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New Teachers Move In

The halls of John Adams will be marked by several new faces this year (in addition to the freshmen). Due to the numerous teachers who left at the end of last year, an unusually large number of teachers will be teaching at Adams for the first time.

The English Department will welcome two new teachers to its ranks. Mr. Bryan Flora will teach English and serve as softball and assistant football coach. In addition, he will also be teaching math. Mr. Flora is a graduate of New Prairie High School and Notre Dame University. He has previously taught at Beiger H.S. in Mishawaka. This year, Adams is lucky enough to acquire Ms. Rhoda Bradshaw to teach English and drama. Ms. Bradshaw is a

graduate of Gary Emerson High School and Indiana University. She has taught for the past three years at Washinton H.S. in South Bend.

With more than ten years experience, Mrs. Darnell Bailey will join the Business Department. Mrs. Bailey is a graduate of South Bend Riley and Indiana University. She has taught at Argo High School in Illinois, Cubasaki in Okinawa, Burroughs in California, and most recently at Jackson Middle School.

Ms. Janice Putz, who has also spent the past year at Jackson Middle, will be teaching pre-vocational education at Adams this year. She is a graduate of Central High School and has also taught at Hamilton and Forrest G. Hay Schools.

The faculty in the Home

Economics Department will be supplemented by Ms. Jema Rexing. Ms. Rexing is a graduate of Chrisney High School in Indiana and received her degree from Ball State. She has spent time teaching at Adams Central and at Central High School.

Ms. Kay Dewitt will replace Mrs. Warren, teaching math in room 115. Ms. Dewitt is a graduate of Grand Haven High School in Michigan and Western Michigan University. This will be her first year of teaching.

Mrs. Seward is ill and at this time the position is being filled temporarily by Mr. Steve Austin, a substitute teacher.

The Tower extends a warm welcome to all the members of the John Adams faculty and best wishes for a successful year.

School Policy Changes

There will be many policy changes in effect at Adams this year, the majority of them initiated by the Board of School Trustees.

Diploma requirements are the most immediately affecting changes. Effective with the Class of 1980, 36 credits must be successfully completed in order to graduate, as opposed to the 32 previously required. In addition, effective with the Class of 1981, two different types of diplomas will be granted by the school corporation. The regular diploma will be awarded upon completion of 36 credits while a special academic diploma will be awarded upon completion of 38

credits or more.

Also changed will be the required number of classes to be taken. Beginning with the class of 1980, all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors must attend six periods a day and all seniors must take at least five classes. It is hoped that these changes will keep more students occupied productively and increase the quality of education in the South Bend schools.

At the more local level, there will be a change in the way tardiness is dealt with at Adams. Detention will be abolished due to the fact that it was almost impossible to enforce. Instead, those students who are late to

class without good reason will be sent to a study hall for the remainder of the period and not allowed to disturb a class. Habitual tardiness will be dealt with by possible suspension.

Finally, as a prelude to reinstatement of the weighted grading system, the school corporation has decided to weight all honors and advanced placement math courses in South Bend high schools starting next year. Although this weighting will not be retroactive, it will be in effect at all grade levels.

Although some of these changes are not of immediate concern to students, it would be advisable to keep them in mind in the near future.

In order to provide the John Adams student body with the kind of newspaper it will read, the Tower will begin operation of a news bureau. From 7:45 to 8:05 each morning, the Tower office on the first floor will be manned by one of the editors.

Students should feel free to submit articles, drawings, poems, or ideas for stories. The staff cannot keep track of everything going on in the school without the help of the readership. Anyone who knows of someone or something that deserves coverage in the Tower is

welcome to submit the idea or their own work for publication. Since the John Adams Tower exists solely to respond to the needs of the readership, it is hoped that students will take advantage of easier access to the staff. Any student is a potential contributor to the newspaper.

Improvements Progress

Students returning to the hallowed halls of John Adams this year may be surprised by several changes that have taken place in the building over the summer. The most immediately noticeable alteration is the replacement of most of the lockers around the school with new, brightly colored ones. Mr. Przybysz commented that he thought the new lockers would help to brighten up the building and make it more pleasant for everyone. In addition to the locker replacement, the building will be plastered and painted over the course of the year.

Of special interest to art students will be the extensive work which has gone on in the Art Department. Students will

find that the entire area has been remodeled and that all the individual art rooms have been connected. A kiln room has also been constructed on the south side of the building in a small portion of the student parking lot. Finally, the Art Department will at last have room 147 set aside as a permanent student art gallery.

Various other repairs have been made or have been planned for the near future. Among these improvements are new doors at some of the entrances to the building and a new clock system to replace the somewhat less than accurate one currently installed. With these and other improvements in the building, life at John Adams should be made a bit easier for all.



New lockers come in as the old ones go out. Photo by D. Kovas

Nursing Program Presented

The Memorial Hospital of South Bend School of Nursing conducts periodic Open Houses to acquaint young men and women with the nursing program of the school. We cordially invite high school and junior high school students as well as faculty members and parents to attend. Students interested in applying for the class entering in 1978 are encouraged to attend one of the earlier Open Houses. Our guests are taken on tours through the hospital and school of nursing and are given the opportunity to talk with faculty members and students.

The Open Houses will be held at the School of Nursing, corner of Navarre and Main Streets, in South Bend. Below you will find the dates and times when the Open Houses will be held during this school year. A week prior to the date we would appreciate knowing the approximate number of people who will attend. Students planning to attend with their families are requested to let us know how many will be in their party and the date they will attend.

If any group in your school is interested in learning more about the nursing profession and our school of nursing, we will be pleased to send a faculty member to speak.

OPEN HOUSE DATES

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Saturday, September 24, 1977
Saturday, October 15, 1977
Saturday, November 12, 1977
Saturday, January 28, 1978

9:30 a.m. (E.S.T.)
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Come and Dance

A "Back to School" dance will be held Friday, September 23 in the John Adams auditorium from 8:00 to 11:00. The rock group "Sasparilla" will be featured.

The dance is sponsored by the John Adams Instrumentalists. Tickets will be: couples, \$2.50 and singles, \$1.50.

