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As a La Salle student, John Murray, '55, was known as the "Wizard of the Keyboard." Today, he's making miracles as the president of Duquesne

By John J. Keenan, '52

The 1955 Explorer yearbook got his middle initial wrong. And the list of activities after his name consisted of exactly one entry: It is clear that John E. Murray Jr. (not John F.) managed to get through La Salle without calling attention to himself. He came to class, he went to work. Yes, he got a B.S. degree in Industrial Management, automatically qualifying as a member of Dr. Bernie Goldner's Society for the Advancement of Management, his one activity. Yes, he got good grades. No, he did not merit any full page pictures in the yearbook the way his All-American classmate Tom Gola did. He was just another face in a gallery of graduates, another kid from Kensington working his way through college. No one picked him Most Likely to Succeed. A Big Man on Campus he was not.
La Salle was winning national championships in basketball in those years. Tom Gola was everybody's All-American. Frank O'Hara was Ken Loeffler's greatest playmaker. Olympian Al Cantello was throwing the javelin a mile, and Dan Rodden was directing the Masque's Carousel. Long-time baseball coach Gene McDonnell was then starring on the baseball team, and current Provost Joe Kane was a junior, majoring in economics. John Murray had a band and played piano in Philadelphia and Wildwood clubs, and they didn't count club gigs under extra-curricular activities in the yearbook entry.

Take heart, all you graduates who maintained a low profile in college. It's what you do with your education that makes a real difference.

John Murray has done plenty. His visibility and accomplishments seem to have multiplied each year. Ask any civic-minded citizen of Pittsburgh, the city he now calls home.

Since 1988 John Murray has been the dynamic president of Duquesne University, the first layman ever to hold that position, and the man credited with pulling off "The Miracle on the Bluff." In the past seven years here are a few of the things Miracle Maker Murray has pulled off at Duquesne.

He has raised more than 74 million dollars in a capital campaign, much of it virtually single-handedly.

He has increased faculty salaries, which had been lagging.

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- He has helped to increase university enrollment to an all-time high while also improving the entrance credentials of each new class.
- He has increased scholarships and awards 120%.
- He has increased Duquesne's endowment 400%.
- He has played a strong role in gaining Duquesne national recognition as one of the best Catholic colleges, one of the best buyers in education, and one of the safest campuses.

To appreciate the magnitude of the miracle, you have to know that Duquesne had major problems when Murray took over. Enrollment was low, the faculty was unhappy and querulous, and the Middle States Association had delayed accreditation until certain academic and financial problems had been solved. Oh yes, the physical facilities needed maintenance and new construction also.

So why would a happy law professor at the University of Pittsburgh give up the things he loved—teaching, research, writing—and face up to a presidency filled with problems?

His son says he can't resist a challenge. His wife says she thinks he felt a calling. He himself says he "can't stand to see a mess not taken care of." Which is a fairly good working definition of a workaholic. Murray pleads guilty but says, "I love what I'm doing."

John Murray's work habits were set early in life. The only child of a Philadelphia police officer and a textile worker in Kensington, Murray has worked since he was a teenager. He studied piano from the age of five and applied for (and got) a position as music director at KYW-TV when he was a 16-year-old student at Northeast Catholic. The Oblates at North Catholic thought that this devout, intelligent young man might make a good priest, and John spent a year as a seminarian teaching at North Catholic before deciding that the priesthood was not for him.

He entered and won a contest that gave him the opportunity to spend a summer as a disk jockey at WWBZ in Vineland, New Jersey when he was 19. ("We used to give chicken and egg prices and sometimes had to make up the weather reports," he chuckles.) He was playing piano almost nightly the whole time he was a student at La Salle. Like many other La Salle students, he relied on his part-time jobs to pay his tuition. In the
summers at Wildwood, he was billed at the Manor Hotel as the 19-year old Wizard of the Keyboard. A South Philly singer named Al Martino sang with the band and later wanted John to be his accompanist as his singing career took off. Besides paying for his education, the music business was good to him in other ways too. He met his wife, Liz, an obstetrics nurse at Einstein Southern Division Hospital, when he was a senior at La Salle. She requested a tune, he played it, and Liz argued that he had left out part of the song. He denied it, and that argument has continued throughout their 41 years of married life. Together they raised four children and are now enjoying six grandchildren.

Marriage changed his plans. He had planned on pilot training in the Air Force, but the Air Force would not accept him because he was married. He had hoped to save his money while in the service to pay for law school; suddenly, and belatedly, he was looking for a scholarship to a good law school, and scholarships weren’t plentiful. The Lord (and Catholic University) came through for him in several ways: he got the scholarship someone else had turned down and his wife became pregnant. Back to the piano playing in D.C. clubs to support his young family, and back to four hours of sleep at night.

Addicted to hard work and little sleep, Murray went out to the University of Wisconsin and earned a Master’s degree and a doctorate in 14 months. Nobody had ever done that in less than three years. He was rewarded with his first teaching job at Duquesne, the school he now heads. His career after that is a series of successes in teaching and administration. As a professor at Villanova and later at Pittsburgh he was honored for distinguished teaching. As an administrator, he served as Dean of the Law School at Duquesne, Villanova and Pitt. As a lawyer, he became a nationally-recognized expert on contract law. He has written 12 books on law, edited the Journal of Legal Education for 11 years, and is a partner in the firm of Mollica Murray & Hogue. His law partner, James Mollica, describes him as “one of the top three authorities on contract law in the country.” Does he still play the piano? Of course.

Somehow he squeezes everything into his busy life: family, administrative work, teaching, his love of music, and an incredible range of civic activities. His typical day starts before 5:00 AM with a cup of coffee and look at the news via his computer. (“It’s addicting,” he admits. “I’m lost without my laptop when I’m traveling.”) He also likes to work on his research in these early hours. Then it’s off to the office until about 6:00 P.M. unless of course it’s his night to teach his course containing 105 law students, or to pursue fund raising at a dinner or civic event. He seldom gets to bed before midnight. “I’m doing what I like to do,” he says about his busy schedule. “I thoroughly enjoy it.”

During a flying visit to La Salle on October 22 to receive an honorary degree at the Fall Convocation, he shared the stage with another kid
from Kensington’s Visitation Parish, Brother President Joseph Burke. In his talk to the honors students, President Murray stressed a favorite theme, the need for an education grounded in values, the kind of education he received at La Salle. After the ceremony, a fellow alumnus asked him to share his thoughts on a few of the current problems facing education.

♦ On the role of lay people in the future of Catholic education: “It’s a lay apostolate carrying on much of the critical work of Catholic institutions. People are searching for a way to understand what the virtuous life means. They’ve tried the ‘absolute-freedom-anything-goes’ approach since the 60’s and found it doesn’t work.”

♦ On the need and value of liberal education in an increasingly specialized society: “I consider our College of Liberal Arts the keystone of the university. There must be a core of knowledge, not the smorgasbord of the 60’s. We should not have abandoned Newman’s idea of a University in favor of this smorgasbord approach where students take a little of this and a little of that. We need to get back to the classical idea of a university. Students can learn about the moral virtues in reading the great literature, poetry, history, and philosophy.”

♦ On the future of private Catholic colleges: “It can be very bright if institutions assert their strong identity as Catholic, as having a values orientation. I think our growth at Duquesne has not been based on our buildings or technological advances. People come because they respect our commitment to values. You can be unapologetically Catholic and be respectful of all religions and of the freedom to study any ideas including moral philosophy and theology seriously.”

