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LA SALLE INAUGURATES 27TH PRESIDENT



CONGRATULATIONS (l. to r.) are extended to Joseph F. Burke, F.S.C., 27th President, by John J. Shea, Trustee Chair, as trustees Mary Higgins and Ambassador William F. Burns look on.

Brother Joseph F. Burke Installed March 21, 1993

Joseph F. Burke, F.S.C., Ph.D., was inaugurated 27th President of La Salle University in impressively simple ceremonies held at St. Patrick's Church, Philadelphia, on March 21, 1993. The 46-year-old native Philadelphian thereby became the first alumnus of La Salle (1968) to head the 130-year-old university.

John J. Shea, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided at the ceremonies which included greetings from all segments of the academic community, including Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., President of the Catholic University of America, former teacher and presidential predecessor of Brother Burke; Monsignor Philip J. Cribben, Secretary for Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Philadelphia; and Stephen J. Trachtenberg, President of George Washington University, representing American Higher Education.

Dr. Daniel C. Pantaleo, Provost, extended welcome to the event, and responded to Brother Burke's Inaugural Address. Most Reverend John J. Graham, Retired Bishop, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, blessed the mace and presidential medal, Dr. Joseph F. Flubacher and Dr. Joanne A. Jones Barnett offered prayers.

Drs. Samuel Wiley and Gloria Donnelly extended greetings from the faculty and administration respectively; Dr. Helen North and Marianne Gauss spoke for the trustees and alumni, respectively; and Patricia Jones for the students of La Salle. Representatives of more than fifty institutions of higher learning were in attendance at the inaugural ceremony, centerpiece of the university's Charter Week.

Development Efforts Remain on Course to Achieve Challenging Ten-Year Goal

Initiated last fall, La Salle's most ambitious fundraising effort ever is moving at a pace capable of attaining the goal of \$100 million over the next ten years, according to Dr. Fred Foley, Vice President for Development.

Although La Salle has remained a school providing affordable excellence for almost 130 years, Brother Joseph Burke announced that "we are launching this capital campaign in order to secure our future." The campaign, he said, is ambitious but not extravagant, "including only essentials that we believe are necessary to sustain and enhance our commitment to

educational excellence."

The campaign's official case statement features six specific, related areas: academic facilities, endowment, faculty enrichment, student financial aid, community outreach, and academic programs and technology.

Dr. Foley anticipates that the goal will be attained if parents, alumni, trustees and faculty are generous and are joined in their support by corporations, foundations and state and federal agencies. The entire La Salle community looks forward to an annual report that will indicate proportionate progress toward an unprecedented goal.

Food Services Responds to Committee Proposals

In response to Food Service Committee feedback, residents' suggestions, and internal discussions, La Salle's Food Service Department made significant adjustments in several plans for the second semester.

Stephen Greb, Director of Food Services, announced that beginning in January, Intermissions would accept the "plus dollars" portion of the special food account in addition to cash and the Gold Card for lunch, dinner, and late-night snacks. Additionally, this semester, students were able to treat guests to three meals at no extra cost. 16-ounce beverage glasses, made-to-order sandwich stations and all-you-can eat buffets have been added or restored.

Added to other changes, students now have a choice in both menu and locale for meals. Periodic surveys and taste-testing opportunities have helped head nutritionist Pat Leo adapt food offerings to student dietary preferences.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

The Parents' Association of LaSalle University extends Best Wishes for Success to All 1410 Celebrants of a Goal Achieved!

Gift Committee Sponsors Successful Senior Night

Senior Night Out, held February 3, was deemed successful for the Senior Gift Program. Sponsored by the Senior Gift Committee, the event, the second of two socials, raised almost \$1200.

The Purpose of Senior Night Out is to unite the senior class and rally support for the senior gift. The gift from the Class of '93 will be benches for the quad. Senior Gift Committee Chairman Ed Subokow hopes to have the benches installed before graduation so that the seniors may see where their contributions have gone.

Business Students Meet 50 Executives at Event Held to Promote Networking

During the last week in February, The School of Business Administration held its Executive-On-Campus Program which enabled La Salle students to meet with corporate and nonprofit executives in classroom and informal sessions.

Dr. Susan Mudrick, Assistant Dean of the School of Business Administration and Genevieve Carlton, Assistant Director of Career Planning and Placement, helped organize the program to maximize

the opportunities for interested students to consult with the more than fifty executives who accepted an invitation to be part of the week-long activity.

According to Dr. Joseph Kane, Dean of the School of Business Administration, "the classroom sessions, followed by meetings on a one-on-one basis were positive experiences for our students; the feedback has been most favorable."

