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WESTHEAD NAMED BASKETBALL COACH



Coch Westhead (R.) meets the press with Athletic Director John Conboy.

conducted by the Christian Brothers. He received his bachelor's degree from St. Joe's in 1961, and a master's degree in English from Villanova in 1963. He was a member of the St. Joe's varsity under then head coach Jack Ramsey from 1958-61.

Following completion of his studies at Villanova, Westhead went to the University of Dayton for a year as assistant coach and English instructor.

In 1964, he was named basketball coach at Cheltenham High School, and there he earned a reputation for success. In four years at Cheltenham (1964-68), Westhead gradually built a winning tradition until, 1968, he took his squad to the P.I.A.A. playoffs for the first time in the school's history, advancing all the way to the state finals.

Westhead, his wife, Catherine and three children live in Drexel Hill.

Paul W. Westhead, successful assistant coach at St. Joseph's College the past two years, has been named head basketball coach it was announced by John J. Conboy, athletic director.

The Drexel Hill native and St. Joe's graduate succeeds Tom Gola at the Explorer helm. Gola resigned after two years as coach because of the press of his duties as Philadelphia city controller.

Westhead, 31, led the St. Joe's freshman team to a 21-2 record—best in the school's history—this season and finished in a tie with Pennsylvania for the mythical Little Big Five title. Last year, the Hawk frosh were 5-17.

He has been assistant athletic director and assistant basketball coach under Jack McKinney since 1968.

"We certainly are pleased to have found a coach so obviously well-qualified to head our basketball program, and we look forward to a long and happy association with Paul at La Salle," Conboy said.

Westhead attended West Philadelphia Catholic High School,



Joseph C. O'Conner

ASSISTANTS CHOSEN

Westhead has chosen Joseph C. O'Conner, successful coach at Bishop Eustace Prep in South Jersey (78-17), as his principal full time assistant. Paul Gallagher, '64, has resigned as coach of Msgr. Bonner High School in Upper Darby to become a part time assistant and Dave Ervin, '68 has been retained in the same capacity.



Paul Gallagher

ALUMNI PARTICIPATE IN SELECTION

When Tom Gola found it necessary to resign as head basketball coach because of the pressures of his duties as Controller of the City of Philadelphia, the Athletic Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Robert Courtney, again faced the task of screening candidates and making a recommendation to the president of the College.

Recognizing alumni interest in the selection process, Dr. Thomas N. McCarthy, Student Affairs Vice President, under whom the Athletic Department operates, invited Alumni President Harry J. White to name two alumni to the Athletic Committee.

Dr. White subsequently appointed Daniel H. Kane, Jr., '49, and J. Russell Cullen, Jr., '60. Kane is immediate past president of the Alumni Association and chairman of the Alumni Fund Council. Cullen is executive vice president of the Alumni Association.

Having completed the difficult job of choosing Gola's successor, the two alumni representatives will continue as members of the committee, which has advisory responsibility for the entire athletic program of the College.

COACH TO MEET N.E. ALUMNI

The Northeast Philadelphia Chapter of the Alumni Association has invited the new basketball coach, Paul Westhead, to be guest speaker at a Sports Nite at the Cottage Green on April 24. Activities will commence at 8:00 p.m. at the Ashton and Willits Roads site. Tickets are \$3.00.



DR. TURPIN TO RECEIVE MEDAL – APRIL 18

As announced in the April *Newsletter*, the Signum Fidei Selection Committee, under the Chairman Francis X. Donohoe, '55, has chosen as the 1970 medalist, James W. Turpin, M.D. founder and president of Project Concern.

Awarded each year since 1942, the medal 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. It is awarded annually to a person who has made "most noteworthy contributions to the advancement of Christian principles."

Exemplifying the highest traditions of the medal, Dr. Turpin has

established clinics and medical relief programs in Hong Kong, South Vietnam, Mexico and Appalachia.

The medal will be presented to Dr. Turpin by Harry J. White, Ph.D., '54, president of the Alumni Association, at a dinner on April 18 in the College Union Ballroom. Cocktails will be served at 7:00 p.m. and dinner at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50 and may be procured by sending a check payable: *La Salle College Alumni Association* to the Alumni Office, La Salle College, Philadelphia, Pa. 19141.

