

# DO YOU REMEMBER?

NOT SO LONG AGO . . . . . 1971



Disturbed by the officials decision, Coach Aronson urges him to re-evaluate the situation.

Need we say more?



Is this who we think it is?



Mr. Michael Allen demonstrates how to use the video tape equipment to his freshmen class.

Is he a freshman, too?



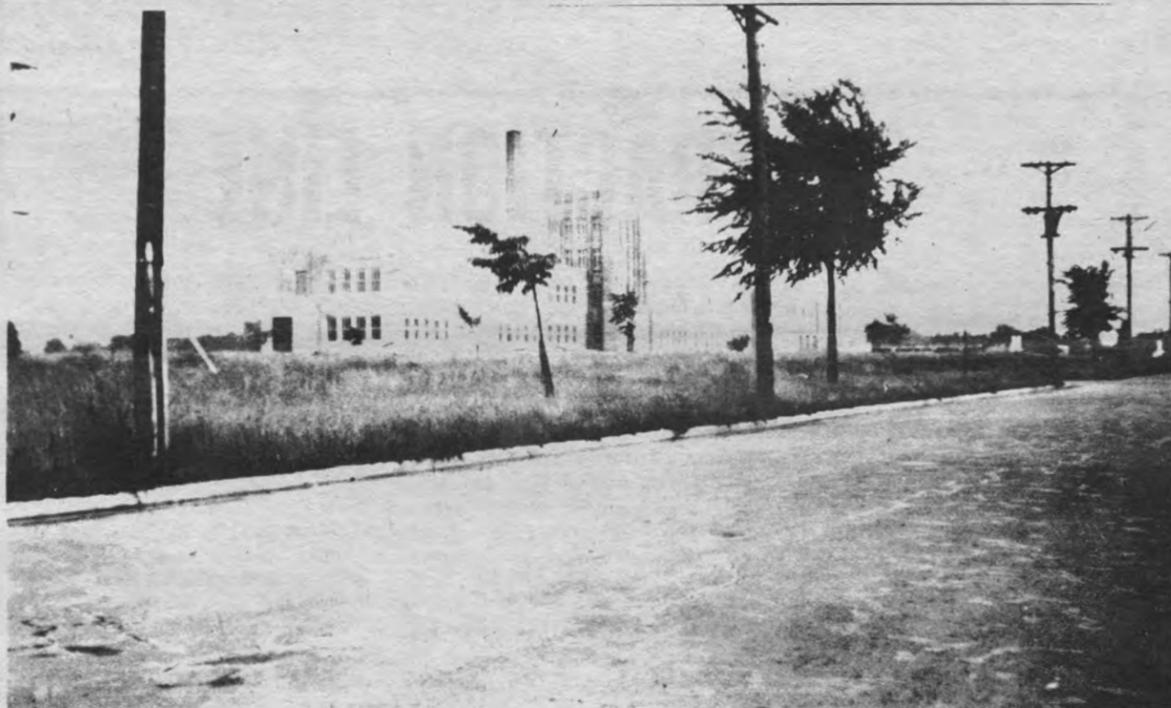
Hey Cwidak, where's the teacher?!



Mr. Brady?  
[1966]



Mr. Schutz?  
[1963]



John Adams High School as it appeared in 1940, the year classes commenced. Photos from John Adams ALBUM



Mrs. Starkweather?  
[1963]



Mr. Seeley?  
[1951]

**Hair! . . . Hair! . . . Hair!**



Mr. Buczkowski [1964] and Mr. Goodman [1966]. See how far back we had to look?!



Mr. Poe, don't you think it's getting a little long?



Mr. Schutz, Mr. Szucs, where are those million-dollar hairstyles?!



Mr. Cordell, Mr. Hadaway, where is it?



Yes officer, that's the man!!!

**BULLETIN**

A ransom note has been discovered in the Tower. The kidnapper's demands are "1 inch box popped popcorn, 2 plate lunches with chocolate milk, a Transpo bus with driver and 40c. All this must be ready before fifth hour."

Principal W. Przybysz says that the school "will definitely pay the ransom. However, the cafeteria staff has notified me that today is not chocolate milk day. We plan to solve this by giving them [the kidnappers] a can of Nestle's Quick and two plastic spoons."