La Salle Welcomes Team Handball USA; Athletes Preparing for 1996 Olympics



PHILADELPHIA WELCOME is extended at City Hall to Team Handball USA by La Salle's Brother Andrew Bartley as Mayor Edward Rendell, principal speaker, enjoys the occasion.

La Salle University is hosting Team Handball USA on campus until August, 1994. The team will be training and headquartered at La Salle as they prepare for various preliminary tournaments leading to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

A contingent of 25, including coaches, players, and trainers now reside in St. Denis Hall, and will utilize training facilities in the Binns Fitness Center and Hayman Hall. Relocated from its training center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Team Handball USA players are

immediately preparing for competing in the World Cup Games in Sweden, March 9-19.

Because the team will represent the host country for the '96 Olympics, it automatically qualifies for participation. Team Handball is played by more than three million men and women internationally. It is a fast-paced sport requiring—at Olympic level—varied skills. Each team consists of six court players and a goalie who play on a court 131.2 feet long and 65.7 feet wide. Scores are made by throwing a leather ball into the opponent's goal.

Urban Center Marks 25th Anniversary; Varied Programs for Community Noted

As the Urban Studies and Community Services Center this year celebrates a quarter century of service to the La Salle community Millicent Carvalho, Director, commemorated the occasion by reminding the academic community about the center's major activities.

The center offers an Urban Internship Program for students interested in community service; Conflict Resolution opportunities enabling participants to facilitate and

mediate community-university relations; Technical Assistance for community-based programs; Adult Basic Education and English to Speakers of Other Languages classes for adult learners; General Educational Development Testing Program preparation and test administration on campus; and sponsorship of the Annual Community Awards Dinner, which recognizes outstanding service by area leaders.

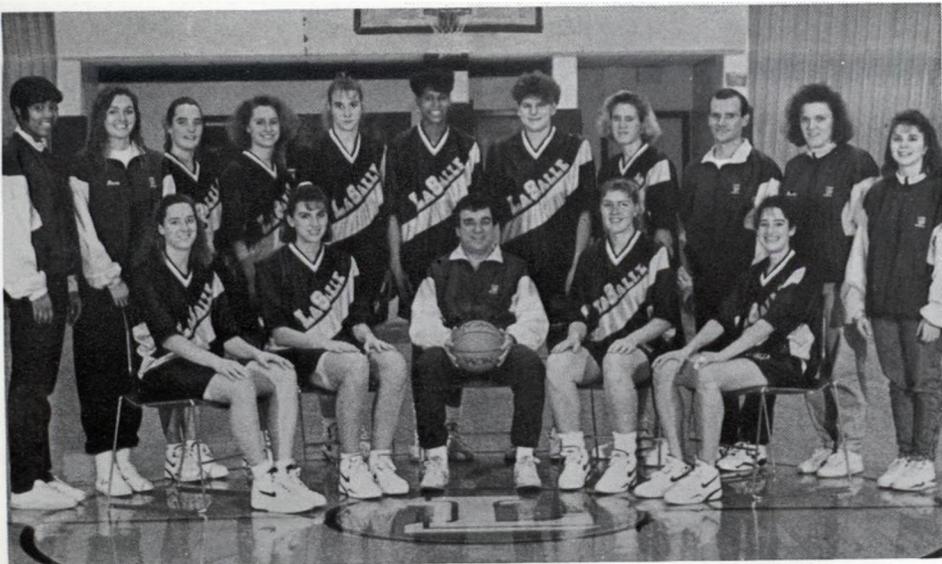
Basketball Teams End Winning Seasons; Exit Early in MCC Conference Tournaments

La Salle's men's and women's basketball teams, although attaining winning season records, failed to advance in the initial games of their first MCC tournament appearances.

The Explorer men, seeded third on the basis of their finish behind Xavier and Evansville, lost to Butler 77-70, in a game featuring alternating scoring runs and lead exchanges, especially in the second half. Overall, the team exceeded preseason expectations, finishing with a 14-13 record. The stellar guard play of Kareem Townes (All-MCC) and Paul Burke highlighted

the exciting, if slightly inconsistent play of Coach Bill Morris' team of developing underclassmen.

The primarily senior fourth-seeded Explorer women, coached by John Miller, suffered a close 71-68 loss to fifth-seeded Evansville in a game brightened by Jen Cole's 31-point concluding performance of her outstanding La Salle career. This year she led the entire nation with 90.4% free-throw accuracy. Jen McGowan, La Salle's all-time steal record-holder (90) was another leader who helped pace her team to a 16-11 record.



SUCCESSFUL SEASON behind them, members of the Explorer women's basketball team pose with Coach John Miller.

