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## Six seniors named Commended Scholars

by Eleanor Pollak

Six present members of the John Adams senior class along with one former member of Adams have been chosen as National Merit Commended Scholars. These students receiving this honor have been chosen on the basis of their outstanding performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholastic Qualifying Test, PSAT/NMSQT. The students so chosen are Doug Brazy, Ben Crosson, Mimi Haley, Kris Kolasinski, Kelly Rhoardarmer, Kirsten Washburn, and Charlie Wuischpard.

Doug is a member of the Soccer Club of John Adams. He will most probably attend Indiana University at Bloomington to major in either biology or therapeutic recreation. Doug is involved with working with mentally retarded people during his summers.

Kris is a former member of the swim team and a present member of the soccer club. She plans to attend Purdue University to major in chemistry.

Kelly, a member of the biology club and a candy-striper at St. Joseph's Hospital, plans to study pre-med in college. As a member of the Michiana Bicycle Association

she enjoys long distance bike riding. Also involved in the arts, she plays the piano and likes to draw.

Kirsten, an actress and a dancer, has performed in many Adams dramatic productions. As a member of the drama club, she played major acting roles in both "THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK" and "THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST." She had solo dances in two Adams musicals, BRIGADOON and GUYS AND DOLLS.

Charlie, a four year member of the swim team, would like to attend Harvard University. Along with continuing his swimming in college Charlie wants to major in engineering. After receiving an engineering degree he plans to further his education with a degree in business.

Mimi, a student of Adams at the time at which she took the PSAT, is now a student at St. Joseph's High School. She would like to attend Georgetown College and major in foreign service.

Adams is proud to have these students represent the school as our Commended Scholars. These students should all be congratulated for their outstanding performances.



Semifinalists Kelly Rhoardarmer, Kirsten Washburn, Kris Kolasinski, Charlie Wuischpard, Doug Brazy, and Ben Crosson smile at their honor.

## Watson becomes semi-finalist

by Cecilia Alford

Senior Angela Watson has been named semi-finalist for the National Achievement Scholarship for Outstanding Negro Students. Semi-finalists for the National Achievement Scholarship are chosen on the basis of PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) Test scores. Finalists are chosen on the basis of SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) Test scores.

Angela is one of 1500 semi-finalists from all over the nation. Of these 1500 semi-finalists, 1200 finalists will be selected of which only 600 will receive

scholarships. Scholarships distributed include \$1,000-\$2,000 a year for four years or a full four-year scholarship.

Angela is very active in extra-curricular activities as well as academics. In addition to being a member of the volleyball, basketball, and track teams, she is also a member of Student Government and Monogram Club. She plans to go to Purdue or Butler University to study Pre-Med.

Until February of 1981, Angela will eagerly await the announcement of National Achievement Scholarship Finalists. In the meantime, congratulations and good luck.



## Attention students College Fair comes to town

The St. Joseph County College Fair will be at Century Center Wednesday, October 15th from 3 to 8 p.m. Information about admission requirements, financial aid and different programs offered by the different institutions will be available. The Fair is open to the public - No admission charge.

Representatives from Indiana colleges plus those from other institutions will be on hand (about

70 total) plus 20 or more trade and vocational schools are to be represented.

The College Fair will offer students and parents an opportunity to talk with school representatives about offerings and options that are available to students. More information about the Fair is available through your Guidance Counselors.

## COE officers elected

by Sharon Olmstead

COE has begun another year and the members are ready to go! COE (Cooperative Office Education) is a vocational program for senior students who are interested in a career in business. Students attend school part-time and work on the job in an office at least 15 hours per week. They also get paid for the work they do. Students on the COE program earn 3 credits toward graduation each semester.

Officials are elected every year. This year's officials are: PRESIDENT - Kim Ragland; VICE PRESIDENT - Lorita Johnson; SECRETARY - Kathy Malone; TREASURER - Sabrina Chase; PARLIAMENTARY - Diane Menzie; HISTORIAN - Sharon Olmstead; 2 OEA BOARD MEMBERS - Carol Payne, Lynne Quimby.

Twice each month, the officers conduct a business meeting during the regular class time according to the principles of parliamentary law.

COE members participate in many activities. In April each year, students thank their employers for training they have received over the year by treating them to a formal banquet at Century Center or the ACC Monogram Room.

Students on COE must have several fund raising events during the year to pay for this banquet, as it costs approximately \$23.00 per student just for the banquet. Their fund-raiser this year to raise money for the banquet will be candy selling. They are also planning on having some kind of service project, but the exact type has not yet been determined.

Students in COE participate in OEA (Office Education Association) youth activities. Each February a district leadership conference is held in which students may compete in various contests, such as parliamentary procedure, typing, accounting, public speaking, etc. Students who win the top three places are eligible to compete in state competition in Indianapolis. Winners at State then go on to National competition. Some of the National Conferences have been held in Minneapolis, Houston, Detroit, Cincinnati, Albuquerque, Topeka, and Chicago. This year the National Conference will be held May 6-13 in San Antonio, Texas.

In order to be in COE a student must have taken at least one year of typewriting. More typing is recommended, along with accounting, shorthand, or office training.

## ETS conducts art talent search

The program, Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS), is designed to give national recognition to young people who have demonstrated excellence in dance, music, theater, visual arts and writing. Twenty-nine national organizations in the arts and education have worked with ETS on the development of the ARTS program.

"ETS has initiated this program because most of the support in schools goes to students with academic prowess," says ETS President William Turnbull. "It is our hope that this new program will stimulate interest in the arts, encourage more students to participate in the arts, and help strengthen arts programs in our public and private schools."

Eligible finalists identified through ARTS will be recommended to the Commission on Presidential Scholars for recognition in the Presidential Scholars Program. In addition, ETS is developing a variety of other awards such as cash stipends,

scholarships and workshop experiences for which all finalists will be eligible for consideration. The names of those meeting high standards of accomplishment will be further circulated to educational institutions to be considered for admission and scholarships.

To be eligible, applicants must be 17 or 18 years old as of December 1, 1980 or must be high school seniors of any age. Applicants must reside in the United States or, if living outside the United States, must be the sons or daughters of U.S. citizens.

Separate applications for each arts area must be filed by December 1, 1980.

