La Salle University Trivia Questions  
(as compiled by the La Salle University Archives Staff)

When La Salle first purchased the original acreage at 20th & Olney in 1926, how many acres—plus or minus 3 acres—were purchased?  
10 (so any answer between 7 and 13 is acceptable)

The Christian Brothers were forbidden to teach this language at La Salle by their European Superior from about 1899 to 1923. Name that language.  
Latin (Greek is also acceptable)

In the earliest days of The Masque (1930s), most of the women’s parts were played by women from which Catholic college?  
Chestnut Hill

On the campus at 20th & Olney, in what building was the original library at La Salle?  
College Hall

In 1934, La Salle posted an undefeated season in this sport. Name that sport.  
Football

Dr. Roland Holroyd’s name graces our science building. Of the major branches of science, which one was Dr. Holroyd’s specialty?  
Biology

Before La Salle moved to 20th & Olney, it was located on this street for 44 years. Name this street.  
Broad Street

When the first-ever Collegian newspaper was published, its cost per issue was printed on page 1, and each recipient had to pay that cost. How much did each Collegian cost that first year?  
10 cents

In 1949, La Salle played its first-ever game in this sport, losing to West Chester by a score of 6-0. Name that sport.  
Soccer

Joe Verdeur was La Salle’s first Olympian in 1948. He won a medal in the 200-meter breaststroke. Which color medal did he win?  
Gold

In what decade did the Explorer yearbook begin?  
1940s (1940, to be exact)
La Salle had a legendary barber who cut hair for La Salle’s male students for decades. Everyone knew him by his first name. What was his first name?
Pete

In what decade did the *Collegian* begin?
1930s (1931, to be exact)

In what decade was McShain Hall built?
1940s

In what decade did the five Philly-area colleges come together to begin playing basketball against each other as the Big 5?
1950s

In what building did John F. Kennedy receive an honorary degree from La Salle?
College Hall

Track & Field star Ira Davis represented La Salle at not 1, not 2, but 3 of these prestigious sporting events. Name these occasions.
The Olympics

Dan Rodden was the long-time director of this student organization. Name the organization.
The Masque

During the 1950s, La Salle won the Dad Vail 6 times. In what sport is the Dad Vail?
Crew or Rowing

As many as 4 men of La Salle were killed between 1950 and 1953 in this war. Name the war.
Korean

St. John Baptist de La Salle is the patron saint of all what?
Teachers

The first team championship ever won by La Salle College was in 1950 in this sport. What was the sport?
Track & Field, or simply Track

In the unforgettable basketball season of 1968-1969, La Salle went 23-1 but was banned from the post-season tournaments. Name the coach that year.
Tom Gola
Name the kind of farm animal that was kidnapped from the Belfield property by a clever group of students in May 1968 and taken into St. Bernard’s Hall.
Cow

The first-ever April Fool’s edition of the *Collegian* was on April 1, 1968 and was dubbed *The Ho Chi Minh Herald*. To what war does the title refer?
Vietnam

Name the decade when La Salle’s Evening Division went co-ed.
1960s

Tom Gola played for two NBA teams. Name the city and nickname of one of these teams.
Philadelphia Warriors, New York Knicks

This nationally-known comedian, who attended Temple University and is proud of his Philly roots, gave a comedy appearance at La Salle in 1965.
Bill Cosby

La Salle’s Centennial Ball (November 1963) was cancelled because of this important national event. Name the event.
John F. Kennedy’s assassination

In 1963, La Salle bought the Olney Garden Apartments and converted them for use by La Salle residents. By what name did La Salle College designate these apartments?
La Salle Apartments

When La Salle went co-ed in 1970, which residence hall went from being all-male dorm to an all-female dorm?
St. Edward

What sport is Coach Joe Kirk associated with at La Salle?
Swimming

In what European country was the “La Salle in Europe” program established in 1960?
Switzerland

In 1960 La Salle College Hall School moved off the campus of La Salle College to a location 20 minutes away. The community is called Wyndmoor. But in what TOWNSHIP is Wyndmoor located?
Springfield
SPELL the last name of the man for whom the science building was named in the 1980s.
H-O-L-R-O-Y-D (Holroyd)

This campus location opened in 1989, and it was then called “The L Stop.”
Today, however, this same location is known by another name. What is it?
Campus Store or Bookstore

What was the last store in The Shoppes at La Salle to have its groundbreaking?
Gamestop

Which store in The Shoppes at La Salle had its grand opening first?
Rite-Aid

In 2006, the first-ever sport played under the modern lighting system at McCarthy Stadium was a women’s soccer game between La Salle and what Big 5 school?
Villanova

Until 2006, it was known as the School of Nursing. What is the precise name of the school since 2006?
School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Brother Michael McGinniss, our President, was once the President of Christian Brothers University. In what city is Christian Brothers University?
Memphis

