

# Senior class discusses graduation and prom plans

The advantages of the class of 1979's uncommonly large budget became evident at a recent class meeting held for the purpose of discussing prom plans.

The class allocated up to \$2000 for the prom alone, scheduled for May 19 at Century Center. This means that even after paying expenses of about \$200 for use of the facility and \$400 for the band as well as the many miscellaneous expenses that come up (such as decorations), there will still be ample resources for new ways to make proms even more enjoyable.

Many such new ideas were presented for consideration, and several are likely to be carried out.

The class would like to present favors to each student -- roses for the girls and something yet to be decided for the boys.

Other wilder ideas were raffles

for such things as free dinners, flowers, and even limousine service to the prom.

This year's prom will feature a more classical prom band, 11 piece Eddie Garrett, playing more appropriate dancing music. Planners from both the junior and senior classes felt that this was more in the spirit of the occasion, leaving the rock bands for the afterproms.

The senior afterprom will also be held at Century Center, a move made for two major reasons.

First, class members felt that Erskine Clubhouse, which had already been rented and now will be given to the juniors for their afterprom, was too small.

And second, the prom happens to fall on the same weekend as Notre Dame graduation so every facility in town is booked up.

"Besides," says class sponsor Mr. Reed, "you can't beat the price-free."

With this free use of Century Center for the afterprom, class officers estimate spending about \$1800 for the event (Band, catering, decorations, and miscellaneous).

However, school policy prohibits use of any money from class treasuries for the afterprom, since it is officially not a school function.

That means that all money for the afterprom must be raised separately. For this purpose, the seniors plan one last candy sale to begin somewhere between March 12 and 16. Hopes are for a profit of \$1440. The additional \$400 dollars comes from prom tickets.

Class officers stress that the class cannot take this sale lightly just because it has a large reserve.

No money can be taken out of the treasury for afterprom under any circumstances, so if the candy sale fails, the afterprom will suffer. The tremendous enthusiasm of this class must come through one more time.

"If we don't make the money on the candy sale we'd have to go around asking our parents for money," says senior class president Mike Laflin. "We don't want to do that this year because our class has done so well so far."

The \$400 deposit for the afterprom band, Stoney Creek from Indianapolis, has already been made.

Also discussed at the meeting were commencement and year-end gifts to various organizations within the school.

Caps and gowns will be dark blue, with the girls wearing red

collars. As another new twist for this class, Mr. Przybysz, Mr. David, Mr. Bibbs, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Weir, Dr. Sweeney, and Mr. Fox will lead the processional in graduate robes.

As far as the budget is concerned, the class entered 1979 with a total of \$6061.51. The class's share of caps and gowns for students who sold magazines came to \$910.

And after subtracting the \$2000 for the prom, there is about \$3500 dollars left for gifts. The class decided to give \$100 to the incoming freshman class of 1983, \$500 to the TOWER, and possibly a few surprises.

The remaining \$2000 is set aside for a gift to the school, possibly an announcement sign for the front of the building.

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## Security system to be enforced at Adams

Most doors to Adams will be locked during the day from now on as part of a new plan to improve security in the hallways.

According to Assistant Principal Mr. David, the move is a result of the increasing number of acts of vandalism and theft occurring in the halls while students are in class. Most recently, someone entered the school when students were off the day after finals and cut 12 locks, stealing 10 calculators.

"Students are not locked in to the building, but outsiders are locked out," explains Mr. David. The doors will not be chained

during the day, only the panic wound down. That means that the doors may be opened from the inside, but not from the outside.

Three doors will remain open all day, however. These are the two front doors along Twyckenham and the porch door.

"Again, we do not feel that it is the John Adams students that are causing this," said David. "If we do find out that they are Adams students, then we will request that they be excluded."

The new security plan also includes a return to full strength in hall supervision, with the addition

of a new hall guard, Mr. Robert Thomas, and the revision of each hall guard's assignments.

According to David, these new assignments allow every exit to be seen at all times, and will hopefully eliminate all the recent problems in the hallways.

In a release to teachers on the subject, David emphasized that teachers should not issue hall passes during class unless absolutely necessary. Students in the hallways without a pass will be brought to the office and returned to class by one of the administrators.

## Adams music department hosts annual music contest

On January 27 and February 3, student musicians from all over Northern Indiana gathered at John Adams for the annual NISBOVA music contest.

The Northern Indiana School Band, Orchestra and Voice Association, or NISBOVA, is the sponsor for music contests throughout Northern Indiana. These contests vary in the areas such as solos and ensembles or individual school bands and orchestras.

The contest on the 27th was held for solos and ensembles for wind players. Strings, voice, and piano players performed on the 3rd.

The annual contest provides an opportunity for student musicians to work on musical pieces of their choice and perform in front of a judge. Any musician from those in the lower, less experienced grades to the more advanced high school musician can participate.

Weeks before contest, musicians begin preparing for the event. They work on perfecting their piece in all areas of musicianship. They will be graded on seven various areas in musicianship.

A soloist, for example, is graded on intonation, tone quality, technique, rhythmic accuracy, interpretation and general musicianship, preparation, and presentation. Ensembles are also graded on these same qualities except that balance takes the place of preparation. Other qualities may differ, depending on the instrument played, but basically the grading remains the same.

In grading a piece, the judge looks for how well the musician does in each general quality and grades on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being the highest, accordingly. The total points are added to see what rating the piece had received. Seven to 10 points is a superior or first rating;

11-15 is good or a second; 16-22 is fair or a third and so on.

More experienced players, may play a piece of music that has been especially selected by NISBOVA for its difficulty and if it receives a superior rating, take the piece down to State contest.

The State contest, held in Indianapolis at Crispus Attucks High School, makes it possible to play the more difficult pieces in a more select atmosphere. A soloist going down to State contest must memorize his solo. The general quality of the players is higher, thus the judging is more difficult. This year's State contest will be held on February 17.

The NISBOVA solo and ensemble contest is an event that tests a musician's ability. "Contest can be nerve-wracking, but it is also very rewarding," said one band member describing his experience.



NISBOVA contestants from Adams sing in competition.

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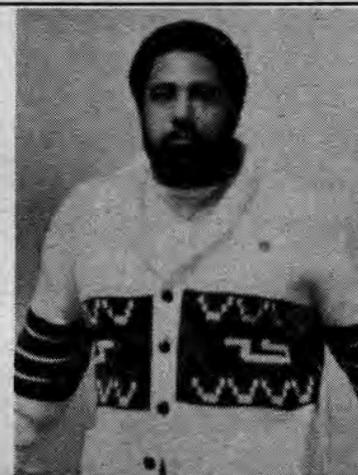
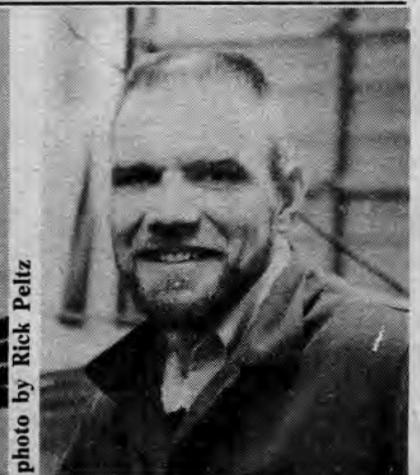


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Mr. Praklet

## New staff members welcomed

John Adams is welcoming a variety of new staff members this semester.

Mr. Praklet replaced Mr. Williams in vocational auto classes last nine weeks. "I have the top teaching position in South Bend in my opinion," said Mr. Praklet. He feels Adams is a good school with good equipment, and said "after a year or two, when kids get to know what I expect," the flow of students will change and things will run a bit smoother.

Running smoother would entail students realizing that the auto class is "as much an academic class as any other class in the school." The class consists of studying a book as well as working on cars.

Mr. Thomas, a new hall guard, says Adams is "a wonderful school," with counselors, teachers, and administrators being "the best you can find." "I feel like I'm at

home because of the way the students treat me," said Mr. Thomas. "If I give them respect, they give my respect." Mr. Thomas is a graduate of Washington High School. After graduating from Lincoln University, Missouri, he worked at LaSalle High School.

Mr. Douglas, a custodian, replaces Mr. Trensey who retired after working eighteen years at Adams. Students can meet Mr. Douglas at work on the business hallway keeping the halls and classrooms in top condition.

