

OLD HICKORY

Dropped Courses Budget Cut Result

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by Andrea Poulos



NEWLY ELECTED VARSITY CHEERLEADERS listen attentively as Lisa Heller explains next year's plans. Seated from left in back row are Holly Heemstra, Kitty Gates, and Chris Seaborg. Seated in front are Carol Rzezewski and Kris Hilderbrand, alternate.

Latin Honor Society Certifies 31 Students

Thirty-one Latin students have been certified as members of the National Latin Honor Society this year. Of the 74 Latin students at Jackson, these 31 maintained an average of 90% of all class work from September to March.

In the Latin I class, the following received certificates: Sharon Buckner, Robert Colten, Elinor Gramenz, Vicki Hughes, Tina Jones, Joseph Kocy, Maureen Miller, and Chet Eright.

The Latin II class had 12 honor students: Ann Brown, Ginny Colten, Jill Evenden, Roxanne Ger-

beth, Loraine Hatton, Linda Krusinski, Scott Leavitt, Craig Merrick, Deane Reinke, Lynn Schenck, Cynthia Schultz and Don Whitfield.

The new members from Latin III are: Dave Cantwell, Jim Daniels, Madge Marshall, Kathy McCarthy, Marcia Nace, Debbie Pierce, Ron Shady, Joan Whitfield, and Susie Wright.

Karen Wanstall and Marianne Van Acker were honored in the Latin IV class.

Though only in its second year at Jackson, the National Latin Honor Society was organized over 30 years ago. Latin students do not remain members of the National Latin Honor Society unless their grades remain at a 90% average.

Autograph Party Set For May 26

The 1969 Jacksonian will be distributed May 26 at the annual autograph party held in the gym after school. Admission cost is 25 cents. Plastic covers for the yearbooks will be sold. Students not attending the party may pick up their yearbooks the next day in room 229.

Any student who did not order a yearbook and wishes to do so should see Mrs. Lois Claus next week in room 229. Price is \$5.

Last Issue

This is the last regular issue of the Old Hickory for the 1968-69 school year.

The senior edition of the Old Hickory may be purchased from homeroom representatives for twenty-five cents prior to its delivery on May 23 during homeroom period.

Kohn Leads '69-70 NHS

Stan Kohn has been elected president of Jackson's National Honor Society chapter for the 1969-70 school year. Other officers chosen are Greg Drover, vice-president; Ann Brown, secretary; JoAnn Scott, treasurer; and Craig Merrick, Keeper of the Tree.

The Keeper of the Tree is a position initiated this year, due to the Society's gift of a magnolia tree to the school. Craig's duties will involve the watering and general care of the five-leaf, four-inch tall specimen currently residing in the counseling office.

Ex-Dope Addicts Confess; Accompany 'Junkie Priest'

"The Junkie Priest," Rev. Daniel Egan of New York City, will present a program for area youth next Monday, at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Social Hall, 333 N. Main St.

Father Egan lives at the Graymoor Friars' House in New York's Greenwich Village just two blocks from where he was born. It has taken Father Egan 18 years among thousands of drug addicts in New York City to earn the respected title of "Junkie Priest," which he treasures.

Father Egan has his A.B. and M.A. degrees in guidance; is a member of the White House Conference on Drugs; has testified at many city, state, and federal narcotics hearings; is a frequent speaker at colleges and high schools; and is on the Boards of Advisors of many Drug Rehabilitation Centers in the United States. He also serves as chaplain to the New York Narcotics Anonymous.

Effects of the school budget cut will be evident next year at Jackson as courses are dropped or overcrowded and students are turned away from "frozen" classes.

Upon request for three new teachers next year, the JHS administration was informed that there was no money for new teachers. In fact, two would have to be eliminated from the staff.

Drama, corrective reading, journalism and developmental reading will not be offered next year due to the fact that the teachers are needed to teach basic English classes. Though these classes are being cut, there will still be a drama club, debate team, yearbook and newspaper as extra-curricular activities.

Physics will suffer as classes reach between 35 and 40 students, which is about 15 more than desirable. Chemistry II will be dropped due to small enrollment, and only Chemistry I, a basic, will be offered.