S. Shapiro, a page editor on the TOWER commented "There are probably two kidnapers. I hope they decide to keep him."

After reading a recent letter to the editor, about spirit week, I felt compelled to bring out my typewriter and issue a response. Brilliant! His' contests and style in that letter amaze I. Me only wishes that I could duplicate his' ideas. Seriously, however, I must take umbrage at his arguments, or at least a few of them. Surely no one still mistakenly believes that spirit week has anything to do with raising spirit to support a sports team? Gee-no. Any perceptive person would realize that it's (or is that its') real purpose is to give the seniors a chance to put the rest of the school in its place. "Are you sure?" "ABSOLUTELY!" Of course, there is a subtle secondary purpose-- to delay third hour. "When we're tardy, we're tardy hardy!" Promoting school spirit? How quixotic. I mean, really man, when a school's got class, who needs spirit? We've got many large, happy cliques -- and that ain't bad. I mean, like man, who cares if they despise each other-- just as long as everyone is consistent.

R. Guildenstern II

Recently JAHS has become

**Letters to the Editor**

indebted to a handful of its active students. In fact, never have so many, owed so much, to so few. I am speaking, of course, about our fire-fighting crew. Some of my fellow pupils have developed a sense by which they can spot fires and report them before the fires actually exist. I marvel at your talent and am honored by your very presence in my school. And incidentally, I also wish to thank you for the physical activity which has been provided us, in the process of our life saving.

Exercised Peer

Me, Victor Gets, of sound brain & body, has decided to give up being editor that does the work which I did when it was time to do the work. I done did enjoy that stuff but it's no more fun as I have for myself no time.

Thanks for everything, because sometimes I had fun sometimes. Thanks to all of you again for doing the things which you done. Vic

In recent months I have been shocked at the news that high schools seniors in Florida can't pass an Equivalency Test. That's

really shocking isn't it? To think that students actually can't read or write or add, I'm shocked! Also these seniors have shockingly bad vocabularies. Wow, what a shocker! But since I go to Adams I realize how privileged I am, and I'm sure no one is shocked by this remark which I just did make. Give me the test, and I'll shock everyone by doing so good!

A English Scholar

As an underclassman I feel that I speak for all my peers in wishing this year's seniors our blessings for the rest of their lives. We're going to miss you, and I'd just like to say that we all wish your class a successful existence and hope you will continue your educations in college, because you are the freshman class of 1996. Next Senior Class President

As a distinguished member of the freshmen class, I am proud to say that after 27 weeks, I have discovered the optimum use of the John Adams Tower. With all of the illegally parked cars at our school instead of Mr. Sheebish coming over the loudspeaker to demand

the moving of the vehicles, he could simply call the newspaper staff which would promptly tow these offenders away. The Tower would teach these pests a lesson and do a great favor for JAHS. Responsible Freshman

I have heard some rumors of the reinstatement of weighted grades. It is the opinion of this student that the grades are heavy enough already. It would be an unfair burden to better students as they would have to bring home a 3 or 4 pound report card, whereas other students' report cards will only be 9 or 10 ounces. Obviously no student should have to face such a miscarriage of justice. Future JAHS Counselor

My brain hurts! It's a wonderful feeling as I walk through our newly painted halls. Both colours & odor combine to affect me in this wonderful way. As if in a dream land, my head spins gracefully through this painted menagerie into a state of total nausea. Yes, this change truly exemplifies JAHS.

**DISCLAIMER TO THE....**

If anyone has been offended by the material in this paper please accept our humblest apologies, and please don't sue us - We're so broke you'd have to give us the money to pay you.

**TRACTION LINE**



These editors - they can't even take a joke!

Sirs: Just a quick little note to inform you that I feel your "newspaper" stinks. I wouldn't even let Amy use it to line the bottom of her bird's cage!! Jimmy Carter Sometime President of U.S.

Sirs: I would like to inform you that the proper spelling of my name is W-I-L-L-I-A-M (got that right) P-R-Y-Z . . . P-Y-R-Z . . . P-Z-R-Y . . . P-R-Z-Y-B-S . . . P-R-Z-Y-B-Y-Z-S . . . Oh, what the heck! William Przybysz (got it right!) Principal John Adams High School

Sirs: What the (expletive deleted) do you (expletive deleted) people think you're (exp. de.) doing? This piece of (exp. del.) is (e.d.) disgusting! Bruce

Sirs: Might I suggest that your paper could be improved 1000% if you added a centerfold. For

this purpose I would like to propose buying this publication to go with my Plains Gazette.

