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Informal Dance Climaxes Social Activity

Dr. Braceland '26
To Give Address
At Graduation

A Message from the Alumni President

La Salle College needs students to continue its progress. The greatest service that an Alumnus can render the College during this period of national uncertainty is the recruitment of new students. I especially request every Alumnus to read carefully the letter which he has received from Brother Paul on this subject. A student referred by an Alumnus is a “living” contribution to the progress of the College.

LAWRENCE G. BOWMAN
President, Alumni Association

Library Totals Grow; Building Rises Rapidly

The Alumni total was substantially increased by the following members, whose contributions and pledges were made during the past month:

John H. Michels, '15
John D. Morelli, Jr., '38
William F. McGlynn, ‘42
James F. Brown, ’50

Latest figures released by the La Salle Endowment Foundation indicate that $222,144 in pledges and contributions has been received to date in the Library Fund Appeal, with 480 Alumni donors contributing $25,405 of the above amount.

Meanwhile construction by the John McShain Company of the third-floor framework on the library is rapidly proceeding.

A scale model of the proposed building—viewed by Alumni in attendance at the Breakfast—indicates a design somewhat more

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"Island Interlude" is a First Novel by Claude F. Koch ’40

Island Interlude, a provocative, thoughtful and moving novel by Claude F. Koch, ’40, Instructor in English, has been published by Dodd, Mead and Company.

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The Class of ’51, which graduates in June, prepares to join the Alumni ranks as it assumes its place on the Alumni mailing list, beginning with this issue of the Alumni.

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The Alumni Informal Dance, scheduled for Friday evening, May 25, at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel, climaxes the 1950-51 social season.

Chairman Charles O’Keefe has announced the repeat engagement of Tom Darlington and his Orchestra, whose sophisticated medleys delighted last November’s Ball-goers.

The subscription has been established at $3.00 per couple, including tax, with dancing from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M.

An extensive program of publicity has been arranged, to implement committee efforts. In addition to an announcement letter, reminders are being mailed to all Alumni: also contemplated is a dance program with patron listings.

Under the vice-chairmanship of John P. Ryan, ’49, Alumni Treasurer, the dance was a success.

In campus memorial services prior to the Annual Communion Breakfast, Alumni President Lawrence G. Bowman, ’35, prepares to lay the traditional wreath at the Sacred Heart Shrine in memory of Alumni who died in military service. Standing beside him at the left, are Breakfast Chairman John J. Finley, ’24, and Reverend Francis J. Mento, ’39, who celebrated the Alumni Mass and conducted the commemorative ceremonies. At the extreme right is Cadet Leonard Fernandez, ’53, who with ROTC students in the background formed the color guard for the occasion. 230 Alumni and guests attended the Breakfast.
An Old Pledge Never Dies

A few weeks ago, an interested Alumnus wrote and enclosed a contribution from a friend of his.
Stated he'd talked to this friend about La Salle. The latter recalled a pledge he'd made but hadn't satisfied. Nothing so remarkable about that.
It's just that the due date was October 15, 1938! Seems the pledge was made during the Christian Brothers Campaign thirteen years ago.
The contribution? It was applied, with sincere thanks, to the Library Fund.

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functional than that of the original plans.

Of the ten fifteen-foot bays planned for the new library, four will be on the College Hall side of the central entry unit and six towards 18th Street. The central entry unit will be at the present 19th Street entrance to the campus.

The structure from the viewpoint of function will be divided vertically into two sections at the central entry unit. The north side of the east section will be devoted to public reading rooms, such as student lounge on the basement level, reference room on the first floor, the reserved book room on the second, and general reading room on the third floor. The book stacks for these sections will be on the same floor on the south side of the section.

The west section which consists of four bays will have the control areas. The Librarian's office, secretary's office, catalogue, charging desk, and a staff work room will be on the first floor. The basement level of the west section will entirely a staff work room. The second and third floor will have seminar rooms while the second floor will also contain a faculty lounge.

The central unit will have a reference librarian's office on the first floor, a phonetics studio on the second, and the La Salliana room on the third.

Because the library will be narrower and longer, it will straddle the present 19th Street driveway with 70 feet of the 180 foot building running towards College Hall. In previous plans, the library was to have run east from the 19th Street driveway.

