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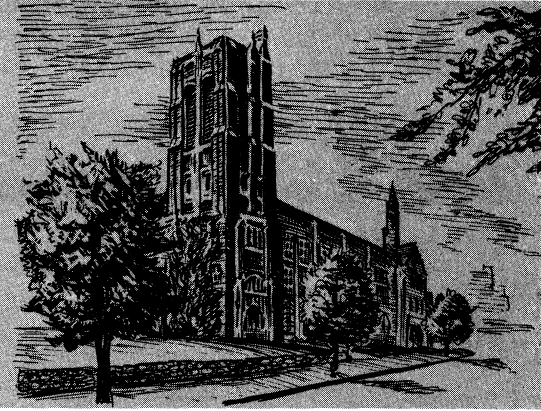
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LA SALLE COLLEGE FACULTY BULLETIN

Centennial Year—1963



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Calendar of Events (to July 26)

Track vs. Lafayette (Home).....	May 17
Senior Exams Begin.....	May 17
Baseball vs. Swarthmore.....	May 18
Tennis at Delaware.....	May 18
Parent's Reception (CUB, 4-7 P.M.).....	May 19
Faculty Picnic (Holy Day & Holiday).....	May 23
Semester Exams Begin.....	May 24
Track at IC4A Championships.....	May 24-25
Memorial Day (Holiday).....	May 30
Graduate Welcome Dance (Rifle Club).....	May 31
"Ph.T. Degrees" Ceremonies (CUB, 7 P.M.).....	June 2
Baccalaureate Mass (10 A.M.).....	June 4
Commencement Exercises (Convention Hall).....	June 4
Summer Sessions Begin (1st Session).....	June 24
MUSIC THEATRE '63 Opening.....	July 3
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V.P., ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:

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Holidays

Ascension Day, May 23, and Memorial Day, May 30, are the remaining holidays on the school calendar.

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Classroom Desks

There has been increasing criticism of the condition of desk tops in many of the classrooms on campus. The writing on and decoration of this furniture frequently reflects little of our attempt at Christian education here and are, moreover, a source of embarrassment to the College when its facilities are used by off-campus groups. Any additional diligence on the part of the faculty in preventing this abuse would be much appreciated.

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Graduation

The Centennial Year Commencement will take place on Tuesday, June 4, in Convention Hall, at 5:00 PM. Four honorary degrees will be conferred: on the Reverend Brother Charles Henry, F.S.C., Assistant to the Superior General of the Brothers; M. Hervé Alphand, Ambassador of France to the United States; General Albert M. Gruenther, president of the American Red Cross; and Mr. Charles M. Grace, New York philanthropist. Brother Charles Henry will preside; the address will be given by General Gruenther. Members of the Board of Managers will act as sponsors for the degree recipients.

V.P., STUDENT AFFAIRS:

Faculty Picnic May 23

The annual Faculty Picnic will this year be held next Thursday, May 23 at Fischer's Pool at 1 PM.

Faculty members who will not be present are asked to inform the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Fischer's Pool is located some ³ ~~five~~ miles beyond Center ~~Square~~ ^{Point} intersection of routes #73 and ~~#82~~. At pool sign, take right turn for two miles to pool site. #463.

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Baccalaureate Mass

Faculty members attending the Baccalaureate Mass Tuesday, June 4 at Immaculate Conception Church, Price and Ardleigh sts., are requested to be present for vesting at 9:30 A.M. in the basement of the church.

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Commencement Exercises

Faculty members are requested to report to the basement of Convention Hall prior to ~~4:40 P.M.~~ ^{3:30} when the academic procession is scheduled to start, also June 4.

Members of the faculty will follow Master of Arts graduates, toward the end of the procession, and will be seated on the stage.

ALUMNI:

Msgr. McNally Medalist

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. McNally, vicar general of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and

pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Jenkintown, on May 9 received the Bishop Philip R. Mc Devitt Memorial Medal of the college's education-alumni society.

The newly-established medal was presented by the Most Rev. Francis J. Furey, auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese, at a private ceremony.

The award is given annually for "outstanding contributions in the field of education". It is named for La Salle's first priest-alumnus, class of 1877, who was Bishop of Harrisburg and superintendent of Philadelphia's archdiocesan schools.

