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Ugly Girls, Race Entries Invade Jackson Scene

Ugly girls and cyclist hopefuls are in readiness for next week's Little 500 festivities.

May 5-9 will reveal Jackson's 'ugliest girls.' Each girl will select two male assistants to help collect votes. Votes will be cast, as usual, by donations of money.

Contestants for the pageant are

freshmen Hope Heemstra and Sally McDermott; sophomores Cindy Springer and Kathy Gibbs; juniors Cathy McCarthy and Terri Trammell; and seniors Liz Allen and Linda Sharp. The girl who collects the most money will be named the winner.

The '500' will start after school

'69 Grads Anticipate Prom, Awards Day

The Senior Prom is the first event on the seniors' schedule. Set for May 17 at the Elks Club, the prom will carry out the "Midsummer Night's Dream" theme. Eddie Jarrett and his orchestra will provide music for the dance, which will last from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. Tickets, at \$3.50 per couple,

must be purchased in advance. An after-prom party is being planned by chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arch.

Orders for the graduating class picture will be taken May 19-23. The cost of the picture is \$1, due when the order is placed.

May 23 is the day an Obligations Check will be made for fees, library fines, and damaged or lost books. Seniors who do not clear obligations will not receive their caps and gowns.

Caps and gowns will be issued during homeroom period on Monday, May 26.

Final exams will be given to seniors on Tuesday, May 27 and Wednesday, May 28. Periods five and six exams are scheduled for Tuesday and periods one, two, three, and four for Wednesday.

May 28 from 1:20 to 3:15 p.m. will be the Senior Awards Assembly. Afterward, the senior class picture will be taken. There will be no school for seniors on

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Six JHS Actors Join Thespians

Thespians, a national dramatics honorary composed of individual chapters, will initiate six Jackson students on the basis of their achievements in school productions.

Those to be initiated are Kim Beach, D'Anne Nelson, Roxie Holderman, James Burton, Pat Nuner, and Nancy Marroni. Each has accumulated twenty points for work done on and off stage.

The new Thespians will be officially inducted in a ceremony later in the school year.



AFTER JACKSON'S MOST RECENT production, "The Skin of Our Teeth," these dramatists became Thespians. They are, from left to right, bottom row: D'Anne Nelson, Jim Burton, and Nancy Marroni. Top row: Roxie Holderman, Pat Nuner, and Kim Beach. (Photo by Jack Drake.)

May 9 with 25 cents charged for admission. Afterwards a pizza supper will be served in the cafeteria for \$1.50. Mystic Love will supply the rhythm for the 8 p.m. dance which will cost \$1.

The profits from the week's activities will be donated to the AFS fund. The fastest two junior homerooms in the race will receive next year's exchange students.

Qualification trials for the race are to be run tomorrow, May 3. A one-dollar entry fee is due at this time from each of 52 homerooms entered.

The trials will consist of two laps. The first is a practice lap for building up speed; and then at the end of the second, the fastest 15 teams will be named to run on May 9.

Qualifying teams will not be allowed to use the track until the race.

Band Boosters Plan Bar - B-Q

Tired of staying home for dinner every night eating the same old thing? Want a change? Well, here's your chance! The Jackson Band Boosters are having their annual Chicken Bar-B-Q on Thursday, May 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Jackson cafeteria. The menu will be a half or quarter of chicken, potato salad, relishes, cake or pie, and milk or coffee. Carry-outs will be available.

A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door, so a count must be taken by May 5. The cost is \$1 for a quarter of chicken, and \$1.75 for a half of chicken. Tickets may be purchased from any band member or from Mr. Tom DeShone.

Music Makers Present 'An Evening of Song'

"An Evening of Song" will be offered by Jackson High School Glee Club and the Choraliers May 8 at 8 p.m. in the JHS auditorium. The choral concert will conclude the Jackson Fine Arts Week, which runs from May 1-8.

Under the direction of Mr. Dan Miller, the singers will perform compositions ranging from Handel to Harry Simeone and Irving Berlin.

The 100-voice glee club will open the program with Simeone's contemporary "We Are the Music Makers" and continue with selections of sacred music. Groupings of spirituals, sea chanteys, and trail music will comprise the vocalists' performance, which will conclude with "Born Free" and the "Ballad of Brotherhood".



