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HOMECOMING WEEK-END - NOVEMBER 22-24

After successfully merging the activities of Alumni Homecoming Week-End last year with the student's Tap Off Rally festivities, the fifth annual week-end will continue the pattern. The Alumni Stag Reunion will be held on Friday night, November 22 and the Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening the 23rd. The Football Club's final game of the season with Scranton University will be played on Saturday afternoon, November 23; the Tap Off Rally Parade will be seen on Sunday the 24th. An Alumni Hospitality Center in McCarthy Stadium again will be a feature of the Saturday and Sunday afternoon activities.

"GAY NINETIES" STAG

The annual Stag Reunion, under the chairmanship of Roy Barry, will have a "Gay Nineties" theme. Beer 'n' pretzels (and peanuts this year), sports films (theatre), Monte Carlo Casino (Club Room) and special attractions will be offered for the $3.00 admission charge. The new starting time will be 8:30 p.m.

The featured guest speaker this year will be head basketball coach Tom Gola. Tom spoke to the Downtown Club on October 2 and told the assembled Alumni some of his hopes and plans for the coming season. Now that he has had an opportunity to work with his squad (practice started October 15) many are anxious to hear his up-dated assessment of the situation.

Another feature of this year's Stag will be a Cozy Morley produced show with local comic "Scarey" Gavin, who has appeared on the Ed Sullivan show.

SCRANTON GAME

The Explorer Football Club will engage the Scranton University Club on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in McCarthy Stadium. Tickets are $1.50. Children under 12 years of age are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. The trailer, supplied by Nason and Cullen Builders, will be employed as an Alumni Hospitality Center during the game.

HOMECOMING DINNER-DANCE

Chairman Frank Brennan has announced a change in the starting time of the Dinner-Dance. The dinner will start promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the College Union Ballroom. Cocktails will be served from 7:00 p.m. in the College Union lobby. Music will be provided for the cocktail hour, through dinner and for dancing until 1:00 a.m. by Paul Mack and his orchestra. The cash bar will be open after dinner until 1:00 a.m. Tickets are $11.00 per couple. Dress is optional.

TAP OFF RALLY

The eighth annual Tap Off Rally presented by Phi Kappa Tau fraternity will start at 1:00 p.m. with a parade from Broad Street and Stenton Avenue. The parade will feature bands, floats, Queens and Grand Marshal Ken Loeffler, the most successful coach in LaSalle's history.

The parade will end in McCarthy Stadium where the rally will be held. The alumni Hospitality Center will be opened during activities in McCarthy Stadium.

The afternoon program will conclude with the first appearance of the 1968-69 basketball team in Wister Gymnasium. On Sunday evening the students will hold their annual Tap Off Rally dance with music by the Kit Kats.

Thomas J. Lynch, general chairman of the week-end, urges advance reservations for the Stag and, in particular, for the dinner-dance. For your convenience a week-end ticket order form is enclosed.
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: A CHALLENGE

Fewer than 200 alumni were on hand on Saturday morning, September 14 in the College Union Theatre when the second Alumni Association Leadership Conference was called to order by Chairman John P. McDade — not an overwhelming number, but significant for a Saturday morning and an alumni association composed of men with family and other responsibilities. We have long recognized that our alumni are interested in La Salle but the vast majority are not actively so. Their lives are filled with professional pursuits and family obligations. They are involved in church and civic activities, professional, political and social organizations.

Through the year we see them on campus for Homecoming or a class reunion or off campus at a Downtown Club luncheon, a chapter meeting or at the Palestra. We see them individually or in groups of a dozen to several hundred. They are interested in learning all they can about LaSalle and our prospects for the future. Each year more and more of our men come to recognize the importance of an annual contribution to assist the college in meeting its increasing operating expenses. They realize that this encourages foundations and corporate gifts. And, each year many learn there are additional ways that an alumnus can help his alma mater.

A few years ago, the Alumni Board of Directors authorized the formation of a committee to assist the Admissions Office in attempting to interest greater numbers of quality students in matriculating at the college. The Alumni Admissions Committee under Harry White, Ph.D. '54, now numbers 60 alumni who are actively engaged in contacting prospective LaSalle students and their parents. Those present at the Leadership Conference heard Alumni President Daniel H. Kane propose an Alumni Advisory Council which would organize alumni into groups according to their post-graduate fields to provide the college with services such as the counseling of individual students or groups of students, curriculum evaluation and the placement of graduates. The expansion and further specialization of the Alumni Admissions Committee is another specific goal of the Council.

