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John H. Harris to Receive Medal at Breakfast

Explorers to Play in N.I.T.

The Explorers of La Salle College have accepted a bid to defend their N.I.T. crown in the Madison Square Garden tournament which begins on March 7, announced James J. Henry, Director of Athletics.

Enjoying the distinction of being the first basketball squad to receive a Garden invitation this year, Ken Loeffler's Explorers, on the basis of their season performances, had been virtual shoo-ins for the bid.

Ranking fourth in the Associated Press poll and fifth in the United Press balloting as of February 23, the squad loomed as the greatest in La Salle basketball history. On the above date, they had compiled a 22-2 record, defeating coming at the hands of but one team, DePaul of Chicago. Also riding the crest of an eight-game winning streak, the La Salle club numbered among its recent victims the powerful Duquesne team, whom they upset in convincing fashion, 74-66, before the largest Convention Hall turnout in five years.

Going down the home stretch EXPLORERS, Continued on Page 3

John H. Harris

John H. Harris, humanitarian and showman, who will receive the Signum Fidei Medal at the Alumni Breakfast on April 12. A noted Pittsburgh theatrical producer, he is being honored for his world-wide charitable endeavors as founder of Variety Clubs International, and for his rigid adherence to high moral standards in the field of entertainment.

Brothers Receive Graduate Degree

Awarded for the first time in the history of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Master of Arts degrees in religion were conferred at mid-term commencement exercises on February 1 upon seven Christian Brothers who attended the new Institute of Religious Studies at La Salle. The Right Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Furey, Rector of St. Charles Seminary, delivered the BROTHERS, Continued on Page 3

Joseph B. Quinn Heads La Salle Foundation

The La Salle Endowment Foundation, at its December meeting, elected Joseph B. Quinn as President, succeeding Glen E. Robertson.

The election of Julius John Caprano as Vice-President, J. Russell Cullen, '22, as Secretary, and Philip R. Hauck as Treasurer, completed the list of row officers who will serve the Foundation for 1953.

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Profile:

John H. Harris

The story of John H. Harris is one of charity. It is a tale of a generous heart, the HEART of Show Business.

You might say it begins on October 10, 1927, when eleven young men in the Pittsburgh entertainment field elected Harris as the first President of their new Variety Club. It was simply another group engaged in helping less fortunate show brethren and contributing to various civic and charitable movements.

But the story of John Harris PROFILE, Continued on Page 2
Reverend Mark Heath, O.P., Ph.D., has been appointed College Chaplain, and assumed his duties with the start of the Spring term on February 2.

Father Heath, who succeeds Father Charles F. Gorman, recently appointed rector of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Springfield, is a native of Boston and was ordained to the priesthood in 1947.

A graduate of the Naval Academy in 1940, he resigned his commission to enter the Dominican Order in that year. In 1949 he was assigned to Angelicum University in Rome, where he received his doctorate two years later. While attending the University, he served as supplemental chaplain of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in Naples, Italy.

For the past two years, Father Heath has been teaching Philosophy at Notre Dame College of Maryland, Baltimore, and Dunbarton College in Washington. In addition to his duties as Chaplain, Father Heath will serve on the faculty of the new Institute of Religious Studies at La Salle.

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does not really begin until five o'clock in the afternoon of December 24 of that very year. It was at that exact moment, John O. Hooley, manager of the Sheridan Square Theater in Pittsburgh, stepped into the theater nursery at the end of the matinee performance. His eyes fell upon an infant and a paper package containing five clean diapers.

A note was attached to the package. It read: "Please take care of my baby. Her name is Catherine. You can no longer take care of her, I have eight others. My husband is out of work. She was born on Thanksgiving Day. I have always heard of the goodness of show business and I pray to God that you will take care of her. A Heart-Broken Mother."

Hooley took the little foundling and the note into the theater office where owner John Harris was busily planning the Christmas program for the next day. Although a thorough investigation was made, no trace of the mother could be found. Police were notified, and the newspapers joined in the futile search for her.

After the Christmas Eve shows, John Harris and his Variety friends met as usual, but their customary routine was delayed because the infant in her pathetic note had left a baby to the men of show business. She had indicated her desire to place the infant in the charity that could not be taken lightly.

John T. McCreavy, one of the members, suggested that Variety adopt the baby, and with enthusiasm the club agreed and voted to act as godfather and to underwrite the infant's support and education. They named her Catherine, Variety Sheridan.

