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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

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La Salle University
founded by the
Brothers of the Christian Schools
in 1863

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Courtesy Alumni Office
CO-CHAIRS: Mr. & Mrs. Schaefer

Parents set record pace in giving

La Salle University's parents have responded to the Annual Fund campaign with gratifying generosity, according to Brother Charles Gresh, FSC, Director of the Annual Fund.

To date, 650 parents have pledged more than \$70,000, far surpassing the established \$55,000 goal. Almost \$40,000 in paid pledges were received by March 15. At the same time last year, only 74 parents had paid \$9300 on pledges totaling \$21,170.

Co-Chairpersons of the Parents' Committee, Bob and Celeste Schaefer, attributed the increased giving to parental satisfaction with La Salle's educational efforts and to earlier solicitation by mail and telephone.

Brother Andrew Bartley, FSC, Coordinator of Parents' Activities said that "we are indeed proud of the successful efforts of our parents to support the educational goals of their sons' and daughters' school."

Brother Emery resigns; administered 30 years

Brother Emery Mollenhauer, FSC, Ph.D., Provost, will conclude thirty years in administration, including twenty-one years of service as La Salle's chief academic officer on June 30, 1990. Colleagues and students have expressed both regret for losing Brother's leadership and respect for his decision to apply his talents to other endeavors.

Beginning his administrative career as Evening Division Dean from 1960 to 1969, Brother Emery advanced to Academic Vice President, becoming Provost October 5, 1977. Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to enhance La Salle University's academic reputation.

Brother Patrick Ellis, President, acknowledged Brother Emery's contributions to the University by saying, "I cannot think of another example of service so sustained and so distinguished. It has included outstanding leadership in curriculum development, build-up of faculty, responses to new societal needs--all within a working framework of genuine working collegiality and a capacity to live with change."



TOWNHOUSES by Brother Patrick

Courtesy President's Office

St. Miguel townhouses dedicated Mar. 15; Judges, FSC Superior attend ceremonies

On Thursday, March 15, Saint Miguel Court, La Salle's new townhouse resident complex, was officially dedicated with Brother John Johnston, Superior General of the Christian Brothers, present for the ceremonies.

Brother Patrick Ellis, University President, briefly traced the life of Brother Miguel, an Ecuadorian who was recently canonized for his heroic dedication to both scholarship and the vocation of Christian educator.

Honored guests included the Honorable Joseph H. Rodriguez, Class of '55, who

spoke in praise of the educational traditions of the Christian Brothers. The Honorable Nelson A. Diaz of the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas also praised the work of the Brothers, stressing the obligation of all teachers to serve as role models for their students.

Lynne Edwards, Resident Director for the townhouses, and members of her staff organized the well-attended and appreciated ceremony concluded by Reverend Richard Wojnicki's prayer of blessing.

Peer Education offers broad agenda of help

The Peer Education Program at La Salle University is a relatively new entity. However, in the time span of approximately two semesters it has established itself as a productive program and proven itself a useful system within the La Salle community.

The group took the La Salle community by storm during Alcohol Awareness Week by distributing a survey among the student populace concerning alcohol usage and used its results to create its very own version of Family Feud.

Following "the feud," the group set their minds to creating a newsletter. Hence *Peering Out to You* entered publication. Through the newsletter, the members distributed their message to countless students.

During the "Great American Smokeout," the members set up a display showing the hazards of smoking and established a barter system in which smokers traded cigarettes for candy, a fair trade! The Peer Education Program further crusaded the non-smoking campaign by requesting increased enforcement of a non-smoking section in the cafeterias to which Food Service obliged.

Recently, the program has expanded to include the Health Dispensary. Together, they set-up the program entitled "Sexual Decision Making," a discussion of the dangers and questions of relationships at La Salle.



Courtesy News Bureau

SOUTH CAMPUS develops on schedule with daily improvements.

St. Basil property renovation continues; 400-vehicle parking lot already opened

Renovations to the former St. Basil's property are advancing on schedule, according to David Fleming, Vice President of Business Affairs.

