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## Orchestra to perform on Thursday

The John Adams Orchestra will open its season this year on Nov. 8, at 7:30 P.M. in the main auditorium at IUSB. Mr. Germano and the orchestra have been working hard since the opening of school in September to serve John Adams with the top quality orchestra they have come to expect. Last year in orchestra competition the John Adams Orchestra was ranked as one of the most outstanding orchestras in this region. The orchestra is giving their student body a chance to hear their #1 orchestra and asking for your support.

Every morning from 8:10 - 9:15 the orchestra is dissecting pieces

measure by measure to create the fine sound expected by conductor Mr. Germano. Undoubtedly, his demands for musical perfection will be met next Thursday when the orchestra performs. The first half of the program will consist of the Corelli Concerto X with soloists Gretchen Priest, Steve Laven and Eleanor Pollak, a Bach Fugue and the Bach Double Violin Concerto featuring violinists Eleanor Pollak and Alex Liu. The second half contrasts a bit with more contemporary music including Ian Polster's arrangement of "That's Entertainment" and "I Left My Heart In San Francisco," by Douglas Cross and George Cory.

## Pianist Liz Nee plans future

Liz Nee



Kathy Nee



At a time when most students are just beginning to investigate various careers, one Adams student has already begun one. Elizabeth Nee, a junior, is already an accomplished concert pianist. Having taken piano lessons since the age of five, Liz's record of performances is outstanding.

Her first major appearance (at the age of 12; was as a guest artist with the Twin Cities Symphony Orchestra. She is known locally for her appearances as a soloist with both the South Bend Youth Symphony and the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. With performance numbers sometimes as long as 45 minutes of continued memorized music, Liz must practice at least three hours a day.

While she loves performing as a soloist, Elizabeth is equally enthusiastic about her family's recitals. She and her sisters, Vicky

and Kathy, perform at pianos, while her brother, Chris, plays the violin. The family is hired to perform at various places, ranging from clubs and charity functions, to private homes as well.

For future plans, Liz has no doubts. She is presently under a four year "scholarship" with Indiana University. The University provides professors and instruction to aspiring young musicians.

By graduating this June Liz will be able to dedicate herself more fully to music. She currently faces auditions for such renowned institutions as the Julliard School of Music and the Peabody Institute.

With her involvement in her career and her participation in the Adams Orchestra, as well, there is no doubt that Elizabeth Nee's life is indeed filled "with the sound of music."

## Band performs for feeder schools

Although the weather was rather nasty on October 23, the Marching Band of Eagles showed true spirit as they performed for six Adams feeder schools.

The special performances were given to Maple Lane, McKinley, Tarkington, Edison, Perley and Nuner schools. Jefferson School cancelled due to the cold weather.

These performances were given in hopes to arise interest in the children to join their school band. Unfortunately, the enrollment for band students in the elementary had dropped. The number of

students in the elementary schools indicates whether or not the band will be strong when it reaches the high school level.

The band performed their regular Pre-game show, featuring the Pom Pons, Rifles, and Flags doing special routines. The Pom Pon routine to Rock Around the Clock was especially enjoyed by the children. The Rifles and Flags performed to Those Were the Days. The performance also gave the band a chance to practice for the LaSalle football game.

## Adams area choirs give performance

On Thursday night, October 18, about 550 students gathered in the Adams Auditorium to perform in the annual Adams Area Vocal Festival.

Besides Adams, other schools that were represented at the concert were Edison, Jefferson, Maple Lane, Perley, and Tarkington.

The first portion of the program was devoted to the elementary and junior high choirs. Then the

Concert Choir performed "Rainy Day," "Saturday's Child," "Cantate Sing to the Lord," and "All About the Blues."

The Show Production class performed the dance to the opening of the musical, "A Chorus Line." Lisa Macri was the director of a dance troupe that was trying to get a part in a Broadway musical. Also featured were solos by Jodi Garrett and Keith Kirk.