Mr. Vaerewyck, an engineer, can be found working down in the boiler room during these cold winter days. Mr. Vaerewyck replaced Mr. Olmstead.

These men, representing all areas of employment at Adams, should receive a warm welcome from all students.

## Spirit Week changes planned

As the 1978-79 basketball season nears the sectional tournament, Spirit Week plans are being made.

Spirit Week-1979 will be a different experience, not just for the Freshmen but for the rest of the student body as well, since some of the activities have been modified.

The activities begin on Monday, February 26. During that week there will be one day students will decorate the gymnasium. On the following day there will be a pep assembly. Students are encouraged to show the Adams' colors by wearing a red and blue each day.

If the Eagles win the sectional crown the faculty has promised to present a skit at a second pep assembly the following week.

Spirit Week-1979 differs from past years in that there will be no competition between the classes. Class skits have been eliminated from the program and the pep

assembly itself will be shorter than in past years.

The gymnasium will be decorated the day prior to the assembly (date to be announced according to sectional pairings). Work is to be done during the school day and must be completed by 5:00. Ladders will be available. Decorations are to be confined to the gymnasium. No decorations in the hallways. No decorations on the ceiling of the gym. As in the past Freshmen have the stage area and both backboards, Sophomores the wall opposite the stage between the balconies, Juniors the north side, and Seniors the south side.

Spirit Week will be conservative this year as compared to previous years, but in any event the students will be sure to give the basketball team the support and confidence it needs.



Four-wheel vehicles handle it well, but growing piles of snow are raising a great deal of controversy  
photo by Dan Kovas

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# Opinion

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## Students offer views of Spirit Week

by Eleanor Pollak

It is unknown what creates the vigor of an individual but it is known that a crowd brings out the vitality of individuals encouraging good spirit among all. During spirit week the assembly is meant to inspire the students with great enthusiasm. The purpose of spirit week is to give the student body a feeling of pride for their school which will hopefully encourage the basketball team to do their best at sectionals.

Many people have opinions good and bad about spirit week. The consensus of Adams students in regard to spirit week is generally enthusiastic, although the wild conduct of last year's spirit week is not wanted. The majority of students would like a well organized but lively assembly. Coach Hadaway along with the team has asked for our standard pep assembly rather than the extended competition of screams experienced last year.

The changes made are to a large extent the suggestion of students. "Several students came to me and to Mr. Przybysz at the end of the assembly last year and suggested that skits be cut out," said Mr. David. "I can tell you very quickly why there are no skits -- last year it became a farce."

If you ask a typical student at John Adams what his opinion of

spirit week is you would probably hear the reply "I think it's good. We definitely need it."

Randy Ziolkowski and Randy Kelly agree with Lynn Mitchem when he says "I think that we should have a spirit week but keep it under control. We need the spirit but not wild like last year." Mary Dworecki comments, "It gets the team psyched up for state tourney and enthuses the student body." Jason Woodford adds that "Spirit Week is important in giving the student body a pleasant break between the new semester and spring vacation. It puts pep back into the students."

John Vascil thinks we should have spirit week but without class competition while Mike Laflin, senior president, and Dick Carpenter, sophomore president, want the class competition and feel that skits are an essential part of spirit week. Judy Mitchem thinks it builds up spirit and adds "I think last year was fun." Ben Laflin and Mike Weamer say "It gets you out of class."

Scott Thallemer said, referring to the preparation of activities, "It gives the student body a chance to use their imagination and creativity and I think that's what school is all about," while another student disagrees with him in saying "Spirit Week detracts from the main purpose of school--education."

A few "I hate it's" did come up and one student commented "I think it should be called spiritual week instead of spirit week," but overall the opinion of spirit week is good.

The class sponsors seem to all be glad that the class competition was abolished this year. Senior class sponsor Mrs. Weir states, "The plan for this year's spirit week assembly is excellent and I hope it will be the perfect sendoff for our outstanding team." Sophomore sponsor Mrs. Wills says she's glad to see people working together to back our excellent team. Mr. Haag, the junior class sponsor, would like to see spirit week directed more toward the basketball team but likes the idea of a spirit week.

"I feel within the last two years we got away from the idea of spirit week. We had four different classes going four different directions and none of them led to anything to do with supporting a basketball team," David pointed out. "It is the entire student body that is supporting the team and not just freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors."

This year's spirit week appears to be very well organized. Hopefully it will be kept in control. The many participants will undoubtedly show the team our strong support and inspire the team at sectionals.

## Consumer News

### Standbys, inventions provide warmth

by Kathy Grubb

As the icy winds whip around us outside and down the halls, frequent dilemma arises of how to keep from freezing to death. This is a year of good old reliable standbys and sparkling innovations.

Returning for another year are long underwear and thermal underwear. Long underwear, usually lightweight 50% cotton, consists of a long sleeve shirt and pajama-like pants elasticized at the ankle. Both pieces are close fitting and are worn everywhere from innertubing at Bendix to classes here at Adams.

Thermal underwear is a bit different. The material has tiny honeycombs in it to store body heat.

These might be a wise choice for all the ambitious snowshovelers attempting to dig out of a South Bend blizzard or anyone planning to tour the Antarctic this summer.

Prices of these items range from \$3.99 to \$11.00 for each piece in the sports shops in the South Bend area. Department stores usually carry the same selection at lower prices.

These chilling winter months have brought along a creation - electric socks and mittens. Electric

socks are socks connected to a small compartment holding batteries which is carried over the shoulder. Some sports shops carry electric socks in the hunting department and sell for \$12.95.

Another method of keeping warm is electric mittens which, like the socks, are operated on batteries, but unlike the socks, the batteries are contained in the mittens. They are found with the ski equipment in a few sports shops and the average price is \$17.00.

So in our attempt to avoid frostbite, plan either to wear fewer layers of clothes or to stock up on "Evereadies."

## Prom precipitates new opinions

by Mary Gregg

Last year about this time the whole school was in an uproar. Why? It had just been announced that, due to lack of funds, the junior and senior proms would have to be combined. What about this year? We have the same situation, but people have had a year to think about it. Have any of them changed their minds?

"I was upset last year," admitted senior Marianne Black, "But now I've adjusted to the idea of a combined prom." Ellen Walker, also a senior, added "It's a good idea, I think. There's more money so we can have a better band, and more people will go."

Many students supported the idea because they felt there would be a bigger turnout. "The more people, the more fun it will be," said LaJune McKnight.

Bill Cairns, however, thinks they should be separate. He believes that members of both classes will be uncomfortable with the others there. Cindy Smith disagrees. "After all," she said, "It might be one of the last times they're able to get together."

Many juniors and seniors feel that with the combined money we will be able to have a better prom,

but some 12th graders feel that last year they had to contribute most of the money towards the prom and that the same thing might happen this year. They feel that the juniors were lazy this year, and they agree with Sue Henry who says "We could have had two proms this year if the juniors had had a little more class spirit and had worked harder."

Although some girls who were planning on going to both proms may be disappointed, this arrangement actually benefits many of the boys at Adams who are dating members of other classes. "Not only is it good for the classes' expense accounts," commented Greg Casimer, junior class president, "but it's also easier on the wallets of senior guys going steady with junior girls and vice versa."

There are, of course, students who think "it's a lousy idea; I don't like," without even considering the good points, or those who sighed wistfully and say, "I have no opinion, because nobody would ask me to go anyway," but no one suggested that Adams cancel the prom completely. Like Debra Jenkins, they all apparently like the idea of "getting dressed up and everything."

## Snowed out finals raise questions

by Luanne Kenna

7:00 a.m., January 24, a Wednesday, and the city of South Bend lay under a blanket of snow. And the students of John Adams High School once again escaped the ordeal of final exams. But on Thursday, schools re-opened, and the students did not escape completely. The finals missed on Wednesday had to be made up, but the Thursday finals were waived, much to the joy of some, and the sorrow of others.

Emotions were mixed about the situation, and many opinions were aired. Some students, looking ahead to the imminent disaster, had either studied for afternoon finals, or had not studied at all. "I thought for sure we'd get out of finals entirely," was a familiar lament. However, quite a few students refused to second-guess the snow, and studied as if there would be finals on both days. "It wouldn't be fair any other way - you shouldn't have to study for any other tests than the ones scheduled. We are neither weather reporters nor psychics - how do we know when it'll snow or not?" As one teacher stated, "I think the whole thing is unfair to the students, because they are not given the opportunity to improve in all their classes, instead of just the morning ones. It should be all or none, in my opinion."