Since only 30 students will be allowed to sign up for Biology II, a number of them will be turned away. Formerly, there were two Biology II classes. All language classes will be large, 30 or more pupils. French IV and V students may take their class sixth hour at Riley High School.

The math department will not lose any classes, but all of them will be excessively large.

Honors U.S. History will be completely cut, while World History's expected two classes will form one with over 40 pupils in it.

The Industrial art department which was in need of another instructor, will limit classes by choosing only the students most likely to do well in the shops and turn away the rest.

Art History will be cancelled and presently art classes are "frozen"; that is, filled to capacity and no more students are allowed to enroll.

Business communications, music appreciation and debate will be discontinued because too few students are signed up. Normally, these classes would be taught,

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Inbound Frosh Welcomed By Orientation Program

Orientation evening for incoming freshmen students and their parents will be held on Wednesday, May 21, in the Jackson Auditorium. The program will start at 7:30 p.m.

Principal James L. Early will welcome the students and parents and give opening remarks on the first year in high school. This will be followed by a ses-

sion to acquaint students with rules and regulations, home room assignments, Freshman medical exam, and guidance services at Jackson. A filmstrip will be shown titled, "Your first year in high school."

A tour of the building will be given by Student Council members, and refreshments will be served in the cafeteria by PTA.

Ugliest Girl: That's Cindy!



SOPHOMORE CINDY SPRINGER beams proudly as she is announced the "Ugliest Girl" during the "Little 500" dance last Friday. (Photo by Fischgrund.)

Sophomore Cindy Springer won the "Ugly Girl" contest last week, raising AFS funds totaling \$121.41.

Debbie Stoeckinger, junior, placed second with \$116.60. Freshmen Hope Heemstra and Sally McDermott were third and fourth respectively.

Junior Terri Trammell was fifth, and sophomore Kathy Gibbs placed sixth. Seniors Cheryl Vanderhagen and Liz Allen were seventh and eighth.

Placing first in the "Little 500" bike race were freshmen Mike Powers, Bob Peterson, Scott Biber, and Greg Lowe of homeroom 152.

The highest placing junior homeroom, 138, will host next year's AFS student. The team was composed of Bruce Wanstall, Tom Vogel, Brian T'Kindt, and Dee VanCamp.



STEADY NOW! Seconds before falling, Ted Pflugner hurriedly hands over his bike to teammate Tom Prikosovich in Jackson's first "Little 500" held last Friday. (Photo by Drake.)

Future: Limited

A desirable educational system is one which moves forward in response to society's needs. However, despite the recent and rapid growth of knowledge in the modern world, the educational level at South Bend schools is rapidly regressing--due to Indiana's lack of school funds.

Evidence of this dismaying fact is offered by the course cut-backs planned for Jackson's 1969-70 school year.

The "non-essential," special interest, and upper level classes have been the first to go. Many courses which have not been completely dropped are either being strictly limited in size or literally packed with students. The restriction of learning opportunities is tragic; as is the spectacle of over-crowded classrooms.

All students will be taught on a "shoestring" budget, making it very difficult to provide students with a complete schooling. The denial of a wide-ranging education is a serious matter in a civilization which requires so much more than the elemental "readin', writin', and 'rithmetic."

The blame for Indiana's school crisis has often fallen on Governor Edgar Whitcomb, who, as he promised in his campaign, has kept taxes down--partially through neglecting the educational future of Hoosier youth. State legislators are also at fault for their inability to rise above partisan differences for the welfare of the people and state.

But ours is a representative government, so the ultimate responsibility lies with those citizens who elected the state officials. Unfortunately, the majority of last November's Indiana voters were either willing to sacrifice quality education for lower taxes, or were inexcusably ignorant of the relationship between taxes and schools.

Merely lamenting the school's financial situation will produce no results. Immediate action is necessary; the only apparent course being a special session of Indiana's General Assembly, which must be called by Governor Whitcomb.

It is to be hoped that the Assembly could perform more effectively the second time around, and make Hoosier educational progress a "possible dream."

Erase Voting Dilemma

For the third year, Jacksonites have been faced with responsibility of voting in Student Council elections. Through the use of a voting machine, it is believed that future voters will learn the fundamentals of electing officials in a democratic nation. Is this voting machine being used as efficiently as possible?

For many students, using the machine has posed problems. For instance, how does one "split" his ticket, or how does he vote "straight"?

