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Town hall tries to ease concerns

Officials address recent crime; some students still feel unheard

Rita Offutt
Editor

On Sept. 26 at 5 p.m., dozens of members of the student body and university faculty and administration congregated in the Dan Rodden Theater to host the second Public Safety Town Hall. The town hall was moderated by Anna Allen, the Assistant Vice President of Campus Life. Ernest Ransom, the Captain of the Philadelphia Police Department's 35th District, Amada Guthorn, the Assistant Vice President of Public Safety, and Dawn Soufleris, the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment, addressed the student body and acted as the evening's keynote speakers.

To begin the town hall, Allen delivered a brief introduction, emphasizing that the town hall would not go beyond the preset one-hour time limit and describing the event as "a good opportunity for us to come together as a community." Guthorn proceeded to give a lecture on university safety, introducing the new slogan #safertogether. During her lecture, Guthorn invited all students to become a part of the Public Safety Advisory Group, which meets monthly during the academic year. She informed the student body that she checks the RAVE Guardian App regularly and announced the university is in the process of acquiring new public safety vehicles. Guthorn ended her talk by reminding the student body that La Salle's administration has "no vested interest in [withholding information from] students" and urging members of the La Salle community with further concerns to contact university officials.

Allen proceeded to direct the keynote speakers to respond to pre-submitted student questions. The first question focused on mobilizing public safety officers with bicycles, to which Guthorn responded that her office is "trying to recruit other officers to do bike patrol...and get them trained, and get them out." There is currently one Public Safety officer who undertakes bike patrol.

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Dog-friendly community at St. George Hall opens

Elyssa Loughlin
Editor

On Monday, Sept. 23, La Salle University officials, students and staff joined members of the press for the official ribbon cutting of Philadelphia's first dog-friendly residence hall: St. George. The event was well-attended by humans and dogs alike; President Colleen Hanycz, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services Dawn Soufleris and Board of Trustees member and Vice President for Human Resources at Purina, La Salle's partner in opening a dog-friendly dorm, Steve Dengan all spoke to the audience of 23 canines and over 100 humans. The ribbon cutting, which coincided with Take Your Dog to Work Day, occurred in the newly refurbished dog-friendly lounge in St. George. The dog park, which is accessible through the St. George Lounge, was also broken in by the students' and faculty and staff's dogs.

In February, La Salle announced that it would become the first University in Philadelphia to open a dog-friendly residence hall. One of the first in the nation, St. George is a space that allows for non-service animals to be a daily fixture in the lives of college students and faculty members. Soufleris looked to open the residence hall here because "research indicates clearly that pet ownership can help owners, and others with access to animals, lower anxiety and stress levels, lower blood pressure and help individuals feel more at home in a new place." Under the direction of Soufleris and with the help of sponsors like Purina, the idea came to fruition. "Having a dog-friendly hall allows … [for] students [to] feel even more like La Salle is their home! We feel very lucky to have had this opportunity and for Purina for funding this initiative."

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La Salle Public Safety via Twitter

The dog-friendly community includes the newly renovated St. George lounge featuring dog themed decorations.

Alumna honored by the WNBA

Steven Silvestro
Editor

Women's basketball alumna Cheryl Reeve, '88, was named the WNBA Basketball Executive of the Year just two seasons after she became General Manager of the Minnesota Lynx while continuing to serve as head coach.

Reeve beat out Las Vegas Aces General Manager of Basketball Operations Dan Padover by one point as she received four first-place votes, two second-place votes and two third-place votes from the 11 voters.

After becoming general manager in December of 2017, Reeve has been in command as the Lynx rebuild after losing multiple players from their dynasty including Lindsay Whalen to retirement and Maya Moore taking a year off in the same season.

In the WNBA Draft, Reeve selected the eventual Rookie of the Year Napheesa Collier with the sixth overall pick, the lowest a Rookie of the Year has been selected since 2005. Collier averaged 13.1 points per game, 6.6 rebounds per game and led the Lynx with 1.9 steals per game.

Reeve orchestrated five trades including one with the Los Angeles Sparks for WNBA All-Star Odyssey Sims, who led the team with 14.5 points per game and 5.4 assists per game.

Along with signing Damiris Dantas who led the team with a 39.3 three-point percentage, 9.2 points per game and 4.5 rebounds per game.

Reeve has dominated in the WNBA since being hired as the Lynx's head coach back in 2010, and in just her second season she won the first WNBA Champion in franchise history.

The Lynx dynasty went on to win four championships in seven years, while going to the WNBA Finals six times in seven years. In 2013, the Lynx were a perfect 7-0 in the playoff in rout to their second title.

Reeve is a two-time winner of WNBA Coach of the Year in 2011 and 2016 as she has the highest winning percentage of any WNBA Head Coach in history with 231 wins, fifth all-time and most among women.

Her 40 playoff wins is the most all-time, eight more than the next closest.

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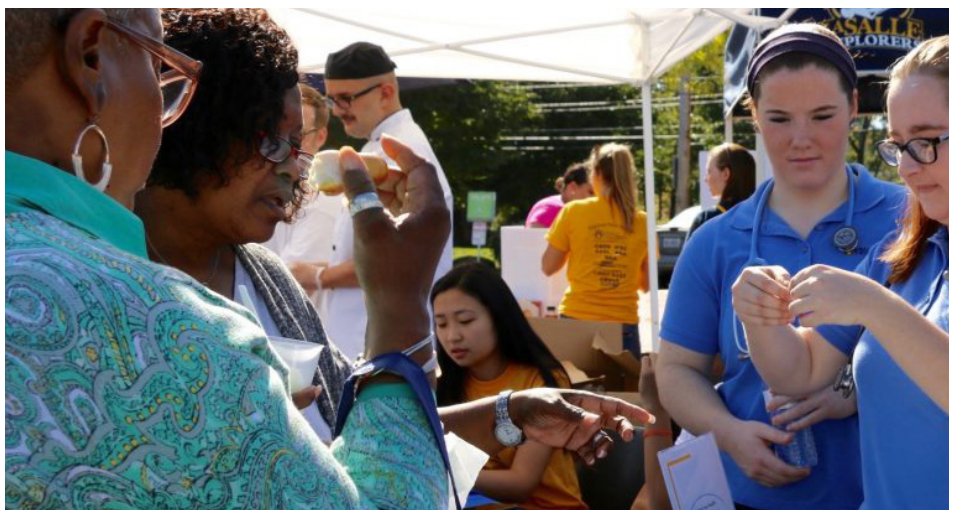
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Health fair to connect campus and community, raise awareness

Rita Offutt
Editor



La Salle University

The Health Fair is an annual event that connects La Salle to the surrounding community of Olney.

On Saturday, Oct. 6, La Salle University is hosting the eigth Annual Health Fair, inviting both students and the neighborhood to come together to learn about personal wellness, disease prevention and to further La Salle's partnership with the community. The event, which is sponsored by Aetna, will take place in the parking lot of the Shoppes at La Salle starting at 11 a.m. Specifically, the fair will be located in between the Public Safety Headquarters and Beneficial Bank. All La Salle students and staff are asked to move their vehicles from this section of the parking lot between 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 and 6 p.m. Oct. 5.

The Explore Your Health team started planning the Health Fair over the summer in hopes of providing a high quality event. The Explore Your Health (EYH) team is made up of a group of students, faculty, staff, campus representatives, community members and leaders from various organizations who all function as part of an initiative of La Salle's Community Building team. Their mission statement focuses on "[operating] with mutual respect, compassion, and inclusivity and work to live those values in our neighborhood through purposeful partnerships." EYH works to promote solidarity and intends to use the Health Fair to engage in healthy learning, snacking, and screenings.

This year, there will be over 65 vendors providing attendees with information pertaining to their field. Returning vendors will include Zumba, a fire truck, Ed Snyder Hockey, Remedy Spa Chair massages and La Salle nutrition and nursing students, some of whom will be taking attendees' blood pressure. There will be two mobile screening vehicles; one will provide vision screenings. Representatives will be present to speak about early detection of breast cancer and offer resources for those who want to know more. Beyond numerous health-focused opportunities, students and community members will be performing at the fair, showcasing various talents.

Additionally, the Explore Your Health committee has invited the Rapping About Prevention (RAP) team to attend. This will be the first year RAP presents at the Health Fair, but they are known for offering a high-energy performance comprised of teamwork exercises, live rap, dance performance, noteworthy facts and an appropriate dose of humor.

Volunteers will include students from La Salle's nutrition, nursing and public health majors as well as student athletes. The 35th Police District cadets will also serve to ensure all participants are able to enjoy a positive, fun and safe environment.

TiRease Holmes, the executive director of Residence Life and Community Engagement, said, "My hope and goal for this annual community health fair is to offer the opportunity [the chance] of prevention. A healthier community is a stronger and thriving community. This is why we intentionally seek out a diverse set of vendors both internally and externally to share their expertise, shine the light on issues and build awareness." Holmes believes the Public Health Fair is "the ideal opportunity to bridge the gap between [the] community and [the] university, surrounding a topic that we can all personally relate to, health, Healthy Lifestyles, and well-being."

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Nobel Prizes to be announced next week

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Next week marks an exciting time to celebrate world-changing contributions to society - the announcement of this year's Nobel Prizes. While many are familiar with the Peace prize, fewer are aware that there are several categories of Nobel Prizes awarded each year: Physiology and Medicine, Physics, Chemistry, Literature, Economic Sciences and Peace. These awards recognize contributions that fundamentally alter the course of innovation and improve the human condition. Some historical examples of the science awards include solving the structure of DNA, the observation of gravitational waves, the discovery of radioactive elements and utilizing game-theory to better understand conflict and cooperation. Authors renowned for their ability to transport us to new worlds and challenge us to see from new perspectives, like the recently deceased Toni Morrison, are common in the Literature Award. The Peace Prize is often the most notable and many famous historical figures (Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King, Jr.) have earned this prestigious prize. Today, the Nobel Prizes represent the pinnacle of achievement in their respective fields. But how did these awards come to be in the first place?

Alfred Nobel was a Swedish businessman, inventor and philanthropist. Although he owned hundreds of patents and worked in several successful business ventures, he is most (in)famous for the invention of dynamite in 1867. This explosive changed the landscape of domestic ventures like mining and, of course, war. Nobel is credited for putting forth the idea of deterrence, characterizing his research into powerful explosives as a means to frighten humanity out of violence for fear of using such deadly weapons. This would ultimately not be the case for dynamite, but the idea of deterrence was later resurrected with the advent of nuclear explosives. In his later years Nobel spoke out against military conflict, but his decades of work in producing weapons of war would paint him a hypocrite. When his brother, Ludvig, died in 1888 a French newspaper erroneously printed an obituary of Alfred. In it, the authors describe Alfred Nobel as a "merchant of death" who profited from the violence of war and it celebrated his mistaken passing. This shook Alfred to his core and inspired him to work towards a better legacy. That legacy took the form of the Nobel Prizes, funded by almost the entirety of his estate. Alfred Nobel hoped that these prizes would encourage people to strive towards research, technology, literature and other efforts that would inspire humanity to a better, peace-filled world.

The prizes have largely lived up to that hope but have not been without controversy or scandal. Of the almost 600 Nobel Prizes awarded in the sciences, only 18 (3%) have been awarded to women, reflecticting biases in science disciplines. One of last year's awards in Physics was to Dr. Donna Strickland for her work in high-intensity, low-pulse lasers. She is the third woman to ever be awarded a Nobel Prize in Physics. It is worth noting that a woman, Marie Curie, was the first person to win two Nobel Prizes, one in Chemistry and one in Physics. Scandals of a #MeToo nature surrounding the Literature selection committee caused the announcement of that award to be postponed in 2018.

