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# Parents' Newsletter

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## Five Brothers Establishing Mutien Hall Community

At Easter, five Christian Brothers began living as members of a newly formed community on campus. The residence is named Mutien Hall, in honor of a recently canonized Christian Brother. It is located on the south campus adjacent to the St. Newmann Hall.

Brother Charles Gresh, Director of Development, is serving as the coordinator of the new community. Joining him are Brothers Gerald Fitzgerald, Director of Admissions, Edward Sheehy, Assistant Professor of History, Brother Frank Danielski, Director of the Annual Fund, and Brother Gabriel Fagan, Assistant Professor of English.

"The availability of an on-campus facility and the opportunity to establish an additional Christian Brother presence in a place accessible to students encouraged us to form the new community," according to Brother Gabriel. St. Mutien Hall will be the fifth small community formed by Brothers serving La Salle University. Nineteen Brothers will remain with the larger community residing in the south wing of College Hall.

Mutien Hall, a Civil War era country house, was the former residence of the Basilian Sisters who staffed St. Basil's Academy.



*Mutien Hall - home for new community*

## Parents plan major activities for '91-'92; Annual Fund contributions approach goal

La Salle University's Parents' Committee, at its spring meeting held on campus Sunday, April 7, approved a third-year term as Co-chairpersons for Celeste and Robert Schaefer, and reviewed the results of the current fundraising efforts by parents. The meeting also afforded time for remote planning for next fall's Parents' Weekend, and to share ideas for keeping La Salle a positive experience for students and their families.

Dr. Fred Foley, Vice-President of Development, spoke to the group about the importance of parental support of La Salle's special events, including the Annual Fund Campaign, which is running slightly behind the pace expected to attain its selected goal. He commended the group for their leadership in giving, which accounts for an increase in the number of parents making contributions in the current campaign.

Brother Andrew Bartley, Coordinator of Parents Activities, conducted a review of comments provided by parents concerning last October's Parents' Weekend. The response was overwhelmingly positive; consequently the committee discussed suggestions offered by some participants with a view to improving next fall's version of the popular activity. The Parents' Committee decided to act as a unified committee next year in service to La Salle as contacts for prospective students, fundraising, and representing other parents.

Concerns focused upon two items dealing with student life on campus—the controversial lottery system for resident room selection and the evident neglect of maintenance in several residence halls. Members agreed that contacts with other parents reflected these matters as the chief concerns of students. Dr. Foley promised to organize a meeting between committee members and the appropriate La Salle authority.

## Grants given students to help reduce their debts for educational costs

Grants totaling \$86,000 have been awarded La Salle students by the W. W. Smith Charitable Trust Foundation. Thirty-eight \$2000 scholars grants and two \$5000 scholarship prize grants are available to all full-time undergraduate students and are awarded on the basis of need and academic performance.

According to Dr. Fred Foley, Vice President for Development, the purpose of the grants is to assist students with solid academic credentials and substantial unmet financial need. The funds are intended to be used to reduce indebtedness.

Two seniors are selected for the scholarship prize grants by a special committee chaired by the Director of Financial Aid. The 1990-91 recipients are Charles Snyder, an accounting major, and Bridget Beynon, an elementary special education major. In addition to need and academic ability, candidates for this grant are judged on their effective participation in on-campus extra-curricular activities and/or off-campus community service projects.

## CEC Chapter involves La Salle students in programs helping exceptional children

La Salle University's chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) involves a small but dedicated number of students involved in assisting exceptional children. President Allison Hughes with the assistance of vice-president Judy Eirich and treasurer Lisa Venuti has organized programs and fundraisers to benefit children with special needs.

Comprised mostly of elementary/special education majors, the

## Academic Computing extends its network to link users with more information aids

La Salle's Academic Computing Department has recently networked 10 computers in the Olney Word Processing Laboratory. This relatively small Local Area Network (LAN) is the most recent addition to the university's campus network environment.

A student using a networked computer in Wister Hall will now be able to access the Library's computer. Currently, La Salle has 37 networked computers in the Wister Lab, 26 in

the computerized classroom in Wister, 10 in Holroyd, 10 in Olney, and an additional computerized classroom in Olney 205.

