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## Lisa Richette to Receive Signum Fidei Medal

Lisa Richette, Esq. will be the 29th recipient of the annual Signum Fidei Medal for "contributions to the advancement of Christian principles." The presentation of the Alumni Association's highest award will be made by Harry White, Ph.D., class of 1954, President of the Association at the annual Awards Dinner on February 5.

Other awards will be made for outstanding service by alumni in class, chapter, and professional group activities. Fifty-three members of the Class of 1971 will be inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Society at the dinner.

Mrs. Richette is a prominent Philadelphia attorney who authored *The Throwaway Children* in 1969. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, she received her law degree from Yale University in 1952. She has been an instructor in psychiatry and law at Yale and served for a time as an assistant district attorney for the City of Philadelphia. Currently, Mrs. Richette is a lecturer at Villanova University School of Law in addition to her private law practice. She has been involved in numerous health and welfare councils in the Philadelphia metropolitan area. Last September she appeared on campus as part of the *Concert and Lecture* series and impressed the students with her analysis of the problems of child welfare, especially those of which she wrote in her book.

Awards Committee Chairman Daniel E. McGonigle, '57 has announced that the tickets for the Awards Dinner in the College Union Ballroom on Friday, February 5, 1971 are \$6.50 per person and may be purchased at the Alumni Office.

The La Salle College Alumni Association "Signum Fidei" Medal derives its name from the motto of the Brothers of the Christian Schools — "Sign of Faith." It is given to recognize personal achievements in harmony with the established aims of La Salle College and the objectives of the Brothers of

the Christian Schools, and is awarded annually to a person who has made "most noteworthy contributions to the advancement of Christian principles."

The medal has been awarded each year since 1942. Recipients have included: Bishop Fulton Sheen, R. Sargent Shriver, Senator Eugene J. McCarthy and Rev. Leon Sullivan. Last year's recipient was James W. Turpin, M.D., founder of Project Concern, the medical relief program which operates clinics in Southeast Asia and Appalachia.



## Downtown Club – February Offerings

On February 5, the Downtown Club, under the chairmanship of Robert J. Schaefer, '54, will host its third luncheon of the year, and thanks to J. Russell Cullen, Jr., this monthly meeting promises to be as successful as the first two. At 12:30 p.m., Congressman William Green will address club members and their friends in the Mirage Room of the Barclay Hotel.

On February 26, the "hawk" and "explorer" will clash in their annual

prelude to the big game, but this time it's only for laughs—that is—the joint luncheon engagement of St. Joe's and La Salle's Downtown Clubs. This year's lull before the storm will take place at 12:00 p.m. in the Benjamin West Room of the new Holiday Inn at 1800 Market Street. Bob Vetrone, Vice-President and Director for Sports International, Inc., will be master of ceremonies as the clubs of both institutions engage each other for the fifth time in a spirit of friendly rivalry.

Tickets and additional information concerning either or both of the above mentioned luncheons can be procured by contacting the Alumni Office, VI-8-8300, Ext. 421. **ADVANCED RESERVATIONS** will be necessary as a large turnout is anticipated at each luncheon.

Laudits are out to Bob Schaefer and his committee who have outdone themselves this year by securing fine locations and excellent speakers for all of the luncheons!

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## ALUMNI BOARD IN FERMENT — How Social An Association?

The Alumni Association's Board of Directors is greatly concerned these days about the success of the College's forthcoming capital gifts drive and about the Association's own finances. But under the most critical scrutiny at present is the alumni social program.

The Board devoted a Saturday morning (January 9) to a special leadership conference on the social and development programs. However, most of the soul-searching concerned the relevance of the existing social program.

Presently the Association offers five social activities which are open to all alumni and are conducted by committees of the Board: the Stag Reunion, the Homecoming Dinner-dance, the post St. Joseph's game social, the Signum Fidei Award dinner, and the Spring Reception. In recent years attendance has been down at these activities, either in absolute terms or in percentage of our growing numbers. Younger alumni, in particular, do not seem interested in these functions.

The Board is asking: should attendance be the sole criterion for judging the

success of a social function? What effect do these programs have on the Annual Fund? Should we continue all five activities? Redesign some? Scrap the whole program?

The latter course is not so drastic as it sounds. Other more specialized activities would remain on the social calendar: the Downtown and Basketball Clubs, class reunions, professional group receptions, chapter activities, etc. Other suggestions advanced at the Conference included: devoting Homecoming Weekend to anniversary classes; sponsoring a "beef and beer" night with a rock band for recent graduates and their wives.

No final decisions have been made and expressions of alumni opinion would be most welcome. Letters to the Alumni Office will be presented to the Board when it meets again in March.

Another area of concern to Board members is Alumni Association finances. A series of set-backs in these same social activities have reduced the treasury to near penury. There will be a separate workshop on this subject in the near future.