♦ On teaching moral values to students in college: “When I talk or write about some of the ideas about the virtuous life I learned at La Salle 40 years ago, some people see these ideas as new and revolutionary. Why? Most secular universities deny even the existence of objective standards. People are searching for direction. No one believes that the disintegration of the family has been a desirable result of our emphasis on absolute freedom. Virtue is a habit. Habits have to be cultivated, and we have to start cultivating the habit of virtuous living from pre-school on. I don’t urge that we repeat the mistakes of the past but that we retain the wisdom of the past, that we not ignore the moral virtues found in the great books of the past.”

♦ On the education of future lawyers: “The benefits of a legal education are not limited to producing more practicing lawyers. Legal education, with its emphasis on precise use of language, can be good preparation for leadership in many fields. We’re seeing many lawyers doing other things in education, business, and government. We have dual-degree programs that are flourishing in many universities now. Lawyers don’t necessarily practice law.”

We made our way over to the reception, and John Murray was shaking hands with parents and students and faculty members. For a few hours he had brought his crusade for teaching the virtuous life back to the campus where his philosophical development began, and he was obviously enjoying his visit.

Mr. Keenan was editor of the university’s highly-acclaimed literary magazine, Four Quarters, until it suspended publication last Spring. The former chairman of La Salle’s English Department and a frequent contributor to LA SALLE, he retired from full-time teaching last May.
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verything was so different!
Brother Tom McPhillips,
F.S.C., Ph.D., '72, had been
living in the West Bank for
only two weeks. He walked into
his Biology classroom at Bethlehem
University for the first time. Here he was,
the first member of the Baltimore Province
of the Christian Brothers to sign on to
teach at the only Catholic university on the
occupied West Bank. A thousand thoughts
grew through his mind. Would his com-
ments be insulting to these kids? Would
they understand what he was saying?
Would his rules and regulations be abso-
lutely outrageous in this culture?

“I had all these fears,” Brother Tom
recalled of that day last September. “Then
I got in and met them and found out that
they were kids! All of this stuff mattered
very little. They were just normal young
people just like the students here at
La Salle. Oh sure, there were cultural
differences, language differences, dress
differences, but in terms of my not
understanding their culture, they were
very forgiving. It was much more of a
problem for me than it was for them.”

So began a challenging, often difficult, yet
unbelievably rewarding academic year for
a native Philadelphian more accustomed
to teaching biology to middle-class
American students at La Salle than to
virtual prisoners of political turmoil, who
spent his summers near the Atlantic
Ocean, not the Mediterranean Sea, and who enjoyed
shopping in modern suburban malls, not crowded Arab
souks surrounded by screaming donkeys and crowing
roosters.

And then, there were certain concessions that had to be
made. Like the time at the beginning of the Spring
semester when one of Brother Tom’s students didn’t
show up for the first two weeks because he was in jail.
Not to worry, he found out, it’s all explained in the
Faculty Handbook. Right there under Rule Number 13
where professors are instructed to make every attempt to
assist students whose studies have been disrupted by
imprisonment. It seems that this young man had been
called up in a bit of civil disobedience—a stone thrown
here, a tire slashed there—over the semester break and
was serving a month in the slammer.

“The university exists in Israeli-occupied territory where
students are often involved in civil unrest,” explained

By Robert S. Lyons, Jr., '61

Students in Brother Tom McPhillips’ Introductory
Biology Class at Bethlehem University. Some 65% of
the 2,100 undergraduates are Muslim, 35%
Christian. About 64% are women. Students can
pursue many of the traditional liberal arts, science,
business, and nursing majors as well as such
special programs as hotel management,
psychology, midwifery, and catechetics.

Brother Tom McPhillips
Spent a Challenging, Difficult,
Unbelievably Rewarding
Year Teaching Biology on
Israel’s West Bank
McPhillips, “It is amazing, that when this happens, the kids know there’s absolutely no compromising. The teachers say, ‘okay, we’ll help you, but we’re not going to make it easy for you. You have to put out a little extra.’ The students don’t question that. They understand that they’re not completely in the right and they’re grateful for the break. I was always very nice to him, but I pushed this kid pretty hard.”

The Christian Brothers have been serving Bethlehem University for 22 years. McPhillips lived in the Brothers’ community house inside the walled-in campus with six other American Brothers, two from Great Britain and one Palestinian. Each night, the Brothers hosted a social event consisting of prayer, dinner, and coffee. “It became even more interesting because we were a magnet for the English-speaking visitors to Jerusalem and the West Bank,” McPhillips recalled. “We had a seemingly endless stream of priests, bishops, educators, ambassadors, and just plain nice people who joined us for our evening ritual.”

The students, he said, were an “absolute delight” to teach. “One could easily get spoiled with them because they were very simple kids who were most eager to learn. When you throw in the fact that they were exceptionally respectful of teachers and yet able to joke around, you had a wonderful group. The only downside was that they were extremely grade-conscious.”

Also, their English was very weak so McPhillips found himself talking very slowly. In order to get into the university, students were required to pass a test demonstrating fluency in English. “As you can imagine, there are various degrees of fluency,” he explained. “They weren’t the best students in the world because the preparation before they get to the university is rather weak, but I constantly admired their courage and determination. Imagine taking a college science course in a foreign language with which you were not comfortable.”

One of the educational tragedies in Bethlehem was the fact that the students could not afford to buy textbooks. They purchased one paperback introductory biology textbook, then relied on note-taking and books on reserve in the library. “It’s a whole different level of poverty than anything I have ever dealt with,” McPhillips explained. Most of the students cannot pay the average tuition of $20 Jordanian Dinars ($730) per year. About two-thirds of them receive either full or half scholarships.

McPhillips also found that the young people had an amazing capacity to entertain themselves by doing such things as taking long walks and engaging in lengthy conversations and group discussions. There are no shopping malls, movie theatres, or bars in the West Bank. Few students can afford to own televisions. Student parties were non-existent; parties were strictly family affairs.

“The students feel very much imprisoned,” McPhillips explained. “The males, especially, are very aware of the fact that for the past eight years they have been forbidden to go to Jerusalem where there are such things as theatres and upscale shops, not to mention the historic religious sites. Some can actually see the city from their homes—it’s only a mile from the school to the first checkpoint—and they resent not being able to go there.”

Bethlehem University draws most of its students from as far north as Ramallah, Nazareth, and Galilee, from the environs of Hebron to the south, and from nearby Jerusalem. About 50 students live nearby in the Gaza Strip but they are forced to spend the entire academic year on campus because of the constant difficulty getting through checkpoints. Compounding the problem is the difficulty getting anything from home. Because of high unemployment in Gaza, students are often desperate for financial support.

Every year, in fact, the Christian Brothers organize a highly-popular series of fund-raising events like concerts and bake sales to raise money for the financially-strapped Gazan students. “It’s really a beautiful thing to see the Christian students leading the charge to raise money for the Gazans who are 100% Muslims,” explained McPhillips.

The university has been completely shut down by authorities because of unrest for as long as three years. In
1984, the school was tear-gassed on three occasions and closed for three weeks. Last year, however, was probably the most peaceful year since 1980. In addition to the routine holiday closings when all public transportation shuts down, the institution was shut down less than a half-dozen times, the longest being only a day-and-a-half.

The majority of the students dream of coming to America and many of their questions to Brother Tom dealt with American graduate schools. "They have very little knowledge of the U.S.A., but they know that we've got something good," explained McPhillips.

