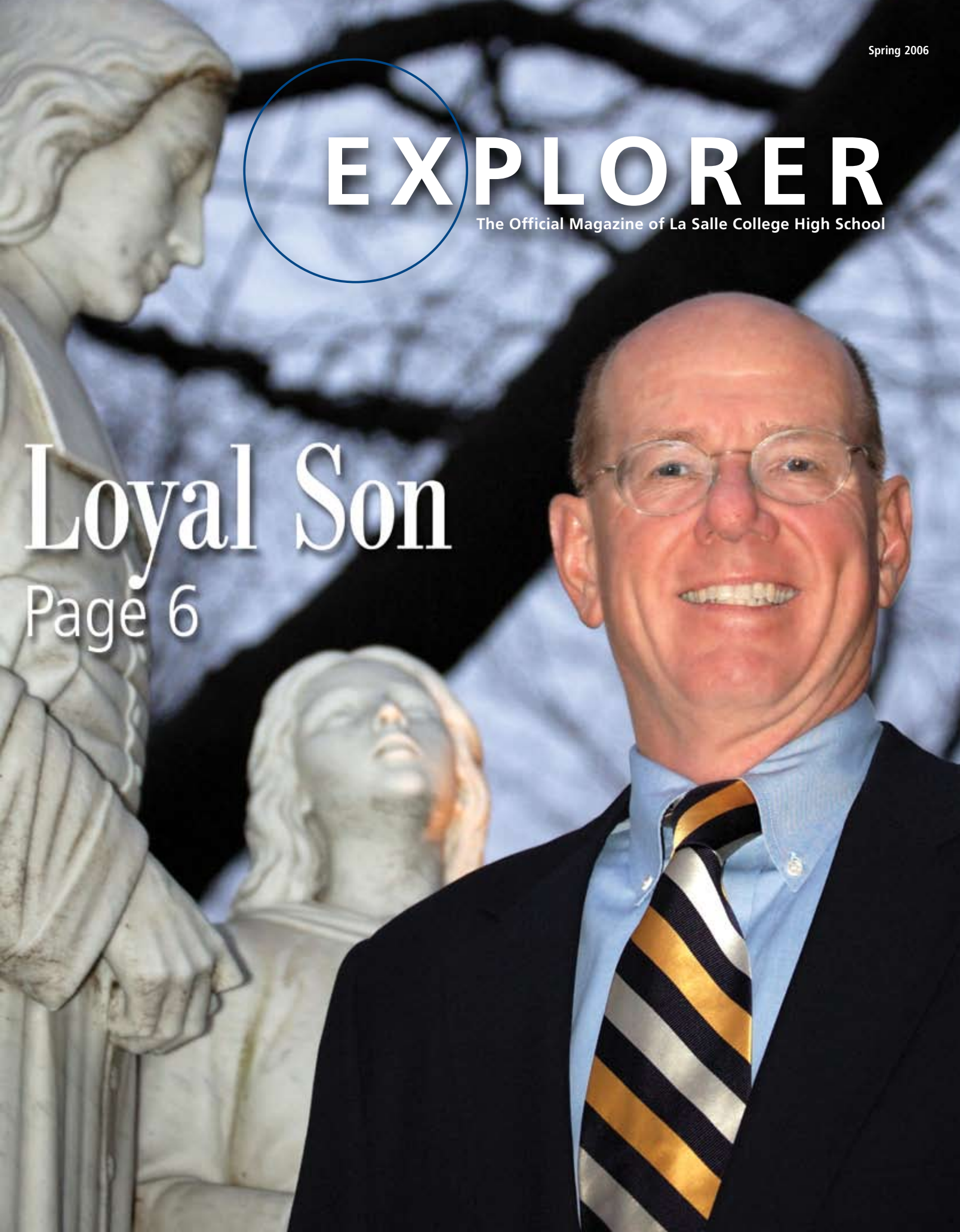


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From The Hip!

I met my best friend, Joby Kolsun '83, on the first day of my Sophomore year. I had just finished Cross Country practice when a member of the Freshman Team approached me and asked for a ride home. I wonder if things would be different had I not said "yes." We might not have been college roommates or the Best Man in each other's wedding. Our sons may have different godfathers and I certainly would have never visited Wichita Falls, TX. Over the past twenty-five years, Joby and I have shared a lifetime of experiences; however, none as rewarding as our time together on Christmas Eve. We have four small children between us; so needless to say, we have other things that we could be doing that day. Instead, we chose to be part of Secret Santa and lead one of four caravans of alumni, students, and faculty that spread out across the five-county area delivering Christmas presents to the homes of outpatients of the Oncology and Hematology Wards at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. Many of these children would be celebrating their last Christmas and our goal was to bring the spirit of this holiday to the children and their families. In all, Secret Santa reached out to over fifty families and I am certain that we touched the heart of everyone that we visited. In doing so, we came to realize how precious life is, how fortunate we are, and what a difference we can make.

Most schools have made service a requirement for their students; however, at La Salle, service is an integral part of the institution. My colleague, Joe Lynch '61, penned the phrase "Service Before Self," to describe service initiatives at La Salle College High School. Service is indeed an essential part of the education process at La Salle as our students learn the life-altering difference that service has on their own lives as well as the lives they touch. Antoine Albert '08 summarized it best when he recently told me, "You enter La Salle to learn, not only through education, but through Christianity. You learn about the dimensions of a human-being and of a man. You will leave and serve others and use your experience here (at La Salle) to touch other people who may not be able to enjoy this experience, but who can benefit from this experience."

La Salle students learn that service and commitment to others can become a permanent part of their lives. For example, every Thursday, La Salle boys assist volunteer ministries with their community supper at Sarnelli House, a home for the poor in Kennsington. Recently, our students became aware of plans to close the home. The boys exhibited a passion that went well beyond sharing faith, fellowship, and a meal with the poor. They raised money for the cause and created a "media frenzy" in an effort to keep the home open. Other boys would have put in their time and never gotten involved outside the service requirements of the project; however, our students demonstrated a deep connection to the home and the people whom it services. They truly touched hearts and affected lives.

I am certain that La Salle College High School is responsible for inspiring Joby and I, along with countless other alums, to help those who are less fortunate as well as empowering us to go out and make a difference in the world in which we live. I know that I am truly grateful for those life-long lessons and proud to be part of a unique breed. *La Salle boys "Enter To Learn" and "Leave To Serve" and in doing so, become the "Men of Tomorrow."*



Christopher M. Carabello '82
Editor



Chris Carabello '82, Max Morgan '06, and Joby Kolsun '83
delivering presents on Christmas Eve as part of Secret Santa.



