

# Jenny receives Indiana Academy of Science grant for biology project

The Indiana Academy of Science has awarded Jenny Lackman a grant for the research biology project she will be conducting throughout this year.

Such IAS grants are normally limited to college level research work, according to Jenny's sponsor, Mr. Longnecker. But on the basis of her outstanding work last year the Academy decided to award her the grant.

Jenny's project last year received national recognition. The American Medical Association requested a copy of her report on the project, judged to be one of the top 16 in the country by Navy medical specialists.

Her project this year is entitled

"The Effects of Hypothyroidism and Diabetes Mellitus on Etiological Factors Associated with Atherosclerosis."

Jenny explains, "I'm giving the mice thyroid blocks and then giving them tests on fat retention and cholesterol. Since hypothyroidism is also related to diabetes, one of the mice will be given insulin so it will not become diabetic. It's kind of a three way problem."

Jenny said she was "surprised and relieved" to get the grant, pointing out that the notification date was supposed to be September 15. But according to Mr. Longnecker, Jenny would have done the work whether she got the grant or not. As a matter of fact,

she began her work as soon as school started.

Jenny became interested in the research program as soon as she heard about it in her freshman year. "I just assumed I'd get into the class," she said.

She is also currently taking third year chemistry. Jenny will complete the equivalent of eight years of high school science by the time she graduates next June.

All that science is sure to come in handy, for Jenny plans to go into the pre-med program at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Jenny's grant is just another great achievement in the growing list of successes of Adams High

School's unique research biology program, under the direction of Mr. Longnecker.

The five year old program was started so that students could learn more about biology by doing actual research work in their particular area of interest.

Jenny is the third student in the program to receive a grant from a professional group for her work. Mike Forrest (two years ago) and Dave Oren (last year) received grants from Indiana Scholarships Inc. and the American Heart Association, respectively.

Three other research students have also applied for various grants this year: Phil Randazzo from the

Heart Association, Robert Ross from the American Lung Association, and Jeff Sanders from the Westinghouse Foundation.

They will not be informed until November.

Like Jenny, each of these students is in his second year in the research program. According to Longnecker, projects awarded grants almost have to be second year work. "This is both unfortunate and understandable," he continued, "Unfortunate in the fact that seniors just entering the program are not eligible, and understandable in that the organizations need some indication of ability."

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## Japanese visitors find John Adams impressive

This month's visit in South Bend by a team of Japanese educators on a worldwide tour studying foreign educational systems brought one question into the minds of many: Why South Bend?

Of all the cities in the United States, how is it that South Bend's schools were chosen as a typical example?

"Because the city is very earnest and enthused about good education," answered Yukihiko Hishimura, director of the Upper Secondary Education division of the Ministry of Education of Japan and leader of the study group that visited Adams.

The selection was made by the Ministry of Education in Japan and the Japanese Embassy in Washington, with the cooperation of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The trip is designed "to enable

all the high school teachers in Japan to know about what goes on in higher education in foreign countries," explained Hishimura with the help of interpreter John Mochizuki.

Fourteen teams left Japan last month for a 30 day trip. Each visited several countries, the team visiting South Bend previously having been in Hungary and Greece.

At each stop, the team sought first a general overview of the school and then visited classes and asked questions to get an idea of specifics concerning curriculum, instruction, and guidance to students, Hishimura explained.

A letter from Moriuko Kato, director of the Local Affairs Division of the Japanese Ministry of Education to Timothy King, chief of the International Visitors Section of HEW outlined the

purpose of the trip in more detail. "Our main objects are to study the following points:

1. School administration and management
2. Contents of teaching
3. Teaching method and techniques
4. Life guidance
5. Salaries and working conditions
6. Educational facilities and equipment
7. Teacher's union"

Upon completion of their trip each team will compile their findings. Then, all 14 teams will meet to discuss all their impressions and ideas and to prepare a comprehensive report of the study to be distributed to all regional education boards throughout Japan. According to Hishimura the report could be over 100 or 150 pages long.

After their visit at Adams the team concluded that the two

nation's school systems were basically similar. "There are similarities. We haven't seen anything that is totally new," explained Hishimura. "As a matter of fact," he continued, "if you went over to Japan today, assuming you would know the language, you could function right from the start. You could take the same classes and learn the same things. You would find so much similarity."