Holy Week and Easter in the Holy City were memorable occasions. On Palm Sunday, the Brothers joined 50,000 other people retracing the original path of Jesus by processing down from the Mount of Olives, across the valley and into the city of Jerusalem. "It was awe-inspiring to see the expression of unity from all these Christians," he recalled. "At one point you could see the procession sprawled across both hills and across the entire length of the Kidron valley."

McPhillips saw quite a bit of Israel and the West Bank including Galilee where Jesus conducted most of his public ministry. Nazareth is known as a very peaceful town where Israelis and Palestinians live together in harmony. "You can sense peace all through the town," he explained. "It's a wonderful feeling." Jerusalem, on the other hand, is clearly a divided city.

"It's a place filled with rich religious and historical sites, but it can be depressing," he added. "For me Jerusalem was a difficult place to visit. It seems that everywhere you go, especially at some of the most holy of places, you see soldiers in full military uniforms carrying machine guns. It's a constant reminder of the division among the people and of their problems."

Although McPhillips says that he now has a much better understanding of the problems dividing this region, he will probably never completely comprehend the complexity of the issues. "I understand a lot more now about the history and the political realities and I have a better understanding of the way people in that part of the world think which is very different from the way we think. But I still don't have a good understanding of what's going on over there."

McPhillips sees the presence of the Christian Brothers playing a unique, vital role at a Vatican-sponsored university by promoting harmony between Christians and Muslims in a way almost unheard of in the Middle East, especially in this area where only 3% of the population is Christian.

"It's amazing to see everywhere on campus Christian and Muslim students socializing and working together," said McPhillips. "It blows their minds to see Muslim faculty members spending time with Christian students and Christian faculty members doing the same with Muslim students." Of course when the students leave campus and go back to their villages that are sharply divided along religious lines, there is little of this interaction.

Moreover, says McPhillips, the Brothers are offering a service to people from an eastern culture that only outsiders could provide. "The fact that we're Brothers gives us a certain credibility and ability to negotiate for them. We tend to be relatively apolitical, therefore we can be arguing issues such as new courses or faculty salaries and we're generally seen as relatively neutral. I don't think there's any such thing as a Palestinian who is neutral on any issue. It seems to be part of the culture."

Does McPhillips anticipate teaching again in Bethlehem?

"I'd be more than open to the possibility of going back," he explained. "I would never say that it was easy. At times it was very difficult but it was unbelievably rewarding."

"And I could see going back for some more of those rewards!"
WOMEN’S RIGHTS and the LAW

Despite the Progress Made, We are Still Light Years Away from Giving Women True Equality with Men

By Laura A. Otten, Ph.D.

“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

—Amendment 14
The Constitution of the United States

As we move into the third century of America’s struggle for equality of the sexes, we can look back and see a path that is characterized by slow and erratic moves forward. And we can look ahead to a future that still needs to bring further advances. As Oliver Wendell Holmes suggested in The Common Law—“In order to know what (the law) is, we must know what it has been, and what it tends to become.” In tracing the law’s treatment of women as they have struggled for equal rights, and seeing both what that treatment was and what it has become, it seems apparent that the law must move forward even more if it is truly to treat the sexes equally. To know where it still must move, we must be clear as to where it presently is.

It should be possible now to see clearly how the law presently defines “equality,” where the law still must go, and how it might be moved there.

In this quest, we must consider—among many other items—the following points:

• Whether the Court has really, and finally, abandoned its reliance on stereotypes;

• Whether the Court continues to judge a discriminatory law facially neutral and therefore acceptable simply because the resulting discrimination was unintended:
• Whether the Court continues to accept special treatment, which “protects” women, in lieu of equal treatment, which may, in fact, remove those protective kid gloves; and

• Whether the Court has moved beyond laws that reflect what is “pretty nearly” convenient—as Justice Holmes described them—to what is fair and just.

Unfortunately, the answers to these questions are still not simple and easy to come by, for in none of these areas has the Court engaged in any clear and consistent behavior. In none of these areas has the Court completely abandoned practices that lead to women being treated less than equal to men.

Nonetheless, even though the Court has thus far refused or has been unable to abandon completely the modes of thinking that have so long hampered women’s progress and restricted their lives, the status of women has changed. Through most of the battle for equality, a battle that has lasted over two centuries, there was little interest in or willingness to grant women much of anything in terms of political, economic, or civil status—but progress did eventually come, albeit slowly.

Yet another question pushes forward. Did this progress come haphazardly, violens velonens, or, at bottom, did it come in what could be characterized as a very considered and deliberate chiseling away of the cage that confined women? Did the Court very consciously and purposefully preserve the most sacred stereotypes for the last to fall? If we carefully examine the areas of confinement that were dismantled and those that were retained, we see that the retained areas appear to be those resting upon the bedrock of sex and gender stereotypes. To dismantle those areas requires dismantling the essence of those stereotypes.

Women may now be lawyers and police officers, and they may work in a bar even if their father or husband does not own the establishment. But women may not work in situations in which the stereotypical notion of the frailty of their sex can be used as the basis for arguing that they would endanger others or themselves—as in combat (though this is changing) or in male penal institutions.

Women, even those as young as eighteen, are now deemed rational enough to vote; to sit on a jury and judge others, and to negotiate their own terms of employment. But those notions of women as rationally competent individuals fall by the wayside when confronted with a central core of our stereotypical notions—that the male is the active player in sexual relationships while the female is passive. Thus, young women may not be culpable in a situation of statutory rape because they are not deemed rational enough to understand the implications of willingly engaging in sexual intercourse with a male. Holding them culpable might suggest that women are equal partners with men in sex, and this is antithetical to the stereotypical understanding of sex as the man’s prerogative and interest and the woman’s act of mere compliance.

Women’s struggle for equal rights is ultimately the struggle to destroy effectively and completely our country’s belief in stereotypes. It is a struggle for individual self-determination rather than societal determination based upon group assessments rather than individual characteristics. And though many would assert that men have long held that right to self-determination, others would argue that men, too, are penalized by stereotypical thinking. After all, the conceptualizations that allowed men to be given, early on, the right to be a lawyer or to work in a bar or to negotiate their own hours of employment reflected not the actual and individual characteristics of the men seeking those opportunities but rather society’s expectations based on stereotypical notions of what is male. We have long thought women disadvan-
tagged but have myopically failed to recognize that men were equally so. (Ironically, this may be the one place where true equality of the sexes has long existed.)

In our effort to correct women’s disadvantage, we have engaged in further discrimination, often considered justified because it was benignly intended. Now that we can look back and see the results of all discrimination—both that perpetrated with the intention of restricting opportunity and that followed with the intention of enlarging it—we must question whether there really is such a thing as good or benign discrimination.

Despite the progress made, we are still light years away from giving women true equality with men. As long as laws tell women when and how they may control their bodies, but no similar laws dictate to men, there is no such thing as equality. As long as women are excluded from combat simply because they are female while men are automatically eligible simply because they are male, there is no equality. As long as laws limit women as to where and how they may work if they also want to be mothers but no such laws exist for fathers and would-be fathers, there is no equality.

Equality of the sexes will come only when we treat people on the basis of their individual characteristics, not categorically on the basis of their sex. Equality will come only when we give all individuals, regardless of sex, the respect that acknowledges them as intelligent, rational individuals capable of making decisions in the best interest of themselves, their families (both present and future), their friends, and their society. Only then, when we respond to each other as individuals—and not as a member of a particular group—does equality exist. Only then do all benefit, men as well as women.

