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La Salle University
Three For Alumni Hall Of Athletes

On October 12, the Alumni Association will honor three outstanding athletes in three different sports by inducting them into its Alumni Hall of Athletes.

Track and cross country runner Pete Dougherty, '66, swimmer Tom Johnson, '69 and basketball player Ralph Lewis, '85 will be the honored guests at the induction dinner in the Union Ballroom that evening, it was announced by Stephen L. McGonigle, '72, President of the Association.

Dougherty won the Middle Atlantic Conference cross country championship three years and holds school records at the Cobbs Creek and Belmont courses. In track, he won the conference mile and 1/2 mile championships in both his Junior and Senior years. He set numerous records in relay events, indoors and outdoors.

Johnson, an All-America swimmer, established Middle Atlantic Conference records in the 200 yard individual medley in 1967, the 200 yard butterfly and 500 yard freestyle in 1968 and the 400 yard freestyle in 1969. With his teammates, he set the La Salle 800 yard freestyle relay record in the 1968 N.C.A.A. College Division Championships.

Lewis scored 1807 points in four seasons of varsity basketball competition (15.6 avg.). He twice led the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference in rebounding with 281 in 1983-84 and 208 in 1984-85. He was named to the All Big 5 team in 1984 and 1985 and received the Geasy Award as “Player of the Year” in 1984. He also achieved All-MAAC recognition in 1984 and 1985.

To be considered for the Hall of Athletes, which was established in 1961, a candidate must have exhibited athletic prowess recognized on a national or regional (i.e., conference) basis in a varsity sport sponsored by the University, and be an alumnus or an alumna for five years.

Chairman of this year’s selection committee was John F. Carabello, D.M.D., '62.

Tickets for the October 12 dinner in the Union Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. are $20.00 and may be purchased at the Alumni Office.
Signum Fidei Medalist: Mary Ehmann

The forty-ninth annual Signum Fidei medal will be presented to Mrs. Mary Ehmann at the annual Awards dinner on November 16, it was announced by Stephen L. McGonigle, '72, President of the Alumni Association.

Mary Ehmann is president and founder of the Valley Forge chapter of The Compassionate Friends, an international not-for-profit, self-help group for bereaved parents. On the first and third Thursday of each month, she opens her home in Wayne, Pa. as a meeting place for grieving parents in the Delaware Valley. She has counseled hundreds of parents who have lost their children and writes a monthly newsletter for members.

Mary's son Eric was killed in 1976 when a tire exploded in his face. He was 18 years old at the time and working as a mechanic. Although she was a rather shy person before her son's death, Mary launched a crusade to prevent others from encountering the same fate as her child. Her efforts were featured in an award winning 60 MINUTES episode entitled "Killer Wheel."

Mary Ehmann has touched many people in her work with the Compassionate Friends without much formal recognition. She has devoted her time — and her home — to others in need on a strictly person-to-person basis without much fanfare.

For these reasons the Alumni Association, through its Awards Committee, under the chairmanship this year of Leo Eisenstein, '55, has chosen her for its highest award.

The Signum Fidei medal has been awarded annually since 1942 and derives its name from the motto of the Brothers of the Christian Schools — "sign of faith." It is given to recognize personal achievement in harmony with the established aims of La Salle University and is conferred each year on an individual who has made "most noteworthy contributions to the advancement of humanitarian principles in keeping with the Judeo-Christian tradition."

The medal will be presented at the Alumni Awards dinner in the Student Union Ballroom at 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening, November 16.

Membership in the Alpha Epsilon Alumni Honor Society will be conferred on selected members of the Class of 1991 at the dinner.

Tickets for the dinner are $20.00 per person and may be purchased at the Alumni Office. Mail requests (accompanied by check payable to La Salle University) should be received by the Alumni Office by November 9.

Concert and Lecture Series

The Concert and Lecture Series for the Fall semester, to which all alumni are invited, has been announced by the Provost's office. All programs begin at 12:30 p.m.

September 27

October 4

October 9

October 16
The Seacoast Brass Quintet, "From Bach to Bernstein," Dunleavy Room.

October 30
"Censorship and Obscenity in Popular Music: A Debate between Jack Thompson and Bob Guccione, Jr.,” Rodden Theater.

November 8
The Marshall Taylor Saxophone Quartet, Dunleavy Room.

November 27

December 6

Alumni Run

The second alumni run for the Bernard Bradley ('35) trophy will take place on Saturday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m. on the Frank Wetzler Memorial Track, McCarthy Stadium.

