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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (to March 15)

Collegian Award Banquet (CUB, 7 P.M.).....	February 25
Varsity Basketball vs. Georgetown (Palestra).....	February 26
Swimming at Lafayette (Easton).....	February 26
Douglas Hyde Lecture (CUB, 12:30).....	February 27
Frosh Basketball vs. Penn (Home Gym).....	February 27
Stephen Spender Lecture (CUB, 8 P.M.).....	March 1
Feature Fillms (CUB, 6 P.M.).....	March 1
M.A.C. Swim Championships (at Bucknell)	March 1-2
Varsity Basketball vs. Villanova (Palestra).....	March 2
Odetta Concerts (CUB, 7 & 9 P.M.).....	March 3
Leon Bibb Concerts (CUB, 12:30 & 8 P.M.).....	March 6
Maurice Egan Lecture (CUB, 8 P.M.).....	March 7
Susan Reed Concert (CUB, 12:30 P.M.).....	March 8
City Series Basketball (Palestra)	March 9
Mid-Semester Examinations	March 11-15
Deadline, March Faculty <u>Bulletin</u>	March 11
Weber Society Concert (CUB, 8 P.M.).....	March 11
Feature Film (CUB, 6 & 9 P.M.).....	March 15
Publication, March <u>Bulletin</u>).....	March 15

V.P., ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:

Charter Day Convocation

An academic convocation, to which all faculty members will be invited, will be held on Wednesday, March 20. The observance will mark the actual chartering of the college on March 20, 1863 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Among those receiving honorary degrees will be U. S. Treasurer Kathryn Granahan; Mayor James H. J. Tate; Bishop Gerald V. McDevitt; Mr. C. E. Beck, President of Philco Corp.; Dr. Hugh Taylor, President of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation; Dr. Stephen Kuttner, noted canon lawyer, and Mr. Joseph T. Kelly, Philadelphia Labor Leader.

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NDEA Fellowships

Chairmen and other faculty members are asked to recommend that seniors with B averages interested in graduate work investigate the advantages of NDEA Fellowships, several of which are offered by local universities. Information on these very lucrative fellowships, is available in the Counseling Center, though not much time remains for applications.

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MARCH Events

Faculty members may obtain from the Union Director's Office free tickets to several cultural events to take place in March: Recitals by a folksinger Leon Bibb (Mar. 6) and Susan Reed (Mar. 8) and the

dramatic presentations by Basil Rathbone (Mar. 21-22).

DEAN, ARTS & SCIENCES:

Pre-Registration

Pre-registration for 1963-64 will take place during the following times: Class of 1964 - week of March 18; Class of 1965 - week of March 25; Class of 1966 - week of April 5. Additional information will be furnished to Department Chairmen and Course Advisors.

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Film Slated

The Whippet Studios will give a demonstration of a new film to which the faculty is invited on Thursday, February 21, at 3:00 PM in S-141.

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Freshman Grades

Faculty Advisors assigned to the freshmen in the School of Arts and Sciences are requested to review semester grades with their advisees. The Dean's Bulletin Board may be used to post names of those who do not appear voluntarily.

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Faculty Absences

If a faculty member is forced to miss a class for any reason, he is to inform the Office and his Department Chairman, prior to the absence if possible.

DEVELOPMENT:

Centenary Fund

The Development Office expresses its appreciation to the 80 members of the faculty and staff who have contributed to the La Salle Centenary Fund.

As this is the fourth and final year of the Centenary Fund Program, we welcome inquiries concerning participation of those who have not as yet contributed. Information concerning the payroll deduction plan is available in the Development Office, Room 205, College Union Building.

CHEMISTRY:

Assistantship Won

Mr. Robert Pietrangelo, a senior in the Chemistry department, has been awarded and accepted a teaching assistantship in Chemistry at the Drexel Institute of technology. The assistantship starts Sept., 1963.

COLLEGE UNION:

"Folk Singer's Week"

"Folk Singers' Week," highlighted by an appearance of folk-song sensation Odetta, opens Mar. 3 through Mar. 8 in the College Union

Odetta, who has earned a worldwide reputation in a relatively short period of time, will make two appearances on the evening of Mar. 3 at 7 and 9 P.M. in the Union Lounge. Also on the bill

will be a concert by the Phila. Youth Jazz Band, under the direction of Frank Diehl. Admission is \$1 for students and faculty; all other tickets \$2.

Other highlights of the week include performances by Leon Bibb and Miss Ruan MacKinnon, Wed., Mar. 6 at 12:30 and 8 P.M. in the Union theatre. Admission is free at 12:30; 50¢ in the evening. A concert by Susan Reed at 12:30 Fri., Mar. 8 in the theatre concludes the week's activities.

