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Field Notes

Narrator: Mr. David Diehl

Interviewer: William T. Donohoe Jr.

Date: Thursday and Friday March 13th and 14th, 2008 9:00 A.M.

Location: Office of Mr. David Diehl, La Salle College High School

Language: English

Mr. David Diehl has been a faculty member, administrator and coach at La Salle High School for 47 years (since 1961). He is also a graduate of LSCHS in 1955. Mr. Diehl has served La Salle in many capacities including teacher, coach, disciplinarian and principal. His leadership skills led La Salle into the twentieth century overseeing the schools advancements in technology and the building of La Salle's St. Michael's Hall, and the West Wing. I met Mr. Diehl on two consecutive days during second period, which is from 9:00-9:40 AM. We met in his office on the first floor of La Salle's original academic wing, McLean Hall.

Mr. Diehl was happy to meet with me to discuss La Salle in an interview. He was the principal of the school when I attended and is know my colleague, so it was a great experience for me to interview him. Also, I interviewed two of his close friends also, Joe Colistra and Joe Ciccimaro, which provided and interesting dynamic for me. It was his first time being interviewed for a project like this and seemed excited for the chance to sit down with me.

Mr. Diehl is a tall and athletic looking man; he was an all-catholic football player at LA Salle and played division one football at Temple University. He is a wealth of knowledge for any young teacher with all of his experiences. He is also a great man to talk to about the history of La Salle High School, serving the school for close to fifty years!

The interview included questions on his childhood, his years at La Salle, his College experience and his tenure at La Salle College High School. The questions asked were geared towards gaining an idea of the values of La Salle through the eyes of one of its loyalist sons. His perspectives as a classroom teacher, coach and administrator all fit very well. My experience sitting and talking with Mr. Diehl over two days was excellent and hope that someday it will help someone researching the time period of La Salle High's history between 1961-2008, will find this interview rather helpful.