

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

ANNOUNCED

It has been announced that three students from John Adams High School have been named semifinalists in the 1976 National Merit Scholarship Program. The three, Wayne Warren, Mark Warren, and Robert Kerby, are among 15,000 who will continue in the competition for about 3,800 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring. Over one million students from more than 17,000 high schools entered the 1976 Merit Program by taking the 1974 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The semifinalists, who are the highest-scoring students in each state, represent the top half of one percent of the nation's most academically talented young people.

To continue in the competition, Semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing by meeting a number of requirements that include being fully endorsed and recommended for scholarship consideration by their secondary school principals. They must also present school records that substantiate high academic standing and confirming their high PSAT/NMSQT scores with equivalent scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Every Finalist competes for one of the 1,000 National Merit \$1,000 Scholarships which are one-time, nonrenewable awards supported by business and industrial sponsors and by NMSC's own funds.

Finalists who meet the qualifica-

tions that sponsors of four-year Merit Scholarships designate for winners of their awards will also be considered for about 2,800 of these awards to be offered in 1976. The list of sponsors includes corporations, foundations, colleges, unions, and professional associations. Depending upon the minimum and maximum value established by the four-year Merit Scholarship sponsor, a winner may receive up to \$1,500 (or more) during each of the four college undergraduate years.

The 1976 competition is the twenty-first NMSC has conducted since 1956. In the twenty annual Merit Programs completed to date, over 41,800 students have won Merit Scholarships valued at more than \$113, million.

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National Merit Semi Finalists, L. to R.; Wayne Warren, Mark Warren, Bob Kerby. Photo credit/Crimmins

Homecoming to be Dynamic

The 1975 Homecoming celebration, set for October 10th, promises to be the best in years. Events will include an assembly, a parade with a float competition, a pep rally, and the Adams-Clay football game with halftime activities.

The festivities will begin with a short pep assembly, during which the freshmen cheerleaders will be introduced. A surprise is being planned for the student body.

Immediately after school, there will be a parade going west on Mishawaka Avenue to Greenlawn, and around Pottawatomie Park to the band shell. The parade will feature the marching band, the competing floats made by the Booster Club, the Junior Class, and the Senior Class, the Booster Club officers, and the three sets of cheerleaders.

After the parade, a pep rally will

take place in the band shell. Speakers will be Mr. Pryzbysz and Coaches Conelly, Szucs, and Mojzik.

At the football game at School Field, a special half-time show will be presented. In addition to the band's usual show, a Parent's Night ceremony will take place at which the parents of the senior football players will be given pictures of their sons. The floats will have been judged by the feeder school principals, and the trophy will be presented to the winner. After the presentation, the trophy will be engraved and placed in the school trophy case.

Because of greater student interest, this year's Homecoming will be more dynamic than those of recent years. The Booster Club is sponsoring the activities in order to increase school spirit even further.

Yearbook to go on Sale

The 1976 John Adams Yearbook will go on sale October 2 so start saving your money now.

This year's bicentennial yearbook will have more pages, more color, and more pictures than ever before. It promises to be the best yearbook ever.

The subscription includes the **Tower**, which is given out bi-monthly. For underclassmen, the cost is \$10.00. For seniors, because of a new company policy, an extra dollar is added if their name is to be on the cover.

The procedure for collection will be different from last year. Payment will be done through homeroom representatives with only two collections of \$5.00 on October 2 and November 7. After those two collections, a one dollar late charge will be added and money must be given directly to Ms. Maza in room 216.

More information will be given later.

DECA OFFICERS ELECTED

The 1975-76 John Adams DECA officers were elected by their first and second hour classes, the week of September 8.

Results of the first hour election are: President, Cheryl Wasowski; Vice President, Mike Howard; Secretary, Jan Nicholas; and Bruce Douglas, Treasurer.

Officers elected in second hour are: President, Cathi Gabele; Vice President, Sandy Duxbury; Janice Green; Secretary, and Joy Nicholas, Treasurer.

DECA members will be involved in the Fall Leadership Conference

held October 9 in Elkhart. Members scoring 70% or better on an officers test will be eligible to run for district vice president. Initiation of chapter officers will be among the proceedings.

