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Parents set goal at \$50,000 for 1993

La Salle's Parents' Committee, at a meeting held October 11, 1992, reviewed Parents' Weekend activities, welcomed new members, and approved a goal of \$50,000 for the parents' portion of the Annual Fund Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mullen, Co-Chairs of the committee, responded, on behalf of all parents, to the challenge of Brother Frank Danielski, Director of the Annual Fund, to surpass last year's \$48,000 total, by stating that "with a special effort, La Salle's parents can meet this goal intended to improve the university for our sons and daughters." (see letter below)



WELCOME PARENTS is the message of President Joseph Burke, FSC, as he hosts La Salle Families at the President's Dinner.

Brother Joseph Burke Begins Presidency

Brother Joseph F. Burke, FSC, Ph.D., was elected La Salle University's 27th president on May 7, 1992. Helen North, acting chairperson for the Board of Trustees, made the official announcement.

A 46-year-old native Philadelphian, Brother Burke was unanimously elected following the recommendation of a campus-wide search committee. A licensed clinical psychologist, Brother Burke succeeds Brother Patrick Ellis, who became president of Catholic University after having served La Salle in that role for 15 years.

Brother Burke, who holds the academic rank of professor, began his university career in 1973, serving La Salle as faculty member and chairman of the Psychology Department. In 1986, he became an American Council of Education Fellow at the University of Hartford, subsequently serving there as dean and assistant to the president, before returning to La Salle in 1990.

The new president becomes the first alumnus of La Salle (1968) to head the 130-year-old university. Brother Patrick Ellis, one of Brother Burke's former teachers, predicts success for his successor in saying, "I think he is the right person to take La Salle into the future. He has the energy, the brains, and the experience necessary. Above all, he is open to new areas and new emphases."

The new president will be officially inaugurated in ceremonies scheduled for March 21, 1993 at St. Patrick's Church, Philadelphia.



Dear Parents,

As we approach the holiday season symbolic of joy and thanksgiving, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the joy you have brought La Salle. In addition to giving us your sons and daughters, you have also given generously to the Parents' Association's Annual Fund drive for 1993. As Director of the Annual Fund, I would like to thank you for your support and also to give you an update on the progress of our campaign.

Revenue sources actually provide only approximately 75% of a student's annual tuition. The remainder comes from such sources as the Annual Fund. Last year, the Parents' Association contributed over \$48,000 to La Salle. This year, the Parents' Campaign, under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mullen, have concluded Phase I of our 1993 solicitation program. So far, the pledge phase of our program has successfully seen over \$43,500 in parent pledges. This figure represents 31% of parents contacted. What a fantastic beginning and something for which I am truly grateful. I know that as the program continues, parental support will continue to grow.

Once again, "thanks for giving," and best wishes for the holiday season. May God continue to bless you for the blessings you send us.

Gratefully In St. La Salle, our patron!

Brother Francis B. Danielski, F.S.C., '71
Director
Annual Fund

The Russians Were Here!

Two groups of highly-educated Russian business men and women recently attended three-week seminars sponsored by La Salle University under the direction of Glenda Kuhl, Dean of Continuing Studies, assisted by Susan McCullion, Director of Continuing Professional Education.

Designed to help the 22 participants adjust to the dramatic changes in their own economic and business systems, the program, conducted by La Salle business and liberal arts faculty, included lectures, class participation, and numerous field trips.

Dr. Kuhl believes that despite language barriers, effective communication took place, friendships were formed, and "a corps of newly-informed capitalists were ready to begin challenging business ventures in a new environment."



La Salle Welcomes Parkway Scholars

La Salle is hosting public high school students on campus for the 1992-93 academic year. At the request of the School District of Philadelphia, the university administration approved leasing of the St. Basil's building, South Campus, to house the Parkway Program, an established alternative education unit of the school district.

The former elementary school building, scheduled for eventual renovation into a Communications Center, met the needs of the program, suddenly homeless because of the closing of Spring Garden College, its previous host.

Mr. David Fleming, Vice-President of Business Affairs, views the arrangement as an act of good will which will enable La Salle to acquire additional planning time for the eventual conversion of St. Basil's School into a first-rate communications center.

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM PARENTS TO STUDENTS?

A SEASON TICKET FOR ALL EXPLORER MEN'S BASKETBALL HOME GAMES AT THE CIVIC CENTER, THE SPECTRUM, AND THE PALESTRA AS THEY BEGIN LIFE IN THE MCC!

