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Editorial Notes
In July, a new administration will assume the helm at La Salle College High School and with it, the birth of the Office of Institutional Advancement, which will be responsible for development, annual and planned giving, alumni relations, special events, marketing and communications, public relations, and a myriad of other duties. During the past year, La Salle has conducted an extensive analysis of its development and marketing programs. In response to the findings in these studies, and in an effort to meet its strategic priorities, La Salle College High School has embarked on one of the most comprehensive marketing programs ever undertaken by an independent school. The program will include improved media relations, the development of a Style and Identity Manual, and a variety of other means to promote our message and enhance communication with all of our constituencies.

During the coming months, the Explorer magazine will undergo an extensive redesign. The fall edition will launch a new focus, and orientation as the magazine is a critical tool in carrying out the strategic marketing plan of La Salle College High School. I encourage you to submit articles or photographs for publication in the Explorer and take an active role in all of our communications efforts.

I would like to thank Michael O’Toole ’68 for his thirty-five years of service to La Salle College High School and the mission of the Christian Brothers (four as a student leader and thirty-one as a dedicated teacher and administrator). As his former student, I can personally attest to his skills and passion. Mike O’Toole is a gifted teacher and, like his mentor Gerald Trenomaly ’53, is an “educator of educators.” I am proud to have known him as colleague and honoree to follow in his editorial footsteps. Mike’s efforts are responsible for the evolution of the Explorer magazine and most of La Salle’s other publications. No more importantly, he is a man of character, class, and conviction.

In an effort to complement Bro. René’s farewell message (found on the following pages), former members of the Forum were solicited for thoughts and recollections. Dozens of his former students responded and all spoke fondly of Brother’s dedication, discipline, and debate skills; however, the overwhelming comment was something that I have experienced first hand: “From Bro. René you learn a great deal, but never know that you are being taught.” One of the remarks came from Matt Canning ’99, who readily admitted that Bro. René described him as a “defiant little pest.” Although I have never met Matt, I think we have something in common. I won’t miss Brother’s green pen or frozen bottles of water, and I certainly won’t miss his papers spread across the board room table. I will miss his wit and uncanny knowledge of almost every subject matter known to mankind. Bro. René is a brilliant man who helped to change the face of La Salle and has left a permanent mark in our long and storied history.

The entire La Salle Community joins in thanking Brother René Sterner, FSC and Michael O’Toole for their years of dedicated and passionate service and wishes them well in their new endeavors.

Christopher M. Carabello ’82
Editor
La Salle also welcomes Joseph Marchese as its new Principal. Joe comes to La Salle with many years of administrative experience at MQUAD and will serve the students, faculty, and staff of the school.

As of press time his successor has not been named. La Salle’s PRESIDENT’S MEDAL was awarded at the 2005 Graduation to Mr. Fred Assaf and to Mr. M. Chael O’Toole for their years of dedicated service to the La Salle community.

The implementation of La Salle’s Strategic Plan continues. As of June 2005 most of the non-physical plant recommendations for additions in certain areas to faculty and staff, and a significant increase in financial aid for student assistance were accomplished. Other aspects of the plan will take longer because they involve major fund raising and the construction of new facilities. These will take a few years of capital campaign(s) to complete. More articles will appear on the Strategic Plan in upcoming editions of the Explorer magazine.

La Salle Academy in North Philadelphia, located on Second Street, right across from St. Michael Church, has concluded its second year. This school for academically at-risk boys and girls who desire a Catholic education but are economically disadvantaged will, when complete, have grades three through eight. In the fall of 2005 the school will have grades three, four, five, and six. The school has an extended school day – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and an extended school year – September through the end of July. The results continue to be impressive, e.g., average daily attendance is 98.7%, a record not even matched here at La Salle. The average family income is $13,000.00 and all students qualify for the Federal Lunch Program. One hundred and sixty-six students qualify for the Federal Lunch Program. One hundred and sixty-six students qualify for the Federal Lunch Program. One hundred and sixty-six students qualify for the Federal Lunch Program.

