

Thanksgiving Day Celebration, 1621...And You Are There.

by Alan Sylvester

(In honor of the 350th anniversary of Thanksgiving, the Explorer sent its roving reporter back to the feast for an eye-witness report.)
PLYMOUTH ROCK (Thanksgiving, 1621) - Governor William Bradford of this small, young colony threw a party yesterday for both the

Pilgrims and the Indians.

The governor told me that "things are a real bore around here. We needed a party, because there was nothing else to do. The crops have all been harvested, so there's no work to do, and it's getting cold outside, so we'll be indoors all day long shortly. You know praying all day long can get

to your head after a while, so we decided to have a party."

The Indians were invited to attend and they were the highlight of the party. They showed up with deer and turkey meat slung across their backs, wearing their formal loin-cloths. Aside from the Pilgrim ladies' embarrassment at the Indiana' dress, the whole

group got along very well, especially when the hard cider was brought out. It hasn't happened since.

I talked with Chief Running Turtle, Public Relations Director of the tribe and he offered me half a turkey wishbone as I sat down.

When asked of the food Chief Running Turtle said it was O.K..

but "I don't see why the Pilgrims are so hung up about corn. I'm sick of the stuff. That's all my squaw cooks for me. All summer it's corn on the cob. All winter, it's corn out of the can. We give them corn, they celebrate! They think it's the greatest! I hate corn!"

Bringing the chief back to the subject, he proceeded.

"Well, it's a pretty good bash," he told me, ripping another piece of meat off a hot turkey carcass and washing it down with some hard cider. "I've seen better parties of course. You know," he continued, "this hard cider is sure better than the peyote we smoke in our peace pipes. What do they call this stuff? Alcohol?"

I then asked Running Turtle his opinion of the white men. "Oh," he said, "personally, I have nothing against the whites. I mean some of my best friends are white. But I hope they know their places. After all 'give em an inch, and they take a yardstick,'"

"Well, back to the subject, Chief," I noticed his mind liked to wander from the subject.

"Ya, back to the subject." Running Turtle was scratching his head. "What was the subject, anyway?"

"What do you think is the future of the Indians here in America since these white folks have arrived?"

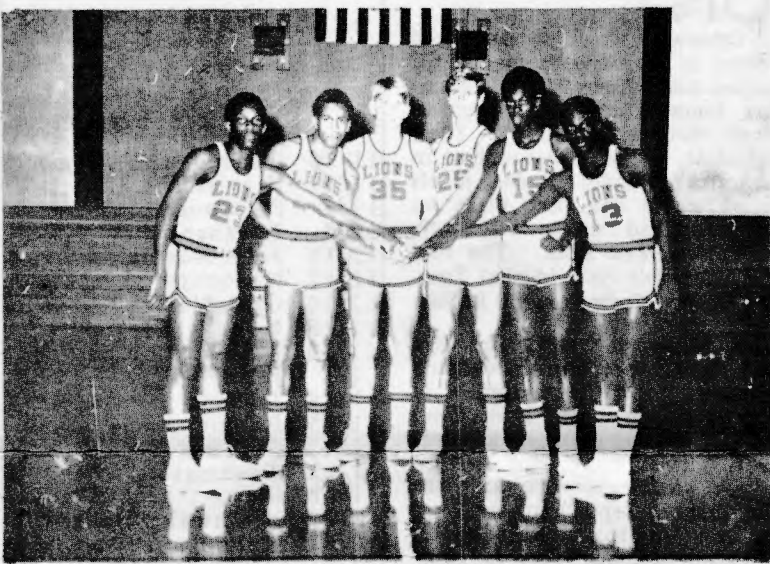
"Well, I think the white folks are crooks, but I'm not a racist, mind you. After all, there are bad buffalo in every herd. I think we Indians might make some money off the whiteys since they want this country so bad. But we have to drive a hard bargain. Just like we did up in Manhattan Island. A couple of square miles of land for \$24. If we keep charging high rates like that we'll be millionaires by the time the white folks make it to the Pacific. Yes, as long as we keep the edge on them, Indians will live better than ever. Just look. They threw a party for us. I hear they're even going to name a state after us."

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Five of these six players will be in LaSalle's starting lineup when the Lions take on Goshen Friday night. They are (l to r) Robert Warren, Luther Harris, Paul Lind, Jim Nowicki, Garland Smith and Andre Owens. Flick over the page for season preview.

Booster Club to face busy weekend

Dance and Chili Supper Promote Socializing at LaSalle

Next weekend, LaSalle has a full schedule of events planned, starting with the Booster Club dance on Friday, a Chili Supper on Saturday, followed by a LaSalle home basketball game.

Black Pride Inc. will provide the music for the Booster Club dance on Friday, December 3. The post-Thanksgiving, pre-Christmas season dance will be held in the LaSalle gym from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m.