Larry Flint  
Sirs: Sit on it! The NEW Sweathogs

Sirs: Good luck next year. Anything would be better than this piece of trash. I sure hope, for your sake, that there's an improvement.

Sirs: How dare you steal our idea for a fake letter column. We are currently filing a plagiarism suit in Federal Court. Have fun! National Lampoon Staff

Sirs: You'll never match us, so why are you trying. Go back to writing a "real" newspaper. This April Fool's issue is a disgrace!! MAD magazine

Sirs: Considering the overwhelming success (?) of this piece of junk, I would like to offer my services

in making a truly successful April Fool's issue that people will bother to read!

Arnold VonBunk  
Sirs: Recently I read in your paper a request for a contract to be put out on one of your teachers. Might I suggest to that person that he take a very simple do-it-yourself course at my school of "self defense." Idi Amin Dada Field Marshall, Doctor, Professor, President-for-Life, anything we forgot, Liberator of Uganda.

Sirs: I would like to comment on your Jesse Whitcomb

Sirs: I believe your newspaper has obvious psychological problems stemming, naturally from some sort of sexual deficiency. Sigmund Freud (posthumorlessly)

Sirs: Could you be so kind as to

investigate for me a question which has been weighing heavily on my mind. Is the whole world crazy or is it just me?

Confused Westville  
Confused: Don't worry yourself, it's the whole world.

Sirs: What penalty might I face if I should kill a certain English teacher who gave me a C on the best paper I ever wrote? Furious  
Furious: 20 to life, but do it anyway. He deserves it. And besides, you'll be a hero.

Sirs: I am currently enrolled in Basketweaving I and have already taken Sex Life of the African Bullfrog I plus II. What can I talk next year to remain eligible for football. Concerned  
Concerned: Get 20 people to sign a petition and they'll open an Advanced Shoe Tying course for you.

Sirs: I have a definite problem and

need help! I constantly fall asleep in Math class. What can I do?!

Snoozy  
Snoozy: Hope the teacher is asleep, too!

Sirs: Could you tell me where I could buy an essay on **Romeo and Juliet**? I've checked everywhere!

Ill  
Ill (iterate): Come to our office. A printed response might fall into the wrong hands.

**Goetz discovered**  
by Betsy Brazzy

**LATE AFTERNOON TUESDAY**  
Victor Goetz has been found! Discovered in the Album office by a photographer hiding from certain Tower staff members wanting pictures, B. Panzica took this photo and left to notify the plainclothes detectives.

According to one of the detectives, Goetz was abducted from the Tower while searching for an elevator. He was left in a trash bin, the dirt crawlspace behind the library basement fire door and on the roof before being moved to the closet of the Album office. Unfortunately, the ransom has been paid with the kidnappers at large. There is speculation that these same kidnappers have been tripping the fire alarms at John Adams. The detective, who wishes to remain anonymous to protect his "cover," told this reporter that "we are investigating the Fire Alarm Phantom."

Back in the Journalism Room, things are back to normal as Editor Geotz once again assumes control of the John Adams Tower, making it possible for you to read this April Fool's Edition.

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**NOTICE**

You may have noted an increase in the number of notices directed to your notice. Some of our notices, we note, have not been noticed. This is quite noticeable. We notice that responses to notices have become noticeably un-noticed. This notice is a reminder that notices are for noticing and on future notices you will notice and initial to insure the notices are properly noted.

**-The Management**

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of  
the tower

# A Look at Baseball '78

by John Byers

Hoping to put a complete end to Joe Taylor's football predictions (Oct. Tower), this newest of Tower sports writers has been given the dubious task of predicting the outcome of the upcoming major league season. After numerous trades, negotiations, firings, free agent signings, waivers, and players to be named later, the scene is again set for another memorable season. Well, I'll give it my best shot, and let you be the judge next autumn.

## N.L. EAST

The Philadelphia Phillies with the help of my rooting, will again be the ones to beat in the N.L. EAST. The same cast (Luzinski, Schmidt, Carlton, Bowa, etc. etc.) that won 101 games last year returns for another season. I won't as yet dwell upon their playoff luck. The Pittsburgh "Lumber and Lightning" Pirates led by the hits of Rennie Stennett, the stolen bases of Frand Taveras, and the all-around greatness of Dave Parker will again terrorize every southpaw and reliever imaginable, but Kent Tekulve will have to carry a bullpen that lost Rick Gossage and Terry Forster to the free agent draft.