Still, the Nobel Prizes are, by and large, exciting celebrations of human achievement. The identity of the awardees is famously kept secret right until their announcement, so you never really know what's going to happen. This year the announcements will start next week, with one award announced per weekday. We begin on Monday Oct. 7 with the prize in Physiology and Medicine, followed by Physics, Chemistry, Literature, Peace, and finally Economic Science on Monday Oct .14. The Integrated Science, Business and Technology program at La Salle will be publishing a quick dive into each prize as they are announced next week - follow it on Twitter and Instagram @ISBTian for the updates. You can learn more about the awards, and follow the announcements, at www.nobelprize.org

Following the announcements, there will be two Explorer Café events to explore the prizes as a community with La Salle faculty leading the discussion. The first event, which will explore the Physics, Chemistry and Literature Prizes, will take place on Wednesday Oct. 16 from 3:30 pm - 5 pm in the atrium of the Holroyd Science Center. The following day, Oct. 17, the Physiology and Medicine, Economic Sciences and Peace Prizes will be discussed from 3:30 pm 5 pm in Founders Hall 137. These events will give you the opportunity to learn more about the prizes and discuss the broad significance of this year's awards.

Even if you miss the excitement this year, the La Salle community has an intimate way of appreciating the Nobel Prize right on campus - the Special Collection on Bob Dylan, housed in Connelly Library. Bob Dylan won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2016 "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition." The special collection houses thousands of artifacts including vinyl recordings never seen by most collectors, hundreds of covers of his songs, ephemera, movies, and scholarly work done about Dylan and his works. There are few places in academia where one can explore not just the work of interest, i.e. Dylan's music, but also the scholarly analysis of said work in the same space. I highly recommend you explore what the collection has to offer. Inquiries can be made to Heather Willever-Farr (willeverfarr@lasalle.edu), the Special Collections Librarian, who can arrange a tour for you, help you identify materials of interest, and tell you more about the other special collections at the library. I also thank John Baky, University Librarian Emeritus, for giving me a thorough tour of the Collection.

I hope you will join in the excitement next week as the Nobel Prizes are announced and we celebrate singular achievements in the humanities and the sciences. Let us all honor the legacy that Alfred Nobel hoped to leave behind - a legacy of striving for a brighter tomorrow.

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La Salle Public Safety holds town hall to address safety concerns

SAFETY FROM FRONT

The next question focused on the presence of a Public Safety officer near St. Miguel Court – an officer is present daily from 10 p.m. until 8 a.m. Soufleris then addressed the lack of adherence to the on-campus parking policy, detailing how parking is a multidivisional initiative and she stated that "there are times when safety and security issues rise above ticketing cars for parking." When asked how La Salle intends to work with the community to make sure everyone feels welcome on campus, Soufleris discussed Public Safety Officers' new visibility vests and the subsequent increased engagement with the community. The next question addressed the lack of security cameras and officer presence at student-frequented SEPTA stops. Ransom responded that he would personally be reaching out to SEPTA to see if they are willing to make adjustments.

Finally, Soufleris addressed a question about the potential for La Salle to have an on-campus police force, saying La Salle has a "very strong partnership with Ransom and [the] 35th district and [the] 14th district...[which are the] two prescincts that watch over La Salle." Furthmore, Soufleris stated that La Salle's "public safety officers have a different level of engagement" which make them better suited to care for the community.

After discussing the pre-submitted questions, Allen opened the floor for live student questions. Seven questions from students were heard. The first came from Lauren Rosenberg, who asked if any action would be taken to improve the shuttle system. Rosenberg was directed to email Public Safety. A member of the water polo team spoke next, bringing to light the team's concerns about Public Safety officers denying students' requested escorts. Guthorn acknowledged that such problems are a "supervisory issue," as La Salle Public Safety has repeatedly made commitments to pick up students as needed. Guthorn further encouraged the student body to email Public Safety about such concerns. Chris Tomlinson, a resident assistant in St. George Hall, expressed his deep frustration with on-campus safety and the lack of administrative response led him to contemplate transferring out of La Salle. Guthorn responded, articulating that the university "did not [reduce] the number of public safety officers on campus." Soufleris also responded to Tomlinson's question, specifically explaining why students have replaced security team members at residence hall reception desks. She said that La Salle "reduced the money [being paid] to Allied and put it into student lines" because there are "fewer complaints about the service from other students...because our students are invested at being there." Multiple sources close to Tomlinson have confirmed that he firmly intends to transfer out of La Salle. Luke Fey spoke next, bringing up concerns on the lack of lighting on various pathways on campus. Guthorn encouraged Fey to participate in a lighting walk around, which is when various university officials walk La Salle's campus to discuss and ensure proper lighting. Another student asked about the possibility of a student escort system, given the concerns about Public Safety's practices. Guthorn said a student escort system is "a great opportunity to be a student-driven initiative." The next student questioned why students do not receive updates about the resolution of safety violations. Ransom explained that his office is limited in their ability to offer resolution updates because of privacy laws but assured students he would look into remedying the situation. A sophomore resident of the St. Miguel townhouses asked the final question of the evening, seeking to understand if the third year housing policy would remain in place even after a student was robbed at gunpoint outside St. Miguel. Soufleris said, "Despite this incident this year...the other things that happened last year were off campus... [and] I still believe strongly that it is safer to live on campus than it is to live off campus." La Salle will be moving forward with the third year housing policy.



Rita Offutt

University administrators and Philadelphia police officer Ransom field questions from students during the town hall.

Elizabeth McLaughlin, a member of the Class of 2022, took issue with the decision to do so, saying, "The university's main defense of the new three-year housing policy is that staying on campus is safer. Taking such an immediate approach to a long-term problem is only angering the student body and will likely do little to reduce crime in the area."

Student response to the Public Safety Town Hall was varied. Sophomre Audrey Walker said that she feels "forced to walk to and from the subway station by myself because the shuttle is unpredictable and sometimes runs 30 minutes off schedule, and the escort system feels inaccessible because the people are rude and not timely. [I have walked alone off-campus] when there were reports of shots being fired nearby and…alone in the dark." In contrast, Bredan Funk and Ricky Whitmore, both of whom are juniors living in the townhouses, both reported feeling safe when they are on campus. Freshman commuter student Charlie Bristol echoed their sentiments, expressing that he feels safe on campus as well. Freshman resident Destiny Bell said her feelings on on-campus safety "depends on if it is nighttime or daytime." Bell, who attended the town hall, said "[the town hall] should have opened up to questions from the jump…I don't think a lot of people [felt] their voices [were] heard." Junior resident student August Sodano said he still "feels incredibly unsafe on campus." Emily Weintraut, a resident at St. Miguel, said, "Based on my previous experiences, I don't trust La Salle Public Safety at all." Marabella DeBonventura, who lives off campus, stated that she did not attend the town hall because "I know that [the administration] is not going to do anything about student concerns."

Students are encouraged to email Public Safety, Guthorn or Soufleris with further questions or concerns.

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CORRECTION:

On Sept. 26, the Collegian erroneously reported that some student organization budgets were cut for the 2019-2020 academic year. No student organization budgets were reduced; all other reductions and cuts noted in the article are accurate.

Who let the dogs out?

Bianca Abbate
Editor

Step aside, squirrels. The University has some new furry friends on campus, except they are not so friendly. Over the past couple of weeks, several La Salle students have reported seeing wild dogs as they were walking towards St. Miguel Townhouses.

Junior townhouse resident Casey Wischusen was walking back to the townhouses on Clarkson Ave. when she was met with surprise by a white mutt. According to Wischusen, the dog started to act aggressively towards her and was barking loudly. Wischusen backed away slowly, but the dog looked as if it were about to jump or run toward her. Wischusen promptly warned her housemates and said, "I've never had a bad experience with dogs, and I really thought I was going to get seriously hurt."

Senior communication major and Wister Court resident Elyssa Loughlin has also had several run-ins with the dog. "He once approached me with his tail wagging and tounge out, so I said 'hi,' and he just started barking at me. There were tons of people around, but none of us were able to move because we were so scared. Luckily, he went back into the woods soon after that," Loughlin said. "It's just a shame, because it clearly used to be someone's dog. He's neutered. I hate to think he used to have a home and now he's just out there fending for himself."

Another junior townhouse resident Mary Kate Fasy was walking home with her roommate when she had her own scare. She says that when she saw that there was a white dog lurking around in the grassy area in front of the Anselm Hall building, she froze in her tracks. Having been attacked by two dogs on two separate occasions in her childhood, Fasy was nervous to continue on the path. She remarked, "I'm a total dog lover, but it's really frustrating and genuinely scary that when I'm walking home, I have to worry that I could potentially have an interaction with one of the dogs that could result in one of my friends or myself getting hurt." Fasy wanted to take a different route to her townhouse, but luckily a nearby car scared away the dog and the two were able to get back to their townhouse safely.

One source said that the white dog had been reported to animal control weeks ago, but as of Tuesday, Oct. 1, the beast remains in the woods.

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La Salle Public Safety Weekly Report

Sunday, Sept. 22
6:00 p.m.—
On Tuesday, Sept. 24, a case of theft was reported to the University that occurred on the 1900 block of W Olney Ave at apporoximately 6pm two days prior.

Tuesday, Sept. 24
11:11 a.m.—
There was a case of trespassing that occurred in the Lawrence Administration Building; the disposition has since been closed.

Saturday, Sept. 28
9:00 p.m.—
A liquor law violation that took place in St. Jerome Hall was reported to Public Safety on Monday, Sept. 30.

Sunday, Sept. 29
5:30 p.m.—
A case report was filed on Monday, Sept. 30 for an occurrence of theft that took place in St. George Hall on Sept. 29.

Budget cuts lead administrators to make creative solutions

Jacob Garwood
Editor

In August, La Salle University told the Philadelphia Inquirer that it had met 91 percent of its enrollment goal. The decline in the freshman class was a part of a larger demographic trend in the Northeast, where many colleges experienced lower enrollment as a result of fewer students graduating high school. At La Salle, this trend has had an immediate consequence for the university budget. Departments all across campus are operating under modified and reduced budgets, including academic departments.

In the School of Arts and Sciences, the decreased budgets led the Dean's office to come up with creative solutions that ensure students are not impacted by the cuts. Pamela Barnett, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, said, "Ultimately our goal was to cut back on costs while maintaining academic quality." The solutions revolved around changing when and how different courses might be offered.

Barnett explained that they "worked with the department chairs to consider how to more efficiently schedule courses. We imagined solutions ranging from combining under-enrolled courses, sections with only a handful of students registered, to offering some courses every other semester to build up demand."

The solution is not a new one, and many departments have already operated under such a scheduling strategy with little negative effect on students. Looking at the University Catalogue, for instance, shows that this tactic has been employed by departments that offer some classes every other semester or every other year. Barnett said of the change that "students still get the courses they need, benefit from the varying perspectives that come with a more robust class size, and we save on instructional costs."

Kathleen Czekanski, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, said that their efforts to mitigate budget cuts have focused around "evaluating the efficiencies of our operations while keeping a focus on outcomes and the quality of the educational experience for our students." Czekanski also explained that one way the school will account for shifting budgets and class sizes is by looking at the potential for increased enrollment in graduate work. Czekanski said "we have just launched a new Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program this fall that is attracting a lot of interest." The new program is joining other existing options in the master of science in nursing option that the University already offers, including focuses of adult gerontology and family primary care nurse practitioner programs.

This year was also the first time that students with science majors were charged a different amount of money to attend La Salle than those in other majors. The variable tuition, in the form of science lab fees of $100 per course, was implemented for the Fall 2019 semester after almost two years of planning. Charging science majors a higher tuition rate is not uncommon; Penn State charges junior and senior science majors about $2000 more per year than humanities students; Saint Joseph's University charges a per lab fee of $250; Villanova University doesn't charge science majors more, but their base tuition is $54,550.

