

THE CLASS

OF '68



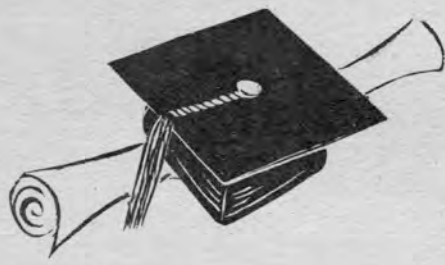
# EXPLORER

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## SENIOR FAREWELL TODAY



White House  
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To The 1968 Graduating Class  
LaSalle High School

Let me extend to each of you the warm congratulations of a former teacher who, in spirit, shares your sense of achievement.

You have laid the foundation for useful and satisfying lives. Before you get on with the work, I would like to offer a few thoughts that you may find useful.

The passion to succeed, to achieve great things, is strongest in youth. Heed it. Do not squander your lives in petty pursuits. Commit yourselves now to a course that will strengthen you for the trials and opportunities of life.

Prize your individuality always. Whatever your place in society, whatever your work, do not surrender your self-reliance or compromise your independence. Liberty is and always will be your most precious possession. Guard it well.

Direct your energies, your talents, and your desires to what is best for yourselves and best for your country. We look to you to redeem what is wrong in our national past and to build what will be great in our national future.

Let this be your wish: that you may look back upon this graduation - from no matter how many years hence - with the conviction that you have treated all men with honesty and goodwill, that you have put your heart into your work, that you have done your best.

Lyndon B. Johnson



### Seniors Win Scholarships

Twenty-two LaSalle seniors are recipients of scholarships to their favorite college or university.

Gary Hess won a scholarship to Albion College in Albion, Mich.

Kathy Steiner and Howdy Bunch won one each to Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

Joe Kagel won a scholarship to Brevard College which is located in Brevard, N.C.

Garry Barth won one to DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind.

Debbie Barns is going to Franklin College in Franklin, Ind. on a scholarship.

Tom Spring and Les Hockaday each won a scholarship to Indiana State College in Terre Haute, Ind.

Iona Hess, Phil Skodmicki, Lucette Janowiak, Mark Clark, and Pat Dudeck are going to Indiana University in South Bend, Indiana through a scholarship.

Karen Zimmerman and Debbie Becht won scholarships to Manchester College in North Manchester, Ind.

Greg Kaczorowski, Greg Taghon, and Everett Bingham won one to Norte Dame in South Bend, Ind.

Gary Jones and Ken Bartoszek won scholarships to Purdue University which is located in Lafayette, Ind.

Lyle Wamsley won a scholarship to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich.

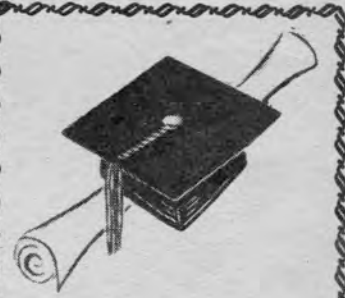
Jamie Smead is going to study nursing at Memorial Hospital on a scholarship in South Bend, Indiana.

A student is able to apply for most scholarships if he has taken

the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Most scholarships are offered to students through the State Scholarship Commission of Indiana, the National Merit Scholarship Program, and the universities. Also other information concerning individual scholarships may be obtained by applying directly to the sponsors by using the information received each year by the guidance department, according to Mr. Frank Grubb, counselor at LaSalle High School.

### Senior Afternoon Schedule



1:45 ASSEMBLY  
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## Editorial

# Tribute To The 1968 Graduates

We were the first body of students that found it compulsory to attend this new school on the North-West side of South Bend----and now we are graduated.

We were the group of students that had to shed the loyalties that we had acquired at the schools where we spent our freshman years----and now we are graduated.

We were the group of students who had to establish a tradition in a new school----and now we are graduated.

We were the group of students who had to attend classes in a school that resounded with the pounding of workmen's hammers our first year----and now we are graduated.

We were the athletes that could not practice or compete on in our own facilities our first year---- and now we are graduated.

We were the school organizations that had to compete with established rivals of our father schools--- and now we are graduated.

We were the band and orchestra who had to go without uniforms our first year--- and now we are graduated.

We were a group of sophomores whose only leaders were a Junior class composed of those lacking spirit enough to stay at their former schools----and now we are graduated.

We were the students who lacked a gym, pool and auditorium our first year--- and now we are graduated.

We were the students who used a library without books for a study hall----and now we are graduated.

We were the students who became heartened by the rooms at this new school only to become disheartened when we found we were overcrowded our second year----and now we are graduated.