The application will require candidates to submit evidence of outstanding achievement in one or more areas of the arts, including: \*A statement of the nature and extent of the applicant's participation in the arts.

\*External evidence of accomplishment in the arts, such as copies of published reviews of the appli-

cant's work, catalogues, articles in the public press, or programs of performances.

\*Supporting testimony by a teacher or other professional in the appropriate field of art who is familiar with the applicant's work.

\*Submission of a sample of art produced by the applicant. Evidence in the form of slides, videotapes or audiotapes will be acceptable; actual art objects may be submitted if transportable. In some fields of art, live performance may be required.

Applications will be reviewed by panels of artists and arts educators, and all candidates will be notified of their status by March 15, 1981.

Further information and applications may be obtained by writing or calling Arts Recognition and Talent Search, P.O. Box 2876, Princeton, New Jersey 08541; 609-734-1090. An application request should indicate whether the applicant will submit an application in dance, music, theater, visual arts or writing.

# OPINION/Student speaks out in favor of the draft

by Andy Reinke

There was an article in the Tower a few weeks ago by a student who opposes the draft. I tend to disagree with his viewpoint. I realize that this article will be primarily read by those who will be dealing with the issue of the draft first hand, people my age. I, along with probably everyone eighteen to nineteen years of age, do not adhere to the concept of dying in combat in some remote country on the other half of this planet. However, let me ask you this question; "If the United States were to be attacked by the Soviet Union today, would you feel perfectly safe, confident and trust totally our national defense to protect your freedom?" My personal answer would be NO! That answer is the most powerful reason I can give for having the peace-time draft.

A question arose while I was talking to a friend of mine on this issue. He asked me, "Why can't our nuclear weapons and our push button technology be our defense so as to abandon the conventional arms race?" My reply was to the affect that if we put all our national security in the hands of a massive

clump of machinery, it could be a fatal mistake. Most Americans think it is inconceivable to believe that a country which makes over five hundred billion dollars per fiscal year would have an inoperable defense system. Yet just a few months ago our national defense system was **falsely** activated by a mechanical breakdown. Ironically the piece that malfunctioned cost ten cents. Also just a few weeks ago in Arkansas, tens of thousands of people's lives were in jeopardy because of one man dropping a wrench on the fuel system of a Titan II missile. A few hours later the missile exploded in its silo and catapulted the missile's nuclear warhead two hundred yards away. This is another reason why we must have a peace-time draft, to help produce a top notch **human** defense system which our nation can rely upon.

There's not much debate over whether or not Russia is trying to increase the number of Soviet satellite countries throughout the world. Russia has engulfed since World War II, the countries of: Hungary, Romania, Checkoslovakia, Afghanistan, Cuba, and

Poland, to name a few. These countries have been victims of the increasing volumes of the Soviet conventional weapons. The Warsaw Pact countries now outnumber our NATO forces two to one in conventional military strength. Meanwhile, NATO continues to sweat it out and pray that Western Europe or the oil-rich Middle East will not be forced to succumb to the claws of the "Iron Curtain." Even since the article was written against the draft just a few short weeks ago, A Soviet oriented country, (Iraq), has made significant advances in gaining control over the Persian Gulf. If in fact a Soviet oriented country does gain control over the Persian Gulf, out of which half the world's oil flows, the United States will have to get used to the idea that at any time Russia could turn off the flow of oil to us like a faucet. I believe the reinstatement of the draft would project a message to the Soviet Union to the effect that the United States along with our allies, will no longer sit still while they attempt to overtake the vital oil fields of the Middle East.

One doesn't have to recall too far back to remember the last few

instances where our NATO forces were called upon to defend peace, and failed. A good example of this came on November 4th, 1979, when Iranian "students" stormed the American Embassy in Iran and captured 52 Americans. This proved to the world that the United States could not defend our own countrymen against the most barbaric weapons and the most ill-trained students. Finally, as a last ditch effort, a rescue mission was launched. The American forces were able to accomplish the destruction of several U.S. aircrafts, the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen, and the loss of top U.S. secret files, without even coming within 200 miles of the enemy. Again NATO was forced to take the back seat and decline action because of poor conventional military strength when Soviet tanks accompanied by 80,000 troops overtook the government of Afghanistan. However, I feel the most shocking and terrifying result of the lack of NATO's conventional clout came just a few months ago. Early in the 1980's we had a confrontation with the Soviets over the discovery of a Soviet combat brigade in Cuba. President Carter

said this was unacceptable and yet had to back down after realizing our poor militaristic position. This lack of conventional clout pressured our president into accepting for the first time since the establishment of the Monroe Doctrine 153 years ago, the presence of foreign military troops in the western hemisphere. I believe that if we had the draft today, the Monroe Doctrine would still hold true to its statement.

The student who wrote the article pertaining to the opposition of the draft, stated that if the majority of the world's population agreed that war was unacceptable, there would be peace. While that might be a pleasant thought, it's an idealistic one unfortunately. As long as there are over four billion people on this planet with hundreds of different religions, lifestyles and nationalities all determined to make their point heard, there'll be war. NATO must have the adequate forces, such as the draft, to combat our foes and aid our allies to preserve freedom and peace.

**\*\*\*The idea expressed in this article is not necessarily the opinion of the TOWER.**

## Freshmen discuss their problems

by Mark Scheiber

What is small, wanders around the school aimlessly, and seems to be in a constant state of confusion? You've got it, the new addition to our school known as freshmen. But seriously, I as a senior wish to extend an official welcome on behalf of the whole school. I hope your four years here are exciting and fulfilling.

Recently I asked a few frosh some survey questions about the school. The questions were asked as follows:

1. What was your first impression of Adams
2. What is your favorite thing about the school?
3. What do you dislike most about the school?

The resounding answer to the first question was that the school was "s-o-o-o big." Sheri Hover said it was "hard to find my way

around." But she pointed out "it isn't anymore." Many other frosh complained of getting lost numerous times. Some frosh ended up lost for some strange reason when they asked upperclassmen for directions.

Debbie Beck said, "It's a lot better than Edison because you have more freedom." Kevin Miller and Joe Wingo were both enthusiastic in summing up the school with, "It's OK."

