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# PARENTS'

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Successful Parents' Weekend Draws Enthusiastic Crowd

By Steve Mudry '85

On Saturday, November 3, the Parents' Association sponsored La Salle's first Parents' Day. The event was initiated by Brother Charles Gresh, F.S.C., Parents' Coordinator, and the association's chairman, Mr. Gerald J. Nugent, Jr. Brother Gresh was ably assisted by Tom Whittle '85 and several other students in the organization of the day's operations. In conjunction with Open House the following day, all parents were invited on campus to experience university life first-hand, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Possibly starting a tradition which is extremely popular at other universities, Parents' Day was received with an excellent response. After participating in a question-and-answer session in the Dan Rodden Theatre with Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., President, over 300 registered parents chose to attend any two of a series of twelve dialogues with various members of the administration and faculty. These informal, small meetings, coupled with approximately 100 students also in attendance at Olney Hall, allowed those involved to discuss pertinent issues common to students and parents alike. The deans of the Schools of Business Administration and Arts & Sciences, Dr. Joseph Kane and Brother James Muldoon, F.S.C., respectively, were active

To the Parents:

*In the Christian faith, Christmas embodies the clearest message ever sent by God about the worth of a human person. This is therefore a feast that is food for thought as well as cause for joy. What a compliment to humankind is His coming, but what an unsettling ideal to live with. May we greet the New Year, then, somewhat shaken by our recollections but greatly inspired by what can be.*

*Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C.*

leaders in sessions. Topics such as "Whatever Happened to My Teenage Child?" and "Preparing to Work in the World of Modern Business" drew great numbers of registrants. The former well-attended "classes" were spearheaded by the chairman of the Psychology Department, Brother Joseph Burke, F.S.C.; the latter by Dr. John Reardon, an associate professor in the Accounting Department.

Later in the afternoon, the Eucharistic Liturgy was conducted in the De La Salle Chapel at the Campus Ministry Center. Father John O'Brien, C.P. celebrated the Mass with an overflowing congregation of about 500 people. Immediately following was a President' Reception in the La Salle

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## Parents Invited To Spring Semester C&L

Parents are invited to our Spring Semester Concert and Lecture Series. The programs are usually held in the La Salle Union at 12:30.

The following C&L programs are confirmed for the spring semester:

On February 5 at 12:30 p.m., Dennis Bass presents "The Gertrude Stein Show," a multi-media examination of Stein as writer and cultural figure. The program includes an imaginary interview with slides, readings from Stein's works, and Gertrude Stein's favorite song. Presented in the Art Museum's Twentieth Century Gallery. Olney Hall, lower level.

On March 21 at 12:30 p.m., Harpsichordist Elizabeth Boggs performs an all-Bach program in celebration of the 300th anniversary of Johann Sebastian Bach's birth. Presented in the Art Museum's Renaissance Room.

Parents are encouraged to write for a copy of the Series brochure available in January 1985.

Gerald J. Johnson  
Director, Special Programs

## Parents' Weekend — A Happy Occasion



The PARENTS' NEWSLETTER is a new publication sponsored by the Office of Development. Its goal is to keep parents better informed and more closely in touch with the University. The Editor and staff welcome any suggestions or ideas regarding this publication.

## around campus

By Tom Whittle '85

With the acquisition of the **Ditmar and Penn Corporation**—buildings and property—and the **Blain Estate**, La Salle's campus now totals 85 acres. . . In writing to the La Salle Community about acquiring the historic Belfield estate, known as "the farm", Brother Patrick, president said: "For our long-range ability to thrive at this location, this is a bright day for La Salle, deserving of grateful prayer." . . . We have engaged the services of the **Vitetta Group**, a component of Day and Zimmerman, for a detailed survey of our space resources and needs. This study will be the basis for maintenance and renewal planning, for space allocation, for capital campaign priorities, and for the optimal incorporation of newly acquired properties into the life of the university. . . The **computer labs** have been consolidated into the Lower Level of Wister Hall. The systems involved include an expanded Prime 850 terminal lab. There was an addition of three Masscomp (Massachusetts Computer) systems supporting 30 new ports, which includes 4 "dialups" for phone use in conjunction with a remote terminal, such as a home or personal computer. A Pew Foundation Grant of \$444,000 helped finance some of this endeavor. . . La Salle's men's and women's teams celebrated their first season in the **Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference** by winning the **Commissioner's Cup** for overall Conference standings, and also taking the men's point title and tying for the women's championship with Holy Cross. . . On defending the Commissioner's Cup, La Salle has already **won three of the six championships** offered in the Fall; Men's Cross Country, Women's Volleyball and Men's Soccer with Women's Cross Country placing second. . . The seven other **members of the Metro Atlantic Conference** are Fairfield University, Fordham University, Holy Cross College, Iona College, Manhattan College, St. Peter's College, and the United States Military Academy (Army). . .

