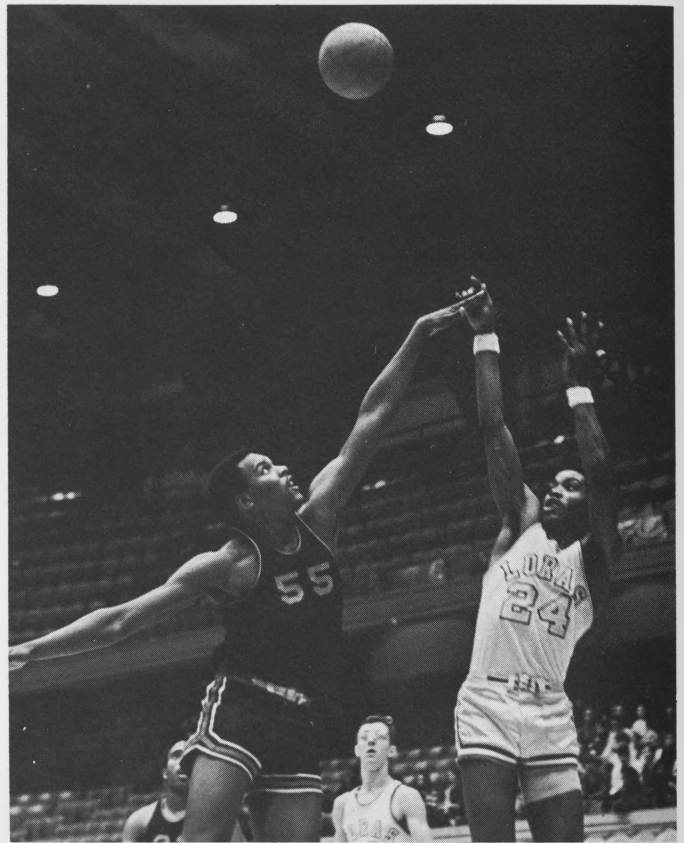
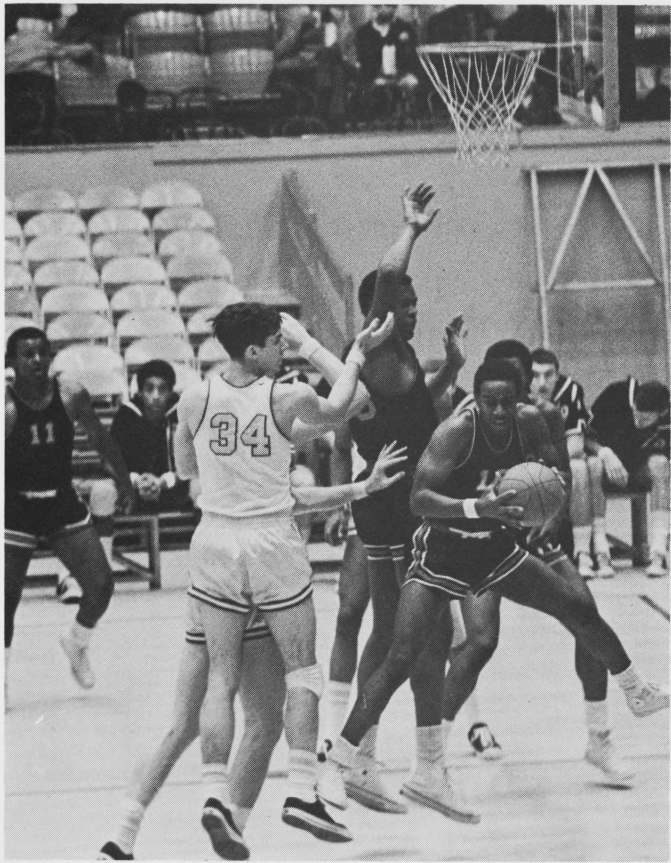