The discussion groups at the conference weighed the merits of Mr. Kane’s proposal and alumni groups in accounting, education, law, management, medicine and the physical sciences are moving towards its implementation. We cannot say yet that this year’s Leadership Conference was a success but it may be an extremely important first step to the Alumni Advisory Council envisioned by Dan Kane.

NEWS NOTES

Alumni attending the New Jersey Education Association’s annual conference in Atlantic City are invited to a reception at the Haddon Hall Hotel (Bakewell Room) from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8. Members of the Education Department present will include: William Binkowski, Chairman, Carl Fromth and Eugene Korbeck. L. Thomas Reifsteck, Director of the Career Planning and Placement Bureau, will be on hand as will be Assistant Director of Alumni Francis J. McGovern.

The Montgomery County Chapter will hold a special meeting on campus on Monday evening, November 11. Mr. Eugene J. Fitzgerald, Associate professor of Philosophy and author of the article “Dissonance in Rhythm” in the summer issue of LaSalle magazine will speak on “The Meaning of Conjugal Love.”

The South Jersey Chapter will meet at the Westmont Knights of Columbus Hall on Tuesday evening, November 12. The guest speaker will be Brother Daniel Bernian, F.S.C., President of the College.

The Alumni Board of Directors will meet on November 14 in the College Union at 8:30 p.m. Board meetings are open to all interested alumni.

Sigma Beta Kappa Gamma Alumni will hold their next meeting on campus in conjunction with the Annual Stag Reunion. The meeting will be held in College Union Room 301 at 7:30 p.m. on November 22.

NEW CONSTITUTION

Last year the alumni body was called upon to amend the Association’s constitution by changing the amending process so that the Alumni Board of Directors by a two-thirds majority at two consecutive meetings could amend the document. It was felt that a series of changes were needed and this method provided the most efficient means for making them.

A new constitution incorporating suggested changes yet retaining most of the provisions of the old constitution was drafted by attorneys Joseph M. Gindhart ’58 and Joseph P. Braig ’59. This draft was approved, with some changes, at the final meeting of the Board of Directors last May. A second reading was approved by the required two-thirds majority on September 5. A copy of the new constitution is incorporated into this newsletter.

SEE YOU AT

HOMECOMING WEEK-END

NOVEMBER 22,23,24
CONSTITUTION
LA SALLE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I
Membership and Objectives
The purposes of the Association are to cultivate and foster good will and brotherhood among the membership, to promote the interests and general welfare of La Salle College and to maintain and advance the cause of higher education.

Any person upon whom a degree has been conferred by La Salle College, or who has attended La Salle College for at least one scholastic year, or who has attended the High School of La Salle College for at least one scholastic year up to and including the year of 1926 shall be a member of this association.

The foregoing shall not be construed to exclude anyone presently a member.

ARTICLE II
Board of Directors
Section 1. The general administration and control of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the officers and trustees of the Association, representatives from each class as determined below, and the president of each regional, professional, or other Association recognized group.

One voting representative shall be selected for each 100 members of a graduating class, with each class entitled to at least one representative regardless of its number. Evening Division classes shall have separate representation, to be arrived at on the above basis. Determination of the number of representatives shall be based on the total number graduating in one academic year.

This shall not be construed to decrease the present representation of any class.

Each Class Representative shall serve for a term of two years commencing with the first board meeting following his election, or until such time as his successor has been elected, and each president of a group shall serve during his term of office or until such time as his successor has been elected.

Each individual class shall meet every two years during the period from June to January, inclusive, for the election of the class representatives. Following the meeting of the said class or alumni group, the name and address of its choice shall be certified to the President of the Alumni Association by the President of the meeting and attested to by the other officers present at the election. The current Senior Class of the College shall elect its representative during April of the Senior Year. These representatives shall be seated at the May meeting of the Board of Directors upon presentation of their credentials.

Each president of a group shall be chosen according to the constitution and/or by-laws of his group.

Section 2. This board shall have control of all matters of finance and all the business of the Association not otherwise provided for in this constitution.

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Section 5. The membership present at any meeting of the Board called after five days notice to all Board members shall constitute a quorum. Fifty percent of the number present at the last regularly scheduled Board meeting shall constitute a quorum for a special meeting called after one day's notice to all Board Members.

Section 6. Meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted rules of parliamentary procedure. "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the authority for settlement of the questions of order.

Decisions may be by voice but at the discretion of the Chair, or at the request of any voting member by roll call of voting members present.

ARTICLE III
Executive Committee
Section 1. There is constituted an Executive Committee of the Board of Directors composed of the officers and trustees of the Association, four members of the Board of Directors, and three members of the Association.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall elect from its membership four members to serve for a period of one year or until such time as their successors have been elected.