A common comment after report cards was, "If I had taken that final, my grade would have been higher." Another stated that, "It's unfair when you think about it -

because while finals aren't too much fun, they do serve a purpose - and when they're cancelled, some are bound to suffer. But I guess some got an unfair advantage, too." But with requests from Mr. Przybysz, teachers did take the waived finals into consideration when they doled out grades.

Not everyone, however, complained about past history, but raised questions and offered solutions for future years. Said one junior, "This has happened three years in a row; I should think that there would be an alternate plan or something." An enterprising teacher asked, "Why couldn't the finals be changed to December? It never snows as much, and there would be fewer problems." Of course, some action could be taken, but only another year and the snow that comes with it can show us the answer. One freshman seemed to sum it all up, though, when she said, "It's too bad it doesn't snow in June, too."

According to Superintendent of Instruction of South Bend Schools Mr. Russel Rothermel, no plan has really been developed to deal with snowed out finals in the future. "We just hope acts of God won't interfere anymore," he said.

The reason finals could not be held Friday, Rothermel explained is that the school corporation is bound by a contract with the teachers to keep that Friday open for making out grades.

"The problem will be an item for discussion in new negotiations with teachers in the spring," he concluded.

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## Two new foreign exchange students at Adams

If while running to your classes, you think you saw a couple of new faces, you probably did. Their names are Jimmy Crossley from Bogota, Columbia, and Vicente Guidote from Manila, the Philippines, both new foreign exchange students at Adams.

The education system in Columbia is quite different. In Bogota, Jimmy attends a private school. There are very few public schools. In comparison, Adams is much larger than Columbian schools. Instead of the students changing classrooms, the teachers commute. Columbian students go to school five days a week from the middle of January through the middle of November. The schools do not have administrators such as principals. Teachers assume the same responsibilities as our counselors.

The school days differ quite a bit from ours. Columbian students do not choose the subjects they take. Students don't attend the same classes each day. But the subjects are basically the same; chemistry, physics, calculus, philosophy, Spanish, English, sports, and

religion.

The primary sports are basketball and football. Jimmy is a member of a club which offers basketball, tennis, swimming and horseback riding. These clubs, like our teams, compete.

Jimmy, whose hobbies are photography and training his dog, plans to attend a local university as soon as he returns to Bogota. He will study to become a veterinarian.

A native of Bogota, which has a population of 4½ to 5 million people, Jimmy is next to the youngest of six children. His paternal grandparents were from England which explains his British name. Jimmy's father is the vice president of a company which manufactures devices necessary to the production of electricity and refinement of petroleum.

The United States, Jimmy feels, is much more organized than Columbia. And the U.S. has influenced Columbia. Jimmy frequents the same places any "all American kid" does - McDonalds, Pizza Hut, sees movies like "Grease" and "Saturday Night Fever" and listens to, who else, the

Bee Gees.

Philippine exchange student Vicente Guidote, whose friends call him Butch, says he has always wanted to come to the United States. When he heard about Youth for Understanding he decided it was the perfect chance.

Butch spent the first semester at Northridge High School in Middlebury, Indiana before coming to Adams for this semester.

Did he find America as he expected it?

"Not in Middlebury," Butch laughs, in fluent English. "That's why I moved to South Bend."

But in general he has enjoyed his time in the U.S. so far and looks forward to this semester at Adams. As a matter of fact, Butch plans to eventually become an American citizen, but only after returning home to begin college next year and pursue a career as a doctor.

"I came to America for the same reason that other people want to come to America--to try the American way of life, which I heard is very good," says Butch.

About America, Butch says life is not very different from that in the

Philippines "It's just like the American life except that most things are imported from the United States," he says. "People tend to think of America in terms of Levis."

Although he is from Manila, a large metropolitan area itself, Butch says that probably the most interesting thing he has seen so far is Chicago. "It's a very different and real interesting place. Technology, everything."

Butch has found several differences right here at Adams. Before this year he had never attended a public school. Back home he would be in a private, Catholic school. Attending a coed school is also a change for Butch.

Another difference Butch cited between Adams and his school in the Phillipines is that here he was able to choose his own classes. Back home classes would be assigned him and rather than moving from classrooms to classroom he would spend the whole day in one room and the teacher comes to the class.

Adams welcomes both students to the United States.



Vicente Guidote



Jimmy Crossley

photos by Rick Peltz



New Members of the Adams chapter of Quill & Scroll. Back row: Dan Kovas, Joe Taylor, Kevin Lennon, Scott Peterson, H. Chris Fisher, Jim Kinney; Middle Row: George Patton, Carolyn Panzica, Kathy Grubb, Luanne Kenna; Front row: Kelly Kerrihard, Gigi Fonacier, Lisa Was. photo by Mike Szymkowicz

### Quill and Scroll induction announced

The Adams chapter of Quill & Scroll, the International Honorary Society for High School Journalists, this winter adds 14 new members from the ranks of the publications staff.

In order to be eligible for induction, the candidate must be a second semester sophomore, junior, or senior who has shown superiority in some phase of high school journalism, through writing, management, editing, or production, and also rank in the top third of their class.

Prospective members are selected by publications advisor Maza and are recommended by her to the society for induction.

Those inducted into the Quill & Scroll are so honored for life.

New members inducted this winter are:

Heidi Fisher, senior, clubs editor, ALBUM  
Gigi Fonacier, senior, sports editor, ALBUM  
Kathy Grubb, junior, page editor, TOWER  
Luanne Kenna, junior, page

editor, TOWER.  
Kelly Kerrihard, junior, page editor, TOWER.  
Jim Kinney, senior, photo editor, TOWER/ALBUM.  
Dan Kovas, senior, photographer, TOWER/ALBUM.  
Kevin Lennon, junior, sportswriter, TOWER.  
Carolyn Panzica, senior, clubs editor, ALBUM.  
George Patton, junior, sportswriter, TOWER.  
Scott Peterson, senior, newswriter, TOWER.  
Joe Taylor, junior, sportswriter, TOWER.  
Lisa Was, senior, clubs editor, ALBUM.  
Ron Zhiss, senior, sports editor, ALBUM.

A formal induction ceremony will take place at the first annual John Adams Press Banquet, planned for late April or early May.

In elections held last Wednesday, members elected Victor Goetz president and Joe Taylor secretary/treasurer for the ensuing term.

### Deadline set for Footprints contributions

March 2 is the deadline for literary contributions to Footprints, Adams literary magazine. The Footprints staff is encouraging all to express themselves artistically

or through poems or short stories. A special type of paper for artistic work can be obtained from Footprints sponsor, Mrs. Germano, room 237.

### From Moscow to Adams

## Proposed Russian class promoted

Is the rumor that Adams will be offering Russian as a foreign language true? Well, it could become true if there is enough interest at Adams and if the State School Board accepts the idea.

The teacher would be Mr. Hoffman, currently teaching Math, who learned Russian at Notre Dame, Indiana University, Moscow University in Russia and Warsaw University in Poland. Mr. Hoffman himself has taught Russian for ten years at Washington High School and five years at IUSB in adult non-credit evening classes. Mr. Hoffman feels that Russian is not one of the easiest languages and since it is a Slavic language it has similarities to Polish, Czech, and Serbian.

Not long from now a survey will be taken among the Adams students to determine the level of interest. If enough interest is generated then an application

would be filled out and sent to the State Superintendent of Instruction to see if the course would be possible. If the course will be taught it will most likely start next fall. It would be a four-year course.

Mr. Przybysz feels that it isn't completely out of the question. He believes that with Adams' type of student body it might be popular. Of course Mr. Przybysz doesn't think students should take it just because of it being a novelty but for its practical use. Mr. Przybysz feels that the world is getting smaller and we do deal with Russia much more now and people are needed in places of international business and in translation. Mr. Przybysz also hopes that it won't interfere with the foreign languages already established.