The highly inspired Cardinals, led by dictator Vern Rapp and his "no facial hair policy," may be a surprise early in the season, but like a spring flower, or their pro football counterparts they will soon wither and die. The fans from Montreal are finally able to pronounce the names of their Expos, and can take pride in a youthful club that can only get better. Led by the best young outfield in baseball (Cromartie, Dawson, and Valentine), a blossoming catcher in the form of Gary Carter, and proven veterans Tony Perez and Dave Cash, the Expos find themselves the dark horses in this division. The Cubs managed to bring Dave King-

man's all-or-nothing bat into the cozy confines of Wrigley Field, but in the same wink of an eye they also shipped off slumping Jose Cardenal and productive Jerry Morales. Sorry J.J., but the northsiders will again have to settle for a late August nose dive toward the depths of the N.L. East cellar. Unless the Mets can have a summer like the one in '69, the fans from Flushing are in for another long season.

## N.L. WEST

I, the world's greatest Reds hater, am picking Cincinnati to become the kingpin of the N.L. WEST, not because of a full season of Tom Seaver, not because of a golden glove infield - I don't even take Chemistry - the simple fact is that you don't argue with an angry Big Red Machine while the Reds don't have a 20 game winner other than Seaver, the 75-76 Reds proved a pennant can be won just as easily with a lot of ten game winners. Los Angeles certainly isn't going to make life easy for the Reds, but the Dodgers of the 60's and 70's always seem to find a way to win everything in sight one year, then look like Tulsa of TRIPLE-A the next. It will be a major miracle if the Dodgers can get off to the kind of start that carried them through the season last year. I don't even think that cheerleader-manager Tom Lasorda, the "Great Dodger in the sky," or all the blue blood in the world can pull it out for them this time around. If it was possible to place the other four teams from this division in the cellar, I would be the first to do it, but since this isn't allowed I will just have to consult my Ouija board.

Houston fans are very familiar with the gigantic scoreboard in the Astrodome which blinks, beeps, gags, and does about everything else when an Astro hero smacks one out of the park, but unfortunately, if everything

goes according to schedule they will have to wait until sometimes near the ALL-STAR break to see it all happen. The San Diego Padres don't have a scoreboard like the one in Houston. In fact it's safe to say that they don't have much of anything, except maybe Randy Jones, Dave Winfield, and newly signed Oscar Gamble. The only thing keeping the Giants alive in the Bay area is a halfway decent pitching rotation and Joe Taylor's donations. The Atlanta Braves have a very nice stadium.

## A.L. EAST

Although I realize the Tower will suffer many cancellations of subscriptions when Yankee fans find that their beloved high priced "babies" aren't on top, I will still hold my ground and proudly declare that if all goes well the "Boys from Beantown" will take the A.L. EAST crown this year. By this time you may be wondering how the Tower can hire such incompetent sports writers, but the Boston Red Sox have to be considered a serious threat to the multi-digit contracts of the New York players.

The Red Sox have in themselves a team that last year became only the fifth team in major league history to hit over 210 homeruns in a single season. Granted, most of these were hit in cozy Fenway Park, but how many Cub teams can you name that have hit more in even cozier Wrigley Field? Look for 1975 A.L. MVP Fred Lynn to have an exceptional year, after playing all of 1977 on an injured foot.

Position by position, the BoSox can compete with anybody on a baseball diamond, and this year they will set out to prove it. The Yankees last year had to scratch and claw in the late months to win by 2 1/2 games over Boston and Baltimore, and with the vast improvement that each team has shown in this division, the road will only get that much rougher for the Yanks. In all the hoopla over last year's World Series it

was sad to see no recognition go to the players who got the Yankees into the Series in the first place. Doesn't anyone out there remember the short lived heroics of Cliff Johnson, Paul Blair, Dave Kingman, Ron Guidry, and Mike Torrez. Reggie Jackson may have gotten a candy bar named after him for his three homeruns in the final game, but all that the real heroes got was a pat on the back and a ticket home. I'm gambling with the possibility that the Yanks won't have such timely heroics this season. In rambling on about the controversial Yankees I have not forgotten the Oriole and Tiger fans. Baltimore wasn't given much of a chance last year by the media, but they quickly quieted their skeptics. The Orioles mostly a team made up of excellent youth (Eddie Murray and Andres Mora) and experienced veterans (Ken Singleton and Jim Palmer) will not find themselves too many steps out of first, and may even surprise us by winning it all. Detroit likewise is a team built around its farm system, and with young Dave Rozema, promising Steve Kemp, relief ace John Hiller, and the return of Mark "The Bird" Fidrich they will most definitely be a factor in this year's pennant race. The Milwaukee Brewers have spent loads of money on hitting (Sal Bando, Don Money, and newly signed Larry Hise), but not quite enough on their pitching. Everything the city of Cleveland attempts is a lost cause and the Indians are no exception. The Toronto Blue Jays will add another chapter to the never ending drama "Bad Teams Finish Last!"