Section 3. The members of the Association shall elect three members in accord with the provisions of ARTICLE V.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the President upon five days' notice to Committee members. The Committee members present but not less than six shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall have control of all matters of finance and all business of the Association between meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV
Officers and Their Duties
Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, an Executive Vice President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer and each shall hold his respective office for a term of one year.

Section 2. The President shall be the Executive Officer of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee. He shall appoint all committees and be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Executive Vice President shall perform the general and specific duties of the President in his absence and such other duties as the President may assign to him.

Section 4. The Vice President shall perform such duties as the President may assign to him.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association, of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee, and shall perform all other such duties as required by the President and this constitution.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive all the money of the Association, keep correct accounts of the receipts and expenditures, pay all orders allowed by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and exhibit an accurate statement of said receipts and expenditures at the annual meeting and whenever called upon by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, or the Board of Trustees hereinafter described.
Section 7. The Treasurer may be required to give a bond conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, in such amount as may be fixed by the Board, Such bond is to be at the expense of this Association.

Section 8. A Spiritual Advisor shall be appointed by the President of the College. He shall serve an indefinite term at the pleasure of the College President.

Section 9. A Parliamentarian may be appointed by the President to advise the President on procedure.

Section 10. A Board of Trustees shall consist of the five immediate Association ex-Presidents. Each President, upon retiring from that office, shall automatically become a Trustee. Trustees shall accede to Chairmanship of the Board of Trustees in the order of seniority on the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall conduct at least one audit of the Treasurer's books each year. One of these audits shall be made immediately prior to the transfer of records and funds from an outgoing Treasurer to a newly elected Treasurer and the records if in order shall be certified as being correct at that time.

Trustees shall be voting members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to conduct the election of officers of the Board of Directors in the event the incumbent President fails to do so during the period set forth in this Constitution.

Members of the Board of Trustees who have faithfully fulfilled the duties of membership on that Board for the full term shall upon retirement therefrom, become voting members at large of the Board of Directors for life. Conferment of such life membership shall be by vote of the Board of Directors and such membership shall not be subject to the attendance provision of Article VI, Section 4 of this Constitution.

Section 11. No person shall be permitted to vote in more than one capacity.

ARTICLE V
Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the President whose duty it shall be to receive nominations for officers and Association members of the Executive Committee not later than the second Wednesday of March. After investigation of the qualifications and willingness of the nominees to accept the office for which their names may have been submitted, the Nominating Committee shall make recommendations for each office which is to be filled. Upon approval of the Board of Directors the nominees shall be presented to the general membership for election. However, the election of officers and association members of the Executive Committee commencing for the year 1970-1971 shall be by two-thirds vote by the members of the Board of Directors present and voting.

Section 2. The election of officers and Association members of the Executive Committee shall be conducted by a ballot mailed to each member of the Association. Said ballot shall contain all the names of the candidates and a space for write-in candidates.

A committee of tellers shall be appointed by the President to count the ballots. This committee shall not include any candidates for office. However, the election of officers and association members of the Executive Committee commencing for the year 1970-1971 shall be by two-thirds vote by the members of the Board of Directors present and voting.

Section 3. The nominee for each office who receives the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to that office. However, the election of officers and association members of the Executive Committee commencing for the year 1970-1971 shall be by two-thirds vote by the members of the Board of Directors present and voting.

ARTICLE VI
Vacancies

Section 1. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Executive Vice President. A vacancy in the office of Executive Vice President shall be filled by the Vice President. A vacancy in the offices of Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy in the representation of a class or group in the Board of Directors, the class or group shall be requested to fill the vacancy. If for any reason the class or group fails to act, the Board of Directors shall attempt to fill the vacancy by appointment of a member of that class or group.

Section 3. A vacancy in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors except as otherwise provided herein.

Section 4. A vacancy in the Board of Directors or Executive Committee shall exist when any member thereof fails to attend three consecutive meetings without sufficient cause or otherwise resigns or retires from office.

ARTICLE VII
Association Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the Association shall be at the call of the Board of Directors by majority vote.

Section 2. At all Association meetings, the members in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII
Dues

Section 1. The payment of dues shall not be a requisite for membership in the Association.

ARTICLE IX
By - Laws

The Board of Directors shall be empowered to enact appropriate By-Laws.

ARTICLE X
Amendments

The Board of Directors of the La Salle College Alumni Association by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting at two consecutive general meetings shall be empowered to amend this Constitution and/or revise the bylaws.