Because of the recent resurfacing of the gym, students will not be allowed to wear hard sole shoes.

LaSalle students may bring guests, as long as they have guest passes, which may be obtained

from the office. I.D.'s and guest passes will be checked at the floor.

The Latin Club will furnish refreshments and the German Club will be in charge of the coat check.

Tickets may be purchased from the bookstore, from an advisory board member, or from Miss Bobin in room 129.

The following evening, December 4, the PTA will sponsor a Chili Supper preceding LaSalle's home game with Logansport. Booster Club members will help with the supper which will be in the old cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Chili Supper is to bring parents, students, and teachers together in a social setting.

Athletes Recognized Today

Sports Award Assembly Honors Football, Tennis, Cross Country

by Dave Drzwiecki

The Fall Sports Awards Assembly this morning takes place only after much discussion and controversy. Final plans for the assembly were completed only a short time ago.

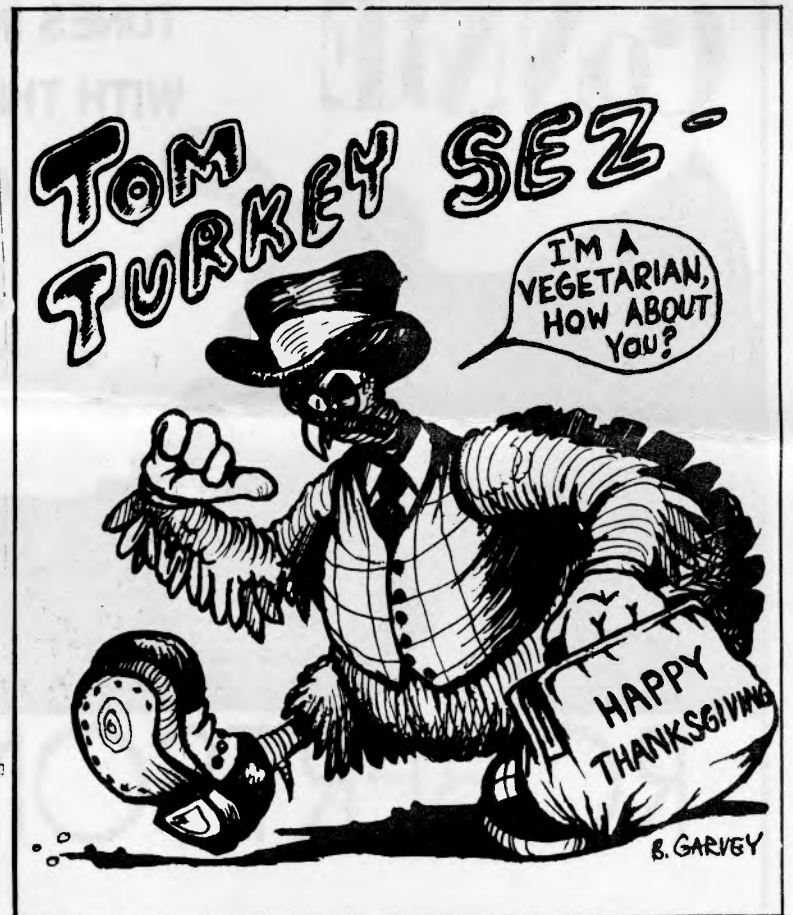
In previous years, three assemblies were held during the year to honor the athletes of three seasons. The assemblies, planned by

Mr. Lewandowski and the respective season's coaches with the approval of the principal, were thought to be meaningless to a great number of students. It was noticed that students showed little respect for the athletes, and the assembly was regarded merely as something to shorten second hour.

The original plan this year was

to have one major awards assembly in the spring and a banquet following that night. The coaches felt little preference as to how it was handled: they cared only that their athletes be shown proper respect for their efforts and accomplishments. The athletes themselves were asked, and they favored a Fall assembly.

The main concern of Mr. Hafner Mr. Lewandowski and the coaches is that the students show respect and appreciation for those students who gave of their time, talents, and efforts to better themselves and the school.



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FIRST BASKETBALL FOE TO BE GOSHEN

SWIMMERS TAKE FIRST MEET;

MORITA SETS RECORD

by Bill Rupe

Coach Ron Eberhard's swimmers with captains Mark Nye, and Dave Sniadecki opened their season last Friday in a display of winning spirit as they splashed over Washington in the Panther Pool. The 59-36 victory, was highlighted by the fine swimming of exchange student, Fumio Morita who set a new school record and tied another. The victory was an upset as the LHS tankers have had less than winning records since the 68-69 season, while Washington has been winning big.

