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Handing Down the Mission

Reflections on the Example of the Christian Brothers
THE WORD “LEADER” ALWAYS brings back memories for me of watching President John F. Kennedy deliver his first inaugural address in 1961. Along with many members of my generation, I found him and what he had to say on that bitter cold winter’s day inspiring and challenging. Ever since, I’ve expected that leaders, in whatever area of life, have a like capacity for rhetorical eloquence and moral vision.

The 40-plus years since JFK’s speech have added other qualities to my understanding of leadership. In fact, today I’d say that leadership has less to do with giving that one inspiring speech (though speech-making is vitally important to my work as a university president) and more to do with everyday things, some tangible and some not—how one relates to other people, how much integrity one has, the depth of one’s convictions, especially one’s faith in God. Two people, both Christian Brothers, taught me these lessons by the quality of their lives and the example of their leadership.

The late Brother David Ryan, F.S.C., was in charge of the Brothers’ house of studies in which I lived during my four years as a La Salle College undergraduate, 1966 to 1970. Current hindsight makes those years out to be at best “turbulent,” but I found them exhilarating. Change was all around—in the Church after Vatican II, in the Brothers’ Rule, in politics and social mores. But David’s faith in God, in the value of being a Christian Brother, and in the potential of each very young student Brother provided solid ground when all around us the foundations seemed to be shaking. David did that by being a good listener (even to very confused student Brothers), by being patient, by his sense of humor about himself and us, by his love of the Brotherhood, and by his very evident faith. And, yes, he often spoke very eloquently in his regular conferences to the community of student Brothers. I have David to thank for introducing me to Paul Tillich, the great theologian who has so influenced my academic career and work.

Brother Colman Coogan, F.S.C., twice served multiple terms as Visitor of the Baltimore District during my 39 years as a Brother. I have heard more than one of my confreres describe him as the most influential member of our District over the past five decades. In my experience of him, Colman exercised that influence by his unique capacity to combine affirmation and challenge—of the District of Brothers, of smaller community groupings, and above all, of individuals. Colman always communicated that he loved and accepted us as Brothers as we were, while also believing and reminding us that we could be better, more faithful to our mission, closer to God. Like almost all of the current members of the District, I heard Colman give speeches and reflections that were eloquent, but my most powerful experiences of his leadership came in private conversations. When I was a grad student at Notre Dame, Colman often visited me for a couple of days at a time. I would go off to class during the day, and he would hide out in what is now called Hesburgh Library, taking the opportunity to catch up on his reading. Each evening, we’d have dinner and talk—about theology, about the Brothers, about me. I felt that gift of affirmation and challenge firsthand, and I’m a better person and Christian Brother for it.
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CHANGING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS

BROTHER EMERY C. MOLLENHAUER, F.S.C., PH.D., L.H.D., ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, FORMER LA SALLE ADMINISTRATOR

LIKE MANY BROTHERS WHOSE vocation dates from pre-Vatican II days, my world before becoming a Brother was located amid an Irish Catholic ethos, a happy but culturally rather cloistered community where vocations were plentiful. Though memories of my many years as a Christian Brother remain part of a precious, incommunicable past, the survey which follows may lack gritty immediacy for some and may seem almost mythic to the MTV generation.

At West Philadelphia Catholic High School, then staffed by a community of well over 60 Christian Brothers, we had Brothers for all courses for all four years. What we now speak of as Lasallian values were conveyed quite effectively through the presence and lives of the Brothers. Students sensed and saw a refreshing spirit of acceptance, a pervasive fairness, an honest respect for the individual person, a responsiveness to others’ needs, a commonsensical approach to the whole educational enterprise, and an environment of shared mission. Moreover, the lack of any clerical distinctions reflected and made appealing the reality of Brotherood.

The great majority of students admired and liked the Brothers as teachers and, especially when associated with the Brothers in extracurricular activities, grew to be aficionados of the Brothers and their charism. In my own case, having been editor-in-chief of the newspaper had much to do with my appreciation of the Brothers’ vocation. Immediately after high school, I joined the Brothers and went through our five-year religious formation program of a novitiate and then, along with 130 like-minded young men, a four-year scholasticate at the Catholic University of America.

In the immediately following years, I gave my youth to Pittsburgh, where I had rewarding and memorable years teaching, pursuing graduate degrees, and moderating school publications and student government. I also had the privilege of sponsoring a few young men who became Brothers. Following a year of study and reflection in our Motherhouse in Rome (1960), I was assigned to teach at the (then) La Salle College. Early in the second semester of my first year at La Salle, our provincial appointed me Dean of our Evening Division. During my eight years as dean, as well as in subsequent years (1969–1991) as Academic Vice President and Provost, I tried to keep in touch with students and the professional life by regularly teaching one course each semester.

After resigning from administration, I returned happily to the apostolate that attracted me to the Brothers in the first place: full-time teaching. Currently, I enjoy the demanding but rewarding experience of meeting well over 90 students each semester, and, as far as I can ascertain, teaching and rapport with students have progressed well enough.

Early this semester, I called a neighboring six pack of students at 3:30 on a Monday morning to complain about their noisiness. When I opened with a clearly gruff “hello,” a student responded jauntily, “What’s up?” I retorted, “For starters, it’s 3:30 a.m. and I’m up.” Less amusing is the reality that in recent years some students address me (respectfully) as “Mr.” or “Dr.” or “Professor” or “Father.” Such mild tremors to our sense of significance subside, however, in the presence of the strong support we Brothers receive from our colleagues, the rapport most Brothers enjoy with their students, especially those who have come from our own high schools, the exhilaration that follows an especially successful class session, and the occasional report of how we unwittingly changed the lives of individual students significantly.
FELLOW WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

SID MACLEOD, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION
2000 RECIPIENT OF THE RARELY AWARDED AFFILIATE CHRISTIAN BROTHER DESIGNATION

WHY WAS I NAMED AN HONORARY Christian Brother? I guess that I am one of the “fellow workers in the vineyard.”

Many years ago, La Salle had an incredible teacher, Dr. Roland Holroyd. He was also an Affiliate Christian Brother. Once, in the introduction to a talk, after recognizing clergy, administrators, etc., he recognized his colleagues. He called us—the faculty—“fellow workers in the vineyard.” I have been a partner with the Brothers at La Salle for more than four decades. We teach, we counsel, we advise, and most of all, we hope to touch the hearts and minds of our students.

When I came to La Salle in 1959, there was no manual on how to teach, how to treat the students, or how to be a colleague. You learned by example—the example of the Brothers and the teachers who had been influenced, or taught, by the Brothers. It’s interesting that the experience has finally been labeled, although the concept has been around for a long time. The current word is “Lasallian.”

I’m not really sure that my designation as Affiliate Christian Brother entails anything specific. I think it is a humbling honor rather than a litany of duties and benefits. I must confess that I have parked my car in the “Brothers Reserved” spaces on campus a few times. Some of my most meaningful “Brothers” experiences have been holiday celebrations at the Roncalli Center, a Brothers residence, and doing a video on the Brothers’ ministries in the Baltimore Province.

I first met the Brothers at St. Mary’s College in Winona, Minn. It is now St. Mary’s University of Minnesota. Before that, I was educated in high school by the Irish Christian Brothers. I have always been impressed by men and women of the cloth, non-clerics, who dedicated their lives to teaching.

Today, more than ever, the involvement of lay people in the ministry of the Christian Brothers is very important. As a lay person and an Honorary Brother, I imagine that I am an example of that. The Brothers and I have the same ministry. More and more, the Brothers are honoring those who participate with them—their partners. In all of the Brothers’ schools and ministries, lay people are partners in the missions and goals that were established by St. John Baptist de La Salle. We all are workers in the same vineyard.
Teaching with “Passion and Compassion”

Brother Ed Sheehy, F.S.C., ’68
Associate Professor of History

The scene: La Salle High School, Cumberland, Md. The Time: early 1960s. Plans: attend La Salle College (then), major in history or political science, and then teach, work for the government, or become a lawyer. At that point, the principal of the school, Brother Jeremy McNamara, asked this 16-year-old to consider the Christian Brothers.

Reluctance, then a yes. Why? Because people like Brother Gerry Molyneaux, ’58, of our Communication Department (even though he was the only Brother to give me detention—April 1963, not that I remember that stuff) were teachers, advisers, moderators, and authentic Brothers.

Fast forward to now. What do we teach? One wonders if the content is as important as teaching who we are: Brothers. The key remains—respect for self, respect for others, respect for life at all ages, and responsibility for actions. Respect for the students. There are no “dumb” questions in a lively, interactive classroom experience. Well, okay, maybe one or two. Example: last semester’s classic—“How many letters in the alphabet?” response from student: “27.” 27?! “Yes, X, Y, ‘N,’ Z!”

It was no coincidence that St. La Salle spoke to his Order’s members as “Brothers.” For well over 300 years, and during our 141 here at this University, the Brothers have been just that for students—“older adults” working with “younger adults.” Brothers have an extended family. Last semester, speaking with a group of students, one mentioned that I didn’t have any children. I said, “You are all my children.” Hokey as that sounds, they laughed, and remembered it. Hopefully, our students see us as mentors—not without warts, of course (my interest in trivia and Spongebob Squarepants intrigues some).

Throughout the turmoil of the past 40 years, the key to the “success” of the Brothers has been two-fold, I think. First, education in the broadest sense remains our mantra. Secondly, the Brothers have begun more and more to share this charism of teaching, and the twin signs of the Institute—faith and zeal—with our colleagues in the educational mission.

We still remain an involved group because we believe that education is a seamless garment—that the classroom only provides part of the process of mutual learning. For we learn and grow and are energized by the younger adults, too. Whether it’s insight in the formal academic setting, or conversing in the Food Court or offices, I continue to marvel at how much there is to learn from today’s generation. Their commitment to community service, ability to roll with the punches, and to bond in a time of community tragedy can teach us a lot.

The Brothers in Cumberland, Md., taught with “passion and compassion.” Our mission we have chosen is to continue that calling. We do so in step with other committed teachers who desire, in St. La Salle’s words, “to touch hearts” through “faith” and “zeal,” for as the prophet wrote in the Old Testament, “those who instruct others unto justice shall shine as stars for all eternity.”
Applying Values to the Gyms and Playing Fields

Brother John Kane, F.S.C., '80, M.A. '87
Director of Academic Support Services for Student-Athletes

I was never the best player on the team when I was growing up. I was the type of kid who sat next to the coaches on the bench. Initially, I believed that if the head coach saw me first, then I would get more playing time. Once I realized that the coach usually knew whom he wanted to put in, I still sat near the coaches. I then enjoyed watching them and seeing how they coached and made decisions. You could learn a good deal sitting next to the coach. I thought I would like to do this same day as well.

