

THE SEMESTER AS WE SEE IT

The first semester of the '71-'72 school year has proven quite eventful. To open the year, new administration greeted the students and Coach Stephenson learned that it's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game, that counts. Cross Country opened their successful season. Student government members attended their first seminar held by the Youth Coalition of St. Joe County.

October was election month as Booster Club and Senior Class chose those designated few to lead the two most active and prosperous groups in the school. Student Government proved that ten queens are better than one, and the student body showed that they were really together (amid city wide trouble).

The Lions' greatest upset in history stole November as LaSalle

was victorious over Washington's state ranked team. Drama Club made their debut of the season with the smash hit comedy "Robin Hood Capers." "This could be the start of something big" was the basketball team's motto as they opened what appears to be a fairly successful season to close out November.

Basketball definitely dominated December as the team racked up

some of their more impressive victories, including wins twice against Adams, one which included the Holiday Tourney Trophy. Although competing with basketball is tough, LaSalle's newest sports addition, a hockey team, started off their first season.

January saw more of the same as in December, except for the disappointing loss to Penn. Sophomore health classes were added

to the long list of active groups in the school by adopting mental health patients at Beatty Memorial Hospital. The Debate Team continued their winning ways by taking top honors at several tourneys. The tankers, much improved over previous seasons, secured an even record by defeating Riley. And the wrestlers, who have been strong all along, took the NIVC trophy for LaSalle, and added four individual NIVC champs.

So, there you have it, sports fans, the first semester as we see it. If you don't happen to be a sports fan, it hasn't been much of a year thus far, but cheer up. There's still the proms, and then graduation, and who knows what else might happen at this hyperactive school of ours.

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Howard White and Posey Doherty are among several LaSalle students who participated in a forum of the Indiana Counselors Association at the Continuing Education Building at Notre Dame on January 22. LaSalle was the only local school singled out for participation.



What is the most numerous, unique, and unbelievably popular program on TV today? Whatever it is, it probably doesn't run a close second to Beyond Our Control. (and you know it don't)

Yes, "that crazy show", as some describe it, has returned to the air each Saturday at 5:30 p.m. on Channel 16 for its fifth season. The first show, for those of you who missed it, curse you, was last Saturday. And it was a smash.

Featured on last week's show was a parody of the Double Creature Feature that no one should've missed.

Beyond Our Control of course is a product of the Junior Achievement company WJA-TV, sponsored by the well-loved WNDU-TV.

Twenty-five students participate in WJA-TV, two of which are

Is Back on the Air

By Bob Morton

loyal LaSallites, who for reasons of personal security wish to remain known. Julie Ratkiewicz and Bob Morton both have the privilege of belonging to this unique company. Take a bow. The other twenty three insecure individuals come from Adams, Jackson, Riley, St. Joe and Mishawaka High.

Along with two WNDU directors this company goes through all the hell a regular television company goes through in producing a program except on a smaller scale. They are even trained to operate the priceless equipment at the WNDU-TV studios to produce

the show. Creating the script, selling the commercial spots... all this is done in their spare time.

Anyway, coming up Saturday will be a parody of Porter Wagner that should not be missed. The show called, "The Porter Mulehole Show" stars of course Porter Mulehole and his band, "The Mulekissers," with "Miss Dolly Sweet" and other appropriate countryish stars.

If you don't believe this is possible on television, you will. That's Saturday at 5:30 p.m. on channel 16. You won't rest after you've seen the best.



Mr. Jim Bell of Balfour Jewelers is shown making out orders for class rings in the new cafeteria. Mr. Bell took the orders for underclassmen on January 20.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB FORMED

An opportunity to express and exchange writing ideas is the purpose of the newly organized creative writing club. This club gives those students who have completed a creative writing course a chance to continue their writing.

