contact for the media and baseball-related inquiries. **Births:** to **Lisa Adamovage-Hoback** and her husband, Randy Hoback, their second child, a son, Andrew Martin; to **Jim Valentine** and his wife, Shannon, their third child, a son, Tanner.

**1988 | Sr. Michelle Kelly, S.N.D.**, the principal at St. Francis School in Cleveland, received a Master's degree in educational administration from Ursuline College. **Birth:** to **Elaine Mudry-Harkins** and her husband, Tom, their first child, a son, Nicholas.

**1990 | John J. Grabusky** earned his M.B.A. from the Ervin K. Haub School of Business at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Grabusky has been employed by the Police Athletic League of Philadelphia for the past 10 years. **Ellen Kolodziej** is currently a television reporter at KARE-TV in Minneapolis.

## Heeding the Call

Sometimes, a good education can teach you important things about yourself. And sometimes, the influence of one good teacher can help you discover your calling. Rev. Anthony Bozeman, '93, was recently ordained as a priest of the Roman Catholic



Church. He says he decided to pursue his vocation with the help of a La Salle Christian Brother.

Although Father Bozeman contemplated attending law school upon graduation, thoughts of being a priest had always been in the back of his mind. He names the late Brother Joseph Keenan, F.S.C., one of La Salle's most popular religion teachers, as a "great influence" on this decision.

Fr. Bozeman's educational and spiritual journey took a long and winding path. He first started studying at La Salle in 1977. He left in 1980 to serve in the United States Air Force for about two-and-a-half years. After completing his service to his country, Fr. Bozeman

worked as a civilian technician for nine years before returning to La Salle in 1991. He took night classes in the Continuing Studies Program and graduated in 1993 with a degree in history.

When asked about his feelings about his years at La Salle, Fr. Bozeman has

nothing but positive responses. He said, "My experience at La Salle really helped me to grow academically as well as on the maturity level."

The new priest also had a good multicultural experience at La Salle. "I really believe that La Salle's liberal arts learning developed more skills in me to deal with a multicultural parish like Our Lady of Hope."

He is currently finishing up his diaconate assignment at Our Lady of Hope Parish, located in the Logan section of Philadelphia. Fr. Bozeman is preparing for the transition to his first assignment as a priest, at Our Lady of Grace in Pennel.

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**1991 | J. Patrick Ryan** is an assistant coach with his alma mater's, Fairfield Prep, varsity ice hockey team. Ryan's full-time job is as a senior account manager with Oxford Health Plans in Trumbull, Conn.

**Birth:** to **Robert Dougherty** and **Jennifer DiGati Dougherty (BA '93)**, their first child, a son, Robert Bennett.

**1992 | Birth:** to **Kimberly Gabryelski Konold** and her husband, Timothy, a daughter, Ariana Nicole; to **Michael Higgins** and his wife, Patti, their first child, a daughter, Molly Catherine.

**1993 | Birth:** to **Jennifer DiGati Dougherty** and **Robert Dougherty (BA '91)**, their first child, a son, Robert Bennett.

**1994 | Carolyn E. Clear** was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Clear has begun an internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia.

**Debbie Fazio**, manager, program publicity, for A&E Television Networks, was recognized for employee achievement with a

President's Award. **Maribeth C. Inverso** was appointed Gov. Christine Todd Whitman's advance representative. Inverso's duties include preparing the Governor's special events within New Jersey and out of state. **Kristina M. Trommer-Fisher** is the director of Just Children in Langhorne, Pa.



Trommer-Fisher is working as a child advocate and promoting educational programs for children of pre-school age.

**Marriage:** **Thomas Stanley** to **Christina E. Hazelwood (BA '95)**.

**Birth:** to **Joseph E. Koch** and his wife Christine, a son, Robert Philip.

**1995 | Carol Anne Dillon** was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree



from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Dillon has begun an internship at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine/Delaware County Memorial Hospital in Drexel Hill, Pa. **Scott P. McGlynn** graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and has begun a five-year residency in orthopaedic surgery. Dr. McGlynn, a certified skydiving instructor, has been recruited to perform with the Flying Scotomas, a skydiving group that performs at air and thrill shows throughout the East Coast.

**Jennifer L. McHugh** earned a medical doctorate from Penn State University and is completing her pediatrics residency at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

**Andrew Ruppersberger** was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr.



Ruppersberger has begun an internship at Frankford Hospital in Langhorne, Pa.

**Marriage:** **Christina E. Hazelwood** to **Thomas Stanley (BA '94)**.

**Birth:** to **Kylie Yanke Duff** and **William Duff (BS '95)**, a daughter, Grace Taylor.

**1996 | Daniel J. Hoover** has been appointed director of technology at Ecity Interactive, a full service interactive agency located in Center City Philadelphia.

**Daniel A. Lewis, Michael Magro, Jr., John Matsinger,** and **Dolores A. Roman Hoey** were awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Dr. Lewis has begun an internship at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine/Delaware County

Memorial Hospital in Drexel Hill, Pa.

