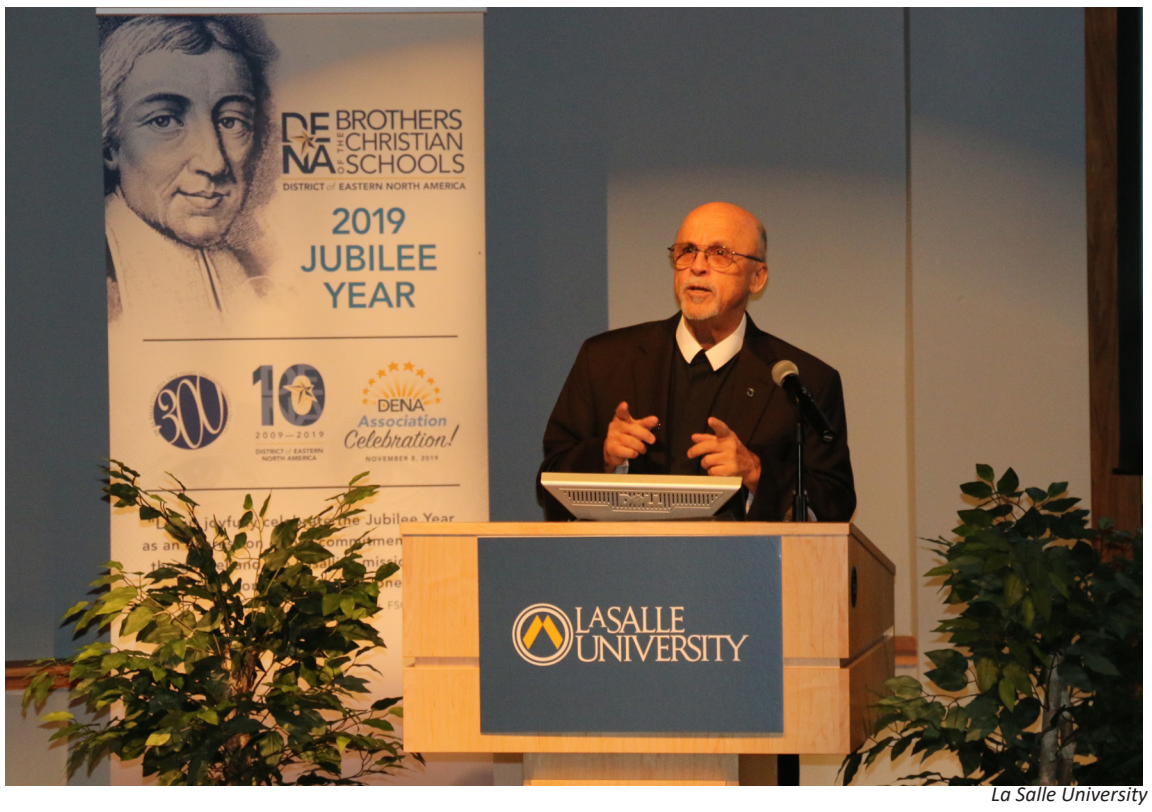
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Superior General comes home

Brother Robert Schieler, FSC, returns to his alma mater to celebrate the tenth anniversary of DENA of the Brothers of the Christian Schools



La Salle University

Brother Schieler spoke to a full house in the Founders' Hall auditorium on Friday, Nov. 8

Chris Camacho
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On Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, Superior General Brother Robert Schieler, FSC, had returned to his alma mater, La Salle University. Brother Robert Schieler, FSC is the current Superior General for the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The arrival of Schieler gained the attention of all of the Lasallian institutions and Brothers in the North Eastern part of the United States. His arrival and lecture was broadcast live to all in the Lasallian world. Schieler came to visit La Salle University and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the District of Eastern North America (DENA) Association. He was joined by a number of other brothers, including Brother Dennis Lee, Visitor of DENA and a trustee of La Salle University.

DENA is a community of over 250 Brothers of the Christian Schools and over 5,000 Lasallian partners and associates, who together sponsor and operate more than 30 ministries in the northeast region of the United States and Toronto. Even though DENA started off fairly small, its goal was to reflect the true identity of what it means to be a Lasallian and what it means to live the mission of St. John Baptiste De La Salle and to follow the values of a Lasallian.

The day started with a prayer and Schieler's keynote presentation for all of the students and faculty members in attendance on his journey as a Lasallian and the Lasallian network around the world.

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Explorers take two conferences by storm

Rita Offutt
Editor

Over the past two weeks, two seperate groups of La Salle students represented the school at national conferences in Chicago and New Orleans. Seniors Taylor Kauffman and Lauren Morrell attended Beta Gamma Sigma's Global Leadership Summit in Chicago from Oct. 31 – Nov. 3. Kauffman, an accounting major and finance minor, and Morrell, who has majors in mathematics and risk management, attended conference sessions and networked with other students from across the country to develop critical thinking and presentation skills. The theme of the weekend was "The Future of Work."

Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) is an academic honor society. The BGS website describes the society as, "the international business honor society for AACSB-accredited schools, which are the top 5 percent of business school programs around the world." AASCB is shorthand for the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, which was founded in 1916 to provide accreditation to business schools. BGS and the AACSB have members in all 50 states and in 190 countries.

BGS describes the Global Leadership Summit as, "a premier annual event where hundreds of the highest achieving students… from around the world…gather for a unique learning experience." The website claims the conference "prepares you to meet all challenges" and offers three essential elements of the experience: learn, inspire, recruit. BGS promises worldwide networking, expert panelists, and greater visibility.

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Br. Joespeh Grabenstein

Schieler was awarded the Presidential Medal. From left to right, Br. Tim Coldwell, Br. Ernest Miller, Colleen Hanycz, Br. Schieler, and Br. Dennis Lee.



Emma Krall

All work and some play: when they weren't presenting, Garwood and Abbate embraced the local culture with some good old-fashioned beignets and Café Au Lait.

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Ambassadors and La Salle employee honored by PDAC

Elyssa Loughlin
Editor



Photo courtesy of Jasmine Oomen

The La Salle Ambassadors and June Robinson are being honored for twenty years of service to the community by the Police District Advisory council. On Wednesday, Nov. 13, the 35th and 14th police districts of Philadelphia held a reception for the Ambassadors and Robinson at the Alumni House at Peale House.

The Ambassador organization, whose motto is "students today, alumni tomorrow," was started in 2000 by current Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations and class of '99 alumnus Trey Ulrich. According to their website, the ambassadors "serve as liaisons between the student body, the administration, the alumni and the entire university community," which includes service to the police districts that serve La Salle.

Among the many events the ambassadors attend is the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, in which current and past ambassadors serve dinner to the police districts that serve La Salle. "I see it as a form of community outreach," giving and ambassador staff coordinator Francesca Vesper said. "We've been able to do this as a way to give back to the community, especially the men and women who keep us safe."

Robinson used to work at La Salle as the community outreach liaison, "which means she had to deal with unhappy neighbors," Ulrich said at the reception. "She was here for everything, even the 20th street protests."

Originally, Robinson coordinated the Thanksgiving dinner for the police districts a long time, a lot of the great things she did for the community weren't even recognized by the Lasallian community. "I saved all my money and got donations from local restaurants with a couple of local partners. When I started working at La Salle, Br. Mike [McGinnis] who was president at the time told me to run with it, and the students have been number one ever since," Robinson said. "I couldn't do it without them."

The event, which has been covered by local news channels, has been a favorite of the Ambassadors have been participating. It's one of the events in which they encourage those outside of the organization, especially new students, to participate. "It's been such a long-standing tradition to physically provide the police and the administrative workers at the precinct a meal, but it's much more than that," Vesper said. "Over the years, we've developed a nice enough relationship, so much so that we're being recognized by the police district advisory council."

Current president of the ambassadors, senior nursing major Erin Mars, said that the dinner "is a great way to meet the officers in the community and spread La Salle's presence. We also get to hear crazy stories from the officers that are about our peers, which makes giving thanks to them even more important." Senior marketing major and ambassador Mikayla Beaver echoed Mars' statements. "Thanksgiving dinner is the best way to get into the holiday spirit and give back to the people who serve La Salle's community." Gracie Turbitt, an ambassador and senior nursing major said "serving Thanksgiving dinner is one of my favorite parts of being an Ambassador. It's an honor to be able to give back to the men and women who protect us every day."

At the reception, Ulrich reflected on how, at times, the relationship between the police and La Salle should have been strained. The officers of these police districts have sustained serious, even deadly, injuries while protecting this community, but "[Robinson] and this dinner tradition have built the relationship between the ambassadors, officers and the community, even in those uncomfortable times," Ulrich said. "This has been a 20-year partnership, and a lot of that is from the bridges that June [Robinson] built."

The reception was attended by current and previous ambassadors, university advancement staff, Robinson and her family, Vice President for Student Affairs Dawn Soufleris, Vice President for University Advancement Cathleen Parsons-Nikolic, 14th district Captain Nicholas Smith and many other police officers from both districts. "Remember your Lasallian values," Robinson said to the crowd that had gathered for the occasion. "Remember to give love and respect and kindness.

"People are always focusing on what could go wrong in a community like this," Robinsin told The Collegian. "But interacting with the police has changed students' perspectives, which in turn has changed them."

The ambassadors and Robinson will be honored on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the men's basketball game against Temple at 2 p.m. in the Tom Gola Arena.

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Students represent University at globally attended conferences

CONFERENCE FROM FRONT

The conference aims to help students learn how to respond to contemporary workplace challenges, discover their unique value, connect with other BGS members and "future-proof" their careers. Notable alumni include banker and philanthropist David Rockefeller and the inventor of Pokémon Go, John Hanke.

Representatives from BGS chapters across the world came to the Global Leadership Summit, including students from Dubai, Slovenia, Mexico and Japan. During the four-day conference, attendees were able to listen to keynote speakers, participate in networking opportunities and workshop their career and personal development. Session topics included diversity in the workplace, ethical leadership and social emotional skill building. On the fourth day, attendees split into groups to participate in a competition that involved practicing leadership skills by reading a case, developing a solution to the problem and creating a presentation. Kauffman described the activity as "a cumulation of our learning and the opportunity to show our skills."

The following weekend, honors students Jacob Garwood, Bianca Abbate and Emma Krall travelled to the National Collegiate Honors Council conference in New Orleans. The National Collegiate Honors Council is an interprofessional network of faculty, staff, directors and students from honors programs across the world. The annual weekend-long conference hosts hundreds of academics who exchange ideas on the best practices in honors education, pedagogy and strategies for supporting students. Garwood and Abbate presented on Friday, Nov. 8. Their presentation centered around best practices for getting students to engage intellectually in a variety of campus forums. As an illustration for how to move fellow students from passive listeners to engaged participants, the pair concluded their presentation with a model forum on imposter syndrome, where they challenged attendees to implement the practices they had just been discussing. When describing the experience, Garwood said, "I am incredibly grateful for the experience, and it is a fantastic demonstration of the many ways that my Lasallian education has empowered me and helped be to develop as an academic. Bianca and I – to the best of our knowledge — were the only students presenting a general session without any faculty members or program directors."

Abbate continued, "[Garwood] and I had the idea of presenting at this conference since we both attended last year's conference in Boston. We thought it would be a long shot, but when our proposal was accepted, I was really excited to give it a go. Presenting, though, was only half the fun. When we weren't at the conference, we were exploring the rich culture of New Orleans. In fact, one of my favorite memories of the trip was the Uber ride back to the airport, when the driver — a native of New Orleans — told us all about the local culture and shared with us his Katrina experience. It was really touching."



Photo Courtesy of Taylor Kauffman

Morell and Kauffman represented La Salle at Beta Gamma Sigma's global leadership summit.

