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# EXPLORER NEWS

## APOSTLE OF POVERTY TO RECEIVE SIGNUM FIDEI MEDAL

Most Rev. Bernard J. Topel, D.D., Ph.D., Bishop of the diocese of Spokane, Washington, will become the thirty-fourth recipient of the Alumni Association's **Signum Fidei Medal** at the annual Awards dinner on November 21.

Bishop Topel, who sold the Bishop's mansion and contributed the proceeds to the poor, drives a '65 "Chevy" and lives alone in a four room house in a low rent district where he raises his own vegetables in his garden.

Bishop Topel returned from the Second Vatican Council sharing Pope John XXIII's vision of a "new Pentecost" in the Church. He was swift in implementing Council directives to establish advisory senates of priests, Sisters and laity. He tries to visit once every two years each of the 57 parishes and 30 missions in his 80,000 member diocese.

Outspoken on issues like abortion, obscenity and private school aid, he also has made national news by bailing two suspected drug users out of jail so they could spend Christmas at home.

Greatly concerned about unauthorized liturgical experiments on the campus of Gonzaga University during the "activist '60's", he got out of a sick bed to attend a student protest meeting where he answered their every question and won many of them over by his sincerity.



Born May 31, 1903 in Bozeman, Montana, Bernard J. Topel was ordained a priest on June 7, 1927 in Helena, Montana. He received his M.A. in Mathematics from Harvard University in 1934 and his Ph.D. in 1938 from Notre Dame University, where he stayed on as a teacher for an additional year. He then returned to Helena and the faculty of Carroll College there.

He was consecrated a bishop in 1955 and was installed as Bishop of Spokane that same year.

The Signum Fidei Medal has been awarded annually since 1942 and derives its name from the motto of the Brothers of Christian Schools — "sign of faith." It is given to recognize personal achievement in harmony with the established aims of LaSalle College and is

conferred each year on an individual who has made "most noteworthy contributions to the advancement of humanitarian principles in keeping with the Christian tradition."

Previous medalists include: Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, R. Sargent Shriver, Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, Rev. Leon H. Sullivan and Judge Lisa A. Richette. Last year's recipient was James C. Giuffre, M.D., Medical Director and chief surgeon at Philadelphia's St. Luke's and Children's Hospital.

Chairman of this year's Selection Committee was Thomas Mc Elvogue, '69. The committee's choice was endorsed by the Alumni Board of Directors.

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## SIGNUM FIDEI MEDAL

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The medal will be presented by Alumni President Joseph M. Gindhart, '58, at the annual Alumni Awards dinner in the College Union Ballroom at 8:30 P.M. on Friday evening November 21.

Membership in the Alpha Epsilon Alumni Honor Society will be conferred on selected members of the Class of 1976 at the dinner, also.

Tickets for the dinner are \$8.00 per person and may be purchased at the Alumni Office. Mail requests (accompanied by check payable: LaSalle College) should be received by the Alumni Office by November 14.

## TOUR INFORMATION

The Special Activities Office has announced the following trips, for which alumni and their immediate families are eligible:

ACAPULCO from January 2 to 9, 1976, including round trip jet transportation via American Airlines, deluxe hotel accommodations, all breakfasts and four dinners for \$465.00 (all inclusive) based on double occupancy.

MOSCOW, LENINGRAD and KIEV, February 8-16, via Pan-Am, includes all meals and first class hotel accommodations, extensive sightseeing and performances at the Bolshoi and Kirov Theatres, for \$551.42 (all inclusive)

Ski trips to QUEBEC, four days (March 3-7) or five days (March 2-7), via Motorcoaches, deluxe lodging with most meals and all ski lift tickets, from \$114.00.

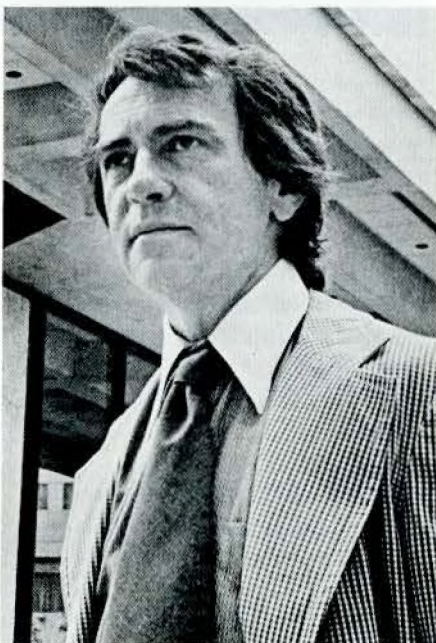
For further information contact John H. Veen, Director of Special Activities (848-8300, ext. 312).

