

Senior awarded grant from DOW

Last month, the DOW Chemical Company awarded Phil Randazzo a grant for his current project in research biology.

Phil's project is concerned with the effect of probucol, a new drug made by the DOW Chemical Company, on the cholesterol levels in gerbils.

"I'll have six groups of seven gerbils each," Phil explained. "I'll be feeding three of these groups a normal diet. The other three groups will receive an additional 1% of cholesterol in their diet. At the end of four weeks I'll take one group of each - one group of gerbils with the normal diet and one group of gerbils with the extra cholesterol - and measure the total amount of cholesterol in their blood."

Phil will keep the other four groups for two more weeks. He will add .25% of the drug probucol to the diet of one control group and one group with the extra cholesterol. The diet of the other two groups will remain the same.

"I'm trying to see if probucol lowers cholesterol in gerbils. It's

been tested in mice and rats and it's been found that it does, but I'm trying to see how it works with gerbils. This has never been done with gerbils before," said Phil. "What's significant about that is that the gerbil is becoming more widely used as animal to test cholesterol levels. I'm trying to establish the gerbil as a model for this type of research."

Last year, the American Heart Association funded another project of Phil's, one concerned with the effect of small amounts of carbon monoxide on coronary heart disease. When the AHA had their convention in Indianapolis on September fourteenth, they invited Phil to discuss his findings with doctors, nurses, and research biologists.

While he was there, he talked to representatives from the DOW Chemical Company, which is testing experimental drugs on laboratory rats. After hearing about his current projects, they invited him to tour their

laboratories on Sept. 21 and talk to biologists working with cholesterol research.

"When I was down there, I told them what I was doing. They were interested, so they offered me some of their diagnostic kits for cholesterol, which are very expensive. They gave me a kit for one hundred tests which would cost around one hundred and three dollars. They also gave me about fifty-five dollars worth of chemicals to test their high density lipoprotein cholesterol," Phil said.

"It's a kind of situation we've never had here before, where a chemical company is interested enough in a student to ask him down to see their facilities and then supply him with he needs to conduct his research," Mr. Longnecker, sponsor of the research class.

Phil has also applied for a grant to cover the cost of the gerbils from the AHA, but he won't know if his project has been funded until early November.



Phil Randazzo works on the experiment that won him an award from DOW Chemical Company.

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Play prepared "in earnest"

Jack loves Gwendolyn, and she thinks that he's Ernest; Algernon loves Cecily, and she thinks that he is Ernest. Jack has a brother who is Ernest - he lives wickedly in the city, but he isn't really a person, wherever he is.

A soap opera? No, but close. This is the major plot of the Drama Club's fall production, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST. A British comedy, written by Oscar Wilde, the nonsensical banter and ludicrous plot make this play almost unbearably funny.

The main characters are played by almost all veterans, but there are a few additions to the core group. Bob Demaree plays Jack Worthing, a respectable squire in the country, with a young and beautiful ward, Cecily Cardew, played by Lisa Macri. Ted Manier portrays Algernon Montcrieff, a wealthy man-about-town, and a friend of Jack's. His cousin is beautiful, and the love of Jack's life, Gwendolen Fairfax. Gwendolen's mother is the highly respectable, totally over-bearing Lady Bracknell, as played by Emily Johnstone.

Supporting roles are played by Dan Jacoby as the proper country rector, Dr. Chasuble, who attempts a flirtation with the prim governess to Cecily, Miss Prism, played by Julie Markley. Algernon, and his country home are attended by the

butler, Lane, portrayed by John Manier; Jack, and his city home are attended by their butler, Merriman, as played by Greg Casimer.

Much time and work go into the making of a fine play. And when there is work to be done, committees are formed. Chairmen of publicity are Keith Kirk and Susan Sypniewski; chairman of costumes is Lisa Fujawa. Susan Brosmer and Steven Laven are chairmen of the props committee, as Lisa Layman and Patty Fenters are in charge of make-up.

Creative minds were used in the production also. Dan Jacoby designed the sets, while Phil Bender was in charge of constructing them. Leah Lorber designed the posters, and Leah Lorber and John Manier created the program design.

Assisting Mrs. Goerner, the director, are Phil Bender, stage manager, and Debbie Burke, student director. Doing their usual brilliant job on the lights are the "electrical wizards," Ken Kuespert and Ken Traub.

For light humor, total confusion, and a delightful British accent, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST is definitely the right choice. Playing November 1, 2 and 3 at 8 o'clock in the Little Theater, the play is sure to be a success. Tickets are on sale now for \$1.00, and for \$1.50 at the door.

Przybysz speaks on drugs

"It all came to a head when I learned that members of some athletic teams were drinking and smoking prior to participating in games."

The comment above, by Mr. Przybysz, refers to what prompted him to take time out to speak to senior government classes about the drug problem and other topics. "It is not new or unique to John Adams or other South Bend high schools." He said that, what disturbs him is not necessarily drug usage by the senior class, but rather young people in general.

Why did he speak to the seniors?

"It was not to get anyone in trouble," he said, "but to be honest. We (the administration) are aware of the problem and our approach is to ask students to think before doing it. I told them what is expected of them as Adams students." He said that he feels that drinking and usage of so-called harder drugs can interfere with those expectations.

"I'm not a doctor and I don't claim to be one, but it is my experience that a student does his best work when he is not under the influence of drugs. There is less production when a student is influenced by drugs."

The Tower asked about the

ramifications of the problem.

"For one thing it is illegal. It's the law whether we like it or not." Does he have any solutions?

"These people (drug users) are an embarrassment to themselves, to the school, and to the community. It is a matter of pride-personal pride, pride in one's accomplishments and pride in school work."

Mr. Przybysz was asked if he thinks the problem is increasing or decreasing.

"I don't have any facts or figures, but I believe drug usage is less than in past years. But drinking seems to be as strong as ever."

All of his feelings, however, were not negative.

"Teens on the whole" he said, "receive a bad rap. Schools and teenagers have often had only the bad cases shown to the public, and people tend to develop labels."

What are his feelings toward John Adams student body in particular?

"I'm very proud of our students. I don't pretend to have all of the answers but I am available to talk to any of them."

He also spoke about the spirit of the Adams population so far this

year.

"It has been good. Last year was a banner year and this year can be just as good."

He cited the Adams-Clay football game as an example of Adams spirit and conduct.

"I had never allowed the students to make a 'tunnel' before, but our students asked permission," (Clay students had also formed one), "and I had enough respect for our students to say yes."

He had more to say about respect. "I think teenagers need to be respected for what they are and they need to return that respect."

He expressed his feeling, and most of his staff concurs, that Adams is off to its best start in years. He said that this is primarily due to the fact that all scheduling finalizations were taken care of during the summer, facilitating a smooth start.

Mr. Przybysz touched on a variety of issues in his conversation with the Tower and overall expressed a positive attitude. After speaking to the principal, one comes away with the idea that this is just the beginning of what should be a very productive year for John Adams High School.

News around school . . .

Design your yearbook cover

A few weeks ago, a survey was taken in each of the home rooms concerning what students wanted their yearbooks to look like.

The results of that survey clearly showed that a majority of the students wanted a red and blue cover with an eagle on it.

Pleased with the response to their question, the editors are now allowing students to submit designs for the yearbook cover. The cover should have blue and red in it, an eagle, and the words "1980 Album." Anything else is optional.

If your design is the one chosen for the yearbook cover, you will receive a free yearbook (or have your money refunded if you already have a subscription).

The deadline for entries is November 9, and all entries should be given to Mrs. Maza in the Guidance Office.

How to start a club

Clubs at John Adams are among the finest in South Bend. Adams has had a long list of award winning programs which not only provide excitement for those

involved, but also unmatched publicity. The majority of the students at Adams take advantage of the fine opportunities present, but still others don't get involved.

To help combat this problem, the Student Government has started a drive to help students get involved by forming their own club. Any student interested in forming a new club should do one of the following: First, if you have a group which has already expressed an interest, you may bring a list of names to Mr. Dave Hadaway and your search for a potential sponsor will begin; second, if you aren't sure of the

names of any others interested, you may place an announcement for a meeting of those interested.

