

In Memoriam

David S. Prior

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Every man lives his own life and every life has its own theme. He is ours and we are his. None of us is separate from any other.



Try to remember that a good man can never die. You will see him many times. You will see him in the streets. You will see him in the houses, in all the places of the town. In the vineyards and orchards, in the rivers and clouds, in all the things here that make a world for us to live in. You will feel him in all things that are here out of love, and for love--all the things that are abundant, all the things that grow. The person of a man may leave--or be taken away--but the best part of a good man stays. It stays forever. Love is immortal and makes all things immortal.

The Human Comedy
William Saroyan

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Six seniors become National Merit Semifinalists

by Sandy Outlaw

The Tower is proud to announce that six of Adams top high school seniors have been named National Merit semi-finalists. Students receiving this honor are Anna Barrett, Alex Liu, Tom Marshalek, Eleanor Pollak, Teo Sevier, and Mark Scherer.

National Merit semi-finalist are selected on the basis of their PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) Test scores. All scores of the six semi-finalist were in the top half of one percent of the senior class. The scores ranged from 194-217.

Teo Sevier is a former member of the Adams student body and is now attending Northfield Mount Herrmann Co-Educational Preparatory High School where he continues with his soccer and other activities.

The five remaining scholars are not only excellent students, all are involved in other activities and retain special talents.

Anna Barrett is a member of the TOWER and Footprints publications and plays the cello for the orchestra and the IUSB Philharmonics. Anna plans to attend John Hopkins University and plans a double major in English and Biology with intent to Pre-Med.

Alex Liu is a member of the

TOWER staff and plays violin for the orchestra. He plans to study Pre-Med at Stanford University. Alex also possesses an interest in soccer and is a member of the team.

Tom Marshalek is a member of the soccer team and chess club. Notre Dame is the college of his choice and psychology will be his major. Tom is also a writer of short stories, a TOWER staffer and is a master of the guitar.

Eleanor Pollak is Co-Editor of the TOWER, but besides having journalistic talents she is President of the National Honor Society and Adams Orchestra, in which she plays the violin. Eleanor also plays for the South Bend Symphony, the IUSB Philharmonics, and is a member of the Quill & Scroll Society.

Mark Scherer's activities at Adams include playing trombone for the band and writing for the Tower. This October he will receive the Boy Scout's greatest honor, the Eagle Scout Award. Mark is undecided on the college he will attend, but has narrowed his choices to Carlton or Whittenburg. He will study a field of science.

The Semi-Finalists are now ready to compete in further competition for the titles of Finalist. Congratulations and Good Luck!



National Merit Semifinalists Alex Liu, Mark Scherer, Eleanor Pollak, Anna Barrett, and Tom Marshalek [Teo Sevier inset] are pictured above.

Information given about PSAT

Mr. Fox, director of guidance at John Adams, has announced that students taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) on Saturday, October 25, at 8:00 p.m., will benefit from additional services in 1980. These services are designed to provide students with more information about the content and uses of the test.

Students who plan to take the 1980 PSAT/NMSQT will receive a complete sample test for practice, along with an answer key and scoring instructions. When scores are reported in December, each student will receive a Report of

Correct Answers, including the correct answers as well as the answers the student gave. To allow students to refer to the original questions, schools will return test booklets with scores. Students will continue to receive ABOUT YOUR PSAT/NMSQT SCORES, a booklet of general information on college planning.

The PSAT/NMSQT is co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. It is administered annually to more than one million students and measures verbal and mathematical abilities that are important in college work.

The PSAT/NMSQT gives students a chance to find out what the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is like, and helps them in planning for college; further, students who opt to participate in the College Board Student Search Service have an opportunity to hear from colleges that they might not otherwise learn about. The PSAT/NMSQT is also the qualifying test for students who wish to participate in the nationwide scholarship competitions administered by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The price of taking the PSAT's is \$5.00.

