

5-1989

Parents Newsletter

La Salle University

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.lasalle.edu/parents_newsletter

Recommended Citation

La Salle University, "Parents Newsletter" (1989). *Parents' Newsletter*. 7.
https://digitalcommons.lasalle.edu/parents_newsletter/7

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the University Publications at La Salle University Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Parents' Newsletter by an authorized administrator of La Salle University Digital Commons. For more information, please contact careyc@lasalle.edu.

PARENTS'

NEWSLETTER

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

Published by the Parents' Association/La Salle University/Philadelphia, PA 19141

May, 1989

Volume 5, Number 2

Parents Plan for '89's Successful Activities

La Salle University's Parents Committee held its spring meeting Sunday, April 2, 1989, to share information and plan for future activities, primarily next fall's Parents' Weekend scheduled for October 14 and 15.

Co-Chairpersons, Jim and Mary Ryan of Darien, Connecticut, conducted the brunch meeting which also provided parents with the opportunity to discuss various aspects of student life with those in charge of admissions (Brother Gerald Fitzgerald, FSC), student life (Ms. Kathy Schrader), resident life (Mr. Ron Diment) and food services (Ms. Susan Dunham). The discussion enabled committee members to fulfill one of their responsibilities: to act as liaison between students and university administration.

Mr. Ryan reported that results of the parents giving to the 1988-89 Annual Fund were inconclusive because of the spring rather than fall solicitation of gifts. Last year, parents contributed more than \$60,000 to the campaign; this year's incomplete returns were far short of that final total. "If all parents, many of whom are currently being contacted, generously demonstrate their loyalty to La Salle, we will achieve our \$55,000 goal," said Mr. Ryan.

Many suggestions to improve upon the popular Parents' Weekend were received with several adopted, including committee assistance with reservation procedures. Brother Andrew Bartley, FSC, coordinator of the Parents' Committee said that "it is a pleasure to work with the enthusiastic, loyal, and competent parents of our students. La Salle benefits from their involvement."

President Serves Church at Rome Meeting to Discuss Higher Education

Brother Patrick Ellis, President, was in Rome as one of eighteen American college presidents selected to serve on a commission established to prepare a second revision of the "Schema on Higher Education" for possible action by the Pope. Another Christian Brother, Brother Thomas Scanlan, President of Manhattan College, is among the invited presidents. Several other Brothers are attending as

Back to the Future



House-Warming by Coach Morris (with President Brother Patrick Ellis, FSC at his side) as he expresses delight that his Explorers have their own home.

Civic Center Becomes Official Setting for Future Home Explorer Basketball Contests

La Salle University President Brother F. Patrick Ellis announced Feb. 8 that the University has signed a five-year agreement to play its men's basketball games in the Philadelphia Civic Center.

"This is a golden opportunity for La Salle University," Brother Ellis said. "The partnership between La Salle, Spectacor and the City of Philadelphia will enhance the relationship between the University, the City and the business community of Philadelphia."

The 10,000-seat arena will once again become the home court for the La Salle Explorers. The last full season for La Salle to play in the Civic Center was the 1954-55 season when the Explorers finished as the runner-up to San Francisco in the NCAA Tournament.

"The return of La Salle to the Civic Center marks a firm commitment by the University to its grand basketball tradition," Brother Ellis said. "The Civic Center was the site of some of the University's greatest triumphs and hopefully will be the site of many more as it again becomes La Salle's basketball home."