My father was a La Salle graduate, class of 1952, so growing up, I was a La Salle fan. I remember going to the Palestra to see Kenny Durratt play. I think back then that I knew I would also go to La Salle. I had no real idea what a Christian Brother was at the time. Like many others, I initially thought La Salle was named after the explorer.

My first real contact with the Brothers came at La Salle High School. I was immediately impressed with them as teachers, but more so for whom they were. The Brothers got to know you outside the classroom. They were moderators and ran activities. They came to games and supported students in whatever activities they were involved with. It was clear that the Brothers cared for their students. By my senior year, I had become friendly with a number of Brothers, and one asked me if I ever thought about becoming a Brother. I told him that I actually had. A few years after that, I entered the Community.

My love of athletics never left, and as a Brother, I discovered many opportunities to be involved with sports. During my first 20 years as Brother, I was in high school working as a teacher and administrator. I was always connected to athletics as a moderator or coach. I also spent eight years as athletic director at West Catholic, here in Philadelphia. Like the Brothers who had an impact on me in high school, I knew it was important to get to know students outside the classroom. For me, athletics was a good means to do so.

I came to La Salle University five years ago, when there was an opening for Director of Athletic Operations. Eventually, I was made Assistant Athletic Director. I remember when I was 10 or 11, I was with my father driving past La Salle; we pulled over to look at Hayman Hall, which was under construction. Later, during my undergraduate days, I spent almost every afternoon in Hayman playing basketball. Little did I realize that I would be running the building some day. Just recently, I switched jobs to become the Director of Academic Support Services for Student-Athletes. I value the level of interaction with our student-athletes this new position affords me.

There is a lot of warranted criticism of athletics today, especially at the collegiate level. However, I am still convinced that, done the right way, athletics is a wonderful tool to help young people grow into the best they can be. As a high school athletic director, I used to make sure my coaches knew that I considered them all educators, whether they were teachers or not. I believe it is the same at this level. Working in a Lasallian school demands this of our coaches and staff. I am uplifted on a daily basis as I watch La Salle's coaches interact with student-athletes. Our coaches get it. As a Christian Brother in athletics, I can serve as a reminder of the values that have been ours for over 300 years, and that they do apply to the gyms and playing fields. It gives me joy to see the willingness of our coaches, staff, and most especially, our student-athletes, to embrace these values as their own. Athletics has been a big part of my life. I realize that, at this time, it is a blessing to be able to carry out my vocation as a Christian Brother working with the student-athletes at La Salle University.
THE SILENT EXAMPLE OF THEIR LIVES

BROTHER JAMES BUTLER, F.S.C., ’82, LA SALLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AUXILIARY PROVINCIAL AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOR THE BALTIMORE DISTRICT OF THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

“EMERY? WHAT KIND OF A NAME is Emery? I’ve never met an Emery in my life.” I can clearly remember that reaction when, early in 1978, I opened my letter of acceptance to La Salle College (as it then was). A high school student of the free and easy ’70s, I certainly knew that there was some group called the Christian Brothers who made wine—nondescript domestic table wines and something exotic called “Meloso Cream Sherry.” I had seen the name Brother Timothy, Cellarmaster, on the back of the bottles but never knew these guys had anything to do with education. I was to learn better.

I also have a second recollection associated with receiving that “far envelope” of acceptance that was eventually to set the direction for my life in so many unexpected ways. I remember looking at that signature and wondering, “Why doesn’t he sign his last name?” I could see it was a little long, but, nevertheless, I had received other acceptances from Jesuit colleges and universities, and they were always signed something like, “Rev. John P. McGowan, S.J.” Here was an acceptance from an academic vice president who seemed to want to be on a first-name basis.

Puzzling to a 17-year-old, but also a taste of what was to follow. Although I had never met a Christian Brother in my life before coming to La Salle, I was quickly to learn that it was this “first-name basis,” this “Lasallian personalism,” if you want to get fancy about it, that was to be characteristic of my relationship with the Brothers.

It was years later that I was to learn to say, “the heart of a Lasallian school is relationships.” It was probably a number of years after that that I truly came to understand what it was about. The Brothers, competent scholars and educators though they might have been, were first and foremost about people.

I got taught that lesson as early as my first registration day at La Salle. While the imperturbable Brother John Owens, F.S.C., directed events on these hectic days with preternatural authority, he was assisted by an elderly Brother in the traditional habits. Rosary beads in one hand, he handed out registration cards with the other. But Brother E. James Conaghan, F.S.C., never simply performed the function. He looked at each card, saw the individual’s address, and made some comment to each student who approached his desk. He might ask about the parish, the high school, a local luminary, but the effect was the same—you were an individual, somebody it was worthwhile knowing. That’s a lesson the Brothers have always taught, each in his own way.

A later lesson I came to learn at La Salle was that the Brothers respected individuals perhaps at least partially because they were such rich individuals themselves. There was little evidence of the “batch mentality” sociologists tell us affect those who live in structured groups. Each one brought something unique—and delightful—to his classroom or social interaction with us. There was the whispered insight of Brother Daniel Burke, F.S.C., as he taught us to walk through the walls of a poem. Contrast this with the rollicking enthusiasm of Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., singing whole numbers from a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta in his Satire class. I recall the sight of the erstwhile elegant Brother Jack Dondero, F.S.C., ’45, laughing so hard at lunch that he sprayed chocolate milk all over his white shirt and silk tie. There was Brother Joseph Keenan, F.S.C., ’56, the master raconteur, illustrating abstruse theological points with stories of his North Philadelphia boyhood, bantering with the man we knew was his best friend, the pricelessly ironical Brother Edward Davis, F.S.C. We had our working class scholars, too—Brother Claude Demitras, F.S.C., ’53, and Brother James Muldoon, F.S.C., ’55—approachable and unpretentious whatever their administrative positions.

There were those who still possessed a youthful enthusiasm. We had Brother Gerry Molyneaux, F.S.C., ’58, with his fraternity, Brother Jerry Fitzgerald, F.S.C., ’70, anywhere and everywhere, and Brother Richard Hawley, F.S.C., in the biology lab. I still remember one major who was a floor-mate on Bernard’s coming
home and commenting on anatomy class: “I had a pregnant cat. Br. Rich was so excited. He was like a sixth grader about it.”

Then there were those who had nothing of the preadolescent about them. Though I only saw them at a distance and in their senior citizen mode, Brothers David Cassian Prendergast, F.S.C., Gilbert Jude Sapone, F.S.C., and Giles Raymond Wilson, F.S.C., still had “icy Lasallian stares” that could strip the paint off walls. In their black robes, they resembled the then-contemporary Darth Vader. In demeanor, they made Darth Vader look like Mr. Rogers. It was an article of faith among many of my generation that Br. Giles Raymond carried a gun. It seemed obvious to me from looking at him that he wouldn’t hesitate to use it. All in all it was a parade of human characters as rich as that in *The Canterbury Tales*. And generally every bit as funny.

“Why’d you become a Brother?” It’s a question many students have asked me over the years. And I never had a very good answer. Certainly none of these guys ever asked me (they were probably also good judges of character). But it was the silent example of their lives that worked the trick. It wasn’t “I can be like them”—because they clearly weren’t any one particular way. It was the example of the way they lived their individual lives, and the interest they took in ours, that inspired so convincingly. I could be myself and still be one of a greater “us.” It’s not only the stuff of a religious vocation. I think this is a principle that any “Brothers’ boy” (from years gone by) or graduate of a Lasallian school (as we say today) would understand. It’s simply how we do business.

And do magic.
“YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER THAN YOURSELVES”

Brother Joseph Grabenstein, F.S.C., ’73
Archivist for the Baltimore Province and La Salle University

“BROTHER JOE, YOU HAVE A JOB that will never end!”

Not long ago, a student uttered those words to me as we concluded a 30-minute tour of the Archives. His sentiments match mine perfectly. In a sentence, I preserve the long-term memory of the legacy of La Salle University and of the Christian Brothers. But that job has evolved into a vocation-within-a-vocation which is more stimulating and rewarding than I ever expected.

We all have our interests, hobbies, and passions. Mine is history. I was born in a small Maryland city with no shortage of history markers and landmarks from various eras. I grew up on a busy street which had borne (150 years earlier!) a much slower traffic of westward bound covered wagons and stage coaches. (Perhaps you have heard of the old Cumberland Road.) I studied and read history with pleasure. After graduating from La Salle in 1973, I taught it for 18 years. During that time, I accumulated boxes and boxes of souvenirs, newspaper articles, graphics, anecdotes—anything which could be held, displayed, or related in a classroom in order to catch a youngster’s eye and ear. History definitely has a vibrant dimension, and I have always tried to find it. I’ve been a military reenactor (would you believe a Redcoat?) in a TV miniseries about George Washington. I’ve given informal tours of Gettysburg and Harper’s Ferry. I’ve been asked to do much research and writing of history for the Christian Brothers. And I’ve been archiving history here at La Salle since 1992. Approximately 90 percent of my clientele can’t believe how many materials I have about their selected topic. My best advertisement is satisfied customers, and I’m blessed to count them in the hundreds.

Because the Archives is in College Hall’s lower level, some have dubbed it “the Batcave,” or “the land down under,” or even “the Dungeon.” No problem. I prefer to think of our Archives, however, as a walk-in time tunnel. It’s fascinating to watch the faces of my clients and guests when they visit. They always enjoy seeing the most recent La Salle beer stein or vintage Explorer basketball game program which I purchased on eBay. Their eyes and smiles express sufficient gratitude when they behold the old black-and-white photographs which match their needs perfectly, or when I provide a document or news clipping which boosts their term paper or augments their research on a La Salle alumnus.

No, the Archives is not a classroom. But the old maps, handwritten student roll books, videotapes, scrapbooks, and other sources are “power-point” enough for me. After all, it’s our story we’re preserving—and sharing. We have a rich legacy to tell and re-tell. Since the mid-’90s, I have given about 30 presentations per year to La Salle students, mostly freshmen. (This doesn’t include numerous presentations to some high schoolers as well.) Virtually every talk utilizes the same title, namely, “You are an important part of something much bigger than yourselves.” And it works. Young people get a kick out of seeing our 1996 yearbook, with one quintessential word (“La Salle”) misspelled on the cover and on key pages within the book. They’re amused by the “cow in the dormitory” story of May 1968. They’re shown pictures of our three campuses before our arrival at 20th and Olney. They learn how we got the nickname “Explorers,” and what our coat-of-arms signifies, and why blue and gold are our colors. (Kinda wish someone had told me such things when I was a freshman at La Salle myself!)