ENTHUSIASTIC PEDALERS Keith Claro (l left) and Dave Jessup get into shape for the 'Little 500' bike race May 9. (Photo by Dave Fischgrund.)

Lynn, Cindy Top June Graduates

Carole Lynn Dickerson and Cynthia Bell have been named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, in the final senior class ranking. Lynn plans to take a pre-med course on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University. Cindy will attend Purdue University. Her major will tentatively be in forestry and wildlife.

Other seniors recognized for outstanding achievements academically are those listed in the top ten percent.

Included are Mary Kay Berla-kovich, David Bowman, Bonnie Damon, Michael Collier, Michael Dake, James Daniels, Russell Ether, Leaza Gish, and Susan Hornbaker.

Other seniors included are John Hummer, Johnelle Jefferys, Jan Kennedy, Karen MacQuivey, Shelly Marks, D'Anne Nelson, Nancy Nuner, Barbara Pollyea, Pamela Richardson, Sue Ryon, Carol Schaal, and Susan Schaeffer.

Others are Scott Schafer, Kathryn Slott, Sandra Sprunger, Kathleen Sowle, Bryce Stevens, Roger Tolle, Suzanne Umbaugh, Cheryl Vanderhagen, Karen Wanstall, and Paul Zisla.

Tiara, Roses Bestowed on Ann Brown

Sparkling with the magic found only in "Camelot," Ann Brown was crowned princess of the 1969 Junior Prom. She was escorted by Greg Nall.

Ann's court was composed of attendants Debbie Lytle, escorted by George King, Julie Kinner escorted by Jim Rans, and Pam Parsons, escorted by Doug Palmer.

Court members also included Holly Heemstra, escorted by Tom Coffey, Vicki Porman, escorted by Denny Bratcher, and Becky Avrett, escorted by Bruce Ververberg.



PRINCESS Ann Brown beams during coronation ceremonies at Saturday's Junior Prom. Greg Nall was her escort.

'Someday' Too Late

"When it comes to differentiating between the top five in a class, it's like splitting hairs," comments head counselor Lee Weldy. If it is such a difficult task to select one valedictorian and one salutatorian from other equally qualified students, perhaps it's time the present system be changed.

Several area high schools assume an entirely different philosophy than Jackson for honoring top students. Adams and LaSalle, for instance, designate neither a valedictorian nor a salutatorian. Instead, they choose a certain top percentage of the graduates and grant them the distinction of summa cum laude, meaning "with highest honor." The number of students achieving this rank varies every year, but normally the figure is between three and five.

Jackson presently uses a somewhat similar system, in that one per cent of the students is considered summa cum laude, the next four per cent magna cum laude ("With high honor") and the next five per cent cum laude ("with honor.") However, Jackson still retains the old classifications of valedictorian and salutatorian which essentially shed honor of merely two members of the class.

Since class rank is IBM computed via yearly averages and a final seventh semester cumulative average, it seems conceivable that a terribly fine line must be drawn between ranks of the first few class members. As an exaggerated illustration, one student might get a "B" on a final exam when he needs an "A" for an "A" average in the course. Thus, his class standing sinks and with it sink all his chances for achieving those coveted one and two positions. This could be extremely discouraging to the basically strong student.

If our ranking system has reached the point where "hairs must be split" to determine the valedictorian and salutatorian, then it just might be time to abandon the status titles for a fairer method of honor. In future years, the valedictorian-salutatorian method might prove frustrating when three or more people tie for one or both of the top two spots. To have three valedictorians, for example, could pose difficulties in applying for special awards and scholarships available only to valedictorians.

Must Jackson wait for such hassles before it rearranges its thinking? It has already been admitted that the present system of honoring top graduates is too precise. Isn't it time Jackson discarded this obsolete method before next year's seniors are plagued with it?

Happy Ether!

Chameleons, Russ Ether Have Things in Common

By D'Anne Nelson

Who eats and sleeps and crawls on his belly like a reptile? Senior Ether, alias Rutch or Rutchel, "but never Rutchel." He sees similarities between himself and the chameleon as a result of observing his own pet chameleon.

