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Calendar

April 27-May 1  Telephone Campaign—Annual Giving
April 26  Signum Fidei Award
Program: 2 P.M.-6:30 P.M.
May 2  Levittown Chapter Dance
May 9  10th Reunion—Class of 1949—on campus
May 11  Newtonian Society Dinner—All Alumni Members Invited
May 16  New York Chapter—Social (tentative)
May 21  Meeting—Classes 1915-1930—on campus
(every third Thursday, each month)
May 23  5th Reunion—Class of 1954—on campus
June 3  Graduation—Convention Hall—5 P.M.
June [early in month]  Graduate Welcome Dance
(place and date to be announced)

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The American Way

Although the rest of the world has always reserved higher education for a privileged elite, the United States has attempted to provide it for all who can profit by it, and in providing education for the many, the "American way" has educated an elite comparable in number and quality with that of Europe and elsewhere. But the bitter truth must be admitted: higher education in the United States, as in Europe, is too often conditioned by "economic determinism." Not those who can profit, but those who have the money, go to college.

Traditionally, the Christian Brothers and La Salle College have struggled to prevent the price tag on education from relegating worthy students to the role of window shoppers. We stand with St. John Baptist de La Salle in insisting that the higher income groups do not necessarily produce the more successful students.

The Rise in Tuition

In 1870 the controversial Professor William Graham Sumner of Yale confided to the world of education something the Brothers knew for a century before him: "No graduate of the college has ever paid in full what it cost the college to educate him." Today, President Keeney of Brown tells us that parents pay only half of what it costs to educate their offsprings.

The fair-minded must concede that our expenses at La Salle have always been comparatively and purposefully modest, and that it must be admitted it is now necessary to raise tuition in order to maintain and improve facilities and opportunities for the students and to retain good teachers. There can be no doubt that the raise is both justifiable and inevitable. This proposed increase in tuition and fees will begin in September 1959. At that time, seven hundred dollars per year will be charged for students majoring in the sciences, and six hundred and eighty dollars for the other students. Following the La Sallian tradition, we have made an effort to prevent this increase from becoming an insurmountable obstacle to the worthy student. For this reason we have revised our student financial aid program.

Bank Loan Plan

La Salle has established a plan through its banking facilities whereby the student or parent may pay the tuition fee on a selected schedule in fixed monthly installments over four or five years. The plan provides that the banking facilities of the College will make low-interest loans to the student or parent, covering the total annual tuition fee and/or room and board, and that the student or parent shall have the privilege of repaying the loan in equal monthly installments during the usual eight-month period of the regular academic year, or over a period of twelve to eighteen months, or that the total four-year college expense may be paid over a period of from forty-four to sixty months, or from four to five calendar years.

The student or parent may enter the college bank loan plan at any time during the student's college program. The minimum payoff period for students entering the plan after the completion of the freshman year are: (a) beginning with the Sophomore year, forty-eight months; (b) beginning with the junior year, thirty-six months; (c) beginning with the senior year, twenty-four months.

National Defense Student Loan Program

A sum of money has been provided by both La Salle College and the Government of the United States for the purpose of making loans to students under the provisions of the National Defense Student Loan Program.

The purpose of the National Defense Student Loan Program, as established under title II of the Federal National Defense Education Act of 1958, is "to stimulate and assist in the establishment at institutions of higher education of funds for the making of low-interest loans to students in need thereof to pursue their courses of study in such institution."

It is intended that the loan program will accelerate the enrollment in colleges of such superior secondary school graduates who (a) express a desire to teach in elementary or secondary schools, or (b) whose academic background indicates a superior capacity or preparation in science, mathematics, or modern foreign language.

However, the act does not restrict the loans to students in any special field of study. But when the total loan funds available at a given time are inadequate to assist all qualified applicants, special consideration must be given to the two categories mentioned above.

Competitive Scholarships

In the first classification of scholarships offered by La Salle College are the four full scholarships, each worth $2,400, which are awarded in open competition. These grants go to the four scholarship applicants who achieve the highest scores in the College Entrance Examination Board's morning tests. Once a student has received such a scholarship, he must maintain an average of 3.00. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the removal of the award until his studies are once again satisfactory.

Principal's Scholarships

In the second division are the scholarships, twenty-four in total and each worth $2,400, to which high-school principals may nominate a member of their graduating class. To be eligible, a student must, first of all, be in genuine need of financial assistance. In addition, he must be in the first quintile of his high school class and must make a satisfactory score (1200) in the mathematical and verbal tests of the College Board's morning series. Once a student has attained one of these awards, he must, like those who win a competitive Scholarship, maintain a scholastic average of at least 3.00.

Athletic Grants

The third type available are the athletic scholarships, awarded according to the recommendations of the College Ath-

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LA SALLE RECEIVES GOVERNMENT FUNDS

La Salle College was one of seventy-five Pennsylvania Colleges to receive funds from the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, for the establishment of National Defense Student Loan Programs. The funds made available to La Salle will provide for loans for the first semester of the fiscal year, which began with this term.

Brother Daniel Bernan, F.S.C., president of the College, is the chief contracting officer of the College, and under his direction, Brother G. Paul, F.S.C., the Dean of Students, will receive and review the individual student applications for loans. The administration of loans approved by the College will be under the direction of Dr. Joseph Sprissler.

The total amount of money allocated by the Government was $102 million. Each institution is obligated to contribute to the fund at least $1 for every $9 of Federal money. The maximum amount available for a student is $1,000.

The National Defense Education Act requires that special consideration be given to students with superior academic backgrounds who intend to teach in elementary or secondary schools, whose academic backgrounds indicate superior capacity or preparation in science, mathematics, engineering or a modern foreign language.

Fifty percent of each student loan would be cancelled for five years of full-time teaching in a public elementary or secondary school, at the rate of ten percent for each year of such service.