Compared to what has gone before, the second half of the 20th century has eventually become the glory days for women’s rights. These years were not totally filled with glory, however, and some of it, like most glory, proved to be of a tenuous, if not fleeting, nature. It is doubtful that women’s struggles, slow in coming as they were, will ever be likened to a thoroughbred’s race, for the race has been far from fast and is far from won. And with the present composition of the Supreme Court, one not likely to change dramatically for decades, it is unlikely that complete victory is in sight; in fact, the greater probability for the near future is that penalty flags will be thrown down and extra yards added to the distance to the goal line.

In an 1862 message to Congress, President Abraham Lincoln so wisely noted that “in giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free—honorable alike in what we give and what we preserve.” As it was with race, so it is with sex. As we have often noted, when we give full equality to women, we simultaneously ensure it for men.

Not yet there, we are at least on the way.

Dr. Oten, a member of La Salle’s faculty since 1982, is an associate professor of sociology, social work, and criminal justice. This article was adapted from the last chapter of her book, Women’s Rights and the Law (Praeger, 1993).
Gregory O. Bruce, director of the university’s MBA Program for the past five years, has been named dean of the School of Business Administration, it was announced by Brother President Joseph F. Burke, F.S.C., Ph.D.

Bruce had been responsible for all academic and administrative functions related to the MBA Program which currently enrolls more than 600 students.

He also coordinated and authored the final self-study report which resulted in the recently awarded accreditation from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. Only about 300 of the nation’s approximately 1,200 schools of business have the accreditation.

“I’m deeply honored by this appointment,” Bruce said. “I believe my challenge as dean is to provide visionary direction and leadership for the school, insure the quality of its program and faculty, and provide for students and the corporate world what they need within the service-oriented mission of La Salle University.”

The new dean believes that business schools in general have been “out of touch” with the realities of corporate life, but says that attitudes are “aggressively changing.”

Bruce thinks without such change more corporations will be tempted to “run their own certification and training programs. But schools like ours are uniquely positioned to be at the forefront of thought, to separate the wheat from the chaff of ideas.”

Bruce believes that to meet the modern challenge of rapidly changing marketplaces, a business school like La Salle’s needs “a cross-section of corporate representatives on its advisory board, faculty serving semester-long tours with corporate staffs out in the marketplace, and students working as business interns.” La Salle, he says, will expand its already strong track record in these areas.

Among Bruce’s accomplishments in more than a dozen years of affiliation with the university’s School of Business Administration are the developing and initiation of an MS Program in Management, founding an MBA Alumni Association, establishing a plan to market the School’s Graduate Business Programs, and serving as assistant dean. For the past year, he has coordinated development of a strategic plan for the university that includes the linking of the planning and budgeting process.

Bruce also has a background in the not-for-profit world. From 1988 to 1990, he was executive director of Technical Institute for Training and Research at Horizon House, the Philadelphia organization that provides services for individuals with developmental delays. From 1974 to 1981 he was a district coordinator for CORA Services of Philadelphia, and managed 40 professionals in the delivery of remedial services to clients of that human services program.

Bruce, a U.S. Air Force veteran, trained pilots during the Vietnam era. He and his wife, Pat, have three children and live in Philadelphia’s Fox Chase section.
La Salle Professor Chronicles
Gregory Peck's Legendary Career

Academy-award-winning actor Gregory Peck, who began his theatrical career in Philadelphia, is a "good guy, easy to be with," and a person who is "always very alert to Catholic issues," according to his biographer, Brother Gerard Molyneaux, F.S.C., Ph.D., '58, chairman of the university's Communication Department.

"Peck comes across in person much the same way he does on the screen," said Brother Molyneaux, who spent several days with the 77 year-old actor during three years of research for his recently-published book, GREGORY PECK: A Bio-Bibliography (Greenwood Press).

"He's a great story-teller who projects leadership, great intelligence," added Brother Molyneaux who has been on the La Salle staff for 23 years. "He has the demeanor of a teacher, and he's a stickler for detail."

Molyneaux's book not only chronicles Peck's legendary screen career, but it also documents his radio, television, and theater appearances. All of the dates, times, places, library resources, and information on Peck-related collections are included as well as an extensive bibliography of books and articles and a complete list of his awards and honors.

It describes the work involved in Peck's two Oscars—one for his "favorite" film, To Kill a Mockingbird, the other a "Lifetime Achievement" award. It also tells how Peck won America's highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom, and offers a glimpse of the fabled actor's relationship with President Lyndon B. Johnson after he co-founded the National Endowment on the Arts and the American Film Institute.

"Peck did a nationwide tour funding regional theaters," said Molyneaux. "His primary focus was to stimulate interest and to take these local performers to a higher level."

Indeed, Peck's theatrical debut cast him with actress Katharine Cornell in George Bernard Shaw's The Doctor's Dilemma at Philadelphia's Forest Theatre on Sept. 8, 1941.

"The Philadelphia Inquirer didn't even mention him," explained Molyneaux, describing how Cornell forgot a line at a crucial moment in the play. Peck rescued her with a timely prompt and Cornell's husband, famed impresario Guthrie McClintic, never forgot the kindness.

Peck, whose full name is Eldred Gregory, was raised by his Irish-Catholic grandmother in La Jolla, California, after his parents divorced when he was six years-old. He attended St. John's Military College, a Catholic boarding school in Los Angeles run by the Irish Sisters of Mercy.

"We were marching or praying all day long," recalled Peck, who wound up being named Captain of the Cadet Corps. "When he left St. John's," added Molyneaux, "the young man took with him not just the Catholic dogma and military discipline, but also a sense of the theatre found in the rites of the Catholic Mass. As a server at Mass, he was, for the first time, a performer."

Peck has since remained "very supportive" of the church, says Molyneaux. He has been involved in Catholic Charities over the years and has provided considerable support to a cousin, who is a priest in Ireland, as well as a Maryknoll missionary priest in China who served as a consultant to the film, The Keys of the Kingdom.

Molyneaux, a West Philadelphia Catholic High School classmate of actor Peter Boyle, teaches film courses at La Salle. He has written similar books on Charlie Chaplin (1983) and Jimmy Stewart (1992), logging thousands of miles of legwork from coast to coast in the process.

"When they opened the Jimmy Stewart Museum in Indiana last May,
the organizers told me that my book was really the guiding force behind the planning operation," said Molyneaux. "Any time they had questions about what happened or when it happened, they went to my book."

Molyneaux, who described his book as "very, very factual," said that he and Peck didn’t always agree on content.

"I’m not sure he was entirely happy," explained the La Salle professor. "He objected to some of the (documented) things I said in the biography part. There’s some opinion in there that he didn’t like. He thought I was being negative. I thought I was being objective. But we sort of came to agreement."

Molyneaux initially was told that Peck would only grant one hour for an interview, but eventually spent three days at Peck’s "gorgeous" Beverly Hills estate which is located next door to the home of Barbra Streisand. Not only did the two men end up in eight hours of intense conversation, the Philadelphia author was permitted to sift through 40 cartons of Peck’s memorabilia—scripts, clippings, and contracts included.

"I might have gotten tired of writing the book," says Molyneaux, but I never got tired of him. He’s an intriguing, intelligent, dynamic, individual. He’s very cosmopolitan, very well-read, a man of pretty deep convictions. At the same time, he has a good Irish sense of humor about him.

"He’s still a very, very handsome man. And he still has that great voice!"