DECA, Distributive Education Clubs of America, is part of the Distributive Education program. Students participating in this program receive training in the classroom and on the job. Experience is gained in the areas of marketing, retailing, and distribution.



Deca Officers, left to right; Bruce Douglas, Joy Nicholas, Mike Howard, Janice Green, Cheryl Wasowski, Jan Nicholas, Sandi Duxbury, Cathi Gabele. Photo by Vic Tyler (in Mirror)

Explorer Post Needs Broadcasters

Explorer Post 324, a high school organization especially for those interested in broadcasting and electronics, is currently conducting a membership drive.

The program, which is sponsored by WSBT AM, FM-TV, seeks to give students experience in all phases of radio and television production. Participants create, write, direct, perform in, and engineer the Post's many presentations.

These shows include occasional specials and remote broadcasts from locations such as the 4-H Fair, as well as the weekly radio show, "Time Out", which is heard Saturday afternoons from four o'clock to six o'clock on WSBT FM.

The 324 was formed in 1959 and therefore has the honor of being the oldest explorer post in the nation. Although all high school students are welcome to join, sophomore and junior recruits are especially needed. For more information, write: Explorer Post 324 c/o WSBT AM, FM-TV 300 W. Jefferson Blvd. South Bend, Indiana 46601

BICENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP TO BE OFFERED

To award those with outstanding academic talent, various institutions are offering opportunities for higher education based on scholarship programs to '76 and '77 graduating seniors.

This first class, terminating their high school education in the nation's 200th year, are privileged to have a chance at a new and different scholastic program.

"Bicentennial Seniors" is a \$112,000 scholarship program which is funded by Shell Oil Company. It is being launched this month by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. All

details concerning this offer are available upon request in the Guidance office.

One National winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship, while 102 state winners will each receive \$1,000 scholarships.

After selection on a local level, competition will occur on the state wide range; two winners will be chosen in each state and the District of Columbia. These 102 winners will also each receive an all expense paid trip to Williamsburg, Virginia, January 16-19, 1976 during which time they will attend seminars on educational and social

issues and be on hand for the selection of the National winner.

Competition will include preparation of a minute-long television script to be patterned after the CBS television network's 200 years ago today "Bicentennial Minutes," a commentary discussing the relevance of the "minute" for today and the lessons it contains for the future, and a current events examination emphasizing issues and events from the past year.

All those who maybe interested in this fine program are urged to seek further facts. Applications must be filed by October 6, 1975.

EDITORIAL

Cathy Scarbrough

TRUST IS OBSOLETE

As freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors in high school, the word "prison" is sure to have crept into our vocabulary at some point in our educations. This word, along with the word "trust," has been in wide usage in the halls of John Adams this year. With the establishment of the "Hall Duty" system, teachers are assigned to guard the doors from "outside invaders," commonly referred to as students. Entering and exiting the building has become quite a task that requires the arming with an exit pass and an entrance pass that must be carried at all times.

As freshmen, we were told that high school was not only to educate but to teach us the responsibility of living and making decisions on our own. With the posting of teachers as "prison guards," all of the right to make decisions and all of the teaching of responsibility is stripped away by the lack of trust of the students by some of the administrators.

On one hand the students are told to "behave like adults" and to "show some maturity" but at the same time they are treated like children in an oversized delinquent home.

If we were children, as some of the administrators must feel, all of the long hours spent organizing and establishing a working student government would be worthless. If we were children, the plays, productions, concerts, athletic activities and trophies, and this newspaper would be worthless. It seems that with the installation of our wonderful guard system, many of the student activities that have come about as a result of hours of work by the students, would be insignificant and wasted.

All of the academic honors and scholarships awarded to the students of this school should prove that we are not comprised of a group of children. All of the hours of work and responsibility that go into every school activity should prove that we are NOT CHILDREN. Many students have contributed much of their time to the betterment of Adams and hope to gain something from it in return. Those students that don't have the responsibility or the decency to care about disrupting classes are in a very small minority and the rest of the students should not be punished for it. With all of the building up of Adams, we can only hope that it will not be torn down by the lack of respect for the students.



Junior Gordon Williams illustrates the Editor's point.

