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## Alumni Association



## LaSALLE COLLEGE

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### BROTHER BURKE TO STEP DOWN AS PRESIDENT



*Brother Daniel Burke, F.S.C., Ph.D.*

Brother Daniel Burke, F.S.C., Ph.D., will step down as the president of La Salle College in January, he announced to members of the college community in a letter distributed on campus on October 7.

Brother Burke, who is in his eighth year as president of the college, notified the college's Board of Trustees of his desire at the group's semi-annual meeting on October 6. He said that he plans to spend a year on sabbatical, doing some writing, research, and teaching.

"The present move," he told the Board in a letter, "has nothing about it of retirement or perhaps even of resigning, but simply of concluding a term in a particular office in order to assume other duties, some of which I am sure, will enable me to continue the association and friendship with Board

members that I have learned to esteem very much."

Brother A. Philip Nelan, F.S.C., Ph.D., chairman of the Board of Trustees, issued a statement that the Board "Unanimously acceded to the reluctant recommendation of its executive committee to accept Brother Daniel Burke's request to conclude his presidency in January of 1977."

Brother Nelan added that the Board has authorized the immediate formation of a "broadly representative" search committee to choose Brother Burke's successor.

Joseph M. Gindhart, Esq., '58, President of the Alumni Association, has been invited to serve on the search committee.

Brother Burke became La Salle's 25th president in June, 1969, after having served as the college's vice president, academic affairs, for the previous nine years. He succeeded Brother Daniel Bernian, F.S.C., Ph.D., who had served as President of the college from 1959 to 1969.

Brother Burke has been a member of the Brothers of the Christian School since 1944. He joined the La Salle staff in 1957 as an assistant professor of English. He now holds the faculty rank of professor of English. Prior to his assignment to La Salle, he had taught English at West Philadelphia Catholic High School for Boys (1949-51), La Salle Hall in Ammendale, Md. (1951-52), and at De La Salle College in Washington (1952-57).

### SIGNUM FIDEI MEDALIST



*Mildred Jefferson, M.D.*

Alumni President Joseph M. Gindhart announced that Mildred F. Jefferson, M.D., President of the National Right to Life Committee, has been selected to become the thirty-fifth recipient of the Alumni Association's Signum Fidei Medal at the annual Awards dinner on November 19.

Dr. Jefferson, general surgeon at the Boston University Medical Center and assistant clinical professor of surgery at Boston University Medical School, was the first black woman to receive a medical degree from Harvard University.

Dr. Jefferson was born in Pittsburgh, Texas, 48 years ago, where her father was a Methodist minister, and her mother, a school teacher. She began the upward climb in her medical career at the Boston City Hospital, and has since become a member of the American Medical Association, past

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president of the Value of Life Committee, vice president of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life, member of the Board of Directors of Americans United for Life, and member of the Sub-Committees on Fetal Experimentation and Federal Regulations for Children.

In order to devote herself full time to her second term as president of the National Right to Life Committee, Dr. Jefferson has limited her medical practice for this year. As a representative for the Right to Life organization, this tiny (5'3"), dynamic woman travels all over the country to talk to various groups, and her talents as a composed, articulate spokeswoman are well known.

Married for the past thirteen years to Real Estate Manager, Shane Cunningham, Dr. Jefferson also serves as Chairperson of the Surgery Section of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

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 La Salle 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."

Chairman of this year's selection Committee was William Kugler, '64. The committee's choice was endorsed by the Alumni Board of Directors.

The medal will be presented by Alumni President Joseph M. Gindhart, '58, at the annual Alumni Awards dinner in the College Union Ballroom at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening November 19.

Membership in the Alpha Epsilon Alumni Society will be conferred on selected members of the Class of 1977 at the dinner, also.

Tickets for the dinner are \$9.00 per person and may be purchased at the

Alumni Office. Mail requests (accompanied by check payable: La Salle College) should be received by the Alumni Office by November 12.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Many highlights are listed for the Concert and Lecture Series throughout the month of November. Unless otherwise noted, these events will be held in the College Union at 12:30 p.m. All alumni are most welcome to attend.