The program concluded with all

the combined choirs singing the medley from the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" and "One God."

Although a few of the spectators complained about the hot and humid air in the auditorium, almost everyone agreed that the discomfort was well worth it, because all the choirs did an excellent job."

The next John Adams vocal concert will be the Christmas program at IUSB in December.

## DECA program trains students

This year's John Adams D.E.C.A. Club looks to be very promising with a Muscular Dystrophy Marathon already underway and plans for more fund raising projects and a district contest in the future.

However, the D.E.C.A. Club is only one aspect of the Distributive Education Program. Along with going to school half days, working half days and participating in the D.E.C.A. Club, a D.E. related training class is required.

The D.E. class is designed to combine business and school by giving the student instruction through the school to be applied on the job.

The D.E. program gives students who are interested in careers in

marketing, merchandising and management on the job training and at the same time teaches them professional work habits and leadership abilities.

As of yet, there has been only one D.E.C.A. meeting, this was held for the election of D.E.C.A. officers. This year's newly elected officers are Mark Ellam-district president, Dawn Weaver and Bob Wiesjahn-co-presidents, Abbi Katz and Linda Lee - vice presidents, Sue Anthony and Ken Fortlander - treasurers, Cindy Brewer and Chantee Getts - Secretaries. With these officers and our almost double membership, this year we hope will be outstanding in the history of the D.E. program.

## School fights receive increasing awareness

Over a period of time, the community has become increasingly aware of violence at Adams. This awareness, however does not result from an actual upsurge in violence, even though statistics may show an increase in fights.

Since "fights" have never been officially defined, they may include almost anything from two arguing students disobeying a teacher's order of silence in the classroom to an actual riot in the halls.

Increased awareness, however results from sensational press coverage. Students winning scholarships or becoming excellent

athletes rarely make the front page, but those involved in fights do. Nor does the media reveal, 1500 responsible students are going about their schoolwork.

According to Principal William Przybysz, fights are highly-emotional and thus students involved in them behave irrationally. They seldom think about the risk of suspension if caught.

Przybysz believes that few fights are premeditated. In fact, they quite often involve the best of friends. These fights usually end as quickly as they start.

But serious fights do occur at Adams, usually caused by a very small number of habitual trouble-makers. Not only do these students make Adams look bad, but they are seldom punished sufficiently. Because their victims are reluctant to level charges against them, their punishment is, at most, a three-day suspension from school.

Przybysz emphasized that students themselves must act to reduce both the number and the seriousness of fight. In addition, they must bring charges against these criminal aggressors.

## News around school...

### Disco

Get those shiny threads and those dancing shoes out for the 3rd Publications disco on Sunday, November 11th from 8:00 to 11:00. It's at the 21st Century Disco on U.S. 31 in the Bell Plaza, Niles. To remedy the possible transportation difficulties there will be buses to take students from Adams to the disco and bring them back to school afterwards. The cost for the bus is \$1.50 round trip. Tickets to the dance can be purchased from any Tower or Album staff member for \$2.00. Dates from other schools may attend only if they are registered with Ms. Maza before

the dance. Otherwise students from other schools will not be permitted to attend. Don't miss the fantastic light show and snack bar and party hearty because there is no school the next day (November 12th-Veteran's Day.)

### Semifinalist

Senior Robin Moore has been named one of the 1500 outstanding black students in the nation.

Robin is a semifinalist in the 1980 National Achievement Scholarship Program for Black Students. Becoming one of the 1500

semifinalists is based on one's scores on the PSAT and NMSQT tests. Robin is an honors student and she plays in the band and orchestra. She is an accomplished musician on the flute and piccolo, having won many contests and awards.

We should all wish Robin well on her achieving Semi-finalist recognition and good luck as she seeks Finalist status. A job well done, Robin.

### Junior Rotarian

Senior, Chris Prebys, was

selected as Junior Rotarian, an honor which is bestowed on a few outstanding students from local high schools.

Chris will represent John Adams in area business meetings and luncheons, usually held on Wednesday each week.

