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Coalition sponsors programs to unite, represent county students

by Lisa Infalt
OH Staff writer

South Bend's youth are accomplishing things for everyone from "boy scouts and girl scouts to street gangs," and the Youth Coalition is behind them.

The Coalition is an organization set up by the Urban League to represent the youth throughout St. Joe County. Membership is open to any one who is interested and wants to join. "The effectiveness of the Coalition," says vice-president Rick Baer, "is brought about through committees and task forces with specific goals."

The Youth Coalition is the only program of its kind throughout the country which is effective. It organized a conference at Notre Dame last fall for student council members from all area high schools, succeeded in opening high school swimming pools during the summer, and conducted several police-youth dialogues to improve

police-youth relations in high schools. It also sponsored a summer amusement film program for children. A youth conference at Notre Dame June 8-10 will be sponsored by the Coalition. Representatives will be youth between the ages of 14 and 24. The purpose of the conference will be "to promote a gathering of all facets of youth opinion from this area." The education committee is trying to develop a plan to represent youth to the South Bend Community School administration. The Coalition hopes to organize a committee to deal directly with the administration and suggest changes that are felt to be needed.

School superintendent Donald Dake wants to use the Youth Coalition "as a sounding board for youth opinion." However, Mr. Dake said that he would do so only if the Coalition includes blacks, chicanos, lower income whites, and all other groups of the area.

South Bend's Youth Advocacy Program is working with the Youth

Coalition. Robert J. Gemignani, commissioner of the group and Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention administrator, commented that "South Bend's program is showing some of the best results. The statement was made in reference to 23 other communities across the country engaged in Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention projects.

The Advocacy program is composed of "field workers and committee workers" who work with the South Bend government, the city police, school city, juvenile authorities, and children's homes in finding and fulfilling wants and needs of youth. During the past six months local juvenile delinquency has dropped for the first time in several years. This Gemignani attributes to the YAP.

The Committee workers are hired to ride buses and attend sports contests enabling them to curb crimes and fights. Since the organization of this group, crime on business is reported to have dropped considerably.



NAN LUTES was crowned basketball homecoming queen last Friday night at the Jackson-Michigan City Rogers game. Nan was escorted by Joe Kocy. Jackson won the game 90-76. For details see page 4.

(photo by Jon Meek)

WE'VE GOT SOUL

Southern food sensations tickle Jackson taste buds

by Jan Stickley
OH Staff writer

Since Monday, Jacksonites who stayed in for lunch have been able to taste a variety of Afro-American delicacies or "soul food." However, most students devoured the food not knowing what it was called or where it originated.

"Soul food" was not brought over from Africa as many people believe; it came from the South, the black man's first home in America. The food originated as that of the poor South. After their defeat in the Civil War it became everybody's diet.

Soul food includes pork in all its varieties, chicken fixed in every way, and anything that can be made with cornmeal.

Although catfish, black-eyed peas, and sweet potatoes make up a large part of a soul food menu, the one staple that dominates the diet is pork. Pigs feet are pickled and pigs ears are boiled; nothing goes to waste. Another delicacy of the South is chitterlings (the lining of the pig's stomach is boiled or fried golden brown).

A second major food is greens. Southerners enjoy the bitterness of turnip greens, collards, and mustard greens.

In the hopes of bringing some soul foods north, a committee worked with South Bend cooks planning a few southern delicacies to introduce to students throughout Negro History Week.

On Monday the soul food served was liver and gravy; Tuesday, a "soul salad" of southern greens (radishes, green peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers and celery) was available, and Wednesday the soul dish of the day was a molded salad composed of cherries, bananas, raisins, peaches and other assorted fruits.

Thursday was the day of the complete "soul lunch." Barbecued chicken was served along with sweet potatoes and collard greens, all foods that are prepared by southerners to stifle their appetites at a low cost. Cornbread, a southern favorite made from cornmeal, was also included on the menu. To conclude the week, on Friday, potatoes and green beans cooked with salt pork were served.



The freshman class was chosen winner of the annual hall decorations contest. The theme of its hall was "We've just begun." Mr. Steve Herczeg,

freshman social studies teacher announced the prize at half-time during last week's homecoming game.