Adams rumors denied

by Lisa Bowers

Some Adams students, parents, Adams faculty and administration have been dumbfounded, recently by rumors foretelling the fate of our high school. There is more than one story going around. Mr. Przybysz isn't exactly sure how these rumors started, but he assures students that they are untrue. Stories vary but are based on the same theme. Indiana University at South Bend has supposedly shown interest in buying John Adams. IUSB is hemmed in on the South by the St. Joe River and has no room to expand, so the only logical direction for the campus to move is North. The Adams building with its numerous class rooms, baseball and football fields, tennis courts and swimming pool would be a great asset for IUSB. Unfortunately for them, the complex is not for sale! Mr. Przybysz said "I don't see the building being sold in the near future, not for at least ten years." At this time the rumor is totally unfounded.

Another untruth circulating

around the community is that the South Bend Community School Corporation will close Adams because of decreasing enrollment and integration problems. The growths in population are occurring in the Knollwood area and South where building space is available, but in the Sunnymede area no additional housing will be introduced and thus Adams' enrollment won't increase. There will be more need for schools in the outskirts and less need for innercity schools like Adams. This is a long way off though. Right now enrollment is 100 students above what was expected for this school year. Enrollment is down from last year however, 1452 students compared to 1505 in 1979.

The integration question may be cleared up this November when the boundaries are changed. The process will be computerized this year to insure accuracy. All that can be said at this time is all rumors are untrue and that Adams will carry on as usual for at least another decade or so.

Jerry Alford chosen as Junior Rotarian

Senior Jerry Alford has been picked as the Junior Rotarian for September/October. He will be the Adams representative at local business luncheons.

Jerry is an all around sportsman. He is a linebacker on the football team, a forward on the basketball team, and runs the 400 meter race in track.

Congratulations are due Jerry as he represents Adams in the business community.

Powder Puff flourishes again

by Greta Roemer and Terri Zhiss
Powder Puff? What a soft name for a rough clashing between girl's football teams of each of the four classes. This is to be the 4th Annual "dusting" of talent displayed on the specially lit-up School Field. The games are scheduled for the evening of September 30. To start the Powder Bowl off, the juniors, commencing their third year of competition, will try to put their experience to work against a spunky freshman team. Then the seniors, who made it to the playoffs last year, will try to repeat their performance by defeating the sophomore team which played well last year. The winners of these first two games advance to the playoffs, vying for

the trophy awarded to the winning team.

Now for the particulars: admission is \$1.25 at the gate, \$1.50 before the game and 50c for all players, coaches and cheerleaders. Benefits go to the junior class; a tradition established when Powder Puff was started by the juniors four years ago. The first game begins at 6:30 and will run for four 6-minute quarters and a 10-minute half. The next game, starting immediately afterwards will follow the same schedule. The playoffs will have four 7-minute quarters and a 10-minute half. Whether you are player, coach, cheerleader or spectator, you are sure to be laughing at some point. Come and see "The Battle of the Classes."

Kirk's Korner: Movie reviews

by Keith Kirk

Whether it be horror, drama, action, or just plain musical comedy, motion pictures have always been America's number one entertainment. Since they first made their long premiere in the early part of the century. Motion pictures have held in their grasp many audiences which always felt feeling that them and only them had experienced their own separate adventure with the assistance of the silver screen.

This summer was by far not disappointing for moviegoers, as films were plummeted at us at a non-stop pace. We saw films such as "Caddyshack" starring "Saturday Night live's" two funny men Bill Murray and Chevy Chase which had us laughing at an uncontrollable rate, and the long awaited second chapter in the "Star Wars" saga, "The Empire Strikes Back."

These films and others kept the viewers entertained to a satisfying extent, but there were certain films

which disappointed many. One such film was Walt Disney's attempted comeback for Herbie the Love Bug in his latest film, "Herbie Goes Bananas." Another such film was a surprise to many as Steve McQueen attempted to amaze us with his latest, "The Hunter." McQueen tried to no avail to convince the audience that he could still be tough in his old age.

Last but not least comes the musical extravaganza, "Xanadu." This is by far one film that should be seen by all. Don't let its PG rating stop you. Aside from the slightly "skimpy" costumes the film is totally entertaining as two well-known superstars, actor-dancer Gene Kelly, and singer-actress Olivia Newton-John entertain and amaze you with help from the Electric Light Orchestra.

