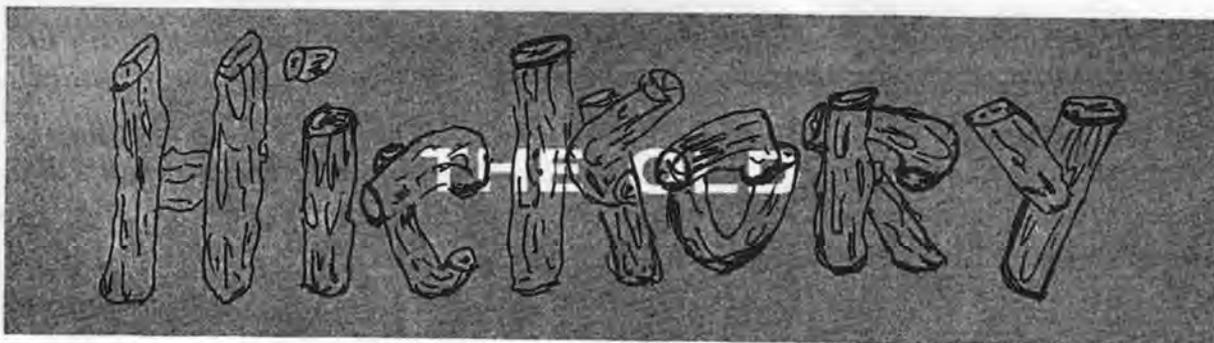


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More Courses Offered Next Year; Five Additions in Art Department

New courses which may be offered at Jackson next year were included in a tentative list just released by Mr. Everett Holmgren, head counselor.

Whether a course is offered will depend upon the number of students who enroll in it. If there is sufficient interest in a subject, every effort will be made to have it a part of the curriculum, according to Mr. Holmgren. Subjects which will be offered for the first time have been printed in italics.

The English courses offered are English 1, 2, 3, 4, *Speech*, *Corrective reading* (part time), *developmental reading* (part time), *journalism*, and *drama*.

Math courses to be offered are high school arithmetic, algebra I, geometry, advanced algebra, and *senior math*. The foreign language department will have four years available in Spanish, French, German, and Latin. Science classes are biology (BSCS), *physics*, chemistry, biology II, biological-physical science, and *science seminar*.

The social studies department offers introduction to social studies, world history, U.S. history, *government* and *economics*, and *government* and *sociology*. Business edu-

cation courses are *notehand* and *typing*, introduction to business, *bookkeeping*, *shorthand*, *office training*, *business relations*, and *business communications* (*shorthand II* is required).

The industrial arts courses will be *drafting*, *woodshop*, *power mechanics*, *machine processes*, *electronics*, *vocational drafting*, *vocational auto mechanics*, and *D.C.E.*

The home economics classes will be *foods I and II*, *clothing I and II*, and *family living* (seniors only). The art department will offer basic art, *commercial art*, *drawing* and *graphics*, *painting*, and *ceramics*, *sculpture* and *creative crafts*.

Musical courses are *chorus*, *glee club*, *harmony*, and *music appreciation*. Band and health will be offered; also boys' physical education, girls' physical education, and *advanced boys' physical education*.

Band Story Next Week

Jackson band members practiced diligently for city instrumental contests held this week. Results of the contests, one on Tuesday night and one last night, will be announced in next week's *Old Hickory*.

Jackson Students' Donations Stock Nine Christmas Baskets

Nine needy families were presented with Christmas baskets full of food on the day before Christmas by the Jackson Student Council. Each basket contained a turkey, bread, milk, and a variety of canned goods. After seeing the appreciative reactions of the families, the Student Council hoped to make this an annual project.

OH Sponsors Creative Writing, Art, Photo Contest for Students

Writers, artists, photographers! The *Old Hickory* is sponsoring a contest to discover creative talent among Jackson students and, hopefully, to result in the publishing of a literary magazine this spring.

A \$5 cash prize will be offered in each of five categories: short story, article or essay, poetry, art work, and photography. All prize-winning entries as well as many honorable mentions will be published by the *Old Hickory* or sent to *Trend*, a magazine of the South Bend Community Corporation.

Judges for the story and essay divisions will be Jane Simmons, feature editor of the *Old Hickory*, Mrs. Lois Claus, publications director and Principal James L. Early. Poetry will be judged by Miss

On Jan. 6, 1966, suddenly the lights flickered and went out. The fire bell rang insistently through the dark halls. Almost immediately outside came the scream of three fire engines, followed closely by two ambulances, police cars and newspaper and TV reporters.