La Salle's **Bachelor of Science Program for Registered Nurses** is now accredited by the National League for Nursing. . . Congratulations to **Brother Lawrence Colhocker** on his recent Ed.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. . . **Dr. Joseph A. Kane**, who once served as a lay missionary in Africa and later became the first director of La Salle University's MBA program, has been named Dean of the School of Business Administration at La Salle University. . . **Jean Haley** was named Librarian replacing **Brother Thomas Warner** who has assumed the post of Director of Archives. . .

## Academic Calendar 1985

### SPRING SEMESTER

<b>January</b>	8 and 9	Tues. and Wed.	In-person registration
	14	Mon.	Classes begin
	18	Fri.	Late registration and change of roster begin
			Last day for late registration and change of roster
<b>February</b>	1	Fri.	Last day for filing P/F option
<b>March</b>	4 to 8	Mon. to Fri.	Mid-semester holiday
	12	Tues.	Mid-semester grades due
	19	Thurs.	Last day for withdrawal
<b>April</b>	5 to 8	Fri. to Mon.	Easter holidays
	26	Fri.	Last day of classes
<b>April</b>	29 to 3	Mon. to Fri.	Spring semester examinations
<b>May</b>	6	Mon.	Senior grades due, 9:00 a.m.
	11	Sat.	Baccalaureate Mass
	12	Sun.	Commencement
	13	Mon.	Underclass grades due, 9:00 a.m.

### Fall Admissions Encouraging

This Fall the La Salle community welcomed a total of 920 new students, including 710 freshmen; 210 transfer students. This a moderate increase over last year.

These figures are the result of extensive recruiting done by the Admissions staff. Major reasons for the continued interest by high school seniors in La Salle are the academic dimension, small classes and guaranteed housing.

According to Brother Gerald Fitzgerald, Director of Admissions, "The admissions staff is pleased with the number and the quality of the Freshman class especially in light of the declining number of 18 year-olds. We believe the quality of the faculty and the personal concern for the student in small classes (average 20 students) has become better known in the Philadelphia area as well as in several more distant areas."

As Brother Gerald pointed out a La Salle education is often seen as a "tradition of excellence" by many families. Furthermore, he stated that 114 students starting at La Salle this year had "at least one parent who graduated from this University."

Guaranteed campus housing for four years, an offer few area colleges can make, continued to attract many out-of-towners. Now that St. Katherine's Residence Hall is in operation, a record number of students reside on campus—1,100. There are, moreover, a large number of freshmen and upperclassmen from North Jersey, upstate Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New York who are living on campus.

### Brother Daniel Bernian Golden Jubilarian

Brother Daniel Bernian, F.S.C., Ph.D., President Emeritus and currently a professor of French and Spanish, recently celebrated his 50th anniversary as a Christian Brother. He served as President of La Salle from 1958 to 1969, the longest term of a Chief Executive in the university's 119 year history.

Among the innovations at La Salle during Brother Bernian's tenure as president were the appointment of two laymen as vice presidents in 1959; establishing a Faculty Senate in 1966; construction of a science center, a student union, and three residence halls, and the initiation of a summer music theatre on the campus in 1962.



Brother Daniel Bernian

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Brother Bernian has traveled extensively. He has remained active in a number of civic and cultural organizations including membership on the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Community College.

## Parents' Association Program Initiated



The newly formed Parents' Committee are (seated) Mrs. Richard Duszak, Mrs. Gerald P. Nugent, Jr., Mrs. Richard Stoltzer, Mrs. John J. Lombard, Jr. (standing) Mrs. and Mr. Philip P. Weaverling, Mr. Richard Duszak, Mr. Gerald P. Nugent, Jr., Chairman, Brother Charles E. Gresh, F.S.C., Parents' Co-ordinator, Mr. John J. Lombard, Jr., Mrs. and Mr. John A. McCloskey, Mr. Richard Stoltzer.