The child was cared for in the Roselia Foundling Home in Pittsburgh until she was five years old. But since so much publicity had surrounded Catherine, the members decided in her own interests to place her in a permanent home removed from Pittsburgh. Two men, John Harris and John J. Maloney, selected Catherine's new parents from a list of more than 100 applicants. To this day, only they knew of Catherine's whereabouts, and having supervised her placement, they keep her identity a secret. They report that she has graduated from college with high honors.

They taught Catherine set a definite pattern for John Harris and for Variety itself. The faith of the distressed mother was well founded. Harris and his group, in their charitable gesture, inspired, established and sustained a movement that has taken deep root among men and their friends throughout the world.

For Harris and Variety began in earnest to assist children and to contribute to their health and welfare. As Variety Clubs International celebrated their silver anniversary last October, Harris could look back with profound satisfaction and remember the gratitude in the faces of Catherine Variety Sheridan II, III, IV, and V; and Joe E. Brown, Jr.

He could also survey Variety International's other remarkable accomplishments, such as children's hospitals, clinics, and convalescent homes; clinics for treatment of and research in cancer, cerebral palsy, polio, heart disease and rheumatic fever; orphanages; foundling homes, and schools for handicapped children; and boys' clubs, camps, scouting troops, and Police Athletic Leagues. He could glory in the fact that 400,000 individuals annually benefit from Variety, now a major charitable organization, and known as the Heart of Show Business.

The story of John Harris, Pittsburg producer, owner of the 35-year-old organization that has taken deep root among amusement people and their friends, is a chapter in the story of Variety, now known as the Heart of Show Business.

SIGNUM FID EI MEDALISTS

1942—Brother E. Anselm
1943—Karl Rogers
1944—Reverend Edward V. Stanford, O.S.A.
1945—Mr. Robert V. Morrell
1946—Denis Carolan
1947—Reverend Max Jordan, O.S.A.
1948—Dr. Edward V. Morrell
1950—Dr. Louis F. Gorman
1951—Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
1952—Dr. George Washington Carver, Sister Leo Fidei Medal for his far-flung acts of charity, for his generous heart, the HEART of Show Business.

Brother Cyril joined the staff of De La Salle College in Washington in 1944, and while studying for his advanced degrees during the next five years, taught general and analytical chemistry.

He holds B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Catholic University, and in addition has studied at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, the Sub-Committee on Tests and Examinations of the American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi, and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Catholic Round Table of Scientists.

Despite the diversities and demands of his daily task, Brother Cyril can always find time to act as Moderator of Sigma Beta Kappa. Outstanding for his devotion to this activity, he has acquired many friends—Alumni, students, and small—for Sigma Beta Kappa is patron of the children at St. John's Orphanage.

IN MEMORIAM

In your prayers, please remember:

Mrs. John V. Penny
Personal Patter—By John A. Clement '39

Before you delve into these happenings, permit me a few words about our 15th Annual Breakfast on April 12th. This year, the Committee is diligently striving to exceed previous attendances and to meet its goal of five hundred Alumni for the Breakfast. When you receive your announcement in the mail, be prepared to say "yes" and to return your reservation for the one Alumni event that combines both the spiritual and the social.

THE MILITARY: Our thanks to John Helwig, Jr., '50, for informing us that Edward J. Steemler, '50, is serving with the Army Intelligence Corps in Korea. Naval Lieutenant Louis Morgenstern, '49, after two years' service in Korean waters, has been released to inactive duty, and is now teaching at McMichael School in Philadelphia. With the Army in Germany, Joseph C. Byrne, '49, lists his address as APO 757, Postmaster, New York. William A. O'Callaghan, Jr., '51, having completed basic training and leadership school at Indiantown Gap, was commissioned at Fort Sill in Oklahoma, and is presently stationed at Babenhausen, Germany. Francis A. Fucile, '51, is assigned to Dugway Proving Grounds in Tooele, Utah, where he is a Biological Research Assistant in the Army's Medical Investigation Division. James S. Pickford, '52, at Indiantown Gap, has been selected for Army Leadership School. Joseph G. McCalen, '52, is on Army duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Second Lieutenant David W. Rumsey, '52, former ROTC student, is attending Field Artillery School at Fort Sill. Another ROTC graduate, John A. Margarid, '52, having completed the Army's Anti-Aircraft course at Fort Bliss, Texas, is stationed with the 506th AA Battalion in Philadelphia. Recently graduated from OCS at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio was Second Lieutenant Alexander E. Rodi, '50. Commissioned Ensigns at the Navy's Newport OCS were Francis X. Stanton, '51, and Herbert J. McLaughlin, '52. Also an ROTC alumnus, Second Lieutenant James D. Milhamow, '52, is assigned to the 76th Armored Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Graduated from the sixth Marine Officer Class at Quantico recently were Second Lieutenants John J. Bernhardt, James J. Gibbons, Robert J. Hafey, and Henry C. Largay, all '52.