A new entrance to the campus will be constructed between the library and College Hall.

A grove of trees is planned for the east end of the new building to provide an outdoor reading area.

At the May 4 reunion of the Class of '50, Robert E. Valenti, Class Secretary; Thomas E. Burns, Organizer of the reunion; and Brother E. Stanislaus, Dean, survey the Honor Roll of class members listed on Alumni records as serving in the Armed Forces. Since the list is far from complete, members in '50 are asked to notify the Alumni Office of any change in their status.

Meet the Brothers

Brother E. Abdon, Professor of German, received the habit of the Christian Brothers on February 2, 1898.

He began his teaching career the following year at St. Francis Vocational School in Eddington, after which he taught at St. Elizabeth's Parochial School in this city. In 1908, he was transferred to St. Peter's, also in Philadelphia; in 1915, he taught at St. Patrick's Cathedral School in Newark, where he eventually became Principal.

During the years following, Brother Abdon taught at St. John's College in Washington, and West Catholic and La Salle High Schools. He was appointed Principal at the latter school and subsequently served in the same capacity at La Salle Institute in Cumberland, Maryland.

Professor of German here for the past thirteen years, Brother Abdon holds a Master of Arts degree in Modern Languages from the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1948, he celebrated his golden jubilee as a Christian Brother. At the May 1950 convocation, held here in connection with the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new library, Brother Abdon was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Pedagogy, in recognition of his fifty years as teacher and administrator.

In Memoriam

In your prayers, please remember:
Joseph A. Shields, '27
Richard M. Buck, 50
Some of the eighty members of the Class of '50 who attended their first reunion in Leonard Hall on Friday evening, May 4. At a business meeting held before the festivities began, the group, representing the largest class ever to graduate from La Salle, elected an eleven-man directorate to develop class organization and promote Alumni activity.


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A Fellow of the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, and the American Psychiatric Association, he holds the Diplomate in Psychiatry from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Dr. Braceland, a brilliant orator who this year celebrates his twenty-fifth year as a La Salle Alumnus, was President of the Alumni Association in 1939-40 and a member of the Board of Directors in 1940-41.

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Class Officers are Edward F. Murphy, President; Joseph P. Earley, Vice-President; Ferdinand P. Morro, Secretary; and Vincent J. Guminiski, Treasurer.

Congratulations, '51, and welcome to the Alumni!

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ur, a joint committee of members of '49 and '50 met on May 9 to discuss promotional plans and explore ways and means to assure the success of the dance.

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forced to bail out. Subsequently, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

Lieutenant Greer’s wife, Clyde, resides in Pineville, Louisiana, with her daughters Susan 4, and Catherine, 9 months. His mother, Mrs. Grace Kurner, lives in Drexel Hill.

Members of the Alumni said prayers for Lieutenant Greer’s welfare and for his safe return at the Memorial Services held in conjunction with the Annual Breakfast.

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The book, which won the Intercollegiate Literary Fellowship Award in 1949, relates the tale of a group of marines charged with the defense of the South Pacific island of Tulagi.

Although the time is 1942, and one might expect the usual war story, the offering is much more of an attempt to uncover the essential humanity of the besieged marines as they react to the unnatural conditions in which they find themselves. This tightly-knit group gives the novelist an opportunity to delineate the effect of man upon man, and of the island upon their minds.

C l a u d e F. Koch, '40

Interlude has received favorable comment, and as a first novel shows considerable promise. It is considered by some critics to be a better work than the much publicized money-maker, The Cardinal.

Autographed copies of the novel are available at the Campus Store.
Campus Review

Brother G. Paul, President, and Brother E. Stanislaus, Dean, attended the annual convention of the National Catholic Education Association in Cleveland. At the convention, Brother F. Azarias, Head of the College Education Department, was elected National Secretary of the Association’s Committee on Teacher Education; he is also Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Association of Catholic College Students.

Brother D. Vincent, Professor of Psychology and Director of Guidance, spoke on “Faith and Problems of Adjustment” at the April 15 Communion Breakfast of the Marquette Council, No. 259, of the Knights of Columbus.

Walter J. Kaiser, ‘47, Instructor in Accounting, has successfully completed his Pennsylvania C.P.A. examination, and will receive his certificate shortly.