If you need any help, don't be afraid to contact either Mr. Hadaway or Kevin Lennon and they will in turn help you in organizing your club. Remember, any interest you have could be a potential club and it's a safe bet that there are many others who hold the same interest as you do.

Black Awareness Club dance

Tomorrow night, October 20, the Black Awareness Club will be

sponsoring a dance in the Phys. Ed gym.

The dance will start at 7:00 and run till 11:00. Tickets may be bought at the door, or in advance from any club member. They cost \$1.00 for a single ticket, and \$2.00 for a double.

Everyone attending the dance should enter by the door immediately to the left of the porch door. Adams students are allowed to bring guests from other schools, but, warns Mr. Bibbs, "the students will be responsible for their guest's behavior."

Faculty, staff comment on "THE BIG CHANGE"

Two weeks ago, when it was announced that the credits required for graduation had been decreased from 36 to 32, some students were ecstatic about the idea of dropping two classes. Some weren't really affected by it, and some wished they'd known about it last year when they were planning their schedule. The teachers have similar reactions to the change.

Mr. Fox feels the timing was bad for the change, and it would be better if it had gone into effect at the beginning or the end of the year or possibly at the beginning of the 2nd semester. "I think it helped right a wrong. The seniors felt they had been wronged because there seemed to be some resentment when the 36 credit system went into effect because the class of 1980 was the first class required to be at school until 2:00," commented Mr. Fox.

He also feels that the new system encourages January graduation which isn't necessarily best for everyone. There has been no problem, as yet, of students being around the building after early dismissal.

"Not many solid classes have been dropped yet," said Mr. Rensberger. He said he has made about 30 class changes, some of which are justified, such as study halls. The changes haven't had a dramatic effect on classes or the number of staff members needed yet.

Mr. Rensberger feels that merely being in a learning environment, such as study hall, is beneficial although it's not a solid class. He agrees that the timing for this adjustment was poor, but thinks the bulk of the class changes have been made already.

Mrs. Katona has made nearly 50

class program changes. About 10 of those dropped solids while 3 took advantage of the opportunity to drop classes they were having difficulty in without receiving a failing grade. She disliked the split in diplomas, an aspect of the former system, because it was "discriminatory" but feels that early dismissal for any reason other than jobs is a bad part of the new system. "If students only knew the value of electives, more would take them," she said. Mrs. Katona summed up her feelings on the present requirement system by saying that "schools should honor the state's requirements."

"I don't like having to 'input' in a matter that concerns me specifically," said Ms. Cwidak. She added that this was the first year her classes were reasonable in size. Most contained less than 25 and some even less than 25

students. She feels that teachers are now puppets of the students deciding to make changes for any reason.

Ms. Cwidak said that this change definitely defeats lower class size for junior and senior English classes, which are beneficial to the student, because they will be packed before the "clock strikes noon."

English classes haven't been affected by the installation of this system yet but probably will be at the semester change. She said, "The change itself was made in what appears to be an arbitrary and capricious manner by Dr. Scammon."

Mr. Goodman said he is opposed to a 3 class schedule because it's a shortcut. He feels that students should at least take a class for fun, and that each class is valuable. He believes life is too short to rush

through high school and that in 5 years, those who didn't graduate with their class, will regret it. He feels the split diploma is immaterial. Mr. Goodman commented, "What's the rush to work? You'll work all the rest of your lives."

"The rationale is good but the realism is not," commented Mr. Seeley. He said that most of the changes that have been made already have been transfers of classes but instead of electives students elect to go to art early. Mr. Seeley feels that many students took an art class to fill the day, and found that they really enjoyed it. He anticipates a drop in enrollment in art classes at the beginning of the 2nd semester and next fall as well, but adds that the classes now are overloaded because the art department is short one teacher.



Bob Zielinski performs for the Magic Club at the Club Fair. photo by Dave Wisniewski

Falling enrollment unfortunate

by Luanne Kenna

The drop in enrollment at Adams, although less severe as first announced, has affected the school programs in a few ways.

The recent policy change regarding seniors and juniors and early release has resulted partly from this decrease. Conversely, the early release policy has brought down the number of classes needed fifth and sixth hour.

Mr. Fox said that "unfortunately, electives are the first that will have to be reduced. But surprisingly, this year, the advanced language classes, usually the smallest classes, have kept enrollment up."

Mr. Rensberger added that, "reduced student numbers in the future may not justify advanced placement or college prep classes." However, there may be a method to continue these classes if another school is faced with the

same problem. A combined class could be formed. "This could present another problem because if the teacher would be from another school, our staff would be cut," according to Mr. Rensberger.

This causes another dilemma, the reduction of staff. As classes shrink, demand for teachers shrinks also, and some teachers must leave.

Because gym requirements have been decreased, gym classes will drop and the variety of classes, both gym and otherwise must change. But Mr. Fox said, "arena scheduling will remain the policy. Students may still choose their classes but the number of classes will just be a bit smaller."

According to Mr. Rensberger, "Over the past nine years, Adams has lost about 700 students." Regrettably, if this trend continues, high school education as we know it today must change drastically.

'79 club fair enlightens frosh

by Mark Weisman

"It gave me a chance to learn more about the clubs offered at Adams," was one of the typical comments heard at this year's Club Fair.

This year's Club Fair was held Monday, October 1 during second hour. Its goal was to provide information and stimulate interest and participation in the various clubs offered at Adams.

Each club was given an opportunity to speak to the class and give an idea of the club's function.

Represented at the Fair were art, debate, booster, ushers, biology, drama, and chess clubs. Also

participating were the magic, film and National Honor Societies.

Some of clubs offered their expectations for the Fair. Said Kathy Grubb of publications: "I hope that the Club Fair encouraged the freshmen to become a part of Publications and gain experience in positions of responsibility."

"We hope to get more members involved in the Black Awareness Club—not just Blacks but people of all races," said Phyllis Lighthall.

Ted Manier, of the Drama Club, was asked about his hopes for the Club Fair. "I would like to see it produce incentive to get the class involved. The merit of a class is measured by its involvement in clubs and activities," he said.

What did the freshmen think? "It was interesting. It gave me a look at what there is to do," said Diane Rockstroh.

"I got to know what the clubs are," said Kathy Gergesha.

Some were less enthusiastic. Said Ted Liu, "I don't think they said too much about the clubs. You can't get too good of an idea in such a short time."

Kevin Lennon set high standards for the Club Fair and the freshmen: "I'd like to see each member of the freshman class involved in at least one activity."

All things considered, the fair was a success. But, its real success will be determined by the involvement of the freshmen.

Styx "Grand Decathlon" a winner

by Section 10, Row 6B

What was billed to be the "Grand Decathlon" proved to be a rousing success. With little to no help from Ian Hunter, Styx put on the "grandest of all illusions."

The show had a little bit of everything—mellow, bizarre, and heavy metal jams. With the help of Class-A special effects, Styx fried the minds of 7500 "old Styx fans." Among the stage highlights were: elevating piano, crystal balls, white silk-screen backdrop, flashpots, and lots of fog, which added to an already misty atmosphere.

The show began with Guitarist Jim Young standing on a mountain of speakers, fists clenched, and back to audience. With a flash that blinded the first five rows, Styx

exploded into "Borrowed Time," a cut from their latest LP, "Cornerstone." Styx continued duking it out with "Great White Hope." Then Vocalist/Keyboardist Dennis DeYoung welcomed us all to "The Grand Illusion."

Along with the two above-mentioned Styxers were Tommy Shaw (Niles native), also a fine all-around guitarist, both on acoustic and electric; spaced-out, laid-back John Panozzo on the bass; and his twin brother Chuck Panozzo on the drums.

Chuck showed both his finesse and his power in a lengthy drum solo in mid-"Renegade." John's style of play was steady but strange. Shaw was excellent on his acoustic solo, "Fooling Yourself,"

and "Crystal Ball," a tune to be remembered by all in attendance.