VENICE FESTIVAL WINNER MAY FINE FILM

"Tomorrow Is Too Late," starring Pier Angeli and actor-director Vittorio De Sica, will be shown at 8 p.m. on May 6, in the College auditorium, 20th St. and Olney Ave. The film is the final movie in this year's Fine Film series, directed by Claude Koch, of the La Salle English department.

A thought-provoking, and dramatically powerful film, "Tomorrow Is Too Late" has been the recipient of many awards, including First Prize at the Venice Film Festival, the First International Prize as the best Italian film, and the French Victory film award.

MASQUE PRESENTS "FINIAN'S RAINBOW"

"Finian's Rainbow," the hit musical comedy that rocked Broadway for two straight years, will be presented by the Masque of La Salle College on the Olney Avenue boards, May 6 through 11.

"Rainbow" is a charming blend of fanciful Gaelic myth, with a spoof at the stupidity of racial prejudice. It has a cast of fifty, with 27 speaking parts.

Written by E. Y. Harburg and Fred Saidy, with music by Burton Lane, the show was especially acclaimed for its songs, which include, "How Are Things in Glocca Morra?" and its airy treatment of a delicate theme.

In the story, Finian McLonergan steals the leprechaun Og's pot of gold and, with his daughter Sharon, comes to America to plant the gold and make a fortune. He lands in a place called "Rainbow Valley, Mississucky," and the plot then revolves about a bigoted Southern senator who, through Og's magic, becomes aware of the absurdity of his prejudice.

BELLS DEDICATED TO PIUS XII

La Salle College's newly installed carillon system was recently dedicated in memory of the late Pope Pius XII. The Right Reverend Monsignor Charles B. McGinley, rector of Holy Child Church, Broad and Duncannon Streets, officiated at the ceremony.

Funds for the system, the most complete in the East, were contributed by students at La Salle, and additional funds were raised at a card party sponsored by mothers' of La Salle College students.

Guests at the dedication included Brother E. James, F.S.C., Provincial of the Baltimore Province of the Christian Brothers; Brother D. John, F.S.C., vice-president and dean of the College, and the La Salle Mothers' Committee.

The carillon system, manufactured and installed by the Schulmerich Co., Sellersville, Pa., consists of twenty-five English bells, twenty-five Harp bells, and includes an Angelus bell, a special melody player, an automatic playing device with thirty selections, and four loudspeakers.

STASSEN CALLS GERMAN CRISIS BIGGEST WWII III THREAT

The current German crisis contains the greatest present threat of erupting into World War III, Harold E. Stassen said in a recent address to the faculty and students of La Salle College.

Mr. Stassen's address, entitled "Disarmament," was one in the series of talks in La Salle's annual Cultural Program, initiated and directed by Brother D. John, F.S.C., Ph.D., vice-president and dean of the College. Stassen was introduced by Robert J. Courtney, Ph.D., assistant professor of Government. After his speech, Mr. Stassen entertained questions from the audience.

The former special assistant for disarmament to President Eisenhower cautioned that one-sided disarmament, as well as arms races, would increase the danger of war. He added, however, that the U.S. should make the first offer of a treaty, once a weapons control system is agreed upon.

"One of the most fruitful possibilities for genuine disarmament," Stassen continued, "would be an agreement by both sides to stop bomb tests." He cited the British-American disarmament agreement of 1817, to illustrate his point that disarmament accord is not impossible.

It is the realization of the tremendous devastation from nuclear weapons, Stassen said, that has caused leaders of all nations to pause and reflect on the grave consequence of any war to every nation.

In reply to a question during the discussion period which followed the talk,
Stassen stressed that, though the Communists have no objective moral standard upon which we can rely in any agreement, without discussion, "the danger of war becomes very great."

Stassen concluded that, once the danger of world war is eliminated, he has a "deep and abiding faith" in the superiority of the free American system over Communism.

WILSON FELLOWSHIP TO LA SALLE COLLEGE SENIOR

Bernardt G. Blumenthal, La Salle College senior, has been awarded one of the 1200 Woodrow Wilson National Fel-

lowships given annually to prospective college teachers for their first year of graduate study.

Majoring in German at La Salle, Blumenthal plans to continue intensive studies in the German language and culture at Northwestern University.

The annual awards, sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and backed by a $25 million grant from the Ford Foundation, climax an intensive nationwide talent-hunt for superior American and Canadian students who plan to teach in college.

This year's Wilson Fellows, according to Hans Rosenhaupt, the program's national director, were selected from 7,000 candidates, all rigorously screened by committees of faculty members. The candidates were chosen from over 700 undergraduate colleges.

Wilson Fellows will begin graduate work next fall at 80 different universities, each with a living allowance, plus full cost of tuition and fees. This year, there are 875 men and 325 women winners.

MSGR. DE BLANC FINAL SPEAKER IN MARRIAGE SERIES

Catholics should "dare to be different," if the prevailing culture demands adherence to practices that are contrary to God's plan for society and individuals, the Right Reverend Msgr. Irving DeBlanc, national director of the Family Life Bureau, said at the closing lecture in the annual La Salle College "You and Marriage" lecture series, under direction of Brother D. Augustine.

Msgr. DeBlanc, fourth speaker in this year's series, cautioned his young audience that, "engagement is a time for serious study and discussion of the Catholic way of life," and "a time for serious discussion of every aspect of the coming years of married life." His topic was, "Engagement: The Catholic Way."

The monsignor also stressed that, "The prospective husband ought to know his proper role as leader and head of the family. The man," he added, "exercises leadership in such areas as religion, recreation, education, affection, and as provider — after consultation with the wife. However, the patriarchal-type of family is not desirable. The man is not a little god."

The evening's lecture, and the series, concluded with a solemn engagement ceremony for the couples in attendance, presided over by Msgr. DeBlanc.