The individual networks are connected and all include linkage to both the library and Internet, an international network which opens up a vast store of information. One feature of Internet is its electronic mail capability which enables users to communicate with others even at a distance.



## Graduates to give art from Class to Library

La Salle seniors will present a class gift to the Connelly Library before graduating in May. The committee selected a painting by Sarah Steele because her exhibition last year impressed students so favorably.

The Senior Gift Committee encouraged by Brother Frank Danielski, Annual Fund Director, has collected almost \$2000 toward the purchase of a Steele painting. Funds were solicited through Phone-a-thons and several Senior Nights Out.

More than 500 seniors attended two of the Nights Out events, creating class spirit and the will to make a significant gift to La Salle as a memorial of their years here. The committee is optimistic that the ten-dollars-per-student goal will be attained by their class.

# Security reports record decline in campus crime; increased awareness and special technology cited

Reported campus crimes have reached an all-time low this current school year. John Travers, Director of Security, cited increased security-consciousness and additional attention by police officers of the 35th District as the major contributing factors for the dramatic decrease in crimes.

In compliance with state law, La Salle's Security Department has released crime statistics for the 1990 calendar year. Records reveal that 126 offenses were reported, a 46% reduction from the 231 reported in 1989.

Vandalism, thefts, and alcohol offenses were the most numerous crimes reported in 1990 and in each category a significant drop was experienced. Security has been increased for residents of the La Salle Apartments by the installation of ID card readers and additional phones. La Salle recently received permission from Philadelphia Electric Company to string fiber optic cables on their telephone poles in order to connect the apartments and Good Shepherd to security's voice/data/video system. Fifteen additional cameras will be placed in these areas by the year's end.

## 41 LSU students participate in work program— "Project Appalachia-'91"

This spring, 41 La Salle students joined others from Boston College and Appalachian State College in Project Appalachia, an effort to assist the residents of Frakes, Kentucky. Focusing attention upon the Henderson Community Center, the students rebuilt a barn and handled general repairs around the settlement.

Sal Barreca, La Salle student coordinator of Project Appalachia, emphasized the educational aspects of the endeavor. "Students return with a sense of how their lives compare with those of less fortunate circumstances. They become sensitized to the needs of the poor and to ways a community can reach out to assist them."

Each student contributed \$45 to participate in the project. Additional funding was provided from Campus Ministry's various fundraisers and from donations from the university. Upon their return to La Salle, participants agreed that their lengthy preparation and their hard work were well worth their time and energy.

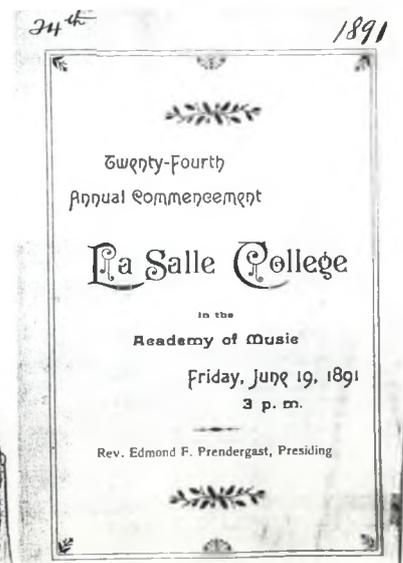
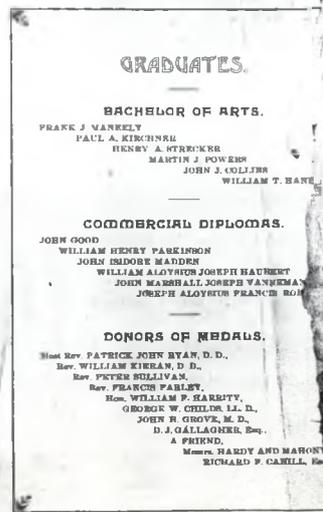
## PAGES FROM THE PAST

by Brother Thomas Warner

*A tradition in the making.....*

100 years ago, six La Salle College seniors constituted the graduating class at their school's twenty-fourth commencement.

Today, 790 seniors and 1333 total students begin life after La Salle. Both groups, a century apart, experienced the benefits of small classes and individual attention — a La Sallian tradition.



