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Parents' Newsletter

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Parents Plan 9th Weekend

La Salle's Parents' Committee, chaired by Robert and Celeste Schaefer, met on Sunday, April 5, to plan for next fall's Parents' Weekend, to assess the status of parental participation in the Annual Fund, and to dialogue with administrators about areas of mutual interest, including housing, food services, and security.

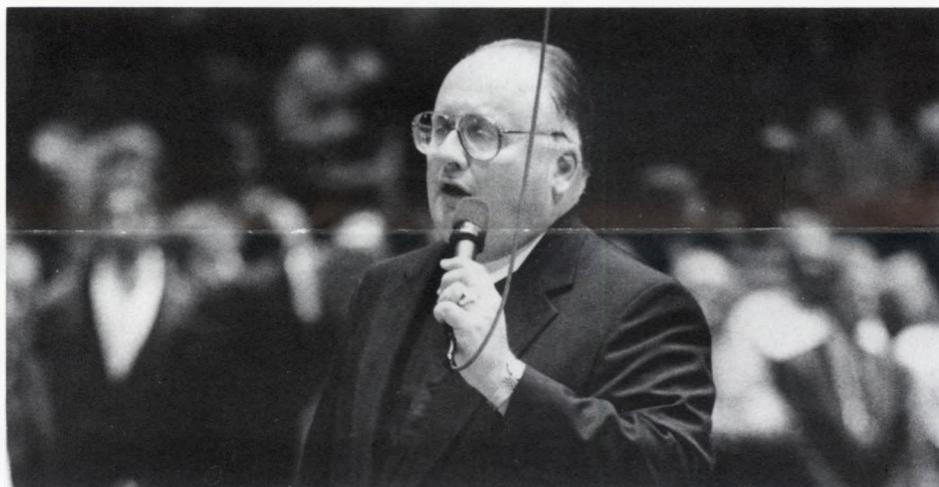
Evaluations of last October's Parents' Weekend reflected general satisfaction with the program. Suggestions for improving next year's event were offered for consideration. Response to the Annual Fund was reported behind the giving level of 1991, (see box) perhaps because of the economy or later phone solicitation of freshman parents, according to Brother Frank Danielski, Director of the Annual Fund.

Brother Patrick Ellis, President, spoke to the committee for the last time, thanking the parent volunteers for their generous service to La Salle. The Schaefers, concluding their third term as Chairpersons, thanked Brother Patrick for his time at La Salle, and were in their turn thanked by Brother Andrew Bartley, FSC., Coordinator of Parents' Activities.

GIVING: a Comparison

DATE	PLEGGED	GIFTS
May 5, 1991	55,288	37,364
May 5, 1992	52,000	39,405*

* Includes special \$10,000 gift from a family.



SO PROUDLY WE HAIL Brother Patrick Ellis, President, as he departs La Salle to become the first Christian Brother to serve as President of the Catholic University of America.

Brother Patrick to Head Catholic University

La Salle University President Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., Ph. D., has been named Catholic University of America's 13th president effective in June, 1992.

Announcement of Brother Patrick's selection was made January 27, 1991 by Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, chairman of the 42-member CUA Board of Trustees.

An alumnus of Catholic University, (Summa cum Laude, 1951) Brother Patrick, 63, will succeed Father William J. Byron, a Jesuit priest who has served as president for a decade.

La Salle University's Board had recently offered Brother Patrick a fourth five-year term as president, but agreed with his decision to accept an invitation to apply for the Catholic University presidency.

Under Brother Patrick's leadership, La Salle expanded both academically and physically. In 1984 La Salle attained university status and the graduate school expanded significantly.

During his tenure the \$11 million Connelly Library, 75 townhouses accommodating 375 students, the acquisition and adaptation of the former St. Basil's Home to house 250 students, an all-weather track and a 500-seat dining hall were added to La Salle's campus.

