



DEEPLY INVOLVED IN DISCUSSION are members of the Human Relations Forum which meets every Friday at 3:10 p.m. (Story below.) (Photo by Chuck Chirila)

# New Addition To Be Started

by June Hatford

Construction of the new addition to Lew Wallace, which was announced last year, is now scheduled to begin in January, 1969. Much thought goes into planning for any new building, and in the case of an addition to our existing school building, this is even more true, according to Mr. Alfred Smith, assistant principal.

When completed, the plans will provide twice the floor space now available. Every department will be either rebuilt or renovated. The building will extend, under one roof, to 45th Avenue on the north, to the Madison alley on the east, and west to Jackson Street.

Highlights of the plans include a gym with a seating capacity of 3,500, an olympic-sized pool, an enlarged cafeteria, new library and study areas, new offices, and a new football field and track.

## FOOTBALL FIELD

Located south of the present building will be the new field. The home side will seat 3,500 and the visitors' side will accommodate 1,500. Shower facilities, concession stands, rest rooms, and a large parking area will be provided.

Two baseball diamonds and three lighted tennis courts will also be built.

The enlarged cafeteria will seat 550 and will feature four serving lines and folding partitions. Located on two floors, the library will have a periodical room, graphics room, audio-visual room, individual study booths, and a library classroom where classes may come to study. A huge study hall will be located in the area now located above the junior library.

## CLASSROOMS

Classrooms for the departments will be grouped together, and each room will be built to suit the needs of the particular department. Four areas (social studies, math-science, English, and industrial arts) will be equipped with "learning labs." These are designed especially for lectures and will have 150 tiered seats.

Such areas as the auditorium, cafeteria, and library will be air-conditioned. All ceilings will have acoustical tile, and all present lighting systems will be replaced. Coal heat will be changed to an oil heating system, and an intercom system will also be installed.

# Students Seek Solutions

by Jim Eng

"What can we do to help ease racial tensions at Lew Wallace?" is a question at least one group of students within the school is considering. That group is the Human Relations Forum which meets every Friday at 3:10 p.m.

In meetings earlier this month, members considered the labels placed on groups of people. The consensus of opinion was that "Negro" and "black" are proper terms, and that others, especially those with a derogatory connotation, should be avoided in referring to an individual or group of Negroes.

The Forum, sponsored by history teacher Mr. James

Stankiewicz, has defined its purpose as "to establish better student-to-student and student-to-faculty relationships." Meetings are open to all Lew Wallace students, with the idea that anyone who has a comment should be encouraged to express it.

A constitution has been written and adopted by the club; however, its status as

an organization in the school will not be known until the matter is considered by the Student Council at its regular meeting tonight.

Meetings were originally held in room 205M, but attendance has averaged about forty, so proceedings have shifted to the cafeteria. The next meeting is Friday, December 6.

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# Seniors Top Honor Roll

This year the list of those who have made all A's and B's for the first grading period is larger than last year. Leading the list are the seniors who have 10% of their class achieving above-average marks. Following them are the sophomores, who are represented by 9% of their class.

The frosh, with 6.9% of their class on the honor roll, placed third. Last are the juniors with 4% of their class listed.

Students achieving the straight A Honor Roll are: seniors Jerolyn Dusich, Karen Lesniak, Sandra Soroka, and Shirley Yovanoff; sophomores Doris Binder, Ellen Manolopoulos, Kurt Chaykowski, Ann Galovic, Dale Golas, Bruce Prue, and Jan Smith; and freshman Ronald Smith.

## SENIORS

Seniors making the A and B Honor Roll are Janice Adank, Cathy Allman, Carolyn Benedict, Sharon Benjamin, Kathy Bensie, Janice Black, Jennifer Bleicher, Kathleen Coggins, Patricia Cunningham, Jackie Czubik, James Eng, Stephen Erdelac, Michelle Goetz, Patricia Gonzalez, Gloria Harmon, Shirley Henningfield, Roy Hielscher, Sharon Homoky, Nancy Hrnjak, Yolanda Kendron, Dennis Kepchar, Nick Korzow, Marilyn Majeski, Joseph Manley, Joseph Medellin, Dennis Mehay, and Ruth Merknor.