## Senior named to a place on USA's academic leadership team

USA Today has selected La Salle senior Andrea Kelly as a member of its 1991 All-USA Academic Team, designating her as one of the top 60 best college students in the nation. USA Today annually recognizes students who excel not only in scholarship, but in leadership roles on and off campus.

Kelly was nominated for the honor by two of her teachers—Dr. David Efroymson (Religion) and Brother Thomas McPhillips (Biology). As a biology major with a math minor, Kelly's 3.97 grade point average and her impressive list of campus and community service activities placed her among the best students from colleges across the nation.

## Brother F. Christopher dies at 82; served La Salle for a half century

Brother F. Christopher, F.S.C., Ph.D., passed away on Saturday, March 30th, at the age of 82. He earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Catholic University in Washington.



*Brother F. Christopher*

Brother Christopher had been a member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools for 61 years. He joined the La Salle faculty as an associate professor of biology in 1943 and was appointed dean of the college in 1951. In 1955, he became the full-time admissions director. Brother Christopher loved horticulture and helped to landscape the La Salle campus. He was an excellent biology teacher and an inspirational advisor to pre-medical students. One of his most cherished honors came in 1979, when Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer proclaimed a day for him in commemoration of his golden anniversary as a Christian Brother and designated him an Admiral of Baltimore's Harbor, an honorary title.

A member of numerous scientific, academic and professional societies, Brother Christopher was a former president of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors, an emeritus member of the Pennsylvania Association of College Admissions Counselors and co-founder of the Catholic College Coordinating Council.

He was also a member of the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers, the A.E.D. International Pre-Medical Honor Society, the K.M.E. National Mathematics Honor Society, the Pi Delta Phi National French Honor Society and many others. "He was a quiet, gentle man who took a tremendous amount of pride in all the doctors - as a pre-med advisor and professor of biology - that he was personally responsible for," said Mr. Robert Lyons, Director of the News Bureau.

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE...

**Carmen Perez**  
Daughter of Sonia Perez

**James Korsgaard**  
Father of Jamie Korsgaard ('89)

**Fern B. Doyle**  
Mother of Joseph Doyle (B.B.A. '87)  
and Patrick ('93-Political Science)

**Louis R. Phillip**  
Father of James Phillip ('91-Computer  
Science)

**James J. Henry**  
Former Director of Athletics

**Mary Wollman**  
Mother of Joan Flaherty

**John T. Dotter**  
Father of Kelly Ann Dotter  
( '93-Psychology)

**Dr. Richard Lautz**  
Associate Professor of English

**Walter Kaiser**  
Retired member of the Accounting  
Department

**Vincent Gallagher**  
Father of Clare McCarthy

**Ralph Wilkey, Sr.**  
Retired Housekeeping Supervisor

**Albert Bareis**  
Father of Cathy Ricci and father-in-law of  
Ray Ricci, Vice President for Enrollment  
Services Grandfather of Michael Ricci  
( '94-Finance)

**Katie Shininghouse**  
Great Grandmother of Jeri Brockington

**Elizabeth Wynn Kelly**  
Wife of Dr. David H. Kelly and  
sister-in-law of Dr. Geoffrey Kelly

**Ruth Gordon**  
Mother of Linda Ferrante and Ruth  
Jenkinson

**Gael Ann Matthews**  
Wife of Bill Van Buskirk

**Catharine M. Brogan**  
Mother of Joseph V. Brogan

**Brother F. Christopher, F.S.C.**  
Director of Admissions 1955-1972,  
transfer and foreign student admissions till  
1983

**Lisa Martin**  
Elementary and Special Education '89

## La Salle Mourns The Loss Of Dr. Lautz; Popular English Teacher For 22 Years

Dr. Richard Lautz, one of La Salle's highly regarded teachers, died on January 22nd after a prolonged illness. An Associate Professor of English, Dr. Lautz was 55 and had served the La Salle Community since 1968. At memorial services and in conversations across the campus, students and colleagues praised his dedication and competence and mourned his loss.

Formal recognition of his talents occurred in 1975 when he was designated recipient of the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. In nominating Richard Lautz, Dr. Keenan, then Chairman of the English Department, acknowledged him as "one of the most enthusiastic, provocative, and knowledgeable teachers in the department."