Meetings are held every other Monday each month after school in room 170. During this time, members read aloud what they have written: such things as short stories, poems, etcetera, and then receive comments of encouragement from other members. Sponsored by Mrs. Myers, the creative writing instructor, the club consists of around 20 members. Officers elected to preside for this year are: President, Faye Purucker; Vice president, Melissa Gard, and secretary, Rita Hollis.

The club is now in the process of working on the publication of Keyhole of the Mind, the creative writing booklet. Selections for this booklet are chosen by the club from articles submitted by creative writing course students whose articles are also on display at the

South Bend Community School Corporation Administration Building. The booklet is put together by volunteer work of club members and Mr. Majewski's office

training students.

Anyone who has completed a course in creative writing or anyone who wishes to visit a meeting is cordially invited to attend.



Creative Writing Club officers from left to right: Rita Hollis, Melissa Gard, Faye Purucker. (See creative writing examples, page 3.)

Black Culture Society Prepares Performance for Black History Week

In honor of the oncoming Black History Week, LaSalle's Black Culture Society is giving a performance for the student body on Tuesday, February 15.

The Society's performance of skit is in the form of poetry and will be dealing with the black philosophy of today.

Seniors Sherry Shane and Carolyn Wilson serve as the student directors of the project.

The Black Culture Society came into being at LaSalle just this year when a number of black students expressed a desire to form a group such as this to Mr. McIver who volunteered for sponsorship.

FREE SCHOOL RIDE FOR ALL

In the South Bend School System, each parent has to pay taxes to keep the schools functioning properly. The usual expenses such as heating, cooling, lighting, water, etc., are being at least partially paid for by out parents.

Another needed expense is that of bussing into school students who live outside the city limits. These students cannot be expected to provide their own transportation to school because of the added expenses and inconvenience that might occur if he had to, indeed, get his own. A student is considered by the corporation to get this free ride to school every day if he lives outside the city limits.

Why is he so special? What of the student who lives in the city limits and may be living even further away from the school than his fellow student, but has to ride the city bus for twenty cents each way? This student's parents, who pay taxes for school expenses, including bussing the outer limit students into school, are indirectly paying double. This is obviously ridiculous. The money should be spent on all students who live farther than a certain number of miles away from school. The city limits should play no part in setting the boundaries.



By Vic Yeandel

In this day of radicalism and social revolution our society is still medieval when it comes to the question of discrimination against the people with last names that begin with letters in the latter part of the alphabet. These poor souls have been getting the wrong end of the stick ever since kindergarten. Everyone must remember the mistreated boys and girls who always sat in the back of the class or who were always last in everything. How do the school systems expect to create ambition and competitiveness in the classroom when one-third of the students start with two strikes against them? How do school systems expect this large student minority to achieve anything but massive inferiority complexes? These two questions cannot and will not be answered by educational systems because they still treat one-third of the students of America as second class citizens.

But recently there has been a rumble in the back of the classroom. Students suppressed and down-trodden since their first day of school are sick of being pushed around by the establishment and are ready to strike back. These students have formed a group called the SAAP—Students Against Alphabetical Preference. This group is dedicated to stomping out all forms of alphabetical prejudice and preference. The SAAP has created a list of demands and they are:

1. That all computer print-outs shall start with Z and go backwards towards A.
2. That alphabetical roll call be stopped.
3. That alphabetical seating charts be abolished. (or any type of seating charts.)
4. That all telephone directories, student directories, etc. be changed to begin with Z and end with A.
5. That all home rooms containing students whose last names begin with O through Z should be admitted to the pep assemblies, study halls, and events in the auditorium first.
6. That more teachers be hired with last names that begin with the letters Q through Z.
7. That there will be no alphabetical preference in the issuing of text books or the scheduling of classes.

If the school system fails to meet these demands it will mean a massive and complete SAAP walk-out and boycott of schools. The only thing worrying SAAP leaders is whether or not they will be missed.

CATCH

KOTCH

By Celeste Petelle

The older generation and the younger - that's what makes the world, and this is what Kotch is all about.