The high spirited team took control of the meet by winning 7 of the eleven events. Morita,

the outstanding swimmer of the meet with two firsts, cut a tenth of a second from the 100 yd. freestyle record of 54.0 seconds set by Marc Caenepeel in 1968. Morita's time was 53.9. He also tied last years record of 24.4 seconds in 50 yd. freestyle event set by Dan Altman.

Junior Tom Staszewski, also a double winner, pulled firsts in the 200 yd. individual medley and the 100 yd. breaststroke.

Other winners were Jim Walker in the 200 yd. freestyle and diver Steve Fuller. Jon Altman, Chris Haber, Dave Sniadecki and John Fertil also shared a victory in the medley relay.

The 1971-72 LaSalle basketball season begins this weekend when the Lions face the Goshen Redskins Friday night at LaSalle. The varsity will play at 8 o'clock, preceded by the B-team at 6:30.

On Saturday, the Lions will play Highland in an away game.

This year coaches George Leonakis and Bob Berger had the pleasant task of choosing the teams from a field of 60 candidates.

Leading contenders for starting varsity spots are Paul Lind and Garland Smith at forwards, Jim Nowicki at center, and a combination of Luther Harris, Andre Owens and, Robert Warren at guards.

The rest of the squad is comprised of Jerry Pope, Kevin Harris, Garry Moore, David Herron, Dan Grundy and Columbus Smith.

Even without names like Kent Allison, Pat Magley and Al Armstrong, Coach Leonakis says "I look towards this season with much enthusiasm. Last year's team was big and overpowering but we don't have that type of team this year." Speaking of this year, coach Leonakis added, "We have a quick team and we can really run. We'll use the fast break alot but if that doesn't work, we'll set up the kind of disciplined offense that we feel will work the best for us."

Season ticket sales should be boosted by the fact that coach Leonakis feels, "We think we're going to field an exciting team. Hopefully, we're going to play the kind of ball that basketball fans want to see."

Area competition for LaSalle adds up to St. Joseph, Riley, and Adams, all three of which are pre-season favorites. In the conference, St. Joe again and Penn seem to loom as the main obstacles.

"The team attitude is terrific. We've had some really spirited, competitive practice," said coach Leonakis.

On the B-team level only sophomores are going to play because as coach Berger explained, "We

feel we have an abundance of talent on the sophomore level."

Managers for this year are, Howard White, Wayne Batteast, and Dwayne Johnson, who are in charge of the equipment, including the new, dark, away-game uniforms which one player said, were, "as bad as hell."

If the shoe fits, wear it.

GRAPPLERS AWAIT SEASON

by Wild Bill Rupe

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

1971 - 72

COACH: F. Vargo

11/23	Culver M.A.	H
12/2	Adams	T
12/7	Jackson	H
12/9	Riley	T
12/16	St. Joe	T
12/30	Portage Tourney	Portage
1/6	Dowagiac	H
1/8	Penn Tourney	Penn
1/13	Penn	H
1/18	Marian	H
1/22	B-Tourney	
1/25	Clay	T
1/27	Niles	T
1/29	NIVC	St. Joe
2/3	Sectional	Adams
2/5	Sectional	Adams
2/12	Regional	Gary Wirt
2/19	State	South Port Indianapolis

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

1971-72
COACH: G. Leonakis
B. Berger

11/26	Goshen	H
11/27	Highland	T
12/3	Plymouth	T
12/4	Logansport	H
12/11	John Adams	H
12/17	Marquette	T
12/18	Gary West	H
12/28	Holiday Tourney	
12/30	Holiday Tourney	
1/7	Penn	T
1/14	Jackson	H
1/15	Riley	T
1/21	Elkhart	H
1/22	Washington	H
1/28	Clay	T
1/29	Mishawaka	T
2/4	Marian	T
2/5	Michigan City	H
2/11	St. Joe	T
2/18	F.W. Bishop Luers	H
2/26	Sectional	

Once again wrestling coach Fred Vargo is preparing his squad for action this winter as the 35 member team attempts to continue their winning tradition. Their schedule, one of the toughest in the area, includes 10 dual meets 5 of which will take place on Lion turf and two tourney meets at Portage and Penn. The first dual meet will be held next Tuesday against Culver on the LaSalle mats.

A NIVC meet next February will decide the conference championship. LaSalle's wrestlers in the last four years have never settled for less than second place in this meet, making the Matmen major contributors towards the conference all-sports trophy.

Returning to action this winter are seven lettermen, Juniors: Larry Gooden, Chris Glueckert, Bernard Hill, Fred Houck, Bob Pinckert and Seniors: Jim Lusk and John Powell, the only two year letterman. Bernard Hill, a Junior standout, finished second in the final match for the state title in the 167 division last year.

Coach Vargo also has several sophomores of which he expects to make great contributions to a winning season.

On the season, Coach Vargo said "expect the team to maintain their winning tradition while at the same time retain their pride as a team because we are beginning to be well known in the area and even in the state".

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