HEALTH RESEARCH GRANT TO LA SALLE

La Salle College has been named recipient of a $10,974 health research grant from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, it was recently announced by Brother Daniel Bernardt, F.S.C., president of the College.

The grant, approved by the Surgeon General upon the recommendation of the National Advisory Council on Health Research, will purchase health research facilities for La Salle's ultra-modern Science Center, now in construction.

The grant is the second awarded La Salle since the first of the year. In January, the College received a grant from the Atomic Energy Commission to equip a nuclear science laboratory, enabling the purchase of more advanced equipment for atomic and nuclear physics instruction.

DR. NAUGHTON NAMED SUMMER SCHOOL DIRECTOR

E. Russell Naughton, Ph.D., chairman of the philosophy department, has been appointed Director of the Summer School at La Salle, it was recently announced by Brother D. John, F.S.C., Ph.D., vice-president and dean of the college.

Dr. Naughton will assume full responsibility for the planning, establishment, supervision, and development of the La Salle summer program, Brother John said.

"Institutions that are operating at maximum capacity," Dr. Naughton said in accepting the position, "such as is the case with La Salle College, can broaden their educational contribution to the community only through an increase in summer services. An expanded program may serve as one realistic means of alleviating the promised over-
stressed, "is the growing number of students who attend summer sessions in order to lighten their regular academic load. This indicates that they plan to devote considerable time to achieve an understanding of areas of learning outside their own selected fields of concentration."

SCHOLASTIC DISPUTATION HONORS ST. THOMAS

"The Indissolubility of Marriage" was the topic for the third annual Scholastic Disputation at La Salle College last month honoring the Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of students. The program was held in the college auditorium, 20th St. and Olney Ave.

Principal speaker for the program was the Very Reverend Ferrer Smith, O.P., S.T.M., regent of studies for the Dominican Order in the eastern U.S., who spoke on the relations between Thomism and the American and European types of intellectualism. The Scholastic Disputation followed his talk.

The Scholastic Disputation, a formal discussion or treatment of a question, with an interchange of ideas, was used frequently by European universities during the Middle Ages. It makes use of logical form and syllogistic reasoning, presented in dialogue rather than monologue form.

E. Russell Naughton, Ph.D., chairman of the La Salle philosophy department, is general chairman of the annual program in which only La Salle students take part.

CONSTRUCTION BEGUN ON SCIENCE CENTER

Construction has begun on the ultra-modern La Salle College Science Center, the second major edifice which has been started on the Olney Avenue campus in less than a year. A $2 million dollar Student Union, begun last spring, is scheduled for occupancy this Fall.

D'Angelo Brothers Inc., were assigned the preliminary excavation for the Science Center, for which McCloskey and Company received the construction contract.

The Science Center, over two years in planning, will be on Olney Avenue, east of the present Library building. It will contain 86,000 sq. ft. of floor space, and house laboratories and offices for the physics, biology, psychology, chemistry, and geology departments. The three-story structure will also contain three large lecture halls, six large laboratories each for the physics, biology, and chemistry departments, and three recitation rooms. In addition, there will be 15,000 sq. ft. of additional space reserved for research activities.

I.R.C. HONORS CAREY

The Industrial Relations Commission of La Salle College honored James B. Carey, president of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO, as its "Man of the Year" at a dinner April 18, on the La Salle College campus.

A native of Philadelphia, Carey began his union activities with the Philco Corporation, and was active in establishing the first AFL union there. He was elected president of the organization in 1933 at the first convention of local unions in the radio and electrical industry.

Carey has held a number of appointive positions in government beginning in 1941, when President Roosevelt appointed him a member of the Production Planning Board.

A strong foe of Communism, he resigned from three government advisory committees in protest against the government's refusal to stop awarding sensitive defense contracts to plants under contract with Communist-controlled labor organizations.

Carey is generally regarded as one of the chief "architects of unity" in the long negotiations that preceded the historic merger of CIO and AFL. Subsequently, at the AFL-CIO merger convention, he was named a member of the eight man AFL-CIO Executive Committee and the 29 member AFL-CIO Executive Council.

OPEN HOUSE

La Salle College held its sixth annual Open House April 19 on the 20th and Olney Avenue campus. Sponsoring each year by the Executive Board of the Student Council, all alumni students, high school students and friends of the college were invited to attend.

Activities opened with a flag raising ceremony, when the sophomore class presented the College with a new 49 star flag.

Following a brief welcome by Brother Daniel Bernian, F.S.C., president of the College, visitors viewed scenes from the Masque's next production, "Finian's Rainbow." Special guided tours of the campus gave visitors an opportunity to see the two buildings now under construction on the campus.

Twenty-five student organizations presented displays and special events while competing for seven prizes. In addition, three concerts were given in the afternoon. The R.O.T.C. band gave a band concert on the College Quadrangle, and the Glee Club closed out the day's activities with a special concert in the auditorium.

A concert was given on La Salle's new $7,000 carillon bell system, while free refreshments were served in the Leonard Hall cafeteria.

SIGNUM FIDEI AWARD

Joseph J. Toland, Jr., M.D., physician, surgeon, and prominent Catholic layman, will receive the 19th annual Signum Fidei Award from the La Salle College Alumni Association at Signum Fidei ceremonies, April 26, on the La Salle campus, 20th St. and Olney Ave.

The award will be the highlight of the day's events, which open at 2 p.m. with a tour of new campus facilities and those under construction. A preview of "Finian's Rainbow," the spring musical production by the Masque of La Salle, will be followed by a memorial service for deceased alumni and the presentation of the award by John A. Guisard, Ph.D., president of the Alumni Association. The Reverend Mark Heath, O.P., will bestow a blessing after the presentation address by Brother Daniel Bernian, F.S.C., Ph.D., president of the College. Refreshments and dancing will follow at a reception in the Library Lounge.

A native Philadelphia, Dr. Toland was graduated by the Medico-Chirurgical College here in 1912 and served during World War I in the United States Navy, in which he is now a Commander (Retired) in the reserve corps.