Also included are Bonnie Patitsas, JoAnne Patz, Pamela Piechocki, Jacob Pruitt, Andrea Richards, Donna Robinson, Deborah Rosco, Linda Seaman, Michael Shaver, Elizabeth Skelton, David Smith, Danny Smolinski, Linda Taylor, Chrysanne Thompson, Joe Tierce, George Urbanick, Linda Wineinger,

Kathleen Wise, Jean Wozniak, Cathy Sreckovich, Sandra Faddell, and June Hatford.

## JUNIORS

Juniors receiving all A's and B's are Mark Benjamin, Linda Birdwell, Linda Brown, Rose Coury, John Galich, Garry Hagerty, Karl Himebaugh, Linda Jones, Jerry Kaczur, Victoria Kappas, Nancy Koruschak, Jeanette Lewandowski, Pamela Makivich, Nancy Mazzaro, Karin Opacich, Leanne Plesko, Debra Selsor, Barbara Skelton, Sue Sikora, Evelyn Turner, John Vereb, and Kathleen Vinchur.

# WHAT'S HAPPENIN'

by Linda Wineinger

Thursday, Friday, Nov. 28, 29  
THANKSGIVING  
VACATION

Tuesday, December 3  
BB game, Roosevelt at  
Memorial, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 5  
Masterworks Concert  
Matinee

Friday, December 6  
Masterworks Concert,  
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 7  
BB game, Andean, there,  
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10  
BB game, Rensselaer at  
Bailly, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 13  
BB game, Hammond Gavit  
at Bailly, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17  
BB game, Bishop Noll,  
(there), 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 19  
Christmas Pageant (2, 3, 6,  
7 periods)  
FTA Potluck Dinner,  
7:30 p.m., Cafeteria

## SOPHOMORES

Sophomores earning A's and B's are Diana Arbuckle, Warren Berg, Kathryn Bleicher, Charmaine Burch, Douglas Capp, Janice Chnupa, Patricia Court, Marlene Davies, Valerie Debusk, Thomas Dimos, Ray Fralley, Jeffrey Gross, Shawn Grove, Nancy Hahn, Linda Hodges, Marilyn Hrnjak, James Hughes, Nina Jacobs, Devis Janda, Irene Kaczur, Alexis Kepchar, Eileen Korhel, Caryn McQuilkin, Emanuel Meneakis, Barbara Mrak, Peter Mulin, Tony Nikolich, David Opalak, Deloris Popp, James Regas, Judy Rooker, Linda Rusnock, Janet Rzonca, Joseph Sanchez, Fotini Tsaparikis, John Turnak, Marla Vassallo, Frank Watrakiewicz, and Joni Wineinger.

## FRESHMEN

Freshmen making all A's and B's are Bruce Alexander, Cynthia Anderson, Richard Anderson, Louis Bajmakovich, Diane Barr, Carol Baldauf, Adrienne Chirila, Holly Clark, Jeni Deal, Lillian Dowdell, Richard Feterick, Kathleen Galovic, Philip Gersack, Oree Jackson, Joan Jandura, Deborah Johnson, Cynthia Jurgensen, Karl Kellawan, Deborah Kirkman, Marian Kolettis, Juliana Komanecki, Cheryl Lacey, Walter Lisek, Cheryl Mason, and Danny McAdams.

Other freshmen included Rosemary Medellin, Vesna Milutinovich, Christine Mitrovich, Gail Morey, Philip Mussallem, Sharon Purevich, David Radman, Ana Rivera, Dwight Rodriguez, Carol Rusnock, Douglas Shelbourne, Mary Slama, Karen Stephenson, Richard Swiatk, Barbara Szentesy, Walter Szymanski, Vanessa Truvillion, Wendy Wellnitz, Olga Woloshansky, and Elizabeth Yocum.



WALLACE FTA MEMBERS Eleonore Paunovich, junior, and Pat Piechocki, senior, are pictured as they return to school after being guests of the Gary Rotary Club at Hotel Gary Thursday, November 21. (Photo by Chuck Chirila)

# Presidents Give Advice

"If each student participates in school activities, we will have a successful year."

This was the keynote of the forty-second annual Student Officer Inauguration program, as expressed by the five presidents who were installed in the assembly sponsored by the Student Council and held third hour Friday, November 15, in the auditorium.

Newly inaugurated Student Council president Kathy Wise concluded an address concerning "the problems of communication," by calling on students to work together.

Suggesting that freshmen "lay a good foundation for the next four years," freshman president Adrienne Chirila asked that students participate in their school by studying harder, joining organizations, going out for sports, and being active

in class activities.

