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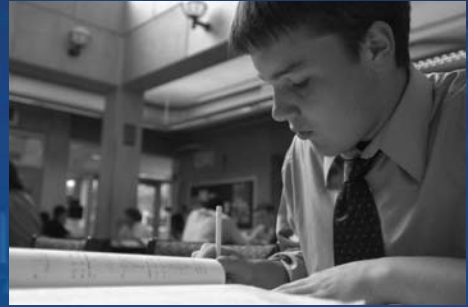
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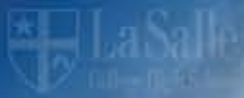
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From The Heart

I remember your humble beginning at St. Michael Parish in North Philadelphia. I watched your move to 20th and Olney and the "glory years" at La Salle College. I stand in awe of the campus that has emerged in the rolling hills of Wyndmoor. When complete, the current construction will provide even greater opportunities for the students at the school that bears my very name.

For 150 years you have taught the minds and touched the hearts of boys from throughout the Delaware Valley. Your methodology has evolved with the times. I encouraged my teachers to instruct students in the vernacular – in the language of their place and time. In a world that has become so inextricably tied to technology, you have embraced this new form of communication and integrated it into every aspect of education.

I looked into the core of each boy that I taught. You continue to listen and use every resource to gain assistance. You affirm and empower young men to discover their God-given potential and realize that life is an amazing journey. You continue to educate and guide men of various backgrounds through a challenging curriculum and by applying adaptive study strategies in a nurturing environment.

My commitment to the education of young people, particularly the poor, continues today. Through a rigorous service program, you have sensitized your students in the plight of the disadvantaged and challenged them to serve the poor, sick, and aging. I wanted my students to grow, mature, and develop. Your sports programs feature athletes who are students first and strive for not only competition, but respect, teamwork, and community.

I see not a school; rather, a community whose students are taught to make use of their freedom and to overcome prejudices, ready made ideas, and social pressures. Your boys are encouraged to listen, seek, understand, trust, love, respect, and contemplate – all in an attempt to develop in the image of God.

I am proud to be a part of this piece of history – the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of La Salle College High School.

May Jesus continue to live in your hearts.



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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Alums and Friends,

I thank you for your support and interest in our students and all things La Salle. This year we have been celebrating the 150th Anniversary of our founding. This has been a source of pride for everyone who refers to themselves as a Lasallian. One of the major events of the year was our first Grandparent's Day, which was celebrated by over 700 grandparents. The highlight of the day was not only the tour of the school with their grandson, but an opportunity for a family photo.

Most recently, La Salle welcomed a new Vice President for Institutional Advancement in the person of Daniel McGowan. Dan had been an advisor to us on our Capital Campaign and had just decided to leave his position as our opening occurred. Dan brings with him over twenty years of development experience. He was principal fundraising director for Trinity College in Ireland and offers an extensive background in prospect development, leadership gift solicitation, campaign planning, and volunteer support. La Salle is most grateful to Gail Evans for her leadership of this department over the past two years. We wish her well in her new responsibilities with the Saint Luke Health Care System in Bethlehem.

I join our Alumni Association in welcoming two new members to our Hall of Fame: A. Edward Allinson '52 and Florence Ward. I can think of no stronger inductees than Ed and Florence. I would also like to congratulate William Regli '58 and John Steinmetz '77 as recipients of the William J. Whelan '55 Alumni Service Award.

Our expansion projects are well underway with an expected completion date in early August. There is much excitement around these projects. Our students are learning the fine art of construction as well as all the intricacies associated with this new building. Our new athletic fields along Route 309 have been halted due to weather, but with the arrival of spring and the drying out of the ground, we should soon see grass sprouting where weeds and shrub trees once dominated. A ten-foot wide path surrounds this project and will soon become a wonderful walking trail.

The Class of 2012 is now finalized with 275 future Explorers expected to arrive on campus this September. This class is one of the strongest classes in recent years and we celebrate the fact that forty of our fifty Presidential Scholarship recipients will be joining the class. This core group will "raise the academic bar" for all of our new students.

La Salle is always ready to welcome our alumni. In particular, I look forward to joining the members of the Classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, and 1998 at the Grand Reunion on April 19, 2008.

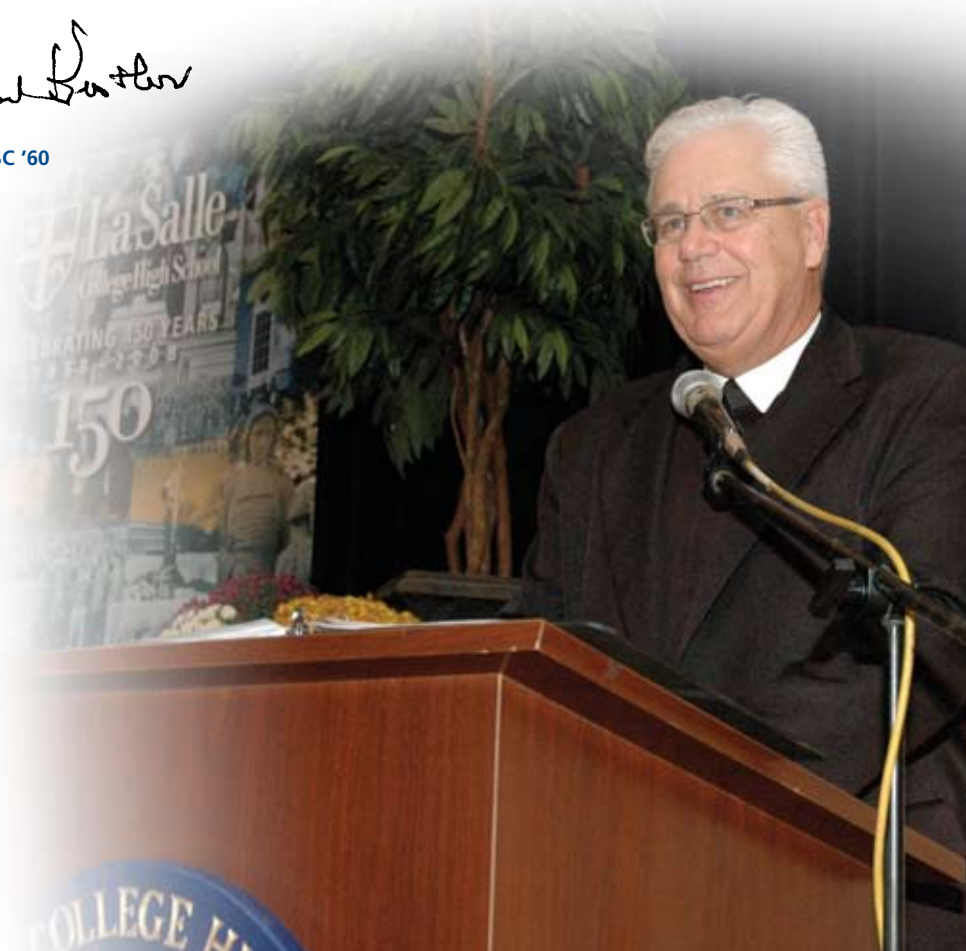
Sincerely,



Brother Richard Kestler, FSC '60
President

Mission Statement
adopted by the
Middle States Evaluation Team
March 2006

La Salle College High School, a Catholic independent, college preparatory school for young men of varied backgrounds, is conducted in the tradition of St. John Baptist de La Salle. Through a broad and balanced, human and Christian education, La Salle College High School guides each student in the development of his unique God-given talents and fosters a commitment to academic excellence, service, and leadership.



Happenings At La Salle

Men of Accomplishment



The Icemen Cometh

The La Salle Varsity AAA Hockey Team is off to a great start – undefeated in league play and consecutive tournament victories – including an impressive championship at the Mount Saint Charles Academy Face-Off Tournament in Rhode Island held during the Christmas break. The team defeated La Salle Academy (RI), Saint Joseph's Collegiate (NY), and Fairfield Prep, the reigning Connecticut State Champions. In January, the team won its second straight Meadville Bulldog Hockey Invitational with a 4-1 win over St. Edward (Cleveland, OH). This is the team's third title at this tournament in the last four years.



Speaking Of

Antoine Albert '08 took First Place in Dramatic Interpretation over some of the best competition on the East Coast at the Yale University Speech and Debate Tournament. Josh Thorn '10 and Jim Benischeck '10 advanced to the Quarterfinal Round in Policy Debate and Eric Stone '11 advanced to the Quarterfinal Round in Humorous Interpretation. In addition to defending their Philadelphia Catholic Forensics League (PCFL) Championship, the focus of this year's team has been adding more national exposure for the boys who participate in the program.



Let The Music Play

The Band's Christmas Concert was held on Monday, December, 10, 2007 and featured over 250 musicians under the direction of Joe Vettori and Joe Ciccimaro '57. The Christmas Choral Concert, held the following week on Monday, December 17, 2007, featured La Salle's various choral groups, all of which are under the direction of Mark Norman. La Salle College High School has many opportunities for the aspiring young musicians, including scheduled band and choral classes during the school day and private instrumental instruction. Over 300 young men participate in these programs.