Dr. James Butler, current English Chairman, recalled that when Dr. Lautz arrived here with an M.A. from the University of Arkansas and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, he was quickly recognized as "one of the most respected and talented teachers at the school." Senior Chris Davis, a former student of Dr. Lautz, believes that "his sensitivity to literature and life surely touched a number of lives."



*Dr. Richard Lautz*

He was the director of the Grimoire, the student literary magazine, for 20 years as well as poetry editor of the faculty's Four Quarters magazine. Dr. Lautz also initiated many college novices into the study of European literature in the Freshman Interdisciplinary Program. The last course that he taught was the popular Honors seminar, "The City in Literature." John Grady, director of the University Honors Program, asserts, "He was instrumental in the success of the Honors Program." Students and colleagues alike state that Dr. Richard Lautz had two loves: students and literature.

## 2 Seniors Recognized As '91 Fulbright Scholars

Prestigious Fulbright Fellowships have been awarded to La Salle seniors Arica Young and David Wigmore. Both will attend the University of Vienna in Austria next fall. Selected on the basis of a written application and a completed project, Young and Wigmore submitted projects dealing with Austrian authors, focusing upon the effect their works had upon their homeland.

Dr. Bernhardt Blumenthal, Chairman of La Salle's Foreign Language Department, reported that the Fulbright Scholarship was established to "send abroad the best young Americans in order to create friendship and understanding." "Our government," he said, "sought the very best scholars America had to offer and we can be justly proud that two of them were found here at La Salle University."

## Graduate Program Helps To Counsel Parishoners

La Salle's Graduate Program in Pastoral Counseling is currently serving the nearby community by providing about a dozen alumni to promote adult learning and discussion in conjunction with the Parents' Association of St. Benedict's Parish.

The program is designed to help adults experiencing persistent problems in the areas of marriage, parenting, and addiction and is the most extensive project undertaken by the Center for Individual and Family Studies, a division within the Pastoral Counseling Program directed by Dr. Leo M. Van Everbroeck.

Since its inception on November 18, about 110 members of St. Benedict's Parish have participated in the workshops designed and staffed by La Salle's graduate alumni. The program, featuring group sessions, addresses such topics as Models of Family Systems and Sexuality. Organizers hope to expand the program to other local parishes.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

*The Parents' Association of La Salle University extends best wishes for success to all 1333 celebrants of a goal achieved!*



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## **African Tribal Art featured here in spring exhibition of Plass collection**

The La Salle Art Museum is hosting a special exhibition entitled African Tribal Art, from the Bequest of Margaret Webster Plass. Margaret Plass of Philadelphia was one of the first Americans with a scholarly interest to collect and research African tribal art. Along with her husband, she amassed a remarkable collection, the majority of which was given to the British Museum in the nineteen-fifties. She continued thereafter to research, lecture, write and collect throughout most of her life. Upon her death at the age of ninety-four in 1989, she bequeathed the remaining pieces of her collection to Bryn Mawr College and to La Salle University. The pieces in this exhibition provide both an introduction to our African-American heritage and a significant addition to the La Salle Art Museum's permanent collection.

The complementing photograph is of a wooden tribal mask originating from the Baule tribe. This piece from the

Ivory Coast, as well as others from Nigeria, Angola and Zaire, can be seen at the La Salle University Art Museum, located in the lower level of Olney Hall, 20th Street and Olney Avenue. For information about the exhibit, call Caroline Wistar at 951-1221.



## **President announces tuition for '91-'92, cites quality factor**

University President Brother Patrick Ellis announced that the per-semester tuition cost for 1991-92 would be \$5125—an eight percent increase.

Citing the cost of faculty and staff salaries and benefits, institutionally-based financial aid and the inflation factor, Brother Ellis regards the increase as necessary "to maintain the quality of our academic and environmental dimensions."

Fees for the residence halls and charges for food services were also increased to meet escalating costs of operation.

### **Tuition and Fee Schedule**

| <b>Day Division</b>                  | <b>'90-91</b> | <b>'91-92</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Basic full-time tuition per semester | \$4,550       | \$5,125       |
| <b>Evening Division</b>              |               |               |
| <b>Summer Session</b>                |               |               |
| Tuition per credit hour              | \$180         | \$202         |