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A man for all seasons

By Jeremy Cooke '99

Michael A. O'Toole '68 completed his service as Vice President at La Salle College High School and became Principal of Holy Ghost Prep on July 1, 2005. He was awarded the Presidents Medal at La Salle's Commencement on June 4, 2005, and the inaugural Michael A. O'Toole '68 Medal for Creative Writing was awarded to Timothy Cullen '05, Jeremy Cooke '99 caught up with his former teacher to discuss his career at La Salle.

Michael O'Toole didn't get the job at La Salle the first time around.

Not long after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, he explored the idea of coming back to teach at La Salle. In the meantime, he worked at a Philadelphia law firm, at a research job in Washington, D.C., and for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, helping to devise a drug coding system. He even logged several months in New York, in the film and camera department of Macy's famous Herald Square department store during the Christmas season.

The second time La Salle called him, right in the middle of a coding problem one day, he recalls.

Now preparing to make another major transition in his life, Mike recalls how his interviewer in 1974, Brother Edward Gallagher, explained that initial reluctance in hiring him: "We weren't sure you were going to stick around."

But stick around he has – for thirty-one – in capacities that reveal La Salle's trust in his variety of talents. As he takes over the reins this summer at Holy Ghost Prep, he says he heard a similar refrain during his latest round of interviews. This time, it was from the HGP search committee, wondering aloud whether he was really willing to pick up and leave La Salle.

"I absolutely did not think I'd be there this long," he says over lunch earlier this spring at a deli on New York's Upper West Side, "but La Salle offered me the opportunity to return with a deeper insight into the mission of my own school.

"I knew "Mr. O'Toole" primarily as the newspaper adviser, but also as a sounding board for my writing and academic aspirations and as an advisor for Governor's School candidates. A shrewd guide and verbal sparring partner; he nonetheless had your best interests in mind. In his most recent role in external affairs, he has been a strong ongoing connection to the school.

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"I'm interested in exploring literacy studies," he says, "but – always the seeker when it comes to new piano studies, but – always the seeker when it comes to new interests range from the books of Jonathan Kozol and Kazuo Ishiguro to the musical works of Gustav Mahler and Awadagin Pratt. And that academic search led him to Holy Ghost.

"At core a dedicated teacher, he has taught every level of English class, recently returning to the AP senior lit class. He has also chaired the department, coordinated the writing curriculum and academic technology, directed the academic summer program and chaired the school's 1995-96 regional accreditation process. He's advised students on the Wistar and Gaasbo, put together the last six years of issues of Explorer, and initiated La Salle's presence on the world-wide web.

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For new challenges, both within and outside of La Salle. This June 4, 2005. The upcoming fall semester will mark the first time Mike describes five-year (or so) cycles that have shaped his career: getting involved in a new area of school life, learning as much as possible about it, implementing and nurturing some proposals and programs, and then starting to look around again for new challenges, both within and outside of La Salle. This career pattern of expertise and new challenges is one he can trace back to his own education at both at La Salle and Penn. A job offer from a Central New Jersey school almost pulled him away five years ago, for example, but La Salle offered him the Vice Presidents. There was always something that drew me back in."

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NEW ERA

By Michael A. O’Toole ’68

On July 1, 2005, Bro. Richard Kestler, FSC ‘60 returns to his Alma Mater as the third President of La Salle College High School. Recently, Bro. Richard sat down with Mike O’Toole to discuss the challenges that face La Salle today.

What does it mean that La Salle is a “Lasallian” or “Christian Brothers” school? To be a “Lasallian” school is to belong to something very special. Lasallian schools are part of a worldwide educational network spanning every continent except Antarctica. Lasallian schools cross all levels of education from elementary to university and include schools for dependent and delinquent youth. Lasallian students come from all economic classes and faiths. A characteristic influence its students for good, there is no worry about its ranking among peer schools. For almost 150 years, La Salle has always done the very best for all its students. You can find very few students striving to “touch the hearts of youth” and to make real the Gospel message.

What have been your own most formative educational experiences? I’m a Brother today because of Brothers who greatly influenced me early in my La Salle education, but I prefer to reflect upon a non-classroom experience that formed my outlook and sensitivity.