"For success we must work as a unit, not as individuals," said sophomore president Dave Tipton. He continued by saying that the measure of maturity is acceptance of responsibility. He added that each student's responsibility in his school is cooperation and participation. Participation and success go hand in hand," according to junior president Dick Kelly. He called on all students to stand up for what they think. "A little effort goes a long way," he concluded.

Senior president Steve Johnson warned against splits in the school. He said that the two cliques—the "rahs," those who participate in sports and clubs, and the "hard guys," those who wear black leather jackets and don't participate—tend to divide the class.





"CAN YOU GIVE US A HELPING HAND?" is the plea of the Junior Class as they hold their second fund-raising project for this year's Prom in the form of a paper-drive to be held Saturday, December 7. (Photo by Henry Robinson)

## Your College Comes Into View

by Linda Wineinger

Who, what, why, where, and how? Sound like the outline for a detective story? These questions aren't meant as the basis for an up-and-coming Perry Mason show, but they can help you solve what remains a mystery to many Wallace students, "What college should I attend after graduation?"

In Mr. Savin's office, you can find any day of the week a gray "box" which can help you plan for your future. Known as the College Entrance Viewdeck, it tells you the college or university in the United States which can best fill your needs.

Size of college, cost of tuition and board, enrollment, public or private control, type of programs offered, religious affiliation, selection of region, and amount of financial aid given are some of the questions which you answer. The viewdeck will then select the universities around the country which meet all of your specifications and will give you the code number of those colleges.

Not only does this save the time of looking through dozens of catalogs and writing to many schools, but it also enables you your counselor, and your parents to have a good idea of

what subjects you should concentrate on while still at Wallace, what financial aids you can apply for, and what tests you will be required to take before sending in your application for admittance.

Take time out from study hall one day and spend fifteen minutes in your counselor's office. You might be surprised to find that a college with enrollment of 400 in Spearfish, South Dakota, is the place for you!!

### Math Puzzle

#### NO. 3

Here is a very old puzzle. At an inn, a party of 20 persons pay a bill for 20 groschen. The party consists of men, women and maidens, each man paying 3 groschen, each woman 2 groschen, and each maiden 1/2 groschen. How was the party composed?

Solution to puzzle number two: 301 acorns.

Correct solution submitted by: John Ambrose, freshman; Karl Himebaugh, junior; and Helen Perdue, junior.

Give your solution to any math teacher. The names of those who submit correct solutions will be listed in the next issue of the *Philosopher*.

# Letters Of Opinion

**Editors' Note:** In response to the editorial "Misplaced Responsibility" in the November 8 issue of the *Philosopher*, we have received the following letters—only these three.

In the past three weeks, there has been a good deal of "conversation" regarding this editorial. We have offered to print any letters which are timely and signed, but as of now, not many letters on any subject have been received by the *Philosopher* staff.

We're offering you a chance to stand up and be heard—why not take advantage of this opportunity??

L.W.

### Pride or Despair?

Dear Editors,

If something proves to be ineffective, then it is time for a change. Lew Wallace is "old fashioned" in its dress code. "Thank God." I have already seen what this "modern" change has begun to create in other schools. When a good dress code is allowed to be changed, it is the first of many other changes—possibly the abolishment of it eventually.

Every adult is subject to rules and regulations all their lives.

Why should a dress code (made by the Student Council) that has helped KEEP Lew Wallace School in a class unsurpassed be changed?

I am a graduate of Tolleston High School. I say this with a feeling of pride and despair. Pride for what it was, and despair for what people think of it now.

When I was a secretary at Horace Mann School, the most exciting times were when Horace Mann and Lew Wallace were involved in a contest—be it a debate, athletic or what-have-you. The Horsemen were out to prove they had reason for more pride than Lew Wallace. The Horsemen had pride in the 1950's that does not begin to compare with today's lack of pride.

During those years I couldn't help but wonder if Lew Wallace was as "great" as we were led to believe. Now I know. The Horsemen have lost some of their pride, but not one of the past Lew Wallace students has had to lose his. They come in, and, with pride in belonging to the past, exclaim over the changes. They, of course, refer to the changes in buildings, etc.; not the principles by which young men and women are prepared

to assume the responsibilities of adult men and women.