Chris will have the opportunity to gain experience which will aid him in his future business career.

Chris should be congratulated as he represents Adams now, and in his future work.



Chris Prebys

# The reefer issue: comments from Adams folk

by various Adams students.

The following opinions were taken from various Adams students concerning various aspects of marijuana. Remember, these opinions are not necessarily the opinions of the Tower.

"While there is no denying that pot has ill effects, for instance affecting the lungs, whether to smoke it or not, however, should be best left to the individual rather than the government and its laws, being that its effects don't present an immediate danger to society or the user. Its effects are not significantly greater than those of cigarettes or alcohol, which are legal. The experience can be interesting and enjoyable, and/or it can have ill-effects. The decision must be individual. No one person or government can decide for everyone."

"I believe that if your taking of a drug could hurt someone else, this drug should not be legal. I don't believe taking pot is really very harmful."

"There are those who impose their liberal beliefs on others by driving cars, operating machinery, etc., etc., while high. I think that pot itself (its effects, etc.) isn't as damaging as some of its secondary results. There is a real possibility of getting in trouble with the law when trying to get the dang stuff; carrying out the activity of getting and using it in secrecy, and associating with some shady characters-- it's easy to get ripped off or worse.  
"I don't contend with the right to

'getting high', but the fact that it becomes an escape and alienated its users from normal society makes it something I haven't made a habit of using."

"The main hassle with the marijuana issue is that it's a recent issue, and the old folks, who assume their roles as the 'wise people,' have never really been in touch with reefer. Despite what they believe, they just don't know what is going on. Let's face it--marijuana is not and is in no way similar to hard drugs."

"I think of pot as an escape. It is mainly used by people who can't face reality."

"The 'crusaders' against pot have almost no evidence of real life situations. I've been what would be termed a chronic user for five years without becoming the proverbial useless drug abuser. The people who are useless were just looking for an escape and could have found it in any number of legal highs anyway. My grades haven't suffered any, it's just a question of control. Contrary to popular belief you don't become an air-headed vegetable if you smoke, and you don't necessarily graduate to higher drugs. I'm just one example and I could name twenty others in this school alone who use pot as a recreational drug, not as a crutch. I think it's a shame that I can't sign my name to this because of the attitudes of most teachers and some other students."

"Pot was a big taboo for me until recently. After one experiences the 'big thrill', the magic, one finds it's virtually zip. I'm definitely-

against getting into cannabis as a habit for two reasons basically: 1) It gets expensive as hell and; 2) the chances of obtaining untainted pot are pretty slim. Nobody should feel pressed into trying pot or anything else they're not sure of."

"Reefer is a touchy subject; like alcohol, has its limits. Overall, though, a high is good. Good times come very seldom in this world nowadays."

"I've tried it a couple of times and I don't think too much of it. I like to feel like I have control of myself but once in a while isn't too bad."

"My opinion on smoking pot on school grounds is that there is a time and place for everything and school is not the time nor the place."

"I say let the people chose for themselves when dealing with 'safe, recreational' drugs such as reefer. People who have no ambitions or aspiration didn't have any to start with."

"I don't mind what other people do with their lives, but when I go into a room an it reaks of pot, it makes me sick. Why don't these losers go behind the barn and toke instead of invading other people's privacy with that funky smelling weed? The people that toke can't handle their problems and have to escape by freaking out. Freaks think they can take on the world when they're buzzed which isn't true. It doesn't bother me one bit if Joe Pothead goes out and gets buzzed, but it does bother me when Joe comes around me and I have to

inhale that hideous, wretched, funky smell."

"I say, 'Let 'em eat cake or get out of the kitchen!' Nobody's blowing it in their faces."

"I absolutely detest coming into school and smelling pot by the doors. Kids shouldn't be allowed to show up drunk or stoned to school because it lowers the quality of the classes."

"I've never tried pot and I don't really want to. I don't care for the smell too much and I think it's a waste of money."

