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Energy assembly planned

Energy doesn't just pop out of the walls. But where does it come from? How do we use it? Why is it getting expensive? This is the subject of a traveling program for high school students which will be presented October 10th in the Adams auditorium.

This program features an array of unusual electronic teaching devices such as an animated garbage can that demonstrates the value of recycling, a bicycle that generates electricity, an electronic precipitator to control pollution, and an electric motorcycle.

The teacher-demonstrator, Tim Handler, uses this equipment and other devices to describe the sources of our energy today, methods we use for power generation, possible future sources of energy and the social, economic and environmental choices we face when we use energy.

One of the choices he discusses is conservation. Mr. Handler, who holds a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Maryville College in Tennessee, has had special training from ORAU about the complex subject of energy.

"Energy Today and Tomorrow" visits a different high school in Indiana each school day. The demonstration is presented in an assembly and is then followed by special classroom sessions adapted to the size, interests, and grade level of the students.

These sessions are designed to stimulate both science and non-science students into thinking about the energy crisis and the impact of science and technology on modern life. A similar demonstration/discussion program is available for civic groups on request.

The "Energy and Today and Tomorrow" program scheduled here is one of 30 similar units appearing daily at high schools in different parts of the country. They are part of an extensive traveling exhibits program designed to bring the public a greater understanding of energy and its uses. They are modeled after an older ORAU program, "This Atomic Atomic World," which has been presented in high schools throughout the nation since 1955.



photo by John Engel

Nine seniors named semi-finalists

The top one half of one percent of America's high school students have been named national merit semi-finalists. Among them are nine John Adams students. Phillip Bender, Robert Demaree, Daniel Jacoby, Daniel Devetski, David Germano, Mary Gregg, Michael Nemeth, Joseph Taylor and Kenneth Traub have been chosen to represent the top scholars in the nation.

The qualifications for this honor are based on Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NSMQT). These semi-finalists are now eligible to enter competition for the honor of becoming National Merit finalists.

Along with excellent classroom work, these students are involved in many clubs and other activities.

Mary Gregg works on the Tower and the Yearbook staff. She also writes for the Next Generation Page in the South Bend Tribune. She is a member of the National Honor Society and performs in the Marching band.

Phill Bender is in Drama Club, a member of the National Honor Society and performs in band.

Bob Demaree is also involved in drama club, and is an officer of the National Honor Society. He is in concert choir, orchestra, works on the yearbook staff, and has been a member of the chess club.

Dave Germano is on the tennis

team, participates in the monogram club and also works on the yearbook staff.

Daniel Jacoby is president of the drama club.

Ken Traub is in the drama club and works with the yearbook staff.

Joe Taylor is a member of Quill and Scroll, National Honor Society and is an editor of the Tower. He also plays on the soccer team.

Dan Devetski plays on the tennis team, is a member of the National Honor Society, and has been a member of the chess club.

We congratulate these semi-finalists and wish them the best of luck in further competition for the titles of Finalists.

Underclass pictures scheduled

As each new school year begins at John Adams', an important school event draws closer. All students participate in underclass pictures, although not all buy their pictures.

For those buying their pictures, three types of packages are available, depending on the sizes desired. Package "A" includes an 8 x 10 portrait, two 3 1/2 x 5 pictures for gifts, and 40 billfold or wallet pictures.

Package "B" includes a 5 x 7 enlargement photo, two 3 x 4 1/2 gift sized pictures, and 28 Billfold photos.

Package "C" has one 5 x 7 enlargement photo plus one 3 x 4 1/2 size, and 14 billfold pictures.

Adams' policy on picture day will be the same as last year's. Pictures must be pre-paid before pictures are taken. These pictures will be delivered to student approximately six weeks after pictures are taken. Students having legitimate com-

plaints about pictorial defect may have their pictures retaken at no cost.

Students not wishing to buy pictures will have their photos taken and then retained by the school for student files, records and for the yearbook.

After individual student photos are made, students may have their I.D. pictures taken at a cost of 75c.

Payment for pictures may be made by cash or check, keeping in mind that all checks for pictures must be made out to John Adams High School, not to individual teachers or the principal.

Pictures will be taken on September 26 for grades 9 and 11, and on September 27 for 10 and 12.

Last year, picture day was a great success, as many students purchased their pictures. John Adams is hoping for an equally good if not greater number of purchases this year.

Musician tours Europe

France, Switzerland, Holland: Europe at its finest; this summer one Adams student saw it all.

Robyn Moore, a gifted musician, was selected earlier this summer to be a member of the AMA (American Musical Ambassadors), a prestigious group of musicians who represent the instrumentalists of the United States.

Early in June, Robyn traveled to New York, where the group spent four days rehearsing and exploring the huge city.

From there, the AMA flew to Paris. Robyn saw the many marvels of this beautiful city, such as the Louvre and The Place du Concorde of which Robyn took "dozens of pictures." The band performed in a park to a standing ovation.

Switzerland was the next stop, where Robyn went to Lugano and Lucerne, playing in parks each time. Afterwards, the AMA

journeyed to Holland, Austria, Germany, and finally to England.

All of the bands performances were held in outdoor parks, except for the taping session where a record was made. The group consisted of 125 members with two Virgin Islanders and on Canadian joining the Americans.

Robyn, who played second chair flute and also performed on the piccolo, felt that the trip "gave me a better perspective on America." She spent her visit in Holland in a Dutch family's home, which gave her a more realistic view of people.

Robyn felt that she learned this summer and also had a "fabulous time." She added that she "definitely plans on going back!" Switzerland was her favorite stop, where the "countryside was beautiful, the clocks fascinating, and the people unbelievably friendly."



Adams students are "floored" by new facilities.

Improvements made, facilities added

Recent years at Adams have seen many changes and improvements in and around the building. New lockers, tennis courts, a track, and a new, brighter paint job have been highlights of the past few years. This year is no exception. The major additions are a new full length basketball court in the auditorium, a new athletic training room, major pool improvements, and new furniture and equipment in several classrooms.

The new basketball court was installed for two reasons.

First, the old court had received so much use and had been sanded down so many times since the 1940's that it was worn down to the nailheads. Second, the court was 8 feet short of the regulation 84 feet. The present court was designed and painted by Mr. "Boots" Hensler of South Bend. It is expected to be in use for two years, after which time an entirely new floor will be installed.

Also added were new baskets which can be raised to the ceiling electronically. Pads for the stage and the opposite end of the gym are

expected to arrive soon.

The second major change involves the addition of a new and updated training room in the area formerly occupied by Mr. Szucs and the athletic offices. Mr. Przybysz cited the central location and accessibility to both boys and girls as the reason for the move.

The three rooms will contain the diathermy and ultrasound units, the whirlpool unit, and an examination/taping room. This should be complete in about three weeks.

Another major improvement occurred in the pool area. The installation of a new humidity unit will relieve the stifling humidity previously encountered there. A new suspended ceiling and sodium vapor lights make the pool seem much brighter and roomier.

The pool was drained and cleaned with acid to remove rust and corrosion that had built up since the last cleaning. The total cost of this work is approximately \$60,000.

Twelve classrooms are scheduled to receive new desks and

equipment. Some of the furniture being replaced has been at Adams since the school opened. All but two of the rooms have received the new items.

The cafeteria is to get new tables and chairs to get rid of what Mr. Przybysz calls "the institutionalized feeling." New tables will be both round and rectangular, and the chairs will be in various colors. This should be complete by January. Mr. Przybysz hopes the art department can paint an Adams mural on one of the walls.