Tender, funny, and touching this movie portrays Joe Kotcher as an old man who is constantly rambling on about something or other. Kotcher lives with his son and daughter-in-law and acts as their babysitter.

Trying to ease him out of his position, Joe's children hire another babysitter, Erica, who gets into trouble.

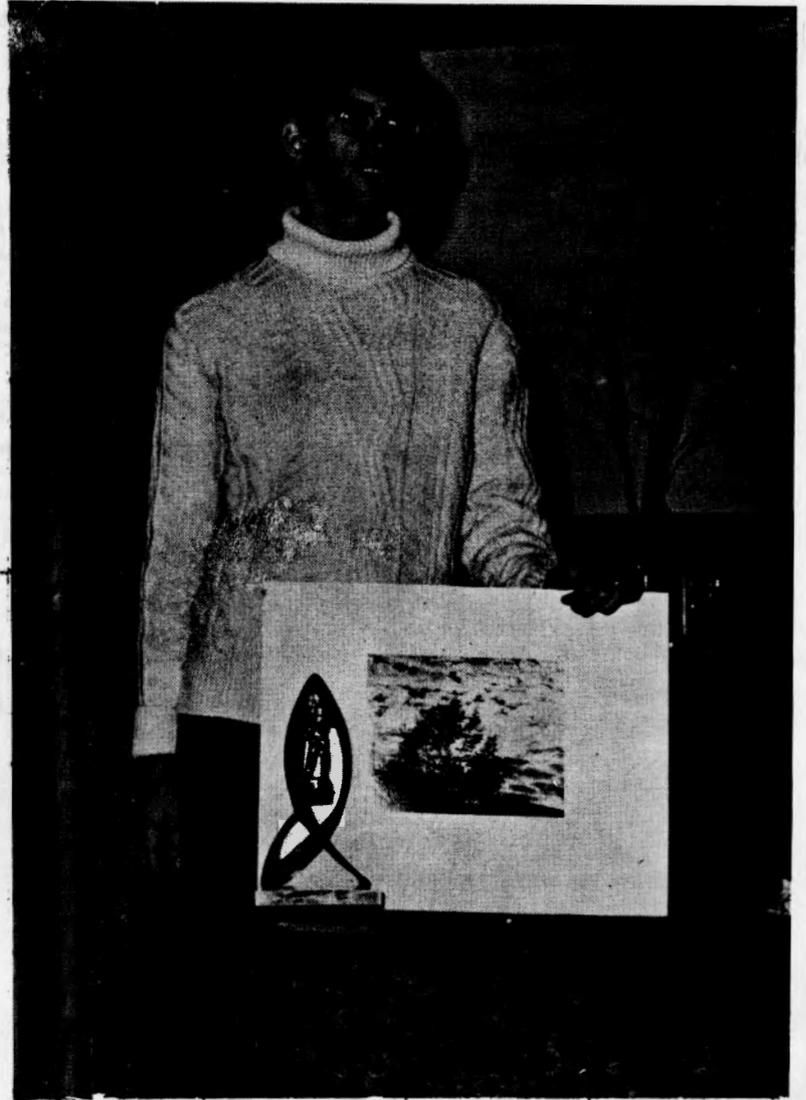
Joe Lotcher befriends her and the rest is a tender tale of the older and younger generation working together.

Erica is a bitter, lonely person. She takes money from Joe and leaves. Meanwhile Joe Kotcher is sent to an old folks home by Jerry and Wilma. (son and his wife)

Leaving the home in search of Erica he buys a small home near the desert. After finding her they come back to the desert and live together.

Soon Erica leaves again only to remain lost to Joe forever.

In the end Joe lives on alone remembering the younger and older generation when they worked together.



Senior Bill Rupe displays the photograph that won him a first place trophy in experimental photography at a Journalism Seminar held on the Notre Dame campus, January 15.