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La Salle celebrates 10th anniversary of District of Eastern North America

Brother Robert Schieler, FSC receives presidential medal

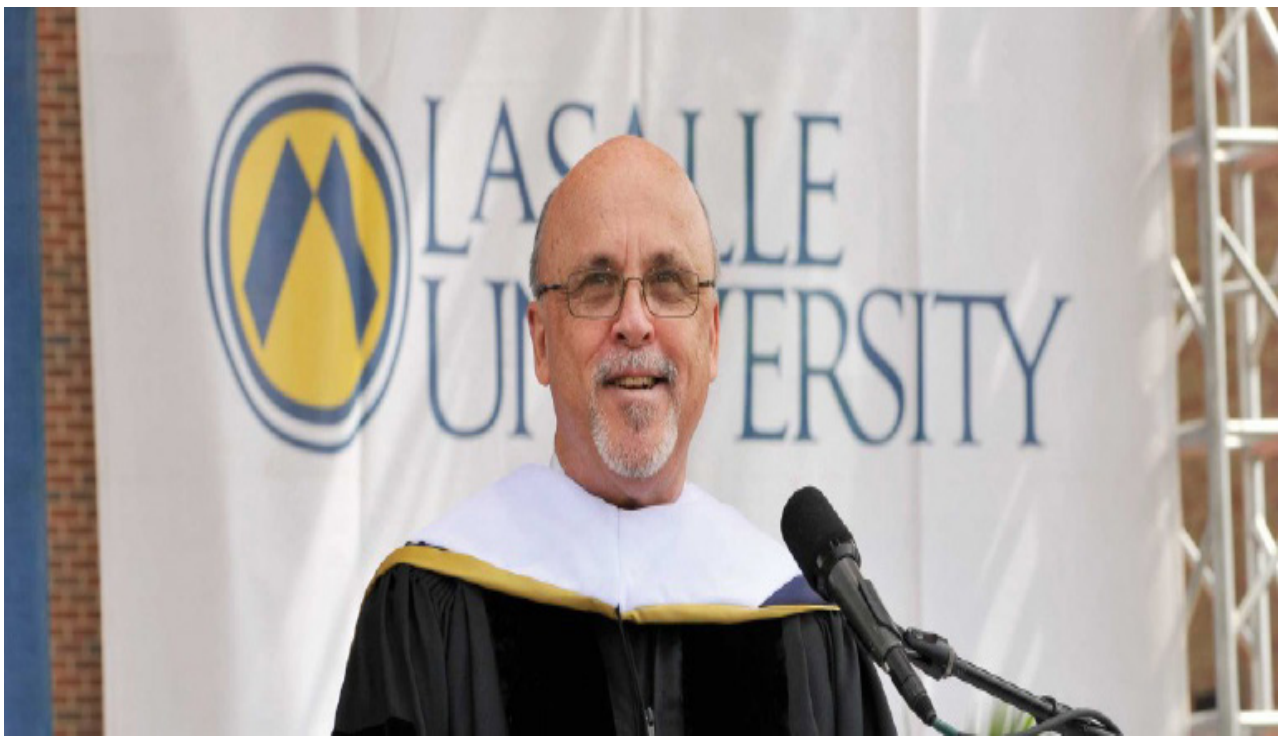
DENA FROM FRONT

Schieler spoke at length regarding the issues of poverty and Lasallian educational facilities opening up in countries that are in dire need for educational necessities. Schieler also spoke about issues concerning immigration. He quoted Pope Francis and said that the attitudes and perceptions of the immigration culture needs to be changed. This relates to the Lasallian mission because the culture of the Lasallian institutions bypasses the borders that are put up in our society.

After Schieler's keynote presentation, he went on to answer a few questions from members of multiple Lasallian institutions, ranging from progress of the Lasallian heritage to the adaption to change in an everchanging culture and also some tips on how to expose students to La Salle in values. A question then arose when a faculty member asked about how the Lasallian world plans on continuing the legacy of St. John Baptist de La Salle into the fourth century of the Brothers of the Christian Schools' existence. Schieler gave some responded with some suggestions, such as not waiting for Rome to take action within the Lasallian culture. He also mentioned that the community should avoid any type of gender discourse, especially in today's culture.

Association was one of the most important topics of the entire discussion; Schieler really wanted to place an emphasis on association to reflect upon what it means to be a Lasallian in today's culture.

Before the conclusion of the lecture, Brother Ernest J. Miller, FSC and President Colleen Hanycz presented the presidential medal to Schieler on the occasion of the DENA 10th association convocation. The medal is known as one of La Salle University's highest honors. It is given to individuals who have distinguished themselves to be professionally, socially or civically in line with the Lasallian mission and values.



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Brother Robert Schieler, FSC is a La Salle alumn who now acts as Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

After the lunch reception, Schieler visited St. Benilde Tower, where he was shown a poverty simulation presented by the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, including associate professor of nursing Patricia Dillion and the SNHS students. Five sessions followed. Among the sessions were an educational creativity and innovation session, a group discussion on community engaged teaching and learning, the academic discovery program and bilingual undergraduate studies session for collegiate advanced programs and a session facilitated by Explorer Cares, the Lasallian Immersion and Volunteership Experience (L.I.V.E.) and POWER-U programs.

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La Salle Public Safety Weekly Report

Thursday, Oct. 31
12:00 a.m. —
A Title IX investigation was launched on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Wednesday, Nov. 6
7:33 a.m. —
On Wednesday, Nov. 6, an incident of vandalism was reported at the De La Salle Community for the Christian Brothers.

Friday, Nov. 8
12:14 a.m. —
On Friday, Nov. 8, officers responded to an incident of marijuana posession at North Halls.

Friday, Nov. 8
12:03 p.m. —
On Saturday, Nov. 8, an incident of trespassing was reported at St. Teresa Court Apartments.

Saturday, Nov. 9
12:57 a.m. —
On Saturday, Nov. 9, stolen property was uncovered at St. Basil Court.

Sunday, Nov. 10
2:48 p.m. —
On Saturday, Nov. 2, an incident of vandalism was reported at Union Hall.

Monday, Nov. 11
11:17 a.m. —
On Monday, Nov. 11, there was a liquor law violation at St. Jerome Hall.

LOCK starts Giving Tree toy drive for Christmas

Students asked to donate gifts for needy children

Nikoleta Barboni
Staff

A Lasallian tradition has been brought back this Holiday season. The "Giving Trees," which are Christmas trees covered in tags, have been placed in several buildings across campus.

While Christmas is known as a time of joy and giving, with warm lights and homemade cookies, but it can also be one of the most wasteful times of the year. More than 16 billion dollars are spent on unwanted gifts annually, according to Fox News. This fact stands in contrast with the millions of children who go without gifts every Christmas because their parents can't afford them. This is where the Giving Trees come in.

The La Salle Organization Caring for Kids (LOCK) started a toy drive for kids in need over 25 years ago. LOCK was originally a Fellowship of Community and University Service (FOCUS) organization that volunteered at CHOP, but it has since been taken over by University Ministry Service and Support (UMSS), as of five years ago. The Giving Trees are "designed to provide toys for children in need who live in and around the greater Philadelphia area" said Lasallian scholar Julia Turner, who is currently in charge of organizing and coordinating the project.

La Salle is partnering with three different organizations who work with children to provide about 200 gifts for this holiday season. These organizations are the Covenant House, Neighborhood Nursing Center and The Youth Council of the Church of New Hope. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to get involved by selecting a tag off one of the four trees located on campus and buying a gift for the child whose age and gender are listed on the tag. The trees are set up in the Union, the chapel, Founders Hall and Conelly Learning Commons.

By participating in the annual drive, La Salle community members can contribute to bringing a little bit of joy this season.

"It's a great way to give children gifts that might not otherwise be able to get one," junior international business major Rachael Riccio said of the drive.

"Christmas is about giving and the giving trees represent humility as well as La Salle's connection to the community. It's nice to see everyone come together to support one another and children," said senior communication major Christina DeLullo. "I think those trees are really cool and sweet. Everyone deserves a little something during the holidays," said Munira Cason, a senior accounting major.

The Toy Drive is ending on Monday, Dec. 2nd, so those looking to participate are encouraged to purchase and deliver their toys before to University Ministry Service and Support office located in the Neumann Annex, across from Treetops, unwrapped and with the toy drive tag attached before that date if they want to spread some Christmas cheer for the community.

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Candidate Pete Buttigieg sees rise in support, but not from young voters

Thomas Cahalan
Editor

Age continues to be a major factor in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, since the age range of the candidates spans 40 years.

Mayor Pete Buttigieg from South Bend, Indiana is 37 years old, which makes him one of the youngest candidates for the presidency in contemporary American history, if he was elected he would have the distinction of being the youngest president in American history.

Last spring, Buttigieg entered the race primarily focused on generational change. He went into great depth expressing his fears of what the U.S. would be like in the year 2054, which would make him 73 years old, the same age as Donald Trump right now.

Buttigieg is now polling first in the Iowa caucuses, according to a Monmouth University poll published this recent Tuesday. The poll found that "the South Bend, Ind., mayor is the first choice of 22 percent of likely Democratic caucus-goers, outrunning all other rivals in Iowa for the party's nomination to challenge President Donald Trump," Politico reporter Quint Forgey said.

This does not apply to every demographic of voters, though. Buttigieg currently remains unpopular with young voters, where most polls show him performing slightly better with older demographics of voters. Subsequently, the Buttigieg campaign plans on attempting to fix this gap of support between the age range of voters.

The New York Times/ Siena College poll highlighted a close race for support of likely voters at the Iowa Democratic caucus, which shows younger voters tending to gravitate towards candidates more so on the progressive left with candidates like Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

When it comes to voters who are aged 65 and older, Buttigieg is polling on stronger footing with 23 percent of voters in this category saying they would vote for Buttigieg. In this category, Buttigieg is second only to former Vice President Joe Biden.

Delacey Skinner, a Democratic strategist, explained that young voters will not necessarily just support a young candidate because the candidate is young. She emphasized how support for anti-establishment candidates in the mold of Sanders highly resonates with younger voters, even though Sanders is the oldest Democratic candidate seeking the presidency.

"When we think of revolutionary politics, those kinds of movements are also often very youth driven," Skinner said. "I think what we've seen with Buttigieg is somebody who is more moderate in his policies but also more moderate and calmer and thoughtful in his approach," she said. "Even though he's young, I don't think that necessarily speaks to, 'Oh, this is a guy who's going to upend everything and change everything.' In that sense, it doesn't surprise me that his approach, his style, his politics are more appealing to older voters."



South Bend, Ind.

Pete Buttigieg slowly emerges as a top tier candidate but questions remain over his ability too build a diverse coalition.

A central component of Buttigieg's candidacy is his argument that the presidency should be turned over to a new generation of leaders. During an interview with CNN's Chris Cuomo, Buttigieg explained he would use his own experience with leading South Bend, as well as his military service, to compete with other candidates.

"Yes, I'm young. I represent a new generation," Buttigieg said. "You know what? Every single winning Democratic candidate in the last 50 years has been somebody who came from outside of Washington, was new on the national scene, talked a lot about values and represented a new generation of leadership."

He argued that being a young candidate means he would be able to embody the needed urgency of dealing with the issues currently faced by the U.S. and the world. Buttigieg's campaign is aggressively courting millennials and Gen Z voters, since analysts have pointed to high turnout among young voters in the 2018 midterms, which hints a similar high turnout of young voters could happen in next year's primary races.

This year, Buttigieg's campaign brought on a national youth engagement director, Marv McMoore Jr. He's a former president of the College Democrats of America and recently led a bus tour of college campuses, which drew more than 200 students, according to officials from the Buttigieg campaign. His campaign has also hired field organizers to specifically focus on colleges and universities in the early voting states. One organizer is currently focused on efforts in South Carolina and is focusing mainly on historically black colleges and universities in the state.

Questions remain about Buttigieg's ability to attract young voters , since some doubt his ability to build a diverse coalition large enough to win the Democratic primary. Political experts emphasize a diverse coalition will be necessary to win moving forward as the campaign moves south.

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Trump extends olive branch to Turkey

Thomas Cahalan
Editor

President Trump offered the president of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, a package of inducements to better U.S.-Turkey relations as Erdogan was set to visit the White House on Wednesday. This package is believed to be highly identical to the package the administration proposed last month in a failed attempt to prevent Turkey's invasion of Syria.

Last week, Trump sent a new letter to Erdogan, in which he told Erdogan a $100 billion trade deal, as well as a workaround to avoid sanctions the U.S. placed over Turkey's decision to buy Russia's S-400 missile defense system, are still on the table for negotiations.

