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# EXPLORER NEWS

## Homecoming '76

### DURRETT, GEORGE AND HENRY TO BE HONORED



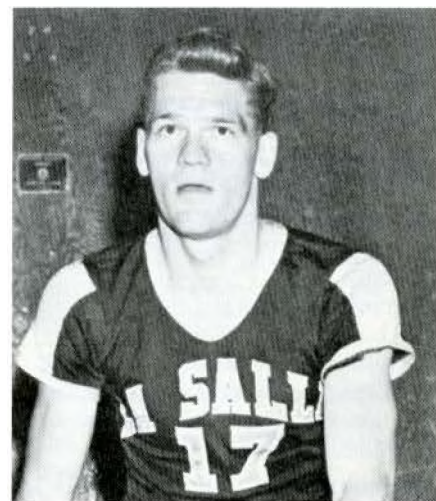
*Ken Durrett*

Two outstanding athletes and a long time athletic director will be honored at Homecoming on May 8.

Ken Durrett, '71 and Jack George, '53 will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Athletes and James J. Henry, athletic director for thirty-five years, will be made a member of the Coaches' Corner of the Hall.

Durrett, one of the greatest basketball players in the College's history, was selected on numerous All-America teams as he recorded the highest points-per-game average (23.6) while tallying 1679 points (second only to Tom Gola) over a three year period. He was co-most valuable player in the Big Five as a Sophomore on the sensational 1969 team (23-1) and was chosen by the local writers in 1970 and again in 1971 as the most valuable player in the Big Five. Although hampered in his professional career by a knee injury sustained in his senior year, Ken was inducted into the Big Five Hall of Fame in 1974.

One of the most versatile athletes to perform at La Salle, Jack George led the basketball team in scoring in 1950-51; then, as an All-America Catcher with a .449 batting average, he led the Explorer baseball team to a Middle Atlantic Conference title the following Spring. Inducted into the Army at the beginning of the 1951-52 basketball season, Jack later signed a baseball contract with the Philadelphia Athletics and was assigned to their Lancaster farm club. He tried out for the Philadelphia Warriors in time to team up with La Salle great Tom Gola as the back court combination on an NBA championship team in 1957.



*Jack George*

College crew and developed nine varsity sports over his thirty-five year term of service.

A former faculty member (professor of Finance) and an honorary alumnus of the College (LL.D., 1955), Henry also was a prominent football official for many years, and remains active in organizations such as the Maxwell Football Club.



*Jim Henry*

Jim Henry came to La Salle as athletic director in 1930 from Villanova University where he had achieved honorable mention All-America at End. He doubled as line coach for football and was head coach in the final two football seasons 1940 and 41. Henry even coached basketball one year (1931), logging a 15-4 record. He helped to organize the first Catholic

Alumni President Joseph M. Gindhart, Esq., '58 will make the awards at the Homecoming dinner in the College Union Ballroom at 8 p.m. Reunion classes expected to attend the dinner following class cocktail parties at 7 o'clock include the Classes of 1936, 1941, 1946 and 1951.

Tickets for the Homecoming Dinner, including the general or a class reception at 7 p.m., are available at the Alumni Office for \$38.00 per couple (\$19.00 per person). After



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dinner there will be dancing and an open bar. The ticket price covers the cost of the entire evening.

The Hall of Athletes Selection Committee under the co-chairmanship of Daniel E. McGonigle, '57 and Charles P. McLaughlin, '54, presented its recommendations to the Alumni Board of Directors at its March 10 meeting. The Board endorsed the choices unanimously.

Other Class Reunions planned include the Classes of '56 and '61 on May 15 and the Classes of '66 and '71 on June 5.

If your class is scheduled to have a reunion and you have not received a mailing, please contact the Alumni Office (215) 848-8300, ext. 421.

## ALUMNI INSURANCE

The Alumni Association Board of Directors at its January 21 meeting approved an alumni insurance program offered by Association Underwriters of America, Inc.