(photo by Jon Meek)



tiger talk

Kurt Stevens

Junior Kurt Stevens was recently awarded the Apprentice Instructor Certification by the NRA (National Rifle Association.) This award was given to Kurt at the Newman Recreation Center rifle range.

To prove his capabilities Kurt had to submit a written recommendation from an NRA certified instructor and complete an Apprentice Instruction examination with a grade of 90% or more.

Now he will assist the range supervisor each Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Newman Range.

The South Bend Junior Rifle Club at 727 S. Eddy St., is open to any Jackson student without charge. Rifles and targets are furnished but the students must furnish their own ammunition.



DECA contest

Jackson had three winners in the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) contest held at LaSalle High School on Feb. 5. Debi Moellering received a trophy for third place in job interviewing, Garry Frick won a fourth place in ad layouts, and Earl Bradshaw a fifth in window display.

Ten high schools from five counties participated in the contest which included sales demonstrations, public speaking, supermarket cashiery, and retail merchandising.

Distributive Education is a program for students interested in sales-related occupations. Other local high schools that competed were Adams, Riley, LaSalle and Washington.

Scott Zachek

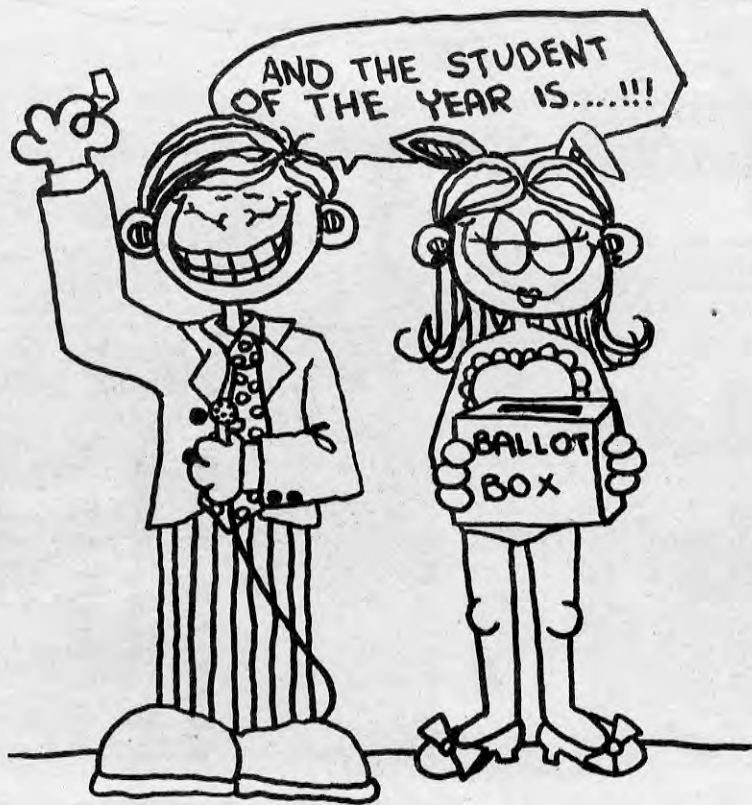
After finishing 18 weeks of textile designing, sophomore Scott Zachek was a gold key winner in the Northwestern Indiana Regional Scholastic Art Awards. Entries were judged from grades 7 to 9 and 10 to 12 in separate categories.

Scott's project was a 36" x 36" hooked rug in blue, green, white and black yarn that used ten different designs.



Mr. John H. B. Kauss

John H. B. Kauss, Jackson English instructor, recently was awarded the South Bend Civic Theatre Actor of the Year Award. Mr. Kauss was honored for his portrayal of the character Davies in Harold Pinter's THE CARETAKER. The play was directed by James Myers, former Jackson drama teacher.



'Serving student' to be rewarded

The senior class of 1972 is now rapidly approaching the end of its high school career. Many students who have been involved in athletics, music, or drama have received substantial recognition for their achievements. And it will not be long until many more honors will be bestowed upon our class members as we end our final year of high school.

However, there are some students who have gone unheralded. These are the ones who are ready to pitch in when everybody else is "too busy." They're the ones who have consistently volunteered for projects that are not very glamorous. And usually these people don't get much credit.

We on the staff of the **Old Hickory** hope to rectify this situation. Therefore, in the March 10 issue of the OH, we will announce the recipient of our first annual service award. The award, based only on service, will go annually to a senior who has shown a great willingness to aid his school and com-

munity through all four years of high school.