The observers were, however, highly impressed with the wide range of electives and activities available to students. After a demonstration in Mr. Longnecker's unique research biology class, they commented that it was impressive to get such opportunities available to high school students.

Another point that impressed the Japanese educators was the quality and funding of our facilities. They

found it interesting that a general high school is so well funded. In Japan, they say, it is the technical schools with high specializations that are well financed.

Each individual member of the team, principals, teachers, and administrators, also looked into areas of their own particular interest. Kamenosuke Okawa, principal of a high school designated to concentrate on physical education, for example, said that he was "envious of the athletic facilities you have and would like to see his school endeavor to have better facilities."

At the conclusion of their visit the Japanese educators thanked school officials for their thoroughness and preparedness in the program, which, they said, "We feel has also strengthened the friendship between the United States and Japan."

## Seniors capture Powder Bowl II / "They've been there before"

The senior girls powderpuff squad with a powerful rushing attack defeated a surprisingly good Freshman team. The Seniors also showed a strong team defense.

The Seniors opened the scoring when Lisa Swartz scored a touchdown on a 7 yard run. Desi Smith ran for the extra point and the score was 7-0. The Seniors had obtained the ball when Donna Wright made an interception of a Freshman pass in the first series of downs.

The Freshman girls came right back when quarterback Kathy Connolly ran 45 yards for a touchdown on a gadget play. The Freshman girls could not put the conversion over and the score was 7-6. The Freshman coaches predicted victory but the gadgets plays they were always trying could not break the Seniors strong defense.

The Class of '79 came right back driving on the Freshmen with a number of sweeps. The score came when Lisa Swartz ran the final ten yards in a sweep and the Seniors

converted for the extra point, making the score 14-6.

The Seniors then scored again with two seconds left until halftime. Desi Smith made the scoring run as she dashed 22 yards for the TD. Lisa Swartz added the extra point to make the score 21-6 at halftime.

The coaches of the Senior girls had the intention of running up the score in the second half as they added two more touchdowns to make the final score 35-6. One of the second half touchdowns was on a reverse by Nancy Lair who made a nice run for the score and the second TD was scored by Gigi Fonacier just prior to the reverse.

The Juniors and their ball control offense managed to push through a fired up Sophomores defense for thirteen points while their own defense squelched any excuse for a Sophomore offense in a 13-0 shutout.

The first possessions by each team were both unsuccessful. The Juniors mounted somewhat of a drive, on the strength of the

running of Denise Golba and Jean Ferry, and the fabulous passing combination of QB Sonya Herrington and Tight End Julie Cowen. But the drive stalled in Soph territory. A particularly excellent defensive play was turned in by Defensive End Eleanor Pollak, when she came from nowhere to stop a second down sweep.

But the same could not be said for the Soph offense, which for the second year in a row failed to score a touchdown. The Sophs turned the ball right over when Sue Henry picked off a pass.

A short drive, mostly on a Herrington-to-Cowen pass ended in a short run by Ferry. Herrington hit Cowen on the conversion and it was 7-0.

The Juniors scored soon after on an 18 yard pass - you guessed it - from Herrington to Cowen. The conversion run was stopped and it was now 13-0.

In the second half, the Sophs continued to be frustrated on offense and the Junior defense, led by Kelly Geyer's inspired play,

pounded away. Dawn Weaver recovered two fumbles, killing any hope for a Sophomore victory. The Juniors moved on to Powder Bowl II.

"We didn't turn two turnovers into scores. But we did control the ball the entire third quarter," said Kevin Lennon, one of the junior coaches. The thirteen points wasn't quite the 35 he had predicted, but it was a win.

### SENIORS 13, JUNIORS 6

You can laugh it off as much as you want, but the championship game was played seriously; actually, it was played blood and guts. The game ended with a lot of accusations, some of which were obviously justified, of dirty play, cheap hits, and late tackles. But Oakland Raider football can be and will be played when the zebras don't see you.

Regardless, the game was very even until the second half. After a Henry fumble recovery, the Juniors took a 6-0 lead on a pass play from Herrington to Peggy Dennin.