Whence Explorers?



According to recent research by Jen Moulis, Collegian Editor, La Salle University sports teams owe their identity as "Explorers" either to a purposeful nomination in a 1931 mascot-naming contest or to an erroneous attribution by a Baltimore sports writer.

Before the Collegian-sponsored contest (in the first year of the paper's publication) local sports writers referred to La Salle players as the Blue and Gold, warriors, passers, courtmen, Olneyites and Conleymen.

In announcing the winner of the nickname contest, the Collegian writer commented, "Although La Salle the Explorer is not our namesake, nevertheless the name is a good one. May our athletes 'explore' the realms of first class teams and gain great heights."

In 1932, in a sports editorial, the Collegian referred to the other possible origin of the nickname: a Baltimore sportswriter covering a game between La Salle and St. John's College, Annapolis, referred to La Salle's team as the Explorers. Today's mascot, therefore, has roots going back to the early 1930's when almost simultaneously internal and external sources created an image unrelated to St. John Baptist De La Salle, the person for whom the school is named.

SPORTS SYNOPSIS

Campus Comminique'

Explorer wrestling captain, senior Christ Shalbert, has won more than 95% of his matches in an outstanding four-year career, ranking him among the top 130-pound grapplers in the East. His leadership and that of other seniors Sam Macrine (175-pound) and Benninghoff inspired a team of sophs and frosh to a successful season.

La Salle's volleyball team experienced a first round loss to Loyola (Chicago) to conclude a difficult season with a final record of 6-24, 1-7 in their conference (MCC). The team, frequently competitive, was led by senior co-captains Eileen McKeogh and Lori Huggins. Nine returning underclass players encourage first-year coach John Kunzier to ambition future success.

Junior Dan Dunigan set two swimming meet records at the MCC Championships held at La Salle in February. His marks in the 100-fly and the 200-free and his third-place finish in the 100-free earned him the title of MCC Championship Meet Outstanding Performer. Coach John Lyons was named MCC Men's Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year, Freshman Paul Deconti, MCC Newcomer of the Year. Junior Deidre Lynch was named MCC Women's Most Outstanding Performer.

Security Department Enhances Safety by Adding Community Patrol, Vehicle

La Salle's Security Department has this semester initiated two efforts to enhance safety and security on campus. According to John Travers, Director, these additions to the department's program will enable Security to address essential concerns for improving service to members of the campus and area communities.

A primary improvement has been the addition of two Community Patrol Officers who are assigned to the immediate vicinity of 20th and

Olney Avenue. Visible and accessible, these officers are strategically located to respond to students, neighbors, and visitors. Initial reaction to this new presence has been most favorable, Mr. Travers reports.

In addition, Security has obtained a golf cart for use as a patrol vehicle for the parking lots, enabling more extensive coverage by officers and improved security for automobiles parked on campus.



COMMUNITY OFFICER, Sean Craig



NEW VEHICLE for parking patrol

Selected Seniors Attend State Research Meetings

The Provost's Office sponsored the participation of two La Salle students, Helene Grady and Stacy Ogden, at the Fifth Annual Student Research Conference of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. The Conference was held at Shippensburg University on March 26 and 27.

Helene Grady, a senior English major from Philadelphia, presented a paper entitled "Philadelphia's Budget Crisis: A Case Study in Local Politics and Finances." Stacy Ogden, a senior Elementary and Special Education major from Hatfield, Pa., presented her paper, "An Examination of the Systematic Instruction of Self-Help Skills for a Trainable Mentally Retarded Child: A Case Study."

Dr. Mary Ellen Balchunis directed Helene's project; Dr. Sharon Schoen, Stacy's. Dr. Daniel Panteleo, Provost congratulated Stacy and Helene on the quality of the research work which resulted in their selection to participate in this year's conference.

La Salle Nurses Assist Local Health Projects

Registered nurses from the La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center, in cooperation with the Logan Police Substation, offered free immunization services, especially for infants and preschool-age children against illnesses including measles, mumps, rubella, and polio on March 23. The same service was provided at Belfield Recreation Center on March 30.

In addition, registered nurses provided free blood pressure tests, nutrition and health counseling, and referrals at the Logan and Germantown Police Substations on Tuesdays through April.

LA SALLE
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EXPLORERS

Alumnus John J. Shea, Elected Chair by Trustees



NEW CHAIR, John J. Shea

The University Board of Trustees recently elected John J. Shea as Chair to the Board. The unanimous decision came on February 5 after a lengthy search by the Nominating Committee of the Board.