Other Styx high points: "Lady," with DeYoung on the elevated keyboards; and "Come Sail Away," complete with clouds and stars to send the crowd on a voyage of its own.

The lone encore tune was "Miss America," which was definitely no disappointment. The disappointment was for the "Blue Collar" fans, whose song was not played.

Yes, we sat through most of Ian Hunter. Ian politely informed us that we're all "bastards," that "Cleveland Rocks," and that South Bend doesn't. And we sure didn't during Ian's part of the show.

Kansas tonight, folks. Hope to be able to see you there.

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Student forum

I think Dr. Scamman did the write thing to let we kids out of highschool early if we want to get out. We need to get jobs. We need to make money for our hier education. We need money for other nessesarry things too.

We don't need to join clubs or sports because their is all ways time for that later. That is wy we have weekends. To have partys, games, and fun. Sckool is only for lerning. And you can do all of your

lerning in the time that the newgradjewation rekuirements say you have to be their.

Sckool never teached me anthing that I couldn't have lerned somewheres else, but as long as I had to be their I got me an edukation, sew I can function in the reel world. I lerned to reed and right sew I can get me a job after sckool now. Im late for work sew I have to go. Buy!

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Ed. Note: The above implied opinion is not necessarily the opinion of the Tower.

Tower corrects NHS induction list

Four additional juniors were inducted into the National Honor Society. Patricia Kereszte, Katherine Malone, Martin McKiernan, and Eleanor Pollak were not mentioned in the last issue of the TOWER. These students, as well as, the other NHS members were selected on the basis of leadership, scholarship, character, and community service. Congratulations and apologies are extended to these four new members.

Marching Band continues preparations started in August

Way back in August, before most people were even thinking of school, the John Adams Marching Band was busy working on their first show.

The Marching Band, directed by Mr. Larry Dwyer and Mrs. Ann Marie Dawson, reviewed the basic fundamentals of marching procedures while at the same time learned new and exciting formations.

As in the past, combined with the band are the various auxiliary groups: the Pom Pons, the Rifles, and the Flags. All of these groups worked hard over the summer in order to present and enjoyable new routines for their audience.

The Pom Pons, sponsored by Mrs. Jackie VanderWiede, participated at a summer camp in order to prepare for this year's season. As a result, the girls brought back to the student body, a beautiful trophy awarded for excellence displayed in area contests.

The Rifle and Flag squads were also working hard this summer for the marching season. The Rifles went to Smith Wallbridge where they learned more complicated techniques to use in their routines. The young Flag squad, six of its eight members are new, has shown tremendous spirit as a group, and it is evident that they will be striving for nothing short of perfection as the season goes by. Both squads add a hint of "corps" style to the band while also providing the audience with a different and colorful visual effect.

The new Drum Majors this year are juniors, Missy Kevorkian and Jean Pawlak. Each attended Drum Major Camp at Smith Wallbridge, learning the basic moves of marching and simple techniques for charting out impressive half-time shows. Both girls enjoyed the camp very much. "It was an

experience I'll never forget," commented Missy.

At the Senior Show on October 19, the student body will be able to see the results of Missy's and Jean's hard work. At that time the girls will have the rare opportunity to create an entire half-time show by themselves.

The music that the Marching Band is using this year is a combination of the "big band" sound and popular hits. Nostalgia has also played a part of the shows with old favorites such as "Blueberry Hill." The band plans to add a few surprises into their shows, hopefully with some special presentations and possibly solos.

It is proving to be an exciting and fulfilling year for the Marching Band of Eagles, so next time you're at a football game, stick around at half-time and let them entertain you.



photo by Anne Beck

Phoebe Becknell smiles as she recalls her experiences in Hawaii.

Adams represented in Miss United Teenage Pageant

by Kelly Kerrihard

When Phoebe Becknell received an invitation to participate in the Miss United Teenage Pageant at the end of last year, she decided, "What the heck? I might as well." But she soon found out that what started out to be a whim ended in her learning a lesson about people and spending a week in a tropical paradise.

The pageant that Phoebe, a senior, was involved with was held down in Indianapolis early this summer. The Miss United Teenage Pageant, a church and school affiliated organization, choose girls from all over America to participate. The girls must have a "B" average in school and submit a 100 word essay on the topic "My Country." The girls in the state competition, which Phoebe participated in, were judged on the basis of interviews and an evening gown competition.

While down in Indianapolis, Phoebe and her parents took their accommodations as did the other girls, at the Downtown Hilton. Because the hotel provided "the

worst service," Phoebe hardly elaborates on that aspect of her trip.

Aside from that fact, Phoebe made quite a few friends, although she also met many girls who "were not very nice." A large majority of the girls took the pageant extremely seriously. "They were in it for the glory, not the fun," commented Phoebe. In fact Phoebe felt that while Miss Congeniality deserved her award, most of the girls were hardly runner's up.

The best part about the whole experience for Phoebe was winning her trip to Hawaii. She and 15 other girls boarded a plane some time after the pageant to spend a week "in Heaven."

The trip was actually earned by selling ads for the Pageant. Everything for the trip was supplied; room, board, beach, and sun.

Phoebe and her friends stayed at the Pula Lani Hotel just a half a block from Wakiki Beach. The view was so beautiful from her room that Phoebe pushed a cot onto the balcony to sleep under the stars.

Except for two tours and meals,

the girls were free to do as they pleased on the island, so of course they hit the beach. Phoebe commented that the people are so much friendlier. For instance, catcalls down there aren't as degrading as they are up here. It's more like a warm greeting."

Besides spending time on the beach, Phoebe and her friends enjoyed shopping. Among some of her purchases were, a bathing suit, pearls, opals, and a mumu. The island's fancy shops welcomed all with open arms, no matter how you dressed. This attitude is very different from that of the elite shops in the big cities such as Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles.

Needless to say, Phoebe was sad to leave her island paradise. The luaus, days spent on the beach, and smiles of the natives ended when she landed in South Bend. But the memories will always remain, and she can honestly say that the supposed "glamour" of the pageant, could never be as fulfilling as earning her trip to Hawaii.



Commended Scholars, left to right: Luanne Kenna, James Kerby, and William O'Neil photo by John Engel

NHCS students announced

Three John Adams High School students are among the top five percent of participants of the National Honors Commended Scholars. These three students are Luanne Kenna, James Kerby, and William O'Neil.

To qualify for NHCS, you have to achieve a score of 179 or better. Although the Commended students rank below the level required for Merit Program Semifinalists, each has shown exceptional academic promise.

Luanne Kenna said, "It's really a great honor. I feel it will help me a little for college." She felt that it wasn't as hard as she thought, and that the colleges can get a look at you. She is a 3-year Tower mem-

ber, a member of National Honor Society and Drama Club, a writer for the Next Generation page in the Tribune and a member of Quill & Scroll, also a honorary club.

James Kerby said, "It was straight forward. Once you got in there, it kept moving along." He said that at first he felt really nervous, and thought that it would be hard but afterwards it really wasn't that bad." Jim is involved in the Soccer team.

William O'Neil spends his time after school working at Forum Cinema, where he is the manager. The money he earns will be applied toward college tuition. He hopes to attend Notre Dame.

Freshman receives award

by Jenny Klingma

One of Adams' new students, Beth Balint, who comes from Edison School, was awarded the "Teen Volunteer of the Year" award for 1979. This award is given to eight individuals for volunteering in local hospitals and nursing homes.

Beth worked at the Fountain View Nursing Home. She did such tasks as taking the residents outside for walks to get fresh air, serving them meals, and bringing them to activities and entertainment.

Beth had an opportunity to leave the nursing home and begin working at a hospital when she turned fourteen, but she decided to

stay at the nursing home. She felt that the people at the nursing home needed more love and more care than patients at the hospitals, and that she could give the nursing home residents the love they needed. She is still working at Fountain View, and wants to continue.

When Beth first realized she had received this award she didn't know exactly what it was. She couldn't wait until the banquet ceremonies when she was to be presented with her award.

Beth deserves a round of applause and congratulations for helping those in need. Our society needs more concerned citizens like Beth.