Recently honored by the National Federation of Catholic Physicians Guild as the "Catholic Physician of the Year," Dr. Toland resigned his position as medical director at Nazareth Hospital in 1956, but retained his present duties as chief of Nazareth's surgical staff. He is also Chief of Surgical Staff at the Philadelphia State Hospital, Byberry, and senior Chief of Surgery at Northeastern Hospital, Philadelphia.

Dr. Toland is president of the Medical
Dr. Francis J. Braceland has long been considered one of the outstanding men in the field of psychiatry, and at the present time is Psychiatrist-in-Chief of the famous Institute of the Living, at Hartford, Conn. He is also a Knight of St. Gregory, an honor bestowed by Pope Pius XII, and is president of the International Catholic Association of Psychologists and Psychotherapists.

When Francis J. Braceland entered La Salle High School, he had but one idea, to become a doctor. His classmates knew this, and from his first day to last at La Salle High, and later at La Salle College, he was known as "Doc." The yearbook from the Class of 1921, La Salle High, has this to say about him: "... (he) is thoroughly in earnest; is a student and a perfect gentleman, and with these assets he will win out."

Whoever wrote those words knew the future Dr. Braceland well. At La Salle College he was an excellent student and was graduated first in his class. His boyhood dreams were realized in 1930 when he received his M.D. from Jefferson Medical College. Since that time Dr. Braceland has risen to the very top of his profession.

Prior to World War II he was a Rockefeller Fellow in Psychiatry in this country and in Europe. Upon his return he was named dean of the medical school at Loyola University.

For five years during and after World War II, he served in the Navy as a captain, first as special assistant to the surgeon general of the Navy, and later as head of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for the latter work.

Following his Naval service, Dr. Braceland became head of the psychiatry section of the famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and professor of Psychiatry of the University of Minnesota School of Medicine's Graduate School. In 1951 he assumed the post of Psychiatrist-in-Chief at the Institute of the Living, and four years later was the recipient of one of the highest honors in his profession - election to the presidency of the American Psychiatric Association, the leading professional society for physicians specializing in mental-emotional ills in the United States and Canada.

At the present time, Dr. Braceland also serves as Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Yale University.

Dr. Braceland has served as President of the Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases, Chairman of the 1957 Mental Health Forum, President of the American Board of Psychiatry, and Chief of the Psychiatric Section of the U.S. Naval Medical Corps.

In addition to his A.B. degree from La Salle College, Dr. Braceland was granted the Sc.D. by his Alma Mater in 1941. He holds other honorary degrees from Canisius College, College of the Holy Cross, Manhattan College, Catholic University of America, Northwestern University and Trinity College.

In 1955 he was awarded the Signum Fidei Medal by the Alumni Association of La Salle College, and St. Joseph's College presented him with the Clarence E. Shaffrey, S.J. Award in 1956.

President Eisenhower approved his promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral in the U.S. Naval Reserve August 1, 1958.

Through all these achievements Dr. Braceland has paved the way for a closer relationship between religion and psychiatry.
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Edward A. Strecke, nationally known psychiatrist, died on January 2 in Jefferson Hospital where he had been a patient since September. He was 72. After graduating from La Salle, Dr. Strecke received his degree in medicine from Jefferson Medical College in 1911. From the very beginning of his professional career he was a recognized figure in the field of mental illness. He was named professor of nervous and mental diseases at Jefferson in 1925, serving until 1931, and in that year became professor and head of the department of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania, where he remained in that capacity until he became professor emeritus in 1953.

He maintained his residence at 111 North 49th Street. He is survived by his wife; they had no children.

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The New York Chapter of the American Institute of Chemists will present its Honor Scroll Award to Dr. Maurice Kelly, of Nopcode Chemical Company, May 28, 1959.

Dr. Jim Bonder, now Professor of Education and a line coach at West Chester, has written a book entitled, "How to Be a Successful Coach." As a wrap-up of the problems of a coach and how they must be met or just for plain entertainment to anyone interested in sports, Dr. Bonder's latest can't be beat.

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Dr. Cornelius J. Regan has entered his new post as head of the Anesthesiology Department at Underwood Hospital.

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Joseph M. Walsh is the Vice-president of Lear Inc. and Assistant General Manager of the Grand Rapids Michigan Plant.

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Attorney James P. Geoghegan has been named new solicitor for the Bridgeport School District.

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Brother Daniel William, F. S. C. (William R. Roehner), a teacher at West Catholic High School, has received a Ph.D. from Fordham University in Educational Psychology and Guidance.

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Edward A. Nolan, Jr. is a partner in the Siralin Agency, a real estate and insurance business.

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John J. Cassidy was named assistant treasurer in branch office administration of The First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust Company.

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William H. Tennant, father of five boys, is now associated with E. R. Squibb and Sons as a Professional Service Representative. . . John L. MeHale, national news editor at the New York Times, has also been named Director of Public Information for his home town in Eastchester, New York. . . Albert F. Alls has been nominated for Township Commissioner of Springfield, Pa. At present he is serving as President of the Springfield Township Junior Chamber of Commerce. . . Joseph G. Lutek, and Alexander E. Adomaitis have been elected assistant treasurers of The First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust Company following the annual meeting of stockholders.

John J. Gallagher has been elected Vice-President of the Beneficial Savings Bank.

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F. X. Healy received his M.A. from Penn. . . John Bresnan was appointed to the Ford Foundation's staff for South and Southeast Asia where they are engaged in a technical assistance program. . . William H. Scanlon received a letter of commendation from the Chief of Naval Air Basic Training, for achieving an outstanding safety record of over 1000 hours of accident-free time as a flight instructor at Pensacola, Florida. . . Bernard H. Coyle welcomed his fourth boy October 1, 1958.