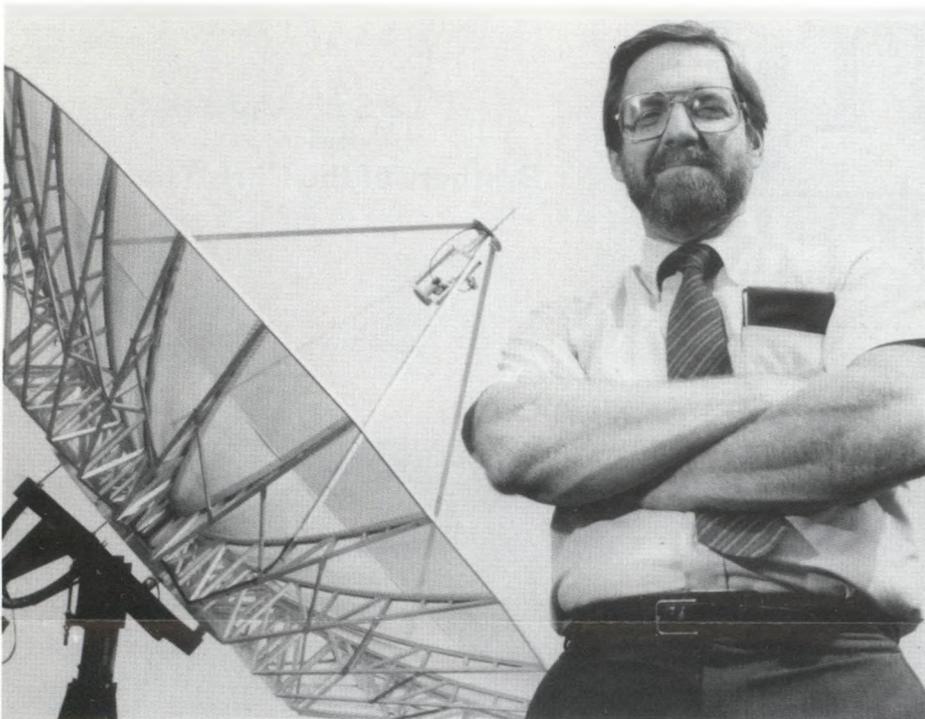
"I think our identity factor and our potential visibility are two major factors in our move to the Civic Center," Athletic Director Robert Mullen said. "The agreement with Spectacor and the Civic Center will help La Salle continue to rise prominently in the City and nationally. With Spectacor's help, you can now buy a ticket to a La Salle game almost anywhere in the Delaware Valley."

resource persons.

Four American bishops serve on the commission scheduled to meet in Rome from April 18-25. In working sessions, all members will have opportunities to discuss the document and, if necessary, suggest revisions. Brother Patrick, honored by his selection, sees this meeting as "an opportunity to serve the Church in its ministry of education, particularly on

the college level in the United States."

Upon accepting commission membership, Brother Patrick, foreseeing additional time away from campus, abbreviated his sabbatical leave, returning to La Salle last September, a month ahead of time. He plans to be present for the concluding activities of the academic year.



Futurist — Dr. Stephen Longo keeps La Salle in touch with tomorrow's technology.

La Salle Advances Readiness for Multiple Educational Uses of New Technology

Stephen A. Longo, Ph.D.
(*excerpts from a larger paper*)

A parent's contribution to the college education of their children goes beyond tuition and love. Parents have also made a substantial contribution to the formal knowledge base their children must master. Their children must learn new facts as well as the information parents had to learn during their education. This expansion of the knowledge base is costly.

Parents should be pleased to know that La Salle is applying to education many of the technological advances made in this generation. One of these improvements is its computerized library. This technology helps students to quickly identify and locate information, allowing more time to study. Some of La Salle's other technology-based plans are underway.

Five years ago La Salle introduced computers across the curriculum. Part of this commitment was the establishment of a centralized general purpose computer lab. Now computing has become an integral part of some courses and the school has started to place computers in selected faculty offices.

Today, using the phone to talk with a friend is routine. Tomorrow, using a PC to communicate with another system will be just as commonplace. The first phase of this campus-wide network is already in progress. There will be a computer connection in each of the new student townhouse bedrooms. Students who own computers equipped with communication facilities will "plug in" to the network. Once the network is in place, it will be

very easy for a student to 'dial up' the library computer, or one of the other campus multi-user computers. There will also be the ability to 'dial out' from the network. Students will be able to travel to remote libraries, databanks, and other resources of information while remaining in their dormroom. In addition, your son or daughter will be able to call your home computer and leave a message for you to send money.