"They like to sit on a leaf and bask in the sun, and sometimes they don't move a muscle for hours," says Russ. "This reminds me of sitting at my desk in a windowless classroom, basking in the fluorescent light, and not moving a muscle for an hour." "Don't let him fool you," continues Russ, "for although he may appear to be asleep, if a tasty housefly unwarily passes his way, he'll jump into action and soon have a full belly. Likewise, although I may appear to be asleep, when the green lunch light comes on, I spring into action and satisfy my hunger."

Another similarity Russ draws between himself and a chameleon concerns its amazing ability to change color. A chameleon's color is dependent mostly upon what mood it is in. "My personality depends on what mood I am in," Russ claims.

Russ's mood at the end of high school seems to be a reminiscent one. He is looking forward to college and the challenges of the future with optimism, but he still sometimes longs for "those carefree little boy days when my only worries were whether I would be allowed to go out and play after supper if I didn't finish my vegetables, and whether my parents would remember that I was long overdue for a bath." Rhode Island was the scene of



RUSS ETHER

his "little boy days" before he moved here last year. He has found that people are basically the same everywhere, though he considers people here to be more friendly. "The saying 'Hosier Hospitality' has some merit."

Here at school, Russ is a member of the Old Hickory circulation staff and National Honor Society. He is also a lab assistant for a first year chemistry class. He enjoys all sciences but has made electronics his hobby.

He likes to build experimental circuits and recently bought and built a stereo amplifier. Other favorite pastimes are playing ping pong and chess. He enjoys ping pong because it requires fast reactions and good timing, and chess because it is 100 per cent skill and no luck.

Russ will continue his scientific studies at Purdue next year, majoring in physics.

In The Swim Of Things . . .

Science, Animals Interest 'Shy, Sincere' Dave Dunlap

The biggest problem with youth today is lack of direction, says Mr. Dave Dunlap, Jackson social studies teacher and swim and tennis coach. "They know something is wrong, but they don't know what to do about it. Young people also lack appreciation of material things because they have had everything given to them."

Mr. Dunlap views today's youth as a group much better prepared for college than the kids of his high school days. "There's nothing wrong with youth," he believes, "that isn't wrong with the entire society."

Mr. Dunlap was graduated from Central High School and Indiana University. Before coming to Jackson he taught fifth and sixth grade at Lincoln.

Sports fill most of Mr. Dunlap's spare time. He participates in golf, tennis, softball, and handball and attends dog shows. He hopes to enter his Irish Setter, Flame, in competition.

Marine life also is an interest for Mr. Dunlap. He likes to watch Jacques Costeau underwater TV specials, and his secret desire is to fight a white shark with a bowie knife.

He enjoys "Wild Kingdom" and "Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color". While in college, Mr. Dunlap applied for a job in a Walt Disney nature film. He thinks it would be interesting to film wild life in Africa.

A thrilling moment for Mr. Dun-

Students' Voice

End Those 'Gym' Proms!

Dear Editor:

Why must Jackson's Junior Prom always be held in the gym? The gym is obviously too large to facilitate the needs of prom goers and does not suggest the

"glamour" that a prom should have.

Jackson is one of the few schools in South Bend to use a gymnasium for prom activities. Other schools have proms at churches, or country clubs where rooms are smaller and easier to decorate.

Although this year the Junior Prom was held in the Jackson gym, future classes should try to locate better sites for their proms. A gym just doesn't create the proper mood.

Rick Hammond

Counselors' Corner

The South Bend College of Commerce is offering summer courses in accounting, filing, shorthand, and typing. Applications are available from the admissions office, 212 S. St. Joseph St.

A Centre PTA Scholarship of \$100 is available to a Jackson senior who is an eighth grade graduate of Centre School. Letters of application are due in the counselor's office by May 15.

Any student who is interested in summer school but has a transportation problem should submit his name in the counselor's office.



A 1970 STATE CHAMPION swim coach is how Mr. David Dunlap wishes to be reincarnated. Hopefully he won't have to die to attain this status.

lap would be to make the winning basket in a state championship game, or make a 90-yard touchdown in the last quarter of a game.

Many people have unusual answers regarding what they would be if they were reincarnated. Mr. Dunlap's choice is a simple one: "I would like to come back as a state champion swim team coach.....1970."

Mr. Dunlap describes himself as "sincere" and "complicated." His sincerity is shown by his dedicated interest in his

students and athletes.