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Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends of La Salle,

It has been six months since returning to La Salle, and I am often asked how I like being “home.” Those who know me recognize that I am most comfortable in putting my entire effort into any ministry to which I am assigned; therefore, I can honestly respond that it is “good to be home.” I am enjoying every day and especially the opportunity to meet and get to know our students, faculty, and staff.

On January 23, 2006, I traveled with a group of twenty-nine students to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. I did this for two reasons – obviously to be supportive of the demand that all life be recognized and respected as a precious gift from God and because the trip gave me an opportunity to get to know these students on a personal level. I came away impressed with both the March and the actions of our students. As a result of this trip, I assured myself that La Salle continues to be a great school and continues to attract students who benefit from a Christian Brothers education. As the “new man” on campus with over 1,000 students, it has been a challenge to come to know all of them. I have attended many events, both academic and athletic, honoring our students. I use these opportunities to match a name with a face. St. La Salle reminds us of the priority of “touching hearts” in our ministries, and I can think of no better way of getting to know our students than to spend time with them.

I am most thankful for your support of our Alumni Association and the school’s Annual Fund. Without your help, so much of what we do at La Salle would not be possible. I am pleased to welcome Paul Colistra ’00 as our Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations. Paul replaces Ed Bongard ’98 who has taken a position with Bristol Myers Squibb. Best wishes to both Ed and Paul as they take on their new challenges. Paul has been working with several classes as they plan their phonathons and reunions. On behalf of the many students who benefit from your generosity – Thank You!

Recently, La Salle obtained a beautiful image of Saint Katherine Drexel surrounded by both Native Indian and African-American children. The painting is an original work of art by Brother Michael O’Neill McGrath, OSFS, an Oblate of St. Francis De Sales. It is my hope that as our students and staff pass by this picture, they are reminded of La Salle’s commitment to diversity and the varied talents of each individual student. If you are on campus, please stop by the first floor corridor of McLean Hall to see this painting. I am particularly appreciative to all who contributed towards its purchase.

I salute our three most recent inductees into the La Salle Hall of Fame and also the past recipients who joined us at the Communion Breakfast and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The images of these La Salle giants serve as a reminder to our current students that they too can and should strive to achieve personal greatness in their chosen careers. Our new Hall of Fame display is located just outside the entrance of the auditorium.

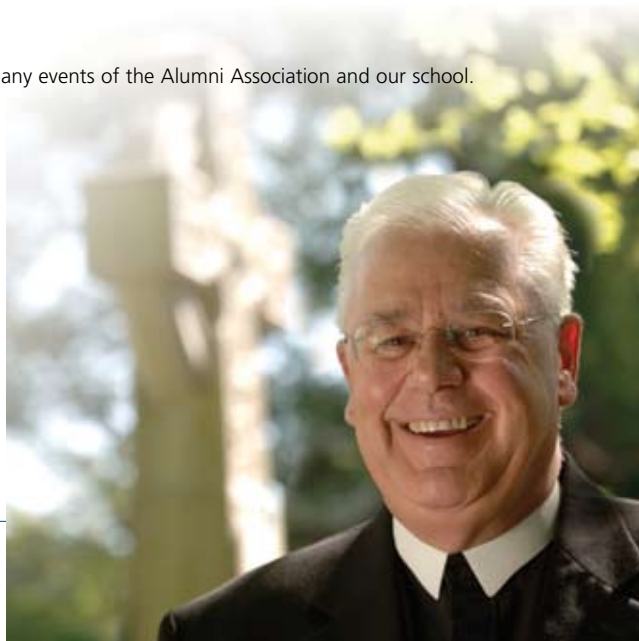
La Salle will celebrate its 150th Anniversary in 2008. From 2nd and Jefferson to our current Wyndmoor campus, La Salle has always provided our students with the best tools and opportunities to help them attain future success. Today is no exception – our Board of Trustees has recently completed a Strategic Plan to guide the school into the foreseeable future. Part of this plan included studying the feasibility of a major capital campaign focused around our sesquicentennial anniversary. Shortly you will hear more of the outcome of this study and La Salle’s plans for the future, and the unique role of our alumni in assisting La Salle in accomplishing our dreams.

Once again, thank you for your support and involvement in the many events of the Alumni Association and our school.

Sincerely,



Brother Richard Kestler, FSC '60
President



News/Photos



Bolivia Bound

Fourteen students traveled to Bolivia over Christmas Break for a unique service project that involved building a home a for trachers at a school in Bolivia.

Top Row (left to right): Michael Breen '72, Tom Devlin '00, Conor Crowe '06, Andrew Ventresca '06, Pat Playdon '06, Jonathon O'Connell '07, Gregory Woods, '08, Mark Breen-Lopez '07, Sean Casey '06, Lastenia Brren
Sitting (left to right): Joe Hughes '06, Ben Courtney '07, David Yusavitz '06, Will Rush '06, Matt Stone '07
Missing (taking the photograph): Chris DiLella '06



March For Life

Cardinal Justin Regali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, joins Brother Richard Kestler, FSC '60 and members of the faculty and student-body who traveled to Washington, DC on Monday, January, 2006 to participate in the March for Life.



Varsity A Hockey Team Wins InterCounty Championship

The Varsity A Hockey team won the Suburban League Championship in dramatic fashion. Down 5-1 to Plymouth-Whitemarsh in the third period, they scored four goals to tie the game and subsequently won the game in the second overtime period by a score of 6-5. La Salle



Mummer's Strut

Matt Kruc '06 played Bss as a member of the Fralinger String Band who performed to the theme of "Viva Latina" and captured First Place in the String Band Division of the Mummer's Parade on New Year's Day.



Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Tournament

Fifteen students qualified to the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Tournament. After placing first in the PHSSL District 11 Championship, La Salle placed third in the State based on a number of strong performances at the State Tournament held March 24-26, 2006. In the speech events, Antoine Albert '08 was the State Champion in Oral Interpretation of Poetry by placing first in the final round. Antoine is one of La Salle's youngest State Champions. Ruem Tan '06 finished third in the final round of Humorous Interpretation of Literature. Robert Chapman-Smith '06 finished fifth in the final round of Student Congress. Max Naseef '07 was a semi-finalist in Dramatic Interpretation of Literature. La Salle also had a strong showing in the debate events. The policy debate team of T.J. McCarrick '08 and Michael McCabe '08 made it to the final round and took second place, losing on a close 3-2 decision to a Senior and Junior from Erie Cathedral Prep. The JV Policy debate team of John Sperger '08 and Michael Rajnherc '08 advanced to the JV final round and took second place. The JV Policy debate team of John Dilulio '08 and Victor Benvenuto '08 went undefeated in preliminary rounds but were unable to advance based on a technicality.



