

Upperclassmen advise freshmen to become involved

"You're at the best, with the best. So, do your best, and you'll be the best.

Adams sophomore, Jodi Roman, offered that advice to incoming freshmen. Adams is sort of a land of opportunity, and it is your responsibility to take advantage of the opportunities.

One of the major opportunities which Adams offers is a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Language clubs, taxidermy, biology, drama, and publications offer Adams students a chance for fun and career exploration which extends beyond the formal classroom setting.

Fun, keeping in shape, and representing Adams are in store for those who go out for sports.

Lisa Macri felt that the freshman club fair helped freshmen get involved and become a part of the school. "Even if you're shy, it's easy to get involved. Give yourself one little push and things go pretty easy."

Joining clubs in high school is especially important when you realize that high school may be the last time when you will have this freedom. For example, trying to work on a college newspaper staff is rather difficult when you have to compete with journalism school majors.

It isn't too early to think about those college years. The courses you take in the next four years will determine where you are prepared to go after high school.

No matter what anyone says about high school, your education at Adams is basically just preparation for more extended education or a career.

If you think you might like to begin a career following graduation, you should talk to teachers in the business department about DECA, COE, and ICT, the work/study training programs offered at Adams. Even though you can't enter the programs for a

couple of years, you must have some basic required classes before entering.

To find out what college entrance requirements are at the institution of your choice, or to just begin to make a choice, pay the guidance resource center a visit. It, along with the guidance office (and thus your counselor, Ms. Maza), is located on the lower front hall facing Twyckenham. Ms. Maza will aid you with all of your scheduling problems, and lend an encouraging word when the pressures of your first year gang up.

For academic advice, the most logical people to consult are your teachers. Talk to them the minute you feel lost in the class. The longer you wait, the harder it is to catch up. Problems don't take care of themselves. You have to deal with them.

Besides advising you to pay attention in algebra, junior Vickie Cates suggests that you "look over

whatever you study in school during the day." For those vocabulary words, she advises "reading them over and over 15 minutes or more each day."

Ronda Hetterson, a junior, wanted to tell freshmen to "study hard, because if you want to get through high school, you'll have to."

But all work and no play isn't a wise plan either. Colleges look at the extra-curricular activities in which a student participated. Some employers say that they would rather hire a B plus student who had an active high school career exhibiting leadership and the ability to co-operate, than the straight A student who didn't appear to have handled any situation which wasn't printed in a textbook.

Ronda also advises, "Do what you want to do. If something interests you, do it."

Perhaps the key phrase was

offered by a girl who will be entering nursing school this fall. She said, "budget your time." After four years of following her own advice at Adams, she feels prepared to go to college where no one will tell her when to study. Self discipline is not easy to learn, but it could be the most important lesson high school has to offer.

Friends are important in any setting and especially a new one. The nursing student had these comments, "the freshman year is very clique-ie. You will find a group, but don't worry if the group changes."

And watch how your group changes, because "the crowd that you get involved with is the crowd that you get named," as David Kollar, a sophomore, put it.

Friends, groups, clubs, and classes. Four opportunities. Four choices. Four years.

You must make the most of them.

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Roles of women discussed by Jane Pauley

As Jane Pauley, a principal reporter on the TODAY television program and the first woman to co-anchor a regularly scheduled nightly news program, ascended the stage, the 800 women who had gathered to hear her speak broke into applause which shook the auditorium.

Ms. Pauley had come to Terre Haute to speak to high school girls from all over Indiana about their roles in women's movement, in government, and in the media.

She described her whirlwind trip to the top as, "riding the crest of the women's movement." But, she feels that qualifications rather than any organized movement will take women the farthest.

Her qualifications have been recognized on numerous occasions. She is the youngest person to receive an honorary degree from DePauw University for bringing distinction to journalism.

Ms. Pauley started out as a political science major at IU, which "is what you major in when you don't know what the heck you want to do," admitted Ms. Pauley.

She said that the most important thing she did in high school was to join the forensic society. There she learned about speech and debate, and gained confidence.

Ms. Pauley feels that while the women's movement has made

great advances, women still have a long way to go. For this reason she feels girls should begin in their teens to define their goals and to begin preparing for the future.

Joining clubs, becoming involved in student government, and gaining a strong academic background should put anyone, especially a woman, in a favorable light with prospective employers.

The key to becoming involved in politics is starting in the lower ranks early and working up either along party lines or onto the ballot.

Commenting on the effectiveness of the women's movement, Ms. Pauley said that even though women are seen in positions never before imagined, Barbara Walters is **reporting** on the oval office, not **sitting** in it.