WEDDING BELLS: Joseph T. Metzler, '49, wed Rose C. Dungan on January 17 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Another January wedding took place in St. Helena's Church when Joan A. O'Rourke became the bride of Paul R. Sundermann, '50.

BASSINET AND FORMULAS: Mr. and Mrs. David J. McCarthy, '38, have announced the birth of their fourth child, Brian V. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Gallagher, '42, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, Daniel, Jr. To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Patrick, '51, was born Curtis S., III, on December 25. Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Nathans, '48, announced the birth of Francis, Jr.


Brother E. Stanislaus, President, addresses eighty Alumni and student members of the Varsity Club at their second annual reunion dinner in Leonard Hall on January 24. Seated at the speaker's table are James J. McGloine, Varsity President; Ken Loeffler, Explorer Coach; James J. Henry, Artistic Director; Joseph Kirk, Swimming Coach and Varsity Moderator; Brother F. Christopher, Dean; Brother D. John, Vice-President; and Joseph Morrison, Varsity Treasurer.

BROTHERS' DEGREES
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Commencement address. He praised the Institute as "a significant milestone in the history of education in the Archdiocese," and declared that "the religious influence which these educators will exercise in the classrooms will leave a mark on their students which will continue through the ages".

Brother E. Stanislaus, President, presented the degrees to Brothers Damian Luke, David Peter, Edward Patrick, Felix John, Floraus Celestine, Godwin John, and Guy Philip.

Bachelor of Arts degrees also were awarded to fourteen Student Brothers. They were: Brothers Gregory Claude, Gerald Joseph, Dominic Maurice, Dominie of Jesus, Gratian Joseph, Edwin Christopher, and Francis Gerard.

Also, Brothers Francis Gabriel, Dominic Charles, Declan John, Gratian Michael, George Augustine, Eric Patrick, and Finian Andrew.

Candidates for degrees were presented by Brother F. Christopher, Dean. Institute faculty members who attended included the Right Reverend Monsignor John F. Rowan, Professor of Scripture, and Dr. Kieran Moran, C.M., Professor of Philosophy; and Dr. Thomas Kane, Professor of Moral Theology at La Salle.

EXPLORERS
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with but Lafayette, Youngstown, and Temple to be encountered. Loeffer's five in their regular season contests had also annexed the mythical city title by virtue of their two contests over St. Joseph's, and their victory over Temple. Assured of at least a tie, the La Salle five won its fourth straight Philadelphia championship when St. Joseph's defeated Temple to gain an even split against the Owls.

The success of the Explorers lies in their offensive strength. Team statistics, based on twenty-three games, reveal that four players on the starting five have posted impressive averages: Tom Gola, 18.4; Norm Grekin, 16.8; Fred Ihle, 16; and Jackie Moore, 11.6 points per game. In the rebound department, La Salle cagers have been titans off the backboards, snaring 1196 rebounds to their opponents' 878. Not to be minimized are the consistently good efforts of Frank O'Hara, with his heady playmaking and defensive ability. Bill Katheder and Ed Alteri have turned in highly creditable performances.

This marks the seventh year in a row that the Explorers have participated in a post-season tournament. In addition to four appearances in the N.I.T., La Salle has played in Mid-Atlantic and Cincinnati tournaments.
Campus Review

Combined enrollment at the outset of the Spring Term was 2,275. Of this figure, 1,218 students are enrolled in the Day curriculum, with 1061 students pursuing Evening Division courses. Constituting a record Spring Term enrollment for the Evening Division, 254 students began classes on February 2. Total Fall and Spring registration of over 600 represents a high for new Evening Division enrollments.