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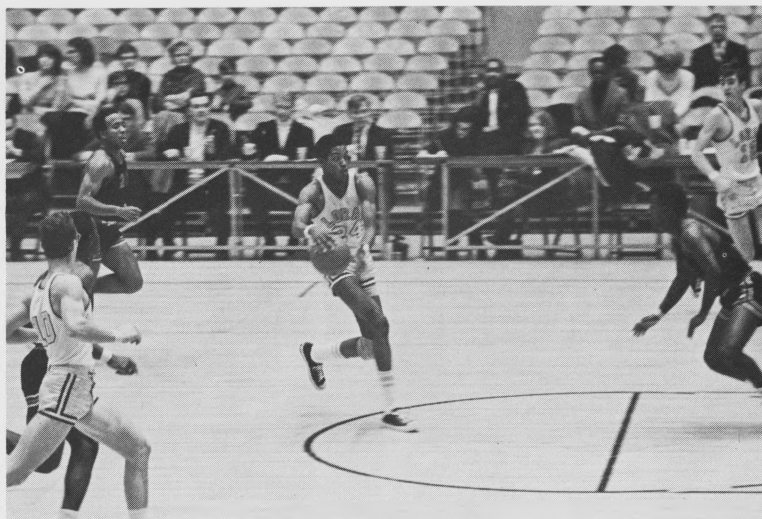
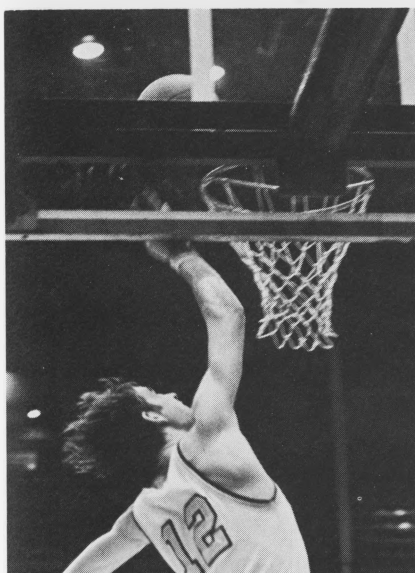
The first St. Ambrose game seemed to be the turning point for the 1968-69 Duhawk basketball team. After a rousing 30 point victory, the Duhawks fell flat on their faces in the second half of the season. The ball seemed to bounce the wrong way for the Loras cagers as they fell to a 2-11 record after the Christmas break.

The team opened the season with a close victory over Platteville and continued to play consistently fine basketball beating such consistent powers as Augustana, Briar Cliff, and St. Thomas. The Duhawks continued their winning ways with a second place finish in the Chicago Invitational Tournament, losing a disputed heartbreaker to Lane 75-72. The Tournament gave a lot of old Loras grads a chance to see their team and supplied the present student body with a new cheer. So all was not lost.



One enthusiastic alumnus at the Chicago Invitational proves he still has the old Duhawk spirit.





The Duhawks continued their winning ways with three post-Christmas wins, including their formidable massacre of St. Ambrose, which earned us the coveted Victory Bell. After this game however, it seemed to be all downhill as the Duhawks could only manage two wins out of their remaining thirteen games. But these contests were not without their excitement.

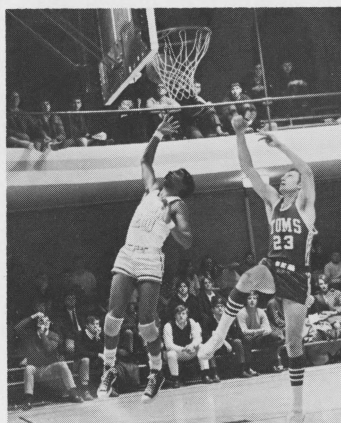
Who could ever forget the Loras-U. of Dubuque game, which is fast becoming a blood rivalry that is even overshadowing the St. Ambrose game? Who can ever forget the tremendous come-from-behind victory over Lewis? These can hardly be forgotten. They made the season worthwhile.

Continuing their losing ways, the Duhawks dropped close contests to Lewis, Quincy, U. of Dubuque, Western Illinois, St. Ambrose (we lost the Bell) and St. Norbert's, most of which were conference games. As was mentioned, most of these games were close contests, with the Duhawks in them all the way, just falling short of victory. The Dahawk cagers were not bad, but the breaks were.



The U. of D. game.