Jackson students had been well prepared for fire drills. According to Principal James L. Early, the school was entirely evacuated within two minutes.

Electrician Badly Burned

But it was soon apparent that this was no fire drill. An explosion in the central fuse box had set off several electrical fires, seriously burned Mr. Herman Freitag, an employee of the South Side Electric Company, and caused \$4000 damage to the school's electrical system.

After everyone stood outside and shivered for a half hour, the Fire Department pronounced the building safe, and classes were resumed with the handicap of no lights and gradually less heat. There was no smoke damage. Mr. Freitag was reported improving this week in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Left in the Dark

It is usually a lark to get out of 5th hour classes, but not, as Johnelle Jefferies explains, to be painting a realistic picture and then wind up with an example of modern art after the lights went off.

Jill Weigand was disappointed when the 5th hour biology film went black in the middle of a colorful mitosis division.

Working locker combinations in the dark at dismissal time was not easy, and the teachers had a new experience — getting their pay checks by candlelight.

Rumors spread rapidly. Some Rileytes heard that Jackson had "exploded." Adams people thought the building was on fire; parents, fortunately, were reassured by prompt radio reports that students were unharmed.

Classes were normal on Friday after repairmen worked late Thursday night to restore light and heat.

Marcella Hartman, Jackson's "poet-in-residence."

Mr. Ray Dobbs, official school photographer, will judge photography entries; and Mr. Robert Thomas, art instructor, will choose the winning art entry.

Rules are as follows:
Any entry must be the original work of a Jackson student.

Writing entries must be typed double-spaced, on one side of 8½ by 11 paper.

All entries must be submitted to Mrs. Claus in Room 229 by March 15, 1966.

Art and photographic entries should not exceed 9 by 12 inches in size.

No entry may have appeared in print anywhere before.

The Road to Excellence

We applaud Coach Taylor, Athletic Director Wegner and the others who decided last year that Jackson athletic teams, even in their first season, should schedule games against the toughest competition possible.

It would have been easier and pleasanter for the coach and the players to have played teams from schools more nearly our size. But, as Mr. Taylor told the student body this week, the only way to develop championship calibre as quickly as possible is to meet championship competition.

The team and coaching staff have accepted the challenge. We, the student body, must share in the effort they are making. We are disappointed if we lose a game; but we are proud that even in losing, the team is progressing.

The road to excellence has never been an easy one.

Investigates JHS Boy's Locker - Finds Incredible Jumble Inside

By Mary Marsh

The hallowed halls of Jackson reverberated with a female shriek, namely mine, when my baby blues beheld the worst example of male locker housekeeping I have ever had the privilege of seeing.

Inside the door of the locker was an illustration (in living color) and 3' by 6' (framed) that pin-up from "Goldfinger" . . . Oddjob!

Reluctantly turning my eyes, I proceeded further with this fascinating search of the locker. Suspended from a hook was a bag of molded malted milk balls and half a box of chewy gooey tootsie rolls.

This cat was really "in" with the most unusual parka I've ever seen. Not only was it blue and black striped, orange and green polka dotted and pink and red checked, but it said "Welcome to Mexico" on the back.

A splinter from Mr. Davidson's paddle was stuck into the back of a pair of acid-stained pants which apparently had been there since the beginning of school.

This student must surely have been intrepid, for stuffed into a corner of the locker was a piece of notebook paper containing 500 different spellings of Mr. Hoyer's prize word, "Okeefenokee." He was a great French scholar, judging from the many different conjugations of *Etre* and *Avoir*, using slightly homemade helping verbs.

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Among the other unusual things were a slightly dirty bed sheet used in playing Socrates in an English class play, half of a pinata left over from last month's "educational celebration" in Spanish, a leg of grasshopper (chocolate-covered) saved from the French Club party, a ripped book cover commonly known as the "Old Hickory" and 300 practice typing papers which had been thrown out by Mrs. Schenck.

As I was trying to shut the door, I saw out of the corner of my eye another locker open across the hall. Not possibly having the strength to cope with it, I fled to the security of the female world where cleanliness and a sense of order are always present.

Teens' Slang Words Constantly Changing

Slang is defined as "a language of familiar or coarse character." It is regarded as below the level of written speech.

Slang, to most people, especially teenagers, is a casual, relaxed language. The vocabulary of slang is seldom found in a dictionary, for the words are constantly changing and being modified.

For instance, a few years ago, something good was labeled "keen or cool". Now it is "fab" or "tuff." New words are constantly being created like "gliche, gerbee, skrug."