It's the first dance of the year, so be sure to come!

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WE NEED YOUR CRITICISMS

by Victor Goetz

Among everyone's mixed emotions another school year has begun. With it come all the annual school traditions - classes, homework, practices, club meetings, football games, and The John Adams Tower.

What is the TOWER? It is a newspaper put out by and FOR the students of Adams High School every other Friday.

Yet in the past the TOWER has unfortunately been much lacking in depth to its readers. This fact greatly alarms the staff. We are putting together a newspaper for YOU! We are your representatives and we are here to serve you: the student body of John Adams.

Those of us on the staff are of little importance in comparison to our readers. The readers are those who determine what goes into the TOWER. All of our work is done in the hope of pleasing our readership.

The point of our appeal here is simply this: What can we do to increase your interest and enjoyment of the TOWER? What would you like to see added, changed, or removed?

What do you the readers find wrong with your newspaper?

Please seriously consider these questions for only your criticisms can allow us to put out a TOWER to everyone's liking.

A Welcome to the Class of 1981

By Doug Crawford
Senior Class President

Let me assure you freshmen that you are definitely the class of 1981. Don't let anyone confuse you. The majority of you will hopefully be leaving John Adams in four years, not my projected five.

Adams is probably quite a confusing place to you right now. You will have few problems, however, once you have become part of the mainstream of school life. To realize this goal it will be necessary to make a conscious effort to become active and involved in extracurricular activities. Adams accommodates each individual's needs by offering an extensive variety of clubs, sports and activities in which you may participate.

Starting out with a positive attitude will enhance your chances for having a memorable high school experience. You will each inevitably create your own high school record, history and memories. John Adams provides the opportunities. I encourage you to provide the initiative to grow and develop during the next four years. Set your goals and work toward them. No one will come to you and say "get involved," you must make the decision for yourself.

Keep in mind also that the main purpose of attending a high school is to continue your education. I know it's possible and very easy to just kind of drift through high school without ever exerting yourself. Accept the challenge and design a program that will fit your individual needs and interests.

The most important thing to remember is to keep everything in its proper perspective. Create the proper balance between your academic, athletic, and social activities. Once again, Class of 1981, welcome to John Adams. May you enjoy success and fulfillment during your stay at Adams.

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SCHOOL EVENTS

Saturday Sept. 17	Swimathon 7-11 at the pool
Tuesday Sept. 20	Open House - 7:30 Freshman Parents - 7:00
Thursday Sept. 22	Club Fair - P.E. Gym
Friday Sept. 23	Dance - Instrumentalist Dance
Monday Sept. 26	Tower-Album collection
Friday Sept. 30	Tower issued

More Credits - Less Choice

Guess what, fellow students--the Board of Trustees has upgraded our graduation requirements.

Effective with the class of 1980, 36 credits must be obtained in order to be graduated from high school in the South Bend Community School Corporation.

Effective with the class of 1981 (this year's freshmen) differentiated diplomas will be granted. According to the School Corporation's publication, YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS REPORT:

A. For a regular diploma, a student must complete 36 credits in order to be graduated.

B. For an academic diploma, a student must complete 38 credits in order to be graduated.

This statement fails to include that out of the 38 credits needed for graduation with an academic diploma, most are required subjects leaving little freedom to explore other fields of interest.

Most interesting of all is the fact that the Board of Trustees would even consider the differentiated diploma plan. To combat a 46% drop out rate, the Indianapolis Board approved a differentiated diploma plan in 1958. In 1969, after several years of dissatisfaction, a committee of thirty educators was appointed to evaluate the plan. The committee recommended the elimination of the plan. The program was then phased out of the school system.

The Indianapolis version of the differentiated diploma plan included four diplomas, but in action approximately 21% of those graduated received an academic diploma, and 75% received a General Diploma. Given below are the composite conclusions of the committee which recommended the program's elimination.

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA: Disadvantages

1. Prestige factor influences selection of this diploma.
2. Forces students into inappropriate courses.
3. Inflexibility; causes restriction of student elections.
4. Minimum requirements are so limited that real college prep may not be obtained.
5. The name itself is misleading. This diploma does not automatically admit a student to college.

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA: Advantages

1. Assists college-bound students.
2. Provides stimulation for extra effort; challenges the capable.
3. Helps provide guidelines to counselors for college prep and entrance requirements.
4. Encourages summer school electives.

GENERAL DIPLOMA: Disadvantages

1. Does not sufficiently challenge some students.
2. Viewed by many as being for slow learners and the least desirable type of diploma.
3. Students following this diploma may not wind up with salesable skills.

GENERAL DIPLOMA: Advantages

1. Allows flexibility and wide latitude for electives.
2. Allows for more exploration.

OVERALL PLAN: Disadvantageous

1. Different diplomas are not recognized by business, industry, colleges, and other cities.
2. The plan somewhat classifies a student, when prestige is attached to the diplomas. The different diplomas are misunderstood by teachers, students, and parents.

OVERALL PLAN: Advantages

1. Provides guidelines.
2. Forces early consideration of future education.
3. Provides State minimum requirements.

Indianapolis and South Bend differ, no one can deny that fact, but take a look at what might happen here:

1. Students in band, orchestra, and choir will have absolutely no time for other electives until their Junior or most likely Senior year.

2. The Cooperative Education Program will suffer, because students who intend to go to college with an academic diploma will not have enough time to take all the necessary business courses.

3. Students, good students, who are interested in engineering or a related field may not need a foreign language background to enter college, but will feel forced to take a language at the expense of an industrial arts course which would be related to their field.

4. The same situation may occur for someone interested in languages, journalism, or literature. Beyond basic science, that student may not need any scientific background.

5. The academic diploma is so rigid that if you are in music, business, art, or some other main elective interest, you are not left with enough time to explore and test your abilities. Where has the theory gone where they said, "High School is your last free education, try a variety of subjects?"

The Differentiated diploma plan has not solved the weighted grades controversy. While students must have an academic background to receive the academic diploma, they do not have to pick Honors or Advanced Placement courses. One student can take high school and business math, applied life science and earth science, and the basic required social studies and English courses, plus two years of foreign language and receive the same diploma as a student who has followed Honors courses in Math, English, and science in addition to the required language, health, and P.E. courses. The differentiated diploma plan does not indicate the quality of the classes one takes, only the quantity.