CALL PETER D'ORAZIO
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Library Resources Attract A Fulbright Researcher

Dr. Kalidas Misra this summer joined the La Salle community as one of only three Fulbright Grant recipients from his native India. Dr. Misra chose La Salle as his principal research sponsor for his research project involving the literature of the Vietnam War.

His Fulbright proposal was predicated upon the resources to be found here in the highly-regarded Vietnam War Collection of the Cornelly Library, assembled under direction of John Baky, current Director of Library Services.

A Few Facts... About the Class of '96

The Enrollment Services Office released its annual profile of the entering freshmen (Class of 1996).

Highlights of the report include the following facts.

LA SALLE'S FRESHMEN

- come from 20 states and 16 foreign countries
- 52% are female (first time for a feminine majority)
- 43% live more than 50 miles from campus
- 36% are related to La Salle graduates.
- 14% are minority students
- 80% (women) and 72% (men) graduated in the top two quintiles of their high school classes.
- their most popular majors: biology, accounting, and communication.

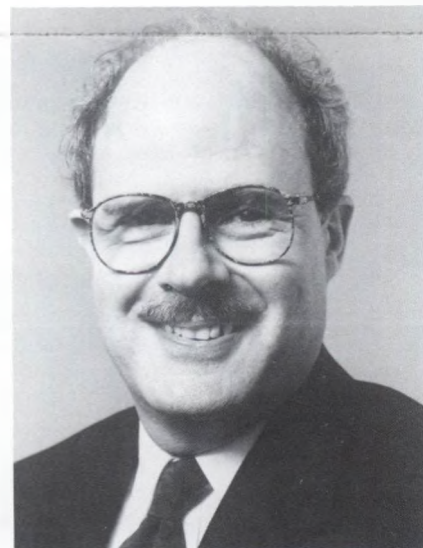


Brother McGinniss Appointed Vice President

Brother Michael McGinniss, FSC, was officially appointed Vice-President of the La Salle University Corporation on October 22, 1992. The new responsibility will be assumed in addition to Brother Michael's assignments as chair and teacher in the Religion Department.

Fulfilling a legal requirement for conducting the business of the university, the Vice-President assists President Joseph Burke, participates in, but does not vote at meetings of the Board of Trustees and, in emergency, performs the duties of the President.

Brother McGinniss' additional responsibilities include consultation with the president as requested, and representing President Burke at functions which the president cannot attend.



BROTHER MICHAEL MC GINNISS,
Corporate Vice President.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Patricia Downey
Mother of Dr. Gerard Downey,
Philosophy Department

Josephine T. Gadren
Mother of Joan Kelly
Mother-in-law of Dr. James Kelly, Finance
Department

Lorraine Huberty
Mother of Linda Elliott, Mathematical Sciences
Department

Elizabeth Albor
Payroll Supervisor

Michael D. Kovatch
Father of Dr. Joseph D. Kovatch

Vickie Jonelle Jones
Sister of Dr. Joanne A. Jones Barnett
Assistant Provost for Multicultural Affairs

James F. Giblin
Son of Dorothy and James Giblin
and Brother of Helen Giblin

William Szabat
Father of Dr. Kathryn Szabat,
Management Department

Ciesha Casimir
Retired professor of Economics

Parents' Weekend Rated Successful; Liturgy, Band, Lectures Appreciated at Well-Attended Program



SPECIAL LITURGY planned by Campus Ministry highlights Parents' Weekend.
Tim Tilson is the reader

The La Salle University community celebrated its annual Parents' Weekend on October 10 and 11. According to Brother Andrew Bartley, Coordinator, the event was well-attended and appreciated by participants.

Mary Kay and Lee Mullen, Co-Chairpersons of the Parents' Committee charged with overall responsibility for the weekend program, were pleased "with the initial evaluation responses provided by attendees." They felt that the opportunity to meet President Burke "added to the significance of the weekend."

Highlights of this year's activities were the Liturgy, which included moving tributes to parents; the increasingly popular Jazz Band Concert, this year held as an evening special event; and the Parents' College which, for the first time, featured lectures by students.



Club Earth Leads Clean-up; Effort Beautifies Park Area

On Saturday, October 24, members of La Salle's Club Earth, striving to improve the local environment, organized and conducted a clean-up of the strip of land at Belfield and Lindley Avenues, adjacent to the campus' south entrance.

