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CAMPUS NEWS

LA SALLE UNIVERSITY'S WEEKLY INFORMATION CIRCULAR

Dec. 17, 1999



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PHYSICAL FACILITIES

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To: The Campus Community

Subject: Closing and securing campus buildings in preparation of a Y2K related emergency

Date: December 8, 1999

Dear Colleagues:

On Friday, December 31st at 12:00 o'clock noon, the staff of Physical Facilities will begin securing and locking down ALL campus buildings with the exception of Saint Katherine's Hall, Blue and Gold Commons, and Security and Safety headquarters. The reason for this precaution is to protect students, employees, and University property in the event of a prolonged or major power outage during the time period surrounding January 1, 2000. All buildings will be returned to their normal access state as soon as it is determined that the locking safeguard is no longer needed.

Please feel free to contact me at extension 1315 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. Lopacki".

Michael Lopacki
Director of Physical Facilities

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Director of Human Resources
Philadelphia, PA 19141 . (215) 951-1013 . Fax (215) 951-1799

To: All University Personnel
From: Susan P. Rohanna Director of Human Resources
Subject: 2000 Tax Rates
Date: December 17, 1999

Social Security and Medicare Taxes: Both the employer and employee Social Security and Medicare tax rates will remain at 7.65% for the year 2000 as follows:

6.2% (.062) is the tax rate applied to the social security taxable wage base, which will increase from \$72,600 to \$76,200 in 2000.

1.45% (.0145) is the tax rate applied to the Medicare taxable wage base, which is all wages earned.

Federal Withholding Taxes: The value of a withholding allowance has increased from \$2,750 to \$2,800 for the year 2000.


There are no changes to the Philadelphia wage tax rates and Pennsylvania wage tax rate for the year 2000.



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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141 • (215) 951-1015 • FAX (215) 951-1602

TO: The Campus Community
FROM: Richard A. Nigro, Provost 
DATE: December 17, 1999
RE: Change in the Structure of the Roster

Dear Members of the La Salle Community:

At its most recent meeting on December 7, 1999, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended a change in the structure of the roster. Their recommendation was endorsed by University Council at its meeting on December 13, 1999.

The proposed model roster is structured around classes scheduled either for MWF in 50-minute blocks or for TR in 75-minute blocks beginning at 8:00 AM and going through the day until 5:00 (Figure 1). No classes would be scheduled in the block at 1:00 MWF and 12:30 TR. This is the FLEX band, time set aside for extracurricular and co-curricular activities. More flexibility in building blocks of classtime would be allowed in the afternoons beginning at 2:00. Classes in the afternoon may be rostered for MWF 50-minute blocks, TR for 75-minute blocks, or MW (or WF or MF) for 75-minute blocks starting either at 2:00 or 3:30. Science lab courses would be scheduled as they are now, either on MTWRF afternoons or on TR mornings. A 3-hour class would be more easily accommodated on a T or R; a 3-hour class on M, W, or F afternoon excludes the student from any other MWF afternoon classes.

Superimposed on this roster are the Double Bands, time blocked out for the faculty and freshman students in the Core Doubles. Three bands are depicted in Figure 2. Nine hours are blocked off for the two faculty teaching the Core Doubles in which they may organize their linked courses. Only seven hours of the block are needed but blocking off the entire nine gives the faculty the flexibility to tailor the time to their needs.

The next page is a graphic representation of the new structure.

I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the development and discussion of this plan, especially Dr. Nancy Jones, Chair of the Scheduling Task Force. We hope that this new structure will allow us to serve our students better and meet more of our collective needs.