The winning student's name will be engraved on a plaque and placed in the publications second floor display case.

To make this presentation we will need the cooperation of Jackson's students and faculty. Anyone who wishes to nominate a senior for this award may do so simply by writing a letter to the editor naming a candidate and listing the services he has performed. The award will be based more upon a person's qualifications than the number of nominations he receives. All nominations must be signed. Ballots can either be deposited in the letters to the editor box outside the OH office or brought to the office itself. However, all nominations must be received by 3:15 p.m. one week from today, Feb. 25.

We hope that with a little help we'll be able to say some "thank you's" that should have been said a long time ago.

Careers

Public relations: image making

by Connie Guin
OH Staff writer

"Public relations is a function by which business and industry help to implement the Golden Rule" said Mr. Thomas Pettit about his chosen career.

Public relations originated in the early 1900's when, due to a sharp increase in industrialization and business, companies had to hire people to present the public with a good image of the company. "The public relations department's assignment," Mr. Pettit said, is to present a pleasant impression of the company you are working for, to represent the company in a good light to the community."

Large companies have their own public relations men, while smaller or medium-sized companies may hire men from a public relations agency. But, Mr. Pettit pointed out, "the purpose is the same -- present the company to the public as a good employer and good citizen, always working for the welfare of the community."

Beginning at a salary of \$7,500 yearly, the public relations man could work up to \$100,000 as his experience mounts. In terms of training he would need a strong background, possibly a degree in English with an emphasis on writing. Also, the PR man must be outgoing and friendly.

Public relations is one of the few fields where opportunities are equally divided between men and women. In companies that sell products appealing to women, public relations managers are usually women.

Because it doesn't depend upon skin color or race but relies entirely upon imagination and intelligence, the field is wide open.

When asked if public relations had any value as a background for other careers, Mr. Pettit replied "No, it's a department in itself, although it can be a stepping stone to advertising." The field offers no special benefits, such as retirement plan, he said, but "with the above average income it would be simple to settle your own retirement."

"Some things the company's management might do to show good public relations would be to work on the local United Fund Drive, be active members of service clubs, sponsor scholarships, fight pollution, sponsor Junior Achievement clubs and many other civic and humanitarian endeavors," Mr. Pettit continued.

Mr. Pettit listed as good examples of local public relations the Bendix Corporation's donation of the land for Bendix Park and local banks on occasion buying show and concert tickets for underprivileged children."

South Bend to resound with the sound of music

Well, what is there to do when the basketball season comes to a close, Barnaby's has lost its luster, and a bad case of mid-February blahs sets in? You can (1) take up needlepoint or basket weaving, (2) you can view some of the exciting and original material offered on television, or (3) you can part with some of your cash in exchange for tickets to some of the foot-stomping mind-expanding rock concerts appearing in our city in the near future.

If you liked Bloodrock and Canned Heat last night you'll love 'The Ides of March' tomorrow night. The modest fee of \$2.50 will buy you a seat at the Mishawaka gym to see this nationally renowned jazz-rock group at 7:30 p.m.

An ensemble of four musicians called 'Yes' will rock the Morris Civic Auditorium on March 24. Tickets and further information on the event will be available at the M.C.A. box office later this month.

Finally beg, borrow, or steal the price of a ticket to see singer-pianist Elton John May 3 at the Notre Dame Athletic and Convocation Center. Appearing with Elton will be his back-up band featuring such greats as Caleb Quayle on guitars, Nigel Olsson on drums, bassist Dave Glover, and Ian Duck on harmonica.

Further information on these and other events are available in the form of a complete list of coming attractions at both the A.C.C. and M.C.A. box offices.

No easy solution seen for racial problems

by Mike MacHatton
OH Opinion editor

"I think that total integration is not going to be a reality," said Mr. Ralph Mullins, South Bend Human Relations Director. Shocking? Perhaps. But Ralph Mullins does not pull punches; he tells it like it is, even if the truth is painful.

Mr. Mullins agreed to speak as a black man, not as a public official, in an exclusive interview for the **Old Hickory**. I had some prepared questions to ask, but after hearing his opening statements, I discarded my list. Instead, my first question was "Why aren't civil rights and race relations an issue now? None of the politicians are sounding off on race, and the nation as a whole seems to be ignoring it." Mr. Mullins and I discussed the answer to this question for the better part of an hour.