Mother/Son Communion Brunch

Kathleen Smith, Sean Smith '08, Philip Haggerty '07, and Carol Haggerty at the Mother/Son Communion Brunch on Sunday, February 26, 2006. The annual event is sponsored by the Mothers' Club.





Scholarship Reception

A Scholarship reception was held on Thursday, January 12, 2006 to honor and recognize the 8th graders who have been awarded scholarships to La Salle College High School. The boys and their parents attended small groups sessions and a dinner and awards ceremony. Each scholarship winner was given a medal of St. John Baptist de La Salle. The boys will join the Class of 2010 who begin their careers at La Salle in September of 2006.



Swim Team Captures 18th Consecutive Catholic League Championship

The Swim Team continued its domination of the Catholic League by capturing its eighteenth consecutive Catholic League Championship on Sunday, March 5, 2006 at La Salle University.



Godspell

La Salle College High School presented four sold-out performances of Godspell. The musical was presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International and ran March 16-19, 2006. Chris DiLella '06 gave an inspiring performance in the role of Joe Carroll, a Jesus-like figure, and led a cast of seventy actors and actresses. Director Colleen Durkin Lapowsky adapted the original Telebak and Schwartz production and staged the musical in a circus setting. Joe Ciccimaro '57 produced the show and Mark Norman provided vocal direction. Sean Moloney '06 conducted the twenty-eight man orchestra that provided for a score that featured Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord, Save The People, Day By Day, Turn Back 'O Man, and We Beseech Thee.



Sophomore Branch Out Day

Members of the La Salle College High School sophomore class "branched out" and spent most of Tuesday, April 4, 2006 in service to the community. The students were joined by many of their fathers and teachers at various locations in and around Philadelphia.



Joe Colistra Inducted into the PA Sports Hall of Fame

Joe Colistra '64 was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on Thursday, April 6, 2006 for his forty-one years of service to the La Salle College High School Football program where he recently retired as the school's winningest football coach (153-88-2) and coach of four Philadelphia Catholic League Championship Teams (1989, 1995, 1996, and 1998).



Wrestling Team Finishes Second in Catholic League Championship

The Wrestling Team visited "hostile territory" when they lost to North Catholic 46-11 on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 in the Catholic League Championship Meet. Ryan Corkery, John McGinley, and Kevin Klohe won their individuals matches that evening, but it was not enough to overcome the powerful North Catholic squad.

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.

La Salle College High School

Men of Intellect and Accomplishment

La Salle College High School graduates, having completed a rigorous academic program, are lifelong learners who think critically and communicate effectively.



Men of Intellect
John F. Lehman, PhD
1960
Secretary of the Navy
Author and Member of
the 911 Commission



Men of Accomplishment
William J. dePasquale
1951
Concertmaster
Philadelphia Orchestra

Men of Service and Justice

La Salle College High School graduates live their faith through their actions, recognize the interconnectedness of our world, and act on their obligations to right injustices.



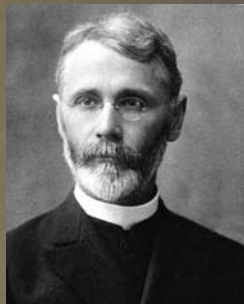
Men of Service
Howard R. Leary
1935
Chief of Police, Police
Departments of Philadelphia
and New York



Men of Justice
Honorable August B. Cifelli
1943
Professional Football Player
and Chief Trial Judge

Men of Faith and Compassion

La Salle College High School graduates respect human dignity, embrace Roman Catholic tradition and morality, and value the uniqueness of their Lasallian heritage.



Men of Faith
**Most Reverend
Philip R. McDevitt**
1877
Bishop and
Superintendent of Schools



Men of Compassion
Joseph F. Ciccimaro
1957
Professional Musician
and Director
Teacher and Mentor

Men of Integrity and Respect

La Salle College High School graduates accept responsibility for their own education and actions and in the spirit of Christian gentleman treat people with respect.



Men of Integrity
**LTC Roderick von Lipsey,
USMC (Ret)**
1976
Director
National Security Council



Men of Respect
Christopher J. Matthews
1963
Syndicated Columnist and
Television Host





Boys will be boys, but La Salle Boys will be Gentlemen!

Loyal Son

by Rev. Anthony W. Janton '69

"Loyal sons we'll ever be! High we hold your memory!" Strongly have these lines from La Salle College High School's Alma Mater been sung through the generations. Yet rarely has an alumnus encapsulated the message of these words as fully as loyal son and Hall of Fame inductee Robert "Bob" Moran '69.

Loyal Son Continued



The Alumni Hall of Fame display welcomes its newest member Bob Moran '69.

Loyalty has been defined as remaining faithful to those persons and ideals that one is under an obligation to defend or support. For Bob Moran, loyalty to La Salle has manifested itself through decades of service in support of both La Salle's mission and its alumni. No task has ever been too big or too small for Bob to undertake on behalf of his alma mater. You can find Bob stuffing envelopes in the conference room of Alumni House just as easily as you can find him on the dais in a ballroom, spearheading the raising of millions of dollars for the school, all the while working to ensure that a La Salle education remains a coveted yet affordable option for outstanding young men of the Delaware Valley area.

Bob entered La Salle as a freshman in September of 1965. The Vietnam War was in full swing and the Second Vatican Council was nearing its conclusion. It was certainly a time of opportunity, change and challenge. Bob immediately seized the varied opportunities afforded him at La Salle. During his four years at the school, Bob maintained academic honors while immersing himself in the extra-curricular life of the institution. Not only popular in school, Bob's home was an extension of the La Salle campus. Classmates and friends gathered at his home in Lafayette Hill for social time, post-mixer get-togethers and, weather permitting, pick-up basketball games in the driveway.

Even now, Bob is the glue that holds the class of 1969 together. Bob's signature is at the close of most publications to the class and many a 1969 alumnus has received a call from Bob during the Annual Fund Phonathon. For Bob, loyalty means traveling across the country to stand beside a classmate's hospital bed or dance at the wedding of a classmate's child. Bob rows with alumni on the Schuylkill, vacations with them in the Caribbean, and, thanks to a recent acquisition, now shares the beach with them in Ocean City, NJ. In all times, whether good or bad, Bob has remained faithful to those persons with whom he shared the La Salle experience.