When asked how they felt about Russian being taught at Adams, the student body in general had a favorable reaction. Freshman Ken

Hamel replied, "It would be O.K." Sophomore Carole Wong said, "Now that the U.S. is opening relations with Russia, it would be a chance for you to use that language if you ever had a chance to go to Russia. It would be a different cultural outlook. I don't think many people know much about Russia." Sophomore Sherry Bolden said, "It's fine." Freshman Greta Roemer replied, "I think it would be fun." Sophomore Doug Brazy also feels that it would be fine. Senior Lynn Slabough replied, "I like the idea. It's best that we have as many choices as possible because English may not always be the most used language."

Mr. Przybysz is excited about the prospect of Russian being taught at Adams, and although it is in a most tentative stage, he feels that nothing is out of the realm of possibility.

## Westinghouse commends two

Two Adams students are among the three hundred American high school seniors named to the Honors group of the 38th annual Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

Selection to the Honors group represents superior talent among 980 qualifying entrants from all 50 states.

The two Adams students named to this select group are David Herring and Jeff Sanders.

Both will be recommended to colleges and universities by the sponsors of the program, the largest high school science scholarship program in the nation.

Although neither qualified for the Westinghouse scholarships awarded the top 40 students in the competition, both are sure to be flooded with letters from colleges wanting them to go there and with scholarship offers.

According to Edward G. Sherburne Jr., director of Science Service, "a high standing in the Science Talent Search frequently is cited as a factor in admitting or granting financial assistance to college freshmen."

"Realistically, we got what we

expected," says Mr. Longnecker, the students' sponsor. "With that kind of competition you don't expect to make the final 40."

"Last year there were about 8000 applications. When you narrow it down to 300 out of 8000 that's quite an accomplishment," Longnecker continued.

Sanders and Herring are the first Adams students to compete in the program in at least five years, says Longnecker. Only one student in South Bend has achieved the Honors Group standing in the last 15 years.

Herring's commended project was in the area of Physics, entitled "Photochemistry: Polymerization and Laser Radiation." Sanders' Biology project is entitled "Effects of High Concentrations of Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Insecticides on Growth Processes of Garden Peas and Sweet Corn."

Both students completed the majority of their work last year.

Says Sanders, "This was a scientific competition more specifically geared toward my project than the Northern Indiana Regional Science Fair because it is limited to

projects not dealing with vertebrate animals."

Herring admits that his entry came with a bit of luck. "I heard that Jeff was applying to the program and the project I did in Physics last year just happened to qualify. I'm really thrilled. At the beginning of the year I never really expected any of this to happen," he says.

Both students have already begun to receive the benefits from their achievement. Last week, Herring got an offer of a full scholarship to Purdue including a summer job at the Corning Glass plant in New York. And more such offers are sure to come.

Both students were named National Merit Semifinalists earlier this year and are now in competition for Finalist rating and, in turn, merit scholarships.

As far as college plans are concerned, Sanders hopes to be accepted at Oberlin College and Herring has already been accepted at MIT. Both admit, however, that they could still be swayed and will be looking closely at the mail they receive in the coming month.

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Four of Adams' DECA winners who competed with other area high school students on their knowledge of the fundamentals of the business field. Left to right Mark Ellam, Donna Niezgodska, Lori Lowman and Bill Chrapliwy.

photo by Rick Peltz

## Business students compete

Adams had two first place award winners in the DECA District II conference held February 6 at Scottsdale Mall.

DECA, the Distributive Education Clubs of America, teach high school students the fundamentals of the business field. This annual contest tests the students on their knowledge to these various business fields.

Each student in the program works to get experience in retailing or marketing.

John Adams placed five members, who are now eligible to go on to the state contest to be held in French Lick, Indiana in

mid-March.

The five Adams award winners are: Lori Lowman, 1st in Finance and Credit. Mark Ellam, 1st in Food Marketing. Donna Niezgodska, 4th in Advertising Services. Bill Chrapliwy, 4th in General Merchandising. Steve Szabo, 5th in Job Interview.

Scott Glase, John Adams DE president, and Judy Szekely, treasurer, will also be going down state as voting delegates. Contests will be held March 16, 17 and 18th.

Mark Ellam will be a candidate for District President in the elections at the state conference.

## 47 Graduate in January

The following seniors completed their requirements for graduation and chose to graduate in January.

Although they are not required to participate in commencement exercises, January graduates cannot receive their diplomas until June.

This year's 47 January graduates are:

Thomas Aeschelman  
Diana Baer  
Lesa Barrow  
Julie Bennett  
Ray Bonek  
John Bosson  
Dan Bowland  
Andrea Buell  
Raymond Byron  
Steve Cook  
Greg Darr  
Robert Davis  
Rebecca Dickens  
Sam Dickens  
Kathleen Dixon  
Pauline Enquist  
Gina Fragomeni  
Steve Gillis  
Richard Grise

Mark Hammer  
Henry Harden  
Debra Hardy  
Brian Haygood  
Ron Johnson  
Yolanda Jones  
John Kealy  
James Lively  
Kevin Luczynski  
James Marnocha  
Tracy Maxey  
Mary McNulty  
Lisa Metts  
Lisa Miller  
Robert Niemier  
Bonita Parker  
Sandra Richmond  
Kim Robertson  
Clark Robinson III  
Peggy Sechowski  
Toni Silva  
Brett Stanton  
Rebecca Switalski  
Christie Taylor  
Kimberly Turner  
Patty Verduin  
Jana Walis  
Rodney Wilson

## Jazz Band concert tomorrow night

The John Adams Lab Jazz Band will open their concert season tomorrow night, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the IUSB auditorium. This fine group of musicians have been working and studying the interpretation of jazz and jazz pieces since the beginning of the school year under the direction of Mr. Dwyer.

Several excellent jazz pieces along with some bop, bossa nova, and big band type numbers will be featured in the concert. A few well known popular pieces such as Pink

Panther and Salt Peanuts will also be played.

Many of the pieces played will feature individual soloists on improvisations.

Some of the many numbers the Jazz Band will be playing include Alto Soloquy, Jazz Suite, Caravan, and Meditation.

Considering all the effort and practice that has gone into preparing the pieces for the concert, it is very evident that the evening will be enjoyable for all those who attend.

Dear Chappie,  
You're right - and thanks. Have a riot at N.D.

Mark  
Tennis anyone?

Love ya, Diane

Mom and Dad,  
Thanks for the talk. I love you!

Bill Dragovich,  
Remember that moonlit summer drive?

Esther D.

Todd,  
Valentines Day is the perfect time for a person to learn how really special he is to me. Thanks for understanding.

Love always,  
the girl who sits next to you in health

To Greg C.,  
Hi! Have a happy day.

To Rick Schirm  
I'll get you yet!

To the world's Greatest...Valentine:

Happy 29th

AML - Chris

ROXANE W. Wilson

-n-

Michael L. Handy

An announcement:

The marriage of George Scheel's

hockey stick and the puck.

Signed, pass awaiting teammates

Happy VD: Pam. etc.

signed O.W.N.

Waz,

Remember the fun we had the past summer! I hope we have a lot of fun this summer!  
Happy Valentines Day!

Jeanette

L.E.E.

Happy "18th"

EL WM RD

Jellyfish,

Happy Valentines Day

Guess who?

Boo,

Happy Valentines Day

I Love You!

Your Boo too!

Todd Parker

Bof McCahill

Tim Rockne

Freshman Cheerleaders say "Happy Valentines Day"

Pinky,

I know I've known you for a very short time but I won't stop trying to make you my Valentine.

Your cute Electronics friend

Freshmen Diamonders #1

Ric and Edgar

Teri Mc

Happy Valentines.

A Friend

Ken Duxbury

Kim R.

A Very Happy Valentines.

A Friend

Toddy Parker

Happy "18th"

EL WM RD

Kevin Bradford

"Happy Valentines Day"

Carol B.

and

Mo

Gail and Ellen,

Peanut butter sandwiches?

That's bomb!

Cliff Cootie

Joe Taylor

Happy Valentine's Day.

T & R

Welcome home, Lil' Lisa!

We missed you!

Mom

S.Q.

Happy Valentines Day, S.D.R.!

Hope you get a kitten.

Me

Welcome back, "Chubby Cheeks"

D.B.

To poor kid in biology 3rd Hour

Happy Valentine Day

Your Biology

Partner

Welcome home, big sis!

Your kitty still loves you. How's your face?

W.C.