Tell us about the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and its relation to La Salle College High School. The Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools happily serves at La Salle. The service of a Brother is primarily given to the poor and marginalized but never exclusively. La Salle High School grew from humble beginnings at Saint Michael’s Parish and prides itself on serving all classes of students. La Salle gives both staff and students the opportunity to both learn from and serve those less blessed. God has a plan for each of us and part of this is to use only the gifts He has given.

Explain briefly your view of the President/Principal model. This will be the third time I will serve as President of one of the Brothers schools. I hope by now that I have it straight. The President and the Principal work together to create an environment that makes life at La Salle both enjoyable and successful for all members of the La Salle family.

As principal, Mr. Marchese will supervise the daily operation and programs of the school, including staff development and the supervision of the students. These responsibilities bring him into all aspects of school life. A good working relationship is essential between these two individuals. I can assure you that I hope not to be excluded from the daily life of the school and to interact with many students during the course of my day. I will also serve as moderator of the Mothers Club and be a presence outside and inside the school. My main responsibility will be to represent La Salle at meetings of other independent schools.

Which Christian Brothers had a strong impact upon you during your student days? To be honest, the variety of men I experienced at La Salle was key to my deciding to become a Brother. I was attracted to their life and the things they were able to accomplish. Two stand out as men I would try to imitate. Brother George William, my freshman homeroom moderator and teacher of English, daily impressed me with both his strength and gentleness. Brother Claude Dermetius who had me for the upper classes was again a giant in my life. Among our lay teachers, two stood out and I recall them fondly. Mr. John Moore and Mr. Gerald Tremblay ’53. I still live by the motto “Boys will be boys but La Salle boys will be gentlemen.” The goal of all our teachers should be to transform us from youths into men.

Bro. Richard Kestler, FSC ’60 with former Alumni Association President C.T. Heckmann ’84 (left) and the late Bill Whelan ’55 (right)
You lead a fairly busy life. What do you do for leisure?

On a rainy Sunday afternoon I love to look at an old time black and white film. I always have enjoyed events associated with the world of film. I always have enjoyed events associated with the world of film.

What are the major challenges facing La Salle today?

I believe the first challenge of the school is to share with its students the faith tradition that has been the bedrock of Lasallian education. La Salle must be a place that opens opportunities. Our academic life must keep pace with today’s and tomorrow’s possibilities. We must continue to develop a program of extra-curricular and athletics where students always feel that they are well-rounded and that they are well-coached and competitive.

Like all independent schools, La Salle is challenged to remain true to its mission and purpose. With almost 150 years of tradition, La Salle must face today’s students and bring to them the same message that sparked careers and successes through these years.

While I attended La Salle, we didn’t know much of the Lasallian world aside from the Brothers schools that we competed against. Today the opportunities to expand this awareness are one of the key challenges facing La Salle.

On a practical level, La Salle continues to need its alumni support. Without this support, La Salle could lose its edge on the variety of young men served. A dedicated faculty knowledgeable in their academic areas and able to touch the hearts of youth is critical for our success. I invite both knowledgeable in their academic areas and able to touch the hearts of youth is critical for our success.

For most of us, we stay a part of things that are meaningful in our lives. I believe the same holds true for today’s La Salle student. On a more mundane level, I will need our alumni to continue and in some cases increase their support of La Salle. La Salle has need of their support if it is to remain true to its mission. If La Salle is to fulfill all the aspects of its newly adopted Strategic Plan then each of us has to do our part to make this “dream” come true.

Recollections of Fred Assaf

by Thomas Bama, Vice Principal

It was spring 2000 when Fred Assaf first arrived on the Belcroft campus. A new millennia had arrived and something we all survived the impending doom of a Y2K apocalyptic. During this time, a period of change and optimism bloomed up the drive on Cheltenham Avenue. No one really knew much of the man named Fred Assaf, but there was little doubt he would make his mark at La Salle College High School.

So often a first impression defines a person as a whole. After a few minutes, everyone knew him by his unmistakable laugh, his electric charm, and his dedication and love for his family. As months passed, it was Fred’s warmth and optimism that would become his noticeable mantra. Seeing Fred, Martha, and the boys at every La Salle function became commonplace.