At La Salle, tomorrow's communication and educational opportunities will include video signals. La Salle's cabling system will also be a closed circuit television network. Besides having a computer network outlet in each room and office there will be a video outlet as well. Students with cable-ready televisions will be able to tune in to a number of La Salle channels. Some of the video information being planned is: a campus events and information station, a student TV/radio station, and special programs. The campus satellite dishes will also be part of the network, making unique teleconferencing events available anywhere on campus. Students in the new townhouses will be able to request and view in their rooms a particular educational video tape from the library's AV collection. Campus conferences can be shown live throughout the entire campus. It will be possible for a student to telephone a professor, tune in and discuss the special satellite-captured program at the same time that their computers are exchanging information — a true multimedia approach to education and La Salle is definitely "on line."

Club Works Together for a Cleaner World

Club EARTH, a campus environmental awareness group, sponsored its 1st annual Clean Earth Week, April 10th through 14th. The week's activities included a trial recycling project, a campus ecology awareness drive, and presentations on environmental issues. Lisa Donahue, co-chairperson said, "We hope to generate an interest in the environment, especially issues such as conservation, pollution, and waste management. We also hope to create some waves by showing how much unnecessary waste is created on this campus every week."

To accomplish these goals, Club Earth placed collected aluminum cans in a "holding lot" on the patio in front of the Union building. All members of the La Salle community were asked to place cans in the bags and boxes strategically placed around campus.

On Wednesday, April 12, two presentations were offered. Dr. Kishor H. Thanawala, Professor of Economics at Villanova University, spoke on "Environment and the Economy." Three EPA speakers, Paul Racette, David Byro, and Anne DeLong discussed "Environmental Issues: An International Perspective."



Brother Richard Hawley, biologist mourned by campus community.

Popular Teacher Dies Brother Richard, FSC

Brother Richard Hawley, chairman of La Salle's Biology department until 1988, died suddenly Friday, Dec. 23 after suffering a second heart attack. An initial attack had occurred a month earlier.

Brother Hawley was a respected member of La Salle's faculty since he joined the staff in 1966. Throughout his career, he devoted a great deal of time to teaching various Biology courses, including embryology and microbiology. Always well-liked and admired by students, Brother Hawley clearly showed that teaching at La Salle was especially rewarding to him. For many years he served on the Committee for Recommendations to medical schools.

Brother Hawley was honored with the prestigious Lindback Award in 1976, an award recognizing excellence in the teaching profession. The Medical Alumni Society will honor his memory by placing a commemorative plaque in the biology section of the Holroyd Science Center.

LS Students Establish Covenant House Unit

by Maria Cimini
Collegian News Editor

Lies, prostitution, and theft are, for millions of teenagers, the only way of survival. The Covenant House, founded by Father Bruce Ritter, provides food, shelter, clothing, education, and employment for teenagers who are forced by uncontrollable circumstances to live on the street. Many of these teenagers do not have a home. Often, their parents are either physically or emotionally abusive, and unwilling to help their children attain basic needs for a good life.

Two La Salle students, Susan Drabant and Lisa Ford, have initiated a Covenant House Chapter on campus to spark awareness of the problem of teenage homelessness throughout the world.

Eleven years ago, Father Ritter began with one house in New York City. His interest and dedication have successfully helped thousands of homeless children and teenagers to cope with their problems, gain a positive attitude, and rebuild their lives. Today, his program has rapidly spread to cities in Texas, Canada, and Guatemala.

According to chairpersons Ford and Drabant, the La Salle chapter expects to establish an active organization on campus. "We encourage all students to support the fight against teen homelessness," says Ford. "College students need to realize that although life can sometimes seem disastrous, there are people our own age being exploited by pimps, murdered by drug dealers, and rejected by their families and society."

