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## Brother Patrick to Receive Signum Fidei Medal

**B**rother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., Ph.D., President of La Salle University, will become the forty-seventh recipient of the Alumni Association's Signum Fidei medal at the annual Awards Dinner November 18 on campus, it was announced by Alumni President John J. French, '53.

Citing the fact that the first recipient of the medal in 1942 was Brother E. Anselm, who was President of La Salle at that time, French stated that it is singularly appropriate in this the 125th anniversary year of our alma mater to honor Brother Patrick for his demonstrated devotion to Catholic education and for his outstanding leadership of La Salle University.

Brother Patrick became the University's 26th president on January 1, 1977.

After having served as director of development and vice president of the corporation of the University since June, 1969, he succeeded Brother Daniel Burke, F.S.C., Ph.D.

Born in Baltimore in 1928, Brother Patrick, a member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools since 1946, joined the La Salle staff in 1960 as an assistant professor of English. He has been at the University since then except for a term as principal of La Salle High School in Miami, Florida, from 1962 to 1964.

Brother Patrick returned to La Salle in 1964 and served as director of the Honors Program until 1969 when he was named director of development and vice president of the corporation. He was awarded a Lindback Foundation Award for distinguished teaching in 1965 and currently holds the academic rank of professor of English.



*Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., Ph.D.*

Brother Patrick served at Philadelphia's West Catholic High School for boys from 1951 to 1958 and again from 1959 to 1960 in various capacities, including chairman of the English Department and guidance director.

The author of numerous articles in educational publications, Brother Patrick also conducted a "How to Read Great Books" series for the "University of the Air" on Philadelphia's WFIL-TV in 1961 and 1965. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was president of the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Philadelphia for two terms.

Brother Patrick, a 1946 graduate of Baltimore's Calvert Hall College High School, received an A.B. degree in English from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 1951. He earned a master's degree and doctorate in English from the University of Pennsylvania.

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 University 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 Terence K. Heaney, Esq., '63.

The medal will be presented at the Alumni Awards dinner in the Student Union Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening, November 18.

Membership in the Alpha Epsilon Alumni Honor Society will be conferred on selected members of the Class of 1989 at the dinner.

Tickets for the dinner are \$17.00 per person and may be purchased at the Alumni Office. Mail requests (accompanied by check payable to La Salle University) should be received by the Alumni Office by November 11.

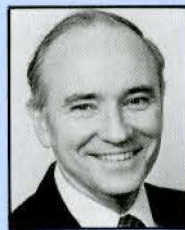
## Olympians to be Honored at Homecoming

**I**n this year of the XXIV Olympiad, the 40th anniversary of Joe Verdleur's gold medal victory in London, the La Salle University Alumni Association will pay tribute to all La Salle alumni and students who ever participated in the Olympic games with a dinner on campus which will be part of Homecoming weekend.

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## A Message from the Director



Dear La Salle Grad:

We are pleased to resume publication of the EXPLORER NEWS after a six year hiatus.

Our primary emphasis, as in the past, will be to keep our alumni and alumnae informed about future events in our ever expanding program.

As highlighted recently in the quarterly magazine LA SALLE, we had an extremely successful year with the largest class reunion program ever (Summer issue) and, thanks to a lot of help from colleagues in the Development area, a most active year in near and far geographic chapter areas—culminating in July with the organization of an alumni club in Los Angeles (Fall issue).

As you can see by the articles in this issue and the calendar of events on the back page, there will be many opportunities this Fall for alums to come back to campus and/or meet with other alumni in various locations.

In addition to the Olympic and Awards dinners on campus, the Downtown Club will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a luncheon at the Union League featuring Washington correspondent Lawrence M. O'Rourke. Past chairmen of the Club will be honored guests on this occasion.

### Chapter Activities

Our New York City Chapter will have a reception with guests from campus at the Doral Court Hotel, 39th Street and Lexington Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. on October 19. The new North Jersey Chapter will meet the following evening at a Howard Johnson's in Clark, N.J.

Jersey Shore area alums will once again brunch at George Sutor's Pub in Somers Point on Sunday, October 23. The Northeast Philadelphia group will meet on November 3 at the Quartet Club.

Montgomery County (Pa.) alumni will gather for dinner at "Eileen's" at the Oak Terrace Country Club on November 30 when Brother James Muldoon, F.S.C., Dean of Arts and Sciences, will be the guest speaker.

Incidentally, alumni in Florida interested in forming an alumni chapter there are invited to contact my classmate ('58) Bernie McCormick in Fort Lauderdale: (305) 929-8129; or call Joe Dunleavy '55, also in Fort Lauderdale: (305) 771-2210.