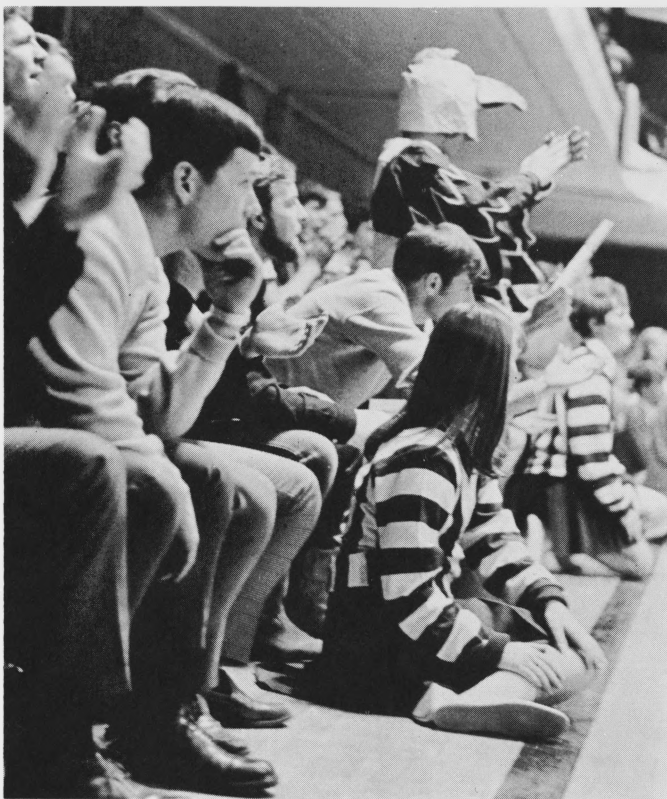
Victory over St. Thomas!



GAME SCORES

Loras	Opp.
76	Platteville 74
65	St. Marys 69
75	Upper Iowa 78
92	Augustana 79
52	Winona State 67
87	I.I.T. 66
76	Briar Cliff 66
77	U. of S. Dakota 89
88	Clark 79
70	Lewis 67
72	Lane 75
101	St. Thomas 77
90	I.I.T. 83
96	*St. Ambrose 66
73	*Lewis 75
71	*Quincy 84
69	Central 63
73	Luther 91
55	Wartburg 72
77	U. of Dubuque 83
71	*Quincy 83
94	*Lewis 87
75	*St. Norbert 85
77	Western Ill. 85
89	Augustana 91
70	*St. Ambrose 77
87	*St. Norbert 95

* Conference Game

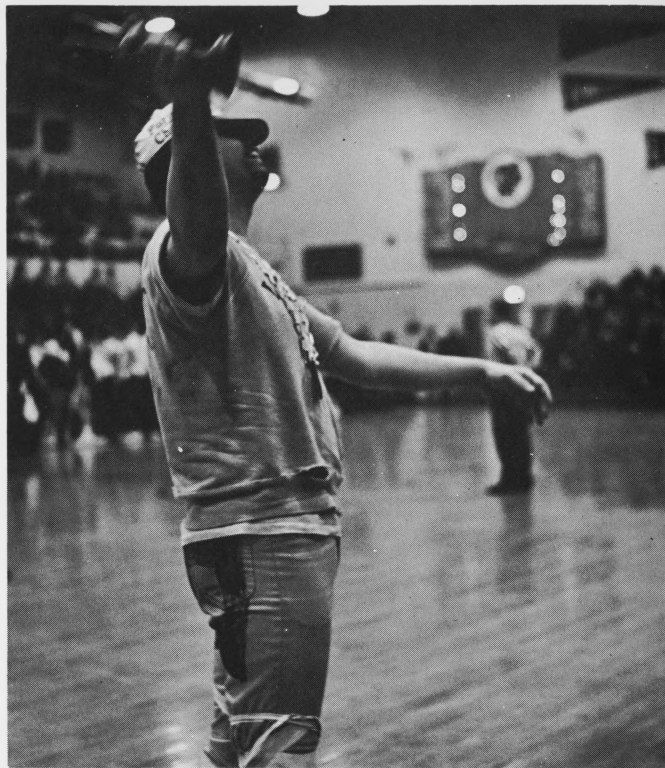


Packed into the Pit, fans cheered the Duhawk cagers on, and on, until it was over.