Photo by Vic Tyler

Movie Review: Rollerball

Enter the world of the 21st century and its reigning "sport," rollerball. Earth is governed by six corporations which maintain a lifestyle free of hunger and overpopulation. There is no longer even war, but in its place there is rollerball.

The "game" is played in a huge, circular arena. Its players are skaters who have the size and dedication of football players and the violent behavior of gang warlords. Wearing gloves with steel spikes and towed around a banked roller derby track by motorcycles, they have one objective. They penetrate the opposition's line of defense and place a steel ball in a magnetic goal . . . at any cost.

The crowd identifies with the players, who beat their opponants senseless with their spiked leather gloves, the steel ball, or anything else that is handy. Men who stand in the way are run down by the cyclists running interference for their team mates.

The movie stars James Caan as "Jonathan E.," famed rollerball superstar. The corporate executives want Jonathan to retire. It seems his popularity threatens them. They want him out, dead or alive.

By the time Jonathan skates his final game, the executives have waived the few rules that existed. There are no penalties, no time limit, and even substitutions are forbidden.

Does our nonconformist prove gladiatorial victor? You'll have to see the final scenes of Rollerball for the answer. They are more brutal, more animalistic, and much too close to the reality of human nature to leave you comfortable in your seat.

Susan Avon

Constitution of the JAHS Student Government

Following is the new John Adams High School Student Government Constitution, as revised by Bruce Woodford, Gail Turner, Chuck Csiszar, and Joe Bosco, under the guidance of Mr. Hadaway.

ARTICLE 1 The name of this organization shall be the John Adams High School Student Government.

ARTICLE 2 The purpose of this organization shall be to improve communications between the students and the administration, to exert influence in all matters concerning students and the community, and represent the entire school.

ARTICLE 3

Section 1. The John Adams High School Student Government shall consist of a senate whose functions shall be human relations, social activities, and curriculum.

Section 2. The senate shall consist of no more than forty members; thirty-two elected, eight from each class, and eight self-appointed.

A. A maximum of eight students can become self-appointed members of the senate at the first meeting. If more than eight are present at the first meeting, the senate will elect the new members, giving priority to unsuccessful candidates for the senate. Self-appointed members have the same rights as elected members.

Section 3. In the event a member, elected or self-appointed, resigns from office, the candidates with the next greatest number of votes will be appointed.

ARTICLE 4 Officers shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and will be elected at the first meeting, after self-appointed members are selected. The president will preside over meetings and follow parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE 5 A majority show of hands vote is enough to pass a bill before the senate, although any member can call for a vote by secret ballot if he deems the bill as sensitive.

Ken Papai Visits Germany

A trip to Germany may seem like an impossible dream to many students, but for Ken Papai the dream came true this summer. Ken spent nine weeks as a member of the Effenberger family in Hamburg, Germany. This trip was sponsored by the Youth For Understanding exchange program.

On June 24 Ken flew to Hamburg where he met his "family," which consisted of two brothers, 16 and 20 years of age, and their mother and father. They traveled to Obergurgl, Austria where Ken went mountain climbing, explored glaciers, and searched for crystals. He also toured Munich, Innsbruck, and many historic towns along the North Sea. The highlight of Ken's vacation was his trip to Berlin. There he saw the famous Berlin Wall, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, a palace which was owned by Frederick the Great, and Checkpoint Charlie; the checkpoint for foreigners visiting East Berlin.

For Ken an average day began at 9:30 (Germany is six hours ahead of South Bend) with breakfast. Breakfast, or fruhstuck, consisted of rolls and hot chocolate. The remainder of his morning was usually spent swimming at the neighborhood pool. At 1:00 most of

the shops closed for the Mittagessen which is the main meal in Germany. For this meal Ken had a meat dish, usually of pork or chicken; potatoes vegetables, and a soda to drink. He occupied his free time in the afternoons either with friends, reading, or exploring the city of Hamburg. At 7:00 the family had rye bread with cold meat and cheese and wine for the Abendbrot, or evening meal. The day usually ended at 9:00.

Ken felt that German teenagers are not much different than Americans. The main difference lies in their values. He explains that German teens place greater values in their hobbies and friends than in material objects such as cars or stereos. Germany's public transportation system is by far better than that of the United States. In Hamburg, a city of 1.8 million, one can find subways, commuter trains, buses and trams. These and bicycles make up the main means of transportation in Germany.