This offer is expected to anger a sizable portion of the House majority that voted last month to place sanctions on Turkey for its assault on Syria, as well as the bipartisan group of senators who introduced similar legislation.

"It's absolutely shameful that President Trump has invited President Erdogan to the White House after Erdogan attacked our Syrian Kurdish allies and forces under Turkish command have committed what this administration itself describes as war crimes," says Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), who sponsored the bill along with several other Democrats and Republicans.

President Trump is known to have a fond opinion of Erdogan. In the past, Trump has referred to Erdogan as a "friend" and "a tough guy who deserves respect." Erdogan's White House visit was also included in the package deal Trump offered in an Oct. 6 phone call with the Turkish president.



Washington Post

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his wife, Emine Erdogan, get ready to board their plane heading to the U.S.

"We took the offer off the table, obviously, when the Turks went in to Syria," a senior official in the administration said. "Once we got the cease fire, of sorts, we decided to put the package, including the visit, back on the table."

As for Erdogan's part of negotiations, he has promised to continue what the administration has said is its adherence to an Oct. 17 cease-fire agreement, which was negotiated with Vice President Pence a week before the Turkish invasion began, which was created with the intent of limiting the scope of the Turkish invasion. Being a NATO alley, Turkey will continue to aid U.S. goals aimed at preventing a resurgence of the Islamic State in Syria and establishing a government in Syria that would be stable and representative.

"The second thing is they resolve the S-400 thing to our satisfaction," said the senior official, who requested to the Washington Post he'd be granted anonymity due to the sensitive nature of discussing internal policy deliberations and implementations. The delivery of the Russian system earlier this year led the U.S. to cut Turkey out from the manufacture and purchase of F-35 aircraft, while also mandating sanctions under the 2017 Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, known as CAASTA, which are aimed at any buyer of Russian defense equipment.

Trump initially delayed in implementing these sanctions on Turkey, despite insistence from senior administration officials earlier this year that the simple act of delivering this equipment would be deemed as unacceptable. Delivery of the equipment to Turkey began this past July.

On Monday, Turkey started the process of deporting suspected members of ISIS detained in Turkey, which included nationals from Denmark, the United States and Germany. This will prove to be another source of tension between Turkey and its fellow NATO members, especially after Erdogan's statement to the European Union on Tuesday.

"You should review the attitude you are exhibiting against Turkey, the country that has this many Islamic State members found in its prisons, and at the same time that has taken control of the areas where they are found on the Syrian side."

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Collegian Editorial

Impeachment proceedings are important. Follow them.

Day after day, a new political scandal from Washington surfaces. Frequently shared and soon forgotten, these stories generally make for great click-bait articles, serving as fodder du jour for Twitter commentary until the next scandal is ushered in. As consumers of the ubiquitous media, we find ourselves holding on to very few stories before we become overwhelmed with the madness, and consequently, our knowledge base of current events is shallow. So often, we hear, "I am done with watching the news," "there's just too much going on" and "I just can't keep up." But one story rises above the rest. One story urges us to watch the news, realize what is going on and keep up with an event for the history books: the impeachment inquiry.

In recent years, the editorial board has focused its editorials on La Salle's immediate community; this week, we enjoy an interlude from the scope of the University to focus on the country. Before you turn the page thinking this will just be another leftist Trump critique, please enjoy the following disclaimer: Whether you are rooting for the president's impeachment or not, it is not our aim to steer you toward either position. Acknowledging the intense partisan nature of these proceedings, we can recognize that no one's opinion is changing; that is perhaps what got us here in the first place. Rather, we urge our readers to engage with this issue, for it may be the Watergate of our day.

Yesterday marked the first public hearing of the impeachment inquiry into President Trump, in which two diplomats gave testimony over the course of hours. Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, William Taylor, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, George Kent, testified before the House Intelligence Committee. The hearings are far from over, however. On Friday, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch, is slated to testify on Capitol Hill. Accusations of hearsay and partisanship aside, their testimonies are laying the foundation for the future of the presidency. When the House almost inevitably impeaches him, Trump will become only the third U.S. president to ever be impeached. And while impeachment, despite what some may think, will not remove Trump from office, it will perhaps serve as the most clear and convincing evidence that there is a serious issue in modern politics — partisan fighting.

In Federalist Paper No. 10, which is worth a read, James Madison warned about the dangers of political factions — which we now call parties. Madison cited the long history of human factions as having the tendency for violence and corruption, and that for a republic to be successful it must work to break the oppression of majority factions and promote the rights of minority voices. But in modern America, power flops back and forth between the two major parties every time the political winds shift. Both of these parties, in their days of power, have the unique distinction of controlling a majority of the power with a minority of public support.

The impeachment inquiry is not a news story destined to only 15 minutes of fame. It is an important issue that divides America's population and deserves America's attention. This week, turn on the TV (or more realistically, find a stream online) and watch the testimony for yourself. If you cannot, read the highlights. Make informed opinions.Witness history in the making.



New York Times
Above are George Kent (left) and William Taylor (right) prepared to testify before the House Intelligence Committee.

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. Letters can be submitted via email to thelsucollegian@outlook.com 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.

Lasallians (home)coming full circle

A reflection on our values and our community

Audrey Ezzo
Staff

A little over four years ago, I was asked to give a reflection at the ring day ceremony for my high school. Although I was not actually getting a high school ring that evening, the invitation to speak gave me an opportunity to gather my thoughts about the importance of community, and the significance of the friendships and relationships we foster during our high school years. The ring is seen as a symbol of commitment and unity, but it's not the tangible ring that holds significance, it's the circle.

Here at La Salle University, Homecoming Weekend is a celebration of the circle of friends, family, faculty, coaches, staff and many more. It's a circle of experiences and adventures that our college years have offered us — a circle that sometimes feels like a long and winding road, a circle that at times has felt like a high speed race track devoid of the luxury of taking our eyes off the road. But more often, it is complete with its necessary pot holes, detours and roadblocks; if we endure, it is a road that, much like a circle, brings us back home.

Above the fireplace at my parent's home is a wooden plaque that reads "Home is where your story begins." It's one of many sweet phrases about home, such as "Home sweet home," and "Home is where the heart is." We all know that home and family can take many forms. But generally, most of us might agree that home and family are places — or spaces — where we feel a kinship — where we feel a sense of belonging and where we have a shared history.

In the tradition of the Catholic Church, La Salle University embodies an invitation to share in the enduring grace and love of God, with a symbolic message and a faith tradition that — if honored authentically — is challenging and difficult. The mission urges us to walk in the light, to be good to one another and to use the gifts that we have been given to bring about a more just world. It is a faith tradition that calls upon us to be vehicles of God's love in the pursuit of bringing about the kingdom of God here on earth. It is a faith tradition that calls upon us to love our neighbor, to feed the poor, to shelter the homeless, to believe that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves and to be family for one another.



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Family and friends enjoyed lunch on the quad.



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Homecoming festivities included men's and women's basketball games.

As part of its commitment to Christianity and the mission and ministry of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, La Salle embraces and honors a host of religious traditions that also invite their members to the grace and love of God. At La Salle, we are a family. We share a kinship. Through our experiences at La Salle, we have a shared history. We are Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, non-denominational; we are believers and non-believers, but most of all, we are a family. We take the richness of the experiences we've had at La Salle out into the world, knowing that we are always a part of this community — of this family.

At Homecoming we circle back to be reminded of this place we called home for a short time. We celebrate that we, as individuals with vast personal experiences, have a shared history as students of La Salle University. We are a family of Explorers. We are a family loyal to those who have opened their hearts to us and grateful for those who have opened our minds.

On this occasion of Homecoming, we hold deep gratitude for all of the magic that makes La Salle University a place where all those who have invested their time, talents and treasures feel welcomed to return to again and again. A place that we can feel a kinship, feel a sense of belonging, a shared history. La Salle University is a place that we can call home.

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Why you should volunteer with Breakthrough to help students in Philadelphia

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Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia is an educational outreach program that helps underserved students in the Philadelphia area. The program is focused on supplementing the curriculum of the Philadelphia School District and aiding students in their high school and college applications. Of all of the volunteer opportunities that I have written about, this is, by far, the best of them all.

Breakthrough meets every other Saturday during the school year and is based out of Germantown Friends School (31 W Coulter Street). The Germantown location is only about one mile from La Salle. They have another location at Drexel University, but they are in significant need of volunteers at their Germantown location.

The students that attend the Saturday program are outstanding, smart and unique. Programs like this one are incredibly important for these students' education as it helps to guide them through the high school application process and then through the college application process. In addition, we assist our students with other life skills, such as applying for financial aid, opening a savings/checking account and writing resumes. The program serves students from 7th grade to 12th grade. I currently work with the 7th graders, who are an energetic, enthusiastic and considerate group — and I can say that last year's 7th graders (current 8th graders) are just as amazing.

This program is fantastic for anyone who is looking to volunteer, especially if you enjoy working with kids and want to help to make a difference in their lives. Breakthrough is currently looking for volunteers to work with the high school students. As a volunteer, you would be given an outline of the activities for each Saturday and the freedom to decide how to best execute those activities with the students. If you are interested in joining this program please reach out to me at nicole4062@gmail.com. You may also contact the program manager directly at jporter@breathroughphilly.org.

There are only a handful of program days left for this year, but the program will restart again in January after winter break. The remaining programs for this year are Nov. 16 and Dec. 7. Next year, the program dates include: Jan. 18, Feb. 1, Feb. 15, Feb. 29, March 14, March 28, April 25 and May 9. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on each of the dates listed.

Please note that if you are interested in joining, you should be able to attend most of the days, if not all. If you have any questions about any details of the program that have not been mentioned above please reach out and let me know. I have worked with this program for the last two years and each week that I am there is just as enriching and fulfilling as the last. This program gives you the ability to work with students and make a lasting impact on their lives. In return, the students get assistance they need for their education that is often lacking in their day-to-day school lives.



breakthroughphilly.org

Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia helps prepare both students and future teachers.

This is truly a wonderful program, and I hope that after reading this article you will be inclined to at the very least look into the organization and all that they do for the students of Philadelphia School District.

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Should we use RCT to study socioeconomic problems?

This year's Nobel Laureates use their research to study programs aimed at reducing poverty

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A trio of economists have won this year's Nobel prize in Economics: Michael Kremer, Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo. Duflo is the second woman to win the Nobel prize in Economics since Elinor Nestrom won in 2009. All of the researchers are awarded for their work in development Economics.

The Nobel committee said in a statement, "The research conducted by this year's Laureates has considerably improved our ability to fight global poverty. In just two decades, their new experiment-based approach has transformed development economics, which is now a flourishing field of research."

The Nobel committee also noted that despite the technological and scientific advancements, alleviation of poverty still remains a priority in our world. According to a World Bank report, still half of the world population struggles to meet basic needs. In order to solve this dire problem, development economists have been trying to come up with solutions.

This year's Nobel economists applied a unique experimental approach in the field of development economics in order to understand the effect of policies designed to alleviate poverty. They used an empirical experimental approach called Randomized Control Trial (RCT).

RCT is a study in which people are selected randomly to receive one of the treatments (e.g. welfare, loans, free lunch, immunization, etc.) being studied. There will be a control and a treatment group which are selected randomly. The control group is the group that is not receiving the treatment under investigation while the treatment group is the one taking the treatment. The control group will serve as a "gold-standard" to compare the effects of applying the treatment being studied. Then, RCT will compare the results among the treatment and control group by varying only a single factor (or treatment) to see the effects of the treatment under-investigation. The randomization aims to avoid bias in collecting the data aimed at solving the issues in hand.

This method has been popular in the biological sciences but is now being adopted to the field of development economics. RCT in development economics aims to not only see the effects of certain policies on low-income families but also tries to address which policies are the cheapest and most effective means to tackle socioeconomic issues.

Starting in the 1990's, Kremer, along with his colleagues, were using RCT in Kenya's education sector. Their trials revealed that the main factor affecting students learning is how teaching is carried out. The presence of more textbooks or free lunch did not have any significant effects. Their finding has been paramount in shaping the local policies aimed at increasing educational success and improving the lives of the local people.