Bob's contributions as an alumnus truly intensified when he was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association in 1988. Leadership was an obvious fit and a welcome responsibility. He progressed from Chair of the Membership Committee to Treasurer, then Secretary, Vice-President, and inevitably, to President. During his tenure as President from 1995-1996, the Association enjoyed unprecedented success with both membership and events. Indeed, Bob's vision and hard work resulted in many of the core events which pepper the Alumni Association calendar, including Homecoming, Grand Reunion Weekend, the Scholarship Raffle, and the Communion Breakfast itself.

After an incredibly successful ten years as an Alumni Association Board Member, Bob joined La Salle's Board of Trustees and was immediately asked to tackle the school's first comprehensive strategic planning process. The process resulted in the "Forever La Salle" campaign. Once again, leadership responsibilities beckoned and Bob stepped forward. He chaired the Development Committee and Co-Chaired the Leadership Gifts Committee. Bob was indispensable to so many aspects of the Campaign and responsible, in large part, for its success.

Despite a commitment to La Salle which appears all encompassing, Bob has somehow managed to find the time to become a highly successful business executive. He travels the world as President and CEO of Plexus Ventures LLC, a pharmaceutical consulting firm.





Dedicated Husband and Father – The Moran Family in Ocean City – Jon and Megan Smith, Shaun, Erin, Mary, and Bob



Baby Brother – "Original Five Moran Line-Up" – Lucie and Walt Moran with their children, Walter, Susan, and Baby Robert



Loyal Son (Circa 1956) – Walt and Lucie Moran with Young Robert

Still, loyalty in the Moran household is not a one man show. Beside him every step of the way, and exhibiting an ardent loyalty to La Salle in her own right, is Bob's wife, Mary. Introduced to each other in 1969 by Bob's classmate, John Rosa, Mary and Bob were married in June of 1972. They have three grown daughters, Shaun, Meghan and Erin, and currently reside in Maple Glen, Pennsylvania. Not to be deterred by their abundance of daughters, Bob and Mary have set the bar high for participation in parent activities. Seldom is there an event connected to La Salle at which Bob and Mary are not in attendance. They relish the accomplishments of their nephews, Bill Melvin '04 and Patrick Melvin '08. Bob and Mary also enjoy the accomplishments of the many students whom they have helped both directly and indirectly through their generosity and leadership.

Accordingly, strands of La Salle's Alma Mater filled the room at this year's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and reflected on the faithfulness Bob has shown to La Salle. He is dedicated, serving, and generous – a true loyal son!

There's Something About Mary!

by Christine Meko

Behind every great man is a great woman – a statement truly applicable to Bob and Mary Moran. Mary Redican Moran (aka Mrs. La Salle) has been familiar with La Salle since she was a child. Her oldest brother, Charles, was accepted to La Salle in 1955, but was killed in a tragic car accident prior to the start of his freshman year. Her two other brothers – Stacey '62 and Patrick '74 – are La Salle alums, so Mary knew her way around the 20th and Olney and Wyndmoor campuses even before she attended Gwynedd-Mercy Academy.

Mary was friends with many of the La Salle Gentlemen and was introduced to Bob Moran by classmate John Rosa toward the end of their senior year. Ever since, La Salle has been an extension of her own family. "We were married in college, and Bob's classmates often found their way to our little apartment in Ambler. They were a part of our family. Our children called Bob's classmates "Uncle" – they must have dozens of uncles."

It is not only Bob's classmates who have become part of the La Salle-Moran clan. Over the years, the Morans have established friendships with many alumni, parents, faculty, and staff. "We have met the most wonderful people. Being involved at La Salle is a lot of fun. To me, La Salle is home"

Mary revels in the success of all of La Salle's students and looks forward to sporting and social events as much as any Alumni or La Salle mother. Recently Mary was able to participate as a "La Salle Aunt." Her nephew Bill graduated in 2004 and Patrick is a current sophomore. At those times when Bob's business takes him overseas, she simply attends many of the events without him. "He needs someone to tell him what he missed," states Mary.

When asked why she is involved in so many activities and functions at La Salle, Mary says (with a tear in her eye), "I love La Salle and I feel blessed that I am part of it."

Bob and La Salle are blessed to have Mary.



The Children's Bishop

Bishop Phillip McDevitt

by John F. Gill '01

Much is owed to the pioneers of Catholic education, those who understood the necessity to further the religious and holistic education of our youth. Among those pioneers stands an individual who is part of our Lasallian history, Most Reverend Phillip R. McDevitt (1877).

Bishop McDevitt was born on July 12, 1858, in Philadelphia, the son of Richard and Mary Ann (Dinneny) McDevitt. After graduating from La Salle High School and La Salle College, McDevitt entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to complete his studies for the priesthood. McDevitt was ordained on July 14, 1885, by Archbishop Patrick John Ryan of Philadelphia.

For the next fourteen years, Father McDevitt acted as assistant rector of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in North Philadelphia. At that time, McDevitt was allowed to use his more prominent talents – his gift of communication to children. It has been said that in his first few years as a priest, McDevitt had an unyielding sense of leadership in his parish. As his relationship with the children grew, so did his commitment to education. Father McDevitt noticed the imperfections of the education system, specifically on a certain night, McDevitt was said to have seen a vision which further demonstrated his commitment to the youth of his parish.



As a result of his Lasallian education, McDevitt believed that a great amount of good could be accomplished with young people through personal contact. This philosophy was the foundation for all the educational endeavors that McDevitt pioneered and set the standard for which the Philadelphia Catholic School System is based. It was McDevitt's vision that put elementary and secondary education within the reach of the poor yet never fail to address the threats of race, prejudice, and circumstance – much like our founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle. Father McDevitt dedicated himself to the progress and improvement of Catholic education in a practical fashion at his parish. McDevitt recognized that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia lacked a system and a purpose, which further strengthened his desire to succeed in his mission.



In 1899, four years into the renovations of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia educational system, Father McDevitt was recognized for his outstanding con-

tributions and appointed Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The position to which McDevitt was promoted was young and faceless; however, for the remainder of McDevitt's stay in Philadelphia, he would demonstrate its worth. Upon graciously accepting the position of superintendent, McDevitt announced the need for an institution in the Delaware Valley that would foster the education of young women. One of McDevitt's most notable accomplishments was the creation of Girls High, now known as John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School. Originally, McDevitt created a template for how a school should be run and left it as a blueprint for others to be copied and employed as educational systems. He was recognized as a Catholic educator and leader in 1910, Father McDevitt was promoted to Monsignor.