I remind the students that they can change their major (most of them will!) or their address, or their future career. Some people even opt to change their name. But the one thing which they—and we—can never, ever change...is our roots. And for true Lasallians, who would want to?

Yes, archiving is indeed a job which will never end.
AN ENDURING LEGACY OF RELATIONSHIPS

MICHAEL BOYLE, '98, DOCTORAL CANDIDATE AT THE CENTRE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, AND A HAMBURG FELLOW IN CONFLICT PREVENTION AT THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND COOPERATION (CISAC), STANFORD UNIVERSITY

IN THEIR 140 YEARS IN THE United States, the Christian Brothers have had an impact not just on the institutions in which they taught, but on generations of families that have benefited from their service. My family undoubtedly belongs in the category of those who have benefited enormously from their ties with Christian Brothers. While there are many graduates of La Salle and other Christian Brothers institutions in my family, it is my grandfather, who never had the opportunity to go to college, whose story best portrays what the Christian Brothers mean to me.

My grandfather, John McArdle, was born in 1899 in Philadelphia. He attended Cathedral Grade School in Center City, a small primary school at which girls were taught by an order of nuns and the boys by the Christian Brothers. Though he remained in school only until the age of 13, my grandfather was profoundly influenced by his experience there, and spoke fondly of the Brothers for the rest of his life. He would pepper his conversations with the phrase, "The Brothers in school used to tell us...," and remind his family of their lessons on the importance of education and charity. To my grandfather, these were not the lessons of an education long-forgotten, but guidelines for his life. Among the many relationships he developed with the Christian Brothers, one stands out for not only its impact on his life, but its longevity. In 1912, my grandfather met Brother Eugene, a newly minted Christian Brother who, at 18 years old, was only six years older than his pupils. Br. Eugene was his eighth grade teacher and, for the next 70 years of his life, his friend. They corresponded regularly, shared stories of their lives and families, and had a friendship that spanned nearly the course of their entire lives.

To me, this relationship exemplifies the best of what the Christian Brothers can be. While the Christian Brothers have a social mission—to encourage a value-based education and to train students for public and community service—their enduring legacy may lie just as much in the personal relationships that they have built with their students. That they have had such an impact on a family across generations is a testament to the power of the values they represent and their ability to realize those values in their daily relationships with others.
WHEN I HEARD THAT THE cover story for this edition of La Salle Magazine was about the Christian Brothers, so many faces came to mind.

In my first class, on a Wednesday morning in September of 1970, Brother Claude Demitras, F.S.C., ’53, opened with “Good morning,” and started to change my life. Br. Claude also was my academic adviser as I struggled my way through school. He taunted me when I had to drop out of day school and switch to night classes, saying that I would never finish. When I graduated, he took me and a classmate to dinner. During dinner, I asked why he had teased me, rather than support me. His answer was that he thought I was already feeling too sorry for myself, and that sympathy would have given me permission to fail. With maturity and self-knowledge, I would have to agree. I would have used sympathy as a crutch, but imagine his knowing that! Well, of course, that’s the secret. The Brothers care about the individual student. This caring attitude has spread to the faculty and staff of La Salle, as we strive to emulate the Brothers, and help them carry out their mission.

My most intense period of learning about the Brothers, St. John Baptist de La Salle, and the charism happened to me as a member of the Lasallian Leadership Institute (LLI). The Institute is a program divided into three years—spirituality, leadership, and management. Designed to help us learn the basic tenets of living a Lasallian life, the Institute introduced us to the writings of St. La Salle and others. We were given lectures by the best thinkers of the present day. Most importantly, we were introduced to colleagues from a wide variety of ministries, all sharing in the Lasallian charism. These colleagues gave empirical evidence that the Brothers have communicated who and what they are, clearly, if subtly, in each of these ministries. The speakers were also inspiring. Brother Malachy Broderick, F.S.C., told us a story of the nature of commitment; it is still amazingly poignant and memorable for me. Brother Miguel Campos, F.S.C., taught us that the Brothers believe their path to heaven is built by saving the souls of their students. What an incredible call to teach the whole student, so that the future adult can have a “whole, holistic, and holy” life.

The goals were many, including simply providing us with a community of like-minded educators with whom to share and from whom we could draw inspiration. However, the Brothers are confronting two challenging realities. Throughout the American Catholic Church, there are fewer and fewer people entering religious life. This is coupled with an ever-increasing need to help children, especially poor children, through education. There is excitement and hope when I think of the special opportunities that are being provided to inner-city children through the San Miguel School in Camden, N.J., and La Salle Academy in Philadelphia. The Brothers do not want to abandon the ministries in which they are already engaged, but these new ventures need leadership. Also, the Brothers are increasingly recognizing the level of commitment among the many lay and religious partners with whom they work. The LLI is a wonderful way to address all of these needs. So far,
there are nine people here at the University who have finished the Lasallian Leadership Institute. Currently, six more members of the faculty and administration are participating.

I am luckier than many La Salle alums in that I have been able to continue to interact with the Brothers. As an adult, it is even clearer that there is a special brilliance here. So often, I see how these men work, day after day, long into the night, to help our students find the best possible versions of themselves.

The Brothers who taught me were always men of quiet humility, passionate about teaching, but without ego. They taught me Lasallian values, long before there was a term for it, through their simple example. What is remarkable about the 60 or so individuals with whom I participated in LLI 2, is the commonality of qualities. These people are also passionate about teaching, caring for the whole student. They work hard, caring, praying, and nagging, to help the young people in their classrooms find a full and satisfying life.

So many Brothers have had an influence on me. Each one has special gifts to share, and I am richer for each Brother I’ve met. I am working by their side now, and their inspiration, faith, and support still mean everything to me.
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE RESULT of a careful re-reading of the De La Salle Brothers' Rule. Maybe it was a response to a nagging desire to be of greater service. Or maybe it was just the thought of experiencing an adventure. Whatever the reason, my decision to teach at Bethlehem University was one of the best of my life.

When I first set out for the Holy Land in 1994, I had little idea what I would find there. I certainly had an awareness that the place suffered from great political turmoil; however, I had no sense of what that might mean for the people I would be working with. One thing was clear though: No matter to whom I spoke, no matter what I read, I sensed that the Brothers and staff at Bethlehem University were making a significant difference to people who really needed them. Why wouldn't you want to be part of that?

Teaching biology to an all-Palestinian student body presented serious challenges to this dyed-in-the-wool Philadelphian. For the first time in my life, I was experiencing in a big way the meaning of "cultural differences." I quickly came to understand that, in Palestinian culture, almost everything is perceived to be negotiable. More importantly, however, I also promptly figured out how central family and friends were in the lives of these people who had little else.

Toward the end of my tenure in Bethlehem, I approached a group of students I had been teaching in a seminar. "You and your friends obviously have very little to spend on clothing and school materials. (Textbooks were so expensive as to be out of the question.) Yet, every day, I see piles of sweaters and notebooks around campus that are unattended for hours. Why is it that they are never stolen?" They looked at me as if I had two heads. "Brother, why would we steal from our friends?" Once more, these beautiful people illustrated to me that they might have been materially poor, but their spirits were rich beyond belief. What a privilege it was to share in that wealth.

Language presented a whole different kind of challenge. Imagine teaching the complexities of biology in English to a group of students, none of whom speak English as a first language. Early in my stint at Bethlehem University, I was teaching a class on the biochemistry of cellular respiration. Suddenly, these heretofore most respectful students erupted into animated conversation with each other. Had I completely lost my ability to control a class? Hardly. My rapid-fire delivery of the material simply overwhelmed those whose English skills were marginal. On some sort of cue that I never figured out, the better students took over and re-explained in Arabic to the rest what I had failed to communicate. Within 30 seconds, all settled down and I was back in charge—this time, speaking more slowly and using simpler vocabulary. I learned to welcome these interruptions, for it was then that true learning occurred.

As I try to put my own fast-paced, chaotic world into some sort of perspective, I often think back to the students at Bethlehem University, with their simple lifestyles and their focus on family and friends. I am confident that these students have taught me more than I taught them. So, in their honor, I take every opportunity to share those priceless lessons with my students at La Salle.
A WORLDWIDE EDUCATIONAL MISSION

BROTHER FRANCIS TRI NGUYEN, F.S.C., PH.D.
DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM, NATIVE OF VIETNAM

SINCE MY ARRIVAL IN AMERICA in 1975 as a refugee from Communist Vietnam, I have refocused my energies and adapted myself to new surroundings. This necessitates much reflection, detachment, and patience: neither complete inaction nor insurance against all risks, but rather a search for new ways to live my Lasallian vocation in a new sociocultural environment. I may thus continue to live for God and do His will with whatever talents and ministry circumstances He has entrusted to me. My bi-directional adaptation to American culture has engaged me, not in assimilation nor integration, but synthesis, blending the best of the East and the West.

I had been a La Salle Christian Brother in Vietnam for 20 years. I had taught either in French or in Vietnamese at the Brothers schools in Vietnam, and in Cambodia at the secondary and college levels. The Confucian tradition in Vietnamese society had elevated the teacher’s social status to a rank above that of the parents. Thus, thanks to my teacher status and also to the black robe I was wearing, I gained “automatic” respect and authority in the classroom. Over the years, I’ve had the privilege of meeting Asian Brothers from Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, the Philippines, India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Singapore. Unlike the latter countries, the socio-political environment in war-torn Vietnam had brought constraints and tensions in the educational sphere in general, and in the Brothers schools in particular. I am therefore thankful to the Divine Providence for the blessings of liberty and peace in America.

I was appointed assistant professor at La Salle University in 1987, promoted to associate professor in 1993, and conferred tenure in 1994. I have been director of the sociology program since 1995.

My educational ministry at La Salle University has brought both challenges and rewards. Students’ written evaluations at the end of each semester prevented me from becoming complacent and uncritical: I have learned to relate to students in a more egalitarian and respectful manner, and to shift from the teaching to the learning paradigm. At the same time, I have been blessed unexpectedly with many students’ kindness, trust, and friendship. Many have confided in me, asked me to write letters of recommendation for graduate schools, law schools, medical schools, and even a Navy School for Officers. I have been invited to their weddings and to their homes to celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter with their families. Moreover, colleagues from the schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Nursing have heartened and sustained me with their support and friendship over all these years. It has been particularly gratifying to receive the following note from the director of graduate psychology on Dec. 12, 2003:

“Dear Br. Tri, I want to express my appreciation for the excellent responses the students gave to your teaching. It is good to see that students value the enthusiasm and the preparation you brought to this course. Students are coming to recognize the importance of preparing to work with a diverse group of clients.”