ICT offers work experience

Industrial Cooperative Training (I.C.T.) is one of the three co-op classes offered at Adams.

The purpose of I.C.T. is to "give students experience and background in a field of their choice," as stated by the coordinator Mr. Dudley. He also said that "I.C.T. doesn't give students jobs" as it has been mistaken for in the past. "Students need a desire to gain work experience."

There are approximately 44 students involved in I.C.T. at present. These students work in several different areas such as: food service, maintenance, machine shop, automotive repair, and nurses' aide. There are at least 15 different fields being explored today.

Any junior or senior sixteen

years of age or older is eligible. Students must attend school one half of the day and work the other half, but as mentioned before I.C.T. doesn't hand you a job on a silver platter. It requires work on the schools behalf as well as the student's.

"The biggest task is placing a student in the field of his/her choice," said Mr. Dudley. "There may not be a need for help in a field they have chosen."

I.C.T. offers special events in which regular students can't participate. One example, the Skill Olympics, is an event in which students compete on the basis of their trade or occupation: for instance welding, nursing, printing, etc.

There are many awards given to

students who show excellence in a given field. A former John Adams student, Colleen Johnson, was awarded for her expertise. She was, and still is, a dental assistant, and because of her experience she will most likely become a dentist.

I.C.T. wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the employers who take on these students as employees. Their kindness does not go unnoticed.

To show their appreciation at the end of the year the students give an Employers Banquet where they enjoy an evening especially planned for them.

If you're thinking of a particular career and would like experience and background before leaving high school, I.C.T. may be just the opportunity for you.

Reading Lab supplements skills

by Mary Stewart

Reading Lab is a course to help the students who have problems reading, whether it be with comprehension, pronunciation, or just developing better reading skills.

For seniors who may be going to college, Reading Lab will be offering a Developmental class, which will be available the second nine weeks for those who want to brush up or improve their reading for college.

The Reading Lab was furnished with many new facilities this year, such as: carpeting, better learning materials, and will be getting new chairs and desks soon, which will aid the program.

Mrs. Naragon, who teaches Reading Lab is very happy with the class, and thinks it is a great success.

A couple of students who gave their opinions toward the lab commented:

"It's a nice system, and it's not boring," said Eddie Adams.

Tom Boggs gave his opinion, "I suppose I like it, it is pretty easy."

In some English classes you have to take a lot of notes on a lecture the whole class period. Mrs. Naragon doesn't operate that way. "I work with persons individually and help them where the help is needed."

If you are interested in taking Reading Lab to improve your comprehension or develop better reading habits, talk to Mrs. Naragon in room 241.



Joan Forster rambles into the line for the Juniors.



Sue Halterman and Sue Henry whoop it up for the Seniors.

Seniors capture Powder Puff title

by Joe Taylor

As the helpless Junior pass defense looked on, Sonia Harrington lofted a perfect pass to Julie Cowen in the left corner of the end zone to give the Seniors a 6-0 victory in Powder Bowl III.

In the prelims, the Juniors shut out the Frosh 12-0, while the Seniors stomped the Sophs 19-0.

Juniors 12, Frosh 0

In a game with few highlights, the Junior defense completely squelched any offense by the Freshmen.

The Juniors unveiled a new style of play-calling, their musical backfield system. The system appeared to be working well as the Juniors marched forty yards downfield for the game's first score, capped by a five yard run by Quarterback Lisa Frieden. The extra point failed and the score was 6-0.

Unfortunately for the rain-soaked fans, the rest of the half was pretty dull. Each defense ran all over the opponent's offense, though the Juniors did have some success with the outside ground

game.

At the start of the second half, however, Theresa Engeman rambled fifty yards down to the Frosh eight. Before the Frosh defense could recover, Engeman cruised into the end zone to increase the Junior lead to 12-0. Again, the point-after was stopped.

The Junior defense didn't let up, and the inexperienced Frosh fell all over themselves on offense. The game ended 12-0.

Despite their shady performance on offense, this year's Frosh looked better than any previous Freshman Powder Puff team. Looking back, when Powder Puff began, the Class of '81's performance included even less offense, while last year's Frosh were obliterated 35-6 in their opening game.

On the strength of their defense, the Juniors now had to await the outcome of the Senior-Sophomore game.

Seniors 19, Sophs 0

Both teams came out rah-rahing wildly. But the Seniors quickly took the air out of the Soph effort.

On the first play of the game,

behind a wall of Senior blockers, Denise Golba high-stepped around end for sixty yards, untouched, into the end zone. Jean Ferry pounded in for the extra point and a 7-0 lead.

The Sophs took possession and started into a flex defense, led by roving Inside Linebackers Lily Raymond and Nancy Nevel. Their first series went nowhere, and the Seniors took to the offense again.

After a short run, Harrington cranked the bomb down the middle to Cowen for a 45-yard touchdown. The ball traveled about thirty yards in the air. The extra point run was stopped and the score remained 13-0. That was two touchdowns in three offensive plays. How's that for "Senior apathy?"

The Sophs tried to mount a drive, but the Senior defense was too much. Beth Duesterberg made a couple of key stops for losses.

The Seniors drove again the third time they got the ball. But the defense for the Class of '82 finally picked their jaws up off the ground in the driving rain, led by a couple of defensive plays on passes by

Greta Roemer, and held the Senior offense out. The half ended at 13-0.

Ferry got the Senior Citizens rolling again on a busted play which ended up a thirty yard run. Once again, the Soph defense rose up and held the Seniors out of their end zone. But the offense for the Sophomores gave away a touchdown when Senior Tricia Mengel fell on a loose ball in the end zone.

The Soph offense began to show some signs of life and Shelly Jablonski made a brilliant catch of a Kathy Connolly pass. But it was, as they say, "too little, too late." The final score was 19-0.

Seniors 6, Juniors 0

As the rains came again, it appeared the Senior offensive fireworks were over. Junior Rhonda Henderson made a superlative stop to end the Seniors' first drive.

Julie Wygant got the Junior offense mobile with a long run for a first down, and the zebras tackled on fifteen yards for tackling. Sandy Call later rambled to the six yard line of the Seniors. But the drive fizzled in the face of the Senior

banzai defense. The half ended scoreless.

Time started to dwindle, and so did the crowd, but not the spirit of either team.

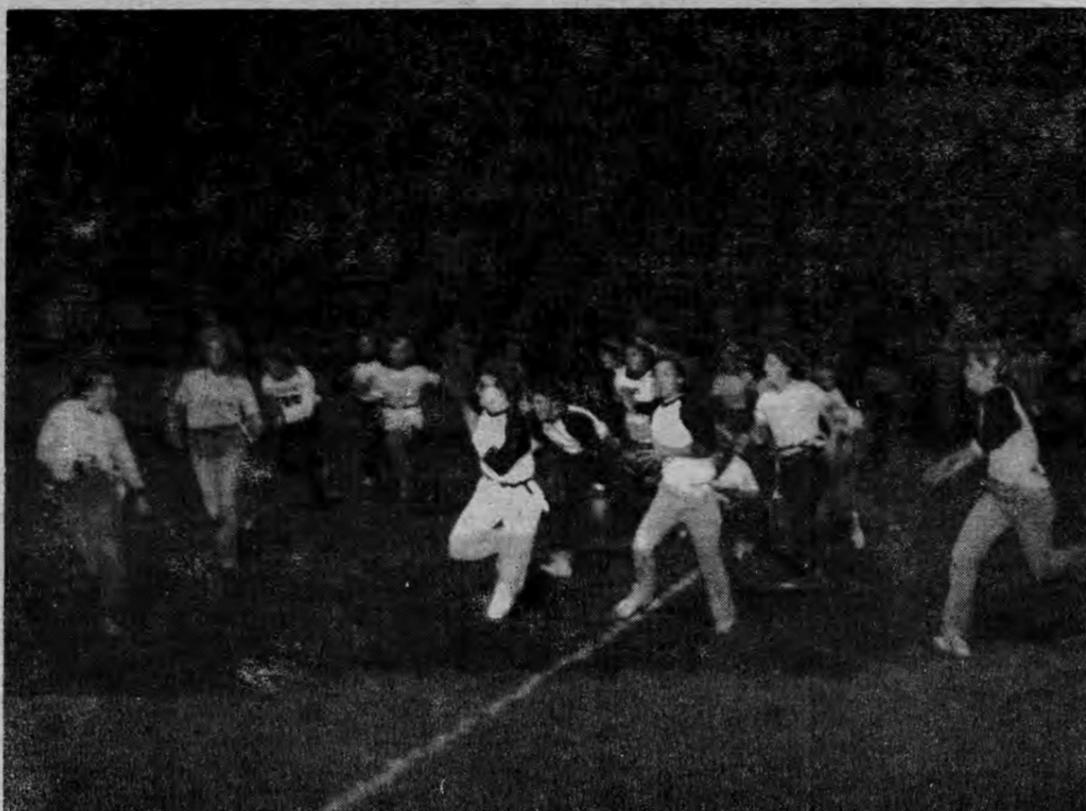
On a crucial fourth down, the Juniors chased QB Harrington out of the pocket. Downfield, Cowen broke her slant pattern and cut across and back to the right. Harrington unloaded on the run and hit Cowen for a long first down.

