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NEW NEWSPAPER STAFF -- [from l. to r.] Barb Keith, Mary Keith, Anne Owens, Darlene Turner, John Harlan, and Chris McCraley

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Tower Introduces New Staff

With the change of the heading of **THE TOWER** (in journalistic circles, named the masthead) last year, a new editorial staff of the newspaper was chosen by Ms. Maza, the **TOWER** sponsor and last year's staff.

Chris McCraley, the originator of the masthead, covers all the news on the front page. John Harlan, second page; Anne Owens and Darlene Turner find feature items that are both thought-provoking and interesting for the school on the third page. Sports will be handled by Barb Keith and Mike Clarke.

Mary Keith is the editor-in-chief. This year's reporters include Sue Avon, Cathi Gabele, John Goodson, Gerald Rohan, David Rubin, Julie Schafer, Mike Slowey,

Leah Sunderlin, Ricky Toledo, Jeff True, and George Ushela. (Any others who would like to submit articles are invited to inform Ms. Maza in Room 216)

After many turn-overs in the advertisement department Jon Shapero is advertisement manager with Tami Cooper, Sue Clarke, and Gerald Rohan helping out. Jon is also the Business Manager along with Debbie Simpson for **TOWER/ALBUM**.

Other members of the staff include photographers Rick Ball (head photographer), Gordon Slutsky, John Smith, and John Gundlach. Exchange editor is Cheryl Wasawski. Our artist is David Weldy assisted by Sally Walsh.

Magazine Awards Grant

Here's a writing contest with a twist -- no research, just tell your own story, something that actually happened to you. If you're one of the twenty winners you can receive as much as \$3,000 in a scholarship prize and no less than \$500.

The contest is sponsored by the editors of Guideposts magazine who want you to write 1200 words or less about a moving or memorable experience in your life, something that made a deep, lasting impression on you, changed your thinking or perhaps your life. Last year the top winner, Gary Keene of Kalamazoo, Michigan, wrote about a trip he took to help impoverished people in a hard-luck area. Prize-winning manuscripts become the property of Guideposts.

1. Entrants must be high school juniors or seniors or students in equivalent grades overseas.

2. Entrants must write a first-person story telling about the most memorable or moving experience they have ever had. Stories must be the true personal experience of the writer.

3. Manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced with a maximum of 1200 words.

4. All manuscripts must be mailed to: Youth Contest, Guideposts, 747 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, November 30, 1974, and include return address and name and address of the entrant's school. Winners will be notified by mail prior to announcement in Guideposts.

5. Authors of the top 20 manuscripts, as judged by the editors of Guideposts, will receive scholarships to the accredited college or school of their choice in

What's Going On. Fisher Elected Deca President

The John Adams Chapter of DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) elected its officers for the 74-75 school years. Chosen to serve as officers were the following: Jackie Fisher, president, Gene Deslauriers, vice-president, Kathy Snowden, secretary, and Yvette Johnson, treasurer.

All DECA members are part of the Distributive Education program. Distributive Education (DE) is a coop program for seniors who go to school in the morning and work in the afternoon. DE students work in jobs which involve marketing or retailing.

DECA activities for this year will include district DECA conferences at Plymouth, Wawasee, and Elkhart, a state DECA leadership conference at French Lick, a national DECA leadership conference in Florida, and an employer appreciation banquet, in addition to regular DECA projects and meetings at Adams.

Mr. William Blauvelt is DE coordinator and DECA advisor. Students interested in the DE program should take marketing, advertising, and salesmanship as juniors.

the following amounts:

First Prize:	\$3000
Second Prize:	\$2000
Third Prize:	\$1000
Fourth Prize:	\$750
Fifth Prize:	\$750
Sixth through Twentieth Prizes	\$500

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"MUST PAY PRICE FOR ABSENTEEISM:" PRZYBYSZ

by Cathi Gabele

Three main school policies have been in effect these past years, as outlined by Mr. Przybysz.

The new attendance policy put forth the idea of "the more you are in the classroom, the more you will learn." The school is responsible for all those up to the age of 16, and are required to enforce state laws. Parents are also responsible for their children. The new system simply informs the parents that their child has not been attending a certain class. The days allotted to every student "are not simply free days to be used as students want." A price is paid for being absent. This system hopes to add to the student's responsibility.

Mr. Przybysz commented on one mentioned reason for class cutting.