Students seem to appreciate the international flavor I bring. Currently, I am conducting research on the identity of Lasallian universities in the 21st century, thereby giving the students a glance into the 65 Lasallian colleges and universities and into the Lasallian community worldwide, which is composed of 6,000 Brothers and 73,000 lay colleagues collaborating in the shared educational mission of touching the minds and hearts of 900,000 students in 80 countries.

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IT'S HOW YOU RESPOND TO SETBACKS THAT helps you find out what direction you’ll take in life.

This was the case for Mary Brownsberger, who is pursuing a doctoral degree in psychology at La Salle University. Her stepson was in a car accident that left him disabled. But out of that tragedy came a positive: “It opened the door to what I really wanted to do with my life,” she said. Her goal is to be actively involved in the empowering of those with disabilities. She is concentrating her degree in rehabilitation and neuropsychology.

One of Brownsberger’s many volunteer activities is with Special Equestrians, a therapeutic riding facility in Warrington, Pa. The program uses horses to facilitate therapeutic activity for people with disabilities.

Brownsberg said, “What I enjoy the most is being at the barn and interacting with the instructors, students, and horses. The students have diverse disabilities. I’ve worked with children with autism, adults who are blind and/or deaf, teens with cerebral palsy, and adults who have suffered brain injury.”

“In 30 minutes, a person’s physical and emotional state can become totally transformed,” she said. “The students are amazing. I’ve seen some who were really acting out before their lesson started, even self-harming. But most of the time, as soon as they’re on the horse, a transformation occurs. Their attention shifts, and they’re able to have a good, productive lesson. Most don’t want the lesson to end after 30 minutes!”

Brownsberger recently received the Bob Eigenbrode Memorial Award, given by the Pennsylvania Psychological Association to a graduate psychology student. Among the criteria for the award are “potential for service to the field and involvement in activities.”

“Even though she is being educated to be a professional psychologist, her desire to reach out to those in true need really sets her apart,” said Frank Gardner, Ph.D., Director of La Salle’s Psy.D. Program, who encouraged Brownsberger to apply for the award.

The Psy.D. Program at La Salle is incredibly challenging, yet Brownsberger maintains a 3.98 grade point average. Gardner said, “She works really hard and is involved in so many things. She’s a true picture of compassion, motivation, and energy.”

In addition to teaching an undergraduate course in psychology at La Salle, Brownsberger is a member of two honor societies, has been elected as student representative to speak for her fellow doctoral students, and is a member of the Student Affiliates of American Psychology.

With all of these experiences and activities under her belt, Brownsberger doesn’t show any signs of stopping. She hopes to teach people interested in rehabilitation careers. And she plans to keep following her goal: “To empower the disabled and their families to be as healthy and self-sufficient as possible.”
Street Kid
by Nicholas Cianci, '58
Xlibris Corporation, 2003
136 pp., $20.99

These days, it is hard to find a good, clear representation of the Italian-American situation of the past century. We are bombarded today by the typical “mafia/gangster” stereotype of Italian men and, thus, it seems like all Italian men of the 20th century exhibited this ultimate lack of respect for human life and integrity. However, in Cianci’s simple and genuine autobiography, which tells the story of his early days on the street and his gradual emergence from destitution, we get a different look at this group and the men who define its existence. We are presented with a man, who, through his experiences and his interactions with others, brings back the long-lost dignity and integrity of the represented Italian-American persona and its way of life. (Excerpted from a review on amazon.com.)

Nicholas Cianci, ’58, grew up in the streets of South Philadelphia during the Depression. He attended public schools in Philadelphia before serving in the Army during the Korean War. He attended La Salle on the G.I. Bill and received his degree in education and English. He has worked as an English teacher, a guidance counselor, assistant principal, and principal in both junior and senior high schools. Now retired, he lives in Southport, N.C.

Chapter One: The Story of Vic Charles
by Bob Staranowicz, ’83, M.A. ’92
Bookman Marketing, 2003
308 pp., $14.95

Vic Charles has returned from his tour, but his sub-conscious has been left behind in Vietnam. He is a successful writer and is prepared to begin his second work. For reasons unbeknownst to him, he is stuck in “Chapter One.” The flashbacks, the twitching, and nightly sweats have once again reared their ugly head. Vic tries not to let these re-occurrences bother him, but they take their toll on what could be a very successful writing career. He does his best to keep the latest “terrors” from his wife, Molly, and his two sons, Spence and Mark. All is well until he feels the need to travel to the “Wall.” This could be his last trip anywhere, as he discovers that he has brought something back from the war with him that has been inside of him for more than 20 years. As his life may be slowly slipping away, he discovers the foreign substance that he has been harboring for many years. As Vic lays in his hospital bed, only he knows whether he will survive or not. (from bookmanmarketing.com)

Bob Staranowicz, ’83, M.A. ’92, served with the 101st Airborne in Northern I Corps, Vietnam. He was awarded an Army Commendation Medal and a Bronze Star. Chapter One is his first effort at novel writing. He co-wrote the play “Etchings: The Stories Behind the Wall,” which was initially performed at West Columbus High School in Cerro Gordo, N.C., and Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, N.C. He resides in Bucks County, Pa.

“Book Notes” will be featured periodically in upcoming issues of this magazine and its companion piece, the Alumni News. We invite you to let us know if there’s a book written by an alum within the last year that should be highlighted by e-mailing Caitlin Murray at murray@lasalle.edu.

Conversations with Isabel Allende
Edited by John Rodden, ’78
Foreword by Isabel Allende
University of Texas Press, 2004 (revised edition)
304 pp., $29.95

Allende seems to get more and more popular all over the world. That’s a good reason for libraries with active fiction collections—specifically, whose copies of Allende’s books rarely sit idle on the shelves—to invest in this collection of 34 interviews Allende has given in the 1980s and 1990s, some not previously published, others published in languages other than English. Allende isn’t a reticent interviewee; she has lots to say, and frequent topics in these interviews include Latin American politics, feminism, her family history, the difference between writing novels and short stories, and her deceased daughter, Paula (subject of one of her most recent and certainly most poignant books, Paula, 1995). Her responses to similar questions by different interviewers do not always add up to a consistent picture of events in her life, but that’s just fine; what fiction writer doesn’t embroider and manipulate the truth, even about himself or herself, for the narrative needs of the moment? Her fans will love the Isabel who comes across so well spoken here. (from Booklist)

Since graduating from La Salle, John Rodden, ’78, has taught at the University of Virginia and the University of Texas at Austin. He is the author and editor of eight books, including Performing the Literary Interview, Lionel Trilling and the Critics, and The Worlds of Irving Howe. He lives in Austin, Texas.
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IN THE COMICS:
TOPIX was a comic book published for Catholic school students in the 1940s, which included a feature about St. John Baptist de La Salle's mission to educate underprivileged children (above) and the story of how Joe Verduz, '50, overcame his fear of water to later go on to become an Olympic Gold Medal winner.

THE BEGINNING OF AN ILLUSTRIOUS POLITICAL CAREER:
(Left) Current Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell gave a speech at La Salle, officially launching his political career, at the time, he was seeking the office of Philadelphia District Attorney of Philadelphia. Rendell returned in 1996 to participate in a baseball game.

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATION:
Two of the most prominent recipients of the La Salle Collegian Award, presented for public service in the communication field, were Walter Cronkite, who received the award in 1960, and David Brinkley, who was honored in 1961. (left: Cronkite; right: La Salle President Brother Daniel Bernian, F.S.C., Brinkley, and former Collegian Editor Robert Lyons, '61).

PARODIE PUBLICATIONS:
Shown above are the front and back covers of Hind Quarters, a spoof of La Salle's prestigious Four Quarters literary magazine, along with the cover of The Horse's Mouth. Both were published in 1967. Other unusual publications include The Sackcloth Circus (1968) and Phantasmagoria (1978).

TAKING ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME:
Phillies Hall of Fame pitcher Robin Roberts (shown at center of picture) leads a baseball clinic at La Salle. (Right) Dennis Lehman, '73, poses with the Phillie Phanatic. As a member of the public relations department, Lehman was the person who came up with the lovable green mascot.

VERY FUNNY FELLOWS:
La Salle hosted two of America's favorite comedians in the early days of their careers. Bill Cosby (left) appeared at La Salle in 1965. At the time, students paid 25 cents for admission to Costy's stand-up performance. The current of "The Tonight Show," Jay Leno (right), entertained at La Salle in 1983.
A cow in the dorms?

If you knew Brother Patrick Ellis, chances are that you have heard the cow story already—maybe even more than once. For those who have heard this story before and miss hearing it, read on...

May 31, 1968.

“It happened during first period, May 31, 1968,” the cow was escorted to the Wister Farm. At the time, this was no small task. Not only was the Wister Farm off limits to students (today, this is the area around Peale House, Japanese Tea House, and the garden), but the cow, whose name was Bernadine, was not a domesticated animal.

According to former President Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., getting the cow out proved to be more difficult than getting it into the dorm.

YOU KNOW HIM AS FRANK BARONE FROM “EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND”:

but did you know that Peter Boyle, ’57, was also a Christian Brother in his younger days, going by the name of Brother Francis de Sales? Another interesting piece of trivia is that John Lennon served as the best man at Boyle’s wedding.

THOSE CRAZY COLLEGE KIDS:

College students have a reputation for engaging in some bizarre activities. Among those that have occurred at La Salle include the publicity photo featuring La Salle’s gymnasts creating a “human pyramid” (above, c. 1901). In 1939, at the encouragement of members of the sophomore class, freshmen competed in races in which the participants pushed peanuts with their noses (above right). “Knickers Soccer Day” (right) began in 1957 as a zany halftime pep rally during soccer games to help bring visibility to the soccer team.

SOUVENIRS FROM AN EVENT THAT NEVER TOOK PLACE:

A gala event was to be held in celebration of La Salle’s Centennial Anniversary on Nov. 23, 1963. The event was canceled because of the death of President John F. Kennedy the previous day.

Kennedy (right), while serving as the Junior Senator from Massachusetts, received an honorary degree from La Salle and addressed a special college assembly five years earlier.