G. B.

(a Lew Wallace secretary)

### New Dress Code?

Dear Editors,

It is time for a change in school policy regarding both content and enforcement of the dress code. When clothing such as blue jeans and culottes is restricted, something needs to be done. The *Philosopher* editorial (November 8) was right in saying that a board of students should interpret the code.

Going even further, I feel that a board of students should draw up an entirely new code, which could be modified each successive year. This would provide the students with an adaptable code with none of the outdated restrictions of our present one.

When a situation not covered by the new code arises, the student could be judged by a panel of students chosen at random from the study halls, in imitation of jury duty as served by adults. Their actions would then become a part of

the code.

In case some faculty members fear that the students would misuse these powers, the principal could be given the right to veto any action taken by the students. Of course, the veto would be used only in what he truly feels to be "extreme" cases.

This proposal is not perfect. Ideally, there would be no dress code at all. But if there must be one, and some students do need the restrictions, the code should be decided by the students and be able to change when the need arises.

Darrel Rice, Senior

### C. P. O.?

Dear Editors,

In response to your editorial in the November 8 issue of the *Philosopher*, "Misplaced Responsibility," I am in full accord with your proposals.

Although I support most of the standards of the dress code, I feel that the teachers are not enforcing it fairly. The C.P.O. has become a part of the dress of many Lew Wallace students and is in no way repulsive, nor is it prohibited in the dress code. However, teachers are time and time again stopping someone for wearing a C.P.O., while another student strolls by wearing high-top gym shoes, chains, leather wrist bands, or medallions.

Students should have a voice in drawing the line between acceptable and "in poor taste" if the code is to be enforced fairly.

Mike Shaver, Senior

## MASTERWORKS SCHEDULED

"Every student will enjoy the world's greatest music performed by their own orchestra" at the annual Masterworks Concert to be held Friday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the main auditorium, according to Mr. John Simons, orchestra teacher.

## Sophs To Go To Chicago

About sixty Lew Wallace sophomores plan to spend Saturday, November 30, in the Chicago Loop, where they will view a movie version of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* at the Carnegie Theatre.

Students who wish to extend their work in Miss Carol Puchowski's English classes on the Shakespearean play *Julius Caesar* will be in attendance.

*Romeo and Juliet* deals with

the forbidden love of two young people from rivaling families. The film has received excellent reviews.

The students will take the South Shore into Chicago. Time will be allowed for shopping in the Loop area.

Miss Millie Conwell, history teacher; Miss Barbara Kubiak, English teacher; and Miss Puchowski will accompany the students.

## Klub News

### CHORAL DEPARTMENT

The Broadway musical *HMS Pinafore* will be produced by the Lew Wallace Choral Department. Auditions

will be held in early December.

Mr. Moss will be choreographer for the production, and the art staff will provide the sets.

Final production date is unknown, but it is scheduled tentatively for spring, 1969.

### BIOLOGY CLUB

"Turtles" for \$1.00 a box are now being sold by the Biology Club. Becky Roby is chairman of the candy sale

### INKPOTS

*Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain's famous classic, will be discussed at the next Senior Inkpot meeting to be held December 2.

*Rosemary's Baby*, the controversial book by Ira Levin, will be discussed at the Junior Inkpot meeting on December 12.

Plans for the Christmas potluck will be arranged at both the senior meeting, to be held at Karen Lesniak's home, and the junior meeting in the study hall. Juniors are also planning a trip to Chicago to see a stage play.

Inkpots are sponsored by Miss Elizabeth Ryan, Miss Barbara Kubiak, and Miss Loni Dorall.

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The "Churchill Administration" members from Wallace, juniors Andy Halstead, Tom Stults Tim Moore and Jerry Mancilla, practice on the BEST in amps from the **GLEN PARK MUSIC CENTER**

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# Alice Meets Tom Turk

by Evette Babich



STUDENT TEACHERS AT WALLACE THIS YEAR are (left to right Miss Grigsby, Mr. Maloney, and Mrs. Ferrik. (Story below.) (Photo by Beth Skelton)

## 3 Student-Teach Here

by Patti Polturich

Three student teachers have been assigned to Lew Wallace thus far this year. Mr. James Maloney and Mrs. Claudia Ferrik were assigned to the history department chairman, Miss Shirley Bryan. Miss Janet Grigsby is currently student teaching under the supervision of English department head, Miss Angela Hannagan.