Men of Intellect



South African Speaker

On Tuesday, January 22, 2008, Joe Viljoen of Vrededorf, South Africa spoke to the La Salle students, faculty, and staff as part of the History Club Lecture Series. Mr. Viljoen talked about the culture in South Africa through the lens of Apartheid. His talk covered the rich Afrikaner and Zulu culture, the origins of Dutch settlements in the Cape, origins of British imperialism, discovery of gold and diamonds, and the strong economy that is still present in South Africa.



All The President's Men

La Salle College High School awarded Presidential Scholarships to fifty eighth grade boys based on their scores from the Scholarship and Entrance Exam administered on Saturday, December 1, 2007. On Thursday, January 10, 2008, forty-seven of those boys, along with their parents, attended a reception. The guests that evening were addressed by T.J. McCarrick '08 and Greg Woods '08 and were hosted at their table by a current senior (all former Presidential Scholarship winners) along with a member of the faculty/staff. In addition to the scholarship recipients, acceptance letters were sent to the remaining members of the Class of 2012. Registration for these boys took place in February of 2008 and the class will have 265 boys in September.



Scholastic Achievement

The Honors Convocation was held on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at which 256 students from the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes received Scholastic L's for achieving a GPA of 3.50 or better during the 2006-2007 academic year. In addition, La Salle College High School recognized two distinguished educators for their twenty-five years of service: Alfred Puntel of the Religion Department and Mary Kay Mullen of the College Counseling Department. Michael Dinda '82, an executive in the banking industry and a father dedicated to creating opportunities for autistic children, addressed the students on the merits of perseverance and "giving back" – using their experience at La Salle as an opportunity to make a difference in their own lives as well as the lives of others.

Men of Respect



Kairos Begins Eleventh Year

From October 2-5, 2007, forty-one seniors made Kairos 37-57. The first of six Kairos retreats was once again held at Diamond Ridge Camp in Jamison, PA. The four-day retreat is an opportunity for seniors to reflect on their relationship with God, self, family, and others. The retreat was led by seniors Dan Erhard, Mike Rongione, Greg Woods, John Shields, Jim Behr, Sam Morgan, and J.J. Houldin. The adult leaders were Dennis Bloh, Lew Clark, Tom Devlin '00, Carol Haggerty, Reverend Anthony Janton '69, Mark Norman, and Joe Parisi.



Here's To You Mr. Robinson

The La Salle Community paid tribute to Hall of Fame great Jackie Robinson during Black History Month in February by erecting a display in his honor. The display contained a variety of memorabilia commemorating the man who broke the color barrier by becoming the first African American to play major league baseball.



Hall of Fame Coach

Tony Resch – an esteemed member of the La Salle Community – Athletic Director, Faculty Member, Assistant Lacrosse Coach, and a parent (Anthony '10) – was inducted into the National Lacrosse League (NLL) Hall of Fame. The NLL is North America's professional indoor lacrosse league and Tony Resch was a member of all six of the Philadelphia Wings' NLL Championships – four as a head coach and two as a player. Tony Resch and the rest of the NLL Hall of Fame Class of 2008 were honored on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at the Union League of Philadelphia.

Men of Service



Junior Urban Challenge

During the first semester, over one hundred juniors participated in the Junior Urban Challenge. The students, who were accompanied by faculty member Doug Demeter '93, participate in an overnight retreat and day of community service at the Archbishop Romero Center in Camden, NJ, a center that actively seeks to live-out Archbishop Romero's call for solidarity with the poor. The participants lived on a food budget of \$3 per day, which is equivalent to what the State of New Jersey allocates to people receiving food stamps. The students participate in various educational, spiritual, and community building activities.



Operation Santa Claus

Led by a group of dedicated seniors, over fifty students from all grades came together to re-institute the La Salle "Giving Tree" as part of Operation Santa Claus, a program sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The students set-up the tree, cut out and hung over 500 gift tags, and collected and sorted toys. Collectively the Operation Santa Claus program delivered toys to over 3,000 children identified as being in need by Catholic Social Services.



The Secret's Out

Secret Santa is a collaborative effort between La Salle College High School and the Committee To Benefit The Children at St. Christopher's Hospital in Philadelphia. The La Salle community – students, Alumni Association, Mothers' Club, and Men of La Salle – collected over \$9,000 towards the purchase of over three hundred gifts and was able to provide Christmas presents to sixty-five families. Students spent the better part of two evenings shopping for the presents and the Mothers' Club donated their time and talent to wrap all of the gifts. On Christmas Eve, five caravans of students and alumni, each with their own La Salle Santa Claus, departed La Salle College High School to deliver presents to various families throughout the Delaware Valley. In all, over one hundred boys actively participated in the effort by shopping, transporting gifts to and from St. Christopher's Hospital, or delivering presents on Christmas Eve.



Gentleman Jack

by Andrew M. Gill '05

John "Jack" Bresnan '45 was posthumously inducted into the La Salle College High School Hall of Fame on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 in conjunction with the Golden Explorers Luncheon held at North Hills Country Club. He was a prominent expert in Southeast Asian affairs who lived in Pelham, NY for more than thirty years and died on May 24, 2006 at the age of 79.

John "Jack" Bresnan '45 was born on May 14, 1927 in Philadelphia. After graduating from La Salle College High School, he earned a B.A. in English from La Salle College and a M.A. in Political Science from New York University. He served in the Army in Panama and with the State Department in Greece.

Jack was an executive of the Ford Foundation from 1953 to 1982. He served eight of those years as representative in Indonesia and retired as head of the Foundation's Office for Asia and the Pacific. During this time, he supported the establishment of programs in education, rice research and family planning. He is perhaps best known for sending Indonesian scholars to graduate school in the United States. These scholars are now government and corporate leaders in Indonesia and are credited with the rapid development of the country to self-sufficiency and an improved standard of living.

From 1982 to 2005, Jack was a Senior Research Fellow at Columbia University's Weatherhead East Asian Institute. At Columbia, he served as Executive Director of the Pacific Basin Studies Program, a faculty research and graduate training program, as adjunct professor international affairs in the School of International and Public Affairs, and as Founding

Chairman of the University Seminar in Southeast Asia in World Affairs. Through these roles, he nurtured a new generation of Southeast Asia scholars.

In January 2003, Jack Bresnan received Indonesia's most distinguished civilian honor, the Bintang Jasa Pratama (Distinguished Service Star), from President Megawati Sukarnoputri for contributions to education and research in Indonesia. He was the author of "Managing Indonesia: The Modern Political Economy" and "From Dominoes to Dynamos: The Transformation of Southeast Asia." He also edited Thomas Felon's "Pelham, New York: Memories of a Century after Incorporation." Jack was also involved in editing a volume entitled "Indonesia: The Great Transition," which explores dimensions of Indonesia's recovery and forms after decades of authoritarianism. In recent years he co-chaired a joint USA-Japan-Australia project funded by the U.S.-Japan Foundation that studied ways the three countries could spur the political and economic development of Indonesia.

Jack is survived by his wife, Barbara, their four children: Pat McCallion, Mark, Peter, and Joan Popowics; and eight grandchildren.

FROM TROLLEYS TO TRAINS

by John J. Lombard, Jr. '52

It seems hard to believe that some sixty years ago on a September morning in 1948, Ed Allinson '52 and I got on a Route 6 Trolley headed for our first day of school at La Salle College High School. Brother George was the principal and one of the first events that we attended together was a significant event in the history of La Salle College. Joe Verdure had won the gold medal in the 1948 Olympic Games and was being taken around the track at McCarthy Stadium to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment that brought notoriety to a small campus that housed both the high school and college.





The Route 6 Trolley went up and down Ogontz Avenue through West Oak Lane. Ed and I did not know each other on that first day of school. He was from St. A's (up the trolley line) and I was from St. Benny's (down the line toward Olney Avenue), but over the next four years we became close friends and have remained so over the years. Looking back it is hard to believe how quickly those years have passed.

I think it is true that neither of us had any idea that day what an impact the next four years would have on our lives, but I don't think there is any question that much of what has transpired was influenced by the Brothers during those four years. Brothers – Francis, George, Emilain, Big Joe, Dacian John, Thomas, William, Hillary the White Owl, and of course Brother Michael and his screwdriver which we used when we inadvertently hit the tab key and rang the bell on our typewriter. Little did we realize what an important skill typing would become and what an important part it would play in Ed's life as the computer-world progressed.

Before leaving for Boston, Ed almost embarked on a new career as a television star – a contestant on the show "Say When." Ed, with his quick mind, became unbeatable.