McDevitt's final resting stop on the grounds of St. Charles, Monsignor McDevitt was buried in Harrisburg, PA and on the 100th anniversary of his priesthood, he was elevated as the Fourth Bishop of Philadelphia by Bishop Edmond F. Prendergast.

The Children's Bishop Continued



A CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

HONORABLE GUS CIFELLI '43

BY ROBERT T. SZOSTAK '72

Gus Cifelli is a man of unusual substance and true grit. Hand-chosen for Hall of Fame nomination by his schoolmates from the Class of 1943, Gus epitomizes a generation of Lasallian men whose mettle has forged the fundamental spirit of our Nation. His service to society, distinguished character and many noble accomplishments far exceed even exceptional standards. Hall of Fame status is thus conferred upon Gus Cifelli based on his lifetime of dedication to the precepts shared by all generations of the La Salle faithful.

Born in 1926, Gus was raised in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. At 6'4", 230 lbs., doing things in a big way was natural for him. As a member of the Class of 1943, Gus was a bruising All-Catholic Tackle for the Explorers coached by Jim Bonder. Beyond his high school gridiron acclaim, Gus was an amateur boxer, ultimately winning the Heavyweight Golden Gloves Championship for Nevada and California.



A Champion of Champions Continued



Gus Cifelli as a member of the World Champion Detroit Lions



Gus Cifelli as a Marine serving in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II

Gus appreciates La Salle (then located at 20th and Olney) for "setting me straight by elevating my priorities to put my intellectual and scholastic development first." Gus particularly credits the tutelage of La Salle's principal, Brother David: "He opened my mind to seize the many opportunities of life." Gus certainly had toughness as a giant among young men, but this was only exceeded by his extraordinary vision for the development of his full academic potential. As tough as he was in athletic pursuit, Gus always remained a gentleman.

Gus joined the Marines in the spring of 1943. He served in the Pacific Theater of Operations as an aircraft carrier gunner on the USS Intrepid under the command of Admiral William F. Halsey and Rear Admiral Clifford A. F. Sprague. Gus stared down death on many occasions. He fought valiantly in the Battle of Leyte Gulf, considered to be the largest and greatest naval battle ever fought in the Pacific conflict. The Intrepid was instrumental in repelling the best surface ships of the Japanese Imperial Navy, including the sinking of its super-battleship, the Musashi. This major encounter was considered instrumental in saving the American invasion of the Philippines. Because he suffered wounds during this infamous battle, Gus was later awarded the Purple Heart. Once again, the fortitude of Gus Cifelli rose above the common call.

After the War, Gus attended The University of Notre Dame on full academic and athletic scholarship. Before graduating Cum Laude in 1950 (Major: Philosophy), Gus (now at 285 lbs.) was starting tackle under the direction of legendary Head Coach Frank Leahy. With Gus at their point of attack, the Irish crushed all opponents, going undefeated over his four years and winning three National Championship Titles (you read that correctly, 4 undefeated and 3 National Championship teams). In January, 1950, Gus was selected to play in the Blue-Gray Classic. The Blue Team elected him as their Captain and readily defeated the South Team. Meanwhile, at the age of 24, with plenty of

Philly guts left in him, Gus trained for and won the Heavyweight Championship-Bengal Bouts at Notre Dame. To describe Gus as incredibly competitive is obviously a patent understatement.

The National Football League Detroit Lions drafted Gus in 1950 as an offensive tackle. He started thirty-six games. With Hall of Fame quarterback Bobby Layne calling the signals, the balanced and poised Lions won the NFL World Championship in 1952. NFL Commissioner Bert Bell called Detroit, "one of the best teams in professional history." Gus also played for the 1953 Green Bay Packers, the 1954 Philadelphia Eagles (with a young, relatively unknown iron man, Chuck Bednarik), and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Although Gus permanently moved to the Detroit Area, he never forgot his La Salle foundation, always putting other people first. Between 1951 and 1964, Gus worked as a labor and industrial relations representative for Ford Motor Company, as an independent insurance agent, and as an Assistant Football Coach and Recruitment Coordinator for Notre Dame. With the same zeal and drive that motivated his many great achievements to that point, in 1965 Gus advanced his calling yet again, this time earning his J.D. Degree from the University of Detroit Law School.



Gus Cifelli's amateur boxing career included championships in the heavyweight Championship Bengal Bouts at Notre Dame as well as the Golden Gloves





Gus Cifelli as Chief Trial Judge for the 48th District Court in Michigan

Committed to his community, over the next twelve years, Gus championed the rights and causes of individuals from all walks of life. A member of the Michigan State and Federal Bars, Gus developed a respected and distinguished reputation as a trial lawyer in both civil and criminal law. He gave voice to his clients, matching his words with his deeds. Gus combined his natural intelligence and intuitive response with his brilliant advocacy and courtroom presence in an authentic but humble way to help the less fortunate obtain justice. In the legacy of the classic "Philadelphia Lawyer", this sole practitioner followed the path of La Salle leadership, believing in the powers of truth and optimism. Among the people with whom he shared the world, Gus resonated the ideals of trust and righteous purpose.

In 1973, Gus was overwhelmingly elected as a Michigan Trial Judge for the 48th District Court located in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Within three years, he ascended to Chief Judge, a position he served with great and innovative distinction for the next thirteen years. Judge Cifelli then continued as a venerable jurist at the trial level for another eleven years. The playing field of the courtroom was always level with His Honor on the Bench. Known for fairness and professionalism to all who appeared before him, Judge Cifelli has been deemed the standard for his peers to follow.

Gus has also been a member of many significant organizations, including the American Bar Association, the Michigan Bar Association, American Judges Association, Justinian Society of Jurists, American Judicature Society, and the Italian-American Foundation. He has served on the Oakland County Association for Retarded Citizens and has been a board member of Families in Transition and the Jewish Association for Residential Care. In 1994, Gus was named Italian American Man of the Year. He has been a recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award and has been commended by the State of Israel. In 1998, Gus received the coveted Law Enforcement Award.



Gus Cifelli with the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II

The Honorable Gus Cifelli retired from the District Court in 2000. The United States Senate paid special tribute to this rare and gifted man for all of the many storied phases of his incredible career. As proclaimed by the renowned Senator from Michigan, Spencer Abraham: "He has indelibly left his mark...wherever he has gone, he has stood as a role model within the community, and his leadership will be dearly missed." Nevertheless, at the age of 80, Gus continues to lead. By dedicating his many talents to ongoing public service as a Visiting Judge in the Michigan Trial Courts, Judge Cifelli is truly an American icon.