Parking facilities for 400 vehicles opened in time for the Spring semester, enabling students and faculty to choose a more secure and convenient site than had been previously available.

The area under development, known as the "South Campus," will provide housing

for 250 additional students this fall. Brother Patrick Ellis recently announced that the new dormitory will be named after St. Bishop Neumann, who spent years serving the people of Philadelphia.

"With the acquisition of the St. Basil property, La Salle is able to develop necessary facilities without overcrowding," in Mr. Fleming's view. University use of several buildings once utilized by the academy has not yet been determined.

Homeless Committee fosters student social awareness

Due to increased membership, the La Salle Committee for the Homeless has begun publishing a newsletter, *The Word in the Street*, detailing all the activities of the committee. The following are highlights from the March, 1990 edition:

\$550.00 was collected from this semester's Meal Card Drive. Proceeds will go to St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen.

Thanks to Sigma Phi Lambda for sending 25 brothers to the Philadelphia Committee for the Homeless to help with the mailing of their newsletter on February 15. The LSCH also sends their gratitude to Phi Kappa Theta for sending 12 brothers to PCH on February 10 to haul away debris from the third floor of the building at 802 N. Broad Street. The committee is always grateful to have brothers assisting them help the homeless.

On January 27, Phi Kappa Theta and LSCH sponsored a showing of the Explorers vs. the Rams of Fordham on the large screen in Backstage and Olney 100. By soliciting a dollar from each viewer, approximately \$170.00 was raised for the Homeless.

Heartfelt thanks go to Chris Bond and his parents for donating \$500.00 to La Salle University's Committee for the Homeless. The

money is currently being used to fund the "Two Cents More for Housing" campaign. Part will also be sent directly to the Homeless.

As their first drive for the semester, the newly formed Awareness Committee of LSCH participated in the National "Two Cents for Housing" campaign. An article in the *Collegian* along with a clip-out advertisement appeared, explaining the purpose. Over 300 signatures were obtained to help in lobbying Congress to appropriate two cents per tax dollar more for housing. These were brought down to Washington on February 26, where national coalitions for homelessness had a rally and met with members of Congress.

La Salle University, among many other colleges, will be participating in a National Hunger Clean-Up Day. La Salle and Temple will be assigned one region in North Philadelphia to clean up. A student participant will get pledges who will donate money for every hour that the participant spends in cleaning up. Proceeds will go to the hungry and the homeless.

Clothing and blankets are still being accepted for the Clothing & Blanket Drive. Clothing is being picked-up every other Wednesday by a local shelter.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

Franklin, Brothers, and Champlost

One of the Directors of the Contributionship¹, George Fox was, as a young man, an intimate friend of William Temple Franklin, grandson of Benjamin Franklin. While in Paris, Fox visited young Franklin, who was acting as secretary to his illustrious grandfather, who was then ambassador to France. The two youths were invited to dine with the Sieur de Champlost at his estate a few miles outside of Paris. They made the trip on horseback and, caught on the road by a sudden storm, arrived at their destination drenched to the skin. Fox declined to remain overnight and insisted upon returning to Paris, where he became desperately ill and in a few days was pronounced dead.

A difficulty arose as to his burial. He was a quaker and therefore could not be buried in consecrated ground. Franklin, the ambassador, interested himself in the matter and finally persuaded the monks of the Order of the Christian Brothers to inter the body of his friend in their burying ground.

While the body of Fox lay in the common room of the Monastery, one of the younger Brothers declared that he was not dead. Restoratives were applied and within a few hours George Fox had been reclaimed from the death-like trance which had deceived his friends.

He returned to this country, married, and upon the death of his two brothers, inherited a large estate on the outskirts of the city. He named the place "Champlost" in remembrance of the estate where he had undergone such a unique experience. Here he lived until his death in 1828.

Unfortunately, Champlost is but a memory, kept green only by its name which has been given by the city to one of the many paved streets now intersecting what were once rolling lawns and wooded sections of a lovely estate. Row after row of city houses cover the place, and only the foundations remain of the beautiful country house which was the scene of much brilliant social life.