The Class of ’51 will present a portrait of St. John Baptist de La Salle to the new Library in memory of Frank di Gregorio, a member of the class who died in March.

Work has been completed on the new building under the west stands of McCarthy Stadium. Running the entire length of the stands, 260 feet, and measuring 30 feet in width, the structure provides five classrooms, a large hall at the south end, and a new office for the plant Engineer, Donald Masser.

Consistent with the Industry Department’s program of inviting men in practical fields to discuss problems subsequent to the presentation of classroom theory, Edward Barr, ‘48, addressed a group of students majoring in Industrial Relations and Information Management. This marks the third consecutive year in which Alumnus Barr has appeared on the program. Job Analyst with the Stephen Whitman Company, he spoke on “The Importance of Job Analysis”.

Nine senior students have been accepted by medical schools in Philadelphia and Washington. They are Roderick Parenteau, John Turco, Philip Nolan, Leon Graziani and John Marchesani, who will attend Jefferson Medical College; John Tyliger and Donald Lintner, Hahnemann Hospital School of Medicine; Martin Bukowski, University of Pennsylvania Medical School; and Raymond Phillips, Georgetown University School of Medicine. Junior students accepted by Temple University School of Dentistry are Arthur F. Gorski, University of Pennsylvania Dental School; and Raymond Filippone, Hahnemann Hospital School of Dentistry.

A. J. Halpin, ‘44, Assistant Professor of Business, using as their theme “You, Business and the Emergency,” have conducted a series of Tuesday addresses on the WFIL-TV University of the Air.

The first parade of the La Salle ROTC, under the command of Major James F. Unger, was held on McCarthy Field on Friday afternoon, April 27, in conjunction with the formal inspection of the military unit. Army officers who inspected the three battalions were Lt. Colonel Harry B. Cooper, Major Ralph Manual, Captains Charles L. Cline and First Lieutenant Charles M. Cummings, U.S. Army Detachment #16, 2332-3, as the La Salle Unit is officially designated, will participate in the Philadelphia Armed Forces Day parade on Saturday, May 19.

The Adoration Society, in its May First Friday devotions in the Chapel, prayed for the welfare of Alumni now engaged in the Korean War. Brother E. Clementian is Moderator of the Society.

The National Council of Catholic College Students has awarded to the La Salle student body the Interracial Justice Commission for the next scholastic year. Commissions on various Catholic student movements are awarded annually on a national-wide basis to member colleges, designating them as the planning and work group for a particular movement. Charles Day, ’53, will spearhead Interracial Justice activity as National Chairman. Under the La Salle Commission, the national paper will be edited by Donald Gates, ’53.

Attractive ceramic figurines and processed sportswear are current Campus Store specials. At top left and right are featured “Varsity Vic” and “Kampus Kate,” arrayed in blue and gold, at $1.45 and $1.60, respectively. The all-white sportswear, just the thing for that vacation trip, is available with Navy Blue lettering, in all sizes. At lower left, at $2.25, is the heavy fleece-lined sweatshirt. In the center, the button-down sweater coat, fleece-lined in white cotton, retails for $3.00, while the popular lightweight “T” shirt, at lower right, is priced at $1.00. The above sportswear, as advertised in the January ALUMNUS, is also available in juvenile sizes.

WFIL-TV Lectures Feature Faculty

Faculty members in the Area of Business, using as their theme “You, Business and the Emergency,” have conducted a series of Tuesday addresses on the WFIL-TV University of the Air. The following members of the faculty appeared on the program on dates indicated: Dr. Bernard B. Goldner, Associate Professor of Industry, March 27; Charles A. J. Halpin, ’44, Assistant Professor of Industry, March 17; and Francis J. Guerin, ’41, C.P.A., and James W. Healey, C.P.A., Assistant Professors of Accounting, April 17; and on April 24, James J. Henry, Associate Professor of Accounting, and Melvin F. Woods, Instructor in Finance.

Participants include faculty members from Rider, Lehigh, Temple, Beaver, Drexel, Pennsylvania Military College, Pennsylvania Military College, Penn State, Swarthmore, Haverford and Bryn Mawr.

As a service to Alumni members, copies of reading lists compiled by the La Salle faculty in supplement of their addresses are available at the Alumni Office and may be obtained, without cost, upon request.