Energetic, articulate, and involved, Brother Patrick became a familiar and welcome presence on numerous boards and advisory groups in the Delaware Valley and beyond. The quality of his service frequently earned him leadership roles within many of these groups. His extensive participation in numerous academic, church, and civic events--often as principal speaker--is almost legendary, as is his rich baritone rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner at Veteran's Stadium or the Civic Center.

Several testimonials to Brother Patrick are scheduled, including a reception and dinner Tuesday, June 2, 1992 when friends and colleagues will acknowledge his enduring contributions to La Salle as president, Director of Development, and teacher.

Campus Ministry Offers Outreach to Community

The Campus Ministry Center summarized many of their outreach programs in the January edition of "The Word on Campus," a publication which describes almost 20 activities which provide LaSalle students opportunities for involvement.

Participation is on a strictly voluntary basis; yet many of the participants continue to serve others by remaining with one or several programs for more than one year.

Some of these are described below.

The **Widener Swimming Program** helps children in need of physical therapy. Work at the **Philadelphia Geriatric Center** enables volunteers to gain a better understanding of and appreciation for the elderly.

Catholic Worker Tutoring assists children ages 6-12 with homework and by positive role-modelling. **Right to Life** educates others about the sanctity and dignity of human life.

Project Appalachia invites students to spend Spring Break in helping people in poverty-stricken areas. **Prison Tutors** provide one-on-one tutoring to prisoners in the area.

Pax Christi encourages members to address various social issues from a Christian perspective. Amnesty International works to prevent the unjust incarceration, torture, and executions of persons everywhere.

Hillel provides educational and social activities for Jewish and non-Jewish students. Programs to provide instruction before Baptism and Confirmation, Music for the Liturgy, or bread for the Mass, and Eucharistic Ministers are also available.

Other programs involve La Salle students in assisting the homeless, caring for seriously ill children, befriending teens in crisis, feeding the poor, and in counseling inner-city youths.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

the Night of the Fire

by Brother Thomas Warner

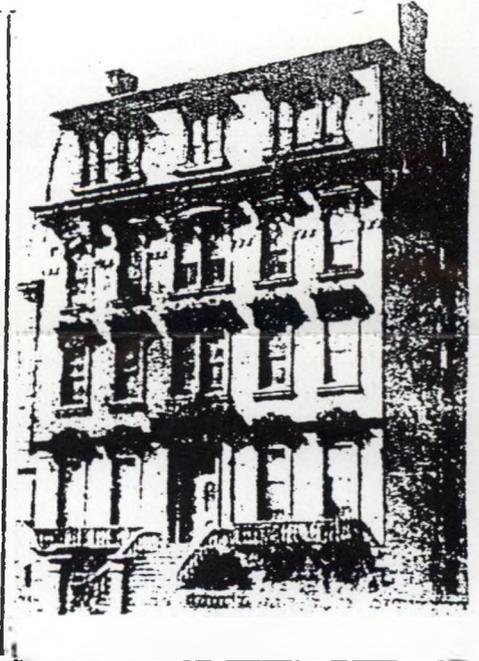
NINE ARE INJURED IN SERIES OF FIRES

Blazes at La Salle College and Other
Places Throughout City Keep
Firemen on the Run

BROTHERS ALL ESCAPE

Fires in various sections of the city last night and early this morning kept the city's fire fighting force on the run for several hours, and resulted in injury, more or less severe, to firemen and one other man.

The fires were not particularly destructive, excepting one at La Salle College, which did damage to the extent of about \$30,000.



On March 12, 1909, La Salle College, then located at Broad and Stiles Streets, survived a fire with the potential to terminate its operation. The following account from the Evening Bulletin provides some of the details.

"Fires in various sections of the City...were not particularly destructive, excepting one at La Salle College, which did damage to the extent of about \$30,000. This fire, which for a time threatened to destroy the college, is supposed to have originated from a defective flue. It burned the upper stories of the residential section of the institution, but the damage was not sufficient to interfere with the resumption of studies, and the school is open as usual.

The fire was discovered by persons outside the building shortly after 1 a.m.. Fifteen persons, including 13 Christian Brothers and two janitors were asleep in the building and but for the prompt action by outsiders might have had their escape cut off."