OPEN FORUM

It always has been sort of "in" to criticize the government, and so it is here at LaSalle. I have heard a few comments such as, "the Student Government is not doing a thing!" These people are misinformed and must not be interested enough or they could easily find out that 1) The 1972 Student Government has put on one of the most successful dances that LaSalle has ever seen. 2) The student government has organized human relations groups that have gotten together to discuss and argue current issues, school rules, and prejudices between blacks and whites (these have proved successful.) 3) The Student Government has amended the constitution, and has been ratified within the Student Government, and lastly the Student Government invited members of Washington High School Student Council to come and learn more about our government and enable them to set up a model to it next year. (They were very impressed)

I know this year hasn't been totally successful as far as the gov't is concerned. It had been hard to get the members to work. Its apparent to me that a good percent of the government ran for office as a test of their popularity. Well, now they're in and not doing a damn thing! I plead of you to find out who your representatives and Senators are, find out if they're doing the job you think they should. If they are not you can get them out by means of petition and get someone in that WILL work! Its your Student Government and you can do alot to improve it.

Nanci Delmore

I have a complaint!
You hear on the P.A. system that homeroom will be extended five minutes, and will be dismissed by the P.A.

Well, why doesn't it then? It's not all the students fault because they're in a hurry to get out of H.R. Some teachers don't make students listen to the P.A. but make them stay in H.R., so instead they leave when the buzzer goes off.

The teachers who make their students wait, I congratulate them! The students who wait for the P.A. dismissal are almost late and the ones who are, are marked late, is this right? Who are we to follow, teachers or students??

A Junior

P.T.A. INVITATION TO ALL LASALLITES

LHS students have been specially invited to attend the upcoming P.T.A. meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, at LaSalle.

According to Mrs. Blount, P.T.A. publicity chairman, the Tuesday program will consist of a demonstration of the minor sports at school performed by athletes in the program.

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THE PENCILS ARE PUSHING AGAIN

IF JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME

If Johnny comes marching home again, from Nam, from Nam
If Johnny comes marching home again, from Nam, from Nam

No one will cheer
Nobody will shout
He'll find that his friends
are all trippin' out

And everybody's gonna be gay, if Johnny comes marching home.
If Johnny comes marching home again, from Nam, from Nam
If Johnny comes marching home again, from Nam, from Nam.

He won't know his father
He won't love his mom,
To some he's a brother
To others a Tom.

And everything is gonna be changed, if Johnny comes marching home.
If Johnny comes marching home again, from Nam, from Nam
If Johnny comes marching home again, from Nam, from Nam.

He won't have no money
He won't find no work.
Since he's fought our battles
Some think he's a jerk.

It's really no great wonder that, Johnny don't wanna come home.

Mike St. Clair

GRASS

Grass! I had heard so much about it from friends and television
that I knew I had to try it. All the doors were locked. No one was
home. I decided to try it.

I reached into my drawer and pulled out the pipe I had bought
this afternoon. Out came my grass. My friends said I would only need
a little—a half ounce was more than enough.

I lit up, inhaled. Immediately I was coughing and gagging, and
the pipe went out. I lit up and tried again. The same, I just couldn't
understand it. After a half an hour of smoking, I still wasn't high.
It must be me. Was it possible that it just wouldn't affect me? I
knew the grass was good—I had just mowed the lawn that afternoon.

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TRY OUT

Difficult, tiring
Trying, working, hustling
Coach, uniforms, players, hope
Thinking, wandering, worrying
Practice, list
Cut

Jim Wroblewski

I am...

