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Field Notes

Narrator: Jenna Darcy

Interviewer: Kevin Brightbill

Date: 3 April 2007, 6:00 p.m..

Location: Narrator's office in career services department on La Salle campus

Language: English

Ephemera: Narrator's personal history history as a runner, and current role as La Salle coach.

Darcy is the only female assistant coach on the staff of La Salle's Charles Torpey. She is also currently a psychology graduate student, and one who has an internship at a clinic for autistic children in addition to her role as a track and field coach. She is a New Jersey native and a graduate of La Salle's class of 2004.

My interview with Darcy was the first of what would be three total; she was also the coach with whom I had the least familiarity based on my own history as a student-athlete for La Salle. As such, this interview was conducted in the most formal manner of the three, whereas the other two could sway to become more casual and friendly.

Darcy seemed to recall many aspects of her running career with genuine fondness and longing, but was a little less interested in questions related to the present team – though she still answered those fully and willingly. We were both probably nervous at the start of the interview, myself for making sure that I would be able to record things properly and Darcy because she did not yet know what exact sort of questions she would face.

There was not too much investigation done into the background of Darcy before the interview, save for a few inquiries made of the other two coaches who would also become the subjects of later interviews. Of the three, she is the subject whose story stayed most focused on the questions that I directly asked.

There were no interruptions or technical difficulties, and the interview was able to be carried to its full, natural length. She grew more comfortable and interested in the process as we went along, and, by the conclusion, had changed her expression from one of wonder and worry to one of eagerness and excitement. I thanked her for her cooperation, turned off the recording, and left her office, happy to both have conducted a successful interview and to have gotten to better know a person whom I see every day as a track and field athlete.