Students Praise Programs Offered in Second Annual Business Awareness Week

La Salle's School of Business Administration held its second annual Business Awareness Week February 17-21. The popular event provided students with knowledge about the world of business that goes beyond the classroom experience.

Utilizing classroom visits, presentations, and panel discussions, experienced presenters from the world of work endeavored to address the specific concerns of all participants.

Executives from varied disciplines and industries visited classrooms as guest instructors. Opportunities were provided for students to meet informally with the visiting executives.

Topics ranging from an overview of careers in business to "Building a Resume" enabled students, in just four days, to focus their preparation for career success.

Campus Mourns Loss of Brother William Quinn; Teacher, Dean, Leader of Christian Brothers

Brother William Quinn, F.S.C., 75, a distinguished educator and valued member of the La Salle Community for almost 40 years, died February 21 after a brief illness.

A Christian Brother for 55 years, he taught mathematics, physics, and religion here for 10 years before being named Dean of the College in 1955. In 1966 he left La Salle to serve as the elected provincial of the Brothers' Baltimore Province and later as assistant to the president of the National Conference of Major Superiors of Men, a union of provincial leaders of various religious orders in the United States.

Brother William Quinn was regarded as an expert in facilitating large group meetings. He was interested in sports, particularly tennis, golf, and cycling. In 1969, at age 62, he achieved celebrity status when he biked cross-country alone.

Keeping an informal diary of his sojourn across the country, he was able to garner several articles, including one dealing with meditations his trip inspired, for several journals.

An expert bird-watcher and avid stamp collector, Brother William exhibited part of his valuable collection of



Brother William Quinn, F.S.C.

bird stamps in the Union Building last year. He authored numerous articles on varied topics for magazines and newspapers, and delighted in solving word puzzles of any kind.

Although officially "retired" in 1988, he spent part of every school day offering his assistance to La Salle math and computer students. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for him February 25; interment was at Ammendale, Maryland, a day later.

Greeks Provide Service to Area

La Salle University's Inter-Fraternity/Sorority Council conducted two April events as part of efforts to become more involved with the immediate neighborhoods. The first project was a book drive to assist Roosevelt Middle School, a recently reopened neighborhood public school, in acquiring appropriate books for establishing a library; the second project involved volunteers in cleaning a section of Wister Woods adjacent to the La Salle campus.

Widespread cooperation enabled the Council to surpass its goal of 1500 books. By designating several drop-off locations, the Council encouraged numerous students to give books in good condition to support this worthwhile activity. The cleanup was held on Saturday morning "This effort not only helps middle school students, but also establishes goodwill between La Salle students and neighbors," said Brother Andrew Bartley, Director of Public Affairs.

Resident Life Staff Implements 3 Group Housing Programs

La Salle's Resident Life Office will include three new groups in next year's Interest Group Housing program. Intended to permit students sharing a common extra-curricular interest to live together, the program will encourage participants to foster a heightened sense of community.

Students involved will help select the location for their community and also establish rules governing their life together. "This involvement should encourage both independent thinking and personal responsibility," according to Sue Ellen Henry, Assistant Director of Resident Life.

The new groups will relate to common interests in Wellness, Multi-Cultural and Inter-national experience, and Community Service. Students from any approved organization may apply for special interest housing. If accepted, they must present two programs for the student body each semester and be represented at bi-weekly meetings designed to evaluate their experiences.

Committee Helps Homeless and Hungry by Activities

Intended to raise community consciousness, the second annual Hunger and Homelessness Week, sponsored by La Salle's Committee for the Homeless, was observed during the week of April 6-11. Rosemary Barbera and Rev. Rick Wojnicki acted as assistant coordinators for the event, another outreach effort of the Campus Ministry Center.

One of the principal events was a panel discussion on homelessness in Philadelphia, which provided participants with the opportunity to interact with experts so that possible actions to assist the homeless would be derived from current information.