A student said that in order to stay interested in a dull course, she needed one day off, and then come back feeling as if she were getting a new start. Mr. Przybysz sympathized with this, and said, "If I were to cut a class, it would be because of the class atmosphere." But, students do have a responsibility to stay in class.

The student interim progress reports are reports mailed to parents at the fifth week of each nine week period. These reports explain why the student is having problems in a certain class, in the teacher's opinion, and who may be in danger of failing. A pupil cannot fail unless this report is mailed.

Example reasons listed are poor time utilization, not making up required work, low test scores, and excessive absences and tardies.

Report cards will show new things this year. On them will be: period, course number, course title, teacher's name, a column for comments, grade, credits, absences in that course, truancies, and the semester and accumulative credits and grade point and accumulative grade points.

The comment column will contain a number. The number will appear in a key. Such comments are: performance outstanding, attentive, industrious, good attitude toward others, not made up required work, and parent requested to confer with teacher. Truancy is based on being a confirmed truancy. This is an absence unknown to school authorities and parents.

The last report card will be mailed home. All others are to be brought home.

These new systems are being used to keep parents informed of their teenager's progress in school. They hopefully will be of aid to both parents and students.

Drama Club Plans "Coffee house"

by ANNE OWENS

The John Adams Drama Club revealed their plans and activities for this school year. The club is headed by Anne Owens, president, Karen McGann, vice-president, Barb Keith, secretary, and Beth Walker, treasurer. The club sponsor is Mr. Drapek.

Students attending the meeting were informed of the 50-cent dues payable any time, which gives them formal membership in the club.

The dues are then used to help fund the various activities which Drama Club will be involved in throughout the year. These activities include a bus trip in the spring to Chicago to see a play, parties, etc.

Of course the most important work done in Drama Club is the training and teaching of new members in the various aspects of theatre. This will hopefully be accomplished by seminars, to be

given by the more knowledgeable and experienced members of the club on such important things as lighting, set construction, make-up, costuming, etc.

The first production of the year was also announced and work has already begun on it. A "coffeehouse" will be presented November 21, 22 and 23. This will consist of an approximately 2-hour show made up of skits, monologues, musical numbers, pantomimes, etc. depicting both comic and tragic views of life. A new twist will be added this year -- many of the skits, pantomimes, etc. will be original pieces written by students. People interested in writing for the show have met several times and are beginning to come up with tangible results.

Try-out dates will be announced later, as first the script must be written, and compiled, and then approved by Mr. Brady, this year's director.

What's News?

Foreign Exchange Student Departs



Dimitrios Philippedis, Greek foreign exchange student, has returned to Greece.

He is cited for the unexpected departure were unfortunate circumstances. With his brief stay in the United States, and in particular South Bend, Dimitrios had little chance to experience this small section of the nation. "Truly, I didn't find anything exciting", he remarked. However, he may return in the near future but not to JAHS.

\$8000 Offered to Essayist

Six scholarships will be given by the Eisenhower Scholarship Foundation for a possible total amount of \$8000.

Grants will be distributed amounting to \$1000 each semester to the top six essays entitled, "Could The Ideas and Ideals of Abraham Lincoln Be Applied Today to Perpetuate Our Free Enterprise System and Strengthen Our Country?" Applications are accepted through November 11 with essays due no later than November 22. Applications are available through the Counselor's Office.

Seniors planning to attend Anerson, Grace, Hanover, Indiana Central, Marion, Tri-State, or Wabash College; Northwood or Rose-Hullman Institute; and Butler or Taylor University are eligible.

Album Begins Collection

Collection dates for those interested in subscribing to the **TOWER/ALBUM** are October 1, November 1, and December 6. For those who chose the pre-paid plan (details in last issue of **TOWER**) \$9.50 must be in by the latter date. Other payments may be made on **TOWER** distribution days. Checks are made out to the John Adams Album.

Seniors wishing to have their names imprinted on their year-books must have their \$10 in by December, 1974.

"Spirit Class of the Week"



HIGH SPIRITS -- The Junior Class was picked as best voices of the week.

Photo/V. Tyler

November Election Set for S.G.

by Sue Avon

On September 24, the Student Gov't carried out its second meeting of the year. The first order of business was the matter of elections. Near the end of October, announcements will be made regarding the process by which students may run for elections.

This year voting will be voluntary. The elections are tentatively scheduled for November 5 through 8, and will operate on a "class a day" basis. Interested students may leave designated courses on their day for the

purpose of voting. Further details will be available closer to elections.

