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Alumni Association



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# EXPLORER NEWS

## VOLUNTEER ORGANIZER TO RECEIVE 37th SIGNUM FIDEI MEDAL

Alumni President Richard H. Becker announced that Rita Ungaro Schiavone, Founder and Executive Director of Aid for Friends, has been selected to become the thirty-seventh recipient of the Alumni Association's Signum Fidei medal at the annual Awards Dinner on November 17.

Aid for Friends, an inter-faith, non-profit community based corporation with a network of 1500 volunteers, provides food, friendship, and comprehensive assistance to the elderly handicapped in the Philadelphia area. Ms. Schiavone initiated this heterogeneous group, composed of persons from all walks of life, religious faiths, and racial backgrounds, as a commitment of service to handicapped older adults in hopes of improving both their health and happiness. Under Ms. Schiavone's direction, there are 21 key people who coordinate the program and attend consultations with professionals in the medical and social service fields regarding geriatrics and mental health. Last year, 72,000 meals were provided free to over 200 elderly "client/friends."

Mrs. Schiavone's activities are not limited to her work at Aid for Friends, however. As a member of the Cardinal's Commission on Human Relations, she has served as Director of Volunteers, Director of Family Sharing (involving suburban vacations for inter-city children), and Founder and Director of Community Food Distribution Centers. During 1971, she engineered a five county food, clothing and furniture drive for the Chester flood area, and in 1972 she organized emergency relief for the Wilkes Barre area during the devastation of Hurricane Agnes. In the midst of the 1973 Pennsyl-



vania budget crisis, Rita Schiavone implemented emergency relief for welfare recipients, including handicapped persons who were not receiving their public assistance checks, and utilized both the National Guard and the Army Reserve to transport food and money to these individuals.

As a member of the Christian Family Movement of St. Jerome's Roman Catholic Church, Ms. Schiavone organized a six month black-white dialogue in 1967 in the Northeast section of Philadelphia, with the sponsorship of 12 churches, synagogues and community groups, and implemented a Christmas drive for new toys for children in the Northeast. In the summer of 1972, Ms. Schiavone organized aid for the Appalachian area in West Virginia, initiated the development of a free dental clinic with her husband, Michael A. Schiavone, D.D.S., and, along with her spouse and four sons, took part in "work vacations," doing general repair work in the homes of the poor and the elderly handicapped.

In a letter sent to the many individuals who are involved in Aid for Friends, Ms.

Schiavone wrote about the organization, "In the final analysis, our success is measured in the tangible improvement in the quality of life of our client/friends, through improved nutrition and socialization, and also in the many intangibles that cannot be measured statistically . . . For the value of human life is immeasurable." And so, it seems, is Rita Ungaro Schiavone's capacity to enhance so many of those lives.

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."

Chairperson of this year's Selection Committee was Thomas A. Sabol, Esq. '71. The Committee's choice was endorsed by the Alumni Board of Directors.

The medal will be presented at the annual Alumni Awards dinner in the College Union Ballroom at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening, November 17.

Membership in the Alpha Epsilon Alumni Honor Society will be conferred on selected members of the Class of 1979 at the dinner, also.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10.00 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 13.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

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

On Thursday, November 16 in College Union 307, Dr. Arthur Hennessy, Associate Professor of History at La Salle, will present "Morocco and Islam," a slide-illustrated observation on the inter-relationships of the Islamic faith and Moroccan culture.

The United States Army War College Current Affairs Panel will present a discussion program on Tuesday, November 28th. The Panel, whose members are drawn from senior officers at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., was established ten years ago to encourage a dialogue concerning national security matters of current interest to the Army, the academic community, and other interested audiences

Brother Patrick Ellis will preside over another President's Forum in College Union 307 on Thursday, November 30.

The International Business Lecture Series will present guest speaker Felix Rohatyn, general partner at Lazard Freres & Company, in "The Business Community and the Emerging International City" on Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m.

The Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia, now in their fourteenth season under the leadership of Marc Mostovoy, conductor and music director, will perform with special guest guitarist Eliot Fisk on Sunday, December 3, 3:00 p.m.



## REUNION UPDATE

Cognizant of the changing requirements of our reunion classes, the Alumni Office hopes to implement a new schedule for class get-togethers.