The Lindback Series of the School of Business Administration will co-sponsor a lecture by Ronald Muller, Professor of Economics at American University. Professor Muller will present, "Democracy, Power, and Accountability" on November 9.

On November 11, "Diplomacy, Foreign Policy, and the Press" will be discussed by New York Times Correspondent and author John Hess.

In College Union 307 on November 16, Joseph P. O'Grady, Professor of History at La Salle, will investigate the question, "Did the Church Americanize the Emmigrants?"

I. F. Stone will travel to La Salle on November 23 to speak on, "The C.I.A. and the Founding Fathers." This will mark the famed journalist's first appearance at the college.

On November 30, the Davidsbund Trio will exhibit their nationally acclaimed musical talents. Sandra Carlock (piano), Charles Parker (violin) and Richard Amoroso (cello), will perform their special blend of chamber music in the CU Theatre.

The second President's Forum will be held in Olney 100 on December 2.

## MASQUE FALL PRODUCTION

The Tennessee Williams' sizzler, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, will be presented by the La Salle Masque under the direction of Duane Fletcher, '75. Duane has previously directed *A Taste Of Honey* and the musical *Godspell* on the La Salle Stage. He recently returned from London after spending the summer studying

at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. The La Salle production is slated to open on Thursday, November 4, and will be presented on the 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, and, 19, 20, 21st of November, all weekend performances.

Theatre party rates are available for this play. Please contact the Box Office at VI-3-3192 for information and reservations.

## DOWNTOWN CLUB TO HEAR BORYLA

Mike Boryla, the promising quarterback of the rebuilding Philadelphia Eagles, will be the guest speaker at the next Downtown Club luncheon, it was announced by Club Chairman Terence Heaney.

The luncheon will be held at the Poor Richard Club, 1319 Locust Street, at Noon on Tuesday, November 16. For additional information and reservations, call the Alumni Office 848-8300, ext. 421.

## SAN DIEGO EXCURSION

Seats are still available for the Alumni Basketball Club trip to San Diego in December. The Club will follow the Explorer basketball team to the West Coast for the 1st San Diego tournament. Dates for the trip are December 27 through the 30th, and the price for these four days and three nights is \$299.00 per person. This package price includes round trip air fare from Philadelphia International Airport via United Airlines, accommodations at the luxurious Hilton Inn on Mission Bay, plus all transfer service and baggage handling.

Among the attractions found in the San Diego area are the world famous Zoo at Balboa Park, side trips to Disneyland, day excursions to Mexico, plus 70 golf courses, and fishing and water sports of all types.

Battling it out on the court along with the La Salle Explorers will be the University of Texas El Paso, University

of Washington, and host school San Diego State University.

Reservations are still being accepted for this 5th annual December tournament. Call the Alumni Office at 848-8300, ext. 421 for more information.

## 1976-77 BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

*by Larry Eldridge*

One of the best – if not THE best – crop of freshmen recruits in La Salle College basketball history joins nine returning lettermen and one exciting transfer student on Coach Paul Westhead's pre-season roster.

Highlighting the returning veterans is senior center Donn Wilber, now 7 feet tall, who improved markedly last year and led the club in scoring (17.2 ppg.) and rebounding (10.0 rpg.).

Wilber, a strong candidate for All East and All Big Five honors, is the only returning player who seems assured of a starting berth.

6'5" senior forward Mike Arizin and 6'6" Junior Jim Wolkiewicz are both experienced frontcourt performers. Arizin has scored 1223 points in his three year college career (two at William and Mary) and though he slumped in the latter part of the 1975-76 season, a return to his characteristic offensive prowess would be a major boost to the frontcourt. Wolkiewicz, a strong rebounder with an eye for defense may be asked to do more scoring this year.

Also on hand in the frontcourt are 6'8" sophomore Robert Harvey, a forward and backup center who impressed with moxie and hustle last year; 6'5" junior Gregg Metzinger, a sharpshooter who has yet to see consistent action for the Explorers; and 6'4" Tony Plakis, a physical player with swingman capabilities.

Challenging the holdovers for playing time are four highly regarded freshmen prospects.