Ed was a good student. He was also a good and determined athlete as a member of Brother D. John's Cross Country Team. He went on to receive a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He was the President of his fraternity and contributed to the cost of his education by driving a milk truck in the summer. Upon his graduation from Penn, he joined IBM during what was the infancy of the computer age. After several sales assignments in this area, he was transferred to Boston, which would become the home of his family for much of his professional career. Before leaving for Boston, Ed almost embarked on a new career as a television star – a contestant on the show "Say When." Ed, with his quick mind, became unbeatable. After two undefeated weeks, he decided it was time to quit and return to IBM, but that was not before winning numerous prizes which included countless cases of the new "San Francisco Treat" – Rice A Roni. There was no way that the young mouths in the Allinson Household on Susquehanna Road – Brad, Edward, and Courtney – could consume these "treats" in a hundred years. With that launched Ed's career in charitable giving as he donated the rice to the Little Sister of the Poor.





While in Boston with IBM, he received a Sloan Fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), which resulted in a Masters Degree in Management. Shortly after completing his Sloan Fellowship, he left IBM to join the State Street Trust Company and within a short time, he was instrumental in the growth of State Street's mutual fund service business along with the beginning of a new master trust program for pension plans. In 1978 he left Boston for New York and was appointed to the position of Executive Vice President of the Chase Manhattan Bank. While Chase has since merged, it was appropriately recognized as the Rockefeller's Bank. Ed led Chase for nine years and held a truly challenging position as the executive responsible for the International Consumer, Global Private Banking, International Banking, and Information Services as well as head of its Trust and Investment activities. Soon after his arrival in New York, Ed began to appear in feature articles in publications such as *Fifth Avenue and Town & Country*. I would often remind him that these rarified publications were a long way from 72nd and Ogontz. In his later conservative years, he did appear in more mundane publications such as *Forbes*, *Business Week*, and the ever popular *Wall Street Journal*.

Ed became President of Mitchell Hutchins Asset Management Company, an investment management affiliate of Paine Webber, Inc. In 1990, he returned to State Street as Executive Vice President and was responsible for managing their securities and investment activities on a world-wide basis. These responsibilities continued until he retired from State Street and continued an additional year as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Equiserve, a joint venture of State Street and Bank One. Ed served for many years on the Board of two public companies – the Kansas City Southern Railroad, one of America's true international railroads and DST Systems, a securities service firm – both based in Kansas City. As a member of the Executive Committee of Kansas City Southern, Ed actually ran the railroad.

Ed has had a long standing commitment to public service, particularly for those institutions that have played a part in his life – such as La Salle College High School and the University of Pennsylvania, where he has served on the Board of Trustees at both institutions. He has also served on the Business Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and as a Director of the New York Botanical Garden (where I am sure he applied the gardening skills we learned in West Oak Lane).

Ed and his wife Margarita Arias Allinson currently reside in Palm Beach, FL and enjoy their summer home in Southampton (Long Island, NY). He is particularly proud of the accomplishments of his three children – Brad, who lives in Wellsey, MA, Ed in Summit, NJ, and Courtney who lives in New York City. His grandchildren continue to grow in number and provide enjoyment to Ed and Marge in their retirement.

La Salle College High School has been a beneficiary of Ed's continuing support in a number of ways over the years, both in encouragement to its mission as well as financial support. Allinson House, one of the recent additions to La Salle's ever-growing campus, is a lasting tribute to those efforts for which we in the La Salle community will remain deeply grateful. We will also be grateful for his continuing friendship and interest in the old friends from St. A's and the many new friends he acquired in September of 1948. I think all of us would agree with a recent comment from Joe McAluney, one of Ed's closest friends from St. A's: "Ed is as solid and honest a person as I have ever known and was always available to support with sage advice." I don't think anyone could say it any better about a man who has gone from riding the trolley to running a railroad.



First Lady

by Christopher M. Carabello '82

It is no mistake that Florence Ward is the first woman to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at La Salle College High School. And it was not due to a lack of qualified nominees.

They say that behind every good man is a great woman. Florence Ward is the woman behind countless decades of La Salle men who have returned to make a difference at their Alma Mater. For almost forty years, Florence worked tirelessly to support the alumni and development efforts of La Salle College High School. From the Alumni Association to Reunion Captains, from the Communion Breakfast to the golf outing, from three capital campaigns to countless phonathons, Florence Ward was always a hard-working and recognizable presence.

Martha Washington was a pioneer. Eleanor Roosevelt was a humanitarian. Jackie Kennedy was a woman of elegance and grace. Nancy Reagan defined loyalty. Florence Ward, the indisputable First Lady of La Salle is like a “tastykake” – “all the goods things wrapped up in one.”



Ironically, Florence grew up far removed from Philadelphia and its traditions such as tastykakes and the Phillies. Born in Lost Creek, PA on November 23, 1919, Florence was raised near Ashland in the coal regions of Pennsylvania. She married her husband, Jim, and eventually settled in Lafayette Hill, PA with their three children – Mimi, Virginia (Ginner), and Jimmy. When her husband was killed tragically in an auto accident in 1967, her life took a new turn. She had never seen La Salle College High School until she registered Jimmy '72 in the spring of 1968. At the time, little did she know that it would soon become her second home, not to mention her second family.

In the fall of 1970, Tom Braun '65, who was married to Mimi and a Social Studies teacher at La Salle, told Florence about a job opening in the newly-formed Development Office at La Salle. Jimmy was entering his junior year and Ginner had just started at Mount Saint Joseph Academy, so Florence saw this as a wonderful opportunity. Obie O'Brien, the Director of Development and legendary basketball coach at La Salle, called Florence immediately and interviewed her at her home the same day. She quickly found herself working in Room 108, a small office located near the center stairwell. Brother Gene Graham, FSC eventually replaced Obie and for a short time, Florence herself headed-up the school's development efforts

until Brother Fred Stelmach, FSC '46 took over in the early 1980's. During that time, Florence worked with a variety of alumni groups in organizing individual class reunions. She also assisted with the Alumni Golf Outing that had begun in 1960 and published the Blue and Gold Line, the newsletter that was started by Bill Whelan '55 and would eventually evolve into the Explorer. Florence would hand-type the four-page publication that consisted mostly of short articles and class notes.

In 1983, the Development Office relocated across the parking lot when the school purchased Alumni House from the Donahue Family. Florence and Brother Fred moved into a section of the house that was once the art studio for Mrs. Donahue (and is currently the Office of the President). They were joined in the office by Pat Dever and the alumni and development programs at La Salle College High School soon began to take on a new look. Two years prior, Connie Miller '50 had reorganized the Alumni Association into the faction that exists today. Florence played a critical role in both the formation and functionality of this group of dedicated men. The 50-Year Reunion became one of the highlights of graduation and new events – Oldies Night with Jerry Blavat and Homecoming – offered additional reasons for alumni to return to their Alma Mater. The Alumni Association began to grow and flourish with its new leadership and Florence was in the middle of it all. She referred to the Past Presidents of the Association as “her boys.”

Florence would soon find herself entering uncharted waters as the computer era arrived at La Salle. During the 1970's, Florence used key punch cards and the computer at La Salle College to generate mailing lists. She spent many a day (and night) entering data onto cards that Frank Wesner '39 would use to print labels at General Accident Insurance Company. At the urging of Vince Tague '57, one of the early board members of the Alumni Association, La Salle purchased a computer and software to maintain its own database. The computer sat for months until Tom Jackson '73 finally taught Florence and



Florence Ward with the board members of reorganized Alumni Association – Ray Tatlow '38, Brother Fred Stelmach, FSC '46, Jim McLaughlin '57, Connie Miller '50, Mike Meehan '74, and Joe Slabinski '67

Editor's Note

When I became Editor of the Explorer in 2005, Florence Ward was the first person to proof my inaugural issue. She liked the new look, but complained that the "type was too small for her to read." I was determined to maintain the new style of the magazine and did not budge on the font. She eventually got used to the size and proofed every issue – often with the assistance of a magnifying glass.

For this one article, I have adjusted the size of the font as well as the kerning between the lines. Granted, I want the article to be easy for her to read, but more importantly, I want Florence to know that I listened to every thing she ever said to me. The article is a tribute to a wonderful woman, friend, and coworker. I am honored to be considered one of her boys.

Pat how to navigate the shortcuts. The two went to Harvard Square for training on the new Williamson software and when they returned, the initial 9,000 entries were made by Florence, Pat, and a handful of students with good typing skills.

Florence retired briefly in 1990, but returned a year later to assist with the school's first capital campaign, Legacy For La Salle. Shortly thereafter was the advent of the Golden Explorers Luncheon and Grand Reunion, which eliminated the need for eight to ten separate reunions, held in different locations on different nights. When asked about memorable alumni events, Florence is quick to talk about the 50th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor held at the school in 1991. Florence remembered it as "one of the more elegant days in La Salle's history. We established an alumni database of veterans by assembling information from biographical sheets. The veterans were able to come up and tell their stories and, at the end, Mr. C (Joe Ciccimaro '57) had two trumpeters play echo taps."

