

Many improvements in effect, others still planned

In November 1978 the North Central Evaluation Committee visited Adams and composed a report of constructive criticisms. The report contained an extremely favorable evaluation. The committee was especially impressed with the friendly, sincere relationship between students and faculty. They found the strength of Adams' academic area equally impressive, with over 180 courses reaching all levels, from regular to advanced placement.

The main area of weakness was in the facilities. There will always be problems in large buildings, especially one as old as Adams. Despite several problems, this is an excellent building," commented Mr. Przybysz. Improvements in the

heating system, ventilation, offices, library, locker rooms and little theater were suggested.

Extensive measures to correct the heating system have been taken, among which was the hiring of a new, more qualified engineer. The ventilation in rooms 227 and 228 has been corrected and many other filters have been taken apart and thoroughly cleaned. The ventilation and gas leak in the kiln in room 145 have also been repaired.

Plans have been drawn up to provide more office space, but these plans are not on the list of priorities. The suggestions for reorganization of library materials and added instruction have been considered invalid, as all freshmen

receive this instruction in their English class.

The criticisms of the locker rooms concerned the ventilation and the distance to the gym class area. Measures taken to provide locker rooms nearer to the gyms would be unrealistic, however, the ventilation systems have been repaired. Also the pool and pool locker rooms ceilings were totally rebuilt last year.

The home-ec labs, IA workshops and language labs also came under attack. In the area of home-ec "a 1940 lab with modern equipment," all sewing machines and clothes dryers have been replaced and a total remodeling has been requested as a top priority. The air ducts of the collechuge machines were

fixed. Several problems with repair mechanics have arisen for installing the new cassette adapters in the language labs, but with work orders sent in, the installation will be completed before too long.

Improvements in the academic area include purchases of adequate reading materials for English and social studies classes, replacement of a large portion of the classroom furniture, introduction of sociology, economics, journalism, and a special reading skills classes. Mr. Allen has made great efforts to improve relations with the feeder schools in order to increase the number of choir participants.

The guidance counselors have introduced evening counseling

sessions in order to provide more contact with students and not to serve as merely as schedulers. More time is spent with all the students of each class to provide the opportunity for counseling on school related as well as extra-curricular problems.

The measures taken to improve all areas of John Adams are impressive. Although the evaluation was primarily favorable, each recommendation was analyzed and acted upon accordingly. Mr. Przybysz felt that "There was no crucial thing that needed to be done in order to make this an excellent school, but we used many of the suggestions for improvement."

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Issues discussed in interview

by Mark Miller

Mr. Przybysz has always felt that it is very important to be approachable to the student body. Often it is very hard for a principal to get his views across the students. The TOWER will have a certain section in each edition for "The Principal's Side" an informal interview with Mr. William Przybysz.

I talked to Mr. Przybysz on Friday, October 24, and we discussed things going on around school.

Q: What effects have the student hall monitors, instituted last year, at every corner had on the problems with people wandering through the halls while school is in session.

A: There haven't been as many problems with people wandering through school as there have been in the past. The program has been

successful in its purpose by providing extra eyes searching the halls. There have been several instances in which monitors have pushed the office button and asked for one of the hall guards to accost a suspicious visitor wandering around. He added that anyone wishing to enter the school as a visitor can get a pass at the attendance office.

It is very important that the student body understands that I remember what it was like to be a high school student. I appreciate the fooling around that goes on around school as long as it is kept in hand.

This year, the other administrators and I have decided to join the kids for lunch. Almost every day, Mr. Przybysz can be seen outside walking around the grounds joking with and talking to the students outside. He is very concerned over

the problems students congregating across Mish. Avenue have been causing residents and businesses in the area. After lunch hour each day there are always many discarded cups and wrappers from food eaten during lunch. "I am sure that there is more than people being drunk and some funny smelling cigarettes being smoked by this small group of Adams students, and others who come at lunch for the party." I have called the police a couple of times to make sure no one is getting hurt and nothing is being destroyed in the area. But, I have too many responsibilities to baby-sit for every student in the school.