"There are many reasons for this situation. . . one is that Nixon was elected without the black vote. He feels no obligation to black people," said Mr. Mullins. Yes, I replied, but why aren't Muskie or McGovern or Humphrey concerned with Civil Rights? The answer to this question was a long one. "Well, you know how just a few years ago many young whites worked in the black movement? They were in close contact with black people, and found that they got along well. Laws and reforms were being pushed by these people, and many of our present civil rights laws got on the books."

BUT THE RICH, WHITE POWER STRUCTURE got worried, according to Mullins. They had to keep poor whites and poor blacks hating each other, and they saw their work beginning to crumble. So they started the ecology movement, and women's liberation. The kids flocked to these causes, deserting civil rights. "Now the politicians can get the young liberal vote with ecology. They don't have to talk about civil rights."

Another reason why the politicians are not pushing civil rights is that whites are reacting to the civil rights laws. Although the law says that they must treat Negroes fairly, they still hate the blacks. "You can legislate the mind, but not the heart," said Mr. Mullins. Thus, whites become frustrated when they can no longer abuse blacks, and the hate builds up into a potential backlash, a powder keg.

The white backlash potential is so strong now that politicians are afraid to touch the problem of race. "Muskie was right when he said that a black man could not be elected President or Vice-President in this country. It hurts, but it's true," commented Mr. Mullins. By saying what he did, Muskie was able to appease the whites. To do otherwise is political suicide, according to Mullins.

As a result, the black vote is being ignored this year. "Shirley Chisholm may pick up a few votes, but all she is really doing is learning more politics and in-

surging her Congressional seat." No other efforts are being made for the blacks.

WHEN I ASKED what is at the root of racial strife, Mr. Mullins answered, "The whole problem is economics. A rich man can be very friendly to me; he can afford to be. But when I pose a threat to your job, your livelihood, you get worried."

I asked him why blacks were such a threat to white workers. He replied that it is because the black man will often work for less. It began with the days following the Civil War, when freed slaves had to find work. They were accustomed to working for no money, so anything was an improvement. Poor whites got scared and have been ever since. Even today the black man works for less, and is hated by unions, workers, and the white unemployed.

Many people disapprove of the lack of conventional families among many blacks. The father figure is missing in many black families, and this conflicts with Anglo-Saxon morality. Why are so many black families like this? "Blacks in this country have a tradition of broken homes. In slavery, homes were broken constantly by the selling of one parent or another. After slavery the problem was compounded under the welfare system. Since many black men were denied jobs, they and their families had to go on relief. However, the law was such that if a man was

around the house, the family could not get money. So the man had to leave."

MR. MULLINS ALSO EXPRESSED his belief that there is a movement afoot to wipe out blacks. "For example, look at Planned Parenthood. It isn't pushed in your neighborhood. It's pushed in mine!" He believes that it wouldn't take much to get people to kill off blacks. "Look at the Panthers. When they threaten any violence, they get wiped out, like in Detroit and Chicago."

I asked if anything was being done that really helped the black race, such as the push for black capitalism. "No," he said, "These programs, such as OEO (Office of Economic Opportunity) and other black capitalism movements are mere pacification programs. They do few black people any good. Top dollar still goes to the white man."

Finally I asked if he saw any hope for blacks and whites getting together some day. Said Mr. Mullins. "The only way I can see for acceptance of blacks is if we are faced with a global war, a really big one. For example, if we fought another big power, blacks and whites would be forced together. Then perhaps all could forget their differences."

"WE MAY NOT LIKE the way things are here, but at least we know what to expect. In China or Russia we wouldn't. Right now people are starving in China. I guess I'll stay here and try to change this country."