To illustrate her points, Ms. Pauley told this story:

"When I was little, all the little boys built board club houses. And, all the little girls tried to break into the houses, and for many summers they succeeded. Finally one summer, the boys got the idea that they would create a trap door to their club house in the roof. It was very, very hot inside the club house, but the little girls never broke in.

The moral of the story is that you don't have to take the girls, but you do have to take the heat."

Cheerleaders awarded for excellence, spirit, precision

John Adams has always been known as a school with class. Full of spirit, talent, and hard work, our school has reason to boast. And this summer, one representative section proved this claim.

The cheerleading squads, both varsity and B-Team, were hard at work during the vacation. By attending camp, the girls learned how to improve their routines, their voices, their movements, and their over-all enthusiasm.

The varsity squad spent time at Ball State, where they found that cheerleading is not all that easy. However, the team's skills were evident, for they brought home two blue ribbons (superior) and two red ribbons (excellent). A spirit stick, awarded for pep and enthusiasm,

was also one of the squad's achievements.

The B-team also went to camp, located closer to home, at Notre Dame. The girls were evaluated each night; one night chosen for having the "Best Entrances and Exits," and another night for performing "Best Stunts and Pyramids." On the last day, the cheerleaders won a blue ribbon in competition, and won third place in the Grand Champion contest.

These camps were a valuable learning experience, as shown by the way the cheerleaders triumphed in later contests. Invited to the Elkhart County Fair, both squads competed against over twenty area teams. The varsity

team came away with a third place, which was "a real shock," according to cheerleader Sue Farmer. "We didn't think we even had a chance of placing." The B-team proved superior, capturing a first place.

More recently, the teams attended the Michiana Cheerleading Contest, held at University Park Mall. This time, the varsity won a first place trophy, and the B-team was awarded a second place trophy.

Joan Forster, of the B-team, felt "that we learned a lot." This summer, with hard work and talent, this group of Adams students proved that our school has class.



Top l. to r. G. Grzegorek, D. Leatherman, J. Moriarty, J. Stahly. Bottom l. to r. S. Woltman, B. Seaborg, P. Berta, N. Hoffman. photo by Rick Peltz

John Adams welcomes eleven new teachers

Each new high school year means a change of surroundings for about four hundred nervous freshmen but it also marks a change of pace for a new set of experienced teachers. This year the eleven new faces are spread from science to guidance to home ec. It's nice to see some interesting new faces amongst the familiar faces of the Adams faculty.

Mrs. Sandra Woltman, a former Adams student, will be our new bookkeeper. She has worked as a secretary and cashier in the Education Center business office for twelve years.

Miss Mary Ellen Brown will join the library staff. She is a Clinton Prairie High School graduate from Frankfort, Indiana. She received her B.A. from Purdue and her M.S. from Illinois. She has worked at Adams before as well as at two other South Bend Community Schools, Edison Junior High and Clay Middle.

In the guidance office we will be seeing the new face of James Chambers from Caverna High School in Horse Cave, Kentucky. He attended Western Kentucky and stayed in Kentucky while counseling students at his first four schools. In South Bend he has taught at Nuner and has been Assistant Principal at Jackson Middle for the past six years.

We have two new additions to our English department, Mrs. Norma Hoffman and Mr. George Grzegorek. Mrs. Hoffman, wife of Adams math teacher, Jerome Hoffman, is a true South Bender having attended South Bend St. Joseph High School. She received both her B.S. and M.A. from Ball State and has acquired experience from ten years of teaching at Washington High School.

The other English department addition, George Grzegorek, will also be coaching freshman basketball and baseball. He is also

a native South Bender having attended South Bend Central. He received his B.A. from St. Edwards University and has attended Valparaiso University. He has taught in Michigan, Colorado and at Jackson Middle in South Bend.

Another double addition is in the business field. Our two new teachers, Dennis Leatherman and Patricia Berta, are both from Indiana. Mr. Leatherman, comes from Elkhart and Mrs. Berta from Logansport. Mr. Leatherman received his B.S. and M.S. from Indiana University. He taught at Elkhart High School, his alma mater, for one year before his twelve years of teaching at Washington High School. Mrs. Berta received her B.S. from Indiana State and her M.A. from Indiana University. She, like Mr. Leatherman, has taught at Washington High School -- eight years in her case.

Our Home Economics depart-

ment will be receiving the part time aid of Mrs. Betty Seaborg. She attended Arsenal Tech High School in Indianapolis and received her B.S. from Purdue. She has taught in California as well as in other Hoosier cities. She has taught at Oliver Elementary and Clay Middle in South Bend and is returning to John Adams after five years of previous John Adams experience.