Work to be done within the next two years includes installation of the scoreboard given by the class of 1979 for the football field and track area. There will be remodeling in the office area, home economics department, and room 211.

The Reading Lab in room 241 has been carpeted and outfitted with new desks and equipment, but work is not yet complete.

Mr. Przybysz asks the cooperation of the student body in keeping the new basketball court in top condition. Street shoes should not be worn on the floor.

New faculty members express their views on John Adams

by Kathy Grubb and Debbie Ditsch

Every student has at one time or another, experienced the apprehension and unfamiliarity of attending a new school. This year eleven new teachers and staff members at Adams had those same adjustments to make.

Many came from other schools and cities. Some found Adams very similar to the school they were teaching at and others found it quite different from their previous job.

Mr. Leatherman, a new addition to the business department, transferred from Washington High School. Graduating from an old High School himself, Mr. Leatherman said that he immediately identified with Adams age. While he had many good things happen at Washington, there are many differences and he feels the atmosphere at Adams is very

academic. He said, "the attendance doesn't seem to be a problem, or at least the teachers don't have to deal with it." With less interruptions, he said, it is easier to teach and the tension has been reduced. "It's always difficult to come to another school. I was comfortable and familiar with Washington and I knew no one here, at first." He also said, "I'm a more educated freshman." He likes the new desks and Mr. Leatherman said now that he's becoming acquainted with Adams that he is very content.

Mrs. Berta, also from Washington teaches business as well. Her first impression of Adams was a good one. She found it enjoyable. She too, said the atmosphere was different. "The students are more polite and cooperative," said Mrs. Berta. The tardy system is new to her but she said it appears to be very effective. She said the

assembly was "interesting" and she thought the cheerleaders seemed to be in authority whereas she's used to the students running the pep assemblies. The assemblies at Washington seem a bit more spirited yet Adams' are more controlled," she said. She enjoyed teaching at Washington very much but she likes Adams and thinks it's a good school.

"My first impression of Adams was 26 years ago," said Mr. Moriarity whose three children graduated from Adams. Coming from Jefferson, he finds that age has made the students more sophisticated. The size of the school is more confusing, he said, but having been so close to Adams, differences are hard to recognize. "I think Mr. Przybysz runs a pretty good ship," said Mr. Moriarity, one of the new science teachers.

Mr. Stahly, another new science teacher, was impressed with the

friendliness of the students and the staff. He said he found the students very polite and willing to help. Coming from Brown Middle School his first thoughts were of the size of Adams. "For an older building, Adams is very well maintained," he commented. The only real difference at Adams is the lack of air conditioning he said!

Mr. Grzegorek, an English teacher, from Jackson, said he was impressed with Adams. "The Students seem enthusiastic and concerned about their academics as well as the extra curricular activities," he said. Mr. Grzegorek feels the "wholesome education atmosphere" is controlled and that the methods of enforcing discipline are very effective. He was very impressed with the students support at the assembly and said, "I'm glad we're having more."

Another Adam's staff member, English teacher, Mrs. Nancy

Hoffman is also impressed with the students. "I'm pleased with the classes that I teach," she added. She says definitely that the students show respect, they are willing to learn, and that they are involved with their work.

Mrs. Betty Seaborg, says she is really impressed with the way they act and how they dress. After being gone for seven years, she comments, "It's good to be back."

Adam's Librarian, Mrs. Brown, also enjoys her work with the students. She says the staff and students are really cooperative and that it is a challenge to work with them. She is impressed with the fact that rewards at the end of the year are really rewarding scholars for their efforts.

In short, as three weeks have gone by, the new staff seems impressed with the student body. They all believe that it will be a very good year for all.

Freshmen offer their views of their new high school home

by Leah Lorber and Sharon Olmstead

Maybe you've met one of them. Maybe you are one of them. You all have seen them. They are usually found walking through the halls with forlorn expressions on their faces. Who are they? The members of the freshman class, of course.

Although the freshmen have only been here for about two weeks, many of them have already formed very definite opinions of Adams.

One of the things that freshmen commented on is the maze-like design of the hallways. "It's got too many deadends," Polly Harvey

said. "You walk down one hall and there's a dead end, so you have to go all the way back." Shannon Denney thought that it was "kind of fun trying to find my way around. It's surprising, if you go down one hall, you never know where you'll end up."

Among the things that surprised the freshmen was the difference between Adams and their junior high schools. Karen Gillis was just glad that they still didn't have to wear uniforms and "You don't have to walk around in lines and there's not so many strict rules" as in her former school, St.

Anthony's.

"I like it," Duane Kline decided. "It's a big change from Jefferson, but it's a change for the better. There are so many more things to do here . . . that's what makes it interesting."

"There's more freedom at Adams than at Edison," Debbie Woodhurst said. "You don't feel like you're always being watched."

The freshmen get along with the upperclassmen and so far no one interviewed has bought a phony elevator pass or been sent to the wrong part of the building. Ann Cowen heard the seniors pick on

the younger kids, but most of them are really nice to her.

"Everyone seems really nice," commented Jennifer Parker. "Even if you are a freshman, they treat you like an equal."

"I like all the kids and teachers, but I feel like a little kindergartner on the first day of school," Shannon Kerrihard added.

Brian Parisey just described the upperclassmen as "monsters."

There are many activities in which freshmen could get involved: sports, drama, publications, music, art, science, language clubs, and many other things. "I like all the

activities. They've got a nice variety of clubs," Dan Zimmerman commented.

Some of the freshmen found things that they didn't like about Adams. "It's stupid because I have to keep changing my schedule around," Peggy McTighe complained. "The school's too hot and too complicated the way it's built." Another freshman said, "The bathroom doors are too low. They could be a few feet higher."

Whatever the reasons, we hope all the freshmen enjoy Adams as we WELCOME THE CLASS OF '83!

School begins on cue despite strike possibility

by Rick Conklin

The dream of an extended summer vacation began on August 15, 1979 for many Adams students who wanted a few more days in the sun. This is the date the old contract binding the 1500 South Bend Community School Corporation teachers expired, and visions of the John Adams teaching staff parading around the school wielding large ON STRIKE signs and delaying the opening of classes seemed a real possibility. But, alas, "this was not to be, as the member teachers of the NEA-SB did approve (almost unanimously) a new contract.

Too bad. Though crushing student hopes of a longer vacation, the teachers of the SBCSC should be very pleased with their new contract. The one-year pact, which is the result of many bargaining sessions beginning the first of May, contains the following provisions: an 8.02%

base salary raise over last year, smaller class sizes for teachers of kindergarten through third grade level, added compensation for extracurricular activities, right to a group dental insurance plan (which carries a hefty \$13,000 price tag for the SBCSC); a 2.33% hike in benefits; an altered pay schedule; and other concessions dealing with jury duty and days off for religious holidays (one).

Through specific provisions the contract also saps some of the power of the school board. Denied were concessions to special education teachers in regard to testing and class size.

In light of the fact that the SBCSC is losing a million dollars in state aid this school year, receiving a contract costing an estimated \$2.35 million to the school corporation is really squeezing blood from a turnip. School Board head Dr. Robert Sweeney called the contract "generous" and declared the teachers had been

underpaid for some time.

The bargaining sessions from which this contract arose were many in number - 25 between May 1 and August 1 - not to mention lengthy. Steve Neal of the NEA-SB team bargaining for the contract called the sessions "tense and heated." There is one word they could not be called: enjoyable. A 13 hour mediation session is as much fun as a drive through rural Kansas.