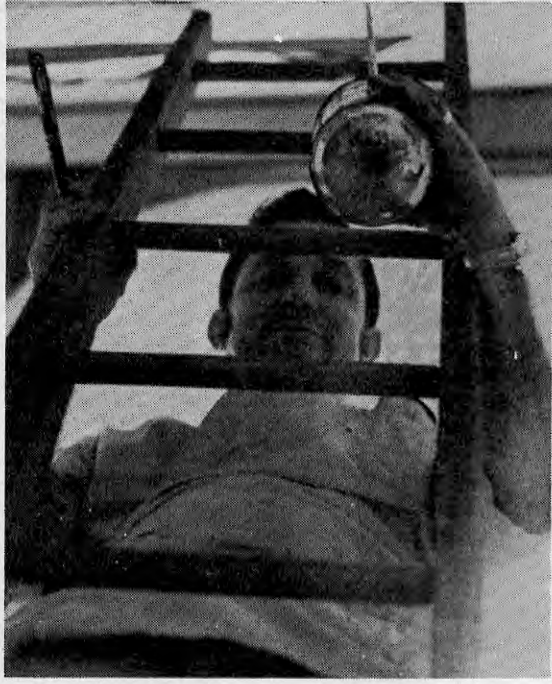
Some homey dabs of school color

"I'VE LIKED ART ever since I was a kid," social studies teacher Floyd Kuzan said last week as he climbed the rungs of a 15-foot ladder in the JHS gym. He was preparing to paint emblems of the six schools that participate in Northern Indiana Valley Conference basketball games. "The walls needed some color to break their monotony," he said, explaining that hand-painted emblems are more colorful than the plastic signs most schools use at conference games. Although senior Sherry Knutson helped with much of the painting, the project took four days to finish. "It took a lot of inspiration and perspiration," Kuzan said, but it was worthwhile. "Really, art work is nothing new to Mr. Kuzan. Several years ago he, along with JHS art teacher Mr. Robert Thomas, designed and painted the tiger and jump circle in the gym. (photos by Marty Katz)

It's inspiration...



...and perspiration



Stifle those hiccups?

by Donna Diltz
OH Staff writer

Everybody gets "singultus," so next time your diaphragm uncontrollably lowers itself in a short indrawn cough, don't be alarmed. Singultus is just a fancy medical term for any garden variety hiccup attack.

However long they last, hiccups are simply a body reflex, but a good-for-nothing one. They don't have a protective function -- they just annoy.

The anatomy of the hiccup is complicated. The chief troublemakers in hiccup harrassment are the phrenic nerves, two bundles of fibers attached to the spinal cord. Usually these nerves signal the diaphragm to contract together, but sometimes the phrenic nerve rhythm is interrupted. This causes the diaphragm to go berserk.

The disrupted diaphragm contracts in a series of spasms. This is where the "hic" comes in (or perhaps it's better to say comes out). The sharp sound of a hiccup is the air hitting a section of the throat called the glottis. The "hic" is an unsuccessful act of inhalation.

Ordinarily, hiccups are not a medical problem. All that's needed is something to interrupt the spasms and the diaphragm's normal rhythm will start again. Usually the spasms occur anywhere from 15 seconds apart to every 3 minutes.

Sometimes hiccups persist, often for weeks and months or years. Long term hiccupping may indicate disease, but even when it doesn't, it is a threat to health because it interferes with sleep, eat, and drink. If a hiccup attack lasts almost an hour despite all

efforts, one should check with a doctor.

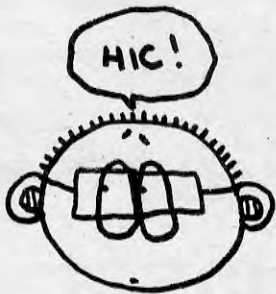
THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS credits Jack O'Leary of Los Angeles with the longest hiccup attack. It was estimated that he "hicked" more than 160,000,000 times from June 13, 1948 to June 1, 1956, except for one week off in 1951. He lost 54 pounds. People sent him many suggestions for stopping his hiccoughs. But O'Leary insists that the one that worked was a prayer to St. Jude, the patron saint of lost causes.

Through the centuries thousands of remedies have been discovered for hiccups. Plato recommended a surprise thump on the back, while his contemporary) Aristophanes, said tickling the nostrils with a feather was better.

Many hiccup cures shock the scientific mind. Such methods must have been created on a "Creature Feature": hang a hiccupper by his ankles, have him munch a wax candle, or drink a vial of vinegar.

There are many breathing techniques guaranteed to stop hiccups. Exhaling and inhaling into a paper bag is effective for many persons, since the extra carbon dioxide tends to break the spasm record. Holding one's breath is another "sure-fire" technique.

Recently three doctors have found some promising evidence that a safe and simple cure for hiccups is in the kitchen. After eating a spoonful of sugar, 19 out of 20 hiccuppers found relief. This theory needs further testing, but the hiccup may not plague mankind much longer.