The answer received most often for the favorite thing in the school was for boys "girls" and for girls "boys." Some were particular as to certain boys and girls, but others such as Joe Jackson said his favorite thing was "all women." Becky Makris said she "loves volleyball and B-team football" and Eileen Haley said she enjoys boy's tennis.

On the survey for the worst thing in the school the over-all choice was

the school food. I can't write the quotes about the food, although some were very descriptive. There were some other interesting answers to this question. Andy Engeman said his favorite thing was 3:00 and the thing he hated most was 8:10 A.M. Rhonda Wamcock said she thought there should be a pep assembly for every game and every sport. And Kyle Adair said the seats in the auditorium should be padded.

As usual the freshmen are taking the abusive language from the upperclassmen such as punky freshman, little freshman, dumb freshman and typical freshman. These names will probably go on for the rest of the school year if it follows the pattern of previous years. But don't let it bug you frosh. We've all gone through it and next year you'll be upperclassmen.

## Frosh frisbees in Vegas

by Sheila Huang

Hidden talents abound at John Adams High. One of these is frisbee throwing, and freshman Andy Engeman displayed his exceptional skill at this sport on August 29th as he captured 3rd place in the 1980 Junior World Frisbee Contest held in Las Vegas.

In order for him to even compete in Las Vegas, Andy had to first win three other regional competitions. In early August he took first place in the North Central Region competition held in Wisconsin and won \$100, a plaque, and the chance to compete in Las Vegas with eight other finalists from the U.S., Canada and Great Britain.

As Andy recalls, he first started playing frisbee at a young age at Boehm Park many years ago, but only recently began working at it

seriously. The two main categories of frisbee throwing, he explained, are skill and freestyle. In his previous competitions the events were are skill events ranging from "skipping," which involves bouncing the frisbee off the pavement, to distance throwing, to displaying accuracy by sending a frisbee through a suspended hoola-hoop. However, Andy expressed that he hopes to begin concentrating more on freestyle in the future and to continue competing in this category.

Frisbee throwing, Andy agreed is definitely becoming more and more popular, both as a recreational activity as well as a highly competitive sport. Now that we are aware of a "celebrity" among us, we shall all look forward to Andy's upcoming competitions.



## Workshop to be held

High school students interested in writing will have an opportunity to polish their craft at a Writers Workshop to be held at Goshen College Oct. 30 and 31.

"One of the best ways to cultivate a good writing style is to place one's self, even for a short time, in a community of writers," said Bob Johnson, assistant professor of English.

The English and communication departments will be sponsoring the event which will include comments on the students' works, observation of college writing classes and lectures by faculty and a renowned visiting writer.

Elliot Wigginton, founder and editor of the student-written publication, **Foxfire Magazine**, will present the annual S.A. Yoder Memorial Lecture to the college community. Since 1972, the **Foxfire** books have sold more than four million copies. Wigginton was recently honored by **Time** maga-

zine as one of the 50 most important young leaders of our time.

In addition to discussions on the elements of good writing, students will be able to attend the Goshen College Players' production of "Man for All Seasons." There will also be a late night Halloween reading of Edgar Allen Poe's, "A Telltale Heart" around the fire at the College Cabin.

Students should submit copies of the poems, short stories (under 2,000 words), personal essays, feature essays or news articles they wish to have critiqued, to Bob Johnson by Oct. 15.

A \$5 fee will cover lodging, food, workshop participation and tickets to the play. Student compositions and registration, including name, address, high school and the \$5 fee, should be sent to: Joy Neumann Landis, Special Programs, Goshen College, Goshen, Ind. 46526.

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## Exchange student welcomed to Adams

by Jim Krillenberger

She's going to graduate with the John Adams Class of '81. Not particularly unusual - almost 400 other seniors can make that claim. But Anita Griffiths happens to be 12,000 miles away from home and a native of Australia. That's unique!

She's here through the Youth For Understanding's student exchange program and is staying with Julie and Jane Wygant. Anita is glad she was chosen to be housed with such a nice family.

"Mr. and Mrs. Wygant even gave up their master bedroom for me. I feel just like part of the family," said Anita.

At home in Australia, she has twin sisters that are 15, so coming to the Wygants', where she also has two "sisters" wasn't much of a change for her.

South Bend doesn't seem like the most desirable or exciting place to be if you have the whole U.S. to choose from, but Anita says that there were two reasons that influenced her choice. First, and most important, is that she has a friend in South Bend that graduated from LaSalle High School two years ago. She was an American exchange student at Anita's high school in Australia. Anita and her friend, Donna, worked in an Australian McDonald's together. The second reason is that when the U.S. is being discussed in Australia, all the

Australians hear about is Washington D.C., California, New York, or Florida. Anita wanted to come to the middle of the country to see what it's like here.

Since her arrival, Anita has blended right into the South Bend and Adams scene. She's visited Tower Hill, played on the Senior Powder Puff team, and has been cast for a part in the Drama Club's upcoming play, "Our Town." Anita also plans on trying out for the softball team next spring.

It's obvious that Anita has done a pretty good job adjusting to the American way of life. However, there are some peculiar details about life in these United States that Anita was surprised to find when she arrived. For instance, she had never seen a squirrel before. The furry little animal we all take for granted was a strange new beast to her. "The light switches are backwards here," Anita commented. "When ours are in the on position, yours are off."

Then there's the matter of the whirlpool that the water makes when it goes down the drain. According to Anita, because Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere, the water spins in the opposite direction.

Australians drive on the left side of the road, but that shouldn't bother Anita too much. According to her "Exchange Student Agreement," she's not allowed to drive a car or hold a job in the

states. The contract also says that if any exchange student should happen to become pregnant or is caught with drugs, that student will be immediately sent straight home.

There's no denying it: America just can't produce some of the things that Australia does. Anita misses her "Australian meat pies" and "twisties," a cheese snack. But the U.S. does have some similar products. Anita was amazed the first time she had Rice Krispies. They have the same thing in Australia, only they call the cereal "Rice Bubbles."

Back home, Anita and her friends drank much more milk than we do here. They drink milk like we drink cokes. Those poor overworked Australian cows never get any rest. Pat Boone would love it!

When night falls on Australia, the older high school kids usually head for the local pubs to listen to the bands. The drinking age is eighteen and is not strictly enforced.