But the defending champs came

back ("They've been there before" said Coach Chris Collier of his team) and with only 5 seconds left in the half tied it on a Desi Smith touchdown run. The Conversion attempt was apparently stopped but a Junior penalty gave the Seniors a second chance. They took advantage and took a 7-6 lead.

The Senior defense came out roaring in the second half and gave their offense possession when the Juniors lost it on downs. They mounted a drive that culminated in a two yard run by Lisa Swartz and a 13-7 lead.

The Senior Defense would not be outdone and Debbie Hull came up with an interception that apparently iced the game. But Kathy Talbot snatched a Senior handoff and the Juniors were back in business. But not much business - they were 64 yards away with less than 2 minutes to play.

Another Hull interception left no doubt as to who was in charge, and the Class of '79 was back in the saddle with a victory in Powder Bowl II.

## Fall production promises to be another winner

by Dan Jacoby

The John Adams Drama Club is opening its '78-'79 season with "The Diary of Anne Frank," by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. The drama is based on the poignant classic "Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl." It revolves around eight people who hid from the Nazis in an attic in Amsterdam during World War II, and two others who risked their lives to help the refugees.

The title role is being portrayed by Lisa Was, best remembered for her "Liesl" in last year's "The Sound of Music." Co-starring as Mr. Frank is Jeffri Sanders, who is making his stage debut in this show. Katie Koenig as Mrs. Frank and Kirsten Wahburn as Margot, Anne's older sister make up the rest of the Frank family. In supporting roles are Bob Demaree and Emily Johnstone as Mr. and Mrs. Van Daan and Victor Goetz as their son, Peter. Hiding with the

Franks is Dan Jacoby as Mr. Dussel. Rounding out the cast are Greg Casimir and Judy Spigle as Mr. Kraler and Miep. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Marilyn Goerner.

Mrs. Goerner and the cast are not the only busy ones in this show. The set crew, headed by Phil Bender, is bringing a new twist to the complex set needed for the show. Kenny Kuespert and Ken Traub are handling the lighting and sound. Judy Spigle and Lisa Was

are in charge of costumes and makeup, respectively, with Dan Jacoby running publicity. Greg Casimir and Tamar Datan are in charge of props and Debbie Burke is the student director. Bringing it all together is our stage manager, Mary Ann O'Malley.

Mrs. Goerner has previously directed two shows at Adams, Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," and the melodrama "Pure as the Driven Snow." The Drama Club

has also produced "The Good Doctor" under Ms. Rhoda Bradshaw, and such musicals as "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," and last year's huge success, "The Sound of Music," all under Mr. William Brady.

Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 2, 3 and 4. Tickets are \$1.00 in advance and \$1.50 at the door. They can be bought from the cast and Drama Club members.

## School board debates student representation

by Kelly Kerrihard

What would it be like if students had some say as to what decisions were to effect them? Sounds unbelievable, doesn't it?

Well, the idea is not unbelievable. In fact, according to the Student Press Service News Report from Washington D.C., this very thing is happening right now in Massachusetts.

One Massachusetts Board of Education asks for advice on student matters to a student advisory board called the Youth Advisory Council. They also have a seat open for a student on the Board of Education. This person has full voting rights and the power to make decisions and give opinions about matters dealing with students.

Think of the reactions to a similar system here in South Bend. Jim Gooley, senior and president of Student Government, says that the system would be great. He feels that this would allow students to have some say in matters that involve them.

Gigi Fonacier, a senior, also feels that the system would be beneficial. For an example she recalled the decision on weighted grades. "The seniors really were upset at that decision," she said.

She feels that the advisory board would benefit both the students and the school board. Gigi added that if students could express their opinions, then the school board might have some insight into the problem.

Greg Casimer, a junior, also agreed the system would work. He commented, "I'd like to see the administration come to the students and see the students go to the administration."

An advisory board might, however, create some problems. Jim feels that it might be difficult to pick the students, especially if it were to be a single person representing many schools. "You can't expect one student to voice a majority decision," is his feelings.

Gigi also feels it would be difficult. She says the school would have to select versatile people for the advisory board. As for the single student representative she says, "You would need one who is open-minded and interested in all of the schools."

The advisory board is possible according to Donald Duke, Superintendent of South Bend Community Schools. He feels that if somebody approached the school board about it, the school board would give it some serious thought. He also pointed out the possibility

of one or two students to sit in on a board meeting.