Mr. Przybysz ended on a good note "I'm very pleased with the attitude of the majority of the student body. Things have gone very smoothly this grading period."

Frieden Junior Kiwanian

The Junior Kiwanian for the month of November is Lisa Frieden. As Junior Kiwanian Lisa will attend luncheons on Thursdays at the Century Center.

Lisa is a member of the National Honor Society and both a writer and artist for the Tower. She also is the sports editor for the ALBUM and a worker at Macri's Bakery. Lisa plans to attend DePauw University.



Orchestra plans concert

The John Adams Orchestra is presently planning for a concert on November 13th. The orchestra will play "Concertino," by Samuel Adler, and a Concerto Grosso by Dall'Abaco. Band members will join the orchestra for "Hungarian Dance #3" by Brahms and "Modo Espagnol" The choir will be joining the band and orchestra for a number entitled "Song of Democracy" by Howard Hanson.

The orchestra participated in the South Bend Community School Corporation's annual "String-along" on November 5th. The South Bend area high schools joined together to form a giant

orchestra. Featured numbers included "Solitude," a Duke Ellington piece, "the English Folk Song Sutie," "Contrasts in a minor," and "Showboat." A highlight of the concert was Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #5 conducted by James Scamman, School Superintendent.

The orchestra, band, and choir are looking forward to a well attended performance. Tickets can be purchased from orchestra students for 50c. Student support is requested.

The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. at the IUSB auditorium.

Everyone to the hoedown

O.K. pardners, round up your western gear, grab your best girl, and come on out to the old corral Friday, November 14th. Yep! Them critters from publications are planning the biggest hoe-down ever. Saddle up your horses and ride on over. The pickin' and a grinnin' starts at 8:00 p.m. There'll be door prizes, costume prizes, and

WRBR is giving away albums! And for those varmints out there who work up an appetite, you can check out the chuck wagon and the ole watering hole. Yessiree, it's goin' to be a humdinger of a dance. And don't forget that publications is taking pictures for the Album. So get your tickets not 'cause them cowpokes are roping 'em fast!



'School Phobia' common student illness

WASHINGTON (SPS)--"School phobia"- that's the name psychologists have given to the sick feeling some students get when they think about going to school.

And it's relatively common. Psychologists estimate that 1 percent of all students sometime during their school career suffer from school phobia.

But the problem is just beginning to gain recognition among medical people, and school officials are even further behind, often diagnosing the phobia as truancy.

"Unfortunately, teachers and school administrators fail to be aware of such a disorder," Washington psychologist Winifred Gray said. Attendance officers and parents may even complicate the situation by forcing phobics into the classroom.

The disorder can manifest itself in headaches, stomachaches, nausea and vomiting, according to Dr. Theodore Shapiro, chief of child psychology at New York-Cornell Medical Center. "It is an expression that can take various forms," he said. A true phobic, however, is seized by intense anxiety and an irrational fear of school. This fear is usually a symptom of another problem.

"In treating a child, it is evident that there is an underlying problem," said Dr. James Herrell, acting director of the Montgomery County Mental Health Services Division. Sexual anxiety, fear of abandonment by parents, hostile regression, and stress at home are causes of school phobia. Parents may also be part of the problem. "I had a case where a teenage boy

really wanted to go to school but was afraid to leave his mother," Keith Wagner, social worker for the Community Psychiatric Clinic in Maryland, said.

A student suffering from school phobia requires special attention from parents, doctors, and school officials, or may develop a more serious problem, psychologists agree. For public schools, which lose federal funds when students don't attend, getting the child to class takes priority over emotions.