"I feel uncomfortable around a crowd and people I don't particularly like," says Mr. Dunlap. "Sometimes at a party, I'll go into the corner and go to sleep."

Although Mr. Dunlap is even-tempered, he gets upset with people who don't do what they say they will and people who are unaware of others' feelings.

"I'm contented with my life as it is," says Mr. Dunlap. "I enjoy an evening at home playing with my kids; I guess I'm getting old."

In the future, Mr. Dunlap plans to go back to school for his master's degree. But right now he intends to concentrate on "being a better teacher and coach."

Musicians Experiment On a 'Trip'

By Debbie Chapman

"The beat goes on, the mind goes on...As life goes on in desperation and hate, so, too, it goes on in contentment and happiness. The beat of life goes on, ever-changing." These words reveal the philosophy of "The Beat Goes On," an album which takes you on a magical journey through music and history with the Vanilla Fudge.

Phase One consists of a brief trip in history of music, starting with the "symphonic beauty" of Mozart's Divertimento No. 13 in F Major up to the present day with a "mocking" melody of Beatle songs.

Other songs include the traditional spiritual, "Old Black Joe," and "12th Street Rag." The group's versatility is shown through its successful performance of every type of music from classical to ragtime to rock.

Beethoven's "Für Elise" and "Moonlight Sonata" are artistically dealt with in Phase Two. The "Fudge" give a strong interpretation of this classical piece as they add their own distinct hard rock sound.

Phase Three entitled "Voices In Time" is a nostalgic collection of voices of great figures of the twentieth century, interwoven with a theme of war being never-ending.

Phase Four gives each member of the Vanilla Fudge a chance to put his inner feelings into words. This creates an interesting change of pace.

One message of the album is conveyed through the words of the group's lead guitarist, Vinnie Martell. "This album is people throughout the world...their beliefs, their emotions. We hold the tools to express time through music."

"The Beat Goes On" would not appeal to those whose taste is limited to one type of music, but puts deep appreciation into our music and deep thought into our world.

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Cameras Zoom In On Tragedies To Create Zestful 'Game Show'

By Steve Claus

Announcer: "In color...it's the Disaster Game!" (a rock instrumental band strikes up a lively taps as audience applauds madly.) "And now, bringing you on-the-spot coverage of today's disaster, where ever it may strike, is that sympathetic friend in need...ROBBY CROWN!" (audience goes berserk)

Crown: (wearing adorable grin) "Thank you... thank you very much." (noise lets up) "Thank you and hello all you beautiful witnesses, could-be mourners, and insurance claim detectives."

Audience: "Hiiiiiii RAHHHHHH HHHB!"

Crown: "Today, with a twist of fate already twisted, we find ourselves at the foot of Mount Pomp in the upper regions of British Columbia where a colossal avalanche has felled mountain climbers Floyd Freemont and Art Spengler. Floyd, as we all know, is our record-smashing champion who has braved two plane crashes, an Impala stampede, and a flash flood to be here today. If Floyd can hang in there and beat his challenger, he may win a fabulous jackpot prize, chosen exclusively for him. Gentlemen, good luck to you. The pop-up question: Without looking up, what would you say was the approximate distance you..."

Spengler: (buzzing buzzer) "Twelve hundred feet?"

Crown: "I'm sorry, Mr. Spengler, that is incorrect. We deduct five points which puts you in the hole."

Spengler: "You're #1(*@)&%*@ right I'm inna hole! Git me outta here, clown!"

Crown: "That's CROWN, Mr. Spen..."

Spengler: "I don't give a..." (he gasps, violently clutching his throat. He passes out. He dies.)

Crown: (receiving note) "It's official; Floyd Freemont is the very first undefeated Disaster Game champion on his fifth consecutive WIN!!!"

Audience: (chaotic pandemonium) "YAAAAAAYYYYYY"



YY!!!" (Floyd is pried from rubble. Five minutes later the noise subsides.)

Crown: (hand on Floyd's shoulder) "Floyd, our sincerest congratulations, and I'm sure the fans also possess a mutual feeling. RIGHT, GANG?"

Audience: "RIIIIIIIIIIIIGHT RAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHB!!!!!!!"

Crown: "And now, it's time to present for the first time that fabulous jack-pot prize chosen exclusively for YOU, Floyd Freemont of Mill Stream, Missouri!!! Will someone please draw the curtains and show Floyd just exactly what he's WON!"