### Class Reunions

Finally, some of you have reunions coming up (i.e., those class years ending in 4 or 9, from '39 through '84). The date will be Saturday, May 20, 1989. Don't leave the planning, the decisions to your classmates. Get involved! Join your class committee when it is formed this Fall.

Call me if you are in a reunion class up to and including '64; call Assistant Director Chip Greenberg if you were '69 or later. In either case, it's the same number: (215) 951-1535. We're here to help make your reunion or any other alumni function a success.

Sincerely yours,

James J. McDonald  
Director of Alumni

### Olympic Dinner

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The event, which is co-sponsored by the Athletic Department, will be on Friday, October 14, and will begin with a cocktail reception in Hayman Hall at Kirk Pool at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. in the Union Ballroom and Tom Brookshier, Vice President and General Manager of radio station WIP, will be master of ceremonies.

Olympians invited include: JOE VERDEUR, '50, who won his gold medal in the breast stroke in 1948; JOHN V. McINTYRE, '50, who participated in the 1948 games as a pair-oared coxswain; AL CANTELLO, '55, who threw the javelin in the 1956 Olympics; IRA DAVIS, '58, the only La Salle grad to participate in three olympiads, 1956, 60 and 64; HUGH FOLEY, '66 and STAN CWIKLINSKI, '66 whose boat won a gold medal in 1964; BILL BELDEN, '70, who rowed in the 1972 games; EDWIN BORJA, '80, who swam for his native country, the Philippines, in 1976; MICHAEL BROOKS, '80, who was selected for the 1980 U.S. basketball team that did not have an opportunity to participate when the U.S. boycotted the Moscow games in 1980; DIANE MOYER, '80, who found herself in the same situation in 1980 but returned four years later along with KATHY McGAHEY, '82 to win a bronze medal in field hockey.

Efforts are being made to acquire relevant film and photos for a sight and sound presentation.

Executive Vice President of the Alumni Association Steve McGonigle is chairman of the dinner committee. The Olympic dinner replaces the Hall of Athletes dinner this year as part of Homecoming weekend. Tickets for the Olympic dinner are \$35.00 and may be purchased via the Alumni Office.

The Fall Homecoming began last year when the parents' weekend was combined with the Athletic Department's alumni-varsity competitions and Association's Hall of Athletes induction ceremonies.



## Downtown Club Celebrates 25th

The Alumni Downtown Club, celebrating its 25th anniversary, will begin its season on September 28 when Washington correspondent Lawrence M. O'Rourke will return as guest speaker at a luncheon at the Union League, Broad and Sansom Streets.

O'Rourke, now employed by the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, was Washington Bureau Chief for the *Philadelphia Bulletin* before its demise. He addressed the Downtown Club in 1973 and two years later spoke to our Washington Alumni Chapter. On both occasions he proved to be a most interesting speaker.

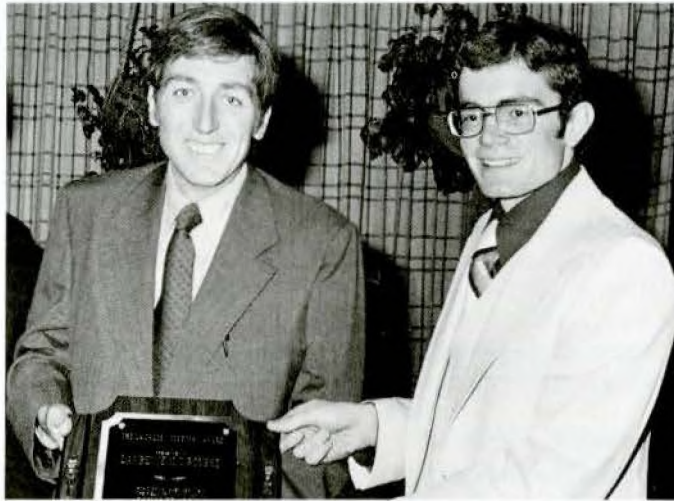
A Philadelphia native who attended St. Thomas More High School and received his B.A. from Villanova in 1959, O'Rourke subsequently received a law degree from George

town University. He will give the club his first-hand observations on the presidential campaign.

The luncheon will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the League's Library Lounge. Cocktails will be available at noon. Tickets for the luncheon are \$16.00 and may be obtained from the Alumni Office.

The second luncheon of the series will feature Basketball Coach Bill "Speedy" Morris on October 26 at the Irish Pub.