We were the scholastic leaders and athletes who made the name LaSalle known throughout the city, area and state----and now we are graduated.

We were the sophomores who had to take on the responsibilities of upperclassmen--- and now we are graduated.

We were the Thespians who put on our first play in the school cafeteria----and now we are graduated.

And WE, finally, were the class that made LaSalle what it is today. We made its traditions and established a tremendous school spirit. We overcame all sorts of obstacles to become one great body representative of determination and brotherhood. And now we, the class of '68, are graduated.

## EXPLORER STAFF ANSWERS COMPLAINT

There has been some criticism of the LaSalle newspaper, the EXPLORER. Various groups have expressed the feeling that the newspaper is not unbiased. The Explorer Staff feels a need to respond to this complaint.

The paper is attempting to cover all school activities, but what they don't know about they can't report on. Page editors are always looking for news and feature stories for their pages. All it takes is a note in Mrs. Schimmel's mail box, a note on the newspaper office bulletin board, or word of mouth to a staffer to get coverage on any activity in the school.

It has also been said that a small group of students get on the newspaper staff. One must realize that those who participate on the paper are the ones who hold positions of responsibility. The newspaper has both Negro and Caucasian staffers. No one is denied a position on the paper if he has a sincere desire to participate.

Anyone who feels the paper is not doing a good job should respond to the calls for student staffers that are made at the beginning of each school year. People who are interested in working are welcome at all times. There is always a chronic need for reporters.

The newspaper is not perfect. Anyone on the staff would admit that, but until other students give up their defeatist attitudes and become willing to contribute constructively to the paper, their complaints are unjustified.



What a difference two years makes!!!!



THE MASTACHIO NUTTS C.W.



## Seniors Offer Underclassmen Last Words Of Wisdom

The seniors -- the oldest class, the class with the most "prestige" -- will soon leave, never to return. How do they evaluate their past four years? What have they learned? Has high school been worthwhile for them? The EXPLORER surveyed the senior class and caught many of its members in wise, reflective moments, others in relieved, rejoicing moments.

"I am glad it is over in a way. I have had a lot to do in the last four years, and a lot of fun. And now all of a sudden it will change," remarked Starlene Lomaugh. Most seniors who replied to the questionnaire agreed that they were glad high school is finished for them, and many had mixed feelings. There were several different reasons for the relief in leaving high school. Sue Hintz spoke for many seniors when she said, "Graduation is merely a step on a very long ladder."

Greg Denby believes, "School becomes a disease and it teaches you only to learn, not to live, and living is far more important than schooling." Then we have the plain, simple relief of Jerry Perkins: "Thank God it's over!!!"

"Seniors who say they are glad it is all over are liars, because school became part of their lives, and to say you are glad, is to say you are glad part of your life is over," stated Ike Burns. The biggest regret at leaving was summed up by Dolores Fisher: "It is sad to leave and to know that I might never see all of school classmates again." Most of those interviewed felt they would miss the activities, their friends and the teachers, but are looking forward to the future.

"Experience is the best teacher," and we asked the "experienced" seniors to pass on something they learned to the underclassmen. Most of them spoke of setting a goal and striving to achieve it. Becky Gaddey advised, "Don't wait 'till your senior year to start working hard and planning for college." "I wish I could start all over again," said Carol Milewski. "I would establish a goal and reach it no matter what," Sharon Knefely advocates starting early: "If you mess up on your first or second year, it messes up your senior year."

Kathi Goheen was very frank when she replied, "Stick with it and you'll never be sorry. I'm not even though I hated all four years." Gary Jones observed, "It becomes rough at times to see others enjoying themselves while you must study for a test or something, but it is worth it in the long run."

"Social growth is as important to society as mental growth and a well adjusted person must be able to cope with both kinds of problems," remarked Ilona Hess. Greg Schrader's advice to the underclassmen is to "get involved in as many activities as possible. This also includes going to track meets, baseball games, football games, and the like. Do as many things as you can to

formulate a more lasting memory of your enjoyable experiences at LaSalle." Lynn Hudson believes: "Give those four years all you've got, and even if you don't succeed in all of them you still haven't failed." Mark Clark put it simply: "Live and let live," and Phyllis Davis advised, "Have as much fun as you possibly can."

On reflecting back, many seniors found themselves regretting things they wish they had done. Jim Johnson found, "It's easy to keep putting off decisions but there comes a time when you have to make them. I wish now that I had spent more time in my earlier school years making those decisions."