1. The Philadelphia Contributionship for the Insurance of Houses from the Loss of Fire. Since its founding in 1752, this insuror has generally been known as the Philadelphia Contributionship. This item is extracted from its publication, *At the Sign of the Hand in Hand*.

-Brother Thomas Warner



Courtesy Collegian

PRESIDENT announces tuition.

LSU reveals tuition increase for 1990-91

Brother Patrick Ellis, President, recently announced the tuition for the 1990-91 school year, first notifying families by mail. As expected, students on both graduate and undergraduate levels will experience a more than 10 percent increase.

Full-time Day Division students will pay \$450 more base tuition this fall, while those in the Evening Division will be charged \$15 more per credit hour. In addition, resident students will pay up to \$125 more than they do currently.

La Salle has generally held costs at about the median of comparable Pennsylvania colleges; although all figures are not available, that situation should continue with this increase, according to Brother Patrick.

Revenues generated by the increase will help support improvements in faculty and staff benefits, as well as allow for program developments throughout the University. At the same time, the University plans to increase its own aid to needy students by 22 percent.

Campus mourns loss of Bro. Jude Sapone



Courtesy News Bureau

BROTHER JUDE SAPONE, FSC.

Brother Jude Sapone, FSC, member of the La Salle University faculty for many years, died after a long illness on November 24, 1989. Throughout his teaching career, he was noted for his thorough preparation for class and his ability to command the attention of his students.

All-business in the classroom, Brother Jude won friends by his smiling presence on campus and in his community. Able to teach almost all subjects in the high school curriculum, Brother Jude specialized in Greek and Latin on the collegiate level. "His professionalism and his dedication to students were valuable contributions to the life of this University," said University President Brother Patrick Ellis, FSC.

**The Connelly
Library's
Special Collections
Department
has been named
recipient of a \$15,000
grant by the Fels
Foundation to assist in
cataloging and
preserving materials.**

Minor in Soviet & East European Studies established

The unprecedented upheavals of the late 1980's and the imminent demise of Communism in the 20th century necessitate a greater American awareness of the state of affairs in Eastern Europe. For that reason, La Salle's faculty developed a multi-disciplinary Minor Program in Soviet and East European Studies.

This program is open to any La Salle student interested in examining the nature of Communism, and analyzing the reasons for the recent political, cultural, and social changes in the various countries of Eastern Europe.

The Minor in Soviet and East European Studies requires a total of six courses; two or three of these can be the course option or sequence in the German or Russian language. Students who already Rudnytzky, Olney 240, ext. 1200.



Courtesy News Bureau

DR. LEO RUDNYTSKY

possess a working knowledge of German or Russian or, for that matter, any Eastern European language relevant to the Program, roster six courses in selected areas: History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Slavic Literatures and Cultures. Special Topics Courses can also be incorporated into the Program.

Students planning to participate in the La Salle-in-Europe Program or to study one or two semesters at another university should make arrangements with the Program Director prior to their departure to ensure completion of Program requirements.

Other options and requirements are listed in the Soviet and East European Studies brochure available from the Program Director, Dr. L.D.

MARK IT DOWN!

**Parents'
Weekend**

set for

OCTOBER 13-14

WEXP celebrates year of restored operation

WEXP, La Salle's student-run radio station, marked its first anniversary of restored operation last month. The event was a celebration of perseverance despite many obstacles to survival over the past decade.

Now officially known as Express 530, the station has reorganized under its own Board of Directors who have helped acquire new equipment, including transmitters and a state-of-the-art CD player.

"This year's successful experience in broadcasting four Explorer games will prepare the station for carrying all home games next year," according to Public Relations Director Vernon Anastasio. Plans for extensive, coordinated music programming are also being formulated for next fall.

Diversity recognized on campus

Diversity Week, sponsored by many organizations of the Student Affairs area, was featured on campus March 18-23. Addressing topics such as "Valuing Religious Diversity," and "Journey toward Feminism," the venture received extensive student and faculty support.