Mr. Maloney completed his requirements and became a permanent substitute early in November. He continued teaching while Miss Bryan was out of school for surgery. Mr. Maloney has received his B.A. and M.S. degrees from Indiana University. He especially enjoys reading and football

games involving Indiana or Notre Dame.

Mrs. Ferrik arrived the same day Mr. Maloney finished his student teaching. She observed him until Miss Bryan returned. Mrs. Ferrik is originally from Hammond and is a senior at Indiana University. Starting in January she will begin teaching eighth grade social studies at Lexington, Virginia. Miss Ferrik enjoys working backstage on plays.

Miss Grigsby attends Indiana University and after completion of one semester, she will receive her degree in Arts and Sciences. Water skiing, horseback riding, and flying are favorite interests of Miss Grigsby.

As Thanksgiving draws near, we tend to give thanks for what we have. Along with giving thanks we also tend to think about and anticipate the food that will be set before us on this great day. Into our minds creep the thoughts of cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, and last but not least, that precedented feast the turkey! However, we're not here to talk about food, but to let Alice (by now you should know who she is) tell us her current event—"The day I met the greatest turkey of them all—Tom Turk!"

One day, as I was driving through the country, I came upon a spacious field covered with bright red poppies. They enhanced me so, I had to stop my car, get out, and run through this mass of beauty. I had always been a lover of nature, so this was not a strange thing for me to do.

If any of you know the story of "The Wizard of Oz," you know I automatically fell into a deep sleep. But as I found myself in my car three hours later, driving home, I wondered if I really had fallen asleep. The preceding events seemed so real, yet so hazy, that I don't know if I had been dreaming or if I had some out-of-sight experience. I leave the decision up to you as I now commence to tell you what happened.

As I remember, I was awakened by a small crowd of people dressed in pilgrim apparel. What was this? The beginning

of a groovy costume party, or the end of a student protest march on the dress code? All of them spoke with a certain twang in their voices and with quite a bit of "yee" and "thee" thrown in. I didn't comprehend the dialect except when they said "GIT!" and pointed in one direction. I decided to humor them and take the course they had pointed out—not that I really wanted to humor them, but because there was only one of me and nine of them.

Any way, I walked what seemed like hours, but according to my trusty Mickey Mouse watch, it was only 15 minutes. I continued to walk. Thirteen minutes later I continued to walk. Eight minutes later I continued to walk. Finally I decided to take a rest, especially since my white go-go boots were smoking.

I looked all around me and saw nothing. I then continued to walk. I was starting to get lonely. So lonely that I even started talking to little Mickey on my wrist. That wasn't so bad, but when he started talking back, I began to worry. Suddenly I caught sight of someone or something moving in the field. I called out and ran towards the object. It turn-

ed out to be a little Indian boy. I asked him, in an Indian way, "Where-um young brave go-um?"

He answered, "Man, I'm going to check out the scene at the palace of the greatest guru of them all—Tom Turk." I told him my problem of having no destination, and he invited me to come along and maybe the guru could find my way for me. We started our journey and not long afterwards we came across a little girl crying. We asked her what was wrong and she told us she was crying because they wouldn't let her join the 4-H Club back home. We told her she could come along and maybe the great Turkey could help her, too.

We hadn't walked very far when we saw in the distance the great palace painted turkey red. What a sight! We three approached the palace and rang the bell. A little old lady answered the door and we asked if we could see Tom Turkey. She looked at us and said, "Boo on you children, Boo!" and slammed the door.

We couldn't give up now so we pounded on the door. She finally came back and told us we could see the Great Turkey. We approached his chamber nervously. The doors opened and there he sat, "The king of all foul!"

The rest of this event seems fuzzy, but I do remember that both the little Indian boy and the little girl who wanted to join the 4-H Club stayed on at the palace very much to their content. As for me, if this really happened or not, I really can't tell you. But how do you explain turkey feathers inside the car to your parents?



## Reviews at Random

by Dave Bellich

I recently saw the movie "Funny Girl" and it should be one of the best films of the year because it was funny and sad at the same time and overall was thoroughly enjoyable.

"Funny Girl" is about Fanny Brice, a Ziegfield star, and her marriage to Nick Arnstein, a professional gambler.

Barbara Streisand plays Fanny Brice. Miss Streisand also made the stage hit famous and frankly I can't picture anyone else playing the part. Miss Streisand is superb, as usual. She talks like Miss Brice, clowns like her, and is a great star as was Miss Brice.