Campus Ministry conducts ongoing programs to assist local and citywide victims of hunger and homelessness.

New Appointment

David Fleming, Vice President for Business Affairs recently announced the appointment of Rita M. Smart to the position of internal auditor. In that role Smart will provide internal auditing functions to enable the university to manage expenses and income more effectively.

A Certified Public Accountant with one year at Villanova Law School, Smart will first study current policies and procedures before making recommendations for improving efficiency and reducing expenses.

MARK IT DOWN!
PARENTS' WEEKEND
OCTOBER 10, 11 - 1992

ARE YOU BEING SERVED?

Service With a Smile



La Salle Catering, the University's own catering service, employs 50 students each year in positions such as utility, waiter/waitress, bartender and supervisor. The experience affords the student with hands-on training and exposure to V.I.P. events while providing them with a schedule that accommodates academic course work and extra-curricular activities. The department handles approximately 1200 events each year ranging in size from 2 to over 1500 guests and enjoys a top-notch reputation.

Increasing Diversity Prompts Foundation of Multicultural, International Affairs Offices

In response to the demands of an increasingly diverse school community, La Salle has this year created the Office of Multicultural and International Affairs, and has recently appointed two professionals to direct related activities.

Eileen O'Halloran Mshomba is the newly appointed Advisor for International Students, and James Gordon will serve as Coordinator for Schools Initiatives.

Mshomba will promote the academic and social welfare of international students; while Gordon will develop programs with neighborhood schools, enabling La Salle to identify and assist

students with the ability to succeed in higher education.

Mshomba, an attorney, is fluent in five foreign languages, and has attended the University of Illinois and Leningrad State University in Russia. Gordon holds degrees from Roger Williams College, Brown University, and the University of Pennsylvania. He has held positions as historian, curator, and archivist, specializing in multi-cultural education.

Dr. Joanne Jones Barnett, Assistant Provost, will coordinate the activities of these two new administrators who, according to her "are exceptionally experienced and qualified for their jobs."

Center Offers Programs in Basic Coping Skills for Theme-Based Groups

Single-session, structured, theme-oriented group programs have become a popular offering of the Counseling Center. During the Fall 1991 semester the staff of the Center presented 78 such programs that involved 1,469 students. The groups are usually conducted at the request of a professor for a class or an officer of a student organization for the members.

Focus on Skills

The focus of the programs is on skills that are important for success in college and on common developmental tasks that students must accomplish in order to make the transition from adolescence to early adulthood. The most popular topics include, getting drunk is never safe, study skills and time management, stress management, coping with academic anxiety, choosing a major, date rape, and identity and intimacy in the 90's.

Popular with Students

The relevance of these group programs to a broad spectrum of students, their convenience, and minimal time commitment combine to make them a hit with busy students. Individuals who want some follow up or who need more intensive help are invited to go to the Counseling Center for an appointment with one of the psychologists or the Coordinator of the Alcohol and Other Drug Program.

In addition to the single-session group programs, the Center is conducting two on-going weekly support groups, one for children of dysfunctional families and one for women with eating disorders.

Tuition and Fee Schedule

Day Division	'91-92	'92-93
Basic full-time tuition per semester	\$5,125	\$5,485

Evening Division Summer Session

Tuition per credit hour	\$202	\$216
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It Was a Very Good Year!

Poised to join the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, LaSalle's varied sports teams produced outstanding MAAC records this year, enabling the Explorers to win the league's prestigious Commissioner's Cup, indicative of over-all sports excellence--for the eighth time in nine years.

Men's and women's basketball merited inclusion in national post-season tournaments, the NCAA and NIT playoffs respectively. Speedy Morris counted on his talented seniors to effect a winning season, and Jack Hurd, Bron Holland, Milko Lieverst, and Randy Woods, one of the nation's outstanding guards, delivered. Woods scored 847 points this past season, equalling All-American Lionel Simmons for second place on La Salle's one-season scoring

list. He concluded his collegiate career with 1,811 points, the most ever for a three-year performer.