There are no curfews set by law and parents are more lenient about what time to be in. That's mostly because of the near absence of crime. In the schools, the lockers are never locked, and yet it is rare to hear of a theft.

We students of Adams High School are honored to have Anita among our ranks. She's a friendly and very personable girl and we're lucky to have her with us.

## Conklin rates pizza



by Rick Conklin

So you hate fried chicken, and you don't like the lady cops at McDonald's. What now? Chances are, you'll stumble into Shakey's, Noble Roman's, or some other place and take your chances on some pizza. Well, if you like frozen pizzas, don't bother to read the rest of this article, because you'd probably eat a frisbee if I put anchovies on it. But if you take a personal interest in what finds its way to your stomach, then maybe you'd be interested in knowing where to find the best pizza in town. To rate the pizza, I'll use the star rating system, a la Roger Ebert; four stars-excellent; three stars-good; two stars-OK; on star-time-waster; zero stars-barf. Barnaby's \*(good enough for the freshmen, but . . .) Pizza Hut \*1/2 (you get your money's worth, because you can usually get out without paying) Noble Roman's \*(Michelangelo

likes it, so I guess I do too. Hey Mikey!) Rathskeller (100 Center) \*\*\*(pretty decent, if you like eating in a basement) Godfather's \*\*\*\*(my favorite) Shakey's \*1/2 (my dog seems to like it) Pizza King zero (for the truly desperate) Scotto's (University Park) \*(with such tough in-mall competition as Burger Chef and Wags, the place is usually packed) Giannetto's ...1/2 (excellent stuffed pizza) Village Inn \*(I'd rather eat my change) Luigi's \*1/2 (too flat, too thin, colder than a well-diggers rear end) And there you have it. The best and the worst, the peaks and the valleys. So next time you put a pizza in your mouth that tastes like a spare tire, don't say I didn't warn you.

## Laven wins scholarship

by Sheila Huang

Over the years many talented musicians have struck their roots at Adams and have gone on to pursue careers in the field of music. A likely candidate to join this distinguished list of musicians is Senior Steve Laven. Steve is principal cellist in the Adams Orchestra, and was recently chosen for the South Bend Symphony. This past summer Steve participated in the Congress of Strings held at the University of Cincinnati. During the prestigious eight week gathering Steve studied under Mr. Hans Jensen. Jensen was undoubtedly impressed with

Steve's fine talent because he offered him a four year scholarship to study music at the University of Houston. When asked whether he would accept the offer, Steve replied that he would probably audition at other colleges, but there is still a good chance that he will attend Houston. If he should decide to enroll there we should all prepare ourselves for a few "howdys," and "y'all" from Steve during his college years.

Steve is also a fine singer and was recently elected President of the John Adams Concert Choir. We should all wish this talented musician well as he looks forward to an exciting musical future.

## Cast announced for "Our Town"

With the tedious process of tryouts now completed, preparations are underway for the John Adams Drama Club's 1980 fall production of "Our Town" which will be presented on November 6, 7, and 8 in the Little Theatre.

Actually, the choice of plays was rather surprising, considering that the cast is large (18 parts) and a great deal of talent graduated last June. However, director Mrs. Marilyn Goerner decided it would be better to allow as many people as possible to gain some acting experience. As a result, there were a number of new faces in attendance at tryouts. In all, seven students who have never previously been on the Adams stage


received parts.

"Our Town" is Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning drama. The action begins in the year 1901 and is set in the New Hampshire village of Grover's Corners. It focuses on almost all facets of life--work, school, home, romance, marriage and most importantly, death.

The casting is as follows:  
Stage Manager: . . . Lisa Fujawa  
Dr. Gibbs . . . . . John Manier  
Mrs. Gibbs . . . . . Lisa Layman  
George Gibbs . . Brad Abusamra  
Rebecca Gibbs . . Shannon Kerrihard  
Mr. Webb . . . . . Dave Darnell  
Mrs. Webb . Jennifer Frieden

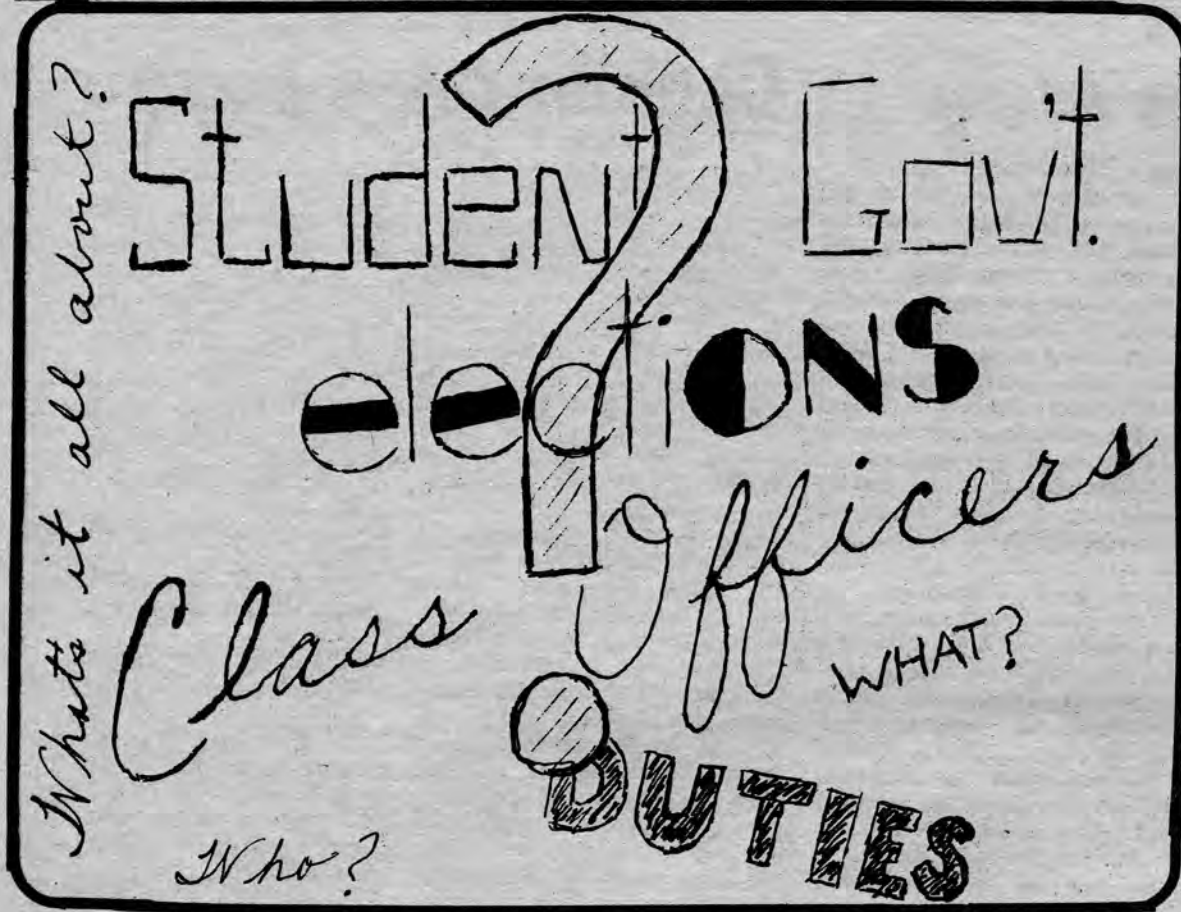
Emily Webb . . . . . Lisa Macri  
Wally Webb . . . . . Robert Mengel  
Mrs. Soames . Patrice Davies  
Simon Stimson . Mark Weisman  
Howie Newsome . Keith Kirk  
Constable Warren . . . . . Scott Parent  
Miss Willard . . . . . Anita Griffiths  
Joe Crowell . . . . . Dan Barcus  
Si Crowell . . . . . Todd Putman  
Sarah Craig . Sara Schoeneman  
Joe Stoddard . . . . . Pat Hughes  
There are also walk-on rolls which have yet to be filled. These parts don't require much rehearsal time and would not interfere with athletics or other activities. If you are interested, see Mrs. Goerner in the Little Theatre.