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Wicklem Named

William J. Wicklem, a junior, has been elected chairman of the College Union Board for 1963-64, effective Mar. 1.

Wicklem, also president of Region III of the Assoc. of College Unions, succeeds Henry P. Betz.

COLLEGIAN:

Collingwood Honored

Charles Collingwood, CBS newsman and anchorman for the award-winning "Eyewitness" TV series, receives the 15th annual journalism award of La Salle's weekly student newspaper, The Collegian, at the paper's annual banquet this Monday (Feb. 25) at 6:30 P.M. in the College Union Building.

The plaque, given annually since 1949 for "outstanding public service in the field of journalism," will be presented by Brother Daniel Bernian, F.S.C., president of the college.

Collingwood, a veteran newsman with a wide variety of experience

began his career in journalism with United Press (International) in London in 1940. A year later, he joined the CBS News staff -- then headed by Edward R. Murrow -- and has been a stalwart of the network's news staff ever since. He is perhaps best known as Murrow's successor as host of the "Person to Person" series and most recently, the special "A Tour of the White House With Mrs. John F. Kennedy." He has won Peabody and National Headliner's Club awards.

Past recipients of the Collegian award include Bob Considine (1951); "Red" Smith (1952); Edward R. Murrow (1954); Jim Bishop (1956) Dave Brinkley (1961), and James Reston, last year's recipient.

COUNSELING CENTER:

Peace Corps Test

By special arrangement with the Peace Corps, La Salle students planning to apply for Peace Corps service beginning this summer can take advantage of a special on-campus administration of the Peace Corps placement test to be given Wednesday, February 27. The test begins at 8:30 A.M. and will be held in College Hall Auditorium.

This is the only time the placement test will be given on campus during this academic year.

Most applicants will take the morning session which requires approximately four hours. A few applicants especially language majors will probably take the optional afternoon session which

is concerned specifically with foreign language skills.

Anyone wanting further information about the Peace Corps placement test should contact Dr. McCarthy at the Counseling Center.

ENGLISH:

Dr. App Article

Austin J. App, Ph.D., Department of English, has an article in the February issue of Today's Family, entitled, "Humility: the Difficult but Pleasing Virtue", pp. 42-49. His article in the October Catholic Library World entitled "Better Ethical Standards for Novels" has been reprinted as a pamphlet.

HISTORY:

Lukacs Chosen

Dr. John Lukacs has been chosen as chairman for the committee on program of the American Catholic Historical Association for 1963. He has also been chosen as an Honors' Examiner for the history honors program of Swarthmore College for 1963.

NEWS BUREAU:

March Bulletin

The March issue of the Faculty Bulletin is scheduled for publication on Mar. 15. Please observe the Mar. 11 deadline for submission of material for the issue of the Bulletin.

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Centennial Display

La Salle's centennial display is available for installation on or after April 5.

Faculty members and their acquaintances are invited to solicit public institutions having display areas and/or windows to permit display installation.

The display will be exhibited at the First Pennsylvania Co., 15th and Chestnut sts., Mar.1-15, and at Provident-Tradesmen's from 15-22. It is now at Girard Trust Corn Exchange's branch at Germantown ave. and Schoolhouse Lane.

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Rathbone on Radio

Basil Rathbone will appear on at least two radio interview programs in connection with his visit to La Salle Mar. 21-22.

He will appear on the "Red Benson Show" at 11:15 P.M. Mar. 21, and on the "Ed Harvey Show" at 2 P.M. Mar. 22.

POLITICAL SCIENCE:

Roundtable March 15

The Department of Political Science will present a Roundtable Discussion on "The Future of American Politics", on March 15, 8:30 P.M. in the College Union Lounge. Guest panelists will be three distinguished commentators on public affairs: Dwight MacDonald (Radical), Frank S. Meyer (Conservative) and Dr. David G. Smith (Liberal).

Mr. MacDonald is a noted publisher, editor and author of such

famous works as Memoirs of a Revolutionist, Parodies: An Anthology, and the recent Against the American Grain. Mr. Meyer is the author of In Defense of Freedom, A Conservative Credo and other works. He is currently an editor of the conservative journal National Review. Dr. Smith has a broad background of scholarship in the field of Politics and is currently a member of the Department of Political Science at Swarthmore College.

Dr. John Lukacs, of La Salle (politically non-denominational), will take part in the proceedings as provocateur or gadfly to the guest panelists, and Dr. Cleary, Chairman of the Department of Political Science, will introduce the theme of the discussion.

