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Huge Turnout Expected at Banquet

Joe Grady ’40
To Emcee Reunion Banquet June 5

Joe Grady, that laughing mad grad of ’40, who spins fast jokes and patter as quickly as he whirls a platter, will be the toastmaster at this year’s final event—the dinner at the Penn-Sheraton on June 5.

Everyone knows Joe—or at least Joe knows everyone. As custodian of the famous “950 Club” on WPEN, Joe’s reputation as a disc jockey is second to none.

Classmates had an inkling that Joe was headed for the entertainment world, for Joe took an interest in school dramatics the day he enrolled. That personable smile of his was as broad as the campus back in the days when he made LSC his second home and the corridors resounded with his histrionics.

His primary interest, of course, was radio, and he could tell the name of a musician at the twist of a dial, spending every spare second in one of the nine radio stations around town.

Upon graduation, Joe worked successively at stations WHAT, WIP and now WPEN.

Incidentally, Joe’s successor on the WIP Dawn Patrol, which he jockied for

Joe Grady ’40 Alumni Affair June 5th at Penn-Sheraton Hotel Eagerly Awaited; Joe Grady, M. C.

Senior Class to Be Our Guests

As ALUMNI NEWS goes to press, with only one exception, final arrangements have been completed for what promises to be one of the most interesting banquets in college history.

Reservations for the annual affair on June 5th at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel are being received daily and the turnout may be capacity.

Consult your classbooks, men, since this affair, regarded as traditional re-

For 31 LSC Men
Who Died in War

A Memorial Mass will be held in the College Chapel, Memorial Day, for the 31 LSC men who lost their lives in World War II.

Because of space limitations, only officers of the Alumni and parents of the deceased have been invited to attend.

Following the Mass, a wreath will be placed on the quadrangel in their memory. Students and alumni of LaSalle are urged to attend Mass in their own parish and pray for our heroic dead.

PHILIP A. NIJESSEN
Chairman

Verdeur, Walters Honored at Dinner

Joe Verdeur and Bobby Walters, recent recipients of LSC Alumni awards for outstanding athletic achievement, received additional honors at a banquet held for the basketball and swimming teams at the University Club last month.

Verdeur, national breaststroke champion, received the President’s Award given by Brother Paul, LSC President, to the athlete demonstrating the most outstanding ability.

Walters, LSC high scorer for four years, was presented the Joseph

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The Masque Clicks In “Our Town”

No, the lady does not have anything in her eye. It’s merely a dramatic moment in the presentation of “Our Town,” the Thornton Wilder play recently staged by members of The Masque of LSC and the Mask and Foil of Chestnut Hill College. Here Ed Warren and Loretta Daly play the well known parts of Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs.

Podium Wins Intramural Title

Oh, my aching Bach! Remember when the Podium of LS was a student organization devoted to the study and deeper appreciation of the fine arts? It still is, but something new has been added.

The Masque of LSC resumed its annual presentation, after a war lapse of several years, with a close-to-professional production of Thornton Wilder’s “Our Town,” during the week of April 21.

In its initial post-war effort, the Masque was aided by the Mask and Foil of Chestnut Hill College. And, once again, the ladies from the Hill kept pace with the men of La Salle in the traditional spring performance.

Miss Carmelita Manning, of Philadelphia Little Theatre fame, scored a distinct triumph in her initial engagement as Director of the Masque.

The cast was first-rate, from the Stage Manager down to the Second Dead Man, and was as capable a troupe as this former-Masquer has had the pleasure to view. Blue and gold ribbons are in order for everyone connected with the production, with especially wide gold bands to John Warren, as the Stage Manager; Edward Warren, as Dr. Gibbs; Loretta Daly, as Mrs. Gibbs; Marie Reinhart, as Mrs. Webb; Eileen O’Connor, as Emily Webb; Jesse Crain, as Mr. Webb; William Graham, as George Gibbs (Act II and III); and Andrew McCosker, as Howie Newsome.

Most memorable in this reviewer’s mind are: Eileen O’Connor’s (Emily) handling of the play’s most emotional scenes; John Warren’s (Stage Manager) stage presence and narrative clarity; Edward Warren’s (Dr. Gibbs) professional pantomime; and Andrew McCosker’s (Howie Newsome) superb character creation in a supporting role.
The following men have been appointed class chairmen for the banquet on June 5th. Kindly contact them for any information and reservations:

PHILIP A. NIENESSEN, '36, Chairman—3015 Glenview Ave., Phila. 4, Pa.

James F. Dever, '45 ........................................................... 644 N. 37th St., Phila. 4, Pa.
Joseph F. Dolan, '39 ............................................................. 125 Union Ave., Bala, Cynwyd
Oscar F. Levy, '38 ................................................................. 809 N. 5th St., Phila. 23, Pa.
Lawrence G. Bowman, '35 .................................................... 3645 N. 18th St., Phila. 40, Pa.
Aloysious E. Whalen, '20 ....................................................... 1415 N. 8th St., Phila. 22, Pa.

Net Coach Building
For Future Schedule

Dan Gallagher, '42, star LSC netman and team captain in his undergraduate days, is now coaching the current Explorer tennis squad.

Dan has been quite active on the court since his college days; his No. 24 spot in the Middle States ranking attests to this fact, as the ranking is based on tournament play. In the National Indoor Tournament at New York recently, he was defeated by Francis X. Shields, former Davis Cupper, but this defeat did not hurt Dan's rating any.

In Miami last year, Dan reached the quarter-finals in two of the four tournaments he entered; in one of these, he defeated Doris Hart, runner-up to Pauline Betz in the Women's Nationals in 1946.