Given credit for helping speed and close the negotiations was rookie Superintendent James P. Scammon. Throughout the negotiations teachers of the SBCSC were invited to information sessions at Jackson Middle School to be briefed on the talks. Turnout wasn't big. It was also at Jackson where the final vote on the contract was taken, ending the prospect of a strike.

But then there's always next year.

Top scores on local pizzerias

by Eric Solliday

Adams over Riley 20-0. Adams over Lasalle 18-0. Scores we would like to see, huh? Well, a game like that would make for a large appetite. So, most people go out afterwards for a bite to eat. Some will go to McDonalds for a Quarter Pounder, or some of the less well to do will go to Ma's Kitchen. But most will go to one of the numerous pizza places around town.

Among the more well known places is Pizza Hut, of which there are two in the area. One on Edison Road, just North of Ironwood, and another on the corner of McKinley and Logan (Hickory for South Benders). The Pizza Huts, though quiet during the week, can get rather crowded after the games. If there is a wait for a seat, it is usually short, about 5 or 10 minutes, after which it takes about

25 minutes for the pizzas to arrive. The choice is as good as any, which ranges from the most simple, like just cheese, to the most exotic, as mustard?? The prices are fair, ranging from \$2-\$3 for a small, and \$4-\$5 for a large. The quality of the topping is average.

Another place worth checking into is the Rathskeller in the 100 Center. Just recently remodeled with a sound and light room, where, along with your pizza, you can watch TV on a large sized screen. The cost is a bit higher than Pizza Hut, about \$1.50. The selection is good, with its many choices, also including sandwiches. Coupons from the Penny Saver offers free Cokes for Adams students only.

If, you happen to be looking for a bit of Merry Olde England, try Barnaby's. The pizza is tasty, and the prices are reasonable. They

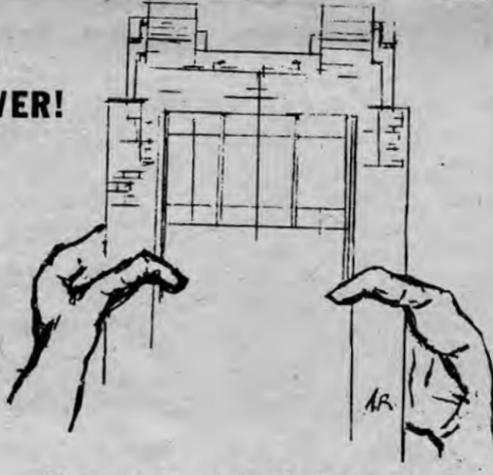
also have a full dinner menu, for those who would like something else besides pizza. The two locations are: Jefferson, 4 blocks west of Eddy, and a new one located on Edison Rd.

A new place that has just opened in the Town and Country Mini-Mall is Godfather's Pizza. Their pizza, although good, is rather small, and the prices are rather high. The surroundings are nice but they are definitely not worth it.

There are a few other names going around school as good places to eat. Giannetto, Julio's, Nobel Roman, Rizzo, and Shakey's are a few.

Whatever the occasion; a winning football game, or a quiet evening with a close friend, or just an Italian midnight snack, there are plenty of places. SO CHOW DOWN!

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Kissinger's speech was televised on closed-circuit television to those who weren't lucky enough to get tickets the first day of their sale.

Kissinger talks about major issues

by Phil Bender

"I think we have a great responsibility in the Indochinese situation. It is one of the great human tragedies of all time."

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger expressed his concern for the Boat People during a Press Conference last Friday afternoon. Kissinger, the first annual Eldon Lundquist Memorial lecturer at Indiana University at South Bend, stressed that the United States could have "preserved the independence of South Viet Nam," but blamed Watergate for undermining domestic support for Presidential policies at that time. Kissinger stated that the rapid withdrawal of American forces and economic aid from Viet Nam, without the threat of military retaliation against Communist belligerence, helped cause the 1975 occupation of South Viet Nam.

Among other topics discussed, Kissinger revealed that, to his knowledge, no Russian troops were

located in Cuba while he was Secretary of State. He indicated that he supported the Carter administration in their negotiations with the Soviet Union in this matter.

Kissinger, however, criticized America's foreign policy in such Third World countries as Iran, and blamed many of the problems of the Carter administration on false preconceptions rather than faulty intelligence.

Additionally, Kissinger spoke on SALT II, normalizing the relations, between Mexico and The United States, and the conflict in the Middle East.

At the News Conference, Kissinger stated that the SALT treaty should include conditions allowing for an increase in American military spending, an insurance of satisfactory Russian conduct internationally, and also a correction of several technical problems in the treaty.

The Nobel laureate declared that it would be in the best interests of the nation to normalize Mexican-American

relations because of the recent development of oil reserves in Mexico.

Kissinger expressed his belief that the solution in the Mideast lies in settlement with Egypt and Israel. He strongly stated that Israeli concessions on its West Bank position were vital. Kissinger said that the Palestine Liberation Organization, and other such radical groups, should not control foreign policy, and, more specifically, the PLO should not be involved in peace negotiations because they refuse to recognize the State of Israel.

Rarely does South Bend have the opportunity to receive as nationally prominent a figure as Henry Kissinger. It is easy to see how this charismatic, clever diplomat was such a valuable asset in the determination of American policy. His appearance provided invaluable insight into past, present and future American directions in both domestic and foreign policy.



Henry Kissinger walks toward IUSB for his speaking engagement.

photos by Phil Bender

Adams library provides resources for assignments

by Debbie Ditsch

When reports and term papers are due many people ask themselves, "Where do I find all of that information?" Well, the solution lies in the John Adams library. The library contains extensive information on many subjects.

The first thing most students do in the library is to look up their topic in the card catalogue. Here things are arranged alphabetically by author, title, and subject. Whether the topic is fictional, biographical, or non-fictional all material is easily accessible.

Fiction books are near the front of the library and are arranged alphabetically by the author's last name. The non-fiction books are in the back lining the walls.

The encyclopedias which are

in sets are arranged in the front also. Information can be found easily using alphabetical order of topics.

If the student doesn't find what he needs in the card catalogue he may rely on the Reader's Guide which gives current information on the topic listing magazines and other periodicals in relation to that topic.

For instance, under "Guns and Gun Control Legislation" in the Reader's Guide it refers the student to "Firearms." Under "Firearms" there is a listed editorial and information on the editorial that simply states: "J. Samson" (author), "Field and S" (Field and Ski), "82:4 (volume and number), and "S '77" (September 1977). All subjects in the Reader's Guide give the information in this manner clearly indicating the

magazine information.

The types of magazines found in the library are tailored for everyone's interests. There are Political Science magazines with current events highlighted (Time, Newsweek, Congressional Digest, etc. . .), Book reviews (National Review), Nature (National Geographic, Nature, Indiana) and others including sports and leading women's magazines.

Besides the card catalogue files and the Reader's Guide, students may want to check the vertical Files for information also. Here, the subjects are again listed alphabetically. Information on current issues amendments, and other such legislation is found here in addition to documents and pamphlets on drugs, voting, women's issues, and politics.

If someone is looking specifically

for issues in Congress and views by the Congressmen the Congressional Quarterly is an ideal reference. It contains a more in-depth analysis of the issues including Congressional speeches.