Instead of following the traditional five year sequence for reunions, some classes will be combined using the Dix Reunion Plan. This plan maintains the 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60 year reunions in the year they are due. Liberties are taken, however, with the 5, 15, 20, 30, 35, and 45 year reunions by scheduling combinations of classes for those reunions. Where a combination is used, one class will delay and another advance its reunion to join a third due for its normal reunion. The transition from the traditional reunion schedule to the proposed Dix Plan will gradually take place over the next few years.

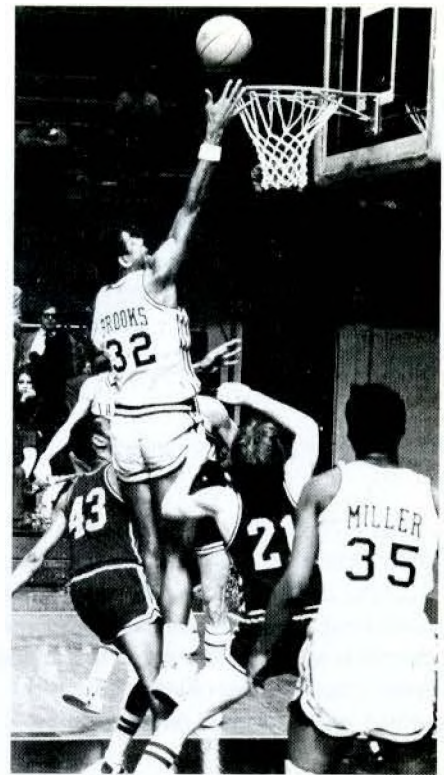
This Spring, the plans are for the Classes of '74 and '75 to reunite on the same evening as the Class of '69, and the Classes of '64 and '65 to meet with the Class of '59. If anyone from these classes is interested in helping with these reunion plans, please call the Alumni Office at 951-1535.

## CREW NEWS

Attention crew alumni! The Gradu-Eights, the Alumni Rowing Association, is looking for crew graduates who would be interested in serving as representatives for their respective classes in order to establish a line of communication to all rowers over the years.

Also, any crew alumnus who did not receive the September Gradu-Eights newsletter is asked to contact Jim Kiernan, C/O La Salle College Athletic Department, Philadelphia, Pa. 19141. The 2nd Annual Class Day Row on October 7th was definite proof that the Gradu-Eights is a thriving organization, but the omission of many names on the crew mailing list caused the absence of a lot of familiar faces.

Don't forget to write to Jim Kiernan, present crew coach, for updated address information and/or details regarding class representation.



## MASQUE FALL PRODUCTION

The award winning comedy by Kaufmann and Hart, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, will be presented by the Masque November 8th through the 12th, and November 15th through the 19th. For tickets and information, please call 951-1410. Be sure to watch for the hit musical, *The Pajama Game*, in March.

Need some novel gifts for Christmas? Call:



They've got everything from La Salle T-shirts, running suits, jewelry, mugs, to baby-booties, and lots more; and they'll be glad to send you a price list. Spice-up the holidays and be sure to put a little bit of LSC under your tree!

## EXPLORER CLUB

On Sunday, November 12 the annual Tap-Off Rally will feature the '78-'79 basketball team at 3:00 p.m. in Hayman Hall in an inter-squad battle during the Open House festivities. The Explorer Club is sponsoring a post-game cocktail party under the chairmanship of Daniel McGonigle. Gold members of the Explorer Club will be admitted free of charge. All other Explorer Club members and any other alumni are cordially invited to attend this affair. Tickets are \$6.00 a

## A SPORTS EDITORIAL

We have a new Sports Information Director. The talented Larry Eldridge has moved on to "Ivier" pastures and has accepted a position at Yale University where he has the responsibility for promoting 33 sports, including football and hockey. We wish him and his wife Kathi (our former Alumni Office secretary) the very best in New Haven.

Our new S.I.D. Lawrence Fan, comes to us from San Francisco via Frostberg State (Md.) and shows great promise for the future. However, it would be unfair at this early juncture to ask him to give us a projection on the coming basketball season.

Suffice it to say that our All-America candidate Michael Brooks is back, as are Gladden, Kanaskie, Connolly, etc. We have some big games early, as you can see by the schedule on page 4.

person, and include cocktails and a buffet. Please mail checks to the Alumni Office for tickets.

Alumni are encouraged to come meet this year's basketball team, and cheer on the beginning of a super season.

