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Spring Reception to Honor Corace and Kirk

The 13th annual Spring Reception will be held on campus in the College Union Ballroom on the Sunday after Easter April 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., it was announced by Roy J. Barry, '66, chairman of this year's reception committee.

The guest of honor will be Frank C. Corace, '64, who will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Athletes. H. Peter Gillingham, '49, chairman of the Hall of Athletes Selection Committee, has announced that also on this occasion Joseph Kirk will be inducted posthumously into the "Coaches' Corner" of the Hall.

Frank Corace, one of the greatest scorers in Explorer court history, captained the 1964 team and led it to a Quaker City Tournament championship and a Big Five title. He scored 601 points in his senior year, becoming the second player in La Salle's history to pass the 600 mark in a single season.

Corace, who played both guard and forward, finished his career with 1,411 points. He is sixth in all time scoring at the College. In December 1963 he scored 80 points in three games and copped the "MVP" award of the ECAC Quaker City Tournament at the Palestra, leading his team to victories over Northwestern, Georgetown and St. Bonaventure.

Honors Corace has received include: honorable mention All America (UPI, Converse and Sport Magazines), All East, Philadelphia Big Five and Middle Atlantic Conference All Star team for two years, and co-winner of the MAC's

Most Valuable Player award in his senior year.

Joe Kirk, who had coached swimming since the inception of the sport at La Salle in 1941, had an amazing career record of 213 victories against only 65 setbacks (.780 pct.) in 26 seasons at the helm. The Explorers had no swimming team during the war years, 1944-45.

Kirk guided his team to the 1947 Eastern Catholic College Swimming Championships over Seton Hall, St. Peter's and Scranton, among others. His squads won the Philadelphia Metropolitan Championships two out of the event's three years of competition, and the Middle Atlantic Conference title in 1957, the first year La Salle ever entered.

In January, 1955, La Salle mermen started a record-breaking winning streak that reached 39 consecutive victories before West Chester nipped La Salle 48-31, on February 5, 1958. Overall, from 1955 to the end of the 1958 season, the Explorers had a 43-2 record.

The brightest star of the 22 All Americans developed under Kirk was Joe Verdeur, 1948 olympic champion, and charter member of the Alumni Hall of Athletes.

He celebrated his silver anniversary as swimming coach in grand style during the 1966 season—guiding the Explorers to a Middle Atlantic Conference title, a strong fifth place finish in the NCAA (College Division) Championships and an overall 11-1 dual meet

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FRANK C. CORACE JOSEPH KIRK

Class Reunions

Four classes will hold anniversary reunions on campus on May 15. Two others will stage theirs a week later on May 22.

Individual class cocktail parties will be held in the College Union at 7:00 p.m. on May 15 by the *Classes of '41, '46, '51, and '56*. The alumni and their wives then will move to the Ballroom at 8:00 p.m. for a gala dinner-dance (tables will be set up in reserved sections by class). After dinner they will be welcomed by Brother Daniel Burke, President of the College, and will dance to the music of Paul Mack and his orchestra.

The cocktail hour, dinner for two, and an open bar for the evening, are of-

fered for one package price: \$25 per couple. Tickets will be available at the Alumni Office.

The Class of '41's thirtieth anniversary celebration is being organized by *Robert Courtney and Peter Schneiders*. The twenty-fifth anniversary class of '46 committee is under the chairmanship of *Joseph Mack*.

William O'Callaghan and James Sullivan are planning the 20th reunion for the Class of '51; while the '56 committee includes *Frank Blatcher, Joseph McNamara, and Joseph Malone*.

The *Classes of '61 and '66* will celebrate their tenth and fifth anniversaries respectively on Saturday evening, May 22 with a dinner-dance on campus. Separate class cocktail parties will be held in the College Union at

7:00 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 8:00 p.m. in the Ballroom.

The Class of '61 committee includes *Gerald Lawrence, Robert S. Lyons, Joseph Del Gross and Philip Fisher*. The Class of '66 reunion is being planned by *Roy J. Barry, James Costello, Frank McGovern, and Frank Pinto*.



'Poor Richard' on Downtown Club Circuit



JAMES W. FINEGAN

The Alumni Downtown Club is still moving. . . this time to the Poor Richard Club. Chairman Robert J. Schaefer, '54 who has staged luncheons this year at the Union League, the Racquet Club, the Barclay Hotel, and the new Holiday Inn, has announced the April extravaganza: lunch at the famed Poor Richard Club, featuring colorful ad man (and alum) Jim Finegan.

Finegan is president of Philadelphia's Gray and Rogers agency and has achieved a local reputation as an unconventional advertising executive. An outstanding student in the Class of

1951 and one of the best golfers to participate in the sport at the College, Jim Finegan was the subject of an article: "Advertising's Executive Showman" in the Spring 1970 issue of LA SALLE magazine.