Next week, the Student Government will be sponsoring a seminar for pupils at JAHS feeder schools. They will be informed of the dangers of T.B., lung disease, and smoking.

Set for October 1, they will also be sponsoring a clean-up day. Interested students are urged to participate in this drive for the beautification of Adams. The Student Gov't is trying to acquire more trash cans for the school grounds.

EDITORIAL

Mary Keith

Judging by the tremendous response the Tower Office gets to its polls and questions it would appear that no one at Adams has any opinions on anything. Could it be that everyone is completely satisfied with everything that goes on here? The students who walk down the halls can hear gripes about any number of things that happen at Adams, but nothing will be done about them if they never do anything but bounce off the walls. A school newspaper is a place to get things out in the open. A letter to the editor can be placed in the paper without a name as long as the editor knows who wrote it, thus no student is given a hassle if he wants to air a complaint.

Hopefully, the administration reads this newspaper. If any student is nervous about seeing the principal or assistant principal, he should put a letter in the paper (no name-calling) and voice his opinion or complaint there.

Apathy doesn't get anything done, so get interested in the school and the newspaper, and let everybody know what you're thinking.

INSANO

Andy Anonymous

According to a recent spot on WSBT radio, John Adams High School offers more sports than any other high school in the area. (And that's a fact.) For some strange, unknown reason there is a conspiracy to double the number of sports offered by adding new and completely different sports activities.

If that doesn't sound interesting, think about it for a minute. What comes after the traditional sports such as baseball, basketball, cross country, frisbee (?), football, gymnastics, hockey, swimming, and tennis? That's the question plaguing the conspirators. Out of loyalty to Adams and an intense desire to be helpful, I'd like to offer some suggestions of my own.

First on my list of new sports would be a Tiddly Wink team. Just imagine the pride and school spirit that would be aroused by the sight of the Adams Tiddly Wink team striding onto the field carrying their modified manhole cover tiddly winks! Fantastic, right? Right!

Of course no school can be without a Boomerang team, which could be a real money maker for the school. Instead of car washes and bake sales, the Boomerang team could raise money pruning or cutting trees down. (Those things are far better than electric saws...fast, quiet, and economical. Just watch out when they come back.)

Next would be a Daredevil squad. Members of the squad could perform such death-defying feats as eating lunch in the cafeteria for a whole week without the aid of Alka Seltzer, walking

through the halls between classes, walking out the porch door without becoming intoxicated with the smell of pot or whatever else they've got out there and getting lung cancer, sitting outside the Tower door without getting dive bombed with someone's spit coming out of the WSJA studios...the list goes on and on. The possibilities for a Daredevil quad are endless.

These are only the possibilities for major sports. New minor sports could include: Nose Blowing (How many times can you blow your nose in one hour without causing permanent damage?); Toe Counting (How many toes do you have on your right foot? What about your left foot?); etc.

Whatever you enjoy doing the most can be made into a sport. (Well, almost anything. So join in the conspiracy. Get school spirit. Go out and organize the sport of your choice.

ADAMS APPLE

Gerald Rohan

Think back to the end of the '73-'74 school year, that year which we hold so "dear" in our memories. Three o'clock would swing around and the halls, which earlier had been a picture of chaos, would become peaceful and quiet. Then, a sound like a bomb exploding would shake the walls of the building and people, who were still around, would say, "Well, I guess the cats down in auto shop have the ride out again."

The Adams Apple was a '56 Chevy dragster powered by a modified 327 cubic inch Chevy engine.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Brecheisen, and the auto shop crew started with a complete car, the '56 Chevy, stripped it to the chassis and rebuilt it.

In the summer, the car was taken to various dragstrips and entered in the E-gas class to run the quarter mile.

In the car's first few runs, it was clocked in the mid-thirteen second range and it was showing improvement with each run.

Unfortunately, after about eight runs, the car blew its engine, but Mr. Williams got down to work and quickly replaced it.

After about two runs with the



10.14

The Adam's Apple was sold to a man from West Virginia for \$1500.00

I asked Mr. Williams and Mr. Brech what was in store for this year, and I found that they're planning to build a street rod with a '33 Dodge pickup chassis. Last year they started with a whole care but this year all they have is the body shell of the pickup and a square tubed chassis. In other words, they're building it from scratch.

Mr. Williams got hold of a 427 cubic inch, 435 h.p. engine and Mr. Brech said that modified, it will make a 450 h.p. with no problem.

Mr. Szymanski and the wood shop are going to help out by building the bed of the pickup out of oak.