Urban Center Coordinates Many Services La Salle University Offers Its Neighbors

Community outreach has been a hallmark of La Salle and the Christian Brothers since the founding days at St. Michael's in Center City Philadelphia more than 125 years ago.

The La Salle Community considers community service both an educational benefit and a responsibility. From the President's leadership role in national, state and city associations to the individual student's voluntary effort as a tutor in the Adult Literacy Program, commitments adapt to the changing community needs.

Heading La Salle's outreach is the Urban Center, directed by Millicent Carvalho. The Urban Center's Adult Learning Project (ALP), in cooperation with neighborhood leaders in the GLOW (Germantown, Logan, Olney, and West Oak Lane), serves 100 ESL (English as a second language) students and 50 students in ABE (Adult Basic English). In addition, 150 youths from the surrounding neighborhoods participated in the Summer Employment

pages from the past

There is evidence that La Salle fielded football teams before 1920. For the most part, though, these games were semiofficial and loosely organized. It appears that at times the contests were set up by a group of students from La Salle and were played against similar groups from St. Joseph's or Villanova.

In the fall of 1930 the college was in its new location at Twentieth and Olney and was planning to have a football team the

by Brother Thomas Warner, FSC

following year. Brother Francis de Salles, Dean of the College and Athletic Director, was also the search committee to obtain a good coach.

One result of his search is a precious page from the past. It is now somewhat faded but is still quite legible. It is indeed a letter from the immortal Knute Rockne of Notre Dame.

And, yes, Tom Conley did become the Explorers' football coach.

A
L
E
G
E
N
D
W
R
I
T
E
S



Rochester, N.Y., December 20th, 1930

Brother Francis de Salles,
LaSalle College,
Logan Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother:-

I have your letter and compliment you on your move into the association of approved colleges.

For football coach I can recommend to you Tom Conley. First of all, I can recommend this year's Captain, Tommy Conley, who lives in Philadelphia, and who is one of the finest young men I have ever coached. He will be home during the holidays and you could no doubt call him up and arrange a personal interview with him. Tommy I believe has the making of a great football coach. He is a fine, clean-cut young man and I can recommend him to you unreservedly.

The other man I wish to recommend to you is our present trainer, Eugene Young, who graduated two years ago. He was for two years coach of St. Catherine's in Racine, Wisconsin, but returned this year to act as trainer and to study in detail my system. He is married, has one child, and is ready to go out and take a job on his own hook. I hate to lose him but realize we can't hold him much longer. He can be reached at the University of Notre Dame. He is a very fine young man, a hard worker, enthusiastic, and knows our system of football intimately.

Wishing you every success,

Yours cordially,

Knute Rockne

T
O
H
E
L
P
A
F
R
I
E
N
D

Applications Here Increase; Counters The National Trend

According to Brother Gerald Fitzgerald, F.S.C., Director of Admissions, La Salle University continues to avoid the problems caused elsewhere by declining college-age students.

Because of declining birth rates the U.S. experienced in the 70's, the number of applications being received by many area colleges is falling.

Area colleges (with decline percentages in parentheses): University of Pennsylvania (11.5), Drexel University (13), Bryn Mawr College (10), Bucknell University (9), Franklin and Marshall (5 to 6), and Lehigh University (10 to 15).

Swarthmore College, Villanova University, and La Salle University, however report, increases. La Salle's increase is due to "more regional and national recognition as the ideal school with both university and small college characteristics, and its contact with markets previously untouched such as Connecticut and New York," according to Thomas P. Murt, assistant director of Admissions at La Salle.

Youth Program this past summer.

Currently working with the Northwest Task Force on Drugs in its efforts to bring about drug free neighborhoods, The Center is responsible for educational and other human services.

Approximately 300 La Salle students are serving as tutors and in other volunteer service capacities in the community. In addition, Campus Ministry sponsors ninety students who are working with the homeless of the Philadelphia area.



Millicent Carvalho, Director of La Salle's Urban Center.

A Simple Melody? Music of the Future at La Salle...NOW!



