

# La Salle College Old Boys' Association Newsletter

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## Progress of Redevelopment of La Salle Primary School



Mrs. Fanny Law, the Secretary for Education and Manpower addressing the audience.



Bro Patrick, Supervisor of LSPS delivering the Opening Speech.



Mr. Fanny Law, the guest of honour, accompanied by Bro Patrick, is entering the hall.



Mrs. Fanny Law unveiling the plaque while Mr. Michael Chan, Chairman of LSPS Redevelopment Committee and Bro Patrick, Supervisor of LSPS looking on.

We are grateful to all the Old Boys who have rallied so readily with their generous support for the La Salle Primary School redevelopment project-you will be pleased to know that we have made excellent progress in the past year. After obtaining the Government's funding approval of some \$160million for the redevelopment project in May 2000, the design and construction of the new La Salle Primary School immediately started. Our target is to complete the entire project in August 2002 so that La Salle Primary School could change to whole day schooling in the school year 2002/03.

Upon competitive tender, Gammon Construction Limited was appointed to carry out the foundation and piling works and these works were completed satisfactorily in February 2001. Tender for the main superstructure works of the new school building was invited in November 2000. Paul Y. Construction won the competitive tender for undertaking the job, and construction of the main school building has begun since March 2001. As everything is going well so far, it is expected that Phase I of the redevelopment project, i.e. the main school building would be completed by early 2002.

Phase II of the construction works, i.e. the sports ground, the swimming pool, and the lower level carpark, will begin immediately thereafter.

On 7 April 2001, we held the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony at the existing covered playground of La Salle Primary. The Secretary for Education and Manpower, Mrs. Fanny Law, was our guest of honour with the laying of the foundation stone by Mrs. Law and the Supervisor of La Salle Primary, Brother Patrick, the construction stage of the main school building formally began.

On the fund raising side, we launched the kick-off for the fund raising campaign at the soccer field of La Salle College on 16 September 2000. More than 2,000 parents, students and Old Boys participated in the event.

The new school will have, in addition to standard facilities, extra provisions such as an indoor gymnasium, a swimming pool, extra soccer ground and additional computer installations. They cost about \$35million-we have mounted a fund raised drive to collect this sum. We have received encouraging responses from parents and Old Boys.

To encourage more Old Boys to participate in the redevelopment project, we have initiated a "Class Gin scheme" under which Old Boys of a particular year of graduation could collectively pledge an appropriate donation. So far, we have already received "Class Gifts, from about 10 classes-Details of the scheme could be found in the homepage of LSCOBA

As regards the sponsorship scheme for school facilities, pledges

for most of the facilities have been secured. The remaining facilities available for sponsorship are listed below: -

Sponsoring Area Minimum Donation

(a) General Studies Room (4/F)	\$300,000.00
(b) Multi-purpose Area (3/F)	\$300,000.00
(c) Play Area for P1&2 Students (3/F)	\$300,000.00
(d) Chess & Cards Playing Area (5/F)	\$300,000.00
(e) 2 Dressing Room (5/F)	\$100,000.00 (each)
(f) PE Store (G/F)	\$100,000.00

If you are interested in the Class Gin Scheme or sponsoring the above facilities, please contact Mr. Brian Lo the Secretary of the Redevelopment Committee (Telephone number: 91680267 or bshlo@hotmail.com).

Overall, we have, as at the end of March, received more than \$18 million as well as some more pledges. Though we are getting closer and closer towards meeting our fund raising target, your on-going support is needed.

Remember, the new School is OUR School. It is for our next generation of La Salle Boys and we owe it to them to give them the best facilities.

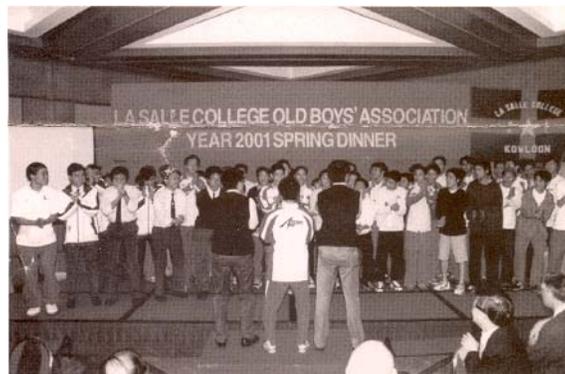
## Spring Dinner at Nikko Hotel, 13 March, 2001



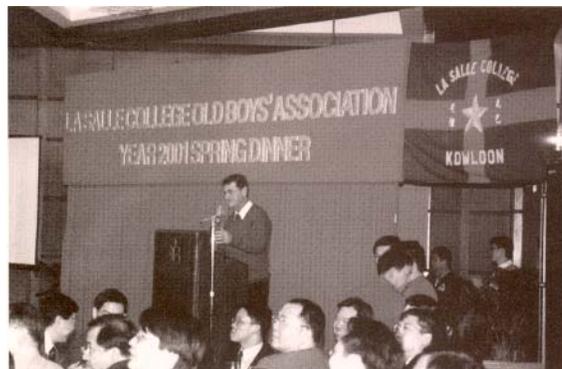
"Bottoms Up" "Yum Sing" LSCOPA Office Bearers and Committee Members and Brothers wished all the Old Boys Happy New Year and good luck.