The street rod is going to be an automatic, with a sun roof, upholstery installed by the auto shop, and a turbo-hydromatic transmission which Mr. Williams says will add a bit more punch to the rod.

Mr. Williams says the project will be tough but it ought to prove interesting and a lot of fun. They're all really excited about it in the auto shop.

new engine, the Apple was in the mid-twelve second range.

On its last run, with a fine experienced driver in Dave Avery at the controls, the Adam's Apple turned a 12.14 which won its class.

Avery said the car had strong eleven second potential which is very, very good with the national record not being too far off that at

TOWER EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: GLORIA STEINEM

PART 2

STEINEM SPEAKS OUT ON THE E.R.A.

John Harlan

TOWER: What's your opinion of the Equal Rights Amendment? Do you think it can make a positive change for women?

STEINEM: Oh, yeah. It's not a cure-all by any means. But it's a kind of bottom line that we have to have. We have to finally state clearly the Constitutional precedent and that sex is as subject to category as race. That just has never been stated except in a couple of cases where the fourteenth amendment was interpreted as including that but you need a clear type of statement to create a moral atmosphere and also it is much more efficient because then each state would have two years to bring its laws into conformity rather than fighting each one through one by one trying to make the fourteenth amendment their whatever.

TOWER: What do you see as the principle opposition to the ERA by the numerous anti-ERA groups throughout the country and principally in the Midwest? The opposition to the ERA in Indiana, for example, . . .

STEINEM: Yeah, I know. Indiana . . .

TOWER: . . . is phenomenal.

STEINEM: Yeah. I ran into that in Indiana. I'm sure it varies from place to place but traveling around the country you get first a kind of fundamentalist opposition. Sometimes, it's religious, sometimes it's secular but, in any case, it's a really deep conviction that it's unnatural for women to have an equal job with men. It's really deep and sometimes totally honest conviction that women are inferior, that women are meant to do certain kinds of things and that's that. That's, I think, the most honest opposition probably. To some extent, that's where the money comes from I guess . . . from church groups, from fundamentalist groups. The John Birch Society, for instance, is against the ERA and apparently contributes. Some of it is less honest. Some of it is straightaway economic . . . insurance companies putting money into the anti-ERA movement because they don't want to have to pay equal benefits. Apparently there are two pretty big companies that are putting money and effort and literature into the anti-ERA effort.

Then I think there's a third element but it's pretty small really and anyway it's based on extortion and that is women who are afraid that not only will it not make their position better, it will make it worse. They believe the propaganda of the other two groups that it will force women out of the home and into the work force or it'll mean fathers are no longer responsible for the financial support of children or that bathrooms will be integrated . . . all of those arguments, none of which are accurate. **TOWER: Why is it so hard to combat the propaganda of the anti-ERA**

people? Is it their organization? The money behind them?

STEINEM: Yeah. It's very horrifying. Their literature is based on a kind of scare tactic. If you're barely hanging on economically and you're a woman and someone says that this is going to force you into the work force, that your kids aren't going to be supported... it's a kind of scare tactic that's effective and it takes while to explain what the real situation is. And it's a fear of change. I suppose that goes deep in many people. And especially in people who are just hanging on because there's always the danger that the change might push them over the edge. But I do think that when it is accurately understood that the remaining opposition is really only economic self-interest of some power groups and groups that really believe that women are a different species and should be treated as such, for religious reasons usually.

TOWER: What was your intent for MS. Magazine?

STEINEM: I think the real beginning was just a feeling of great frustration on the part of women writers and editors because you would go and want to do an article for a particular magazine and they would say 'Well, we did our women's liberation article last week' or 'last year.' They saw it as very isolated and limited and didn't see it as it really is which means something that effects all areas of life... architecture, foreign policy, family structure, ecology, all kinds of areas so that it should be a world view. But it was really just wanting to work for a magazine we read because we didn't read the magazines we worked for. I think that's true of a lot of writers . . . it's very say. And just wanting to have some more efficient means of communication among all of us instead of just wandering around lecturing and getting on an occasional television show, depending on newsletters.

TOWER: Did you originally plan to go into politics?

STEINEM: No. I mean I once wanted to work for the government. I had some idea that working in the foreign service or some area of the government would be interesting. But I was soon disabused of that. I think I majored in government because majoring in English, which was my real love, seemed too easy to be an education. It didn't count. Sitting around reading novels was just too easy to be an education because I loved it so much that I thought 'Well, I'll do that anyway so I should learn something else. I should learn more philosophy, political philosophy and so on.'