Sounds Great! says Dr. White to Stephen C. Parkes.

Safety Common Aim of Campus Groups

(*excerpts from a recent brochure*)

La Salle University is deeply concerned about the welfare and safety of its 5,457 undergraduate and 1,102 graduate students who are attending classes during the 1988-89 academic year. Some 1,520 of these men and women live in campus housing and another 1,012 individuals serve the university community in various full and part-time faculty, administrative, staff, and service positions.

La Salle University's pleasant campus environment is maintained by an efficient full-time security department which provides around-the-clock services.

Centrally located in the Carriage House on the Belfield portion of the campus, the Security Department is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This department consists of a director, who reports to the vice president for business affairs, a chief of operations, a crime/fire prevention officer, three captains, three lieutenants, one sergeant, a secretary, and 33 officers. Security personnel meet regularly with students, administrators, and faculty members through the Security Advisory Committee to discuss and evaluate safety procedures.

The Security Department provides around-the-clock Escort Service and operates shuttle buses between key campus locations daily from 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. during the academic year.

La Salle's Department of Physical Facilities works closely with the Security Department to ensure that the campus is as safe as possible. Lighting, landscaping, and other safety-related aspects of the campus are continually monitored, maintained, and repaired.

To assure the security and safety of the resident student body are major priorities of the Resident Life administrative staff. Each residence facility includes a 24 hour security desk receptionist, a combination gate lock, and/or a magnetic photo identification card access system, and all are served by live-in graduate student resident directors and undergraduate resident assistants.

La Salle's Fine Arts Department continues to meet the challenge of implementing technology in the Humanities. Music 218 — Introductory Electronic Music Synthesis — is a good example. This course has matured to the point where students can now use their computer skills to compose, arrange and perform their own music on synthesizers and drum units.

They also learn to transfer their music to multi-track cassette tapes for future use. Plans for the future in this course include sound-tracking computer graphics on video VHS format, laser printing music via the Macintosh and composing with live and artificial intelligence programs.

"All that is needed is a new MAC SE and a laser printer. Hmm — is there an angel in the house?" asks Dr. Charles White, as he guides La Salle's musicians into an exciting future.



Keyboard Magic exhibited by student Ray Cardillo.

Hello Out There! Satellites Scan Wide World for Students

by Jacqueline Ray
Collegian Staff

Proving that it is a small world after all, La Salle's satellite dishes, located behind Olney Hall, allow the university to broadcast programs from across the country and the globe.

La Salle, in the summer of 1987, installed satellite receiver dishes, which are used to pick up broadcasts from networks and other colleges.

Currently, the University has three satellite dishes. Two receive domestic broadcasts and one picks up international broadcasts. According to Mark Purcell, assistant director of Academic Computing, the program "is just getting off the ground and is expanding rapidly."

Very few universities have such dishes and La Salle was the first in the area to install them. However, more colleges are

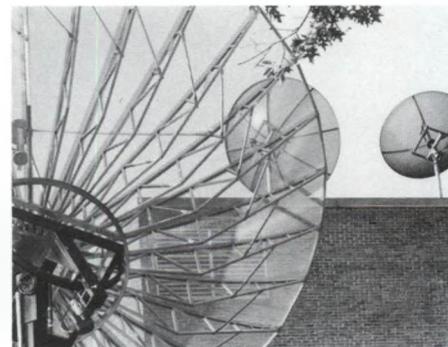
History Department Hosts Marshall Plan Traveling Exhibit

In 1948, Secretary of the State George C. Marshall broached a proposal that led to the boldest and most practical foreign aid program ever undertaken — the Marshall Plan, officially the European Recovery Program. Under devastating postwar conditions, billions of American dollars provided the goods and credits needed to stabilize Western Europe economically and politically.

The story of that extraordinary chapter in U.S. — European relations is made vivid in a new traveling exhibit that will be on display in the lobby of Olney Hall on the campus of La Salle University at 20th and Olney from March 16th until April 29, 1989. The exhibition is co-sponsored by the History Department of La Salle University and the National Archives-Mid Atlantic Region (Philadelphia Branch). The exhibition is open daily to the public.