To erase these dilemmas, students in social studies classes should be given more detailed instruction in voting procedure, and they should be expected to prove their knowledge by passing a test in which they would have to vote a number of ways on the machine, including vote-splitting.

When a voter enters a voting booth, he must be insured of the right to select exactly the candidates he wants. He should not be hampered in his choice by lack of experience in using a voting machine.



Students' Voice

Thank You

Dear Editor,

As candidate for president on the Student Progressive ticket, I would like to take this belated opportunity to express my deep appreciation to all those who worked so hard in our campaign.

I would like to thank all those who helped to paint posters, hand out platforms, and also all those who drove in our "parade."

I would also like to thank my fellow candidates, for all their help and moral support, and congratulate them for being able to put up with me for ten weeks.

Even though we were not successful this year, it has been a rewarding experience working with all of you.

-Ronn Kirkwood

Jackson Is Viewed From Other Schools

How do students from other high schools rate Jacksonites? Teenagers from three South Bend high schools were asked to fill out questionnaires giving their feelings toward Jackson on the basis of students they know. These students ask that we review their criticisms with an open mind and take them into consideration.

Of those polled, few knew many students at Jackson. Some felt this was due to their belief that "Jacksonites are snobs," and "don't mix well with students from other schools."

A "know-it-all attitude" and an interest in "social status" are reasons other students tend to set us apart. They have the idea that Jacksonites have "everything given to them." We have been called the "elite class of South Bend," "cold," "superior," "sheltered," and "biased."

The majority remarked that "Jackson students are missing an experience in life by attending a school where there is only one social class and race present," "Too many students have had little or no contact with Negroes" was a comment mentioned frequently.

By attending a segregated school, several felt, Jackson students will not be prepared to live in an integrated world. One girl

expressed the thought that "having a wider range of social classes would give Jackson a first hand account of others' ideas, problems and values." Another student charged that we are more like a private institution than a public high school.

Not all comments were derogatory. Many said that Jacksonites "express pride in their school." "Jackson students respect their school, friends, and themselves," said others.

Some described Jackson as "average" with an admirable student body. Remarks as to our nice building and good looking girls were also made.

But, as one student wrote, "What is the difference what others think? As long as Jackson retains self pride in its school, the opinions of others don't really matter." Or do they?

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Lunch Debated in Senior English Classes

To Eat In Or Out?

by Karen MacQuivey

Open Lunch Impossible

The closed lunch hour system now in effect at Jackson is efficient and necessary. Students are not capable of handling the responsibilities involved in maintaining a successful open lunch.

The foremost problem that would be encountered is the sudden and overwhelming rush of students descending upon relatively few eating establishments. Restaurant owners have complained of this in areas around schools that do have an open lunch, and Jackson students are no different from those at other schools.

Coupled with this problem would be the traffic in the parking lot. Because there is so little time in which to eat, students would be in a great hurry, and resulting accidents would be inevitable.

This brings up the question of safety, a most important consideration of the administration. No sidewalks have been built to the south of Jackson, and a busy highway must be crossed to gain access to the northbound sidewalk. Students are endangering themselves every time they walk down Miami Road.

Staying at school insures the student of getting a wholesome lunch. The type of restaurants in the vicinity of Jackson offer very little of this wholesome variety of food.

Where else can one buy a complete well-balanced meal for forty cents? If one were to go to a restaurant that does offer nutritional food, a good meal would be likely to cost him five times as much as a plate lunch at Jackson.

If students were allowed an open lunch, skipping would become an even greater problem. Many would be tempted not to come back to school if, for example, they had several tests scheduled.

Tardiness would also run rampant. A thirty-minute lunch period would make it nearly impossible to leave the school, get something to eat, and return in time for the next class.

An open lunch would create numerous diversions, thus breaking up the classroom atmosphere. Students would be distracted by the crowds outside, screeching tires, and the constant banging on windows that would be liable to occur

Open Lunch Can Work

The closed lunch hour that Jackson now employs can and should be abolished.

Old Hickory polls and a general consensus of opinion prove that the students do want open lunch hours, and if such a program is feasible, why not keep the students happy?