If you ever wonder what you could be doing when you're not having a ball at a football game, well you can have an equal amount of fun at any local theatre. Until next time Happy Movie Going!

Editorial / Changes suggested in library policy

by Eleanor Pollak and Anna Barrett

Our school library here at John Adams cannot be called inferior. It is well-stocked in technical books and literary works, has available the reference books one is likely to need, and has a wide selection of newspapers and periodicals. But our library is not a popular place. Students prefer to do their studying in the halls, in the cafeteria, or outside. It is in wondering why this happens that one comes to the conclusion that, no matter how necessary and efficient our library's method of regulating its patrons, these same methods discourage students from using the library at all.

The most common complaint is that the library is inaccessible during lunch and before and after school. Passes are a nuisance to get

since one must get a pass before school in order to use the library during the day including lunch and one cannot always be gotten. If a student finds during third or fourth hour that he or she has homework to be finished, one has difficulty being admitted into the library. The library keeps before-school hours (it opens at 7:45 a.m.) but after-school hours would be more sensible; the current practices of staying open until 3:15 does not allow for lengthy and perhaps necessary research.

It is unlikely that many people would take library privileges to mean that they can consider the library a place of refuge from a disliked class. If so, A or C lunch passes which would be valid for an entire semester, perhaps, would be a better idea. It is doubtful that

there would be overcrowding, if that is the reason for our already present rules. But those who need to use the library's resources should not be forced to go elsewhere if they need more than fifteen minutes to work, and should not be frustrated by having forgotten to acquire a pass.

A library's purpose is to serve the public rather than preserve the books. If the school library does not make itself easily accessible to the public, its students, it has failed in its purpose to serve.

The present policy assigns the role of "guardians of the books" to our librarians rather than encouragers of knowledge. It is better that the library be abused by a few students than that it be denied to many. Because this is OUR library, isn't it?

They're in - the results of survey number one

by Mark Weisman

Well, here it is - the results of the Tower's first survey.

Some of the answers were surprising to say the least. Many were humorous and some fell into the impritable category. All of the responses proved to be most interesting anyway. In any case here are the results for survey number one.

Question one: How many Izod shirts do you own? The vast majority owns one alligator shirt. With 2-5 and 5-10 coming in far behind.

Question two: Do you wear boat shoes? The clear majority in this category do not wear "boat shoes." Those who do wear boaters and those who considered them "too strange" were nearly even.

Question three: This question asked for the favorite musical group. Journey was the winner, barely escaping strong challenges by STYX and Led Zeppelin. The Pep Band received two votes.

Have you ever gone out of town for concert was question four. The majority answer was No, however, a fairly large number of students have gone away from the friendly confines of South Bend in search of jams.

Question five: Do you think that South Bend has good concerts? A huge majority of those answering felt that South Bend has occasionally good concerts.

Question six: Would your parents go to a Led Zeppelin concert? "Is this a joke?" was the popular reply.

Question seven: Do you approve of registration for the draft? "Hell no, I won't go!" was the resounding reply to the registration for the draft. About half as many did give their approval for registration.

Question eight: Should women have to register if men do? "Yes, definitely" was the most popular reply but "No way" was a close second.

Question nine: How many days did you skip school last year? Many Adams students according to our survey, skipped 1-10 days of school last year but "No I'm a good boy" was a fairly close second.

Question ten: Would you like to see us have another school-sponsored dance? And if so would you attend? Answers were basically

divided over whether or not we should, but if we did have a dance the vast majority favored rock and roll for music.

Question eleven: Do you have a job? The majority answered yes with a little more than half as many answering no.

Question twelve: What is your favorite magazine? Seventeen was the runaway magazine winner.

Question thirteen: Do you eat lunch in the cafeteria? A huge majority of the students answering do eat lunch in the cafeteria. However, a large portion reported that they go elsewhere.

A huge majority of the students answering are not members of an Adams Club. Those who are involved with a club numbered less than half of the non-members.

A landslide number of students said that they have gone out on a date.

John Anderson would be our next president if Adams students were to decide. Undecided, Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter followed, in that order.