—RSL

La Salle Welcomes Largest Freshman Class in Six Years

The university welcomed 750 freshmen—including a record number of 68 Honors students—for its 1995-96 academic year.

Some 600 of the incoming freshmen are living on campus, according to Ronald C. Diment, La Salle’s director of resident life, bringing the total of students being housed on campus to 1,700 men and women.

Two factors have played a part in the enrollment boost this year, says Raymond A. Ricci, La Salle’s vice-president for enrollment services.

"We’re seeing evidence of a population upturn now in the college-age bracket," Ricci explained, adding that the university is also working on how it presents itself to the public. "We have tried to understand better the strengths of the institution and to make those qualities more evident when communicating with prospective students, their parents and the public."

Ricci says that the results of a major market study indicated that La Salle has a particular combination of strengths. The advantages include its Christian Brothers heritage, the emphasis the school places on teaching and student/faculty interaction, the particular way La Salle blends liberal education with practical experiences, and its tradition of capitalizing on the resources of the city and region for the educational and social development of students.

Diment, who recalls that La Salle had only 700 resident students when he joined the university’s staff 16 years ago, clearly relishes the challenge that comes with helping so many students to settle in to campus life quickly and comfortably.

"We work hard at the outset to build a sense of community for students on each residence floor," he explained. Some 60 resident assistant students live-in and help

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Assistant Director of Development Appointed

Felicia Gordon has been named La Salle's assistant director of development, it was announced by Dr. Fred J. Foley, Jr., the university's vice president for development.

In addition to assisting with all aspects of La Salle's annual fund and capital campaign, Gordon will serve as coordinator of the university's matching gift and senior class gift programs.

Gordon, a native of Philadelphia, most recently worked for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's BLOCS (Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools) fund-raising segment. She established development programs at Philadelphia's Little Flower and Norristown's Kennedy-Kenrick Catholic High Schools.

Previously Gordon had worked in the development offices at Philadelphia's Drexel University and Spring Garden College. She earned bachelor's and MBA degrees from the University of Scranton.

La Salle University's Democratic Mayor Ed Rendell (left) and his Republican challenger Joseph Rocks were featured speakers at the Alumni Downtown Club's 1995-96 kickoff luncheon on Oct. 24 at the Barclay Hotel.
'56 Rev. Mr. Charles A. Coyle was ordained a Permanent Deacon by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Welsh, Bishop of Allentown, at the Cathedral Church of St. Catherine, Allentown Diocese. Dr. Coyle is a professor of marketing at Kutztown University, where he has taught for 19 years.

'56 Henry A. Zekanis and his wife, Joan, have been nominated as co-chairpersons of a fund-raising drive for a new Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha parish in Saugus, Calif. The $15 million development project will include a parish hall, the first K-8 school in the Los Angeles Diocese in 25 years, a day care center, and a church.

'58 Francis P. Ferris retired from employment with the City of Philadelphia.

'61 Joseph W. Delgross retired from the Treasury Department (Internal Revenue Service) and has been doing free lance accounting work.

'64 Anthony J. Santoro, supervising contract specialist for the U.S. Government, retired from the Naval Aviation Supply Office in Philadelphia.

'71 Francis G. Amorosi has been promoted to director, programs, for the U.S. Navy's F/A-18 aircraft. James F. McGowan has returned to Midlantic Bank, N.A. as senior vice president in commercial lending, based in center city Philadelphia. Thomas J. Reed has been appointed senior vice president of claims at Penn-America Insurance Company, in Hailboro, Pa. He is responsible for the overall management, supervision, and administration of the company's Claims Department and is also a member of the Board of Directors.

'75 Bruce G. Cavanagh has been promoted to master sergeant in the Air Force Reserve. He was recently awarded the Air Medal and the Aerial Achievement Medal for his contributions during operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He also received the Air Force Commendation Medal for outstanding professional skill, knowledge, and leadership.

'77 Joseph P. Maher has been promoted to territorial executive of the Delaware Valley branch office of Zurich American Insurance Group.

'79 BIRTH: to Alan M. Shaffer and his wife, Cynthia Baker Shaffer ('79 B.A.), their third child, a daughter, Emily Rose.

'80 Jewel L. Devereaux is director of the budget, Navy International Logistics Control Office, in Philadelphia.

'81 BIRTH: to Michael P. MacDonald and his wife, Laurine, their fourth son, Kurt Vincent.

'82 John R. Greed has been admitted to the partnership in Arthur Andersen LLP, a U.S. member firm of the Arthur Andersen Worldwide Organization. He specializes in providing audit and financial consulting services to insurance and reinsurance companies, and works in the New York metropolitan area. John C. Stipa has been transferred back to the East Coast and is working for Mobil Oil Company's Marketing Division as commercial credit card manager in Herndon, Va.

'83 Daniel F. O'Brien, CPA was recently named director of operations for the entire Crozer/Keystone Health System which encompasses all of Delaware County in Pennsylvania.

'84 Ralph "Bud" Hisle is teaching at Seneca Valley High School, in Germantown, Md. Patrick B. Shanahan is in his fourth year as Business Department chairman at Philadelphia's Roman Catholic High School. He is also a real estate broker for Century 21 in South Philadelphia.

'85 BIRTH: to Daniel J. McCloskey and his wife, Linda, their second son, Kyle John.

'86 Jeanne Yuengling Hisle is director of business development for Virginia Wolf Productions, a Maryland-based production company. Sean McGrath is an account executive at Managed Comp, in Radnor, Pa.

MARRIAGE: Sean McGrath to Cindy Van Arsdel ('85 B.A.).

BIRTHS: to Jeanne Yuengling Hisle and her husband, Ralph "Bud" Hisle, '84, a son, Patrick Edward; to Michael L. Provence and his wife, Tina, their first child, a son, Michael Lawrence, Jr.; to Louis P. Soscia and his wife, Kim, their second child, a son, Louis Peter.

'87 Stephanie M. Marcinkowski is an auditor for the Philadelphia Controller's Office, and was recently elected for a second term as treasurer of Little Flower High School Alumni Association.

Suzanne K. McDonnell was appointed territory manager of northern Manhattan, N.Y., for TAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

'88 BIRTH: to Michael A. Starrs and
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his wife, Mary, their first child, a son, Eric Michael.

'89 Michele DiFilippo-Delpo earned a master of arts degree in teaching from Trenton State College and is a second grade teacher in Washington Township School District, Robbinsville, N.J. Susan Stranc Morhardt is a senior casualty underwriter for ITT Hartford Insurance Group, in Manhattan, N.Y. Tracey L. Sneed graduated from Temple University School of Law and is currently an associate with the law offices of White & Williams, in Philadelphia. MARRIAGE: Susan Stranc to Kyle Morhardt.

BIRTH: to Mark G. Palladino and his wife, Cynthia Alex-Palladino ('89 B.A.), a son, Alec Raymond.

'90 MARRIAGE: Geri Ann Boyle, CPA, to Paul Swenarton.

BIRTH: to John J. Gaffney and his wife, Beth, a daughter, Megan Mary.

'91 Ellen Hennessy McMahon is currently working in human resources at Johnson & Johnson/ McNeil Consumer Products Company, in Fort Washington, Pa. Christopher R. Zegley is a sales associate with CertainTeed Corporation, in Valley Forge, Pa.