## A.L. WEST

After two years of dominance in the A.L. WEST Kansas City will again be supreme. In having the most fundamentally sound and balanced team in the American League, the Royals

showed no signs of weakening their chances by bringing up minor league sensation Clint Hurdle and obtaining Al Hrabosky via the trade route. The Royals show absolutely no weakness at any position and will win without a doubt. The folks from Texas think they have a hot team in the Rangers due to the off season signings of free agent sluggers Al Oliver and Richie Zisk, but I would like to point out that every modern pennant winner has won on the basis of at least a respectable bullpen and a good bench. Now I am asking all you Ranger fans to name a Texas relief pitcher who could hold a job with the '62 Mets, or else a Texas utility infielder who can hit his hat size? I rest my case. The Chicago White Sox didn't let their bucks gather dust during the off season, as they signed exciting Bobby Bonds, injury prone Ron Blomberg, and a whole corps of young free agents with last names from Ad Anderson to Zutter. Harry Carey should have more "Holy Cows" than ever before when commenting from Comiskey Park this season. The California Angels will again be predicted to hit like Babe Ruths, and field like Phil Rizzutos, but will again have to settle for hitting like Chuck Schrivners, and fielding like Wayne Terwilligers. Rod Carew's hitting will be the only thing hot in Minnesota, as the Twins will be lacking the heavy bats of Lyman Bostock and Larry Hise this season. The Seattle Mariners will have the expansion team blues to cope with for a few years. The only thing one can predict about the Oakland A's is that owner Charlie Finley will attempt to seal his grandmother for a cool million, until commissioner Bowie Kuhn rejects the deal "In the best interests of baseball."

## Mr. Bucz — The Force Behind Adams Baseball

by George Patton

In the recent years at Adams the baseball program has consistently been one of the best in the school. In fact in the last 11 years the baseball team has only finished lower than 3rd in the N.I.C. (Northern Indiana Conference) 3 times. During that time the team had 187 victories while losing 113 times. That figures to be around a 65% winning average which is outstanding for high school baseball. There is only one person responsible for bringing this quality of baseball to Adams and that is the baseball coach, Mr. Buczkowski.

Now, Mr. Buczkowski may try to give away the credit to his highly talented players, for Adams has been blessed with a number of good players over the years, but good players alone do not bring back the results that Adams has been getting recently. Every team needs a coach to give the team structure and organization by

putting the players together in the right mixture, especially in baseball. All sports have some thinking involved but in baseball these decisions have to be quick and right or else the game is lost. Most of these decisions are made by the coach and they are often the difference between being winning and losing. To have a thinking coach on your side is as big an advantage as any and that is one reason Mr. Buczkowski's teams win.

Experience has helped Mr. Buczkowski each year. He had spent one year at each Perley and Harrison before coming to Adams. He was an assistant to the track team for a couple of years and he had a brief time with the football which he will pick up again next year. Then 2 years after coming to Adams he became an assistant to the baseball team before coming on as head coach the following year. Over his past 11 years as head coach Mr. Buczkowski has built a plan on coaching with the main

emphasis on the growth and development of the individual. This plan seems to be working for the Eagles are the reigning N.I.C. champs.

Mr. Buczkowski has won the N.I.C. title 3 times and he has a good shot at the title this year. Clay, Washington, Elkhart Central, and Penn are also among the top clubs that will be trying to dethrone the champs. Fundamentals are the key to the kind of baseball that Buczkowski's team play. The pitching staff at Adams have been improving with each year of experience under the coach's belt so many more winning seasons are ahead.

Mr. Buczkowski is a coach that uses his players for the scheme of the whole team, Mr. Buczkowski is a coach who plays by the "book", and Mr. Buczkowski is a coach that wins. There is no better way of describing a great coach than to say he is a winner, and a winner who knows winning is not everything.