"Schools want to wash their hands when dealing with the emotional problem of a student. They are mainly concerned with academics and feel that the emotional part of a child is the responsibility of the family, not the school," social worker Wagner said.-LP

Calendar

November

- Fri. 7 Our Town - Little Theatre 8 pm
- Sat. 8 Our Town - Little Theatre 8 pm
- Girls Swimming Sectionals - Clay H.S.
- IUSB "The Trojan Woman" 8 pm N158
- Tues. 11 Veterans Day - No School
- Thurs 13 Boys' Swimming - M.C. Elston - Here 7 pm.
- Fri. 14 Publications Dance - 8 pm.
- Final date for Late Registration, SAT, ACH Tests
- Sat. 15 IUSB "Rocky Howor Show" N158 10:30 pm.
- Sun. 16 IUSB Seven Brides for Seven Bros. 8 pm. N158
- Mon. 17 Fall Sports Banquet 6:30 pm.
- Wed. 19 Parent/Student Financial Aid Night
- Fri. 21 Boy's Basketball Crown Point - Here 8 pm.
- Sat. 22 Boy's Basketball - Merrillville - There 8 pm.
- Sun. 23 IUSB Smiles of a Summer Night 8 pm. N158

Editorial/Lust and Passion

by Sandy Outlaw

Romeo - It's time for 4th hour, we better go.
 Juliet - Must we.
 Romeo - I'm afraid so.
 Juliet - Okay, but until lunch and I see you again.
 Romeo - One more kiss before I go.
 Juliet - With pleasure.
 Stage direction: (Passionately the two "lovers" kiss and go happily on their way to 4th hour.)
 This scene is a familiar sight in the Adams' halls. It happens between all hours of the day.
 These students are engaging in "open love." This is otherwise known as flaunting their affections in front of others. The "lovers"

may not realize how offensive this is to the students. We come to school for an education, not to see couples drowning themselves in slobbering kisses and suffocating from lack of air.
 A majority might think that the students that object to it are jealous. The real reason is there is a time and place for everything. Now is not the time, in school is not the place.
 Why do the "lovers" advertise in halls? I asked them. The answer was "I don't know." Well, I don't know either, neither do others.
 A question arises with this subject. What can be done about "open love." To combat this

problem other schools have already taken action. For example many Elkhart Community Schools have established "hands off" policies because the problem became out of control. Hopefully Adams will not have to go to such an extreme, but if it comes to that it might be well deserved.
 Juliet - Darling at last.
 Romeo - I thought 4th hour would never end.
 Juliet - Who cares, the most important thing is we're together now.
 Stage direction: (Once again the two "lovers" passionately kiss and happily go on their way.)



See 'Our Town'; without sweating

By Mark Weisman

Wouldn't it be nice to see a good play in the cool and comfortable Little Theater?
 "Wait a minute," you might say, "that darn Little Theater has always been an oven and it always will be."
 Well, not necessarily, because workmen have recently finished installing a brand new ventilation system which should relieve the Little Theater of its "oven" reputation. After years of sweat, playgoers can finally enjoy the fine Drama Club productions in a cooler climate.
 Although things should now be easier on patrons, the situation hasn't been so easy on the cast for this fall's play, "Our Town." Installation of the system began later than expected and took three long weeks to complete. Now, three weeks may not seem like a terribly

long span of time, but when you've got only six weeks to prepare a play it can be an eternity. Just ask anyone working on "Our Town." Three long weeks were spent laboring in the Auditorium, where Little Theater conditions had to be simulated--especially size.
 But with one week remaining the Little Theater finally became available again. And the real work began. At a frenzied pace the players once again became accustomed to the stage.
 All these obstacles have now been overcome as "Our Town" sees its final performances tonight and tomorrow night. It should prove to be a most memorable evening for everyone who sees the show. Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning classic has become one of America's all time favorites, and for good reason. The action revolves around a rural New Hampshire town at the turn of the

century. The play shows the living, loving, and dying that takes place in the lives of two main families--and it does so in such a way that only "Our Town" can seem to do. Whether you have seen it before, or studied it in English class, or if you have never heard of it at all, chances are good that an unforgettable evening is in store.
 The cast, crew, and director have been hard at work to make the show a success. Several new facets will be seen at work in this production. Beside the ventilation system, the set crew has constructed a semi-thrust stage to accommodate the changing action of the play. But newest of all are the fresh faces to be seen in the cast.
 All of this adds up to one thing--an evening to remember for those who see "Our Town" on November 6, 7 and 8.
 And in cool weather, too.