Drummed into our ears is the chant, "Don't drop out". Several seniors realized that this is not such a trite cliché after all. Donna Cuthbert remarked, "Sure there are times when you wish you could push the work aside but . . . you need high school to get a better job after graduation." Sandy O'Dell also reminded us, "Don't quit school, or goof off, even though it's almost the end."

"Respect your teachers," is the advice of Joe Huber. Lucette Janowiak agrees: "Take a teacher's advice; most of the time it turns out to be pretty good. Remember that a teacher is human and often can be a very good friend." Chip Higby's advice is "Not to fight education but to join with it and learn. You'll know it's all worthwhile when it's over." "Sure the teachers demand a lot from you, but a few years from now, you will look back and say they were right," Charles Piechocki said.

"A big factor in making your high school days happy is tolerance," speculated Bob Toth. "You must be able to accept the bad breaks and try to be happy with them. You can always improve yourself and as long as you are trying you should take pride in what you have done."

Other seniors had a quick, direct few words. Sandy Traver said, "Act like an adult," and Bob McSpadden exclaimed, "Reflect!" "Never start anything you can't finish," advised Gary Hess. Kris Hicks believes that to "go far and never be forgotten" you should "remain honest and sincere." And don't forget the immortal words of Jerry Seward: "Thou shalt not steal."

On one side is good-humored Dave Sutton, who gave us this proverb: "As you slide down the rail of success, just let LaSalle be a splinter in your ca-rear."

Summing up the feelings of most seniors was Sue Horning: "What I think I would have wanted someone to say to me four years ago is to live each day to its fullest. Don't try to grow up too fast. Live each age and year and get out and put in as much as you can. Because one day, it's only going to be something you can look back on."

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## One Memorable Evening

Dear Diary,

Tonight was wonderful. William and I went to the Senior Prom.

Daddy was shocked because my formal was so low in front. It looked a lot better, though, when I turned it around so it wasn't backwards any more.

William and I patiently waited while Mother took the usual twenty pictures with the brightest flashbulbs made by man. I really wouldn't have minded except that I was so blinded that I fell down the front steps. But even with my torn hem and smashed nose (I fell on it coming down the steps), William said I looked pretty.

William looked nice, too, till he had to change the flat tire on the car. But at least he had plenty of people to cheer him on. (It happened in the middle of town).

Eating was fun. William didn't knock his water glass over once! Too bad he knocked mine over three times.

I was proud of William! He almost had enough money to pay the bill. It was lucky I had an extra dollar.

The dance was great. William got around amazingly well without his glasses. (He broke them fixing the flat tire). I did giggle though, when he asked the principal to dance.

William's mother was so sweet

to teach him to dance before the prom. I just wish she had known something besides she big apple and the fox trot.

And before I knew it, I was home. I thanked William and he stumbled blindly to the car.

It was really a night to remember.

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You are at the height of everything you might have dreamed of. For some, service or a job or possibly marriage. And for some, the end of the year might mean the end of just about everything.

But think back. Remember those first years in high school? Do they seem so long ago?

All of you were taken from a school that you had just become loyal to. You had broken your ties with your good old Jr. Highs and had settled down to your schools for your freshmen year. But then something happened. Over on the north side, a new high school was being built. Some of you might have wondered where you would end up. Some of you probably weren't too sure you wanted to leave your old school, but then you didn't have too awful much to say about it.

September '65 rolled around. You found out that you were to be transferred to the new school on the north side. You came into LaSalle finding that the school had no "heroes", no one to set standards, no one to set up goals for everyone to strive for. So some of you took to athletics, to give the school "heroes" and "champions". You quickly set standards and goals that would be the aims of athletes to come.

Then incredibly your sophomore year was over; you breathed a sigh of relief after exams and looked

forward to summer vacation.

September '66 saw you come back to LaSalle as Juniors. Your school loyalty, already started in your sophomore year, hardened into a school spirit that was felt wherever the Lions met.

You found that now you had "class", you were upperclassmen and you began to lead the school.

Then September '67 arrived. This was "your" year. You settled down to be the leaders of the school. You are "top dog" now and you enjoy your places of distinction. By the time you read this, your prom will be a thing of the past, just another thing to remember, FINAL exams will have exams

been taken, you'll be taking out your caps and gowns, and maybe, just maybe, you'll be regretting it just a little.

But don't fret, class of '68, you'll be remembered. You have helped carry on the LaSalle tradition for three years. Now it's time to "pass the torch". Let us hope that the class of '69 can do as fine a job as you in handling it.

## Good Luck! '68

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# 68 Year Of The Lion Closes

## LASALLE MARKS IN NIVC MEET

Penn's trackmen captured the first Northern Indiana Valley Conference meet as they slipped past the Lions by a mere four points, 81 1/2 to 77 1/2.