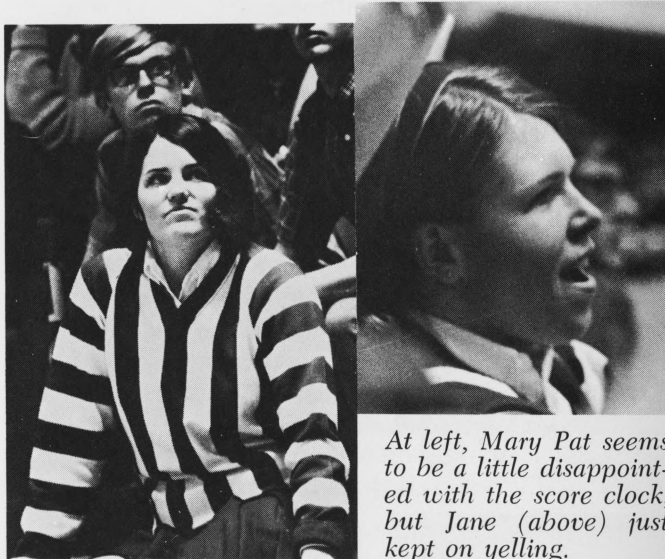
It always seems interesting to a casual reader to see the season's highlights included in a report. Tradition must not be broken, so without further ado, they will be enumerated: the first St. Ambrose game, the U. of Dubuque game, the Lewis game, the Christmas tournament, Tommy Jackson's 1000th point, Tommy Jackson night, the play of Steve Coughlin, John Buri and Dan Breitebback in the backcourt, the hot hand of Al Gri-vetti when we needed it most, the search for a consistent center, and the moving of a considerable number of games to Senior High School. All in all, it was a season packed with highlights.



At the Loras-St. Ambrose game some of the fans were bored with the runaway by Loras.



When the girls left at Christmas, substitute cheerleaders from Loras filled in for the games.



At left, Mary Pat seems to be a little disappointed with the score clock, but Jane (above) just kept on yelling.

The 1968-1969 Loras basketball season, although not outstanding in the won-loss totals, proved to be not quite as unsuccessful as it seemed. Underclassmen played well and gained much experience. Tommy Jackson and Pat Lillis, both all-conference picks, played consistently fine basketball, averaging 20.6 and 18.1 points per game respectively.