Ken's trip provided him with a better proficiency of the German language and greater insight into the customs and German way of life. He feels that it would be worthwhile for any student to take part in and strongly urges that they do so. For information on the YFU program contact Ken or Mrs. Housemeyer.

Hildy Kingma



Ken proudly displays his souvenirs from Germany.

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Frying the Faculty
Who is this strange Adams' faculty member who answers "no comment" when you look at him? Could it be the man behind WSJA (and behind is a good place to be)? The man with the love of locomotives, motor boats, and receding hairlines? Yes, it could only be Peter Holmgren, our Teacher of the Weak.

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TREKKIES MEET THE STARS

The crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise was reunited on August 23rd, 1975 in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago. Speaking from a mock-up of the starship bridge, the series entertained over 16,000 fans during a 3 day period.

The session on Saturday lasted nearly 3½ hours. It began with the appearance of David Gerrold (author of a popular episode "The Trouble With Tribbles") as moderator, who introduced two of the series most well remembered guest stars, Mark Lenard (Sarek of Vulcan) and Arlene Martel (T'Pol of Vulcan, Spock's betrothed). Both expressed hope for the re-advent of "Star Trek", occasionally pausing to hiss at the Klingon invaders of the bridge mock-up.

Walter Koenig (Ensign Chekov) was introduced next. He bears a remarkable resemblance to Davy Jones of **The Monkees**. Koenig related the story of a man who told him that "He looked like Davy Jones". Playing dumb he answered "Well, ya know I've been told I look like Mr. Ch-Chekov on that space show, ah-Star Trek". "Well maybe" agreed the man, "but you look more like Davy Jones".

George Takei (Mr. Sulu) followed Koenig. He was introduced as "one of the world's friendliest people" and a "jogging

freak" (he had jogged around Chicago's Grant Park earlier that morning). James Doohan (Chief Engineer Scott) appeared next sporting a moustache and beard. Doohan expressed his hopes to retain his beard during the filming of the proposed Star Trek movie and ended his talk by singing a few old Gaelic songs (with a Scottish accent naturally).

One of the most popular of the cast, Michelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura) was a lovely, petite woman who designs her entire wardrobe. A native Chicagoan, Miss Nichols captivated the audience and was widely cheered by her female fans when she walked to the command chair, sat down, and calmly announced, "I am finally taking command of this ship! Warp us out of orbit, Mr. Sulu!"

DeForrest Kelley (Dr. Leonard McCoy) was so taken aback at the number of fans that the only words he could immediately offer were "Oh, wow!". In return, a standing ovation greeted his remarks. When asked about "just what went on between you and Spock?" he quickly replied, "We had different blood". (As every Trekkie knows a Vulcan's blood is greenish and copperbased).

Leonard Nimoy's (Mr. Spock) appearance nearly triggered a riot from his screaming admirers, although some expressed disap-

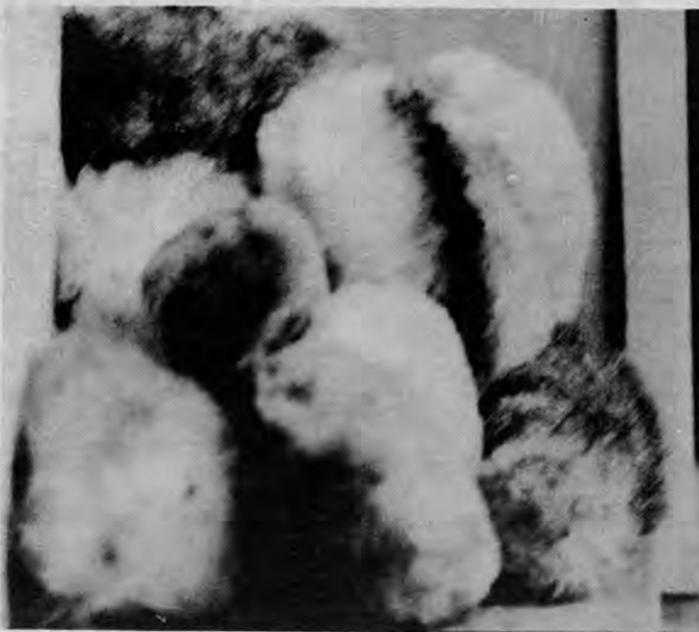
pointment that he did not wear his pointed ears. His first remark was typically Spockian when he admonished "You humans are so emotional! It's disgusting!" Nimoy joked and answered questions from the audience on such topics as "Did those ears hurt?" What will you do when the next Vulcan 7 year cycle occurs? Nimoy concluded his session by reading from his forthcoming book, entitled **I Am NOT SPOCK**. Nimoy also executed the Vulcan neck pinch on a nearby Klingon, saying "Now, where's Bill Shatner? He never could get this right!"