Where can you go to get advice, especially you freshmen who are just beginning to think of careers and futures? A counselor at a college or university where you feel you might like to go is about the best bet. They can tell you what is really necessary to enter and succeed. Begin now, because if the Board "upgrades" our education any more, next semester may be too late.

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The TOWER staff wishes to give special thanks and congratulations to our head photographer Daniel Kovas who won an award for his achievements in photography at a journalism institute he attended this summer. Without Dan's help we could not put out the TOWER,

Positions are still available on the TOWER staff. If you are interested in working on the TOWER please contact Ms. Maza in the Guidance Office.

Lisa Parker

A Visit With Tutankhamun



At 10:30 p.m., on August 15, 1977, Keith Feiler of Elmhurst, Illinois, the last person to visit the "Treasures of Tutankhamun" exhibit at Chicago's Field Museum, was presented with a replica of an ancient Egyptian broom with which to sweep away the footprints of all the 1,349,795 people who had been through before him.

The symbolic gesture was a re-enactment of an ancient Egyptian funerary ritual. After all the ceremonies were over and everything was in place, high necropolis officials would be the last to leave the tomb, sweeping away all traces of footprints as they left.

One of the most popular and spectacular exhibits to ever come to the United States, the "Treasures of Tutankhamun" was co-sponsored in Chicago by Field Museum and the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute. Before ending its four-month run today, between 10,000 and 12,000 visitors a day saw the exhibit, some waiting through the night on the museum's steps until the doors opened at 9:00 a.m.

According to museum officials, the number of people who have seen the exhibit in Chicago alone far exceeds the attendance of any special art exhibition held in recent times. (The previous high was the 1,077,521 people who viewed

Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* at the Metropolitan Museum of art in a 2-month period in 1963.)

A Bicentennial gesture from the Egyptian people, the 55 treasures from the tomb of the pharaoh Tutankhamun are currently on a two-and-a-half year tour of the U.S. From Chicago, the exhibit will travel to the New Orleans Museum of Art where it will open September 18 for four months. Other museums on the tour are the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Seattle Art Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Arrangements for the U.S. tour were announced in October, 1975, in an agreement signed by Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy and former U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. Details of the exhibit were arranged by the Organization of Antiquities of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Approximately \$750,000 was budgeted to organize and bring the exhibit to the U.S. Of this amount, one-third was paid by Exxon Corporation and the Robert Wood Johnson, Jr., Charitable Trust, one-third by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the final third by the seven participating museums. In addition, costs of the installation of the exhibit in

Field Museum and additional staffing are estimated to be in the vicinity of \$1,250,000. These costs were underwritten by the co-sponsors in Chicago: Field Museum and the University of Chicago. The National Endowment for the Humanities also provided \$110,000 for the supplementary exhibit at the Oriental Institute, a series of lectures for the public, and an outreach lecture program.

As part of the agreement with the Egyptian government, there could be no special admission charge for the Tutankhamun exhibit; only the regular museum admission fees together with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities could be used to cover the expenses of the exhibits and all related programs. Proceeds from the Tut Sales Shop in Chicago, expected to reach almost \$3.5 million gross, are going to Egypt for the renovation of the Cairo Museum in Cairo, Egypt, and the Graeco-Roman Museum in Alexandria.

An admissions system which had never before been tried at any museum was instituted at Field Museum for the Tutankhamun exhibit. Under this new system, visitors did not have to stand in line to see the Tutankhamun exhibit after they were admitted to the museum.

The entire public area of Field Museum was utilized as a waiting area. Upon arrival at the museum, each visitor was given a numbered ticket and learned how long the wait was before admittance into the Tutankhamun exhibit. Television monitors located throughout the museum indicated which number ticket was being admitted into the Tutankhamun exhibit. When a visitor's number appeared on the screen, he or she could then proceed to the exhibit entrance.

The success of this admissions procedure did not, however, dissuade people from standing in line outside of the museum. During the last weeks of the show, people would begin lining up outside the museum 10 to 12 hours before the museum opened.

For those lucky few (if over a million people can be described as few) who did get in to see the exhibit were waiting treasures of indescribable beauty and splendor that were well worth the hours of waiting. Items of gold, polished stone, and finely carved wood all thousands of years old yet marvelously well preserved in beauty that is difficult to imagine. The Treasures of Tutankhamun is one exhibit that will not soon be outdone or forgotten!

Century Center Announces Volunteer Program

A new volunteer program is being developed to support the many activities and events that will take place at Century Center not only during the Grand Opening months but throughout the entire year, announced Ginna Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator for Century Center.

More than 150 persons have already indicated an interest in doing volunteer work for Century Center and at least another 150 are needed to staff the many areas where volunteers are needed. According to Ms. Anderson, "We have many different volunteer opportunities available, from tour guides and ushers to 50 persons to blow up 6,000 balloons for the New Year's Eve Party."

Outside of the special volunteer

requirements for events during the Grand Opening months of November, December and January, there will be several permanent programs. One of these is the Tour Guide program. Century Center will offer a daily tour of the building and also schedule guides in advance for special group tours. Many civic and service organizations who have already booked an event at Century Center have requested that a tour be included as part of their program. It is expected that during the first year of operation that there will be many similar requests by schools, clubs and business organizations. Guides will be required to go through a detailed training course that will include a history of the Center, detailed background of each of the

main activity areas, emergency procedures and public relations policy.

Another area where volunteers are needed is the theatre program. Ushers, ticket takers and house personnel will be provided by the Center for every event that takes place in Century Theatre or the Recital Hall. Volunteers will receive specialized training in learning the geography of Century Theatre which features the thrust stage and amphitheatre-style seating, seating patron procedures, fire drill and evacuation and first aid training.

Century Center will also house a Gift Shop where souvenir items such as postcards, posters and t-shirts will be sold. Volunteers will be needed to staff the Gift Shop

during hours of operation.