The Hall of Fame has an interesting history at La Salle College High School and Florence has been integrally involved since its inception. The initial inductees were presented during the Principal's Dinners that were held downtown at the Holiday Inn (18th and Market Streets) during the late 1970's. The tradition had a short break in the early 1980's and, in 1986, one of the greatest highlights in school history occurred. Florence remembers the day when John F. Lehman, PhD '60, then Secretary of the Navy, was inducted as the twelfth member of the Hall of Fame. "The President's helicopter landed on the baseball field and there were secret service men everywhere. The kids were excited and electricity filled the air." Florence was even allowed to board the helicopter and saw the jar of jellybeans belonging to President Ronald Reagan.

At Florence's retirement in 1990, she was presented with a diploma as an Honorary Alum of La Salle College High School. She became the second woman and third person to be recognized as such (Celeste Wagner Schaefer and Brother Francis McLean, FSC are the other two). At a lunch held on the occasion of her retirement last June, Florence praised La Salle as "an excellent school,

great environment, and wonderful community within itself. It is the greatest place to work. I was able to meet so many nice people. The Brothers and alumni are wonderful."

Florence knows more about the Phillies than some people in their front office. She is quick to point out bad trades and even quicker to remind you that she was right. She loved listening to day games on the small Panasonic cabinet radio in Alumni House. The radio was a throwback to better days (and better teams), but always seemed to make Harry Kalas sound better. The radio is also a reminder of the wonderful woman who listened intently to every call, just as she listened to every alum that paid a visit to the school. She will certainly miss coming in every day. "It kept me young and gave me a purpose. I really liked getting the young people's perspective on things."

Florence still lives in Lafayette Hill and near her three children and seven grandchildren. These days an even younger perspective keeps her going – five great grandchildren – Jamie (7), Tommy (4), Twins Ryan and Jack (2), and Chase (2). All of a sudden teenage boys never looked so easy and accommodating.

There has been a Hall of Fame Induction at La Salle College High School every year since 1986. In all, fifty-six men and one woman have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. The etching of that one woman stands out on the mahogany wall, but she is deservedly there – the "lady" surrounded by all of those great men.



Bob Gerngross '74, Jim McLaughlin '57, Connie Miller '50, and Bob McAnespey '66 with Florence Ward at her Retirement Party in 1990



Of This Place, Of This Time

by Joseph F. Lynch '61

For 150 years the La Salle College High School faculty – Christian Brothers and lay teachers – have educated the boys of the Philadelphia area. La Salle has always grown and reached outward in its mission of Gospel values, academic excellence, and social service. Each year in September, the administration with President Brother Richard Kestler '60, Principal Joseph Marchese, and almost 100 faculty members reaffirm the commitment made first by St. John Baptist de La Salle 327 years ago. The overall goal is to educate all children in Christian values and to develop the whole person: spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. These revolutionary educational ideals of the 17th century of Saint La Salle still guide our mission – a visionary program of spiritual, academic, and athletic expansion in this Sesquicentennial year of 2008. Parents, alumni, and friends share in this ministry with their prayers, support in the parent and booster clubs, and their generosity in the present capital campaign. The campus expansion of thirty-four acres will include a new academic wing and three more “fields of dreams.” And, for the first time and perhaps most importantly, Mass will be celebrated in a new chapel.

In this past year, the Validation Team of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools recognized in La Salle "a great school" and visitors heard "passionate voices" saying:

"These are the happiest days of my son's life."

"There's a place here for everybody."

"Teachers respect me and I respect my teachers."

"I think I spend more time here than I do at my house... It's home."

The Middle States Evaluation Team also cited the Lasallian commitment to "the academic excellence, Christian service, and respect for and attention to the individual." The Hall of Fame graduates of La Salle: Men of Intellect (Frank Ryan '49 and John Lehman '60), Men of Integrity (Marty Stanczak '60 and Rod Von Lipsey '76), Men of Accomplishment (classmates Tom Gola '51 and Bill DePasquale '51), Men of Service (David Diehl '55 and Howard Leary '35), Men of Faith (Bishop Philip McDevitt '77 and John "Tex" Flannery '40) and Men of Justice (Honorable Gus Cifelli '43 and Honorable Jerome Crumlish '37), celebrated in banners around the campus, represent

Lasallian ideals and traditions. Overseeing students and visitors, these renowned graduates remind teachers and students to strive for "Virtus et Scientia" in their daily lives. The emphasis on personal spirituality in the senior Kairos retreats supports the outreach programs of student social action. Branchout Days with fathers and sons working together, after-school tutoring at La Salle Academy and San Miguel in Camden, NJ, food preparation for the poor, and other community service projects engender in the students pride in their abilities to make a difference in the lives of fellow human beings.

With 1,057 students from 166 elementary schools in ninety-one zip codes, La Salle College High School indeed spans the entire Southeastern Pennsylvania region. With an average class-size of nineteen students and a student-teacher ratio of 11 to 1, La Salle burnishes its reputation as one of the premiere high schools in the area. With eight Semi-Finalists and twenty-one Commended Students in the National Merit Program, the Class of 2007 amassed over \$18 million in scholarships and grants. From Stanford University to Princeton University, from Harvard University to Haverford College, from Boston College to La Salle University, our graduates take with them a spiritual foundation in service to humanity and rigorous academic training.

La Salle athletic teams produce champions – seven Philadelphia Catholic League Championships alone in 2006-2007. Where other schools may field excellent sports teams, La Salle produces comprehensive sports programs, including eighty championship teams in the last fifteen years. The principles of the classroom





extend to the playing fields and courts – commitment to one’s best efforts and sacrifice to team goals. Over fifty percent of the student body participates in the sports program of thirty-nine teams. Attend a varsity football game on a cool autumn day and cheer with the student body. Like the parents, writhe in agony with the wrestling team as they defend their Catholic League crown. Then, as the year is winding down, travel with the lacrosse team to the playoffs for the state championship. Indeed, it is not an exaggeration to say that the road to Philadelphia sports championships passes through the halls of La Salle.

On the first school day in September, the freshmen take part in age-old rituals – planting a tree out front of the Dunleavy Center (named for Charles E. Dunleavy, Jr. ‘61), learning the classroom prayers (“Live Jesus in our Hearts. Forever”), discussing St. La Salle’s life, and singing the Alma Mater (“Hail, La Salle, We Praise Thee.”). Afterwards, inevitably, there’s pizza. I spoke with three current freshmen, Kevin Forster, Jack Bogorowski and Alex Carapelotti,

and listened to their aspirations: academics, football and lacrosse (not necessarily in that order.). As you might expect, two of the three boys have family members as graduates. I too remember my first day in 1957, following my cousin Jack Brogan ‘58 on the campus at 20th and Olney. I was there to play basketball, I thought, with Coach O’Brien. Four years later I left with the first graduating class from the Wyndmoor campus to prepare for teaching. During those first weeks, I remember Brother Gabriel’s religion class shaking-up my complacent world. I befriended for a lifetime Gerry Tremblay ‘53 who taught the joys of literature and gave me the vocation of teaching. Joe Moran in Spanish and Brother Jeremy McNamara in religion taught by example how to be Men of La Salle. Brother Edward Cannon, FSC ‘37 removed any doubts we had about the importance of living the spiritual life and each day we carried our rosary beads to homeroom. Henry Adams said once that a teacher affects eternity: “He can never know where his influence stops.” I remember that everybody on the La Salle campus worked towards success, from the Principal Brother Francis McLean, FSC to Secretary Celeste Wagner Schaefer (and the entire main office staff). From Brothers to lay teachers, coaches to moderators, everyone made us proud to be Brothers’ Boys.

When I look back on those years, I tell my freshmen classes how quickly these four years at La Salle will pass and how vivid those stories of La Salle will be when they again return to campus, perhaps, with their own children. My advice to the freshmen is not just to seize the day, but seize the day off!

The Return Of The Native

When graduates return to La Salle from their colleges at Christmas time, they tell us about their lives in college – the dreams, the dorms, the Doritos. They often visit at Thanksgiving, but Christmas time brings them to the office and cookies from Carol Haggerty, crossword puzzles from Rita Cooney, candy and memories from Julia Maher. Then, after renewing those friendships, it’s off to the coaches – Pat Devine, Joe Colistra, Joe Parisi and favorite teachers – Joe Ciccimaro ‘57, Gerry Miller, and Dave Diehl ‘55, usually to interrupt afternoon classes! They sometimes remember the classroom stories about growing up: the Hemingway stories taught by Bernie and Ed McCabe, Stephen Daedalus forsaking Ireland in AP English with Mike O’Toole’s ‘68, the young Henry V on St. Crispin’s Day with Dennis Bloh. The graduates tell of their surprises and successes. Bill Warrender ‘06 is now playing for Notre Dame’s baseball team, Matt Stone ‘07 is challenged by Harvard’s standards, David Devine ‘90 follows his love of running by editing and publishing stories of track and cross-country.