Dr. Robert Sweeny, a member of the school board, said that the concept is "not a bad idea." He feels it would be useful for the school board members to know students opinions. "Peer impressions would be good for both the board and the students." He, himself, has sought out student advice in matters before. He feels that students know themselves better than anybody else, and that they are open and honest about their feelings.

As far as having a member of the school board be a student, both Mr. Duke and Dr. Sweeny feel the biggest problem there would be the time factor. Meetings are frequent, and are usually three to four hours in the afternoon. It is conceivable that if it were to come about, the principals of the schools could make recommendations, then some student could be picked by the mayor, as are all of the school board members.

The Advisory Council and the student school board member are possibilities. But is their enough interest? Jim Gooley feels that if the system could work, if the students would take it seriously and start showing some interest in their school now.

## Letter to the editor . . .

Sirs:

In the September 22 issue of your most excellent publication, we were delighted to read the following comment to Mr. Taylor's evaluation of the NFL lineup: "The 49ers have.....A secondary that..... hits like the Chess Club." We were surprised to see that our justified reputation for skill and power was so widespread. However, we tend to question Joseph's evaluative

proress. Although we are sure that the 49ers, and especially the aforementioned secondary, will dearly cherish this lavish praise, we do not feel that this team has earned such a high commendation. We suggest that in the future the editor more carefully scrutinize submitted work for analytical and conceptual incompetence.

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## Consumer news

# Raising money is fun

by Kathy Grubb

Fund raising? If you are involved in one of the many clubs or organizations at school you are very familiar with this word. It is required to keep the club alive.

Enthusiasm and dedication are essential but even more important are finances. If a club or organization wants to be a success it must have money. And plenty of clubs have it, too.

Where does the money come from? Careful planning, hard work and usually a lot of fun make it possible. Everyone is doing it. Regardless of interest, size or surroundings, club members are involved in the ever popular, almost faddish act of fund raising. Here are some ways it's done.

Over the years dances have been a fund raising source. While some have been cancelled, quite a few have succeeded in not only bringing in money but in providing the student body with an exciting evening of dancing to the constant pulsations of some of the cities most popular bands.

Nearly every club at Adams has sponsored a dance recently. Last year the Monogram club had a Halloween Dance. A Back to School Dance was planned by the Instrumentalists. Student Government sponsored a Valentines Day Sock Hop.

This year the Black Awareness Club has planned a dance for October 6th. Saturday, November 18th is the date for the Publications (Tower/Album staff) Disco Dance.

What else do club members do? They sell things, that's what. They sell everything from fish fry tickets to lightbulbs and flower seeds.

The past few years on Valentines Day, Student Government has sold flowers, singing Valentines and even boxes of candy for your favorite sweetheart.

For several years the Booster Club has provided the student body with shining red and blue eagle covered buttons, stickers, hats and programs in an effort to raise school spirit as well as funds.

While displaying their fine talent, members of the Drama Club

and the Magic Society stage performances for the students and their families. Last year Adams enjoyed "An Evening of Magic" sponsored by the Magic Society and several plays as well as the Drama Clubs musical "The Sound of Music." On Nov. 2, 3, and 4th, the "Diary of Anne Frank" will be presented at Adams.

Last year Student Government created a first. Students of amateur and professional talents performed at the First Annual Gong Show.

And that's only the beginning. So far this year the junior class has raised \$1,500 by selling candy. A car wash also added to the funds. Seniors are raising their financial status by selling subscriptions to magazines.

Want to make money? Just follow suit with a sure fire fund raising plan, plenty of hard working club members, a little organization, free time and a pair of shades to hide the dollar signs in your eyes. Then say so long to "Broke" and "Hi" to a large bank account.

# Aerosmith rocks ACC

by Joe Taylor

Despite mike trouble, a lousy warm-up band, too loud of a sound system, and the absence of two of their best songs, last month's Aerosmith concert was, for the heavy metal fan, a good, if not great, concert.

Aerosmith did not play either "Dream On" or "Walk This Way," to the surprise of most present. But the songs they did play, especially "Sight For Sore

Eyes," "Same Old Song and Dance," and "Train Kept A Rollin'", were pure Aerosmith.