To Johnny Junior

Happy Valentine Day

Carol

Happy Valentines Day

From your best friend

To Pauline -

Happy birthday to our favorite

mother! "Love,"

Lil' Lean

Lil' Lisa

Elmo Scheel

I must say, you have the most amazing hockey sticks and soccer cleats. They seem to attract and hold, with the most unrelenting force, any puck or ball around.

Your Loving

Team

Mark Scheiber,

Happy V-Day. Keep smiling.

Mr. Krouse

Suffering from an eraser shortage?

Your 1st - 6th hours classes

Tuesday is a wow!

Ms. Wills, Abras las ventanas,

Marcos.

Ma,

Man overboard!

Pa

To Todd Parker and Ken Duxbury,

when red cats go in the wood

looking for old fire engines at

rainbow roller bowling lanes.

We will always think of you

Love,

The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders

To Mia

Happy Valentine! To a Great buddy, verrrrr...cough cough!

Always

Joedine

To Sergeant Nubby from your

manicurist

from Tim Rockne

NOTE TO ALL GIRLS

You're the only one in our lives

Jim and Lee and John Travolta

Sharon,

Happy Valentines Day, and don't worry Candy and I will set you up with someone soon, so keep your picken paws off of Greg! Just kidding.

Kathy

Candy,

Have a sweet Valentines Day, and don't let Bruce take advantage of you at those wild parties!

Bye

Kathy

Ar,

ww-oh

Steve

(P.S.)

See I didn't forget

Alice,

Je pense a toi on volant au dessus des iles tropicales avec mon canarie, mon poussin beau et mon petit lapin debile. Vive les grosses betes rayees!! le petit ver (tout nu?)

Kathy,

525? You could have at least bothered to reach 1,000!

Tess and Tamar

Dalan

Watch out! It's a firepolice thingy.

Happy Valentines Day

From America's Most Predictably Intelligent

Happy Valentines Day

To all the Pizons (Ah, you watcha you mouths!)

To Patty,

Because we're both changed since those treehouse days, let's be Valentines

Joe

Cwidak,

Happy Valentine's Day! in other words:

# Won't you be my

MLK  
Roses are red  
I am blue  
I feel dead  
Without you  
I know your love  
Has gone away  
So find a dove  
And come back today  
The time has not been much  
But it is enough to show  
I still miss your touch,  
So come on back and let us  
grow.

RAC

Happy V-Day Gang  
L.B., J.F., E.P., L.F., etc.  
And esp. to S.B. (My twin)

Jane

Carol, Sue, Barb, Bob, Lisa, Anne, Pat, Lori, Jeán, and Joan.  
I wish you a happy Valentine's Day! And I  
wish you better lunches for ever after. Have a  
good year and for you seniors (like me!) a  
great graduation!

Roses are Red  
Violets are Blue  
how lucky I am  
to have someone like you.  
Happy Valentine's Day Tom.

Love, Laura

Dink,  
I only have a little time to say so much:  
When I hold you  
It feels so good  
I tell you I love you  
Whenever I could.  
You are the best  
I just have to say  
You do your own thing  
In a wonderful way.

I love you,  
The Commodore

# VALENTINE?

- THE JOHN ADAMS TOWER, February 14, 1979 - 5**
- Dear Pa,  
Happy Valentine Day  
Love,  
Your Teddy Bear
- To Teresa L., from your fans  
Ken, Todd, Ben, Bob, Rock
- TO LITTLE FUN,  
GET SOME.  
LEE W.
- DEAR TERI,  
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY  
LOVE,  
LEE W.
- To Sandy C.  
The ONLY one I'll ever love.  
Scott
- TO Julie,  
Happy Valentines Day  
Love,  
Doug
- To My little girl  
I would just like to say I love you  
and Happy Valentines Day.  
from Jeff and the elephant
- COME AND GET US, WE'RE  
READY!  
Jim and Todd
- To two of the strangest things in  
school;  
Grunt! Grunt! Chirp! Chirp!  
Ziploc
- To Randy  
Happy Valentines Day!
- Ricky Romeo; Good Job! You pass  
your confrontation.  
Sign your French Teacher
- B.W.  
Thanks for taking me to Spain  
with you.
- Abelonion Cupcakes?
- Grif:  
5th out of 4 ain't bad.
- Wrestlers love Kay.
- Three cheers for "Elmo;"  
Hog!!!  
Hg!!!  
Hog!!!
- Whatever happened?
- Dog Dave,  
Happy Valentines Day!  
Guess Who
- Charlies's Angels,  
Happy V-Day and to Breah  
Happy B-Day in 3 days.
- Lisa and Carolyn,  
Happy Birthdays
- Happy Valentines Day Peanut!  
Mary
- Mark E.  
Happy "hearts" Day  
Grump
- Pee J.  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
Marty
- Bernie,  
Love your dancin'  
Me
- Happy Valentine's  
Mar G.
- Peachy,  
Happy Valentine's  
Burito Marvelous
- John,  
Thanks!  
Beth
- Ted & Lisa  
FOOD FIGHT!  
Jello-head
- Kerby  
DID YOU SHOWER?  
Mom  
P.S. Victor is fine and doin well.  
Roxane
- Victor,  
Happy Valentine's Day, you " "  
Carolyn
- Victor,  
Fill in the blank!  
Gina
- Happy "18th" Birthday, Lisa!  
Love,  
Carolyn, Gina and Anne
- Happy V-Day, Anne!  
"Pax", G. Marie
- Kevin B., Ron Z., D. Moon, Peter  
and B.B. "Will you be my  
Valentine(s)?"  
Love,  
G.G. (R.S.V.P.)
- To Gina, Anne, Lisa and all the  
other seniors: Happy Seniors  
Valentines Day! Only 61 days of  
school left for us!  
Carolyn Marie
- K - MANY GOOD DAYS  
And a great Valentines Day.  
Your Love
- Joe - I hope you get a box of  
strawberry-Banana jello in your  
stocking on V-Day  
Lisa
- Happy Valentines Day, Mommy  
Love,  
The Nursem.id
- Dear Clikkk - Happy V-Day - space
- Babe,  
Happy Valentines Day!  
Me
- Three cheers for "Elmo;"  
Hog!!!  
Hg!!!  
Hog!!!
- Dog Dave,  
Happy Valentines Day!  
Guess Who
- Russell,  
I know you love me.  
To Regina and Donnie,  
Happy Valentine's Day  
To Lynn Mitchem  
Happy Valentines Day  
From your sweetheart, Rosalyn  
Williams
- To Lonnie and Chicken  
Happy Valentine Day
- To a guy with the worst memory,  
Thanks for always being there  
when I need you.  
I think I'm getting spoiled! Happy  
Valentines Day.  
I love you!  
Jealous (Surprise!)
- To three of my best buddies,  
Happy Valentines Day Mary,  
Rooo, and Debbie  
Dwarf
- Vicky,  
We'll miss you next year - I love  
you always.  
Twentwen
- Ted Manier,  
Happy Valentines Day.
- Ellen,  
Arriba de!  
Love,  
Lisa
- Mary,  
Too bad it's not a Valentine's  
Day Dance!  
Love,  
Helen
- We love you Jamie!  
Gina and Lisa
- Happy Valentines Day, Ron!  
Peace,  
Gina and Lisa
- To Munchken  
I hope our friendship will ever  
be growing.  
From big munchken
- Erin and Joe,  
Good luck
- Oz, my friend,  
you reached out and touched me.  
I'm sorry I was afraid. I miss  
you. Can we talk? Locker R139,  
leave note?  
Nada
- Gretro,  
Pass the sour cream and have a  
lucky Valentine's Day anyway.  
Touchdown and Tar
- K. Con  
Be my Valentine  
Love, Glenouille
- Sheila,  
Absence makes the heart grow  
fonder. We miss you.  
Tess & Tamar
- R.F.,  
Happy Valentine's Day! Hope ya  
like your locker.  
Love, C.T.
- Jan,  
Will you go with me? Circles yes  
or no.  
Dave
- Cyn,  
Love ya lots  
lots  
lots  
lots  
Me
- Carolyn,  
Happy one day early. Bring  
plenty of padding and some ammo,  
"old lady."
- Babe,  
Happy Valentine's Day  
Beth
- Dave,  
Happy Valentine's Day  
The Flashers  
WOW!
- Steve, Test, no! Tess (Help me)  
Your very own Valentine. That's  
easy for me to say.  
Love,  
O-R
- Human Needs,  
Some food,  
Some sun,  
Some work,  
Some fun,  
Some one.  
Hope you're my someone  
Love, Laura
- Carolyn,  
Kleenex is on sale. Thanks for  
typing. Happy Birthday.
- Tricia,  
Here "it" is.
- Zuti,  
Bet you won't see this! If you do  
Happy Valentine's Day.  
"Sweetheart"
- Mitch and Susie,  
Doesn't this beat any Westwatch  
filler?!
- Happy Valentines- Day, G.M.D. in  
A.C. N.J.  
Love,  
Vic
- Jimmy Crossley and Vincente  
Guidote, Happy Valentines Day  
here in the United States.  
Adams Students
- Happy Birthday Carolyn and Kevin  
Love,  
Gina and Lisa

# She teaches a personal class with personality

by Lisa Parker

"It is a survey of American literature with a psychological approach," said Ms. Cwidak describing her honors junior English class. Her students see it as much more.