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Alumni Writers

Several La Salle alumni have had fiction or scholarly work accepted for publication or TV.

Walter Brough, '49, wrote a recent episode of the Dr. Kildare TV series, aired locally on NBC-TV's Chan. 3. It was the first of four shows he contracted to write for the series.

Brough earned his B.A. in English here, then received an M.A. from the University of S. Calif.

He has also written a film script, "Awake With Fury," which is soon to be produced.

Thomas Doulis, '55, has won wide critical acclaim for his first novel, Path for Valor, which deals with paratrooper training.

Claude Koch, '40, of the La Salle English department, will have his third novel published this fall. Its title is A Matter of Family.

James Howard, '58, has written a research article which appears in a current issue of the American Journal of Correction. It is titled "Treatment of Facilities Existing in U.S. Penal Institutions."

A sociology major at LaSalle, he is now director of social services at the London (Ohio) Correctional Institution.

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Reunion May 25

La Salle's class of 1958 will hold its fifth anniversary reunion next Saturday (May 25) in the College Union ballroom. The dinner-dance starts at 7 P.M. James B. Garvin, III, is general chairman of the affair.

BIOLOGY DEPT.:

Honors For Bro. Nicholas

Bro. G. Nicholas will be visiting professor of biology at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, for the month of June.

He will lead an expedition sponsored by the Australian Academy of Sciences to study the macroscopic troglobitic fauna of the Nullarbor Plain in central Australia.

He will also participate as expedition biologist on trips to survey the physiological adaptations of cavernicolous organisms in Tasmania, Cebu (southern Philippines), and Pakistan, and will give lectures and/or seminars at 18 universities (three of which

will grant honorary degrees) in Asia, Africa and Europe later in the summer.

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Microbiology Equipment

The biology has leased a Micro-manipulator and Microforge, valued at \$7,500.00 from the Kulicke & Soffa Company. The equipment, to be used in Dr. Bogacz's Microbiology laboratory, will permit dissection and surgery on living cancer cells.

The cells are maintained in a tissue culture. Activity of the cells will be recorded by a special time-lapse motion picture camera attached to the micromanipulator and microscope. Photographic components were assembled with the help of biology-major students.

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Summer Science Program

Twenty-four high ability secondary school students have been selected for a summer science training program conducted by the biology department and sponsored by the National Science Foundation from June 17 to August 9.

The 1963 program, the second given at La Salle, will be unique in that 11 of the 24 participants are high school girls. Thirteen public, and eleven parochial high schools are represented.

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New N.S.F. Grant

The National Science Foundation granted the sum of \$10,000 to the

biology department on April 26 for the purchase of equipment and apparatus used in the General Physiology Laboratory of Dr. Thomas Lowery.

CHEMISTRY:

Student Convolve

John E. Drach and John Mietz attended the Eastern Colleges Science Conference at Boston College, May 2-4, and were among 161 students presenting research papers. La Salle was among some 200 colleges from the eastern seaboard represented.

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Assistantships

Robert Byrnes and Eugene Cercio have been awarded assistantships in Chemistry to Temple and Villanova respectively.

DEVELOPMENT:

Ford Motor Grant

La Salle is one of ten U.S. colleges and universities which will share equally in a \$250,000 grant by the Ford Motor Company.

The \$25,000 grants are unrestricted awards.

The Ford Motor Company is a non-profit corporation aimed to aid educational, scientific and charitable institutions.

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C.U.C. Gift

The College Union Committees have given the College a sound system valued at \$500.00. The equipment is available for the use of faculty members.

INDUSTRY:

Dr. Goldner on NBC-TV

Dr. Bernard B. Goldner, chairman of the Industry Department and director of the School of Creative Thinking, will appear on 10 programs in NBC-TV's "Continental Classroom" series at 6:30 A.M. weekdays, starting this Monday (May 20), through May 31.

The series, titled "U.S. Might", will also be seen in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Washington.

The series deals with "the creative approach to U.S. industrial power and imagination" and is subtitled "Why the U.S. Has Never Lost A War."

Among the facets of U.S. industry treated will be steel, auto, oil, food, clothing, paper, drug, chemical and communications industries.

WRCV-TV (Chan.3) is the local NBC-TV affiliate, which will air the series.