(Before the curtains can part, a shower of massive boulders, rocks, and gravel covers the cheering spectators, the cameras, Robby Crown, and the champion Floyd Freemont.

Old Castle Will Highlight Susie's European Jaunt

Spending several weeks in a renovated castle in France, senior Sue Schaeffer will travel to Europe this summer with the Foreign Study League. Sponsored annually for interested high school students all over the United States, the group travels through several foreign countries during its six-week stay.



SUE SCHAEFFER

Sue will arrive in Rome and spend three days sightseeing before going to Evian, France, where the group of approximately 180 students will spend most of

its time. Attending daily classes in language and civilization, the students will spend their afternoons sightseeing and conversing with shopkeepers in the village.

The entire group will travel to Paris for a week to study at Versailles, before returning home in early August.

Sue expresses only one apprehension about the trip: that the dress code will be strict. "Proper young ladies just don't appear on public streets in slacks," she claims.

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Blind Date is Considered Awkward, Scatter-brained

Between the time a boy starts dating and the time he gets married, he is guaranteed to come across the creature known as a "Blind Date."

Blind dates come in an assortment of sizes and shapes. They are found everywhere. Their names appear in discarded address books, and their phone numbers on telephone booth walls. Blind dates are arranged by everyone, including agencies, relatives, and guys who, up until you see what they have stuck you with, were your best friends.

A blind date is Neatness with a run in her stocking, Primness with jelly on her chin, Shyness with a loud voice, Poise with her slip showing, and Femininity: the girl across the street who looks like the boy next door.

A blind date is never a model, a cheerleader or a high school football queen. She is somebody's clunky cousin from out of town or a member of the Girls' field hockey team.

A blind date likes nice-looking boys, moonlight walks, some attention, and lots of respect. She

doesn't particularly care for insults, laughing out loud when you first meet her, introducing her to your friends as an April Fool joke, or asking her to split the check.

Might as well face it, a blind date is a plague and a blight. She is a hanged-nailed, knock-kneed, pot-bellied, scatter-brained, gum-chewing, time-consuming thing.

But, at the end of the evening when she turns slowly to shake your hand and slam the door in your face, you shout out what millions of others who have had blind dates shout..."Can I see you again next Saturday night?"

Natalie Receives Slominski Award

Competing with musicians from the South Bend area, senior Natalie Wheeler has received the \$100 Mrs. Helen Slominski Memorial Award. The award was presented to Natalie last Saturday evening by the Chopin Club at its 29th annual dinner at Randall's Inn. This is the first year the award has been made, and it is good for the first year of college.

Natalie, who has been active in piano work for over nine years, will play with two other piano students in a recital to be given May 25 at the South Bend Conservatory of Music.

Students Display 'Exposition '69'

"Exposition '69", to be held the week of May 5, will provide Jackson students with an opportunity to explore the French culture.

Miss Marcella Hartman's 56 first, third, fourth, and fifth year French pupils are working on display projects in French history, art, music, literature, economics, civilization, and contemporary life.

The projects, exhibited in room 203, will be judged by a panel of three JHS teachers from different academic departments. The exposition is open to all Jacksonites.

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Cindermen Winning, Beat Lions, Await Showdown With Kingsmen



DANE VIDA makes it look easy as he vaults the 10 foot 6 inch obstacle. Vida tied for third in the LaSalle meet. (Photo by Jack Drake.)

Jackson's steadily improving track team will be warming up for the sectional next week with a meet against NIVC foe Penn. The Tigers bettered their season and conference records last week with wins over LaSalle and New Prairie. The team now stands at 5-2 for the year and 3-0 in conference play.

Jackson took a close meet with LaSalle 64-54 by winning the last event, the half-mile relay. Jackson showed good depth, taking many second places to offset the Lions' tremendous depth in the long races.