The Juniors stiffened up and once again it came down to fourth down from the four. Harrington laid a perfect ball over Cowen's shoulder in the left corner for the Powder Bowl's only score.

The final Junior drive was stopped and the Seniors had become Powder Bowl III champions.

Coach Kevin "Bear" Lennon said, "Our goal is to play Riley in the Powder Puff Super Bowl."

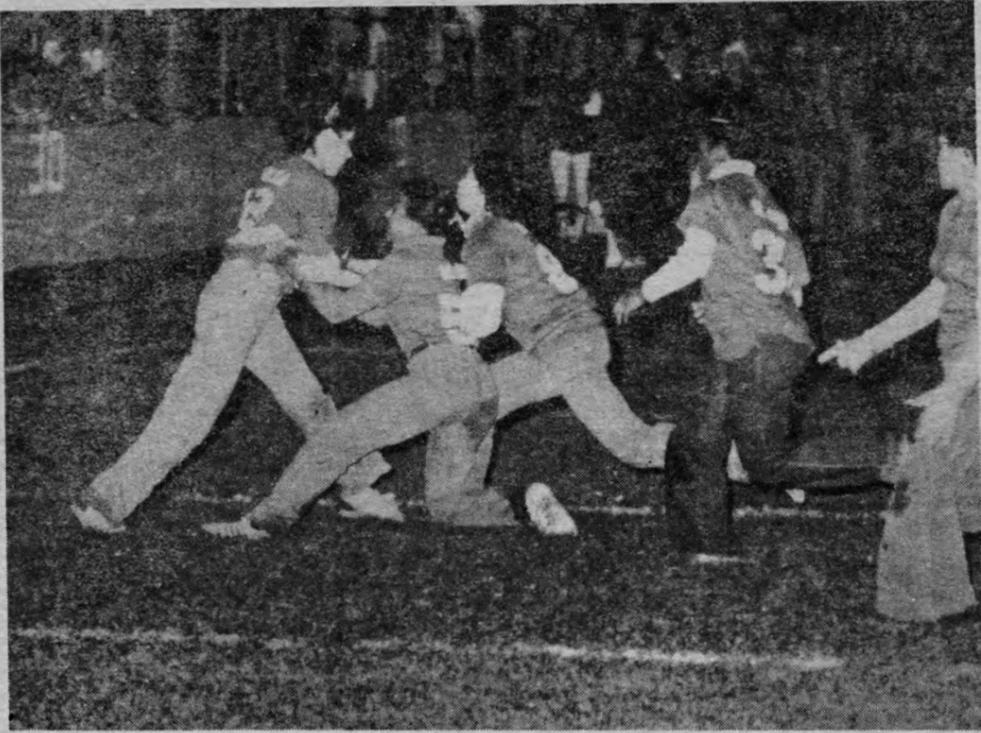
While each class and each girl represented themselves in first-rate style, the unanimous choice of all the winning coaches and all the writers covering the game for this year's Heisman was Julie Cowen.



The Junior offense swarms into the Frosh secondary.



Mike Rybicki yaps at Junior team.



Denise Golba is stopped by the Soph defense.



Senior QB Sonia Harrington spots an open receiver.



AWWWRRRIGHT!

Scholastic Aptitude Tests; one person's dilemma

by Sherri McLochlin

It was a day to end all days. As I walked down the hall at three o'clock, I felt I would never face the school the same person I was before SATURDAY. (Sound the tolling of bells-DOOM).

Yes, Saturday was to be the end of the carefree, innocent person I once was. For Saturday was the day of SAT's (the dreaded sound of these three letters is enough to send many students into a comatose state until the age of 30-the age limit for the tests being 29 and 11 months). As I trudged down the hall, my footsteps beat out, "Pass or die-Pass or die," (for it is a well known fact that these monotonous tests determine the success of failure of your entire life).

Arriving home, I immediately read the booklets I had been told were of dire influence on my test

scores.

After spending two hours being instructed in the manner in which to fill in the answer blanks, what number pencil to use and how these tests would determine the success of failure of my life, I finally got down to the nitty-gritty.

After thirty pages of "how-to" instructions, this last page simply stated that studying for the SAT's was useless. They would simply be a summarization of all I had learned throughout my school years.

When I finally came out of the shock of disaster, I knew to start preparing myself for a "career" in window-washing. After five thousand years in school, all I could generally remember was that one always capitalized the first letter of their name, and that if you count on your toes, you probably won't make it to 12th grade.

With the knowledge of my

impending death, I turned to food for consolation. After chowing down nine Twinkies and a bag of Doritos, I immediately felt different. Instead of dreading death, I now longed for it. Sprinting to the bathroom, I just made it. Falling into bed with a dictionary under my head, and a copy of the Complete Works of Shakespeare cradled in my arms, I passed out.

That night was one of the longest of my life. Continuous visions of a computer chasing me down a long hall and shouting, "You are in the bottom two percent of the nation-Dimwit, Dummy, Moron, Twit!" while dancing to the music of "Be a Clown, Be a Clown," pursued me all night.

The next morning I felt as if I had gotten as much sleep as a bat. Stumbling out of bed, I knew what it was to face a firing squad. Eating my breakfast, a bowl of

Alka-Seltzer, I attempted putting on my make-up. After satisfactorily applying mascara to my lips, and lip gloss to my eyes (I was lucky to find my face) I was ready to go. "Fortunately," I was still in the driveway when I remembered that the SAT board follows a "No clothes, so test" policy. (I tried).

Arriving at the appointed school, I squared my shoulders and dragged myself in. Forgetting my name, I thrust my receipt in the receptionist's hand and fainted.

Coming to, I found that I had been unconcernedly dumped into a chair. In front of me was my answer sheet. It had over half a million answer circles and demanded a lot of personal questions such as: my name (I couldn't remember), my age (I didn't remember how to count that high) and my parent's names (was that if I passed and they still claimed me?)

Before I knew it, the test was

before me. Panicking, I had to calm an instinct to grab the "passer-outer" by the neck and shove my test down HIS shirt (my mind was wandering in my terror). Looking down, I began my test.

For three hours, I sweated and swore. Chewing on my pencils until they were mutilated, I turned to my neighbor's pencil. (We later became great business partners).

When "time up" was called, I felt as if a great relief had been lifted from my mind. Pass or fail, this fateful Saturday was over.

As I walked outside, I caught a glimpse of myself in a window. Leaning over, I wiped my sleeve across the glass. Suddenly I smiled.

It just might be that something good had come of this day. After all, I might never have otherwise found the vocation to which I was fated . . . Window-washers of America, Unite!

Case of the working person's blues

by Anna Barrett

Work involves many trials and tribulations. I should know.

Yes, I work! As do many of us around here, whether for reasons of poverty, boredom, or mild insanity, and every year a large percentage of our student body contrives to join the employed.

It's great having a little money around, no one can deny that. Just for those little things: albums, clothes, wall paneling for the den, indoor irrigation...the incidentals. However, as any new member of the working population will discover, it's not as easy as it may seem.