Members of the faculty and their friends are cordially invited to attend -- and to come primed with any provocative questions they might wish to direct to the panelists.

SOCIOLOGY:"You and Marriage" Series

The first of three lectures in the annual "You and Marriage" Lenten lecture series was given last Fri., Feb. 22 at 12:30 in the College Union Theatre.

Brother E. Austin, F.S.C., Ph.D., of the college's psychology department, gave the first talk on "The Psychology of the Sexes During Courtship."

Future lectures will be by the Rev. William Conway, J.C.D., sec-

retary of the Metropolitan Tribunal, on "Marriage Tribunal Procedures" (Mar. 15) and Mrs. Walter Zenner on "The Role of Woman in a Modern Marriage" (Mar. 29).

The mid-day time for the lectures constitutes a departure from the previous series' that were held Sunday evenings.

WEBER SOCIETY:

The Bard's Music

The Philadelphia Baroque Quartet and Miss Edna Bockstein will perform in a program of "Music of Shakespeare's Time," sponsored by the Weber English Society Mon. Mar. 4 at 8 P.M. in the College Union theatre.

Also featured in the program, which is free and open to the public, is contralto Joyce Lundy.

GENERAL:

Spender Lectures Mar. 1

Stephen Spender, poet and literary critic, will give the fourth in a series of centennial lectures sponsored by La Salle College next Friday (Mar. 1) at 8 PM in the Union Theatre. Spender will discuss "The Literature of the 1930's."

Also co-editor of Encounter, Spender was educated at Oxford, where he befriended poet W. H. Auden. They and Cecil Day Lewis, also an undergraduate at that time, went to Spain on the side of the Republic during the Civil War.

He has frequently visited the U. S. since 1947, when he taught

for a year at Sarah Lawrence College. He was a visiting lecturer at the University of Cincinnati in 1953, at the University of California in 1959, and this year is giving a course in modern poetry at Northwestern University.

In addition to scores of critical articles and reviews and his autobiography, World Within World, Spender is perhaps best known for his poem An Elementary School Classroom (in a Slum).

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Bro. John Translator

Brother D. John, F.S.C., provincial of the Baltimore district of the Christian Brothers, has translated a recently-published English version of The Life of John Baptist De La Salle, by Dom Elie Maillefer. The publisher calls it "The earliest biography of St. La Salle now in existence!"

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Bro. Christopher Named

Brother F. Christopher, F.S.C., director of admissions, has been named chairman of press and public relations for the 19th annual national conference of the Assoc. of College Admissions Counselors, to be held in Philadelphia Oct. 4-7, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

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Dr. Sprissler Chairman

Dr. Joseph J. Sprissler, vice-president for business affairs at La Salle, will be the chairman of a workshop on "Bookstore Management and Evaluation" Monday, Feb. 25 at Workshop Clinic of the Eastern Association of College and

University Business Officers at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

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Lady Stenton Speaker

Lady Doris M. Stenton, noted historian of medieval England, will deliver the 1963 series of Jayne Memorial Lectures in the auditorium of the University of Pennsylvania, 33rd and Spruce sts. at 8:30 P.M. Mar. 6, 13 and 20.

Topics will be "The Anglo-Saxon Inheritance (Mar. 6); "The Angevin Leap Forward" (Mar. 13), and "Courts of Justice and the Beginning of the Legal Profession" (Mar. 20).

Members of the English and History faculties are invited to attend.

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Bro. Azarias Honored

Brother F. Azarias, chairman of the Department of Education at La Salle College will be honored Feb. 25 at the fortieth reunion of the class of 1923 of Calvert Hall College, the oldest Christian Brothers School in the United States.

Chairman of the reunion is Michael J. Kelly, president of Kelco, a members of the class. Following a dinner meeting at Marty's at the Washington Monument the class will attend a performance of "Milk and Honey," whose star Robert Weede graduated with this class.

Another honored guest will be Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph McCallister, vice rector of the Catholic University in Washington D.C.

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Speakers

Leo D. Rudnytzky, of the Modern Languages department, discussed the Berlin problem Dec. 29 on WIBF-FM radio with William L. Fox, station manager.

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Dr. John H. Rooney, chairman of the Psychology department, took part in a panel discussion on the topic, "College Drop-out," during the 5th annual conference of "The Problems of Post-High School Education," Nov. 20 at the Bellevue.

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Douglas Hyde, former news editor of the London Daily Worker, will address the students and faculty of La Salle College this Wednesday (Feb. 27) at 12:30 P.M. in the College Union Theatre. Open to the Public, his talk will be on "The Communist Struggle for Latin America."