Initiated last spring, the Parents' Association began with chairman Gerald Nugent's letter to all the parents of incoming and returning students outlining the 1984-85 program.

In his letter of invitation to Committee members, Brother President Patrick Ellis wrote: "As we strive to move forward, I have felt strongly that present and past parent leadership are resources that must be utilized to a far greater degree." Furthermore, he noted that this committee will be the "sounding board of parents to the University as well as providing leadership in the areas of admissions and

parent fund raising".

The objectives of the Parents' Association are:

- To increase parents knowledge and understanding of La Salle;
- To increase La Salle's knowledge and understanding of today's La Salle parent;
- To expand linkage between parents and alumni;
- To encourage service of parents to La Salle University;
- To improve fund-raising;
- To share information particularly through the publication of a Parents' Newsletter.

## Parents of Faculty Honored for 25 Years of Service



Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., president, congratulates these faculty members for their quarter century service to La Salle University: Sidney J. MacLeod, Jr., Communication Arts Department; Dr. Joseph P. O'Grady, History Department; Dr. Leo Rudnytzy, German and Slavic Languages Department and William G. Markmann, Accounting Department. Absent from photo: John J. Keenan, English Department. Mr. MacLeod is the father of Brad '86; Dr. O'Grady: Noreen '85, Michelle '86, Patrick '83 and Karen '84; Dr. Rudnytzy: Katherine '87; Mr. Markman: Joseph M. '69, William J., M.D. '70, James '83, Daniel '84.

## Christian Brothers Mass Cards Available

The Christian Brothers offer spiritual gift cards for all occasions through the St. La Salle Auxiliary, Beltsville, MD. Such cards can be obtained in the Evening Division Office, College Hall 110 on Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays 8:30 to 12:30.

Those enrolled receive the spiritual benefits of 500 Masses each year and a remembrance in the prayers and good works of the Christian Brothers of the Baltimore Province.

The funds received from these cards help to finance the development of Christian Brothers in a spiritual and educational manner. The monies are also used to provide for the medical and retirement costs of the Brothers.

The usual offering is one dollar per year of enrollment and seven dollars for a perpetual membership.

Brother Philip Whitman, F.S.C., who taught here in the Accounting Department from 1955 to 1970, is the Director of the La Salle Auxiliary.

## England, Ireland Study Tour Slated

Professor James Foote of the English/Communication Arts Department will be guest co-conductor and instructor in a July, 1985 study tour of England and Ireland. Mr. Foote will teach one of three course offerings included in the twenty-five day circuit: *English and Irish Drama in the Theatre*.

The on-site exploration of dramatic, literary and cultural landmarks and personalities starts with a nine-day stay in London and proceeds through Stratford (Shakespeare country), Oxford, Canterbury, Bath, Stonehenge, Wales and on to Cork, Kerry, Sligo (Yeats country) and Dublin.

Student participants may earn up to six (6) hours of undergraduate or graduate credit in selecting from Mr. Foote's course or from *English Literature in the British Isles*, taught by Professor David Cylkowski of Mercy College of Detroit, or *Medieval and Early Modern English History*, offered by Professor Dennis Thomson of Michigan State University.

**La Salle's identification for radio announcements about cancellation of day classes because of inclement weather is 105.**

## An Invitation To The La Salle Museum

La Salle's art museum is not yet ten years old, but it has already had a significant impact on the campus and on the Philadelphia cultural scene. Brother Daniel Burke, director of the museum, extends a cordial invitation to parents who may not have visited it yet—or very recently—to do so at their convenience. When the University is in session, the museum is open from 11 to 4 o'clock, Tuesday to Friday and, with more convenient parking for visitors, on Sunday afternoon, 2-4. The museum is on the ground floor of Olney Hall.

Besides the museum's permanent collection of paintings, it offers several smaller shows of prints and drawings each year. The featured print exhibition this coming spring will concern the parable of the Prodigal Son. Several recitals and concerts, which are open to all, will also be scheduled in the Renaissance gallery of the museum.

Invitations to such events are regularly sent to the museum's support group, the "Art Angels." Memberships in the group begin with "cherubim" at ten dollars and ascend through the ranks of principalities and powers. Information about the Art Angels and about exhibitions can be obtained at 951-1221.

