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SYMPOSIUM ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION SET FOR APRIL 4

"Should I send my children to Catholic school?" Many members of our alumni with children in school or about to start are asking themselves this question today. Small classes, modern facilities and more thorough teacher preparation are advantages often offered in the local public school. Against these are weighed a moral obligation to raise children in the faith. Just how extensive is this obligation? Have parish schools and diocesan high schools outlived their usefulness? Or, if they have not, how can they be made to better serve the needs of the individual and the church in America?

These are some of the questions that will be considered at the fourth annual Alumni Symposium, offered each year under the sponsorship of the Alpha Epsilon Alumni Honor Society. The Symposium will be held this year on Thursday evening, April 4 at the Adelphia Hotel, 13th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. The topic will be Catholic Elementary and Secondary Education: A Dilemma for the Future.

The principal speakers will be two churchmen with differing views on the subject: Rt. Rev. Monsignor Edward T. Hughes, superintendent of schools, Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Very Rev. Monsignor Joseph W. Devlin, associate professor of the Graduate Religion program at La Salle College and secretary of the Matrimonial Tribunal of the Camden, N. J. diocese. They will be backed up by a panel of faculty members.

The program will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the North Roof Garden of the Adelphia Hotel. Chairman Francis P. Brennan '64 has announced that tickets for the dinner are $6.00 per person and may be secured at the Alumni Office (make checks payable to La Salle College and send them to Alumni Office, La Salle College, Philadelphia, Pa. 19141). The panel discussion will commence at 7:15 p.m. and the symposium will be followed by a social hour, at which time refreshments will be available for purchase. Alumni, their wives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

O'HARA SELECTED FOR HALL OF ATHLETES

Francis R. O'Hara '54, has been chosen by this year's selection committee for inclusion in the Alumni Hall of Athletes. Established in 1961, the Hall is designed to honor those athletes who have distinguished themselves and brought honor to the College.

O'Hara played on several National Invitation Tournament teams including the 1952 NIT Championship team. In 1954 he was captain of the team which went into the NCAA tournament and won the national title. O'Hara has since earned his law degree from Villanova University and is currently employed by the Gulf Oil Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pa. He served as Century Club Chairman in 1960-61 and as President of the Alumni Association during 1961-62.

As has become customary, he will be the honored guest of the Alumni Association at the Annual Spring Reception.

SPRING RECEPTION TO BE HELD APRIL 21

Chairman John P. Lavin '62, has announced plans for the 1968 Spring Reception. It will be held in the College Union Ballroom on Sunday, April 21 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. An orchestra will provide music for dancing. The honored guest will be Francis R. O'Hara who will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Athletes.

Due to rising costs, the ticket price has been increased to $7.00 per couple ($4.00 single). Reservations may be made by returning the accompanying card to the Alumni Office with your check payable to the La Salle College Alumni Association.
COMING EVENTS

Some activities of interest to alumni in the coming weeks include: The Alumni Symposium (April 4); History department reunion (April 17); Spring Reception (April 21); Open House on campus (April 28); Class of '53 reunion (May 4); Alumni Board of Directors meeting and installation of officers (May 9); Class of '58 reunion (May 11); Montgomery County Chapter dance (May 11); Class of '63 reunion (May 18); Reception for Class of '68 (June 1); Commencement (June 2).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 1968

At the March 6th meeting of the Alumni Board of Directors a report of the Nominations Committee, under the chairmanship of James I. Gillespie, '55, was endorsed and the candidates for the 1968-69 term are as follows: for president, Daniel H. Kane '49, and Raymond P. Loftus, '65; for vice president, Harry J. White, Ph.D. '54, John P. Lavin '62, and Richard A. Flanagan '66; for treasurer, Nicholas P. Dienna '56, Thomas J. Lynch '62, Francis P. Brennan '64, and Charles P. Gushue '66.

Incumbent President Daniel H. Kane '49, is principal of the Stephen A. Douglas School in Philadelphia. A founding member of the Suburban West Alumni Chapter, he served two terms as its secretary. He has been a member of the Admissions committee for four years and served on the Leadership Conference and the Master Plan Conference Committees. He was chairman of the 1966 Signum Fidei Selection Committee. He and his wife, Anne, have three children and reside in Drexel Hill.

Raymond P. Loftus '65, is employed by Radio Corporation of America. He has served on the Master Plan Conference Committee and was chairman of the 1966 Homecoming Dinner-Dance and the 1967 Stag Reunion. He was recently elected president of the newly formed Northeast Philadelphia Alumni Chapter. He and his wife, Jule, have one son.

Incumbent Vice President Harry J. White, Ph.D. '54 is a chemist with the Rohm & Haas Company and has served for the past three years as chairman of the Alumni Admissions Committee. John Lavin '62 is an accountant with the Atlantic Refining Company and has served as chairman of Homecoming Week-End (65) and the Spring Reception ('65 and '68) and served on numerous other committees. Richard A. Flanagan '65, an accountant with the firm of Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart, was recently elected vice president of the Northeast Philadelphia Chapter.

Incumbent treasurer Nicholas P. Dienna '56, is Assistant Cashier and Office Manager of Central Penn National Bank's 12th Street office in Philadelphia. He has served two terms as treasurer for the Suburban West Alumni Chapter. Thomas J. Lynch '62 is Assistant Treasurer of the Industrial Valley Bank and has served as chairman of the Downtown Luncheon Club for the past four years. Francis P. Brennan '64, is employed by Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation in their personnel department. He is treasurer of the Alpha Epsilon Alumni Honor Society and chairman of the 1968 Alumni Symposium. Charles P. Gushue is employed with United Packaging Company, Inc. and has served on the Stag Reunion and Spring Reception Committees.

The ballot accompanying this Newsletter should be returned to the Alumni Office by May 2, 1968. The ballots will be counted at the May 9 Board of Directors’ meeting and the successful candidates will assume office for a one year period.