He hasn't come home--yet

Captain Warren Anderson probably never dreamed he would become part of a national issue, but he has.

On April 26, 1966, he was captured by the North Vietnamese army and now has the dubious distinction of being a name and number in a prisoner of war record book. But VIVA, a youth group in California, has decided to do something about the Captain Andersons of North Vietnam. About a year ago, they began making silver bracelets with the names and capture-dates of the hundreds of POW's engraved on them in protest of the North Vietnamese government's refusal to release the men or provide reports on their condition.

Bracelets show concern

According to VIVA spokesmen, the bracelets "show the nation that the people of the U.S. are concerned about the fate of the

prisoners and have not forgotten them." The bracelets, they say, are not to be removed from the owner's wrist until the POW's are released.

The Jackson student council is sponsoring the sale of these bracelets. For \$2.50 Jacksonites can wear a silver bracelet; for \$3, a copper one.

The money received is used to help support the wives and families of POW's, and also pays for correspondence with the North Vietnamese government, urging them release the prisoners.

When purchasing a bracelet, one gets a card on which he prints his name and address and sends it to VIVA. In return, they send him the name and address of the prisoner's family and information concerning the POW himself.

Capture in battle a 'dishonor' According to senior Joe Kocey,

who co-sponsors the student council sale of the bracelets, the North Vietnamese believe it is a dishonor to be captured in battle.

"When they captured the Americans," he said, "they naturally believed that the men had 'lost face', and would be forgotten and ashamed of back home."

"This is not the case, though. The 'movement' must have been quite a surprise to the North Vietnamese," he added.

Admittedly, wearing the bracelets won't release the prisoners. But, as senior K.C. Hundere says, "it will show that we haven't forgotten those guys in North Vietnam."

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The '72 South Bend sectional swim meet winners are, in the water; Jeff Dodd, Mark Thompson, Rob Colten, Don Lowe, co-captain Jeff Saylor, Randy Stoeckinger, Allen Sowle, Jim Petty, and John Hugus. On the deck; co-captain Steve Wechter,

Coach Dave Dunlap, Chris Johnson, Dave Gladura, manager Greg Staples, Scott Jessup, Steve Weisser, Mark Schenk, Duane Dart, Jim Huguenard, Mark Priebe, and Dan Lysohir. Not pictured is Brent Petty. (photo by Jon Meek)

Cagers end regular season this weekend

The Jackson basketball team tries to wrap up a winning season this weekend when it faces Northridge Friday night and Michigan City Marquette Saturday evening with both games at home.

Northridge defeated Concord last Saturday 80-76 in overtime while Marquette absorbed two losses over the weekend. On Friday night the Michigan City team was beaten by Wawasee Prep 64-58 and the following evening suffered a 73-63 loss to Culver Military Academy.

The Tiger roundballers extended their record to 9-8 last weekend with a victory over Michigan City Rogers and a narrow loss to Adams the following night.

On Friday night Jackson romped to a 90-76 victory over an outmanned team from Michigan City. The Tigers led all the way as they

had a definite height advantage over the visitors, with four of the five Rogers starters under six feet. The Raiders had a 42-41 rebounding edge but many of those came on rebounds of blocked shots by Dean Payne and Dave Daniels.

Jackson looked off the form they had showed in their previous outings with Penn and St. Joe, perhaps in anticipation of the Adams game the next night. The Tigers turned the ball over 29 times and committed 24 fouls in an extremely ragged game. The Raiders had 24 turnovers and 26 personal fouls.

John Manchow, with 19 points and seven assists, as well as a fine floor game, was outstanding. Al Smith led Jackson with 21 points and Dave Moreland added 19.

It was a different team on the floor Saturday night as the Tigers lost a heartbreaker to Adams 83-81. Jackson lost the ball only eleven times on turnovers while Adams turned the ball over 22 times.

Several times during the night Jackson opened up to ten-point leads but the Eagles always came back. The Tigers were down 19-18 at the end of the first quarter and were ahead 38-36 at the end of the half. They increased their lead to four, 60-56 at the end of the third quarter and to seven points midway through the final period.

Then the Eagles came with a full court press and before Coach Joe Kreitzman could get Manchow in the game, Adams had run off eight straight points to take a one-point lead that held up.