TOWER: What can be done by the parents to prevent the sex stereotyping that is said to take place during a child's first years so that they're not cast into a certain role?

STEINEM: Well, It's hard because

there's the onslaught of the media, television shows for kids and books and school, there's all this pressure around but still I think if parents can just make it clear that they support their children and love them as individuals regardless of whether they play this role. I mean a lot of our parents or parents now, for that matter, reward kids based on how "masculine" they are or how "feminine" they are so fathers will force their sons into sports even if the kids are not that interested and keep their little girls from being what they call tomboys even if they love sports. And that's important. Otherwise, you grow up feeling you won't be loved unless you play this role and this gets you in a very deep way. Supporting you as an individual. Then there are other things. They can try to get books and toys for kids that don't give limited roles. (Every month, MS. publishes a "story for free children" which is free of stereotypes. The MS. Foundation for Women published "Free To Be... You and Me" which was made into a TV special and won several awards and the Foundation is currently considering the possibility of a nonsexist book club for children.

In addition, MS. publishes a list of nonsexist toys each Christmas.)

TOWER: What kept women in the movement from writing for magazines like LADIES HOME JOURNAL?

STEINEM: I used to work at the LADIES HOME JOURNAL part-time editing a section of the regional edition. It was like a little NEW YORK Magazine in the back of the LADIES HOME JOURNAL that was distributed

in the metropolitan area. And I was subject to all those notions the LADIES HOME JOURNAL had about its readers. They felt they were old, that they were just not very bright and that all they really only wanted to read about was sex, Kennedys or domestic things. . . food, household tips and so on. . . to the point they wouldn't even publish once I had a piece about little, unknown places in Central Park - the Shakespeare garden, the herb garden - and they wouldn't publish it because they said Central Park only meant one thing to their readers and that was rape. I mean they just had a very, very limited and condescending idea of women. So by its very nature, it's going to be more likely to tell you how to make 101 kinds of hamburger than it is how to get equal pay. However, there have been some changes though and I hope we've helped in that direction because the mere fact that they've seen that we've succeeded has meant that they've occasionally included more feminist articles. REDBOOK is probably the farthest advanced in that direction.

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BOTH SIDES: Amnesty

Nothing stirs up more of a conflict than asking someone whether they feel amnesty should be granted or not. In my mind, it must be granted, unconditionally, for the sake of those who left this country in a protest on legalized murder. To listen to some of the veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, you would think that the draft dodgers were an evil force trying to undermine "patriotism" in the United States, when really, they were our most avid peace demonstrators. They've become

the conscience of America, because people can't decide whether they were unpatriotic, or just plain smart to get out when they did. One faction against amnesty that really surprises me is the body of people who lost relatives in the war. They should be glad that no more deaths than there were occurred, but instead they seem to think that if their children had to die, then others should also have to take that chance. Just what we don't need now is bitter revenge. Canada wasn't a dream country to

live it up in. When the draft evaders left, they lost their chance of seeing everyone they ever loved again. They went into a country where there were no jobs for them, no homes, and no one who cared much about them.

Wars are so political, why do men let themselves be sent into a position where killing is a way of life? War is no better than legal murder, and the men who start wars are no better than if they took the guns themselves and started the killing. Only by granting amnesty can we make up for the lives of those who died in Vietnam.

by MARY KEITH



Hotpourri

Smokey shoals of the sky

Lend a dull impermeable weight;

That of years

And man's negligence multiplied by

Seven billion, for every one a yard of space

Leaving less for the rest.

Who will be the undertaker when

The winged ones choke and fall

And the furry ones hang from shoulders

Or on the walls. And who will bury us

Underneath our piles of plasticene and steel?

HUMOR

Review: Movie

Paul Kersey is a middle aged New Yorker. He's earned a place for himself as a staff member of an architectural firm in the big city. He and his beautiful wife have just returned from a trip to Hawaii. Their daughter is happily married to a young business man and lives nearby. Like most New Yorkers, Paul is concerned about the crime rate, but he has never been afraid. It hasn't touched his life.