A vast majority of Adams folks could not spell our principal's name correctly. Some of the more interesting suggestions were Ph-sbiz, Sheepish, Pzsebuish and "Bibbs." The correct spelling is Przybysz.

Adams students, by and large said they did not own a car.

And the last question asked if one had ever smoked pot. Many hadn't but this answer barely nudged out "Yes" and I'm too stoned to remember.

17 ways to ride an elevator

by Anna Barrett

About three years ago I read an article which lamented the decline of "good old American ingenuity." Since the most original thing we had come up with, it stated, was a Pringles potato chip which was not startlingly different from the traditional-type-ordinary one, our country was headed for the garbage dump. Now, I admit, my source being **The National Enquirer**, I need not to have taken it as a personal affront. But, still, it disturbs me; however, not so much as to make me do anything about it until now. Suddenly, last week, I was struck with the sudden urge to prove that at least this member of the nation, home of car rebates, shopping malls, and roll-on deodorant, was not contributing to the overall social slide toward

dullness. And here is my treatise; I'd like you to know I spent some time on it, and quite a bit of thought. I would like to relate to you my brainchild: Seventeen Things to Do in an Elevator.

1. Look at the doors.
2. Look at the floor numbers.
3. Look at your watch.
4. Pretend to have a watch to look at.
5. Polish your glasses.
6. Polish someone else's glasses.
7. Pull out your eyelashes.
8. Show everyone the eyelash that you "found."
9. Hum "The Star Spangled Banner" (everyone's standing up anyway).
10. Push all the floor buttons over and over.
11. Push the red button to see what happens.

12. Try to call home on the emergency phone.
13. Take off your shoes and shine them (You don't carry polish? Use spit).
14. See if you can drop a wallet in the crack between the elevator and the floor.
15. Try to placate the person whose wallet is now in the elevator shaft.
16. Jump up and down to see how strong the cable is.
17. Look for Angie Dickinson (oh no, wrong article).

I like to think that I've reassured all of you that American ingenuity is still alive and well. Oh, there are two suggestions which I forgot to mention. You could read this article (which, of course, you carry with you everywhere). Or you could be sick. I make no implication that the events are connected.

Students talk about the recession

by Mark Scherer

Our country is now in the midst of a recession, as most people know. But what does that mean to the average Adams student? Part time jobs are harder for teenagers to find. Marty McKiernan said "It took 3 months and numerous applications for me to find a job." Others find their life a little bit harder. Scott Thallemer said "The recession means no twinkies in the refrigerator and not much money around."

This hardly affects the whole student body, however, and most students tend to shrug off the recession like Greg Burns, who said, "It (The recession) won't affect me until I go out on my own." Other people said, "It 'noticed it.'" Marc Simon went so far as to say "what recession?"

One way in which the recession affects the whole school, however, is the effect that hard times have

upon education itself. On both the state and local levels the education budget is cut in order to use what little money is available for business incentives and other recovery programs. The quality of education is then lowered, with adverse effects on the students. The number and quality of textbooks declines, the more experienced teachers are not hired as only unexperienced ones can be afforded, scientific laboratory equipment drops in quality and quantity, and the separate honors and advanced placement courses are dropped.

Thus if students and others involved in the education process continue to be apathetic to the recession, governmental officials will put what little money is available into areas with more popular and vocal support than academics. Involvement is necessary to keep up the standard of our education.



Photo by Ricky Peltz

Monday's storm came as a surprise. For those of you who remember the damages brought on by it - loss of electricity and phone lines down - this photo should hit home.

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Faculty Focus: A closeup of Mr. Longenecker

by Jim Krillenberger

Mr. Longenecker has been teaching at Adams for twelve years and during that time has gained the utmost respect of his fellow teachers. Mr. Longenecker's work has been one of the main reasons for the outstanding reputation of the Adams science department.

Five years ago he developed a research biology class to allow gifted students to conduct research that could not be performed in a traditional biology class setting. This research class has become a model that other schools use when trying to set up an advanced biology program. However, Adams is the only school in South Bend that has maintained the class successfully through the years.