Tigers take fourth sectional in row; eleven to compete in state meet

by Don Lowe
OH Assistant Sports editor

In the South Bend sectional last Saturday Coach Dave Dunlap's Tigerfish rolled up 281 points under the new twelve-place scoring system to capture their fourth straight title. Second place was nabbed by Adams with 216 points, followed by Elkhart with 156, Penn 124, Clay 118 1/2, Mishawaka 116, Washington 69 1/2, LaSalle 67, Riley 24, and Concord 5.

Double winner Scott Jessup paced the Jackson attack that saw eleven JHS swimmers qualify for competition at Ball State pool in the state meet tonight and tomorrow. Jessup won the third match-up this year with Pat Hanlon of Adams in an exciting 400-yd freestyle series, making the score Jessup 2, Hanlon 1 -- and both qualified for the state, setting up the finale for this weekend. Scott's times were 3:57.5 in the 400 free and 1:50.6

in the 200 free.

Another great performance was by Dan Lysohir, who dove for first place in a thrilling .05-point edging -out of Jerry Bloch (Elkhart) and .20-point nipping of Dick Meacham (Penn). Final tallies showed Lysohir with 377.10 points, Bloch with 377.05, and Meacham with 376.90.

Duane Dart churned to a victory in 100 backstroke, posting a fine 58.9 time, and John Hugus roared to a blue-ribbon effort of 57.6 in 100 butterfly, making a total of four individual Jackson winners.

Also, both Jackson relay squads placed on top. The medley unit of Dart, Jim Huguenard, co-captain Jeff Saylor, and Dave Gladura won with a 1:46.9 clocking, while the 400 free relay team of Gladura, Chris Johnson, Steve Weisser, and Jessup combined for a 3:26.7 victory.

Several other Tigerfish came

in second and/or swam under the state cut-off times to qualify for state competition. Along with their event, sectional place, and time they are as follows:

Steve Weisser -- 2nd in 50 free, 23.5, and 2nd in 100 free, 50.7; Jeff Saylor -- 2nd in 100 back, 1:00.0; Jim Huguenard -- 2nd in 100 breast, 1:06.5; Duane Dart -- 3rd in 200 IM,

2:09.6; Jeff Dodd -- 3rd in 100 fly, 58.1; John Hugus -- 4th in 200 IM, 2:11.5; Dave Gladura -- 4th in 100 free, 52.6; and Mark Priebe -- 5th in diving, 338.40 points.

The sectional's other double winner was Dave White of Elkhart, who took the 50 free and 100 free with 22.9 and 50.0 times, in order.

Wooden gives philosophies on B-ball

by John Whisler
JACKSONIAN Sports editor

The saying "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game" is, to many of us, just simply an old, worn out expression. But to John Wooden, head basketball mentor at UCLA, this expression lays the very foundations for his entire program.

"I don't like to talk to my players about winning; I always tell

them to just develop themselves and play the best they possibly can and the rest will take care of itself," stated Wooden in an interview with this reporter before the UCLA-Notre Dame game, Jan. 29.

Chatting informally in the motel lobby at the Holiday Inn, Wooden discussed the three main points of his coaching philosophy.

First, Wooden is a firm believer in conditioning.

"WE STRIVE TO BE in better condition, mentally, physically, and morally, than any of our opponents," said Wooden, "because a team can easily tear down over the weekend what they were taught all week."

The second is fundamentals. Said Wooden, "Being able to quickly execute the fundamentals is a necessity. It should be automatic."

If there is one characteristic common to all UCLA teams, it's his third point, team play.

"I always demand team play," he said, "and I particularly like to have my players acknowledge a good play by a teammate."

Recruiting is an important phase of any collegiate basketball program, and it is no exception at UCLA.

According to Wooden, "Naturally we would like to have the big man, but we especially look for a boy with poised, controlled quickness."

"IF WE HAD A CHOICE between a quick 6'3" player and a much slower 6'8" boy, we'd definitely take the smaller, quicker player."

Wooden spoke with extreme poise and gave the impression as being of the "old school."

During the last couple of years, many undergraduate players have jumped to the proranks. I asked Coach Wooden what he would do if Bill Walton, his 6'11" super-soph, should decide to quit school after this year in favor of pro ball.