Adopt a frosh

by Christina Bird

I was sitting in the yearbook office, revelling in my new found godhead as a sophomore, when I suddenly thought about the new class of freshmen. These rudderless souls were wandering through the halls, lost, and I realized then that it was my responsibility to guide them along the path to a secure life as a John Adams High School student.
 All fragments of superiority put aside, the institution of a frosh or new student "adoption" program at Adams would be an asset to at least the younger twenty-five percent of the JA population, if not more. One of the hardest problems to overcome at a new school is that a few of the other students know you. It's hard for people to meet the freshmen, because they are so worried about being at a new school. Unless you have classes with them (or are related to them), freshmen stay as anonymous as the upperclassmen were when I arrived. Last year in the adoption program, the ice between lower and upperclassmen would be broken and friendships could get

started in a situation where previously isolated newcomers kept to themselves.
 An "adoptive parent" would be responsible for teaching a new student the ins and outs of life in the "big school": showing them the cafeteria and classrooms; warning them about the teachers, advisors, and hall guards to "watch out for;" and introducing them to the indomitable school spirit. Volunteers from among the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, after meeting their "children" could organize activities to show the new students around Adams. After a while, the "parent" would probably not be necessary- the eaglets would be ready to leave the nest-but hopefully at least a pleasant acquaintance would be started.
 Programs similar to this have been implemented by high schools around the country, and could be just as successful here. Changing schools is a traumatic experience for freshmen, and it is the duty of us "gods" to help them through it.

Attention Adams Chessmen:

by Ted Liu

Because of a mix-up, the John Adams Chess Club wasn't represented in the club fair. For those who are interested, here is some information about the club.
 Sponsored by Mr. Krouse, the

Chess Club offers a chance to learn the game of chess and to improve chess skills. At the end of the year, the club enters chess tournaments through out Northern Indiana. If interested contact Mr. Krouse or Ben Crosson. Beginners and experts are both welcome.



The TOWER wishes to thank Mr. Szymanski who is building a suggestion box for the newspaper. Anyone can submit an opinion, editorials, etc...and their view will be printed in a section of The TOWER composed exclusively of student response. All materials should be turned in to the new suggestion box which will be located next to the desk in the cafeteria. The editorial board reserves the right to change articles which are submitted. Names need not be printed, but should accompany all articles.

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Faculty Focus: Mr. Wiand

by Ram Neta

What constitutes gravity? How are objects propelled? What does all matter have in common? Do these questions arouse your curiosity? If so, you are likely to find Mr. Dale Edward Wiand as your teacher in your years at Adams. Mr. Wiand is Adams High School's physics teacher. The period in which he has held this position is marked by a constant educational innovation in our excellent physics department. This innovation was the product of an interesting and talented teacher with a diversified background.

Mr. Wiand attended Riley High School. As a sophomore he was on the sectional champion cross-country team, in which he was ranked eighth highest runner. He lettered in basketball two years in a row. His love of athletics never left him as he later coached track for Adams

and Riley, and participated in other such competitive events as drag racing.