LaSalle made the going rough for the "Valley" champs as the Lions collected 40 big points in the final four events.

The Tigers from Jackson grabbed third place with 51 points, followed by Mishawaka Marian with 21, Clay 17, and bringing up the end were the "lame" St. Joe Indians with 6 points.

LaSalle made it a clean sweep in the relay department as they bagged the half-mile and mile relays. In the school record breaking half-mile relay, Carl Douglas, Al Welch, Gene Blackman, and Charles Bryant carried the baton in 1:32.8. Otis Brown, Jerome Seward, Doug Snyder, and Randy McPhee composed the winning mile relay team.

Other record breaking performances were turned in by McPhee in the 440 yard-dash with a time of 51.3 seconds and a record erasing 6 feet 1 inch jump was recorded by Al Armstrong.

LaSalle nabbed four individual crowns and both relays, Penn captured five crowns, Jackson two, and Marian one.

The summary: Shot put: 1 Gene Nicolini (Marion); 2. Dennis Horvath (Penn); 3. Pat Paluzzi (Penn); 4. Darwin Miller (Penn); 5. Bob Gillen (LaSalle), Distance: 46 feet 9 3/4 inches.



## Swimmers Record Winning Season

Five senior swimmers helped LaSalle swim past the .500 mark, as the "Liquid Lions" recorded their first winning season this past year.

Receiving undue criticism in their first season after bringing home an 0-8 record, it must be remembered that the tankers faced such foes as S.B. Central, S.B. Washington, S.B. Adams, Penn and LaPorte, a far cry from the beginning of the 1966-67 campaign, the tankers matured and brought home an even 6-6 record and this past season, the swimmers posted a 7-6 record.

Senior co-captain Howdy Bunch, joined the squad in its first year of competition and has swum the 200 yard I.M., 100 yard breast-stroke, 100-yard butterfly, and 400-yard freestyle. Bunch was one of the two seniors to travel to the state finals this year and received the Kiwanis Award in swimming.

LaSalle's other co-captain, Phil Burner, also joined the team in its first year and has swum backstroke most of the time although he is a good all-round swimmer. In a survey taken earlier this year to determine the ten best swimmers in each stroke in the state, Burner was polled at number eight in backstroke. Next year Burner plans to attend Central Connecticut State College.

Scott Brewer, also a three year man, has been LaSalle's main diver in his high school swimming career. Brewer was the other LaSalle senior to travel down state this past February as he placed in the diving competition in the South Bend sectional.

Gary Hess, a three year man, has swum a variety of different strokes. In his first year, he was a sprint man, his second saw him swimming the 100-yard butterfly, and this past year, he has swum the 100-yard breast-stroke. His last year brought him his greatest success, as he won his letter sweater.

Greg White has swum for the Lions for only two years. In his first year of competition, White wasn't a member of the varsity squad but this past year, he has come through in the 50-yard freestyle, and 100-yard freestyle, and was a member of the 400-yard freestyle relay team. White's improvement won him his letter sweater this past season.

Although these five swimmers graduate this year, the team next year will have eight returning lettermen.

## Seniors Vacate Positions On Baseball Squad

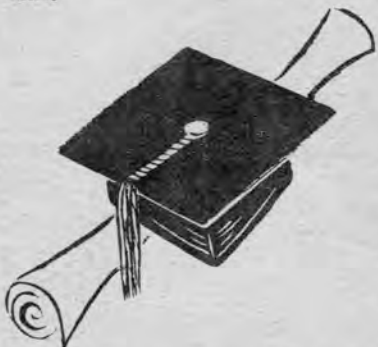
"It will be a tough job for the undergrads to fill the shoes of these individuals," explained head baseball coach, Mr. Rzeszewski, when speaking of his senior players.

Five senior boys were on the baseball team. They were Howdy Bunch, 2nd baseman; Donald Hill, outfielder; Tom DeBaets, Shortstop; and Ben Karasiak, third baseman.

Mr. Rzeszewski said that these seniors have done a good job and that he hates to see them go.

He feels that these are the type of players you want to have on your baseball team.

All these seniors except Tom Urbanski have been on the team for three years. Tom is a two year man.



## Linkmen End First Season

LaSalle's golf team tee'd off this year with five wins and eight losses.

The members of the varsity include: seniors, Steve Horvath, Jim Ransberger, and Greg Garboz; juniors, Mike Hasse, Chuch Henderson, and Fred Lusk; sophomore Dave Platts.

Jim Ransberger played number one position and was second in pars. Steve Horvath played in the last three games. Greg Garboz played fourth position and was second in birdies.