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## Student offices explained

Do you have any idea of what Student Government is all about? How about class officers? Now many students seem to know very much about these organizations and what is involved with them. Firstly, this article will explain what these organizations are meant to do and secondly will offer some information regarding how an interested student can become involved.

Student Government represents the entire student body and its purpose is to advise the administration of the student opinions regarding decisions affecting them and to foster school spirit and unity. How can you become involved? On October 14 during homeroom the elections will be held to choose eight members to represent each class. Another four members will be selected from each class at a later date by the elected members. Keep your ears open for the announcement of when the self nomination sheet will be posted. All you have to do is write your name down and it will appear on the ballot on October 14. Class officers are very different

from Student Government, although a student may be elected to both organizations. Class officers represent only their individual classes. They have responsibility for raising money for the class. They formerly were in charge of Spirit Week, but this has, as of last year, become a Student Government function. Elections for class officers were held last year, with the exception of the present Freshman. This election date will be posted.

Are these elections popularity contests? In Mr. Hadaway's opinion, no, they are not. He explains that in his years as Student Government sponsor the quality of the members has always been good. He feels that the members have been consistently interested in making Adams a better place to be. Many students, however, feel that these elections are in fact a popularity contest, yet many of these same students do not run for office. The TOWER reminds the student body that anyone may run, and encourages anyone interested to do so. Now is the time to make your decisions.

## Students talk about prayer in school

by Mark Scherer

Until recently, most public schools started with a prayer. Although some schools had mandatory prayers, the specific prayer struck down was nondenominational, to be said on a voluntary basis. The New York State Board of Regents had composed it to be acceptable to all Christian religions. The Supreme Court ruled in the case, Engel vs. Vitale, that it was "no part of the business of government to compose official prayers for any group of the American people to recite as part of a religious program carried on by government."

The issue of prayer in public schools was certainly not resolved by this one court decision, however, and there is a continuing controversy over what role prayer has in public schools. One Adams student, supporting mandatory prayer in school, said "Some people may be offended, but most

people would welcome the chance to act out their religion. I don't believe the rights of a few should take away from the rights of the many." Most of the students disagreed with this opinion on prayer. Geane Ollman said, "Mandatory prayer should not be considered because certain people may be offended." Mike Hanlon expounded on the same view when he said, "I don't think there should be mandatory prayer in schools. People would be offended because it might not have anything to do with their religion, and that would be discrimination."

One idea for prayer is a system that would allow a student to volunteer to say a prayer in front of the classroom. If anyone was offended they could leave the room and work on other activities for the duration of the prayer. The question of this idea's constitutionality has yet to be answered. Adams students do have their opinions on the matter. John

Willems and Carole Wong agree to the idea of voluntary prayer. "Everyone should be introduced to some form of religion, but should be able to form their own opinions and practice their own prayer if they want. But I don't feel that everyone should benefit from religion in the public school system," was Carole's opinion. Other students were against voluntary prayer for various reasons. Some were against all prayer whatsoever inside a school. Others were worried about the ostracism of those who choose not to participate in prayer. Frank Walker took a pragmatic viewpoint, saying, "Voluntary prayer wouldn't work because everyone would be embarrassed and none would volunteer."

Kirsten Washburn dismissed the idea of prayer held during school as inevitably offensive to certain people, whether they had to listen to the prayer or not. She did have a novel idea relating prayer to

school, though. "There is a public school I know of that holds a prayer meeting before school. It has been getting a larger turnout every day. It was started and organized by a few students who get permission to use one of the classrooms in the morning. If enough people at Adams want to start meeting like that, I think it would be great." Would anyone out there like to start a similar system at Adams?

Inevitably, the final decisions on prayer in public schools will not be decided by the students affected, but by the Supreme Court and the justices who make up the court. The students can only take limited action by doing what they can to elect the President of their choice, and therefore indirectly influencing the appointment of Supreme Court Justices. Every student is still entitled to and should formulate an opinion on the matter, if only to be able to judge the court's decisions on a subject that concerns them.



## DECA Club sponsors Muscular Dystrophy run

Looking for fun, excitement, the thrill and agony of competition? This may just be what you're looking for, but then again it may not.

The John Adams D.E.C.A. club is getting in gear for its 2nd annual Muscular Dystrophy Run. Sponsored by the D.E.C.A. (Distributive Education Clubs of America) the race will take place at 2 p.m. on Oct. 12, 1980 at Potawatomi Park.