"I believe in the freedom to do as you please as long as it doesn't harm anyone else. Marijuana is a recreational drug just as alcohol is, except marijuana is safer than alcohol. In the 1930's, the federal government misclassified marijuana as a narcotic. The N.O.R.M.L. (National Organization for the Rehabilitation of Marijuana Laws) has been working in congress to decriminalize marijuana."

"I dislike the term 'pot.' It sounds degrading. Marijuana, hooter, herb, weed, and cannabis are, all more preferable terms."

"Marijuana, like alcohol, opium, and acid, can be psychologically addictive. But unlike these drugs, marijuana is not physically addictive. Marijuana has been around longer than the federal government has. Man has always used drugs, still does, and always will. Doesn't it make sense to use the safer drugs?"

"While I support dope smoking, I strongly oppose to using any drug

while behind the wheel of a car. If marijuana were to be legalized, people wouldn't need to go 'cruising' to get stoned."

"My big hangup about people smoking reefer is not just the possible damaging affects of the drug, but in the destruction of attitudes in the user. Although the effect on health is questionable, the attitudes deterioration of the user has been proven far too many times. I, myself, have experienced this apathetic attitude encouraged by pot. The enjoyable effect of pot, relieving pressures, is the same characteristic that tends to erase ambitions. Pressure, to a reasonable degree, inspires people to strive for success. The use of pot can take over one's money, ruin one's family relationships, and kill valuable time which could be used more constructively. Although exceptions to the rule are always found, mainly consisting of those people who already had ambitions before the use of pot, those people who were unsure of which direction to go, get lost."

"I think the marijuana situation is a modern times prohibition of the law. The stuff is in no way legal but its popularity is widespread and it's readily available. The only objection I have is that, regardless of its effects, it is still illegal."

"I think that if Idi Amin Dada smoked it he would be nice and grow flowers."

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Any comments in response to the above statements are welcomed by the Tower.

## Kansas concert: lots of quality, not much quantity

by Section 11, Row 3C

Kansas, overall, was short but sweet. Jams, for the crowd in the ACC sweatbox, were excellent but few. We got over-"Monolithed," if you know what we mean.

Kansas came on introduced by a voice on a 45 record played at 16 RPM's. The band opened with three tunes from "Monolith," their latest LP, including "People of the South Wind." The stage scene included a "Monolith" backdrop, from the cover of the album.

The band then rock and rolled to the maximum as they did their older classics. These included:

"Point of Know Return," "Closet Chronicles" "The Wall," "Dust in the Wind" (with some fine acoustic guitar work by Rich Williams, the guy with "the new suit and the tennis shoes to match"), "Mysteries and Mayhem," and "He Knew." The last two of these contained the wildest guitar rock and roll by Williams and Kerry Livgren.

Singer/Keyboardist Steve Walsh gave a suspiciously spastic performance. Walsh was impressive on xylophone during "Closet Chronicles." Drummer Phil Ehart and Bassist "Smokin'" Dave Hope showed up for the show, but didn't

have much in the line of individual performances. Williams jammed on the guitars. We were slightly disappointed with the lack of violin. Although long-haired Robby Steinhardt provided some highlights on the violin, some of those in attendance felt a hole in the concert when "Magnum Opus," an instrumental with a lot of violin, was left off the nights schedule. The main man for this concert was keyboard and guitar master Livgren, who managed to get his hair cut before the show.

Then came more "Monolith" Then came "good night." Personally we were kind of stunned. The

show seemed like it concluded a little quickly.

The lighters came out, and with that came more "Monolith." C'mon guys, give us a break. We could've bought the album for \$5.95.

The events of the night improved considerably when the band cranked into "Carry on," the jam of the evening, during the second encore.

"Carry On" featured a dummy falling to the stage from the ACC

ceiling. Kansas also had a quality green laser show.

We cannot write about what we did not see, which among other things included the Faith Band. From what we heard, however, they were typical River Bend backup.