Omar Shariff portrays Nick Arnstein and does it well, but the fact remains that the movie belongs to Barbara because of her unique performance.

"Funny Girl" is an adaptation of the Bob Merrill-Jules Styne stage hit. The movie has some other songs that the stage hit didn't have, but it still kept some of the songs, especially the showstopper "People."

"Funny Girl" is a pleasure to watch and many people will want to enjoy it more than once. Everyone should try to see it because as the ad for the movie explains, "People who see 'Funny Girl' are the luckiest people in the world."

## WOULD YOU BELIEVE . . .

- . . . I prayed for "Rosemary's Baby," but it didn't help?
- . . . the Driver's Ed car is a 'VETTE?
- . . . the alcove is the "in" place to be for all teachers?
- . . . spiked punch was served at the Turnabout?
- . . . they are going to serve Gorilla Milk at the Senior Luncheon?
- . . . the Senior Prom is being held in the portables?
- . . . the Junior Prom is going to be "stag"?
- . . . senior football players watch "Cartoon Town" every day after school?
- . . . Aunt Jemima is a KKK member?
- . . . the great pumpkin will soon be a pie?
- . . . there are only 28 days until Christmas?
- . . . George Wallace and Dick Gregory are "soul brothers"?
- . . . Mrs. Kruger stole "Gammer Gurton's Needle"?
- . . . Romeo and Juliet were really high school dropouts in trouble?
- . . . the Flying Nun was once engaged to Superman?
- . . . they now make instant eggs—just add water and throw?
- . . . the front of Lew Wallace is really the back?
- . . . Andean boys wear white sox?
- . . . out at Andean, they're finally letting the two sexes mix—during lunch hours, of course.
- . . . The Temptations are figures in Serbian mythology?
- . . . the Ohio Express is the mascot of TRAIN CLUB?
- . . . we ran out of "would you believe's"?

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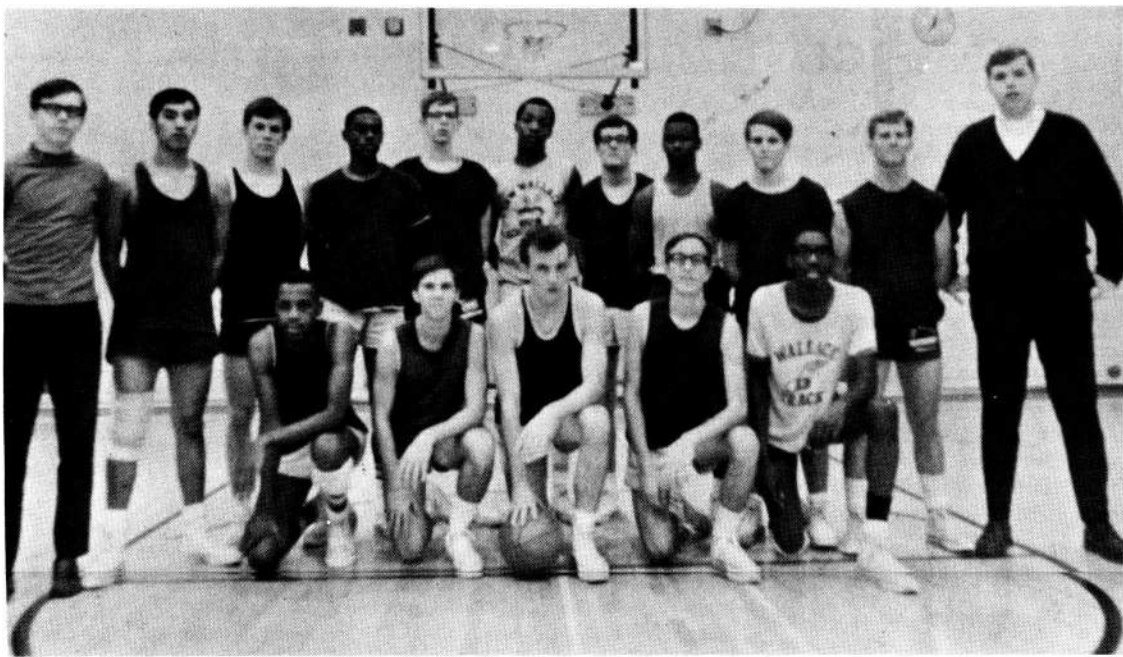
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AT HOME IN THE BAILLY GYM, the 1968-69 basketball team poses during a break in one of their practice sessions. (Photo by Jerry Gullette)

## Merman Expect Winning Season

by Mike German

With five returning lettermen on this year's squad, Coach Ed Troy's mermen are aiming for a successful 1968-69 swim season. Last year's city champs will be hampered by the loss of six record-breaking lettermen, plus a lack of depth and an absence of a strong backstroke.