William Shatner (Captain Kirk) arrived shortly thereafter.

Of all the cast members, Shatner has changed the least. He enjoys participating in many sports, admitting that "I know a little about almost every sport, but not too much about any particular one." While very enthusiastic about his new series **The Barbary Coast**, he would also like to do some Shakespeare, of **Star Trek**, Shatner says, "It was an excellent series...fun to do. I hope it comes back." Amen to that!!!

by Leslie Kvale

Sophomore rings will be presented September 30 and orders will be taken October 8.



Tribble Trouble at Adams?

JESUS PEOPLE COME ALIVE

The "Jesus People" came alive in Morgantown, Pennsylvania on August 14 through 16 at the celebration of Jesus '75. The event, sponsored by Jesus Ministries, was a combination of song and teaching, lasting from nine in the morning until ten at night.

Masses poured in the campgrounds on the eve of the gathering, and were accompanied by rainstorms from surrounding areas. Mud forced relocation of campsites, as well as crowded campers from the fear of swamped tents.

The dawning of Jesus '75 brought relief as temperatures soared to the high eighties. Crowds of nearly 40,000 attended opening day.

Teaching was provided by men of various ministries. Malcolm Smith of Great Britain spoke on **Coming to Zion**: how to live as a Christian. Larry Christenson spoke on **Christian Family Living**, saying "If you have any troubles, follow God's directions. It always helps to go back to the manufacturer's instructions."

From Washinton, D.C., came two young Catholic teachers, C.J. Mahaney and Larry Tomczak. C.J.'s ideas of altar calls were roared at by listeners as he said, "Why is everybody so anxious to get out of here? What I thought we'd do, for anyone who came to the Lord and wanted to go home, is just shoot them. We'd have a huge altar call and say 'How many want to go home? You?' Pow! One brother said that might be too bloody, so we'd do it religious-like. We'd have a water baptismal service and hold them under." Larry earned applause from foreign car owners as he said, "If Jesus were living today, I know he'd drive a Volkswagen."

Other enlightening teachings were held by Tom Skinner, John Poole, Ern Baxter, and Loren Cunningham.

Music played an important part at Jesus '75. Worship was sung by M.C.'s Bin Soto and Phil Keaggy, and an Australian duo, Scripture in Song, taught the group new songs.

As part of the entertainment and praise, many Jesus music groups were present.

The first day was opened by the Liberated Wailing Wall, a Hebrew group. Another group singing Hebrew songs was Lamb, half Jew, half Gentile singers. Both were part of the Jews for Jesus abundant representation at Jesus '75.

The Grand Ole Opry brought the family of the Singing Rambos. Daughter Reba Rambo performed one song for the deaf in sign language as mother Dolly and father Buck teamed in harmony. Other songs and teachings were interpreted for the deaf by volunteers.

Singing groups Alleluia, the Archers, New Creation, Common Bond, Sister Simpson's Family, and the Luminaires kept lively tempos in 80,000 feet. Singles Chuck Girard and Cynthia Clawson sang praises in their music.

The last day brought high spirits but heavy mud as a downpour from the previous eve made a sloppy mess of the fields. A slight mist fell and cold winds prevailed, but it wasn't able to dampen the 30,000 who came for one of the biggest events; to hear the music of Andrae Crouch and the Disciples. An all black Jesus rock group, Andrae and the gang made the music that stirred the souls of all. Crouch is the writer/composer of such songs as **My Tribute [To God Be The Glory]**, **Jesus Is The Answer**, and **I Didn't Think It Could Be**. His music brought a joyful spiritual atmosphere amidst the gathering.