The Main Information Booth at the entrance of Century Center will require volunteers who will be able to answer questions about the Center, distribute literature and direct visitors to various parts of the building where meetings and special events are taking place.

Volunteers are presently being used in the Center's office to aid in office operations, maintain lists, stuffing and labeling of bulk mailings and a need for office assistance will continue with the transfer of the administrative offices to Century Center. A special volunteer work room has been set aside for this purpose.

"Volunteers will be an invaluable part of making Century Center the busy, active place it was

designed to be. Century Center is a community place and a drawing card for out of town visitors and conventions as well. The impression all these people receive of Century Center often time reflects the kindness and friendliness shown them by a tour guide, an usher, an information booth worker. Through a well-organized, dedicated volunteer program we feel we are offering the extra personal touch that will make Century Center a place that people will want to visit again and again," said Ms. Anderson.

Those who wish to learn more about the Century Center Volunteer Program should contact Ginna Anderson at the Century Center office by calling 284-9711 or writing to 121 S. Michigan, South Bend, IN 46601.

Adams Clubs Need Active Members

Did you know there's a total of 11 organized clubs at Adams high school? Well, if you did that's great, and I hope you are one of the many active members that belong to our school clubs. But for those of you who don't, I advise you to read about our many clubs that range from the well established drama club to the newly formed magic society.

Art Club

For those who have an interest in art and would like to develop it by working more in the different art areas, there's the art club. The members of the art club are given the chance to find out which area of art interests them and then work in that specific media. The students in the club work on projects like weaving, painting, drawing, and jewelry. After many artists complete their projects, they're placed on display. If you are an inspiring artist - or just like art, - and would like to join the art club, contact Mr. Seely, the sponsor.

Booster Club

Are you energetic and interested in using up some of that wasted energy? Use that energy by working in the booster club. The booster club is an organization that attempts to raise enough money to help out our athletic department. The club is in need of members who are willing to work on fund raising projects. So, channel that energy in to a worthwhile project--join the Adams Booster Club.

Chess Club.

The game of chess is steadily becoming one of the nation's most popular forms of mental warfare. The Adams chess team is looking for chess players who enjoy the rivalry of playing against other high schools. This is an area where brains take precedent over brawn. Mr. Krouse is sponsor.

Speech and Debate Team

Attention good speakers and speech writers!! The Adams debate team is in need of people

like you. People who are willing to display their talent in school competition are those needed here. The debate team is an organization that allows students to compete in areas like poetry reading, group debate, and general public speaking. The debate team would be glad to accept any new students interested in their club.

Drama Club

Each year the drama club has been able to produce fine plays with the cooperation of its members. This year the club is looking for new members who have an interest in theatre production. The drama club offers you the chance to work in all the different aspects of theatre production. So, if you have an interest in joining the drama club, please contact Miss Bradshaw.

Biology Club

Do you have an interest in science that expands past the general area? If you do the

Adams science department has a biology club for further study in the science area. This club gives you the opportunity to work on extra projects that time doesn't allow in regular class. For more information please contact Mr. Longenecker or Mr. Shanley.

Black Cultural Society

The black cultural society is an organization for students who have an interest in getting involved in black activities around the school and the community. The B.C.S. gives its members the opportunity to work in programs that range from community clean-ups to "Cedar." This club is also well known for its production of the Black History program where many of its members are allowed to display their talents. The society is always looking for any new members who would be interested in joining the club.

Magic Society

The magic society is one of Adams newly founded clubs.

This club is for people who have an interest in the mysterious world of magic. Over the school year period its members are able to see a professional magician, along with practicing on individual projects. The magic society will be going into its second year at Adams, and would be glad to accept any new members.

Rifle Club

The rifle club meets one day a week at Newman Center. After beginning the year by learning and practicing shooting positions, the club participates in inter-school meets. Anyone interested in joining should contact Mr. Szymanski.

Taxidermy Club

How often have you told someone to "stuff it." Well, now you can learn how! The taxidermy club is looking for people interested in learning the fine art of stuffing and mounting animals for exhibition. Mr. Wesley is the man to see.

THE STORY OF A



George Podell discusses his business ventures.

Photos by Dan Kovas

On Devon Circle, a street where grand homes abound, one stands out as the most majestic of all. There is a very special reason for its additional grandeur. This home is the one that George Podell, a 1971 Adams graduate, moved to that location a little over a year ago.

Who at that time could envision the beauty of that Tudor home in its reconditioned state today. For a year ago this house was rotted, neglected, badly out of repair and marked for demolition to facilitate the expansion of Osteopathic Hospital. That is when the fallen beauty caught George Podell's eye. He realized that he could restore that fabulous home to its full magnificence. And today he has done it.

Asked why he decided to move and renovate the house and go through all the trouble that went with it Podell said "The house was sitting there and then I found out that they were going to tear it down and it looked pretty good. You just couldn't see them tearing it down."

So on April 27, 1976 Podell bought the house from Osteopathic Hospital and began the planning

that would eventually bring it to a completely restored condition on Devon Circle.

What makes the house so special is that it was built in 1922 in a way that cannot be possibly reproduced today. Even in its neglected condition it was structurally extremely sound. All the beams that give the house such a distinguished look are real, not just ornaments, and they are knotted together with real wooden knots. The stone wall at the front of the house is 18 inches thick. The pipes were all made of solid brass. The roof is of Vermont Slate. The ornamentation under the bay windows is hand hewn. Podell says that one of the solid marble bathroom sinks is worth 2500 dollars. Such materials just simply are not available today making the house almost irreplaceable.

When Podell acquired the house it was in need of complete renovation. He put in a year's work on the house, working up to 16 hours a day at the beginning. He did most of the work himself only bringing in outside help for such things as plumbing and landscaping. Podell put a tremendous amount of time and effort into the

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J.B.'s Commentary for the Unabridged Man

Think. Ponder. Appreciate. Remember. Speculate. Imagine. Reason. Reflect. Contemplate. Understand. APPLY YOUR MIND!

These words will be appearing in future editions of this column, as they attempt to make a complete person of those who read and follow their instructions. For Man is a lazy creature who does no more than is expected of him. Thus many minds have entered an intellectual limbo. Something must be done to eliminate this condition, lest we be plunged into another Dark Age. With that thought in mind, this column is presented to ask more of the mind and to raise the mental standards of those who follow it.