Today, the graduates who return hear the commotion of construction on campus. The exoskeleton of the crane and the pouring of concrete is creating the new building. It’s the beginning of a campus transformation, and it has a name, “Fulfilling the Promise.” In a year or so, the Class of 2008 will return to new athletic fields, a chapel, labs and classrooms, a hiking trail, a nature conservancy. Graduates at Christmas will still interrupt classes, but the campus will be changed in dramatic ways. You might say at La Salle that the more things will change, the more they will remain the same.



Fulfilling The Promise...One Brick At A Time

by Joseph H. Donahue '58

The four level McLean Hall classroom addition along with expanded administrative areas, is targeted for completion in July of 2008. After some preliminary work in the summer of 2008, sequential renovation of the three existing floors of McLean Hall will commence, along with additional renovation of administrative areas, all with a planned completion date in early 2010. Although some project delays have been encountered due to unforeseen underground piping configurations and unfavorable wet and windy weather, the contractors anticipate that the planned completion schedule for each of the project phases will be achieved.

Actual construction began immediately after the graduation of the Class of 2007, with the removal of hazardous substances and obsolete equipment in the boiler room and adjacent areas, followed by demolition of the one story link between McLean Hall and the West Wing. After the installation of a temporary access road into the area of the new building, excavation of the site of the new addition then began in earnest, with a never ending procession of trucks. As the excavation was proceeding, five modular gas-fired boilers were installed in the existing West Wing boiler room to supply heat and hot water for all existing buildings. These new boilers, which were fully operational by mid-October, will be integrated with new heat pumps in all of the new and renovated buildings spaces to supply the heating and air conditioning requirements for those areas.



Completion of the McLean Hall addition excavation led to construction of foundations and installation of the steel framework over an approximate four month period. The final steel beam in the building was painted white, and signed by members of the Class of 2008 in a "topping ceremony" marking the completion of this critical milestone in the erection of the new building. After

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completion of the steel framing and placement of metal decks, concrete flooring was completed over several weeks, with concrete trucks arriving every twenty minutes during the "pours" in an operation carefully orchestrated by the contractors to install the basement and the three other concrete building floors in a very congested area.

With the basic structure in place, work began in early January on the exterior roofing and walls of the new addition, along with the interior walls, piping, electrical, and plumbing installations. The McLean hall addition will be complete and fully operational by the start of the new academic year in September of 2008.

New Athletic Fields

In April, 2007, La Salle acquired the 30-acre Karr Property located on the Northwest side of the current school property boundaries and contiguous with those boundaries. Extensive clearing of trees and brush, and a major re-grading of the tract was necessary for this land to be suitable for athletic fields, based on the layouts of the space developed by our Consultant, Hibbeln Engineering Company. After the selection of the General Contractor, James D. Morrissey ('57), Inc., the development project began in July of 2007.

Currently, the project is approximately 70% complete (grading: 75%, drainage: 90%, pathway: 90%, and irrigation: 0%). The work was essentially halted due to the heavy and prolonged rain encountered in November and December of 2007 and will resume in the spring. When completed, the 28.5 acres school property will include approximately eight acres of playing fields, ten acres of natural areas (meadows and woods), an eight acre ecological study area, a walking trail approximately one mile long, and 1.5 acres of support areas (stormwater catch basins, parking, restrooms). 1.5 acres of the initial property purchased was donated to Springfield Township.



Photo Gallery Golden Explorer's Luncheon

Wednesday, October 3, 2007



Reverend Edmond Speitel '43 Celebrates Mass



Catching Up With Tom Flannery '41



Joe Gerngross '43 and Brother Richard Kestler, FSC '60



Class of 1945 Celebrates the Posthumous Hall of Fame Induction of Jack Bresnan '45



Brother Richard Kestler, FSC '60 and Pat McMenamin '52



Class of 1942 – 65-Year Reunion



Class of 1947 – Celebrating Sixty Years



Class of 1943

President's Dinner

Wednesday, October 10, 2007



Stan Heleniak, DMD '77 and Laura Heleniak



Barbara Gabriele and Al Gabriele



Connie Miller '50 and Ruth Miller



Dave Diehl '55, Jake Whelan '67, Linda McAnespey, and Bob McAnespey '66



Karen Donahue, Bill Matthews '86, and Nancy Matthews



Tom Mills, Brother Richard Kestler, FSC '60, Brother Mang Tran, FSC, and Jennie Leary



John Becker, CPA '57, Marie Becker, Sid Kowalczyk '57, and Robert Trinkle



Trish Sinnott, Reverend Anthony Janton '69, and Judy Paul

Photo Gallery Continued

LaSale Auction

Saturday, November 3, 2007



Trish Sinnott, Liz Walker, Andrea Bracken, and Jennifer McGoldrick



The Fury of the Silent Auction



Cathy Cassidy, Colleen Haggerty, Paul Colistra '00, and Mike Cassidy '74



Mothers' Club – Shining Like A Star



Michael Congnetti, Andrea Cognetti, Donna Benz, and Lisa Giovanazzo



Auction Chairpersons Paul Benyovszky '78 and Sue Miller



Raffle Winner – Bill Angeloni



Auction Coordinator Lisa Henrich and Lou Carboni

Homecoming

Wednesday, November 21, 2007



Catching Up With Jim McLaughlin '57



Trevor Needham '02 Back from Iraq



The Tribute to John "Tex" Flannery '41



Lure of the Gaming Tables



Seven Decades of Alumni



Class of 1969 with a tribute to their classmate Sonny Haggerty '69



Class of 1972 Reminiscing



Patrick Luschini '01

Photo Gallery Continued

Grandparents Day

Wednesday, November 21, 2007



Letter from the President of the Alumni Association



Dear Fellow Alumni,

As we move through our school's 150th anniversary year, your Alumni Association is hard at work to help keep La Salle as special a place for future alumni as it was for us. Your school. Our school. One La Salle.

An easy way to help in that effort is to renew your membership in the Alumni Association. One of the goals of the Alumni Association is to provide financial aid for sons and grandsons of alumni who might not otherwise be able to afford a La Salle education. The 2008 calendar year membership letter was recently sent to each of you and I ask for your support through membership renewal.

I am frequently asked by fellow alumni, "How can I stay involved with La Salle?" Alumni Association membership is certainly one way and, as many of you know, this is an exciting and busy time of year for La Salle Alumni.

For our New York Alumni, the New York Regional Roundtable will host an alumni reception on March 3, 2008 at the University Club of New York. The event will feature a discussion between John Lehman '60 and Chris Matthews '63.

Saturday, April 19, 2008 is the Grand Reunion for the Classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, and 1998. Each of these graduating classes has already started planning for what promises to be another great event.

The Philadelphia Cricket Club will host our final event of the year on June 30, 2008. The 48th Annual Alumni Golf Outing is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we are actively soliciting support through sponsorships as well as golfers. We are especially appreciative of our two current corporate sponsors: Andy Malone '78 with CBIZ Accounting, Tax and Advisory, LLC and Gregg Melinson '82 with Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP.

Again, I ask for your help and support of La Salle through the Alumni Association. You can renew your membership or register for any of our events on the school's website (www.lschs.org) or by calling the Office of Institutional Advancement at (215) 233-2350.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Donahue III". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James A. Donahue III '86

President

Alumni Association



Alumni Association Board of Directors 2007/2008

Seated (left to right): Conrad T. Heckmann '84 (Vice President), Michael F. Donohoe, DC '79 (Vice President), Andrew J. Malone, CPA '78 (Treasurer), Robert J. McCreight, Sr. '71 (Past President), James A. Donahue III '86 (President), Anthony J. Gillespie '68 (President-Elect), and Michael J. Dubyk '78 (Secretary)

Standing (left to right): Mark J. Zielinski '77, William J. Benz, Esq. '72, Edwin J. Feeny '62, James E. McCloskey '64, Gerard M. Lowery '78, Walter J. Small '38, Roanld M. Bean '86, Michael J. Adams, DMD '81, Joseph A. Cullen, Jr., Esq. '91, Brian C. McGeehan '95, A. Christopher Dezzi '91, Gregory J. Kochanowicz '72, Brother Andrew Bartley, FSC (Moderator), John J. Meko, Jr. '86, Lloyd C. Beck III '98, and Neil J. Fitzpatrick '81

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THEN...NOW...FOREVER!



Grand Reunion

Saturday, April, 19 2008

6:00 pm

La Salle College High School

\$50 per person

If you would like to help in the planning of your reunion (locating lost classmates, organizing the evening as well as other potential activities, calling classmates to increase attendance, setting-up that day, etc.), please contact Mike Dominick '03, Alumni Relations Manager at mikedominick@lschs.org or call the Office of Institutional Advancement at (215) 233-2350.

