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Fund Drive  
For Explorer  
Under Way

# La Salle COLLEGIAN

OSP Campaign  
Nets \$94.85  
In Campus Drive

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## Military Ball Will Feature Bernie Berle

The music of Bernie Berle and his Orchestra will feature the first annual Military Ball of the ROTC unit on the La Salle campus. The ball will be held on April 13 at the Penn Sheraton Hotel.

"Berle has played at numerous dances sponsored by the armed forces and also for many veteran groups. This along with the huge following which his band has received from the local college groups makes him an ideal choice for the event," Jack Mulvey, '51 band chairman stated.

In the local area, Berle has played for the Navy Yard Officer's Club, American Legion Ball, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Pennsylvania, Temple and numerous national fraternities.

### Dance Is Formal

The dance will be formal and all those attending are required to wear their full dress uniforms. Tickets are priced at \$3.00 and may be purchased from any member of the ticket committee. Joseph Goliash '52 is chairman of this committee.

The ball marks the first social function to be conducted under the auspices of the La Salle Corps since its inception last September.

## Chymian Joins Chemical Society

The Chymian Society of La Salle College joined delegates from 15 colleges in the Philadelphia area at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science to organize a society of chemistry students of this area.

Thomas R. Krebs '52 represented the Chymian Society. Plans were formulated to hold a meeting-in-miniature at the Pharmacy School on Saturday, May 12, modeled on the type of meeting held annually by the Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society.

### Krebs Chairman

Technical papers written by the student chemists will be presented at an all-day session, followed by a banquet in the evening at which a prominent guest speaker will address the assembly. Krebs was appointed as chairman of a committee to select the papers to be read at this meeting.

Other plans proposed include the setting up of an Employment Placement Bureau to aid undergraduate chemistry students to obtain temporary jobs during vacation, and graduates to obtain permanent employment in the chemical industry.

### Dr. Perrine Speaks

On March 16 Dr. J. Harold Perrine of the Sun Oil Company presented a very interesting and informal lecture entitled "Mock Interviews" to the members of the Chymian Society. In his talk, Dr. Perrine used volunteers from the audience to represent applicants for various jobs in the chemical industry, pointing out the errors to be avoided during an interview, and the correct way to present one's self in order to make the best impression. The discussion of the topic proved to be the most interesting meeting of the year thus far, and for the seniors most timely.

## Letter From The President

March 20, 1951

Dear Student:

At the College Faculty Meeting held on March 14th, it was pointed out that some of the students are confused about the plans of the administration on accelerating the college program and inaugurating a summer term in 1951. I wish to clarify the issue by presenting the following statement of facts.

Collectively about 50 per cent of the Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors indicated a desire to attend a summer session. Members of the ROTC Unit cannot attend.

A program of acceleration which would include a summer term must be optional. Some students, the members of the ROTC Unit, cannot attend. Others do not wish to attend.

An accelerated program which is not uniform for all students will involve many problems of rostering. A careful study of the college curricula must be made before an accelerated program can be announced.

The College Policy Committee is carefully studying a program of acceleration. When this study is completed, the summer term will be announced.

All future statements concerning acceleration will appear over the signature of the Dean or the President.

Very sincerely yours,

BROTHER G. PAUL, F.S.C.

## Student Committee For OSP Collects \$94.85 in Campus Drive

The La Salle College Overseas Service Program Committee collected \$94.85 during the two week campus drive early this month. Funds will be sent to the National Overseas Project Commission of the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

The La Salle funds will be added to those of other colleges and sent to the University of Munich which is undertaking the construction of a Student Center.

### Faculty Game Nets \$55

The largest amount collected came from the Student-Faculty Basketball Game. It brought a profit of \$55 while more than \$31 was collected on the sale of NIT tags. The Varsity Club donated \$8.00 to OSP from the profits of their basketball rally.

Charles Day '53 was drive chairman and James Sanzare '53 was publicity director. Other committee members were: Richard Stout '51, Gerald Corkery '54, Joseph Kriz '54, Anthony Polcino '53, and Donald Gates '53.

## Frosh Spring Social Moved to Auditorium

The Freshman Spring Social has been moved from Leonard Hall to the College Auditorium. The dance will be held this Friday evening from 9 until 1.

The change in places was forced by an early sellout of tickets. Gerald Corkery, class president, announced that an unlimited number of tickets are now on sale for the dance. Earlier this month only 75 tickets went on sale for Leonard Hall.

Tickets can be secured for \$1.00 from the following students: Harry White, John Kimmey, Henry Maier William Lockard, Thomas Brady, Stanley Morton, Gerald Faiss, Albert Munsel, Joseph Neaney, Richard Blasczyk, Alfred Pierce, Earle Wood, Joseph Kearney, William Wingel, Edward Griffin, William Burns, John Seitz, John Murray, Edmund Bateman, David Malone, Joseph De Marco, Carter LaVay, Joseph Kriz, and Joseph Gallagher.

## Seniors Begin Drive For '51 Explorer Funds

The Senior Advisory Board will begin its second drive to collect the money pledged to the 1951 Explorer today. Edward Murphy, senior class president, has set April 13 as the deadline for the drive.

Like the previous drive before the Christmas holidays, this drive will attempt to collect one-half of the purchase price of the annual.

### Freshman Dies

A memorial mass will be said this Friday at 8:00 A.M. in the College Auditorium for Francis DeGregorio of the Freshman Class who died suddenly on March 22. All members of the Freshman class will attend the services.

De Gregorio, a native of Washington, D.C., complained of a sore throat on Monday. He was confined to bed by a doctor on Tuesday and given penicillin and other anti-biotics.

On Wednesday he was rushed to the Jewish Hospital and placed in an oxygen tent. He began declining rapidly and died at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday. Death was attributed to virulent streptococcus. Mrs. De Gregorio was present at the time of his death.

He was buried yesterday from the Church of the Nativity in Washington. Brothers and lay faculty of La Salle College attended the funeral.



FRANCIS DeGREGORIO

Frank, 18 years old, was a leading member of his class. He was also a member of the ROTC unit and served as secretary to Major James Unger.

He came to La Salle College on a scholastic scholarship from St. John's High School in Washington. At St. John's, De Gregorio was very prominent in student activities, and was a sportswriter on one of the leading Washington newspapers.

## Faculty Members Discuss Business On TV Programs

Members of the La Salle College Faculty are participating in a special television program, University of the Air, over Station WFIL-TV. The program can be heard on Tuesday mornings from 11:10 to 11:30. The La Salle instructors are discussing business topics.

Yesterday Mr. Bernard Goldner, Assistant Professor of Industry, discussed Industry in Pennsylvania. On April 3, Mr. Charles Halpin, Assistant Professor in Industry, will speak. Mr. George Swoyer, Instructor in Marketing, will appear on April 10.

La Salle was the third college in the Philadelphia area to present a program.

### Previous Drive Success

The previous drive, using the slogan "Five by the Fifteenth," was the most successful money-raising drive on campus in recent years. Nearly \$1500 was collected, and everyone was pleased with the results.

The thirteenth of April was picked, Murphy said, because the second installment to the printer is due that day.

### Half Annual Completed

The senior and faculty sections, which comprise almost half the yearbook, are completed and will be printed in the near future. Upon completion of this printing, the first payment to the printer is due.

Murphy urged seniors to try and get as many patrons for the Explorer as possible. He stressed the point that for five patrons, a student receives a free yearbook.

### Books May Be Individualized

If a sufficient number of patrons are obtained to meet the expenses of the book, the additional funds will be used to individualize each senior's yearbook. Present plans call for a five by seven photograph of each senior on the title page of his book. The senior's name will also be written in gold on the title page. Explorer editor John Kane '51, said that whether or not this plan is used depends on the success of the present drive for yearbook funds.

### Layout Completed

The Layout for the Explorer has been completed by Robert Wiebler '51. He has assigned pages to the various campus clubs and organizations. Kane has taken approximately half of the activities shots.