Designed to encourage members of the La Salle community to respect and appreciate cultural differences, the program utilized films, lectures, sensitivity plays, and discussions to focus upon various forms of prejudicial behavior which might detract from the mutual understanding that life requires.

Commuter lounge proves popular addition to Campus Facility Improvement Program

La Salle's Commuter Lounge, donated to the University by Joseph and Emma Williamson, has been in almost constant use since its dedication last November. Through the donors' generosity, the former site of the campus store has been transformed into a comfortable, attractive retreat for the harried commuting student.

Mr. Williamson experienced the Christian Brothers at West Catholic High School

and was a classmate of Brother Anthony Wallace, former professor and still-popular campus figure. Two of the many Williamson grandchildren, Paul and Joe III, currently attend La Salle.

At the dedication service, Brother Patrick Ellis thanked the Williamsons for adding beauty to the school environment. "When we are surrounded by beauty," he said, "we become better people."

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following professors who have served La Salle's students for more than 40 years:

Dr. Robert Courtney
Dr. Joseph Flubacher

Mr. Claude Koch
Mr. Dennis McCarthy

Dr. John Rooney

President chosen to speak and write for various audiences

Brother Patrick Ellis, La Salle President, is scheduled to address the Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers at its conference in Charlottesville, Virginia on April 22. He will also address the graduates at Georgetown Prep's Commencement on May 26.

In March, Brother was main speaker at numerous schools whose graduates frequently choose to attend La Salle. These include Valley Forge, St. James, Roman, Calvert Hall, Northeast Catholic, and Burlington County high schools.

Many parents have expressed appreciation for another of Brother Patrick's talents—that of resident artist. As a special gift to La Salle's families, Brother produced a 1990 calendar featuring his sketches of familiar campus scenes.

Panel prepares women for success in workforce

Career Planning at La Salle explored a new approach to job recruiting when it held a "Women in the Work-force" panel discussion in February.

The program, co-sponsored by the Career Planning and Placement Bureau and the Women's Studies Program, featured several alumnae experiencing successful careers in such areas as accounting, consulting, public relations, and investment banking.

Sensing the growing need of La Salle's female students to be prepared for setting career goals and seeking the proper routes to attain them, Genevieve Carlton of CPPB formed the panel and helped plan the discussion. The success of the initial venture will lead to sequels, according to Ms. Carlton.

The Parents' Committee of La Salle University

**extends congratulations to all
members of the
Class of 1990.**



Courtesy Art Gallery

DRAMATIC SEASCAPE by William Trost Edwards, Philadelphia artist.

Images in Art

Exhibit honors Black History Month

The La Salle Art Museum hosted Two Special Exhibitions in honor of Black History Month: *The African-American Image in Art* and *Black Women: Achievement Against the Odds* (A Smithsonian Travelling Exhibition).

Also, the Art Museum has recently acquired (partly through funds provided by Alexis C. Manice) a dramatic seascape painting by one of Philadelphia's most notable 19th century artists, William Trost Richards (1833-1905).

This oil painting was executed in 1886 and is thought to portray a stormy sea off the coast of Cornwall, England. However, a La Salle honors Student, Areta Shpon, who is taking an independent study course involving research on this painting, may discover in the course of her studies documentation of another location for this scene. Richards sketched and painted frequently on the Irish and North Atlantic as well as English coasts.

African-American Image in Art

Coinciding with the recent publication of *The Image of the Black in Western Art* (a multi-volume ongoing project), the La Salle Art Museum, along with a number of larger museums, has chosen to mount a small exhibition of its holdings related to this subject. The exhibition consists of (with the exception of Tanner's *Mary*) 20th century African-American images by black artists and three white artists, Julius Bloch, Winslow Homer, and Ben Shahn.

While it is difficult to make any generalizations with such a small display, the works here suggest that many of the artists of the first half of the century limited their renditions of the black experience to portraiture and everyday life scenes which often recorded the black engaged in menial labor, other subservient positions or light entertainment. And often the mood of these works seems to be one of dignity and quiet resignation. However, when one becomes familiar with other works by Jacob Lawrence, Julius Bloch, Romare Bearden or Horace Pippin, expressions of suffering and outrage of racial injustices become more evident.