Although the value of the social program is under serious question, Board members recognized that the Association has made great advances in recent years. The Annual Fund has shown a steady increase. Alumni now participate in many important committees at the College and the Alumni President has represented the Association at Board of Trustees meetings. The Admissions Committee has been performing a needed service for La Salle and high hopes are held for the future of the Urban Affairs Committee. The Higher Education Committee has kept on top of public policy questions affecting the future of the College, often has made its position known to executive and legislative committees and has made efforts to keep our own alumni informed.

But the floundering social program,...??



## Happenings — In and Out of the College Union

The La Salle College Union, in presenting the New Cinema Festival, will feature such film classics as a **MAN FOR ALL SEASONS** on January 27th starring Paul Scofield, Robert Shaw, Orson Welles and Susannah York. Winner of six Academy Awards, Scofield, portrays Thomas More, the extraordinary paragon of Renaissance genius. On February 10th, Sir Laurence Olivier, one of the world's great actors, will bring to life the beautiful Shakespearean prose when he is cast as the ill-fated **HAMLET**. The festival will run through April 7th when Joseph Cotton and Trevor Howard are spotlighted in the **THIRD MAN**, a film which incorporates suspense, the black market, and murder in Vienna. Cotton, Howard and a very capable supporting cast helped this film to be chosen the winner of the Grand Prize at Cannes.

Other attraction during the Festival's run are:

*March 3* — **THE SERVANT** with Dirk Bogarde, Sarah Miles, Wendy Craig and James Fox.

*March 10* — **THE RED DESERT** directed by Michelangelo Antonioni.

*March 24* — **HELL'S ANGELS** starring Ben Lyons and Jean Harlow.

All showings will be at 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the College Union Theatre. In addition, the famed Union Film Series will continue this Spring semester and feature such hits as listed below:

*February 5 & 6*  
**DR. STRANGELOVE**  
6:00 & 9:15 PM

*February 19 & 20*  
**IN COLD BLOOD**  
7:00 & 9:20 PM

*March 12 & 13*  
**BUTCH CASSIDAY & THE SUNDANCE KID**  
6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 PM

*March 20 & 21*  
**CACTUS FLOWER**  
6:00 & 10:10 PM

*March 26 & 27*  
**TRUE GRIT**  
2:30, 6:30 & 9:00 PM

The films will barely have left the screen when the College Union will take their show on the road — to the **BAHAMA ISLANDS** — via jet transportation with champagne meals for 8 fun and sun-filled days of swimming, sailing, water-skiing and golf in addition to 7 nights at the luxurious Lacayon Harbour Inn. Alumni and friends can enjoy the free "HAPPY HOUR" every night while tuning in to the janside session at poolside. The cooling spirits will be served on an open-bar basis each evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A host of clubs, pubs, discoteques and casinos will make every moment of the island nightlife worthwhile. All this and more for just \$199\*.

Departure date is set for April 11. Don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of this 8-day frolic in the sun!

\*Deposits are refundable up to 30 days prior to departure.

For additional information concerning the New Cinema Festival or the Trip to the Bahamas, please contact the College Union Director's Office, VI-8-8300, Ext. 281.

## Basketball Club Plans 3rd Awards Dinner

Basketball Club Chairman, James J. Kenyon, has announced that the third annual dinner to honor the basketball team will be held on Friday evening, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shack Restaurant, 7133 Roosevelt Blvd. Tickets are \$7.50 per person and can be procured through a club member or the Alumni Office. The dinner is not limited to club members. All alumni are invited to show their support of Coach Westhead and his '70-'71 varsity as well as the entire basketball program at La Salle by attending the dinner on the second.

Although hopes were not high for a successful year, the "explorers" have proven to all that hustle and determination have often caused many a forecaster to seek another line of work. Led by all-American Ken Durrett and a fine supporting cast, (Cannon, Fields, Crawford, Kennedy and Walsh) the blue and gold have streaked to 9 wins in 10 starts as of January 15, including two big wins in South Carolina over Georgia and Boston College which earned for them the Charlotte Invitational Tournament title. Many people are now tasting a

tournament bid and the support of the Club is mushrooming. So don't miss this opportunity to attend the post season dinner in honor of Coach Westhead and his "exciting explorers!"

... On Saturday, January 9, Jim Kenyon and his committee hosted a dinner at Cavanaugh's Restaurant for some former ballplayers and their wives who later attended the Temple Game as guests of the Club ...

... Don't forget the Annual St. Joe's Post-Game Party on February 27 at Cavanaugh's Restaurant, 3132 Market Street ...



## Alumni Calendar

Downtown Club: Luncheon at Barclay Hotel Guest Speaker: Congressman William Green	February 5
Awards Dinner: College Union Ballroom Lisa Richette: Signum Fidei Recipient	February 5
New York Chapter Meeting	February 23
American University Game in Washington and Alumni Reception	February 24
Joint Luncheon with St. Joe's Downtown Club at Holiday Inn	February 26
Post-Game Party at Cavanaugh's following St. Joe's Game	February 27
M.A.C. Playoffs at Palestra	March 5-6
Third Annual Awards Dinner Honoring Basketball Team at Shack Restaurant	April 2
Spring Reception: College Union Ballroom	April 18

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