

Jackson's first students had no gym, auditorium, or swimming pool

by Steve Infalt

The smell of wet varnish on the gym bleachers two weeks ago reminded JHS's "old time" teachers of the days when pounding, sawing, and foremen's instructions were heard constantly. Freshmen and sophomores may think that Jackson has been standing since the year One, but actually the fall of 1965 marked the birth of JHS.

An outsider taking a stroll in Jackson's halls six years ago would have observed the unfinished gym, auditorium, and swimming pool. The language lab was not ready for use until mid-December and our varsity athletic teams were composed of sophomores and juniors.

Jackson's 2,328-seat gymnasium was not completed until mid-March, and pep assemblies were held in the student parking lot. At the first inside school as-

sembly, held in the gym in April, Mr. Phillip Ell, then the assistant principal and presently Clay's principal, addressed the student body about the AFS drive.

On May 6, 1966, the 1,000-seat auditorium made its debut with the city-wide musical "Around the World in Eighty Days."

By late March the swimming pool was completed and ready for use by physical education classes. Jackson's swim team practiced at the South Bend Natatorium for the first part of the year and later shared the newly completed Riley pool with Riley swimmers.

Our swimming record was 2-7 but Jackson forewarned fellow high schools of future competition with their strong second place in the South Bend City Frosh-Soph meet.

As of Dec. 28, 1965, the record of our basketball team was 1-6.

The Jackson squad was defeated twice by Gay and once by St. Joe, LaSalle, Mishawaka, and Concord. The only win was a 61-65 decision over Marian, also a brand new high school.

After being beaten by Mishawaka, LaSalle, and Niles, the wrestling team was 1-3. The victory came on a 43-15 downing of North Liberty.

Two of the three coaches of these sports are still at Jackson. Mr. Wally Gartee was head wrestling as well as football coach the first year. Mr. Bob Taylor was the head basketball coach then and for the proceeding years before resigning from the post last season.

Mr. Al Davison, swim coach, has left Jackson and Mr. Dave Dunlap is presently swim coach.



PRACTICE TEACHING at Jackson are Mr. Wes Doi, Miss Kerry Meyer, and Mr. Richard Altman. (Photos by Dave Hugus)

New student teachers 'learn' at Jackson

by Marti Doyle

Three new student teachers have temporarily joined the Jackson faculty. They are Mr. Wes Doi, Miss Kerry Meyer, and Mr. Richard Altman.

Mr. Doi, teaching English under Mrs. Stella Thomas's direction, is an English major at Indiana University, Bloomington. He graduated from Central High School in South Bend and hopes to teach in the South Bend Community School Corporation next year, while continuing work for his master's degree at IUSB.

Although he has been at Jackson for only a short time, Mr. Doi feels it is an ideal school edu-

cationally because of its modern facilities and the students' eagerness to learn.

"Students at Jackson have a lot going for them," says Miss Meyer from Cadillac, Mich. Miss Meyer, teaching under Mr. Floyd Kuzan, is a sociology major at St. Mary's College, South Bend.

Besides student teaching biology under Mr. Robert Smith, Mr. Altman is currently helping with the diving team. He holds the Jackson pool diving record, set in 1966.

Mr. Altman, from IU, Bloomington and a '67 graduate of John Adams High School, plans to teach next fall.

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Guardian Angels 'watch over' hoopers, swimmers, wrestlers

by Kitty Gates

A heavenly atmosphere has settled over the JHS halls this winter, with crepe paper, aluminum foil, and glitter brightening up the surroundings.

"Good luck, I'll be watching over you," is the popular phrase on lockers, written by the secret "Guardian Angels" of swimmers, basketball players, and wrestlers.

The girls who volunteer to be Guardian Angels decorate the lockers of their chosen athletes, along with leaving them brownies, cookies, or other goodies.

"Go Jim, get a pin," is written on grappler Jim Doyle's locker, while "Tigerfish eat Riley Wildcats for breakfast" dons swimmer Brent Petty's compartment. Steve Johnson is recognized as a "Whale" of a swim team manager.