Slang is really the vital creative part of our language. The majority of modern vocabulary is not formed from Latin or Greek as the word "telephone." It is from slang's non-conforming phrases that finally become accepted. "Blizzard, skyscraper, and graft" were once non-accepted slang forms. Now they are standard in most parts of America. Even the words "conscious" and "strenuous" were greatly ridiculed before they were accepted.

We wonder what changes the next 100 years will bring about in our language. Will "zilchy" and "skag" be as common as "blizzard"? Beats Me!

Memorization Made Easy Using Mr. Hoyer's 'HAM'

by Patte Danielson

Have you ever tried to memorize all of the past presidents and their going-out-of-office dates—in order? This is exactly what the Juniors are doing in Mr. Thomas Hoyer's U.S. History classes. However, it is not as difficult as it may seem when you use Mr. Hoyer's HAM method!

No, this is not a ham-flavored pill you swallow and automatically know the presidents and their dates. The letters stand for "Hoyer Association Method." You simply (?) associate the words or names to be memorized with certain visual images. Then build the images on top of one another to link them in your mind.

Build Totem Pole

You usually come up with a structure that resembles a totem pole, but don't let this bother you. These are the first few presidents and the images the Juniors have associated with them: First a wash-line (George Washington) is imagined with Adam (John Adams) balanced on top of it. On Adam's head is Jeff (Thomas Jefferson) from Mutt and Jeff, standing on his hands.

On top of Jeff's feet lies a "Mad" magazine (James Madison) with Marilyn Monroe (James Monroe) leisurely reclining on top of it. John Q. Adams is running away from her at a rapid pace toward Jackson High School (Andrew Jackson). On top of the school is a moving van (Martin Van Buren).

The going-out-of-office dates were almost as easy to imagine as the names were. A few examples: James Monroe went out of office in 1825, so the students imagined a sign by a beautiful lake saying that for 25 cents you could "row"



CERTAIN FACTS must be learned to form a background for future study, contends history teacher Mr. Thomas Hoyer. He has found his "HAM" method an effective system of organizing and learning facts.

a boat for an hour. Thomas Jefferson has nine letters in his last name and got out of office in "1809." Andrew Jackson has seven letters in his last name and got out of office in "1837".

The presidents and their dates have not been the only challenges to the ingenuity of the Juniors. There have been treaties, proclamations, and basic historical events. For example, the Grenville Act had several provisions, including taxes on sugar and currency and a law requiring stamps on all official documents and papers. Furthermore, the Grenville Act provided that colonists must quarter British soldiers in their homes whenever the soldiers needed housing or food.

Visualize Grenville Act

Images were made from these provisions and set on top of one another to form this totem pole: At the bottom was pictured a sack of sugar; on top of this was a dollar bill with a stamp on it. On top of this was a huge quarter. If you think about these items, you can see their connection with the material to be memorized.

Ridiculous as the HAM method may seem, Mr. Hoyer has discovered that a great majority of people have a highly developed visual sense and can benefit from the use of his method.

System Leads to Learning

Mr. Hoyer is forever using his artistic talents by drawing tiny vertical poles of pictures symbolizing any group of words, phrases, names of dates.

The HAM method is only one way of memorizing. Learning can be easy, he says, as long as you can develop a system of organization. In spite of the torture the HAM method causes, it works; and it probably will be used for years to come by many of Mr. Hoyer's students.

Formation of Cheerblock Boost to Tiger Triumphs

The varsity cheerleaders, with the help of the freshman cheerleaders, have begun the formation of a cheerblock to help display school spirit at basketball games. Mrs. Mary Adams, cheerblock adviser, and Miss Carolyn Judd, cheerleader sponsor, have been supervising the organization of the cheerblock.

The cheerblock was assembled at the Rolling Prairie game and was a complete success. More members are urged to attend the games but there is no penalty for not being able to come.

Members are asked to wear white blouses or shirts and dark skirts or pants. Anyone else who would like to sign up for the cheerblock may contact any of the five varsity cheerleaders or one of the advisers.

Style Show, Dinners, Jelly-making Projects Of Home Ec. Department

Despite frustrating delays caused by lack of equipment last fall, the home economics classes have accomplished a number of projects.

Foods classes held their end-of-semester dinners this week with a casserole, salad and dessert on the menu. Recently they have studied canning and preserving of foods and making of jellies from frozen juices.

The clothing classes had a style show just before Christmas and modeled clothes they had made. Now they are studying grooming habits. Clothing I girls will make cotton shirtwaist dresses as their next assignment, while those in Clothing II will make dresses suitable for church and other dress-up occasions.