### Rest In Peace

Constance Crease  
mother of Alfred '88

John Daly  
father of John '86

Charles Hannum  
father of Brian '86

John Henry  
father of Mark '88

Edwina Richard  
mother of David '85

Anthony Ruffo  
father of Anthony '86

### Faculty

Reverend John Bogacz, Ph.D.  
Biology Department (1957-1981)

Bro. William J. Martin, F.S.C., S.T.D.  
Religion Department  
(1965-1984)

E. Russell Naughton, Ph.D.  
Philosophy Department  
(1950-1984)

*Editors Note: The eight-ton marble sculpture recently installed in the lobby of Olney Hall was carved in Italy by Jenkintown artist Jay Dugan. Mr. Dugan is the father of three La Salle graduates. He donated his work to the University, he says, "in gratitude for their fine education here."*

### "The Solitude of Thought" Remarks by Jay Dugan at Dedication of the Sculpture

I am sure that all of us have at times looked back at those events and persons who profoundly influenced our young lives. We can remember certain people and certain situations or institutions which changed us—changed the way we saw the world—and our place in it.

In the young lives of my four children, few influences were more profound, more far reaching or more permanent than that exerted by the Christian Brothers.

My three sons each had eight years of study at La Salle High School and University—well, more or less study. And my daughter is a graduate of La Salle University.

During that time the Brothers were in large measure their role models and La Salle their second home. Neither then nor now could I think of finer men for my children to emulate.

I see the Christian Brothers as dedicated and devoted, God-loving men—as superb teachers and truly caring people. And for their splendid example, for their teaching, for the values with which they inculcated our children, my wife and I will always be grateful.

It was to express that gratitude that I conceived and carved this sculpture. The marble for the piece is called *Bardiglio*. I found it high up in a quarry in the Apennine Mountains of Tuscany in Northern Italy. It is about 200,000 years old and it weighed about 10-tons when it was moved to the studio at Carrara where I work on occasion.

It took about a year to execute from idea, through design, modeling in clay, carving, sanding, polishing, crating, shipping and erecting.

I planned it to be appropriate for its surroundings here on the campus in this fine academic atmosphere. And I hoped it would serve to introduce students to modern art in a positive, constructive way.

So I conceived it to represent the single dramatic function which distinguishes man from animal—the ability to think.

Now I am sure you will agree that the act of profound thought is one of the loneliest of human functions. Deep thought demands an inner intensity—and we do it utterly alone.

So I titled it "The Solitude of Thought."

I attempted to design an aura of serenity about it. The head is bowed in concentration—as if it were communing with itself—searching—seeking—within



its mind—some profound unalterable truth.

It does not represent any one person, so it has little identity as an individual. It is, rather, my conception of that profound and mysterious function which God gave us all—to see, ponder, appreciate—and possibly—to improve this magnificent world he gave us.

Now that's what I see in it—but only because I put it there. You may not associate my conception with the sculpture—but don't worry—that's not really vital—and it doesn't negate the artistic value of the sculpture. And you're not alone. Some students thought it was a walrus—or a penguin—one said it was a seated prairie dog. A few decided it could be a madonna. One said it was a bird resting after a long flight.

Perhaps you will see nothing identifiable there except a pleasing arrangement of form, curves, light and shadow—and a handsome gray-white stone. That's fine, too.

You see, a work of art gives off a sort of electricity—it emits little rays of force all the time—so the piece itself and the person looking produce a kind of electrical connection. But not always the same sort of electrical connection.

But regardless of what you see or don't see, I will consider it successful if it generates some form of emotional response in you. And if that emotional response is warm and pleasant—and a greater awareness of the beauty God created in a simple piece of stone—then I will consider it very successful indeed—and it will have been worth every stroke of the hammer and chisel.

— June 20, 1984

## Brother Miguel Canonized

Brother Miguel Febres Cordero, F.S.C., a distinguished Ecuadorian scholar and religious educator, became the first Latin American Christian Brother to be canonized on Sunday, October 21, when Pope John Paul II officially declared him "Saint Miguel" in solemn ceremonies at the Vatican.

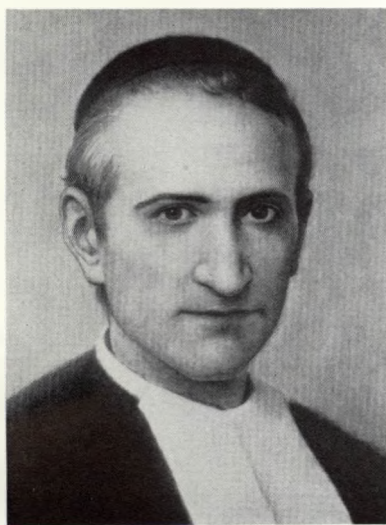
Brother Miguel, who died in Spain in 1910, had been beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1977. He became the third member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools to be canonized (joining St. John Baptist de La Salle and St. Benilde) and the third Latin American to attain Sainthood (St. Rose of Lima and St. Martin de Porres are the others).