Fred would be remembered for being a number of things, particularly, a lovable malpractice. He worked very hard and very long advancing ideas that he believed would position La Salle at the top of all catholic high schools. Over these years it became clear that Fred was a school leader who felt at home with the ‘big idea’. He worked well at communicating aggressive dreams to all constituencies in an attempt to build a better La Salle. On occasion he felt short, more often he reached heights greater than anyone could have ever expected. Fred was never afraid to take a chance. While here, he fast forwarded advances in technology making sure La Salle’s students and teachers had the equipment and training to make learning occur at a higher level and a faster pace. La Salle quickly became a regional model for wireless campuses and a national one for our faculty laptop initiative. SHAFT Board technology was made available in every classroom. Significant service learning initiatives were nurtured under his leadership and Branch Out Days became a calendar event as underclass dad’s spent a day of service with their sons each year. Technology was being used to bridge the digital divide of social injustice in ways even colleges couldn’t dream. La Salle’s TechServe program was even offering our own student’s an opportunity to earn college credits and free tuition from one of our nation’s best universities.

Fred’s working personality changed the paradigm when it came to functioning with groups. Parents and students were permitted access to plenty of his time. He is generally accepted that no school administrator ever has or ever will be able to match Fred’s ability to be in two places at once all the time. Somehow, Fred made it work, got the job done, and always had time for a smile and a laugh. His spirit for the job was contagious.

Fred has written his chapter in the archives of Lasallian history. Our community is thankful for having the opportunity of Fred’s leadership and owes a significant part of our future success to those years he has spent with all of us.
La Salle College High School - Class of 2005

Excellence in Athletics
- Cross Country - Catholic League and State Prep Champions
- Soccer - Catholic League Champions
- Track - Catholic League Champions
- Football - Catholic League Champions
- Baseball - Catholic League Champions
- Field Hockey - Catholic League Champions

Excellence in Academics
- 250 Seniors from 34 grade schools and 62 zip codes
- 1 Traditional 14-Year Track and 3 National Honors Track
- 24 National Honor Society Members
- 87 Senior Members of the National Honor Society
- 99% of the Class matriculates to 80 Colleges and Universities
- Earned over $10.2 million in Scholarships and Gifts

Excellence in the Arts
- University of the Arts Tri-State Band Competition - First Place Award for Overall Excellence
- First Place Award for the Saxophone Section

La Salle College High School

Inspired by three centuries of the distinctive spirituality of the Christian Brothers, La Salle educates the whole person, developing young men in their unique talents and strengths.
We Are The Champions!

On Sunday, November 7, 2004, La Salle's Cross-Country Team successfully defended its Catholic League Championship by placing five runners among the top eleven finishers for a team total of 31 points. Sean McGinley ’05 took individual honors and set a new La Salle course record for Belmont Plateau. The championship was the fifth for Coach Pat Devine.

On Sunday, March 6, 2005, the La Salle Explorers captured their 17th consecutive Catholic League Championship in 5K racing.

La Salle’s Golf Team captured the Catholic League Championship on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at the Golf Course at Glen Mills. The championship was the Explorer’s eleventh in twelve years. Sean Ford ’05 fired a 2-over-par round of 72 to take individual honors.

On Friday, May 24, 2005, the Lacrosse Team defeated St. Joseph’s Prep by a score of 13-2 to win the Catholic League Championship. The Explorers were lead by League MVP and Inquirer Player of the Year, Pat Lombard ’05, who scored three goals.

On Wednesday, June 1, 2005, the La Salle Baseball team defeated Conwell-Egan by a score of 4-3 to win its first Catholic League Championship since 1994. The Explorers were lead by League MVP and Inquirer Player of the Year, Matt Zielinski ’06, who threw a complete game on four days rest.

Graduation 2005: Photo Gallery
Saturday, June 4, 2005

Three Generations of Explorers
Letter from the President of the Alumni Association

Although we strive to live by the deep-rooted cannon of the Christian Brothers to Live Jesus in our hearts, forever; few things in life are never-ending. After all, we are human with limitations set by nature and God.