Since swimmers Kim LaMar and Tim Lies are locker partners, their Guardian Angels decided to decorate half of the locker for each swimmer. However, the angels of Jeff Troeger and Steve Wechter found it impossible to share the one compartment, so they decorated two lockers—one for the roundballer and the one next to it for the Tigerfish. But, alas, that locker is already decorated for its occupant, another swimmer, Jeff Saylor.

Among the treasures found inside the lockers are hard candy (sweets for the meets) for Chris Jones, bubble gum for Randy Stoeckinger, and a decorated bottle of Noxzema Skin Cream for Dave Staples.

"Noxzema rubbed on my skin before the meet helps me swim faster," Dave explains.

Wrestler Rick Smith's Guardian

Angel has a knack for poetry. The following verse appears inside his locker door:

"Oh Smith, oh Smith, it's obvious to see,
That you're the greatest there could be.

Get your opponents down and pin'em,
That's the way to really win'em.

C'mon Rick, and fight, fight, fight,
We've got to win that match to night.

I'll be watching, yes siree,
A real good match I want to see."

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All-schools 'Motion (and commotion)' musical comedy to be presented

"Motion (and commotion)" is the title and that's just what there will be as more than 500 teenagers participate in this musical comedy review to be presented in the Athletic and Convocation Center at Notre Dame Feb. 10.

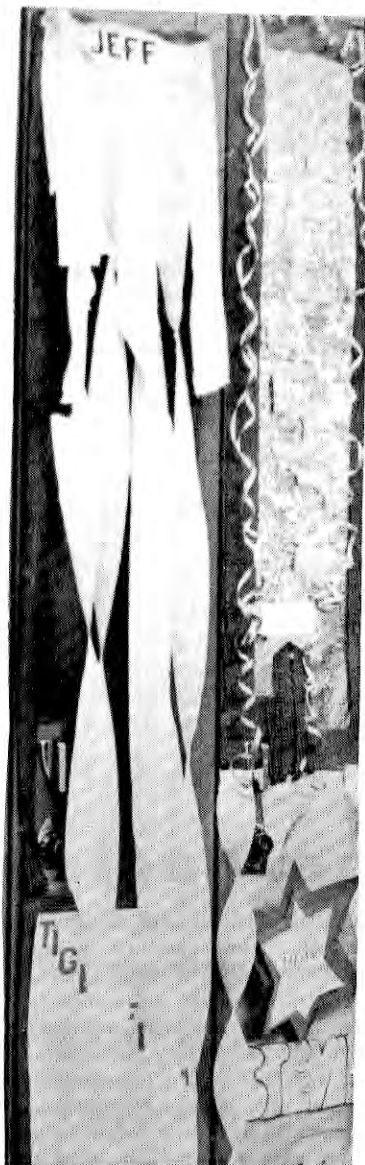
The review will involve all South Bend community schools, and each will present songs and numbers from a different period in authentically reproduced costumes beginning in the 1840's and continuing through modern times. Jackson has the honor of presenting the finale "Easy to be Hard" with "Aquarius--Let the Sunshine In" as the actual production number.

Mr. John H. B. Kauss, drama coach, has announced that tryouts for the all-schools review will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 5 and 6. He especially encourages boys to try out. "Otherwise, Jackson will be represented by an all-girl cast," said Mr. Kauss. Each school's drama, musical, and other departments will produce

their own sets and costumes, and Mr. Kauss is sure Jackson's finale will be "spectacular."