Registration is $4.00 and all participants will receive a tee shirt commemorating the event. To register, write to the Alumni Office, La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA 19141 or call (215) 951-1535.

The logo tie in our exclusive design is available only through the Alumni Office.

The jacquard woven four-in-hand navy blue tie is 20% silk and features the logo emblem and founding date (1863) in gold.

Send check for $15.00 per tie (Payable: La Salle University) to the Alumni Office, La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA 19141.
So you're looking for a tough act to follow?

How about this for a college basketball coach? Last season his team had a 30-2 record, his team featured a player who won virtually every Player of the Year Award, was on everybody's All-America list and was the seventh player taken in the NBA draft.

The 30-2 record is history and so is Lionel Simmons, and La Salle University men's basketball coach "Speedy" Morris approaches the 1990-91 season in just that frame of mind — a new start, a new era and other hurdles to overcome.

The first concern would seem to be to find someone to replace Simmons, his 3,217 points, 1,429 rebounds, his leadership, his blocked shots, his steals and everything else about a player who now takes his place with Tom Gola, Ken Durrett, Michael Brooks and a few others in the Explorers' basketball high-echelon performers.

Obviously it is NOT a concern, since no one is going to replace Simmons anyhow, but there will be players capable of living up to coach Morris's strict standards of tough defense, hustle at all times, and a dedication in practice, in games and, most important, the classroom.

The first thing you notice, though, is an intersectional schedule that includes games with Baylor and Idaho in Tokyo, Japan; a home opener with NCAA entry Brigham Young, Notre Dame, Florida State, Loyola Marymount and Big 5 rivals Villanova, Pennsylvania ("road" games) and Temple and St. Joseph's at the Civic Center.

Then, the MAAC Conference rivals will be taking dead aim on the team that has swept through the league three straight seasons into the NCAA Tournament.

Gearing up to face this challenge is a team with a pair of guards which Morris has dubbed as one of the "best backcourts in the country," a coach who became only the third coach ever to win 100 Division I games in his first four seasons, and a 6-6 forward-guard with All-Academic, All-America potential, and a 6-9 transfer who could make the difference on the boards.

Speedy Gears Up For His Fifth Season

By Bob Vetrone

In addition, Morris can count on three recruits to battle for a starting position and bolster the Explorers' reserve strength.

One of the newcomers, Broderick President, will be available for only one season, having played at Texas Christian and Hardin-Simmons before entering La Salle. Lamont Carter is a 6'3" guard from New Haven, Connecticut, the State Player of the Year, and Blitz Wooten, a 6'7" All-State forward from Trenton, New Jersey, will be freshmen on the squad.

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Recruits...

Basketball coach "Speedy" Morris has announced the signing of three recruits, including Lamont Carter, the Connecticut "State Player of the Year"; Blitz Wooten, a 6-7 forward from Trenton's McCourt High School; and Broderick President, a 6-6 forward from Fort Worth, Texas.

President had played at Hardin-Simmons last season but transferred when the school dropped from Division I to Division II. He will have only one season of eligibility since he played two varsity seasons at Texas Christian.

Carter, a 6-3 guard, was named Connecticut's Player of the Year by the New Haven Register after leading Hillhouse High in New Haven to the Class L (big schools) state championships. In the title game against New Haven rival Wilbur Cross, Carter scored 36 points and had 19 rebounds. He averaged 25.5 points, 10.6 rebounds and six assists for the 1989-90 season.

Wooten was voted second team All-New Jersey while helping McCarrisin Catholic to the state Parochial A championship for the second consecutive year. He scored 1,076 points in his career, averaging 15.8 points and 12.7 rebounds per game as a senior.

President, playing in the Hardin-Simmons frontcourt with 7-6 center Mike Lanier, averaged six points and 6.2 rebounds a game. His coach, Dennis Warfield, describes President as a power forward "with a big, thick body...a blue-collar worker."

The three recruits join Ray Schultz, a 6-9 transfer from Florida Atlantic University, for the 1990-91 season and will join 6-8 Bron Holland, who spelled Lievert for about 15 minutes a game, as frontcourt help.
Coach Morris To Meet Alums

Head Basketball Coach Bill "Speedy" Morris will meet with two alumni groups prior to the start of practice on October 15.

On Wednesday, October 3, he will speak to a group of Northeast Philadelphia alumni at a luncheon at Dugan's, 7900 Roosevelt Boulevard (below Rhawn). Tickets are $12.50.