Dr. Magro is interning at Mercy Suburban Hospital in Norristown, Pa.



Dr. Matsinger's internship is at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Dr. Roman Hoey received the 2000

Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award. This is awarded by the Society for Academic

Emergency Medicine to a senior medical student who has demonstrated excellence in the specialty of emergency medicine.



**Dominic J. Valentino III** spent time in Brazil mentoring juvenile delinquents and prostitutes who were trying to get their lives back on track. Additionally, Valentino is a certified skydiving instructor and will be appearing in air shows in the Philadelphia region with a skydiving group called the Flying Scotomas.

**1997 | Ruth Gelgot Filon** is a special education coordinator/life skills support teacher at the Franklin Towne Charter High School.

**Thomas H. Schurtz, Jr.**, a teacher at Upper Merion (Pa.) High School, has been named to *Who's Who of American Teachers* for the year 1999-2000.

**Marriage:** **Jennifer Thomeczek** to **Kevin S. Gerry (BBA '96)**.

**1999 | Kevin R. Burkitt** is working full-time in television production with Stewart Digital, and is freelancing at the First Union Complex with Arena Vision.

**Megan Maguire** is a public relations consultant at Schubert Communication Inc., in Downingtown, Pa.

**Barbara Mieczkowski** completed the Financial Leadership Development Program of Johnson & Johnson in Dorado, Puerto Rico, and is now employed by its consumer products division in Stillman, N.J.

**Charlotte O'Brien** is teaching second grade for the School District of Philadelphia.

**Terez K. Wood** is the education coordinator for the Police Athletic League in Philadelphia.

### School of Nursing

**1982 | Carol Fetterman Blauth** was awarded a certificate for excellence in nursing as a nurse educator by the New Jersey Department of



Health and Senior Services. Additionally, she was elected president of Trenton Regional Association of In-service Nurses (TRAIN).

**1985 | Mary Alexander Annas** is working part-time in the surgical ICU of the Deborah Heart & Lung Center. *Birth:* to **Mary Alexander Annas** and her husband, Mike, a daughter, Ellen Mairead.

### Master of Business Administration

**1983 | James E. Robinson** was promoted to chief administrative officer of Methodist Hospital Division, Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. He also serves as a senior vice president. She was named Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association parent of the year.

**1986 | Christopher Mendla (BS '80)** is the manager of distance education at Peirce College in Philadelphia.

**1987 | Anne Marie Smith (BA '77)** has accepted a full-time position on the faculty of the Master of Information Science program at La Salle University.

**1986 | Christopher Mendla (BS '80)** is the manager of distance education at Peirce College in Philadelphia.

### Master of Arts

**1996 | Birth:** to **Patricia Wojtowicz** and her husband, a son, Patrick.

**1997 | Mary M. Eicholtz** received a Ph.D. degree in organizational communication from Ohio University. She has accepted a position on the

faculty of the department of speech communication at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

**1998 | Gregory Koguc** is employed as a counselor at the Atlantic City High School Teen Center in New Jersey. *Birth:* to **Alison Rush Maslij (BA '93)** and **Roman S. Maslij (BBA '86)**, a son, Stephen Paul.

**1999 | Angela Aungst Kratz** is a science teacher and head field hockey coach at Palisades High School in Kitnersville, Bucks County, Pa.

**2000 | Kathleen S. Reynolds** accepted a reporter/weekend weather anchor position at WDAY TV6 (ABC) in Fargo, N.D.

### In Memoriam

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**1939** John E. Carr  
**1941** Louis T. DiStefano  
Leo C. Schad, Jr.  
**1942** Francis X. Benischeck  
**1950** Rev. Lawrence L.  
Abt, Jr.  
**1952** Thomas J. Kendrick  
**1953** Robert J. Crosby  
Joseph D. Martin  
**1954** Dante DiMarzio, D.O.  
**1957** Allan J. Rhodes  
**1958** John R. Loughery  
**1960** John F. Funchion, Sr.  
Ercole J. Oristaglio  
**1961** Donald J. Brennan  
Rev. Michael Romero  
**1962** James C. Croke  
**1964** David F. Jennings  
Thomas C. Maloney,  
Esq.  
**1970** William E. Sundermann  
**1977** Elizabeth Barr Weber  
**1986** Maria Procopio  
**1993** Greg R. Wiegand, Esq.

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Sat.	20	at Navy Invitational (Men) Georgetown, La Salle, Navy, Virginia Commonwealth
Sat.	20	Princeton Invitational (Women)
Sat.	26	at Penn State

### February

Sat-Sun	3-4	at University of Delaware Invitational
Fri.	9	Fordham Invitational
Sat.	17	Atlantic 10 Championships at Rhode Island

### March

Fri.-Sun.	2-4	IC4A/ECAC at Reggie Lewis Center, Boston
Fri.-Sat.	9-10	NCAA Tournament at Arkansas



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