The festivities at the Poor Richard, 1319 Locust Street will start (i.e. the bar will open) at 12 noon. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling the Alumni Office (VI 8-8300, Ext. 421). Tickets are \$5.00.

Six Seniors Named Wilson Finalists

The Woodrow Wilson National Foundation named six La Salle seniors as finalists in its twenty-fifth annual fellowship competition. History majors Peter Byrne, Edward Roth and Anthony Salerno, along with Gerald Bodisch, Economics, Brian Byrne, Philosophy, and John Sahm, English were selected for this prestigious award.

Nationally over 10,000 college seniors were nominated and screened by fifteen regional selection committees. Of these 741 were named finalists. In Region IV (Pennsylvania and New

Jersey) 700 were nominated and 70 selected as finalists.

Only two other schools in Region IV surpassed La Salle in Wilson finalists. The University of Pennsylvania and Princeton University had eight. No other Catholic College in the Philadelphia area had finalists.

Four Quarters

Biggest magazine bargain of 1971 is FOUR QUARTERS, the distinguished literary magazine edited by John

Keenan and published by the faculty of La Salle. For only \$2.00 a year, an alumnus can receive four issues filled with fine fiction, articles, and poetry. Stories from FOUR QUARTERS have often been honored among the Best American Short Stories of each year. Despite the magazine's international reputation, many alumni with a literary bent are not listed as subscribers. Why not do something about that?

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Concert and Lecture Series

The Concert and Lecture series will offer a student-faculty panel discussion of "Luck, Chance, and Astrology" at 12:30 p.m. on April 20.

On April 22 Nayana Bhiran, head of the Philadelphia chapter of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, will explain the goals and methods of the movement at 12:30 p.m.

On Friday evening, April 23, a varied program of light and classical selections will be offered by the new La Salle Concert Choir under the direction of Gail Poch at 8 o'clock.

These events will be held in the College Union Theatre.

Sports

The BASKETBALL CLUB will honor Paul Westhead and his great 1970-71 team at its third annual Awards Dinner on April 2 at the Shack Restaurant, 7133 Roosevelt Blvd. Tickets are \$7.50 per person and may be purchased at the Alumni Office. The dinner is not limited to club members. Charles "Buddy" Donnelly, captain of the 1952 NIT Championship team, will be toastmaster.

Congratulations to Jack Lumsden for leading the SWIMMING team to an 8-6 record in his first year as head coach. They won 6 of their last 7 meets.

Ira Davis' TRACK team will be involved in a "road show" schedule which features only one meet at home, against Hofstra University on April 3. Other meets include: University of Penn and Rutgers on March 31; St. Josephs on April 13; Temple and Drexel, April 17; West Chester and American University, April 20; the Penn Relays, April 23 & 24; the Quantico Relays, April 30 & May 1; the M.A.C.'s at West Chester, May 14 & 15;

and the IC4A's at the University of Penn, May 28 & 29.

The BASEBALL team under Gene McDonnell will open at Glassboro State College on April 3 and at home against Georgetown on April 5. The twenty-three game schedule features three double-headers: with Drexel on April 24 at home; at American University on May 1; and with Hofstra at home on May 8.

The CREW, under Coach George Hines, will open on the Schuylkill against George Washington University on April 3. They will race at Washington College (April 10) and Wesleyan University (April 17), then return home to meet Georgetown and the University of Massachusetts on April 24 before the Bergen Cup regatta on May 1 and the Dad Vail on May 7 & 8.



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record. The following year, his swimmers had a 9-2 record, finished second in the MAC and fifth in the NCAA (College Division) Championships.

On January 31, 1970, Kirk suffered a heart attack during the West Chester meet. He lingered until March 23, 1970 when he finally succumbed.

The new swimming pool in Hayman Hall (to be opened in the Fall of 1971)

will be named after this great coach. A committee of former swimmers and others is currently engaged in raising \$300,000 to pay for this fitting memorial.

The Spring Reception at which these two men will be honored originated on May 1, 1959 when the new president, Brother Daniel Bernian, F.S.C. was honored. The committee has

engaged the Eddie Shaw band to play for the reception. A souvenir program is being prepared for the occasion. Tickets are priced at \$5 per person and may be obtained by sending the ticket application in this newsletter along with a check payable *La Salle College Alumni Association* to the Alumni Office.

The La Salle College Alumni Association

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Alumni Calendar

Basketball Club Awards Dinner at Shack Restaurant	April 2
Downtown Club Luncheon at Poor Richard Club	April 14
Annual Spring Reception and Hall of Athletes Presentations	April 18
Class of '41 Thirtieth Anniversary Reunion	May 15
Class of '46 Twenty-fifth Anniversary Reunion	May 15
Class of '51 Twentieth Anniversary Reunion	May 15
Class of '56 Fifteenth Anniversary Reunion	May 15
Commencement	May 17
Alumni Board of Directors meeting and election of officers	May 19
Class of '61 Tenth Anniversary Reunion	May 22
Class of '66 Fifth Anniversary Reunion	May 22

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