Several eating establishments are near enough to the school to be reached in a relatively short period of time. For example, Colonel Sanders, Woolworth's, Clark's, Hook's, Mr. Quick, Dairy Queen, Cira's, Hertel's, Bonnie Doon, and even Azar's or McDonald's are in the vicinity of Jackson.

Being allowed outside the school would provide a welcome break in the day. Getting rid of that penned-up feeling would put students in a better mood for their afternoon classes.

Many problems would be alleviated by the abolishment of closed lunch hours. Such a move would practically rid the school of its smoking problem. Students would be free to smoke anywhere off the school grounds, and the teachers wouldn't have to be continually patrolling the restrooms.

An open lunch hour would aid those students having an economic problem. At several of the mentioned restaurants, a la carte items may be bought at a lower price than in the cafeteria. If money is really a problem, students could go home to eat.

Open lunch hours would curb the problem of students found loitering halls and rooms where they should not be. Also, the cafeteria crowd would be greatly reduced, allowing students that do stay to get their lunches much faster.

Open lunch hours could be easily facilitated at Jackson. Fifty-five minute classes are required of all schools in the South Bend system. The morning classes were lengthened this year to compensate for time lost in assemblies. If they were cut back to fifty-five minutes, and all assemblies held in the gymnasium, the time allotted to lunch would be increased. Students could gain still more time if the present four lunch periods were reduced to three. Overlapping of the periods would remove traffic congestion and crowded restaurant conditions.

Counselors' Corner

by Debbie Chapman

program pays \$330 per month plus tuition. Held from June 16-Aug. 8, it is open to high school seniors 18 years of age before Aug. 11, 1969.

"A Night at the Naval Academy," an information program sponsored by the United States Naval Academy, will be given May 22 at the Navy and Marine Corps Training Center, 1901 S. Kemble Ave. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is open to juniors,

sophomores and their parents.

The final registration date for the July 19 American College Testing Exam is June 6.

Counselor Mr. Lee Weldy will be at Jackson after Aug. 1. Students who have questions or need information for college may see him during the day in the counseling office. Mrs. Buehrer, the counselors' secretary, will be at school all summer to take care of student needs.

AH, THE PROBLEMS OF FRESHMEN

Class Of '72 Relates First Year 'Experience Not To Be Relived'

by Tami Nelson

Do you remember your first day as a freshman? You were probably scared to death because of rumors you had heard about seniors "killing" frosh and high school teachers that never smile. But as time passed by, you discovered a few teachers were nearly human and that it is not the seniors that "pick on" frosh; it's the sophomores.

Or you expected your freshman year to be a social event with lots of activities and a cool boy or cute girl in every class. Unfortunately there were teachers who insisted on having class instead of parties and you found out there are as many ugly people in high school as there were in junior high.

Freshmen have gone through a variety of humiliating experiences such as standing up in an all-school pep assembly and cheering "V - I - C - T - O - R - Y!"

That's the freshmen battle cry," or having to admit they can not find the third floor.

As your freshman year progressed, sports, plays, clubs, student elections and learning how to skip classes added color and variety to the daily routine.

Not all learning during your freshman year came out of books. You learned how to eat school lunches, go to the restroom and your locker, and get to your next class in five minutes. You also learned how to count off 3,300 seconds so you knew when the class period was almost over.

Sitting by a hypochondriac in Social Studies, eating lunch with a schizophrenic friend, and talking to a hippie in study hall were just a few ways of making friends and learning more about people.

At the closing of the school year each freshman has a variety of opinions of the past year. Some said they hoped the next three years would be as much of a riot; a few felt it would have been better if they had not been freshman and the majority thought their freshman year was an experience they never wanted to relive.

Pains of Little 500 Felt Before Big Race

Skinned knees and sore muscles were just two of the results of the frantic training for the "Little 500" bike race. Although the event was based on the Indianapolis 500, no driver ever trained as hard or encountered as many hazards than did the Jackson racers.

Since most of the racers were inexperienced, long hours of preparation were needed to get ready. Decaying bikes had to be dug out of garages and reconditioned, along with the team members who were to ride them.

A typical training session included racing around the block five to ten times. The neighborhood menagerie of kids and dogs were never left out of the action. As the would-be racers started down the street, heads could be seen popping out of windows to see what on earth was happening.