AN ALL-STAR CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE:

Heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali (left) and entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. (right) were special guests at a week-long festival held at La Salle College in March 1969.
A Shrine for Local Legends
Alum Establishes Philadelphia’s First Sports Hall of Fame

BY JON CAROULIS

AFTER TWO YEARS OF PLANNING, THOUSANDS of hours of work, and hundreds of phone calls, Ken Avallon, ’83, just 48 hours before the event, was trying to figure out where 270 people would be seated.

Avallon felt as though he was planning a wedding, but in February, he saw a dream come true when his idea, a Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame, inducted its first class.

“I felt like a bride,” said Avallon, President of the hall. Two days before the ceremony to induct its first 19 members, he and the hall’s vice president were working on a seating chart.

Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street was at the induction, and so was Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell. Some of Philadelphia’s greatest sports figures where there, too. La Salle basketball legend Tom Gola, ’55, was among the initial 19 figures inducted, but is recovering from a stroke and was unable to attend.

Avallon, who works as a technology consultant, got the idea for the institution when he read a May 2002 newspaper story, lamenting how Philadelphia didn’t have a sports hall of fame.

“I did some research and couldn’t track down anything,” Avallon said. “There was [no sports hall of fame] that I could find. I spent the better part of three or four days talking to friends, my brother, and dad, and I put a plan in place to see what I could come up with.”

The hall became a family project of sorts. Avallon’s brother, Alex, ’81, and father, Alexander, ’54, were involved until his father’s health prevented him from working on the project. Alex is the hall’s treasurer.

Once the hall was established with a constitution, bylaws, and federal 501(c)(3) status, the group began assembling the first class of sports figures. (In addition to athletes, coaches and managers are eligible.) Initially, 35 people were nominated for the hall’s charter class; then, 48 Philadelphia-area sports figures—including sportswriters, broadcasters, athletic directors, coaches, and athletes—voted to choose the first class of 19 to be inducted.

On Feb. 9, at a Philadelphia hotel, Avallon saw his work come to fruition.

One of the highlights for him, he said, was presenting a Legacy of Excellence Award to Philadelphia Phillies broadcaster Harry Kalas.

“Many of the athletes and figures inducted played before I was born,” Avallon said. “But I’ve grown up listening to Kalas, and it was nice to see him there.”

One other person Avallon would have loved to see at the event was Gola.

“My father was at La Salle when the school won the NCAA championship,” Avallon said. “I met Gola a number of different times when I was a kid. Dad knew him pretty well, and I met him when he was coaching in 1969. We were living in Pittsburgh, and Dad took us to a basketball game between La Salle and Duquesne (when Gola was coach). Once we moved back to Philly, we went to his house to visit him a few times. It really would have been nice to be able to shake his hand, and ask if he remembered me.”
Making Healthcare a Family Affair

BY KAREN TONER, '04

IT MAY APPEAR ODD TO ANYONE OUTSIDE the Burgoyne family that attorney Paul J. Burgoyne, '70, serves as Chair of La Salle University's Nursing Advisory Board, a predominately female group.

To his family members, Burgoyne's serving on the nursing board is normal. Nurses surround this Cherry Hill, N.J., resident, whose wife, sister, brother, and sister-in-law are members of the profession. His daughter Madelyn is a third-year nursing student at La Salle.

Burgoyne wanted Madelyn to enroll at La Salle three years ago. "The nursing staff assists students in the classroom and in clinical settings," he said. "This sort of attention is important in all fields, but even more so in nursing.

"La Salle's School of Nursing has been an ongoing contribution to the University, the surrounding community, and the city of Philadelphia," Burgoyne said.

The University's Nursing Advisory Board—made up of alumni, community leaders, healthcare directors, and other academics—meets five times a year to increase awareness of the School of Nursing and to ensure it addresses the needs of students in healthcare. Burgoyne has served on the board for five years. His sister-in-law, Janice Beitz, R.N., Ph.D., '83, La Salle Associate Professor of Nursing and Co-Director of the Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nursing Education Program, said, "He graciously agreed to chair the board despite a brutally busy schedule. Even though he is a lawyer, he is also committed to the idea of quality healthcare and quality healthcare education. I believe this is due to his being married to my sister, Margaret, who is a certified registered nurse anesthetist."

"Paul has always wanted to serve La Salle. It's unusual in that he's not in any of the fields the School of Nursing teaches—nursing, speech-language-hearing science, or nutrition—and the field is predominately female. But he's very moral, very principled; so I asked him to join the board. He's been a very good chair," said Zane Wolf, R.N., Ph.D., Dean of the School of Nursing.

Paul and Madelyn are not the only Burgoynes connected to La Salle: 15 relatives including brothers, cousins, in-laws, and his father, who graduated in 1933, are all La Salle alumni.

For 22 years, Burgoyne has worked on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Attorney Disciplinary Board, investigating complaints against lawyers. Prior to that, he was a criminal defense lawyer in Philadelphia. He received his bachelor's degree in political science at La Salle and later graduated from Rutgers University School of Law.
Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Unanimously Elected to Second Term as La Salle's President

Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’70, was unanimously elected to a second five-year term as President of La Salle University by the school’s Board of Trustees. Br. Michael, a former professor at La Salle, became the University’s 28th President on July 1, 1999.

“I’m very proud of what we’ve accomplished in the past five years, and very excited about meeting the challenges that face us,” Br. Michael said. “On a personal note, it’s great to see so many wonderful things happening at my alma mater.” His second term will begin on July 1, 2004.

“The Board of Trustees displayed an overwhelming show of support for Br. Michael’s leadership,” said James J. Lynch, ’71, Chair of La Salle’s Board of Trustees. “After a formal review process that concluded with a remarkable consensus, the Committee on Trusteeship strongly recommended reelecting Br. Michael, and the entire Board of Trustees voted unanimously to reelect him to another term. We feel very confident that Br. Michael is providing the direction the University needs.”

Giving to the University has increased dramatically under Br. Michael’s tenure as President. Total gifts and grants made annually to the University from fiscal year 1999 to the end of fiscal year 2003 grew 33 percent with unrestricted annual giving growing by 23.4 percent. In addition, during that time, 12 alumni clubs or chapters have either been revived or launched.

Under Br. Michael’s direction, a strategic plan was developed and continues to be implemented. The plan focuses on five themes: enhancing the intellectual and spiritual life of the University; communicating La Salle’s distinct identity; investing in the future; enhancing the quality of life in the University’s neighborhood; and strengthening partnerships with alumni.

Ground is Broken for New $26 Million Residence Hall and Dining Facility

La Salle University held a ceremonial groundbreaking for the construction of its new $26 million residence hall and dining facility. The hall will house more than 430 students and is expected to be completed in June 2005.

With increasing demand for on-campus housing, University officials have decided to add new facilities. When the new hall is completed, all resident students will live in University-owned housing.

Since 1998, the University has leased units from the Ogontz Manor Apartments at Ogontz and Olney avenues to accommodate the demand for on-campus housing. University officials only wanted this to be a temporary solution for the enrollment surge.

“The high water mark was the fall of 2002. We had 2,143 students living in University housing. That’s 65 percent of all full-time day undergraduates and 81 percent of the freshman class,” said Raymond Ricci, ’67, La Salle’s Vice President for Enrollment Services.

“We purposely reduced the size of the freshman class in 2003 because of housing limits.”

The 102,921-square-foot residence hall will be a three-story complex consisting of a central entrance with four wings containing rooms. Three wings will feature suites of two bedrooms for four students with a connected bath. The fourth wing will feature double occupancy rooms with communal bath facilities. It will also have lounges and study rooms for student use.

It will be located on the school’s south campus, a largely undeveloped area, and is the first new residence hall constructed since 1989.

The dining hall will seat 300 and can accommodate up to 700 meals per day. It will feature a design that allows for meals cooked-to-order for each person. There will also be a convenience store and a community mailroom in the dining hall.

Construction will be done by Nason and Cullen, Inc., of King of Prussia and Philadelphia-based Artis T. Ore, Inc., who teamed up to form a joint venture and were the successful bidders on the project.
Alumni Hand Out Highest Honors

Stars illuminated the Union Ballroom at La Salle University’s Alumni Association Awards on Nov. 14, 2003. Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia, and Elmer F. “Bud” Hansen Jr., ’58, President and C.E.O. of Hansen Properties, Inc., were honored with the night’s two major awards. Cardinal Bevilacqua received the Signum Fidei Medal, which derives its name from the motto of the Christian Brothers, “Sign of Faith.” The award is given annually to an individual who makes noteworthy contributions to the advancement of humanitarian principles in keeping with the Christian/Judeo tradition. Hansen was honored with the John J. Finley, ’24, Award, given to recognize alumni who have exhibited outstanding service to La Salle or the Alumni Association. The award’s namesake was known as “Mr. La Salle” for his devotion to the University.

New Athletics Logo Makes Its Debut

After 10 months in the making, La Salle University’s new athletics logo was enthusiastically received at its unveiling on Feb. 25 at the Explorer Men’s Basketball game against Temple.

According to Peter D’Orazio, ‘81, Assistant Athletics Director for Advancement at La Salle and the Athletics Department’s point person managing the creation of the new mark, the new logo captures a piece of the past while at the same time pushes La Salle forward.

The new logo depicts the profile of a 17th century French explorer looking through a telescope with the words, “La Salle Explorers,” below. The University’s colors of dark blue and gold are used.

“The new athletics logo combines the historical icon of the explorer along with a modern image for the department,” D’Orazio said. “Since the unveiling, we have received nothing but positive feedback from alumni and Explorer Club members.”

The extensive research to create the new logo included gathering input from coaches and staff, and other segments of the University community.

“The process was very detailed, but it was necessary to review all samples and revisions with a wide variety of personnel to ensure that the new mark would be widely accepted,” D’Orazio said.

The athletics logo is one element of La Salle’s new graphic identity program that was announced in December. The new graphic identity was developed by 160over90, a full-service marketing and communications agency headquartered in Philadelphia.

Sounds of the Ocean

La Salle junior Justin R. Morace, a Digital Arts and Multimedia Design (DArt) major, won first place in La Salle’s fourth annual Digital Art Competition for his original work, “Sounds of the Ocean” (shown above). He created the piece, which displays a conch shell protruding from a human ear, for a “Sound Project” in his Electronic Visual Communication class, taught by Sandra Camomile. In it, he attempts to illustrate the sound of water. Since all entries for the contest had to be created through digital techniques, Morace had someone take a digital photo of his ear and then digitally superimposed a conch shell over it.
Leon Ellerson, '56, Computer Software Pioneer, Receives Leadership Award

Leon Ellerson, '56, President of Keystone Computer Associates, is the recipient of La Salle University’s 12th annual Leadership Award, presented at the University’s Charter Dinner this March.