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## President, Dean Represent College At NCEA Meeting

Brother G. Paul, president, and Brother E. Stanislaus, Dean are representing the college at the Forty-eighth annual convention of the National Catholic Education Association in Cleveland.

The convention convened yesterday in Cleveland's Public Auditorium. Two years ago, the convention was held in Philadelphia's Convention Hall.

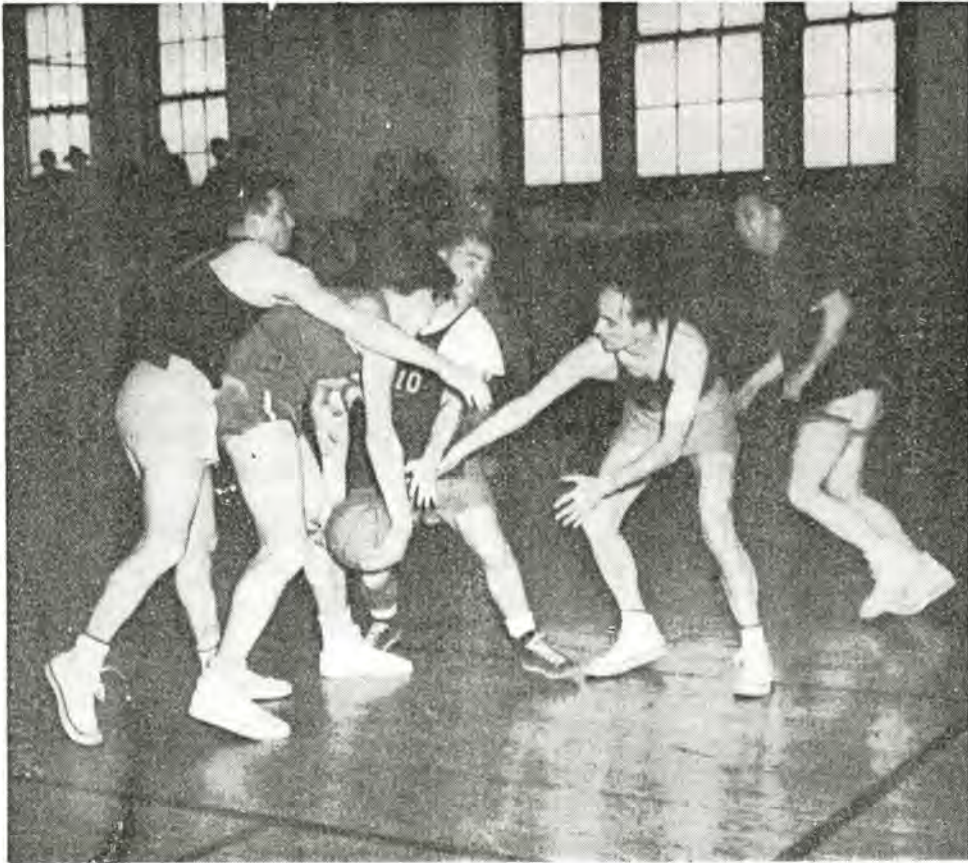
At the opening session yesterday, Bishop John, F. O'Hara C.S.C., of Buffalo, former president of Notre Dame and Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, widely known lecturer, author, and playwright addressed the gathering.

At the closing session on Friday, Attorney General J. Howard McGrath will deliver an address on "American Freedom and Human Rights." Rev. William E. McManus, assistant director of the Educational department of the National Catholic Welfare Council will summarize the convention at the closing session.

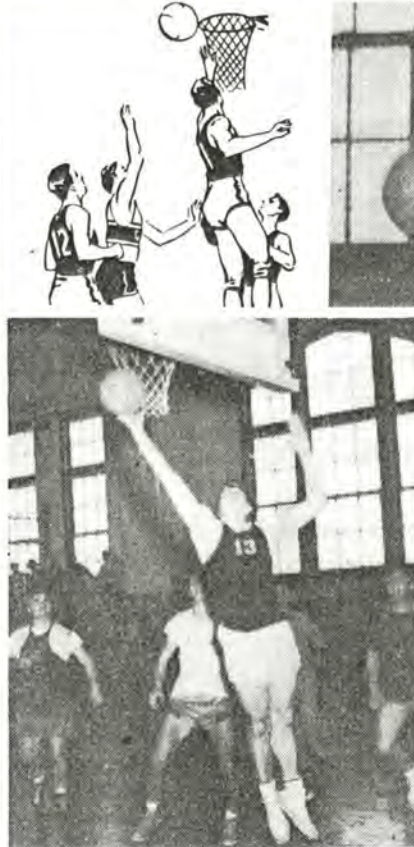
Approximately 10,000 educators from all parts of the United States and several foreign countries are attending the affair.



John Kane, editor of the 1951 Yearbook, confers with Assistant Eugene McLoone, on layout plans for the Annual.



Members of the Faculty Squad surround Joe Faire, '54, in the recent OSP benefit game. Left to right are: Messrs. Swoyer, Sweeney, Rooney and Grassi.



Mr. George Swoyer, instructor in Accounting, sinks a layup in the Faculty-Student game.



Mr. Peter Sweeney, instructor in Accounting, intercepts a student pass intended for John Di Sangro, in background.

### Students, Faculty Claim Victory In Charity Game

Nearly two weeks have passed since the ghastly exhibition of basketball put forth in the student-faculty game sponsored by the Overseas Service Program, and the big puzzle as to who actually won the game still remains to be solved.

Student rooters are quick to point to the score as recorded by the official scorer (a student naturally), which showed the student team a 39-24 victor.

On the other hand, faculty adherents quickly pointed to the electric scoreboard (operated by a student in need of better grades, no doubt) which showed an 81-81 tie at the end of regulation time. This necessitated an extra period and when that failed to settle the issue, a sudden death period saw the faculty tally the first goal.

Despite the shoddy play and doubt over the actual winner, the game proved a rousing success.

Oddly enough, the Collegian received two completely different versions of the game. Which one is right?—Decide for yourself.

### Faculty Coverage

A goal by Mr. George Swoyer from a sitting position in a sudden death gave the Faculty a 98-96 victory over a stunned student team. The regulation game ended in an 81-81 tie after a faculty rally in the final period. The student team held a 64-12 half-time advantage but failed to halt the faculty's last minute comeback. Student fans, hard losers that they were, unjustly claimed that the faculty was given ten points for each field goal and four for each foul.

The end of the first extra period found the score again deadlocked at 96-96. The sudden death period lasted almost as long as the regular game and saw hundreds of shots being taken. No goals were made during this time until Swoyer tallied his winning basket.

### Student Version

A brilliant Student Team led by Charlie Wynne '52 turned in an easy victory over the Faculty 39-24 before more than 200 students and faculty members on March 15.

In the first twenty minutes the Student Team rolled up a 20-6 halftime lead while the Faculty made only three field goals out of 84 tries.

In the second half the Faculty came back on the court with an

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# Be Happy-Go Lucky!

We students like a lift to class  
When we're too tired to hike  
And what provides the biggest lift?  
You bet! A Lucky Strike!

Reva C. Parish  
Pittsburgh College

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Fine tobacco—and *only* fine tobacco—can give you the perfect mildness and rich taste that make a cigarette completely enjoyable. And Lucky Strike means fine tobacco. So if you're not happy with your present brand (and a 38-city survey shows that millions are not), switch to Luckies. *You'll find that Luckies taste better than any other cigarette.* Be Happy—Go Lucky today!