Not until one day when crime crosses his threshold. Suddenly, his wife and daughter are the victims of a vicious attack that results in the death of his wife and leaves his daughter emotionally scarred. For a few days what happened to the Kerseys is of concern to everyone: newspaper readers, the neighborhood, and the police. Then another story takes its place and Paul has to pick up his life again, go to work, and behave as though nothing has happened. But he can no longer do this; the city has become his private battleground. Although he was a conscientious objector during the war, he grew up with guns and is a crack shot. A battle calls for a gun and Paul Kersey has one given him by an appreciative business associate. He starts to use it.

Death Wish is the story of a society having a nervous breakdown. It is something that causes a secret uneasiness far back in the conscience minds of many people. Because the film os so well acted, you will identify with it. You will be shocked by the event that triggers Paul's actions, appreciate the rationalization that permits Paul to act as he does, and be jolted by the actions he takes as the vigilante.

As Paul Kersey, Charles Bronson shows us why he has become the world's leading box office attraction. No other actor could better portray the executioner, nor could any other be so convincing to law abiding citizens that his acts of revenge are justified.

Death Wish is great cinema for the mature viewer. It is rated R.

by SUSAN AVON

INFLATION? YOU BET!

"That will be 50 cents"
"But, it's just a carton of milk and a cookie!"

"I'm sorry, but that's the price."
The above is a slight exaggeration of facts, but it is something to think about. Inflation is definitely a problem today--but how does it effect the student?

First of all most school supplies such as pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, folders, and felt pens have increased in price anywhere from 5 cents to 25 cents from last year according to what the product.

This rise may appear slight in comparison to other commodities, however, it is quite high for a student on a limited budget.

Next are clothes. Last year the average price of girls' jeans was \$9.00, this year it's \$11.00. Most guy's pants averaged \$14 before, not it's \$17. Skirts, blouses, and shirts are about \$1.50 higher than last year. Last of all, shoes now are anywhere from \$3.00 to \$6.00 more expensive. And inflation continues.....

This year all students were very glad to see that the plate lunch price remained the same at 50 cents. This is good, however, there is one flaw--quantity. For the same price as last year, for most foods, we are paying the same price and getting less food. A good example of this is the cookies. Previously, they have been about 5 in. in diameter for a nickel, now they are about 3 in. in diameter; but still they remain at 5 cents. The list continues on and on.

The list of different types of inflation that effect the student is limited, but while reading this, other types come to mind. Exactly what is the student to do?

Presently the question has no answer, since inflation is a nation-wide problem. The fact that the cost of living has risen 12% since last year is proof of that. I think the only hope is time and possibly Ford's economic policy. What do you think???????????????

by DARLENE TURNER

why he ran, the 19 year old replied he did not want to kill. The fact of the matter is, 99% of all requests of service out of battle.

The fact of the matter is 99% of all requests of service out of battle were granted.

It is time we Americans stick to our laurels; by welcoming each and every draft dodger back to a country they freely chose to leave would be setting a double-standard. If we were again in battle, we would not even consider such a request. But now that we are at peace and the many who are dead or missing are forgotten, let's hold out our arms in greeting to those who just two years ago said "the hell with America."

Many say that these boys had to run; but in this writer's opinion, through listening to the news and searching out evidence, less than 5% of the evaders ran because they had to uphold their morals. The other 95% were just plain scared. Wouldn't it be ignorant to say though, that the 47,000 who died were not scared? We are all frightened of war and death, but living in a country where those in power feel our form of government is threatened, then we as citizens either uphold our form of government by fighting for it, or leave the country finding a better way of life elsewhere, never to return.

For the five percent that had to flee because they could not kill, and were not granted service out of battle, a recommitment plan should be used if they wish to return. But for the majority of evaders who ran when they were needed, let them serve the Canadian government... we have no room for them.

Watts View

When I ask the white man to understand me, I ask him to understand that I am an American-not an African. I was born in the United States of America.

I can try to think back on when Jackie Robinson was a baseball star. People told him, "Jackie, you are a credit to your race." They probably meant this as a great compliment. Yet, I can't help but believe Jackie was thinking that he was an American and that baseball was an American way of life. And also, that he should be regarded as a credit to America--not just his race.

The people who praised him meant well, but they missed the boat. The Black man who wants to be proud of the United States of America is puzzled by the fact that after the Americans have gone to war with the Germans and Japanese, they once again become friendly and respectful to the Germans and Japanese, while continuing to show abuse to the Black Americans. Will someone please tell me Why?????

New Spanish Teacher

As was promised in the last Tower, here is all the "low-down" on the new Spanish teacher, Miss Rohan.

She graduated from Scottsdale High School of Scottsdale, Arizona and went to college at Arizona State University and Guadalajara, Mexico. She has taught French and Spanish in Scottsdale schools.