There are over 900 seats full in the lab courses for chemistry, biology, physics, environmental science and integrated science business and technology. That amount translates to over $90,000 collected from lab fees, which is a considerably large pool of money; science equipment, however, is expensive. According to David Cichowicz, Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Chemistry, the lab fees are "supporting the functioning of the labs."

Students in lab courses previously had to purchase their own goggles, lab notebooks and manuals; these are now all provided by the lab fees. Science students know that stirring hot plates that either don't heat or don't stir have been a common sight in labs. Stirring hotplates are not cheap, basic models from ThermoFisher Scientific start around $300 each. Outdated and broken equipment like this has been replaced, where possible, with the lab fees.

Cichowicz also said that the lab fees will allow for the purchasing of capital equipment. He said that previously, "There were really no funds being allocated towards purchasing bigger pieces of equipment." The lab fees have instituted a fund which can be used to purchase these larger and more expensive instruments used by science labs in both the event that current equipment needs replaced or that departments need new, additional instruments. For instance, a gas chromatography mass spectrometer, which is commonly used in many science labs, can range in price anywhere from $5,000 to $100,000.

Editor's note: This article is the second in an ongoing series that examines the university-wide budget cut implemented this year and seeks to understand what impacts the cut will have on the student experience at La Salle.

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Residence hall has "gone to the dogs"

DOGS
FROM FRONT

Assistant director for campus activities Mina Koller is happy to work at a University that is investing in the wellbeing of its students and staff. "[St. George] is such an actual investment in the mental health of students and staff. It's nice to work at a place where you see people taking active steps toward lasting solutions to address the growing mental health concerns of students." Koller added that "students were really excited about getting to see all the dogs that day. It warmed my heart." Aside from providing emotional support, Soufleris also believes that the dog-friendly hall will teach its residents a few new lessons. "Pet ownership [sic] teaches owners how to be responsible for the care of an animal, time management and helps individuals connect with others."

There are currently three dogs living in St. George, including "our newest 'pup-scot' Angus the Explorer," Soufleris said. "We are also opening up access to the dog-friendly lounge and dog park to those students who live on campus and have approved ESA dogs that fit the breed requirements of St. George Hall so they can too, enjoy the new amenities."

After the ribbon cutting, there were dog treats provided for all pups in attendance, and there was a doggy-themed raffle as the attendees, both dog and human, mingled. "It was really awesome to see how many students and staff were there," assistant director for campus activities Mina Koller said. "We truly are a dog-friendly and dog-loving campus, and getting to see that many people come together was great."

With the residence hall opening off to a smooth start, the University is looking to grow its dog population over the next year. "In Fall 2020, freshmen will be able to apply and bring their dog with them and reside in St. George," Soufleris told the Collegian. "We are really excited about sharing this with prospective students."

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Angela Polec via Twitter

President Colleen Hanycz addresses an audience of press, students, faculty, staff and furry friends at the St. George ribbon cutting.



Pamela Barnett via Twitter

Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences David Chickowicz makes a furry friend on "Bring your Dog to Work Day."

Lasallian Jubilee Year Symposium: Schedule of Events

Lasallian Jubilee Year Symposium

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019

To mark the 300th anniversary of St. John Baptiste De La Salle's death, Pope Francis designated 2019 as the Lasallian Jubilee Year. To celebrate, the University is holding a symposium under the name "Engaging an Uncomfortable World: Lasallian Universities as Communities of Transformation." The jubilee is to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 8. .

Keynote Presentation with Dr. David Kirkland
12:30–1:30 p.m.
Founders' Hall Auditorium

Lunch
1:30–2:30 p.m.,
Founders' Hall Atrium
Note:RSVP Tickets received after Keynote event

Labyrinth
11 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
De La Salle Chapel

Interfaith Evening Prayer
4 p.m.
De La Salle Chapel, College Hall

Spoken Word Workshop with The Peace Poets
5–6:15 p.m.
McShain Boardroom (Room 219), La Salle Union
Note: Workshop by invitation only

Performance by The Peace Poets
7:30–8:30 p.m.
Dan Rodden Theatre, Union Building
Note: Dessert bar to follow performance.

China celebrates the seventieth anniversary of its government

The People's Republic of China shows off its might

Yitbarek Demesie
Staff

China has celebrated its 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of china and Communist Party. A grand lavish military parade was held in Tiananmen square on Oct. 1 2019. It is the largest military parade yet in China's history.

Among some of the military equipment displayed at the parade is a massive Dongfeng 41(DF-41) intercontinental nuclear missile, unmanned and WZ-8 supersonic reconnaissance drones, deep sea drones and other conventional weapons and missiles.

According to a BBC translation, President Xi Jinping led the ceremonies with a speech, "It was today 70 years ago, Chairman Mao stood before this very place and announced solemnly the founding of the people of China."

In what is seen as a display of power and military might, 15,000 personnel attended the parade. In the meticulously organized showcas tanks, aircrafts and 580 pieces of military equipment were rolled. 160 aircrafts flew overhead where 40 percent of the military equipment was on public display for the first time, according to South Morning China's post.

Even though the grand spectacle continued throughout China, the climate in Hong Kong was quite different. The annual fireworks display was cancelled in Hong Kong as a result of anti-government protests.

In his speech, President Xi Jingping, said, "No force can stop the Chinese people. On our way forward, we need to uphold peaceful reunification and one country, two systems, protect the long-term stability of Hong Kong and Macau, promote the peaceful development of the cross-strait relationship, unite all Chinese people and continue to push for complete unification of the motherland."

Some experts have voiced their concerns, as Chinese National Day is over, Beijing could take a harder line on Hong Kong in cracking down on demonstrations. Eswar Prasad, a professor of trade policy at Cornell University, told CNBC, "I think the escalation of protests on the day of the anniversary celebrations has already tested Beijing's patience and the situation now seems ripe for Beijing to stage a direct intervention."

This comes amid rising tensions among demonstrators and Hong Kong's police. China and Beijing have a special relationship, in which Hong Kong is granted a special status. The demonstrations started out when Hong Kong's leader announced a bill that will enable Hong Kong to extradite suspected criminals to mainland China, to be tried either in Taiwan or mainland China.

The protestors see this move as a threat to Hong Kong's special autonomous status that it was given back in 1997 when it was transferred from Britain's colonial rule to China. The agreement Britain and China signed was called "One Country, Two Systems." The agreement led to the autonomy that Hong Kong enjoys but the deal will expire in 2047, making Hong Kong fully integrated with China by that time. The protestors express their concern saying China is unwilling to wait until 2047 and is already strengthening its grip.

China has framed the demonstration as terrorism, foreign influence and possible foreign intervention. This past week, an 18-year-old protestor was shot by the police while demonstrating and attacking a police officer. He is the first protestor to be shot by police despite the violent nature of the protests.

Police said in a press-conference that he is recieving medical attention and will be charged with assaulting a police officer once he recovers. No word on his current condition was mentioned.

While it remains to be seen if Hong Kong protestors' demands will be met, the elaborate 70th celebration of the Chinese Communist Party was overshadowed by unrest in Hong Kong.

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Chinese President Xi Jinping gives a toast after giving a speech celebrating 70th anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

High risk home loans might cause strain

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Editor

The federal government has increased its exposure to mortgages deemed risky, as federal officials over the past four years have initiated steps to clear the way for companies to issue loans that most borrowers will likely not be able to repay.

Currently, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Housing Administration guarantee about $7 trillion in mortgage-related debt, which is 33 percent more than before the housing crisis, which is based off of company and government data. Since these entities are managed by the US government, a large increase in loan defaults could potentially cost taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars.

This risk is derived from the direct result of pressure created by the lending industry, consumer groups and political appointees, who advocated for the government to intervene when homeownership rates declined several years ago. Numerous government officials, originating in the Obama administration, believed that the private market would take over the management of these mortgages.

In the current year of 2019, there is now more government backed housing debt than at any other point in the history of the United States, according to data collected by the Urban Institute. Taxpayers shoulder much of the risk, while homeowners continue to face debt payments that amount to nearly half of their monthly income, which is considered by experts to be too steep.

Around 30 percent of loans guaranteed by Fannie Mae last year went beyond this level. This percentage of loans went up around 14 percent in 2016, according to Urban Institute data. As for the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), 57 percent of the loans it insured rose to high-risk status, which jumped at a rate of 38 percent two years prior.

Current trends of the high-risk lending binge has put some executives and regulators on edge. They believe the trend will become more serious if the economy continues to display a weak performance or slide into a recession, which more economists are predicting could happen within a year. Two Freddie Mac officials told a government inspector earlier this year that some of the loans they had been pushed to buy already carried a high risk of default, which would see the risk drastically increase if the economy slows down.

"There is a point here where, in an effort to create access to homeownership, you may actually be doing it in a manner that isn't sustainable and it's putting more people at risk," said David Stevens, a former commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration who administered the Mortgage Bankers Association until last year. "Competition, particularly in certain market conditions, can lead to a false narrative, like 'housing will never go down' or 'you will never lose on mortgages.' "

The risky situation is a direct unintended consequence of the steps taken more than a decade ago in response to the 2008 financial crisis, which itself stemmed from excessive mortgage lending and a broad national effort on boosting homeownership.

Democrats pushed for regulations on risky lending, but administration regulators from the Obama administration were later persuaded by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac toward implementing riskier mortgages. The Federal Housing Finance Agency, as well as the Department of Housing and Urban Development, continued to allow Fannie and Freddie to increase their exposure to risky loans during the Trump administration. While current White House officials have not directly pushed for the change in mortgage policies, observers of the issue argue they have done little to stop the change.

The White House has not designated the mortgage risk issue as a top priority due to the current impeachment situation.

In response to the situation, Trump administration officials are searching for the means to release Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from government control. The Trump administration has started to initiate its response by allowing the two firms to hold on to most of their current capital in order to have some insurance against future losses. However, this process will take about a year to fully enact and these alterations to the current system could cause further disruptions to the housing market. One disruption to the market that could occur is that this change in policy would make it even more expensive to buy homes, which would most likely create a tough political dynamic for the upcoming general election as well.

"Certainly, I think we do need to be concerned overall about some of the risk that's in the mortgage market," said Mark Calabria, director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), which is the organization that oversees Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. "There are some patches in the housing market that are going to hit some turbulence if there's a downturn."

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Collegian Editorial

A record number of students voted in 2018; let's keep the momentum going in 2019

The 2018 midterm elections saw a record voter turnout, especially among college students. The National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement published by the Institute for Democracy & Higher Education at Tufts University reports that 39.1 percent of students at participant schools voted in 2018. That compares to a meager 19.7 percent just four years earlier in 2014. La Salle has reason to be especially proud; our 2018 voting rate was 41.4 percent, which is higher than the national average. That rate is up 23 percent from the 2014 election, and gives testament to the La Salle student body's commitment to civic engagement. Perhaps just as impressive, 74.2 percent of La Salle students were registered to vote in 2018.

One interesting result of the study showed that of students who voted, 87.3 percent voted in person on election day, while the remainder of voting students used absentee, early voting or mail-in ballots to cast their votes. What some La Salle students do not realize is that by virtue of going to school in Philadelphia, students have the right to register to vote in Philadelphia, using either their residence hall address at 1900 W Olney Ave. or their off-campus residence. All the law requires is that voters must have been citizens of the United States for at least one month, and a resident of the district in which they register for at least 30 days before the election. All La Salle students with US citizenship meet this requirement, since resident and off-campus students have been residing in Philadelphia since at least Aug. 26, 2019 when our fall semester started.