Commenting on the course, Mr. Longenecker says, "The research biology course is exciting to me and the students as the topics researched change, and the grants, rewards, and student recognitions vary."

Last year, when Adams was selected as a model science program to be shown to a group of Japanese educators touring the U.S., Mr. Longenecker presented our research biology course to them, and they were duly impressed. Longenecker attributes the overwhelming success of the program to three main reasons: 1) A good group of enthusiastic

students that have a good life science background; 2) The supportive administration of the school, especially Mr. Przybysz. 3) Professional support from around the community. The financial support that comes from the professional sector by the way of grants and rewards is also helpful.

Mr. Longenecker also teaches first year regular and honors biology. His goal is to make the class interesting by applying what the student has learned to the world in which he lives. Units dealing with cancer, nutrition, and diets have been added to the curriculum, because of high student interest.

Mr. Longenecker has had two biological articles published. They were widely acclaimed. He received last year's "Indiana's Most Outstanding Biology Teacher" award given by the National Association of Biology Teachers. Although he thinks that it's "arbitrary" to pick out one biology teacher and award him above all others, he does concede that he feels deeply honored by the award.

Goshen College claims Mr. Longenecker as one of their graduates. He earned a B.S. degree there and then pursued his masters under scholarship at Texas A&M. He was awarded a masters degree from Purdue University, where he completed his education. There is life beyond the

classroom! Mr. Longenecker is the father of three children, the oldest of which is a sophomore at Riley. His son is not quite as intrigued by biology as Mr. Longenecker is. He will probably go into engineering. His other son is a seventh grader at Jackson Middle School, and his daughter is a fifth grader at Hamilton. Mr. Longenecker is married to a nurse, and they often discuss subjects of a biological nature over dinner.

When he was in high school Mr. Longenecker was the president of his senior class, an honor roll student, and won varsity letters in basketball and track. He was influenced to follow a path of higher education by his high school chemistry teacher.

In the summer, Mr. Longenecker occupies his vacation time by working with a swimming pool company as a consultant on construction and maintenance. He's been doing that for the last eighteen summers. He wasn't home much last summer because of the traveling that the job entailed.

We can be proud to have a man of the caliber of Nevin E. Longenecker on our faculty. He's an interesting person and a fantastic biology teacher. The words of one of his current research biology students, Lee Weaver, sum it up best, "he's a nice guy, and an excellent teacher." Lee's right.



School vs. work: The lesser of two evils

by Lisa Frieden

Traditionally, summer vacation means a release from the confines of a school building, but for myself, the barriers shifted three miles north and in fact gripped me tighter than I had been prior to June 4th. Astonishing as it may sound, by the final week of August I was actually looking forward to going back to school to have time to relax. This iron fist, which held me captive for forty hours a week was a full time job.

It is amazing how many high school students work, not only during the summer months, but also while school is in session. Take a look around the school after 12:15 and count how many seniors are still in the building. If the total comes out to be surprisingly low then congratulations, you are correct. The types of jobs which take Adams' students away from the classroom range from pumping gas to candy-striping; at the hospital, with fast food restaurants reigning as the king of part time jobs.

The main attraction these jobs offer is money. For a majority of working teens there is a critical need for a steady income to cover such things as car payments, or future college costs. In my case, as I do not own a car, my earnings accumulated within the bank are to be saved for next year. Previous to this past summer I had acquired weekend jobs, but as for knowledge about eight hour work days, I was very naive.

I was employed at a bakery in the mall, which in early June seemed exciting due to the fact that the mall is a common hangout for bored, unemployed friends of mine. To me this meant a steady flow of people to talk with during the slow hours. However, after the first day, I discovered that I had erred in my thinking. To get paid I

discovered, one must work. And work I did. By July, I had blisters on both feet, cookie crumbs embedded in my fingernails, and my body had permanently acquired the scent of the bakery to such an extent that even after showering, friends would comment how appetizing I smelled. By this time I had become immune to the fragrance of donuts and cookies, and to this day my nose cannot detect the smell of the bakery. By August, I was on the verge of hysteria, resulting from everyday being an exact clone of the previous. September arrived, and I spent my final hours of captivity ecstatically happy that summer was finally over.