Coach John Miller, the MAAC's outstanding coach, relied on the leadership of his seniors Laura Reigstad and Mimi Harris and the ability of Jen Cole, Player of the Year, to post a record that almost earned an NCAA tourney berth.

LSU's Softball Team (33-16), featuring sensational pitching by Andrea Huck (20-7), was crowned league champs; both men's and women's swim teams were also titleists. At the Penn Relays, the track team placed two relay teams third in their division.

Wrestling, crew and more than twenty other teams were always competitive in their conference.

SGA Joins Area Colleges to Hold Benefit Marathon

La Salle University's Student Government Association (SGA) joined with other area schools April 10-11 to sponsor the first city-wide 24 hour basketball marathon to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Hayman Hall hosted the tournament-style event Friday, April 10, beginning at 3 p.m. Student support was rated excellent by sponsors who suggested that both on-campus and city-wide rivalries could be settled in this enjoyable format.

Tom Cella, SGA President and Anthony Diaz, Chairperson, hope that this fundraiser in addition to producing financial assistance, also provided participants with knowledge about societal problems related to cancer.

Throughout the year, SGA encouraged all La Salle students to become active in at least one of the many sponsored benefits. According to Cella, the academic year just ending "was especially successful because of the generous participation of so many."



La Salle Gold Card Here!

Now, the need to carry cash is virtually eliminated as students can deposit funds into their Gold Card Account and have spending power available all over campus!

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At any time students may add funds to their Gold Card Account. If students want to keep track of their spending, the Gold Card Office can provide a statement of expenditures.

The Gold Card - don't leave home without it!

For more information contact the Gold Card Office at (215) 951-1LSU.

Charter Day Held; Teacher Honored

Friday, March 20 marked Charter Day, a campus-wide celebration of La Salle's 129th anniversary as a legal entity. Major events for the occasion included a party held at the 19th Street entrance to the campus, a liturgy in the De La Salle Chapel, and the affiliation of Dr. Joseph Flubacher as a member of the Christian Brothers.

Events were well-attended by both faculty and students, who viewed the day as an opportunity to build pride in



Dr. Joseph Flubacher, AFSC

the special LaSallian values of the University.

Brother Charles Echelmeier, Director of Campus Ministry, believing that a date commemorating the official beginning of La Salle's educational apostolate should be celebrated in a significant way, organized this year's program.

Highlight of the day was the affiliation ceremony for Dr. Flubacher, Professor Emeritus of Economics, who has served the La Salle community as a distinguished and popular teacher for more than a half-century. Brother Patrick Ellis mentioned that Dr. Flubacher's affiliation as a Christian Brother is "symbolic of the close relationship between the lay and religious faculty of La Salle." Brother Echelmeier hopes that this year's celebration "starts something that will happen for the next 129 years."



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Art Museum Exhibits Work of William Strang; Artist Noted for His Etchings

La Salle's Art Museum is currently featuring an exhibition of the works of William Strang (1859-1921). Born in Dumbarton, Scotland, the artist left clerking in the family shipping business to enter the Slade School of Art in London.

Although he experimented with various media, Slade achieved most of his fame as a revivalist of etching. His works, including many book illustrations, frequently dealt with the mysterious and the macabre.

The present small exhibition features a number of his portraits of literary figures. His life's work includes more than seven hundred etchings, many revealing a compassionate view of humanity produced in a distinctive and impressive style.



William Strang, Artist

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF LA SALLE UNIVERSITY EXTENDS BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS TO ALL 1349 CELEBRANTS OF A GOAL ACHIEVED!

May they REST IN PEACE

William Ratkus
Brother of Dr. Mark Ratkus

Thomas White
Father-in-law of Dr. James Talaga

Matthew Hannigan
Brother of James T. Hannigan

Joseph Allen
Father of Dr. Marjorie Allen

Betty Joan Schmidt
Mother of Eric Schmidt

Theresa Murt
Mother of Tom Murt

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Director of Special Activities 1973-1986

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Mother of Jennifer Jacobson