...a selfish, self-centered creature
because I exist
...a young child
...a shallow pool with deep
drop offs
...the essence of happiness
unrefined to purify
...a forgiving child who
gets new burns over old
scars
...one, of myself, unrepeated
of, to, by others
...a freedom, uncopied by
others
...a death of thousands of
seconds of time
...a trust, places by all
I know
...a secret, unlearned, unknown by
anyone

Patty Crabill

SENIORS

Crazy, wild
Hoping, joking, striving
Students, voters, leaders, tops
Praying, leaving, crying
Graduated, free
Adults

Elaine Smith

TREES

Small, New
Reaching, extending, growing
Limbs, buds, flowers, leaves
Aging, maturing, developing
Paper, boards
Gone

Lynn Keplin

THE DESTRUCTION OF A CONSCIENCE

I hate you
when you become angry
with your catty friends,
For you are no better.

I hate you
when you pass by the lonely
and rationalize while you shrug
your shoulders,
For I am lonely, too.

I hate you
when you spend your money
on little trivialities,
For I am the one stricken with
guilt.

I hate you
when you hide from life
avoiding its problems,
For you are on the edge of
apathy.

I hate you
when you close your mind
and take sides,
For I am the one you side
against.

I hate you
when you refuse to listen
to your brother,
For I am also in need of an ear.

Harboring such hate
can only lead to (the)
Destruction
(of me)

Faye Purucker

ROSES

Oh say can you see
The rows of dead roses.
Oh say can you see
The gray smokey air.
Oh say can you see
The people are fighting.
Oh say can you see
The rockets red glare.
Oh say can you see
The building, there falling.
Oh say can you see
The end is near.
Oh say can you see
The people are dying.
Oh say can you see
The roses are dead.

By Jeff Grauel

A REFUSAL TO PRAY

The weight in my skull
Takes me to my knees
But I refuse to pray.

The days grow longer,
The weight heavier,
And Holy words
Ring loud in my ear.
As ignorance is ignoring,
So shall I be
Ignorant and alone.

Bob Morton

TODAY

Today is time for a change
Turmoils are taking over our town.
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twisted-up society needs.

Tomorrow is too late. Tenseness
Walks the town tonight.

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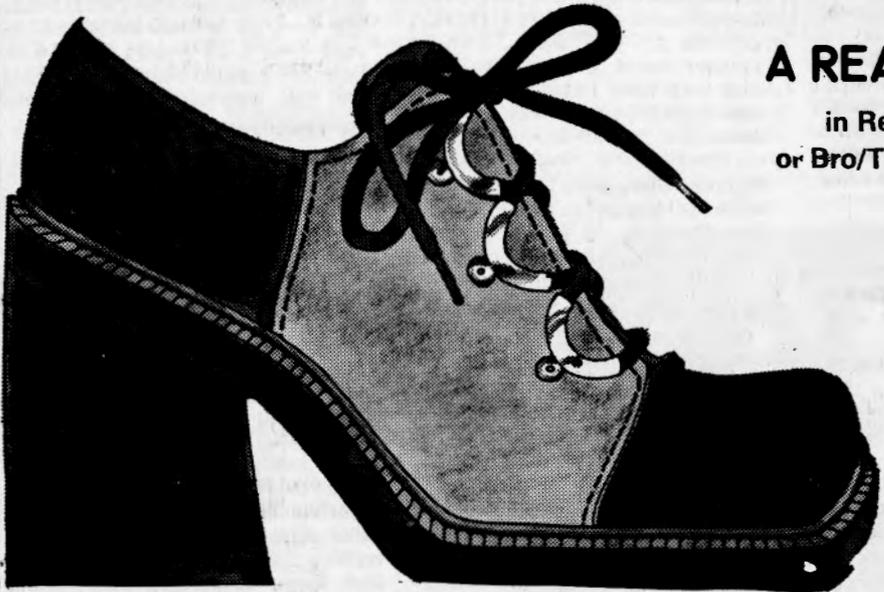
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MATMEN TAKE NIVC

LaSalle's mighty Lion wrestlers once again displayed their ferocity by knocking off Marian and Clay, therefore capturing the Northern Indiana Valley Conference Championship, with a perfect 5 wins—no loss record. But the grapplers had one crushing disappointment this season when Niles upset them 22-21, in the last meet of the season. The final score for the year: 9 wins - 1 loss.