It was definitely not, as one "writer" put it, "unprofessional." It seems this writer was interested only in making a big splash, and couldn't have been actually listening to the music.

While lead singer Steven Tyler gave a better-than-average performance, the stage was taken away by lead guitarist Joe Perry and bass player Tom Hamilton.

While he is no Ted Nugent, Perry was ripping away on just about every song. Hamilton, blonde hair blowing around, made his presence felt on "Same Old Song and Dance" and "Back in the Saddle."

Although the tour is labeled the "Draw the Line" tour, Aerosmith played only three songs from the album. The tour is mainly to promote their new live album, "Double Live Bootsy," which may come out later this month.

The Northern Indiana Multiple Sclerosis Chapter and radio station WRBR opened "Ghost Manor" on Thursday, October 12th. Ghost Manor is a haunted house project consisting of a 20-minute tour through many rooms designed to frighten and terrify you. Proceeds will benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Ghost Manor has been constructed entirely through the efforts of South Bend area youth and young adult volunteers. Businesses throughout the area, including WRBR, the Stereo Scene,

Lucky Steer, American National Bank and Chariot Productions, have generously contributed time and materials to make Ghost Manor a reality. Ghost Manor has truly become a community project.

Ghost Manor is located in Union Station at the corner of Lafayette and South Streets in South Bend and will be open 6:30-10:30 Sunday-Saturday. Admission to Ghost Manor is \$1.75 at the door with discount coupons available at The Stereo Scene, Lucky Steer Restaurants, American National Bank, and Chariot Productions.

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Educators sample the school's lunch delicacies.

Japanese educators visit a biology class.

"Try this one on for size."

photos by Barb Farmer and Victor Goetz

## Escorts express views about Japanese educators

A couple weeks ago 10 Adams students took a break from the classroom to further their education in another way.

The ten -- Kevin Bradford, Martha Dunbar, Barb and Sue Farmer, Gigi Fonacier, Jim Gooley, Doug Hadaway, Lisa Harper, Desi Smith, and Chris Whitlock -- served as escorts for the Japanese educators visiting Adams during their study of foreign educational systems.

Each of the students were assigned one of the educators to assist during their visit. But, as they all described it, it was much more than just showing someone the school and taking him where he wanted to go.

"It was probably one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had," Barb said.

The experience was that of seeing another culture, learning about another people and another land, and of making a lifelong friend. "It was really neat to see two different cultures working

together," said Gigi.

"Even though I only knew him for two or three days he gave me his address as if he wanted to know me for the rest of my life. It was not like they just touched our lives. In that short time they wanted to touch us as deeply as they could," Barb said.

The students described the Japanese as extremely polite, intelligent, and very interesting. "They were almost unbelievably polite," said Jim. But most of all the students remarked that they were very easygoing. "Even if they did not understand the language all the time, they could understand you," explained Barb.

Language. That was often a problem. And yet, even more, it just added to the experience. Communication was sometimes difficult, but knowing that you understood each other made it rewarding. "You were like a teacher. You were trying to teach them and help them understand you," Gigi described.

They often had to think and think to try and understand you, but then when they understood they would just laugh and smile, the students said. All the escorts described the Japanese as fun people. The visitors enjoyed making each other and their hosts laugh.

And in their easygoing manner the visitors overcame the language barrier. "My guy had me write everything down for him," Martha said. "I was his secretary, as he put it."

The 10 Americans and 10 Japanese spent a good deal of time learning about each other's customs. For the visitors, it was their job. For the students, it was a fascinating opportunity. "After we got to know them, it was kind of fun. They wanted to know about America and we wanted to learn about Japan. So we both asked all kinds of questions," said Martha.

The visitors remarked that many customs were much different here.

According to Gigi, for example, the older men were shocked by our

dealings with our parents. "They said we were not very polite in the way we sit and talk to people. In Japan you kneel to show attention and respect for your elders," she said.

The visitors told their hosts that they liked America much better than Hungary or Greece, the other countries they had visited. The Americans were much more friendly and gave them a very warm reception.

Many of the hosts invited their Japanese friends out for dinner and learned even more about Japan. Barb said that the visitors showed everyone how to write and pronounce their names in Japanese.