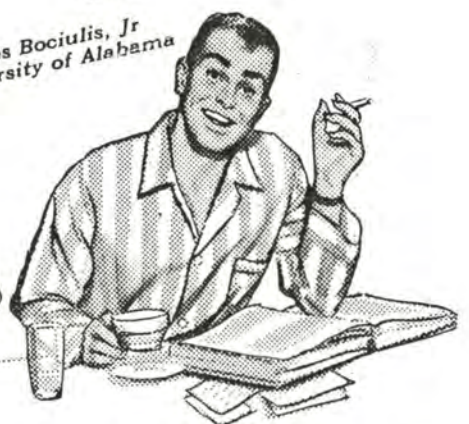
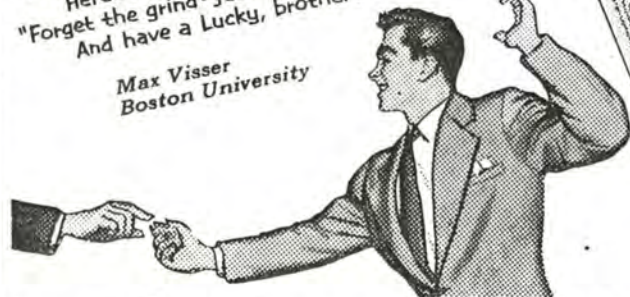


From campus east to campus west  
Here's how they greet each other,  
"Forget the grind—just ease your mind  
And have a Lucky, brother!"

Max Visser  
Boston University

These classes held at early morn  
Are really awful pains  
But Lucky Strikes before each class  
Relieve the study strains.

Charles Bociulis, Jr  
University of Alabama



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## Officer Candidate Program Announced by Naval Reserve

Applications for enrollment in the Navy's Reserve Officer Candidate Program are now being accepted from enlisted Reservists who are college students.

The ROC program leads to appointments as an officer in the Naval Reserve following receipt of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

The program consists of two 6-week training periods taken during the summer months at naval schools. Candidates are trained at San Diego, California or Newport Rhode Island.

### Apply with Mr. Waltrich

Any student who wishes to join this program should contact Mr. Anthony Waltrich, Student Adviser on Military Service, in the Alumni Office. Students who wish to join the reserve to take advantage of this program should also arrange an interview with Mr. Waltrich.

ROC candidates are not required to carry any additional work in college as a result of this program nor do they receive any financial support from the Navy or the United States Government during the academic school year.

### Receive Training Pay

However, during the actual periods of naval training ROC trainees are entitled to a basic pay of \$99.55 per month for the first summer period and \$117.60 per month for the second summer training period. Transportation and subsistence are also provided, as well as uniform items and school supplies.

General requirements for enrollment include: citizenship—must be natural born citizen or naturalized for a period of at least 10 years. For candidates who served in the armed forces on active duty in World War II, consideration will be given to waiving part of the latter requirements, on the basis of one year for every year of active service.

Age requirements are: men must have reached 17th birthday on the date the 6-week course begins. The maximum age is 27. Other requirements include being an enlisted member of the Naval Reserve, good physical condition, and college education.

## Newtonians Hear Talk on Radiation

Members of the Newtonian Society attended a lecture by Doctor W. F. G. Swann, Director of the Bartol Research Foundation at the Franklin Institute, Wednesday evening, March 21.

Speaking on "The New Development of Cosmic Rays," Dr. Swann dealt with the nature of the primary cosmic radiation, the nature of the particles which comprise it, and theories as to their origin. He also described some recent experiments having to do with the sun's magnetic field. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides.

## Tours to Canada, Northern Europe Offered by OSP

Tours to the Dominion of Canada and to Northern Europe are being offered at reasonable prices this year by the Overseas Program of the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

For less than \$200 students can tour Canada seeing such spots as Toronto, the Martyr's Shrine at Midland, Montreal and the Shrine to St. Joseph, and French Quebec. In addition travelers will be treated to a motor launch tour of the Thousand Islands and visits to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre and to Ottawa, the Capital of Canada.

### Visit to Ireland

The Northern Europe itinerary includes visits to Ireland, highlighted by a trip through the famous Irish countryside to Blarney Castle; England during Festival Time and sightseeing visits to London, Buckingham Palace, Parliament and other famous landmarks. The Northern Europe tour will conclude with a cross-channel visit to Paris. Rate for tour has been placed under \$600.

Also available are extended tours through Europe, with emphasis on Spain and Rome.

Further information on the tours may be had by contacting Charles Day '53, O.S.P. Campus Chairman, or by writing direct to the NFCCS at 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Washington 5, D. C.

## Senior Class Stag Set for April 13

The senior class will hold its second stag party of the year on Friday, April 13 at the Olney Armvets Hall, 5th and Ruscomb Sts.

The price of the tickets are \$2.00 and will go on sale this week. They may be purchased from any of the class representatives or from the senior class officers.

Any profit which is realized from the stag will be used to defray the expenses of the large program which is being planned for Senior Week during the first week of June.

Senior Week will open Sunday, June 3 with a Communion Breakfast and will formally close on Thursday, June 7 at the annual Dinner Dance. Also included in the week-long festivities are a Class Outing and an original Variety Show.

The senior advisory board is also planning to hold a Barn Dance in the early part of May.

## Evening Division Faces Main Threat From Industry

Increased industrial activity and not Armed forces mobilization is the threat which may possibly decrease enrollment in the Evening Division.

Almost 85 per cent of the night school student body are ineligible for service under the present draft laws because of veteran status or over age.

However, if industry decides to go on a full day work program it will be impossible for men who are in these fields to keep up with the programs offered at La Salle.

The enrollment in the evening division has reached a height of 830 students. Every facility of the college is being used in order to accommodate the students. There are hopes that the new library, now under construction, will help the material progress of the division.

At present there are 53 instructors in the evening division.

## Mikado Rehearsals Now Being Held For May Showing

Although the St. La Salle Play holds the spotlight at present in the plans of the La Salle Theatre, rehearsals are going ahead on schedule for the forthcoming performances of "The Mikado," Gilbert and Sullivan's musical treat planned for production in May.

Production will be under the direction of Louis Gagliardi '53. The Director of the Theatre, Mr. Willard Walsh, is considering the possibility of appointing Joseph Earley '51 to stage "The Mikado," making it an all-student production.

Wednesday evening, March 14, saw the singing of the first act, and, according to the Theatre Director, the performance was quite impressive. The production will be staged in the La Salle Auditorium and instrumental music will be furnished by the piano alone.

Directors of music for the forthcoming musical are Frank Perri and Raymond Saraceni. Both have had experience in the Music department of Southeast Catholic High School, Mr. Perri as assistant band director and Mr. Saraceni as a member of the band for four years. The latter was also director of the "Minstrels of 1948" presented by the high school. Perri is at present the director of American Legion Band No. 188 in South Philadelphia.

## Civil Service Jobs Open in Science, Librarian Fields

The United States Civil Service Commission is now accepting applications for positions in Science and Engineering fields and as Librarians. Those who are accepted will work in Washington, D. C. and vicinity.

The salary for chemist, physicist, metallurgist and engineer is \$3,100 and \$3,825; for mathematician and electronic scientist \$3,100 a year. Entrance salary for librarian is \$3,100 a year.

No written examination is required except for those who wish to become librarians.

Additional requirements for all applicants are appropriate educational background and experience.

Full information and application forms may be secured at most first and second class post offices, from Civil Service regional offices, or from U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

## SBK Elects Robertson National Vice-President

Glenn Robertson '49 was elected Vice-President of the Sigma Beta Fraternity at the National Conclave of the organization in Leonard Hall last week.

Thirty delegates from the five

chapters attended the fraternity's third national conclave.

Other officers who were elected were Gerry Mueller, Beta chapter, president; Michael Graney Epsilon, secretary; and Francis Shevlin, Epsilon, treasurer.

Robertson was president of La Salle's Gamma chapter during his senior year. At present, Robertson is assistant coach of the La Salle crew.

Five sessions were held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 22, 23, and 24. The order of business called for committee reports, nominations of national officers, discussions and constitutional changes.

### Visit Orphanage

Religious services included masses at Holy Child Church, 5200 N. Broad Street, and Cathedral of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, 18th and Parkway and stations of the cross in La Salle's chapel.