While national politics are glamorous and filled with lofty arguments of rights and liberties, economic philosophy and partisan conflicts, the decisions that affect our daily lives are made at the local and state levels. Did you park on 19th Street for two hours and five minutes and receive a parking ticket? That's not President Trump's fault. The Philadelphia Parking Authority is a state agency, with Governor Tom Wolf appointing the Board of Directors.

Upset that soda costs twice as much at the Fresh Grocer when compared to your grocery store at home? That's not Speaker Nancy Pelosi's fault. Blame the Philadelphia City Council and Mayor Jim Kenney, a La Salle graduate of the class of 1980.

Unhappy with the taste of your tap water, sometimes facetiously known as "Schuykill Punch?" Chief Justice John Roberts can't help you out. The Philadelphia Water Department, a city utility, is responsible for providing clean tap water to the entire city.

Feel unsafe walking around the corner of Chew Ave. and Uber St.? Believe it or not, that is not La Salle Public Safety's fault. The Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) is responsible for policing the off-campus areas adjacent to La Salle. Casting a broad net as to why there is crime in the community around La Salle, one might find a poor educational system, over-policing and mass incarceration to be a few of the many potential causes crime exists in the city of Philadelphia.

Taking each of those in turn, the city and Pennsylvania are both heavily responsible for the School District of Philadelphia, ensuring that schools are adequately funded and providing a quality education — two areas that often fall short for our city's public schools. Again, that bears heavy responsibility for issues of policing and mass incarceration. The city has oversight on the PPD and the Philadelphia District Attorney directly controls incarceration rates by determining who to prosecute and how.

The issues of school funding and mass incarceration are arguably linked; if a zealous district attorney pursues vast quantities of convictions, prison populations will increase dramatically. Throwing people in prison is expensive, very expensive. And high prison populations put a strain on a state's limited resources, some of which must be allocated towards education.

Local elections matter. The men and women that we will elect this November to the Philadelphia City Council and the Mayor's office will enact legislation and ordinances that impact our daily lives. Those we select to be our judges will have immense powers over us. Judges literally oversee the removal of liberty, property and even life from those who come before them in court. Other offices, such as city commissioner, sheriff and register of wills, are equally important in their own right.

La Salle students did right last year by turning out to the polls in record numbers, but it is now time to capitalize on that success and turn out for the often-overlooked city elections. The deadline to register is very soon: Oct. 7, 2019. Everyone should ensure that they are registered ahead of that deadline; any citizen who lives in a residence hall or off-campus should consider registering to vote at their campus address. Not only is it more convenient to vote in person here in Philadelphia, but it is the decisions of this Philadelphia government that impact our daily lives and we should exercise our political voice in shaping that government.

Letters, guest columns and opinion pieces will be considered for publication provided that they meet with the editorial standards of The Collegian and fit the allotted space. All letters must be signed and received by the end of the day Tuesday to be considered for the current issue. The Collegian reserves the right to condense or edit submissions. Weekly editorials reflect the views of the editorial staff and are not representative of the university or necessarily the views of the rest of the Collegian's staff. Columns and cartoons reflect the views of the respective writers and artists.

Why the last weekend of September is very important for the Puerto Rican community

Christian Camacho
Staff

This past weekend, the Puerto Ricans in Philadelphia celebrated the Puerto Rican Day parade. This parade takes place on the last weekend of every September in different neighborhoods around Philadelphia. One of the most famous, in the opinion of many Puerto Ricans that live within the northern part of Philadelphia, is the long strip that is at the intersection of Second and Lehigh.

At the parades, you can find a wide variety of Puerto Rican flags for sale and stapled onto long pieces of plywood. Growing up in the northern part of Philadelphia, going to these Puerto Rican Day parades was one of the highlights of any young Puerto Rican child's year. At different parades that are held across the city, you get a different feel of Puerto Rican culture itself.

Puerto Rico is home to many different towns such as Ponce, Yabucoa, Humacao and San Juan. Depending on what part of the city you go to, you can get an idea of how the people were raised based upon how they celebrate the parade. The food at these parades are out of this world. Prices range from one to three dollars, and you can get anything from chicken on a stick, which is what we call a Pincho, or something called a pastelito, which is called empanadas in other Hispanic areas; it is basically chicken wrapped in dough and it is extremely delicious.

However, when Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico two years ago, it seemed that the Puerto Rican Day parade had taken a different stance on celebrating the Puerto Rican culture. It was seen that everybody had come together as one. Videos have circulated on social media of communities in Puerto Rico supporting one another. Close to 3,000 people have died in the horrific hurricane that hit Puerto Rico, and the electricity outages have increased more than what they already were before Hurricane Maria struck. Homes were destroyed and beaches were tarnished. Families were separated in the aftermath because they could no longer bear to be on the island of Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico received such little help and many critics say that this is due to the Jones Act of the United States. The Jones Act states that any territory or state within the US cannot receive any outside help at all. This proved to be very devastating for the citizens of Puerto Rico because, even with all the help that they are receiving from the US government, it still is not enough for them to go on with their daily lives.

After the hurricane hit, everybody came together as one in Philadelphia, and shared with each other stories and memories of their time when they were in Puerto Rico. Each year, the parades get more and more important as the island and the people themselves revive their spirits as to what hit their home so harshly. Over the summer, Puerto Rico held massive protests in regard to Governor Ricardo Rosselló. Protests were in regards to the governor's text messages being released and shown to the public as to how he held the situation in Puerto Rico, how poorly it was handled and how careless he was to the citizens of Puerto Rico. After he resigned from his position, and after the turmoil the Puerto Rican government had calmed down, citizens of Puerto Rico and Puerto Ricans in Philadelphia finally felt that justice had been served.

After the recent events that have happened in Puerto Rico, the question then stems to if Puerto Rico should be considered a state and a part of the US. However, upon multiple Supreme Court cases that have been held within the US in regards to Puerto Rico, it seems that statehood is possible as it is in the best interest for the citizens in Puerto Rico. The years are numbered until Puerto Rico is considered a US state, and once that happens, issues, such as Hurricane Maria, can be resolved more efficiently and less deaths would be occurring.

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This year's Puerto Rican Parade was held on Sunday, Sept. 29.

The true definition of treason in America

The meaning is much more complex than many believe

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I remember when reports of Trump's dealings with the President of Ukraine came to light, my sister complained that the President had committed treason. The President himself also cried treason following the recent whistleblower report, saying, "Who's the person that gave the whistleblower the information? Because that's close to spy." Trump continued, "You know what we used to do in the old days, when we were smart, right? The spies and treason? We used to handle it a little differently than we do now." The words "traitor" and "treason" have lost their legal weight, becoming watered-down versions of themselves used for political mudslinging. I feel as though my sister, Trump and the general public lack understanding of what treason truly is.

Treason is narrowly defined in Article III, Section 3 of the US Constitution, which states that "treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or confession in open court." Chief Justice John Marshall further established in 1807 that treason must be a physical act: "Conspiracy is not treason. To conspire to levy war, and actually to levy war, are distinct offences." Basically, the only way for a US citizen to commit true treason against the United States is to commit an act of war against the US, or provide physical support for a US enemy with the purpose of starting or aiding an anti-US war.

The term "enemy" is also closely defined by the US government to be a nation or an organization with which the United States is in a declared or open war. "Enemy" does not apply to nations with whom the US has strained relationships with during times of peace. Individuals have been charged with treason during times of war, World War I and World War II for example. However, it was difficult to charge individuals with treason during the Cold War, which was not a physical war between the US and the Soviet Union. Even the famous Rosenbergs — who were American citizens executed for spying on behalf of the USSR — were not brought down by treason charges; they were sentenced for conspiracy and espionage.

Treason is the highest crime an individual can commit against civil society, as it operates with the end goal of drastically damaging the national government and the order and stability that it provides. Logistics aside, it is difficult to commit under legal definitions. In 2019, the US is only directly involved in one major war, defined as 10,000 or more deaths in the current or past year: the Afghanistan Conflict. Even though the United States has a rocky relationship with countries such as Russia and Saudi Arabia, the US is officially at peace with these countries. Unless a war breaks out, it is not legally possible for US citizens to commit treason while aiding these nations.

So as much as Democrats may like to cry "treason" if it is found that Trump colluded with Russia, that is not a treasonable offense. It is also not treason if it is found that Trump used his office as President to pressure a foreign leader for personal gain (that is still illegal, just under different laws). The person who filed the whistleblower report also did not commit treason (but that is not even in violation of any US laws because it went through proper procedure). We live in a post-fact "Fake News" era where nothing really has meaning. I think, as an active member of the American Public, it is important that we keep in mind the legal meanings behind our words.

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Trump and others have used the word "treason" improperly.

Honors project gains popularity as campus TV show

Seniors discuss inspiration and work done for project

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One of La Salle TV's latest shows has been quickly gaining popularity on YouTube, reaching nearly 200 views on YouTube the first day it was uploaded. It also happens to be the honors project of two seniors. "Roger on the Quad" follows Roger Malerba, a senior biology major, around the most populated area on campus where he interacts with students and staff, surprising them with planned antics for the show. Tyler Pitis, senior communication major, is the camera man that captures all of the hilarious interactions, as well as the editor for the show. "The tone of the show is supposed to be raw and unedited, so I have to run after Roger not using a tripod and stay as still as possible," shared Pitis. "But if you watch the episodes, you can sometimes hear my obnoxious laugh or see the camera shake after a particularly funny joke."

Malerba and Pitis both decided to choose this format as their honors project after watching and bonding over shows like "Billy on the Street" and "Impractical Jokers."

"We loved the randomness of it and getting such genuine reactions out of people by taking them by surprise," said Pitis.

Malerba recalled the moment they decided to run with the idea for "Roger on the Quad" as their project for the semester. "Right before the HON 499 information session, I had watched an episode of 'Billy on the Street,' and during the session, I leaned over to tell Tyler about something I saw on the show," Malerba explained. "It was at that moment I first thought, 'What if we made our own TV show?'"

While Pitis has been involved in filming and editing as a communication major, Malerba was not too familiar with the process of creating a TV show for their honors project. "I knew I didn't want to do the traditional biology major research project; however, I did not expect to stray this far from my major," shared Malerba. "I am grateful that the honors project has allowed me to pursue, learn and produce work way outside of my realm of study."

Even though the show features Malerba in spur-of-the-moment conversations, there is a significant amount of planning that goes into "Roger on the Quad," brainstorming ideas for bits on the show as well as how it should be edited for the final product. "We have been out filming every week since the beginning of the semester. It takes a lot more than just going out and filming to make something like this happen, so all the behind-the-scenes work has been very enlightening for me," said Malerba. "I give all the credit to Tyler because he is a magician with that stuff."

The first episode alone is comprised of three weeks of shooting. Whenever any footage was collected throughout those three weeks, Pitis compiled it all together and selected which parts of the footage would be best to include in the show. "Roger and I also designed and created all of the graphics, transitions and music from scratch, which also took a long time," Pitis shared.

Since its debut on Sept. 27, "Roger on the Quad" has shocked both Malerba and Pitis for its popularity and the positive feedback it has received from viewers. "I was a little nervous that Roger and I would be the only people that found it funny, but even people that barely know us told us they think it's funny," said Pitis.

Less than a week since it was uploaded, the show is now reaching almost 300 views and counting. It has been shared on social media and people have asked when the next episode is coming. "I am constantly being stopped or getting messages from people telling me how the first episode made their day," said Malerba. "It makes me smile every time someone tells me how they were cracking up or they recite a line."