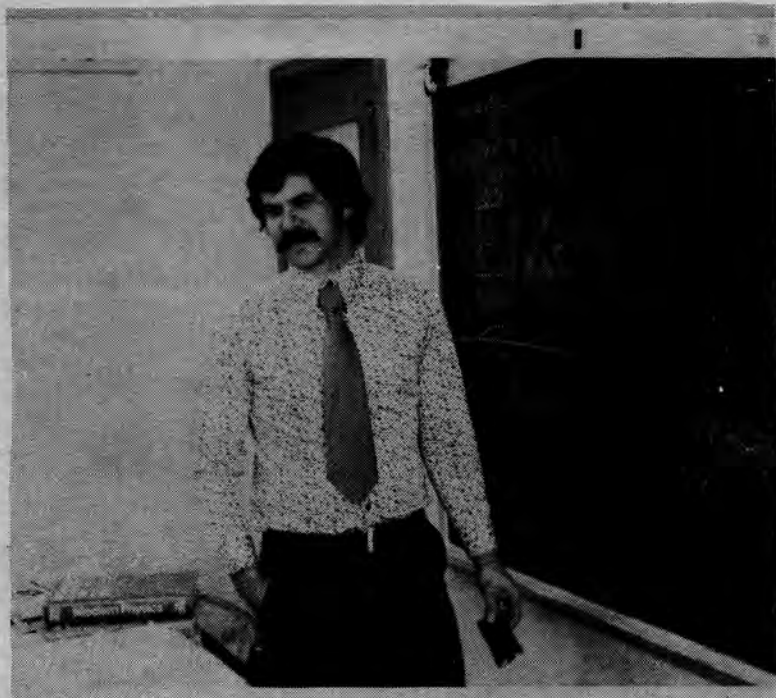
As a senior, Mr. Wiand's first serious interest in physics began. He attended Franklin College, where he received his B.A. in physics, then Notre Dame, where he earned an M.S. in physics. It was soon after receiving his degree that Mr. Wiand began teaching.

In the fall of 1968 Mr. Wiand joined the Riley faculty as a physical science and physics teacher. After seven years of teaching at Riley he moved to Adams. Says he "I'm ecstatic with the change." This being his sixth year at Adams, Mr. Wiand claims to be very pleased with the students and the program here. "I try to give the students a sound general background, not to

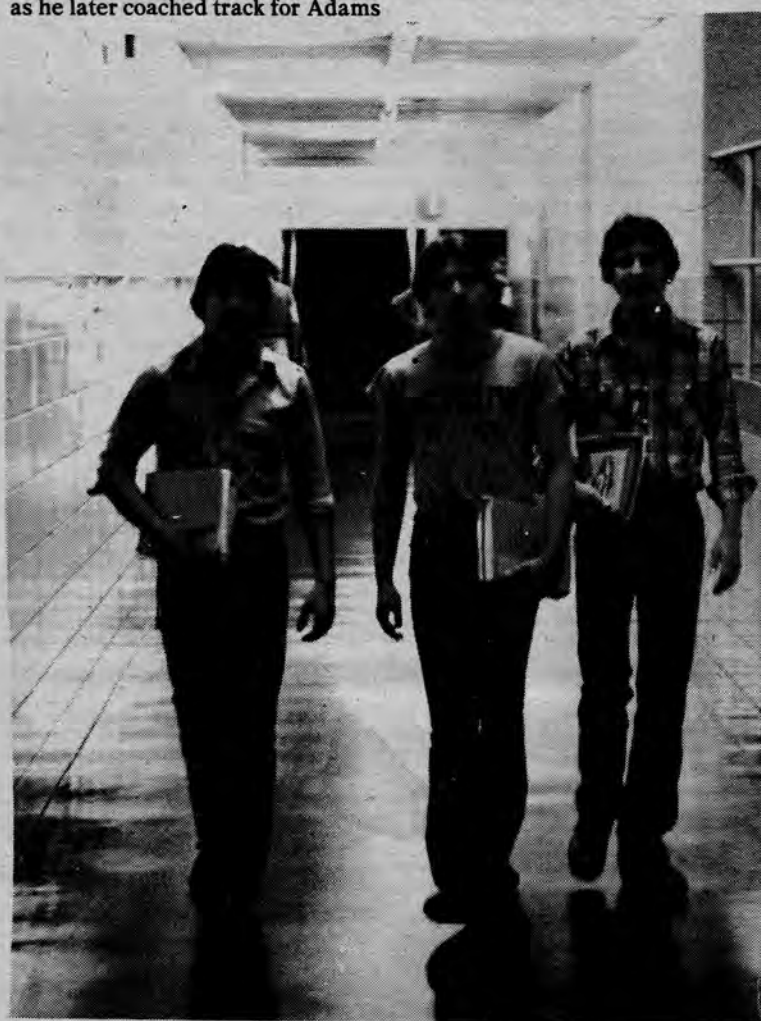
emphasize any one subject in order to detract from another."