Gigi and Martha described the conversation about what life is like in Japan. The Japanese were surprised at how many interests American students could pursue in school. In Japan, they said, students advance their one greatest talent. The Japanese student concentrates on developing that

talent in order to have greater knowledge of that one source rather than many sources. That's their way.

"They were very surprised when one family served Saki and rice. They said they missed the food at home, saying that Americans ate too much meat, that the food was too greasy and filling.

For their efforts, the visitors brought their hosts presents. "They were just little things, like a packet of Japanese 'Cup-of-soup', but it meant a lot to them, and it meant a lot to us," explained Barb. It's just the Japanese way to reward people for the help you give them, she continued. We gave them little gifts, too, like an Adams t-shirt.

"It was amazing how close we became in just two days," Barb concluded. "When they left, we all said, 'Hey, I really miss that guy.' It seems they are so easily touched, I think it's true when they said they would never forget us."

## Adams students star in film

John Adams is going to be a host of film stars this year. Bob Zielinski is producing a documentary on the life of John Adams High School's student body.

The idea was first introduced by Bob to Mr. David at a football game. It was meant at the beginning to be a joke. However, Mr. David thought it to be a very good project. The go ahead was given and now production of a 20 minutes film is under way.

Bob, a junior, has been in JA for

the past two years working on the television show Beyond Our Control. Most of his knowledge of film making came from this after school work.

The purpose of this film has two functions. One is to represent Adams to the North Central evaluation committee.

The other reason is to show incoming frosh what Adams is really like. No other School in South Bend will have any type of presentation like ours, although

Riley does have film slides.

The total cost of this film will be \$75 to \$100 in all. That cost is only for the film and the developing. Bob is suppling his own equipment at no cost.

Another project that was thought to be started is a photography club. That idea was Bob's also. If any of you are interested in film making then this could be for you. To get one started you should contact Bob Zielinski and set up a meeting time.

## Project Pride sparks new enthusiasm

Last spring the Student Government brought up a plan for students to take part in a program to bring up the level of respect in our school. They called it "Project Pride."

In April, the idea was brought before a faculty meeting and met with great enthusiasm.

Last Monday and Tuesday, Student Government put the plan in action. Pairs of mostly senior student government members visited freshmen Social Study classes.

They talked about what Adams used to be. How the students honored their school, kept it clean and how they followed their own set standards. They also talked about present problems. The physical appearance of the building

and grounds, the declining spirit and pride for the school, the lack of respect for teachers and peers and aspects of attendance rules.

Their aim is to make an impression on the freshmen for two reasons: the first being that the freshmen will be here the longest therefore accomplishing more, and second because this would be the Seniors last contribution to Adams.

According to Mr. Pryzbysz "There is a lot of good people in this building, we just have to get them involved." Pryzbysz has said many times that he likes to see kids doing something, constantly changing things. "Do I support it? 150 percent, I think it is an excellent opportunity," says Pryzbysz.

It is not expected for Project

Pride to have an immediate effect. It is expected to be carried out to the fullest extent possible of the students and teachers as well. When questioned about Project Pride teachers had this to say, "This is not a one way street for you students, teachers must do their part too."

"The best project you can have, is student oriented," says Pryzbysz. He feels that if students are going to accomplish anything that they "can't do it just by getting A's and B's or by winning or losing a football game. They've got to go out and show people who they are. They've got an image to change."

If Project Pride succeeds Adams could see new ideas. Cleaner grounds, more student control, higher G.P.A.'s and more school respect and pride.



Jeff Sanders and Chris Fisher proudly display their awards.

photo by Phil Bender

## French fries and French horns mix

What do holidays and football have in common? Parades, of course. And, in every parade there are marching bands.

The McDonald's All-American High School Marching Band performs in Macy's Thanksgiving Day and the Rose Bowl parades. This year, Adams has a chance to be part of these traditions.

Chris Fisher and Jeff Sanders were both nominated for positions in the one hundred two piece McDonald's marching band.

Both Chris and Jeff were honored at a special dinner held for South Bend's five nominees. They received framed certificates, as

well as their free dinners at McDonald's.

Chris was pleased to be nominated, and enjoyed the dinner since she knew three of the other local nominees.