As vacation has just recently ended, it would do well to begin with an exercise on what is now the greatest of your concerns--vacation. Think back to Wednesday, June 8, 12:05 P.M.....

It was an end and a beginning, a time of sorrowful joy, a period when the last test was not quite out of mind but it-is-over-with-and-nothing-can-be-done-about-it-now-and-the-next-test-is-over-three-

months-away-Praise-the-Lord! The locker was closed for the last time, the good-byes were said for the summer, and the doorways became passages leading to promises of many fun-filled days and glorious nights.

So what happened to the summer, anyway?

Well, there were plans. Fine plans to fill the days and give a feeling of accomplishment. Remember? But golf is just too expensive to play often enough to lower that score, and those books seem so long when there's nobody to force taking the time to read ten chapters a day.

But then there are always other summers to do those things.

So what really happened?

There was the beach. Or was it the swimming pool or a cottage or camping? Whichever. It certainly took up a lot of time, time that floated away. Suddenly, summer was almost over. there were a few days late in August that were cold and gloomy, and wasn't there a

touch of autumn in the air? It was then that school became a realization, a fact not to be avoided. So preparations were made to fall back into the rut which is known as an unbendable schedule.

And now you sit behind a boring desk in a boring classroom in a boring school. So what do you think about to waste away the hours? You dream of being out to do the things you want, not what you are told.

But hold on a minute. You didn't do the things you wanted to, remember? It's all a game you are playing. You can't spend the entire year doing nothing. So take a deep breath, look back at the good parts of Summer, 1977 for one last time, and--plunge into school!

Look at all that surrounds you. Past and future friends, activities galore, and teachers who are there to see that you can do something worthwhile with your time. Get involved in music, drama, sports, art, scholastics, whatever. Be selfish. Use what is provided to the best of your ability. Further yourself. Ask more of yourself. Achieve something lasting.

But above all, THINK!



Deseret Smith and Latonya Busch.

Photo by Phil Bender

Debutant Cotillion Four Girls From Adams Chosen

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will hold their Debutant Cotillion on Jan. 3 at the Civic Center. At this formal ball thirty-five girls will be "introduced to society" and also have plenty of fun.

Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, the chairman of the selecting committee chose four girls from Adams having these requirements: a high grade point average, active in school and the community, and showing chances for a promising future. The girls

are Latonya Busch, Stacey Clark, Gail Tanner, and Deseret Smith.

In preparation for the cotillion, the girls plan to participate in various events. The first was a fashion show and card party, which was held in Robertsons' Tea Room Sat. Sept. 10 at 2:30. At that time the girls were introduced.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority hopes that the months of preparation, and the cotillion itself will be a rewarding experience

This year, Black Expo '77' was a pretty big success. There was a big turnout for all the events.

Black Expo '77' began throughout Indiana, at the many 'Miss Black Expo' preliminary pageants. In South Bend, the pageant was held at Central Career Center on June 16. Eight girls participated and were judged on poise, charm, personality, talent, and contestant discussion. The Queens are: Junior Division, Deseret Smith and Senior Division--Pam Hill.

The two girls went on to

Indianapolis Convention Center to compete against 20 others, (20 in each division) on June 26. The quest at that the pageant were Billy Wooten and Maze. Although neither of the girls came home state queens, Deseret Smith made it to the top ten.

But that didn't end Black Expo! A week later on June 31 and July 1, there were concerts being held at the Convention Center and Market Square Arena. Concerts featuring these

top soul recording artists: Sun, Boosty's Rubber Band, the Manhattans, Enchantment, Brothers Johnson, Graham Central Station, and Natalie Cole.

The two state queens were also introduced at the concerts. Debbie Haskins from Muncie was Junior Division Queen and Brenda Boykins from Fort Wayne was Senior Division Queen.

Black Expo '77' allowed friends throughout Indiana to unite, and also to make new friends and new fun.

BLACK EXPO '77'

MAN AND HIS HOUSE

and now it is finally about to pay off.

The job Podell has done with this house is incredible. He has made an "old, run down, rotten looking house" as some called it, into probably the most beautiful house on the block. One is impressed by the sight of it from the outside but being taken on the grand tour is an unforgettable experience. The beauty of this entire house cannot be imagined.

Outside, the stone wall has been cleaned, a new front porch made of stone has been laid, the entire house has been repainted, and the lot has been beautifully landscaped.

Inside, the walls have been replastered and repainted, carpeting has been installed throughout, the kitchen has been furnished with all new facilities, a new furnace has been installed, and the plumbing has been redone.

George Podell has done a magnificent job of "fixing 20 years of neglect." This house may well be better now than it was when it was brand new.

When Podell first acquired the house he had its value appraised as it stood next to Osteopathic

Hospital at 65,000 dollars. Preliminary appraisals with renovation not quite completed place it at 150,000 dollars. Quite a difference in one year's time!

Renovation will be completed within the month. Podell still plans to furnish the house in furniture of its period and has had a designer custom design drapes to match the decor. As soon as this is completed Podell plans to hold an Open House.

However, since the move last summer generated so much interest throughout the city and Podell expects a large number of people to come to the Open House just to see if he really did manage to fix it up. He plans to charge a dollar donation for admission with the proceeds going to Osteopathic Hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

Ultimately, Podell plans to sell the house and says that he has already had several persons express an interest in buying it.

Podell has already bought another house which he is also renovating and has moved into that one. Reconditioning houses like this is kind of a hobby for Podell. "It's great if you like to work a lot, but if you hate to work, forget it!"



The popular tudor house in the midst of Devon Circle.

SAT's Coming

A matter that concerns many juniors and seniors is the scheduling of the Scholastic Aptitude Test or the SAT. This test is given twice before the end of this year. This test is important for students who are planning to attend college after graduation.

The Achievement Tests, used for college credit and placement are given at a time on the same dates as the SAT is given.

For applications, please contact the counselor's office.

First Session

WHEN: November 5, 1977

TIME: 8:99 A.M.