Almanacs are another form of information in the library. They are references providing statistics on history, population, statehoods, agriculture, charts, astronomy, and an abundant number of other subjects.

Finally, for a constant, daily update of current events the newspapers are relied upon. The library subscribes to such publications as the Los Angeles Times, New York Times (except on Sun.), the Christian Science Monitor, the Wall Street Journal and others.

Also in the library students will find a Xerox machine that copies papers, newsprint, and blueprints.

Each copy is 10c, and it really does a great job photocopying.

Clearly, the library is a vault of information, so by all means, take advantage of it. It's open a half an hour before and after school. Passes may be obtained from either Mrs. Myers or Ms. Brown, the librarians, if students also wish to use the library facilities during "A" or "C" lunch.

To check out materials, students must present their Adams I.D. card. Books may be checked out for two weeks and magazines over night. Don't forget that there is a fine for overdue books, so return them promptly!

In short, Adams has great library facilities with information for everyone's needs. So, use it and find out that reports, term papers, and other research are relatively easy to do!

Inner security valuable asset for high school student

by Lisa Parker

The pressures of high school affect us all, but not to the same degree. Life is uncertain. To those who accept this and maybe even enjoy it, the beginning of a new day can be faced with a sense of adventure. These people seem self-assured and confident.

Those who haven't yet found a way in which to cope with these uncertainties may feel insecure.

Think about the most uncertain moments you have experienced in high school. A good example would be sophomore speech class, where not only the teacher, but also 31 other sophomores were out to get you.

How about driver's education when it was 90 degrees outside, and 110 degrees beneath your palms? Maybe it was gym class

when everyone else was flipping around on bars and beams, and you tripped on the floor mat. In any case, admit it, we sometimes feel inferior, and that makes us feel insecure.

Facing the problem, or so psychologists say, is the most important step toward overcoming it. Psychologists also say that neurotic anxiety results from our efforts to deny the basic uncertainty of life. When we try to maintain the illusion of security in an insecure world, we fall into deeper difficulty.

That misery loves company is proven in the sophomore speech class, where everyone stands outside the door telling everyone how nervous they are. This nervousness is caused by the fear that you won't measure up to some predetermined standard or norm;

that you are inferior.

Face it, everyone is inferior at some time or by some comparison. The favorite quarterback doesn't win at chess, and the poetry written by the star of the spring musical isn't published in FOOTPRINTS magazine for this reason.

If any one person is expert in everything then perhaps we all really are inferior all of the time. But, usually each person excels in one special area, in which he doesn't feel inferior to anyone. That is the time when the person will just "be himself," and be confident about it.

Discovering your special talents and being yourself is the first step in overcoming insecurity. First, you have to stop measuring yourself against others.

While a common response to insecurity is to withdraw into your

shell, sticking your neck out will reap you far more long term benefits. The ability to laugh at your own mistakes will make this venture forth an easier experience.

An apologetic attitude is self-defeating. People tend to go along with what is expected of them, and if you expect people to like you, chances are, they will.

Focus on your strengths. Other people are often so wrapped up in their own problems and insecurities that they probably won't notice yours. If they should, it isn't your weaknesses you want to be concerned about anyway.

Getting out of yourself is one of the best ways to overcome insecurity. You get the chance to see other people's frailties and needs, and forget your problems. Helping someone for the sheer pleasure of doing it without

calculating the return will pay off through friendship and better understanding of others, and perhaps even of yourself.

Dedication, a purpose in life, is the fastest way to overcome insecurity. In working toward a goal, you use your strengths and forget your weaknesses.

Success is not a goal, because being on top is the most insecure position of all. But, if you use your success to gain confidence, it can help you gain what you really want out of life.

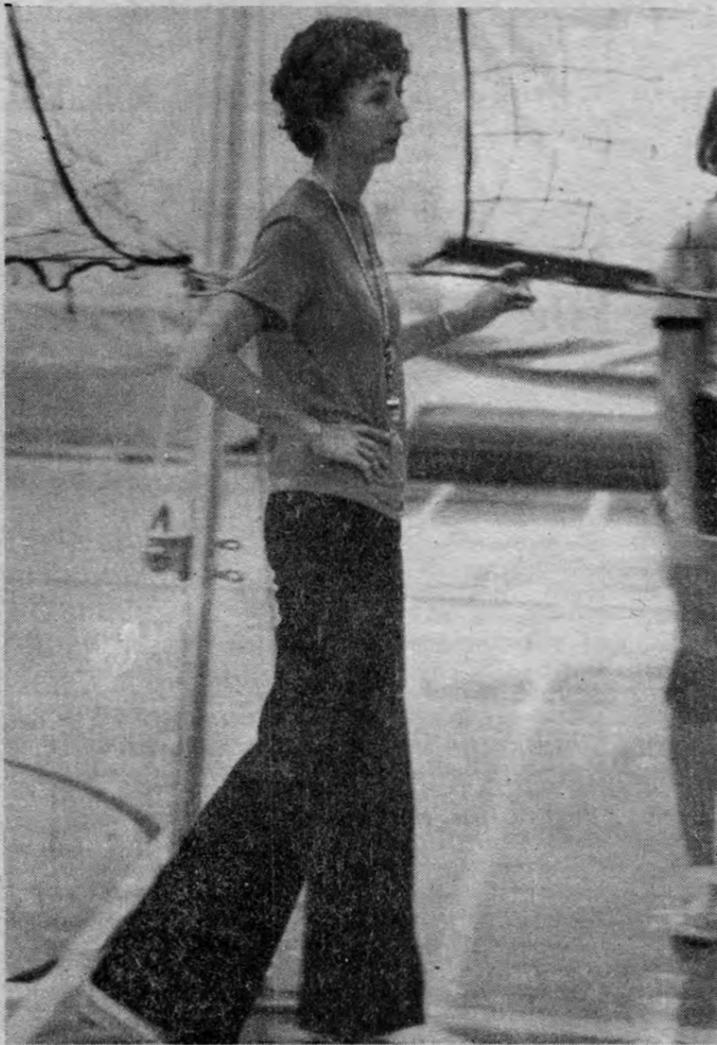
During a period of our lives where each day holds a new uncertainty, and the future is even more foggy than the present, ways to cope with insecurity are as necessary as planning and studying for the future, because without confidence even the best plans won't materialize.