Also on schedule at the meeting was a visit to St. John's Orphanage and a tour of the La Salle campus.

The conclave ended on Saturday with a banquet in Leonard Hall and a party at the Fairmount Boat Club in the evening.

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## Kane Elected To Photo Post

John J. Kane '51, Editor of the Explorer and former Photographic Editor of the Collegian, was elected corresponding secretary of the Photographic Guild of Philadelphia on March 22.

Kane was also elected to the Board of Governors and chosen editor of "Highlights" the organization's new bulletin.

He was chosen corresponding secretary after declining the vice presidency.

Kane was a member of the Collegian Photography Staff for four years.

The Photographic Guild of Philadelphia is affiliated with the Photographic Society of America and the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain.

## Executive Board Elects Montemuro Dance Chairman

Michael Montemuro was elected General Chairman of the Sophomore Cotillion at the meeting of the Executive Board of the Class of '53 last week. Montemuro was unanimous choice for the job.

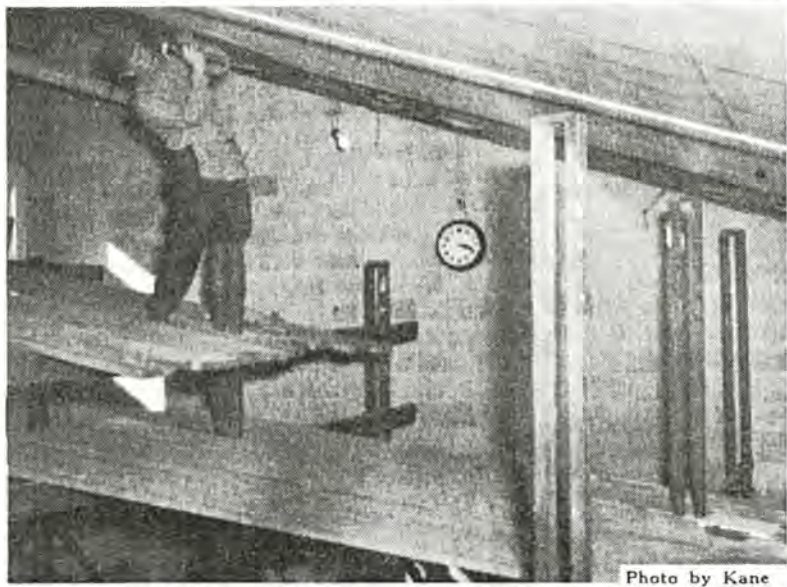
The Cotillion will be held on Friday, May 4, at the Bala Country Club. The dance will be informal and tickets will sell for \$3.00.

Working committees were also set up for the dance at the meeting. The Publicity Committee includes: Chairman James Sanzare, James Mallon, Leonard De Santis, and Miss Audrey Dracup.

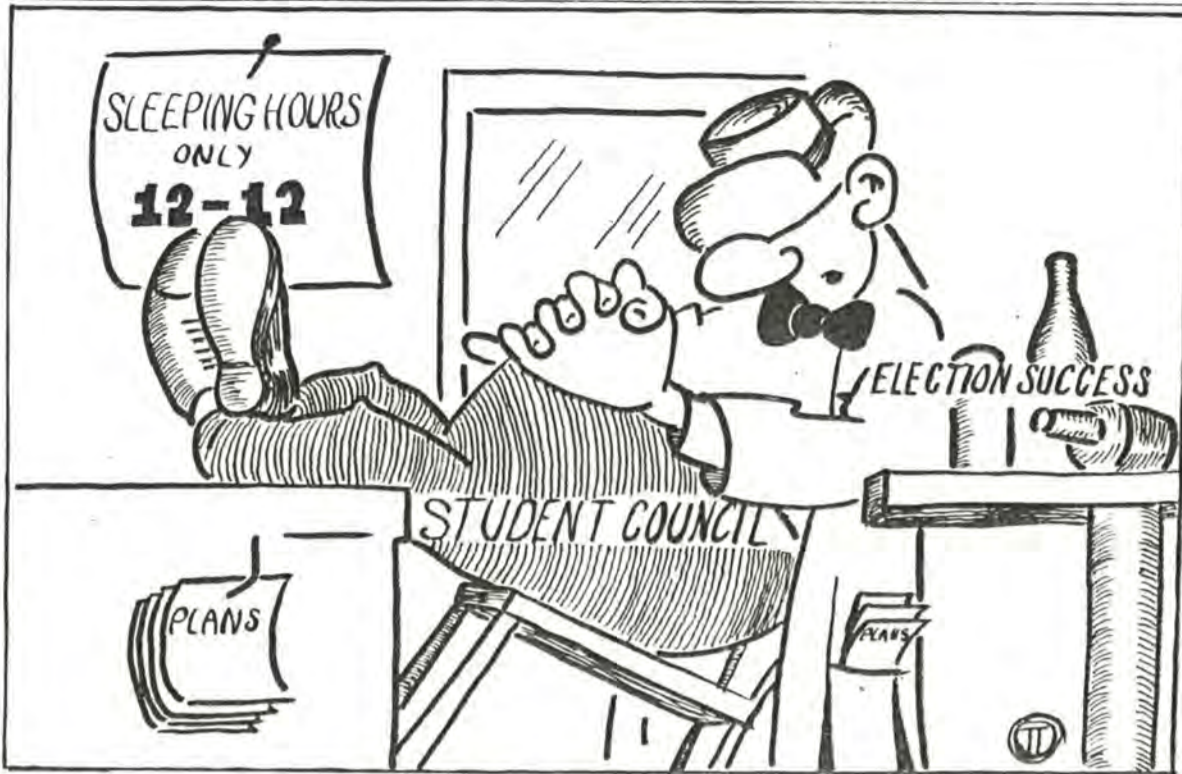
Chairman Mark Gavigan, William Murphy, John Magee, Michael McAndrew and James McDevitt make up the Decorations Committee.

### Schoos Program Chairman

The Program Committee is composed of Chairman James Schoos, Jeremiah Ryan, and Leonard DeSantis. The largest committee, Tickets, is under the chairmanship of Joseph Oesterle. Members of the ticket committee are: Francis Duffy, Peter Finley, William Kohler, Bart Brooks, Ernest Atella, John Fuddy, William Murray, Charles Day, Donald Gates, Joseph Perlstring, Anthony Polcino, George Reis, Paul Quinlan, Vito Valecce, Thomas Ward, Richard Kiley, and Julius Firavanti.



The new building under the west stands of McCarthy Stadium nears completion as a workman applies a layer of acoustic board to the ceiling.



# "Student Council"

By EUGENE McLOONE '51

(Editor's Note: The following article is the first of a series on campus organizations. Besides having been editor of the Collegian, McLoone has held the offices of vice-president of Student Council, secretary of the Class of 1951, regional secretary of the National Federation of Catholic College Students and has been active in campus organizations since Freshman year.

(The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of the staff.)

"Student Council is a farce." "Nothing is ever done between meetings." "Council hasn't done anything this year."

You might expect students and others on campus to say this. But you would never expect to hear Edward Murphy, senior class president, or William Ries, president of Student Council, express those opinions. Yet they did at a recent Council meeting.

In a discussion of what Council has done, these and other members pointed out why Council has failed to do anything constructive.

They took themselves to task for failure to enforce the laws against its own members; they criticized the president for failure to report back on what the administration has stated on the motions passed by Council;

This problem of communications is not limited to Council-administration but exists in all lines of Council's work, the members decided.

Four things are necessary for a successful student government. 1. A clear definition of powers; 2. an administration that wishes to see student government function; 3. an interested and informed student body; and 4. interested and competent student government officers.