Our Alumni Association was founded over 35 years ago to support the philosophy, goals, and objectives of La Salle College High School. In fulfilling this charge, we dedicate ourselves to the 325 year mission of the Christian Brothers. Our purpose is unified and true, for it serves to blend our past with our present into our future. Our purpose is, irrefutably, forever.

The Christian Brothers established our La Salle in 1858. Over 147 years and 14,000 Alumni later, La Salle has produced a host of diverse leaders in the Church, Community and Nation. Our involvement, stewardship and profound loyalty to cause distinguish us as, perhaps, La Salle’s proudest achievement. We stand as living testament to the spirit and success that La Salle has fostered for generations of young men from the Philadelphia Area.

The notion of Hall of Fame caliber bears an unmatchable mystique marked by glory and greatness reserved for the venerable few who rise above the ordinary measures of the common man. At La Salle, we honor upon our most renowned brothers the distinction of Hall of Fame standing, a symbolic ritual that transcends our mortal limitations. We embrace the noble character of the men we recognize by our display of honor for the Lasallian generations to preserve. While the moral fiber and individual deeds of these honored men may fade with the passage of time, their collective will, their unwavering character and their gracious service intrinsically represent the fortitude of our purpose. It is this resolve that inspires infinite consequence beyond the measure of our bounded lives.

Recognizing the significance of our Hall of Fame tribute and display, two years ago we knew that our long-established display cases would, after housing 47 famed inductees, run out of space. We undertook a thoughtful expansion project. We chose not to simply accentuate our inductees as individuals. Instead, we decided to present a dynamic view intended to perpetuate Saint La Salle’s fundamental dedication to building a society that is more human, more Christ-like and more just.

Our Hall of Fame is a symbol of unparalleled excellence. Our inductees are, indeed, courageous captains of industry, military and government leaders, professionals, sports stars, orchestra directors, Priests and Brothers, educators, coaches and men of distinction. They display in life seems to surpass the deeds of lesser known Alumni. Yet, when we view our more celebrated Alumni in this unified fashion, we begin to see in each of them a true sense of the Christian Brothers’ heritage shared by all of us. Through our ritual of Hall of Fame convocation, we give voice to the ultimate values by which we were all empowered.

The Brothers and lay faculty prepared us for life. We received, and our boys continue to receive, the best education in the world. Through personal relationships at all levels, La Salle has exceeded the awesome pace of an ever changing world. La Salle’s culture of Christian fidelity, academic and athletic excellence, spiritual fulfillment and selfless service have remained constant throughout our history. After challenging us to reach our fullest potential, La Salle has enriched each one of us with a sense of Hall of Fame integrity. As one of our school’s most distinctive strengths, we uphold the Lasallian traditions with zeal in our hearts. Although our Hall of Fame attributes are earned and not bestowed, our faith based foundation will always ground the direction of our very active lives.

It was with great satisfaction and pride that we blessed and dedicated our new Hall of Fame displays. As you ponder this timeless memorial, find comfort in knowing that it will accommodate future inductees over the course of the next two decades. Even nicer, we must certainly acknowledge, that its impact shall be forever. By virtue of our La Salle education, the Hall of Fame embraces all of us. We have thus given La Salle our gift of this tradition as witness to the strength of our common bond.

Robert T. Szostak ’72
President
Communion Breakfast and Hall of Fame Induction
Sunday, March 6, 2005

Hall of Fame Celebrants – Fr. Anthony Janton ’69 and Fr. Robert Breen ’45

William dePasquale ’51 is congratulated on his induction by fellow inductee Marty Stanczak ’60

William dePasquale ’51 performing with La Salle’s String Ensemble

Alumni Association President Robert Sosnack ’72 presents the William J. Whelan ’55 Alumni Service Award to Philip Cassidy ’70

The Flannery Family in front of the new Archive Display paying tribute to John “Tex” Flannery ’40

Sixteen members of the Hall of Fame in front of the new Hall of Fame Display

Hall of Fame members Tom Lynch ’58 and Ken Shaw ’60

John Glaser ’58 accepting his induction into the Hall of Fame

Career Day: Photo Gallery
Thursday, March 10, 2005

Keynote Speaker – Rod Von Lipsey ’76

Michael Kennedy ’72

Michael Donohoe, DC ’79 and Anthony Viggiano ’72

Brian McGeehan ’95

Tom Kolsun ’85

George Winslow ’82

Paul Kelly ’74

Ken Booker ’84
Grand Reunion: Photo Gallery
Saturday, April 23, 2005

50-Year Reunion: Photo Gallery
June 3 - 4, 2005
45th Annual Alumni Golf Outing
Monday, June 13, 2005 - Blue Bell Country Club
1940’s
John McHale ’42 and his wife, Genevieve, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with their four children and eleven grandchildren on Superbowl Sunday, February 6, 2005.