Thomas J. Shastad, Westmont attorney, has been elected president of the Westmont Republican Club. . . Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barnett called their first child Leon Charles.

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Bob and Carol Aitken are returning to the States from Thailand in late September with a new addition to the family, Emily Louise. . . A May wedding is
planned for Lois Ann Delphino and Joseph F. Cortez, Jr.

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T. R. Cleary received his M.A. from Penn. . . Richard C. Bourne is a proud father again. He welcomed his third child, Steven Robert, November 11, 1958. . . The James C. Dzomba's had a baby boy.

Joseph T. Walsh, Wilmington attorney, has been appointed attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Delaware. . . The arrival of Joseph John on January 19, 1956, created some excitement in the home of Elizabeth and Joseph Maloney.

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John Daley, who is working with United Airlines in Los Angeles, became engaged to Peggy Molner of Prescott, Arizona. . . The latest addition to the Louis Maconel's was named Vicki Ann. Her dad is an agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company . . . Jack Finley has been promoted to Sales Manager for Indiana Bell Telephone Co.

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Lt. William F. Burns is stationed in Schwaebisch-Hall, Germany, with his wife and three children. . . Paul Morgan is due home in September from Germany with his new bride. . . Walter Arrison and Michael Convery received their M.A. degrees from Penn recently. . . William Thomas, an intern at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital, expects to begin Psychiatric Residency at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital in August, 1959. . . The Al Alcallon's are awaiting the arrival of their first child. . . Bill Wingel received his M.A. in education from Temple in February . . . Frank O'Hara is now associated with the firm of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell and Hippel in the practice of law.

Former Anne Marie Peters and John C. Morning are now living at 110 Adams Avenue, Magnolia, following their January wedding. . . Ronald J. Comonobo, Wilmington, and Carolyn Bradway, Carneys Point, have announced their engagement and are planning a wedding in late summer. . . Joseph Campbell, Jr., married a former faculty member of Kansas-Wesleyan University, Joan Chismar. They are now residing in New York City where Joe is employed by the U. S. Public Health Service. . . Mary Anne O'Neill, Lansdale, and William Hildebrand, Jr., Cheltenham, are making preparations for a fall wedding. . . Dominick G. Bocco married the former Rosa Maria Leighton of Florida. . . William DePace took the big step in January with Helen Blackwell. . . Donald E. Prais, M.D., will be leaving this July for Texas for active duty in the U. S. Army.

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Joseph Mannon has recently been employed by Rudd-Melikian, Inc., and expects to travel throughout the U. S. auditing their branches. . . J. F. Spicker received his M.A. from Penn. . . Paul Andria has been discharged after a three-year enlistment in the Navy as a Lieutenant. He now has three children and expects to work in the accounting field. . . Joseph H. Rodriguez received his L.L.B. degree from Rutgers University (S. Jersey) in June, 1958. . . the arrival of Julia Elizabeth on February 27, 1959, made the Leo Eisensteins very happy. . . John E. Murray graduated from George Washington Law School last June and is now writing a thesis at Wisconsin University.

Marie Wahl is engaged to James P. Park, a reporter for the Wilmington Morning News. . . Tarlton Williams has the distinction of being Remington Rand's youngest department manager in the electronic computer division.

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Lt. John L. Schmidt is now serving as a deputy finance officer at the U. S. Army Finance Office, Rome, Italy. John, his wife Margie and their two children will
be returning to the states in July, 1959. 

... Alphonso Musgrove received his M.A. from Penn recently. ... Janet and Bob Rogers now have a little girl, Janet Marie. ... the fourth child of Bob and Phylis Rice arrived on January 4. ... Doing public relations for the Army at Fort Carson, Colorado, is James Pencesi. ... Charles J. Strodeke will receive his MBA from New York University in June, 1959. ... Lt. David Hunsheider and his wife welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Deborah Alison, February 23, 1959. Dave is now stationed in Berlin, Germany.

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Richard S. Koziczy has been appointed the Head of the Science Department and Director of Audio-Visual Aids at Cramer Junior High School in the Camden School System. ... Paul Downey's first child was a boy, James Paul. ... Joseph T. Souville is teaching History at Bishop McDevitt High School in Levittown.

Gabriel Pascuzzo has returned to Philadelphia after a tour of duty with the Army. ... John P. Goll is now happily married to the former Maria Joan Denner.

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Donald McAvoy married the former Kathleen Malinon September 20, 1958. He is presently working for Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia in the department of Bank Examination. ... The Jack Ruthwells welcomed their second son, Daniel Patrick, on St. Patrick's Day. ... Robert M. Voss is now Supervisor in charge of all IBM operations of Sealtest Foods in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. ... Bob Vincent completed a highly successful season as assistant football coach at Camden Catholic High School. ... John J. Haggerty, a teacher at Camden Catholic High School, married the former Margaret Anne Myretetus on February 7, 1959. ... Larry and Julie Boyer had a little girl April 1.

A September wedding is planned for Miss Joan Stewart of Greenwich, Conn., and Thomas Charles Addison of Germantown. ... On December 8, 1959, Rita Ferris presented her husband Frank with a baby boy, Daniel, for his birthday. ... Double congratulations are in order to Second Lt. Charles T. Wahl. He married the former Mary Jane Leaming on January 3 and has also completed the 17 week field artillery and Missile School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. ... Fort Sill received another La Salle man for training on February 4, Lt. John J. Mallia.

Ed Haas and his bride, the former Mary Anne Lind, are now residing in Lawton, Oklahoma. ... Gerald Hofmann married the former Mary Elizabeth Ayres in January. ... Thomas R. O'Donnell completed the ten weeks Officer Candidate Course at Quantico and won the commission of Marine Corps Second Lieutenant.
HOW GOOD A PROPHET WAS JOHN HANEY?