Council last year requested a

change in the constitution that they believed would assure better student government officers. The faculty turned the request down. At the present time, the students elect men to run their class first and secondly to serve on the council. Few consider that the men will have more to do than run social events for the class, and Student Council members have found that running social events is the surest way to be re-elected. Therefore the whole blame can not be put on Council members if the officers are not competent. Their attendance at meetings this year has proven their interest.

The constitution gives the Council a clear definition of powers and the administration has shown its willingness to give students power when they prove they can handle it. An example of the administration's willingness is the freedom given to the Collegian.

How to get an interested student body is the biggest problem confronting Council. You can't do things the students want until you have their support and you won't have their support until you do the things they want.

It's the old vicious circle and no one can say which comes first; they both have to come at the same time. Council will try to do what you want. But first they have to know what you want. Write the Collegian letters telling them what you want.

Tell your philosophy or religion section representative what you want. Inform your class officers what you want. Demand an answer to your problems. Don't let them drop it half way; make them carry things out to the end.

At last you have a Council that is asking questions and this is the first step towards finding answers. Give them your problems; they'll find the answer.

## 5th Period Monologue

By FRANCIS TIERS '53

Why can't the teachers let us alone? College could be wonderful — basketball games, dances, stags, club meetings. . . . The way things are though, we have to hold ourselves down to two or three of these a week. Too much study, too many assignments. Not only this, but every once in awhile they even make us think!

We walked into a class the other day and the brother asked us of what perfect happiness consisted. So we told him what any fool knows: perfect happiness means having a million dollars, a beautiful blond, and an Olds 88.

For some reason he frowned and asked, "Ever hear of *Beatitude*?" At first we figured he was trying to snow us by using a foreign language. Seeing our puzzlement, he went on to explain that he had always thought of perfect happiness as the possession of heaven, the sight of God for all eternity.

"Oh sure," we replied, "we get you now. But that's strictly a long range operation. In the work-a-day world it's the Brooks Brothers suit that makes the difference; the pink convertible with the

dual exhausts. Now there's real joy.

The brother really winced when he heard that one. He certainly was a misinformed character. Then he asked us why we were going to college. We set him straight fast. To get a better job, of course. These days a high school diploma means about as much as a kindergarten certificate. But a college degree is the passport to fame and fortune.

You learn all kinds of things — accounting, business administration, sociology, history. You become cultured. Then when you go to the boss' house for dinner and the guests start talking about somebody like Cleopatra, you will be able to come up with something clever like "She sure was a good looking babe, wasn't she?" College is great. . . .

But the brother wouldn't give up. He kept saying that we went to college to sample the glories and failures of the past; to coordinate these with a thoughtful analysis of the present; to learn how to think things out. What a character.

## Film Fare

### U. S. S. Teakettle

Reviewed by Alex Takach '52

Each year in Hollywood a great number of comedies are produced by the many studios. Unfortunately, the mediocre films outnumber the good ones by a vast majority.

The Twentieth Century Fox studios seem to be far out in front of the other studios in the production of hilarious movies that have an unusual twist and original content.

Their newest laugh-getter, at the Fox, is entitled "U.S.S. Teakettle" and it is as funny as any of its predecessors. It deals with the problems of a group of "ninety-day wonders" and their efforts with a new type engine on a sub-chaser. Since the whole crew is inexperienced, innumerable problems arise. The plot is played strictly for laughs and the result is more than satisfactory.

Gary Cooper is excellent as the novice "skipper" of the vessel, while Eddie Albert, Jack Webb and Richard Erdman are equally effective as the other newly-commissioned officers. Jane Greer is seen briefly as Gary Cooper's wife, while that capable character actor, Mil-land Mitchell, ably portrays the only experienced seaman on the ship.

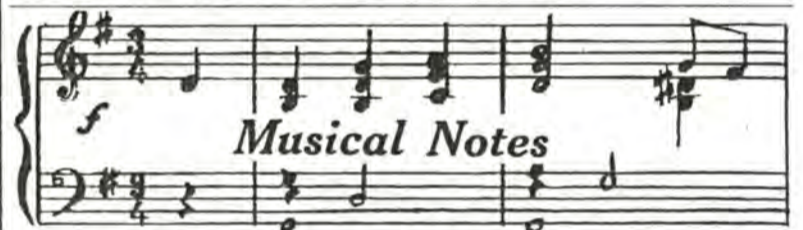
All in all, "U.S.S. Teakettle" is one of the finest and one of the most original comedies to come out of Hollywood.

### The Magnificent Yankee

Reviewed by Charles B. Smith '53

The increasing pessimism toward Hollywood's ability to produce anything worthwhile has been given quite a setback by the first-class film playing currently at the Aldine. *The Magnificent Yankee*, by Emmet Lavery, is the humorous and tender story of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., who, for thirty years, was an associate justice of the Supreme Court. Mr. Lavery has brought to the screen all of the artistry which made his play one of Broadway's "best-sellers." He has succeeded in making Holmes come back to life; he has captured the true feeling of human emotions.

If the playwright's characterizations are well done, the actor's interpretations are equally commendable. Louis Calhern, already an esteemed character actor, adds to his reputation by his fine portrayal of the title role. He can



## Baseballers Open With Rutgers on Friday



Three of last year's heavy hitters limber up for the season's opener against Rutgers on Friday. The batsmen are (l. to r.) Frank Murdock, outfielder; Joe Torrence, infielder; and Jack Molnar, outfielder.

### Explorers To Field Veteran Team Against Eastern Champs and Penn

The 1951 edition of the Explorer nine opens its season this Friday afternoon at home against a strong Rutgers nine, last years eastern representative to the N.C. A.A. baseball tournament at Texas.

The Blue and Gold will climax a tough inaugural week as they travel to River Field on Saturday to meet the well-drilled Penn nine of Howie Dallmar.

Rutgers will probably be the toughest team the Haeffnermen will come against this season. A hard-running nine, the squad from New Brunswick upset the dope last season by running through the Eastern N.C.A.A. playoffs mainly on their scrappy play.

#### Coached by George Case

The New Jersey nine is coached by George Case, the former base-stealing champ of the American League. Case has instilled the same antics into his college nine which made him so popular while with the Washington Senators, a few years back.

After winning the Eastern playoffs, a year ago, Rutgers advanced to the final round before being halted by the host Texas nine. In all these games, Rutgers stood out on the basepaths, averaging over five stolen bases a game.

#### 11 Veterans on Squad

Explorer Coach Bill Haeffner has been hampered in picking his full squad thus far due to the inclement weather but has announced that the team will have eleven returning lettermen and at least four newcomers. An additional four or five candidates will be picked before the game on Friday.

The starting team for the Rutgers game, but which is subject to change, will be composed of an all veteran lineup with Captain Moe Rudden holding the initial sack, Neil Phillips at second, Paul Curcio at third and Joe Torrence at shortstop. The probable starting outfield will have Frank Murdock in right, Jack Haggerty in center and Bill Molnar in left.

The starting battery has not as yet been announced. The hurling assignment will go to either Jim Coveillo or Herb McLaughlin, or possibly Haeffner may split the chores between the two men.

Bill Zwann and Jack George are about equal behind the plate and the starting nomination is still a toss-up. Zwann was the number one catcher last year.

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### Explorer Nine Elects Rudden Team Captain

Maurice "Moe" Rudden, stellar first basemen for Coach Bill Haeffner's nine, has been elected team captain for the 1951 season. Rudden was chosen to lead the Explorers by the eleven returning men from last year's squad at a special meeting held last week.

Rudden, a senior, will be starting his second season at the initial sack for the Blue and Gold nine when they open their season on Friday against Rutgers.

Although he boasts of only one year of experience on the squad, Moe is a talented performer and has shown as much ability in the pre-season workouts as any on the team.

In his initial campaign, Moe hit well over the .300 mark and was among the leaders in hits, walks, runs and runs batted in.

To go along with his stickwork, Rudden is a polished performer in the field. Standing six feet tall, he does not go as tall as most of the operatives around the bag, but he manages to handle anything that comes his way.

