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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

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UNIVERSITY DEDICATES NEW COMMUNICATION CENTER

The current academic year marked the official opening of La Salle University's new Communication Building. Students began utilizing the facility on September 7, 1994; an initial ribbon-cutting ceremony followed on September 8; the official blessing and dedication of the building and a lounge memorializing Gregg Argenziano highlighted Parents' Weekend festivities on Saturday, October 8. Parents were represented at the event by Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, Co-chairs of the Parents' Committee.

Dear Parents:

As the parent of a La Salle University student, you have given a lot of thought to the importance of a quality education. We feel you made the right decision in choosing La Salle. Now, you have the opportunity to make another important decision about your child's college education.

With this newsletter, you will find a return envelope for a gift to the Parents Annual Fund Campaign. This special yearly drive assists La Salle in acquiring state of the art equipment, strengthening the library and enhancing research opportunities on campus. These programs will make an immediate difference to your child while at La Salle and also in their future careers.

In making your decision to contribute to the Annual Fund this year, we sincerely hope you will consider making the most generous gift you can afford. \$250, \$100, or even \$50, (the cost of ONE college text book in the library,) will make a significant difference in the college career of your child. With the support of parents like you, we will continue to offer the quality education that has become synonymous with La Salle University.

As Chaircouple of the Parents' Association, we express our gratitude to those who have already sent their gift and we invite those who have not to join us in participating in this most important fund drive.

Asking God's blessings upon you and your family we are

Bill and Marie Jones
Chaircouple of the 1994-1995 Parents' Committee

La Salle Moves Up Again!

La Salle University jumped from tenth to eighth place in the latest U.S. News and World Report's annual College Quality Rankings. Surveys sent to deans and admissions directors of participating institutions determine the rank. In recent years, U.S. News has moved towards more numerical criteria as well, such as alumni satisfaction, the percentage of contributing alumni, financial resources, selectivity and graduation rate.

OUR PARENT'S GOAL: \$60,000 FOR 1995

La Salle's parents have set the goal of raising \$60,000 for their portion of the Annual Fund Drive by June 30th. As of the end of February, we were well on our way to that goal. At this writing 610 parent gifts for a total of \$41,257 have been received. Our sincere gratitude to those parents who have made contributions and we urge those who haven't contributed to please do so as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER

La Salle was one of 65 universities nationwide, and the only school in Philadelphia, to receive a federal grant to expand its role in community service. The "Learn and Serve America Higher Education Grant" was awarded to La Salle because of the school's established community service and commitment to doing more in the future, according to Rosemary Barbera, Director of the Center for Community Learning.

Chilean Service Project

This past December, eleven students participated in the Chile Service Project. They traveled to La Pincoya, on the outskirts of Santiago, where they weatherized sixteen homes. This program is sponsored jointly by the Center for Community Learning and Campus Ministry.

"In One Day"

Volunteers from several student organizations attended "In One Day," a community service project sponsored by Philadelphia Cares, a non-profit organization that organizes community service events. The project coincided with National Community Service Day and ran city-wide.

NEW DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

La Salle University welcomes Christopher P. Lydon as the new Director of Admissions. With twelve years of college admissions experience, Mr. Lydon comes to us from the University of Dallas, also a Catholic University. Along with the Financial Aid Office, he wants to help people finance their education so they can achieve their goals. He said his admissions policy did not include altering the admissions standards; rather, his plans are to include as many people as possible in the recruitment process. "Although the admissions office is at the forefront of this process, recruitment is ultimately the entire university's responsibility," he said.

Career Planning and Placement

On March 16, 1995, Career Planning will be hosting its annual Career Expo. Last year 86 companies participated in the Expo which attracts employers looking for graduating seniors, internship possibilities and summer job interests. Some companies who will be on campus are U.S. Healthcare, Johnson & Johnson, Nabisco and the "Big 6" Accounting Firms.

A variety of other services are available at Career Planning. An Internship Fair is held in the Fall and all students are encouraged to attend. Internships provide students the opportunity to learn more about a field and career opportunities, to network with other professionals as well as obtaining a good reference for future employment. Freshmen and sophomores are particularly encouraged to seek internships early as this can lead to valuable connections with potential employers.

Career Planning also provides a variety of workshops year-round. These range from resume writing to conducting job searches and networking with alumni. The counselors also work individually with students by appointment.

Students and staff this year mourned the loss of two students, Jeffrey Cox (95) and Harry Cunningham (95). Their families are offered sympathy and prayers by all at La Salle who share in their loss.

† REST IN PEACE

The La Salle Community this year experienced the loss of five Christian Brothers who had offered distinguished service to the University in various capacities for many years.

On June 18, **Brother John Dondero, FSC, Ph.D.**, former chairman of the Psychology Department, died of congestive heart failure at the Roncalli Center, a community he founded in Oak Lane. Brother Dondero, a native Philadelphian and member of the Christian Brothers for 54 years, taught at La Salle from 1959 to 1992.