The run itself will swing from Potawatomi Park to Howard Park and then back to Potawatomi again. An aid station will be set up at Howard Park with South Bend city policemen helping out. Other activities include free Marathon T-shirts to be distributed to the first 300 registered runners, plus special awards to first place runners, with ribbons for the top ten in each division. The famous Adams marching band will

also be present at the festivities.

In the previous year, this Marathon was a marked success with over a hundred runners competing. The result was counted at about \$460 being donated to the Muscular Dystrophy foundation.

This year's run is hopefully going to be even more of a success with about a thousand dollars to be raised for muscular dystrophy.

The D.E.C.A. club stresses that this is also a community project, with all family members as well as teachers and students encouraged to register. Registration is at 1 p.m. on the day of the run or before Oct. 9. Registration fees are \$5.

The Tower wishes luck to the D.E.C.A. club on their latest community project, particularly newly elected pres. Terry Van Parys, vice pres. Theresa Alamassy and Treas. Cheryl Hammer.



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# Juniors pull upset in Powderpuff

by Lisa Frieden

Clear skies and warm temperatures were the recipe for the juniors victory in the 1980 Powder Puff Bowl. Prompted by the favorable weather, numerous fans flocked to School Field to see what possibly could have been classified as the roughest display of female football playing ever.

In the first game, the juniors leaped to a quick lead due to quarterback Beth Carter's flawless play, and Kathy Conno's untouchable speed. The raw freshmen displayed a strong defense and offense, led by Christin Anella at QB. However, they were not quite enough to stop the experienced juniors. The final score in the game was 25-0, but the void in the freshmen's score was not an indication of lack of talent, but lack of experience. Having a year under their belts should provide them

with a very strong chance next year.

The second game displayed a see-sawing of ball handling between the sophomores and seniors. Julie Davis, running back, put the sophs on the board early, but Roz Dickens pulled the seniors out of the hole to make the score 6-6 at the half. The second half was dominated totally by the seniors. Defensive ends, Beth Dziubinski and Diane Menzie were destructive when it came to the sophomore's offensive efforts, initiated by QB Jane Wygant. Theresa Engeman rallied up 12 points to allow the seniors to advance to the finals. The game ended with the seniors victorious 18-6.

The final game was definitely the finest display of flag football and can possibly be categorized as hand to hand combat. The junior defensive unit, led by Greta Roemer, Ruth Henry and Marcia

Robertson stunted many of the senior's attacks. The juniors offense scored first but this early lead inspired the seniors offensive and defensive players to cut the margin to one point at the half.

The second half was filled with emotion. Battling neck and neck until the final 24 seconds, the juniors emerged the victors after a missed extra point, 14-12. Senior running back Sandy Call executed near-perfect ball handling, and defensive players Greta Ehler and Bebe Chavez held the juniors to only 2 touchdowns.

All in all, the 1980 powderpuff tournament was a success. Credit is given to all of the male cheerleaders and coaches for their time and effort. A special thanks is extended to the senior cheerleaders who put on quite a half-time show. Good luck to all aspiring powder-puffers next year and congratulations juniors.

## Tower Sports

### Eagle gridders frustrated again

by Kerry Kinney

Despite a frustrating 21-6 defeat at the hands of a powerful Clay team two weeks ago, the Eagles were definitely playing to win that night as they came within a point of tying the Colonials in a game that nearly ended as an upset in favor of Adams.

The Eagles then suffered a disastrous fumble on their first offensive series by receiver Cory Forrest, a tragedy which had haunted the Eagles before during the Mishawaka game. The results of this was equally disappointing with the Colonials picking off the fumble and marching a short 21 yards for a touchdown putting Clay ahead, 7-0.

But it was here that a dynamic Adams defense, backed with superb penetration by the defensive line and linebackers held Clay to their 7 point mark, allowing the Adams offense possession of the ball for most of the first half. This alone was an incredible feat and proved the potency of a tough Eagle defense.

The second half started with Clay receiving the ball. The Colonials didn't make much headway against the Eagles, however and it seemed as though another undramatic offensive series had unfolded. Undramatic, that is, until Adams offensive linebacker Jerry Alford intercepted a Colonial pass and, in a spectacular performance similar to the interception and 88 yard TD run he completed for the Eagles against Washington, sped in for an Eagle TD and six points for the Eagles. This action put new life into a stagnant Adams ball game.

The Eagles regained possession of the ball in mid-third quarter but

a combination of backfield confusion and the lack of really sufficient front line blocking resulted in a frustrating no-gain situation for the Eagles.

The Colonials gained dominant control of the ball in the 4th quarter and in the last few minutes of the game achieved two successful series over an increasingly sluggish Adams defensive secondary. This put the score at its final 21-6 mark.

Doing good work for the offense were quarterback Rick Perkins and backers Jerome Whitaker and Kevin Williams. On the offensive line, many good blocking efforts were handed in by linemen Jay Colbert, Mike Kinney and Doug Wood.

On defense, linebacker Jerry Alford again appeared dominant for the Eagles, being a potent threat for Clay's offense and performing superbly. Linebacker Kevin Sweeney also contributed a fine job for Adams. In the defensive secondary excellent efforts were put out by backers Bill Martinov and Scott Thallemer. While on the line many fine penetrating efforts were contributed by linemen Zach Bivens, Mike Curl and Damon Hertz.

A week later on a windswept night at Michigan City's Ames Field, the Eagles played against a homecoming M.C. Elston hungry for victory after a 17 game losing streak. This the Red Devils won at Adams expense, defeating the Eagles 13-0.

The game began with the Eagles receiving the ball and at first making good progress against a weak Elston defense. However, again a poorly coordinated Eagles offense failed to consistently gain

sufficiently despite fine efforts from backers Kevin Williams and Joe Perry and by quarterback Rick Perkins.

M.C. Elston fared much better on offense despite making many errors on several key, well-executed plays. The Red Devils first scored in the first quarter and then again at the end of the second quarter, bringing Elston's lead to 13-0.

The Eagles weren't without many great opportunities in the first half, with linebacker Kevin Sweeney intercepting an Elston pass midway in the first quarter and another interception, this time by defensive backer Bill Martinov, with 4:00 left in the second quarter. These opportunities, however, went unexploited.