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45-Year Reunion

Class of 1968
40-Year Reunion

Class of 1973
35-Year Reunion

Class of 1978
30-Year Reunion

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25-Year Reunion

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20-Year Reunion

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15-Year Reunion

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10-Year Reunion

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Young At Heart

by **Debbie Oglenski**
Catholic Weekly



Most 75 year olds opt for a leisurely life or an escape from a hectic work schedule, but not Reverend William Spencer '50, who was ordained as Catholic priest on December 14, 2007. The oldest other priest ordained in the United States this year was 68 years old. Spencer had spent several years in the seminary as a young man but, after much prayer and discernment, left just three days prior to making his perpetual vows. He had earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He then taught in the Philadelphia public school system for two months before being drafted into the U.S. Army. Just three and a half months after leaving the seminary, Spencer met Margaret "Peg" Quinn. They were married two years later in 1959. Together they raised three children, Margaret, Bill, and Beth, all now married and two of them with children of their own. The couple shared a deep faith and they were active in the church and parish life, including Marriage Encounter, Charismatic Renewal, and the Third Order Carmelites. Daily Mass and the Rosary were part of their prayer life together.

The couple's lives were busy and they faced challenges. She was diagnosed with breast cancer and, after treatment, experienced remission. But nine years later the cancer was back, and the chemotherapy resumed. Over the years, he had never second guessed his decision to leave the seminary; yet, in Ocean City, NJ, where he and his wife were spending some time together between rounds of chemotherapy, the thought occurred to him that if something were to happen to his spouse, perhaps he should become a priest. That was the first of several nudges from God.

In March of 2004 chemotherapy was no longer a viable option and the doctor said Peg Spencer had less than a year to live. She died in the following July. After his wife's chemotherapy was discontinued, he asked the Lord, "What now?" He saw three options: 1) continue to help out at his parish, 2) go south to help out in a parish for part of the year, or 3) or become a priest. There was sense of comfort in the thought of the priesthood. "As my wife got weaker, the desire became stronger," Spencer said.

At the funeral luncheon he asked his Pastor if he could meet with him. Spencer had been very active in that parish and the Pastor knew he had been in the seminary, so he asked Spencer if he might want to become an Associate Pastor when their paths crossed on the parish grounds later that day. Ironically, that was the same topic Spencer had wanted to discuss. Shortly afterwards, Spencer again turned to God seeking confirmation for his thoughts. He asked God to send three people to him that would let him know he was to become a priest. In a couple of days, complete strangers and friends approached him about the priesthood.

But there were obstacles. The Archdiocese of Detroit and the Diocese of Lansing declined to accept Spencer because of his age, but he already had enrolled at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit for work on a Master's Degree in Theology. Spencer sent a letter to Saginaw Bishop Carlson on March 31, 2005, which resulted in a meeting between two men. "I told the Bishop, I'm not going to retire and I'll give you whatever years I have left," Spencer said.

The bishop promised to pray on the decision for one week. The next week Spencer was told: "The Lord said 'yes.'" He was ordained a transitional deacon in June and worked with Reverend Donald Eppenbrock, Pastor of St. Patrick of Crosswell, on weekends and for his summer assignment until his appointment to Our Lady of Lake Huron. Given his varied experienced of work, family, and church life, there are many goals he would like to work on, but experience also has taught him patience and wisdom. "I have a lot of things in my heart that I would like the Church to be and do, but I have to let the Lord lead and help me do the things He wants done with his Church," he said. "I will work with the folks in the parish and provide them with whatever they need to grow in faith and love of the Lord." Spencer believes the hallmark of a priest is to be available to the people and to have compassion for them.

The article first appeared in the *Catholic Weekly* on October 13, 2007 and has been reprinted with the permission of Debbie Oglenski and the *Catholic Weekly*.

Class Notes

1940's

Charles Hodges '44 is in good health and he has visited Europe, Canada, Africa, Mexico, as well as forty cities in the United States. He has met the Royal families of both Spain and Italy.

Bill Bailey '46 has been back North for one year now after twenty years in Florida. He keeps up with his fourteen grandchildren.

Tribute To A Legend

The current football field – practice field where JV and Freshman games are played – was renamed Flannery Field in honor of John F. "Tex" Flannery '40, the legendary football coach who passed away on November 4, 2007. A dedication ceremony was held on Wednesday, November 21, 2007, during which Brother Richard Kestler, FSC '60 presented a dedication decree from the Board of Trustees to members of the Flannery Family (brother Tom '41, wife Rosemary, and daughter Mary Flannery Connors). Dave Diehl '55 was the Master of Ceremonies, while Clark Hodgson '57 and Joe Colistra '64 spoke to a small group of former players and invited guests about their coach and mentor.



1950's

John McElvenny, Jr. '50 reported that the Class of 1950's reunion was well attended at the Moshulu Ship Restaurant in December of 2007. It was nice to see some old friends for an enjoyable luncheon.

Ed Schmid, Jr. '50 is still working in Raleigh, NC and enjoying his grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

James Stanton '50 who turned 76 on March 26, 2008, wonders if he is La Salle Alumni's oldest scuba diver. He makes annual trips in the spring to the Caribbean.

Joseph Echelmeier '51 notes that he was in the last freshman class at the old "1240". He was in Mt. Everest in Nepal for his 75th birthday in November of 2007.

Herbert Riband, Jr. '53 was honored in April 2007 at a black tie dinner at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Herb has been a Board member there for almost forty years.

Bernard McCormick '54 was honored as publisher of Gold Coast Magazine by the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society at its annual spring Friendship Luncheon. Bernard is editor and publisher of Gold Coast and six other lifestyle magazines on the east coast of Florida.

Alan Hagerty '56 retired from Wilmington Trust Company.

Frank Ponti '56, in addition to performing statistical consulting for multiple Federal Government agencies, is now finishing his 47th year of university teaching, currently at the George Washington University in Washington, DC.

John Schmidt '56 plans to retire from teaching chemistry after forty years at Shepherd University in May 2008.

John Herrera '58 was recognized for his outstanding athletic achievement at the recent 50th anniversary of the 1957 football team's winning the Philadelphia City Football Championship.

Daniel J. Sandman '59 is a professor of Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Daniel visited Japan in June 2007 on a National Science Foundation International Award. Sandman presented a lecture on his research, "Studies in Solid State Polymerization, Especially Polydiacetylenes" in Wakayama, and also at Okayama University of Science and Osaka City University.

The Class of 1958 will celebrate its 50-Year Reunion in conjunction with Graduation on June 6-7, 2008.



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A Shore Thing

Classes of 1938 to 1965

**Greate Bay Country Club
Somers Point, New Jersey**

Sunday, September 14, 2008

4:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres

6:00 pm Dinner
Dance to the music of
The Tony DeLuca Band

\$60.00 per person

Monday, September 15, 2008

9:00 am Golf (shotgun start)
No Handicap Necessary

\$60.00 per golfer

1:00 pm Lunch
\$15.00 per person



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Class Notes Continued

1960's

Michael Ginieczki '61 is Director of Physician Integration at Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, NJ.

Jay McFadden '61 retired from the chemical industry. He is working part-time in sales and marketing for a company based in Syracuse and doing substitute teaching in the Allentown, PA area.

Walt Kaminski '62 retired as the "Voice of the Explorers" at La Salle College High School after eighteen seasons.

The Class of 1963 will celebrate its 45-Year Reunion on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Louis Beccaria '63 was recently honored by the Chester County Chapter of the National Association for the Mentally Ill for Leadership in Improving Services and Housing Efforts for the Mentally Ill in treatment in Phoenixville, PA.

Daniel Grasmeder '63 has recently become a Financial Advisor and Financial Planning Specialist at Smith Barney in Glens Falls, NY.

Bob Yacobellis '64 has retired as a Litigation Specialist for Tower Hill Insurance Group in Gainesville, FL. Bob is enjoying retirement in Tampa.

Gregory J. Pirmann '65, has retired after thirty seven years with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Office of Developmental Programs.

John J. O'Donnell, MD '66 is retiring and moving to Travelers Rest, SC in July 2008.

Dennis Reid '66 has retired from Citizens Bank after thirty-three years service with Girard, Mellon, and Citizens. Dennis is newly elected to La Salle University's Alumni Board.

Michael Taylor, CAE '66 is President of Delaware Valley Society of Association Executives.

Louis Beccaria, PhD '67 was re-elected to another three-year term on the National Board of Directors of the Association of Small Foundations.

The Class of 1968 will celebrate its 40-Year Reunion on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Michael O'Toole '68 is beginning his third year as Principal of Holy Ghost Prep. He was recently named Vice President of the Bicentennial Athletic League.

Ed France '69 is in his 30th year as a Financial Advisor, currently working with Morgan Stanley in Blue Bell, PA.



Career Day

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Alumni Association seeks experienced alums to talk to the current student body about their experiences, explain the educational paths they took, and share insights on the present and future states of their profession.