Any alumnus or alumna working in center city Philadelphia is welcome to be a member of the Alumni Downtown Club. If you wish to be on the mailing list, write the Alumni Office, c/o La Salle University, Philadelphia, Pa. 19141 or call (215) 951-1535.



Washington correspondent Lawrence M. O'Rourke (l.), the Downtown Club's luncheon speaker on September 28, received the 1978 Collegian Award from then editor Frank Debel.

## Concert and Lecture Series

The Concert and Lecture series on campus will resume on September 22 when Professor Leo Rudnytzky will discuss "Light from the East - A Thousand Years of Christianity in Eastern Europe" in the Dunleavy Room at 12:30 p.m.

Martin J. Stannard, an authority on Evelyn Waugh, will consider "Evelyn Waugh and North America" on September 27, also in the Dunleavy Room at 12:30 p.m.

The *Philadelphia Inquirer's* Pulitzer prize winning political cartoonist, Tony Auth, will explain some of his works in a slide presentation entitled "Sacred Cows Make the Best Hamburgers" in the Rodden Theatre at 12:30 p.m. on October 11.

The Philadelphia Trio, one of the area's premier chamber ensembles, will perform on October 18 in the Dunleavy Room at 12:30 p.m.

Bobbie Ann Mason, author of the highly acclaimed *Shiloh and Other Stories*, will offer a reading and discussion in the Ballroom on October 20 at 12:30 p.m.

Dierdre Bair will discuss "The Writing and the Aftermath of *The Second Six*" on October 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the Dunleavy Room. Dr. Bair's *Samuel Beckett: A Biography* won the American Book Award for biography in 1981.

Clarinetist Stuart Best will offer an all Mozart Concert in the Dunleavy Room at 12:30 p.m. on November 8.

Maggie Kuhn, the organizer of the Gray Panthers, returns to campus on November 15 to discuss "Eradicating the Myths that Marginalize." She will appear in the Rodden Theatre at 12:30 p.m.

Civil Rights activist and Georgia Assemblyman Julian Bond will ask: "Are Some Voters Still on the Margin?" when he appears in the Rodden Theatre at 8:00 p.m. on November 15.

Rev. Daniel Berrigan, S.J., the writer and peace activist, will appear in the Rodden Theatre at 8:00 p.m. on November 16. He will discuss "Peacemakers Unconformed." Then at 12:30 p.m. on November 17, he

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## The Olde School Tie

Just in time for Christmas shopping, the Alumni Office received another shipment of the popular logo tie.

The navy blue 3½" tie, made exclusively for us by Wm. Chelsea Ltd., features a gold logo emblem with 1863, the date of the founding, under it. It is made of 15% silk and may be purchased at the Alumni Office for \$12.00 each or \$13.00 via mail order.



Send check (payable to La Salle University) to the Alumni Office, Philadelphia, Pa. 19141.



## Judge Melinson to be Honored

The Alumni Law Society will hold a reception on campus on Sunday, September 25, at which the guest of honor will be Hon. James R. Melinson, '61, Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

Tickets, which are available through the Alumni Office, are \$25.00 for the 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. reception in the Dunleavy Room, Student Union building.



Hon. James R. Melinson

## 7th Tax Seminar Offered

The seventh annual "Tax and Financial Planning Seminar" will be presented for alumni, faculty, parents, and friends on Saturday, October 29, in the Union Building.

Terence K. Heaney will be the moderator. Presenters on the program include: Frank S. Blatcher, '56, President of Blatcher Associates; Terence K. Heaney, '63, Partner, Rubin, Quinn, Moss and Heaney; Philip E. Hughes, '71, Partner, Schiffman and Hughes; Eugene A. King, '60, Estate Planner; and Joel L. Naroff, Ph.D., Senior Economist, First Fidelity Bancorporation.

The topics presented will include real estate, economics, financial planning and the Tax Reform Act and how they affect our personal estates. The program will be followed by a lunch and learn session in the Ballroom.

Invitations to the program have been mailed. If you have questions, please contact the Planned Giving Office (215-951-1881) for information.

## Young Alums

Attention recent graduates (i.e., 1982 on): We are interested in planning some activities with you in mind. In the coming months you will be receiving a questionnaire from the Alumni Office. Meantime (if you can't wait), call Chip Greenberg, Assistant Director of Alumni, at (215) 951-1535.

### Concert & Lecture Series

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will speak on: "Peacemaking Christians in the Warmaking State."

Ms. Kuhn, Mr. Bond, and Father Berrigan will appear under the co-sponsorship of the Justice Week Program. A full schedule of the week's events can be obtained from the Campus Ministry Office (215-951-1048).