This year's season, which begins on December 4, with Wallace relays, will climax in

the Gary city meet, also to be held at Wallace, February 6-7. According to Coach Troy, Wirt, with all lettermen returning, will be the team to beat this year; the other teams are average.

Returning lettermen are seniors Dave Barnes, Joe Manley, John Renner, and Paul Yocum, and junior Dave McCall.

1968-69 SWIMMING TEAM SCHEDULE		
DECEMBER		
4 Wallace Relays	Here	
5 Whiting	There	
10 LaPorte	There	
12 Michigan City	Here	
17 Valparaiso	Here	
19 Hammond Tech	There	
JANUARY		
7 Hammond Morton	There	
14 Roosevelt	Here	
22 Emerson	Here	
23 Horace Mann	Here	
30 Wirt	Here	
31 Portage	There	
FEBRUARY		
7-8 Gary City Meet	Here	
14-15 Sectionals	Away	
21-22 State	Bloomington	
All home meets begin at 4:00 P.M.		

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## Matmen Hopeful

by Jerry Mancilla

Last year's wrestling team could have been the best Coach George Rykovich has had, but the loss of six lettermen will be a setback to this year's team. However, four returning lettermen and an eager reserve team brighten hopes for a good season.

In an interview, Coach Rykovich said that a lack of practice facilities has caused wrestling to begin three weeks late this year. He also said that he spent more time working with the underclassmen on the team to give them a good background in wrestling.

This year's team will be stronger in the lightweight division with sophomore letterman Jack Walker and junior letterman Dave Watkins, according to Coach. Senior lettermen Cleon Stutler and Terry Wise will also power this year's team.

About 60 boys came out for wrestling, but because Coach Rykovich has no assistant to help him work with the boys, he will have to make some cuts

1968-69 VARSITY WRESTLING SCHEDULE		
DECEMBER		
3 Horace Mann	Here	
6 Roosevelt	There	
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## Hornets Begin Winter Sports

by Mike German

The Lew Wallace cagers began their 1968-1969 basketball season with the East Chicago Roosevelt game last Friday. Though new head coach Bill Kukoy feels that the Hornets are inexperienced, he predicts they will perform well.

Leading this year's team are junior lettermen Rich Svihra, a 5' 8" guard, and Denny McDowell, a 6' 4" forward. Coach Kukoy sees Svihra already leading the team in scoring and McDowell as a possible pivot man. "McDowell has a lot of ability and should develop into a good player," stated Coach Kukoy.

Greg Johnson, a 6' junior forward, Pat Duggan, a 6' 2" senior center, and Frank Bumbales, a 5' 8" senior guard, complete the cagers' starting five.

Though last year's season ended disastrously with a 2-18 record, Coach Kukoy is disregarding this and looking hopefully to this year's season.

Disliking the term "rebuilding," Coach Kukoy feels that team speed, combined with quick reactions, are major strong points of the team. The summer practice sessions were also of value.

Stressing trimming the opposition's score during the practice sessions, Coach Kukoy realizes the team's varsity experience and is making realistic forecasts. "We would enjoy having a .500 season," he stated.

With many of this season's games to be held at the Bailly gym, there should be no ex-

cuse for not supporting the team. Though Bailly is not the most spacious court in Gary, we'll have to make it do until, someday in the future, Lew Wallace has its own arena. With the support of the entire student body, the cagers could break their 13 game losing streak.

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Plagued by sinking attendance, encumbered with pitcher-hitter imbalance, and burned by the slowness of the game, the 24 managers of a major-league baseball (the sport which is considered as American as

apple pie) held their annual meeting in Colorado Springs last month to decide just how to bail out the dying national pastime. Though the loyal fans were waiting for a dramatic idea to boost enthusiasm, the baseball bigwigs issued what has easily qualified for the honor of "Most Blase" Statement of the Year."

In a ridiculously out-of-place decree, the managers prohibited players from wearing long sideburns, mustaches, beards, and goatees.

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