As inflation goes, so go concert ticket prices. And for our \$12.50 apiece, we expect a lot out of the Eagles November 16. We'll see you there, if you can get tickets.

## Student forum . . .

Have you ever witnessed a murder? One where the victims death is carefully planned for months: Where he is unknowingly brought into a situation which holds his fate. Then, suddenly, in the darkness a sharp knife destroys his life. You can hear and feel the victims cry of pain as his heart unwillingly stops beating. Afterward his lifeless body is disposed of quickly, anywhere. And now, a year later, you still try and forget the memory of his face, the color of his eyes. This account is not from the files of Sherlock Holmes, but from a personal experience of a woman I met two weeks ago. In December of 1978 she had an abortion.

Doctors perform 1.2 million abortions per year... that's one for every 2.8 live births. These are executed in one of the three most common techniques which I will explain briefly: 1) Dilation and Curettage, which involves actually scraping the fetus from the uterine wall. 2.) Suction Curettage, the fetus is evacuated by means of a suction machine. 3.) Salt Poisoning, used after 16 weeks (4 mos.), a strong solution of salt water is

injected into the sac around the baby. It breathes it in and swallows the salt and is slowly killed within the hour.

Abortion has become so frequent, that population experts say that it has become, in effect, a new method of birth control. But abortion should not be confused with birth control which prevents a new life from beginning. Abortion stops a life that has already begun.

At this point the pro-abortionist would argue that until a "child" is born it is not a person, rather a part of the mother. Merely a piece of tissue. Sound ridiculous? No, it's the law. Of all the subjects relating to the erosion of the sanctity of human life, abortion is the keystone. It is the first and crucial issue that has been overwhelming in changing attitudes toward the value of life in general. The Supreme Court of the United States on January 22, 1973, in deciding Rowe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolten declared that a new personal right or liberty existed in the Constitution--the right of a woman to procure an abortion at any time. The right of privacy was given an entirely new interpretation.

And it's sad to me, as a senior in high school, when speaking to my own friends about this issue many times the reply is, "You know, I haven't really given it much thought." and "Well, I don't really care . . . I've got to go to the game." If we are so apathetic to allow the slaughter of the innocent to go on as though all is fine, I sincerely believe we have "blood on our hands." For to remain silent is to agree with the situation. After all, in our own city, thirty children will be aborted this Saturday as were thirty last Saturday and the one before that and the one before that.

One hundred years ago the black man was considered a non-person. If human life in the womb has no dignity, why should your own? When you become an inconvenience to society, (those who are in power to make the laws), or "abnormal" according to their label, why shouldn't they kill you? Make your opinion known, or remain silent when they come for you.

Carl Weiss

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# Extra-curricular activities aren't always easy

By Kelly Kerrihard

It usually hits me in the middle of the night. Suddenly, my eyes open wide with fear and I sit bolt upright in bed shouting to the world, "My article's due tomorrow and I haven't started yet."

My editor's face looms overhead as I stumble downstairs to prepare for my task. Dragging out my father's typewriter, a stack of typing paper, and fifty erasers, I try to ward off the familiar feelings of nausea, dizziness, headache, and total mental relapse.

Actually, it's really not that bad after I drink one half gallon of hot,

black coffee. (Wait a minute, I hate coffee.) Usually after the sixteenth trip to the bathroom, I am stable enough to start my job.

The first hump to get over is, of course, what to write about. I begin to question my mental capabilities as I pound on the typewriter and realize that I'm writing about whether Ronald McDonald could possibly help the Middle East situation while attending a disco in New York City. Better try the coffee again.

Suddenly, a great idea hits me, so hard in fact that I land on the floor. Regaining my position at the typewriter, the ideas begin to flow and in a furious wave of rattling

keys and flying fingers I pound the perfect article onto the paper. After one page is done, I quickly (so as not to lose the flow of geniusness) grab another sheet of paper and slam it into the machine. Just as soon as my fingers touch the keys, it hits me. Total blankness! The brain has stopped functioning. My illness is a severe and impending case of writer's black.