Charles Wynn ’46 and his wife, Beverly, traveled to Australia to snorkel and sail the Great Barrier Reef. Highlights of the trip included crossing the continent by train.

Eugene McLoone ’47 was a member of the Oxford Roundtable On Financing Education at Oxford College in England.

1950’s
Vincent McDermott, MD ’50 has retired from office and hospital practice, but will still continue caring for patients at St. Mary’s Catholic Home. He will volunteer weekly at the Community Health Practice, a free clinic for the uninsured in Camden, N.J.

Ed Schmidt ’50 is still working in the paving industry, enjoying his grandchildren who are close by and thankful for all La Salle has meant to him. He apologizes for not being able to attend his 55-Year Reunion and wished his “best” to his classmates.

Charles McMahon ’51 stopped teaching three years ago, but still has an active research group.

Pete Waters ’52, after several granddaughters, finally has a grandson, Kevin D. McLarnon, and candidate for the Class of 2022.

Jim Osborne ’58 was elected as Treasurer of Radnor Township, PA.

A Shore Thing
Mass and Dinner
Sunday, September 11, 2005
Golf Outing and Luncheon
Monday, September 12, 2005
Greate Bay Golf Club
Somers Point, New Jersey

1960’s
James Pressler ’61 is a Pediatrician for Settlement Health in East Harlem, NY and is married with two children.

Joe Minarik ’67 has retired from the federal government to become Senior Vice President and Director of Research at the Committee for Economic Development (CED) in Washington, DC. He had served for eight years as the Chief Economist in the White House Office of Management and Budget (during the Clinton Administration) and four years as the Chief Economist and Policy Director for the Democratic Staff of the House Budget Committee under Rep. John M. Spratt (D-SC).

Jack Barrett ’69 recently began working for Catholic Charities of Syracuse, N.Y. He will be administering a HUD Grant designed to secure permanent housing for the chronically homeless.

The Honorable James R. Matthews, Chairman of Montgomery County Commissioners, is sworn into office as a member of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority Board of Directors by The Honorable Richard J. Hodgson, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas Judge, on January 27, 2005. Both men are Alumni from the Class of 1966.
1970’s

Ed O’Brien ’71 is a Partner in McConnell Energy Solutions developing large solar energy arrays.

Mark Sutton ’72 has been promoted to Senior Director of Franchise Development for Choice Hotels in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Carl Graf ’73 has joined Metro Development Company, a Philadelphia-based regional real estate development and management company, as a Partner and CFO.

Mike Driscoll ’76 has three sons – Michael ’04, a freshman at Georgetown University, Chris ’06 a junior, and Patrick ’09 an incoming freshman.

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Michael Donohoe, DC ’79 has joined Philadelphia Chiropractic and Rehabilitation in Levittown, PA as Clinical Director.

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1980’s

Kevin Funchion ’82 is pleased to announce the opening of Triton Capital Management, LLC, a registered investment advisory group in Wayne, PA.

John Meko ’86 is the Vice President for Development at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, PA.

Michael Korman, USN ’87 is serving in Iraq as Command Master Chief for the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team in Baghdad.

Charlie McGowan ’87 was recently appointed as the Director of Sales for the Mid-Atlantic Region for Brighton Best Manufacturing.

Peter Tantala, P.E. ’88 was reappointed to the International Property Maintenance and Zoning Code Committee for the International Code Conference.

Paul Wynn ’88 married Jula Belfrose on October 23, 2004 in Newtown, PA. Rev. Anthony Anton ’69 and Rev. Anthony Gruber, an uncle to Paul, co-celebrated the Nuptial Mass. Kirk Marcolina ’88 was best man and Mark Wynn ’79 was a groomsman. The couple honeymooned in Belize and now reside in Brooklyn, NY.