In the second half the Eagles performed far better, driving deep into Elston territory on several offensive series, reaching as far as the Elston 70 yard line due to an incredible 70 yard run by offensive back Jimmy Scott. Yet again, because of a disorganized offensive line, the offense could not break through to score while the Red Devils held their 13-point lead to the end of the game.

On defense, strong efforts were again turned in by linebackers Jerry Alford and Kevin Sweeney, and by backers Bill Martinov, Charles Murphy and Scot Thallemer. On the line, stiff and skillful performances were committed by linemen Mike Curl, Leonard Foster, Brian Smith and Ken Watkins. The Eagles will again be looking to end a frustrating losing streak by capturing an elusive first victory against the Wildcats of Riley.



Sherri Hover slams one down in volleyball action.

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### Cross Country ends season 11-3

by Russ Pyles

The boys Cross-Country team ended their season on a high note, with wins over Washington and Clay high schools. The harriers finished their season with a dual meet record of 11 wins and only three losses. The 11-3 record is one of, if not the best seasonal record a John Adams Cross-Country team has ever compiled. With the sectional tournament starting at 4:00 today, the Eagles hope to start their journey downstate.

The last two weeks of the regular season saw the Eagles win three meets while losing only one. The three wins came against Riley, Washington and Clay. The lone loss was to powerhouse Penn High. Against Riley, Jeff Sypniewski set a course and school record at 16:16.

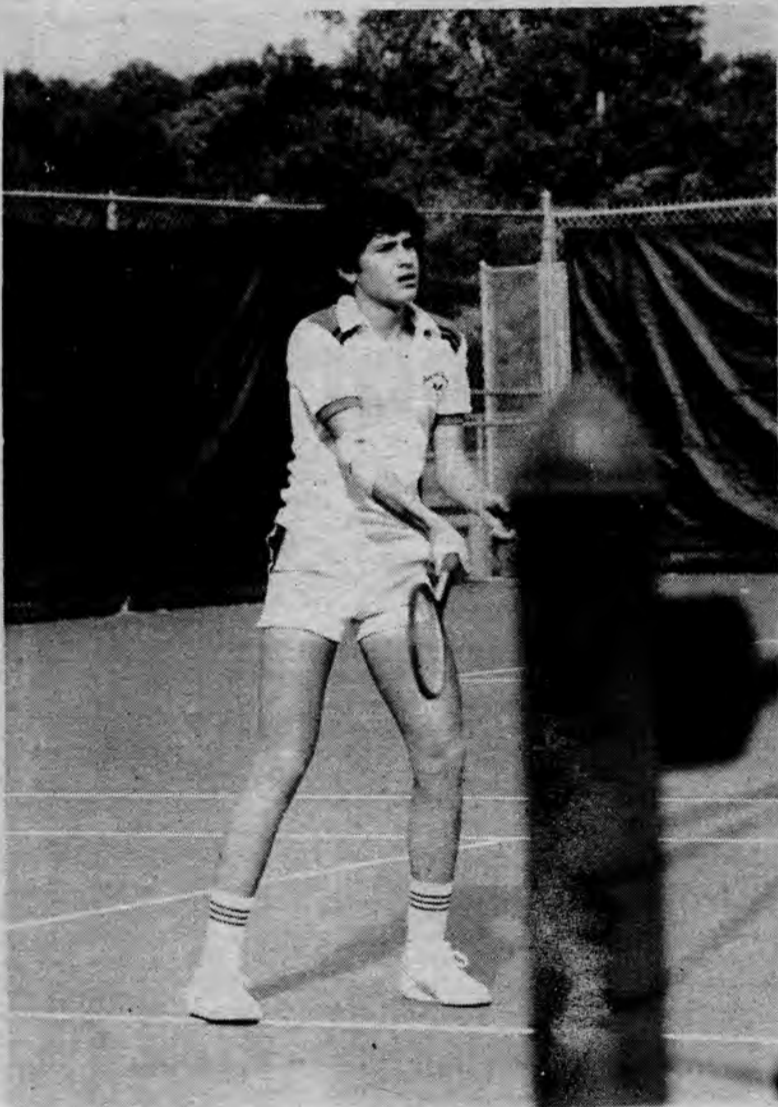
Rick VanLue finished only 4 seconds behind. Lenny Randazzo finished 4th, Kevin Otolski 6th and Russ Pyles finished 8th to clinch the first N.I.C. regular season victory over Riley in 5 years. Penn High was next, on a dreary, rainy day at Erskine golf course. All of the runners times were slower than they were the meet before, that is all except Penn's Jim Nagle, who ran an astounding 15:52 to smash Sypniewski's old course record. Penn's other runners also ran well, and won by the score of 24-32. The meet was close, but the Eagles believe that in the sectional tourney, they can bring home the crown that Penn has worn for many years.

The last two meets were also run at Erskine against two of the teams Adams has always looked to for

their wins. Against Washington, the pace was slow, but Adams still captured the first four places on route to a 17-39 win. On the last day of the regular season, and also the last dual meet the seniors would run, Senior Rick VanLue led the way to a course record 16:14. The final score of the meet was 18-39. The win finished off a fine Conference record of 6 wins and three losses. This enabled Adams to finish in a three way tie for second place in the NIC.

With the regular season behind them, the Eagles are awaiting the chance to become the first South Bend team to travel downstate in 26 years. It won't be easy, but the runners are ready; ready to train that extra week before the State finals on Nov. 1st.

# Another one bites the dust / Tennis goes down state



Paul Koscielski takes his winning form down state tomorrow.

by Greta Roemer

The Boys tennis team has been busy . . . winning. In the past two weeks they have swept up the sectional, regional and semi-state titles. Adams fans have learned to expect their dominance and turn out in higher numbers with every match. In the sectional Adams had the tougher half of the draw, but blasted through Clay 4-1, first round. In the semi-finals against Penn, they had a scare. The match was deadlocked at 2-2 and only the #1 doubles team of Lee Fonacier and Bill Witsken remained. They pulled out a second set tiebreaker to clinch the match for Adams 3-2. In the finals, Adams was again pitted against Riley and Adams' pessimists were heard to give mutterings of premonition. However, those were dispelled as

Adams coasted to a 4-1 victory and a sectional crown with a berth in Wednesday's regional against Plymouth. Here is where the 15-match winning streak started. Plymouth was obviously outclassed and bowed out 5-0. Saturday's semi-state had four teams participating: Concord, LaPorte, Highland and Adams. First Highland fell victim to Adams' clutches and added to their impressive streak of 10-0. The cold, blustery day was a perfect setting for an upset. But Adams didn't beat LaPorte, they blanked them 5-0 and sent them running home to wonder what went wrong. Adams simply outclassed them and left no doubt whatsoever which team was going down state.