As well as developing our physics program, Mr. Wiand has been very interested in forming a strong computer science program. He has recently helped form a computer club and is partly responsible for the formation of a computer science class. With the increasing importance of computers in both the scientific and everyday worlds, Mr. Wiand has added computer programming to his project physics class's curriculum. Last summer he took a class in computer science at Notre Dame and he found it fascinating.

It is to Mr. Wiand and teachers such as he that we attribute the excellence of Adams' science department. We are indeed fortunate to have him.



Sexes carry books differently



"Girls, Boys and Books"

Psychologists have done some research recently in some less exotic locales-schools to study an activity nearly everyone has shared, book carrying. Books are a common burden but boys and girls handle them differently almost from the start, on their way to developing two distinct styles.

By high school age, nearly all men carry books at their sides with their arms relatively straight. Eight out of ten women, in contrast, rest the lower edge of the book or books on their hip or pelvic bones, holding them against their bodies with one or both arms bent.

The obvious explanation for this difference in style is that there are differences in size, strength, and the shape of the body. But that is not the only factor involved, because the book carrying differences develop earlier in life than the physical ones.

Researchers recorded how students carried books on a chart list that described the carrying positions. In position A, the person is holding the book at his side, gripping the top of the book with his finger pointing down toward the ground. In position H, the

person clutches the book directly in front of her body with both hands of arms. In the six in between positions, the book is raised gradually until it is held against the body, about waist high, usually cradled in the arms.

Boys and girls in kindergarten lug their books in similar ways, with both favoring "masculine" position B. By the second grade girls and boys use very different methods. Boys use positions that are very rare.

Girls book-carrying techniques shift much more abruptly, except working class-whites position remains the favorite through the sixth grade, although G and other feminine positions gradually become more popular. A big change takes place in jr. high. Position B almost completely disappears from the girls to be replaced by position G and other like positions.

Working class white girls, in contrast, adopt female positions a lot more emphasis than do middle-class mothers, on their daughter's femininity. There were no obvious racial or economic differences in college and in later high school years, but the differences are present earlier. Height, weight

and body shape are very similar boys and girls until around the age of twelve.

These sexually similar growth patterns contrast very sharply with the sexually different book-carrying methods.

Phil Spotswood of the University of Tennessee found that differences in grip failed to account for the different ways male and female college students carry their books. Both sexes carry the same size book loads and use the different carrying regardless of grip strengths.

The researchers believe that the desire of imitating older children and adults, along with other social factors, helps in explaining the differences in styles of book-carrying. Also, position B appears to be more comfortable for men and position G for women because of their differences in physical structure. It also seems that boys are pressured more so by their friends to "carry their books like a man." than girls are to use the feminine book-carrying methods. This also accounts for the greater variety of methods used by females.

The TOWER will be sponsoring a "Name The Baby" contest in each edition. If you can identify the teachers whose pictures appear in this TOWER put your name, homeroom number and guess on a piece of paper and leave it in the box located next to the desk in the cafeteria. Only TOWER/ALBUM subscribers are eligible; a prize of five dollars [\$5] is offered.