LSCOPA Chatboard 'members'. Could you locate where Clement, Mark, Lester, Lok, Roger are?



La Salle College "Cheering Squad" in preparation.



Bro. Thomas, Principal of the School, addressing the Old boys.



LSC Boys are all rounders. They excel at sports and studies. LSCOBA awarded a trophy to last year's La Salle Boys who scored 10A's 9A's and a lot of A's in HKCEE.



The 'Cheering Squad' in full swing.

Spring Dinner 2001 was held on the 13th of March. More than 360 Old boys, teachers, students and guests packed into the Grand Ballroom of Nikko Hotel for this highly popular OBA annual function.

The School Principal Rev Brother Thomas, and OBA President, Mr. William Tong, first delivered welcoming speeches. This was followed by a 'fashion show' which LSC outfits of different generations were paraded by overweight 'models'. Special tribute was given to the Class of 2000 in the recognition of their outstanding achievements in the Certificate of Education Examinations. LSC athletes who had just completed a victorious campaign were invited to the Spring Dinner. Their cheer demonstration culminated a night of good food, celebrations, fellowship and fun. I would like to thank Robert Yuen, Philip Yung, Wilson Wong, Dwight Chan, Andrew Yulen, Tommy Chiu and many other old boys for their help in organising the spring dinner.

Chan Ka Ming

#### We Need your Help

The La Salle Primary School Redevelopment Committee is planning a commemorative publication on the redevelopment project. A production team is being formed and we are looking for an English Editor, a Chinese Editor, writers and reporters, an Art Director/Designer, a Production Manager and a Printer. If you have relevant experience or if you are interested in joining the team, please contact Brian Lo (91680267 or bshlo@hotmail-com) Mark Huang (92291133 or mark-gv@yahoo-com).

### Interschool Athletics Championship 2001

La Salle College was 2nd in the Overall. The final standings and points were as follows:-

Overall | A Grade | B Grade | c Grade

1st DBS 480 points	1st DBS 215 points	1st DBS 165 points	1st LSC 143 points
2nd LSC 416 points	2nd CGH 152 points	2nd LSC 150 points	2nd CGH 104 points
3rd CGH 322 points	3rd LSC 123 points	3rd CGH 66 points	3rd DBS 100 points

Congratulations to our Sports Master, MR Chan Chau Mo and his team and to all the athletes who did their best in wand1ai this year!

## Down Memory Lane

### An Interview with Mr. Terry Hardy

-An Englishman who worked in the 33rd General Hospital (the Old La Salle Building) in 1955

Mr Terry Hardy wrote to the school in 2001. He wished to visit La Salle College to revive his memory of the good old days. Miss Cecilia Tang and Mr Peter Chiu, Chairperson and member of the School PR Team were invited to receive him. The following are some of the interesting episodes he recounted. (The full report will appear in the School Magazine 2001.)

Mr Hardy went to the 33rd Hospital in August 24, 1955 as an assistant pathologist. But as soon as he arrived at the building, he was told to get out of the jeep. 'Stand there!'

Before he could ask what was going on, he was confined to the barracks for 2 weeks. 'What have I done wrong?' He asked. Nothing! Unfortunately for him, another soldier, for some unexplained reason had evoked the wrath of a Lieutenant.

Life was very boring in a hospital. That guilty soldier, out of ignorance or naughtiness, stole out at night and painted half the statue blue, the statue in question was none other than the statue of St John Baptist de La Salle. Since the Lieutenant was a very fervent Catholic, he passed a severe sentence on all the soldiers and workers and that is why they, including Mr Hardy were confined to the barracks for 2 long weeks. The Lieutenant finally found who did it. The culprit was to stay in the barracks for the rest of his term-that is, for 1 month for his wrong deed.

Mr Hardy also revealed the reason why grass could not grow in our old football field. In the days when the army took the school building, they built barrack on our field. So they dug up all the soil and put cement and sand there. You cannot get blood from a rock. Similarly, you can't get grass from sand and cement either. That may be why when the field was returned to us, our football field could not hold grass for long.

He had both fond memories and sad ones of the 33rd General Hospital. He said that most of the people at that time, armies and civilians, gambled their lives on dangerous drinking, shooting themselves and wasting their lives for nothing.

He had happy memories also, like a soldier who had his leg amputated the night before and was seen sitting in the front row of the Hall on the next day to watch 2 famous comedians dancing and singing.

Do you know what the 33rd General Hospital clinic is famous for? It was famous for detecting venereal disease. Mr Hardy said life in the old days was hectic. He told us doctors and their assistants had to work literally round the clock to take care of the soldiers and civilians. 'It was staggering.' He exclaimed.

Mr Hardy said Hong Kong gave him a lasting impression and the 33rd Hospital gave him wonderful training, not only in pathology but in personal responsibility. He loved to stay in Hong Kong. He said it was exciting to leave the poor areas in England, old town, village to see tall buildings which he had never seen before. "Hong Kong is vibrant with life. One feels one is living and existing in Hong Kong."