The award honors individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in corporate, civic, governmental, and religious affairs.

Ellerson says giving back to La Salle is quite simple.

“My admission to La Salle happened to occur at a critical time in my life when another university had closed its doors to me,” he said. “It is also worth nothing that La Salle had welcomed me in the 1950s, during an era when attitudes toward people of color were a lot different than what they are today. In addition to its stellar academics, I might add that La Salle’s track record has also been enlightened by its traditional, eminently worthy philosophy of helping those less advantaged by circumstance.”

Ellerson is a member of the University’s Board of Trustees and a founding partner of Keystone Computer Associates, a Fort Washington, Pa., firm at the forefront of computer software development since its 1965 inception. He has been the firm’s president since 1975.

In addition to the Leadership Award, Ellerson has received the Warren E. Smith, M.D., ’54, Award from La Salle’s African American Alumni Association for his professional achievements, and the University’s John J. Finley, ’24, Award for his outstanding contributions to the La Salle community.

The Charter Dinner commemorates the founding of La Salle as an institution of higher learning when it was incorporated in 1863. Money raised at the black-tie event goes toward student scholarships.
ESL Certification: La Salle at the Forefront

Beginning September 2004, the state of Pennsylvania will require educators teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) in public schools to be specifically certified in that content area. La Salle’s Bilingual/Bicultural program understands the need for a specialized curriculum regarding this topic and is now an approved provider for ESL certification in Pennsylvania.

Luis Gomez, Ph.D., Director of La Salle’s Bilingual/Bicultural program, says teaching English as a Second Language requires well-defined and unique skills because the teacher is dealing with a multitude of cultures and languages in one classroom.

“Teachers must be able to deliver the material in a way that is comprehensible to all cultures,” Gomez said. “They must also be aware of the different cultures in their classes and be able to rise to a certain level of cultural sensitivity.”

“The ESL certification program consists of five predetermined courses that will address in depth the areas of expertise that are required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. These areas include: English usage and the development of linguistic awareness; support services for English language learners; English as a Second Language approaches, methods, and techniques; and cultural awareness and sensitivity.

“Dynamics of cross-cultural communication is a key element to the coursework,” Gomez said. “All cultures are different, and ESL teachers must be able to clarify these nuances and use them in their pedagogical approach to the classroom.”

Keyes’ View of Current Events at Economic Outlook 2004

Political commentator and Ambassador Alan Keyes shared his views on current events as the guest speaker at the La Salle School of Business’ Economic Outlook 2004, held Jan. 27, at The Union League of Philadelphia.

Over 450 alumni and friends of the University attended Keyes’ discussion of the election year, the health of the world economy, and the United States’ impact on worldwide issues, including the War on Iraq. The School of Business is a host of this event with the Business Network at The Union League of Philadelphia and Thomson Financial.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan appointed Keyes to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. He is a former presidential candidate and frequent commentator on national radio and television programs.

Business On Campus—Now in its 12th year, the Executive On Campus Program (EOCP) sponsored by the School of Business Advisory Board, brought together over 60 business professionals, mostly La Salle alumni, to speak to undergraduate classes about career paths, industry highlights, and current business trends.

Bob Truitt, Business Advisory Board member and President of the Beverage Can Division of Crown Cork & Seal Co. Inc., addresses students in a Business Perspectives (BUS 100) class.

The School of Business held Economic Outlook 2004 featuring Ambassador Alan Keyes, former Presidential Candidate and Ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. This annual event, co-sponsored by The Union League of Philadelphia, was completely sold out with over 450 attendees, including alumni and business leaders from the tri-state area. Economic Outlook 2005 will be held next January.
Retired Faculty, Staff Gather to Remember

More than 30 retired faculty and staff members held the first (of what they hope will be many) reunion luncheon at the Lulu Country Club near Glenside, Pa., in November.

The event was organized by Charles Halpin, '44, formerly a faculty member of the Management Department, and Thomas McCarthy, Emeritus Professor of Psychology and former Vice President of Student Affairs.

Guest of honor at the function was 90-year-old “Pete the Barber” Paranzino, who has cut the hair of many faculty and staff members since he became La Salle’s resident barber in 1939.

Back-slapping was the order of the day; many of the guests had not seen each other in years.

There were few speeches—which was deliberate. But Halpin did offer one observation. Addressing the group, he said that when they worked at La Salle, the University was much smaller, and that allowed for faculty to become more acquainted with one another, both professionally and personally.

Everyone had such a good time that Halpin and McCarthy plan to make it an annual event, on the second Wednesday of November, and they hope more retired faculty and staff can attend next year.
The Explorer Club is the official fund development and booster organization for La Salle Athletics. It provides financial support for La Salle's 23 intercollegiate sports programs. Explorer Club members receive benefits at various levels, including priority for purchasing the best seats in the house for ticketed events. Gifts can be designated for the sport of your choice or the general athletic fund.

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- Degree Completion Assistance Program
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- Radio and TV Production

Explorer Club Vice President of Membership and Auction Event Chair, Kevin Davis, '80, addresses the attendees of the 2003 Autumn Auction and Reception held in September in the Tom Gola Arena.

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2004 Explorer Club Fund Drive
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To receive an Explorer Club membership application, please call the Athletic Advancement Office at 215/951-1606 or e-mail us at explorerclub@lasalle.edu

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TORPEY DRIVEN TO BUILD NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR RUNNERS

WHEN YOU THINK OF COLLEGIATE POWER- houses, certain programs come to mind. Duke basketball, Michigan football, and Miami baseball all certainly qualify as the dominant schools in each sport.

Although La Salle University cross country and track may have never won a national championship, let alone the four that Duke has won, to be mentioned among the likes of those programs is exactly where Coach Charles Torpey is trying to take the program. A modest start though it may be, the recent national rankings in cross country have established a new benchmark for the program and are the starting block from which the talented mentor of La Salle athletes can launch such a drive.

Since arriving at La Salle in the mid-90s from Springbrook High School in Silver Spring, Md., Torpey has taken a program that was merely competitive and molded it into a program that has produced two All-Americans (Brian Gallagher, ’98, and Theresa Carroll, ’98) and 10 Academic All-Americans, the most recent winners being current seniors Todd Witzleben and Jenna Darcy.

Torpey has led his team to six A-10 titles, the most recent coming this past fall as the La Salle men’s team won its third straight A-10 championship. He also received his sixth Coach of the Year honor this fall for his teams’ success. He attributes all this success to one ideal: Never be satisfied.

“It’s never enough; despite a lot of the things they’ve attained, they still aren’t happy with it,” he said. “We have a lot of goals and objectives here, and we haven’t attained a bunch of them. We don’t want to be just one of the best teams in the A-10, we want to be the best team in the A-10. We want to be one of the best teams in the East; we want to be a national type of team.”

Most outsiders might think that such success would have spoiled him or softened his approach, when, in actuality, success like this is old news to him.

Before his days as a high school coach (he led the Springbrook boy’s team to the Maryland 4A state title in 1992), Torpey was the head coach at the University of Maryland during most of the 1980s, a time when the Terrapins had one of the most dominant

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Coach Charles Torpey (center) accepts one of his eight A-10 Coach of the Year awards at the indoor track championships from University of Rhode Island Associate Athletic Director Lauren Anderson (left) and Associate Athletic Director at University of Massachusetts Al Rife (right).
programs in the entire eastern United States. It seems as if that is Torpey’s M.O.: arrive at a school and quickly turn it into a dominating, award-winning machine.

Torpey is also known for something that cannot be reflected in place-standings, stopwatches, or national rankings. He continues his dealings—his relationships—with his runners beyond the athletic arena and beyond college life. To him, it is only part of the process.

“I still talk to a lot of them (former runners). It’s my own thing; it’s always been a lifetime commitment. It’s not just four years and you’re out or five years and you’re out. There’s more to it than that. Most people aren’t going to attain their physical or mental capabilities in four or five years; it’s impossible,” he said.

This kinship with former athletes is not exclusive to those he has mentored either. The coach has nurtured great relationships, and holds in high regard, program alumni that predate his leadership, such as Explorer Olympian and current Naval Academy cross country coach Al Cantello, ’55, and others. He was able to nurture those relationships even further last season when the Athletics Department invited the three La Salle Olympians (Cantello, Ira Davis, ’58, and John Uelses, ’65) back to campus to be honored during festivities at a men’s basketball game.

Whether a runner is as talented as senior Sheila Klick or a relative newcomer who might not win award after award, he still takes the same approach with each of them.

Torpey derives great satisfaction from helping his student-athletes in attaining their own personal goals, whether it be running a four-minute mile or a six-minute mile.

His life, though, doesn’t stop at the Wetzler Track or in his office under McCarthy Stadium. He is a dedicated family man, with his wife Janice and three children: Christopher, Brian, and Jenna. He can also be seen around campus with Director of Campus Recreation Ed Lawless. In fact, it is rare that you ever see them apart.

“Torp and I are best buddies, and we rarely talk (about) work,” Lawless said. “It seems that everything we see, we think the same on.

“I like hanging around him and his team because of the energy and the passion. He’s just so uplifting to be around.”

It is rare to see such dedication to something that does not receive the attention or publicity as some of its counterparts. Basketball gets all the glitz; football garners all the glory, and baseball wraps itself in nostalgia. But Torpey exemplifies selfless dedication not only to his sport, but to his school and to his student-athletes. He has taken a small sport, at a small Catholic university in Northwest Philadelphia, and turned it into a program that annually sends representatives to NCAA championship meets. All this without a massive school or the booster program funding that usually comes with a larger-scale program. And all of this happened, surprisingly enough, improbably enough, under the watch of one person—one uniquely talented and dedicated coach.
Championship Squad Members Reunite for 50th Anniversary

BY KALE BEERS, '95

It was 50 years ago when a plane from Kansas City, Mo., touched down at Philadelphia's airport and taxied up to a heaving throng of people awaiting the arrival of the passengers inside.

That date was March 21, and the day before, those passengers—the La Salle men's basketball team—that conquered the world. Led by All-American and National Player of the Year Tom Gola, '55, the 1954 Explorers routed Bradley University 90-76 to seal their championship run at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium. That date was March 20, 1954.