Hints: Both of these teachers have classrooms on the same floor but they don't teach the same subject.



The Ultimate in Cinema

If you're going to see "Ordinary People" with hopes of catching a glimpse of Robert Redford, you'll be disappointed. But if you're going to see a good movie your intention will be more than fulfilled. For "Ordinary People" is one of the best movies to have come out in the past decade.

Its sensitive story about a family in Lake Forest, Illinois. Everyone who has ever been there knows of its beauty and those who haven't can also appreciate the scenery after seeing the movie. It's hard

not to notice the consistent wardrobe of buttondown shirts, boat shoes and crew neck sweaters worn by everyone who makes an appearance. The characters are what made the movie the success that it is. Each actor/actress fit their past realistically and with a convincing vigor. We don't want to go into more detail for fear of spoiling some of the movies freshness. The movie is unique and a wonderful experience for every one.

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Tower Sports

Frosh, B-team end season

by Kerry Kinney

The Adams' Frosh victory on Oct. 16 over Dickinson capped a 6-2 winning season. Making up a particularly good offense were linemen Andy Mesacar - center; right guard - Scott Parker; right tackle - Matt Bauer; left guard - Mike Johnson and left tackle Tim Long. In the offensive backfield, excellent efforts were made by quarterback Lynne Shawe and backers Chip Stafford, Joe Wingo, Rod Turner and Sonny Oakley. Playing tight end was tightened Andy Engeman and Britt Seaman.

On defensive line were nose tackle - Tom Donlon; slant tackle - Raymond Pedron and blood tackle Matt Bauer while Kevin Smith and Mike Taylor made up the ends. Positioned in the defensive secondary were backers Rod Hetterson, Joe Wingo and Eric Yuts while Scott Parker and Rod Turner were the defensive line-backers.

The B-team also achieved a good 3-4-1 record. Playing offense for the Eagle reserves were center-Jim Pyles; right guard-Brian Deneen; right tackle-Hank Coussens; left guard-Sean Lennon and left tackle Duane Kline. Playing tightend was Scott Walton. In the offensive backfield, fine efforts were contributed throughout the season by backers Cecil Gilbert, Jim Kauffman, Steve Dungey, Kevin Williams and by quarterbacks Brian Biggs and Dan Tarwacki.

On defense, fine efforts were turned in by slant tackle-Dow Goodrich; nose tackle-Frank Suskie; block tackle-Mike Redmar and by defensive ends Dave Lobeck and Joe Pask on the defensive line and by linebackers Tom Wroblewski and Brian Knipple. In the defensive secondary, excellent performances throughout the season were exerted by backers Ken Duxbury, Bob McCahill and Chris Williams.

Seagles ready to go

by Curt Clarisey

2nd year coach William Schlundt greeted the John Adams Swim Team with tougher practices and exercises. In doing this, Coach Schlundt hopes to return Adams to the swimming power it once was.

Coach Schlundt said that returning letter winners were Seniors Mike Deren, Charlie Wischpard and Juniors Jeff Dennen and Andy Jacobs. Returning numeral winners are Sophomores John Amico and Curt Clarisey. Rounding out the team

are 5 freshman swimmers, Rick Dennen, Mike Hanlon, Ty Herendeen, Mark McLouchlin and Dave Pugh, and three freshman divers, Sean Broecker, Todd Hamman and Kelly Keller.

Coach Schlundt also said the team lacks depth, and there are still places to be filled, but the team has quality.

The Seagles' first meet is at John Adams against Michigan City Elston, November 13. Then they will be at Clay, November 18. So come on out and cheer on your Seagles!

Seagals on hot streak

By Joy Cook

The Seagals have splashed through another season and are fast approaching sectionals in third place behind Clay and Riley.