"I wouldn't say anything to dis-

courage him, Wooden answered, but I would hope that his parents have impressed upon him the importance of getting his degree, and, after all, his talent will still be there after he had graduated."

Recently the NCAA passed a rule whereby freshmen are now eligible for varsity competition for basketball and football. "I'm definitely against the new rule," Wooden commented, "Simply because I don't feel that freshmen are mentally ready for varsity competition. They have to get used to being away from home and getting the proper study habits. In fact, I wouldn't be against dropping the current freshman basketball program now."

WOODEN DOES, HOWEVER, advocate certain rule changes himself, among them the use of a 30-second clock, the elimination of all jump balls, whereby the teams would alternate taking the ball out of bounds, and the elimination of all offensive rebounds, whereby the offensive team cannot make any "tips"; it must bring the ball out past a designated distance each time.

Wooden, who coached at Central High in South Bend in the late 30's, is contemplating retirement in the near future. The mandatory retirement age at UCLA is 67, but indications are that Wooden, now 61, won't wait that long.

"I made a promise to the parents of three of my current sophomores that I would continue to coach for the remainder of their sons' college careers," he explained, "and unless things change, that's when I'll call it quits."

Smith to be first JHS grappler at state after team captures first regional title

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Senior Rick Smith will compete in the state wrestling championships tomorrow at Southport High School, outside Indianapolis. Rick, the only survivor of the five grapplers Jackson placed in the regional tournament last Saturday, won

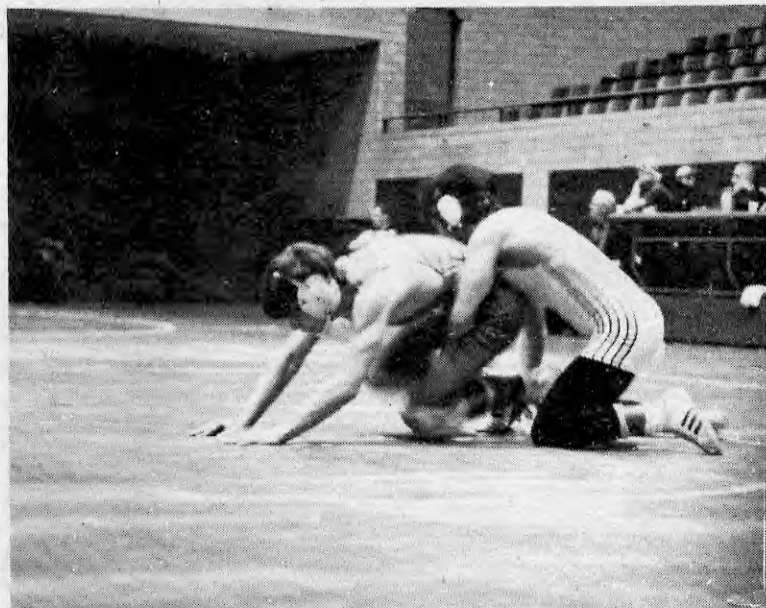
the 115 lb. title, upping his record to a stellar 18-0. Enroute to his regional crown, Rick took three straight decisions, winning 6-5 in his final match and becoming the first Jackson wrestler ever to go downstate.

Bob Peterson (129 lb.), Tom DeShone (141 lb.), and Mike Powers

(188 lb.), all had to be satisfied with second place ribbons, suffering disappointing defeats in their last bouts. Terry Grimmer (122 lb.) came in fourth. In contrast to sectional round procedures, only the blue ribbon winners in each weight class advance to the next and final round.

Smith's individual effort helped the Tigers take the team title, as the 27-team field split the points very evenly. Only one school, LaSalle, had as many as two individual champions. It was ironic that after having finished second in the conference, the Penn Invitational, and the sectional this year, the time Jackson placed first no team trophy was awarded. Whether the IHSAA was trying to cut costs or just emphasize the individual nature of regional competition, the best JHS wrestling team to date lost a chance to win some remembrance.

Peterson and Powers concluded four years on the mats, Peterson boasting a 21-2-1 record, Powers claiming 20-3. Of course Tom DeShone (19-4) will be back in 1973, and even as Smith wrestles tomorrow, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen will be laying plans for that nebulous next year!



RICK SMITH has the upper hand during a match en route to his regional win last Saturday at Adams. (photo by Jon Meek)

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