WHERE: Lasalle and St. Joseph High Schools

COST: \$7.25

Second Session*

WHEN: December 3, 1977

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

WHERE: Clay and Riley High Schools

COST: \$7.25

NOTE: Applications must be in by September 30, 1977 for the first session and October 28, 1977 for the second session.

*The Achievement Tests of European History and World Cultures, Hebrew, Latin, and Russian will be given ONLY on this date, along with the English Composition Test with Essay.

Explorers Club:

For the fun of it

Although not many have heard of the Explorer's Club, it has accomplished a great deal over the summer. The sponsor, Dr. Robert Sweeney, was able to take 18 students from Adams and Penn to Florida this summer. Students from Adams were Danny Kavas and Cathy Sweeney.

The trip was taken in 2 vans at the total cost of \$226, on June 10 through June 23. The money was raised by selling grapefruits and oranges.

The students participated in many exciting events, such as sailing, campouts, visiting the Florida Keys (Indian Key and Key Largo), and the Florida Gateway, and also visiting the adventurous Disney World and Six Flags over Georgia.

The Explorers Club is making plans for the next summer and encourages more students to participate. For more information, contact Boy Scouts of America.

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Cross Country U.S.A.

How many of you have ever considered traveling from coast to coast on a bicycle? Cross country bicycling in the United States is steadily becoming popular, especially to young people. One person who decided to head out for the open road was senior, Phil Kelly, who traveled from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon.

Phil, along with 69 other boys from all over the country, was sponsored by 'Wandering Wheels.' Wandering Wheels is an organization that sponsors cross country bike tours for anyone who has an interest in

bicycling. The price for the tour is \$350 dollars. This includes some riding clothes and all meals except lunch.

Phil, and the other bikers met in Portland, Maine where the bikes (mainly 'Super Sports' and Schwinn 'La Tours') were given their final inspection. The cyclists on the trip were, of course, in tip-top shape which made getting up early in the morning and riding all day not that difficult. The routes traveled were usually country roads that passed through small towns. This allowed them to get acquainted with the towns and

their residents. Lodging wasn't a big problem; the cyclists usually stayed in a church, civic center, or field. The trip took about 5 1/2 weeks. Although there were some minor breakdowns, still the expedition was very successful.

The Wandering Wheels organization offered young cyclists the opportunity to meet people who share the same interest and a chance to see the country. If you are interested in this cycling organization, please contact: Wandering Wheels, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, 46989.

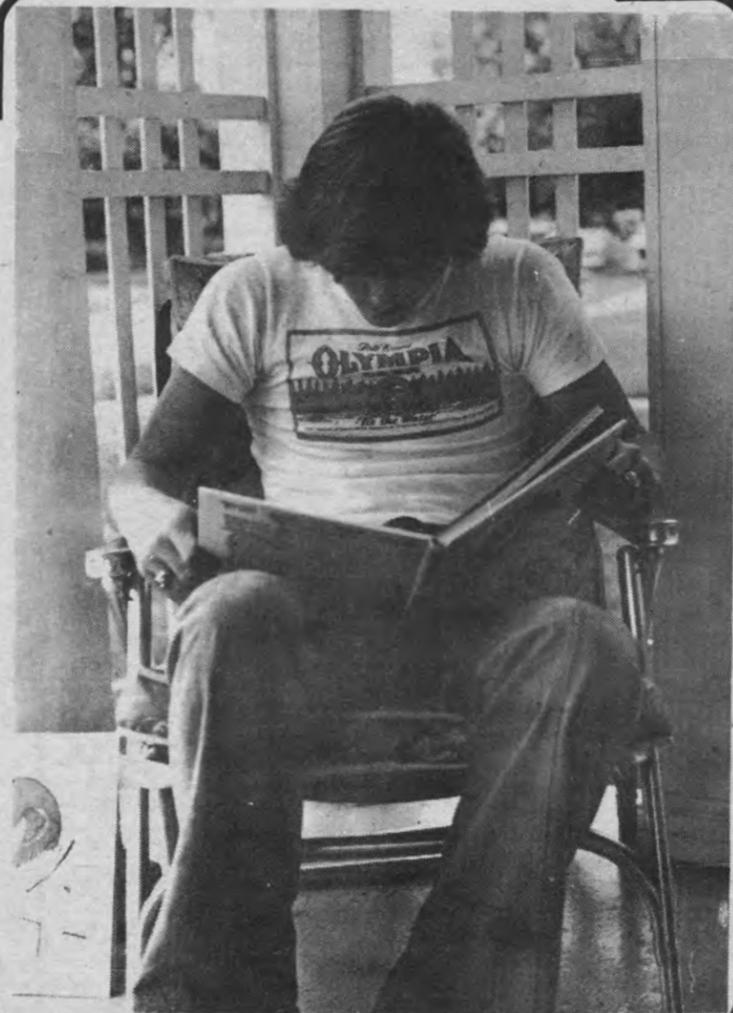
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SUMMER PAST



Sunbathers hit the beaches of Lake Michigan.



Mike Marganti reads one of the fabulous pages in the '77 ALBUM.



The new Pike and Rifle Squad made its debut at the Elkhart Central game. Linda Gabele and Kelly Kerrihard practice during the summer.

Photographer: Daniel C. Kovas

Tower Sports Commentary: Why Not Soccer?

by Joe Taylor

First in a series of sports editorials—a new TOWER feature.

Soccer is the #1 sport in the world. The most widely known athletes from Copenhagen to Santiago are Peles, Chinaglias, and Beckenbauers—not Jacksons, Simpsons, or even Ervings. (!) The NASL (North American Soccer League) is catching on fire in the States as the Cosmos win their conference before an SRO crowd of more than 70,000 rowdy roaring fans in Giants Stadium. Yet ask around in John Adams' halls and you'll soon find that many people don't know a penalty kick from a hole in the ground and really don't care a heck of a lot.

A soccer ball has never been kicked in the name of Adams. Why? Well, until recently, soccer has not exactly been at the hilt of importance in American sport. Now, however, Yankees are discovering the reasons why soccer is the greatest sport in the world. It's time soccer became a school sport, or at least a club.