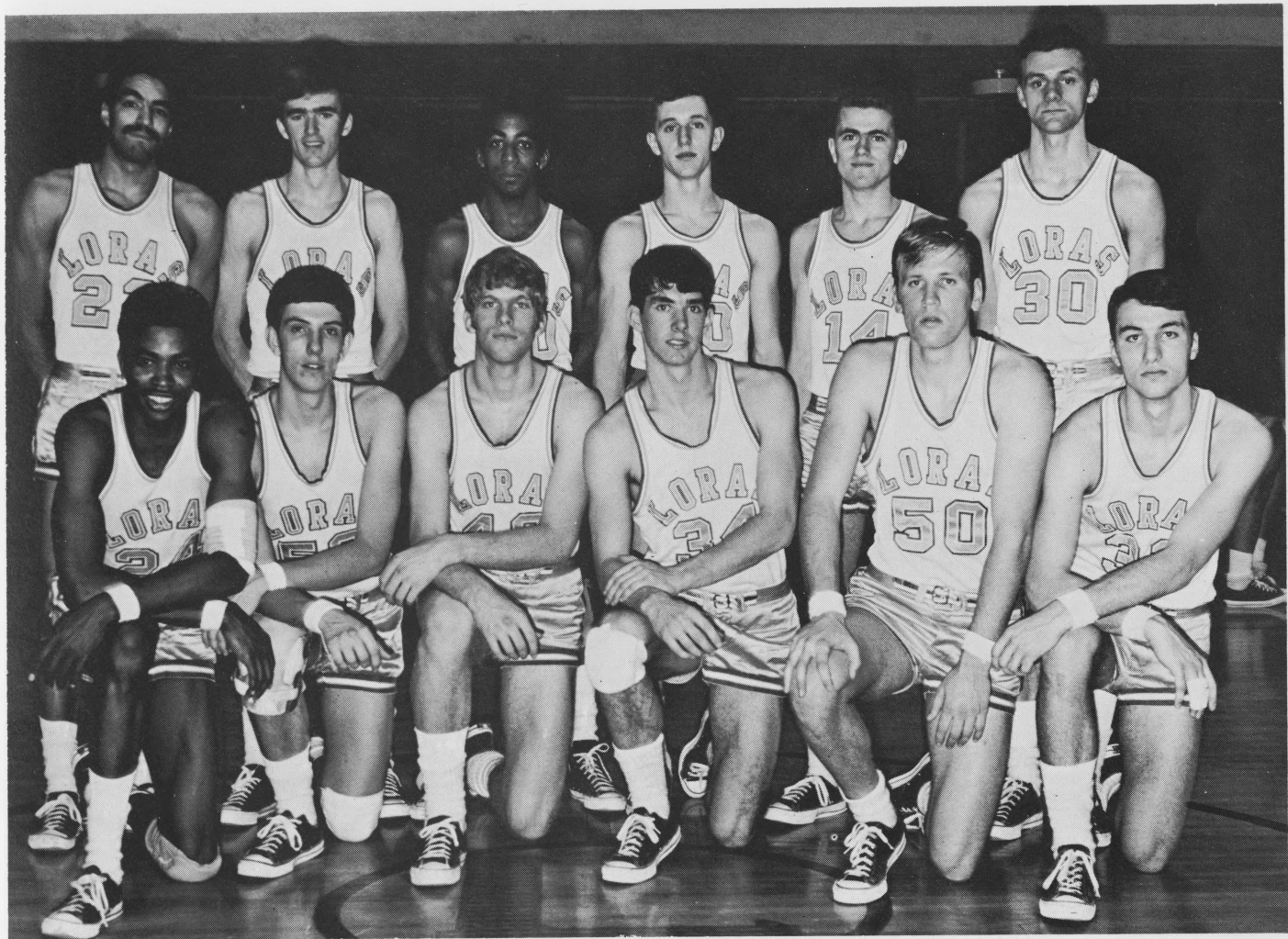
Projecting to next season, the Duhawks, with the same team as this year, could go quite a long way if they wanted to. Losing only one man, the Duhawks may hold the upper hand in their conference and perhaps in the state of Iowa. Maybe if the boys take it a little easier on St. Ambrose next year, God will let us win a few more games.

Individual Player Statistics

Won 11 — Lost 16

Midlands Conf. 2-6

PLAYER	G	FGM	FGA	PCT.	FTM	FTA	PCT.	REB	TP	AVG
Jackson	27	229	497	46.1	99	146	67.8	376	557	20.6
Lillis	27	195	434	44.7	98	131	74.8	176	488	18.1
Hanig	27	80	162	49.4	30	50	60.0	143	190	7.1
Breitbach	26	55	128	42.9	46	74	62.2	88	156	6.0
Pescitelli	27	57	118	48.3	31	45	68.8	99	145	5.4
Coughlin	23	107	274	39.1	41	53	77.4	42	255	11.1
Carter	25	35	107	32.7	24	43	55.8	53	94	3.8
Buri	26	39	97	40.2	21	28	75.0	42	99	3.8
Alston	21	15	29	51.7	6	17	35.3	16	36	1.7
Shinkunas	21	14	30	46.6	15	28	53.6	40	43	2.04
Grivetti	11	11	24	45.8	9	12	75.0	21	31	2.8
Helling	2	1	2	50.	2	2	100.0	2	4	2.0
TEAM TOTALS	27	838	1904	44.1	422	629	67.1	1264	2098	77.7
OPPONENTS	27	819	1877	43.6	468	686	68.2	1285	2106	78.0



The Loras Basketball team for the 1968-69 season was: (front, l. to r.) T. Jackson, B. Pescitelli, S. Hanig, P. Lillis, D. Shinkunas, A. Grivetti. Back, R. Carter, S. Coughlin, J. Alston, D. Breitbach, J. Buri, V. Helling.