There emerges from this lifetime of courage and conviction an unmistakable pattern of greatness and grace. Gus Cifelli is prized by La Salle as its loyal son who has fulfilled the mission of St. La Salle with distinction and passion. He has fortified the Class of 1943 and all La Salle generations as a champion of and for the people. With his heroic pride and selfless integrity, Gus has reached beyond the ordinary endurance of natural capacity.

We thank and commend our brother, for in him we see a reflection of human dignity we can only aspire to achieve. To Gus, and his wonderful family – wife, Gladys of 40 years, and children, Stephen, Deborah and Shelley – we embrace you as part of the Christian Brothers' heritage shared by all of us.

Profile of the Main Office

Joseph L. Marchese
Principal

Joe came to La Salle in July of 2005 after twenty-eight years as a member of the faculty and administration at McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, NY. Joe joined a short (only seven since the 1940's) but distinguished list of gentlemen who have served as Principal of La Salle College High School. Joe is the father of Elizabeth, Lindsay, Emily, and Daniel '08. He and his wife, Dorothy, reside in North Wales.

Julia K. Maher
Assistant Principal for Student Affairs

Julia has been at La Salle since 1983. She assumed the duties of Assistant Principal in 1995 after twelve years as a Chemistry Teacher. She has two grown sons, John '89 and Jim '91, and resides in Abington.

Thomas R. Barna
Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs

Tom has been a Science Teacher at La Salle since 1993. He became Assistant Principal in 2003. Tom and his wife, Susan, reside in Oreland along with their son, Jack.

Martin W. Stanczak
Dean of Students

Marty has been a fixture at La Salle College High School since 1967. He has taught Social Studies and Accounting and served as Athletic Director for twenty-one years. He has been Dean of Students since 1991. Marty and his wife, Lois, have two grown children, John '85 and Jill, along with two grandchildren. He resides in Flourtown.

Thomas Turner
Director of Transportation

Tom has been at La Salle since 1977. He continues to teach Social Studies and was the school's first Soccer Coach before becoming the Head Soccer Coach at St. Joseph's University. He and his wife, Michelle, reside in Churchville with their daughters, Brigid and Mary Catherine.

Carol Haggerty
Executive Assistant to the Principal

Carol came to La Salle in 2002 after years at Jenkintown High School. She is the mother of Aileen, Lisa, and Philip '07. Carol and her husband, Phil reside in Jenkintown.

Patricia Schaum
Administrative Assistant for Student Affairs

Pat began maintaining order at La Salle in 1983. She has three grown sons, Bob, Paul, and Kurt, along with three grandchildren.

Suzanne Schapira Russo
Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs – Registrar

Suzanne came to La Salle in 2002. She has two grown children, Missy and David, and lives in Flourtown with her husband, Joe.

Rita Cooney
Receptionist

Rita has been the face and voice of La Salle since 2002. She has two children, Gresham '06 and Kathleen, and resides in Oreland with her husband, Gresham.





Pictured left to right: Rita Cooney, Carol Haggerty, Joe Marchese, Pat Schaum, Suzanne Schiparo Russo, Tom Barna, Julia Maher, and Marty Stanczak '60
Missing is Tom Turner



Photo Gallery

Secret Santa

Saturday, December 24, 2005



No. 1 Elf – Brian Sacchetta '06



The Mothers' Club in Santa's Workshop



Alumni Association President Gerry Lowery '78 Brings a Group to St. Christopher's Hospital



Dualing Santa's and Their Band of Elves



Max Morgan '06 Brings A Smile



Max Morgan '06 Spreads Some Christmas Cheer



The Joy of Christmas



No Chimney! – Santa and The Elves Take a More Conventional Approach

Young Alumni Night

Friday, December 30, 2005



Members of the Class of 2004



Members of the Class of 2005



Bill Warrender '06, Matt Zielinski '06, Ryan Creter '06, Joe Winning '05, Jim Sinnott '06, and Mike Villari '06



Members of the Class of 2005



Members of the Class of 2003



Members of the Class of 2004



Members of the Class of 2004



Members of the Class of 2004

Communion Breakfast

Sunday, March 5, 2006



Tom Flannery '41 and Dr. Eugene Huhes '42



Bob Moran '69 and Gus Cifelli '43 Join Members of the Hall of Fame



Members of the August B. Cifelli Family



Pat Dever Comes Out of Retirement to Pin a Corsage on Bob Moran '69



Bob Moran '69 Accepting His Induction into the Hall of Fame



Members of the Robert P. Moran Family



Gus Cifelli and Members of the Class of 1943



Very Reverend Edward Quinlan, Secretariat for Education for the the Diocese of Harrisburg, accepts on behalf of Most Reverend Phillip McDevitt





Very Reverend Edward Quinlan, Reverend Monsignor Joseph Murray '51, Reverend Anthony Janton '69, and Reverend Sidney Burgoyne '43



Joe Ciccimaro '57 Leads the Band



Bob '69 and Mary Moran with Members of the Class of 1969



Brother Charles Lackes, FSC, Moderator of the Alumni Association, Offers Grace Before the Breakfast



Gus Cifelli '43 Accepting His Induction into the Hall of Fame



Classmates for Life – Ray Tatlow '38 and Walt Small '38



The Enthusiastic Crowd



Members of the Walter J. Small Family

Founder's Gala

Friday, April 28, 2006



Leslie Salvitti and Al Salvitti '70



Alice Mahoney, Joann Rooney, and Sean Mahoney '82



Ray Shay '00 and Meg Kane



Karen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Gerry Clark, and Jim Clark



Anne Palopoli, Frank Paolopoli, Aurora Hughes, and Tim Hughes '72



Donna Slabinski and Joe Slabinski '67



Barbara Gabriele, Florence Ward, and Al Gabriele



Mary Moran, Don Evans, Gail Evans, and Bob Moran '69





Al Gabriele, Barbara Gabriele, Ben Ventresca '70, and Susan Ventresca



Christie Meehan, Jack Meehan '67, Linda Rabbitt, and John Whalen '67



Ed Solvibile '58, Vince Walters '59, and Helen Walters



Chip Behr '73 and Julie Behr



Ben Franklin Looks Down on the Guests in Franklin Hall



Past Alumni Association Presidents – Bob Szostak '72, Scott Wolpert '84, Bob Moran '69, Chris Carabello '82, Joe Slabinski '67, and Jim McLaughlin '57