In a moment of desperation, I run to the family encyclopedias and look up my subject. I attempt to plunge through the intelligent gooble-de-goop in order to get my brain in gear again.

Soon the ideas begin to come

again, slowly at first, then gradually picking up speed. Heaving a sigh of relief, I begin to bang away. After awhile, however, the rhythm of the typewriter dulls my already dull mind, and I drop off into a deep hypnotic sleep.

I awoke with stars in front of my eyes and realize that in my impromptu slumber, my head was crashed into my typewriter. Nursing the expanding bump on my forehead, I slump into the kitchen and devour an entire bottle of Excedrine, downing it with a cup of sugary, cold coffee.

Sitting back down at my typewriter, cursing the day I

decided that being a journalist would be fun, I start where I left off. Struggling to stay awake, I finally finish the monster.

I climb up the stairs back to my bedroom as the early rays of light stream through the house. As I crawl into bed and pull the covers up, I smile with satisfaction about my night's work. Drifting off to sleep, however, the inevitable comes true; my alarm goes off. In a state of total shock and depression, I reach over to turn it off. My eyes skim over my article sitting on my desk and stare at the title in disbelief; "The Excitement and Rewards of Being a Journalist."

# Teachers emphasize different aspects of high school

by Sherri McLochlin

Mrs. VanderWiede is indeed a teacher of diverse interests. Adams High School has seen her as both an English teacher and a Home Economics instructor. A graduate of a very small school "where everyone was one big family," Mrs. VanderWiede was involved in several different organizations.

Athletically, she participated in girls softball and basketball. On the sidelines she was a cheerleader, as well as working on the yearbook staff. A "born teacher," Mrs. VanderWiede decided to be a

teacher as early as 2nd grade. She commented that it was her teachers that influenced her in her choice.

Although she began as an English teacher, she branched out to home ec. because "everyone needs home ec. It's something you live with forever."

Mrs. VanderWiede described herself as a "pro-social person." While she feels students should give their best in high school, she commented that being involved socially is extremely important. While you may forget chemistry formulas and geometry equations, your participation socially will

"add so much to life, and will carry through for your entire life."

While he does not feel as strongly as Mrs. VanderWiede about the social side of high school life, Mr. Aronson does believe that some sort of participation in extra-curricular activities is important. When asked what he did in school, Mr. Aronson replied, "Went to school."

Comparing his high school to Adams, Mr. Aronson stated that the only real difference was in the levels of enthusiasm. When he attended South Bend Central, turnouts for football games were

invariably large. He feels that school spirit, or rather the lack of it, is Adam's biggest problem.

When asked his opinion of the new school policy requiring students to only be in school 3 hours a day, Mr. Aronson responded, "freedom is fine, but like other things, you need to know how to handle it."

He went on to say that students don't have the knowledge and experience yet to be able to only attend school a few hours a day, and learn properly. Mr. Aronson summed the matter up by saying, "even though they (the students)

have the native intelligence, they don't have stripes on their arms. In other words, they don't have the experience."

Mr. Aronson does believe in extra-curricular activities, but to a limit. He strongly feels that scholastics should never be interrupted by outside activities. There should be no interference from the social side of school, which might in any way impair the quality of learning.

Whatever aspect of high school Adams teachers emphasize, it is clear that most of them truly care about their students.

# Roller skating; disco on wheels

by Eric Solliday

Another dry weekend for parties, and you really don't feel like sitting at home or blowing a tank of gas cruising 20, besides gas is expensive! So why do it? There are lots of other things to do that might be just as fun.

One thing is Roller Skating. Roller Skating? That's for kids! Besides, what could be fun about Roller Skating? The answer is lots!

One of the things is the people that you'll meet there. 17 and 18 year olds roller skate. Another thing is the music. Rock, Disco, or anything else that you might want to hear; all you have to do is go up to the D/J and request it. By the way, Randy Prior, an Adams senior, used to be the guy running the sound. Randy gained his experience here, learning to take a

group and make them do whatever he wanted, just by the music he played.