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MacLeod speaker

Bruce MacLeod, of the Industry department, addressed the National Assoc. of Investment Clubs of Philadelphia May 4. His topic was "Forecasting Economic Conditions for 1963."

MUSIC THEATRE '63:

2nd Season Opens July 3

MUSIC THEATRE '63, the second season of La Salle's summer stock company, opens with "Finian's Rainbow" on Wednesday evening, July 3.

More than 14,000 patrons visited the campus last summer, during the premier season of the area's first college-sponsored professional summer theatre.

Managing director Dan Rodden, associate professor of English and director of the Masque, will again have the assistance of technical director Sidney MacLeod and choreographer Jean Williams in the coming season.

"Rainbow," which continues each Tuesday through Sunday evening until July 28, will be followed by "Fiorello," from Aug. 2 through the 25th.

Curtain is at 8:30 P.M. each night, except Saturday when performances are given at 6 and 9:30 P.M. No performance on Monday.

Subscription rates apply only before July 1; thereafter, all seats are \$3. The theatre will again be air conditioned this season.

Two new subscription plans are available for this season:

Plan A - Minimum of 8 tickets (4 ea. show) at \$2 ea. Times and dates of performances must be indicated. Tickets may be exchanged on 48 hours notice.

Plan B - Minimum of 2 tickets (1 ea. show) at \$2.50 ea. Will receive coupons exchangeable for seats on date to be later specified by patron.

Mr. Rodden has voiced optimism concerning the number of theatre parties already scheduled. They include Chestnut Hill College Alumnae; Bell Telephone Co. Pioneer Club, Hallahan H.S. Alumnae, and student, faculty, alumni groups.

Subscribers and those wishing further information on arranging a theatre party should contact business managers Charles McCloskey, of the English department, or John H. Veen, College Union Building Director.

NEWS BUREAU:

"Mid-Summer" Bulletin

The next issue of the Faculty Bulletin will be the special, "Mid-Summer" issue, to be published on or about July 26.

News memo forms will be mailed with return, stamped envelopes for the convenience of faculty members, prior to the July 22 deadline for the issue.

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Appreciation

The News Bureau staff extends its gratitude for the kind cooperation of the faculty and staff, particularly departmental chairmen who held centennial medal programs during the past year, and those who gave their time for magazine, radio, TV and press interviews.

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La Salle Featured

Two magazines, Greater Philadelphia and Catholic Market, will

feature articles about La Salle and its centennial celebration in forthcoming issues.

The June issue of Greater Philadelphia will have a cover story on the College, and the July edition of the nationally-circulated Catholic Market will highlight the centennial year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Parents' Reception

Parents of La Salle College students will attend the centennial Presidents' Reception this Sunday (May 19) from 4 to 7 PM in the College Union ballroom.

The second annual reception honors the presidents of La-Salle's Guild, an organization comprising the mothers of students, and the Associates, the fathers' counterpart group.

GENERAL:

Lindback Awards

Awards for "distinguished teaching" were presented Wednesday night (May 15) to four La Salle professors at the college's annual Founder's Day dinner, at the Four Chef's Restaurant, Hellerman and Sackett sts.

Thirty-three academic prizes were also presented to seniors for outstanding academic achievement by Brother Gavin Paul, F.S.C., vice president for student affairs, and twenty-seven seniors were given membership in Alpha

Epsilon, the alumni association's honor society.

The faculty awards, made possible by a \$3000 grant from the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation, were given to the Rev. Roger Balducelli, O.S.F.S., assistant professor of theology; Dr. Richard P. Boudreau, associate professor of French; Claude F. Koch, associate professor of English and a novelist, and Brother E. Patrick, F.S.C., associate professor and department chairman of English.

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Prexy's Elected

Brother E. Anthony, F.S.C., assistant professor of education at the college, has been re-elected president of the secondary school division of the National Catholic Education Association for the 1963-64 academic year.

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Dr. Rohn J. Rooney, chairman of the psychology department at LaSalle, has been installed as president of the Personnel and Guidance Association of Greater Philadelphia for 1963-64.

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Brothers' Grants

Three Brothers of the Christian Schools in the Baltimore District of the teaching order have been awarded Fulbright grants for summer study in Europe.