Finally, Steve Lopez, the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* columnist, will appear on November 29, on a topic to be announced, in the Dunleavy Room at 12:30 p.m.

## Basketball Preview, 1988-89

by Mac Yates,

Sports Information Director

After a 24-10 season, that included an unblemished 14-0 record in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and a NCAA tournament appearance, Coach Bill "Speedy" Morris has a great deal to look forward to in 1989.

Granted it will be tough to replace the experience of sharp shooter Tim Legler and assist leader Rich Tarr, yet Morris returns three of five starters of the 1988 MAAC championship squad.

The top player among those returning is leading scorer Lionel Simmons, a 6-6 junior forward. Simmons, in his sophomore season was the 1988 MAAC and Big 5 Player of the Year. He led all MAAC scorers with a La Salle single season record of 792 points and pulled down a team high 386 rebounds. In just two seasons, Simmons has set a career record with 122 blocked shots.

Likely to join Simmons in the starting line-up will be 6-6 senior Craig Conlin, 6-2 sophomore Doug Overton and 6-4 junior Bob Johnson.

Conlin currently owns the career best field goal percentage among the starters at 58.4% and is on-target for the school record. He will also be called on to provide the necessary leadership as he is the team's only senior. Morris has appropriately named Conlin and Simmons as co-captains.

As a freshman in 1988, Overton saw a great deal of playing time platooning with Johnson as the fifth starter. Overton started in 19 games, while Johnson opened for the Explorers in 15 contests.

Morris has added four names to the roster for the 1989 season. Jack Hurd checks in at 6-6 and could gain experience at both the guard and forward positions. Hurd, who hails from Warwick High School in Lititz, PA, where he averaged 29.2 points per game, is expected to see a great deal of action. A 6-8 forward, Don Shelton, from Trenton, NJ, Central High School, could also play an important part in the Explorers' season. Shelton averaged 11 points per game and eight rebounds per contest. Freshman Steve Wreidt, at 6-11, 220 pounds will be the biggest man on the La Salle roster. He averaged 15 points per game and collected 10 rebounds per game at Columbia High School in Maplewood, NJ. Morris' 5-10 son, Keith, a Penn Charter School grad, will add depth at guard.

It would seem likely that La Salle would complete the starting line-up with a member of this recruiting class.

At 6-9, Milko Lieverst, who was red shirted as a freshman in 1988, will also give the Explorers some size up front. Lieverst, from Amsterdam, Holland, is a bit of an unknown quantity missing all of last season with stress fractures in both feet.

Also adding depth to the La Salle roster will be 5-11 junior Ralph Flowers and 6-2 sophomore Sam Rines, who is the son of assistant coach Sam Rines.

The Explorers will again play a tough schedule that opens with a

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# 1988-89 Men's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 10 (PULA) Yugoslavia (Exhibition) Hayman Hall