Paul Koscielski, a freshman who plays #1, leads the team with a

record of 21-0. Matt Koscielski at #2 and captain of this state-bound team, sports an equally impressive 20-1 record. Chris Toal has become an increasingly important asset as he gains momentum with every match. Lee Fonacier and Bill Witsken, the team's appointed cheerleaders, carry a winning streak of 8 and a season record of 18-2 at #1 doubles. And the two freshmen at #2 doubles, Chris Foley and Benson Yang tallied three solid wins in regional and semi-state competition.

Which brings us to the present. Adams fans, do you realize that our team is among the best four in the state? Tomorrow in Indianapolis at North Central High School they will attempt to become the best. Good luck to them all. Bring back the gold!

## B-team, frosh football on winning track

by Kerry Kinney

In B-team and frosh football action, the Eagles reserve team broke a 0-3 losing streak in defeating Washington on Sept. 5. This victory was all the sweeter, coming off a disappointing loss to Mishawaka 35-14 the previous week.

Playing against Mishawaka at Steele Field, the Adams B-team again showed their skill at shutting out the Caveman offense and gaining considerable yardage on offense. The Eagles defensive secondary, however, was relatively weak and couldn't stop a strong Mishawaka passing game. On offense, Adams put together a powerful passing game, and a good running game, but couldn't make it count as they failed to score on most of their offensive series. The final score bore the result: 35-14.

In a game against the Panthers of Washington the following week, the Eagles were able to put their "always losing" jinx to rest by beating the Panthers in a tight game stretching into overtime. The first, second and third quarters

were anything but dramatic as the lackluster offense of both teams failed to make headway. The Panthers were able to score a TD late in the first but lost the extra point a linebacker Tom Wroblewski shut out the kick.

The Eagles, however, showed their real colors in the second half. After a scoreless third quarter, Adams scored in the fourth quarter when tight end Scott Walten broke loose on a 35-yard touchdown. The extra point was lost, however, and both teams went into overtime play at a score of 6-6.

It was here that the once lackluster Eagles took control. The defensive squad capped the Panthers from making a touchdown, forcing them to settle for a field goal. Then the offensive unit took the field driving 13 yards in three plays down to the Panther 2-yard line. The Eagles then decided to go for broke on the fourth down and took the greatest risk of the game. The gamble paid off, however, when the Eagles slammed through the Panther defense, thus defeating Washington 12-9.

Good performances were contributed during the Mishawaka game by defensive linemen Dow Goodrich and Frank Susskie, and linebacker Tom Wroblewski on offense, outstanding efforts were made by offensive back Kevin Williams and quarterback Brian Biggs.

During the Washington game, fine efforts were again made by offensive backs Kevin Williams, quarterback Brian Biggs and tight end Scott Walten, linebackers Tom Wroblewski and Steve Collier, and linemen Steve Poland and Rick Yazich.

In freshman football action, the frosh Eagles were narrowly defeated by a tough Washington squad at a score of 7-6.

A week later, however, the frosh regained their winning initiative by defeating Jackson at Jackson. Score: 8-0.

In the coming weeks, the Adams B-team will use their new winning momentum to gain a successful season.

The frosh will also use their regained momentum to roll over their opponents.

## Sports Box

### Volleyball ranked seventh in state

The John Adams volleyball team is currently ranked No. 7 in the state of Indiana. They also hold an impressive record of 4-1 in the Northern Indiana Conference and 6-2 overall.

Adams only loss in conference was against Mishawaka. Mishawaka and Clay were tied for first in conference with Adams behind at a close second. Adams defeated Clay, leaving Mishawaka as the only undefeated team. However, Clay and Mishawaka have not met in the regular season. If Clay defeats Mishawaka, Adams, Clay and Mishawaka will be in a three way tie for NIC.

Adams suffered a second loss to a tough St. Joe team. St. Joe, however, is not a conference team, but, like Adams, they are one of the toughest teams around. "We play St. Joe again in their invitational and we'll be ready," Ganser announced.

If both St. Joe and Adams can maintain a high level of consistency throughout the rest of the season, it is highly likely they could meet a third time, in the Mishawaka sectionals.

Adams victories have come against Concord, Marian, LaSalle, Riley, Penn and Clay. They have also been successful in two invitationals. They took first in both the Ft. Wayne Snider Invitational and the Concord Invitational.

The volleyball team appreciates all the support you have given them and hopes you continue supporting your team.

### Girls Cross Country having great first year

There is something new to be found at Cross-Country meets this year, something that has been heard of for a few years, but has never come to the surface until this year. It's girls cross country, and it is big. Every school has at least two girls on their team, and a majority of the teams have enough girls to have a separate team. As of now, there isn't an official girls cross country team anywhere, but it is only a matter of time before the girls will have their own meets and their own courses.

Girls cross country differs slightly from boys C.C. but the idea is still the same; to finish a grueling 3000 meter course before your opponent does. The John Adams girls have had the most successful program in the area this year. The seasonal record is 7-0, and would have been even better, but some teams don't have enough runners to compete in a full meet. In almost every meet this year, the girls have finished 1-2-3 on their opponents. Leading the way has been Junior Linda Lowman, who has won every official dual meet she has run in. Next is Freshman Linda Hemphill, who last Thursday, broke Linda Lowmans course record at Erskine with an outstanding 11:40. Senior and first year runner Moe McNulty has been running well all year, and Seniors Geraldine Chavez and junior Val Schlossberg have been steadily bringing down their times all year.

The girls have been a positive influence on the team this year, always giving encouragement during the boys meets and practices. As last years city champions, the girls have been looking forward to this year's tournament in hopes of defending their title.



Eagle offense squares off against Clay.