Clothing III classes will work on projects for the home, such as draperies, bedspreads or slipcovers.

First PTA Meeting Will Present Panel

All Jackson parents are urged to attend the first regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 25 at the school.

An informal panel discussion will acquaint parents with school procedures, policies, and philosophies, and a general question period will follow. Mrs. Joseph G. Ettl, vice president in charge of program planning for the Jackson PTA, will be moderator.

Panel members will be Principal James L. Early, Assistant principal Philip Ell, Head counselor Everett Holmgren, Athletic director Sam Wegner, Band director Thomas DeShone, and PTA president Mrs. Ronald Bradley.

Health Classes Shown Films on Dental Care

In the health classes of both Mr. Robert Taylor and Mr. Dale Rems, films are being shown varying from care of the teeth to the functions of blood in the body. Committees will give reports on the functions of various nutrients in the body, and the heart and blood vessels.

The book work for driver education will be given in the spring over a two-week period. This is a prerequisite for the experience course given in the summer.



Science Student Teacher Miss Powers ex-Wildcat

A new student teacher, Miss Kim Powers, has joined the science department of Jackson. The Riley graduate and student of Ball State is working with Mr. Robert Smith until the end of February at which time she will go back to the campus.

Miss Powers has many activities on campus. Much of her time is spent on the Student Center Governing Board and the Homecoming Committee. Her major is in biology and her minor is health and safety. She is also interested in sports of all kinds.

She has lived in South Bend all her life. After college Miss Powers plans to return to South Bend or teach in the Chicago suburbs.

Miss Powers already says with Jackson loyalty, "I am impressed with Jackson, especially the science department, in comparison to the other schools."

Biology II Classes Studying Genetics

Biology II classes, now finished with dissecting, are working with genetics. By studying certain formulas, they can work out the chance or probability of certain hereditary features appearing.

For instance, by using the Chi-square or the population formulas, they can find how much of a chance a child has to possess brown hair, short feet or blue eyes. These formulas are used in relationship with parents' characteristics.

The Biology I classes are studying light as a source of energy for the supposed early forms of life. In lab work, they are doing experiments with non-harmful bacteria.

Posture-Ignorers' Easily Spotted—Hunched Shoulders, Drooping Head

By Sue Ryon

This highly automated age has given birth to a new type of disease with after-effects no machine can cure. Its name is "posture-ignorance." Anyone walking into a typical classroom will easily spot victims of this disease. An average "posture-ignorant" will be sitting on the tail of his spine, his shoulders hunched forward, his head supported by his arm, and his legs and feet in the most awkward positions fathomable.

A posture-ignorant walking down the hall will barely move his feet. His stomach will protrude, shoulders slump, and head rotate somewhere in the region of the upper arms. This same person will pick up his books on the floor by bending from the waist, and will carry them always on the same side, supported by the same hip.

Posture-ignorance strikes all ages, but it is particularly prevalent in teen-agers. Symptoms of the disease, when it occurs in teens, are usually tiredness, lack of coordination, inability to walk or sit straight, and general loss of strength.

It has been proved in case after case that prevention is practically the only cure. By the time one begins to show symptoms, it is usually too late for treatment.

To prevent posture-ignorance, just remember this simple rule: Head up, shoulders straight, chest out, and stomach flat. This basic

Who Will It Be?

To encourage good posture among Jacksonians, the Old Hickory will feature in each of the next four issues a picture of a boy or girl selected by physical education teachers Mr. Allan Davison and Miss Carolyn Judd as the most nearly "posture-perfect" student of the week. The choice will be secret until the picture appears in the paper.

position is used at all times in everyday movements. Some such movements follow:

1. Picking up objects — Stand close to article, bend knees, and grasp it.
2. Carry objects — Try to divide weight of article by balancing it evenly, keeping object near body.
3. Walking — Carry body in easy, tall position with head, shoulder, and hip weights balancing one another in a straight line.
4. Sitting — Hips should be back in seat, head and shoulders well balanced. Sit erect but at ease.

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Tiger Cagers Play Marian Tonight; Travel to New Carlisle Tomorrow

Jackson will play a home game at Marian with Marian tonight and travel to New Carlisle tomorrow evening. The Tigers own a 61-55 decision over the Knights. Due to a IHSAA regulation no juniors are allowed to play in the Marian contest.

On Dec. 19, the Tigers dropped a close game to LaSalle, 60-55. Jackson never trailed until about midway through the third quarter when the Lions rallied, took the lead, and kept it.