Figure 1

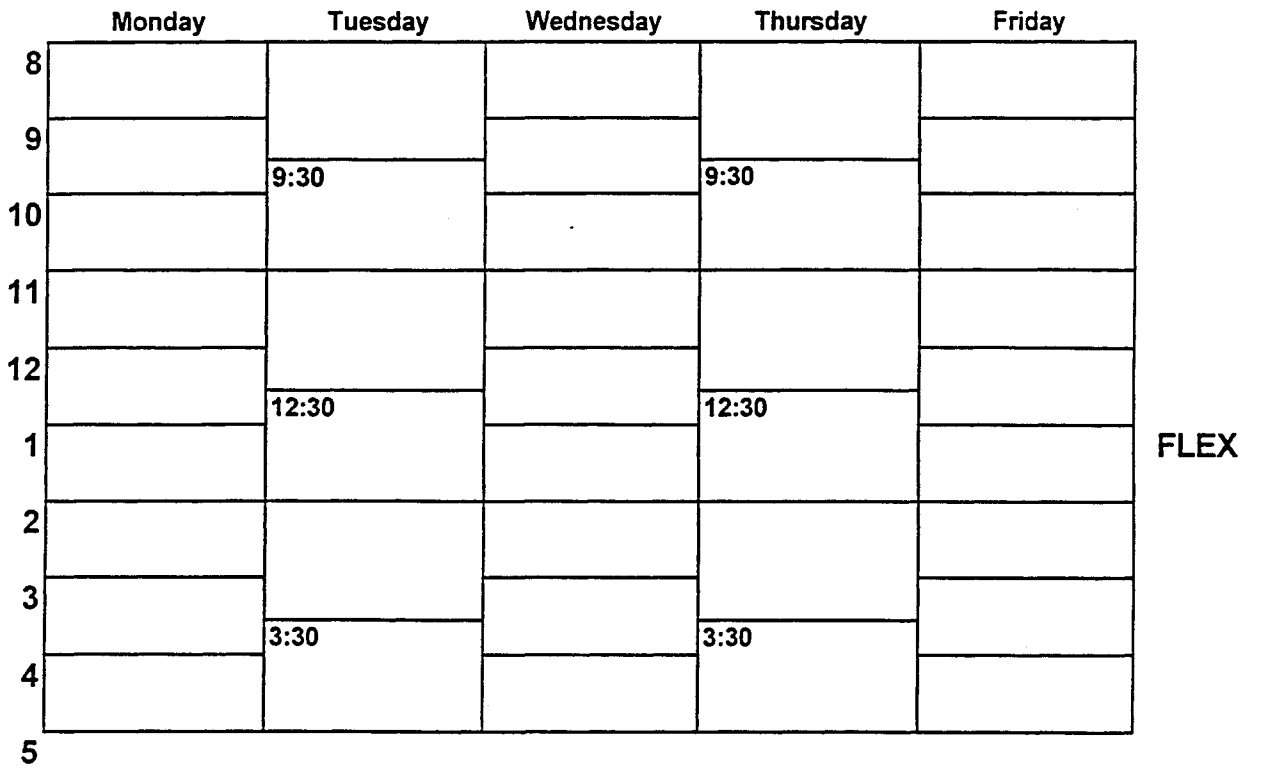
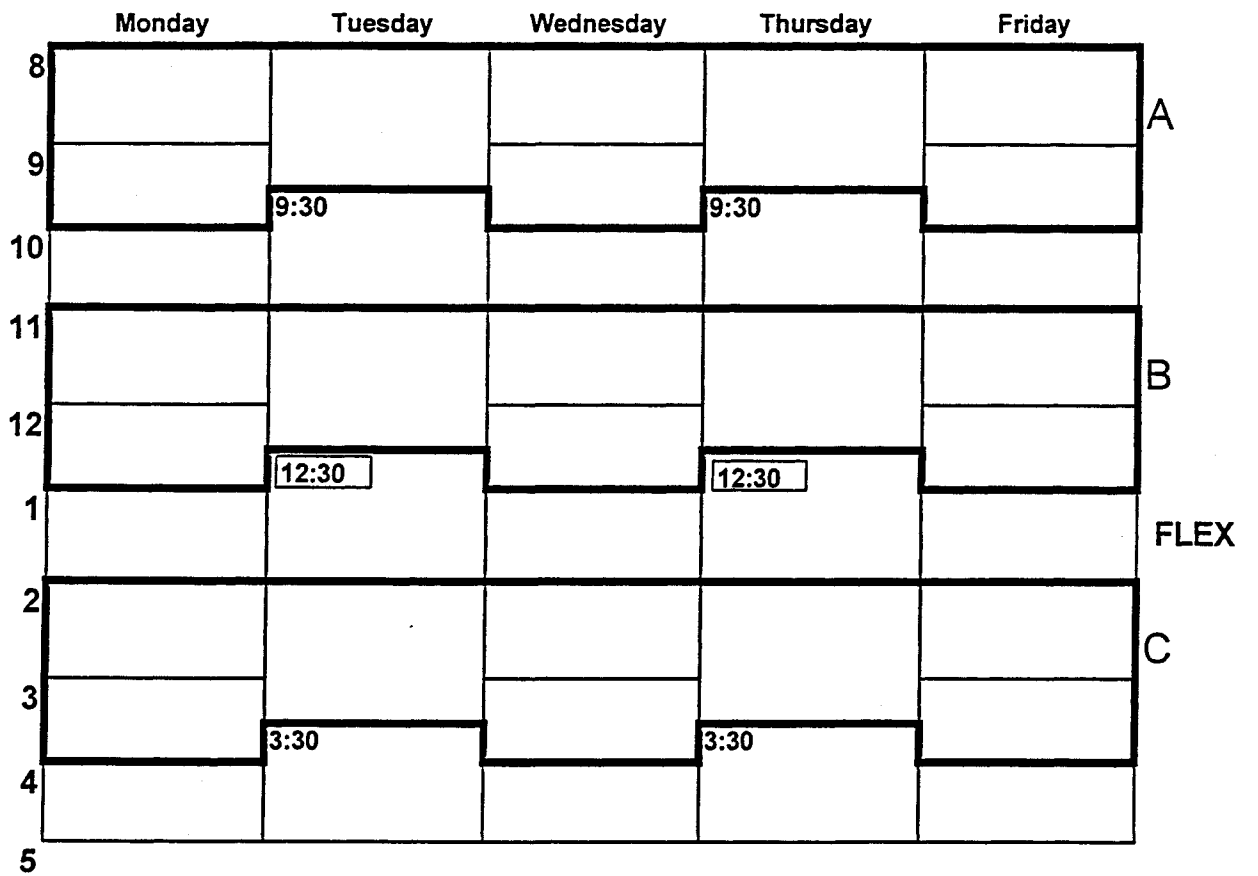