Seats are still available for the Explorer Club's Florida excursion. Cost for the package is \$299.00 per person, and includes round-trip airfare from Philadelphia to Orlando, 3 nights accommodations at the Dutch Inn Hotel of Walt Disney World, one day admission to Walt

Disney World, full breakfast daily, basketball tickets, and several cocktail parties.

The plane leaves on Wednesday, December 20, and returns home on Saturday, December 23.

If you'd like to see great Explorer battles against Florida Southern and Stetson Universities, be sure to send your check (payable to La Salle College Explorer Club, Inc.) *at once* to the Alumni Office, or call Jim McDonald, 951-1535, for more information.

Without an in depth analysis to offer, we thought it might be a good time to do something we have been considering for several years, i.e. asking our alumni to vote for an all-time, all La Salle basketball team.

You may select a squad of ten and your vote will be weighted: 10 points for first choice; 9 for second; etc.

My ballot is filled and I am confident that my choices will be echoed by the many basketball experts in our alumni body.

If not, I still will know that my team is the right one! After all, in addition to Tom Gola, Ken Durrett and Larry Cannon (whom we expect to receive a lot of votes), I've seen: Joe Bryant, Frank Corace, Jim Crawford, "Buddy" Donnelly, Bobby Fields, Larry Foust, Jack George, Norm Grekin, Hubie Marshall, "Ace" McCann, Roland and Bill Taylor, Bob

Walters, Bernie Williams and Charlie Wise. (You will note they are listed in alphabetical order.)

This is not to denigrate the great players I have not seen from the lower scoring '30's and early '40's — people like Ray Bahr, John Brnich, Tom Carroll, Phil Kear, Frank Hoerst, Charlie McGlone, Clem and Joe Meehan and Charlie Mosaicant.

Every baseball fan *knows* what the Phillies need to win: and every La Salle fan *knows* who should be on an all-time Explorer all-star squad. Share it with us.

On the official ballot below list the players you think made the greatest contributions to La Salle basketball over the years through the present team, and we will report the results in the next issue.

J.M.

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## LA SALLE COLLEGE ALL-TIME, ALL STAR BASKETBALL TEAM OFFICIAL BALLOT

*(To be counted this ballot must be returned to the Alumni Office by December 15, 1978)*

choice	choice
1st _____	6th _____
2nd _____	7th _____
3rd _____	8th _____
4th _____	9th _____
5th _____	10th _____

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## 1978-79 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

29	Wed.	BUCKNELL . . . . .	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	PALESTRA	(7:00 P.M.)
			<b>DECEMBER</b>		
2	Sat.	Kentucky . . . . .			Away
5	Tues.	Duke . . . . .			Away
7	Thurs.	Delaware . . . . .			Away
9	Sat.	PENNSYLVANIA . . . . .		PALESTRA	(8:00 P.M.)
16	Sat.	CANISIUS . . . . .		PALESTRA	(5:00 P.M.)
21	Thurs.	Florida Southern . . . . .			Away
22	Fri.	Stetson . . . . .			Away
29	Fri. &	Montana Classic . . . . .			Tournament
30	Sat.	(U. of Montana, Cal. State, Fullerton, U. of Portland)			
			<b>JANUARY</b>		
4	Thurs.	Rhode Island . . . . .			Away
6	Sat.	LAFAYETTE . . . . .		PALESTRA	(3:30 P.M.)
10	Wed.	WESTERN KENTUCKY . . . . .		PALESTRA	7:00 P.M.
13	Sat.	RIDER . . . . .		HAYMAN HALL	2:00 P.M.
15	Mon.	West Chester . . . . .			Away (8:00 P.M.)
17	Wed.	Niagara . . . . .			Away
20	Sat.	DUQUESNE . . . . .		PALESTRA	(3:30 P.M.)
24	Wed.	VERMONT . . . . .		PALESTRA	(7:00 P.M.)
27	Sat.	Drexel . . . . .			Away (2:15 P.M.)
31	Wed.	VILLANOVA . . . . .		PALESTRA	(9:00 P.M.)
			<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
3	Sat.	American . . . . .			Away
10	Sat.	TEMPLE . . . . .		PALESTRA	(7:00 P.M.)
12	Mon.	Lehigh . . . . .			Away
17	Sat.	ST. JOSEPH'S . . . . .		PALESTRA	(9:00 P.M.)
21	Wed.	HOFSTRA . . . . .		PALESTRA	(7:00 P.M.)
24	Sat.	Notre Dame . . . . .			Away

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