"The Marshall Plan: Cooperating to Rebuild Europe," draws on photographs, contemporary documents, maps, cartoons, posters, and period film clips to dramatize the answers to three questions: why the Marshall Plan was needed, what it did, and why it worked. The exhibit's curator is Robert I. Donovan, an expert on U.S. world policy.

Parents' Weekend
October 14 and 15
Mark it Down!



Searching - silent sentinels scan skies.

acquiring satellite dishes and broadcasting their own programs to outside receivers through uplink capabilities.

"As worthwhile programs become available, La Salle will be able to bring them to our students," says Mark Purcell.

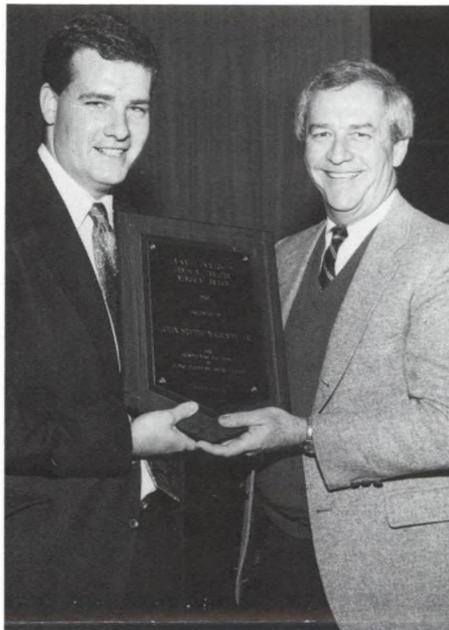
Coordinator Leads Support Counseling

by Michael G. Updyke
Collegian Editor

Recognizing the need to educate student children of alcoholics, Robert Chapman, Coordinator of Drug and Alcohol Education, hosted a four-part discussion of this problem this semester.

"The program is designed for students who come from families where one or more parents have an alcohol problem," says Chapman. "The focus is on that issue and the difficulties that are created for the student. It's a student-focused program. It's taking a look at how coming from that kind of family background can have an impact on students even when they're living away from home." This informational program was open to all members of the campus community.

Topics included developing strategies for coping in the campus community after being conditioned by the family to act differently. A program is planned for next fall.



Service Rewarded as (l) John S. Grady, Jr. receives James A. Finnegan award from Dr. Raymond Heath and (r) Maribeth Scholten receives the John McShain Award from Dr. Barbara Millard.



La Salle Opens Popular Mini-Market as Part of Renovated Campus Bookstore

One-stop shopping and a modern campus store are now available in newly renovated Wister Hall. Since the Library Annex moved last June, the Hall has slowly been transformed into an attractive, spacious bookstore and on-campus minimart.

Students may now shop for textbooks and potato chips at one locale. Operating hours have expanded to include 7-days per week service in the convenience store.

Students seem pleased with new setting for one-stop shopping. On ribbon-cutting day, they were treated to free cake and discounted ice cream.

Popular with faculty, staff, and students is *The Market at Intermissions*, featuring freshly-prepared gourmet take-home foods Monday through Friday, 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Menus for the first weeks ranged from authentic Maryland crabcakes to rigatoni with sausage and mushrooms.

Students Receive Awards at Reception

Marla Cimini
Collegian News Editor

La Salle seniors and administration members gathered in the Union ballroom for the school's Sixteenth Annual Student Affairs Awards Reception on March 21.

The ceremony recognized many outstanding seniors who received "Who's Who" or "Student Activities Service" awards for dedication and service during their four years at La Salle.

The Day Division Awards included the Inter-Fraternity/Sorority Council Dennis Dougherty Scholarship Award. Brother Gerald Molyneaux, chairman of the Communication Department, presented this award to Matthew Ramsey, a member of Phi Kappa Theta, for his contributions to the Greek community at La Salle.