One last noteworthy item remains. Twenty-seven thousand stayed in the campgrounds. The facilities were equivalent to "roughing it"--latrines (non-flushable) and water spigots (water was used at the measure of 4,000 gallons per hour!). Campers and tents were left wide open, many containing valuables. There were no policemen on duty, and none needed except to get people through the treacherous roadways the first night. Such a strong brotherhood existed that not one theft was reported, nor fighting, and accidents were held to cut bare feet.

The attendance, which doubled from Jesus '74, is expected to double again for Jesus '76, August 19-21 in Mercer, Pa.

by Cathi Gabele

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V-Eagles Spike Passive Opponents

by Dave Rubin

The John Adams High School 1975-76 volleyball team started off its season with a winning-yet disappointing, game. Not disappointing for Adams because of its own performance, but because of the performance of the opposing team, Elkhart Central. Our volleyball team has three boys on it, the rest of the members being girls, while the Elkhart Central team is all girls, as are a majority of the area volleyball teams. The Elkhart team apparently objected to the presence of the three male members, consequently they came to Adams and refused to play during the entire course of both the "B" team and varsity games, never making any effort to come back at the Adams team. The Adams fans, although disappointed, continued to cheer on their team and the volleyball players themselves showed a strong spirit the entire evening being undaunted by the passive game sported by the Blue Blazers. There were no feelings of enmity shown by either team or the crowd, and I got a sense of pride from the way the Adams team did not allow themselves to become discouraged. There was one moment of action when an Elkhart Central team member tripped backwards over a volleyball, capturing the attention of the crowd. This failed to make the Adams team falter, however, and the Blazer team remained almost motionless for the rest of the game.

Adams volleyball coach Sue Ganser stated that she felt boys should be allowed to play on the team as long as there is no separate team for them to be on. She did not



John Presnell spiked against helpless opponent.

Photo/V. Tyler

feel, though, that there was enough interest at Adams that individual boy's and girl's teams could be organized successfully.

Though they were not able to display their talents at the Elkhart game, the team does look strong because of the already-proven talent of many of the players. Returning varsity members are Bridget Baron, Sue Witherbye, Michelle Humphrey, Susie Smith, Louie Dragovich, Mary Skudlarek, and Theresa Schilling. New additions to the varsity are Fran Rosewicz, Mike Berndt, Rian

Meyers, and John Presnell. The co-captains are Susie Smith and Bridget Baron. There are also 12 members on the "B" team and Frosh Team, all of whom are working hard in hopes of achieving a winning season. Also returning to the team is manager Jill Oberfell.

With this kind of line-up the team should have another successful season. Support from the student body could really be helpful, so come out and show opposing teams how this school really backs it's volleyball team!

Seagles begin

swimming season

By Dave Rubin

It's almost that time of year when the John Adams Seagles begin their swimming season. Coming away from last year's season with a win-loss record of 14-3, a perfect record in conference competition, and a strong third place in the state meet, this year's team has quite a reputation to live up to. But the prowess of the returning swimmers (which includes two state champions, one of whom achieved All-American ranking), plus the addition of promising swimmers in the Frosh ranks guarantees an exciting and tough 1975-76 swim team.

Leading the competitive spirit of this year's team will be senior captain Mike Slowey, who placed second in the state meet in the 200 IM, swam on the seventh place medley relay team, and captured the state title in the 100 yard breaststroke, which qualified him as an All-American in that event. Mike swam with the Michiana Marlins this summer, and is presently looking ahead to reclaiming his state title this winter.

Senior distance freestyler Phil Thornberg will also be entering this year's season with quite a record behind him. Phil placed fifth in the 200 yard freestyle event, swam on the fifth place 400 yard free relay team, and swam a tremendous 500 yard freestyle race, earning the title of state champion for himself. Phil swam on the Marlins during the summer and also trained under the supervision of Doctor James Counsilman, Indiana University swimming coach and Olympic Coach. Both Mike and Phil swam in the Marlins regional and state meets, where they continued their winning style.