While Malerba and Pitis both wish to keep the content of the second episode a secret, they are looking forward to viewers seeing what antics the show will feature next. "My favorite segment that we've shot so far involves Roger meeting a faculty member that neither of us have ever met," said Pitis. "In general, you can expect more of the same, and hopefully better because we're always trying to improve."

Malerba also shared that the footage in the second episode contains some of his favorite scenes that were captured since starting the project. "If you liked the first episode, be prepared to laugh at the second. It has many of my favorite moments from filming so far, and it's definitely not one you want to miss!"

"Roger on the Quad" can be watched on YouTube at La Salle TV Philly. Be sure to look out for episode two that is planned to post in late October.

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La Salle TV Philly via YouTube

The honors project follows a similar format to the show "Billy on the Street."



La Salle TV Philly via YouTube

Malerba asks students to sign fake petitions in the first episode.



La Salle TV Philly via YouTube

The show features Malerba asking people to wish Keanu Reeves a happy birthday.

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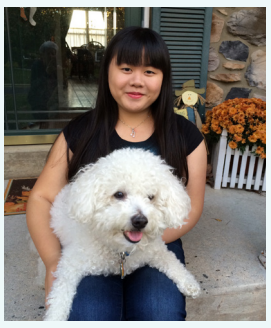
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What's the Biz with Liz

What is your favorite TV show to binge?

Liz Rafter
Editor

After a long week, what better way to relax than put on some pjs, pop a bag of popcorn (do not burn it (ESPECIALLY IN RESIDENCE HALLS)) and watch a show for the next five to seven hours. Yes Netflix, I'm still watching. I personally like to binge watch "NCIS" and "Criminal Minds." Here are some of your favorites!

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"Breaking Bad"

Tyler Hillman
Accounting
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"That 70s Show"

Anthony Capwell
International Business
Class of '22



"Grey's Anatomy"

Sara Donahue
Nutrition
Class of '22



"Running Man," a Korean variety show that's all about games and has a popular game called name tag elimination"

Ly Truong
English
Class of '20



"Stranger Things"

James Lewis
Information Technology
Class of '20

New director joins the La Salle Singers

Robert Ross discusses plans for Singers as he accepts new role on campus

Mackenzie Cyr
Staff

The La Salle Singers is a group of talented students that come together to share their gift and passion for music with the rest of campus. They perform winter and spring concerts, as well as at various events on campus. This year the Singers welcomed a new member into their group: new director Robert Ross.

Ross is a perfect fit for the group with his background in music and direction. Ross is an assistant professor of music at the Community College of Philadelphia where he teaches music theory and music history. He has quite a bit of experience directing choral groups, as he directs a choir at CCP and at two synagogues — Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park where he directs a High Holy Days choir and occasionally a men's choir. He also directs at Temple Beth Sholom in Cherry Hill, New Jersey where he runs a volunteer choir.

Ross also has some singing experience himself as he is a bass section leader in Christ Church, Ithan, in Villanova and was a bass section leader at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church in Wilmington, Delaware. While at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, Ross composed choir music for the church's introits, psalms, Gospel Acclamations and hymn descants.



La Salle University

Singers perform at campus events throughout the year.

Ross applied to be the Singers' director with the hope to add "a non-religious choir over and above the one at Community College... hoping for one with a bit more musical experience and background."

Once at La Salle, Ross got to work very quickly. The La Salle Singers' first performance was Sept. 27 at the Honors Convocation with very little notice. "I'm already very proud of them!" stated Ross.

Ross finds that his favorite thing about the La Salle Singers is that it is an activity and not a credit course.

Ross explains, "There is something liberating about that; I'm still trying to figure out what and why that is."

The goals that Ross has for the group this year are to keep people interested and have them working on good performing skills. He hopes to make a new and more engaging, quality concert in December that will hopefully attract more singers to the group. He wants to make the group more "accessible, interesting and challenging" to keep students involved. The most immediate goal for the group is to find a new accompanist.

The La Salle Singers and the rest of the La Salle community is excited to welcome Ross to La Salle. If you want to show off your voice or just want to find a place to practice your talents, come join the Singers in Olney 102 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:45 to 6p.m. If singing is not your thing, but you want to support the La Salle Singers, keep an eye out for the first Singers' concert in Dec., and other Singers events around campus. If you see Ross on campus, be sure to give him a warm La Salle welcome!

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Thomas Thornton

Singers performed at the Honors Convocation as the first performance of the semester. Photographed to the left of the students is Robert Ross.

La Salle helps students at Mightyfest

Christina DeLullo
Staff

Sixty-five literacy and writing tables lined the outskirts of Aviator Park across from the Franklin Institute on Saturday, Sept. 28, for the free second Annual MightyFest Literacy Carnival hosted by the non-profit Mighty Writers. Mighty Writers designed MightyFest as a way to connect with students in the community to educate them on how reading and writing can be fun.

This year, MightyFest contained various free activities for students of all ages to engage in. Activities ranged from learning mindfulness practices, poetry writing and journalism. I volunteered at the Mighty Media Central tent with La Salle Communication professor Queen Muse. At the event she introduced her own public relations services, The Queen Muse, LLC, that launched March 2019. She has been a Mighty Writers volunteer since 2015, but she had an interest in joining the organization since she heard of it six years ago. This was Muse's first time tabeling at the event and first time representing her own company. To table at the event, there was a fee; however, Muse pitched a social idea they liked. She was sponsored and was able to have a table at MightyFest for free.

Muse was delighted to work the event o get inspiration for her own LLC. Queen Muse encouraged students to volunteer at events like MightyFest to get a glimpse into the life of something. "Overall what we are doing today is communicating," said Muse, "its people sharing information and resources about what they do and what their organization does. Any student benefits from that."

As student Media Central volunteers of MightyFest Brianna Santiago, junior public relations major and I were instructed to help students with their writing and interview skills. I loved how excited the students were after they worked up the courage to ask questions and how they actually pushed past their fear to enjoy and be passionate about the experience.

Catherine Buck, La Salle alum and current adjunct professor in the La Salle English Department, is currently the interim program manager of the Mighty Writers Camden location. The first time they branched out was their development of programs in Camden, and they plan on expanding to Newark N.J. as well as Atlantic City. Buck attended MightyFest for her first time as she felt it was a great location as it was central to the city. "I love how it's community focused and how so many organzations support writing. Organizations like Mighty Writers allow for students to explore their curiosities,"said Buck.

She informed me of how the first Mighty Writers non-profit location was established in Philly and has existed for 10 years. Buck sees writing as a viable career. She fell in love with writing as student at La Salle. Buck decided to join Mighty Writers this past summer because it teaches children how to discover the writing skills they already have within them; it is just about putting pen to paper. Buck loves the storytelling aspect of writing. She also said it's great to look for internships and volunteer at places like Mighty Writers to engage with the community first-hand and become a person young students could look up to.



Christina DeLullo for Collegian
La Salle's Mighty Writers booth

After assisting with the event and speaking to some of La Salle's very own empowering professors, I would honestly say that I would like to continue to help with Mighty Writers in the future. Students who are interested in volunteering with Mighty Writers have the opportunity to mentor middle and high school students on lots of different writing activities and take part in fun events like MightyFest. For more information on how to become a MightyWriters volunteer visit mightywriters.org.

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October Movie Buzz

I caught up with some La Salle students this week so see what October movies everyone was the most excited to see. October is usually a big month for horror movies, but it seems that this year Hollywood is more focused on family movies and thought-provoking darker films... oh, and also an action movie starring a young Will Smith.

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Addams Family — Oct. 11

"I'm excited to see Addams Family because even though there's been plenty of adaptations already, this one seems like a really fresh take on what's been done before."

-Audrey Walker
Class of 2022
Wednesday Addams fangirl



Maleficent: Mistress of Evil — Oct. 18

"I'm excited to see Maleficent: Mistress of Evil because I believe Angelina Jolie's cheekbones could kill."
-Moyo Shokunbi
Class of 2021
Cheekbone lover

"I want to see Maleficent: Mistress of Evil because Angelina Jolie's cheekbones could slice my skin."
Kayla Stevens
Class of 2022
Follower of the evil queen



Gemini Man — Oct. 11

"I'm really confused how they made Will Smith look young!"
Elyssa Loughlin
Class of 2020
Is really confused

"I'm kinda hyped for Gemini Man just to see the graphics they used for aging down Will Smith."
Kriztina Espinosa
Class of 2022
Has a crush on young Will Smith



President Trump uses Nickelback meme against Bidens, Twitter implodes

Elyssa Loughlin
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I never thought I'd have to write this sentence: on Wednesday, Oct. 2, Donald J. Trump, used a Nickelback meme format in an attempt to negate claims made by democratic frontrunner Joe Biden that his son is not colluding with Ukraine. The tweet, which was posted at 5:06 p.m., accrued over 5.5 million views and 200 thousand likes within the first two hours. Trump's tweet included a video that began an excerpt of a news clip from Des Moines, Iowa on Saturday, Sept. 28, where a reporter asked Biden if he had spoken to his son about his overseas business dealings, to which Biden replied, "I've never spoken to my son about his overseas business dealings." The video continues in the format of a beloved 2015 Vine titled "Look at this Graph." In this video, instead of showing a graph, a photo of Joe Biden, Hunter Biden and a "Ukraine Gas Exec" are shown. To top it off, the caption of the video is "LOOK AT THIS PHOTOGRAPH!" As of publication, it is the Commander in Chief's pinned tweet.

After Nickelback lead singer Chad Kroeger says "look at this photograph," and holds up a photo frame, the video zooms into the aforementioned picture, where three of the four men in the photo are given their labels: "Ukraine Gas Exec," "Joe Biden" and "Hunter Biden" respectively. An unidentified man stands between Biden and the "Ukraine Gas Exec," or UGE, in reference to the "uge" amount of respect I have for whoever the President employed to make such a golden piece of media. After identifying three of the four men, hearts appear over the heads of the Bidens and UGE, complete with quaint popping sounds to emphasize the camaraderie and love felt between the men, one of whom doesn't even have a name.

I feel that it is my moral duty to critique the President's pinned tweet and its contents. I have previously mentioned the contents of the video, but I did not mention just how well crafted it is. In tune with meme culture, the President uses a well-known format with a commonly known song to juxtapose the seemingly run of the mill interview with the absolutely groundbreaking evidence to negate the former vice president's claims in what can only be described as a devastating blow to Biden's campaign for office. The use of fades and zooms allows for the videos to be seamlessly woven together. The sound of the interview is quiet in comparison to the loud, jarring vocals of Kroeger. When the video then zooms in to the picture of the Bidens, the unnamed man the and unnamed UGE, it is obviously done to mask the switch from one video to another, but that doesn't mean it isn't great. The sound effects of popping hearts only add to the love that it is understood the Bidens have for the UGE.



@realDonaldTrump via Twitter
Above is Donald Trump's Biden family Nickelback meme.

The video, while proving next to nothing for most American citizens, has made people reconsider their allegiance to Trump nonetheless. "Dude, he's gonna be president again," an anonymous La Salle student and meme aficionado disclosed after being shown Trump's video. "He's cracked it. Hell, he has my vote."

User Jeff Yang, whose handle is @originalspin, quote tweeted the original video and captioned it "Articles of Impeachment: 1. Corrupt, lying racist and stain on the presidency 2. Fan of Nickelback." Andrew Feinberg and Breakfast Media White House reporter (@AndrewFeinberg) jokingly replied "That's a video, Mr. President."

It seems that Trump and his administration have the memes and the jokes to put them back on the right side of the memers. Let's see if it lasts until the election.

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From rock to something indescribable

A review of Joey Vannucchi's discography thusfar from a disillusioned fan



@joeyvannucchi via Instagram

Vannucchi sits dramatically in his recording area.