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## A TRIBUTE TO SCOTT BENKIE

by Doug Crawford

In many instances we recognize only the athletes who stand out as "stars." However, just as there is more to a game than winning, there are more than five players on a basketball team. I would like to share a few thoughts about a friend of mine who is not a "star."

Having collected my share of splinters, I know that a person who sits out entire games and seasons on the bench goes through as much hard work and efforts as do the starters, who in most cases receive all the glory and publicity. A reserve player wakes up early and practices late from November until March sometimes with little thanks and recognition. He is forced to wait in anticipation of an opportunity to play. Indeed, it is hard to keep the sharp competitive edge when your situation seems

impossible and in all likelihood the chance to prove yourself will never come.

One person in this school has been in this category throughout his four years at John Adams. He has played basketball because of his love for and desire to excel in the game. Never once has he quit even though his potential may have been underestimated or overlooked. I have competed with him on and off the court and have the greatest respect for the way he conducts himself. He and I have had our differences and those differences have enabled me to realize what a truly admirable person he is. Even after all his hard work and dreams had failed to give him the break he deserves, he retains no bitterness about his experiences. In this brief writing I can only give this individual a fraction of the credit he deserves.



Defensemen Chris Collier prepares to pass off to Brett Coppins as he is pursued by a opponent.



Lisa Freiden practices her routine on the beam.

## Scarborough Leads Gymnasts

by Joe Taylor

The Adams Girls' Gymnastics team put on an awesome display of gymnastic prowess in the sectionals on March 18. The girls came away with a first place finish in both beginning and intermediate levels, and second in optionals.

At the beginning level, Lisa Harper took the all-around title. Lisa bagged a first on the uneven bars and a third for her floor routine en route to the title. Christy Silvius was third all-around. Christy took a second on the vault. Also at the beginning level, Barb Farmer placed first on the vault, and Julie McGaige took first on the

floor and second on the uneven bars. Roxanne Scarborough cleaned up in the intermediates. Roxanne was #1 all-around, and placed high in three events: first on the uneven bars, first on the vault, and second on the balance team. Gail Borden was third all-around, swiping first on the floor and second on the vault.

Optional level winners were Lisa Swartz (third place on the vault) and Sherri Bolden (third on the floor routine).

All eight of these gymnasts advance to the regionals.

Other gymnasts in the meet were - Tricia Mengel, Linda Vaerwyck, Lori Ross, and Lisa Frieden.

## Winter Wrap-up

by Joe Taylor

The Winter of '78 will be remembered for quite a while, but not only by that little bit of snow or the unscheduled vacation of late January-early February. A few reflections on the Adams Winter Sports Programs:

**Gymnastics** - The boys' team, the only one in South Bend, suffered the inexperience blues and an 0-6 season. The girls' team performed admirably the entire season and in the sectionals, in which both the intermediate and beginning levels took firsts and the optional squad took second.

**Swimming** - The Seagles, led by human fish Ron Zhiss, splashed through a powerhouse schedule and 3rd place finish in the state meet. Zhiss was state champ in the 100 breaststroke. Zhiss, Tony Ellett, Tom Manley, and Gary Severyn combined to

become the state medley relay champs. Another fine season for the Seagles, whose talent is surpassed only by their pride.

**Wrestling** - Mr. Aronson went out a winner in his final season. Aronson's disciplined wrestlers went through another excellent season, and Heavyweight Ron Mitchem roared through an undefeated season and brought home a state crown. Adams and South Bend will lose one of the best and most successful coaches in NIC wrestling history in Mr. Aronson.

**Hockey** - Once again, the Adams sports tradition was held up. The Iciers finished first in the city and sixth in the state. Led by leading scorer George Scheel, talented goalies Dave Green and Jay Brasel, sparkplug Tom Chomyn, flashy forwards Mark Wolgamott and Dave Dziubinski . . . the Eagles toyed with most of their opponents.

defeating Clay for the city championship.

**Basketball** - It's difficult to put into words. It was labeled "el foldo" around the city. But these words were always from people with 20-20 hindsight. Nobody expected it. Adams traumatic loss to Clay shocked everyone had everyone talking.

The Adams basketball season has nothing to be ashamed of and nobody to apologize to. They were #1 in the state during some of the season, losing only to Gary Roosevelt, and gave Adams High School a season to remember. Who can forget Skip Jones's jumper us. Plymouth, Mark Herron wiping out Riley in the Holiday finals, Lynn Mitchem's thunder bomb slam against Elkhart in the NIC clincher.

It was great while it lasted . . .