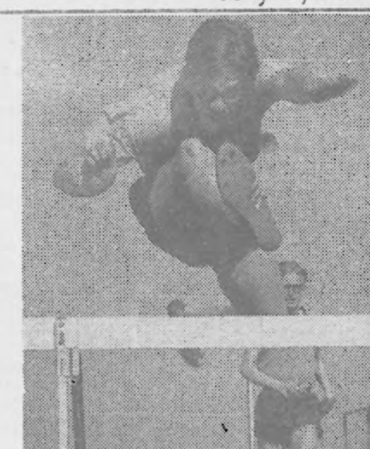
As was expected, a great dual took place in the high jump contest between Tiger Jim Daniels and LaSalle's Al Armstrong, with Armstrong coming out the winner with a leap of 5 feet 10 inches. Greg Nall paced the tracksters with a double win in the sprints, a second-place finish behind Daniels in the pole vault, and he also ran the anchor leg of the half-mile relay.

The Tigers had an easier time with the New Prairie Bulldogs, smashing them 81-37. Jackson won every event except the shot-put and mile relay. Again paced by Nall, the runners had many double winners, led by Seniors Daniels and Andy Sharp.

These wins are just getting the team ready for two tough conference opponents, once defeated Clay and undefeated Penn, and the all important sectional. Clay, who was run earlier this week is good in the long runs and the field events.

Penn, like any good team, has all-around team depth. Led by Marvin Stewart and Doug Shanklin, the Kingsmen appear to be in good position to take both the conference and sectional crown.

Although bad weather has held down the times, Coach Harry Ganswer expects to have strong representation at the sectional.



STREAKING through the high hurdle event is B-Team trackman Dennis Palmer. In the recent meet against LaSalle, the varsity won 64-54, but the B-team was defeated by 14 points (Photo by Jack Drake.)

Tigers Humble Clay 4-1

After taking it on the chin from Marian and New Prairie and defeating Clay, the Tiger batmen held a 3-4-1 record.

Tomorrow the Tigers will host Plymouth in a double-header beginning at 1 p.m. Next Tuesday, Marian will come here and on Thursday the Tigers will travel to St. Joe.

In last week's games the team went down to defeat twice to the tune of playing catch-up baseball. Against Marian, the diamondmen fatally gave six runs in the first inning and fought to a final 7-5 deficit. JHS batmen claimed seven hits to Marian's four.

New Prairie managed to squeak by the Tigers with only one run which was scored in the first inning. Again Tiger bats were cracking, but not at the right moments, as the Jackson nine claimed seven hits to New Prairie's four.

The bright spot in last week's baseball was the Tiger victory over Clay. The bats were cracking at the right time in the third inning when Jackson opened the scoring with three runs on three hits and one walk.

Clay's only score came in the sixth inning, and the Tigers closed the scoring with a run in the seventh inning for a 4-1 win. Merle Carmichael took winning-pitcher honors in striking out seven and giving up three hits.

This week the Tigers were scheduled to play Penn on Tuesday and LaSalle on Thursday. The postponed game with St. Joe has not yet been rescheduled.

Grads Anticipate

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May 29, and any senior failing a course will be notified that day.

Baccalaureate Services will be Sunday, June 1, at 3 p.m. in the Jackson auditorium. Tickets are required for admission. Following the service will be a reception for graduates, parents and other guests at 3:45 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Tuesday, June 3 from 9 to 11 p.m. is commencement rehearsal. All seniors must attend this rehearsal.

Commencement exercises will be Tuesday, June 3, at 8 p.m. in the Jackson gymnasium. Admission is by ticket only.

Penn Pins First Loss On Golfers

An inspired Penn golf team set a school record as it ended Jackson's bid for an undefeated season and inflicted the Tiger's first loss in conference competition. Penn fired 317 over the short Eberhart Golf Course a

week ago Thursday. Jackson scored 326 as they lost to Penn but defeated Mishawaka Marian. Jim VanBraune of Penn was medalist with a three-over-par 73. Jackson's Mike Medich was second low at 77.

The loss to Penn followed a victory over LaSalle at Elbel on Monday. Howard Bucher had the low score for Jackson, an 80. LaSalle's Mike Hasses fired 77 to become medalist. Jackson had 327 to LaSalle's 338. The vic-

tories over LaSalle and Marian and the loss to Penn established the Tigers conference record at 4 wins and 1 loss, and at 9 and 1 overall. Jackson and St. Joe lead the NIVC with one loss each.

Monday Jackson again was to face Penn in a triangular match with Clay at Erskine. The Tigers also were scheduled at home against St. Joe and LaSalle. Tomorrow the team journeys to New Carlisle for the New Prairie Invitational.

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