Our two incoming science teachers are both experienced in instruction at South Bend Public Schools. Mr. John Stahly has taught at Marshall and Madison elementary schools and Brown Middle School for a total of nineteen years. He attended Nappanee High School and went on to receive a B.S. from Purdue and an M.S. from Indiana.

Mr. Joseph Moriarty, another science department addition, has taught for twenty-six years at Jefferson Elementary-Junior High

School. After graduating from a Chicago High School, he attended Notre Dame University where he received his B.S. and M.A. At Jefferson, Mr. Moriarty taught, counseled, and was Assistant Principal.

Freida Fuchs, a Washington High School graduate, will be teaching P.V.E. classes this year. She received her B.A. from St. Mary's College and her M.S. at Indiana University. Ms. Fuchs has gained a great deal of experience in the South Bend Community School corporation, having taught at Riley, Jackson, LaSalle, and Washington.

The eleven new staff and faculty members joining Adams hopefully will quickly grasp the swing of the Adams pace. Their presence will help to enlighten and encourage the Adams students and keep the friendly faculty - student relationship that exists throughout John Adams High School.

Rockets bomb but REO rolls

by Section 10, Row 6B

To the theme of the Pink Panther and a cloud of smoke the REO Speedwagon rock-and-rolled South Bend for a couple of hours. Not included in the jam session were the Rockets, who had a late launch and never got off the ground.

Led by lead guitarist Gary Richrath, REO Speedwagon proved to be better than expected by the 7,500 fans at the ACC last week. The concert began with a "TunaFish" tune, "Say You Love Me or Say Goodnight," which led into the wellknown "Like You Do."

REO proved to be a well-balanced band: fine vocals by Kevin Cronin, excellent keyboards by Neal Doughty, decent drums by Alan Gratzner, bass play plus some vocals by Bruce Hall, and of course, the main man of the evening, Mr. Gary Richrath.

The concert continued in fine fashion with side one of the new "Nine Lives" album. "We

remember the old ones, too!" said Cronin. The band then fired up the crowd with "Roll with the Changes."

They continued to rock and never let up through Richrath's solo, "157" (some fine jabbering by Cronin), and the classic masterpiece, "Ridin' the Storm Out."

After an all-too-long interval and 7,500 people yelling and screaming, the Wagon returned with old jams, starting with "Son of a Poor Man" and "Little Queenie" for the first encore.

The second encore featured "Golden Country" and a remake of "Rock 'n' Roll Music."

We tried wildly to miss the Rockets, but nobody's perfect. Lucky for everybody the Rockets were shuffled off to the back exit in a scant 25 minutes.

We'll see you at Styx.



IN MEMORIAM

Thomas A. Wagoner

September 28, 1962

August 12, 1979

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The Human Comedy
by William Saroyan

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Record store review

By Joe Taylor

There are a number of record stores in the area. In comparison, however, there are also a great number of differences between them. Some are good, some are average and some are a waste of time, money, and space.

Starting with the wastes: if you place any value at all on money, do not go to Musicland to buy your albums. Located at both malls, the average Musicland LP goes for about \$7.99 with the sorry albums or "on-sale" discs usually \$6.99 and the ones they can't get rid of sometimes even \$5.99. Musicland has a fairly large selection, but the employees are usually a little slow of wit when asked about albums.

Camelot Music, at University Park Mall, is somewhat better, but not much. Again, high prices are the downfall.

Then there is the River City Records chain, of which the old Mac's Record Rack has been added. The River City on U.S. 31 has about the largest selection in

the area. But again, the price of the better albums is jacked up a dollar to \$6.99, with double albums priced way out of range. However, you can save a bill on albums there with the coupon in the "River City Review."

Just For The Record is average, and some of the sales they have are worthwhile. However, some of the people who work there act like you asked them to pick the 100 Center up and move it over a couple inches if you ask them to play an album or any other task. Personal experience: I picked up "Led Zeppelin II" there. When I got home and played it, it had a scratch on one of the cuts. Naturally, whoever bagged my album remembered the anti-static sleeve and the album cover liner, and spaced my receipt. "No receipt, no return."

For your money, a good thing to do is drive down 31 and when you get to River City, just keep driving. Eventually on the left there will appear The Record Joint, just outside of Niles. The Joint has at best an average selection, in

quantity, but the people there know something about music and the prices are civilized. Example: "Yessongs", a triple album, goes for \$10.95.