Upon questioning, Coach Gallagher admitted that he expects big things of the LSC netmen in the future, as most of the current squad are lower-classmen.

Grady

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some time, is another LSC boy—Joe McCauley, '37.

Joe tells us he will withdraw his chromium-bound copy of Joe Miller from the vault for the occasion, so we can look for a real bang-up evening.

See you then. I'll be wearing a small crocodile in my lapel.

Crew Shows Promise
In First Year

LaSalle's latest sport, crew, is enjoying unusual success despite the fact that it is only in its first year.

Co-coaches John B. Kelly and Charley McIlvaine have been working diligently with the boys and the results of their efforts were shown when the Explorers took the special collegiate event in the recent Stotesbury Regatta.

Although the oarsmen dropped close decisions to Princeton University and Manhattan College, McIlvaine and Kelly feel that LaSalle will be a real power in national rowing in the next few years.

The college has been especially fortunate in getting a number of oarsmen from the LaSalle High crew which just last week won the American National Schoolboy Championship for the second straight year.

Honor Athletes

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Schmitz, Jr., '39, Award as the outstanding athlete in the Senior class.

In addition to honoring these men, the swimming and basketball varsity members received letters, sweaters and certificates in recognition of their stellar performances during the past season. The members of the basketball team also received individual gold basketballs as a tribute for garnering the mythical city championship.

John J. Kelly, '39, LSC Press Relations director, was toastmaster for the program that included among its speakers James J. Henry, Athletic Director; Brother Stanislaus, Dean; and Brother Paul, President of LSC. The guests included both freshman and varsity members of the teams who were commended for their sportsmanship and praiseworthy records.
PERSONAL PATER
By John Clement, '39

ACHIEVEMENT: Brother G. Paul, F.S.C., former Professor of Chemistry and now President at LSC, was a contributor to the Biochemistry Examination prepared by the American Council on Education. Andrew Kempner Ryan, '18, is editor of The Catholic Standard and Times. Daniel Rodden, '41, is the author of the book and lyrics of "Now You See It," which was presented by the Experimental Theatre of the Speech and Drama Department of Catholic University, Washington, D.C. Dr. John Griffith, '43, delivered a baby on a train while traveling in Germany. Mother and child were doing fine.


ENGAGED: Joseph McFadden, '43, to Rosemary McVeigh.

MARRIED: Robert Murray, '40, LSC Alumni Treasurer, to Bette Stanton, sister of the LSC Stanton's, Edward, John and Paul. Frank Schwenenburgh, '40, to Rita Mitthauer. Sgt. Lawrence Walsh, '39, of the U.S. Air Forces, to Helen Schmidt, a native of Rotterdam, Holland, in Germany, where he is stationed.

PRODUCTION: James McGrath, '43, is the proud father of a daughter named Geraldine. Lt. James Breen, '43, has a son, Owen James IV. Arthur Riffle, '40, a student at Temple University, is awaiting Sir Stork.

FOREIGN: Vincent Moranz, '20, is in Hawaii. Lawrence Truitt, '39, American Airlines executive, now in Sweden with his wife and children, enjoying the skiing.

BUSINESS: Robert Dean, '41, is the editor of the Resinous Reports, a trade journal of resinous products. Clarence Supplee, '39, is sales representative for Keystone Automobile Club, while Edward Minnuiti, '43, holds the same position with A.A.A. Joseph Grady, '40, is a disc-jockey at radio station WPEN, Philadelphia. Dr. Gregory Froio, '37, has a fine medical practice in Philadelphia, while his brother, Vincent Froio, '37, is a prosperous young attorney. James McKeegan, '40, is the sales representative for Globe Aircraft Corp. Al Whalen, '17, is working in the Proho- natory's office at City Hall, Philadelphia. Carl Hungara, '44, is an instructor at Catholic High School, Philadelphia.

SPORTS: Robert Courtney, '41, instructor at LSC, is coaching the LSC golf team. Daniel Gallagher, '42, is head coach of the LSC tennis team. Louis Bonder, '41, enjoyed a very successful season as head coach of the Collingdale High School basketball team. "Lou" worked his way up from private to second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, where he served four years and participated in the Philippine campaign.

ENTERTAINMENT: Joseph Grady, '40, of radio station WPEN's 950 Club, and his assistant, Ed Hurst, have combined their talents with Andrew O'Keefe, '41, in producing a Variety Show featuring Songs, Dances and Snappy Sayings reminiscent of their Gay Blades ("... and are they sharp") productions while students at LSC. The show is available for banquets, dances and club meetings and has enjoyed a great deal of success.

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Phonetic Studio Aids Students
In Languages

LSC language department is attracting considerable attention and favorable interest from outside sources, due largely to the experimental efforts of Dr. John A. Guischard, '38.

Dr. Guischard, LSC French professor, has become the first language teacher in this area to adopt the new method of teaching languages through the aid of a phonetic studio and sound recording machine. The studio, installed under his supervision, has been hailed as an invaluable aid to students in learning languages in a fast, efficient manner.

Lengthy reviews of Dr. Guischard's creditable work have appeared in recent editions of local newspapers. He has also been asked by several language groups in local colleges and universities to lecture and demonstrate this latest system.

Banquet
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LaSalle Day fell on Ascension Thursday this year.

Toastmaster for the banquet is Joe Grady. (See story on page 1). One of the most popular radio personalities in town, Joe can be depended upon for an evening of gaiety.

A special invitation has been extended to the present LSC Senior class. As Charlie Fitzpatrick said in his EXPLORINGS column last month, "it behooves us to turn out en masse and to demonstrate to these chaps that the alumni is a vital, constructive, forward looking organization."