The link men placed tenth of twenty schools in the sectional at Michigan City.

Coach Bill Roberts looks for-

## GRIDDERS HAVE 5-5 SEASON

"There was a closeness in the talent shown by the seniors during the football season and they all have done an excellent job," stated coach Jerry Klaybor when he asked to comment on this years football team, and the role the seniors played.

All together there were 18 seniors on the '67 team. They were: Bill Lee, Denny Yost, Chip Newman, Niel Shambry, Randy McPhee, Tom Urbanski, Terry Martynowicz, Everett Bingham, Ron Chamberlain, Steve Davis, Don Monaut, Tim Meehan, Ben Karasiak, Norman Fikes, James Welch, Bill Sharp, Chris Hoffman, and Bill Lips.

Some of the seniors received awards of special recognition this year.

Getting a position on the All Area Eleven Team, a team that takes players from schools even outside the South Bend area, was offensive guard Niel Shambry.

Receiving a birth on the NIVC Eleven first team, again was Shambry. On the second team was Chip Newman.

On the NIVC Eleven Defensive second team, tackle Denny Yost and linebacker Ben Karasiak were awarded positions.

NIVC Honorable Mention included Tom Urbanski, Randy McPhee, Denny Yost, Don Monhaut, and Steve Davis.

These 18 seniors have helped put up goals that next years players will have to try to exceed.

ward to next season with four returning varsity players and three top B-team players, Bob Martinelli, Mike Wozniak, and Terry Rapalski.

Other members of the B-team were Tom Talor, Darcy Pajak, and George DeRychere. The team was coached by Senior Tom Rasow.

The link men played on Ebel Golf Course for their home games.

"These boys have been working at their games and have done a very respectable job for their first year in competition," said Coach Roberts when asked what he thought of his team.

## They're Leaving, But The Tradition Goes On

LaSalle's track and wrestling teams have had a very successful season this year, and even though the seniors will no longer be with us, their spirit, faith, momentum, and talent will live on forever.

And we, as underclassmen of LaSalle, will make it go on... fellow trackmen and wrestlers will pick up where these fellows left off... Everett Bingham, Charles Bryant, Steve Davis, Randy McPhee, Chip Newman, Jerry Seward, Ivan Stewart, James Welch, and wrestlers Jeff Harmon, Jim Johnson, Bill Lee, Bobby Macon and Tom Statzell.

Thirteen seniors, five of which began the LaSalle tradition from the very beginning of its existence are; Trackmen James Welch, Charles Bryant, and Everett Bingham and wrestlers Bill Lee and Jim Johnson who with strong effort and willingness to begin the great teams we have today.

Yet, the job would not have gotten done without two year lettermen Steve Davis, Randy McPhee, Jerry Seward and Bobby Macon. Also Jeff Harmon and Tom Statzell. The practice was hard and the going sometimes rough, but these boys withstood the rough times and gained victory.

Victories came as a team, but in some events, it was a personal gain to the victors. Co-Captains Charles Bryant is considered one of the most outstanding trackmen in the city with a total of 103 3/4 points before the regional track meet.

Lean and swift Randy McPhee is also considered one of the best in the city. He has scored 109 1/4 points before the regional and to quote Coach Teegarden "I'm more than sure that both McPhee and Bryant will make pretty respectable track teams in college." Coach Teegarden also mentioned the great progress Jerry Seward showed this year in the 440. "I'm proud of his progress," beamed Teegarden.

Coach Wegenke has words to beam about too, for captain Bobby Macon placed second in the city sectional and Tom Statzell was city champion in his weight division and also a Kiwanis Award winner. Husky Bill Lee is

leaving LaSalle with almost more bars, chevrons, and monograms than he can handle, but he's not complaining.

Coach Wegenke feels that all five of his wrestling seniors have done an outstanding job in getting the wrestling program going. He cannot place anyone senior above the others because he feels the program had to begin somehow, and all five of his senior wrestlers helped get it going.

"I feel we've had a very good wrestling team this season," Wegenke reminisced. "All the boys worked hard and the reason for my saying this is because in the beginning of the season we lost four in a row, but like the LaSalle tradition, our boys came back and won six in a row. Definitely they're not quitters, but hard working dedicated young men."

"We had a good year. We had a record of nine wins and two loses, even though we were somewhat disappointed in the conference. The track team has become very strong and Coach Hughes and I are very happy with the results. We're also very happy concerning all the seniors on the team. I only wish we had them back for another year. McPhee and Bryant are two of the best in the city and Chip Newman is one of the finest pole vaulters this year."

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