Although individual portraits of famous blacks were occasionally produced, the many outstanding accomplishments and talents of African-Americans (as documented, for instance, in the exhibition of *Black Women: Achievement Against the Odds*) were not visualized often enough.

For further reflection of these observations we hope the student will take advantage of the current exhibition at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, as well as consult the La Salle library's volumes of *The Image of the Black in Western Art* displayed in this exhibition.



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'L-Train,' Lionel Simmons leads Explorers to heights

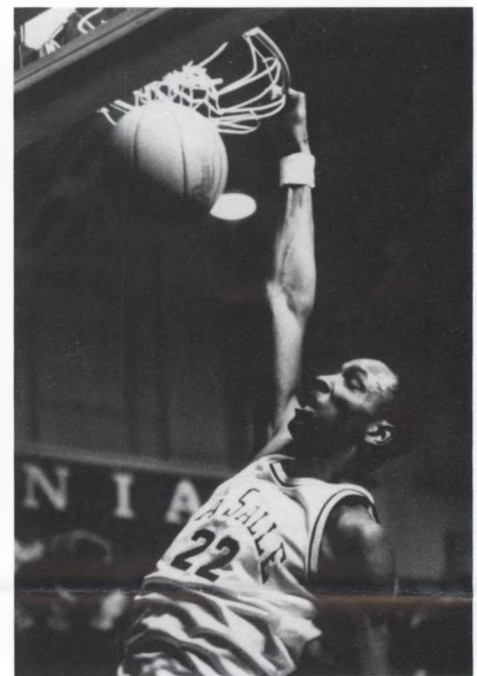
La Salle's fabulous 1989-90 basketball season concluded with a 79-75 loss to Clemson in the second round of the NCAA Eastern Regionals. Posting 30 wins against only 2 losses, Coach Morris' Explorers established a school record for wins in a single season.

The Lionel Simmons-Bob Johnson Era ended when a Clemson second-half surge overcame a seemingly hopeless 16-point halftime deficit.

Simmons closed-out his remarkable career with 26 points, solidifying his position as the third highest scorer in Division I history.

Along the way, Coach Morris became only the third coach to win 100 games in 4 years, while his team garnered the MAAC regular season and tourney without a loss. With four starters returning, the coaching staff is optimistic about La Salle basketball after the "L-Train."

Perhaps one of the most honored athletes in La Salle's modern history, Simmons has become a consensus All-American, achieving that status on the AP, UPI, Scripps-Howard news services, as well as Player-of-the-Year on the above and winner of the prestigious Naismith and Eastman awards as the best collegiate player in the nation. He also recently won the National Sportswriter Player of the Year Award. His well-known number 22 has already been retired.



Courtesy Hayman Hall
THE L-TRAIN pulls in for another slam.

Rest in Peace

Ray Nolan

Father of Carol Nolan

Dr. Bernard B. Goldner

Recently retired Professor
in the Management

Department and Director of
the Small Business Develop-
ment Center

Teresa Calafati

Mother of Francine Calafati

Matthew J. Coghlan

Brother of Michael Coghlan

Thomas R. Kovatch

Brother of Dr. Joseph
Kovatch

MAAC names scholars, La Salle places 12

La Salle University placed 12 scholar-athletes on the Metro-Atlantic Athletic Conference All-Academic teams for swimming and indoor track.

From the 1990's Men's Swimming and Diving Championship team, Eric Buhain (the conference's Outstanding Male Swimmer), Terry Feehery, John Grabujsky (the only senior), Thomas Lutter, John Shade, and Mike Travers were selectees.

The women's swimming team, second place finishers at the MAAC Championships, was represented by Nicole Iannerelli and Stacy Schroll, both sophomores.

Terrence Gallagher and Robert Ilik; Elisa Broderick and Sheila Regan, members of the men's and women's track teams respectively, were also honored for their academic and athletic excellence.