



# THE LANPHIER LIGHT

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One of these attractive Senior girls will be declared Prom Queen in the highlight of the May 17 affair. Candidates from the left are: Therese Hayes, Sandy Vost, Kathy Potter, Donna Curry, Peggy Ramsey, Jody Barnard, Meg Moore, Rita Ford, and Debbie Hodson.

## LIGHT PLANS WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

The week of May 12-16 will be a busy one for the Light and Lanphier. Monday will kick off the week with an all school assembly. Tuesday there will be a showing of various movies in the old gym. Balloons will be sold at the District Baseball Meet on nights that Lanphier

plays. Friday will be shorts & slacks day.

Further activities and more complete information will be announced preceding THE WEEK.

## NHS Inducts Twenty-three

Twenty-three students were tapped for National Honor Society at an all-school assembly held April 22. These students must have a 4.0 grade point average to be considered for membership.

Besides scholarship, the people must exemplify qualities of leadership, service to the school and character. The students inducted into this organization were Carol Ascher, Suellen Chunes, Deborah Drennan, Rita Ford, Ruth Frazier.

Gloria Fults, Penny Hart, Joann Harvill, Therese Hayes, Debbie Henrikson, Maria Hinman, Debbie Hodson, Ken Hoffacker, Linda Ihnen, Mary Ingersoll, Diana Killen.

Sandra Marzinzik, Joyce Rescho, Ronald Riecks, Priscilla Russo, Sheryl Sandage, Mark Scheffler, Jim Zimmermann.

## To See A Play

The English department has planned another trip to St. Louis. The trip will be open only to seniors. In the middle of next month, they will see Man of La Mancha at the American Theatre.

## May's Magic Moment Nears

This year's prom promises to be an occasion to be remembered by many Lanphier students. Prom committees are continuing to work long hours to insure the success of the 1969 prom.

The theme for the night's affair will be "This Magic Moment" with a band from St. Louis, Hoss and the Lords, playing. The highlight of the event will be the crowning of the prom queen.

The prom will be held on May 17 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The tickets are on sale in the main lobby at \$4 a couple.

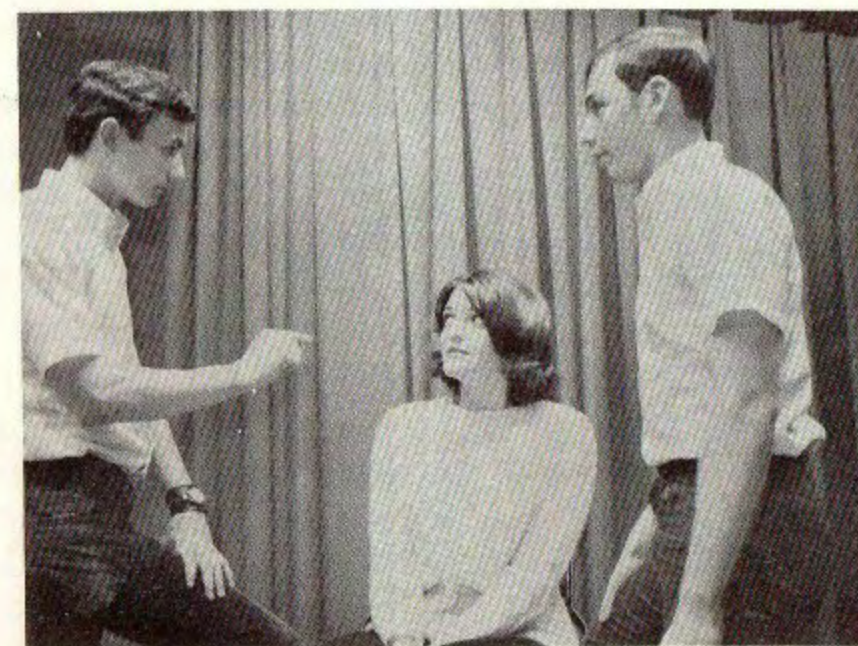
After the prom both juniors and seniors will have their all-night fun. The junior's after-prom will be held at Strike 'N Spare while the seniors will be held at Town & Country. Both after-proms will have bands, open bowling, and pool. Breakfast will be served at each.

## Lanphier Students Go To Trial

At the time of the suicide of Ivar Kruger, Swedish match king and financial juggler, it was rumored that he had only faked his death to escape financial failure and live, incognito, in South America. This story is the basis of "Night of January 16th," the play to be presented May 2-3 by Lanphier students.