The final NIVC meet of the season was held at Clay, with the Lions victorious over the Colonials, 27-21.

Freddie Hauck, 114; and Bob Pinckert, 157 scored pins. Other winners were: Bob Bratton, Dave Coleman, Delfino DeLeon, Bernard Hill and Louis Price.

LaSalle's grapplers wrestled toward the NIVC conference title by devouring Penn 39-11 at LaSalle's Lair.

Revenge last year's humiliating loss to Penn. Kerry Hab, Bob Pinckert, and Bernard Hill all scored pins.

Winners in the Marian meet held here at LaSalle were: Dave Coleman, 107; John Powell, 128; Chris Glueckert, 134; Delfino DeLeon, 140; Bob Pinckert, 157; Bernard Hill by forfeit, 169; and Lewis Price, 187. Final score: LaSalle 27 - Marian 19.

The defeat at Niles is the only blemish on the Lions otherwise perfect record. Winners for LaSalle were: Dave Coleman, John Powell, Chris Glueckert, by fall; Bob Pinckert, Bernard Hill, and Lewis Price.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPS

All twelve of LaSalle's matmen placed in the N.I.V.C. Individual's Tourney held at St. Joseph, Jan. 29. LaSalle took four 1st place honors, three 2nd places, one 3rd, and four 4th's. Dave Coleman won the final 4-2; Chris Glueckert won 6-2. Bob Pinckert won 10-3, and captain Bernie Hill pinned his opponent in 3 minutes and 41 seconds.

Bob Bratton, Delphino DeLeon, Louis Price placed second, while Jim Lusk secured third, and Larry Gooden, Kerry Hab and Fred Houck took fourth places.



Paul Lind battles the Elkhart defense for a tip-in.

LIONS CLASH WITH RED DEVELS

Michigan City Elston at present 15-0 and ranked number one in both press polls will be LaSalle's second basketball opponent this weekend, the game scheduled for Saturday.

The Red Devils have been voted the top state team since Gary West was upset by Gary Roosevelt and ousted from the number one spot a month ago.

"This is the kind of challenge we like," said LaSalle Coach Leonakis. The Lions record of 15-2 earns them top ten honors in the state.

"Our greatest problem will be getting the ball," commented Leonakis on City's superior height. Elston's front line is composed of players at 6' 6", 6' 5" and 6' 2", while LaSalle is relatively short at 6' 4" and a pair of 6' 2".

LaSalle will face Marian first, tonite at the Knights' gym. Marian has compiled a losing season but is still an NIVC team and should provide the Lions with some competition.

Win Streak at 6

LaSalle won both away games Friday and Saturday to boost their record to 15-2. The Lions totally controlled Clay 88-36 while Mishawaka was not so well controlled, 74-73.

Clay was man handled by Paul Lind with 18 points, Jim Nowicki and Andre Owens with 12 each, and Garland Smith with 11. Sophomore Glenn Mitchell got into it in the fourth quarter to add a tombstone in the form of 8 points.

At Mishawaka, LaSalle fans were frozen but the poised Lions pulled through.

LaSalle's slow start changed to a great second quarter but Mishawaka stayed close. Fourth quarter action was breathtaking. At 1:03 Mishawaka led by one but Captain Smith sunk a basket at :42 to capture a 72-71 lead. Two free throws were added by LaSalle and with time expired Mishawaka also added two but the Lions had won.

Four Lions were in double figures. They were Garland Smith with 24 points and 14 rebounds, Jim Nowicki 15 points and 8 rebounds, Paul Lind 14 points, and Andre Owens 10 points.

Lions trounce Blue Blazers 69-51

Before a packed "lair" the Lions revenged last year's loss to Elkhart with the utilization of an almost impregnable defense with a magnet like attraction for LaSalle shooters when trying for a basket.