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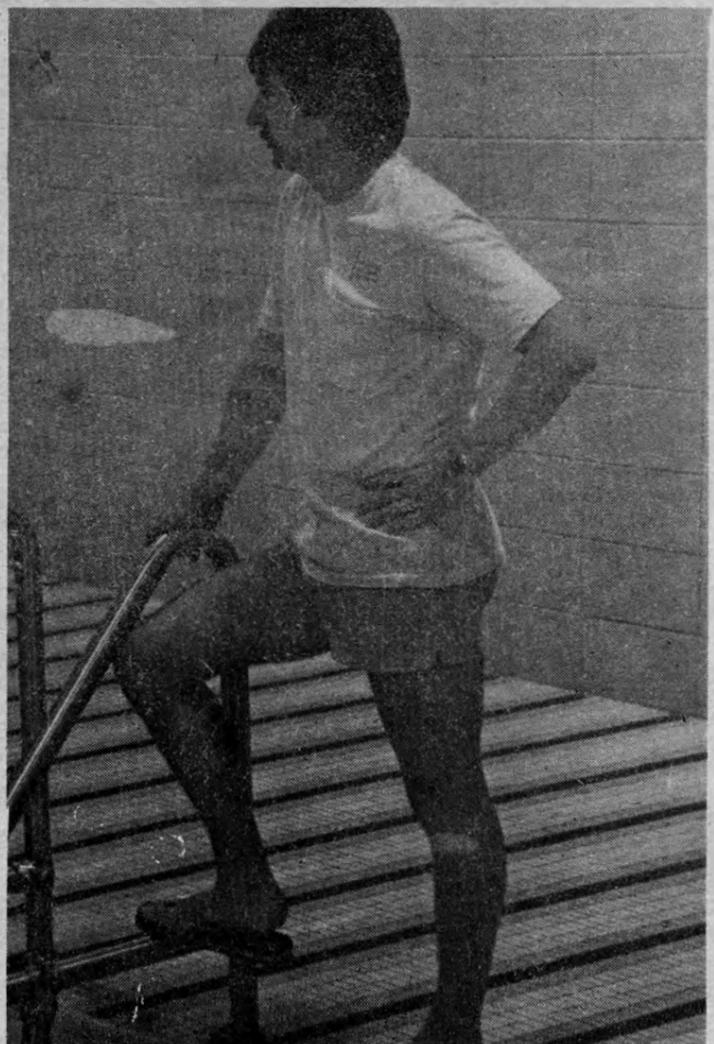
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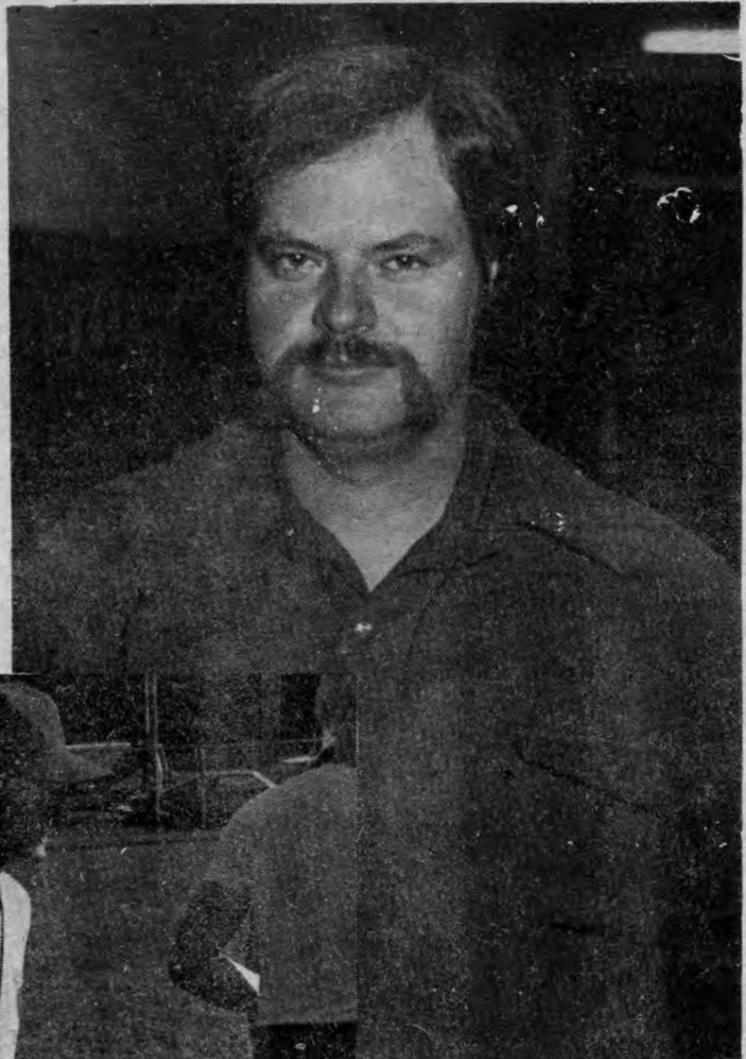
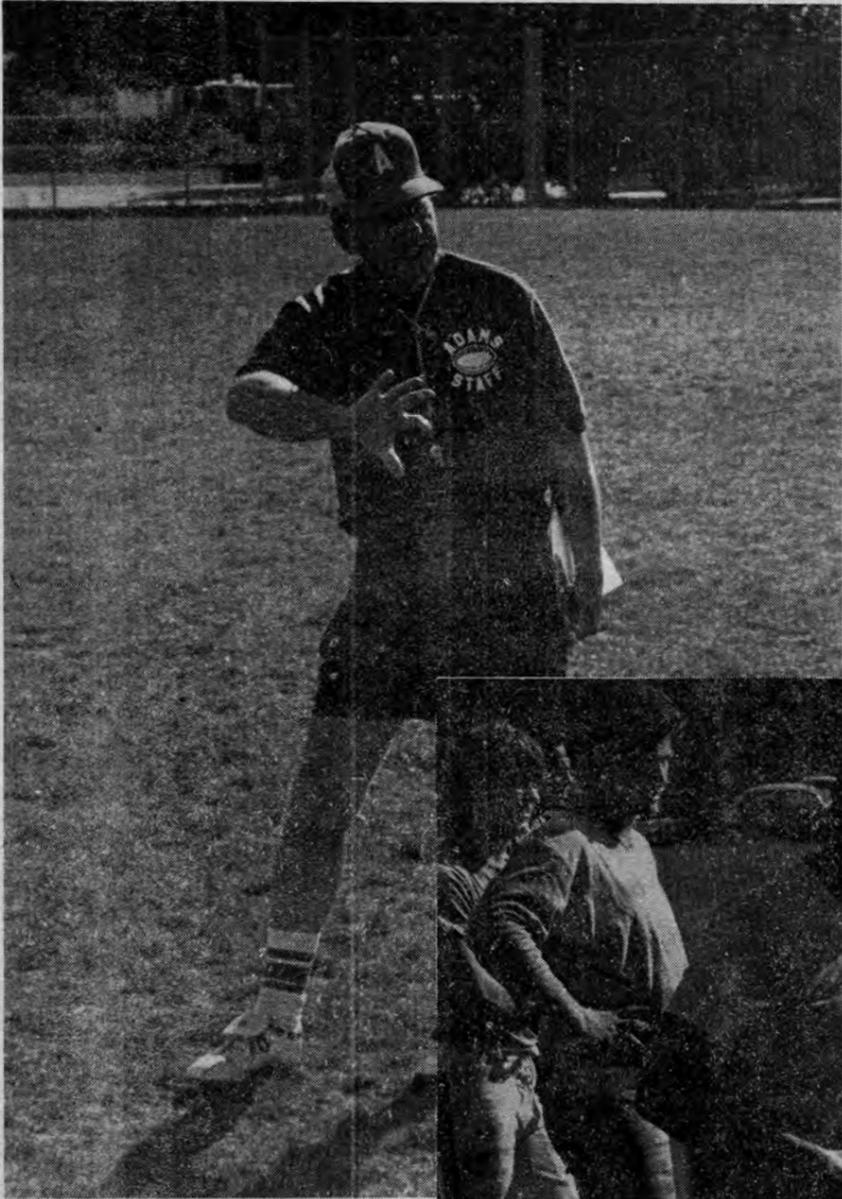
Mike Allen, boys' tennis coach