"It is a chance to learn about ourselves and other members of the class, as well as studying literature," said one class member.

Learning is the main objective of studying in any class. Ms. Cwidak holds the philosophy that students "should enjoy being in class and should leave feeling they have learned."

In making her class more enjoyable, Ms. Cwidak introduced

a unit in acting. The class practiced Thornton Wilder's OUR TOWN, which Ms. Cwidak described as "the perfect play for any class." Because it has numerous parts of varying importance, everyone can participate.

Ms. Cwidak felt that having the opportunity to perform would make every student "a more sophisticated drama critic." And since one student said, "It is a lot harder than you think it is," Ms. Cwidak seems to have accomplished her goal.

Besides discovering that you should never act with mountain climbing boots on, because tromping across stage ruins sentimental scenes, students dis-

covered different sides of the people in their class. Everyone agreed that acting forces you to be more open while still allowing you to hide behind a character.

Now that the acting is over, Ms. Cwidak commented that it "added comradery" to the class, and is thinking about staging another play later in the thirty-six week course.

Throughout the course, Ms. Cwidak has selected works that relate to the "crises of the young adult."

OUR TOWN illustrated that "life is made up of little trivia, not great events," said Ms. Cwidak. She feels this reality should be stressed to high school students. Since so much pressure is put on them to

rush through the four years and to go on to jobs or college, students misses too many of the daily pleasures along the way.

In this personally related class, students are given the opportunity to spend time on themselves, and to represent themselves to the class in the form of creative projects. These projects may be a work of art, or a piece of music, or just about anything that will represent the student to the rest of the class.

Personal logs, turned in to Ms. Cwidak as often as a student wishes, give all the students a chance to express themselves privately. Without giving any grade, Ms. Cwidak comments on the logs, which cover many topics

including concerns about school, people, and actions.

In the near future, Ms. Cwidak plans to give each student a written evaluation of his/her progress and potential areas for growth.

In Ms. Cwidak's class, what one student said about the acting applies to the whole course. "Something of everyone comes out." And whether this second hour class is considered "a great event," or part of life's abundant "trivia," it is an enjoyable learning experience for all who participate.

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This is the first in a series of articles on unique and interesting classes.

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### Taxidermy club to appear on TV

The John Adams Taxidermy club will appear on channel 28's Michiana program on Tuesday, February 20.

The club sponsor, Mr. Wesley, along with students Sanders Elliot, Rita Loft, Rick Smith, and Randy Smith will give a demonstration of taxidermy on the program, airing at 10 a.m.

### Finals . . . it's in the cards

by Kathy Grubb

Some speculated. Some doubted. And some anticipated. But all anxiously watched the weather on January 23rd, waiting to catch a glimpse of the first snowflake. That first tiny glistening snowflake which all but guaranteed several more inches just like it . . . and, could it happen again? Could the mid year finals be cancelled again because of snow?

Many went to sleep memorizing last minute English terms and physics formulas only to awaken to WRBR telling all of South Bend to go back to sleep because almost everything was closed.

Freshmen breathed a sigh of relief over the postponement of those horrible exams dreaded by students. Sophomores became rather accustomed to the idea of reducing the number of finals. Seniors decided that having to take less or no finals was the perfect way to end their career as high school students. But juniors either gazed into space stunned by what had happened three years in a row or smiled slyly knowing that the

According to Wesley, the demonstration will include background of the history and formation of the club, and exhibition of animals, tools of the trade, and processes.

"As far as I know we're the only club at Adams that has ever appeared on television," said Wesley.

junior class was born under some kind of lucky star. While all high school students benefited from the snowdays, the junior class is the only class that really got three straight passes.

Is it luck that has enabled thousands of students to awaken to a winter wonderland and no finals or is it destiny? Is the midwest experiencing a climate change or does someone up there like us? Maybe this is someone's way of letting us know that finals shouldn't be by guiding mother nature's hand as she sweeps a blizzard or two over the country.

Whatever the reason, this phenomenal recurrence never ceases to boggle the minds of child and adult alike. Often is heard the phrase, "You don't really think we'll get snowed out of finals again...do you?" An honest reply is never dependable.

After the 3rd annual semester break blizzard, students watch for the snow as much as they anticipate the Super Bowl. And the juniors? They just hope to make it 4 aces.

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## A.C.C. concert blasts audience

by Tom Osthimer

To all the die hard concert enthusiast who thrive on music that numb the senses, this was one show you couldn't miss. Marshall Tucker and Firefall stirred up a good mixture of country-related rock n' roll boogie at the A.C.C. on Saturday, January 27. For the 9,000 or so who came unprepared (i.e. ear plugs, cotton, etc.) the night proved to be a tragedy. Talent-wise these bands rate very high. But when the decibel level is at the point where distortion overcomes the song, interest in the bands performance is lost in the minds of the spectators.

Firefall started the night off right with several cuts of their latest album "Elan." Known primarily for its first single, "Just Remember I Love You," Firefall

has continued to climb the charts with such hits as "Cinderella" and "Strange Way." The band played well. After hearing them you may think they should be headlining the show themselves.

Despite the outragous job by the sound technicians, Marshall Tucker played a pretty fair set. Featured in this set were "Heard it in a Love Song" and "Can't You See" off their first album "The Marshall Tucker Band."

The group is comprised of the brother duo Tommy and Toy Caldwell of lead and bass guitar, George McCorkel on rhythm guitar, Paul Riddle on drums, and Jerry Eubanks on horns. The lead singer Doug Gray adds depth and meaning to their composition with his unique style of vocalizing. Together they are one of the best country bands around these days.

## Black History moves from past to present

by Veronica Lee

Black History isn't Just A Thing Of The Past..... Looking Back is one way to find Black History. The past is full of the richness and glory of achievement. But Black History is also a thing of the present. It is made everyday as people work to accomplish their goals. Their successes are the foundation for the Black History of the future.

Black History lives - BLACK IS YOU!!!!

And we Black students today-nineteen hundred and seventy-nine have a more promising future than those of a hundred years ago.

Today we are able to be anything we want to be, have anything we want to have, but education is the key to all of these things, without an education there is no future there is no Black History! Jessie Jackson says Black is "DUTIFUL" and it is our duty to strive for Black EXCELLENCE. Learning as much as we can and then passing it on.

The Black Awareness Club will be going to the following schools: Brown; Jefferson; Nuner, Edison, Oliver and Dickerson. Our effort will be directed towards "PASSING ON" INFORMATION pertaining to Black Art, Black History, Black Music and individuals who contributed to the whole Black scene. The educational program will be entitled "WE'VE COME ALONG WAY".

There will be special announcements over the intercom, also a library display and display cases. On Feb. 1979 there will be a fashion day. Ten dollars will be awarded to the most fashionable male and female dressed in African attire. Everyone should participate!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO STRIVE FOR BLACK EXCELLENCE!!!!

## Love is expressed many different ways

by Mary Gregg

Gotten any Valentine's day cards lately that say "You have stolen my liver away?" Don't worry, no one's accusing you of being a grave robber. It's just that a long time ago, people used to think of the liver as being the symbol of love instead of the heart.

And if you hear anyone scoff at Valentine's Day and groan, This holiday's for the birds," don't bang him over the head and call him unromantic. Instead, smile and say, "Oh, how smart you are!" In Europe, February 14 is believed to be the first day of the mating season for the birds.