Just recently remodeled with a new floor and sound and light system, the effect is staggering!

The worst thing about the rink is the rental skates. Unless you bring your own, the cost is 75c for rental. The skates being old, are tight and the wheels are slippery.

If skating around all night doesn't turn you on; there are several Pinball machines and Arcades to keep you busy.

The night isn't spent just skating around, oh no! There are many special skates such as; couples only, where you can find a partner and slow skate with them to get better acquainted. Other skates include; backward only, where you have to skate backward the hard way, or shoot the duck, where you

go down on one foot and try to balance yourself; and also ladies and gentlemen only skates, where ladies and gentlemen get their chance to show-off.

Throughout the year' you can hear of several special skates. Some of these are, Late Night Skates, All Night Skates, and Skate Dances.

The cost of skating 4 hours is \$3.25 plus 75c for skate rental if needed. The owners might be offering coupons for sale for a month of skating for less than it would have cost each time.

If you happen to be looking for something to do, go down Main Street in Mishawaka, past Edison Road, to a large, white building, with Red White and Blue stripes running around it. Pull in and see what's happening at... USA! You will be surprised.

## Murphy's Law

### Anything that can go wrong, will

compiled by Sherri McLochlin

With the world as it is, few people can resist the temptation to try and analyze it. While many rules appear to be completely exasperating, all contain a grain of truth. Below are some of these famous laws-designed to provoke the logical and amuse the skeptical.

Agnes Alen's Law: Almost anything is easier to get into than out of.

Anderson's Law: I have yet to see any problem, however complicated, which, when you looked at it in the right way, did not become still more complicated.

Golden Principle: Nothing will be attempted if all possible objections

must first be overcome.

Kafka's Law: In the fight between you and the world, back the world.

Kristol's Law: Being frustrated is disagreeable, but the real disasters in life begin when you get what you want.

Paige's Sixth Rule: Don't look back; something might be gaining on you.

Unnamed Law: If it happens, it must be possible.

Wolf's Law: Those who don't study the past will repeat its errors. Those who do study it will find other ways to err.

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# Sports

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The all-sports trophy again finds a home at Adams.

## Seagals coming back

by Sherri McLochlin

After a more than disappointing season's beginning, the Adam's girls swim team have managed to make a stubborn come-back. Through exhausting practices twice a day, the Seagals have succeeded in achieving their previous season's depth. In each successive meet, the Seagals have been building up in both team strength and individual power. In the team's defeat of Marian, Mary Amico, a senior diver, gave a fine exhibit of graceful skill, while setting new school and pool records at the same time. That outstanding effort being given by all members of the team is evidenced by the girl's vastly

improving record. As of last week, the Seagal's record stood at a firm 5 in 8. With Sectionals impending, the team is putting in extra time and effort. While the overall record may suggest otherwise, Coach Smith is confident that Adam's will definitely place high in the Sectional meet. A not unrealistic goal for the teams is a repeat of last year's second place finish. Although the team's homemeet schedule is over, the Seagal's and Coach Smith encourage students to attend their Sectional meet being held at Clay Pool, November 8th and 10th. They promise a fantastic show of swim talent in the fine tradition of John Adams High.

## Regional next stop for spikers

by John Byers

Playing as if nothing could stand in their way, the John Adams volleyball team left a host of area teams in the dust, as they took the sectional title.

The performance against sectional opponents was simply awesome. Mixing skillful movement with power spiking, the Eagles destroyed each rival in two games.

A foreshadowing of what was to happen in the sectionals came from Coach Ganser a week before, following her team's capture of the St. Joe Invitational title. Ganser, an admitted pessimist, simply stated that, "Adams is the most powerful and skillful team in the area."

Coming from Ganser, that is indeed quite a statement.