Approximately 15 Club Earth members were joined in the project by Alpha Chi Rho fraternity brothers and other students. La Salle's Physical Plant assisted by providing garbage bags, rakes, and shovels. The City of Philadelphia, through the kindness of Mr. Al Dezzi, Environmental Director, supplied trucks for removing the collected trash.

Matt Craddock, President of Club Earth, believes that this action by La Salle students "exemplifies our commitment to the environment, our concern for problems close at hand."



PARENTS' COMMITTEE (L. to R.) Celeste Schaefer, Mary Kay & Lee Mullen, Mimi & David Martin, Lillian & Peter Frisko, Sandy & William McMahon, Marianne and William Woolslayer, Candy Markmann, Barbara Nuzzolo.

Campus Communiqué

- ◆ Charles "Chip" Greenberg and Charles "Buddy" Donnelly, two of the outstanding guards in Explorer history, and Laura Frieze Swezey, one of the schools most versatile athletes, were inducted into La Salle's Hall of Athletes at a ceremony in the Union Ballroom on October 9, 1992.
- ◆ Oh, well. In a Mock Election Poll conducted by the SGA and Student Political Association, La Salle students gave George Bush 48%, William Clinton 32%, and Ross Perot 18% of the 151 "votes" cast.
- ◆ Campus Ministry is in a whirlwind of activity planning for fall retreats in Sea Isle City (next scheduled: February 19, 20, 21); gearing up for Project Appalachia and Week of Hope; preparing for Midnight Liturgy for the Advent/Christmas season and instituting a new AIDS outreach program.
- ◆ Mr. Joseph E. Gillespie was named as the new Director of Academic Support Services for Student Athletes. Currently enrolled in a Temple doctoral program, Gillespie has extensive counseling and teaching experiences, most recently as Director of the Career Education Program for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
- ◆ Last June, La Salle's Board of Trustees authorized establishment of a School of Nursing, approving Dr. Gloria F. Donnelly as its first dean. A four-year B.S.N. program will be an important component of the school.
- ◆ 42 student-athletes competing in various fall sports earned a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher. These students represent one-third of the participants; furthermore, one-half of those students recognized earned a G.P.A. of 3.4 or higher.
- ◆ Colleen Corace was this fall appointed Assistant Director of Sports Information. She is a graduate of Gwynedd Mercy Academy, Catholic University, and American University. While at Catholic University she was a stellar field hockey player; while at American, she served as Assistant Sports Information Director. Colleen is the daughter of Explorer Hall of Fame member, Frank.

New Provost Appointed



DR. DANIEL PANTALEO, appointed provost

Brother Joseph Burke, President, following the recommendations of a university-wide search committee, announced the appointment of Dr. Daniel C. Pantaleo as new a Provost, effective October 1, 1992.

Dr. Pantaleo received his B.S. in Chemistry from Manhattan College and his Ph. D. in Inorganic Chemistry from Emory University.

An experienced administrator and recipient of many honors for distinguished science teaching, Dr. Pantaleo's most recent positions were as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Frostburg State University in Maryland and the same post at Winthrop University in South Carolina.



PAGES FROM THE PAST . . .

La Salle Gridders Victorious in Final Game

On Saturday, November 22, 1941, La Salle's football team beat Pennsylvania Military College, 12-2. This was the last varsity football game for the college. In just 15 days, the Pearl Harbor attack would put the country at war.

On March 6, 1942, the *Collegian* reported that "in a surprise move last Thursday, the Athletic Council cancelled the football schedule for the coming season and announced that the grid-iron sport would be dropped for at least the duration of the war." Difficulties in scheduling and a lack of personnel because of the military draft were cited as reasons.

LA SALLE COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE, 1935	
Saturday, September 28th—Davis Elkins	home
Saturday, October 5th—Catholic University	away
Saturday, October 12th—Ursinus	away
Saturday, October 19th—Villanova	away
Saturday, October 26th—West Chester	away
Sunday, November 3rd—St. Thomas	home
Phillies' Ball Park	
Saturday, November 9th—Manhattan	away
Sunday, November 17th—St. Bonaventure	away
Sunday, November 24th—St. Joseph	home
Phillies' Ball Park	
MARTY BRILL, Coach	
JIM HENRY, Assistant	

On that November Saturday, La Salle could look back to a decade of varsity football, having played an independent schedule against schools of approximately its own size. Since its first game, a 26-0 victory over Brooklyn College on September 12, 1931, the football team had compiled a record of 51 wins, 24 losses, and 8 ties.