Almost 50 years to the day, the planes, cars, and trains once again arrived in Philadelphia; this time, they came from all directions, and they carried those same passengers back to 20th and Olney for a reunion of La Salle's champions. Some made the trek from as far as Fort Myers, Fla., (Manny Gomez, '56) others were as close as Abington, Pa., (Charles Greenberg, '56). In total, 10 teammates and their family members were represented for the weekend of festivities that celebrated one of Philadelphia's greatest sports feats and certainly the University's top team athletic accomplishment.

The players and their families were treated to a private reception at The Union League of Philadelphia on Friday night as well as an open reception at La Salle's Blue and Gold Commons dining facility on Saturday before the current Explorers tipped off against George Washington. At half-time of the game, the players or representatives were presented ceremonial plaques and received a standing ovation during the stirring presentation.

A half-century later, La Salle remembers its champions.
1940s

1949 Thomas V. MacNamara (B.S.) of Holland, Pa., has been named a World War II registry honoree. A memorial will be dedicated on May 29, 2004.

1950s

1950 Thomas F. Kehoe (B.A.) of San Francisco, Calif., was featured in the June 29, 2003, issue of Wine Spectator Magazine. A picture of his winery is included in the article.


1957 John (Jack) C. McDevitt (B.A.) of Brunswick, Ga., is looking forward to his 11th novel, Polaris, to be published in November under his pen name, Jack McDevitt.

1960s

1964 Alan Brown (B.A.) of Cape Charles, Va., has a recurring role in HBO's The Wire as Police Major Stanislaus Valcheck. He also has a supporting role in the HBO film Something the Lord Made.


1968 Michael DeFino (B.A.) received the Widener University President's Award upon retirement for his five-year service as chair of the law school's Board of Overseers. He will continue to serve on the Board of Overseers and on the university's Board of Trustees.

Robert T. Moran (B.S.) retired from A.T. Kearney (Electronic Data Services) after 16 years of service. He also spent 15 years with Johnson & Johnson as Vice President of Human Resources. He formed his own company, Robert T. Moran, Executive Search and Organizational Consulting.

1969 Richard J. Smith (B.A.) is Assistant Principal at the Westampton Campus of the Burlington County Institute of Technology. The New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association selected him Assistant Principal of the Year. The McDonalds Corporation and the National Association of Secondary School Principals sponsor this program.

1970s

1970 Ralph "Skip" Hamel (B.A.) of Windsor Locks, Conn., received a Master of Science in Communication and Information Management from Bay Path College.

Edward Holmann, F.S.C. (B.A.) finished his assignment as Assistant Administrator of the Christian Brothers' Headquarters in Rome, Italy, and is now assigned as Director of Vocation Ministry for the Baltimore District.

1971 Salvatore L. D'Amico (B.S.) is a United States Air Force and Korean War
veteran. A former accountant, he is now retired and lives in Aston, Pa.


1972 **Stephen M. Hoffman Jr. (B.S.)** of Herndon, Va., was promoted to Deputy Director of the Federal Reserve System’s Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation.

1974 **Andrew E. DiPiero Jr., Esq. (B.A.)** of Huntington Valley, Pa., has been re-elected to a three-year term to the Board of Trustees of Quaint Oak Savings Bank.

LTC (R) **John S. Wargo (B.A.)** of Gurnie, Ill., coached his drill team to its third district title in four years. He has also been nominated for the Golden Apple Teaching Award and, for the second time, is included in Who’s Who of Teachers.

1975 **Patrick J. Hogan (B.S.)** of Crownsville, Md., has been named Associate Director for Safety and Security of the Peace Corps.

1978 **Francis J. Domzalski, M.D. (B.A.)** has left his position as Medical Director of the emergency room at Lima Memorial Hospital in Lima, Ohio, and has accepted a position in the emergency room at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

**Peter B. Dulniawka (B.A.)** is a military plans specialist with the United States Army in Japan.

**Pamela (Tipton) Gamel (B.A.)** of Elmer, N.J., is a network engineer with Sungard Availability Services. She has three daughters ranging in age from 8 to 14 years old.

1980 **Mark R. Goodwin (B.A.)** secured the patent “Intraosteo Ultrasound for Surgical Navigation during Surgical Implantation.” He is the founder and managing partner of Start Up, Biospinex, LLC.

**Mitchell Katz (B.S.)** of Indianapolis, Ind., was appointed C.F.O. of Lee & Ryan Environmental Consulting, Inc.

**Joseph A. Spadaro (B.S.)** of Levittown, Pa., is C.F.O. with ALC Environmental, Inc.

1982 **Mary (Fanelli) Ayala (B.A.)** of Portales, N.M., was promoted from Chair of the Languages & Literature Department to Assistant Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at Eastern New Mexico University. She was also promoted to full Professor of Modern Languages.

1983 **Joseph Sobczak (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was mobilized with the Army Reserve for Operation Enduring Freedom. He is an information systems warrant officer whose unit’s mission is information assurance.

**Lesa (Siler) Williams (B.S.)** relocated to Florida to become Facility Manager for New Jacksonville Equestrian Center. The center is being built by the city of Jacksonville as part of the Better Jacksonville Plan.

1984 **John R. Gimpel, D.O. (M.A.)** received The Golden Apple Teaching Award (teacher of the year) at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

1985 **Robert Crawford (B.A.)** of Franklinville, N.J., was awarded the Bishop’s Medal by the Most Rev. DiMarzio, Bishop of Camden, N.J., for serving on both the Committee for the Protection of Children and the Diocese’s Clinical Advisory Panel. He is a therapist in private practice.

**Elaine (Volk) Flynn (B.S., M.S.N. ’91)** is President of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses. She has also been appointed to serve as a member on their Budget and Finance Committee for the 2003-2004 term. In the last six months, Flynn has presented a workshop and two posters at conferences in Dublin, Ireland; New Orleans, La.; and San Antonio, Texas.

1987 **Ilia Labunka (B.A.)** of New York, N.Y., is in her first year of law school in Eastern Europe.

1988 **Kenneth Bullock (B.S.)** of Norristown, Pa., received a Master of Science in Contract Management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. He is a senior contract specialist and contracting officer with the U.S. Navy.

**Aaron J. Poller (B.S.N.)** of Winston-Salem, N.C., is a nurse at Wake Forest University’s Baptist Medical Center.

1989 **David E. Greed (B.S.)** of Yardley, Pa., has been elected into the partnership of KPMG LLP. He provides assurance services to technology clients with a focus on software. Greed is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

1990’s

1990 **Richard Deviin (B.S.)** of Warrington, Pa., is married with two children. He is currently a supervisor with Fairbanks Capital Corporation.

**James J. Horan (B.S., M.B.A. ’97)** of Doylestown, Pa., is Chief Financial Officer for LSScan Technologies, Inc. in Conshohocken. He has been teaching in La Salle’s M.B.A. Progam for the past six years.

**Michael Nuzzolo (B.A.)** of Yardley, Pa., was promoted to Microbiology Manager in a laboratory technical support group at Merck & Co., Inc.

1991 **Michael Higgins (B.A.)** of Norristown, Pa., is Director of Learning and Development with the Radian Group in Philadelphia.

1992 **Brian P. Gerrard (B.A.)** recently celebrated six years with the Montgomery
Touchton, '74, Receives Long-Overdue Peace-Time Medal Recognition

On December 2, 2003, during a small ceremony near Atlanta, Ga., John E. Touchton Sr., Ph.D., ’74, received four medals he earned over 20 years ago during his service in the First Cavalry Division of the United States Army.

“I didn’t go into the Army to get medals. I just wanted to do a good job,” said Touchton.

He did a good enough job to earn him an Army Achievement Medal (AAM), a Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), and two Army Commendation Medals (ARCOMs), one of which is being reviewed for a possible upgrade to the Soldier’s Medal.

It wasn’t until the fall of 2002, when Touchton met then-Congressman Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.), who was running for Senate in Georgia, that it even seemed possible he would ever receive the medals he earned.

Dr. Touchton provided Senator Chambliss’ team with the necessary documentation, and they went to work. It took eight months to get the medals approved; but in August 2003, it became official that Touchton would receive his long overdue awards.

Currently, Touchton has received the AAM for his work at Fort Benning in Research and Development on the Sniper Rifle Project and the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle Project; and the MSM which is the Peace-Time Equivalent of a Bronze Star, for his two years as the Commanding Officer of the last active duty Horse Cavalry Unit left in the U.S. Army.

Dr. Touchton earned his first ARCOM for saving a man’s right arm at the Atlanta Forrest Festival held in Atlanta, Texas, in 1991. During an arm wrestling contest, one of the contestant’s arms snapped, severing the brachial artery. Touchton’s quick response to stabilize the man not only saved the victim’s arm, but also his life.

His second ARCOM nomination is currently under review to be upgraded to the prestigious honor of the Soldier’s Medal which is the Peace-Time Equivalent of the Congressional Medal of Honor. It is awarded when a soldier risks his life in order to save the lives of others. In May 1981, Touchton, at great personal risk, and with total disregard for his own safety, entered an overturned horse trailer filled with eight 1,200-pound horses. The trailer had slid off a muddy road into a ditch knocking all the horses off their feet. He managed to coordinate and execute the evacuation of all horses and personnel from the trailer with only minimal injuries to all. His quick response and calm command of the situation saved many lives that day.

Touchton was honored to receive the medals bestowed upon him in December. He is still waiting for the decision of the Army Awards and Decoration Board for his Soldier’s Medal.
School. He passed Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar exams and is employed with Masell: Warren P.C. in Princeton, N.J.

1999 Bonnie Errico (B.A.) of Bronx, N.Y., earned a Master of Social Work from Fordham University in May 2003. She has been promoted to managing the Alzheimer's program for people living on the lower east side of Manhattan.

Frank J. Grosso (B.S.) of Warrington, Pa., joined the staff of Automotive Careers in Blue Bell, Pa., as General Manager.

Thomas M. Lannen (B.A.) recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Danielle (Penko) Magiiozzo (B.A.) of Lawrenceville, N.J., is teaching at Central Bucks School District and is currently working towards a Master Degree in Education.

Jamie M. Sanko, C.P.A. (B.A.) of Wilmington, Del., passed all four parts of the May 2003 C.P.A. exam. He scored in the top 10 in the state of Pennsylvania. Sanko accepted a position at Ernst & Young.

2000s

2000 Cheryl Giannattasio-Knauer (B.A.) of the Maryland Institute College of Art was named Treasurer for the Baltimore Public Relations Council for a one-year term.


Jason Y. Hill (B.S.) of Flourtown, Pa., received an M.B.A. from La Salle University in May 2003. He and his fiancé, Lauren Richmond (B.A. '01), are planning a July 2004 wedding.