Regretfully

The News Bureau regrets the late publication of the February Faculty Bulletin caused by personnel depletions due to illness.

V.P. , ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:

IN THE LITERATURE

As Others See Them

Edward D. Eddy, Jr., who first sounded an optimistic tone in the aftermath of Jacob's criticisms of the values of American college students, has once again sought to tell us about those we teach. In "Pretense and Possibility in Higher Learning," *Liberal Education*, October 1962, he suggests that while we in higher education were looking the other way, a new breed of college student has arisen. This student has given up apathy because he got sick of being apathetic. He recognizes the enormity of public problems but refuses to be frightened by them. He finds that all too frequently it is the college, not he, who is the real adolescent.

Consistent with the ideals and aspirations of these new students are a set of theses which Mr. Eddy believes colleges might find posted on the door of the administration building some fine morning. The colleges, more than students, cling to outmoded beliefs about what will entertain an undergraduate. Orientation weeks tell full well the low esteem in which professors hold student taste. Then the college curricula have failed to keep pace with the revolutions in high school curricula. The new language and science programs are far ahead of many a collegiate offering. And the colleges persist in over-organizing the life of the students when students want very little in the way of ersatz activityism. Further, colleges perpetuate conformity through search for appropriate types of students at a time when students are coming to value originality of spirit. In addition, the colleges have expected too little from students. Lastly, the clergymen on campuses need to stand up straighter if they expect students to give them a hearing. Students are not intolerant of religion. They want frank analyses of religious problems and differences and they want religious leaders to grapple with the life and death issues of public and private morality. (AHE Bulletin)

The Great Game

In Improving College and University Teaching, Winter 1962, Dr. William C. Budd, observes in an article on "The Great Game": "We hear a great deal these days about the pursuit of excellence in education. From many directions teachers are being constantly reminded that they must pay more attention to their primary responsibilities. They are told that they must set new standards of rigor in their

classwork, that they must, to use a well worn phrase "get tough." Certainly, these suggestions are well taken. To be opposed to excellence is analogous to denying the sanctity of motherhood and one would not voluntarily wish to be placed in this position. However, there are certain implications of this "get tough" attitude which need further explication. Before we become so tough that we are throughly unpalatable we should examine this position somewhat more critically.

Implicit in the admonition to "get tough" in college courses is the assumption that the difficulty of the course can be manipulated by the instructor. There are few who would deny that this is so. It is recognized that the difficulty of any college course, including the much maligned underwater basket weaving, is only in part a function of the nature of the material itself. Courses are inherently difficult or easy by virtue of the kinds of experiences the student can transfer to these courses. On the basis of this reasoning we would expect that a course in higher mathematics would be more difficult for most students than one in history because only rather specific types of learning experiences would transfer to the course in mathematics. This situation however, contains no implications for the comparable worth or value of mathematics versus history for the student. Regardless of its inherent difficulty, however, almost any course can be made difficult by a college instructor if he wishes to do so. He does this by manipulating two major variables, (1) the amount of work required of the student, that is references to read, papers to write, reports to present and so forth, and (2) the manner in which he conducts examinations in the class. In reference to the first variable I think we can agree that the typical undergraduate students in American colleges are not as yet overworked. They may complain, but for many college is still a social romp. It is the manner in which college instructors manipulate the second major variable that elicits legitimate complaints from many students."

The Satisfactions of Teaching

What are the satisfactions in teaching? Certainly one is the pleasure of seeing a student develop. Another is the pleasure of intellectual interchange with young people possessing questioning minds and fresh ideas. Perhaps a less laudable but none-the-less real satisfaction is that found in having disciples who respect and admire us. These satisfactions are difficult to secure without close sustained personal contact with students. If we are to know students well enough to see their progress, small classes are important, not only because they permit more individual interaction with students but also because they

permit the instructor to use term papers, essay tests, and other evaluation methods that give him a greater understanding of what the student is thinking.

Moreover, if the satisfaction of observing student growth is important, we need to ensure opportunities for contacts between instructor and student over a period longer than a one-semester course. One of the advantages of the small college over the large university is that the student in a small college not only is more likely to come into contact with his instructor outside of the classroom but is also more likely to elect later courses from the same professor. In a community where professors know most of the students, professors are more likely to discuss students with other professors. In a large university the professor may teach a student one semester and never see him again. He is very unlikely to discuss the student with other professors because he does not know which colleagues know the student.

(W.J. McKeachie in The American College,
1962, p. 354)