The Alumni Association is searching for experts in the fields of Accounting, Art, Architecture, Athletics, Banking, Computer Science, Engineering, Finance, Insurance, Journalism, Law, Management, Marketing, Medicine, Music, Politics, and Sales.

If you are willing to participate as a speaker and share your experience, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (215) 233-2350 or alumni@lschs.org

1970's

Edward N. Sague, DDS '70 recently received the prestigious Senior Dental Clinician Award from the United States Public Health Service in recognition of outstanding achievements in Clinical Dentistry. Dr. Sague is the Dental Director of the United States Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, NJ.

Joseph McMenamin '70 retired from the Marine Corps in August 2007. He is currently Principal Director, Stability Operations, in the Pentagon.

Robert McCreight '71 left Williamson Restaurants and Catering after thirty-nine years and joined O'Neil Properties as a Project Manager in Real Estate Development.

Jim Dittrich '72 is still Vice President of Operations for book publisher, Leisure Arts, Inc.

The Class of 1973 will celebrate its 35-Year Reunion on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

William Garrity '74 became Regional Vice President of Océ Document Printing Division in January 1, 2007.

Kevin Mulderig '75 is pleased that his son Patrick is a member of the Class of 2011.

Richard J. Coyle '76 former Maine State Director of International Trade, will be awarded the German Order of Merit in recognition of his support for trade development with the Federal Republic of Germany and of his merits in promoting German language and culture in Maine.

CDR Bill Danella '76 retired from the Navy in 2004 and is now an Information Security Analyst for CACI, Inc. – Federal.

Richard Sayers '77 was recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Music at Neumann College in Aston, PA.

The Class of 1978 will celebrate its 30-Year Reunion on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Steven Malloy '78 retired from the Navy in October 2007. He plans to stay in the Philadelphia area.

Joseph McCreavy '78 is pleased his son Joseph William McCreavy, is a member of the Class of 2011.

William Janssen '79 published the 15th edition of the Federal Civil Rules Handbook in November 2007.

Edward J. Quinn '79 is proud that his son Paul is a member of the Class of 2011 at La Salle College High School.

1980's

Louis Burgoyne '80 graduated in August 07 with a BA in Business Administration – Information Systems from California State University Fullerton.

Anthony Fonash '80 has retired from the United States Air Force after 23 years of service.

Mark Labrum, Esq. '80 celebrated his 20th year of practicing law on November 6, 2007. He is employed by Fenningham ('68), Stevens ('82) & Dempster, LLP, Treviso, PA, where he specializes in Product Liability, Commercial Litigation, Zoning, and Land Use.

Terry Gillespie '82 is pleased that his son is a freshman at La Salle College High School.

The Class of 1983 will celebrate its 25-Year Reunion on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Robert O'Neill, Jr. '83 has been promoted to Assistant Technical Director at the Alex Theatre in February 2007.

Tim Ernst '86 recently made a career change to Business Owner. He opened his own graphic/web design firm called RavenWood Creative.

Thomas O'Malley '86 was named a "Super Lawyer" in Philadelphia 2007.

William W. Matthews, III '86, a partner in the Corporate and Securities Department of the law firm of Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of La Salle University.

The Class of 1988 will celebrate its 20-Year Reunion on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Joe Atkinson '88 was recently named Chairman of Bancroft Neurohealth in Haddonfield, NJ, a school for the developmentally disabled.

Joseph Dougherty '89 is currently a Firefighter for Anne Arundel County, MD and Horsham, PA.

Carl Mattia, DPM '89 opened his own practice in September of 2006 in Yardley, PA.

Joseph Norton '89 received with his Masters of Science in Tech Communications.

Class Notes Continued

1990's

Kevin Koch '91 is recently engaged to Jennifer Lynn Grady. Kevin has been named to the Executive Board of Directors of Philadelphia Publinks Golf Association.

Dan Rakowski '91 will be leaving the Navy in June 2008 and settling in Virginia Beach to join a private practice, Tidewater Kidney Specialists.

The Class of 1993 will celebrate its 15-Year Reunion on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Nicholas di Arezzo '93 graduated from Temple University and then graduated from the California Culinary Academy. He is now an Executive Chef in San Francisco.

Joseph Zalewski '93 moved to Credit Suisse in August and manages a portfolio of high yield and distressed bonds and equities. In November, he ran his first marathon in New York City. In 2007, Joe served on the Board of Directors of Internet Commerce Corporation/Easylink Corporation.

Michael Witkowski '94 married Alana Maher in August 2007.

Joe Logan '96 is in his second season as the head women's basketball coach at Loyola College after being named the College's 11th head coach May 12, 2005.

Sean McCreery '97 is living in Boston and working for Harvard University in the English Department.

The Class of 1998 will celebrate its 10-Year Reunion on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Stephen Crognale '98 married Mary Ubbens on May 19, 2007.

Chris Williamson '99 is in his first year at Temple Medical School.



The Class of 2002 at their 5-Year Reunion held at Homecoming on Wednesday, November 21, 2007

2000's

Paul J. Carroll '00, after graduating from La Salle College High School, furthered his music interest at the prestigious Peabody Conservatory of John Hopkins University where he earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Organ Performance. Paul has also spent a significant amount of time in Italy over the past six years performing approximately fifty concerts in such noble places as St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. Paul has also performed in Russia, Austria, Germany, and in Spain.

William J. Phelan, IV, Esq. '00 graduated this spring from The Catholic University of America with a joint J.D. /M.A. degree in Politics. He was recently admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He also accepted employment with the American Bar Association's Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law in Washington, DC working in the area of disability law and policy. Additionally, Bill has two forthcoming academic publications in "Studies in Law, Politics and Society" as well as "Seton Hall Legislative Journal."

Andrew T. Babin '02 graduated in May 2006 with a BA in Economics from Middlebury College in Vermont. He also earned the Panther's Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award. Drew is employed as a Financial Analyst for ING Real Estate Investment Management in Radnor, PA.

Rob Sullivan '02 is in his second year as Director of Men's Basketball Operations at Saint Joseph's University. Rob was honored by the University with the Daniel J. Cummins, Jr. Memorial Award for spirit in 2005, the William Bennett Memorial Award for dedication and loyalty in 2006, and The Patrick D. O'Pake Unsung Hero Award in 2007.

Gregory Giagnacova '03 graduated from St. Joseph's University in May 2007 and accepted an Associate Position in the Philadelphia office of Price Waterhouse Coopers, LLP.

Mike Lynch '05 was honored with the Academic Honor Roll for the Centennial Conference in football at Gettysburg University.

Stew Ryan '05 received the Academic Honor Roll for the Centennial Conference in football at Franklin and Marshall College.

Joe Winning '05 is currently in his third year at University of Delaware studying Communications. On January 26, 2008, Joe was seen broadcasting live as a Student Sideline Reporter during the Comcast SportsNet broadcast of the Georgia State at Delaware CAA Men's Basketball game.

Colin Devlin '07 is a newly made member of the marching band of the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, where he attends Holy Cross College at Notre Dame and is also on the Band Football team. Colin is part of the trumpet section.

Ain't No Mountain High Enough

by John P. Young '83

Climbing one of the highest peaks in the world is a daunting challenge. Some attempts to scale peaks like Mount Everest are detailed *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer; most individuals are content to view these magnificent wonders from afar. Ed O'Mara '82 was introduced to the challenge of mountain climbing through family skiing vacations in the Poconos and later Vermont. He is now preparing to scale his second peak, Mount Aconcagua. His love of the outdoors, coupled with a desire to challenge his physical limits, is propelling him towards his goal of scaling the Seven Summits of the World.

Ed O'Mara, nickname Brady, is part of a family tradition at La Salle that extends back to the 1950s. His father, Ed Sr. '55 was a successful pitcher on the 1955 Catholic and City Championship baseball team. His brothers Jim '86 and Mike '90 attended La Salle and the O'Mara family maintains a strong connection to La Salle with a network of fellow graduates. Ed Jr. was a member of the junior varsity baseball and football teams during his time at La Salle but was cut from the football team at the beginning of his senior year. "I was cut from the team because I was not in good physical shape, according to the coaches."

O'Mara used this disappointment as motivation to pursue a life dedicated to physical conditioning. At Fairfield University, he played rugby while continuing to ski in Vermont and Colorado. Upon graduation, his physical conditioning increased motivated by Pat Croce, a well known physical therapist. O'Mara commented, "In the early 90s I got seriously interested in physical fitness by listening to Pat Croce on WIP. He motivated me to run in marathons." Ed trained extensively and completed nine marathons during that decade including two Boston races with a personal best of 3 hours, 4 minutes.

Ed decided to pursue a career in physical therapy which proved to be a perfect fit for someone who values physical fitness along with a genuine concern for the welfare of others. O'Mara graduated from Arcadia University in 1997 with a Master of Science Degree in Physical Therapy. He then worked at both Montgomery and Paoli Hospitals before his next challenge which would later encompass both his personal and professional life.