'93 Michael J. Bergin was promoted to operations manager at the Vincent T. Lombardi Cancer Research Center, a part of Georgetown University Medical Center, in Washington, D.C. He is also a member of the university's Board of Trustees. Rosemarie A. Cole is employed as a financial analyst with Independence Blue Cross, in Philadelphia. Antonino P. D'Ambrosio has worked for two years as a financial analyst/computer analyst at CoreStates, and received a Dean's Scholarship to attend New York University's Robert Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Donna M. Galasso is an account executive with Action Enterprises, an advertising and graphics company in Burlington, N.J. Wilmoth Mannings is the only female auditor with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's audit division in its Eastern Division #1. Jay Romeo is working as a rate analyst for Maersk, Incorporated, an importer/exporter of goods in Parsippany, N.J.

'95 Brian McVeigh is a financial analyst for SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, in King of Prussia, Pa.

'SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

'39 John E. Wall and his wife, Jean, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a special Mass and reception.

'48 James F. Curran was appointed to the Cumberland County (Pa.) Office of Aging Advisory Board.

'52 Francis V. Griffin was elected on the Democratic and Republican ballots in the May primary for District Justice of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pa. He has held this office since January, 1990.

'55 William J. McNiel was elected Grand Knight of Marquette Council, Knights of Columbus. He completed graduate courses in systematic (dogmatic) theology, sacred scriptures, and moral theology at Saint Charles Seminary, in Wynnewood, Pa. Harvey Porter was appointed as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission Eastern Montgomery County Advisory Council. He is also the president of the Cheltenham (Pa.) Township Board of Commissioners.

'56 Gerard R. Bowers retired from the U.S. Foreign Service. His final assignment was director of the U.S. Foreign Assistance (USAID) program in Haiti. He is currently director of international programs in health and population for BHM International, in Silver Spring, Md. John R. McCloskey, M.D., was selected to the Arthroscopy Association of North America. The AANA, a Chicago-based professional medical association, is comprised of approximately 1,000 orthopedic surgeons who have completed post graduate training in the use of the arthroscope. Dr. McCloskey is noted for starting Shore Memorial Hospital's Arthroscopic Surgical Out-Patient Center, in Somers Point, N.J.

'57 Brother Dominic Beradelli, F.S.C., has been named special assistant to the president at Saint Mary's College, in Moraga, Calif.

'58 Lawrence H. Auerweck is on sabbatical this year so he can travel to Austria, Germany, Israel, Turkey, and some of the Greek Islands. After doing volunteer work in either Romania or Poland, he will retire from the federal government. Alfred B. Ruff has retired as assistant director of personnel, County of Berks in Reading, Pa., and plans to relocate to South Carolina.

Three former Explorers were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Athletes at a dinner in the La Salle Union on September 8: baseball standout Bill Bradvshaw, '69; All America basketball star Lionel Simmons, '90, and soccer great Joe Rudy, '86.
Christian Brothers Celebrate 150 Years in the United States

"The Brothers of the Christian Schools have extended to us the advantage of their holy and admirable Institute. Their first school and novitiate have been opened at Calvert Hall in this city and are, I trust, but the precursors of many others throughout the United States."

St. John Baptist de La Salle

When Baltimore's Archbishop Samuel Eccleston made that announcement in 1846, the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, founded by St. John Baptist de La Salle, was already 165 years old and enjoying an international reputation in education. (La Salle University is one of hundreds of schools worldwide that bear the name of the Brothers' founder.)

In September, 1845, eighteen-year-old Brother Francis McMullin opened the De La Salle Christian Brothers' first school in the United States at Calvert Hall, in Baltimore. Today Calvert Hall still prospers with a maximum enrollment, and the Christian Brothers in the United States educate nearly 70,000 students in 22 states, coast to coast.

The Christian Brothers are celebrating the 150th anniversary of young Brother Francis McMullin's courageous undertaking in Baltimore. Appropriately, the opening ceremony of the anniversary year was held in Baltimore's cathedral. Because so many Christian Brothers now serve in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Anniversary Mass on April 27, 1996 will be held in Philadelphia's Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul at 5:00 P.M. All are invited.

The success of the Christian Brothers in the United States is largely due to the forces that energize the 7,000 Christian Brothers throughout the world. St. John Baptist de La Salle proclaimed Faith and Zeal as the dual elements comprising the "spirit" of the Institute. Through Faith, La Salle said, the Brothers do everything "in view of God" and "attribute all to God." Zeal impels the Brothers to strive by prayer, example, instruction, and vigilance "to procure the salvation of the students confided to their care."

As celibate laymen dedicated solely to education, the Christian Brothers can devote themselves entirely to their students. Their vows free them to be available to those who need them most. Their community life provides the support, encouragement, and challenge necessary for personal and professional growth.

The Christian Brothers' Baltimore Province, to which the Brothers at La Salle University belong, is blessed with talented, generous young Brothers whose enthusiasm matches that of the youthful Brother Francis McMullin. They are supported, encouraged, and challenged by their older Brothers, whose faith and zeal they in turn rekindle by their dedication to the Brothers' mission.

From their earliest years in the United States, the De La Salle Christian Brothers have shared with their lay colleagues an increasing measure of responsibility within the educational centers they conduct. As the number of lay colleagues increases, particularly at La Salle University, the Brothers attempt through retreats, discussions, and workshops to deepen their own and their colleagues' appreciation of the characteristics of a Lasallian institution.

As the Christian Brothers of the Baltimore Province celebrate 150 years of Lasallian education in the United States, we invite you to join us in giving thanks for all that God has achieved through the efforts of the Christian Brothers and the generosity of countless colleagues, graduates, parents, and friends.

Benedict Oliver, F.S.C. (M.A. '61)
Provincial of the Christian Brothers

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He is the chair of the Liberal Arts Department of International College, in Naples, Fla.

'69
Lawrence J. Carley, M.D., was hired as medical director of the Emergency Center at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann University, East Falls campus in Philadelphia, and clinical operations director of the Department of Emergency Medicine. Michael J. Dougherty is director of the Examinations Bureau for the Pennsylvania Department of Banking. Kenneth R. Mancini was appointed executive vice president and senior credit officer of Covenant Bank, in Haddonfield, N.J.

'70
Roman Merritt has accepted a permanent position as senior programmer analyst at Princeton University. Michael J. Paquet, who has been the registrar at Thomas Jefferson University's College of Allied Health Sciences, in Philadelphia, since 1980, has been named special assistant to the senior associate dean.

'71
Stephen J. Andriole has become chief technology officer and senior vice president at Philadelphia's Cigna Corporation. He had been a tenured professor of information systems at Drexel University. Brother Richard Breese, F.S.C., has been appointed director of the Christian Brothers' Spiritual Center, in Adamstown, Md. Michael Dicciocco has been named chief executive officer of Letven, Dicciocco & Battista, a full service advertising agency based in Horsham, Pa. Edward M. Hepting has recently returned from an extensive tour of France including a reunion with cousins from the French branch of his family tree. Brother John McGoldrick, F.S.C., is working in the Telecommunications Center at Christian Brothers' University, in Memphis, Tenn. He is also the administrative assistant to the university's president.

'72

'73
Richard D. Melini has been appointed communications liaison to Frank J. Wilson, commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Libero Scinicariello was promoted to assistant district manager of the Painesville, Ohio office of the Social Security Administration.

'74
Michael C. Kiefer has been appointed chief advancement officer at Amherst College, in Massachusetts. He will head the college's Offices of Alumni, Relations and Development and Public Affairs. William S. Miller has been promoted to vice president of technical marketing for Ecochek, Inc. in Norfolk, Va. John S. Wargo has retired from the United States Army as a Lieutenant Colonel. Upon retirement he received the Legion of Merit and will begin a second career as a Junior ROTC instructor in the Chicago City High School System.