In one of her Ted Talks, Duflo described a convincing argument to the use of RCT. In her study, she asked if bed nets should be distributed for free or if they should be subsidized? One may argue that the bed nets should be sold for a very small price, so families use it wisely knowing they have spent some of their income on it. Others might argue making it more easily accessible by making it free would entice people to use the bed nets. Such 'logical' or 'rational' arguments to what should be done could be futile, but RCT could give us a better picture to how low-income families respond to such changes which has been demonstrated in her experimental research.

Duflo argues as RCT has revolutionized medicine, social research should also be held to higher scientific standards through meticulous experimental studies. One of the shortcomings of such aim could be the universality of results throughout the Economic community. Unlike medicine, social experiments might yield completely different results when tried in different parts of the world. Nonetheless, accepting the limitations and avoiding the guesswork that is involved in policymaking could undoubtedly move humanity's quest for eradicating poverty in the right direction.



The Wall Street Journal

Economists Michael Kremer, Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee won the 2019 Nobel Prize in economics.

For example, in a study conducted in India, immunization was six times more likely to occur at camps where there was an incentive for the locals to show up for immunization. At first, because of the randomization, both camps (the control and treatment) showed the same results before application of the incentive (i.e a kilo of lentil). A kilo of lentil was given to the parents who showed up for immunization as an incentive at one camp. Despite the negligible cost of a kilo of lentil, the immunization will be able to save tremendous costs of running hospitals and eventually save people's lives. Such measures have helped local policy makers in designing preventive approaches to diseases.

The transformation of development economics to empirical data using randomized controlled trials offers a promising future despite its limit on small-scale questions. Surely, the results of such research would help in fighting poverty and other socioeconomic problems using empirical data. The results of RCT could also be made even more scientific by studying and applying behavioral economics to understand why humans behave and act the way they do.

As the Nobel committee wrote, "The Laureates' research findings — and those of the researchers following their footsteps — have dramatically improved our ability to fight poverty in practice. As a result of one of their studies, more than five million Indian children have benefited from effective programs of remedial tutoring in schools." The Nobel Laureates' attempt to use RCT could also encourage economists to adopt additional empirical techniques from the physical sciences in conjunction with RCT to solve societal problems.

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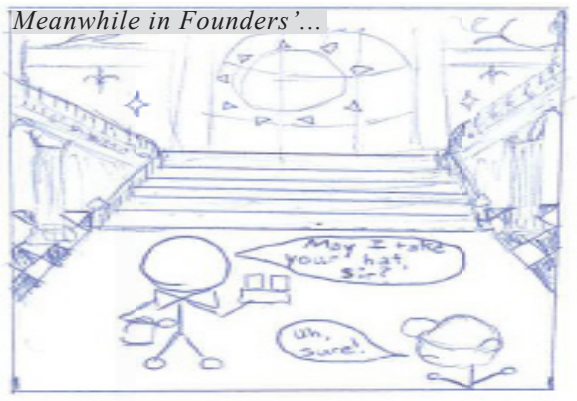
Bianca Abbate
Editor

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"Hmm.."

Meanwhile in Founders'...



"May I take your hat, sir?" *"Uh, sure!"*

Later at home...



"How was your tour, honey?" *"I think I'll be majoring in Accounting next year."*

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Communication student receives Fletcher Family Scholarship

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Ashley Moragne, a senior communication major, recently became the first-ever recipient of the Fletcher Family Scholarship. Given by Leah Fletcher, a member of the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists (PABJ), the award was offered to students who maintained high grades in their classes and who also fit the bill as an "out-of-the-box" non-traditional student, and Moragne fit the criteria perfectly. Not only does Moragne attend her classes and complete assignments, but she is also a wife and mother of three.

As a non-traditional student, Moragne balances studying and school work with family time, making sure her children's homework is done before her own workload as a college student. "My children understand that I am in school, but it can be difficult at times for them," shares Moragne. While her family enjoys the quality time they share together like going to movies, hiking, bike riding and traveling on road trips, they also understand that education is a priority for Moragne, as seen in her dedication to her studies and her encouragement for her kids to learn in school as well. "My family makes a sacrifice too; they have to share their mother with school," says Moragne.

With her support system of her family and close friends and her bond with her professors, Moragne feels that she is able to fight through any challenging moments that come with attending college as a full-time student while also raising her own family. "I would be remiss not to mention that I cry and have doubts and concerns for my future from time to time," Moragne says. "There are real challenges that I have to face, but I don't want to quit. I've come too far, so I keep my faith intact with prayer and meditation and I keep going."

Moragne's hard work paid off, as she was awarded the Fletcher Family Scholarship at the PABJ ceremony on November 2nd held at WHYY. Queen Muse, communication professor at La Salle, recommended Moragne to Charlene Horne, the Executive Board Member at PABJ, believing she was an ideal candidate who represented the qualities of the scholarship. After a competitive application process, Moragne was elated to find out she was selected as the recipient. "I didn't consider the things I was doing as award-worthy. I just lived in my truth and the decisions I made and wanted to do my best," says Moragne. "It was, and is, truly an amazing feeling to know that what I do in my day-to-day life, others wanted to honor and encourage that."

At the award ceremony, Moragne felt immense joy being surrounded by her family and accomplished professionals in a line of work she has become passionate about, describing the night as empowering. "My husband was extremely proud! I think he thought he was getting the award because he couldn't compose himself," Moragne jokes. "I was also surrounded by so many phenomenal people in the field of communication, and they all look like me. It was an important night that recognized the work and efforts of African American professionals in the communication industry that would not get the recognition that they deserve elsewhere."

After graduation, Moragne hopes to continue her love of writing, possibly creating an anthology of short stories or children's books. She also would like to pursue a career in public relations, hoping to be a copywriter with an advertising agency after college. "I want to create works that I can see on billboards in Times Square, in print and on television. That would be gold for me," says Moragne.



@lasallecommunication via Instagram

Moragne (center) poses with alumnae Aliya Z. Khabir, '07 M.A and professor Queen Muse at the award ceremony.

As a hard-working mother of three, Moragne feels encouraged to achieve these goals, especially being surrounded by her friends and family and the successful source of alumni and professors who have given her the confidence in following her dreams. "I know that being surrounded by them will only put me in a position to thrive," shares Moragne. "The best way I look at it is: Proverbs 13:20—'Wise friends make you wise.'"

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From Features to Teacher

Mark Bisicchia discusses life as a teacher after graduation

Elizabeth Rafter
Editor

You saw him grace us with his presence on Page 9 of The Collegian every week for the 2018-2019 school year, providing enticing questions for the La Salle community to answer in his section "Making Your Mark" but now Mark Bisicchia has moved on from being one of the editors on the Features section. He is now a fifth-grade teacher in New Jersey.

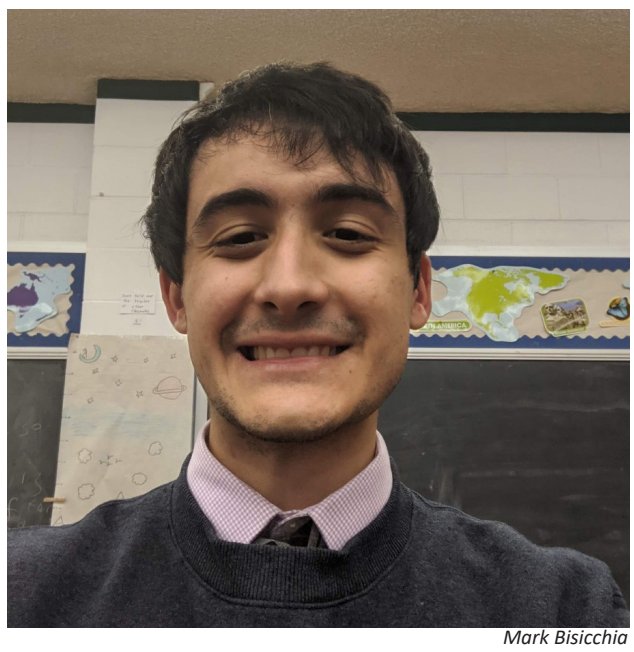
He's a self-contained teacher, meaning that he teaches his students every subject on the curriculum, bar specials like Spanish and gym. When asked about how student-teaching prepared him for his career, Bisicchia said, "Student-teaching is interesting because it's not a completely accurate simulation of what teaching is. Kids don't see you as the teacher, they see you as the student-teacher, unless you're lucky. Teaching relies a lot on how the students see you, so it's kind of warped. However, it's still a good learning tool. You make a lot of mistakes when you're student-teaching and you learn how to avoid those mistakes." When he started the year, he used his experience from student-teaching to determine what tone he wanted to set with the students. He also knew how he wanted to run his classroom. Through observing his cooperating teachers, he learned what kind of environment he wanted his classroom to be.

Bisicchia was hired mid-July, which he is very grateful for. "I was very lucky that I got a job before the school year started. Considering I was right out of college, I was worried it would be more difficult," he said. Bisicchia started looking for teaching jobs before he graduated from La Salle. He also found it was a more arduous process because many jobs are found in public schools and the state makes you jump through a lot of hoops with the amount of paperwork that needs to be filed. Nevertheless, he has enjoyed teaching.

Because of the difference between student-teaching and being a teacher, he has found his footing more easily as the head of the classroom. Bisicchia says, "Because it's my classroom, I have more freedom to teach the way I want to, but it also means I have a lot more responsibility. If I forgot to make a worksheet or plan a lesson, the students would suffer from my lack of planning." However, he takes full advantage of the ability to teach things his way.

He likes to see what the students get excited about and use that to his advantage. His fifth-graders were learning about bacteria in science class, and he likened it to a horror movie. The children seemed to understand that idea, so he ran with it. He had them make a movie poster, featuring the facts about bacteria they learned from the class. "The students seem to enjoy the creative projects, so I like to add them in whenever I can," Bisicchia said. He also changes the decorations in his classroom to keep the students interested. He hangs their projects along the walls as a reminder of their lessons, but also to display their hard work.

When reflecting back on his time at La Salle, Bisicchia says, "Life at La Salle is different. At La Salle, you live with your friends and have clubs and activities. I was involved in the Masque, Improv 101 and the Collegian which filled my time. Now, it takes more digging to find things that I enjoy outside of work. I think that's the hard part about leaving college. You have these opportunities available for you at the university and it's easy to take that for granted." Bisicchia still makes time to come up to campus for Improv 101 shows and most recently, Young Frankenstein. He tries to find new things outside of work to fill in his newfound time. His advice for students about to graduate from La Salle is to not take the time here for granted. He said, "We all joke about B&G and Treetops, but there's something to be said about having your friends around for lunch and dinner every day. It's not so much about the food as it is the experience." He also tells students to have fun because they want to leave college feeling fulfilled and can look forward to whatever the future has in store.

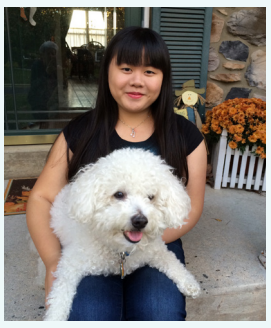


Mark Bisicchia

Mark Bisicchia in his classroom.

As for education majors, he says to take risks in student teaching, because it's the perfect time to try things out since they have the support of their cooperating teacher and classmates. It allows for the growth that is necessary for taking control of a classroom, which is a lesson well learned.

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What's the Biz with Liz

When is the perfect time for snow?

Liz Rafter
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This week we got our first taste of snow, as crazy as that may seem. Some people love the snow, while others can't stand the stuff. Living in Philadelphia, we can get snow anywhere from October to April. I personally like a little snow anywhere from early December to late February, but I always enjoy snow on a day I have class! This week I decided to ask the editors, so here are the answers of some of our staff.

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"Whenever it's cold outside. If you need to wear a coat out, but you don't see snow, it feels like you're missing something."

Alina Snopkowski
Economics & International Studies and Criminal Justice
Class of '22



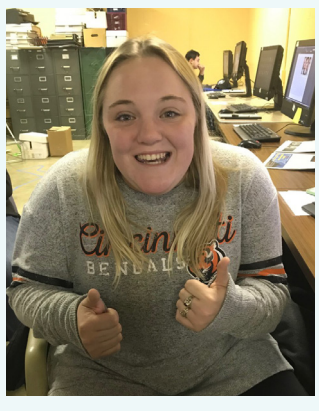
"As soon as it wants to come. I love snow. As soon as the cold comes in, I'm ready for snow."