Tiger scoring was led by Dennis Parrish with 19, Craig Marten and Bill T'Kindt with 12 each. Terry Arney tallied nine and was followed by Keith Klopfenstein with two and Dave Johnson with one.

Holiday Tourney Results

Jackson played Concord in the first game of the Goshen Holiday Tourney. The Tigers were overpowered and in addition were making many errors, especially in the first half. In the third quarter the Tigers looked like a different team, outscoring the Minutemen 11-10; but the gap was too wide to overcome, and the game ended 85-42.

T'Kindt, with eleven points, was the only Tiger to hit double figures. Other scoring was Arney, six; Bill Gates and Randy Stahl, four; and Tim Christman and Parrish with two apiece.

The Tigers came back the next night for the consolation game with Clay and were improved 100 per cent from the previous night's performance. The Colonials had played Jackson earlier this season and won 76-49. Jackson jumped to a 15-11 first period lead, but Clay overtook the Tigers early in the second and finished the half with a two point lead, 28-26.

The Colonials widened the margin during the third quarter to about ten points, only to see the lead fade away in the final two minutes when Terry Arney put the Tigers ahead 51-50 with over a minute remaining. Clay then knotted the score at 52 all. With 51 seconds remaining the Colonials went ahead, 54-52.

Arney's basket was the last one for Jackson while Clay scored two more to win the game 58-52. T'Kindt and Marten hit 24 and 18 points respectively. They were followed by Arney with six and Parrish and Bob McKelvey with two each.



CLAY PLAYER appears to get his face in the net while trying to block a jump shot by Craig Marten.

Last Saturday Jackson dropped another tough one to Rolling Prairie, 77-62. The Tigers led at the end of the first quarter 16-13 and were tied at the half, 33-33. T'Kindt led Jackson scoring with 15 points while Parrish and Marten hit 12 apiece. Other scoring was McKelvey, 9; Tim Christman, 8; and Arney converted six free throws.

B Team Loses Two

The B team also fell victim to LaSalle and Rolling Prairie. The score of the LaSalle game was 57-38. Bill Gates tallied seven points to lead the B team scoring. Rolling Prairie won 57-42. Jerry Wright and Gates garnered nine points apiece to top the Tiger scoring.

Former B team player Tim Christman has been moved up to the varsity squad, while Gates and Ted Ruggles also figure to see some varsity action.

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Eleven Frosh Teams Enter St. Joseph Valley Tourney

The freshman basketball team, under Coach Harry Ganser, has compiled a 3-6 record as it prepares for a four-day freshman tournament starting next Monday. Competing will be freshmen from seven South Bend public high schools, plus Mishawaka, Marian, St. Joseph's, and Penn. Tourney sessions will be played at five different gyms on three successive nights.

Swimmers Meet Central Tuesday

The Jackson swimmers amazed everyone by taking a second in the South Bend city freshman-sophomore meet during Christmas vacation. Adams was a strong first. Other finishers were LaSalle third, Central, Washington, and Riley. The Tigerfish showed they will be giving the bigger schools some trouble in the next few years.

Next Tuesday at 4 p.m. the team meets Central at the Washington pool and hopes for a repeat of the holiday results.

Last Tuesday the Tigerfish lost to Washington 57-38. The loss of Howie Haines and Doug Jessup to injuries hurt the team and may have cost the meet. Jackson divers won first and second, with Jay Ettl setting a new school record of 120.4 points and Dave Callantine only two-tenths of a point behind!

In a meet last week with Mishawaka the Tigers lost 51-44 but had two double winners. Haines set school records in the 400-yard freestyle, 4:45.6, and individual medley, 2:27.6. Jim Olson also set two new records — 1:02.1 in the butterfly and 2:00.1 in the 200-yard freestyle.

Jackson will play Washington at Washington in the opening session (7 p.m. Monday), followed by a LaSalle-Clay contest at 8 p.m. The winners of these games will play in the opener Tuesday night at Clay Junior High. Admission for a session is 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults.

Jackson defeated Washington last Tuesday 44-35, as Richard Stucky was Jackson high-point man. Results were not available at press time on a game with Penn scheduled for last night at the O'Brien gym.

Against Marian on Dec. 14 John Hummer scored 11 points as the team lost 53-43; and Mike Dake was high-point man (12 points) in a 65-39 loss to Central Dec. 16.

The Tiger Cubs came back Jan. 4 with a victory over Clay 41-22. Dave Petty led the scoring with 14 points. This win was followed by a defeat to Mishawaka 46-41 on Jan. 6. Dick Good and Jerry Tetzlaff were high scorers with 10 points each.

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