'75
Sarah E. Green is the founder and president of Computerific!, a San Jose-based computer training and consulting company. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Technology Policy presented Computerific! with an award “in recognition of excellence.” Richard T. McGlaughlin went to Bolivia to assist in medical education of physicians regarding gastroenterology procedures and to provide patient care. Karen Fraunfelter Rheams accepted a position with Sarasota (Fla.) County Department of Natural Resources as an environmental supervisor. She supervises the water quality section of the pollution control division.

BIRTH: to Kevin D. Kelly, Esq., and his wife, Deborah, their fourth child, a daughter, Audrey Ardelle.

'76
Victoria Clark Kauffman is the treasurer of the New Mexico Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the state affiliate to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Barbara A. Spaulding serves as director of
development for South Fulton Medical Center in Georgia. She was named to the Board of the local chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

'78
John J. Coffey was promoted to Chief of Police of the Pennsauken (N.J.) Township Police Department. Leonard V. Fodera, Esq., was named a partner in the law offices of Herbert Monheit, P.C., in Philadelphia.

'79
BIRTH: to Mary Ann Brosmer Miller and her husband, Rich, a daughter, Emily Lynn; to Cynthia Baker Shaffer and her husband, Alan Shaffer ('79 B.S.), their third child, a daughter, Emily Rose.

'80
David A. Katz, M.D., was awarded membership in The American College of Physician Executives, the nation's only educational and professional organization for physicians in medical management. Dr. Katz serves as chief of the Department of Radiology for Kaiser Permanente, in San Jose, Calif. Michael Kerner was awarded the doctor of osteopathy degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Kerner was awarded the Galen S. Young, Sr., D.O. Award for exceptional interest and ability in the field of surgery. Steven M. Schiff was promoted to vice president of sales for Priss Prints, Inc., in Garland, Texas. Marion M. Slatiaynsky is a senior software engineer at Advanced Technology Laboratories (ATL), in Bothell, Wash. He is developing software designs for new innovations in imaging technology for ATL, a world leader in medical diagnostic ultrasound.

'81
Brother Kevin Dalmasse, F.S.C., has been appointed principal of Bishop Walsh High School, in Cumberland, Md. Gregory J. Nowak, Esq., has been appointed by trustees of the Holy Redeemer Health System to serve on the Board of Directors of the Holy Redeemer Foundation, whose corporate offices are in Huntington Valley, Pa. He was also elected chairman of the Regulated Investment Company Committee of The Tax Section of the American Bar Association.

Nicholas J. Regina was named director of institutional advancement at Bishop Eustace Prep School, in Pennsauken, N.J.

MARRIAGE: Lorraine A. Murphy to David Wydra.

BIRTH: to Gregory J. Nowak, Esq., and his wife, Denise, a son, Gregory Joseph, Jr.

'82
BIRTH: to Dorothy F. Jannelli and her husband, Clyde Arillo, their third son, Frank Anthony.

'83
Donna M. Elia is serving as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany, N.Y. Dr. Thomas E. Marchiondo completed a three year residency in emergency medicine with Albert Einstein Medical Center, in Philadelphia. He is now practicing with Philadelphia's Franklin Health Care System.

MARRIAGE: Kathleen McGauley to Paul Nieman.

BIRTHS: to Thomas E. Marchiondo and his wife, Jeanne, their fourth child, a son, Anthony Joseph; to Kathleen McGauley Nieman and her husband, Paul, their first child, a daughter, Christine Marie.

'84
Brian J. McSwigan has been named sales manager, Phosphine Chemicals, at Cytec Industries, Inc., in New Jersey. Diane Pandoli Screnci was named senior public affairs officer for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at the regional office in King of Prussia, Pa.

BIRTHS: to Diane Pandoli Screneci and her husband, Stephen, their second daughter, Kristin Maria; to Lisa Basile Shears and her husband, Phillip, their second child, a son, Jason Randall.

'85
Steven Coccodrilli was named territory manager, southern Manhattan, New York, for TAP Pharmaceuticals. James J. Gallombardo is the founder and president of Precision Microsystems, Inc., a computer consulting firm specializing in custom software development and database management systems. Theodore Koffy recently reported for duty at Naval Hospital, in Beaufort, S.C.

Theresa Greely McLaughlin, M.D., is a partner with the Cameron Medical Group, in Silver Spring, Md.

BIRTHS: to James J. Gallombardo and his wife, Lisa, their first child, a daughter, Alyssa Marie; to Loretha Mankowski O’Neill and her husband, Brian, their first child, a daughter, Erin Ann.

'86
Gary B. Block is teaching high school social studies in the Neshaminy (Pa.) School District.

Michael J. McLaughlin is a mortgage banker with the B.F. Saul Mortgage Company, in Bethesda, Md.

BIRTH: to Ira S. Klein and his wife, Patricia, their first child, a son, David Alexander.

'87
Lisa M. Dankanich is a lead systems analyst with Nycomed, Inc., a Norwegian pharmaceutical company located in Wayne, Pa.

MARRIAGE: Marline Kraus to Carlton R. Herceg.

BIRTH: to Edward W. Skopinski and his wife, Patricia Nines Skopinski, their first child, a daughter, Sarah Ellen.

'88
Jennifer Efroymson has been promoted to management analyst of the western area (Denver office) for the Veterans’ Benefit Administration of the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

Tanya Perfecky Harvey is an attorney with the United States Department of Labor, in Washington, D.C.

Maureen Ryan Riling received a master of science degree in quality assurance and regulatory affairs from the Temple University.
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'90 Helen P. Benson is a serials librarian at George Mason University, in Fairfax, Va. John J. Grabusky has been named director of development of the Police Athletic League (PAL) of Philadelphia.

MARRIAGES: Megan Donnelly to John Grady '89; William Matthews, Esq. to Nancy Gozdecki.

'91

Leah Jones was awarded the doctor of osteopathy degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Lisa Sterling Share, M.D., graduated from Hahnemann University School of Medicine, in Philadelphia. She has accepted a residency in pediatrics at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital/University Hospitals of Cleveland.

'92

Patricia M. Browne is a credit manager for Norwest Financial, in Mount Laurel, N.J. Beth E. Castelli received a juris doctor degree from The Dickinson School of Law, in Carlisle, Pa. Jean P. Gallagher received a master of arts degree in communications from Pepperdine University and is now the copy editor for Kit Car magazine. Heidi Newhart has been promoted to director of programs for the Campus Boulevard Corporation, in northwest Philadelphia. Lisa M. Watson received a juris doctor degree from The Dickinson School of Law and is now assistant director of career services at Dickinson. Pamela L. Wilson has accepted an administrative position with the Florida School System as an ESE specialist.

MARRIAGES: Maria N. Ancona to Walter J. Elliot; Christine Kimmel to John "Chuck" Yardley.

'93

Larisa C. Benduk is employed with Allied Signal Aerospace as a
scientific systems programmer/analyst in Greenbelt, Md. Michelle D. Richmond is a special education teacher in the Bedford (Pa.) Area School District. She was also recently hired as the assistant field hockey coach at Frostburg (Md.) State University. Natalie A. Tibensky received a master of family therapy degree from Hahnemann University Graduate School in Philadelphia.