He authored several books, and received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1973.

Brother Daniel Bernian, FSC, Ph.D., who served as the 24th President of La Salle University from 1958 to 1969, died on May 14, 1994, of kidney failure at the Christian Brothers nursing home at Lincroft, N.J. He was 77 and had been a Christian Brother for 58 years. A professor of French and Spanish on the university faculty, he became president in time to guide La Salle through a period of phenomenal growth. He retired in 1987.

Brother Joseph Bender, FSC, Ph.D., for 21 years the academic advisor and counselor in La Salle's School of Continuing Education, died suddenly on August 15 of a heart attack. Brother Bender, 67, celebrated his 50th anniversary as a member of the Christian Brothers in June, 1994. Before his time at La Salle, Brother Bender taught Latin and served as guidance counselor at several high schools of the Baltimore District. He held degrees from Catholic University, Penn, and Temple.

Brother Francis McCormick, FSC, died November 17, 1994, at the De La Salle Nursing Home, Lincroft, New Jersey. He was 92 and had served La Salle College High School and La Salle University for many of his 77 years as a Christian Brother. Brother Frank, one of ten children, grew up in the Germantown area where he was a member of St. Vincent's Parish. At La Salle, he began as a professor in the Economics and Religion Departments, eventually becoming Director of both Financial Aid and of the Annual Fund.

A memorial service was held November 29 in the student chapel.

Brother James Muldoon, FSC, R.N., Ph.D., died at De La Salle Hall, Lincroft, New Jersey, on January 1, 1995, after a brief but devastating illness involving circulatory and other complications related to diabetes. Brother James, 61, had served La Salle University since 1969, chairing the Biology Department from 1973 to 1976, when he began his 17-year term as Dean of Arts & Sciences. His doctorate in microbiology was earned at Case Western Reserve in 1969. A Lindback awardee, Brother James spent years counseling students pursuing careers in the health professions. Mass of Resurrection was celebrated January 5 at the University Chapel.

Scholarly News

HONORS CONVOCATION

This past year, 296 Arts and Sciences students, 125 School of Business students, 75 Continuing Studies students and 89 Nursing students earned Dean's List Status.

Alpha Epsilon Delta, the international pre-medical honor society, inducted twenty-two students into its La Salle Chapter.

Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language honor society, inducted eight students into its La Salle Chapter this year.

Seniors Derek Kephart, Marketing, and Jim DeMarco, Communications, were recipients of the Philadelphia Advertising Club Partial Scholarship.

Welcome to Phi Alpha Delta Law fraternity, an outgrowth of the St. Thomas More Pre-Law Society. The organization aids pre-law students with all aspects of preparation for law school.

Among the many Fellowships offered to La Salle students, a unique honor occurred when three chemistry majors received Fellowship offers to Princeton University.



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LA SALLE JOINS A-10

In February, it was announced that La Salle University, concluding its third year as a member of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, has accepted an invitation to join the Atlantic Ten Athletic Conference effective July 1, 1995, with competition beginning with the 1995-96 season.

In response to the announcement, La Salle President Joseph F. Burke, FSC, Ph.D. said, "I know that I speak for everyone at La Salle, in particular our alumni, when I say that we are delighted to be joining the Atlantic 10. This will not only make for even more exciting basketball in this basketball town, but the A-10 is a great venue for all of our participating teams."

Burke added, "It is particularly heartening to be together with our good friends and neighbors at St. Joseph's and Temple, and to be rejoining Dayton and Duquesne with whom we once played in the MCC. The Atlantic 10 is the right conference for us at this time in our history, and I look forward with great anticipation to the years ahead."

At the same time, the University of Dayton and Virginia Tech also received invitations to join the league; earlier, Xavier University, currently unbeaten in the MCC, accepted membership, bringing the total conference participants to 12. La Salle will participate in 17 of the conference's 18 sponsored sports. As

expected, La Salle has been placed in the conference's western division, with Temple and St. Joseph's assigned to the eastern section.

SPECIAL AWARD EARNED

La Salle University's "LEADERS" Program, a community service project initiated by and for student-athletes, was honored in January with an "Award for Excellence" for community relations. The national award recognized the group's dedicated service as tutors and mentors for the young persons at St. Simeon's Community Center.

Student Athletes Honored

Cesidio Colasante, a sophomore member of the soccer team, was named a Scholar-Athlete All-American (Mid-Atlantic Region); "CC" was also honored as the Midwestern Collegiate Conference Newcomer of the Year and Player of the Year.

Doria Shumadine (soph) and Renae Rutigliano (senior), of the La Salle Field Hockey Team, were named to the National Academic All-American Team.

The La Salle Women's Swim Team, by virtue of their team GPA of 3.29 for the fall semester, was recognized for academic excellence by the College Swimming Coaches' Association of America. The team is coached by Mr. Malachi Cunningham, who serves as an assistant to Head Coach John Lyons.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Men's Swim Team in winning a 3rd consecutive Midwest Conference Championship!