Jeff felt it would be worth a lot to be selected as one of the hundred two musical representatives from the entire nation.

Mr. Ollman, former Adams band director, nominated Chris and Jeff last spring.

Mrs. Dawson, Adams assistant band director, attended the dinner of honor with Chris, Jeff, and their families.

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# SPIKERS ROLL INTO SECTIONALS

by John Byers

Heading toward the sectionals, the John Adams Volleyball team is again a strong contender. The team captured the Concord Invitational title, and defeated an excellent St. Joe team, but also felt the grim reality of losing, in being upset by a highly inspired Clay team.

In winning the Concord Invitational, the Eagles had little trouble beating Elkhart Central 15-8, 15-5 in the opening match, but were required to play three games in turning back Concord 8-13, 15-7 and 17-15. Coach Ganser described the Concord team as "Strong on offense and defense, but lacking the toughness of our net game." The Eagles also defeated Concord earlier in the season.

Against Washington the Eagles won an important NIC match 15-11, 15-7. The Panthers were outstand-

ing on defense, which the score might not indicate. A key note to the game was that it was the first match after a fatal car accident involving three Washington players. This undoubtedly affected the team as a whole. The B-team also racked up another win by the score of 15-9, 15-9.

Elkhart Memorial was the next opponent, and they proved to be the weakest team Adams has faced so far. The Eagles gunned them down 15-2, 15-8. The B-team had a little rougher time, but pulled it out 15-8, 13-15, 15-13.

Adams held it's first annual invitational on Oct. 7, but it proved to be Clay's day from the start. The Colonials, who had been soundly defeated by Adams just a week earlier, were looking for revenge. Playing their best ball of the season, Clay was victorious in the first game 15-5, but the Eagles had

nothing to worry about yet. Up to this point of the season Adams was involved in five matches that went to three games. In all five of these matches, the Eagles found themselves down after the first game, only to come back and take the next two. But the theory didn't hold up against Clay, as the Eagles won the second 15-8, but dropped the third 13-15 in a hotly contested game.

Adams recovered to beat McCutcheon and Ben Davis in the round robin tournament, but Clay was infallible, as they captured the invitational title. Commenting on the loss, Coach Ganser explained that "the Colonials on that given day could've beaten anyone in the state." When asked about the importance of the invitational she stated that "it gives us game experience, developed endurance

in playing several matches in one day, like in the sectionals, and it gave us a look at other teams from around the state."

The Eagles came back three days later to chow down Elkhart Central 15-1, 15-6. The B-team also did some chowing 15-5, 15-6.

In probably the most exciting match of the season, Adams defeated St. Joe. The Indians were excellent in all areas of play, but in particular it was their ability to spike from any position that made them so outstanding. The Eagles were trying hard, but found themselves down after losing the first game 8-15. The Eagles then changed their tactics by strengthening the middle, and the move paid off. Adams began to find soft spots in the St. Joe middle, and they had themselves a victory, winning the last two games 14-12,

13-10. The B-team also showed class in winning 8-15, 15-5, 15-12. Both B-teams were undefeated going into the match, and both will again find themselves tabbed as favorites going into the "B" team City Tourney.

With only a few matches remaining until the sectionals, the Eagles must continue to strive for victory. On the upcoming sectionals Coach Ganser warned that "if a team has it's day, they can go as far as they want to." But she also explained that "if a team can just make it out of this area sectional, they are destined to go down state." It will again be an uphill battle to achieve the sectional title with such teams as Riley, St. Joe and Washington blocking the path, but with enough support this Adams team can indeed go as far as they want to."

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### Busted conversion turns into win

## Eagles bounce Riley

by George Patton

In the last two years the Adams football team has been defensively oriented. But late in this season the offense came to life and sparked the team to victory.

Powered by the running of Kevin Wasowski, the passing of Tom Cates, and a strong defense the Eagles defeated N.I.C. foe Riley. The week before the Eagles lost to Michigan City Elston.

In the Elston game the Eagles outplayed the Red Devils, but key offensive mistakes cost the game. Adams scored first when Tom Cates, who rushed for 63 yards in the game, ran 45 yards up the middle to put the Eagles up 7-0.