B-TEAM CHEERLEADERS prove they have more than athletic ability as they display their new self-made uniforms. From left to right are Nancy Kennedy, Priscilla Seaborg, Linda Bloom, Mari Cook, Karen Crowl. (Photo by Greg Lofgren)



THE LOCKERS of Jeff Troeger, Steve Wechter, and Jeff Saylor are covered with everything from aluminum foil to crepe paper from the efforts of their multiple Guardian Angels. (Photo by Dave Hugus)

Equal space

The word "table" is a verb meaning to remove from consideration until a time in the future. This is what became of the Rap Day proposal brought before the Administrative Council last month. Rap Day was defined as a day in which students would be able to do different things, such as talk in discussion groups, have lectures on travel, movies and other similar events, which are out of the ordinary on a standard school day. This project was tentatively planned for Dec. 18, the day prior to Christmas vacation.

The student council officers were presented this plan at the same time the administration and staff were introduced to it. With a brief review of the Rap Day plans, we debated its pros and cons and were asked to make a final decision on the fate of Rap Day. We can truthfully say that with the incomplete plans we were presented and the lack of definite organization that had gone into the Rap Day presentation it would have been next to impossible for the entire administrative council to give a positive "yes" or "no".

As students, we must look at things realistically-- the way Rap Day was presented it would have just been a big play day--ask yourself would you have taken advantage of this extraordinary day? The only way to get Rap Day off the "table" is for it to be talked up. There is no realistic way we could vote on something we had just learned about ten minutes before and the remainder of the school knew nothing about. The only way we can bring on a Rap Day is with united support. Don't think of it as a day of play, because it can't be that; but it can be a day of learning.

Let's get excited for once, people, and maybe then this school can satisfy you more. Rap Day is not dead; let's bring it off the "table."

Student Council Officers

Playground problems

Unfortunately, a majority of the boys playing with the basketballs during the lunch hour have unconsciously confused dodge ball with basketball. They need to be reminded that in the game of basketball the ball is thrown at the hoop and not at fellow players or bystanders.

Discontinuing the issuing of athletic equipment would be too cruel a punishment (and who knows whether they will not then mistake lunch trays for basketballs out of their desperation), so the following solutions have been suggested:

1. Handing out free detailed basketball instruction books, which include rules of the game. i.e. not trying to make a basket by bouncing the ball off the ceiling.
2. Hiring a team of athletic instructors to teach our boys the personal rules of the game like not belting your opponent in the stomach.
3. Tying strings from the hoops to the basketballs, so the boys will eventually associate the basketballs with the baskets.

Spirit of JACKSON

AFTER THE SPECTATORS and swim team were all home resting or celebrating the team's victory, swimmer Dave Staples was still in the locker room trying to untie the double knot in his swim trunks. Finally after a half hour struggle and the help of Coach Dave Dunlap, Dave got out of his "tying" situation.

IT WAS DISCOVERED by Steve Freeman that last year on Dec. 3, we were supposed to have chicken for lunch but because of a snowstorm school was postponed for the day. Sitting down to lunch this year on Dec. 3 and seeing that we were having chicken, Steve took one bite and said, "This chicken tastes like they saved it from last year."

DOES A TEACHER wake up in the morning? Mrs. Nelson, walking into her first period class, found a way to wake up fast. Thinking it was still homeroom period, she looked up to see her first hour class and suffered a mild shock in doing so. She was considerably more alert after this little mix-up.

THE LONG TABLES in the cafeteria are known to take a long time to walk around. But sophomore Mike Ackard found himself a quick solution. He used his geometry assumption that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Instead of taking the long walk around the table he walked straight under it.

LAST TUESDAY a swimming clinic for timers and judges was held at the Jackson pool. The time was to be 7:30. Three Jackson girls arrived early and were at school by 7:15 a.m. While they waited for the meeting to start they watched the swim team practice. But the three were disappointed when no one showed up because the meeting was to be at 7:30 p.m.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No buses running, no school

Dear Editor,

On Jan. 7, 1970, school bus service to Jackson was cancelled. Consequently class attendance for those riding SBCSC (South Bend Community School Corporation) buses was not required. However, tardiness or absence of those who commuted to school by car or on foot remained unexcused.