Jake Eiseman
Communication
Class of '22



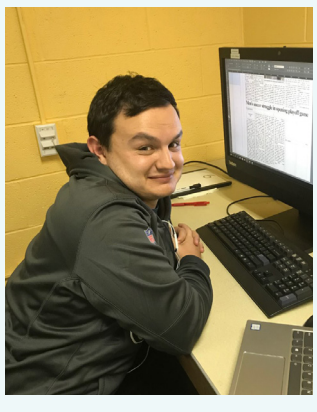
"4:30 AM. I feel like that's the sweet spot because plows won't have time to plow the street, but schools have time to announce a two-hour delay or close."

Jacob Garwood
Chemistry
Class of '20



"Christmas Eve, just as you're walking out of wherever you were."

Rita Offutt
Communication and Psychology
Class of '22



"A weekday, so you can get a day off."

Steven Silvestro
Communication
Class of '20

The Masque breaks its modern record for number of tickets sold

Stage Manager reflects on final musical with the Masque

Julie Wood
Editor



@themasqueoflasalle via Instagram

Young Frankenstein will be holding final performances this upcoming weekend.

The Masque held the first performances of Young Frankenstein over Homecoming weekend, and with it came a big surprise. On Saturday Nov. 9, the campus theater organization broke a modern record for the most number of tickets sold for one performance, according to the Masque. Curtains, performed in 2015, held the record previously for 154 tickets sold. Young Frankenstein beat that record by selling 181 tickets, which includes 87 pre-sold tickets. "The best part was how enthusiastic the audience was. They applauded after every song and laughed at the smallest jokes," says Emily Parrish, a senior double major in Biology and Mathematics. Parrish is also the Stage Manager for Young Frankenstein.

Joining the Masque in her freshman year, Parrish had previous theater experience acting as crew for performances at her high school all four years and becoming the backstage manager in her senior year. As a freshman at La Salle, she took on the role of Assistant Stage Manager for the Masque's production of Little Women in fall 2016, which she then followed by being Stage Manager for The Great Gatsby in the spring. Now, coming full circle, Parrish is once again the Stage Manager in her senior year, but for her college career.

As stage manager, her task is to make sure the show runs smoothly, by making sure the set and actors are prepared for performances. "Prior to the show, I help with scheduling rehearsals, taking notes on what we do in rehearsal and blocking, meaning where an actor needs to be on stage," explains Parrish. Parrish also checks where props or set pieces need to be on and off stage for easy transitions, while also keeping notes of things the show needs for tech, such as costumes and what other elements of the show need to be built.

"During the show, I call all of the cues," shares Parrish. "This includes lighting changes, sound cues and certain scene changes."

Since Young Frankenstein is a very tech-heavy production, Parrish was faced with the challenge of getting all of the cues and transitions down precisely; however, Parrish feels this was accomplished due to the hardworking cast and crew. "We have an amazing crew, and everyone involved has made this a great production," says Parrish.

In her final year with the Masque, Parrish has reflected on her time as Stage Manager for the last musical in her college career at La Salle, truly enjoying her time working on such an elaborate production. "The best part is all of the wonderful people I have gotten to work with. They are all incredibly committed to this production and have worked so hard," shares Parrish. "It has been great getting to know all of them and to share in the joy everyone experiences when we put on a successful show and can hear the audience laughing."

The final performances of Young Frankenstein will be on Thursday, Nov. 14, Friday, Nov. 15, and Saturday, Nov. 16, all starting at 8 p.m.

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Olivia Grover

The musical is based on the 1974 film starring Gene Wilder.

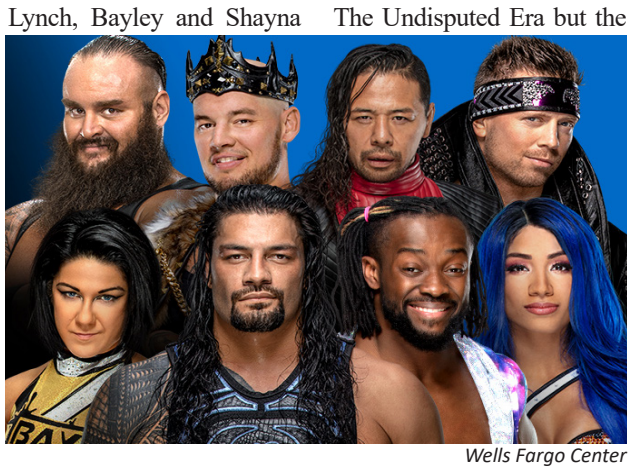
WWE comes to Philadelphia for Friday Night Smackdown

Nolen Kelly
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Coming straight from the United Kingdom, this Friday, Nov. 13, "Smackdown" comes to the Wells Fargo Center. With "Survivor Series" just two weeks away, the show could descend into chaos with all three brands: "Raw," "Smackdown" and their developmental brand "NXT" on the loose. This year is the first year "NXT" will be featured in "Survivor Series," so the excitement for this year's pay-per-view is swelling with fans. Friday's episode will continue many of the ongoing stories leading into the yearly event, namely the Women's Championship match between Becky Lynch, Bayley and Shayna Baszler.

Baszler began the "NXT" uprising a few weeks back when she attacked the "Smackdown" Women's Champion, Bayley, and her ally, Sasha Banks. Friday's episode will continue with this feud as Bayley looks to stand her ground against Baszler and Lynch.

As announced on WWE's Instagram, "Smackdown" Tag Team Champions, The New Day, are set to take on the Raw Tag Champs, The Viking Raiders, and "NXT" Tag Team Champs, The Undisputed Era. After taking the titles from The Revival last week, we will see if either brand has anything to say about their new opponents. The fan favorites to win are The Undisputed Era but the team with a higher chance of actually winning are The Viking Raiders with their finisher, Fallout.



Wells Fargo Center

The cast of wrestlers from "Smackdown" prepares to overtake Wells Fargo Center this Friday.

There will be a triple threat match between the mid-card title holders, Intercontinental Champion Shinsuke Nakamura, United States Champion A.J. Styles and North American Champion Roderick Strong. It is anticipated to be a potential match of the year candidate. There is no fan favorite; they are all evenly matched. But, the victor will most likely be Styles, performing one of his flashy finishing moves.

Current superstars advertised for the Philadelphia event are Nakamura, Sami Zayn, Braun Strowman, The New Day, Bayley and Banks. There are no set matches yet, but with all three brands running rampant, almost anything could happen. "Survivor Series" season is pure chaos, but in the best possible way. You can watch "Friday Night Smackdown on FOX" at 8 p.m. on either Hulu live or on the FOX Network. You can also catch "Survivor Series" Sunday, Nov. 24 on the WWE Network.

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Flyers hold third place in division

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PhillySportsNetwork

Flyers #11 Travis Konecny is one for two in shootout scores and continues to improve with the team.

The Philadelphia Flyers have gotten off to a fantastic start in the month of November and it is the greatest joy I've felt since they made their Stanley Cup run in 2010. As of Nov. 12, they have earned the most points in the NHL in November and have yet to lose in regulation with 11 total points. Their dominance at home is also noteworthy, as they sit at 6-1-1 with the third most points per game at home in the NHL. Coach Alain Vigneault has been very confident in the 21-year-old goalie Carter Hart, who has proven to be the future of the team. Vigneault has let the team get to two shootouts in the past week, something they have struggled with greatly in past years. Against the Bruins, the team was very passive in overtime, just playing the puck in the neutral zone and not applying pressure as they waited for the clock to run out so they could flex their muscles in the shootout. Joel Farabee, the first Flyer to be born in the 21st century, scored the lone shootout goal while Carter Hart was a stone wall stopping all three attempts from the Bruins.

The coach was quoted saying, "talent has no age" in reference to the average age of the roster being 24 and having eight, extremely impressive players born from 1996-2000. Defenseman Phil Myers was called up this past week and it proved to be the correct decision as he scored three slick goals in three games total. The 22-year-old defensemen has been very impressive and shown that he can keep up with the pace of the NHL. Travis Konecny and Oskar Lindblom are both at the top of the Flyers scoring sheet with a combined 16 goals.

One of the biggest changes that has made the biggest difference this year has been the new coach. Former coach Dave Hakstol was hellbent on getting "the perfect shot" and that resulted in one too many passes on nearly every possession last year; but Coach Vigneault will not tolerate that and wants the team to shoot as much as possible, because in the end, if you don't shoot, you won't score. They have the third most shots on goal per game with 34.5. Their defense has also shown to be very aggressive this year as well, only allowing 28.8 shots on goal per game making them second in the league in that category.

Thanks to this recent success, the Flyers have now secured the third spot in the Metropolitan Division and are looking to keep this good work up for the rest of the season.

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KSI defeats Logan Paul in boxing rematch 54-56



DailyMail

Logan Paul has been promoting this fight on his social media.

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On Saturday Aug. 25, 2018, British YouTube personality and rapper Olajide 'KSI' Olantunji squared off against American YouTube vlogger Logan Paul for the first time as the main event at Manchester Arena in England. This match ended in a majority draw, leaving not just the fans wanting more but for the two fighters to go again and see who really was the YouTube boxing champion. The fight was then scheduled months later for Nov. 9, 2019 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, CA. The last fight was in KSI's home country and this time it would be in Paul's backyard.

This time around, the stakes were a little different as they brought Eddie Hearn of DAZN entertainment on to help promote this card, moving from having headguards to protect themselves to having ten-ounce gloves and no protective gear.

Along with this main event, there were two championship matches on the undercard with Billy Joe Saunders defending his belt along with 20-year-old rising star Devin "The Dream" Haney. Both of these world class boxers ended up winning their respective fights. Saunders won by KO in Round 11, and Haney took the fight the distance and won 120-107 on unanimous decision winning every round even after dislocating his shoulder midway through the fight.

After all of the lead up to the fight, three different press conferences and a weigh in, it was time to head into the ring to end all of the discussion. KSI, the underdog of the fight, was wearing black and red and Paul was wearing red, white and blue for the American flag. Round one started, and you could tell that these men had been training much harder than the previous fight as they both had better techniques to start with, both trying to start with jabs that kept the distance. KSI looked to get inside on Paul as he has a greater reach on him. KSI, being the aggressor, landed more shots on Paul and took the win on two out of three judges' cards, winning the round 10-9.

Throughout round two, KSI was swinging with wild, overhand swings trying to land a home run swing on Paul, but did not connect very well as Paul hit KSI with substantial jabs, which left Paul the winner of this round 10-9.

In round three, KSI dropped Paul to the canvas with a power shot that landed right behind his ear, but the referee called off the knockdown because it looked as if it was a behind the head shot, which is illegal. KSI got the round victory 10-9 by being aggresive and landing more blows.

Round four was filled with controversy as Paul landed a shattering uppercut that connected with KSI, leading into three more upward hits and attacking KSI on the ground. The referee deducted two points from Paul and the round ended with an 8-8 draw.

Round five went to Paul as he was the fresher fighter and connected with more hits than the wobbly, fatigued KSI. In round six, KSI and Paul knew it was the end and they had to use everything left in their tanks. KSI landed more power shots as they had a slugfest through the last round. As KSI landed more active shots than Paul, he won the round 10-9 and the referees went to the scorecards for a second time in a controversial bout that was nothing short of entertaining.

Through a split decision, the Judges decided to give the win to KSI out of the United Kingdom. His team and friends went crazy for their man. Paul debates that he should have gotten warned before getting two points deducted and is going to contest the commision for his points back. As of right now, there will not be a third fight, but if Paul wins his contest, fans will be able to speculate when the next fight is and how long they'll have to wait. There is no doubt this event will gain both influencers a large following.

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TalkSPORT

As the fight came to a close, there was a period where each team worried about their victory.

La Salle Pep Band makes its debut at homecoming game

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The La Salle pep band had its first performance this Saturday at the homecoming basketball game. The band, led by experienced director Chuck Hallahan, put on a show for the energetic crowd in the game versus Iona, playing a fight song of victory as the team won in overtime. As they played and the crowd sang along, "Fight on, Explorers," the band members came into their own as a staple of the La Salle basketball experience.