Moe is a graduate of West Catholic High and came to La Salle after fulfilling his obligations to Uncle Sam. Failure of his alma mater to sponsor a baseball team forced Moe to pick up his knowledge of the game while playing with the various sandlot nines in West Philly.

Baseball is the only varsity venture which Moe has attempted, but his activity in sports does not end there. Moe has played in both the Intramural football and basketball leagues. He was a member of the Draft Bait six which copped the football title and is one of the stellar performers for the Raiders, current hotshots in the basketball league.

Moe is also noted as one of the top flight performers on the hardwood court around the Philadelphia area. He is a top scorer with the Most Blessed Sacrament five, perennial champs of the CYA, and other independent clubs.

But it's on the diamond that the Explorers will be counting on the services of the bespectacled athlete as he leads the Haeffnermen into their tough 20-game schedule.

Any student who is interested in taking photographs for the Collegian, please contact one of the editors.

It is necessary for any prospective photographer to have his own camera and darkroom, for the paper has no equipment.

The Collegian will reimburse the student for film, paper, flashbulbs, and other necessary supplies.

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### Veteran Oarsmen Battle For Seats In Varsity Boat

La Salle College's crew hit the water for the first time during the Easter vacation and Coaches Jack Bratten and Glenn Robertson are sending the oarsmen through daily workouts for what should be the finest crew year at La Salle.

The coaches have two experienced crews holding forth on the Schuylkill River course. The two eights have been drilling side by side and the competition between the two eights is mounting each day.

Bratten and Robertson plan to drill the squad as two separate eights until shortly before inter-collegiate competition begins. At that time, the best eight men from the two boats will be united into the varsity squad for the first race on April 7. The remaining eight men will form the jayvee boat.

#### All Hands Experienced

Under the present system, the "apricot boat," coxswained by Dick Threlfall, is composed of Frank Stanton, Tom Waters, Lou Backe, Tom Conville, George Hines, Dick O'Brien, Herman Backe, and Len Fernandez. All these men have at least three years of experience behind them except Fernandez, who acquired his rowing ability last year with the La Salle freshman and the Malta Boat Club.

The "banana boat" consists of Tom McKinney, Larry Kelly, Harley Wynne, Bob Weinman, Bill Keiser, Frank Wuest, Bill and Herb Myers. Each of these men have had rowing experience before entering La Salle and at least one year experience as an Explorer oarsman.

With this veteran material available, Bratten and Robertson will be able to put out a top flight varsity eight and a jayvee eight that will give the varsity a good fight.

### Track Team Gains Laurels At Mid-Atlantic AAU Meet

The Explorers ended their indoor track season in great style as they won the Middle Atlantic AAU championship in rather handy fashion, scoring 23 points to 16 points for their nearest rival, Penn.

The title was the second major triumph within a week for the Blue and Gold speedsters who also won the Annual Spiked Shoe Meet last Saturday.

In the Mid-Atlantics at Camden, the thinclads took two first places and placed three scorers in the 50 yard dash. These efforts were enough to place the Explorers at the top of the heap over some of the finest indoor track teams in the East.

#### Walker Wins Dash

Flashy Joe Walker won his qualifying heat in the fifty yard dash and came back to sew things up in 0:05.3. Team-mates Joe Morrison and Jim Webb were right behind the front-running Walker.

The other first place winner was Jim Webb, constant performer throughout the season. Jim led the high-jumpers with a leap of 6 feet 2½ inches.

Charlie Peoples qualified in the 50 yard high hurdles but finished

third in the finals behind Brown of Lafayette and Gibbs of Lincoln. The winning time was 0:06.5.

Competition was stiff in the 600 yard run, with Joe Gaffney of Shanahan C.C. turning in a record-breaking time of 1:16.2. Joe Fricker and John Manning of La Salle were right on his heels but

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### Veteran Golfers To Form Nucleus Of Link Squad

With four veterans from last year's golf squad returning, prospects for an even better record than last season's impressive mark of nine victories out of fourteen matches appear to be very good.

Mr. Robert Courtney, returning as coach of the team after a year's leave of absence, said the brunt of the attack will be carried by the four returning lettermen. They are: Jim Finnegan, Fran Gannon, Joe Hughes, and John McGuigan. All of these men are quite consistent in posting low scores.

Finnegan and Gannon have been the standouts on the team for the last two years and are once more expected to carry the brunt of the attack for the linksmen. The two will hold the number one and two spots on the team.

The golfers will begin their season on April 11 against Temple at home. Thirteen other matches are listed for the coming campaign. All home meets will be held at the Melrose Country Club.

New candidates who are vying for the remaining berths on the Blue and Gold squad have been working out under the direction of Mr. Courtney on the Melrose course.

#### 1951 Track Schedule

April		
7, Sat.	Swarthmore	H
14, Sat.	Lincoln	H
21, Sat.	Seton Hall Relays	A
27, Fri.	Penn Relays	A
28, Sat.	Penn Relays	A
May		
1, Tues.	Muhlenberg & Temple	A
5, Sat.	Lafayette	A
8, Tues.	West Chester State Teachers College	A
12, Sat.	Georgetown	H
15, Tues.	St. Joseph	A
18, Fri.	Middle Atlantics	A
19, Sat.	Middle Atlantics	A
25, Fri.	IC4A	A
26, Sat.	IC4A	A

# Six Teams Enter Playoffs in Intramural Hoop League

After three months of frequent forfeits and postponements, the intramural playoffs have finally been arranged and will start tonight.

The delay in scheduling the playoffs came when the former intramural head, Mr. William Devlin, was recalled into the Marines, and his successor, Joe Kik, had to rearrange the remaining schedule due to so many postponed games during the regular season.

### Two Fives Undefeated

Two teams, the Raiders in Leonard Hall and the Whiz Kids in College Hall, both ended their season as undisputed champs of their respective divisions. But in the Benilde Hall division, the Ramblers, defending champs of the league and Bourgeoisie ended in a stalemate. Another tie occurred in McShain Hall where the Hub Dubs and the Ulcans ended with identical records.

The latter four teams will battle for the right to represent their respective leagues tonight. The Ramblers will be favored to cop the divisional crown in McShain Hall since they are kingpins in the league. In the other divisional play the nod goes to the Ulcans because of their steady and consistent play all season.

On tomorrow night's agenda, the winners of tonight's games will fight it out for a spot in the finals. In the other tilt, an undefeated string will come to an end when the undefeated Raiders tackle their toughest opponent of the season, the Whiz Kids, also in the all-victorious class.

The Raiders stand the best chance of knocking the Ramblers from the top rung which they have occupied.

The Raiders have been the most impressive club in the loop and get the vote of the team with the best chance of uprooting the championship stakes of the Ramblers.

The Raider's aggregation is composed of Moe Rudden, Jim Covello, Jack McKay, Tom Quigley, Bob Vasoli and Lefty Di Hensil, each capable of leading the scoring attack.

But to stand a chance of getting a crack at the Ramblers, the Raiders must get by the Whiz Kids tomorrow night. The Kids are a tall, hustling group of sophs who seem confident of keeping their winning streak intact and going all the way. They are led by 6'8" Bob Wadlinger and the scrappy play of Joe McGrath, both of whom have paced the strong offensive attack of the soph five.

## Baseball

(Continued from Page Five) one receiver last season and has the edge in experience over George but the latter hits the longer ball of the two.

Haefner may give the assignment to George in the Rutgers game since the sophomore has the strong arm needed to curb the base running of Rutgers.

The Blue and Gold schedule lists twenty games, nine home and eleven on the road. For the first time in Explorer history the baseball teams will make an overnight trip, playing Baltimore on April 7 and Bolling Field in Washington, the following day.

Newcomers to the schedule this year besides Rutgers include Baltimore, Bolling Air Force, St. John's of Brooklyn, Georgetown and Haverford.