The patron saint of Valentine's Day is no other than St. Valentine himself. (What was my first clue?) Reheaded on February 14 for refusing to give up Christianity, he sent the first Valentine's Day card. The jailer's daughter had befriended him, so he left her a little note that ended "from your Valentine."

For you boys who say you'd rather die before you send a card to any girl (remember St. Valentine) take comfort in the fact that you

live in the present. In Rome a long time ago, young ladies would place their names in an urn. The gentlemen of the village would draw one, and behold--the first computer dating system!

Did you know that Valentine's day flowers can send a message? Red roses stand for passion, violets can mean "remember your Valentine. (Thanks to the saint who, as he sat in jail, used to pick them and send them to friends and relatives via a dove.)

And if you're clever with flower arrangements, you can slant a flower to the left and wrap a laurel leaf around it to signify the profundity, "I am me." Trouble is, if you look at it backwards, it says "I am you," and people might think you're just trying to find yourself.

Valentine's Day damsels who carry fans with them in order to appear coy and mysterious may be interested to know that in 1879 a code for fans was registered in the Patent Office. So if you see a girl rapidly fanning herself, if could mean, "I am engaged." It could also mean, "Wouldn't you know,

the heat just started working and it's almost 110° in here."

If you find yourself with an admiring Valentine whose admiration isn't appreciated, just make a quick fan out of paper and twirl it around a few times. This, in simple Fanese, means "Bug off."

Girls who give their guys a bachelor button to wear today better think twice. If the flower lives, all is well and he'll marry you. If it dies, he must look for someone else. (No fair dipping it in acid, guys, if the girl who loves you has the personality of a dried egg yolk.)

You may give your sweetheart a rose today, but you'll never compare with Cleopatra. When Mark Antony came to call, she piled the floor eighteen inches deep with roses, and filled the fountains with rose water. Let it be hoped that Mark Anthony didn't have an allergy!

You may frown when you see someone wearing their heart on their sleeve today, but grin and bear it. It could be worse. They could be wearing their liver on their sleeve.

# #1 Eagles still perfect

by John Byers

Withstanding every challenge thrown at them, the John Adams basketball team remains unbeaten and #1, following victories over state powers Elkhart Central and Washington.

What was billed as the game of the year, complete with T.V. coverage, psyche-out job, and a packed Washington gym, looked more like shooting practice, as Adams annihilated the #5 ranked Panthers 74-55.

The game did remain close during the first half, but the Eagles maintained the tempo of the second half with error free ball.

Adams roared out to an early 14-5 lead, hitting their first seven shots, but Washington capitalized on several costly turnovers, rallied, as the first quarter ended 16-15 with the Eagles on top.

The second quarter followed the same pattern, as Adams pulled ahead by 7, only to see the resurrection of the Panthers and a 32-31 halftime score in favor of The Eagles.

What happened after the intermission was a whole another story, as Adams held Washington to 9 third quarter points, while slowly blitzkrieging the nets for an eventual 20 point lead, 68-48 with 3 minutes remaining.

The offense, playing fundamentals to perfection in the second half, was keyed by a superior night from guards Emmet Dodd, Skip Jones, and Kevin Wasowski, who all controlled the tempo of the game.

Mitchem, as usual controlled the lane, scoring 24 points, while Sutton and Jackson were flying high to the tune of 15 and 12 points respectively.

Playing in the Northside gym before 4,167 screaming Blue Blazer fans, the Eagles squeaked out a 61-60 win over Central in a memorable game.

The Blue Blazer's inspired zone defense kept the Eagle offense at bay most of the night, but Central had to overcome a 33-23 halftime deficit to take the lead with 4-1/2 minutes to play.

Then the Eagles rallied to take the lead with 3:15 to play. After exchanging baskets for nearly 3 minutes, Central gained its final lead with 37 seconds remaining.

But Leroy Sutton provided the heroics as he sunk a 15 footer with 0:12 showing on the clock, and after a final Central shot drew only iron, the Eagles had secured victory.

Lynn Mitchem, shooting in the 70-75% range finished with 20, while Sutton and Herron ended up with 18 and 20 respectively. The B-team, playing three days later, also defeated the Blazers, by a 63-49 count. Solomon Anderson, Robert Murphy, and Glen Voreis scored 16, 14 and 13 points respectively.

Other teams falling into the wake of Adams during its present winning streak include Michigan City Elston, Warsaw, and St. Joe.

Against Elston the Eagles had no trouble in rolling to a 89-73 victory,

as the front line had a field day. Mitchem scored 25, while Herron and Sutton chipped in with 20 and 18 respectively. As a team Adams hit 40 of 65 shots for a .615 average.

The B-team didn't fare quite as well, as Elston handed them their first loss of the season, 58-56.

Warsaw proved to be a bit more stubborn, as Adams found itself down by 3 at halftime. The game was still up for grabs with the score knotted at 45-45 after three quarters, but some strong fourth quarter rebounding proved to be vital, as Adams won 62-52.

Again it was the front line, Mitchem 22, Sutton 20, and Herron 17 that provided most of the punch.

The St. Joe Indians proved that even a lightly regarded team is in a position to beat a #1 team. Adams won 63-59, but with better than anemic free throw shooting and a little luck, the Indians could have pulled off a major upset.

Backed by a large, noisy, psyched-up crowd, St. Joe kept pace with Adams most of the night. Eagle scoring was well balanced with Sutton netting 24, Chicken Jackson and Kevin Bradford contributing 10 and 8 respectively, but lacked the inside game of Mitchem, who found himself in constant foul trouble all night.

This win is more important than any victory over a top ranked team in that it is an indicator of the type of competition to be found in the upcoming state tourney, even from a hapless team.



Guard Kevin Wasowski drops a line or two while defending Washington's Eric Williams. Adams bombed Washington 74-55. photo by Rick Peltz

## Dziubinski goal with :32 remaining beats Clay

by Joe Taylor

A Dave Dziubinski goal with 32 seconds left to play, with an excellent assist by George Schell, gave the Eagle hockey team an inspired 5-4 victory over rival Clay last Thursday night at the ACC.

The game opened with both teams making good offensive thrusts. At 9:26, Eldred MacDonnel made a steal and fired a wrist shot just wide to the right. A minute later, Clay got a breakaway, but Goalie Jay Brasel made the pad save.

Clay got on the board first at 7:56 of the first period on a centering pass from behind the net to make it

1-0.

Scheel tied it up two minutes later on a shot that was slowed by the Colonial goaltender, but trickled in. The play was set up by Pat Chomyn's forechecking.

At 4:34, Dave Jaicomo took a pass from Geoff Wharton and cranked a long low wrist shot into the Clay net to make the score 2-1.

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The first period ended at 2-2. Although Clay had the edge in shots on goal (13-5), most of the Clay shots were from a harmless

distance.

Adams took the lead again at 10:00 of the second period on a 35-foot wrist shot by Scheel. Most of the rest of the period was marked by blown opportunities and excellent defense on the part of both sides. Brasel came up with a couple of great saves, particularly a glove save on a quick backhand in tight.

At 2:12, Dziubinski hauled in a Wharton pass, skated across the blue line, sidestepped right to leave two Colonial defenders staring at their skates, and punched a short shot in for a 4-2 lead. The goal came when the

Eagles were shorthanded.

Adams killed off a number of penalties in the period, and held on to their two-goal lead.

At 9:00 of the third period, however, Clay pulled within one when a two-on-one resulted in a puck in the back of the Eagle net. Less than a minute later, Clay had another break, but a Colonial choked on a wide open shot.

Brasel, playing one of his better games of the year, kept the Colonials out with a couple of extraordinary saves, while MacDonnel played fierce defense, mashing Colonial puck-carriers left and right.

The game moved into the final five minutes, and Clay tied it up at 4:23 on a medium range wrist shot. Clay gained the momentum. And at 1:52, what looked like a good hip check by MacDonnel was whistled down as a trip. Things did not look too terrific for Adams.

But the Eagle penalty killers were not playing for a tie. The penalty had almost expired when Scheel took a cross-ice pass and skated down the left side. Dziubinski broke down the middle, and Scheel laced the pass between two Clay defensemen. No hope. The Eagles killed off the final 32 seconds for the victory.