CLASS REUNION DAY – MAY 16

The tenth, fifteenth and twentieth anniversary classes will celebrate with reunions on campus Saturday evening, May 16. Individual cocktail parties starting at 6:30 P.M. will be followed by dinner at eight in the College Union Ballroom and dancing after, until 1 A.M.

The Class of 1950 Reunion Committee is under the chairmanship of Athletic Director Jack Conboy. Others on the committee include: Dan Allan, Dick Becker, Jim Conboy, Frisby Euell, Bill Graham, Bill Grauer, Walt Kanagowski, Bob Lodes, Bob Valenti, Tom Walker, Joe Waugh and Carmen Zaccaria.

The Class of 1955 committee is chaired by Dave Smith and includes Frank Donohoe, Jim Gillespie, Jim Koch and John Teffy.

The Class of 1960 committee is being organized by Gene King and includes: Tom Corrigan, Russ Cullen, Harry Himes, Ralph Howard, Ray Lodise, Jim Richards, Dave Russell and Joe Saioni.

One week earlier, on May 9, the Class of 1965 will celebrate its fifth anniversary with a dinner-dance on campus. Ray Loftus is chairman. The committee includes Ray Duckworth, Dan Dugan, Ed Gallagher, Paul Kelly, Bill Leimkuhler, Jim O'Neill, Jim Reilly, Ted Schoen, Jack Seydow and Jay Teffy.

Members of the aforementioned classes should receive further information in the mail. Those who do not should contact the Alumni Office (215) VI 8-8300, ext. 421.

BLACK TIE BALL AT BELLEVUE

Daniel H. Kane, '49, chairman of the Alumni Fund Council, has announced that the Committee of One Thousand will hold a black tie dinner and ball at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on May 20. Sponsored by a corporate benefactor, the affair will honor members of the 1969/70 Century Club and the new Committee of One Thousand members. The College's Board of Trustees and the Council of President's Associates will be invited to attend.

ELECTIONS

At the March 3 meeting of the Alumni Board of Directors, Harry J. White, Ph.D., '54, was elected to a second one year term as president of the Alumni Association. Also re-elected were: J. Russell Cullen, Jr., '60, executive vice president; Magnus J. Schaebler, '22, vice president; Frederick J. Leinhauser, '57, secretary; and Francis P. Brennan, '64, treasurer.

Board members Robert J. Schaefer, '54, Joseph M. Gindhart, Esq., '58, Thomas J. Lynch, '62, and James J. Kenyon, '63, were elected to the Executive Committee. Three new at-large representatives were elected from the alumni body: Robert Drayton, '52, John French, '53, and Bernard McCormick, '58.

Class elections will be held during the month of April. Members of many even numbered year classes (e.g., '48, '50, '52) will elect representatives to the Alumni Board of Directors for two year terms. In most of these cases, the ballot will accompany this Newsletter.

NEWS NOTES

The Alumni Medical Society will hold its annual reception on campus on Sunday, April 12. Invited, in addition to regular members, will be alumni in medical and dental school and those interning or in residence. . . . The Accounting alumni will have a "Meet the Dean" reception on campus on the evening of May 1. The principal guest will be Mr. Bruce MacLeod, dean of the School of Business Administration.

The Education Alumni Association will sponsor a Mass in honor of St. Jean Baptiste de La Salle on May 15 at 5:00 P.M. in the Student Chapel. All teachers in the area are cordially invited.

The Masque will offer *The Fantasticks* April 17-26. . . . The College Union will feature drawings by Jean Swedell Souders through April 21. . . . The Men's Chorale of La Salle College is having a combined concert with Cabrini College May 1 at 8:00 P.M. in the Union theatre.

The College Union will sponsor two trips this summer. There will be a two week trip to Hawaii, Las Vegas and San Francisco, leaving Philadelphia International Airport on July 19. Complete price is \$399. There will be a four week trip to Europe leaving May 30 and returning June 28. This trip is available with flight only or as a complete package. Flight only is \$225, land tour \$275. For Further information and copies of our tour brochures, contact the College Union Director's office, (Vi 8-8300, ext. 281).

SCENES FROM THE DOWNTOWN CLUB'S St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Adelphia Hotel. Guest speaker Bernie McCormick, '58, of Philadelphia magazine is pictured in the photo on the left (on right side), chatting with Club Chairman Bob Schaefer, '54.