She said of Adams' Spanish students, "The students in my Spanish classes are enthusiastic because they are curious to learn about something new. They seem to enjoy pronouncing the various words in Spanish."

Miss Rohan enjoys scuba-diving, chess, and golf. Thanks for being patient, Miss Rohan, and welcome to Adams, senorita.

by CATHI GABELE



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NETTERS PERFECT, RATED FIRST IN STATE

by Jeff True

The Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association have ranked coach John McNarney's netmen the No.1 team in the state. It was the first poll ever taken to determine the No.1 tennis team. Adams tallied 45 pts. compared to 2nd ranked Indpls. North Central 40 pts. It is now up to the racquetmen to live up to this ranking.

Led by Capt. Chris Fallon, the teams top 5 singles players dominated the N.I.C. Singles Tournament, sweeping 4 out of the 5 singles titles. Every final featured John Adams versus Elk.Central, Chris Fallon won his fourth straight N.I.C. singles title at the No.1 position by defeating Tom Beatty in the finals 6-0, 6-4. Junior Jeff True swept his 2nd straight N.I.C. title at the No.2 position losing only one game in three matches. At the No.3 position Junior Ed Featherstone crushed Gary Busse in the finals 6-1; 6-0. It was Ed's ninth straight victory. Freshman John Boyle was runner-up to Mike Fuller at No.4. It was John's 1st defeat of the season. At No. 5 position Senior Bill Marentette got revenge from an earlier defeat to Mike Owens by defeating him in the finals 6-3; 2-6; 6-1. With performances like these it appears the netmen will capture the N.I.C. crown.

The netmen are now 4-0 in conference play and 8-0 for the season. Having already defeated the two toughest teams in the conference, with the two worst teams to play, the N.I.C. title is looking good. The racquetmen shut out both Riley and Mich.City Elston 7-0. The netmen crushed 7th ranked Elk.Central 5-2. This match appeared to be the match to determine N.I.C. champions. Elk. Memorial proved to be no contest for the netmen losing 6-1.

In out of conference play, the netmen breezed through Jimtown 7-0 and S.B. Jackson 6-1. So far this season Fallon and True are undefeated, Featherstone Boyle & Marentette have only lost once, and the doubles teams of Kevin Crowe and Chuck Csiszar have only lost once.

The team is now preparing for sectionals which is the week of Oct. 5. The team could use a little support, so come down to Leeper Park and watch a few matches.

EAGLES PULL IN 1st VICTORY

Coach Tom Connelly's football Eagles recently came up with their first 1974 season victory. An overtime verdict over 13th rated LaPorte proved to be the Eagle's first.

The gridders then followed the jubilant victory with a near win over third rated Elkhart Central.

The team's ability and power that they have displayed thus far is no indication of their 1-4 record. With a few breaks here and there and without some of the costly penalties, the Eagles' record could have easily been directed the opposite way. While the campaign is half over, Adams fans should expect an exciting finish from the under-rated and improved Eagles.

Traveling abroad to face LaPorte is no easy task for any kind of team, but Adams journeyed on with mental readiness and proceeded to edge the previously unbeaten Slicers.

The hosts opened with an early 7-0 second quarter lead, which proved to be the only scoring in the first half.

Midway through the third quarter, the Eagles reached the scoreboard when Mark Hardy crashed by the line on an eight yard run. Tom Wiltrout converted the extra point to tie up the score.

Outstanding defense on the part of both teams highlighted the balance of the second half, as the



Mr. Szymanski throws a curve for the John Adams faculty frisbee team. They practice in the faculty parking lot. Photo/Bruce Goldstein

Volleyball Team Scores Victory

The 1974-75 volleyball team opened its season with a victory over the Street Academy, Sept. 24 at Adams. By scores of 15-1, 15-2, the varsity stomped Street Academy in two easy games. (Special thanks to the boys' swim team for their great support at the game.)

The next match proved less successful. The Adams B - team won their first game over Riley, but dropped the next two, losing the match. Good playing by Sue Scheu and Kate Kaspar kept the team alive thru the tough games, but they couldn't quite gain the lead.

X-Country Suffer Tough Defeats

The Adams Cross Country squad participated in the New Prairie Invitational last week and recently had to forfeit against LaPorte and Mishawaka.

Before the Invitational, the Poeman were beaten by Riley 18-43. Junior Paul Daniels led all Eagle runners with a third. Tim McClure placed seventh, while Marshall Henderson finished in 10th.