Through the program, alumni enrolling will pay only for protection; there is no cash value build up. Combined with the economies of group insurance, the benefits being offered are unusually low cost.

Eligible members under age 60 may apply for up to \$50,000 on their life, with an option to include dependents. Those members who may have been rejected or considered uninsurable by other companies are guaranteed \$10,000 protection under a special Guarantee Issue provision.

The charter enrollment will be conducted soon. It is hoped that this program will provide low cost coverage for younger graduates, while affording other alumni an opportunity to supplement insurance which may no longer be adequate.

## PARENTS' DINNER DANCE

The ladies *Guild* and the men's *Associates*, the two parents organizations of the College, will hold their annual year end dinner-dance on Saturday, May 22 in the College Union Ballroom.

The cash bar opens at 7 p.m. Dinner is at 8 p.m., followed by dancing until 1 a.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and reservations, which must be made by May 15, may be obtained by calling Dolores Siegel (233-1506).

## EIRE WE GO AGAIN

The Alumni Ireland trips are filling up fast!

Two departures set for August 25 and August 31 via Pan Am from Philadelphia International Airport offer seven days and six nights in the Emerald Isle. The groups will stay two nights each in first class accommodations in Killarney, Dublin and Limerick. The full Irish breakfast is offered daily as well as dinner each evening except one in Dublin.

In addition to the popular mediaeval banquet in the Limerick area and the dinner and cabaret show in Dublin, a special luncheon in Cork and a visit to the Rock of Cashel have been scheduled. Another extra this year will be tea and cakes at Fitzpatrick's Castle in Dublin.

The entire package, based on current tariffs and rates of exchange, will cost just \$417 + 15% or \$479.55.

Reservations are being accepted on a first come—first served basis. A deposit of \$50.00 per person is required. Make your check or money order payable to: American Foreign Travel Associates. For additional information, please call RA 5-8700.

This travel opportunity is available only to members of the La Salle College Alumni Association and their immediate families.

## OTHER TRIPS OFFERED

The Special Activities Office is offering the following trips for which alumni and their immediate families are eligible:

MAY — *New York* tour, show and dinner (May 1) \$37.50. *Japan* (May 14-28), \$1,030 per person. *All Hawaii Tour*, includes the island of Hawaii, Maui, Oahu and Kauai (May 11-25), \$676 plus 15%. *Spain's Costa de Sol*, via Iberia Air Lines, two meals daily (May 17-25) \$369 plus 15%. *Vienna* (May 18-26) \$399 plus 15%.

JUNE — *Germany and Switzerland* (June 16-24) \$499 plus 15%. *Hawaii* (June 28-July 6) \$389 plus \$60.

JULY — *Hawaii* (July 12-20) \$389 plus \$60. *Paris, Rome, Florence*, (July 24-August 8) \$599 plus 15%.

AUGUST — *Hawaii* (August 23-31) \$389 plus \$60. *Nova Scotia* (Aug. 28-September 5) \$527.



Knappogue Castle, Ireland

SEPTEMBER — *Las Vegas* September 19-23) \$249 plus \$40. *Germany and Switzerland* Octoberfest (September 17-25) \$499 plus 15%.

OCTOBER — *Acapulco* (October 4-11) \$279 plus 15%. *Hawaii* (October 18-25) \$389 plus \$60. *Disney World* (October 29-November 1) \$169 plus \$30.

For further information on any of these trips contact John H. Veen, Director of Special Activities (848-9318).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For those of you who have an urge to become part of the '76 spirit, here's opportunity a-knockin at your door. La Salle is one of the 12 area colleges involved in the Universities' Bicentennial Exhibition, which is a display of mementos and artifacts from these institutions. The history of La Salle College, as well as schools such as The University of Pennsylvania, Villanova, Swarthmore, St. Joseph's and Medical College of Pennsylvania will be presented to the public in the Penn Mutual Building in center city. Volunteers for this display are needed to serve as guides for the thousands of people who will pass through while visiting our historic city. The dates when services are needed are: April 26-30, May 1-4, July 23-31. (Closed Sundays) Diane Bones, Assistant Director of Alumni, has been named Coordinator of Volunteers for La Salle, so if you or any other patriotic soul would like to take part, call her at 848-8300, ext. 421. What better way to say, "Happy 200th", than by helping out.