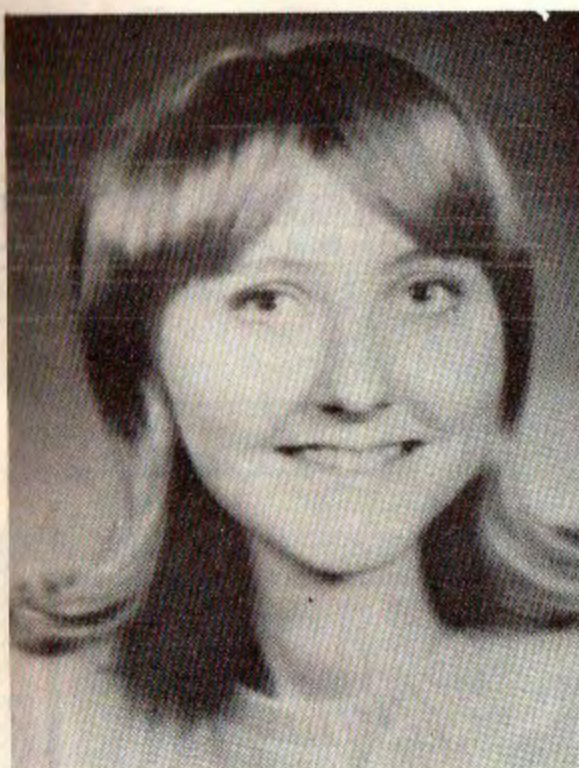
The modern courtroom drama will be enacted in the east gym at 7:30 with tickets priced \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for students.

The major roles will be performed by the following: Mike Patsche, district attorney; Larry Schwarberg, defense attorney; Sue Chidster, wife of murdered man; Meg Moore, defendant.



Judy Brown takes the witness stand as attorneys Mike Patsche and Larry Schwarberg give her the third degree about "The Night of January 16th."

## Lanphier's Student Of The Year



Ruth Frazier was selected as Lanphier's Student of the Year at the Student of the Week Dance on April 19. She was awarded a \$200 scholarship.

## Light Staff Needed

Anyone interested in being in Journalism or in being a member of the Light staff next year should contact Miss Bellamy in room 237, David Farley, or Rick Krimmel.

## News Briefs

The printing department is in the process of printing invitations, tickets, and bids for prom and programs for graduation.

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Key Club will hold Parent's Appreciation Banquet on May 1.

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FHA will hold their annual Mother-Daughter Banquet and Installation of Officers on May 1. Officers will be: President - Dana Guerensey, Vice President - Debbie Lanhum, Treasurer - Kathy Bryant.

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The Lanphier Light's letter to the editor dept. has died of malnutrition.

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## News Briefs

This year our track season will feature an added attraction. Tried for the first time at Lanphier will be the Trackettes. The trackettes are a group of approximately 30 girls chosen by Mrs. Monson and Mr. Ransford. The trackettes have no class distinction - they will include freshmen, juniors, and seniors.

There are several duties the girls will be responsible for. While they will not do the actual officiating, they will be measuring the race distances, and taking down the hurdles, along with other necessary tasks at track meets.



# Black Civic Leader Discusses — Why Black Power?

The following article is based on an interview with Mr. Willis Logan and two appearances he has made before the Lanphier Human Relations Club. Mr. Logan is Community Organizer for the Springfield Urban League, Managing editor of The Spirit of Black Springfield, active in The Community Action Program. The views expressed are generally those of Mr. Logan; however, they are here interpreted by the co-authors of this article.

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Confused whites are asking, "Just what is meant by 'black power'?" Most whites have only vague ideas in this regard. Basically the black power movement represents a realization on the part of the black American that partial acceptance as a second-class citizen in a white-oriented society is no longer acceptable. The black man is overcoming the myths about his own inferiority that were created by his white slave masters. He is beginning to realize his value as a man and is discovering the richness of his own culture. American society can no longer expect the black man to be satisfied with a subordinate role.

As blacks come to discover their own identities they also discover the complex systems the Establishment has designed to keep them "in their place." For the individual black, the battle against these systems is hopeless. Of necessity "blackpower" was born to overcome white society's tactics of "divide and conquer." United economically, politically and culturally, blacks are nearer to gaining the kind of power that the American system is based upon.