Figure 2





Minutes of the November 30, 1999 meeting of Graduate Council

Present: J. Beitz, F. Berna, S. Borkowski, L. Collins, W. Hall, M. McManus, B. Millard (presiding), A. Muller, E. Paulin, W. Price, J. Ugras, Z. Wolf.

Guests: L. Elliot and M. McManus representing the M.S. program in Computer Information Science (M.S. CIS)

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Dean Millard at 3:30.
- 2) The Minutes of the October 20, 1999 meeting of Graduate Council were approved with the correction in line 3 of the main paragraph replacing "systems" with "science". Vote: 10-0-2
- 3) Dr. McManus presented a revised curriculum for the M.S. CIS program. The proposal is to have the new curriculum take effect in the spring 2000 semester. With the rapidly changing and emerging technologies, many courses in the CIS program are in need of revision and some new courses are needed as well. The new M.S. CIS curriculum focuses on four major areas of technology: *Software Engineering, Databases, Developer & Systems*, and *Networking*. These four areas are supported in the curriculum by foundation courses, core courses, and specialized electives. It was emphasized that this program is distinct in its focus on state-of-the-art technologies.

There were a number of questions and comments regarding this new curriculum. One question concerned the need for additional faculty (how many and in what areas of expertise?) and the effects these changes would have on the undergraduate students. Dr. Elliot alleviated these concerns. The primary concern of the Council was focused on the change of CIS 610 (*Legal, Ethical and Social Issues in Computing*) from a required course to an elective. The Council's concerns revolved around the need for a required non-technical course of this type that would provide a social and ethical framework for this rapidly changing discipline. It was pointed out that ethical and legal issues in computing are quite different now than even five years ago. Given the new technologies, the enhanced magnitude of information and the speed of acquiring this computer information, it was suggested that a course of this type should be required.

The revised curriculum proposal was endorsed with the following recommendations: the Council is requesting either a) CIS 610 remains as a required course in the foundation or b) that if CIS 610 remains as an elective, that these issues are resolved by specifically articulating the courses into which these social, ethical and legal topics are to be integrated. In addition, if CIS 610 remains an elective, *all* students in the program will take courses impacted by this change regardless of their technology area. **The Council requests a revised proposal emphasizing these changes.** They will meet during the week of final examinations to vote on the revised curriculum.

Submitted by:
William A. Price

Note: It was suggested that the timing of this proposal relative to its anticipated implementation (January, 2000) was less than optimum (in addition to being received by committee members the day prior to the meeting). This potentially puts the committee in an uncomfortable position to either hinder the progress of an outstanding program, to approve a proposal despite some concerns, or to call an additional meeting.



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Minutes of the October 20th Graduate Council Meeting

Present: J. Beitz, Fr. F. Berna, S. Borkowski, M. McManus, B. Millard, A. Muller, W. Price, L. Collins, J. Ugras, and Z. Wolf

Excused absence: G. Bruce, W. Hall, B. Paulin

The minutes of the September 21st meeting were accepted as written by a vote of 8-0-1.

Dr. Janice Beitz, Director of Graduate Nursing program presented the proposal for "Certificate in Nursing Informatics". All the six courses that will be required are existing courses in Nursing (1), Computer Information Science (4) and Business (1) graduate programs. The first of the six required courses, Nursing 512 – Introduction to Nursing Informatics, can be waived with appropriate background. The students will be eligible for the American Nurses Credentialing Center - Informatics Certification Examination.