John J. Shea, an alumnus of the university ('59), is chief executive officer and president of Spiegel, Inc. He replaced Dr. Helen C. North, Centennial Professor Emerita of Classics at Swathmore College, who had served as acting chair since the death of Brother Anthony Pisano in September, 1991.

Brother President Joseph Burke expressed delight "that Mr. Shea is willing to take on this challenge." In a news release, Brother Burke was quoted as saying "Mr. Shea brings to the position an unusual combination of familiarity with the metropolitan Philadelphia corporate community along with an impressive national and international business profile."

Linda Karl Recognized as Volunteer of Year



TOP VOLUNTEER, Linda Karl

Linda M. Karl, Director of La Salle's Small Business Development Center was recognized last semester as the Volunteer of the Year by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

The honor was conferred at the Tenth Annual Small Business Awards Extravaganza held November 20 at the Union League of Philadelphia. The occasion marked the inauguration of the award given to Karl, a member of the Small Business Council of the Chamber of Commerce for three years.

Karl was chosen because of her volunteer work on behalf of the council. In addition to her volunteer work on behalf of the small business

managers in the Philadelphia area, Karl teaches management courses at La Salle, where she began her career as a graduate assistant in the MBA program five years ago.

Week of Hope Involves Volunteers in Outreach

Week of Hope, a spring break project that involved eight La Salle students in the problems of the inner city, was organized by Kelly Crankshaw, a senior Psychology major and Julie Bevenour, a junior Chemistry major.

Between March 7 through 12, the students offered service to three different agencies: Women of Hope, Project Rainbow, and Project Home. Students selected the agency where they worked for four days. The Week of Hope group lived in community during the week and raised funds to support their donated service through various sponsors and a bake sale. In addition to the organizers, Marierose Semon, Christine Gaudinski, Brian Emery, Janet Munyan, Maria Cabungcal, and Colleen McGeehan, participated in the program.

Pen-Pal Program Helps Pennell Third-Graders

Dr. Carol Freeman's Developmental Reading class established a Pen-Pal with Pennell program in which La Salle students corresponded, on a weekly basis, with 28 third graders attending Pennell Elementary School.

As part of a class project monitoring ways in which young children learn to use language to communicate ideas, the two groups of students exchanged letters and held occasional meetings throughout the first semester.

Dr. Freeman initiated the program to provide field experience to her students. "I was concerned," she said, "that the theories of teaching reading and writing are not effectively learned unless one has access to children actually learning those skills."

REST IN PEACE

Anne Marie Hull
mother of Kathy McNally,
assistant director, Athletic Department

Aloysius J. Sweeder
father of Dr. Jack Sweeder, Education
Department
Michael Sweeder, Director of Audio
Visual Services

Mary T. Lynch, '72
daughter of Dr. John Rooney,
Psychology Department

Rev. Rudolph Robinson
father of Bernetta Robinson, reference
librarian

Walter A. Thompson
father of Kelly Thompson, Class of '95

Muriel Rossi
mother of Dr. John Rossi, History
Department

Martin J. Ducko
father of Peg Duko, Graduate
Religion/Pastoral Counseling
Department

Claire M. Ryan
mother of Dr. Francis Ryan, '69,
Education Department and
grandmother of Francis, '93, and
Maureen, '94

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Brother Thomas Warner

Coat of Arms - LaSallian Legacy

The official coat of arms of La Salle University was designed in 1966 by William F.J.Ryan of New York City, an authority on heraldry.

The design, which resulted from more than a year of research and sketches, according to Ryan, "embodies all that is the heritage of La Salle.

The predominant colors of the shield comprise the college colors, blue and gold. The shield is appropriately divided into quarters by a cross, as befits a Catholic college."

"The first quarter," Ryan notes, "displays the Signum Fidei (Sign of Faith) to denote that La Salle is under the tutelage of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The Star of Faith is the symbol of the spirit of faith, the primary end of the Brothers' teaching and the insignia of their Institute. A similar star is also a part of the arms of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia."

"The fracted chevron in the fourth quarter," he adds, "is derived from the family coat of arms of St. John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The helmet above the shield recalls that the knights of old were prompt in their defense of Church and



Christian morality. The motto, 'Virtus Scientia' is translated 'Virtue and Knowledge,' which briefly expresses the program of life and the spirit of La Salle College."

Student Is Recognized; Will Attend Conference

Christine Pietrak, a senior majoring in Finance and minoring in Risk Management and Insurance, is one of 14 students selected nationwide to attend an all-expenses paid, week-long conference in Orlando, Florida, sponsored by the Risk and Insurance Management Society.

This marks the third consecutive year a La Salle student has been so honored. Chosen on the basis of academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, and field of professional interest, the 14 winners represent the best of hundreds of candidates.