Oh, the work itself isn't that bad; that's not the hard part. The hard part is coping with the time clock.

I hear you laughing. "Silly girl," you are saying, "what is so difficult about punching a time clock?" Well, allow me to explain.

The time clock is a device which was invented in order to measure the amount of time an employer devotes to his or her work. What is done is that the person inserts a card into the mechanism upon

arriving at work, and the time of arrival is stamped on it. Upon leaving, the card is stamped again, showing the total time spent at the job.

It would seem a wonderful system. A time clock is an inanimate object and therefore does not have any way of knowing whether an employee is hard at work or hiding in the bathroom stealing toilet paper. However, I am of the opinion that the machine is not the chump it appears to be.

First of all, the time clock is carefully calibrated so that as soon as one punches in, it immediately and automatically switches to the energy-conserving tactic of ticking off one minute for each three minutes elapsed. Thus, after working a long day, one can read from one's time card that one has worked exactly seventy-one minutes.

Also, I have discovered that time clocks, subject to the laws of survival of the fittest, have developed tough, protective cases. You may have noticed the glass-like substance that has

adapted to cover the face; the clock is therefore shielded from all manner of angry assaults.

In an emergency, the clocks have developed the ability to turn themselves off. They are also extremely sensitive: at a distance of three hundred feet, they are able to sense whether an employee is obediently ladling noodles or wolfing croutons at the salad bar. If the latter, the time clock will proceed in an exacting, studied manner to lose that person's time card.

But time clocks can be beaten. Offerings of human sacrifice are often considered, and hour-long speeches extolling their virtues have been effective. I myself prefer the old butchering-a-prize-cow-in-its-honor bit.

Oh, and if victory can be obtained over the time clocks, there's still the small matter of income tax standing between one and one's check. Well, I didn't really want more than eighty cents out of every dollar anyway. And if worse comes to worse, I can always sell my stolen toilet paper.

The Adams Families discuss their views

by Mary Gregg

Between attending football games and slaving over homework, most kids find that they rarely see their parents at all. There are some students who find it hard to miss their parents. These are the students who have parents working at Adams.

Parents with children going to Adams include Mrs. Germano, Mr. McNarney, Mrs. Elum, and Mr. Hadaway.

Mrs. Germano said that having a child going to the same school never bothered her, not even when they showed up in her English class. "There are always problems and other activities to worry about," she said, "You don't have

time to think about your kid being in there."

She also, like other parents found that it was beneficial in some ways. She understood her children better because she could see that other students were having the same problems, or wanted to do the same things.

One of the problems she ran into was when her kids tried to figure out what to call her. "The kids laughed if they'd call me Mom," she said.

One of her children agreed, but added, "It sounded pretty stupid calling her Mrs. Germano, too."

Mrs. Germano said that she never checked up on the kids at home to make sure they were doing it. Which was probably a mistake, since one said jokingly, of course,

"I usually put off homework for that class, or didn't do it at all."

Her children never said anything negative about another student, said Mrs. Germano, and likewise, they never discussed any of the teachers. "We all owed allegiance to each other."

Grades were no problem, her kids got what they deserved in her class. She said that she never showed any favoritism because, once they walked through the door and sat down, they were "just another student."

Coaches face the same problem when selecting their teams if one of their children is trying out. Next issue, we'll talk to Mr. Hadaway, and Mr. McNarney and see how this affected them.

Faculty, staff members recall former high school, college days

by Sherri McLochlin

When hours of homework, not enough sleep, and the general "blahs" strike, most students feel that death is definitely imminent. Logically, the first question that pops into your head is, "Is there a doctor in the house?" While there may not be one at Adams, there IS an exceptionally fine nurse. And believe me, Mrs. Elum understands what it's like to be a student. Her own high school days were as busy as they could be. The National Speech League, the girls volleyball team, student government, the newspaper, Nat'l Honor

Society, and various student workshops occupied her time. Mrs. Elum was also honored to be chosen as a South Bend representative to a high school convention at the United Nations. When mention of a job was made, Mrs. Elum commented that she did not work while in high school. She feels that if it is not financially necessary for a student to do so, they would be better off not working. As you will be working for the rest of your life, enjoy the free time you have now, and learn about the different aspects of high school instead.

Comparing her own school days

to Adams, Mrs. Elum believes there is more freedom now. A positive change, noted the nurse, is the more open communication between school administrators and students. This has enabled the students to contribute input to the system.

Referring to her career, Mrs. Elum said that she knew while in high school, that she wanted to be a nurse. Mrs. Elum concluded by saying that she chose her career because it is a "helping, caring profession-most rewarding."

If on the other hand, your brain is not over-taxed, a little literary stimulation might be in order. The

person to go to for that is none other than Mrs. Germano. An English enthusiast to the end, Mrs. Germano worked on various newspapers while in high school. Not only school publications, but the town newspaper as well! When asked about the differences between her school days and Adams now, she replied, "things weren't so terribly different, then or now." A very affirmative change though, has been that girls are more involved now. With the barriers between "boys" and "girls" removed, each can be more natural. Mrs. Germano perceives that this will contribute to healthier

marriages in the future.

As for herself, Mrs. Germano regrets not finishing her college education before marrying. She advises girls to "fulfill all the potential they have before getting married." Because you must start channeling all of your energy into your chosen field, when in college, Mrs. Germano feels high school "exciting time to try out options." And though she is a teacher, Mrs. Germano ended by stressing that extra-curricular activities are of undeniable importance. The benefits gained from them are of unestimable value.

Office Education Officers announced

by Jill Bergen

What do the letters, O.E.A. stand for, is a question often asked by many high school students. O.E.A. stands for Office Education Association. This nationwide organization trains students in office skills, and assigns them to jobs in their area.

All of the students in O.E.A. work in an office; typing, filing and bookkeeping. The purpose of this is to get on the job training while you go to school. Students go to school in the morning and work in the afternoon. Once experienced, these students often make careers of their jobs.

Ushers Club survives

by Mary Gregg

Clubs come and go here at Adams, but through the years, one club has remained. The Ushers Club, the oldest service club in existence, has been part of the school since the opening of Adams in 1940.

The club has changed, though, since its early days. Up until a few years ago, the club was open only to boys. Now, the club is dominated by girls. The armbands have disappeared from the uniform, although the same long-sleeved blue sweaters are worn with the UC on the front.

The activities have stayed the same, of course. Ushers still keep "excited students from cluttering the aisle" at football games. They can be found at Open House herding lost parents toward hidden classrooms. They catch students trying to sneak into the wrong section during the basketball games.

Other activities that the Ushers Club plans for this year include a raffle to raise money. Members will sell tickets, and a jacket and bag will be given away, as well as several other prizes.

What's the big attraction about joining a club where you have to be on your feet a lot, and memorize the layout of the school. "It's just a good group to get into," said Robin Thomas. "You can make a lot of new friends." She admits, though, that since this is her first year at Adams, she sometimes needs a map to point people in the right direction at Open House.

So, while most students don't remember the Rifle Club, or the Literature Club (formed to "stimulate an interest in reading," it started in 1961, and fizzled out shortly afterwards). They can tell you right away what the Ushers Club is because, as long as there are people getting lost, or trying to find the right section to sit in, we'll always need them.

Soccer club nears end of successful year

By John Byers

Nearing the end of its season, the John Adams Soccer team has made some major accomplishments in its second year of existence.

The current 8-7-1 record includes a spotless record against city rivals, along with several fine performances against out of town schools that have fielded and sponsored teams for many years. The main goal of increasing interest and support of soccer at Adams has been the greatest achievement though.

Due to the heavy schedule of games, there has been little room for relaxation. Playing 4 games in 6 days, the team faced its first real test-by playing several out of town

schools.

The journey began in Goshen versus Bethany Christian, who was backed by 100 or so local rah-rahs. Adams paid no attention to them however, as Marty McKiernan scored from long range to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

The lead did not stand up however, as the experience of the home team lead to 4 straight goals by Bethany Christian. Donny MacDonnel made the result a little closer, but Adams fell 4-2.