Just as athletes were getting used to the stares, some kind neighbor let his pet pooch out for some fresh air. At the sight of the pedaling five-some, the playful puppy turned into a foaming mad dog. The chase was on! Screams of "nice doggie!" and "good boy!" echoed down the street as the racers sped in frantic retreat from the set of gleaming teeth. Finally, after the fifteenth lap around the block, the dear neighbor got the hint that his dog was not too welcome and called it home.

Exhausted and still trembling from the chase, the set of "Little

500" participants headed back to the garage. No one noticed the lawn equipment spread across the driveway. By the time they finally did notice the clutter it was too late. When the dust lifted, five bodies could be seen sprawled across the front yard. Not a single movement was made, but one brave soul whispered, "What time do we practice tomorrow?"

Talented Tiger

Avid Walter Cronkite Admirer Broadcasts Over TV and Radio

by Betti Reece

"To be like Walter Cronkite" is the ultimate goal of senior Tim Shaw. Tim is well on his way to this as he takes part in both radio and television.



Tim Shaw

Tim's interest in radio dates back three years to the time he joined an Explorer Post that deals with radio and television. Post 324, sponsored by WSBT radio and television, gave Tim his first experience in broadcasting. He has helped produce and direct "Time Out", their new radio show that is aired from 7:35-9 p.m. on Sunday.

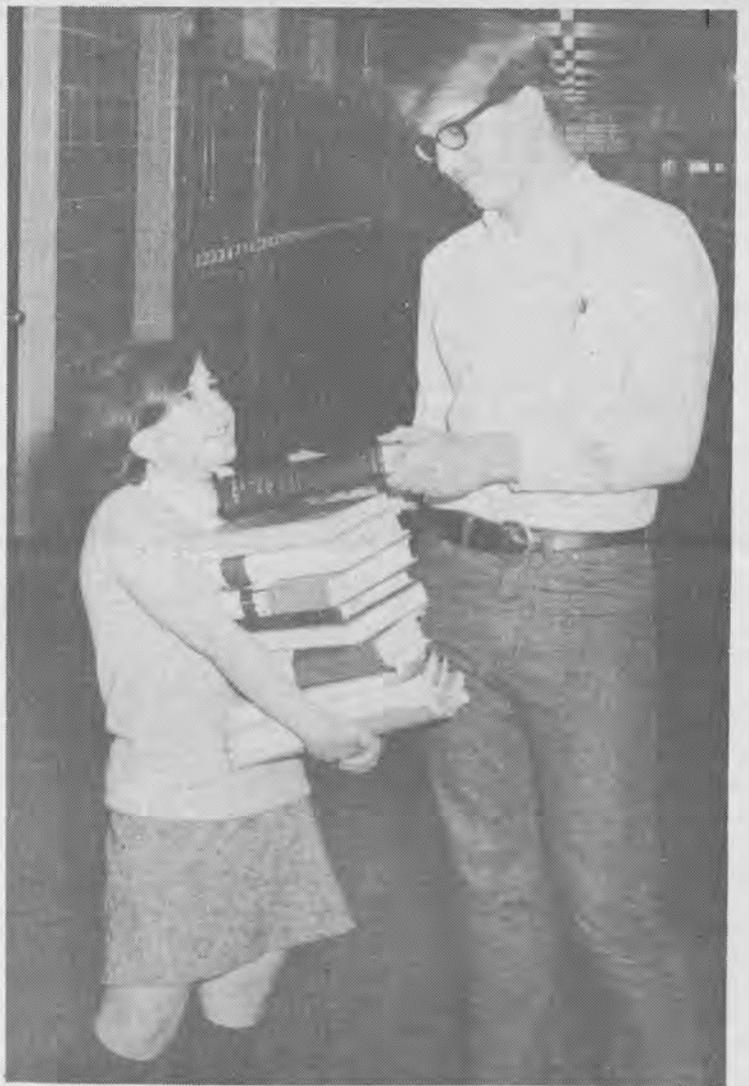
Tim has been Jackson's representative to WETL, the educational radio station. He "plagiarizes" from the OLD HICKORY, giving a four-minute summary of news and sports events.