Hallahan, a local high school teacher, was the band director for La Salle from 2009 to 2015, but took a short hiatus until this semester, bringing back the pep band with him. Currently, there are 11 members of the ensemble, but the band is actively seeking new members all the time. Even now, "after the start of the season," said Hallahan, "we're looking for new members of any skill level to join and see their contributions to the sound of the band." Right now the band has a trumpet, woodwind, percussion and bass section, but are looking for people from "any instrumental group," said Hallahan. "If you're interested in playing any type of music, we'll make sure to fit you in."

"I think music is beneficial because it helps with brain activity and it is a destresser. Music is a way of life," said sophomore biology major, Lorenzo Rivera, the sole drummer for the pep band. Rivera helped gather the current members of the "grass roots" band, as Hallahan referred to it. "The performance on Saturday went very well and the basketball environment was very cool. I can't wait to keep playing at more events," said Rivera. Rivera is mostly self-taught and played in an orchestral concert band through high school, so this band's "vibe" is very interesting to him.



Chuck Callahan

The band set up in the midst of the student section and projected their sound to the arena.

"Ever since I was a little kid, I loved to bang stuff. The snare and bass has always had a rhythm in my heart I couldn't quite describe," said Rivera. People like Rivera keep the passion and drive for music high within the band, making it a place for people to come and experiment and express themselves musically. "Our ensemble is unique to La Salle, based on the students that are here and what they're contributing to the band," said Hallahan. As the group grows and practices, they will look to incorporate different types of music other than the usual sporting event music students are accustomed to, venturing out into different genres like rock, hip hop and funk.

The band is rather small right now compared to some college bands, but that isn't discouraging Hallahan or any of the members of the group. "Almost everybody wants this to be more than themselves," the director explained, "they all are recruiting new members through word of mouth and events." The band is looking for anyone, even those without any musical experience, to give it a shot and express their creativity through instruments or singing. "I had a passion for music, so why not continue that passion and do it with other people who share that passion," said Rivera, using his story as a reason to join the musical group. As of right now, the group will be playing at every home men's basketball game, and a majority of the women's home basketball games, so keep an ear open for them during breaks in the action at games.



Chuck Callahan

The media room on the mezzanine of Tom Gola has become the pep band's practice area and stoage room.

The pep band rehearses most Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the media room at TruMark Financial Center on the second floor. They encourage anyone interested to come and stop by a rehearsal, or to approach them at a basketball game to see what it is all about. You can contact the director at hallahanc@lasalle.edu or follow the band on Instagram @ExplorerBand. Remember to watch the growth of this new musical group as they learn new songs and broaden their repertoire, bolstering La Salle's school spirit.

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Out this week: History, alt-history and history in the making

A review by Jake Eiseman

Season Premiere: The Man in the High Castle

Streaming on Amazon Prime Video, "The Man in the High Castle" returns for its fourth season tomorrow after a 13 month hiatus. "The Man in the High Castle" is a drama set in an alternate history in which World War II was won by the Axis Powers. The series stars Alexa Davalos, known for her role as Kyra in "Chronicles of Riddick." The series is produced by Amazon Studios and is one of its more notable productions, winning several awards including two daytime Emmy Awards. Based on the bestselling novel of the same name, "The Man in the High Castle" will explore themes of rebellion and revolt in its final season, commenting on modern issues of racism, government and social justice.

The show has become a fan favorite for those interested in history and poltical drama. It has many positve critical reviews on *MetaCritic* and *Open Critic*.

Ford v Ferrari

Based on true events, "Ford v Ferrari" races into theaters tomorrow. Starring Academy Award-winning actors Christian Bale, "The Dark Knight," "Vice", and Matt Damon "Good Will Hunting," "The Martian", the film will retell the story of a Ford worker, Carroll Shelby and a racecar driver, Ken Miles, who build a racecar to challenge the Ferrari company to a race at the Le Mans 1966. Directed by James Mangold, known for the "Wolverine" franchise of films, "Ford v Ferrari" seems to be a historical drama-comedy that will embellish the original story, but stay accurate to history.

The Le Mans race happens every summer and features race cars from several different high end companies. While the race featured in the film is very different from the one that happens now, the film is sure to bring attention to the race. It's worth noting that neither Ford nor Ferrari are capitalizing on this film for extreme marketing campaigns.

Pokémon Sword and Shield

"Pokémon Sword" and "Pokémon Shield," the next two entries of the multi-billion dollar franchise hit shelves tomorrow, coming to Nintendo Switch. This generation will add 81 new Pocket Monsters to the roster of already greater than 800 creatures, including 13 new forms of familiar classics from the 90s and early 2000s games like Ponyta, the fire horse Pokémon, and the wild duck Pokémon, Farfetch'd. The game has been developed by Game Freak and the Pokémon company, just like all of the other main-series titles, and is the first to be available on a home console with full support for exploration. Because of this, "Pokemon Sword" and "Shield" are expected to break the record for the best selling entry in the franchise of over 122 titles, breaking the record of the original games from 1996.

The game is set to feature music tracks from several 'celebrity' composers, including one from the creator of cult classic "Undertale" which has been praised for its music.



Amazon Prime Video

"The Man in the High Castle" features a 1940s style aesthetic.



20th Century Fox

"Ford v Ferrari" currently holds a 76 out of 100 on *MetaCritic*.



Nintendo of America

"Pokemon Sword" and "Shield" feature a new cast of monsters.

How to Stay Warm

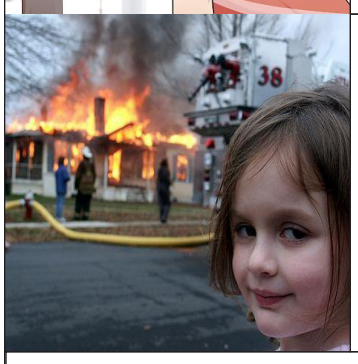
We've finally entered into winter, whether or not it's official yet. It literally SNOWED the other day and tbh I am NOT ready for the cold. I love the holidays, but there is nothing more I dislike than being cold. If you're like me, you will literally do anything to stay warm, so here's a little list of some ways to be in your own personal sauna all winter.



Heat up some potatoes
As a young girl, I read all of the Little House on the Prairie books. One thing that always stuck out to me was that whenever Laura or others in her stories would venture out into the cold, they would put heated potatoes in their pockets to keep warm. As a child, I thought this was the weirdest thing I'd ever read. However, now, as a fully mature and totally stable adult, I realize that this was the most ingenious idea ever. HOT POTATOES. IN POCKETS. FOR WARMTH??? Iconic. Truly. Not only will the hot taters keep you toasty for a bit of time, but it also gives you a snack for when you're finally back in the safety of warmth.



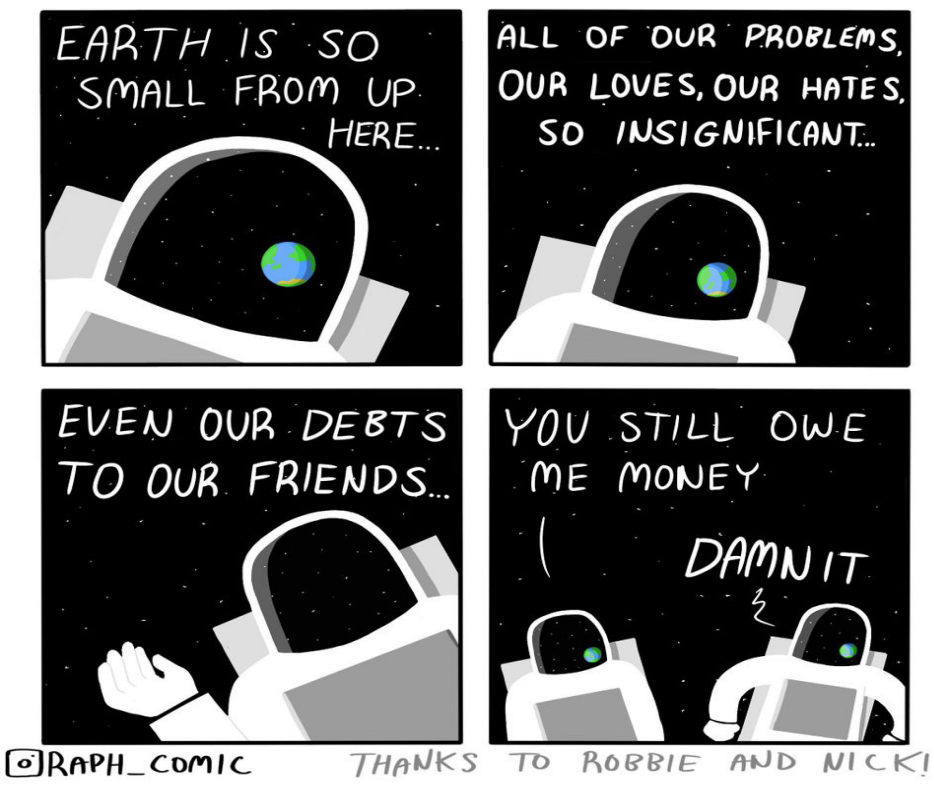
Get a sugar daddy/mommy to pay for an exorbitant heating bill
Truly the only thing I enjoyed about living in the dorms was being able to crank my heat up to like 90 degrees in the winter and not have to pay for it. While I understand some of you still have that luxury, this tip is for my readers who can't truly afford to "cut the cord." If you're struggling to pay for heating, don't ask your parents for money to heat your apartment because we all know they'll just tell you to put on socks or a sweater or something. Instead, just go onto SeekingArrangement and find a rich person who is willing to pay for you to make your house a sauna when it is 20 degrees outside. Sure, you might see your weird rich uncle on there, but the reward will definitely outweigh the risk



Start a riot
Let's be real: it's almost the end of 2019 and there is no shortage of things that would make us want to riot. So since it's cold outside, I say, why not? Why not riot? You're mad and you're cold and rioting will solve both of those issues. Riots act as a sort of catharsis as you wreak destruction on others' property to let everyone know you're mad. Another great aspect of riots is that they occasionally involve some sort of fire. Whether you decide to light an effigy on fire or just get some torches, you'll stay toasty all throughout the riot. Both the inner heat of your anger, combined with the external heat of the fires, will be sure to warm up your icy hands and keep you toasty.

Well I hope this all helps! I know I'm really excited to try heating up some potatoes because then I get to make potato skins after.

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So Insignificant
by RaphComic

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"You guys need to milk some animals and THEN you'll appreciate your cheese" -Dr. B

This Day in Club Penguin

Nov. 14, 2019



Ugh, I miss being a sled :(. Anyways, there's a new igloo catalog coming out today. Save up some coins because I want to have a "pimp my iggy" contest and tbh whoever spends the most money is going to win.

Extra! OMG!

OK, Boomer





A Dolla Makes Me Holla

Dear Kickies,

So I work in center city and I take the Septa BSL to get there. I love my job, and it makes me happy that I can just use Septa instead of having to pay for parking in the city. However, one thing that does give me anxiety is the amount of children who also use Septa. While some of you may like kids, they're like birds to me: okay at a distance, but should never be within 5 feet of me since they're basically just a petri dish of disease. While I did get my flu shot (as you all should) I can't help but to think that the children riding Septa are just waiting to pass their diseases onto a frail old person like myself. I became very sick this week and I can't help but blame my sickness on them.

Anyways, just as a PSA: never go within 5 feet of a child. You'll stay out of reach of their grubby hands while also hopefully avoiding any sneezes or sniffles.

Sincerely,

Emily "applying to be an Au Pair" Weintraut

Sudoku

Oh baby, today is a good one! Hopefully. In truth, I very rarely do the sudoku myself. I'm more of a crossword gal. Anyways, if y'all send me the time it takes for you to finish the sudoku, I'll make a little leader-board and maybe feature you.

COMICS!

Do you think if I go live on the moon, the government will forget about my student loans? Not thinking of traveling anytime soon, just wondering.