Perhaps its best year had been the 1934 undefeated season, with victories over Villanova, St. Joseph's, Albright, Mt. St. Mary's, West Chester and St. Thomas, and a 6-6 tie against Catholic U.

. . . Brother Thomas Warner, FSC

Books for the Boys

Co-sponsored by the Student Government Association and Sigma Phi Lambda, a successful bookdrive to benefit St. Gabriel's Hall, a residential reform school for court-assigned boys, was held the first week of the current school year.

More than 1000 books were collected during the drive which was suggested by Sigma Phi Lambda members, including their president Curtis Burkholder, who have served as volunteers to help teach reading at St. Gabriel's Hall.

A secondary purpose of the outreach was to exemplify one of the many ways new students might become involved in social service.

Urban Center Honors Helene Grady

At its annual Community Service Award Banquet, La Salle University's Urban Center honored Helene Grady, La Salle senior, for her outstanding service to the needy of the Philadelphia area.

Active in numerous outreach programs, the awardee has been most involved as a leader in developing ways to assist the homeless and hungry in society. An honor student and recipient of a Harry S. Truman Foundation Fellowship for graduate school, Helene is the daughter of Helen and John Grady, Director of La Salle's prestigious Honors Program.

Helene writes for the La Salle Student Political Action Magazine and has served on the English Department Board. She has attended conferences addressing effective campus outreach programs, and this year became La Salle's first student representative to the Pennsylvania Campus Compact.

The May, 1992, edition of the Parents' Newsletter erred in naming the Campus Ministry Center as sponsor of Hunger and Homelessness Week, a most successful student-sponsored event coordinated by--who else?--Helene Grady.



HAPPY TRIO—President Burke, Millicent Carvalho, Urban Center Director, with Helene Grady, Urban Center awardee.

Career Planning Offers Help to Seniors as They Begin Employment Quest

Responding to the needs of La Salle students, especially seniors, who are involved in serious job-hunting in difficult times, the Career Planning and Placement Bureau is again providing its multifaceted assistance program.

In mid-September, Lou Lamorte and Genevieve Carlton, the bureau's associate and assistant directors, addressed seniors concerning the job market, their corresponding responsibilities, and the helps available through the bureau and its professional staff.

After general orientation, the bureau began a series of detailed presentations which covered essentials including resume preparation, dressing for success, interview preparation, the interview itself, and strategies for conducting a successful job search.

Two additional bureau services enhance student employment opportunities. The on-campus recruitment program, a long-standing event, regularly brings together seniors and representatives of more than 200 companies for interviews leading to possible employment for graduates-to-be. This spring, a job fair will concentrate upon current employment opportunities. A variety of employers have already agreed to participate.

Nora Arant Heads Peer Education

La Salle's Counseling Center has announced that its peer education program, structured to help students to understand and cope with alcohol and other drugs, is being coordinated this year by Nora Arant, a 1992 graduate who majored in English and is currently enrolled in the Human Services program at La Salle.

In addition to her involvement with the Alcohol Awareness Project, a four-part seminar on alcohol offered as an alternative to the monetary fines given for violation of the University's alcohol policy, Arant is planning monthly campus meetings dealing with related subjects.



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Art Museum Displays Ancient Artifacts; Grecian Collection Gift of Gaudins

Daniel and Helen Gaudin recently provided La Salle University with its first examples of the art of ancient Greece by donating more than sixty vases and statuettes to its Art Museum. The artifacts are displayed in four cases in the museum.

Daniel Gaudin, a career diplomat, served in American embassies in nine foreign countries, including Greece, during a distinguished career from 1931 to 1962. He and his wife Helen endeavored to immerse themselves in the culture of the countries they served.

The vases, although produced for utilitarian purposes, provide the only remaining evidence of Greek pictorial art from ancient times. The exquisite symmetry and proportion of the vases, the graceful motion of the figures, and the interesting design of abstract motifs which decorate their surfaces are particularly noteworthy.

The clay statuettes on display are mainly from the Hellenistic period and the city of Tanagra on the ancient Greek mainland. They are noted for their freedom of expression, elegance, and charm, and for providing insight into the everyday life of the common people. They are our chief source of the ordinary social history of the ancient Greeks.

(From notes by Caroline Wistar, Curator)

New Conference, New Logo

As La Salle enters a new era in its athletic history by joining the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (MCC), it has introduced a new logo, incorporating the former block "L" into a flag forming a background for an "I-mean-business" profiled Explorer.