Janice Ciccimaro, Jim Noone, and Joe Ciccimaro '57



Guests Dance to the Music of The Exceptions

Grand Reunion

Saturday, April 22, 2006



Chris Haley '86, Tom Kent '86, and Brian Timoney '86



Dave Lewandowski '61, Ray Leary '61, and Joe Cunnane '61



Nicole Burke, Gerry Burke '71, Bob Biddle '71, Edward O'Brien '71, and Catherine O'Brien



Bernard Lafferty '76, Peter Lehman '76, and Robert Pieri '76



Stephen Scott '76, Lori Scott, Matt Dougherty '76, and Sue Dougherty



Lisa Gadsby, Michael Gadsby '96, and Tom O'Connell '96



Rev. Msgr. Joseph Murray '51 Celebrates Mass



Jim Maher '91 and Jennifer Maher



Bill McFadden '91, Dan Keenan '91, Mark O'Neill '91, and Steve Matthews '91



Butch Farris '81, Bill Bachinsky '81, Mike Kaminski '81, and Joe Motz '81



Mary Ann Della Valle, Vince Della Valle '51, Janet Parmegiani, and Raulo Parmegiani '51



Corinne Fry, Matthew Fry '91, Andrew Scutti '91, and Amy Scutti



Mike Flanigan '51, Michael Adams '81, John Campbell '81, and John Dever '81



Jennifer O'Malley, Vince Barth '86, Leanne Rich, and Bob Rich '86



Bob McAnespey '66, Linda McAnespey, and Bob Pannepacker '66



Karen Donahue and Sean McCook '86

Career Day

Thursday, March 9, 2006



NBA Referee Steve Javie '72



Lt. Ryan Ventresca, USN '95



Conrad Heckmann '84



Dr. Michael Donohoe '79



Dan Fitzgerald '78



Bill Benz '72



Career Day Speakers – 2006



Dr. Michael Adams '81

Remembering the 1981 Championship

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started three sophomores made the Catholic League Playoffs. The following year they were joined by a new coach and two members

who defeated freshman team. The 1980-81 season was a success, but the Explorers won 20 of their last 22 games to finish with a record of 23-6. The season concluded on Sunday, March 15, 1981 with a magical moment at the Palestra as La Salle defeated West Catholic 40-38 to win its first Catholic League Championship since 1963. Although La Salle has reached the championship game five times since then, the 1981 championship is La Salle's only Catholic League Basketball Championship in the last twenty-five years.

The 1981 Championship Team returned to La Salle College High School on Friday evening, January 13, 2006 for a reunion prior to the games against Archbishop Ryan. They met with the players and coaches of the current team and were introduced at center court during halftime of the Varsity game and presented with a token of appreciation by Brother Richard Kestler, President of La Salle College High School, Principal Joe Marchese, and Head Basketball Coach Joe Dempsey. Head Coach Bill Michuda presented the school with the original net cut from the Palestra rim that afternoon along with a game ball signed by the entire team.



Top Row (left to right): Head Coach Bill Michuda, Dave Powell '81, Mark Mischler '81, Mike Flanigan '81, Joe Foley '81, Jim Osborne '82, Chip Greenberg '82, Barry McCormick '82, Assistant Coach Tom Speakman
Bottom Row (left to right): Keith Shepard '82, Assistant Coach Pete Mimmo, Joe Dowling '82, Chris O'Brien '81, Mark McNulty '81, Brian Rodden '82, Chris Carabello '82
Missing (unable to attend): Tom Nolan '81 and John Gay '82



Head Coach Bill Michuda presents the original net to Brother Richard Kestler, FSC '60 and Principal Joe Marchese

Class Notes

1930's

Walter Small '38 was the 2006 recipient of the William J. Whelan '55 Alumni Service Award presented annually at the Communion Breakfast in recognition of dedicated service to La Salle College High School and its Alumni. For over sixty years, Walt's passionate support of La Salle has been a shining example to all Alumni. The award is a fitting tribute to Walt's character and love for his Alma Mater.



Alumni Association President Gerry Lowery '78 Presents the Alumni Service Award to Walt Small '38

Asian Institute.

Joseph O'Callaghan '46 wrote a book entitled "The O'Callaghan Family of County Cork: A History" which was published by Irish Family Names of Dublin. See www.irish-books.org.

Joe Callahan '48 was awarded the Silver and Bronze stars for his heroism in Korea. Joe drove a Jeep while under fire in order to rescue two GI's who were pinned down and drove them to safety.

James SHEMELEY '48 says that retirement is an amazing thing. His grandchildren are getting older, yet he remains his youthful, vibrant self.

1950's

Ed Schmid '50 is still working in Raleigh, NC and just had another great granddaughter. Ed apologizes for not making it to the 55th Reunion but keeps all his classmates in his thoughts and prayers for great and healthy years ahead.

William W. Spencer '50 has been investigating the possibility of returning to the priesthood after 48 years. He has been accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Saginaw, MI and asks that you keep him in his prayers so that he can continue to be open to God's will.



Larry Wenzel '55 expresses his thanks for publishing his article, "Disciples" in the Winter 2005 issue of the Alumni Magazine and for using a photo of him sliding into home. In September 2005, the 1955 baseball team gathered for their 50th Reunion at the Blue Bell Inn and had a grand experience.

Robert Lyons '56 was recently elected to The Connecticut Academy of the Arts and Sciences and to the Beaumont Medical Club, a Yale medical school club for the history of Medicare.

John Whitehead '56 continues to practice Hematology and Oncology in Columbus, MS and loves it. His youngest daughter will graduate from Jefferson University in June.

David Devlin '57 and Sharon Feldman celebrated 30 years of marriage with a motorcycle trip through New Mexico this past August. Their plans for 2006 include retiring to Sebring, FL and riding all over the country.

Alex S. Macaione '57 was recently voted a Top Doc in the field of Dermatology in the September 2005 issue of SJ Magazine. Alex has been in practice for 33 years and is currently located in Voorhees, NJ where he has been working for seven years.

Thomas F. Murphy '57 recently published *Edge Of Allegiance*, a cold-war spy story based on his personal experiences in the CIA. The novel is currently available online through www.amazon.com.

LTC Robert B. Byrnes, USA (Ret.) '59 retired after forty-one



years of government service (twenty-eight years with the CIA and thirteen years with the FBI).

1960's

Dennis Cronin, MD '60 was elected President of the Medical and Dental Staff at Taylor Hospital in Ridley Park, PA.

Louis B. Balizet, MD '61 marked thirty years as a medical oncologist this year. He enjoys caring for cancer patients at Rocky Mountain Cancer Centers and being active in anti-smoking efforts in Pueblo. Both his children are graduate students in English-Gerry Tremblay's influence lives on!