From this base of power, black America can begin to attack the core of the race problem; white racism, racism ingrained in the psychological make-up of nearly all whites. There are, generally, two ways to make society aware of the truth of the race situation. The first is through communication between the races. The second is through violence. Either way, the primary objective is to bring about self-examination in the white individual, and eventually realization of his own prejudice and ignorance in regard of the black man.

The one force most responsible for the perpetuation of racism is our present educational sys-



Mr. Logan is pictured at work before a discussion group in Lanphier's Human Relations Club.

tem. Education today operates much like a mass production factory. The student is encouraged to fill a mold that society has deemed "correct."

All students are in some way adversely affected as their individual differences are frowned upon, but in the case of the black the effect is disastrous. Springing from a very different culture and with a different emotional make-up from that of the white, the black student is mercilessly crushed in order to be fitted into white society's mold. He is twisted and crippled to the point at which self-respect is hardly possible.

Clearly American education requires complete revamping, with its basic aims revised, with the emphasis on conformity replaced by a tolerance of individual human differences.

The real hope lies in youth, black and white, pliable and sensitive to truth.

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P.T.A.'s annual Variety Show has been cancelled due to lack of student interest.

Profits from the show were to be used to buy a sign for the athletic gymnasium displaying a large lion's head and bearing the words, "The Lion's Den". Plans were also being made to send the cheerleaders to a cheerleading camp.

The theme of the show was to be "The Spirit of the Lion," and a prize was to be awarded to the act displaying the greatest degree of "Spizzerism." Only six tickets were sold. P.T.A. members unanimously agree that "The Spirit of the Lion" is non-existent.

# Lanphier High Is Dead

by charleywilkerson

(A.S.P.C.A. April 30th). For the 5,940th consecutive day students and faculty members gleefully "passed away" another day at the Robert C. Lanphier Senior High School in attempts to ignore the fact that their school was buried again today.

The school, a two-story brick structure with modern-school-bond-gym and extension additions, was pronounced dead on arrival at Poston Brick Yard, Sunday at 12 noon. Preliminary autopsy revealed the apparent cause of death to be student apathy, although suicide and murder were not ruled out.

Born in various parts of Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, and

Keukuk, Iowa, he was son of the Federal Emergency Works Progress Administration and the 18th Amendment.

A group of sympathizers (organized under the pseudonym of the L.I.G.H.T. Staff) have arranged for a period of mourning for the duration of the week of the 12th-16th. The staff aims to "reincarnate the school through involvement", unless I've forgotten something from the quotation.

Activities for the week range from as follows: an assembly, movies, a grub day, eye-contest, selling balloons at the Griffin-Lanphier baseball game and some surprises (?).

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at the graduation ceremony.

Following is a list of events which the senior class will participate in during the month of May and the first week of June. If the need arises notification of date changes will be made.

May 17-1969 Junior-Senior Prom

May 17-Senior After-Prom at Town and Country

May 22-Senior Class Meeting  
May 22-29-Exams also graduation robes arrive

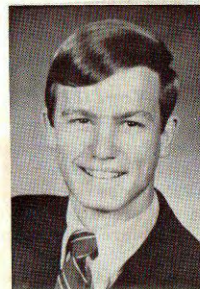
June 1-Joint Senior class Service to be held at the Armory  
June 3 & 4-Rehearsal for Commencement

June 5-Recognition Assembly and Commencement at Memorial Field.

On behalf of myself and the other senior class officers, I would like to urge all seniors to participate in all senior activities which will be coming in the near future, for only when there is full support of all activities can graduation be successful.

## Activities Set For Senior

The Senior class fee, which all seniors must pay, was collected recently for graduation expenses. The senior fee is required of all graduating seniors for such purposes as the senior class banquet, which will be held this year at the St. Nicholas Hotel, rental expense for caps and



JIM KERSEK  
Senior Class President

gowns, the senior gift to Lanphier from the class of '69, programs and flowers for decoration

*Jim Kerske*

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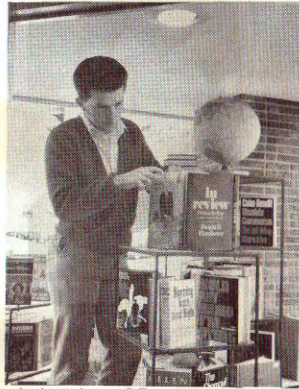
### D.E. Student - "Jack" Of All Trades

Have you seen Coe's window display lately? If not, take a closer look and you'll find an artistic display that is unequalled in the whole of downtown Springfield. Who does this display? It's none other than Lanphier High School's Jack Malone, a senior in D.E.