The proposal was accepted with a vote of 8-0-2.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joseph Ugras



**HOLIDAY
LIBRARY HOURS
1999 - 2000**

CHRISTMAS & SEMESTER BREAK

Sunday	December 19	CLOSED
Monday	December 20	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	December 21	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	December 22	8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday - Sunday **December 23 - January 2** **CLOSED**

Monday - Friday	January 3 - 7	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	January 8	CLOSED
Sunday	January 9	CLOSED
Monday - Friday	January 10 - 14	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	January 15	CLOSED
Sunday	January 16	CLOSED
Monday (<i>MLK Holiday</i>)	January 17	CLOSED



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DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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Appointment

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Brenda Edwards as the Assistant Director of Human Resources. Brenda comes to the University with 11 years of experience as a Human Resources Manager and Benefits Administrator at Peirce-Phelps, Inc.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Brenda to La Salle.



Dear Campus Community,

We, at the Alumni Office, would like to extend to you a personal invitation to attend any of the following events. As a new event this year, we are inviting reunion classes to various basketball games in partnership with the Reunion 2000 committees and the Athletic Department. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by contacting the Alumni Office at 215-951-1535 or alumni@lasalle.edu.

January 9	1:00-2:00pm	Pre-game Reception in Hall of Athletes --Classes of '80 and '85
	2:00 pm	Men's basketball versus St. Bonaventure
January 16	12-1:00pm	Pre-game reception Alumnae Club
	1:00 pm	Women's basketball versus Virginia Tech
January 18	6:30-8:00pm	Pre-game Reception in Hall of Athletes --Classes of '60 and '65
	8:00pm	Men's basketball versus Temple University
January 22	8:30am-4:30pm	Alumnae Investment Seminar in Dunleavy Room
January 27	6:00pm	Warren E. Smith, MD, African American Alumni Award Reception and Dinner in Ballroom
February 5	TBA	Alumni Association Hall of Athletes Induction in Ballroom

Sincerely,

The Alumni Office Staff

CHRISTMAS CRÈCHES



A SMALL EXHIBITION OF CRÈCHES
FROM AROUND THE WORLD

2nd Floor Hall, Union Building
December 12—January 6

SALE



The Museum's full-color year 2000
calendar in pre-Christmas sale for
faculty and staff

Only \$2

The perfect Christmas "cards" for
the special people on you list!



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DIPLOMAT-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

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**La Salle University's
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Presents

**An International Conference
April 10-13, 2000**

World Diplomacy 2000: The Quest for Peace

Monday, April 10, 2000, 12:30 – 2:30, **“Voices of Promise: Women in Politics and Diplomacy”** Women ambassadors and diplomats from South Africa, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Ecuador, Singapore, Israel, and Panama.

Tuesday, April 11, 2000, 12:30 – 2:30, **“Neighbors in Conflict and Peace.”** Ambassadors and diplomats from Greece, Turkey, India, Pakistan, Republic of Ireland, and the United Kingdom.

Wednesday, April 12, 2000, 7:00- 9:00, **“The Present Danger: Terrorist Groups and Criminal Cartels.”** Specialists from U. S. State Department and Intelligence Community.

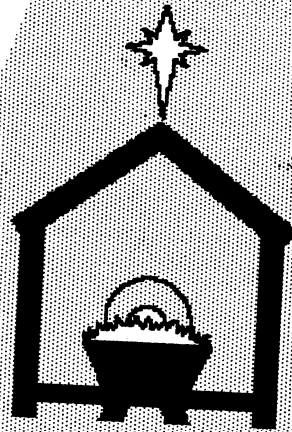
Thursday, April 13, 2000, 12:30 – 2:30, **“ U. S. Foreign Policy and Humanitarian Intervention.”** Ambassadors and diplomats from Indonesia, Russia, China, Albania, Yugoslavia, and Chile.



Christmas '99

"When John heard in prison of the works of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to him with this question, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?' Jesus said to them in reply, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them...'"

Matthew 11: 2-5



**This is the birthday
according to the flesh
of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

*Best wishes for a Merry Christmas
and blessings during the New Year 2000 --
and for many years to come!
...from your friends and colleagues in Campus Ministry*

We know you're not gone yet for
semester break!

But we wanted you to know....



Liturgy will be celebrated
in the De La Salle Chapel at
6:30 PM on Sunday,
January 16, 2000



Permission to Post -- Campus Ministry Center

CAMPUS POSITIONS AVAILABLE

LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

La Salle University
Position Announcement
Secretary I

The Department of Psychology has a position open for a Secretary I, beginning in January of 2000. La Salle is a Roman Catholic institution of higher education in the tradition of the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Job duties for this position include, but are not limited to: creation of documents, interacting with faculty and students, file and records management, and general clerical and secretarial tasks. The successful candidate should have excellent oral and written communications, proficiency in word processing, e-mail and Web research, and organizational skills.

Position carries a full-benefits package, including tuition remission. AA/EOE.

Send cover letter, resume, and the names of three references by January 7th to: Margaret Watson, Chair, Department of Psychology, 1900 W. Olney Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19141.