Comments

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

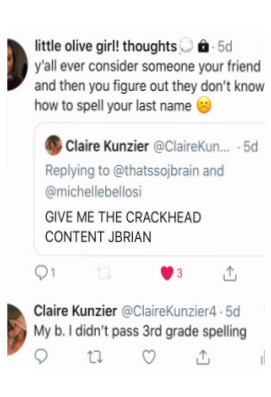
Tweet of the Week BEEF

Every week there is a tweet of the week in the side column of CAKE. Every time I do a tweet that isn't my friend Jessie's, she calls me out on Twitter. So, I've decided for the rest of the year 2019, or until Jessie comes back from England, I will do a tweet from anyone that isn't @thatssojbrain. SO, if you have any tweets, songs, Buzzfeed quizzes, popculture or whatever you want to see on CAKE, email me at kunzierc1@student.lasalle.edu.

Heres some of the Twitter beef:









Look at this shameless plug for jbrain on twitter, who I can't wait to come home from England <3

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 - "Pitbull could be anywhere right now. he's mr.worldwide. he could be in brazil or ur basement. u just never know." @CaucasionJames
SONG - "Comethru" by Jeremy Zucker
QUOTE - "Winter is coming." - Jon Snow
BUZZFEED QUIZ - If You Haven't Heard Of The Alignment System, Take This Test To Find Out If You're Chaotic Good, Lawful Evil, Or Somewhere In Between
Things to Watch on Netflix - "Big Mouth"

Home-Cooked Meals

As the weather gets colder, all anyone wants is a nice, warm, home cooked meal to make you feel better. Unless you live in TCLAM or off campus housing, you're out of luck for that. The closest thing your going to get is BnG or Trops and well, stir fry def isn't the same as homemade soup, chicken pot pie or whatever your mom makes. So, power through these last few weeks of school before Thanksgiving and then the end of the semester. You can do it!!!! (maybe)

Count down to Thanksgiving break: 11/27/2019
12 days Including weekends
9 days Not including weekends

Count down to Winter break: 12/13/2019
29 days Including weekends
22 days Not including weekends



MAD LIB

(because everyone loves a good mad lib)

I spent last summer on my grandfather's _____ (adjective) farm. He raises _____ (noun/s) for local food _____ (noun/s). He also grows corn on the _____ (noun), _____ (adjective) lettuce and lima _____ (noun/s). My favorite place to _____ (verb) on the farm is the _____ (adjective) house where grandfather keeps his _____ (noun/s). But when I visit in November, there are no _____ (noun/s)! They are all gone! I anxiously await at the table that Thanksgiving. I see the corn on the _____ (noun) and even the lima _____ (noun/s). I am relieved when grandma brings out a _____ (noun) for Thanksgiving dinner!

StOrY tImE

So my aunts and uncle try and cook a holiday dinner every year and every year, something interesting happens. The first year they tried to make Christmas dinner my aunt dropped the meat she was going outside to grill on the gravel ground. It was cleaned, and we still ate it cause jawn was expensive. All I can say was the extra crunch wasn't from the seasoning.
Here's a pic of the fam squad that year---------->



This week in La Salle sports

Women's Basketball
vs Harvard
Friday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.
On *ESPN+*

Swimming and Diving
vs NJIT/Stony Brook
Saturday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m.

Men's Basketball
vs Temple
Saturday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m.
On *ESPN+*

Volleyball
at Duquesne
Saturday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m.

Men's Water Polo
at #16 Fordham
Saturday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball
at Penn State
Sunday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m.

Women's Basketball
at Norfolk State
Friday, Nov. 22, 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball
vs Murray State
in Gulf Coast Showcase
Monday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball
vs Coppin State
Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.
On *ESPN+*

Swimming and Diving
vs Villanova
Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2 p.m.

Men's soccer falls to Dayton

Flyers defeat Explorers 4-0 in the A-10 quarterfinals

Sean Cornely
Staff

The men's soccer team went somewhere a lot of people in the Atlantic 10 did not see them going: The Atlantic 10 playoffs.

After the Atlantic 10 preseason poll, the Explorers were predicted to finish 13th of 13 teams in their conference, missing the playoffs by five whole spots.

Despite this, La Salle men's soccer grinded this season with the likes of senior captain Pat McCarthy, the sophomore duo from Ontario, Nigel Buckley and Omari Cotterell, bulletproof goalkeepers, freshman Carlos Mora and sophomore Brett Werner.

Granted, the whole team showed their tenacity and grit all year, but these guys really proved why "Explorers Are Never Lost."

One of their most notable wins of the year came against Duquesne in which the boys secured a great overtime victory to get their momentum back on track after falling short in three of the four games prior.

This victory then led to another notable one as the Explorers dismantled the whole "The Hawk will Never Die" slogan with a 2-0 win against St. Joseph's.

These two massive A-10 matchups helped them secure a spot in the playoffs where they were seeded sixth out of eight and proceeded to Dayton, Ohio for the first round of playoffs.

The playoff matchup did not exactly go to plan as the Explorers suffered a 4-0 defeat to the third seeded Dayton Flyers. Dayton had one of the best seasons in the A-10, as their only two losses came in both overtime and double overtime, making that a total of zero regulation loses in A-10 matchups.

The Explorers came out strong as they had a 3-0 shot advantage off the bat, two of them coming from McCarthy, but they proved to be fruitless thanks to Dayton goalkeeper Federico Barrios.

There seemed to be some soft decisions made by referees as the aggressive play of La Salle was shut down by quick whistles.



La Salle University Athletics
Senior captain Pat McCarthy led the team with 13 points off five

The Explorers put up 21 total fouls in the match, whereas the Flyers only received eight.

Two of those fouls from La Salle came with the addition of a yellow card, and just to make it seem like it was even, the Flyers also received a yellow card, but with a whopping 45 seconds left in a 4-0 match.

The Explorers' outstanding defense held the Flyers until the 34th minute. Before that, Dayton had not put a single shot on goal, however the one they did get on goal found the back of the net.

For the rest of the game, Dayton did not really get any shots on goal, but three out of the next four shots that they did, in fact, get on goal ended up going in the goal.

The Explorers will have 12 sophomores and eight freshmen returning for the 2020 season and will look for a solid recruiting class to assist in filling the gap McCarthy and the three other seniors will leave.

With so many returners, the future looks bright as a few of the top seeded team in the A-10 will lose more seniors, including the team that eliminated them this year.

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Behind the Explorers: Coach MacGillivray

Tyler Small
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On Nov. 7, women's basketball head coach Mountain MacGillivray was featured on La Salle TV's *SportsLine* coming off a domination victory against Howard. They defeated the Bison on the road 78-62 to hit the ground running for the 2019-20 season.

Last season, the Explorers began the year hosting Howard University, which did not fall in the team's favor as they lost by three with a score of 57-54. MacGillivray commented on this to begin the interview, as he stated, "It was a really nice turn around to how we started the season here last year."

MacGillivray continued to praise his team for the road victory, by saying "to go on the road against a veteran team that you know is going to pick up 18 to 20 wins again this year, and probably find themselves in the NCAA tournament, and pick up a win is a real big boost for this group."

The improvements in one season to go from losing by three to winning by 16 is significant in itself, but the other key takeaway from this victory is the 24-point scoring tick. A big contributor to this offensive mark up was true freshman Claire Jacobs, who started for the Explorers and posted 20 points in 28 minutes in her first collegiate game. MacGillivray talked more about this in his next answer.

"She's a gamer. When the lights come on, she knows how to get it done. She's still learning a lot, defensively and how to be accountable, but you know once it is game time she is a natural scorer, it's what she does."

Jacobs is not the only newcomer still learning the system for the Explorers, as the team has a combined ten athletes new to MacGillivray as either freshmen or transfers.

"There is a lot of growing pains that come with a new, young team… but there is a system in place that everyone has to learn for their role. When there was nothing in place and the team just played, they looked great. They ran the tempo freely and just played their game. But then as we add in more and more pieces, people get a little slower and second guess themselves. Now that the season is here though, they got the ball rolling and are much more comfortable and I'm enjoying watching them grow," said MacGillivray.



La Salle TV's SportsLine
Women's basketball coach Mountain MacGillivray sits down with *SportsLine's* Tyler Small on the Nov. 7 episode.

To close, he talked about the leadership he sees from some retuning starters from last year and how their impact has been felt. MacGillivray highlighted senior Shelina Miller first, stating, "She's really learning to be vocal in her leadership role holding down the defensive end. She's a real big shot-blocking presence, but now she is learning how to control the defensive end as well."

He also pointed out sophomore Kayla Spruill by saying, "She is taking a big jump from freshman year… and she has been day-in day-out the best player in practice."

Lastly, junior Deja King was the "obvious" leader in the locker room and on the court in MacGillivray's eyes. "Playing the point of the defense is a major factor," says MacGillivray, "she knows what to do and where everyone should be, and it's starting to rub off on everyone."

The Explorers return to action next as they host Harvard this Friday, Nov. 15.

To watch the full interview of MacGillivray, 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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Explorers fall in overtime

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The women's basketball team started off their season on a good note as they claimed the victory at Howard University on Nov. 5.

As the ball tipped off for the first time this season for the Explorers, Howard had an early lead in the first period by a score of 17-14.

La Salle then jumped out to an 8-0 run as they began the second period through the first two minutes.

The Explorers maintained the lead and headed for the locker room at halftime with a 38-30 lead over Howard.

As the second half of the contest went underway, Howard struck momentum and gave themselves a 49-39 lead.

Coming out of the first media timeout, La Salle made some adjustments and outscored the Bison 11-9 throughout the third period.

The fourth period was all La Salle as they continued their momentum and outscored Howard 13-7 going into the next media timeout with under five minutes remaining.

The Explorers then ultimately ended the game on a 10-6 run and earned their first win of the season, 78-62.

Senior Shalina Miller was just shy of her first double-double of the season with nine points and 11 rebounds.

Rookie Claire Jacobs scored 20 points for the Explorers in her collegiate debut.

Junior Deja King made her first start since her season-ending injury last season, and dropped 12 points and six assists.

Sophomore Kayla Spruill also had 12 points, as well as eight rebounds.

Overall the Explorers shot 45.6 percent (26-of-57) from the floor, and out rebounded Howard, 52-40.

All 10 Explorers who played in the game registered at least two point.

The Explorers, then hosted Robert Morris at Tom Gola Arena for game one of La Salle's Homecoming doubleheader games.

The home opener started off with Robert Morris gaining the advantage in the first period 16-11.

Going into the second period, the Colonials would add four more points to the scoreboard.

Eventually, La Salle took a 15-6 run in about a seven minute span to tie things up at 26.

Senior Sofilia Ngwafang had nine points going into halftime, which included seven on that 15-6 run.

The Blue and Gold opened up the second half strong as they went on a 8-3 run over the first three minutes.

Robert Morris wanted to keep this match close as the third quarter ended by a score of 40-39, favoring the Explorers.

The fourth period consisted of several lead changes, and with regulation ending with a tie at 61 apiece, the game went into overtime.

Overtime saw five lead changes and Robert Morris outscored La Salle 10-7, eventually taking the victory over the Explorers, 71-68.

Ngwafang finished the contest with a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds, and also two blocked shots.

Spruill led the team in points with a total of 19, and seven rebounds.

Miller only had six points in the game, but recorded three blocks in 16 minutes of play.

Freshman Jordon Lewis added 10 points to the stat sheet as the team's third highest scorer and had four assists.

Overall, both teams had 29 lead changes and the Explorers hit 35.5 percent of their shots in the paint, while the Colonials hit 30.6 percent in the paint.

La Salle outrebounded Robert Morris, 55-43, and recorded eight blocks as a team.

A busy weekend is in store for the women's basketball team, as they face Harvard on Friday Nov. 15 at 7 p.m., which will be aired on ESPN+. After that, they will travel to Happy Valley to take on Penn State on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2p.m.

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La Salle University Athletics

Senior Sofilia Ngwafang records a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Athlete of the Week



Amanda Chapin

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Senior Amanda Chapin was the most consistent player on the field hockey team as she raked up a team high 19 points off four goals and 11 assists on a team high 25 shots on target this season.

Chapin's best game came against Atlantic 10 rival Saint Louis as she scored once and assisted both freshman Hannah Yanovich and freshman Beau Baker in a four-point performance. Then against rival Villanova, where she assisted on all three of the Explorers' goals as she found fellow senior Chloe Lucky twice and freshman Samie Hackman.