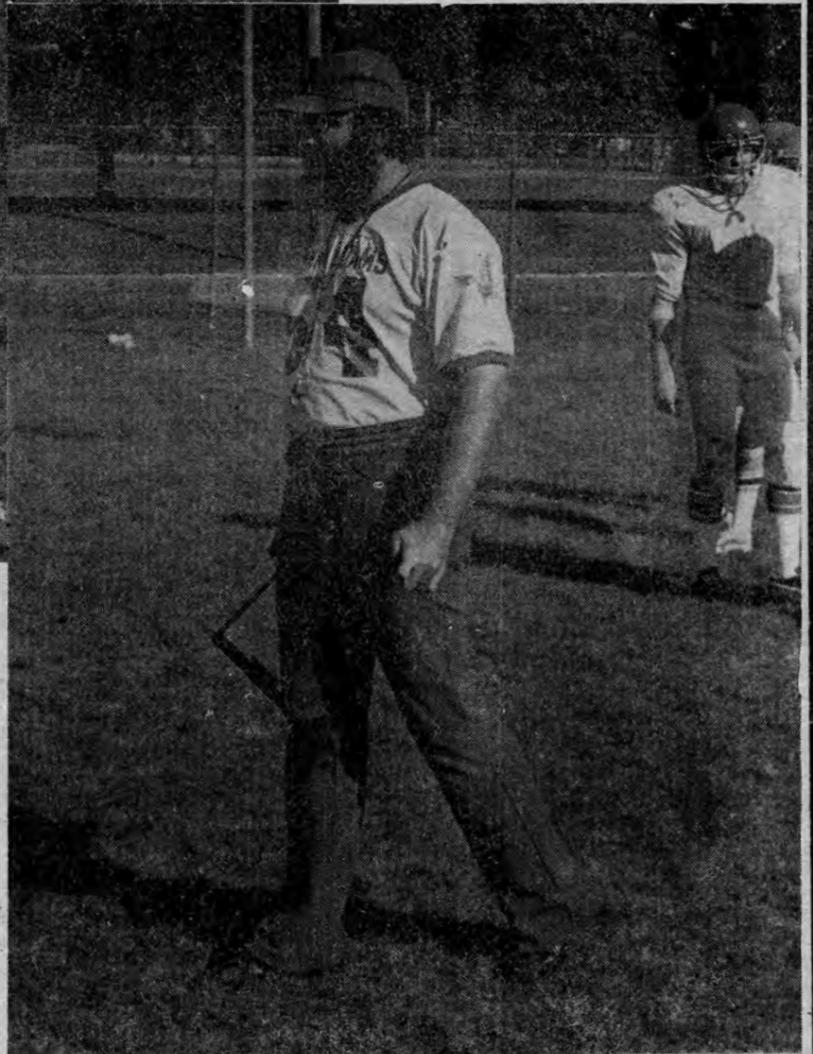
Sue Ganser, volleyball coach



Steve Smith, girl's swimming coach



photos by Rick Peltz



Lenny Buczkowski, assistant football coach

Bryan Flora, freshman football coach

Andy Mihall, head football coach

Mike Mondovics, B-team football coach

Joe Haag, freshman football coach

German class travels abroad to visit landmarks

By Debbie Ditsch

Extra study in a language doesn't always mean a person should study their nouns and other vernacular harder. In this case fun and adventure resulted from a visit to Germany last June by six Adams students. The teacher in charge of the trip was Mr. Steinke, who is Adam's German instructor.

In Germany for nearly two weeks, Steinke's group was joined by two other groups: one from Harvard High School in Illinois and the other from Livingston High School in Montana. Their itinerary called for trips to Munich, Heidelberg, Berlin, and many other historic cities. The German customs, foods, and ways of life were also examined by the tourists.

In Deutschland the first stop was Frankfurt. There a tour guide who is a part-time teacher and his two teenage "tourpals" met the groups from America. A tour bus was then available for the group's use during their stay.

The tourists journeyed to Heidelberg, where they visited the

famous Heidelberg Castle. In the city they went along the Bergstrasse (which may compare somewhat to the Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco.) The Bergstrasse is actually a long narrow street with restaurants, souvenir shops, die Pines (pubs), and entertainment in the streets.

In Heidelberg, and again in Salzburg, the home of Mozart, the students took part in a Walking Rallye. This was comparable to a scavenger hunt. In this case the students were given a booklet with major points of interest and directions to the destinations. Upon their arrival at the places, they answered questions about the place whether it be a monument or building. At dinner the tourpals rewarded the group with prizes like signs, stickers, and small objects. The main purpose of the Walking Rallyes was to develop better German skills and to speak it more frequently.

On the third day the group was off for Munich, and arrived in the capital of Bavaria. There the group saw the ever famous Olympic

Grounds and the Olympic Tower.

During some of their spare time many students took the UBahn to Dachau, a former concentration camp. There they saw many memorials, as well as the only original standing building, the crematorium. It had the original ovens, etc., used during World War two. Adam's senior, Karen Brown, had this to say: "You don't know the feeling until you walk into a concentration camp. It's incomprehensible."

Dachau was somewhat its own city containing its own fields and roads where the prisoners farmed and traveled. Originally, under Hitler, the Germans didn't suspect what went on at Dachau because the People were so well disposed of within its boundaries. It was a secret to all not involved.

Transferring to a more relaxed atmosphere, that evening in Munich, the group visited the legendary Hofbrauhaus, which is a German pub a block long, the largest in Munich. There as well as in all of Germany there's no legal

drinking age. Many families came here and enjoy the "homey" atmosphere.

Because beer and wine are so popular here, don't get any vain or corrupt ideas about living it up at the local pubs. The town drunkard is frequently scorned for continual drinking excessively.

Another of the students, Adam's junior, Ann Kuharic, described it this way: It's nothing like a teen-age hangout. It's just a custom."

Later that next week students crossed into East Berlin behind the "Iron Curtain" which extends into Austria and Hungary, separating Eastern and Western Europe. A visa was needed to obtain admittance.

The Great Wall in Berlin dividing East and West Germany, was the main attraction behind the Iron Curtain. Since being built in 1961, it has fallen into ruin in some spots and has been built up in others as parts of buildings. Barbed wire extends prominently along the top. The most popular belief among

East Germans is that the wall will never come down due to the Communist rule.

Regarding the wall another Adams student, Sherry McLochin, described it, saying, "It's like passing from a world of animation into a drab world of no color or life."

Behind the Iron Curtain there were restrictions prohibiting the photographing of monuments, military and government structures, train stations, and troops. In East Berlin the group had to hire a person from East Berlin as a tour guide due to the communist regulations.

Throughout Germany they toured many other places. The group rode the Rhine, and traveled to Nuremberg and Cologne. Sophomore Joe Kuharic described it as "a good experience for everyone."

In short, the trip truly broadened the knowledge of German ways and customs for all involved. "It was a real experience," said Mr. Steinke. It was unmistakably, a fun adventure.

Exchange student

Columbian senior enjoys Adams

by Mary Gregg

Imagine waking up one morning, and going to school, and finding yourself in a place where they spoke nothing but a foreign language. For Martha Yanguas, Adams senior, this is an everyday occurrence. She is our new foreign-exchange student from Colombia.

Martha is with the Youth for Understanding program. Her parents heard about it and liked the idea, so she became involved. She is the only Colombian student here in South Bend, but her best friend, also with the program, is living in Pennsylvania, and Martha is planning to visit her in October.

When in Colombia, Martha attends an all-girls school. There, the teachers instead of the students change classrooms. She admits that at first she got lost going from class to class, but can now find her way around. She was also surprised at the size of our school.

"We have 1000 people at my school, but this is so much bigger."