Paul Kane ’88, a journalist with Roll Call, received the Everett McKinley Dirksen Awards for Distinguished Coverage of Congress at the National Press Foundation’s Annual Awards Dinner in February.
Class Notes (continued)

1990’s

Richard Durso ’92 married Suzanne Cordie in May. Rich recently received his CFP (Certified Financial Planner).

Drew Morrisroe ’92, President and CEO of CTN Solutions in Lafayette Hill, PA, is a recipient of the prestigious “40 Under 40” Award sponsored by the Philadelphia Business Journal. The award recognizes forty individuals under the age of forty who are proven performers in their respective industries and communities. He was profiled in the April 8, 2005 issue of the Philadelphia Business Journal. CTN Solutions provides network infrastructure, application development, and web development services to small and mid-sized organizations throughout the region.

Michael Tantila, P.E. ’94 earned his license as a Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

1990’s

Tom Flannery ’95 and his wife, Erin, recently relocated to Silver Spring, Md, where Tom is employed by GEICO in their IT Department.

Michael Monaghan, USN ’95 is on an extended overseas deployment on board the fast attack nuclear powered submarine USS Los Angeles. He will stop in Guam, Singapore, South Korea, and Japan while on a mission that includes reconnaissance, intelligence, and special operations support.

Matt Fineberg ’97 has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Board of Commissioners in Arlington Township, PA.

Kevin Brewster ’99 recently joined the Cheltenham Township Police Department after spending a year working on the Broad Street Subway in North Philadelphia as SEPTA Police Officer. He graduated from the Philadelphia Police Academy in November 2005 after earning a B.A. in Criminal Justice from DeSales University.

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Chris Glavin ’00 has opened Hudderston LLC, an online educational resource job center for those in the K-12 education system. The website, www.k12academics.com, has links to schools, districts and training certification, school profiles throughout the USA, teacher tips, and a job database complete with postings and resumes.

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Since taking over at Niagara in April of 1998, Joe has been on something of a roll. He is the first head coach at Niagara to begin his career with seven consecutive winning seasons, and has twice been named the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference coach of the year, including this past season.

But Joe was no overnight success story. As far back as his sophomore season at La Salle High School, he says, he knew he wanted to be a head basketball coach. He also realized, early on, that he would never be a great player. Yet he worked hard on his game and went on to La Salle University, where he played under Paul Westhead, helping the Explorers to two NCAA appearances and one Big Five title. He graduated in 1978 with a degree in mathematics and education, but there was never any question where he was headed in his career.

He spent the next twenty years as an assistant coach, first under the legendary M. Organ Westen at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md., then back at La Salle University, where he stayed for the next seventeen years, working with Lefty Ervin and later Speedy Morris. It was during those years as an assistant that he learned the intricacies of the game, scouting other teams, recruiting players from around the country, putting in his time, waiting for his shot at a head coaching position, which was a long time in coming.

“You learn from all the coaches you work with,” Joe says. “Then you bring to the game your own skills and talents. Eventually you start to develop your own philosophy and style. The key is being a good teacher and having a passion for the game. If you don’t have that, you shouldn’t be coaching.”

He is, by nature, an optimist. But he is also a realist, and there were many times during those shadow years when he would lie awake at night and think that maybe he was destined to be an assistant coach his entire career, that maybe his dream of becoming a division-one head coach was never going to happen.

“But I never stopped believing,” he says. “And I was lucky.” That ability to dream, to believe in oneself, he says, is something he learned during his four years at La Salle College High School.

La Salle had such an effect on him, Joe says, that he and his wife Mary made sure all three of their sons — Joe, Tony and Matt — went to a Christian Brothers’ school, St. Joseph’s Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, which according to Joe has very much the same spirit and guiding principles as La Salle College High School.

“La Salle instills in you a desire to achieve, but in a healthy way,” he says. “It teaches you to dream, to set goals for yourself, to want to accomplish something with your life. The quality of the people I went to school with, the people who taught me there — it was the best four years of my life.”
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