We came across the following item in "The Argus," the yearbook for the Class of 1919, while doing research on the classes prior to 1930. We were unable to find out how good a prophet John Haney was (although he was certainly right about prohibition) because many members of the class are not listed in the Alumni files. If you can help, we would certainly appreciate it. Just drop a line to the Alumni Office and let us know if John Haney called the future right for all the members of the Class. The Editors.

PROPHECIES FROM CLASS OF 1919

The year 1938 was remarkable for three things: Ireland had celebrated her tenth anniversary as a republic; prohibition had been tried and was found wanting; William Jennings Bryan had ceased to run for President; and I, well, I trust that you will pardon the personal element that will creep into this narrative, but a prophet who is inspired must necessarily bring himself into the affairs of men.

It was towards the end of June, 1938. I had just completed the rounds of the Lehigh Spinning Company, a group of six buildings which I had built to meet the growing demands of a new product that was the wonder of the age. I was in my office, when my private secretary informed me that someone desired to talk to me over the "wireless telephone." Imagine my surprise when I recognized the voice of "Gene" Bonniwell, "Do I know what day this is? Sure, I know. It is the twenty-fourth of June. What's that? You say the boys are getting together; good, where is it to be? At the Hotel Graham? I'll be there, all right." I had just hung up the receiver when the office boy announced, "United States Senator James P. McNichol." He came over to me smiling. "Well, what do you know about this? Put it there, Senator." He looked at me for a minute, and said, "John, did you get word about the boys? I received word from our old friend, Charles Doyle, that he intended to get them together. Suppose we run over the city and round up a few of the boys of 1919." We did. That night we assembled in the Hotel Graham, a new twenty-story building. In the lobby we met Governor Eugene C. Bonniwell. You see, he won out where his father had failed, in a corner of the lobby we saw two men in a very animated conversation. What do you know about it? Mayor Alexander Schmidt, of Camden, and Bernard Buggy, chief engineer of the new bridge that connected Philadelphia and Camden.

I looked around and saw two happy-faced, rotund gentlemen coming down the stairs, accompanied by the owner of the hotel, our mutual friend, Frank Graham. I turned to Frank, "Who are your friends?" He looked at me in surprise, "Gentlemen, permit me to introduce to you C. Hobart Corson and Attorney-General Francis Hall Fee." Mr. Corson, as I learned, was city councilor for Camden, and was never happy except accompanied by a Fee. They greeted us. We counted faces; there were yet a few missing. Just then a bellboy came through followed by the voice of the clerk: "Boy, page Richard R. Doyle." "Smiling Dick" came over to us, "Gentlemen, I hope you will pardon me, but we had a very busy day at Harrisburg, and my old friend, the Governor, insisted on my clearing up some unfinished matters at the capital. By the way, did Jim Clifford get here? You see, he was my opponent in a complicated case, and you know what that means." We were interrupted by the voice of the bell hop: "Doctor Kelly, Doctor Kelly, wanted on the phone." Just then there breezed into the room Dr. Anthony Kelly, ostepath, one of the best in the city, followed by a tall gentleman, whose quiet manner was in contrast to the always irascible Kelly. We looked at him for a minute trying to recall the face. Before we had a chance to gather our wits, the bell hop came through shouting at the top of his voice, "Doctor Streecker wanted on the phone." Through the door of the adjoining room came a group, saw the quiet gentleman, and rushed up to him. "Well, if it isn't our old friend, George Malone."

Again we counted faces. There was yet a few missing. The head waiter announced: "Gentlemen, the blue room is ready." We started for the door, only to be met by William Schreiner and Alexander Toth. They looked up at us and smiled, "Gentlemen, we had some difficulty in getting here." It was true. Both had been in South America, where they had vast interests in building bridges, and had traveled by airplane from California to Philadelphia. Again we looked over the group. Just then our Major-Domo, Charles Doyle, came in with a handful of telegrams. We opened the messages.

Paris, June 23, 1938

To the Members of the Class of '19:

Best wishes to all. Can't come. Busy here in reconstruction.

LAWRENCE LARKINS.

To the Members of the Class of 1919:

Would give anything to be with you tonight.

DR. PASCAGE, F.R.C.S.

We had scarcely seated ourselves when the door opened and in came our friend, John R. Kelly. He deplored his tardiness and blamed it all on the proprietor. "Gentlemen, I would have been earlier, but our friend here, Frank Graham, had me going over some plans for a new hotel to be built in Jenkintown. I hope you will pardon me." There we were, almost the whole class of the famous year of 1919. We sat down. Again we looked around. Somebody is missing. Sure enough, Doctor Streecker stood up. "Why, Gentlemen, where is John Wassen?" We had scarcely the word out of our mouths when in he breezed. "Late, as usual?" queried "Jim" Clifford. Mr. Wassen turned his beaming smile upon us, "Blame it on Karlewski. He insisted on going to see the new station he had built for the Pennsylvania Railroad in North Philadelphia." Here we were, boys again for the night. Visions of Clementon and other places came before us. For the first time we missed him. "Where is Tom Dougherty?" yelled out Doctor Streecker. Charles Doyle searched in his pockets and brought forth a telegram. "Oh, pardon me, gentlemen. It is all my fault. I received this telegram this evening. I will read it."

Zamboanga, Philippine Islands

June 19, 1938

To Charles Doyle, Esquire,

Hotel Graham, Philadelphia.

Best wishes to all. Would like to be with you, but you know a Bishop is a very busy man.

THOMAS DOUGHERTY

And now we have passed in review all the members of the class of 1919. Whether they will live up to the high standards in which we have placed them is for the future to determine. Of this we can predict; each one has in him to carve out his name in the niche that should stand in the Hall of Fame. And here is the wish that all will strive for the best and ever seek what is true and worthy of effort.