## NEW SITE FOR BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Blocks Child Development Center, affiliated with LaSalle College, has moved to new quarters at 2103 Clarkson Street. Now in its third year of operation, Building Blocks was created to serve the students, faculty, alumni and staff of LaSalle College. The Center is staffed with professional child-care workers and student nurses, and offers a well rounded program of educational and social experiences for children 18 months to kindergarden age. The Center is in operation weekdays from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Building Blocks has also instituted a new **reduced** fee schedule as follows: 1-14 hours: \$1/hr; 15-20 hours: \$15; 21-30 hours: \$20; 31-40 hours: \$25.

Anyone wishing to enroll a child, or to obtain further information, may stop by the Center at 2103 Clarkson Street or call the LaSalle switchboard at 848-8300 and ask for the Building Blocks extension.



*The Concert and Lecture series will feature Joseph Papp, founder-producer of the New York Shakespeare Festival on November 25th at 12:30 p.m. in the College Union Theatre. Mr. Papp will discuss: "Theatre in Our Time".*

## STATUS REPORT: BASKETBALL '75-'76'

By Larry Eldridge  
Sports Information Director

On the heels of one of the most successful court campaigns in La Salle history, coach Paul Westhead, the 1974-75 District II Coach of the Year, will have ten lettermen and some exciting new faces to meet this year's challenge. The Explorers should be an interesting blend of vintage backcourt experience and blossoming frontcourt talent.

The departure of frontcourt stalwarts Joe Bryant and Bill Taylor from last year's 22-7 NCAA tournament squad will occasion a shift of strength to the backcourt. Fortunately, the Explorers are blessed with one of the top guard tandems in the country.

6'0" guard Charlie Wise is a bright star approaching supernova status. He is a multi-dimensional player whose mere presence disrupts opponent strategies. He can shoot, run, handle flawlessly, and direct the offense. His backcourt mate, 6'2" Glenn Collier, one of the most under-rated players in the East, may finally be rewarded with the attention which his consistent play merits. Both are superlative defensive players, and they complement one another superbly.

The backcourt picture is enhanced by the presence of 6'0" sophomore Daryle Charles, a superior talent who only needs playing time to hone his blue chip skills. 6'0" junior Barry Brodzinski, with his deft outside touch, and 6'0" soph Joe Mihalich, a scrappy hustler, also provide handy depth. Additional help may come from a 6'4" package of exciting potential named Tony Plakis. The sharpshooting freshman who rewrote his high school's scoring records does everything enthusiastically and well.



- LA SALLE
- PENNSYLVANIA
- ST. JOSEPH'S
- TEMPLE
- VILLANOVA

# BIG 5 BASKETBALL

## 1975-1976

### ORDER YOUR TICKETS HERE!

Have you checked your calendar recently? It is almost basketball season and the Explorers are readying for the Palestra. Coach Westhead expects his quintet to provide plenty of fireworks throughout the 1975-76 season. Below is the LaSalle Palestra schedule.

You will not only be able to root for the Explorers but also view other Big Five teams.

For the most exciting college basketball anywhere, come back to the Palestra — support LaSalle basketball and the Big Five.

#### LASALLE PALESTRA SCHEDULE

			No. of tickets		TOTAL AMOUNT
			\$5.00	\$3.50	
Fri. Nov. 28	St. Joseph's-Albright LaSalle-Delaware	7:15 9:15			
Sat. Jan. 10	LaSalle-Syracuse Temple-St. John's	7:15 9:15			
Tue. Jan. 13	LaSalle-Drexel St. Joseph's-Princeton	7:15 9:15			
Sat. Jan. 17	Temple-Textile LaSalle-St. Joseph's	7:15 9:15			
Tue. Jan. 27	Penn-Princeton LaSalle-Memphis State	7:15 9:15			
Sat. Jan. 31	Temple-LaSalle	9:15			
*Wed. Feb. 4	LaSalle-Notre Dame Villanova-S. Carolina	7:15 9:15			
Tue. Feb. 10	LaSalle-American U. Temple-Manhattan	7:15 9:15			
Sat. Feb. 14	St. Joseph's-Duke Villanova-LaSalle	7:15 9:15			
Wed. Feb. 25	Villanova-DePaul LaSalle-Penn	7:15 9:15			
Fri. Feb. 27	Penn-Brown LaSalle-Cleveland St.	7:15 9:15			
* at Spectrum (Hall of Fame)			\$6.00	\$5.00	\$3.50

How about LaSalle season tickets at the Palestra? \*\* SIDE COURT \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$56.00 END COURT \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00

MAIL TO: Palestra Ticket Office

\*\*includes game Feb. 4 at Spectrum

University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19174

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AREA CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Although the backcourt may be the Explorers' strength this year, the frontcourt is well-stocked with capable hands. 6'5" Mike Arizin, a transfer from William and Mary with two years of eligibility, should generate plenty of offensive spark with his explosive outside marksmanship and his effective inside guile. 6'6" sophomore Jim Wolkiewicz impressed everyone with his poise, rebounding, and unselfish play a year ago and just a bit more offensive inclination would increase the front line's scoring potency and be a welcome addition. The continued progression of 6'10" junior Donn Wilber may well be the cornerstone for a successful season. He has already improved dramatically since his freshman days and more self-confidence might be the catalyst for a productive campaign in the post.