Born Francisco Febres Cordero in Cuenca, Ecuador in 1854, he was to become the first Latin American Brother to make perpetual vows in the Christian Brothers' Congregation.

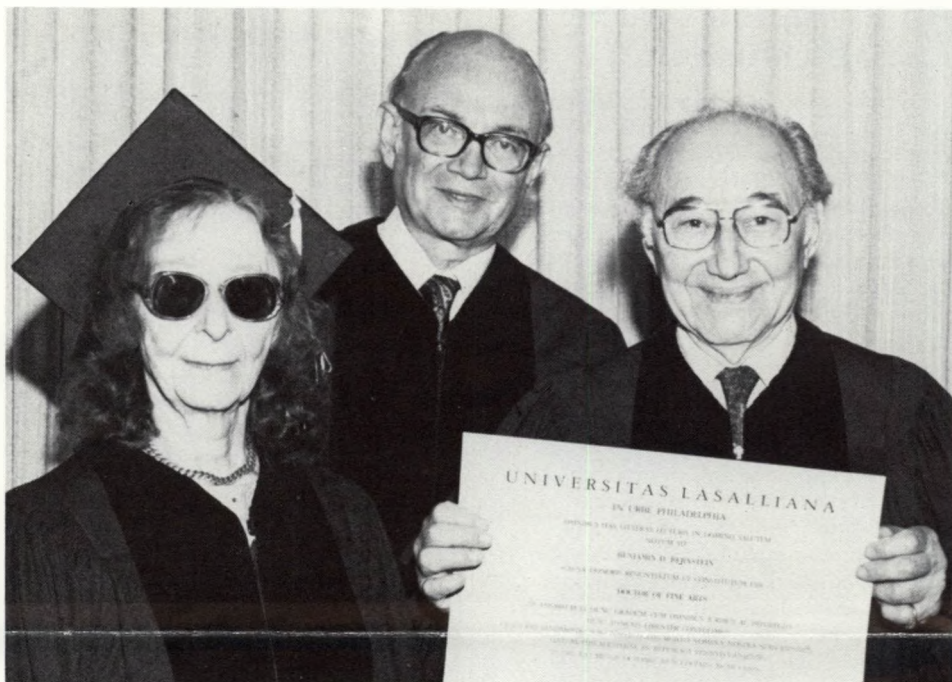
For more than 30 years, Brother Miguel taught in the Brothers' schools at Quito, the capital of Ecuador. He rapidly became one of the most influential religious leaders in Latin America. His colleagues marveled about his talents as a "natural" teacher who exercised a remarkable influence upon his pupils.

Brother Miguel published the first of many textbooks at the age of 17. His firm grasp of pedagogical principles was so impressive that the Ecuadorian government adopted many of his texts for schools throughout the republic. His grammar book of the Spanish language was probably his most successful text and was used in many other South American countries.

Esteemed, also, for such literary works as odes, hymns, and occasional plays, Brother Miguel was elected to the Ecuadorian national Academy of Letters in 1892 and, shortly thereafter, to the national Academies of Venezuela, Spain, and France.



Saint Miguel



Fall Honors Convocation honorary degrees were awarded to Violette de Mazia, vice president of The Barnes Foundation; William Smith, associate conductor of The Philadelphia Orchestra, and Benjamin D. Bernstein, a philanthropist and patron of the arts.

## Convocation Honors 569 Students

Several hundred parents witnessed three local "Contributors to the Fine Arts" and 569 Dean's List students honored at the University's annual Fall Honors Convocation on October 21 in the campus Union Ballroom.

Honorary doctor of fine arts degrees were conferred on William Smith, associate conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra; Violette de Mazia, vice president of the Barnes Foundation, and Benjamin D. Bernstein, a Philadelphia philanthropist and patron of the arts.

Brother President Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., presided at the convocation which honored 412 men and women from the Day Division and 157 students from the Evening Division.

Miss de Mazia, the author of a number of works on French painters, was honored for her many contributions as an educator, perhaps her most notable being "the formulation of the instructional pro-

gram at the Barnes Foundation that has become so influential on the philosophy and appreciation of art. Generations of students have been inspired by this creative teacher," her citation said.