Her 11 assists were the most by an Explorer since Beth Carey in 2009, and tied for third most all-time.

Chapin earned her recognition from the Atlantic 10 as she was named to the all-conference second team and all-academic team with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.97.

The La Salle field hockey team finished the season 7-11 unable to qualify for the A-10 playoffs.

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Women's soccer falls to Saint Louis

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After coming off of a spectacular win against Dayton to continue their run in the Atlantic 10 playoffs, the women's soccer team continued on against Saint Louis on Friday, Nov. 8th.

As La Salle sat in the number four seat and Saint Louis was in first with a better record, it was known from the get-go that this match would be a tough one.

The team had already established resilience as they had made it this far in the season and into the playoffs.



La Salle University Athletics

Junior goalkeeper Claudia Jenkins earns All-Championship honors.

The ladies were on the road for this game.

The game was hard-fought, as the game went scoreless very well into the first half.

However, in the 27th minute of regulation time, Courtney Reimer of Saint Louis drove a goal right past the diving hands of Junior goalkeeper Claudia Jenkins.

The rest of the game was a continuous battle on both ends. Jenkins recorded three saves out of the seventeen shots that La Salle faced throughout the game.

The Blue and Gold only recorded two shots on net on their end.

The rest of the game went on to be scoreless, as Reimer's unanswered goal proved to be the winner of the match, ending La Salle's season and advancing Saint Louis further into the playoffs.

The season was something to be proud of; La Salle's record ended in 11-8-1.

This record was an upgrade from last season's record of 8-8-1.

Goalkeeper Claudia Jenkins had a stellar season, and proved herself a force to be reckoned with.

The Austrailia native managed to be named to the Atlantic 10 Women's Soccer All-Championship Team after going off of that tough loss.

In the two games the women played in the playoffs, Jenkins made a total of nine saves and only let a single goal in the net. Jenkins is the first Explorer to receive this honor since 2017.

She is a tough performer, starting in all regulation games this season for the Explorers.

Along with her many achievements, Jenkins was able to register her first collegiate assist this season in the previous playoff game against Dayton which ended up being the game-winner for La Salle.

She has also received A-10 honors multiple times throughout her duration on the women's team.

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Explorers plunge

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The swimming and diving teams hosted Delaware and Rider in Kirk Pool but did not get the result the Homecoming crowd hoped for as the men lost to both Rider and Delaware, whereas the women defeated Rider, but could not match the Blue Hens.

The top performance for the Explorers came from Senior Norm Gregory as he pulled away in the 200-yard freestyle for the gold over Rider's Lucas Racevicious at 1:42.72.

Fellow Explorer, junior Daniel Johnson, rounded out the podium with a time of 1:44.60.

Gregory was outstretched by Rider's Justin Carey in the 100-yard free event as he finished eight hundredths of a second behind Carey at 46.62.

A 47.57 finish gave Johnson another third-place finish.

In the men's 50-yard freestyle, Gregory found second behind the Bronc's Joseph Gewartowski.

The men's other top finish came from sophomore Ian Venter in the 200-yard back. He pulled away from the pack in the final 50 yards to claim the victory at 1:52.86.

Venter came up short in the 100 back as he fell a second behind the leader from Rider for the silver.

In the final event of the night, Venter and Gregory teamed up with Johnson and freshman Cole Dyson in the men's 400-yard freestyle relay. The team stayed with the pack until Gregory pulled away in the anchor leg to claim the victory with a 3:08.75 finish.

For the women's swimming team, only senior Emily Wolbert took home the gold in the 200-yard butterfly as she overtook Delaware's Catherine Erwin in the final turn to win with a time of 2:06.72.

Both diving teams were able to capture top finishes; first freshman Sammy Henninger defeated Rider's Dillon Walles by one point in the one-meter dive to earn the gold.

Sophomore Steven Stasolla also earned a podium spot, earning the bronze in the one-meter dive.

Sophomore Phoebe Shaya claimed the gold in a dominating performance in the three-meter dive, forty points higher than second. Junior Julie D'Amore took the third podium spot in the three-meter dive.

Henninger and Shaya did well with second place finishes in the men's one-meter and women's three-meter.

Sophomore Sara Rizzetto kept falling just short of gold as she collected three silver medals in the 200 free, 200 back and 200 IM.

Fellow sophomore Anne Moser claimed a second place, and third place finish in the 1000 free and the 500 free, respectively.

Freshmen stood out with podium finishes as Brynn Peterson took second in the 50 free and 100 free. Classmate Lauren Fenn earned the silver in the 100 back, while Dyson squeezed into third in the 100 free.

The other top three finishes by the Explorers came from junior Gustav Swadenborg placing third in the 500 free and senior Carrie Horan in second for the 100 breast.

Both the men and women's swimming and diving team return on Saturday, Nov. 16 when they host NJIT and Stony Brook at Kirk Pool starting at 11 a.m.

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Men's soccer suffers devastating loss in first Atlatnic 10 playoff game since 2016.

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Women's basketball fall in overtime to Robert Morris on homecoming.



COLLEGIAN SPORTS

Men's basketball holds off Iona on homecoming

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Men's basketball started off their season with the Homecoming game last Saturday against the Iona Gaels.

Iona made it to March Madness last season, so it was expected to be a tough matchup. Iona was the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Champions. They had four starters returning.

Although a solid opponent for the Blue and Gold, the Explorers came out strong. They were hyped up.

Junior David Beatty started off the excitement three minutes into the game with a three-pointer.

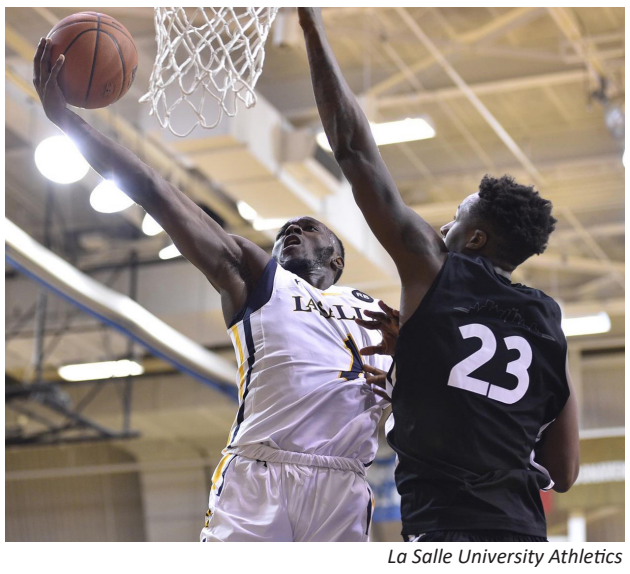
That jump started the 22-2 La Salle run had for seven minutes and 52 seconds.

Nearing the end of the first half the Explorers were on fire. To make the score differential 21 points, senior Saul Phiri and freshman Brandon Stone had back-to-back three-pointers.

Iona's junior Isaiah Ross stepped up and made the advantage a little less for the Explorers by scoring three three-pointers in a row, which ended the first half with a score of 41-23.

The men played exceptional offense in the first half with a 50 percent field goal percentage.

The Gaels came out of the gates running. Only three minutes into the second half Iona lessened their deficit to ten points. They scored eight straight points, with five of those eight by one of their leading scorers, senior E.J. Crawford.



La Salle University Athletics
Junior David Beatty scores only field goal in overtime period.

There was plenty of time left on the clock with the Explorers only leading by four points. Beatty got the momentum going again after he hit a clutch three and a free throw.

Their differential was only ten at this point.

However, Iona was not backing down with three minutes left and three points between the teams.

La Salle turned the ball over, which allowed the Gaels to dunk on the Explorers and left Iona down by three.

With only seven seconds left on the clock Iona's Isaiah Washington took a game-tying three and made it.

The Explorers could not take another shot before the clock ran out, which forced the game into overtime.

The Explorers had great defense throughout the overtime period. Iona was unable to get any points on the scoreboard in the extra period because of the strong defense the Explorers put up. This gave the Blue and Gold their first win of the season.

It seemed to be that the Gaels take mostly three's as they took 40 three-point shots, but only made eight throughout the game. Although some were in crucial moments, most of their attempted shots were threes.

The Explorers took advantage of that early on and defended them strategically. Last year, they averaged 76.7 points per game, but La Salle was able to hold them to only 64.

Redshirt junior Scott Spencer and Beatty were both close to double doubles. Spencer had nine points and nine rebounds, and Beatty had eight rebounds and led the team in points with 15.

The bench scoring was strong for the Explorers with a margin of 22-12. Sophomore Jared Kimbrough had six, and freshman Brandon Stone added 12.

Next up the Explorers took on Big 5 rival, Penn.

Penn dominated the game, winning 75-59.

La Salle will return home to face another Big 5 rival, Temple on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

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Volleyball qualifies for Atlantic 10 playoffs

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The volleyball team has been enjoying a successful run in the Atlantic 10 as of late, picking up some big wins against some of the top teams in the division.

The Explorers, who are currently ranked fifth in the A-10 with a 7-6 record in the division and a 13-12 record overall, most recently picked up a 3-2 win against third-ranked Saint Louis University (who have a 9-3 A10 record and 15-10 overall record).

Several Explorers shined in the victory against the Billikens, as sophomore Elizabeth Osborn picked up 20 kills, freshman Rachel Hess registered 20 digs, senior Catherine Edgington had 6 blocks, and senior Kathryn Wood provided an impressive 46 assists.

It's fitting that these names stand out in this game, as the win against Saint Louis came on the team's Senior Day, but it was not only a day for the seniors, but a day for the La Salle University history books.

In the third set of the game, Wood served up her 25th assist of the afternoon. This crucial assist broke Molly Thatcher's all-time assist record of 4,309 that Thatcher set in 2002.

Wood wasn't the only senior that earned a place in the record books, as fellow senior Devin Corah registered nine kills on the night, moving her into second place in program history.

From the beginning, the Explorers seemed destined to emerge victoriously.

The team opened up a 12-2 lead, and despite the Billikens closing it to 13-7, a 7-4 La Salle burst put the Explorers up 20-11.

This helped the home side take the opening set of the game, and provide a boost of confidence going into the second set.

Despite losing out on the first set, the Billikens held a 5-1 lead to begin the second.

The Explorers weren't able to be held down for long, though, and used an 8-2 push to fight back against Saint Louis' 12-10 lead.

A tug-of-war for points ensued, with the Billikens taking the next three points, then the Explorers taking the following four points, and the Billikens taking the four points after that.

This left the home team with a narrow 22-21 lead, but kills by Wood and junior Samantha Graver put the Explorers at set point, and allowed them to claim the second set despite a two-point push by the away team.

Determined not to be swept, Saint Louis quickly overtook a 5-2 La Salle lead in the third set.

Although the Explorers were able to tie the set up twice, once at 10-10 and again at 14-14, a 7-1 Billikens run meant that the visitors were able to pull one back and put themselves on the board.

This win propelled Saint Louis to take a 6-0 lead in the fourth set, and even though the Explorers battled back to within four points on several occasions (a respectable 7-3, 8-4, 9-5, 10-6, and 11-7), the Billikens unfortunately took ten of the next 13 points, giving them their second consecutive win in the game.

Determined to get back to winning ways, the fifth set turned to a scrappy back-and-forth battle for points, with La Salle recording a notable 10-7 lead at one point in the set.

The Billikens did their best to answer to the Explorers' dominance, taking four consecutive points and eventually the lead, but La Salle was able to bounce back and claim five of the next six points, and consequently, take the fifth set.

Even though it was Senior Day, all eyes were on the non-seniors during the fifth set, as all of the points recorded by the Explorers in this set came from non-seniors.

Graver collected five kills and an ace, while fellow junior Allison Laucella earned a service ace. Hess and redshirt freshman Sarah Nahas both recorded a service ace, while Osborn contributed with a kill.

Having clinched a playoff spot, the volleyball team will aim to move up in the A-10 standings to position itself as well as possible.

They will finish off their regular season away against the Duquesne Dukes this Saturday, Nov. 16.

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Volleyball enters the playoffs after losing in the semifinals last year.