Jonathan Stauffer
Staff

Hello La Salle. Against all odds, I have been welcomed back to review more music. I've decided not to review anything that I won't be excited about, and after listening to a few bands I've never heard of on Spotify, nothing really caught my ear. So, rather than reviewing some music I have no biases towards, I'm going to review one of my favorite artists of all time. Lizzo.

Just kidding, I'm not reviewing Lizzo. I wouldn't have much nice to say. I feel justified in reviewing one of my favorites for two reasons. The first is that I'd be willing to bet that a solid 95 percent of people reading this have never heard of From Indian Lakes. That's the name of the musical project of Joey Vannucchi. Vannucchi writes, plays, records and produces the music himself, and From Indian Lakes is a direct reference to the town where he created his first album. The second reason that I don't think I'm cheating is because the specific EP that I'll be reviewing is most of what caused me to love Vannucchi's music in the first place. His first two albums, "The Man With Wooden Legs" and "Able Bodies," were fantastic rock albums consisting of heavy guitars and a mixture of yelling and smooth vocals that conveyed the desperate emotion represented in the lyrics perfectly. A third, slightly less heavy album, "Absent Sounds" continued the tradition of emotionally-burdened rock music. Even two acoustic EPs found a way to hold the same depth and urgency.

Then, in 2016, a new full-length album entitled "Everything Feels Better Now" came across as a betrayal to everything that made the previous albums so great. This album took on a more atmospheric "Dream Pop" feel. If you're a Star Wars fan and weren't quite sure what to make of "The Last Jedi," you know how I felt listening to this album.

The latest EP by From Indian Lakes is called "Dissonance / It Pulls You Up," and it was released on Sept. 20, 2019. This EP carries on what the last album started, which I would have expected to really disappoint me. However, when I first heard the song "ULS" from the EP, I was pleasantly surprised. It was almost as if something clicked. Where Vannucchi's older work attempted, and succeeded, to pull listeners through vast ranges of dynamic and emotion, the newer music focuses on creating an atmosphere and a well-defined mood.

"Dissonance / It Pulls You Up" shines because of the production techniques it shows off. Distortion and other strange guitar effects are layered with keyboards and synthesizers to create truly unique sounds. Every instrument seems to add its own texture to the mix. Vannucchi also has a gift for weaving rhythms together. On his early albums, the drums seemed to take second place only to the vocals as intricate rhythms shifted time and again through each song. The drum beats found here are not as complex as those past, but the way that the riffs played on different instruments work together is still master class.

The downside here is that each song seems to commit to one or two musical patterns. No song evolves much beyond the introduction of a few new sounds. As I said, it seems like each song aims to create a certain atmosphere instead of exploring highs and lows. This style of music definitely is not for everyone, and I really was not a fan at first.

In summary, go listen to From Indian Lakes. The earlier albums and acoustic EPs still have my heart, but something about "Dissonance / It Pulls You Up" helped me to accept the new direction of Vannucchi's style. I can now say I truly enjoy his entire body of work. If you enjoy the EP, stay tuned for the full-length album which is due Oct. 18.

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A sketch a day makes all the difference

"Inktober" 2019 has officially begun and here's how you can get involved

Jake Eiseman
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"The more things you finish, the closer you get to perfection some day," said illustrator Jake Parker in an interview with "Art Side of Life." Parker is the founder of the popular internet art challenge "Inktober," and says that this quest for perfection is what led him to start the challenge. "Inktober" is a trend that has taken social media by storm the past few years, garnering omore than 4.5 million posts on Instagram alone in 2018. The concept for "Inktober" is very simple, but poses a true challenge for artists: draw something every day for a month. Artists are given a short prompt for every day of the month and are tasked with inking what that prompt inspires them to think about. There are only four rules for artists to follow: "Make a drawing in ink, post it, hashtag it with #inktober and #inktober2019 and repeat," reads the "Inktober" website.



@winter_ashly, Instagram

Digital Arts Club member sketched their interpretation of the day one prompt: ring.

Parker is an illustrator for children's books, comics and family films. Some of his most notable contributions are for "Marvel's Rocket Racoon," "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" and "Horton Hears a Who" the animated film. Parker started the challenge for himself as a way to gain motivation to continue drawing. According to the artist, art can be "finished, not perfect. It's more important to finish things at the cost of perfection." For many aspiring artists on the internet, "Inktober" poses a method for them to gain experience, exposure and a social media presence through the "Inktober" list of prompts that people will be seeking out. Parker says that some of his fondest memories are those of having a safe space to explore art creatively, which is what "Inktober" provides to anyone with an internet connection.

La Salle's Digital Arts Club has taken on the "Inktober" challenge. Members of the club have already been hard at work making their first three



@yandiangelart via Instagram

The club leader tries their hand at the ring prompt.

sketches, but this is not all they will be doing with the event. On Oct. 21, they will be hosting a workshop where students can share their favorite sketches from this month's challenge, as well as work on that day's prompt: treasure. The workshop will be held in Holroyd 182 at 3:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Yadierys Angeles-Figueroa at angelesfigueroay1@student.lasalle.edu before the day of the event to reserve a space. The Digital Arts Club is hard at work this year, promoting creativity and talent from all over campus. They typically meet a few times a month in workshops covering certain topics ranging from Adobe software to specific artistic techniques.

This "Inktober," give some sketches a shot, even if you are not typically an artsy type. Pick a prompt that interests you — or go for the long haul and do all of them — and make sure to tag @digartsclublasalle on Instagram so that your work can be shared with your fellow students.

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Inktober

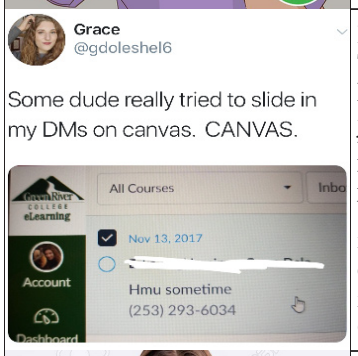
Above is the official list of sketch prompts for 2019.

How to Run an Instagram

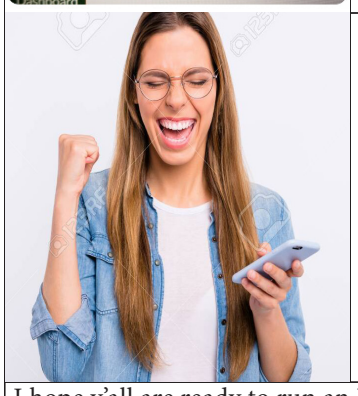
So not to brag or anything, but I've run a few Instagrams in my days. I was the founder of my high school marching band's Instagram, which got *pretty* popular. My cat also has an account which I manage (@baialyn) and she's pretty much an Insta baddie. Suffice to say, I know my way around an Instagram. Now, many Lasallian departments have become insta legends and with this rising popularity, some have started to let students run the accounts temporarily. Now I love all my Kicks buddies, so here's a few tips to have your Instagram run be the best there ever was.



Introduce yourself with a cute selfie
It's cuffin' season folks, and the perfect way to find yourself a new boo is to post a cute selfie on a huge Insta page. You'll connect with tons of students both in and outside of your department, so hopefully if your selfie is nice enough you'll get a few people slidin in the DMs. Or, because you probably shouldn't tag yourself, they might CANVAS message you or look you up on the Outlook directory. Either way, your first post will help the department get likes while also getting you a new boo.



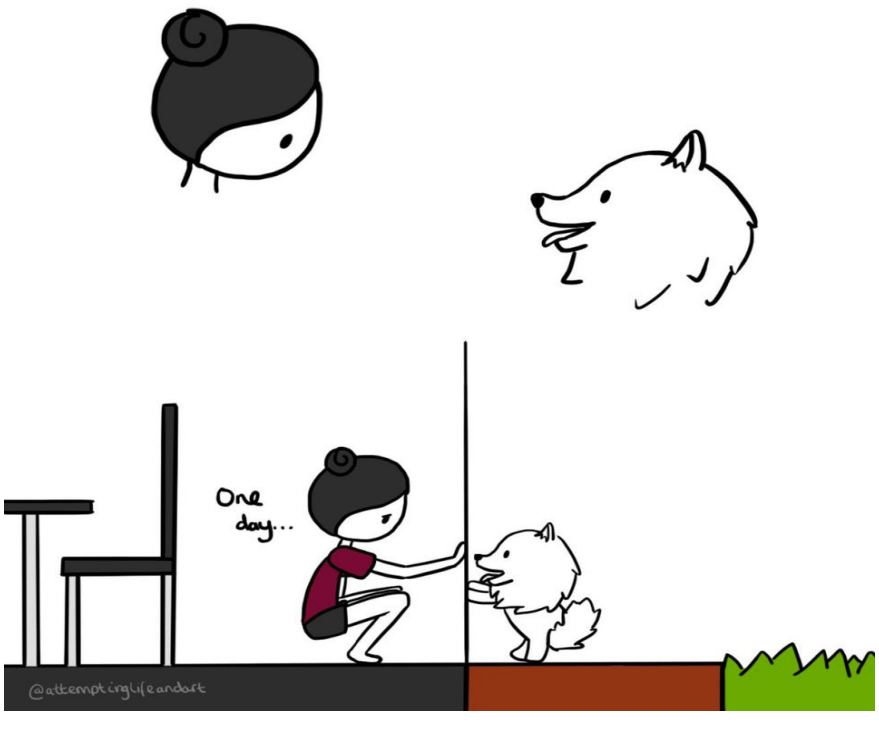
Post memes to seem #relatable
The one downside of running a departmental Instagram is that you'll have to post some stuff vaguely related to an academic field in order to justify your authority. The best way to kind of ameliorate the pain of having to do this, though, is to post a few corny memes. I'm sure if you look up #historymemes or #chemistryfun you'll find some slightly cringey, but ultimately funny things. Posting memes will help you to fulfill a requirement to the department, while also allowing you to have a tiny bit of fun. Plus, these memes will help you to seem more down-to-earth and not too uptight, so maybe that special someone really will slide in your CANVAS DMs.



Change the password and throw a coup
Running a popular Instagram is a lot of fun. People feel almost obligated to like the posts of a department's social media, so your phone just constantly blows up with attention and praise. You can't give that up, right? You don't want to go back to counting likes and follows on your small, private Instagram! You want to get some brand deals for free textbooks! That's why I think that before your time is over, you just need to change the password. Throw a coup and KEEP the Instagram. Nothing bad will come of this because as long as you've posted cute selfies and good memes, the masses will love you and will accept their new leader. That's basically what happened with Beyoncé when she left Destiny's Child — the same will apply to you.

I hope y'all are ready to run an Instagram, because I know I am. Catch me and a few others on @biologylasalleu next week.

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Why am I scared?
by AttemptingLifeAndArt

kicks

"Siri just doesn't even give people the chance to read anymore... WAZZZUUUP" -Rita

This Day in Club Penguin



Oct. 3, 2019

Today marks the day of a new Penguin Style: a SPOOKY Penguin Style. So grab your cowboy hats because it's time to yeehaw over to the Gift Shop and buy some costumes for Halloween. I hope y'all saved up, because I have about 10,000 coins saved to buy the best costume ever. Try me.

Send Emily to England <3

Dear Kickies,

Okay, so I might have to leave y'all in a bit because THE CASTLE FROM DOWNTON ABBEY IS OPEN AS AN AIRBNB FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY. LIKE WHAT. THEY'RE GIVING YOU A BUTLER TOO. AND IT ONLY COSTS $160. LIKE!!! ARE YOU KIDDING ME!!