## MUSIC THEATRE

MUSIC THEATRE will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary this summer by featuring Oscar Brand's *SING, AMERICA, SING*, a Bicentennial Musical celebration of America, from June 16 to July 18, and the return of *THE FANTASTICKS*, the longest-running show in American theatre history, from July 28 to August 29.

*SING, AMERICA, SING*, a multi-media production with a cast of 20, premiered last September in a special engagement at the John F. Kennedy Center for the performing arts, in Washington, D.C. Co-sponsored by the Kennedy Center and the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, it was written and directed by Oscar Brand and starred John Raitt.

*SING, AMERICA, SING*, has been described as an American autobiography sketched in song. MUSIC THEATRE'S production will be the first since its special engagement at the Kennedy Center.

MUSIC THEATRE presented seven sold-out performances of *THE FANTASTICKS* in 1963. The cast included such favorites as Bob Bolsover, Dennis Cunningham, and Pat Cronin. The score included such unforgettable tunes as "Try To Remember," "Soon It's Gonna Rain," and "They Were You."

Theatre party reservations and ticket subscriptions are now being accepted by Dennis Kessler at the MUSIC THEATRE box office, phone 843-3192.



*"Try to remember . . ." when Dennis Cunningham and Pat Cronin brightened the C.U. stage in the original MUSIC THEATRE production of The Fantasticks in 1963.*

## BASKETBALL IN SAN DIEGO

The Alumni Basketball Club has announced plans for their fifth annual December tournament-trip. This year the Club will follow the Explorer team to the first San Diego Tournament which will feature, in addition to La Salle, Texas-El Paso, Washington University, and host school San Diego State.

The trip will depart from Philadelphia International Airport via United Airlines on December 27 and return December 30. The group will stay the four days and three nights at the Hilton Inn on Mission Bay.

The full price of the trip is \$299.00 per person based on double occupancy.

Call or write the Alumni Office for brochure.



*The La Salle College campus was saddened to learn of the untimely death of swim coach Jack Lumsden, Class of '49 on March 26. An All American swimmer at the college, he had been head coach for the past six seasons compiling a 46-31 record.*

## CLASS ELECTIONS

With this issue of the *Explorer News* many of our alumni will receive ballots for their class election. Classes of even numbered years (1948 through 1976) will elect representatives to the Board of Directors for two year terms.

Where applicable, the appropriate ballot will be mailed along with this issue. Ballots must be returned to the Alumni Office by May 14.

## AS WE GO TO PRESS

. . . another Basketball Club Awards dinner is upon us. The eighth annual dinner on April 2 will include the women's team for the first time . . . The Law Society will honor Common Pleas Judges Joseph P. Braig, '59, and Charles L. Durham, '52 at a reception on Sunday, April 4 . . . The City of Philadelphia plans to honor Tom Gola, '55, at a reception for local Hall of Famers, including Harry Litwack and Robin Roberts, on April 5 . . . The Baccalaureate Mass will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 1 at Immaculate Conception Church in Germantown followed by the Faculty-Senior reception on campus. Commencement at the Civic Center on Sunday, May 2 is our earliest ever.

## ALUMNI CALENDAR

BACCALAUREATE MASS and SENIOR — FACULTY RECEPTION ON CAMPUS	MAY 1
COMMENCEMENT AT CIVIC CENTER	MAY 2
HOMECOMING, HALL OF ATHLETES CEREMONIES, REUNIONS OF CLASSES '36, '41, '46 and '51	MAY 8
REUNIONS OF THE CLASSES OF '56 and '61	MAY 15
ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	MAY 19
REUNIONS OF THE CLASSES '66 and '71	JUNE 5

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