Charles Bodo '61 retired from PWC after thirty-four years in the management consulting practice. He recently moved to Naples, FL.



Class of 1961
Frank and Mari also celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Kate, to Mark Dimmler on October 22, 2005.

1970's



Class of 1966

1980's

Philip Radomski '81 was elected Chairman of the Board of the General Building Contractors Association.

Kevin Cregan, MD '82 along with his wife and four children will be relocating to Goldsboro, NC as Kevin will be joining Wayne Radiologists, P.A.

Daniel J. Grasmeder '83 was hired as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for The Spectra Group. Daniel is excited to be a part of the Spectra Group "because of its sound core ideologies combined with a willingness to embrace and deliver cutting edge technology."

Kenneth M. Justice, PE '83 is the Promotion Director for the Northeast Cement Shippers Association (NECSA). Ken is a civil engineer with eighteen years of experience as an engineering project manager, most recently for one of the largest engineering consulting firms in the USA. He will be responsible for assisting the NECSA in their mission to educate building



1990's

Eric Shelton '90 has relocated from New York City to Pennsylvania and looks forward to seeing everyone soon.

Michael O'Hara '92 started the year as a principal character with William Shatner in the TV mini-series, Invasion Iowa. He



Class of 1976

Class Notes Continued

Tim Hagan '94 is the Head Coach of Temple University's Women's Crew Team. Tim married Andrea Freels in July.

Paul O'Hara '96 is currently working as a Sales Representative for DHL Express.



for Villanova's new engineering building and is currently assigned to work on the new Episcopal Academy campus.

John O'Hara '99, after four years at the United States Naval Academy, entered the Navy Flight Program in Pensacola, FL and is now currently stationed in Corpus Christi, TX where he just completed his flight training. He received his pilot wings on December 2, 2005 and is scheduled for survival training in Brunswick, ME followed by additional training in Jacksonville, FL on the multi-engine P-3 Orion plane.



Class of 1986

2000's

Kenneth C. Kempf '01 graduated from Georgetown University in May 2005, Cum Laude, with a BS degree in Business Administration, Minor in Mathematics.



Class of 1991

Michael M. Merlini '03 is currently a junior at Villanova University enjoying five semesters on the Dean's List. He is pursuing a major, two minors, and a concentration in Arabic language and Islamic studies. Mike is an NROTC second class mid-shipman (Marine option) and hopes to pursue a career as a Marine Pilot. He is a member of Whiskey Company, which is Villanova's famous NROTC precision drill team, as well as a liturgist at St. Thomas of Villanova Chapel. Mike will spend this summer at Marine Officers Candidate School in Quantico, VA.

Steve Miller '03 is a third-year student at Drexel University majoring in Electrical Engineering. Steve is currently working at PECO Energy Company in South Philadelphia.



Class of 1996

A Shore Thing

Sunday, September 10, 2006
Greate Bay Country Club
Somers Point, New Jersey

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Announcements

Births

Michael A. Stoughton '83 and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their second son, Sean Michael on October 11, 2005.

Kenneth Hackman '86 and his wife, Kathleen, welcomed their daughter, Mary in November 2005. They are the proud parents of four children and currently reside in Leesburg, VA.

Eugene J. Halus, Jr., PhD '86 and his wife, Christina, welcomed their second child, Liam Christopher on December 1, 2005.

Paetrus F. Banmiller III '89 and his wife, Laura, had twin boys, Paetrus Francis IV and Maximillian James on July 21, 2005.

Kevin Scully '91 and his wife, Tracy welcomed a son, Thomas James on October 31, 2005.

Kevin O'Hara '92 and his wife, Karen, welcomed a daughter, Grace on October 5, 2005.

James Maloney '93 and his wife, Megan, welcomed their first child, Aidan James on May 4, 2005.

Deaths

Bernard Helder '33

Charles R. McGlone '38

Theodore H. Mecke, Jr. '41

Dr. Joseph D. McMenamin '42

Joseph P. Bergmaier '43

Charles F. Donohoe '43

Donald R. Burke '46

Charles S. DeRenzi '52

'53

John F. Rotelle '53

Thomas F. Diamond '55

Thomas H. Gallagher '59

Bernard F. Kolodziej '63

Peter Cremins '73

Christopher Crumlsh '78

Drew Panettieri '05

William J. Bornmann '38

Joseph J. Dugan '41

Thomas B. Harper, Esq. '42

Edward J. Murphy '42

John Cruice '43

Joseph A. Lampe '45

Theodore Caniglia '46

Joseph H. Mulvehill

Raymond J. Cannon '55

Frank B. Buecker '56

John J. Ormond '62

Martin J. McEvoy '64

Vincent J. Moos '76

David W. Fegley '91

Timothy Ahern, father of Bro. Timothy Ahern

Marge Birl, mother of Joseph '75

William Brinkmann, father of William, Jr. '69 and Jack '70

Verna Mae Casacio, mother-in-law of William Regli '58

Christopher M. Drum, grandson of Rev. Mr. William Drum '42

Mary E. Dwyer, mother of Dr. James '67 and Michael '75

Dolores Ferruzzi, wife of Anthony '50

Bernadette Herzog, mother of Matthew '01 and Gregory '05

Paul J. Kelly, Jr., father of Paul J. III '74 and Grandfather of Paul J. IV '05

and Thomas H. '06

Valentine Palo, father of Jeremy Palo '98

Inez Pensabene, mother of Joseph A. '60 and Grandmother of Joseph A. III '84, Keith '85 and Craig '92

Kitty Rosa, mother of John Rosa (Dec'd) '69

Paul Sawyer, grandfather of Michael Cassidy '09, father of Cathy (Michael '74) Cassidy (LSCHS Board of Trustees)

Joanne Sigmund, mother of Peter '85, James '91, Joseph '91 and Mark '94

Mary Wakelee, mother of Andrew '73 and William '78



Alumni Golf Outing



**46th Annual
Golf Outing and Scholarship
Raffle**

**Monday, June 12, 2006
11:00 AM
Blue Bell Country Club
Blue Bell, PA**

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Call For Nominations

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- Service, loyalty, and contributions to La Salle College High School;
- Service and contributions to the community;
- Excellence in one's profession;
- Nominee shares the Christian values of La Salle College High School, the Alumni Association, and the Christian Brothers; and/or
- Nominee has proven his willingness to assist La Salle College High School and the Alumni Association in the realization of its mission of a Christian education.

Submissions should include a letter stating the candidates name and qualifications (based on above criteria) and should be accompanied by a resume or brief biography.

Nominations should be submitted in writing to the following:

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