The 'grounding' of the buses was most likely justified since that day was one of record-setting subzero temperatures. However, the decision made by SBCSC officials to continue mandatory classes for



PAUL POPS OFF

Cereal's iron steel toys boost nutrition factor

by Paul Tash

Everyone who has ever watched a breakfast cereal commercial knows what marvelous ingredients these innovations of science contain. These miracle working cereals merely fill your stomach as their predecessors did, but their minerals and vitamins transform the 6:30 a.m. sleepyhead into a 7:00 super-energetic giant-slayer.

However, most innocent and unsuspecting breakfasters do not realize the cereals themselves don't contain all those metallic wonders. That's right, you don't get all those profound perpetrators of pep by eating your bowl of Flat Flakes. The vitamins and minerals are all located in the 'plastic wrapped' 'junk' inside the box.

Mr. Flash V. Igor, president of General Mauls, explained this wide-spread practice among breakfast food manufacturers.

Nutritious "junk"

"When Quacker cereals came out with their nutritional cereal Strife, the public became Vita-

min-conscious. But since our budget was low and we had to please the kiddies, we set our researchers to developing toys with lots of vitamins and iron. Thus, we accomplished two things at once."

"Now, everyone uses this method of boosting the vitamin rate of the contents. After all, nobody buys cereal for what it's made of; it's how much free junk you get that counts."

"Take our new product, Crispee Wispees. By adding a miniature camera to each box, we sky-rocketed sales. We not only had a tremendous toy, but with all that steel our iron content was fantastic."

Cameras for breakfast?

"In fact, one sleepy parent even ate all our vitamins and minerals when he mistakenly munched our camera. Even though he couldn't digest all those yummy ingredients, we received 48 citations from various scientific groups for the best color photographs yet of the human digestive system."

Frank Wahman

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Rockhound recounts dangers, excitement

by Bill Borden

Looking for something different to do? A weekend hunting for diamonds in Arkansas or rock-hunting expedition to Mexico are just two of the many memorable experiences awaiting your arrival in the ranks of rockhounds.

Rockhunting, one of the nation's fastest-growing pastimes, is well represented in the Michiana area with three "rock clubs," totaling over four hundred members. Men, women, and children of all ages collect, sort, trade, study, classify, cut and polish unusual and interesting rocks.

Quarries visited

Rockhounding expeditions may be spent searching through gravel pits, quarries, or any other place that may produce a new specimen for a rock collection. Vacations sometimes take rock hounders into the wilds of Mexico or to the high peaks of the Rockies in search of deposits of rocks, minerals, gems, or fossils.

Members' basements are often filled with their collections, which may overflow into the garage and force the family car to stand out on the driveway!

Rockhounds are notorious for their ability to sniff out a good specimen, and once they do, they will seldom give up until the rock is theirs. Seemingly impossible obstacles are overcome. Sunburn, frostbite, "pricks" from an aggressive cactus, snakebites, and deep gashes inflicted by sharp rocks might all be part of the same field trip.

Dangers listed

One dedicated Michiana rockhound travelled more than 16,000 miles to collect petrified wood to be inlaid in a coffee table. Another local rock-hunting family suffered the shock of their lives while jade hunting in Wyoming when a tornado ripped through their camp in the wee hours of the morning. Still another couple wanted an Australian opal so badly they finally went and got one--in Australia!

South Bend plays host to the rockhound fraternity annually in September when a "gem show" is staged by area collectors. This year's show featured over 75 ex-

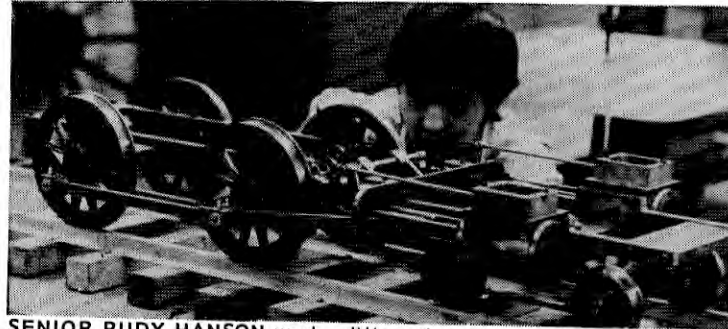
hibits ranging from area fossils to European lapidary materials and Chinese jade carvings. At local gem shows rockhounds may participate in "swap sessions." Collectors pile their trading specimens on common tables or on the ground if necessary. The many trades result not only in new materials for rock collections, but also in new friends from all parts of the country.