Paul Daniels and Tim McClure finished 72nd and 74th respectively in New Prairie Invitational. The

varsity took the court with determination but the team never got completely together. Strong serves by Bridget Baran couldn't make up for the poor serves of her teammates and the varsity went down, 10-15, 12-15. The V-Eagles hope to present Riley with better serves and spikes if they meet them in the sectionals.

The V-Eagles show great promise this year, but they need the support of the student body to go all the way. The team has home games Oct. 16 with Jackson and on Oct. 22 with St. Mary's Academy, both at 4:00. Be there!

team placed second to last in the standings.

Hard luck and fate struck the runners, as they had to forfeit against La Porte and Mishawaka. Because of the small number of runners that showed up, Coach Dan Poe had to give up the meet.

With their record falling to 0-6, the Poeman need student support at their meets. The team hosts Jackson on October 8 and participates in the city meet at Erskine Park on October 14.

Eagles and the Slicers entered the overtime period deadlocked, 7-7.

Quarterback Terry Wardlow powered over from the two yard line on Adams' third overtime possession. Wiltrout booted the all-important extra point to put the Eagles ahead 14-7.

However, LaPorte star, Chris Reinert scored on a three yard run on their second possession. LaPorte kicker, Rick Radi booted an illegal procedure penalty on the Slicers, nullified the extra point. A second try went wide to the right and the Eagles clinched their first victory, 14-13.

Coach Connelly and his Eagles entered the Elkhart Central game fired up and jumped off to a 14-0 lead in the first half. The Eagles first score came with 3:31 left in the initial period. A sustained, 71 yard drive was tapped off with a one yard plunge by Mark Hardy. Wiltrout's extra point kick made it 7-0. Two important fumble recoveries by Eagle players proved to be vital, early in the game. Leo Couch jumped on a loose one, at the Eagle 3 yard line after the Blue Blazers had moved from their own 19 yard line.

The other recovery, made by Greg Watson, led to the Eagles' second touchdown. He recovered a Blue Blazer fumble on Elkhart's 37 yard line. Wardlow followed with a 37-yard bomb to Wiltrout, who

converted the point after, to make it 14-0.

With only 27 seconds left in the first half, Elkhart scored their first touchdown on a 2-yard run by Ken Cantrell. The half ended with Adams ahead, 14-7.

The Eagles were struck down, when Elkhart hit pay dirt twice in the first 7 minutes and 19 seconds of the third quarter. A 67-yard bomb and an Eagle fumble at their own 32 yard line, set the stage for the two TD's.

Adams had their last chance, after Dave Eades recovered a fumble at the Blue Blazer's 18 yard line. With six plays, they had advanced to the 5 yard line. However, a fourth-down pass fell incomplete to halt the Eagles' last chance.

The Eagles will visit the tough Washington Panthers on October 11 and host Riley next October 18.

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Faculty Frisbee Strikes Adams

by David Rubin

The wild, witty, and not so wonderful men who call themselves frisbee artists were at it once again as I came upon them in the parking lot behind the school machine shop. Every afternoon, a group of teachers, oblivious to cars which threaten their game's very existence not to mention their own, strive on in their effort to ease their minds of everyday problems by flinging the faculty frisbee.

Stunts of various calibre are aired as they time after time attempt to impress everyone careless enough to be watching them. Two way frisbee collisions, frisbee-to-car collisions and frisbee-to-innocent bystander collisions are among the highlights of their after-school frolic. The verbal wit they nonchalantly fling about is

sometimes even amusing, and occasionally brings a smile.

Comprised solely of men, the "team" consists of seven regulars - Mr. Szymanski, Mr. Brecheisen, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Williams, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Berry and Mr. Poe. These fearful seven are also often joined by our own two assistant principals, Mr. David and Mr. Bibbs.

Perfectly content in their own world of frisbeedom, their only gripe is that the school does not supply them with uniforms. Yet, undaunted, (and ununiformed) the frisbee-ites of John Adams march out every evening into the pleasant world they have created for themselves.

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Freshmen Improve With Experience

by Kirk Walter

The John Adams Frosh football team has suffered defeats in their first two starts, but has shown constant improvement since then. After losing 34-6 to St. Joe and 18-0 to Riley, the young Eagles under Coach Buczkowski are ready and waiting for upcoming opponents. Their next home game is against Central on October 17. Everybody is urged to come and cheer our team on.

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