My anti-work sentiments which bubbled over after three months of heating up, stemmed from the monotony of my job, and also from the feeling that although I had earned a sizable amount of money, I really had accomplished nothing. I was eager to return to my seven hour per day class schedule for I had discovered this summer that for myself learning took up less of my time than a forty hour a week job. Also, during the months which stretch from September to June, I can truthfully say that I accomplish more and have an abundance of free time as well. There are some students, however, who are in complete opposition with my views. For them work is satisfaction and money rolled into one. To these lucky people I say, hold onto your jobs, for you have found what I am in a constant frenzy in search of. Choosing a profession for myself in which there will be a minimum of monotony has been (and still is) my ultimate goal. All of my potential choices are never void of some degree of monotony...I wonder, if I could support myself as a full time student?

Student government hopes for another active year

by Mark Scheiber

Many freshmen, and possibly some upper-classmen, are wondering what Student Government is. Student Government is one of John Adams' most active and successful organizations.

Last year was an especially active year. One of last years projects was the "Eagle Ethics" talks with the freshmen class. These talks were conducted by the Student Government members in the frosh history classes in order to promote school pride.

Student Government also sponsored the annual Canned Food and Toy Drive. This was done to provide food and toys for the needy at Christmas time. Although this project was not very successful, there is always hope for this year.

Another project was the Senior Citizen's visitation day. This project was sponsored by REAL SERVICES who provided for a group of Senior Citizens to visit Adams. Each guest was given a

guided tour of the school by a Student Government member, ate lunch and attended some classes. The group was so pleased with their visit that they invited the Student Government members to a luncheon provided by REAL SERVICES. The Student Government also had visitors from the government members of Clay High School, and St. Joseph High School. Besides showing these students around the school there was also a discussion about how each school program operated, and about school policies.

One of the most successful projects done last year was the school wide clean-up. Student Government members and student volunteers worked on a Saturday morning to clean off every locker in the school. This project was commendable enough that the South Bend Tribune did an article on it.

The Student Government also established the Joseph S. Karwow-

ski Memorial Award. Mr. Karwowski was a football coach and history teacher at Adams. He died from a heart attack last December. The Award was established in memory of everything he contributed to our school. This award is given each year to an outstanding senior who participates in volunteer work outside of the school.

Other projects that the Student Government sponsored were the Jam Session, and the Club Fair.

Hopefully many of these projects will be repeated this year with some new projects. In order to carry on with this same success, the Student Government will need active involvement. The self-nomination sign up will begin October 6th with the elections being held on October 14th. Eight persons will be elected from each class. If you think you could donate the time and effort to contribute to Student Government, then why not sign up for the elections?

Photo by Keith Kirk

"Fairy" at Adams

Yes, there is a fairy here at John Adams. This isn't your everyday fairy; it is called a "Fairy Ring." In the front lawn of the school is a ring of mushrooms measuring in diameter of about 12 ft. The ring started as one mushroom. The original mushroom developed its mycelium in order to digest the organic matter in the soil around it; new mushrooms would be produced periodically at the outer edge of this growing ring of mycelium. As the food supply in the interior of the circle was used, the circle kept growing larger and larger. The dark green mushrooms will grow into a larger ring as time goes on. Next time you're out eating lunch take a look around, you may be sitting near a "fairy."



The Fairy Ring of mushrooms in front of John Adams is shown here.

Football team still looking for winning combination

by Kerry Kinney and John Manier

Against Washington, Adams played their finest game of the season to date but were unable to snap their losing streak as the Panthers won a hard-fought 16-13 victory over the Eagles.

Trailing 6-0 late in the first quarter due to a successful Washington offensive series sparked by an Adams fumble early in that quarter, the Eagles began their own successful offensive drive which culminated with a 2-yd. dive at eight run on a 3rd down play by quarterback Rick Perkins for a touchdown—the first score of the 1980 season for the Eagles. This TD, plus the 1-point conversion kick by Dave Lobeck gave Adams its first lead of the year, 7-6.