The Red Devils then capitalized on two mistakes by the Eagles. The first mistake was a interception that was returned 30 yards for the touchdown which tied the score at 7-7. The second mistake was a

blocked punt that Elston recovered in the endzone for another defensive touchdown which made the score 14-7. Elston came right back in the second quarter and scored on a 19 yard pass play, but the two point conversion failed. Neither team scored in the second half and the halftime score of 20-7 was the final.

Kevin Wasowski alone outran the Elston backs for he rushed for 83 yards and the Elston team could only get 75. The Eagles outgained Elston by 125 yards and the Eagles had 8 more first downs. But statistics do not win a game.

In the Riley game Adams came away with a victory, 15-13. Riley took the opening kickoff and raced down the field for a 7-0 lead. The Eagles then drove 44 yards for a touchdown. Kevin Wasowski carried the ball seven times in the drive and he got the touchdown on

a four yard run. Cates booted the kick and the score was knotted at 7-all.

Neither team could score in the second and third quarters, but the fourth quarter made up for the lapse of scoring. Four minutes into the final period, Tom Cates dropped a little screen pass to Carl Steen, who then ran 82 yards for a touchdown. The crowd was still excited about the long run when the snap went over Cates head for the conversion. But a smooth Cates recovered the ball and threw to Carl Steen again in the end zone for the winning two point conversion.

Riley then came back and scored a touchdown with four minutes to play but the Adams defense stopped the two point conversion attempt. Riley got the ball one more time but a Gary Haygood interception ended any hope of a comeback.

## Seagals topple undefeated Riley

by June Vascil

The Seagals Swim Team was victorious in defeating a very strong and undefeated Riley Team. The meet was on October 5, and the score was: Adams 92 and Riley 80.

Many girls had their lifetime best times during that meet. Kris Kolasinski had her best ever in the 200 Free and 100 Breast. Maria Kusbach had her best times in the

100 and 200 Free and Ellyn Severyn had her best time in the 100 Back.

The Freestyle Relay, with Peggy Deren, Julie Doetsch, Maria Kusbach and Ellyn Severyn was the meet winning performance of the night.

The rest of the meets have been very close and exciting and everyone has been evenly matched. The last event, which is the Freestyle Relay, has been the deciding factor in all of the meets

with the exception of Mishawaka. All of the girls did well in that meet.

The Seagals next big meet is against Goshen on October 24, here at Adams.

Coach Smith feels "the rest of the season will be a successful one."

On October 21, there will be a swim-a-thon at 2 p.m. at the Adams Pool.



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Lisa Swartz breaks one in Powderpuff practice

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## Rookie coach breaks nine year cross-country slump

by Kevin Lennon

When you add a team who wants to gain revenge and respect with a tournament atmosphere, many things can happen. Just ask Doug Snyder, rookie cross country coach here at Adams. His 1978 Eagle cross country team put it all together one afternoon and stunned the South Bend area with a third place finish in the tough sectionals, thus advancing to the Regionals. This is the first Adams cross country team to make it to the Regionals in the last nine years.

The inspired Eagles defeated five Northern Indiana Conference opponents, three of whom had previously beaten the Eagles. Penn and Riley were the only two to down the Eagles in the Sectionals. Adams realized that many excellent times must be turned in for them to reach the Regionals, and all the Eagles came through. Out of the top seven runners for Adams, all of whom will attend the Regional race, each turned in individual best times. Randy Forbes finished 6th overall with a

time of 12:54; J. Kennedy, 16th, 13:15; D. Smith, 22nd, 13:24; J. Poorbaugh, 27th, 13:28; M. Laughlin, 39th, 13:42; J. Sypnoutski, 40th, 13:44. Russ Pyles finished seventh for the Eagles.

With this third place finish, several records were broken. J. Sypnoutski broke the freshman record for the second time this season. Also four Adams runners broke 13:30, another first. This season was the first winning season the graduating seniors have had.

When asked what they would like to obtain in the Regionals, one member stated, "we loved to beat Riley and just finish as high as we possibly can." In preparation for the Regionals, the cross country team ran in the LaPorte Invitational and they believe they are ready to show the area once again that the Adams cross country team is for real.

The Regionals will be held tomorrow, Oct. 21, 11:00 a.m., at LaPorte. The entire student body would like to wish the squad the best of luck.