I was lucky enough to play in the Michiana Youth Soccer League this past spring and summer, so I'm not just writing a lot of garbage off the top of my head. We were hapless, to say the least, at first, but soon we became decent, even good. It's

not a difficult sport to learn. During one season of having shots rifled at me (I was the goaltender) I formed my opinion based on what I saw and experienced.

First of all, Adams has a perfect facility for soccer—the field inside the track. Goals can be formed from the goalposts, as was done in Michigan City, one of the cities in our league.

Equipment? Needed are as follows: one (1) soccer ball. Lack of finance is a sorry excuse.

Now, all that is required is players. Lack of experience is no problem to overcome. Same goes for lack of natural ability. Our team was blessed with players who weren't coordinated enough to walk and breathe at the same time, let alone kick a ball straight, but they managed.

Adams could field a competitive team. We have a large student body, so finding 20 or so interested players could not be so tough. We also have a small amount of soccer experience from Stanley Clark.

It is beyond me why soccer has never even been made into a club at JAHs. We have a Magic Society, a Taxidermy Club, everything but a "Son of Sam" Fan Club or a Teen-Age Nazi Cult. Still, there is nothing done to spark a little interest in soccer, and no reason why.



Our Pom-pom squad performs against Elkhart Central.
Photo by Dan Kovas

Halftime Squad Impressive

When you go to a football game, there are many things to see. There is the football team (obviously) and the cheerleaders during the game itself, and marching bands and twirlers during the halftime. This year, though, Adams has been very lucky. We now have three "specialty squads" added to the entertainment department. These squads, pikes (flags), rifles, and pom pon girls, are made up of juniors, seniors, and sophomores, and are under the direction of Mrs. Vanderweide.

On September 2, those who attended the football game

against Elkhart Central were lucky enough to be the first ones to see these girls give their first performance. If for some reason you happened to miss the game, you can see them again on Friday, September 16, which just so happens to be tonight!! The three corps all gave outstanding performances two weeks ago, and I'm sure they'll do the same in all future shows. The pikes started the show with a very impressive drill to "Russian Dressing," then came back later in the evening with the rifles to do a routine to the tune of "La Macarena." The poms also had

two numbers, "Rubberband Man" and "Superstar," which was the last song of the evening. Both were excellent, as was the fire routine of Kim French, our solo twirler, which she did to a song called "Ipso Funko."

The girls have all been working hard since before school began, and I can safely say that all their applause was well-deserved. Congratulations to all these girls who made their hard work pay off, and best wishes from the Tower staff for a year filled with more super shows like the first one.

Szajko, Romeo Aid Champion Post #50

Playing on a National Championship team has got to be a dream of every baseball player and this dream has come true for two John Adams students this Labor Day weekend. Our students, Dan Szajko and Dom Romeo, members of Post #50 American Legion baseball team, brought back to South Bend, to John Adams High School, to their coaches and to themselves well deserved national recognition.

The American Legion National World Series was held in Manchester, New Hampshire. An incredible number of 3,822 teams began the competition in their home districts in quest of the National championship, but only this talented Post #50 squad, under the able coaching of Mel Machuca, emerged with this great honor. The title was clinched in a 3-1 victory over the Hattiesburg, Miss. team in the final game, extending their winning streak to 18 tournament games and 31 games in a row.

Post #50 was also aided by three Adams graduates, Jeff Coker, Jim Andert and Mike Clarke. The Most Valuable Player award went to a Clay High School graduate, Bill Schell.

Dan Szajko, whose hitting, fielding and baserunning lifted Post #50 many times throughout the season, admits that, at first, he did not realize exactly the significance of what the team had achieved.

This talented Adams senior, who played left field most of the tournament and hit .333 in the

Nationals, said this about the final game, "It seemed like just a regular game until we came home and saw the crowd waiting for us. I realized how big a victory it was." Szajko was referring to the 300 plus crowd awaiting the return of the Post #50 team to South Bend.

When asked which team gave the South Bend representatives the greatest struggle, Szajko replied that the Arlington Heights club which were last year's runners-up, were as cocky as they were talented. After being down 5-1 against Arlington Heights, Post #50 stormed back for five runs and a 6-5 victory. Dan Szajko claimed this win was "almost as big as the championship win."

Handling the catching duties capably and getting those crucial hits during the series was senior Dom Romeo's contribution to the team. Romeo described his greatest personal thrill during the playoffs as "winning it." When asked what factors made this Post #50 team different from other teams Romeo had played with, he replied, "We played better as a team and that's how we won it. Many other teams relied on one person and they may have had more potential, but didn't play together. On our team, when one guy didn't produce, another guy made up the difference."

Truly Dan Szajko and Dom Romeo made a difference in making Post #50 the best American Legion team in the nation.

Seagals Start

"We are looking forward to a good season with a fine group of freshmen and a nucleus of talent" stated Coach Shirley Callum of the 1977-1978 girl's swimming team. The team has nine freshmen joining the team and thirteen returning lettermen. The returning lettermen are Mary Mauzy, Kim Parent, Anne Slowey, Debbie Wright, Pam Zigler, Jenny Deneen, Peggy Deren, Lisa Anderson, Julie Powell, Martha Schilling, Phyllis Vogel and co-captains Meg Fahey and Sharon Sunderlin.

The toughest opponents the team will face this year will be Valparaiso which is their opener, Munster and Lafayette Jefferson. Sept. 22 Valparaiso 7:00 Oct. 6 Clay 7:00 Oct. 7 Marian 7:00 Oct. 13 Riley 7:00 Oct. 20 Penn 7:00 Nov. 10 LaSalle 7:00 Nov. 17 Elkhart Memorial 7:00

Note: The team will be having a Swimathon on Saturday, September 17 from 9 to 11 at the Adams swimming pool. The Swimathon is to raise money for a record board for the girls.



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Cross Country Goals Set

Improving last year's record and building a sound program are the main tasks of Coach Wiand's 1977 John Adams Cross-Country Team. Coach Wiand was optimistic about doing just that as looked forward to the upcoming season.