Martha's hobbies are softball, swimming, and music. She's taking a softball class now, but doesn't plan to go out for the team. The music she listens to is usually that of "The Eight of Colombia," a very popular group back home, but she enjoys hearing Cat Stevens, too.

While most of the things here are very different from what she is used to, Martha mentioned that many of the television shows are the same. She has seen "I Love Lucy," "Gilligan's Island," "Little House on the Prairie," and "Starsky and Hutch," many times in Spanish. She hasn't seen any of them here, nor has she watched much television at all. "They talk too fast," she explained, "I can't understand them."

Algebra is her favorite subject, for that reason. In History and Government it's quite easy to get confused, and miss most of the discussion, but numbers translate

well!

Martha really likes going to "Juan" Adams, but plans to return to Colombia after she graduates with the rest of our senior class. She wants to study architecture at the Universidad del Valle.

One thing she might miss are the cheerleaders. They don't have any back there, and she was impressed with the, at the pep assembly. She liked watching everyone yell and scream, but most of the time didn't participate, because she didn't understand "all this rah-rah."

Before she goes back home for good, Martha hopes that she can visit her aunt in San Diego. She also wants to see the West Coast, and Disneyland.

Martha came here "to learn English and the customs and to meet people," but mostly "just to live here." She misses her family and friends, but, as she says, "I like it very much to be here in United States."

Summer's only 252 days away

by Eleanor Pollak

What did you do last summer? Were you bored with nothing to do from June to September? Do you ashamedly answer "nothing" when people ask you what interesting thing you did with your summer? Well, now is not too early to start planning ahead for what do next summer. as many of the Adams students proved, there are plenty of good ways to spend a meaningful and worthwhile summer.

Here's a partial list of what some Adams students did this past summer and what you can do next summer:

- Attend a sports camp such as basketball, football, softball, tennis, baseball, or cheerleading, or attend a camp for other special interests such as government, journalism, orchestra, or band.
- Go to summer school in South

Bend, another part of the country, or even Bolivia. Yes, an Adams student really went to summer school in Bolivia!

- Participate in a drama production and if you can't find one, put on your own as did the "Streetlight Theatre," composed of Adams students and graduates.

- Raise money for a school activity through car washes like the Drama Club and Junior Class did.

- Take a trip. Go with family, friends, or a group. Trips taken by Adams students include a tour of western U.S., a tour of Europe, a visit to New Zealand, and a myriad of other places.

- Be daring and learn while you're having challenge and adventure on an Outward Bound program.

- Take a class at a college such as IUSB or go away to a summer institute or special session at a college.

- If you haven't saved up enough money for any of these activities, find a good job and get experience that way. You can work at McDonald's, Forum Cinema, South Bend Clinic, Notre Dame, and many other places. You can get the experience of working on a full or part time job, and save up money at the same time.

- If you're not satisfied with your last summer's activities don't let it happen again next year! Decide what you want to do and write for information about it or ask your friends.

- If you're not sure how much time you have, some programs last only a few days, whereas if you have a lot of time some programs last as long as eight weeks.

- It's not too early to decide what you want to do because many places have early deadlines so start thinking . . . NOW!

Language lab promotes studies

by Kathy Grubb

Have you ever seen room number 120 or 122 on your schedule? Probably not. Yet those two classrooms are a couple of the most valuable ones - especially for language students. They are in the language labs.

Mr. Brady, language dept. head, said there are four steps or levels explored in the language labs. Each are quite valuable to the mastering of a foreign language. The first level strengthens the listening comprehension of the student. For this level films are often used. The second level consists of listening to a piece of literature while following along in a book. This is used to increase and perfect pronunciation. The third level is simply enabling the student

to take advantage of the facilities while being supervised and helped. Recordings are used in the fourth level to let students listen and respond to speakers.

All the language classes enjoy this diversion. The German and Spanish classes share a room while the other is used by the French and Latin classes.

While the facilities are 12 or 13 years old they're in good condition and have fewer difficulties than those at other area schools. There are, of course, a few replacements that need to be made. New projectors are a must and last of all a new cassette player was purchased.

Mr. Brady sums up the feelings of most language teachers on the value of the language labs saying "I'm completely sold."

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NFL Predictions:

by Joe Taylor

Well, folks, its time for yet another NFL season already. This season promises to be an unusually balanced one. A few new faces will be seen in this year's playoff picture, while some of the old ones are fading fast.

The rundown:

AFC EAST- You can expect to see some first-rate competition in this division. Miami is stacked, and you know Larry will be doing some Csonking from the fullback position. But it should be the Dolphin defense that will carry them to the top of the division. New England has everything except a solid offensive line, with All-Pro guard Leon Gray gone to Houston. New York won't be far behind the Dolphins or the Patriots. Although teams sometimes run up basketball scores against the Jet Defense, two or three long aerals to wide receiver Wesley Walker should keep them in most games. This year Bert Jones should pass up Terry Bradshaw on the all-time career injury list, while his punchless Colts wage an all-out duel for the East cellar with Buffalo. Buffalo's only problems this year are inconsistent offense, defense, special teams, and

probably attendance.

AFC CENTRAL- The Pittsburgh Steelers should reach their peak this season. The Steeler receiver corps is unmatched in the NFL, and if the rest of the offense plays consistently, there should be no problems for the Steelers in winning the division. Houston depends too much on running back Earl Campbell to be considered title material. The 38-7 loss to the Steelers is indicative of the fact that the Steelers are a far superior team. Cleveland's inconsistency should keep them out of the race. The Browns' defense may give Pittsburgh and Houston a hard time. One defense that's not going to give anybody a hard time is Cincinnati's. Any team that gives up 51 points to Buffalo shouldn't even be playing semi-pro ball, let alone NFL football.

AFC WEST- San Diego looks like the best team here. QB Dan Fouts is entering his prime and could become one of the best at his trade. Helping him out will be speedster John Jefferson, who will show more than a few defensive backs his heels during the season. Once Seattle learns how to play defense, the Seahawks could be a playoff threat. Mobile Jim Zorn doesn't have much of an offensive

line, but he does have Steve Largent to throw to. No matter how much they say about Oakland falling apart, you can bet the Raiders will be in the race. As long as Ken Stabler holds up, Oakland will be a contender. Falling fast is Denver. Two years ago the "Orange Crush" defense was the talk of the league. That defense is still tough, but the Bronco offense has been about as exciting as disco music lately. With no outstanding QB and a laughable running attack, Denver is a definite fourth. It's even possible that low-life Kansas City could finish ahead of the Broncos. While still fifteen or twenty years away from the playoffs, the Chiefs are improved.

NFC EAST- While he's probably not going to run up the white flag just yet, Tom Landry must have a violent rush every time he gazes at Dallas' injury list. The Doomsday defense is slowly dying, but the Cowboys have at least another divisional title in them. St. Louis is back, led by flashy rookie Ottis Anderson, who should keep them a nose ahead of Philadelphia. The Eagles gagged in last years playoffs against Atlanta because they didn't have a kicker, but now they have Texas A&M kicker Tony Franklin. Washington has some

new names on the roster, but their hot-and-cold style of play is definitely points off. You all remember Joe Pisarcik, right? His last-minute fumble against (or for) Philadelphia last year was about the only clutch TD he had all year. Jugglin' Joe is the Giants starting quarterback this year. Enough said about the Giants.