Besides being a window decorator, Jack has the job of sales and the store's print engraver. His main job is print engraving. He engraves such things as expensive bookends and bracelets and Jewish Bibles. One of the most interesting things Jack has done in printing is engraving bookends of Lincoln and sending them to such famous people as the Pope, former President Johnson, President Nixon and other well-known celebrities.

Jack's only humorous incident in window decorating was not too funny at the time. When he first started out, the store had just recently imported a special kind of glass from Denmark which cost \$150 a sheet. As he was arranging these in the window display he managed to break one. Have you ever seen \$150 break into pieces? Fortunately for Jack, his boss was an understanding man.

Jack's future ambition is to go to school and study to be a minister. He plans to use his window-decorating and engraving talent to pay his expenses through school.



Jack Malone, DE student, is shown adding final touch to a display window he has designed. Students interested in the DE program, for next year should contact Mr. Babcock.

#### SUMMER JOBS (cont'd from page 4)

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### "Conference Phenomena"

by Floyd Sallee

On February 28, Springfield hosted the "World Affairs Conference of Central Illinois" sponsored by Lincoln College and the University of Illinois.

The purpose of the "World Affairs Conference of Central Illinois" was communication. The subjects of "new politics", dissent, and violence are hardly easy to communicate about. We may want to know; but only that information which confirms our own viewpoint. So in actuality, the conferences main purpose was to polarize the opinions of many different factions in order for the individual to study them. Polarization has here one great purpose; that is to "realize" the differences in order to appraise the similarities. In other words you can't fight; if you're a revolutionary, or assimilate, if you're in the middle, something you can-

not see or understand.

Mr. Andrews was different, he said he "realized" the situation.


Now to move on to the left hand side, which was to no surprise represented by several members of the Students for Democratic Society. "When one comes up against a system with which one can no longer relate, which no longer can cope with our needs, it is ones duty to change it."

Robert G. Deitz, student at the University of Illinois and SDS member, placed the blame for student "unrest" on the educational process which tends to limit and confine the student.

All groups were represented. Taking the more right wing point of view were Norton E. Long, Prof. of Political Science, University of Illinois and Allen H.

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Georgene Curry

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Check with the Red Cross, United Fund, YMCA, YWCA, Mental Health Association, Hospitals, Salvation Army, Springfield Neighborhood Youth Corps, Local churches and Missions, Nurseries, and Nursing Homes. Don't be shy — they're all in the phonebook and they would all be happy to have volunteer help.

High school students from all over the city work as Candy Strippers, Junior Counsellors at day camps, survey-takers, teacher aides for Headstart, swimming instructors, and teachers. This is a chance to meet people your own age who

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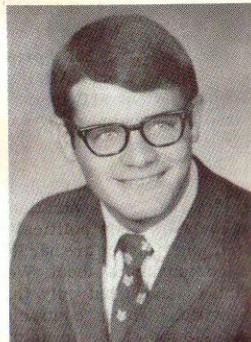
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**Mark Cavatorta**

Mark's easy going and jovial manner have won him friends in all classes and adds a welcomed lightness to many a sluggish classroom. But Mark is also capable of serious, responsible thinking when the situation demands it.

A steady and capable member of the football squad, Mark also has been involved in Key Club and 'L' Club. But by far the most demanding of all his activities has been his presidency of the Lanphier Student Council. In regard to this organization Mark remarks:

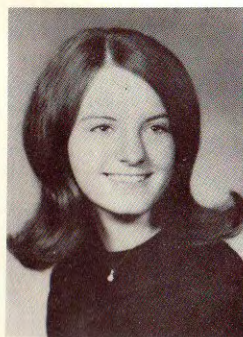
"As President of Lanphier's Student Council I have been exposed to many problems that exist at our school more than other students. I have seen that there is a great need for an upheaval of student participation to replace the epidemic of the 'rebellious student.' I have received many complaints but a surprising few solutions from the student body. It is my belief that if Lanphier is to maintain a desirable status it is essential for the students to work for it and not against it."

Mark's future plans are to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine.

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Pictures seem to add ten pounds to me—so I make a habit of not eating them.



# Senior Spotlight



**Marcia Hinman**

Born on April 5, Marcia is an "Aries", and the description of an Aries person certainly fits her — zesty, strongly independent, free-wheeling, often giving the impression of casualness where there is something much deeper.