In 1999, the readers of the Philadelphia Daily News voted this man as Philadelphia’s greatest college basketball player. Name him.
Tom Gola

In 1998, the women’s lacrosse team played its first game against a certain Big 5 team. Name it.
Villanova

When La Salle played its first-ever game in the newly renovated Hayman Center in 1998, it was against this university from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Name it.
Virginia Tech

In 1997, when La Salle won its first football game since 1941, La Salle defeated this college from Jersey City.
St. Peters
When La Salle resumed football in 1997, La Salle’s first game was against this Catholic Connecticut university. Name it.
Fairfield

The front cover of the 1996 Explorer yearbook will always be remember for an unforgettable mistake. What was it?
La Salle was misspelled

Cesidio Colasante has his number retired. What sport did he play?
Soccer

What does the “B” stand for in “BUSCA”?
Bilingual

There is only one female Explorer basketball player to have her number retired. What is her last name?
Cole

This famous La Salle basketball star was nicknamed “The L Train.” Name him.
Lionel Simmons

The St. Miguel Townhouses are named for St. Miguel, a prominent Christian Brother who came from this very small South American country. Name it.
Ecuador

Spell the phrase: Baccalaureate Mass.

In 1984, La Salle’s President and the Governor of Pennsylvania signed important documentation by which La Salle was granted a significant designation. Name it.
University

In 1984, La Salle had its first Parents’ Weekend. Beginning in 2003, the name “Parents’ Weekend” was changed to what new name by which it is called today?
Family Weekend

With what sport was Coach Bill Manlove associated?
Football

What is the correct spelling of St. Katherine’s Hall?
In November 1980, La Salle defeated Southwest Missouri State to win the AIAW, Division II, National Championship. Name the sport.
Field Hockey

What was La Salle’s first Varsity sport?
Basketball

What were the first three buildings at La Salle’s 20th and Olney location?
College Hall, The Brothers’ Residence, and Wister Hall

What was La Salle’s first fraternity on campus?
Sigma Phi Lambda

What was La Salle’s first graduate program, inaugurated in 1950?
Master’s Degree in Religion (Theology is also acceptable)

What are the names of La Salle’s first two residence halls, which were formally blessed and opened in 1953?
St. Albert and St. Bernard

In what year did La Salle College win the NCAA championship?
1954

Which two schools within La Salle College were the first to be formally established in 1955?
The School of Arts and Sciences AND the School of Business Administration

In 1968, Kathryn Fitzgerald was the first woman to do what at La Salle?
Receive a Bachelor’s Degree

Regarding the ROTC program, what was the result of the peaceful four-day sit-down demonstration in College Hall in 1969?
ROTC became optional for students

In what year did La Salle become fully co-educational with the admittance of women to the Day Division?
1970

What was the first Women’s sports team at La Salle?
Basketball

What was La Salle’s first service sorority?
Gamma Sigma Sigma

What high school was the site of La Salle’s first satellite campus in 1977?
Archbishop Ryan High School
Which opened first: St. John Neumann Hall or St. Miguel Townhouses?
St. Miguel Townhouses (1989, St. Neumann a year later)

What was La Salle’s first doctoral degree, inaugurated in 1998?
Psy.D. (Clinical Psychology); NOTE: “Psychology” will also be acceptable

What number did Tom Gola wear as an Explorer (which is now retired)?
15

To what athletic conference does La Salle currently belong?
A-10 (Atlantic 10)

The President’s office is housed in the home of what colonial American portrait painter?
Charles Willson Peale

Who has been the longest-serving president of La Salle?
Brother Patrick Ellis

La Salle’s residence halls are named for saints. The names of these saints are arranged in alphabetical order from A to M. One letter from A to M has no residence hall and is therefore missing from the pattern. Name that letter.
“I”

When La Salle won the 1954 NCAA Basketball championship, what team did they defeat in the final game of the tournament?
Bradley University

What is the statue between College Hall and the Administration Building?
St. John Baptist de La Salle

At the bottom of 20th Street, very near Belfield Avenue, is a statue to the memory of the war dead of a certain war. Name the war.
World War I

Peter Boyle (from Everybody Loves Raymond) is one of La Salle’s best-known alums. He was taught by the Christian Brothers at which local high school?
West Catholic

La Salle’s largest piece of sculpture is in which building?
Olney Hall
When the Administration Building was originally built, what was it used for during its first 35 or so years?
The library

What is the real name of former men’s basketball coach Speedy Morris?
William or Bill

We all know that La Salle celebrates La Salle Heritage Week in March because it received its collegiate charter in March. On what date in March did La Salle receive its charter?
March 20

Brother Michael McGinniss was taught by the Christian Brothers at what local high school?
La Salle College High School