6'6" Catholic League MVP Michael Brooks, a heavily recruited scholastic All American from West Catholic High School, is a dynamic yet fundamentally sound forward who is proficient in nearly every phase of the game.

6'4" Reggie Miller, from Pleasantville (N.J.) High School and 6'7" Mo Connolly, from Father Judge High School, are another pair of quality forward prospects. Miller is a devastating inside player with springboard leaping ability. Connolly is an excellent perimeter shooter with good overall skills.

The fourth newcomer in the frontcourt is 6'7" Mark Spain, from Holy Ghost Prep. Spain is a complete player and versatile enough to also be considered a backcourt candidate.

The backcourt, which loses continuity with the departure of three year starters Glenn Collier and Charlie Wise, last year's Big Five Player of the Year, will not, however, suffer from lack of talent.

Junior 6'0" transfer Tony Di Leo, who set an Ohio Valley Conference assist record of 167 in one of his two seasons at Tennessee Tech, is the likeliest candidate to inherit the vacant point guard position. Di Leo is a shrewd floor general and is a dangerous outside shooter.

6'0" Daryle Charles, possessor of great natural talent yet limited experience after two years as an understudy in the Explorer backcourt is another strong candidate for a starting nod, as is 6'1" freshman whiz Darryl Gladden, an All South Jersey blue chip prospect from John F. Kennedy High School (Willingboro, N.J.).

Challenging that trio of guards for playing time will be senior Barry Brodzinski, a top sub in the past, whose participation in pre season drills was delayed by physical problems; 6'0" junior Joe Mihalich, a scrappy hustler whose game has improved significantly in two years; and 6'0" sharpshooter Kurt Kanaskie, a freshman from Cumberland Valley High School (Mechanicsburg, Pa.) with tremendous shooting range.

A December clash with national power Alabama and participation in two very strong holiday tournaments will provide a good barometer to gauge the Explorers' strength early in the season.

The wealth of new talent, though, and the dominating presence of Wilber in the middle inspires an optimistic outlook for the 1976-77 Explorers. Regardless of which five players receive starting nods when the season begins, it seems assured that Paul Westhead will have his deepest and most talented bench since he began his coaching career at La Salle in 1970.

Penn and Hofstra loom as the biggest potential stumbling blocks along the road to the Big Five and East Coast Conference titles, respectively.

But perhaps the best sign of all is that none of the players or coaches are aiming for second place in either the Big Five or the ECC, Numero Uno is the target – and is within reach – in both cases.

# 1976-77 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

## NOVEMBER

29, MONDAY

WIDENER

HAYMAN HALL

## DECEMBER

1, WEDNESDAY

VERMONT

PALESTRA

4, SATURDAY

ALABAMA

PALESTRA

8, Wednesday

Univ. of Delaware

Away

11, SATURDAY

BISCAYNE

PALESTRA

13, Monday

Univ. of Maine

Away

17-18, Friday &

Volunteer Classic (Univ. of Tennessee,

St. John's Southern Methodist & ESC)

Tournament

28-29, Tuesday &

San Diego Christmas Tournament (San Diego State

Washington, Univ. of Texas at El Paso & LSC)

Tournament

Wednesday

## JANUARY

3, Monday

Rhode Island

Away

7, FRIDAY

CANISIUS

PALESTRA

12, Wednesday

Drexel

Away

15, SATURDAY

ST. JOSEPH'S

PALESTRA

17, Monday

West Chester

Away

22, SATURDAY

DUQUESNE

PALESTRA

26, WEDNESDAY

WESTERN KENTUCKY

PALESTRA

31, MONDAY

DICKINSON

HAYMAN HALL

## FEBRUARY

2, WEDNESDAY

VILLANOVA

PALESTRA

5, Saturday

American Univ.

Away

9, WEDNESDAY

HOFSTRA

PALESTRA

12, SATURDAY

TEMPLE

PALESTRA

16, WEDNESDAY

NIAGARA

PALESTRA

19, SATURDAY

PROVIDENCE

PALESTRA

22, TUESDAY

UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA

PALESTRA

26, Saturday

Notre Dame

Away

## MARCH

1, 4, & 5

ECC Playoffs