This lead was short-lived, however as Washington took the ensuing kick off and marched 54-yards to score, 13-7. Neither team could again score until the 4th quarter when a Panther field goal

brought the score to 16-7.

The Panthers once again controlled the ball deep in Adams territory and appeared ready to put the game on ice. Then veteran linebacker Jerry Alford, who was the dominant leader of the defense, took control. Picking off a Washington pass he ran 88 yards into the endzone for an Adams TD, cutting the deficit to 16-13 with 4:07 remaining in the game.

After kicking off, an aggressive Eagle defense stopped the Washington offense, and forced a Washington fumble. Adams then regained possession of the ball with excellent field position inside the Washington 40 yd. line and giving the Eagles an excellent game-winning situation. The Eagles then pushed to the Washington 29 yd. line, whereby failing to gain a first down, the Eagles suffered the loss of the ball. The Panthers were then able to run out the clock, punting only as time expired in the game.

Excellent performances were contributed by all the Adams players. Outstanding blocking was provided by offensive linemen Doug Wood, Mike Kinney and by Jay Colbert. In the offensive backfield, superb performances were turned in by quarterbacks Rick Perkins and Brian Biggs and by halfback Jerome Whitaker, who remained of dominant importance to the Adams offense with many outstanding plays. Excellent efforts were also turned in by halfback Jimmy Scott and wide receiver Cory Forrest.

Jerry Alford, defensive linebacker, remained the outstanding dominant force in the defense, contributing superbly time after time for the defense and by putting Adams back in the game with a spectacular interception and his equally remarkable 88 yd. return run which put six more points on the scoreboard for the Eagles. On the defensive line

excellent line penetration was provided by linemen Damon Hertz, Mike Curl and Larry Horvath.

A week later, playing against the Chargers of Elkhart Memorial, the Eagles suffered another loss as the Chargers defeated the Eagles, 21-0.

The defense, however with the exception of a weak defensive secondary was still potent against Elkhart. Yet this Elkhart team proved to be all too adept at taking full advantage of Adams critical errors and also at running an effective passing offense. The Eagles defense, however played impressively, shutting out the Chargers during most of the first and second quarters of the game.

Adams offensive unit was also very weak, in sharp contrast to its brilliant performance against Washington. Yet this unit too, had its glory, making several outstanding plays. The offense, however failed to make these efforts count;

thus remaining scoreless

Several good efforts were made by Adams players; among them, on the offensive line, by center Jay Colbert and left guard Steve Quimby. In the offensive backfield, halfback Jerome Whitaker remained dominant, executing many good plays for the Eagles. Also, quarterback Rick Perkins and halfback Jimmy Scott turned in good efforts.

On defense, superb efforts to control the Charger offense were made by linebackers Jerry Alford and Kevin Sweeney and by secondary backers Dick Carpenter, Scott Thallemer and Andre Gammage. On the line, good performances were made by linemen Zach Bivens and Damon Hertz.

The Eagles will attempt once again to turn the tide on their disappointing losing streak and capture an elusive first victory by rolling over the Colonials of Clay

Boys tennis rolls on

by Greta Roemer

The Adams tennis team has literally gone to the races within the last 2 weeks. Raising their record to 12-1, they established themselves as the unprecedented favorite to win sectionals scheduled for tomorrow morning at Leeper Park. They cleared the highest hurdle on Sept. 17 by defeating #12 ranked Riley. Although the score was 4-1, the match was not easily won. Four out of five matches had to go into a third set, matches being decided best 2 out of 3 sets. First one off his court was Matt Koscielski, with a 3 set victory over a tough opponent who had established an impressive record for himself before being beaten by Matt. Then Chris Toal, after taking an early lead, saw the margin diminish as his Wildcat opposition starting hitting with more control and regained his confidence. Chris bowed out in 3 sets. Then freshmen Chris Foley and Benson Yang, pulled a fairy tale turnaround after being down a set, and defeated an older and more experienced Riley duo. Meanwhile, on court 1, before an enthusiastic and sizeable crowd,

Paul Koscielski kept a cool head and hot backhand working to jump ahead and take the first set over previously unbeaten Wildcat Ed Filer, only to see the second set slip away. The third set went down to the wire. Paul was down at several points, but never gave up. The set was tied at 6-6 and Paul took control to take the tiebreaker and match 7-5. The fired-up team of bill Witsken and Lee Fonacier, being the only ones who won in 2 sets, put a feather in their cap by making the outcome of the match 4-1. Just wait until the next state rankings come out.