By now you may wish to consider rockhounding as a hobby. If so, attend a meeting of the Michiana Rock and Gem Club. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month in Howard Johnson's Garden Room on U.S. 31 North.

According to airline and auto industries, the railroad will soon be extinct in America. But senior Rudy Hanson will have a memento to remind him of the good old iron

horse days.

Rudy is making a one and one-half scale model steam engine. When completed the metal engine will weigh 250 pounds, and meas-



SENIOR RUDY HANSON works diligently on his scale model steam engine, a machine shop project. (Photo by Dave Hugus)

ure four feet long by 22 inches high.

Rudy is building the model with his blueprints for a school project and for experience in the various construction techniques involved. The design is copied from a similar engine Rudy owns. He has been working on the train since September, with help from Mr. Dale Emmons on certain machine operations.

When the engine is finished, Rudy plans to keep it and operate it on a track at his home. He states that the train will pull ten to twelve people in cars that he plans to make.

WOULD YOU A LIKE TO A...?

Holiday 'turnabouts' cause escort problems

by Marti Doyle

During the holiday season, many gala events are anticipated. Unfortunately, many of these dances and parties require girls to ask guys to escort them. To make this task easier for the inexperienced female, the following handy guide of helpful do's and don'ts has been compiled.

For easy reference, carry this article with you when you "pop" the question to the unsuspecting male.

DO - Pick an appropriate time. It has been said that the early bird catches the worm, but a visit at 4:30 a.m. might catch the "worm" asleep.

DO - tell him enough about the party so that he won't show up in blue jeans and faint at the sight of you in your formal.

DO - allow ample time to compile a list of "maybes" and "definitely nots" in order to make a wiser decision.

DON'T - wait until the last min-

ute to ask someone or all the good ones will be taken.

DO - get a long drink of water just before you ask him so your lips don't stick together.

DON'T - eat onions or garlic pizza before asking your man.

DO - make sure you are not asking a freshman whom you think is a senior. If you are asking a freshman, don't let anyone see you.

DON'T - talk too fast. He may think you're asking him for the algebra assignment.

DO - make sure he knows your name.

DO - use a deodorant.

DON'T - mail him an invitation to be your escort; that's a real cop-out.

DO - ask him between classes so he doesn't have time to dream up some fictitious "sick grandmother."

DON'T - let your prospective date see your list with 82 1/2 names already crossed out.

DON'T - ask a different guy after each class or you might find males avoiding you.

DO - move out of the middle of the hall when you are asking so you don't get trampled to death before he can accept.

DON'T - burst into tears if he says he can't make it.

DO - make sure he really said no or you might wind up with two or more dates.

DON'T - memorize or read your speech; he may not like mechanical girls.

DO - remain cool if he says yes, and don't act as though his acceptance is such a rare phenomenon, even if it is.

Perhaps this little guide will in some small way inspire and encourage you in this most trying situation. And always remember,

it at first you don't succeed, try again and again and again.....

Guardian Angels

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Mr. Joe Kreitzman, basketball coach, is also being honored from above, as "Coach Kreitzman, Worth a Million Bucks" is displayed on his homeroom door, accompanied by his portrait.

The cheerleaders have not been forgotten either. Varsity captain Carol Rzeszewski was called to the main office one day, where a package was waiting for her. Inside it were five tiny stuffed Tiggers--one for each cheerleader. A card was enclosed saying, "Keep up the good work," and signed "Your Fairy Godmother."

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