The Economic Department's Dr. Joseph Flubacher presented the Dr. Joseph Flubacher Leadership Award to Robert R. Plefka for contributing to student life through outstanding leadership. Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Raymond P. Heath presented the James A. Finnegan Memorial Award to John S. Grady Jr., for being most likely to successfully demonstrate Judeo-Christian ideals in the course of a political government career. The English Department's Dr. Barbara Millard presented the John McShain Award to Maribeth Scholten, for displaying an interest in the general welfare of La Salle and maintaining an excellent scholastic record.



President Presides as Brother Patrick Ellis cuts ribbon to mark official opening of the Campus Store.



Address Correction Requested

La Salle University
Philadelphia, PA 19141

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
BULK RATE
Philadelphia, PA
Permit No. 1167

Two La Salle Scholars Garner Fellowships

by Crista Campione
Collegian News Staff

Two La Salle students, Samantha Shakeley and Lara Porkorny, have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships, which will enable them to study abroad for one academic year, beginning next fall.

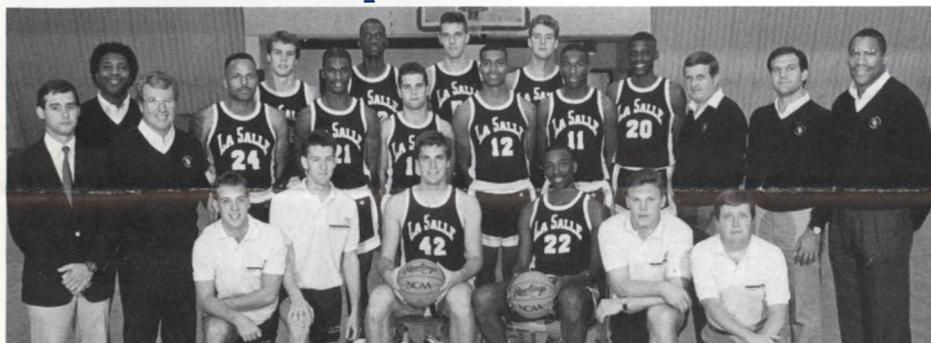
Shakely, a German major, will study at the University of Bayreuth in Germany. She wants to study contemporary German literature with a concentration on Arnold Krieger, particularly on his novel, *Geliebt, Gejagt, und Unvergessen*, which deals with German colonization in Africa.

Porkorny, an English and German major, will study in Austria next year. Porkorny proposes to study the literature of Austrian poets and dramatists, especially those that include the problems of the Austrian people and their lives after the second World War.

Fulbright scholars are chosen on the basis of their familiarity with the language of the country they select, as well as their academic average at La Salle.

La Salle receives approximately six to nine Fulbright applications each year. Usually, two students are actually chosen to receive the scholarship.

Hail to the Champions!



Conference Champions, NCAA Tourney participants: La Salle's Men's and Women's basketball teams.

Rest in Peace

Lillian Lien

Mother of Dr. Eleanor Sandstrom

Brother Richard Hawley, F.S.C.

Assistant Professor of
Biology For More Than 35 Years

John Murray

Member of the Class of 1980

Marshall French

Father-in-Law of Dr. Michael Kerlin and
Father of Marianne Kerlin '74

Dora Strieb

Mother of Dr. Bert Strieb

Marjorie Jenkins

Mother of Marshall Jenkins

William Berry

Member of Security Department

Brian McElhinney

Member of the Class of 1991

Colonel Stephen Silvasy

former professor of Military Science

University Awarded Instructional Grant

La Salle recently received a \$168,951 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the Higher Education Institutional Program.

The money was awarded based on the number of full-time students at the school. These funds, however, can only be used to purchase instructional equipment, including TV's, VCR's, overheads, and, particularly, computers.

← La Salle was one of only 17 schools in the country to have both its men's and women's teams involved in the NCAA Tourney.