Their one loss came at the hands of LaPorte during the LaPorte Invitational, by the slim margin of 2-3. They rebounded with a 3-2 victory over powerhouse Penn. Penn, using a very questionable line-up, lost the first two matches to the unbeaten Dynamic Duo of Paul and Matt Koscielski but came back and won both doubles matches. Victory or defeat was then placed on the shoulders of sophomore Chris Toal. He lost the first set, but came back and won the next two decisively to decide the hotly contested match in

Adams' favor. It was a fitting end.

The "anti-climax" came Sept. 17 when they played Clay. Clay surprisingly had beaten Penn earlier in the season, thus establishing themselves as a team to be reckoned with. For others. Not for Adams. They disposed of them quickly 4-1.

All season long there has been a group of guys that work just as hard as the varsity. The B-Team, an integral part of their success, cannot be forgotten. Compiling a winning record, they are composed of freshmen, sophomores and juniors who have the interest needed to become good tennis players. Phil Grayson, John Gruenig, Mike Morris, Jamie Butler, Jason Bowles, Paul Becker, Tom Crowe and Scott Eggers are the people who make up the team. Good luck to them in their remaining matches.

Tomorrow Adams will be the team to beat. Play commences at Leeper Park, in the morning. The time is to be announced on the P.A. system. Please come and watch our team and be part of "Eaglemania."



Jeff Sypniewski looks confident en route to another victory.

Cross country gears for sectionals

by Russ Pyles

As the Cross Country season winds down, and the Sectional tournament draws nearer, the C.C. team finds themselves in a position to post their best season record in Adams history. Not only could the season record be the best ever, the team has an excellent chance to win the S.B.C.S.C. City meet and the Sectional meet, both of which are held at Erskine Golf Course. Since the fine start of 3 wins and 1 loss, the team has compiled a record of 5-1, including victories over LaSalle and Elkhart Memorial. The victory over LaSalle was a first in Adams history, and the Elkhart victory was only the second time Adams has beaten that team. The first win against Elkhart came last year.

The fourth win of the season came against a tough Mishawaka team at Wilson Park. Jeff Sypniewski led the way by setting a course record at 17:21. Rick

VanLue was only one second behind. Finishing off the win for the Eagles was Lenny Randazzo who finished 4th, and Freshman Kevin Otolski who ran extremely well to finish 6th.


Next in line was M.C., Elston and S.B. St. Joe. The Eagle runners didn't run to their capabilities and Elston capitalized winning 22-35. The Eagles did pick up a win against St. Joe, winning by a score of 15-50. Leading the way for Adams was Rick VanLue who finished 3rd and Jeff Sypniewski who finished 4th.

At the New Prairie Invitational, Adams ran without the services of two of their top seven runners, but finished a respectable seventh out of seventeen teams. Rick VanLue finished 8th overall and Jeff Sypniewski finished 14th.

Perhaps the biggest meet of the season took place Sept. 18 at Erskine against Elkhart Memorial. Not favored to win, the Eagles ran exceptionally well to win by the

also score of 27-30. Jeff Sypniewski set a new school and course record at 16:24. Finishing second was Rick VanLue in a time of 16:32. Lenny Randazzo and Kevin Otolski were also outstanding finishing 5th and 7th respectively.

The biggest stepping stone in Adams' way to a top season record is Penn High at Penn. The team feels that this is the year that they can knock off Penn for the first time ever. Coach Doug Snyder feels that the team is just beginning to reach their peak, and with a little luck, a win against Penn is not out of the question. A big advantage of peaking at the latter part of the season is that the team will be at their best during the Sectionals while other teams are burned out. If the C.C. team runs with the same intensity during the sectionals as they have been running lately, Adams may bring home the Sectional title this year.



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