## Curlers Again Strong

by J.B. Byers

The John Adams curling team are again the favorites in this year's championships to be held at Notre Dame lake on June 17. If the lake is not frozen over at this time, the championships may have to be moved up to July 10. The "C" gles have already compiled a perfect 13-0 record this season (13 of these wins were by forfeit), and were recently picked to win it all by a recent Curling Illustrated poll. The team's attack, spearheaded by Kevin "Splinters" Lennon and Doug "Bunny" Crawford has been awesome, but has suffered from the early academic ineligibilities of Co-captains Victor Goetz (F in journalism) and Stuart Shapiro (general stupidity). I recently asked coach Joe Taylor if these losses would hurt the team, and he responded, "I really can't say since I hated both of them anyway." Well, back to you in the booth, Howard.



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## The Leader of the Club

#4 in a Series of Features

by Victor Goetz

How could anyone with a name like Przybysz help but be interesting? But... (I'll be darned if I can figure out what to say about him).

It is, of course, the editor's prerogative to assign stories to various writers, but somehow that backfired this time. By an action just smacking of mutiny I somehow got stuck writing this story. Not that I didn't want to, you see, I just thought someone else might be able to write a better story. (Just trying to win back some brownie points there) "You know him better than any of us," was the totally illogical reasoning.

Is it possible that a principal really raises fear in the hearts of men? Only when one wrong word could mean parting with a world I kind of got to liking. Remember, I'm dealing with the head honcho here, not just your average teacher who could only flunk you (only?). Now what should I say about him? Ah, yes! The flashy red pants...no that's not it. The nose...don't you dare. The name...what more could you possibly say about it? Well, there has to be something, doesn't there?

O.K. Let's start the easy way, a famous quote...hmm, let's see... "May I have your attention please, the announcements for today are as follows..."(?)

Now wait a minute this is getting out of hand here. Let's get serious, now. (Me get serious? Just ask around a bit.)

But hang on! This is supposed to be about our beloved (???) principal, not about me! (I have to fill up the space somehow, leaving it empty might be appropriate, but it gets quite expensive).

Seriously, though, William M. Przybysz has been principal of John Adams High School for 6 years.

In his years as principal Przybysz has brought about many changes and is constantly trying to make school life easier and more enjoyable for each individual student.

Rumor has it that in his former times as assistant principal he would send home anyone who had hair any longer than one inch (I couldn't say if the rumor is true, I'm not that old!). But he has mellowed a bit in his ways and now even wears his hair long - a measured 3 1/2 inches.

In truth, as principals go, Przybysz would have to be considered rather liberal. It was he who moved to bring some life into the school with brightly colored lockers and fresh new colors in the classrooms.

He keeps himself open to suggestion and criticism. The students word does not go right past him, but instead he encourages students to speak to

him and offer their points of view. He truly

does keep an open door policy (although he has been known to use it as a weapon against newspaper editors - the door that is). If you have something to say, Przybysz is willing to listen.

Przybysz believes in solving any problems that may come up quickly and quietly, no need to get the whole world involved. He has had his share of crises and has come out relatively unscathed.