The superb defense of LaSalle forced 27 turnovers that choked off Elkharts offensive attacks.

Garland Smith led the scoring once again with 17 points. Other LaSalle players netting points for double figures were: Robert Warren, Paul Lind, and Luther Harris.

The outcome of the B-team game didn't differ much from the varsity outcome as the Lion's cubs clawed their way to a 49-30 victory. The leading scorer for the Lions, Glenn Mitchell, swished in 19 points.

The Big Shot, the traveling basketball trophy between LaSalle and Jackson, again belongs to LaSalle. The Lions held on to the trophy by smoking Jackson 77-66, on January 14.

LaSalle took an early lead and dominated the rest of the game. The attack led by Paul Lind's 26 points was followed by Garland "Geese" Smith's 18 points and 10 rebounds. Andre Owens did his thing by stealing the ball from the Tigers 8 times and adding 6 baskets.

LaSalle beat the Riley Wildcats on January 15 for the second time this season 84-81. The leading scorer for LaSalle was Senior Geese Smith with 18 points followed closely by juniors Robert Warren and Jim Nowicki with 16 points each. Seniors Paul Lind and Andre Owens contributed 14 and 15 points respectfully.

The title "King of the West" is LaSalle's for fall and winter as the Lions rolled down Washington 90-57 on January 22.

Washington opened the scoring but LaSalle hit for 16 straight points and held a 22-4 first quarter lead. Each Lion player scored in the skinning of the west side Panthers. Captain Garland Smith hit for 22 points followed by Paul Lind's 13 points and 14 rebounds, Luther Harris' 12 points, and Jim Nowicki's 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Skaters Checked

The LaSalle Hockey team is gaining experience. It showed not only in the Niles 4-2 win but also showed awhile in the St. Joe 10-1 defeat and the loss to Marian 9-2.

On January 12, the Lions faced off with Niles. After a LaSalle scoreless first period, the second came alive with Darwin St. John scoring 2 goals. Joe Leatherman and Steve Donovan each added one apiece.

The next night LaSalle suffered a defeat at the hands of a more experienced St. Joe team. Darwin St. John scored the only LaSalle goal.

Two goals by Sophomore Steve Donovan weren't enough January 19 against Marian as the Knights ran away at the end for a 9-2 victory.



Jim Lusk wrestling in heavy weight division.

Aquamen's Record Is Submerged

The LaSalle swimmers under coach Ron Eberhard have lost their last four meets to make a previously even record of 4 wins to 4 losses, suddenly a lopsided one of 4 wins to 8 losses. Two of the defeats were against the conference teams of Penn, 44-51, and Clay, 45-53. The other two losses were against Goshen, 38-57, and Cluver, 39-56.

Against Penn on January 11, Fumio Morita became a double winner taking the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events. Morita, because of illness, was unable to swim against Goshen on the 14th

and Clay on the 18th.

Tom Staszewski, also a stand-out swimmer, took a first place in each of the four meets. His firsts were in the 100 yard breast-stroke against Penn, Goshen and Clay. And against Cluver, Staszewski won the 200 meter.

John Firtly, a swimmer noted for his consistency as a good performer as a backstroker and his continual improvement throughout the season, took two firsts for his team against Cluver and Goshen.

The 400 yard freestyle relay team of Dave Sniadecki, Steve Lane, Bill Murphy, and Bruce Waggoner, with alternates Jim Walk-

er and Kim Purucher, took a first in each of last four losing meets.

The city swimming meet which took place 1st Saturday in the Washington pool was won by Jackson High School. Adams took second, Clay 3rd, Washington 4th, LaSalle 5th, and Riley 6th.

In the meet for LaSalle the medley relay team finished with a fourth place, Fumio Morita took a sixth and a fifth place, Steve Fuller a fifth, Tom Staszewski a fifth. In the 400 freestyle relay, LaSalle took a fifth place.

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