At the annual District II conference of the American Alumni Council held in Atlantic City on January 10, Anthony M. Waltrich, Director of Alumni Relations, presided at a session on college fundraising. Panel members, who discussed the Annual Fund, the Development Fund, the Alumni Endowment Fund, and Professional Fund-Raising, were Alumni representatives from Lehigh University, Gettysburg, Franklin and Marshall, Union, and Washington Colleges. Thomas J. Hickey, '48, Executive Director of the La Salle Endowment Foundation, was recorder for the session.

Robert Schaefer, '54, was appointed Editor of the Colleague to succeed James Sanzare, '53, it was announced at the Colleague Banquet on January 28. Edward McGrath, '54, was selected Associate Editor, and Gerald Ginley, '54, was appointed Sports Editor. Other staff appointments are Joseph McKenna, '55, News Editor; Carl Belcher, '54, Features Editor; and Richard Wyszynski, '55, Business Manager. Including announcement of the Colleague Public Service Award to Edward R. Murrow of CBS, the dinner featured talks by Brother D. John, Vice-President of La Salle, and Jack Whitaker, radio and television sports commentator, as well as presentation of keys to the retiring editorial staff.

“Lucky for Me,” a musical comedy with book and lyrics by Daniel J. Rodden, '41, Assistant Professor of English, will be produced in the auditorium on April 29 through May 3, announced Willard G. Walsh, Director of the College Theater. A fantasy about a magician who wanders through the streets of Philadelphia in search of his lost magical powers, the play was produced in 1947 at Catholic University, where the author studied for his Master's degree, and three years later at Loyola University, on which occasion Chicago critics warmly applauded it. Music was written by Joan O'Byrne Ford, also a former student at Catholic University.

The La Salle Explorers were honored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon of the Philadelphia Basketball Writers Association at the Essex Hotel on February 5. Director of Athletics James J. Henry accepted a citation from the Jaycees in recognition of the Explorers' annunciation of the N.I.T. championship last year, and of their fine contribution to Quaker City sports tradition.

On February 5, the Education Society, in conjunction with the Education Department of Chestnut Hill College, conducted a forum on “Student Government in the Public School.” The forum, which followed a dinner at Alden Park Manor, was presided over by Miss Jennie C. Adams of Roxborough High School, and featured the heads of student governments at Olney, Germantown, and Girls' High Schools, Gillespie Junior High School, and Solis-Cohen School. Robert Rowland, Director of Student Teaching at Chestnut Hill, and Joseph Morrison, President of the Education Society at La Salle, were co-hosts for the events.

Winner of a contest conducted by the Evening Division Alumni Association for a suitable name for the group's monthly publication was Mary E. Gilmore, the Alumni Office secretary. The winning selection: “La Salle Alumni.”

Prior to the La Salle-Temple basketball game at Convention Hall on February 14, Evening Division students presented Coach Ken Loeffler with a plaque for his outstanding contributions to La Salle. The presentation was made by Charles Coyle in behalf of the Evening Division.

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JOSEPH B. QUINN

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BREFAST

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Holy Mass will be celebrated on campus by the Reverend William C. Faunce, '38, who will also act as Toastmaster at the Breakfast.

As in the past, Alumni will congregate after Mass at the campus Sacred Heart Shrine to pray for classmates who died in the service of their country, and to witness the traditional laying of the memorial wreath at the foot of the Shrine where is affixed a plaque listing the names of the deceased Alumni.

The subscription if $3.00, and reservations, now being accepted by the Alumni Office, may be made at any time up to the deadline, Wednesday, April 8. Forthcoming soon in the mail will be an announcement and reservation blank.

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President Clement, who has been actively identified in Alumni work since his graduation from La Salle, is affiliated with the Insurance Claims Adjusting Department of the Veterans Administration. A graduate of Temple Law School, and currently an Instructor in Business Law in the La Salle Evening Division, he was President of his senior class on campus, played football for the Explorers, and is a member of the Honor Society of Alpha Epsilon, serving now as its President.

Hanratty, who received his B.S. in Accounting, was on the Dean's List as a student, and a member of the Adoration Society and the Accounting Association. He is presently employed by the Philadelphia Corporation.

Bill Felte, an Education major, was unusually active in student extra-curricular affairs, numbering among his activities the Podium Society, The Masque, Equestrian Society, Radio Workshop, Historical Society, Glee Club, the Collegian, and the Blue and Gold and Harvest Dance Committees.

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