The best, however, is Boogie Records in the College Square in Mishawaka. Prices are excellent on records, tapes, and other necessities, but most of all, the people who work there know music. No offense, disco freaks, but disco isn't taken very seriously there. Still, it is the best record store around. Example: Bob Seger's "Live Bullet" goes for \$5.99. A \$5.99 double album is about the same as a 60c gallon of unleaded gasoline, and by now the Seger rack has probably been cleaned out.

Now there will still be some who truck on over to Robertson's or the local G.L. Perry's and pick up their Village People LP. But around here, the best bets are Boogie Records and, if you really feel like getting mobile for your albums, The Record Joint.

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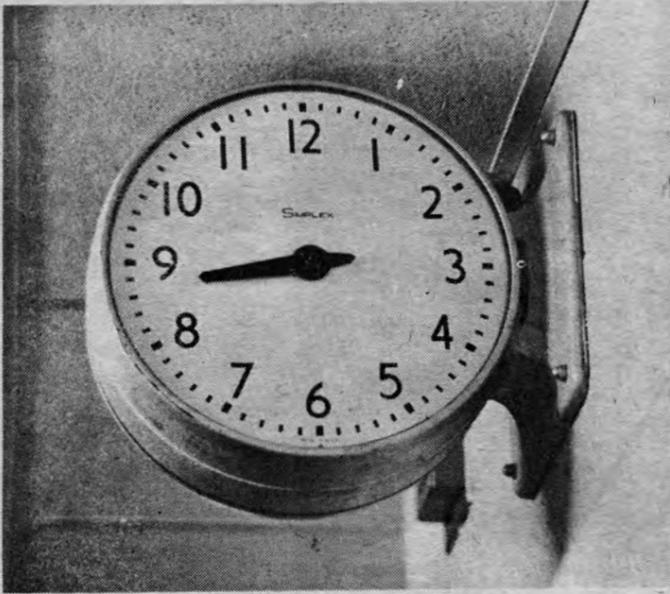
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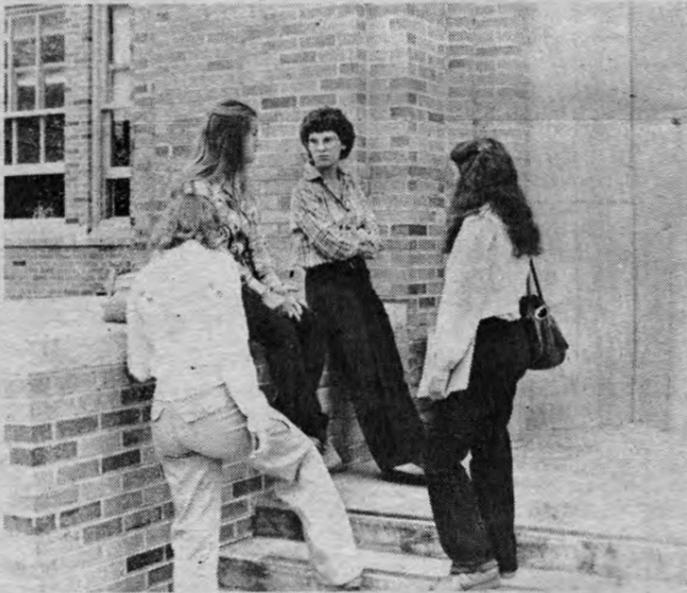
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Back To School Time



Eagle football resurrected

By John Byers

It took only one game for the John Adams football team to convince the state of Indiana that the Eagles are flying again.

By edging Fort Wayne Dwenger 7-6 they had produced the most stunning upset of the young season, and had people actually believing in the usual pre-season optimism.

Fort Wayne came into School Field with a perfect 1978 regular season record, and a Class AAA runnerup title to match. The Saints had 21 returning lettermen, 18 of them seniors. Obviously on paper Dwenger was the favorite.

The Eagles cracked the goal line first, however, as quarterback Anthony Reed snuck over from the 1 with 4:45 remaining in the second

quarter, capping a 67 yard drive. Dave Dziubinski broke through for gains of 13 and 16 during the march. Rob Gillespie converted the all-important extra point to give Adams a 7-0 lead.

Dwenger bounced back into the contest after taking the kickoff, as they scored on a long drive of their own, this one going 70 yards. The PAT attempt failed however, and the Eagles were still on top 7-6.