Brother Emery William, F.S.C., of La Salle High School, Brother Dominic of Mary, F.S.C., Central

Catholic High in Pittsburgh, and Brother F. Stephen, F.S.C., St. John's High, Washington, were the recipients.

Brother William will pursue advance studies in German at the Goethe Institute in Munich, and Brother Stephen will attend the University of Paris. Brother Dominic's grant is for study and travel in France.

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Brother G. Francis, F.S.C., assistant professor of English, has been awarded a Fellowship to Trinity College, University of Dublin.

The work will involve research among the manuscripts of Jonathan Swift, which are housed in the University Library.

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Wives Honored

Mrs. Harry J. Gibbons, mother of ten children whose husband teaches in La Salle's evening division, will receive a "Ph.T." degree with magna cum laude honors at the 10th annual ceremonies Sunday, June 2 at 7 P.M. in the College Union theatre.

Wives of 238 day and evening seniors will be presented the "Ph.T. -- Putting Him Through -- degrees," recognizing their assistance in hubby's pursuit of a bachelor's degree, at the special 'commencement' exercise. Husbands receive their degrees Tuesday, June 4.

Vice-President, Academic Affairs

In The Literature

Teaching

In order to understand the processes of teacher-student interaction, it is necessary to go as deeply into the personality functioning of teachers as into that of students. Although these matters are often intuitively familiar to the sensitive college teacher, they do not find their way into the educational literature. How does teacher use his authority to demand their best of students, without his slipping into authoritarianism, in which demands spring from his own needs rather than from a consideration of their interests? How does he maintain and present his essential convictions while at the same time encourage his students to differ with him? How does he convey his genuine concern for their welfare and his sense of involvement with their development without falling into a pattern of fraternization that endangers the values of respect? How can he utilize his tendencies to exhibitionism and omnipotence for purposes of effective teaching, without becoming merely an entertainer whom students applaud and forget? How can he enjoy his deserved popularity with his students without evoking the hostility of jealous colleagues? Does his tendency to be "hard-boiled" stimulate the students to greater effort or does it incite hostility and rebellion, and does his permissiveness encourage independence, or is it met with indifference or contempt? How does he deal with the feelings aroused in him by the passive, the provoking, the seductive, the sycophantic individuals among the students, and by those who come from a higher social class than he does? How does he manage a group effort by the students to force his conformity with their stereotype of a teacher, or his conformity with the college-wide norms of teacher conduct that students have found means of withstanding? And how does he deal with the depression that follows a bad day or a poor performance in class, or with the feeling, suddenly overwhelming in front of a class, that he has nothing to say and that even if he did the students would not be interested?

We do not suppose that the effective teacher has been born that way, or even that his effectiveness has been mainly determined by events in his distant past. Rather we understand his performance as the result of interactions between personal characteristics and the contemporary environment.

The Freshman Curriculum

It is in the freshman year that the failures of today's curricula are most glaring. Freshmen arrive on the campus, typically, filled with enthusiasm, with eager anticipation of the intellectual experiences they are about to have. By the end of the year, 10% to 40% have dropped out and a large proportion of the remainder is ready for what in the eastern colleges is known as the "sophomore slump."

We are speaking here, of course, of the common or traditional type of curriculum, drawn up with a minimum of attention to how students learn, but with a maximum of concern with how knowledge may be organized on paper-- and of course with due concern for the rights and privileges of the departments. There are enough breadth or distribution requirements and enough prerequisites for courses that the student thinks he will want to take later so that for many students the whole freshman year is taken up with necessary evils, and for most there are no courses that can be regarded as ends in themselves.

Existing programs are easy to criticize. What is to be done? We suggest that where the foremost concern is with the development of personality, the major aim of the freshman year should be to win the student to the intellectual enterprise; with full recognition of the fact that for many it is now or never, every effort should be made to capture the student's imagination, to give him a sense of what it means to become deeply involved in a discipline or subject, to learn things that make a difference in his life, to be a member of a community that is devoted to the pursuit of truth. Most essentially, the student must be shown that college education is a means for the expression of his impulse life, an opportunity for the gratification of his natural curiosity, and not merely a set of painful tests designed to make him more appreciative of his college degree. (Both excerpts from an article by Nevitt Sanford in "The World of Wiley." Spring, 1963)