John Haney, '19

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ALUMNI PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

During the last few years, the Alumni Association of La Salle College has made remarkable progress. The frequency of its activities has increased, and the number of those attending has also increased. We can take pride in the new chapters that we now have in several cities and nearby communities. We also have witnessed a steady upward growth in the amount of money and in the list of contributors to the annual giving program of the Association. All of the foregoing reflects credit upon the members responsible for this renewed interest. However, at this point we cannot afford to be complacent and to rest upon any laurel wreaths. The future is indeed challenging. La Salle is entering upon its greatest period of expansion and La Salle depends upon the Alumni Association for assistance.

If the Alumni Association is to live up to the expectations of La Salle, it will need the support of all. We need suggestions regarding future projects. Do not think that your suggestion will be ignored. Every letter, every telephone call, and every personal visit to the Alumni office is gratefully received. Without enthusiastic support, the Association will slowly but surely begin to stagnate. The Association is a living body and, like all living bodies, it must grow or die.

Our biggest problem at the present time is how to arouse interest in the Association on the part of so many inactive members. There are far too many who have never attended a meeting or an activity of the Alumni Association. There are many who have never returned to the campus since graduation. There are many who have never communicated with the College nor with the Alumni Association, since they departed from the halls of ivy. There are others who, although once active in the affairs of the Alumni, no longer evidence any interest. It is our task to bring these groups back to the Association.

If each reader of this article would take it upon himself to activate or reactivate just one member who belongs to a dormant group, we would certainly have one of the strongest Alumni Associations in the United States.

It should be explained to these absent brethren that being active in the Alumni does not mean that they are expected to be present at every meeting and every activity of the Alumni. It simply means that an individual should attend at least one activity a year, and that his name appear in the class list of those who contribute annually to the College. The size of the contribution is definitely not of importance. What is important is the fact that one does contribute. Your support in this matter will be deeply appreciated by your officers, your board of directors, and by all active members of the Association.

CLUB NOTES

NEW YORK

Brother David Cassian, F.S.C., Dean of the School of Business Administration, was the main speaker at the April 2 meeting of the Chapter at Rose’s Restaurant. Nominations from the floor for next year’s officers were: Mike Donovan, '48, president; Jim Covello, '53, vice-president; George Evans, '50, secretary-treasurer. Ballots will be mailed out with space for write in candidates within the next two weeks. Plans are being formed for a social Saturday, May 16. A social is also planned for December 12, when the La Salle basketball team will play Manhattan College at Madison Square Garden.

WASHINGTON AREA

Over thirty members of the Chapter attended dinner at the Washington Touchdown Club prior to the La Salle-Georgetown game, February 11. Coach “Dudey” Moore received honorary membership in the Washington club at the dinner. Brother Daniel Bernian, Brother Gavin Paul, Brother David Cassian, Brother Dominic Luke, Brother Eugene and Jim Henry also attended the dinner. After the La Salle victory, over 100 members of the Alumni were present at a social held on the Georgetown campus. Results of the questionnaire survey favor monthly luncheon meetings at the Touchdown Club, and these are being planned for September, 1959.

WILMINGTON AREA

Chapter president Charles A. Cavannaugh will schedule a business and social meeting in the very near future.

LEVITTOWN

The 3rd Annual Spring Frolic will be held Saturday, May 2, 1959, at the Tullytown Firehall. Music will be provided by Clet McBride and his orchestra. All members and their friends and neighbors are invited to attend. This event was well attended last year, and Leo Dooley, president of the Chapter, hopes this year’s attendance will surpass the 150 total of last year.

SOUTH JERSEY

Nomination and election of officers will be held next month at the Chapter’s meeting. Plans have been completed for the Annual Giving personal solicitation of the members of the South Jersey chapter, and 100% participation is expected.
Members of the defending Dad Vail Championship crew pose at the La Salle boathouse prior to departing for Florida.

Inexperience is the biggest obstacle for Tom “Bear” Curran to overcome this spring if La Salle is to win the Dad Vail Championship for the fourth consecutive time. Only three seats in this year’s boat are held down by oarsmen from last season, and the crew’s recent visit to Florida pointed up the lack of experience. In all three races, the Explorer eight was second best.

Although coach Curran realizes that he will have a difficult time bringing his young crew up to the standards set last season by Bob Morro, Jim Garvin and Romeo Boyd, he is confident that by Dad Vail Day, May 9, the Explorer oarsmen will be first over the line. If this is the case, things look bright for the crew for the next several years. There are no seniors on this season’s squad, and only three juniors.

Even though the Blue and Gold oarsmen dropped all three Florida races, Curran feels his boys are in better shape now than prior to the Easter vacation. The warm Florida sunshine enabled the crew to round into shape faster than in the last three seasons, and this added conditioning should pay off in the big race.

Against Tampa University, the Explorer boat was coming at the finish of the race, and spectators felt certain that if the race had been held on the normal mile and 5/16 course La Salle would have been the winner. This same thing was true in the Florida Southern and the Rollins College races. La Salle, trained on the mile and 5/16 course, could not adjust to the shorter courses used by the Florida schools.

The fact that La Salle has trained consistently on the regulation course is another factor in its favor to repeat as Dad Vail champs. The Vail course is a mile and 5/16.

In addition to the three Florida races, La Salle will meet seven other College crews prior to the Vail Regatta which features 21 College and University crews.

**TRACK**

Coach Frank Wetzler realized last year that this season would present a rebuilding problem. Graduation took Ira Davis, Jerry Butler, Al Turner and Jack Steele. These four lads were responsible for almost all the points La Salle scored in last year’s Middle Atlantic track and field championship. As you may recall, Davis took four first places, and established new records in three events. As practice started several weeks ago, he became even more aware of this fact. Aside from the four athletes mentioned above, shotputter Bill Reilly, polevaulter Jimmy Little, sprinter Joe Ray, and quartermiler Frank Kiniry withdrew from school. Someone told Wetzler to cheer up, things could get worse. He cheered up, and sure enough, things got worse. Middle Atlantic cross country champ Earl Jefferson, hurdler Jerry Griffin, high jumper Andy Taylor and quartermiler Joe Hepp ran into classroom difficulties, and it is doubtful if they will be able to compete this spring.