'94 Howard F. Campbell is a social studies teacher at Coatesville (Pa.) Area High School. Timothy Kindt is working for F.T. Kittlinski and Associates, a geotechnical engineering firm in Harrisburg, Pa. Christy E. Marrella is a social studies teacher at Samuel S. Yellin School, in Stratford, N.J. Christine Paull is working with the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta as a scheduling analyst in the Transportation Department.

MARRIAGE: Jacqueline Loker to Steven A. Johnson.

'95 Kerry Hubert is among the new volunteers in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps' southwest region serving Arizona and California. Scott Kinka is an assistant account executive in the Yellow Pages Department of Earle Palmer Brown/Philadelphia.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

'92 Patricia M. Patrick graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's Tertiary Care Nurse Practitioner Program.

'81 Joseph V. Vesci ('65 B.S.) is teaching in Rosemont College's accelerated degree program.

'87 John J. Ciesla was promoted to assistant vice president for Merrill-Lynch, Inc., in Plainsboro, N.J.

'88 Dante Caruso has assumed the new position of senior vice president of Crozer-Keystone Health System, based in Delaware County, Pa.

'95 Lori Kirk-Rolley has been hired as an account manager at The Weightman Group, in Philadelphia.

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Dr. Eugene J. Gallagher Basketball Club Welcomes New Members

The Gallagher Club, a spirit and social organization for friends and family of La Salle men's and women's basketball, welcomes all to join us for our inaugural campaign in the Atlantic 10 Conference. Formed originally as the "Explorer Basketball Club" during the 1968-69 season when La Salle finished second in the nation with a 23-1 record, the club was renamed in 1985 in honor of the memory of the late Dr. Eugene J. Gallagher, '48. Dr. Gallagher, a noted physician and an avid fan of the Explorers, was the team's doctor from 1962 until his untimely death in 1974 when he was fatally stricken with a heart attack at courthouse in the closing minutes of La Salle's win in the Sugar Bowl Championship Game in New Orleans. George Paull, '67, is the president of the Gallagher Club this year. Many of the club's current members are season ticket holders. After games at Philadelphia's Civic Center, fans meet in the Explorer Room (on the lower level) for conversation and refreshment. In belonging to this special group, members will receive a men's basketball media guide, invitations to catered pre-and-post season events with coaches and players, a commemorative pin, and much more! If interested, please fill out the application below and return with your $35 check, payable to La Salle University, and mail to the address below.

Please count me in as a member of the Gallagher Club

(Name and Class)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Home Phone) include area code (Office Phone)

Return with your $35 check to La Salle University Alumni Office,
1900 W. Olney Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19141

[Visa/Mastercard also accepted by calling (215) 951-1535]
By way of introduction, I want to let each of you know that it is my intention to continue the best of the great La Sallian traditions exemplified by my predecessor, Jim McDonald, during his 34-year career as director of alumni. In that vein, I am anxious to meet you and hear and discuss your ideas. In the planning stages are trips to Ohio, Nevada, Georgia, Washington, D.C., Texas, and the Pacific Northwest. Until I can meet and talk with you personally, I welcome your calls and letters, or you can reach me on e-mail at: dotsey@lasalle.edu.

Alumnae Celebrate 25th Anniversary of Women at La Salle

The ALUMNAE CLUB celebrated the 25th anniversary of women at La Salle with a luncheon in the Union Ballroom on Nov. 11. Four women were recognized for their extraordinary achievements and contributions. Dr. Minna Weinstein (third from left), one of La Salle’s first women faculty members, was recognized for having contributed “meaningfully and materially to the education and advancement of women at La Salle.” Mary P. Higgins, Esq., ’79 (second from right), and Marianne Salmon Gauss, ’75 (right), received the club’s Achievement and Service Awards, respectively, for having represented the embodiment of the La Sallian tradition and the personification of La Salle’s concerns for others. Kelly Anne B. Burke, ’93 (second from left), won the Young Alumnae Award for having “demonstrated and affirmed her commitment to her La Sallian education and tradition.” Brother President Joseph F. Burke, ’68 (left) and Joseph H. Cloran, ’61, president of the Alumni Association, made the presentations.

Jim Murray and 62 La Salle Seniors Honored at Awards Banquet

As mentioned in the Fall issue of LA SALLE magazine, Brother President Joseph Burke, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’68, presented the 54th Signum Fidei Medal to former Philadelphia Eagles’ general manager Jim Murray at the Alumni Association’s annual Awards Banquet on Nov. 17.

Also honored at this gala affair were the 62 members of the Class of 1996 who earned the right to be inducted into the ALPHA EPSILON HONOR SOCIETY. The society was instituted at La Salle in 1936 to recognize “high scholarship in the pursuit of a Christian and liberal education together with the exceptional but unrewarded participation in the extra-curricular life of the university.” This year’s inductees represent a broad mix of academic disciplines and extra-curricular activities, and come from both the day and continuing studies programs. Their combined average G.P.A. was in excess of 3.55. We offer these men and women our heartiest congratulations!

Gallagher Club Hosts Bus Trip to Washington on February 10

Mark your calendar! On Saturday, Feb. 10, the GALLAGHER CLUB will be hosting a bus trip for our first Atlantic 10 men’s and women’s basketball double-header against George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The bus will be departing from Hayman Hall that morning and will arrive in plenty of time for the 2 P.M. men’s tip-off. The women will follow at 4 P.M. A pre-game reception in Washington also is being planned. For more information, please call Tim McNamara in the Alumni Office at (215) 951-1535, or e-mail Tim at: mcnamara@lasalle.edu.

EXPLORATIONS Visits Beautiful Hawk Mountain Bird Sanctuary

In an appropriate celebration of Columbus Day, Oct. 9, La Salle’s travel organization, EXPLORATIONS, hosted a bus trip to the beautiful Hawk Mountain Bird Sanctuary in Kempton, Pa. The group, both amateur bird watchers and veterans alike, thoroughly enjoyed their getaway and many expressed their astonishment at the discovery that such a beautiful area is so close to Philadelphia. Brother Andrew Bartley, F.S.C., the university’s director of community affairs, thought the trip to be “an exciting day for all of the participants and one of the great nature spots which is fairly close to home.” The sanctuary will see more than 20,000 red-tailed hawks, bald eagles, ospreys, and other raptors before the year’s first snowfall, all of which ride the warm air currents of the mountain before emigrating southward for the winter.

—Bud Dotsey, ’69
The following Class Reunion Committees met on October 25-26, 1995 to begin planning for next year's Reunion Weekend. If your class is listed, please mark these dates on your calendar and make plans to join friends from your college days!

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If you are interested in helping to organize your Reunion Class, please contact the Alumni Office at (215) 951-1535.
Students around the country are noticing La Salle.

Some of them have questions only you can answer.

Alumni are the most credible source of information for many prospective students and their parents. That’s why we’re inviting you to become part of the La Salle Explorer Alumni Recruiting Network (L.E.A.R.N.). There are several ways you can share your La Salle experiences with students and parents:

- Represent the university at college nights and receptions in your area. We’re especially interested in volunteers from Massachusetts, Connecticut, upstate New York, Westchester County, Long Island, Northern New Jersey, greater Baltimore and the greater D.C. area.
- Call students who are interested in La Salle.
- Write a letter on company stationery about your work experience and your La Salle education.

If you are interested in helping the university recruit tomorrow’s graduates, please call Maryhelen Driscoll, associate director of admission, at 1-800-328-1910 or 215-951-1500 (our e-mail address is admis@lasalle.edu). Or complete and return the coupon below.

I’d like to play a role in recruiting students to La Salle.

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