## Pre-Season N.I.T.

Nov. 18 at Syracuse

Nov. 20 Second Round

Nov. 23-24 Semifinals & Finals Madison Square Garden

## ACME Boot Classic (Clarkesville, TE)

Dec. 2 La Salle vs. Georgia Southern

Austin Peay vs. Southern Illinois

Dec. 3 Championship Round

Dec. 7 St. Joseph's The Palestra

## Jostens Classic (The Palestra)

Dec. 9 La Salle vs. Pennsylvania

Drexel vs. Long Beach State

Dec. 10 Championship Round

Dec. 14 at St. Peter's Jersey City, NJ

Dec. 22 at Villanova Villanova, PA

## Cotton States Classic (Atlanta, GA)

Dec. 29 La Salle vs. South Carolina

Georgia vs. Princeton

Dec. 30 Championship Round

Jan. 4 Temple The Palestra

Jan. 7 Richmond The Palestra

Jan. 12 at Fordham Bronx, NY

Jan. 14 Manhattan The Palestra

Jan. 19 at Holy Cross Worcester, MA

Jan. 21 at Fairfield Fairfield, CT

Jan. 23 at Iona New Rochelle, NY

Jan. 25 St. Peter's The Palestra

Jan. 28 Fordham The Palestra

Feb. 1 Iona The Palestra

Feb. 3 at Army West Point, NY

Feb. 5 at American Washington, DC

Feb. 8 Army The Palestra

Feb. 11 at Manhattan Riverdale, NY

Feb. 13 Holy Cross The Palestra

Feb. 16 at Notre Dame Notre Dame, IN

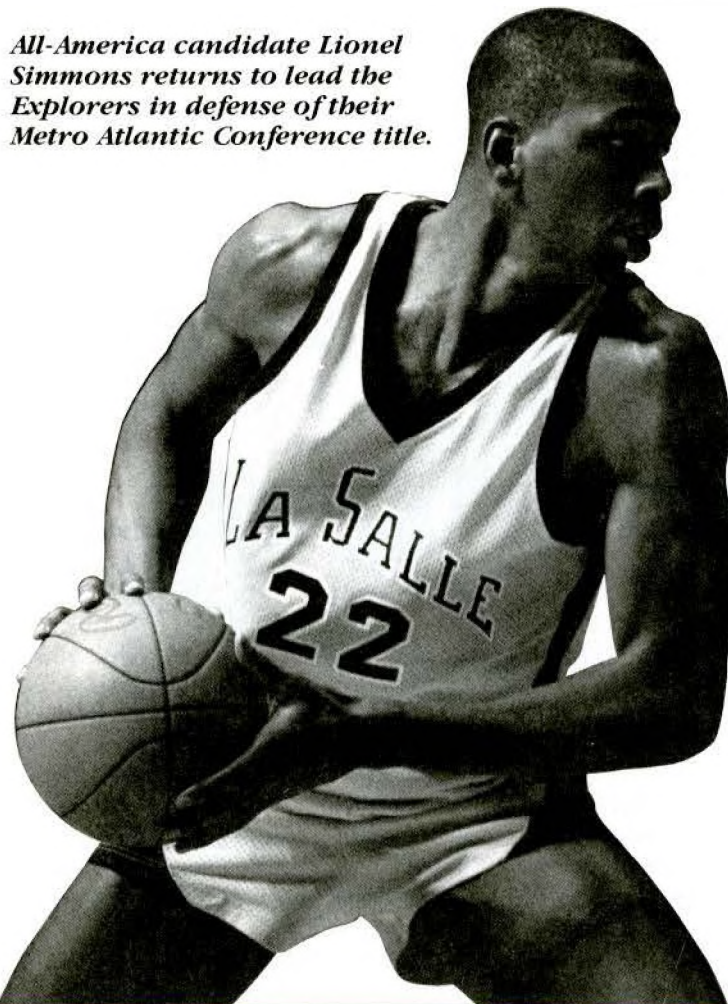
Feb. 19 Fairfield The Palestra

Feb. 23 Florida State The Palestra

Mar. 2-6 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conf.

Championship Tournament

*All-America candidate Lionel Simmons returns to lead the Explorers in defense of their Metro Atlantic Conference title.*



## Gallagher Club Looks to New Season

The Dr. Eugene Gallagher Club, the basketball support group, plans a second annual Mass in memory of the club's namesake and former team physician on October 21, it was announced by Chairman Daniel

McGonigle.

Plans are being made for a full schedule of activities in connection with home and away games, including a trip to Atlanta for the Cotton States Classic, December 29-30.

Membership dues remain \$10.00 for the year. Anyone interested in La Salle basketball is eligible to join. Send check (payable: Dr. Eugene Gallagher Club) c/o Alumni Office, La Salle University, Philadelphia, Pa. 19141.

## Basketball Preview

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pre-season NIT visit to Syracuse (Nov. 18). Three tournaments, the Acme Boot Classic in Clarkesville, TN; the Jostens Classic in Philadelphia and the Cotton States Classic in Atlanta, should prepare Morris' team for its MAAC title defense. Late season clashes with Notre Dame (Feb. 16) and Florida State (Feb. 23) could be key to La Salle's post-season aspirations.

## Alumni Calendar, Fall 1988

Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting .....	September 14
Law Society Reception honoring Judge Melinson .....	September 25
Downtown Club Luncheon at Union League featuring Lawrence M. O'Rourke .....	September 28
Olympic Dinner (Reception: Kirk Pool; Dinner: Union Ballroom) first event of Homecoming Weekend. ....	October 14
New York Chapter Reception: Doral Court Hotel .....	October 19
North Jersey Chapter Meeting, Clark, N.J. ....	October 20
Gallagher Club: opening Mass .....	October 21
Shore Area Chapter Brunch at Sutor's Pub. ....	October 23
Downtown Club: "Speedy" Morris at Irish Pub .....	October 26
Northeast Philadelphia Alumni at Quartet Club. ....	November 3
Annual Awards Dinner (Signum Fidei and Alpha Epsilon Presentations) .....	November 18
Montgomery County Alumni Dinner at Eileen's. ....	November 30



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