Marcia says her biggest problem is that she "loves people too much." She is very sensitive and easy going. She is also capable of great self-control and can play it "cool" in any situation.

A very talented person, Marcia is proud of her .990 batting average and her ability to play piano, guitar, organ, and the spoons. Marcia is active in school activities and she finds the general apathy of Lanphier students to be upsetting.

One of Marcia's favorite pastimes is watching people and then analyzing them, and although you may not know her well she probably has a rather accurate idea of what you're like. So don't be surprised if when you talk to her you find she knows some of your deep inner thoughts.

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is pink voile flocked with white dots. Many girls are sewing their own formals, to insure originality. There will undoubtedly be many different designs on the dance floor May 17.



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# Absence Makes The Days Go Faster

by Charley Wilkerson

Yes, that's right, only 25 more grading days till summer vacation and the question that pops into most everyone's heads: "How do I make each day seem shorter?" Since anyone can see this is a very controversial issue, (and since I don't have any personal ideas), I've canvassed the school to provide you, the reader, with the following consensus of opinion:

Mr. Hoffman—"Why speed it up? Slow down and live."

Marcia Hinman—"Wink at the teachers - time always flies when you're having fun."

JoAnn Harvill—"Skip English, Physics and Government."

Mark Cavatorta—"We should institute an ROTC training program like the one at Harvard-it gives the guys something to talk about."

Mike Patsche—"Have more English trips."

Mildred Griswell—"Have more fire drills-it keeps the kids outta the halls."

Nick Bambrough—"Bring Play-boy to study hall."

Brian Bruce—"Bring a 'Play-mate' to study hall."

Pete Dombrowski—"Bring a squirt gun to school."

Bet Cha Won't—"Skip Classes."

Sandy Marzinzik—"If I knew of any ways to speed it up I'd sure use them."

## CONFERENCE PHENOMENA (cont'd from page 3)

Andrews, Jr., Superintendent of Police, Peoria.

him submit to the dictates of a crumbling society and force a break in relation between administration, which often misinterprets the students action and the student. When asked how such a deficient educational process produced such an articulate young man, he had no answer.

This leaves the black people somewhere in the middle of this whole mess. The "black awareness thing" is meant to liberate their people not to overthrow the government. The "thing" is beautiful because it is theirs alone, right or left, "stay out."

Mr. David Addison, Law student, University of Illinois and president of the Black Students Association expressed fear of leftist groups like the SDS with which his group has close ties. "Leaders of SDS are the same type of people who are the sons of Bank presidents, how do they know what black people, poor people or labor want?"

Of the purpose I spoke of earlier, communications, this conference was a failure. People just don't listen.



"OOPS!" Well, I like burnt hot dogs anyway," Marsha Hinman seems to say as she and Cindy White, Bonnie Meredith, Joan Kail and Mary Triplett play "camp-out" in a recent girls' P.E. activity.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			30	1	2	3
			Track-Eisenhower (H)	FHA Mother-Daughter Banquet	Play "The Night of January 16"	Play Repeat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Conference Call		Institutional Buncos Tourney of Diller's Master (in dough)	Baseball T.Ville 4:30	Lions Surf Boards Races at upstairs in old building	Conference golf district track
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Booster Club meets	District Base- ball Tourney L.	L.	G.	H	T	PROM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		My little brother's birthday		Senior Class Meeting		Choir Concert
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Physiology class biacet fetal pig!		Report cards go on sale in lobby		NO SCHOOL!	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
Baccalaureate	Start of Sem- ter Exams	Senior Rehearsal Senior Banquet	A'Capella Concert	Recognition Assembly	THE END	

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# Lions Win City Tourney

The Lions have clinched the City Baseball Series Crown after whipping Southeast 3-0 last Monday. The Lions are 5-0 in Tourney with a game with pre-series favorite, Griffin, remaining.

In the first series encounter the Lions roared back from 4-0 deficit with 6 runs to top Springfield.

The second series game against Southeast, Ron Riecks, and John Marsaglia combined to post the 7-3 win. Riecks went 3-3, stole 2 bases, and picked up the win relief as Marsaglia slammed a two-out bases-loaded double to drive in the winning runs.

The next foe, Griffin, fell victim to the balanced Lion onslaught as they banged out 8 hits. Riecks again led the attack with 2 hits while picking up the win. Jim Merrifield added two hits and centerfielder Nelson Madden tripled home the winning run for the 4-2 victory.