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# Seagles trounce Riley twice

by Kevin Lennon

Sure Riley High School's swim team was ranked #2 in the state of Indiana. Sure they were the conference champs last year. Sure they were the defending state champions.

But someone forgot to tell the John Adams Seagles this. Not just once, but twice.

The first confrontation between these two state powers proved to be a real test for the talented Seagles, with Adams winning the meet 89-83.

The Seagles stormed out to an early lead in the meet behind a group of record breakers.

The 200 medley relay team of Dave Pauszek, Ron Zhiss, Tom Manley, and Tim Herendeen was the first to break a pool record. The next was Gary Severyn, who blew away his opponent in winning the 200 freestyle. Last, but certainly not least, was the record performance of Ron Zhiss in the 200 individual medley.

Riley fought back and narrowed the Seagles' margin to 72-70, but Riley's hopes of victory were dashed when Adams placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the 100

breaststroke (Bernie Doering, Jamie Miller, and Tom Batdorf).

Once again, the Seagles' well balanced performances made the victory possible.

With winning this meet, the Seagles recaptured the David Menucci Memorial Trophy (established in the memory of the former Adams swimmer as the symbol of supremacy in this superb annual rivalry) and, of course, the conference championship with their 9-0 record.

The swim team completed their dual meet season with a 15-1 record, losing only to highly regarded Munster, five time state champion.

This victory also marked the 100th career victory for Coach Steve Smith. His career record now stands at 100-18.

The Northern Indiana Invitational, a new meet which was superbly directed by Coach Smith, proved to be the next challenge for the Seagles. But as always, Adams still reigned, finishing ahead of Riley, Clay, and all the other N.I.C. teams.

Outstanding performances were turned in by the medley relay team and juniors Tim Parent and Bob

Manley in both the 200 and 500 freestyles. Other notable times were achieved by Jamie Miller in the 200 I.M. and 100 breaststrokes, Mike Deren in the 50 and 100 freestyle sprints, and Brad Tretheway and Tom Manley in the 100 fly.

Senior co-captain Ron Zhiss finished as high point man for the meet, finishing first in the 200 I.M. and 100 breaststroke, as well as swimming the breaststroke leg for the winning medley relay.

By totally dominating Riley and all other NIC opponents the Seagles have all the momentum needed to capture the sectional crown this weekend as well as the state title.

According to Coach Smith, Adams is the favorite in the state meet at Ball State University February 23 and 24.

"It will be extremely close between Adams, Riley, Munster, and Crown Point. But we have a slight edge based on performances so far this year," says co-captain Zhiss. "It'll come down to who has it that day. There probably won't be more than 15 points separating the top three teams."

## Athletic Dept.

by Joe Taylor

The Athletic Department is operating at an estimated \$3,000 deficit this year, according to Athletic Director Ed Szucs.

Szucs said that the department's estimated income for this school year is \$24,000. The spending this year, however, was placed at \$27,000. "It would be very difficult to set up a program like we would like to for \$24,000," said Szucs.

Factors in department spending include game handling (ticket takers, police, scoreboard operators, announcers, etc.), feeder school payments, and team expenses.

Concerning the basketball team and their tournament possibilities, Szucs said that the team gets no money from tournament games, but "we still have to pay the expenses."

The \$3,000, or whatever the deficit ends up being, will be taken from the athletic reserve. "Now, we have done this for several years, so we've really hit the reserve, and we can't go on this way," said Szucs. Also, the department gets

## running at \$3,000 deficit

no school money or any other public funds.

In itemizing the budget, the combined budgets of the football and basketball teams exceeds one-third of the total money. Football received \$5,800, while basketball receives \$3,500. Szucs described it as a "modest budget" as compared to the other local schools, but it is made out of necessity according to the present intake. "You can't buy a Cadillac if you don't work," said Szucs.

Last year, football was over its budget. This year, though the team made money, the gain was negated by last year's loss.

The basketball team also lost money last year, much of which was due to the lousy weather. This year, the team is playing in front of packed houses, which means more money. When originally asked if basketball gets a large percent of the money in the department, Szucs responded, "They don't get a large percent, they make a large percent."

Budgeting is based on "What kind of team we have," said Szucs. When a shortage of money occurs,

the coaches must consider their priorities in deciding what to ax. Szucs said he told the coaches that "(concerning spending), if you need it, go ahead and buy it, staying within the budget. If you don't, leave it there. In other words, we want wise spending."

Concerning the actual income this year for those that have turned in their reports, Szucs said, "We are ahead of our estimated income." Specifically, the income for these sports is \$1682, a slight increase over the estimated \$1625.

One of the girls' income sports, volleyball, turned out to be a disappointment. "Volleyball usually does very well. And we were state champs this year and, of course, that didn't hurt us a bit." Nevertheless the team contracted a minor deficit this year.

And, as a whole, the department has lost money over the last few years. This has also discouraged expansion of the program. "People talk about 'Let's expand the program. Let's get this and that.' And we can't do that because we already have a \$3,000 deficit."

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Sue Thompson looks for an open teammate in action against North Liberty.  
photo by Rick Peltz

## Girls B-Ball finishes 6-6

The girl's basketball team finished up their season with a 6-6 record. This is the best record the girl's have had in their short 3 year history. In the final 4 games of the season they won 2 games and lost 2 games. At Michigan City Elston the Eagles lost by a score of 45-42. Sue Ushela-led the team with 11 points. The girls kept close to LaPorte but couldn't overcome them and were beaten 57-52. Sue Thompson was the high scorer with 12 points. This was a superb effort from the girls to stay that close because LaPorte was 12th in the state and upset Michigan City Rogers who was 2nd. Elkhart Memorial was beaten by Adams in an excellent game. Adams won 49-46. Sue Thompson was the high scorer with 18 points. In the last game of the regular season, the girls beat Elkhart Central in a tight game with lots of action. Sue Thompson led the team with 14 points to the 49-47 win.

In the first round of the sectional

## Wrestlers stamp Elston to take second in N.I.C.

by George Patton

The John Adams Wrestling team finished the regular season with seven N.I.C. wins in a row to take second place in the conference, behind only state-ranked Mishawaka.

The Eagles picked up one of the N.I.C. wins when they defeated a strong Clay team by a score of 31-3. The Grapplers started out with a couple of quick pins; one from Mike McNarney, wrestling at 107 pounds, in 1:07 and the other for the 114 pounder, Jon Fonacier, in only 39 seconds. Mark Sutton, at

126 pounds, tacked on a major decision with a 16-5 victory. Tony Patterson helped the team out with 11-6 win at 140 pounds.

In the upper weights Clay came back and put the pressure on, but the Eagles responded with two pins to seal the match. Those victories were recorded by the Captains, Joe Niemann and Bob Bergren. Niemann gained his pin in 3:13 and Bergren flattened his Colonial in 4:00.

A week after the Clay win the Grapplers traveled to LaPorte to meet the highly touted Slicers. The

Slicers soundly defeated the Eagles, 39-13, but the loss did not hurt the Eagles in the N.I.C. because the match was a non-conference one.

The Eagles only won three matches, and all of them were by decision. Dave McNarney won at 100 pounds, and both captains, Joe Niemann and Bob Bergren, won. This match stopped an 8-match over-all win streak for the Eagles.

As the regular season started to dwindle down, the race for second place in the N.I.C. started to heat up. Both the Red Devils from

Michigan City Elston and the Eagles of Adams had a shot at the number two position. Then the last match came and both teams had 6-1-1 records in the N.I.C., and so the stage was set for the showdown for second place.

The Eagles started out with a six point lead when Dave McNarney won by a pin in 5:35. Mike McNarney followed with six points after the Elston man was disqualified with too many penalty points. Jon Fonacier won a tough 9-8 decision and the Eagles were rolling.

Mark Sutton and Ryan Lane each won a close match. Sutton gained a 9-7 decision and Lane picked up a well earned 6-5 victory. Joe Niemann won a tough match at 147 pounds by a score of 11-8. Greg Hughes also picked up a victory with a 11-3 major decision.

Gary Haygood and Bob Bergren finished the scoring for the team. Haygood picked up a pin in 5:43 and Bergren won by default. The wrestlers then left Michigan City with a convincing 40-19 victory over the Red Devils, and second place in the N.I.C. with a 7-1-1 record.



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