On Sunday, October 7 the coach will address some North Jersey alumni who will be meeting for brunch at 11:30 a.m. at Jack O'Connor's Restaurant, 1288 Route 22 East in Bridgewater, NJ at the intersection of Route 287. The price of the brunch is $12.50.

Tickets for both of these events are available at the Alumni Office. Call (215) 951-1535.

Career Services for Alumni

L. Thomas Reifsteck, Director of the Career Planning and Placement Bureau, wants all alumni to be aware of the free services available through his office.

Individual career counseling is available during the day and evening. Appointments may be made by calling Donna Ruth Dwyer (215) 951-1075.

A telephone job line with recorded messages about current job opportunities is updated each week. The number is (215) 951-1733 and may be dialed 24 hours a day.

Mock interviews may be arranged to review individual interviewing skills with a professional; and these may be videotaped.

Workshops on resume writing, interviewing skills, dressing for success, job search strategies, and a variety of timely subjects are given throughout the academic year. The Career Resources Library contains videotapes, books, pamphlets and periodicals which are available for use.

Alumni are welcome to visit the Career Planning and Placement Bureau on the fourth floor of the Administration Center or to call (215) 951-1075 for workshop schedules or other information.

The townhouse apartments of St. Miguel Court.

1990-91 Men's Basketball Schedule

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*Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Games
Downtowner's To Welcome New Provost

The Alumni Downtown Club will kick off its twenty-eighth season with a luncheon at the Warwick Hotel, 17th and Locust Streets, on Wednesday, September 26 when the guest speaker will be the new Provost of the University, Brother Joseph Burke, F.S.C., Ph.D.

Brother Burke is a 1968 graduate of La Salle and served the university for 13 years (1973-1986) as an associate professor of psychology, chairman of the psychology department, and president of the Faculty Senate. During the 1986-87 academic year, he served as an American Council of Education (A.C.E.) Fellow at the University of Hartford. In the A.C.E. Fellowship Program, selected prospective administrators receive a year of intensive training in senior level administration.

Upon completing the fellowship program, Brother Burke accepted a three-year appointment as Dean of the College of Basic Studies at the University of Hartford. In addition, he was also named special assistant to the president of the University of Hartford in 1989.

A native Philadelphian, he earned his bachelor's degree in English at La Salle, his master's degree in educational administration at the University of Miami, and his Ph.D. in human behavior (psychology and anthropology) at the United States International University. Brother Burke's topic will be "New Directions in Higher Education."

Tickets for the luncheon are available at the Alumni Office in Benilde Hall or send check, payable to: La Salle University, by September 20 in the amount of $20.00 for each reservation required to Alumni Office, La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA 19141.

Is Your Class Reunion Coming?

Members of classes ending in "one" and "six" should be alerted to the date set for next Spring's Class Reunion weekend: May 17-19!

Class committees are being formed in the Classes of '36, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, and '86. Any alumnus or alumna in one of these classes interested in helping to organize a successful reunion should contact: Marge Kraft, Assistant Director of Alumni, (215) 951-1535.

Parents' Weekend

Alumni who are parents of current La Salle students are invited to the activities of Parents Weekend, which coincides with "Homecoming." October 12-14. Those who have not received a brochure should call Brother Andrew Banley, (215) 951-1882.

Education Alumni Association Steering Committee members who welcomed the Class of '90 into the reactivated organization last Spring are: Theresa M. Jackson, Bernard F. Rafferty (Chairman), Joseph J. Sweeney, Frederick Leinhauser and John J. Zaccaria.
### Alumni Calendar, Fall 1990

- **Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting** ........................................... ........................ September 12
- **Downtown Club luncheon:**  
  Brother Joseph Burke, Provost, guest speaker, at Warwick Hotel .......................... September 26
- **Northeast Philadelphia luncheon with Coach Speedy Morris at Dugan's** ................. October 3
- **North Jersey brunch with Coach Speedy Morris at O'Connor's, Bridgewater, NJ** ................................................ October 7
- **Homecoming Weekend:**  
  Hall of Athletes dinner .................................................................................. October 12
  Alumni Run .............................................................................................................. October 13
- **Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting and OPEN HOUSE on campus** .................. November 4
- **Central New Jersey reception, Mercer County Airport** ........................................... November 9
- **Annual Awards dinner** ................................................................................... November 16
- **Los Angeles:**  
  Alumni reception before EXPLORERS vs Loyola-Marymount game ........................ December 31