Smith, who has been affiliated with the Philadelphia Orchestra since 1952, was honored for numerous artistic achievements including designing the Orchestra's "extensive and impressively successful" program of educational concerts.

Bernstein, who served as Pennsylvania's Commissioner for Charitable Enterprises under Governors Shapp and Thornburgh, was honored for his "extraordinary" contributions as a patron of the arts.

"With unfailing and warm-hearted generosity and without fanfare," Bernstein's citation said, "he has supported and encouraged individual artists and cooperated in founding and guiding new and experimental arts organizations."

### Parents' Weekend Continued from page 1

Union Ballroom. These happenings especially seemed to emphasize the feeling of definitive satisfaction garnered throughout the day.

In the concluding evening hours, the athletic facilities of Hayman Hall were made available. As an added attraction, the women's volleyball team could have been seen in the process of capturing their second consecutive league championship. Also, St. Jerome Hall was sold out in its function as the guest dormitory within the North Dorm Complex.

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Parents' Program  
1984-1985  
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## Gerry Nugent Named Parents' Association Chairman for '84-85

Gerald P. Nugent, Jr., chairman of the Parents' Association, is the president of Tischler Express, Inc. A native Philadelphian, he is a 1949 La Salle University graduate. He has also studied at the University of Pennsylvania and Villanova University.

Having served on various alumni committees over the years, Mr. Nugent has been an active La Salle alumnus. Additionally, he served as chairman of the Parents' Program for the Campaign for the Eighties, Phase I. Last year he was gift chairman for his class reunion.

Gerry and his wife Peggy are the parents of one son and four daughters. In his words: "Something good must have occurred at La Salle because our fifth child is now in her senior year following the path of Patricia. Gerry, Peggy and Evie. Academically, socially and spiritually a La Salle education prepared them to enter today's world without their forgetting that they are each a son or a daughter of La Salle forever."



Gerald P. Nugent, Jr.

## Men's Basketball 1984-85

Tue.	Dec.	11	St. Joseph's	PALESTRA
Sat.	Dec.	15	Temple	PALESTRA
Sat.	Dec.	22	Villanova	SPECTRUM
Fri.	Dec.	28	Miller High Life Classic (U. of South Florida, Tampa)	
			First game: vs. Fordham (MAAC game)	
			Second game: vs. South Florida/Dartmouth	
Sat.	Dec.	29		
Thu.	Jan.	3	Iona	PALESTRA
Sat.	Jan.	5	Army	PALESTRA
Wed.	Jan.	9	Fairfield	Fairfield, CT
Sat.	Jan.	12	St. Peter's	Jersey City, NJ
Tue.	Jan.	15	Manhattan	PALESTRA
Sat.	Jan.	19	Holy Cross	MEADOWLANDS (E. Rutherford, NJ)
Sun.	Jan.	20	Hartford	Hartford (CT) Civic Center
Wed.	Jan.	23	Iona	New Rochelle, NY
Sat.	Jan.	26	Fordham	Bronx, NY
Tue.	Jan.	29	Pennsylvania	PALESTRA
Sat.	Feb.	2	Army	West Point, NY
Wed.	Feb.	6	Notre Dame	Notre Dame, IN
Fri.	Feb.	8	St. Peter's	PALESTRA
Tue.	Feb.	12	Manhattan	Riverdale, NY
Sat.	Feb.	16	Holy Cross	Worcester, MA
Tue.	Feb.	19	Fairfield	SPECTRUM
Sat.	Feb.	23	De Paul	The Horizon (Rosemont, IL)
Thu.	Feb.	28	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Sat.	Mar.	2 &	Championship Tournament	
Mon.	Mar.	4	(Brendan Byrne-Meadowlands Arena, E. Rutherford, NJ)	

Athletic Director — Bill Bradshaw  
Head Basketball Coach — Dave "Lefty" Ervin  
Assistants — Marcel Arribi, Joe Mihalich, Sam Rines  
Sports Information Director — Frank Bertucci  
(Phone: 215-951-1605)

College Founded — 1863  
University Status — 1984  
Enrollment — 3500  
Nickname — Explorers  
Colors — Blue & Gold

Member — Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Philadelphia Big Five  
Home Courts - Hayman Hall (campus); The Palestra (University of Pennsylvania)