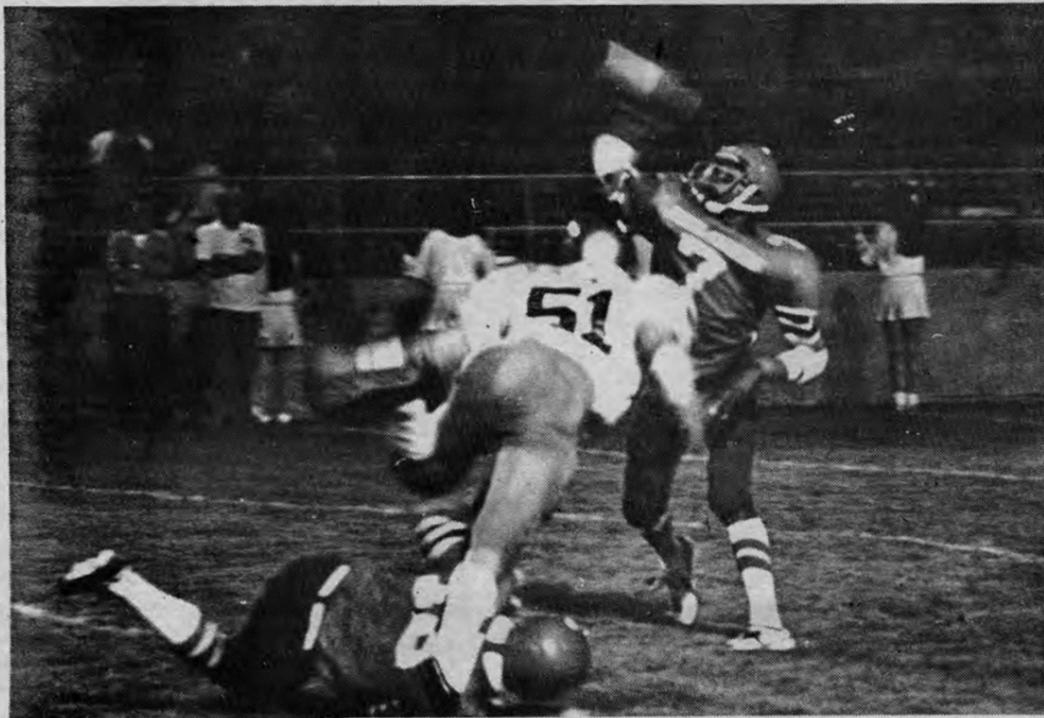
Both of the teams defenses bent, but did not break in the second half, as the 7-6 margin stood. Adams did show plenty of offensive excitement though as two passes to Robert Murphy in the third quarter totalled 41 yards, while Rod Scruggs also contributed with several key catches. Todd Parker took over the reins at quarterback

in the fourth period and also turned in a fine performance.

On the defensive side of the coin there were many heroes. The unit was particularly impressive on the pass defense, allowing Dwenger to complete only 2 of 13 tosses for 24 yards, while also intercepting two passes.

In the Jamboree held a week earlier, Adams split its two games, losing to North Liberty 7-6, and defeating Riley 2-0.

Trailing 7-0 to North Liberty, the Eagles scored their first touchdown off a lateral. Anthony Reed ran 19 yards to the Liberty 40, before alertly pitching to Dave Dziubinski who legged it the rest of the way. Against Riley, Adrian Alford nailed a Wildcat in his own end zone for the only score.



Anthony Reed unloads the bomb in Adams 7-6 upset of Fort Wayne Dwenger.

photo by Rick Peltz



Forced indoors by the rain, Matt Koscielski returns a Valpo shot in a 3-2 Adams victory.

photo by Rick Peltz

Tennis takes three

by George Patton

Wary of early season troubles which plagued his first season, Coach Allen prepared the tennis team for a quick start and the netters respond with three straight wins to open the season.

The team opened the season with a victory over Valparaiso as both doubles teams won along with the Adams #1 player Matt Koscielski. Koscielski had little trouble as he won 6-3, 6-1 but the double's teams had a more difficult time. The #1 doubles team of Dan Devetski and Chris total gained a 7-5, 7-5 win to leave the fate of the match to the #2 doubles team. Rusty Stinchcomb and Lee Fonacier came through with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 thriller to take the match.

The first N.I.C. win came against Michigan City Elston as the netters romped to a 5-0 shutout. Koscielski picked up a 6-2, 6-2 decision at the #1 spot. Mark Harman, playing at the #2 position, gained his first win of the season with a 6-0, 6-3 victory. At the #3 spot Dave Germano posted a 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 win. Both doubles team won handily giving up only three games between the two teams.

In their third match in as many days the Eagles finished off the St. Joe Indians by a 3-2 margin. Koscielski stayed undefeated as he breezed to 6-0, 6-0 win. Harman also won this time by a 6-2, 6-3 score. As in the first match of the season the #2 doubles team (of Stinchcomb and Fonacier) salvaged the match with a 6-2, 6-2 victory.



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