I've always wanted to live in a castle. I STRONGLY identify with Queen Victoria — cute, temperamental and has a fierce love for her pets. Every time I forget my Hulu password I hit up PBS and get some of that royal TV crack. As I watch royals gossip and react way too dramatically to situations, I go into my own dream world of being a queen. I'd live in a castle with all of my Kicks readers in my court and just live in luxury. This new Airbnb stunt would fulfill ALL OF MY DREAMS. Well, it would fulfill like 20 percent, but still — THAT IS ENOUGH.

It's pretty clear I want to go to London to live in a castle for a night. So if y'all would be so kind just Venmo me around $3,000 so I can afford to travel to Britain and stay in a castle. (My Venmo is @eweintraut).

Sincerely,

Emily "Future Princess" Weintraut

Sudoku

Sudoku is my favorite brain-trainy thing. I promise I'll give you a prize if you finish this in less than 5 minutes. It's purely honor code, and no one has claimed the prize yet! I'm kind of getting sick of having to carry a prize with me every day, so please get a crack-a-lackin and win!

COMICS!

This is me with the stray cats outside of townhouses. Actually, I'm pretty sure this is all of us. I can't wait until La Salle just becomes a cat safe-haven and we all have our own stray.

Comments

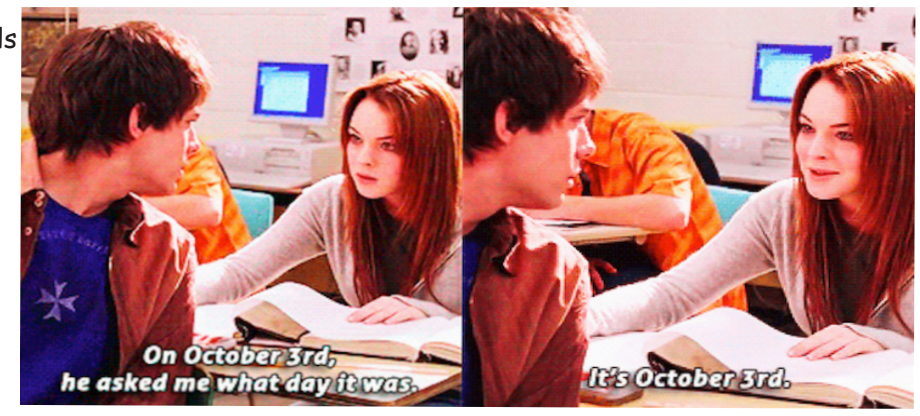
If any of you have any comments, submissions or want to give me some validation, email me at: weintraute1@student.lasalle.edu :)

IT'S OCTOBER 3RD

Cady: "On October 3rd, he asked me what day it was.

It's October 3rd."

-Mean Girls



CAKE

(:Hey CAKE is edited by Claire Kunzier. Here's stuff you probably don't need or want but are gonna get:)

Claire's FAVS of the Week

TWEET - "i was a four loko but he wanted a white claw - rupi kaur" @localfratrat
SONG - "Calling All the Monsters" - by China Anne McClain
QUOTE - "It's Frickin' Bats! I Love Halloween!." - Katie Ryan
BUZZFEED QUIZ - The WWE PPV You Plan Will Determine The Name Of Your Finishing Move
Halloween TV specials - "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody" - S1 EP19: "The Ghost in Suite 613"

Poorly Described Halloween Movies

Guess the movie based on this description!

A 90s bro is being a jerk and lights a candle that wakes up hungry sisters who wanna eat the bro's sister to live forever (plus more children that don't matter). But the bro's like witch, no. So he gets help from a cat and a zombie who help turn the witches into lawn decorations. And the bro and his sis live happily ever after with a girl who's out of the dude's league (tea). The end.

A. Twitches
B. Hocus Pocus
C. Halloweentown



MAD LIB

(because everyone loves a good mad lib)

Tonight is the night when all of the _____ (adjective) MONSTERS come out to _____ (verb). _____ (adjective) WITCHES with big _____ (noun) and _____ (color) shoes make potions and very SPOOKY brews. VAMPIRES with _____ (plural noun) and long red capes visit with friends and search for neck napes. OGRES and GHOSTS sometimes _____ (verb) and play, on this _____ (adjective) October day. All the TRICK-OR-TREATERS _____ (verb) and hunt for _____ (noun) and a scare, dressed up as princesses and cowboys here and there. Have a _____ (adjective) HALLOWEEN IN 2012!

SPOOKY CREATION BY: _____

StOrY tImE

In 2015, my brother dressed up like me for Halloween and I've never felt more attacked.
Here's a pic of it---------->



This week in La Salle sports

Swimming and Diving
at New England Catholic Invite
Fri.-Sat., Oct. 4-5, all day

Field Hockey
vs Saint Louis
Friday, Oct. 4, 3 p.m.

Volleyball
vs George Mason
Friday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.

Cross Country
at Paul Short Run
Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.

Men's Soccer
vs Saint Joseph's
Saturday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.

Field Hockey
vs Lock Haven
Sunday, Oct. 5, 12 p.m.

Women's Soccer
at Saint Joseph's
Sunday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m.

Volleyball
vs George Washington
Sunday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m.

Men's Golf
vs Matthews Auto
Collegiate Tournament
Sun.-Mon., Oct. 6-7, all day

Men's Soccer
vs Rhode Island
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.

Men's Tennis
at Navy Invitational
Thursday, Oct. 10, all day

Explorers earn first A10 win

James Wister
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The field hockey team had a busy weekend, making a trip down south to North Carolina for two tough road games against Davidson and Appalachian State.

On Friday, the Explorers were able to pick up their first Atlantic 10 win by defeating Davidson by a score of 3-0, dropping the Wildcats to 1-8 on the season.

The Explorers dominated the Wildcats by out shooting them 13-3 with seven of those shots making it on net for the Explorers.

Freshman Beau Bakker led the Explorers to victory, scoring her first two goals of the season.

Senior Amanda Chapin also added a goal in the victory bringing her season total up to two as well.

Senior goalie Emma Provost made her first start of the season and was able to stop the only shot on goal she faced to record a shutout of the Wildcats.

The win at Davidson was a great showing for the team as they dominated in every facet of the game. Hopefully this game was a sign of things to come as they showed they can be a force in the Atlantic 10 this year.

The Explorers then traveled out to Boone, N.C. to take on a strong Appalachian State Mountaineers team that entered the game with a 6-3 record in a non-conference matchup.

Unfortunately for the Explorers, they were unable to carry over their momentum from the last game and ended up falling to the Mountaineers 1-0 in a tightly contested game.

The only goal of the game was scored by Mountaineers' Michelle Taylor in the third quarter.

Until that goal, both teams had traded shots on goal with both goalies standing strong. Senior goalie Emma Provost made her second consecutive start in goal for the Explorers and despite the loss, still had a great showing accumulating seven saves.

The Mountaineers consistently pressured her recording nine total shots on goal throughout the game.

Senior forward Lauren Lechleitner led the charge on offense for the Explorers getting two shots on goal although she was unable to find the back of the net on either.

Freshman defender Noralie Dumont was the only other Explorer to tally a shot on goal.

After splitting their two games over the weekend, the Explorers now stand at 4-5 record on the season, but more importantly have a 1-0 conference record.

The team hopes to keep that conference record perfect with each of their next three games coming against conference opponents, all of which will be played at home on Hank DeVincent Field.

Their next game will be played Friday, Oct. 4 as they welcome the Saint Louis Billikens. The Billikens currently hold an 0-8 record entering the game and are led by Megan Rice and Grace Golembiewski, who are the only two goal scorers thus far on the season with one goal each.

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La Salle University Athletics

Senior Emma Provost had seven saves in losing performance.

Meet The Players: Men's Soccer

Jamie Smith
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As the Atlantic 10 conference games have just begun for the men's soccer team, two members of the team had to opportunity to sit down with junior Isaiah Clark, one of the producers of La Salle TV's "Sportsline". Sophomores Charlie Collins and Sam DeCencio were in the spotlight of last week's show. With both players showing impressive numbers for the 2019 season thus far, they were perfect candidates for an interview to sit down and give an insight into their season and personal stats.

DeCencio has been off to an amazing start as a midfielder, he has been recording several shots on goal having two assists and one goal already this season.

DeCencio scored his first collegiate goal this season against Fordham in a very close match. The goal forced overtime for the Explorers, who unfortunately were defeated in the second overtime period. He has two assists which totals four points so far in the season. He also has six shots on goal this season so far.

As for Collins, he has one assist under his belt so far this season as a defender which was a game-winning assist earlier in the season for La Salle.

In the game against LIU, Collins along with the rest of the defensive line limited LIU to only two shots on goal and contributed to the game shutout.



La Salle TV

Men's Soccer's Charlie Collins and Sam DeCencio sit down with La Salle TV's Isaiah Clark.

Collins and DeCencio are seen as the dynamic duo on and off the field. Both have proved themselves to be valuable members of the men's soccer team.

As the two sat down with Isaiah, DeCencio was asked about his first goal that forced overtime against Fordham in which he responded, "It was probably one of my favorite goals I've ever scored in my life to be honest."

Clearly proud of his achievement, Sam went on to talk about the shot. "Finally a ball just bounced perfectly to me, and the goalie was just off his line and it went in," Decencio stated.

As the interview went on, Collins was asked about how the defensive line works as a unit with sophomore goalkeeper Brett Werner. Collins responded, "He's always saving us just in case something happens," he continued, "it definitely makes me feel better having him back there." Going off of this statement, it's not hard to tell that the team has been starting to strive towards greatness this season and work more as a unit.

The two talked more about the team and gave more insight to the fun moments of being apart of it, which included telling all about the tradition the team shares of having the rookie members bust out some dance moves the bus ride home after the first road win of the season.

With both players already being a strong unit with their team on and off the field, it is hoped that the men's team carry out the rest of their season with nothing but success. We hope to see more of the men's team in the spotlight this 2019 season.

As Atlantic 10 play begins, the Explorers will be looking to return to the playoffs after missing the previous two seasons.

La Salle's next matchup is with Atlantic 10 and Soccer Six rivals Saint Joseph's Hawks on Saturday, Oct. 5 for Alumni Day.

To watch the full interview of Collins and DeCencio, check out "Sportsline" every Thursday at 10 p.m. on La Salle TV, full episodes are also available on Youtube at La Salle TV.

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Water Polo drops three games

Senior night ruined by 24-14 loss to John Hopkins

Sam Long
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La Salle men's water polo played three games in the past week against Wagner, George Washington and Johns Hopkins.

All three games were losses for the Explorers, but the team remains optimistic and hopes to bounce back.

In the game against Wagner, the Seahawks took an early 3-0 lead.

Junior Daniel Domotor quickly responded and put one on the board to make the score 3-1.

Not soon after Wagner scored two more uncontested goals to make the score 5-1.

Sophomore Tyler Williams scored three goals in the second quarter, and senior Jacob Camacho and junior Karl Miller each adding one goal, helped the explorers made the game closer, with a score of 9-6 going into halftime.

The third quarter opened with a shootout with each team scoring two one right after another.

Wagner netted one more goal, and La Salle answered with two more to make the score 12-10 going into the fourth quarter.

Wagner opened the fourth with two more goals, which were quickly answered by two goals from senior Luke Waechter.

The Seahawks scored one more goal to end the game with a score of 15-12.

In the second match of the week, La Salle had a wet and wild game against George Washington.

The match started with the Explorers and Colonials each scoring one goal.

It was slow until George Washington rattled off five uncontested goals.

The Colonials opened the second quarter with two more goals, and then senior Jeff Brady and freshman Callin Chimilar answered with two La Salle goals.

George Washington scored three more to bring the score to 11-3 at halftime.

The Colonials scored right at the start of the second half and La Salle senior Luke Waechter scored one also.

George Washington went on a tear after, scoring five more goals to put the score at 17-4 going into the fourth quarter.