On the trail to the sectional final, the Eagles first crushed Mishawaka 15-6 and 15-3. Adams never trailed during the rout. Strangely enough though, the Caveman gave the Eagles all they could handle in a regular season match 12 days earlier.

In the semifinal the Eagles faced the Riley Wildcats. The Wildcats held tough in the first game, as they closed to within 12-11, but quick Eagle scores turned the tide, as Adams won 15-11. The Wildcats were not able to pose another threat for the rest of the night though, as Adams took the next game 15-4.

Then came the final against St. Joe. It became an interesting matchup because while Adams defeated the Indians twice during the season, the most recent match

against St. Joe a week earlier, resulted in a tight 3 game affair.

But Ganser herself felt that the team was not up for that particular match, and again her foreshadowing proved to be correct.

The match was never in doubt for the Eagles, or their frenzied supporters. The sets of Jackie Becker, the back line play of Sue Ushela, Erin Flanagan and Sue Thompson, and the spiking ability of Kathy Gillis, Denda Jones and Karen Kurzhals, were simply too much for the Indians to handle, as St. Joe fell 15-11, 15-4.

The powerful team effort by the Eagles has made its presence felt. Area teams and coaches are finally taking notice. What next? For now the regionals, where the high flying Eagles have no intention of going home early.

## Eagles capture all-sports trophy

by George Patton

For the second straight year the John Adams Eagles captured the all-sports trophy in Northern Indiana Conference.

Adams captured the award by winning championships in five sports. The boy's basketball, track, swimming, and baseball teams all won at least a share of the N.I.C. title. The girl's volleyball team

added the fifth and final championship to the boys' titles. This was the first year that girl's sports were added to the overall totals.

Adams compiled 418 points through the five championships and various other finishes. All N.I.C. final standings are used to determine the all-sports winner. Elkhart Central was the runner-up to the Eagles as they amassed 395

points over the year. Penn, the leader at the half way point last year, finished in third with 390.5 points. To be eligible a school must field teams in all sports.

The all-sports award is a reflection on the outstanding quality of the John Adams athletic program. Superiority in one sport does not win this honor, but rather a level of quality in all sports.

## Cross country ends successful year

by Mark Miller

Last year the cross-country team made it to the Regionals for the first time in a decade. The team of 1978 had four of the top five runners who were seniors. This year was supposed to be a rebuilding year with moderate success, and through the regular season it seemed to be true. With only one senior in the top five the team proceeded to lose their first three meets, two of them to teams ranked in the top 20 of the state. Three other meets were lost by a total of nine points. This regular season performance ended in a disappointing 6-7 record. The post season meets were yet to come, and everyone on the team knew that they were capable of much more, so the team trained hard.

They finished second in the city meet and sectionals, third in the

regionals, and earned a trip to the newly formed semi-state meet.

Only two runners from the varsity team, Doug Smith and Dave Troost, are graduating this year. Other senior graduates on the team, Ralph Szabo, Mark Wolfram, Mike Thomas, Jenny Horvath (who finished third in the girl's meet), and Kathy Doering will all be missed.

Included in the trip to the semi-state, sophomore Jeff Sypniewski broke the school record in the regional run, and finished fifth overall. Jeff was voted to the NIC All Conference first team.

In the sectionals Rick Van Lue broke the junior record formerly held by co-captain Doug Smith. Amazingly Rick broke the record minus one spike. Someone stepped on his foot about two hundred yards into the race, and his spike

came off.

Monica Witsken, a freshman, ran away from the field in the girl's meet. She also became the first girl to run in the regionals, running for the injured Mark Miller.

Against Elkhart Memorial, the Eagles prevailed 21-34. Four of the top five places were held by Adams runners. It was the first time ever that an Adams Cross-country team beat Memorial.

Next year should be a great one for Cross-country at Adams. From the team that made it to the semi-state this year, six of the top seven runners will be returning. Next year an N.I.C. championship, a sectional first place finish, and a trip to the state meet are goals for the team.

If the time and effort is spent, the harriers can and will "get some" next year.

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