## Down Memory Lane



*Mr Hardy standing in front of the big photo of the La Salle Old Building.*



*Barracks were built on the school football field. That may explain why the field becomes a Desert so easily.*



*Mr Hardy, Mr Peter Chiu and Miss Cecilia Tang standing in front of the statue which the soldier painted blue once.*



*Mr Hardy is seen standing in the ground floor corridor: He said they played badminton there.*

**Dear Mr. Peter Chiu,**

It was a great pleasure and wonderful experience to visit La Salle College again after such a long absence-46 years is too long! Thursday, 15th March, 2001, will remain in my memory as a very special day.

I am very grateful to you, and Miss Cecilia Tang for your time and kindness and interest and it was a pleasure to meet Rev. Brother Patrick and Rev. Brother Thomas.

My visit was a very important day. To see the wonderful facility of La Salle College following on from my own brief stay in La Salle road, when it was 33rd, General Hospital, was a great experience.

I had the feeling during my brief visit that La Salle College is a happy place and a place where positive feelings towards the future are being generated. Perhaps I might one day visit when La Salle is in 'full swing' and busy with the pupils.

The remainder of my visit to Hong Kong was also a wonderful experience. I visited the old building (British Military Hospital) at Bowen Road-still standing but I suppose it must be demolished sometime soon. The building is really empty now and it was a strange feeling to walk the corridors and visit the now empty wards again. I could remember with amazing clarity the hospital sounds and the bustling life of 1955-the happy times, the sad times and the successful times, and alas, the not so good times. I took many photographs (over 500) and I walked many miles around the old Hong Kong that I remember so well. Some parts have not changed at all.

Thank you again for your kind welcome and for your time.

Please give my regards to Rev. Brother Thomas and Rev. Brother Patrick and to Miss Cecilia Tang and to your young 'photographer'.

If I can help anyone from La Salle if they should visit England, they can always let me know and my wife and I will be pleased to offer assistance. My best wishes and regards,

Terry L Hardy.

## **LSCOBA 2001 Spring Golf Tournament**

Details of the next golf tournament of LSCOBA are as follows: Date: 25th & 26 May 2001 (Fri.-Sat.)

Venue: Agile Golf & Country Club, Zhongshan (中山長江高爾夫球會)

Ferry: HK to Zhongshan: 25/5/2001 departing from China-HK City Ferry Terminal (Tsimshatsui) at 7:45 a.m.

Zhongshan to HK: 26/5/2001 departing Zhongshan Port at 4:30 p.m. to China-HK City Ferry Terminal (Tsimshatsui) Hotel: 中山怡景酒店(5 minutes from golf course) Price: HK\$2,550.00 per person includes:

-Round trip ferry between HK and Zhongshan Port

-1 night hotel accommodation on twin -sharing basis (single room supplement at HK\$200 surcharge available on request but subject to availability)

-2 rounds green fees, caddie fees, buggy fees and locker -Breakfast on 25/5/2001 and 26/5/2001 -Prize-giving lunch on 26/5/2001

-Prizes

Vacancies: 36 LSCOBA members on a first-come-first-served basis Deadline: 11th May 2001 (Fri.) Remarks:

-Old boys joining one day only are also welcome, please liaise with Roger Wong for special arrangements. -No entry will be accepted unless accompanied with full payment.

-Prizes will be awarded to the winners with the best total score (new prize), most Stableford points, Best Front-9, Best Back-9 as well as winners for the longest-drive and nearest-pin.'

-Make sure you have a valid travelling document to go to China.

-All itineraries and prices are subject to change without prior notice.

-LSCOBA reserves the right to cancel the event at its sole discretion in which event a full refund will be made.

-LSCOBA and the organizers shall not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage whatsoever to any person howsoever arising in the connection with this event.

-For further enquiries, please contact Roger Wong (tel: 22303522, fax: 2899 2996, email: rogerksw@prestongates.com.hk)

### **La Salle VCD**

**April 30, 2001**

Dear Old Boys

To capture the good memories of La Salle education, La Salle College Old Boys' Association has embarked on a project to produce the first ever La Salle VCD. It includes:

-professionally recorded video of the primary school building, which will be demolished soon

-beautiful video of the College campus as well as school life in La Salle College

-previous video footage of the legendary old College building and the majestic Dome

-stand-up comedy on "La Salle Tsai" performed by renowned entertainer and dedicated old boy Philip Chan Yan-kin The English and Chinese School Songs will be used as the soundtracks.

The VCD sale was first launched in La Salle College and La Salle Primary School at the beginning of the year. The response was most encouraging with over 1,600 copies sold.

The VCD is now ready for sales to old boys. The price is set at \$200 per copy, with a minimum mail order of 5 copies per delivery.

The products will be delivered to you (Hong Kong or overseas) at no further charges. Please complete the order form and send it back together with a cheque/bank draft payable to La Salle College Old Boys' Association Limited (c/o La Salle College, 18 La Salle Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong).

Yours sincerely,

**William Tong,  
President, LSCOBA**