Ed's continued running marathons and his personal life was greatly enhanced with his marriage to Jane McGill in 1998. During a ski trip to Utah in 1999, O'Mara suffered a serious knee injury. "I had always thought I'd be the type of guy who was running marathons into my 70's, but my marathon career ended after I suffered that tibial plateau fracture in my knee." Once again, O'Mara was forced to use disappointment to set new goals.



O'Mara's injury compelled him to consider new physical challenges. "With running on the shelf, I turned to biking about 100 miles a week to keep me in good shape." It was during this training that he began to consider the possibility of opening his own physical therapy practice. While attending seminars and addressing various issues related to this cause, he received a phone call in 2003 from a friend asking him to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa. O'Mara quickly accepted the invitation. He commented, "I always used marathons as a litmus test for myself. If I was in marathon shape then I would always be ready if the opportunity came along to climb a high peak."

O'Mara successfully climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in February, 2004, but, more importantly, he reached a decision regarding the name of his fledgling practice. He read the book *The Seven Summits* on the plane ride to Africa and was taken with the exploits of authors Frank Wells and Dick Beck. These men were determined to scale the highest peaks in each continent and O'Mara decided to set this as a new goal to achieve in his personal life. He chose the name Seven Summits for his physical therapy practice to "have my patients understand the importance of goal setting and achieving their dreams through physical rehabilitation." A significant component of his climb of Kilimanjaro was Ed's decision to couple the effort with a fundraising drive to address the problem of AIDS in Africa. Ed set a goal of raising a dollar for every foot he would climb and he received donations in excess of \$15,000 which was sent to Save The Children's AIDS effort in Africa.

O'Mara began 2008 with his sights set on Mount Aconcagua, the tallest peak in the Western Hemisphere, rising 22,834 feet above sea level. This mountain is part of the Andes in South America whose peak is located in the Mendoza Province of northwestern Argentina. As part of this climb, Ed has chosen to raise money for the Children's Hunger Fund, a publically funded, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to alleviate the suffering of children around the world. Ed commented, "My desire to raise money for CHF is strongly motivated by the fact that I have two adopted children, one from North Dakota and one from Guatemala. Also, with CHF, 99% of all revenue goes directly to programs serving children in need."

Ed and four companions reached the summit of Mt. Aconcagua on January 19, 2008. Details of the climb can be found at his website www.sevensummitspt.com. Upon completion of this latest climb up Mount Aconcagua, Ed will return to his home in Wayne, PA with his wife Jane, daughter Ellie and son Dylan. He is already looking towards his next climb, possibly Mt. Elbrus in Russia or Mt. McKinley in Alaska.

Announcements

Births

Kevin Conlin '93 and his wife, Jean Marie, a daughter, Neve Mary, on November 20, 2007.

Christian Cooper '94 and his wife, Bridget, a son, Fintan James, on August 14, 2007.

John Dever '89 and wife Maureen, Lillian Claire, a daughter, on December 2, 2007.

Stephen F. Duncheski '94 and his wife Kate, a son, Stephen Allen, on January 23, 2008.

Chris Idler '89 and his wife, Melanie, a daughter, Lucy Beatrix Idler, in January of 2007.

Daniel Keenan '91 and his wife, Jessica, a daughter, Fiona Elizabeth, on March 26, 2007.

Eric Link '91 and his wife, Laura, a son, Michael Francis, on October 6, 2007.

Todd Lofgren '94 and his wife, Courtney Keane, a son, Matthew David, on May 12, 2007.

Daniel McNichol '95 and his wife Elizabeth, a girl, Grace Cameron, on June 10, 2007.

Kevin McNichol '93 and his wife, Denise, a son, Matthew Timothy, born March 2, 2007.

Thomas O'Malley '86 and his wife, Mary Ellen, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, in December of 2006.

Brian P. Romano '94 and his wife, Megan, a daughter, Kathryn Grace, on January 22, 2007.

Andrew Savysky '89 and his wife, Tanya, a son, Andrew, on May 30, 2007.

Kevin Schmidt '91 and his wife, Megan, a daughter, Rosemary Catherine in January of 2007.

Craig S. Vondercrone '95 and his wife Jennifer, a son, Gavin Scott Vondercrone on January 29, 2005.

David Wenhold '94 and his wife, Nicole, a daughter, Paige Nicole, on April 3, 2007.

Scott Wimmer '91 and his wife, Teresa, a son, Ryan Scott, in March 2007.

Scott Wolpert '84 and his wife Amy, a son, Thomas Hudson on September 14, 2007.

Deaths

Peter J. Beaty '62

Robert J. Bolger '40

George F. Brinton, Jr. '38

Leo E. Connor '40

Edward L. Fuller '49

Gerard J. Geisel '56, father of Gerard '02, brother of Edward '44, Robert '49, and William '45

Edward F. Green '44

Joseph G. Greenberg '43, father of Chip '82; brother of Charles '51

Vincent A. Griffin '57

Reverend John A. Guisnard, PhD '34

Reverend John T. Gutekunst '72

William E. "Sonny" Haggerty '69

Charles J. Halfpenny, Sr. '56, father of Charles '82, John '84, David '87, and Robert '88

Alexander Hartnett '44

Michael J. Kerlin '71, father of Michael D. Kerlin '93

Raymond J. Kent '48

John J. Melchior '49

Paul H. McTear, Sr. '43

Col. James P. McWilliams, USMC (Ret.), PhD '53

John L. Moraso '67

Edward J. Schaller '57, brother of Robert '59 and John '67

Edward T. Sierkowski '63

Peter B. Thomas '62

Angelo Ventresca, Jr. '55

Larry Wentz '55

Gerard J. Woltemate '59

Thomas Brett, father of Kevin '68, Michael '70, Thomas '71, and Sean '74; grandfather of Brendan '95 and Patrick '04

William F. Corcoran, father of W. Francis Corcoran, Jr. '92

Dale Creter, father of Ryan '06

Stephen W. Crognale, father of Stephen Crognale '98

Joseph E. Crowley, father of Joseph '58, James, '59, Dennis '61, and Terrence '65

Mary Crowley, mother of Joseph '58, James '59, Dennis '61, and Terrence '65.

Eleanor Erb, mother of Tim '66; grandmother of Tim '94 and Greg '96

Joan Fayer, wife of Joseph '50

Rita S. Kelley, mother of Mark '77 and Daniel '82

Catherine "Sue" Kolsun, mother of Joby '83 and Tom '85

Melitta Kyriss, mother of Karl Kyriss '68

Shirley A. McCaffery, mother of John '74 and Francis '77

Anne Menno, mother of Robert '74 and Richard '76; grandmother of Marc '06

Suzanne Jean Pirmann, wife of Gregory J. Pirmann '65

Madeline M. "Lynne" Reid, mother of William '98 and Daniel '02

Anthony J. Sciolla, father of Anthony '68, David '72, and John '77; grandfather of Ryan Sciolla '05

Mildred Tragemann, mother of Richard '60, Stephen '61, Thomas '64 and Frederick '64; grandmother of Geoffrey '92

Robert J. Zegley, father of Gary '85, Christopher '87, and Tyler '89

Appointment

In December, Gail A. Evans, Vice President of Institutional Advancement for the past two years, resigned to assume the position of Associate Vice President at St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network in Bethlehem, PA, where she will be responsible for development and fund-raising for an integrated health care network that encompasses 900 beds in five different hospitals, 1,200 physicians, more than 4,000 employees, and nearly 1,000 volunteers. Gail was integral in launching the Office of Institutional Advancement and worked tirelessly for the development and fund-raising efforts at La Salle College High School.



Daniel L. McGowan was appointed the new Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Dan is a development professional who was an Executive Director for Community Counseling Service, Inc. (CCS) and has acted as the Capital Campaign Manager at La Salle College High School since July of 2007.

Prior to his tenure with CCS, Dan served as a principal fundraising director for Trinity College Dublin in Ireland. While at Trinity College, Dan became known in Irish fundraising circles for his ability to manage the campaign activities of top leadership as well as motivate staff and volunteers. He also was recognized for his work ethic, "do whatever it takes to succeed" attitude, and disciplined approach to organizing the cultivation and solicitation of top prospects. He offers an extensive background in prospect development, leadership gift solicitation, campaign planning, and volunteer support. Prior to working at Trinity College Dublin, Dan McGowan served as a consultant to the Philadelphia Foundation, where he was responsible for organizing and implementing the internal information and grants management processes and systems.

Born and raised in Wyndmoor, Dan attended Chestnut Hill Academy and received both a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business Administration (Magna Cum Laude) degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School of Business, as well as a MBA from Trinity College Dublin. He and his wife, Jillian, hold dual citizenship in the United States and Ireland. Included among Dan's volunteer activities are past service on the boards of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Association and the Ivy League Association of Southern California, as well as The Simon Community and The Fundraisers Network in Dublin, Ireland.

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