Returning lettermen in the junior class are John Komora, Toby Wehrhan, Dave Rubin, and Gary McCracken. "Lumpy" Komora placed seventh at the state meet in the 200 IM, eighth in the 100 yard

freestyle, and swam the backstroke leg of the 200 yard medley relay team. John, Toby, and Dave all swam for the Marlins this summer. John Hedge will be returning to dive for his second year, and will be valuable to the team.

Other returning juniors are: Jay Sunderlin, who swam for the South Bend Country Club, showing great improvement during the summer, Don Strong, who swam for the YMCA, though plagued by illness. All these juniors swam well this summer and should be right on top of the competition this year.

Returning sophomore letterman Dave Mennucci swam on the McKinley Terrace swim team for the summer and did exceptionally well also.

The upcoming Freshmen who will be of great importance to the team are the following: Dave Pauzek, a backstroker; Ron Zhiss, a breaststroker (Ron was the state champ in the 13-14 AAU 100 and 200 Meter breast stroke events); Gary Severyn, a good all-around swimmer; Tom Manley, a sprint freestyler; Bernie Doering, a breast stroker; and Brad Tretheway, a backstroker and Individual Medley swimmer.

Coach Steve Smith should find this coming season to be just as full of excitement and tension as ever. There will be exceptionally tough competition from Riley (a conference foe), as well as from teams throughout the state. And the loss of seniors Eric Tweedal, Jeff Deren, Mark Weger, Steve Patterson, and junior Gordon Slutsky will hardly go unnoticed. As Captain Mike Slowey put it, "The team is very young, but we are getting a lot of good young swimmers. The frosh will be heavily depended upon and it is their reaction to the high school pressure that will make or break the team."

All in all, with Coach Smith's experience guiding them, the 1975-76 Seagles may once again find themselves in the midst of a winning season.

Racketmen 3-0 in conference

The John Adams Tennis Team coached by John McNarny, is now 3-0 in conference play and 5-2 for the regular season.

The netter's first victim, Riley High School, did not prove to be very tough for the Eagles, and were swept off the court 4-1. That weekend, the Adams Tennis Team brought home their first trophy this year, winning the LaFayette Double's Tournament, played at LaFayette, In. The doubles team of Jeff True and Ed Featherstone smashed Elkhart Central, 6-2; 6-1, and were then confronted by Indianapolis No. Central. Losing the first set, 6-3, Jeff and Ed fought back to win the match, 3-6; 6-4; 6-2. From there on it was smooth sailing for the boys. In the Semi-finals, Ed and Jeff pushed Valparaiso out of the tournament, winning, 6-2; 6-1. The further they progressed in the tournament the tougher they got. The Finals match against LaFayette Jeff proved no task for Jeff and

Ed, as they won easily, 6-3; 6-3 to win the trophy. In the other doubles, Chuck Csiszar and Kevin Crowe made their way into the third round and were beaten by an overpowering Indianapolis No. Central Team.

The next week, the netters shut out Penn, 5-0, but suffered an unfortunate loss to Valparaiso, 3-2. That weekend, the Tennis Team played in the LaPorte High School Tennis Team Tournament. The netmen swept Munster off the court, 4-1, but were defeated for the crown by a tough LaPorte team, 4-1.

Last week the boys breezed through Washington and Jimtown, 5-0, on Tuesday and Wednesday with M.C. Elston to play on Thursday. On September 20, the Mighty Adams team will participate in the N.I.C. Singles Tournament.

by Julie Mathews



Paul Holtzman relaxes after a match. Photo/Crimmins

Cross-Country Team Successful

The Cross Country Team started the season on September 10th with a win over Bremen but still lost to Marian.

Despite the fact that Greg Avance had to walk the course

Adams still managed to outrun Bremen due to outstanding efforts by everyone, especially Paul Daniels who finished second.

Even though the team ran hard they lost a close one to Marian. But

with one person walking the team should be proud.

Since the first meet six more guys have gone out for the team, including Dave Schultz, Marco Driver, Phil Dooley, Kirk Walter, Bill Panzica, and Jay Brasel. With these additions and the original team there is no telling what the team can do.

The next meet will be against Elkhart Central, currently the No. 1 team in the State. The meet will be held at Elkhart. Let's hope our team can do it to them.

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