An active interest in Junior Achievement has given Tim further experience in the television field. A second year member of WJA-TV, Tim now serves as president. Last year he was one of the three regular hosts on "Beyond Our Control" and served as treasurer of the company. Business is another of Tim's interests. He sold over \$1,570 of commercials last year and \$2,146 this year.

Being named Salesman of the Year (Junior Achievement) for two consecutive years, Tim is also up for President and Officer of the Year; and with three Company-of-the-Month Awards, WJ A-TV is being considered for the Company-of-the-Year Award.

Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., is Tim's destination for next fall. He will major in Business Administration.

Tim claims his pet peeve is his JA company. "Being president of that group is one of the hardest jobs around!"



ALTHOUGH MOST FRESHMEN don't have it as bad as Brenda Bauer, the general feeling is that frosh are picked on by people like junior Geoff Pangrac. (Photo by Drake.)

Memorial

Jackson students mourn the death of senior Linda Kosanovich and extend sympathy to her family. Linda was killed last Friday in an automobile crash.



Linda

Fun Clothes, Accessories Accent You

"American Fashions," splashed with bright red, white, and blue, are the up-and-coming thing for young people. Stressing that sewing allows individuality and creativity in wardrobes, Miss Catherine DeVries, Simplicity Pattern representative, recently advised home economics girls on the values of making their own clothes.

Demonstrating her suggestions for material, accessories and color harmonies by using student models and garments made with Simplicity patterns, she described current styles and fashion techniques.

Good wardrobes, she said, should include easily mixed and matched separates. "Jiffy separates patterns are a necessity to the fashion-minded girl."

Fun clothes occupied first place in the fashion catalogue. Instructions were given for splattering dye on white muslin for unique effects.

The more advanced seamstresses were advised to consult Designer Fashions, adapted from Paris originals, for stylish and intriguing garments.

"Spring," Miss DeVries reminded students, "is the time to do your own thing with Simplicity Patterns."

Class Cut

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but the system can not afford to teach such a small number of pupils.

Counselors are having a difficult time scheduling students since many who have signed up find that their choice is no longer offered or that the class is "frozen."

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Varsity Nine Awaiting Heavy Week of Baseball

by Fred Mercer

The varsity nine has a busy week of baseball ahead as the team is scheduled to play six games. A double-header against St. Joe at home tomorrow sets the pace for the coming week. On Tuesday the batmen will host LaSalle. On Wednesday the Tigers will travel to Washington. On Thursday and

Friday the diamondmen play host to North Liberty and LaVille respectively.

In games last week the Tigers managed to break even in defeating Marian and falling victim to St. Joe.

Brian T'Kindt took the mound against Marian and gave up only three hits in the 7-3 victory. Kerry Kirkley, Scott Shafer and George Miller knocked out two hits apiece, including a home run by Miller, and Rich Stucky, John Hummer and Dave Petty each contributed a hit for the winning cause.

In the loss to St. Joe the batmen played a fairly even game in that each team had 24 men up at bat and the Tigers outhit the Indians six to five. The Indians gained a 1 to 0 lead in the fifth inning and held it through the remainder of the game.

The Tigers' won-loss record is 6-7-1 going into this week's action.