La Salle University Athletics

Explorers losing streak extends to five.

Each team scored two more times in the fourth quarter to make the final score 19-6.

The last match of the week was also La Salle's senior night against Johns Hopkins.

The Explorers came out shooting against the Blue Jays, with sophomore Tyler Williams and junior Daniel Domotor both netting goals.

Johns Hopkins answered with a goal of their own, which was soon followed by another pair of goals by Tyler Williams and Daniel Domotor to make the score 4-1.

The teams traded another pair of goals before the Blue Jays scored two more to make it closer.

Johns Hopkins kept the momentum going as they scored six uncontested goals to open the second quarter.

Junior Ash Lynne scored a goal for the Explorers in an attempt to slow the Blue Jays down. They responded with two more goals to go into the half with a 12-6 lead.

Johns Hopkins scored ten more goals in the third quarter with La Salle only scoring two to make the score 22-8.

In the fourth quarter, La Salle went on a 6-2 run to end the game with a score of 24-14.

The water polo team has the week off, with plenty of time to rest up for their matches against George Washington on Oct. 11, Navy on Oct. 12 and Johns Hopkins again on Oct. 12.

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Athlete of the Week



Jenna Soriano

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Junior Jenna Soriano scored two game-tying goals this weekend as the women's soccer team defeated Richmond and Duquesne in overtime affairs.

On Thursday, the Explorers were down 1-0 until the Explorers drew a foul inside the penalty box, setting up a penalty kick. Soriano came up and outsmarted the goalkeeper to bury it in the back of the net. The goal tied the game allowing redshirt-senior Maci Bower to score for the game winning goal in overtime.

Three days later, the Explorers found themselves behind again this time 2-1 to Duquesne. With a free kick opportunity about 20 yards out. Soriano stepped up and found the top left corner to the net to even the game up. The game remained 2-2 until junior Amirah Louketis scored in double overtime for another Explorer walkoff win.

These were Soriano's first two goals of the season. Adding that to her one assist puts her fourth on the team in points

Next up for the women's soccer team is VCU on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. as part of the Fall Tailgate series.

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Volleyball opens Atlantic 10 play 1-1



La Salle University Athletics

Senior Devin Corah's 19 kills leads Explorers to first A-10 win.

Sean Kelly
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Women's volleyball began their conference schedule as they had a pair of road trips to VCU and Davidson on Sept. 27 and Sept. 29, respectively.

The Explorers began their A-10 conference schedule at VCU, and the game began with a tight battle as the Rams were up 10-8. The Explorers added two more to tie things up, but VCU would go on a 9-3 run.

La Salle answered back and went on a 5-1 run to cut VCU's lead down to two. VCU then scored four to La Salle's three and had a 24-21 lead.

A kill by senior Catherine Edgington and a VCU attack error made the match fascinating, but VCU found a kill to take the first set, 25-23.

La Salle started adding points to the scoreboard in the second set as they took an early 5-3 lead.

However, VCU answered back and went on a dominating 11-3 run.

The Explorers found at least one point, but it was all VCU as they went on another run, this time a 6-2 rally.

As the Explorers were down 20-12, they were struggling to add points and VCU ultimately took the second straight set, 25-15.

The third set began close once more, but VCU jumped to a 11-6 lead.

The Explorers knew they had to do something, so they went on a run similar to VCU's: an 11-6 run.

The set would be tied up at 17, but it was back and forth between each team holding the lead at points.

A kill by senior Devin Corah gave La Salle some life as the Explorers won the third set, 25-23.

The fourth set was all La Salle as they jumped to a 14-7 start. VCU cut the Explorers' lead down to four, but the Explorers continued to dominate as they went on an 8-3 run, putting the score at 21-12.

The Rams narrowed the score to 23-16, but a pair of kills by junior Samantha Graver gave La Salle another victory and tied the series 2-2 by a score of 25-16.

The Explorers gave the fifth frame by taking a 3-2 lead. VCU took La Salle's lead and went on an 8-3 run.

The Explorers cut their lead to two as they were down 10-8, but VCU added four straight points after that.

After two errors committed by La Salle, the VCU Rams took the final set, 15-10 and bested the Explorers 3-2.

Redshirt freshman Sarah Nahas tallied career-highs that game in assists (29), and digs (12) for her first collegiate double-double.

La Salle traveled to the next state south, as they took on the Davidson Wildcats in their second game of Atlantic 10 conference.

The Explorers started things with a 4-1 lead, but Davidson answered and took a 6-5 lead.

The majority of the set consisted of each team taking turns taking the lead without going over two points.

That streak snapped when the Explorers went on a three-point run to take the lead at 22-19.

Even though the Wildcats outscored the Explorers 4-2, a kill by freshman Marisa Guisti helped the Explorers take the first set, 25-23.

Davidson earned the first two points in the second set, but La Salle gained momentum as they went on an eight-point run.

The Wildcats would crawl back to cut La Salle's lead to four, but the Explorers would not let them get close.

After a seven-point run by La Salle giving them the lead at 22-11, Davidson could not recover and La Salle won its second straight set, 25-14.

La Salle started the third set with three straight points over Davidson, but the Wildcats responded with a 9-1 run.

The Explorers bounced back with an 8-4 run to maintain the La Salle lead by one.

La Salle struck their gold, as they went on a 8-1 run, which included four kills by Corah.

Five straight points were added to the scoreboard for the Explorers, and they swept the Wildcats in the final frame, 25-17, to record its first conference win of the season.

The Explorers will finally return home to Philadelphia to host George Mason on Friday Oct. 4 at 7pm, and George Washington on Sunday Oct. 6 at 1pm.

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Katie Wood has 37 assists.



La Salle Class of 1988 Alumni, Cheryl Reeve earns WNBA Executive of the Year.

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Men's Water Polo struggled to hold anyone back as they allowed 57 goals in three games.



COLLEGIAN SPORTS

Two overtime winners for women's soccer

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The women's soccer team (6-4-1, 2-1 A10) earned wins against both Richmond (5-4-2, 2-1 A-10) and Duquesne (3-4-2, 1-2 A10) this past week.

First, the Explorers traveled to Richmond to take on the Spiders in their second Atlantic 10 game of the season on Sept. 27.

Richmond won their first conference game of the season on the road against U-Mass, 2-1 and went 3-3-1 in the month of September.

The Explorers entered the game with an even 3-3 record for the month and lost their first A10 game to George Washington at home 3-1.

Richmond struck first in the sixth minute of play. The Spiders' Alyssa Walker headed a cross past junior Claudia Jenkins for the early lead.

The Explorers had their chances and outshot Richmond 7-3 in first half and managed to even the score on a penalty kick in the 42nd minute of play. Junior Jenna Soriano scored the goal, marking her first of the season.

The game went into halftime tied 1-1.

Both teams were quiet on the offensive side in the second half as the game went into overtime.

In the first five minutes of the extra period, La Salle fired two shots and had one corner kick opportunity.

In the 90th minute, redshirt senior Maci Bower beat a defender one-on-one to give the Explorers their first A10 win of the season. The goal was her fifth of the season.



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Redshirt Senior Maci Bower scores game winner in overtime.

Junior Claudia Jenkins made six stops in net. The Explorers held the edge in shots (15-11) and corners (8-3).

The team returned home to face Duquesne on Sept. 29.

The Dukes entered the game 3-2 in the month of September with one of their losses coming against 14th ranked North Carolina State (5-4-2, 0-1-2 ACC). Duquesne started conference play 1-1 with a win against VCU (7-3-1, 1-2 A10) and a loss to Davidson (7-3-2, 2-0-1 A10).

Duquesne took the lead in 11th minute on a goal from Deena DeBaldo. They added to their lead in the 30th minute to go up 2-0.

Undeterred, the Explorers got one back a few seconds later on a goal from senior Jess Shanahan. The goal was her second of the season and was assisted by junior Amirah Louketis.

La Salle tied up just two minutes later on a free kick goal from Soriano.

The offense slowed down in the second half and the Explorers once again found themselves in overtime.

Duquesne had two shots on two corner kicks, but were unable to convert, pushing the game into a second overtime.

Early into the second overtime, Louketis broke the tie to win the game for the Explorers, 3-2. Freshman Leah Giles earned the assist, her fourth of the year.

La Salle's A10 efforts continue against VCU on Thursday at home. The Rams opened their season with four consecutive wins, but struggled in conference play with losses to Duquesne and St. Louis. They managed to bounce back with a 5-1 win over George Mason. VCU has been strong on the road with a record of 4-1-1 so they look to test the Explorers who are 3-2 at home.

That game gets underway at 7 p.m.

The Explorers face St. Joseph's (4-6-1, 1-2 A10) on the road Sunday, Oct. 6. The Hawks have struggled as of late, dropping five of their last six. St. Joe's is 2-2 at home this season and the Explorers will hope to capitalize on their recent struggles. The Explorers take on the Hawks at 1 p.m.

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Men's soccer win and tie in overtime games

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After taking a loss in their first A10 Matchup of the year, the men's soccer team looked to bounce back this week against Duquesne at McCarthy Stadium.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, the Explorers took on the Dukes under the lights at 7 p.m. and both teams were eager to get the game underway.



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Explorers win off goal by sophomore Omari Corterell.

La Salle, without a doubt, dominated the game as they rifled off 16 shots in comparison to the Dukes' six shots, three of which landed on goal.

While the fouls for both teams were equal at 18 apiece, the corner kicks were not as the Explorers doubled the Dukes' three corner kicks with six of their own.

Sophomore Omari Cotterell, freshman Isak Sedin and transfer sophomore Nigel Buckley once again proved their dominance on the pitch as Cotterell was able to fire off seven shots, while Sedin had three and Buckley sent two towards the keeper.

The game got off to a quick start as forward Buckley scored a beauty just two minutes and four seconds into the action assisted by Sedin and sophomore Ike Hollinger.

This early start definitely set the tone for the rest of the game.

However, their momentum was slowed when Duquesne senior defender Zach Hall netted one just 16 minutes later.

The 6-2-1 Dukes did not go down without a fight as the game went back and forth until overtime rolled around.

That's when six minutes into overtime, Cotterell made a brilliant steal, put a skill on three defenders and put one into the side netting to win the game in overtime for the Explorers.

This earned La Salle their first conference win of the season.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, the Explorers took NJIT at McCarthy Stadium.

Once again, the game got off to a rather quick start. Seven minutes in, La Salle defender, sophomore Charlie Collins committed a foul in the box that resulted in a penalty kick goal for NJIT scored by Rene White.

The Explorers wouldn't let that get to them. They bounced back after redshirt freshman Colin Bateman assisted senior captain Pat McCarthy on a wonderful goal to tie it up in minute 11.

NJIT, however, would not be stopped as White came back with yet another strike to put them up one in the 19th minute.

Both teams then battled for the remaining 26 minutes until the whistle was inevitability blown for halftime.

This time, it was La Salle's turn to put a goal on the board as redshirt freshman Colin Bateman was able to get a goal for himself this time, assisted by sophomore Connor Sweeney.

The game then ended in a draw as both teams did not score in either overtime period.

This brought the Explorers' record to 5-4-1 on the season and 1-1-1 in overtime games this season, all of which occurred in the last two weeks.

The highlight of this week was, without a doubt, Cotterell's new title of A-10 and Philly Soccer Six Player of the Week for Sept. 22-28.

Also, freshman goalkeeper Carlos Mora earned A-10 Rookie of the Week and Soccer Six's Defensive Player of the Week for Sept. 22-28 thanks to his 2-0 record, one shutout, and 0.48 goals against average.

The Explorers will host Saint Joseph's on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. before heading up to Rhode Island to a contest aginst the URI Rams on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

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