The only team the Explorers will play more than once is St. Joseph's. The games with the Hawks are on a home and away basis. In last year's series, each team captured one game.

## Track

(Continued from Page Five) With the probable loss of George Dukes, the consistent cross-country winner, Coach Wetzler will have to unearth another running mate for Jack McKay in the two mile run. Dukes is on the questionable list with an injury.

Besides their efforts in the hurdles, Captain Curran and Webb also give performances in the 100 yd. dash and the high jump. Jim Webb is the current holder of the hurdle and high jump titles in the MAC.

Together in the 100 yd. and 200 yd. dashes are Joe Morrison and Clem Verdeuer. Harry Agnew and Joe Fricker are the entrants of Frank Wetzler in the 400 yd. sprint. Fricker is also in the 880 yd. race. Classed as competitors in the one mile and two mile events respectively are Jack McKay and Don Sharp.

The shot and discus men are Bill Gaynor and Joe Martin. The pole vault try will fall on the shoulders of Joe Lappin. And to help Webb in the high jump are Alex Woodley and Tom Gallegher.

## Year Book

(Continued from Page One) of the groups. There will be no large group pictures in the annual. Only photographs of a small number of students at an affair will be used.

Along with the completed work on the senior and faculty sections, the section on campus views, which consists of ten pages is also completed.

An innovation in this year's Explorer will be a four year review of the activities of the Class of 1951. The last pages of this review will contain pictures of senior week and the commencement in June.

The remainder of the work on the annual, with the exception of the four year review and spring sports will be completed by mid April, Kane said.

## SBK

(Continued from Page Three) Brother G. Paul, president; Brother E. Stanislaus, dean; Brother F. Cyril, moderator of Gamma Chapter and chairman of the conclave; John Kelly, director of Public Relations; Dr. Joseph Flubacher and C. Francis Sullivan were guests at the banquet. Brother Paul and Brother Stanislaus had earlier addressed the opening session of the conclave.

Delegates were present from Alpha Chapter, St. Bernard's College, St. Bernard, Alabama; Beta, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.; Gamma, La Salle College; Delta, St Francis College, Loretto Pennsylvania; and Epsilon, Manhattan College, New York City.

John Falzetta '51 and Glenn Robertson '49 were the La Salle delegates.

## Meet

# Bobby Connor

By SKIP LARGAY '52

If we were to head this item, "Meet Mr. Sports," the use of the old cliché would be acceptable. For Bobby Connors has continually shown such an overwhelming interest in all phases of that field (until the recent development of a rather interesting sideline in the Greater Northeast), that he has had very little time at all for collecting sea-shells or trolley-car transfers.

Bob is more or less in the "Mighty Mite" class, standing 5'6", and weighing approximately 165. His slightly diminutive proportions have not hindered him in intramural sports, and during the last two seasons he has put on his act in the practice field, tossing quite a few for the Ramblers, three times champs.

Worthy of some mention are his activities on the basketball floor. Both Drager AA in the Philadelphia League and Most Blessed Sacrament in the CYA carry his name on their active player roster. MBS has copped the district title three times in the last four years, and ran up a string of thirty-four victories which was recently snapped.

Unlike the average unattached young sports fan, Bobby presents an impeccable example of sartorial elegance when attending various sporting functions. Lately he has been featuring tab ("Connie Mack") collars and regimental ("Ivy") striped ties.

Taking the easy way out, we could say that his general appearance is Irish: black hair (slightly curly), blue eyes, and, we imagine,

freckles in the summertime (details of which are sorely lacking.)

Quietly personable, he rarely mentions his personal exploits during conversations, but always seems to be giving other performers a healthy plug.

In his high school days at West Catholic, Bobby was active on the football team during the '43, '44, and '45 seasons, acting in the dual capacity as quarter and halfback, and was known to be no slouch in either of those positions.

After being graduated in 1945, Connors attended Valley Forge Military Academy, and played there with Ed Carr, who now travels with the Los Angeles professional club. Competent observers have remarked that Bobby's performance was along the same general level of excellence.

During his Freshman and Sophomore years, Bob held the position of Assistant Coach under Bill McCoy at his alma mater, and contributed to that outfit's successful season in no small way. Starting this spring (and ending then, too, if Uncle Sam follows through), Bobby will take up these same duties at St. Thomas More, again assisting McCoy as back-field coach.

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# Side Lines

By JOHN DI SANGRO '52

The baseballers inaugurate their campaign this Friday and if they can get through the first two days of the season unbeaten, it is almost certain that this coming year's record will be much more impressive than the 4-10 catastrophe of last season.

Another inauguration will be held in conjunction with the baseball opener. New stands have been set up along the first base line for the convenience of the students.

Let's hope the baseball squad does not falter the way it did last year. After they scored impressive victories over Penn, St. Joe and Scranton in their first three games, they hit the skids and went on to lose ten straight before winning their final tilt.

If the practice sessions are any indication of the coming baseball season, only good things lie ahead. The spirit and hustle of the players has been 1-A from the start. Coach Bill Haefner has been having trouble getting his boys to end practice sessions. They want to go on and on.

Congratulations to our indoor track team on winning their second successive championship within a week. Two weeks ago they won the annual University of Pennsylvania Spike and Shoe Meet, with Joe "Flash" Walker winning the most valuable award. They came right back last week to take first honors in the Mid-Atlantic A.A.U. meet at Camden, N. J.

## AAU Meet

(Continued on Page Five) found Gaffney's performance just a little bit too good.

### Upset in Relay

The Explorers ruled as high favorites going into the mile relay, but a red hot group of teachers from West Chester pulled the upset of the meet, cooling off the Explorers with a 3:43.2 performance. La Salle's B squad finished third behind the Teachers and the A quartet in the hotly-contested race.

Only two Explorers competed in the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming Championships held at Yale. Bob Fitzgerald competed in the 100-yard breaststroke and finished fourth against the cream of the crop. La Salle's other entry, Pat Kennedy, missed qualifying in both the one- and two-meter dive by less than a point each time.

The All-City team was published last week by the Philadelphia Basketball Writers and showed two Explorers on the first team. Jim Phelan was chosen for the third successive year, giving him seniority over the other nine. Stellar soph Jack George was the other recipient of first team honors.

Norm Grekin was the only other Explorer to receive any votes. Norm was given honorable mention by the scribes.

The Associated Press All-State five was also selected. None of the Explorers received first team honors. Jack George and Jim Phelan were nominated to the second team.

## OSP Game

(Continued from Page Two) eight man team against the Student five. This enabled them to score 18 points in a wild second half which saw Mr. George Swoyer spend a good deal of the time off his feet. Swoyer and Mr. Joseph Grassi of the Faculty Eight had four personals. Jack Haggerty '51 and Tom Scottille '53 were referees.

Scoring:	FG	F	P
Mr. De Angelis	0	0	0
Mr. Sweeney	2	0	4
Mr. Grassi	1	1	3
Mr. Markman	2	0	4
Mr. Rooney	0	2	2
Mr. Kirk	1	0	2
Mr. Swoyer	3	0	6
Mr. Brunner	0	0	0
Mr. Brown	1	1	3
Rudden '51	3	0	6
McKay '52	1	0	2
Ford '52	0	2	2
Mangan '53	0	0	0
Morton '54	0	1	1
Licia '51	2	0	4
Wynne '52	5	0	10
Faire '54	1	0	2
Gavin '52	1	0	2
Di Sangro '52	1	1	3
Garvey '51	3	1	7



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# New Behrman Play Best Of Three Phila. Tryouts

by JOHN KEENAN '52

It would be easy to say that S. N. Behrman's new opus, *Let Me Hear the Melody*, is a prime example of the kind of urbane writing that has made the playwright an American favorite. That is much too easy; critics have always called Behrman's work "urbane" and "sophisticated." This reviewer will try to avoid application of those two terms here, a venture somewhat akin to offering to fight someone with one hand tied behind your back.