## Golfers Trip Griffin

The Lion Golf team posted its first season victory over Griffin Tuesday April 15 at Bunn Park 6-4. Paul Lotzenhiser was the low man for the Lions with a two-over par 36. The Lions are now 1-3.

## All Stars' Glitter

### Not So Golden

It seemed the smart aleck punks would run away from the old fuggies after they took the opening tip-off and romped to a 12-3 lead. But the old-timers came back, scoring 40 points during half-time to knot the score at 43 all, thus proving their ability to go to their wallets for the score. The games were highlighted by various incidents such as: 7 players on the court for the all-stars, 10 players on the court for the faculty, 14 fans in the bleachers for the student body, and so on. A more memorable highlight involved referee Wagner's decision over an out-

The hopeless Solons could do no better in their second encounter as they were held to 4 runs as the Lions pounded out 9. John Marsaglia picked up the win while striking out 11 and walking only 1. Riecks raised his city leading average to .643 with 2 hits.

In the clincher against Southeast, Mark Scheffler picked up his second series win, giving up only 2 hits and striking out 9. Glen Hunt's fourth inning homer with a man aboard ended the Lion scoring in the 3-0 win.

## Cindermen Gain Triangular Tie

Lanphier tied Griffin 67-67 and topped Buffalo Tri-City in a triangular track meet Wednesday April 16. The Lions won 9 first as Harold Johnson won the 100-yard dash and 180 yard low hurdles, Ray Strode won the 220; Craig Tillman the 440; Steve Wacaser the two-mile; Phil Brooks the pole vault; and the Lions mile and 880 relay teams. Harold Johnson made his first appearance since recovering from pneumonia and appears to be in good shape.

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of-bounds ball. When Preston McQuery questioned the validity of the call with: "Mr. Wagner, how do you spell you last name." Wagner courtly replied, "W-A-G-N-E-R." and Preston snapped back "that's what I thought - Wagner with no I's."

Oh, yes, the score was a 85-85-4 (The last four points to the student body for its support).

## Netters Suffer Second Defeat

The Lion tennis team was defeated by Decatur Eisenhower 6-1 Monday April 21. Ken Hoffacker was the only Lion winner, topping George Greanis 6-2, 6-2.



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# Sports Wake

Steve Wacaser

The busiest time of the year for Lanphier Athletes is currently underway. By this I mean four varsity sports, baseball, golf, tennis and track, are offered for Lanphier preppers during the spring.

The baseball team, under the leadership of Mr. Nika and Mr. Flannigan, is currently undefeated at Press time.

Leading the diamond mound have been Ron Riecks and Mark Scheffler. Riecks has been hitting at a cool .667 clip and Scheffler has a 3-0 record on the mound.

Other leading hitters have been Jim Zimmermann, .368, Glen Hunt, .333, and Scheffler .316.

Nelson Madden has won a game with a clutch base hit and Jim Merrifield has been on base 11 times in the first six games.

The sophomores even have got into the act by defeating Riverton's varsity 4-1. John Marsaglia, Keith Boehner, Paul Mosley, and Denny Hendricks have been the pacesetters. Sam Wheeler, Nick Groesch, and Buddy Hollinshead also have been valuable.

Frosh Jim Kopatz has been holding his own on the varsity at 1st base and catcher.

The golf team, coached by Mr. Wilson, is 1-3 with Paul Loutzenhiser playing number one man. Paul has been medalist twice.

The tennis team hasn't played a dual match yet but Mr. Hodge has many scheduled. One week our netters play 5 of the 7 days.

Currently playing number 1 man is Senior Ken Hoffacker. Hodge says this of Ken, "Ken's all-around game is vastly improved over a year ago."

Playing number two man is Senior letterman Floyd Sallee. Sophomore Dennis Russell is playing number three, Brian Bruce number 4, Dave Mudra number 5, and Mark Bicknell number 6.

Mr. Hodge encourages all freshmen and sophomores to come out for tennis because tennis is one of the few sports in which freshmen and sophomores can letter in.

Harold Johnson has just returned from the sick bed and is expected to win the city 100 for the second straight year.

Steve Wacaser has posted a 4:39 mile and a 10:05 two-mile. Craig Tillman just a soph., has a :53.3 clocking the 440.

Ray Strode is contesting Harold in the 100 and 220. Frosh. Skip Douglass has been a pleasant surprise in the hurdles.



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