In the next game Adams trailed LaLumiere 1-0 late in the fourth quarter, but came back to take a 2-1 lead, on a penalty kick by Teo Sevier, and a long bomb by Joe Taylor. But unfortunately LaLumiere also showed its comeback

ability, as Adams lost the heartbreaker 3-2.

Riley came into the next game still believing that they were the best team in the city, but the Eagles sent them back licking their wounds for the third time - this season, as Adams won 4-1. Joe Taylor recorded two goals, while Teo Sevier and Donny MacDonnel picked up the others.

Adams lost the following game to an excellent passing Fort Wayne Luers club, 4-2. Bob Funk and Donny MacDonnel scored the Eagle goals.

Clay provided no challenge, as Adams won 3-0. The score could have easily been triple that, but several missed opportunities led to

the closer result. Donny MacDonnel scored for the third time in as many games, while George Patton and Marty McKiernan picked up the other goals. Mark Harman and Allen Davis combined for the shutout in the nets.

Words can't describe the referee at the Argos game. With Adams leading 2-1, the situation took place in this order. 1) Donny MacDonnel beat the Argos goalkeeper with a ground shot that crossed the goal line for a legal goal 2) The referee thought otherwise 3) An Argos defender, having no other choice, dived for the ball, grabbed it with his hands, and guided it away from the goal 4) No whistle for a penalty kick 5) Joe Taylor questions the

call, using no profanity, and is promptly thrown out of the game 6) Eldred MacDonnel comments also, and is called a "punk" by the referee.

The situation got so bad that another referee was called in to help in the second half, and suddenly things were under control. While not taking anything away from the Argos team, the situation mentioned above had a definite effect, as Adams lost 5-3.

Moving toward the end of the season, the team was denied entry into the state tourney because of lack of sponsorship, but is looking forward to a possible city tournament that is being organized.



Diane Mennucci stretches for the wall.

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Kingsmen next opponent

The #1 ranked Penn Kingsmen are coming to town tonight, with hopes of continuing their perfect record against our Eagles. When looking on paper, one can obviously see who the underdog is. Penn is sporting an 8-0 record while Adams has suffered to a 2-6 mark. But one needs only to remember last year when these two teams, born with the identical records of this year, played to a scoreless first half, with Penn eventually capturing a hard fought 14-7 triumph.

The Eagles of last year are very similar to this year's squad and the hope is the game will be as even as last year, with possibly a few added breaks for the Eagles. If Adams can continue to play sticky defense and come up with the "big play" which

has evaded Penn most of the year, the Eagles could give Penn a run for their money.

The John Adams B-Football squad captured two consecutive wins in their last two outings, defeating Elkhart Memorial and Michigan City Elston. A strong defense unit has led the junior Eagles all season long. The freshman squad also scored a triumph in their contest against Brown Middle School. The frosh posted an exciting 15-14 win.

Eagle Note: Remember varsity, anything can happen in the game of football. One fumble, an interception and bingo - down goes Penn. Think about it. Kickoff time - 7:30 p.m. School Field.

"I wanted to coach a winning team . . ." Adams hires two new coaches

by Mary Gregg

Miss Linda Martin, graduate of Penn High School and Bethel College, is one of the new coaches at Adams this fall. She is the head coach of the freshmen volleyball team, and the assistant coach for girl's basketball.

"I wanted to coach at Adams because of its winning tradition in sports," said Miss Martin. She was also pleased that she would have the opportunity to work "under someone (Coach Ganser) who knows what she is doing."

Penn offered no girl's sports as such in high school, Miss Martin became involved in the Girl's Athletic Association, an organization that played different sports

just for the fun of it. She was also involved in the Spanish and Art clubs. In college, besides being a member of the student council, and participating in the production of a few plays, Miss Martin competed in volleyball, basketball, and softball, helped with the Special Olympics, and worked at the Elkhart Health Center, a nursing home.

"Working at the nursing home is what got me started working with people," said Miss Martin. "That's one of the reasons that I went into coaching--I like working with the girls."

She also prefers to coach because "the students are there because they want to be there."

Right now, Miss Martin is a

substitute teacher, but is also qualified to teach health and P.E. She has her endorsement to teach Driver's Ed., and might consider doing that in the future.

Her high school career plans included going into nursing. "The field still fascinates me," commented Miss Martin. "If things don't work out here, I'll go into that."

Another familiar face on the field is Mr. Robert Thomas, who helps coach football. Wayward students will recognize him, too--he's one of our new hall guards.

Mr. Thomas is a graduate of Washington High School, and Lincoln University in Missouri.

"It's really funny to be coaching here at Adams," he said. "When I

went to Washington we just had to beat Adams, because it seemed like they were the best. If we didn't beat them, we might as well forget about the rest of the season."

Mr. Thomas was involved in football, basketball, baseball and wrestling, so he had plenty of chances to win against Adams, which was, he remembers, "always the toughest team in the conference."

After college, where he majored in Health, Physical Education, and Psychology, Mr. Thomas played one year of professional football in Canada, on the Winnipeg team. He is looking forward to going back there sometime.

His professional football career ended, though, when he was

injured. "I had to go into coaching to stay with the game." He wasn't too disappointed, though--he loves sports and loves to work with kids.

Mr. Thomas would like to see a rec room for the kids somewhere in the school, where they could go in their free time. He'd also like to start a weight-lifting program. "Weight-lifting is getting very popular around the country," he said, "and the students would like to get one started, too."

Mr. Thomas believes that Adams has a fine coaching staff, and hopes someday to become a permanent part of it. With the coaches, and all the athletic talent, he predicts that "we'll have a really terrific team in the future."



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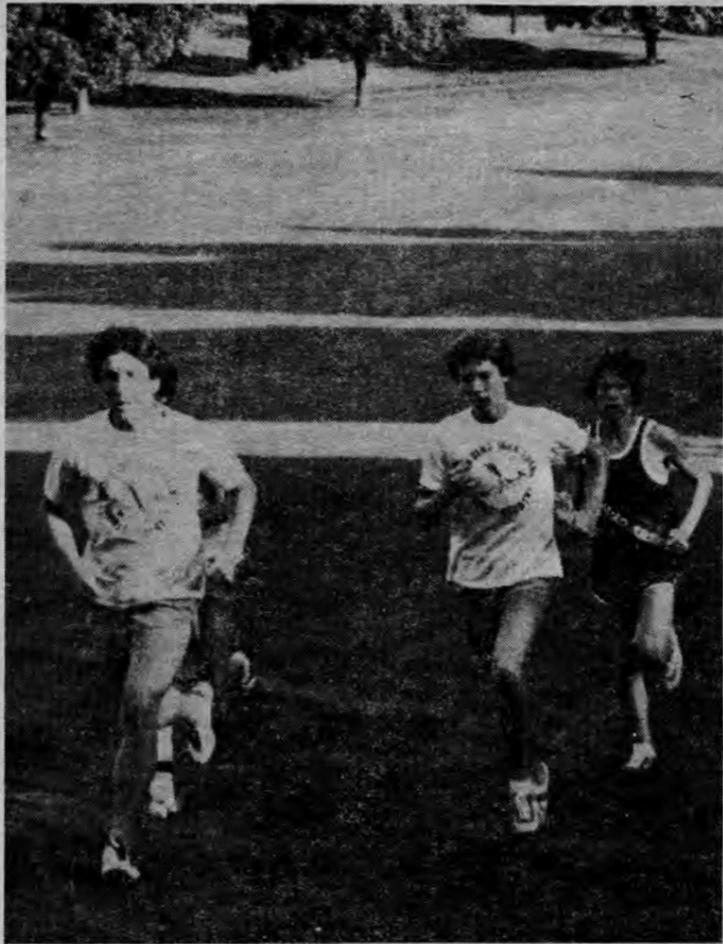
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COME FOR LUNCH

Across from Adams
on Mishawaka Avenue

Cross country team advances



Russ Pyles and Chris Kelley pull away from the pack at the Cross Country sectionals.