Last year's record of 4-9 should be improved upon with the help of five runners, three of them returning lettermen, Randy Forbes, Jim Kennedy and John Poorbaugh. The other two runners who will be relied upon heavily are Larry May and Scott Burten. Despite the loss of two outstanding runners through graduation, Coach Wiand feels this year's squad has more depth than last years.

Building a sound program is the second order of business facing Coach Wiand. This year's team is made up of three seniors, nine juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman. Coach Wiand feels that if the junior runners continue to run

cross-country next year, and more freshmen and sophomores sign up for the program in September, the outlook for Cross-country at John Adams will be an optimistic one.

If any student is interested in Cross-country and would like to learn more about the program, please contact Coach Wiand immediately.

In an opening meet, the John Adams Cross-country squad was beaten by Clay High School 24-31 (in Cross-country, the team with lowest score wins). Adams runners who finished in the top five were John Poorbaugh (3rd place), a fourth place by Jim Kennedy and a fifth place turned in by Randy Forbes.

In their second meet of the season, the cross country squad was defeated by Riley and St. Joseph (Michigan). The scoring was as follows: Riley 17, St. Joseph 24 and Adams 31. The only Adams runner to finish in the top five was Randy Forbes who turned in a fifth place showing.

ADAMS FOOTBALL UNDER WAY

The John Admas Eagles Football Team started their 1977 football campaign Friday, August 26, with a 12-0 victory over Fort Wayne Dwenger. The victory lacked a solid offensive show by the Eagles, which Coach Eddie Faulkens had referred to before the game as his team's "strength." However, an opening victory need not be questioned and put the Eagles on the attack.

With fourteen of the returning starters back from last year's 3-7 team, Coach Faulkens feels experience will make the difference in this current squad. But against Dwenger, experience played a minor role as the Eagles struggled hard throughout the entire game.

The Eagles first touchdown came with 1:36 remaining in the opening quarter when Emmitt Dodd returned a Dwenger punt 33 yards for the score. The Eagles did not score again until the final period when sophomore Robert Murphy ran wide around left end for 31 yards and a touchdown.

One very bright spot for Adams was the play of the defense, recovering two fumbles and intercepting two passes. Defensive stars for Adams were Ron Janowczyk, James Neeley and Kevin Wasowski, who recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass.

One week later Adams fell to a strong Elkhart Central team 27-7, in a game which was characterized by strong defensive play in the first half and all the scoring in the second half.

The opening half was truly a defensive battle in which both offensive attacks were shut-out. The second half was a different story. Adams was the first to score with a Tom Cates to Mark Herron touchdown reception of 16 yards. But from that point on, with the help of Adam's errors, it was all Elkhart Central. Following the kickoff, Central capitalized on an Adam's error and later scored on a Corey Sutton 17 yard run. Adams then gained possession, only to lose the ball on a fumble on the first play from scrimmage. Two plays

later, Central scored on a Pittman to Curtis Hill pass. At that point the score was 12-7.

Adams was unable to move the ball and Central took over on the Adams 43 yard line. Several plays later, Pittman hit Frank Kurth for a 25 yard touchdown pass. When Adams again failed to move the ball and were forced to punt, Central's Larry Nillist blocked the punt and recovered the ball on the two yard line Sutton fractured Adams defense for the final score, 27-7.

On September 9, the Adams Eagles were defeated by 24-0 by the Mishawaka Cavemen at Tupper Field.

The first half was highlighted with strong defenses by both teams with the only score coming on a Mishawaka field goal by Dennis Teegarden. In the second half, it was all Mishawaka as they broke the game open in the fourth quarter with three scores: 1/2 yard plunge by John Roggeman (Pat by Teegarden), a 65 yard punt return by Mal Mihajlovich (Pat by Teegarden), and an 11 yard pass interception by Tim Settles (Pat by Teegarden).



Emmitt Dodd sweeps left for gain against Dwenger

Photo by Dave Bilski

Sports Calendar

FOOTBALL:

Fri. Sept. 16	Washington	S.F.
Mon. Sept. 19	Washington (B-team)	T.
Thur. Sept. 22	Clay Middle (Frosh)	H.
Sat. Sept. 24	Elkhart Memorial	T.
Mon. Sept. 26	Memorial (B-team)	H.
Thur. Sept. 29	Jackson Mid. (Frosh)	T.

TENNIS:

Sat. Sept. 17	NIC Tourney	
Tues. Sept. 20	LaSalle	T.
Wed. Sept. 21	Clay	H.
Thur. Sept. 22	Mishawaka	T.
Mon. Sept. 26	Washington	H.
Tues. Sept. 27	Riley	T.
Thur. Sept. 29	Penn	H.

CROSS COUNTRY:

Sat. Sept. 17	New Prairie Inv.
Tues. Sept. 20	Marian at Wilson Park
Thur. Sept. 22	Mishawaka at Penn
Thur. Sept. 29	LaSalle at M.C. Elston

VOLLEYBALL: (B-team plays same time as varsity)

Mon. Sept. 19	Beiger (Frosh)	6:30 H.
Tues. Sept. 20	Penn	6:30 H.
Wed. Sept. 21	St. Joe (Frosh)	
Thur. Sept. 22	St. Joe	6:30 H.
Mon. Sept. 26	Dickinson (F)	6:30 H.
Tues. Sept. 27	Washington	6:30 H.
Wed. Sept. 28	Clay Middle (F)	4:00 T.
Thur. Sept. 29	Elkhart Memorial	6:30 H.

GIRL'S SWIMMING:

Thur. Sept. 22	Valparaiso
Sat. Sept. 24	Merrillville Rel.

Netters Open

The John Adams boy's tennis team once again will fill the autumn air with tennis balls under the guidance of Coach McNarney.

The Eagle varsity netters will be led by returning lettermen Mark Kocielski, Hugh Featherstone, Mark Roemer, Leroy Sutton, and Bruce Holloway.

This nucleus of experience figures to be the Eagle's strength, according to Coach McNarney. Adams also hopes to show improvement in doubles play.

Against always tough Valparaiso, the Eagles roared away with a 4-1 romp. The doubles was not what was hoped for, but was enough.

Michigan City Elston was Adams' next victim, also by 4-1.

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