Again in the wings is 6'8" senior Varick Cutler, who may finally land a major supporting role. The 6'8" power forward adds rebounding strength and is an outside shooting threat. 6'6" sophomore streak shooter Greg Metzinger will also be called upon to perk up the offense and light rallies off the bench. 6'8" freshman Robert Harvey will answer bullpen calls with increasing frequency in proportion to his maturation, and 6'5" senior John Connors will again provide swingman depth.

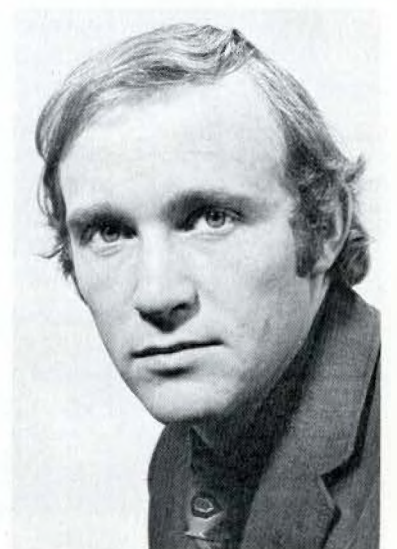
Another grueling schedule will pose a burden to the rebuilding Explorers, as they defend their Big Five and ECC titles, and the

front line will have to respond with consistent play in order to parlay the season into another success story.



A souvenir issue of the official "Big Five" magazine is being published commemorating the twentieth anniversary season. The 64 page magazine will feature stories on each institution's contribution to the "Big Five" and may be purchased through the Alumni Office for \$1.50 postage paid. Checks payable: LaSalle College should be sent c/o the Alumni Office, La Salle College, Phila., Pa. 19141.

*William A. Michuda, '71 has been appointed to the basketball staff as assistant coach.*



## 1975-76 VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

[Home Games Capitalized]

### NOVEMBER, 1975

FRIDAY	28	UNIV. OF DELAWARE	PALESTRA (9:15)
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### DECEMBER, 1975

MONDAY	1	WIDNER COLLEGE	HAYMAN HALL (on campus-8:00)
Wednesday	3	Univ. of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (TBA)
Saturday	6	Hofstra Univ.	Hempstead, N.Y. (8:00)
Thursday	11	Manhattan College	Madison Square Garden
Saturday	13	Canisius College	Buffalo, N.Y. (8:30)
Friday-Saturday	19-20	Jay Hawk Classic (Univ. of Kansas, Yale, Texas A&M, La Salle)	Univ. of Kansas
TUESDAY	23	UNIV. OF MAINE	HAYMAN HALL (on campus-8:00)
Monday-Tuesday	29-30	Las Vegas Tournament (Houston, Michigan, Univ. of Las Vegas, La Salle)	Las Vegas, Nevada

### JANUARY, 1976

Monday	5	Western Kentucky	Bowling Green Ky. (7:30)
SATURDAY	10	SYRACUSE UNIV.	PALESTRA (7:15)
TUESDAY	13	DREXEL UNIV.	PALESTRA (7:15)
SATURDAY	17	ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE	PALESTRA (9:15)
Wednesday	21	Biscayne College	Biscayne
Saturday	24	Providence College	Providence, R.I. (8:00)
TUESDAY	27	MEMPHIS STATE	PALESTRA (9:15)
SATURDAY	31	TEMPLE UNIV.	PALESTRA (8:15)

### FEBRUARY, 1976

WEDNESDAY	4	UNIV. OF NOTRE DAME	SPECTRUM (7:15)
TUESDAY	10	AMERICAN UNIV.	PALESTRA (7:15)
SATURDAY	14	VILLANOVA UNIV.	PALESTRA (9:15)
Wednesday	18	Niagara Univ.	Niagara Univ., NY. (8:00)
Sunday	22	Duquesne Univ.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
WEDNESDAY	25	UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA	PALESTRA (9:15)
FRIDAY	27	CLEVELAND STATE UNIV.	PALESTRA (9:15)

### MARCH, 1976

EAST COAST CONFERENCE



*Head Coach Paul Westhead is shown with Bill Magarity, '67, of Magarity Porsche-Audie, Millville, N.J. and the Audi that the agency has provided for the coach's use.*



## ALUMNI CALENDAR

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER COLLEGE UNION BALLROOM	NOVEMBER 21
CONCERT-LECTURE SERIES: JOSEPH PAPP	NOVEMBER 25
BASKETBALL: HOME OPENER VS. U. OF DELAWARE	NOVEMBER 28
BASKETBALL CLUB TRIP TO TO LAS VEGAS TOURNAMENT	DECEMBER 28 to JANUARY 1