Sean McDevitt (B.A.) of Brighton, Mass., helped organize 100 hours of national service testimony on Capitol Hill. The weeklong effort, "Voices for AmeriCorps," mobilized over 700 champions and alumni who spoke on behalf of AmeriCorps to urge congress to pass $100 million in supplemental funding.

Rikki (Quinn) James (B.A.) of Willow Grove, Pa., is a redemtion specialist for Daimler Chrysler Services in Horsham. She is pursuing an M.B.A. in technology management at the University of Phoenix. Her son, Aiden James, recently celebrated his first birthday.

David Stanoch (B.A.) of Williamsport, Pa., is a judicial clerk for the Federal Judiciary. He is a graduate of Temple Law School and will complete a federal clerkship with the Hon. James F. McClure Jr. (M.D. Pa.) before going to work in the Philadelphia office of Dechert LLP. He is engaged to Monica Fahey (B.A. '01).

Kelly R. Tierney (B.S.) completed her third year of medical school at Drexel University School of Medicine with honors. She was awarded a fellowship for one year to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Tierney will be doing clinical research in the field of nutrition and metabolic diseases in HIV patients. She will return to Pennsylvania in October and finish her fourth year of medical school.

Victoria A. West (B.A.) of Sharon Hill, Pa., received a Master of Education of the Visually Impaired from Pennsylvania College of Optometry in May 2003. She is currently teaching in the early childhood program at Overbrook School for the Blind.

2001 Duwan L. Lang (B.S.) was recently promoted to Logistics Management Specialist at the Naval Inventory Control Point in Philadelphia, Pa.

Lauren Richmond (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is in her second year of Villanova Law School. She and her fiancé, Jason Y. Hill (B.S. '00), are planning a July 2004 wedding.

2002 Jonathan S. Miller (B.S.) of Washington, D.C., is a graduate student at Georgetown University studying biochemistry.

Rosalind Wilson (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., welcomed her new foster son, Matthew Tangrad, 11, into her life and has plans to adopt again in the future.

2003 Elizabeth Smith (B.A.) of Atco, N.J., accepted a position in Oahu-Leeward School District as a special education teacher.

Births


1989 A daughter, Brigit Mary, to Gus and Victoria (Ambolino) Kane (B.S.).

A daughter, Kelly Ann, to Lisa and Martin McKenzie (B.S.).

1990 A son, Alexander James, to Lee and Suzanne (Lardear) Dotson (B.S.).

A son, Andrew Michael, to David Espenshade (B.A.) and Lisa (Baum) Espenshade (B.S.).

A son, Daniel Richard, to Ken and Kathleen (Ryan) Hackman (B.A.).

A daughter, Emily Rose, to Debbie and James J. Horan (B.S., M.B.A. '97). Twins, Matthew and Steven, to Tracy and Michael Nuzzolo (B.A.).

1991 A daughter, Halie Louise, to Jessica and Scott R.S. Besler (B.S.).

1992 A son, David, to David and Donna (Gilbride) Green (B.S.).

A daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, to John and Heather Johnson-Mullisky (B.A.).

A son, Jack, to Drew and Maryrose (McGovern) Ruggieri (B.A.).

1993 A daughter, Amelia Rose, to Peggy and Larry Berran (B.S.).

A son, Gabriel John, to John P. Cipollone
For Tim Munson, '80, Perseverance Leads to Personal and Professional Success

Tim Munson, '80, has an ace up his sleeve when he talks to young people at schools about their futures. Yes, he's a special agent in charge of the FBI's Mobile, Ala., office. Yes, he worked full-time as a police officer while earning his degree at La Salle's evening division. Yes, he has persevered. But more importantly, he has prevailed.

Munson never knew his father and was placed in foster care as a child. For years, he never saw his mom or his siblings. He was literally passed from foster home to foster home. One was so bad, he had to run away.

Then two things happened for his benefit.

An older brother wanted him to assist in a crime. Munson was so nervous, he was shaking, but decided not to take that fork in the road. The other moment is when a college professor took him in as a ward and showed somebody cared. Then, he came home from high school to find this professor dead of natural causes. He was back in foster homes—and he dropped out of high school.

Munson joined the Army and saw a tour of duty in Vietnam. Upon returning, he married and began a family. Looking for some stability, he joined the Philadelphia Police Department. In the 1970s, he joined a number of Philadelphia residents who took advantage of the GI Bill to pursue college. (Munson had earned a GED by this time.)

"That was a Godsend," says Munson, who attended La Salle's evening division. "I would never have been able to be in the position where I am today if not for that."

He walked a police beat during the day and took classes at night for six years with many other officers who were attending the evening school.

He graduated with a degree in criminal justice, and a few years later, he joined the FBI, working his way up the ranks to his current position; he oversees more than 100 officers and civilians.

Munson gets requests from schools to speak with students about his experiences—about overcoming obstacles and making a contribution.

His message is simple: "If I could make it, you can make it, too."

(B.A.) and Jennifer (Quigley) Cipollone (B.A., M.A. '98).

A son, Nathan Henry, to Taryn (McDermott) DevVincent (B.A.) and Richard DevVincent.

A son, Aidan Paul, to David and Betsy (Santos) Dutwin (B.S.).

A son, Jack Christopher, to Lori (Manzo) Ferko (B.S.) and Brian Ferko (B.S.).

1994 A son, Aidan Mattingly Harn-Flood, to Jain P. Flood (B.A.).

A son, Owen Thomas, to Jennifer (Ord) McLoone (B.A.) and Chris McLoone (B.A. '95).

A daughter, Grace Kathleen, to Marc and Maribeth (Inverso) Pierrott (B.A.).

1985 A daughter, Molly Rose, to Rosemarie Jagiello-Manion (B.A.) and John Manion (B.A.).

A son, James Robert, to Kristen (Spielberger) Giordano (B.S.N.) and Lance J. Giordano (B.S.).

1996 A son, Dominic Albert, to Rose Marie Morelli (B.S., M.B.A. '02) and Albert Petruzelli.

A daughter, Francesca, to Danielle and Joseph Sulock III (B.A.).

1997 A daughter, Olivia Anne, to Anne (Smart) Chiavegato (B.A.) and David Chiavegato (B.A.).

A daughter, Julia, to JoAnn (Foy) Roth (B.A.) and Robert Roth (B.A.).


A daughter, Hannah Faye, to Rachel C. Kaufman (M.A.).

Marrriages

1966 Walter J. Plagens (B.A.) to Mary Ann Manno.

1990 Stephanie Colello (B.S.) to Walter James Derrig.

1994 Sophia Delva (B.S.) to Carlos Saunders.

Brian Flynn (B.A.) to Katherine Raguckas, O.D.

1995 Tonya Ellis (B.A., M.A. '02) to Peter Rapp.

1996 Jon P. Frey (B.S.) to Amy E. Guyger.

Melissa Solt (B.A.) to Phil Williams.

1998 Christopher Magliozzo (B.A.) to Danielle Penko (B.A. '99).

Sadig Nickelson (B.A.) to Alberto Angel Requejo.

1999 Brian Martin (B.A.) to Kimberly Kessler (B.S.N. '00).

Jaime Lynn Longo (B.A.) to Michael Gallagher (B.S.).

2001 Melissa Sue Bennett (B.A.) to Gregory Harper.

Alicia Sestito (B.A.) to Eric Stonesifer (B.A.).


In Memoriam


1950 Walter G. Boehm (B.A.) of Sun City Center, Fla., on June 27, 2003.
Francis N. McCabe (B.S.) of Center Valley, Pa., on May 8, 2003.
1954 James McGettigan Sr. (B.A.) of Marlton, N.J., on Nov. 20, 2003. He was a former special education professor, and state Department of Education consultant.
1961 John Paul Sharp (B.S.) of Warrington, Pa., on Oct. 22, 2003. He was a longtime coach and athletic director at Archbishop Wood High School in Warminster. He also taught biology there for 37 years.
Terry P. Crawford (B.A.) of Pittsburgh, Pa.
1986 Eric Paul Bristow (B.A.) of Rocky Mount, Va., formerly of Bucks County, Pa., on Nov. 15, 2003.

FACULTY
Miroslav Labunka, Ph.D., Equius OSGM, a retired Professor of History. Dr. Labunka joined La Salle’s faculty in 1965 and remained until his retirement in 1993. He is survived by three children: Alex (B.A. ’75, M.B.A. ’81), Irene (B.A. ’81), and Illia (B.A. ’87). He was also a professor at the Pope Clement Ukrainian Catholic University, a research fellow of the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University, and a former rector of the Free Ukrainian University in Munich, Germany.

STUDENTS
Ross Davies, of Holland, Pa., a graduate student in the Professional Communication program, on Oct. 5, 2003.
Daniel Hewitt, of Warminster, Pa., a freshman history major, on Nov. 12, 2003.

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Amanda Hartman, ’04
Age: 20
Major: Biology

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La Salle Swim Team
President of La Salle Ambassadors
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Academic and Athletic Scholarship

“There were many reasons we both chose La Salle. Our father is a graduate of the class of 1976 and we grew up in the La Salle tradition. With the University offering each of us scholarships and grants to help offset the cost of tuition, we are grateful to have the chance to continue the Hartman legacy at La Salle.”

Kathryn Hartman, ’07
Age: 18
Major: Integrated Science, Business, and Technology

La Salle Activities and Awards:
La Salle Swim Team
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Did You Know...

- The abbreviation F.S.C., which follows every Christian Brother’s name, stands for “Fratres Scholorum Christianarum” (Brothers of the Christian Schools).

- The world headquarters or “Generalate” of the Christian Brothers is located in Rome.

- About 5,700 Christian Brothers, together with their 75,000 colleagues, operate just over 1,000 Lasallian schools in 80 countries, serving the educational needs of 913,000 students worldwide.

- The United States is one of the few places in the world where the Brothers are commonly known as the Christian Brothers. They are known in most nations as the De La Salle Brothers.

- The Christian Brothers first came to Philadelphia in 1853 to teach in the grammar schools of St. Peter’s and Assumption parishes.

- Though further research is needed, many believe that a Christian Brother (Brother Jasper) originated baseball’s seventh inning stretch in New York in 1882. The sports nickname of Manhattan College, a fellow Lasallian institution—“the Jaspers”—is a salute to his interest in athletics there.

- Christian Brothers founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, was not related to the French explorer of the same surname (Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle) who claimed the Mississippi River for France. However, another French explorer, Father Marquette, was a cousin of St. La Salle.

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