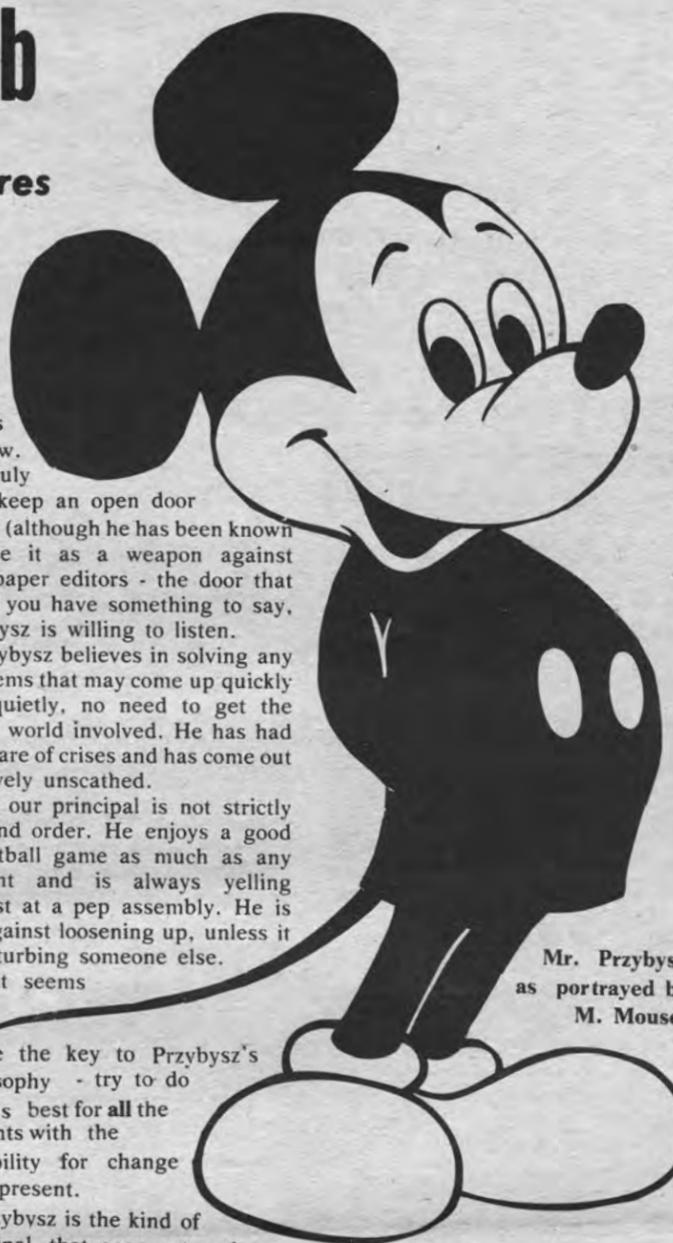
But our principal is not strictly law and order. He enjoys a good basketball game as much as any student and is always yelling loudest at a pep assembly. He is not against loosening up, unless it is disturbing someone else.

That seems

to be the key to Przybysz's philosophy - try to do what's best for all the students with the possibility for change ever present.

Przybysz is the kind of principal that goes out and shows that he cares about his student body, not just says it.

Although they may not know how



Mr. Przybysz as portrayed by M. Mouse.

to spell it, every Adams student knows their principal's name and where he can be found.

## Talk to Your Counselor Now!

Again this year, summer school will be held at LaSalle High School. The summer term begins June 12.

Students, who are interested in enrolling, should consult their counselors, preferably by 3:00, today, March 31. The schedule of class offerings must be made up now. To allow for this, students should express an interest in the courses they plan to take.

Students are allowed to enroll until June 8. Fees for the summer session are to be paid at LaSalle on June 12. One credit course cost \$6.00 and two credit courses cost \$12.00.

Students should look ahead at their future high school years, and see if they should take advantage of this program. Also, students who have failed a course during the year should attempt to make it up during the summer semester. So, go to the Adams counseling office and register.

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## DECA Wins Awards

by Betsy Brazy

Distributive Education is a program "for students interested in learning or gaining work experience in the field of marketing."

According to Mr. Blauvelt, DECA sponsor, "DE students go to school in the morning and work a half day in local businesses." Their job might be working as a cashier, a sales clerk, or a stock clerk.

But earning money and getting school credit at the same time isn't the only side to DE. Through DECA, students raise money to go to conferences in different cities. They might attend an Employer-Employee Breakfast, a field trip to the Chicago Tribune, or the upcoming Employer-Employee Banquet on April 26. The emphasis

is on getting "as much knowledge of the business world as we can," says Blauvelt.

In fact, Adams' DECA club has shown its knowledge by winning awards at the local and state contests recently held. From a club of 20 people, seven members earned awards during the District II contest at the Scottsdale Mall. The mall merchants allowed DECA to run the "contests right in the stores." Laurie Kochanowski received a third place award in Job Interview, enabling her to compete in the state contest for a State Finalist awarding the same category.

In the series competition, Patty Hamner and Dennis Gilman placed in General Merchandising category. Kim Shaw and Judy Jenkins were Finalists in the Apparel &

Accessories Merchandising Contest, a category in which Kevin Heick won first place. Scott Glase finished as a Finalist in the Food Marketing.

The contestants attended the state conference in an Indiana town having an luxurious hotel. They heard Senator Richard Lugar speak and attended leadership developing workshops.

All in all, DECA is an excellent program for students interested in business. DECA is now recruiting new members for next year. The DE program has such respect in the community that Mr. Blauvelt reports that "local businesses call me in the spring and are interested in hiring Adams students in DECA programs." If you are interested in being a part of DECA, contact Mr. Blauvelt in room 205 (Pencil Shop).

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