NFC CENTRAL- Whoever wins this division will win by default. Chicago fans will take a title any way they can get one. Walter Payton is in fine form again this year, and the Bears do have a rowdy defense. If Vince Evans can take the starting job at quarterback, the Bears could be surprising. Gary Danielson went down with a knee injury, and so did Detroit's hopes. Green Bay is Brand X on both offense and defense and could be overtaken by one other than the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Bucs have a good defense, and if Doug Williams can lead the offense...naw, that would be a slap in the face for the whole Pink-and-Sky-Blue Division. Ageless Fran Tarkenton is now calling audibles for the ABC Monday Night crew. He got out just in time. Minnesota is SORRY. With a little luck the proud Vikes may win four

games.

NFC WEST- The Los Angeles Rams are also in tatters, and the Atlanta Falcons should win this division. The Falcons can win the close ones with its defense, which is one of the best in the league, despite giving up 34 points to New Orleans in their opener. The Atlanta offense is a little shady, but the running game should pull through. Defense is also the strong point for Los Angeles, but the offense has soured. New Orleans will have their usual three or four big upsets, but their personal has changed little. Lucky for the Saints, they play in the same division as San Francisco. Every once in awhile the Niner offense shows some signs of life, but their measley, two-hand-tap defense looks like Northwestern's.

Pittsburgh looks too strong to bet against this year. The only way the Steelers can be stopped is if either Miami or New England can put it together. Even in wheelchairs, Dallas should win the NFC title, unless either Atlanta or even Los Angeles puts together some kind of consistent offense.

Whatever happens, my money is on the Men of Steel for a repeat performance.

AFC East Dolphins Patriots Jets Colts Bills	AFC Central Steelers Oilers Browns Bengals	AFC West Chargers Seahawks Raiders Broncos Chiefs
NFC East Cowboys Cardinals Eagles Redskins Giants	NFC Central Bears Lions Buccaneers Packers Vikings	NFC West Falcons Rams Saints 49ers

Spikers roll to 4-0 record

By John Byers

"They come out like a house of fire."

These are the words of Coach Ganser in describing the defending state volleyball champions, who have shot out to a 4-0 record.

"The whole team knows they can win, and come out wanting to win," added Ganser.

One of those 4 "wanted" victories came against Downers Grove from Illinois, who is "one of the best teams in the heartland of Illinois volleyball," according to Ed Szucs.

It was agreed that the match should be a best of 5 games affair due mainly to the 3 hour drive from Illinois. The match proved to be well worth the time to organize it though, as all 5 games were needed before Adams pulled it out 1-15, 15-6, 10-15, 15-13, 15-8.

The excitement came in the fourth game when the Eagles rallied from a 12-1 deficit to win 15-3. This kind of comeback against a team of Downers Grove's caliber, a team with an AAU All-American player, proves that the Eagles are not out of any match.

Coach Ganser was particularly satisfied with the effort, and feels that the showing against Downers Grove will be helpful in the upcoming Ben Davis Invitational, which will field teams that are ranked either 1 or 2 in their area.

The B-team also won their match, although with a little less trouble 16-14, 15-3.

Adams defeated Concord in the season opener, 15-9, 15-7 with precision technique. This Concord team, while not as strong as previous teams, should still be "the strongest of the Elkhart teams this year," according to Ganser.

The B-team won just as smoothly 15-2, 15-8.

The Eagles next played a vastly improved Marian team that "surprised us a bit." Adams won in two games 15-4, 17-15, but that score is not reflective of the Marian effort. The Eagles had to come back from a 13-3 deficit in the second game to win the match.

The B-team defeated a team that was undefeated as freshmen last year by a score of 6-14, 15-6, 15-11.

The Elston match is not worth the space, as the Eagles rolled to a 15-3, 15-2 laughter. The B-team was not overshadowed as they also were victorious 15-3, 15-4.

Coach Ganser sees no time for relaxation in this year's schedule due to the always tough competition in the area, but added that "we are not the type of team to become easily rattled by the pressure."



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Football falls to 1-3

Sure the John Adams Football team is taking a seemingly unimpressive 1-3 record into tomorrow night's battle with highly-regarded Elkhart Memorial. And sure all the "experts" say Memorial has the edge. But please don't tell the Eagles. They have planned a giant turnabout which includes "at least four wins in a row."

After shocking the state of Indiana by beating the number three ranked team in the state in their season opener, the Eagles have run into some hard times. But the Eagles are assured that these hard times are behind them forever. The Eagle offense, which has had its high and low points this season, seems to have found the consistency it lacked. Behind an impressive offense line and wellrounded backfield (which picked up close to 250 yards total offense against an outstanding

Washington defense) the Eagle are working on putting points, a lot of points, on the board tomorrow night against an excellent Memorial defense.

Following this Memorial victory, the Eagles do battle with Clay, M.C. Elston, and Riley before their match up with #1 ranked Penn. If the talk around the squad holds true, Adams could have an excellent shot at finishing above .500, a feat which they feel they can reach providing they work.

Adams Coach Andy Mihail may have the best lines of all when he says, "WE know we have a good football team. Let's not keep it a secret." So beware, Elkhart Memorial. The Eagles have not yet begun to fight.

Editors Note: The Eagles will score a stunning victory, shining both on offense and defense. Adams 28 Elkhart Memorial 7. Just a hunch, but a good one.



Bill Dreibelbis and Dave Dziubinski show the pleasures of blocking.

photo by Phil Bender



Sandy Call, Kay Olmstead, and Theresa Engeman present cheerleading trophy.

photo by Rick Peltz

Cap'n Mark leads surprising Netters

by George Patton

Led by a captain who absolutely refuses to win in two sets, the John Adams tennis team has posted a solid 7-3 record with but four more matches left till Sectional.

Senior Captain Mark Harman, known to his teammates as "Captain Three-Setter," has led the Eagle tennis attack on the N.I.C. by making a bid at all conference with his spotless N.I.C. record.

The Eagles only N.I.C. setback came at the hands of Elkhart Memorial by a 3-2 score. This loss ended a four game winning streak.

Adams got back on the right track by defeating crosstown rival LaSalle by an impressive 4-1 score. The team put another winning streak together by shutting out Mishawaka and squeaking past Marian. Harman did not break his streak as he won all his matches by three set scores.

But the winning streak was not

enough to propel the Eagles to victory in the LaPorte Invitational. In their first match the Netters lost to eventual champions Concord by a 3-2 score with one of the matches going into a tie-breaker.

Concord had an easy time in the finals as the shutoff Munster 5-0. Munster had pulled the upset of the season by beating the ninth ranked host Slicers. Adams then lost to LaPorte in the consolation to lower their record to 7-3.

Cross Country slow off the blocks

by Mark Miller

This year the John Adams cross country team has begun slower than expected. With each meet, however, this young team has been gaining experience and momentum.

The team, including a record six girls, is coached by last year's track coach, Doug Snyder.

With four of last season's five

top runners lost to graduation, the teams strength relies on five experienced veterans.

Jeff Sypniewski, a talented sophomore, shows much promise, having already broken the junior record this fall. Closely following is senior Captain Doug Smith, a regional qualifier for the two-mile in track last year. Rounding off the top five are three returning

lettermen: Rick VanLuc, Mark Miller, and Captain Russ Pyles, all juniors. Three other depended upon for support are junior Chris Kelly and Seniors Ralph Szabo and Dave Troost.

Despite a deceiving 0-3 record, the result of many setbacks, the rapidly progressing Eagles cross-country team should soon be flying high again.

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