However, as track enthusiasts know, Wetzler is one of the top track coaches in the country, and has done wonders with the material he has had. This is Frank’s tenth year as head coach of the La Salle Explorers, and he has never finished worse than second in the MAC championship, winning the event five times and finishing second four times.

Most of the team’s strength will be centered around four events, the shotput, the discus, the 880 yard run, and the mile. Tommy Lynaugh, Charley Del Rossi, Dick Flint and Jim Sumner will carry the La Salle hopes in the running events while Bob and Bill Taylor, and Jack Brabazon are the main hopes in the weight events. Additional help is expected from captain Al Watson in the sprints and Pete Walheim in the mile run. Although La Salle’s hopes for de-throning St. Joseph’s as MAC champs are slim, the team should have a successful dual meet season. Of the seven on the schedule, five are run at McCarthy stadium. The Explorers will meet Temple, Lafayette, West Chester State Teachers, St. Joseph’s and St. John’s of Brooklyn on the home track, and face Villanova and Rutgers away.

**BASEBALL**

Weak hitting and poor defense are the problems that Gene McDonnell must overcome in his first year as head coach of the College’s baseball team. McDonnell, a 1955 graduate of La Salle, was appointed earlier this year to succeed Jim Pollard.

It is doubtful if McDonnell can change his weak hitters into a bunch of sluggers, but it is a safe bet that the Explorers won’t be throwing games away with
errors. As an undergraduate, McDonnell starred for four years in the infield, and was the best fielding shortstop the College ever produced. In addition, he was selected as the Daily News' "Most Outstanding Player" in 1953.

Only four seniors are on the 17 man squad that will carry La Salle's hopes in 19 games with Middle Atlantic and traditional rivals. Of these four, only pitcher Bill Mullin and third baseman Vince Valecci are slated as starters. Seven other members of this year's squad saw action last year when the Explorers posted a 7-8 record.

The graduation of Ed Czerniakowski is the hardest loss to overcome. The slugging catcher led the team in all the hitting departments last year, and the St. Louis Cardinals thought so highly of him that they dropped a fat bonus in his lap after graduation. There is no one around who is capable of filling this big gap. Of the three catchers on the roster, only Jim Jenkins has experience, and his bat is not loaded with power. Sophomores Duke Horshock and Joe Ambrose are competent receivers, but are also weak with the stick.

Joe Tropea, a 6'2" sophomore, looks like the best hitter on the squad. He has taken over at first base for the graduated Jerry Sheehan. Sheehan also signed a major league contract after graduation last year, and is now playing in the Kansas City farm system. Although Tropea does not possess the power of Sheehan, he is a more consistent hitter. The addition of former Central High star Ed Rybacki to the infield adds defensive strength where it is needed most. Although not a power hitter, Rybacki is a pesky type who will get more than his share of base hits.

Bob Egizio, a much heralded junior from Allentown Central Catholic, has not lived up to any of the advance billing. Egizio led the team in errors last season, and it looks as though McDonnell will have to spend additional time with him to improve his defensive play. A good leadoff hitter, Egizio followed Czerniakowski in most walks last season.

Valecci packs power in his bat, but is rather slow footed in the field. Senior Jack Reardon is available for defensive chores, but his hitting is rather weak. McDonnell will go with an all junior outfield with Connie Newman in center, Al Craig in right and either Ed Gaucher or Jack McNamara in left. Newman, a smooth fielder, is also the most consistent hitter of the group. Craig, a powerfully built junior from Collingswood, N. J., is the most dangerous hitter on the squad.

Ed O'Mara, last season's leading pitcher, heads up the mound staff this season. O'Mara, a very slow worker, has a good fast ball and curve, and keeps the batters honest with an effective change up. Captain Bill Mullin follows O'Mara in the pitching rotation. Mullin, a three year veteran, should have his best year this season. Sophomore Tim Welsh, a member of "Dudey" Moore's basketball team, is the third starter that McDonnell will use. At 6'4", Welsh is the biggest player on the squad, and uses this size to great advantage on the mound. Welsh has a blazing fast ball, but lacks control. If he can master control, Welsh could be the key to a very successful season.

Ed Barley, a 5'9" scrapper, and Chuck Dees back up the infield corps, and Dees also fills in as a relief pitcher.
The Fifth Annual Giving campaign is in its concluding phase. The next issue of La Salle will carry the complete list of contributors.

Initially, I want to thank the members of the Alumni who have contributed, the members of the Alumni who donated their time and energy in making personal contacts, and the members of the Alumni who are on special committees and who are contacting various Alumni groups. The selfless expenditures of time and energy have been very gratifying.

To quote an expression frequently utilized by professional alumni collectors, the results of the campaign so far have been "representative." As of March 25, we have 700 contributors, representing a percentage of about 11.6%.

I am not quite sure what a "representative" showing is. In many respects, I find the results of the campaign, to date, disappointing. Periodically, we have endeavored in this magazine and in letters to Alumni to stress the needs of the College giving in each instance, facts and figures to support the generality.

We have emphasized the importance of private education and the problems which it is encountering and we have talked about the dedication of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and their courage in meeting and anticipating the increasing problems in higher private education and yet, as of March 20th, less than 50% of the members of the Alumni Board of Directors had made their contribution.

It should be pointed out that everybody has problems. I suppose that even some members of the Princeton Alumni Association have problems, where the percentage of Annual Giving is 71.8%. The amount of individual contribution is not extremely important. It is important, from the viewpoint of the College Administration, that it know that the Alumni is wholeheartedly behind it in what is perhaps the greatest challenge that La Salle College has been called upon to face. Won't you, at once, forward your check to the College?
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