Golfers Put Icing On Season

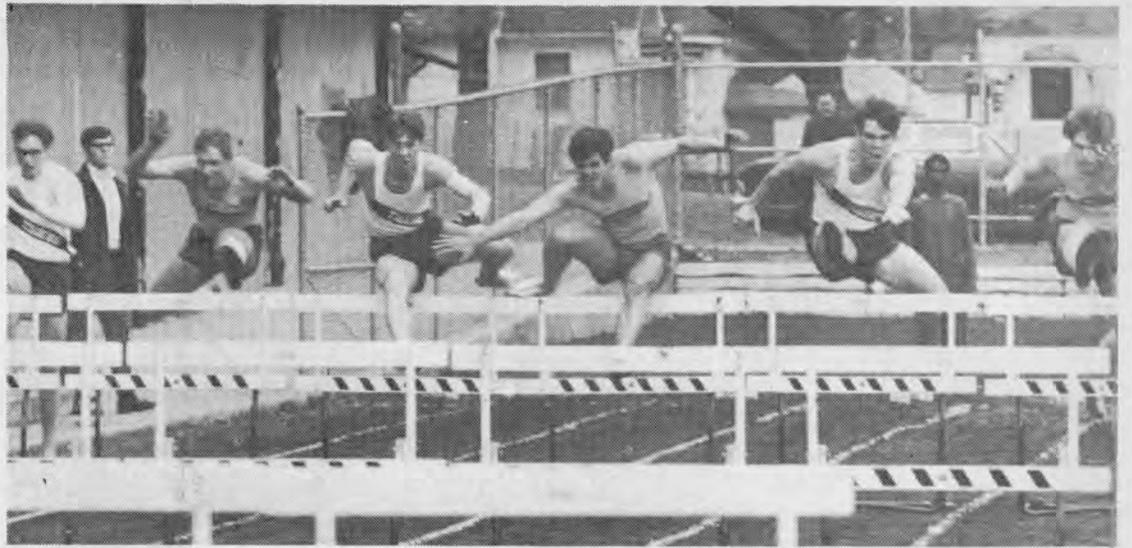
by Paul Zisla

Priming for the Sectional, the Jackson golf team whipped Adams 313-320, and buried St. Joe 311-326, in dual meets last week. The two victories brought the team's overall record to 15-1 and the win over St. Joe ended the Tigers' conference season at 9-1.

Typical of the entire season, least last two matches were highlighted by a demonstration of team balance. Three different players fired low scores that were instrumental in the consistently low team scores.

Against Adams Bruce Vyverberg was edged for medalist, 75 to 76, by Kent Hjerpe of Adams. Mike Medich captured medalist honors against St. Joe by trimming Paul Zisla, 75 to 76. In the St. Joe match Howard Bucher and Bruce Vyverberg both shot 80 as the team set a school record for Erskine, 311.

Tuesday the Sectional was played at Michigan City with Jackson, LaPorte, and Riley expected to battle for first place. The low three teams from the Sectional advance to regional play over Beechwood in LaPorte tomorrow.



JACKSONITES Mike Gilbert, first lane at left, Dee Van Camp, third Lane, and Doug Palmer, fifth lane, charge over the first high hurdle en route to an exciting finish in a recent meet at Riley Photo by Zehring.

Cindermen To Face City Foes

by John Hickey

The track team will end its season next Tuesday, here at Jackson, in the All-City Meet. Although not placing high in the sectional meet last week, the Tigers hope to do better against their city foes.

Teams expected to finish high in the city include conference foes Penn, LaSalle, and Marian, with other tough competition furnished by Adams, Riley, and Washington. The Eagles, Lions, and Wildcats finished 2, 3, 4, in the sectional, after winner LaPorte, while Washington, Marian, and Penn were close behind.

The Tigers were far down the list, as they could only muster 4 points with a 2nd place in the 220 for junior Greg Nall and a 4th place finish for sophomore Dean Reinke. Nall was the only Tiger who qualified for the regionals, held today at Gary.

Jackson finished the dual season with an overall mark of 5-5 and NIVC record of 3-2 when they lost to undefeated Penn, 66-52.

In the meet held last week, the Tigers did all they could to stay within range of the powerful Kingmen. The main reason they stayed close was great performances by Nall and senior Jim Daniels. Nall won the 100 and 220-yd. dashes and Daniels took the high jump and pole vault events. Other winners for the Tigers were Dave Simmler in the long jump and Rick Staldine in the 440.

The City Frosh meet will be held next Thursday at Adams to end the track season.

Letter Winners To Gain Recognition at Banquet

Jackson High School will honor its 1968-69 letter-winning athletes in all sports including the girls' swim team and the cheerleaders at its third annual All-Sports Banquet at 6 p.m. Monday in the cafeteria.

Jackson athletic director Mr. Sam Wegner will be in charge of the evening's activities. Along with master of ceremonies Wegner, the coaches of all varsity teams will give speeches praising their letter winners, especially seniors.

Principal James L. Early will give a welcome.

For the first time in the dinner's history, guests will move into the auditorium after dinner for the program.

Highlight of the evening will be the annual awarding of the Faculty Athletic Award, presented to a Jackson letter winner who has best exemplified during his career at Jackson High qualities of scholarship, character, cooperation, teamwork, leadership, and service.

Something new has been added this year to further show appreciation to all senior award winners: Each will be given a one-year complimentary pass to all Jackson athletic events.

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