*Melody* is top-flight twentieth century comedy of manners. The playwright is concerned with the problem created in trying to fit the artist into modern society. The artist is represented by novelist Sayre Nolan (Melvyn Douglas) and the machine-like nature of present-day society is represented by Hollywood, but more specifically by producer Sig Ratchett (Morris Carnovsky) and director Alvin Connors (Anthony Quinn). Nolan comes to Hollywood after years of inactivity. He is the has-been who is seeking a come-back. He finds a champion in movie star Esme Smith (Cloris Leachman) who insists that Nolan be hired to re-write her part in a script about Napoleon.

Characters like novelist Nolan and composer Vincent Bendix (Mike Kellin) bear more than a little resemblance to F. Scott Fitzgerald and George Gershwin. The resemblance is probably intentional on the playwright's part, since he takes pains to point it up by using unpublished works by the Gershwins to represent the work

of composer Bendix in the play.

Many of the lines in the comedy are gems of satire. When the novelist exits on a particularly philosophic line, the producer turns to the director and says, "You know, Al, we ought to keep our eye on that fella. He sounds like he might be a Communist." Behrman has one of his characters sum up the American public by saying, "They don't want to see; they just want to look!"

The actors evidently delight in delivering Mr. B's lines and this results in a number of first-rate performances. Morris Carnovsky as the Hollywood tycoon is well-nigh perfect; J. Edward Bromberg as writer Manny Korvin and Mike Kellin as the young composer are on the same level of excellence. These secondary character roles are so well done as to almost obscure the headliners, Melvyn Douglas as the novelist and Anthony Quinn as the director. Both of these are accomplished actors and play their parts accordingly. However, Mr. Douglas suffers from a rather stiff position on stage; at times we sympathetic souls in the audience felt sorry for his seeming pain in the back.

Cloris Leachman adds glamour and enthusiasm to the role of Esme and Mary Welch gives an Eve Arden slant to the character of Liza, Esme's friend and boon companion.

The whole thing added up to a very funny play about not-so-funny theme; the plight of the sensitive artist in highly efficient and mechanized society we live in today.

## "Gramercy Ghost"

John Cecil Holm's new comedy, *Gramercy Ghost*, should be seen by all serious students of the theater and all would-be playwrights. Act One is a perfect example of the playwright who battles the problem of exposition and loses the battle. As a result, the first act drags immeasurably and a promising comedy gets off on the wrong foot. Future Playwrights of the World, "pray you avoid it."

Comedy via the ghost route has a lot of disadvantages. Point One: the movies and the "Topper" stories have worn the gimmick to a frazzle. Point two: the real flesh and blood of the actor is evident regardless of how clever the lighting may be, and we have the problem of actors onstage trying to look right through the "ghost" as though he weren't there. This is a device for dramatic irony in its crudest form. Point three: the playwright has to explain who the ghost is, why he is still hanging around and why he isn't where he should be, wherever that is. Conclusion: too many problems for a completely successful undertaking.

The plot of *Gramercy Ghost* bears a vague resemblance to most other ghost stories. Nancy Willard (played by Sarah Churchill) inherits the spirit of Nathaniel Coombes, a Revolutionary War soldier. Coombe (Richard Waring) has been doomed to spend his days in Gramercy Park because General Washington will not let him into Heaven; it seems that the poor ghost didn't fulfill an errand he was given because he en-

countered a comely young wench in a tavern.

Nathaniel is visible only to Nancy and naturally much confusion results, with Nancy finally falling in love with a young newspaperman (Robert Sterling) and giving stuffy boy friend Parker Burnett (Robert Smith) the well-known brush-off. You knew it all the time, didn't you?

Author Holm is faced with getting all this background about ghosts and inheritances and such over to the audience in the first act. It is a slow and tortuous ordeal and Richard Waring as the ghost does not help matters any with his stylized hamming of the role. Sarah Churchill, she of the famous papa, has a winning stage personality and makes a thoroughly competent Nancy Willard. But the real star of the show is not Miss Churchill but good-looking movie star Robert Sterling. As newspaperman Charlie Stewart, Sterling is one of the best things about the show. Robert Smith as Parker Burnette is funny throughout.

The play never requires much thought and the situations are only mildly surprising. I was reminded of the comic strips: you always know what is coming next but you keep on reading and laughing anyway. This is the kind of thing the movies do very well. At movie prices it is not so bad, but with theater prices the way they are, one feels that there should have been free refreshments between the acts or a trapeze act before the opening curtain.

## "Make A Wish"

If I were one of the producers of *Make A Wish*, I'd be worried. This very lavish musical comedy must represent a considerable thinning of the bankrolls of said entrepreneurs, and chances for a successful Broadway run look mighty slim from here.

A host of fabulous names are involved in this show, but not even an excellent drawing card like Nanette Fabray can make up for the deficiencies in a very tired book

and a pleasant but undistinguished musical score.

The new musical comedy attempts to recreate the "naughty-but-nice" atmosphere that is part of Paris' reputation. Although there are a few bright moments, too many stretches of dull dialogue and bewhiskered gags make plenty of rewriting imperative if this is to be a money-maker in New York.

*Make A Wish* is, however, always a treat for the eyes. Gower Cham-

pion's exciting dance sequences are nothing short of brilliant, and the entire production benefits from Raoul Pene DuBois' colorful settings and costumes.

Color and sensationalism are valuable attributes to any good musical but they are not important enough to be made ends in themselves. It seems to be the fashion of current stage musicals to follow the Hollywood formula: as many big names as possible plus a lush production equals success. This is the kind of thinking that has been responsible for some of Hollywood's monstrosity musicals, and the Broadway Bunch will do well to avoid it. It might be good business at the start, but it is nothing

less than artistic prostitution and mark my words, kiddies, no good will come of it.

What got me off on that? Well, anyway, it's better than trying to give the, quote, plot, unquote, of *Make A Wish*. The less said about movie-man Preston Sturges abortive attempt at a book the better. Melville Cooper, Heien Gallagher and Franklin Pangborn try valiantly for laughs but get little assistance from their lines.

The show's biggest "yuks" come from a scene in which hardly a line is spoken; another of Champion's brilliantly conceived dance numbers. The scene is a Parisian department store on the day of the

annual sale. Customers enter one by one and in small groups until hilarious pandemonium and frantic dancing fills the stage.

Hugh Martin's music is pleasing but again, it is not enough to carry the show without a book. There are some twenty-five musical numbers in all. *Suits Me Fine* and *Over and Over* look like the best bets for popularity, but Miss Fabray's rendition of *I Wanna Be Good 'n Bad* and Melville Cooper's comical *She's Not in a Class With You* are big assets to the show.

This is basically a good show but the present production leaves too much to be desired. Sorry—but "Thumbs Down."

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Meet

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SBK  
President

By JOHN KEENAN

When you think of Atlantic City, you think of a lot of other things: swimming, beach, boardwalk, Miss America, Steel Pier . . . unless you're a fraternity member. Then you think of John Falzetta, SBK prexy and chief playboy from the Playground of the World.

There are a lot of females around who can think of more unpleasant tasks than thinking of Johnny. Mr. F. is what is known as a "cool cat," which means he is a mighty sharp gentleman in all respects.

The Gavel was perhaps the first society to discover just how sharp a character John is. His glib tongue and keen wit helped win many a debate last year. Since taking over the top post in SBK, John has brought fresh life to that organization. Besides these duties, he has consistently participated in the past activities of the Economics Club, his major studies being in that subject.

One might wonder how a student could be so active in all these

clubs and retain his sanity, let alone make good grades. John has continued to make excellent grades; no testimonials are avail-



able regarding his sanity, excepting a few negative remarks from persecuted "goats."

"Likeable" is an overworked word if ever there was one, but where John Falzetta is concerned it is hard to avoid it. Smiling, intelligent, I must use it—likeable—are the terms that sum up one of La Salle's most distinguished students.



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