Spikers ready for sectionals

By John Byers

The John Adams Volleyball team has been playing with championship style for most of the season, but area coaches have felt the Eagles are only deserving of a #2 ranking in the region, claiming that St. Joe is #1.

But it's often true that champions pay little heed to the judgment of their fellow men.

Did the Colts conquer the Jets in Super Bowl III?

Did Dewey defeat Truman in '48?

Did Goliath stone David?
DID ST. JOE BEAT ADAMS IN VOLLEYBALL?

No, St. Joe did not beat Adams, but Adams did not beat St. Joe. Adams **OVERWHELMED** St. Joe by the triumphant score of 15-3, 15-2 before 400 fans, on the Eagle floor.

The Indians truthfully never stood a chance. They came in cocky, thinking they were the team to beat, but the Eagles had other ideas. Coach Ganser spelled it out, "the girls have all had their minds on this game from the very start, and heh, when you've got that in

your favor nobody's going to beat you."

The attack was awesome and precise, as nothing could go wrong for Adams. In contrast St. Joe used more formations than the Dallas Cowboys offense, but failed on all counts. Enough said, we'll just wait and see what the coaches think now.

The Washington match was played with plenty of "blood and guts," but Adams was able to pull it out 15-12, 15-17, and 15-2. The Panthers combatted the high powered Eagle offense with an excellent moving defense. Washington started the season slowly, but are "getting it together" according to Ganser, who views them as a "sneaker" in the sectionals.

The B-team also played a tough match, but squeaked it out 15-12, 12-14, 15-11.

The Concord Invitational was a farce, as the Eagles allowed a grand total of 6 points to be scored against them in two matches.

The Clay Invitational offered tougher competition in the form of Fort Wayne Wayne, who is #1 in their region, and McCutcheon who

The cross-country team "got some" at the sectionals this year, following a regular season that was very mediocre; 6-7 overall, 3-6 in the NIC. What the harriers (as cross-country runners are called), got, was revenge of losses to Mishawaka, Riley and LaSalle.

Home cross-country meets are held at Erskine Park golf course. The course covers 2 1/2 miles of rolling hills and fairways. From the starting point, spectators can view most of the race including the finish. The exhausting last half mile is up and down the notorious Cardiac Hill at the 5th hole.

The score in a meet is determined by the finish position of the first through fifth runners. If a tie results, the place of the sixth man determines the winner.

The team started this season on the wrong foot and it wasn't until the city meet on October 9, that the team showed their ability. The team lost to St. Joseph, Michigan, the opening meet of the season since two of the top five runners could not run. The outlook remained dim for the next two weeks losing to 6th ranked Elkhart Central and 14th ranked Michigan City Elston. The Elston coach said, "It was our best meet ever. Half the team ran their personal best times." Two more losses followed; a narrow 26-31 loss to Mishawaka and an even closer

28-28 loss to LaSalle. The Lions won the meet because their sixth man placed ahead of Adams.

A highlight of the season came against Elkhart Memorial on their home course. Adams had four runners in the top five places and won 21-35. It was the first time in the school's history that an Adams cross-country team ever defeated Elkhart Memorial.

The next meet was a let down losing to Riley 27-31 followed by a loss to #3 ranked Penn. The season ended on a positive note beating both Washington and Clay in the last two meets of the regular season.

Anxious to avenge the three earlier defeats, which were lost by a total of nine points, the team placed 2nd in the City Meet and also second in the Sectionals losing only to 3rd ranked Penn both times.

Adams' leading runner this season was sophomore Jeff Sypniewski, who broke the school record with a 12:47 in the City meet. Second man, Rick Van Lue broke the junior record with a 13:05 in the sectionals even though he lost one spike. Senior co-captain, Doug Smith, ran third man even though plagued by injuries all season. He was followed by fourth man junior Mark Miller.

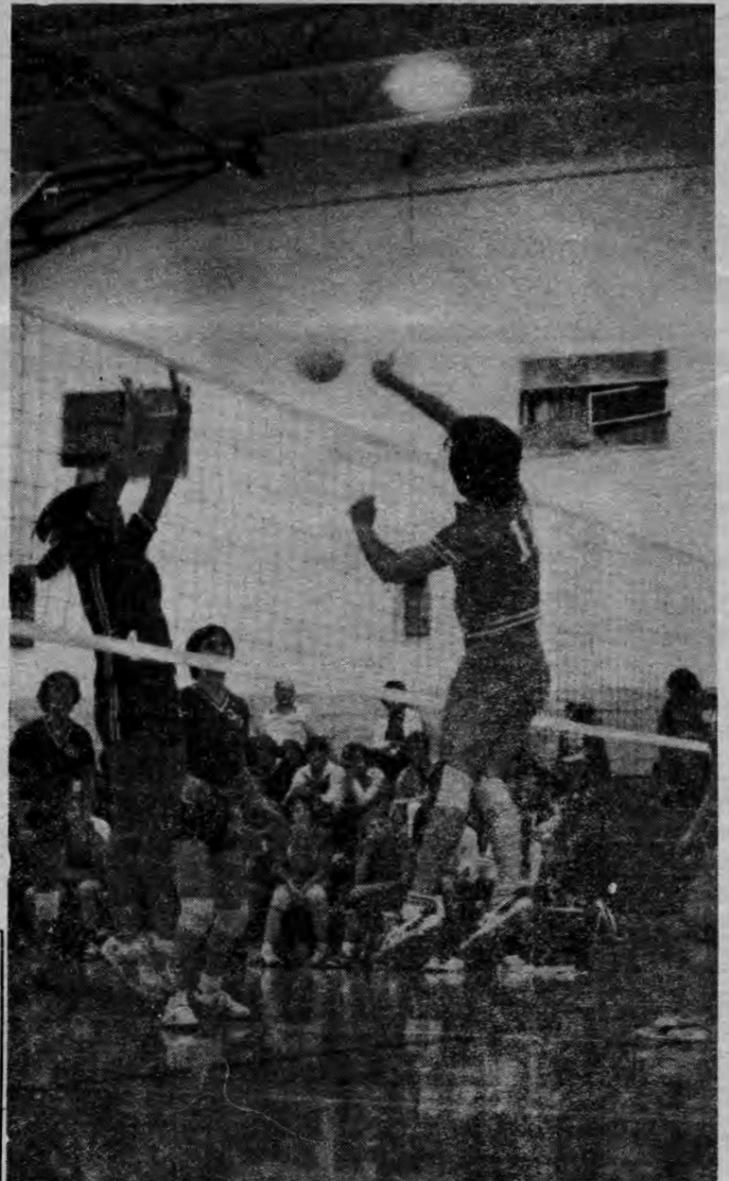
The reason the team came on strong so suddenly was due to the

improvement of junior co-captain Russ Pyles and sophomore Lenny Randazzo. They ran fifth and sixth man respectively throughout the season, but in the sectionals placed fourth and fifth on the team.

The J.V. and Girls meets were held on Wednesday, October 10. Senior Dave Troost led the J.V. team placing 13th in the meet. Other senior runners were Ralph Szabo, Mike Thomas, and Mark Wolfram. The remaining runners, all who ran their best times, consisted of sophomore Chuck DeCleen, and freshmen Scott Barber, Dan Sullivan, and Andy Gwalthey.

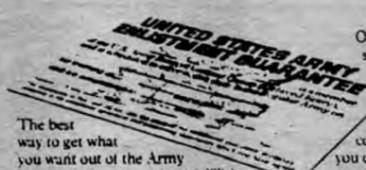
The girls won their meet led by freshman Monica Witsken. She ran away from the field placing first. Senior Jenny Horvath fought it out with Maria Fiore of Clay and finished ahead by inches, placing 3rd. The balance of the team consisted of Senior Kathy Doering, junior Bebe Chavez, and sophomores Linda Lowman and Val Schlossberg.

The main reason for the team's success this season is due to the many hours spent by coach Doug Snyder, second year cross-country coach at Adams. Last year, his first season, he turned a team around, that hadn't had a winning season in a decade, and went to the Regionals.



Chris Allsop spikes it over her opponent.
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