ALUMNI POWER

Briefly mentioned in the February *Newsletter* was the establishment of the Alumni Urban Affairs Committee set up to assist the College's Urban Center in its work with the immediate geographic community in which La Salle is located.

On March 31, a meeting with the people of the community was held to discuss an alumni plan for "person-to-person" assistance utilizing expertise possessed by our graduates in aiding less fortunate people in La Salle's environs. Alumni willing to participate in this program should contact the Alumni Office.

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The Alumni Admissions committee needs assistance in North Jersey and the Allentown-Bethlehem areas. Alumni interested should contact Chairman Joseph Sweeney, '54, through the Alumni Office.

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The following resolution was introduced at the March 3, 1970 meeting of the Alumni Board of Directors by John J. Lombard, Jr., Esq., '56, Chairman of the Alumni Committee on Higher Education and was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, While commending the concern of the Philadelphia Commission on Higher Education over the Master Plan for Higher Education in Pennsylvania, the Alumni Association of La Salle College expresses its concern with the particular recommendation that two years of post-high school education should be available *without cost* at *public* institutions to every Pennsylvania high school graduate able to benefit from it.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alumni Association of La Salle College re-affirms its support of the basic principle that all students desiring and qualified for post-high school education should have the freedom to choose the college or university, public or private, which best suits his or her particular educational needs, and it further supports the adoption of a program of state aid which will implement this principle.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alumni Association reiterates its request that a Blue Ribbon Panel be called by the Governor similar to the "McGeorge Bundy Commission" in New York, to make an in-depth study of the resources of public and private colleges, and to develop a revised Master Plan utilizing all sectors of higher education.

Private institutions have been offering quality education in the Commonwealth and the nation for centuries. Diversity in higher education is one of the strengths of our democracy. Yet Government policy as envisioned in the Pennsylvania Master Plan can price private colleges out of the market.

To the tax payer, aid to private colleges and their students represents the most economical means of supplying quality education on the college level.

Alumni living in Pennsylvania are urged to show their concern by writing the Governor, their State Senator or Representative in support of the Association's resolution.

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Harry J. White, Ph.D., '54 was recently elected to a second term as president of the Alumni Association. He thus became the last president elected by the alumni at large and the first to be elected by the Alumni Board of Directors. On February 10, Dr. White also became the first alumni president to participate in the deliberations of the College's Board of Trustees. He was invited by Brother Daniel Burke to attend the board's meetings as "alumni adviser." In keeping with the current liberalization and strengthening of the board, we feel sure that full voting privileges as trustee will be extended in the future to the representative of 13,000, and growing, alumni.

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As mentioned on page one, alumni were involved in the decision on a replacement for Tom Gola as head basketball coach. A vote of gratitude to Tom is in order for his coming to the aid of his alma mater in its trying hour.

Thanks also to Jim Kenyon and his loyal Basketball Club members for supporting the team through a difficult season and for staging an excellent, well attended dinner for the team on March 6 at The Shack.

Best wishes to the new coach, Paul Westhead. We think the Alumni are going to like him.

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By the time most of our alumni receive this *Newsletter*, the 12th annual Spring Reception will be history. (The U.S. mail has not been good to us this year. So, add your friendly Alumni Office to the list of complainants.) On the chance that you do receive this before April 5 and were not planning on doing so, why not grab your gal and motor over to campus for an enjoyable afternoon (4:00 to 7:00 p.m.). Tickets are \$5.00 per person and, although advance reservations are encouraged, there will be tickets available at the door. "Fritz" Brennan, '36, and Jim Covello, '52, will be our honored guests and will be inducted into the Hall of Athletes in a brief ceremony. *Suggestion*: Come early and observe the progress being made on the new classroom and athletic buildings.

The 28th annual Signum Fidei medal will be awarded to Dr. James Turpin at a dinner in the College Union Ballroom on April 18 (see page two). This is one of our proudest traditions and we hope many alumni will be on hand to honor this worthy recipient.

The class reunions mentioned in this issue and the "black tie" affair at the Bellevue top off a busy spring semester. There is no shortage of means available for alumni participation.

There is one more thing an alumnus might do. As noted above, the Alumni Board now elects the president and all other association officers. The president of the alumni association sits with La Salle's Board of Trustees and influences college policy. He appoints all alumni committees and alumni representatives to certain committees on campus. So, if your class is having an election this year: Vote!