The Seagals began the season by dunking the LaSalle Lions with a score of 113-56. They lost to Clay (106-60) but then won a challenging meet against Goshen (87-85). The next four meets consisted of four discouraging losses: Valparaiso (132-48), M.C. Elston (90-78), and two neck-to-neck meets against Mishawaka (86-85), and Elkhart Memorial (87-82). Our girl's swim team then vengefully retaliated by drowning Washington (133-35), Lafayette Jefferson (95-76), and Riley (97-74). In their most recent meet, Seagal swimmers defeated Culver with a score of 97-74.

The team presently ranks third place in sectionals. Two relay teams show positive signs of swimming on to the state finals. One is the medley relay which consists of Tess Doering, Ingrid Marshall, Mary Stewart, and Jennifer Parker. The other is the freestyle relay composed of Maria Kusbach, Mary Stewart, Jennifer

Parker, and Ann Mason. Other potential qualifiers for the state finals are Mary Stewart and Tess Doering in the individual medley. Ann Mason and Ingrid Marshall are also strong swimmers in the 50 free style and breaststroke, respectively.

Unfortunately, the team did not have divers until mid-season. Much credit is given to divers JoAnn Hamlon and Joan Heckman for contributing points that helped to pull the team over the winning line in the second half of the season. Because several of the meets were so close, these few extra points were indeed valuable.

Next year coach Smith looks for a tough team because of this year's strong underclassmen. Swimmers such as sophomores Jennifer Parker and Ann Mason and juniors Katy Manely and Diane Menucci show alot of promise.

Keep your eyes on the Seagals as the sectional and state meets approach. Who knows what these girls may decide to do? Anyhow, best of luck to you, eagle swimmers. Splash on to state!

Soccer becomes varsity sport

Soccer or no soccer? This is a question which has traversed numerous minds and lips in the past months. Due to the elevated popularity of the sport, the question is very justifiable. The Michiana Soccer Association (MSA) and the athletic hierarchy of the S.B.C.S.C. have been negotiating since last spring on the future of soccer in the school corporation. By the time this newspaper comes out, the final negotiations will have been made and soccer will become

a varsity sport this spring. The MSA went to the school board last spring with plans to aid the school corporation in the seeding of soccer into varsity status. An impasse has been reached and the soccer enthusiasts at Adams can expect to hit the fields this spring.

There has also arisen the topic of installing additional ones, such as girls golf, or girls cross country. For a sport to be included in an IHSAA tournament series, 25% of

the total membership in the IHSAA must have athletes who have participated in the particular sport. In other words, in order for girls cross country, to be in a state tournament series, 1/4 of the high schools in Indiana must have girls on their cross country teams. Due to the growing interest in girls cross country, it is probable that it may be installed in a tournament series, with girls softball possibly following.

Volleyball eliminated in sectionals

by Tom Ernsberger and Janine Anella

The John Adams Volleyball team has once again completed a successful season. Despite a record, the #1 ranked Eagles headed into possibly the toughest Sectional in the state as one of the favorites to "win it all." Of the Mishawaka Sectional, Coach Ganser said, "If Adams, Clay, St. Joe, and Mishawaka had each played in different sectionals, there was a possibility all four teams would have met downstate." As it is only one of the four teams will be progressing in tournament play. Unfortunately it will not be John Adams.

On Saturday, October 25, 1980, the Eagles hope of moving on to the Goshen Regionals were dashed in a disappointing loss at the hands of the Mishawaka Cavemen. It was a bad night for the Eagles; one of a very few through the whole season. Combining that with a hustling Mishawaka team, the Eagles were

sent down in the third game of a semi-final heartbreaker. In their first match the previous day, the team ripped Washington, 15-7, 15-3.

In the first game, Adams was blown out of the gym, 15-2. In the second game, however, the Eagles displayed the form that earned them their #1 ranking, disposing of Mishawaka 15-10. The aggressive play of Angela Watson, Sue Ushela and the timely blocks and spikes of Christy Silvius helped insure this victory.

Thus, a third and final game was necessary to determine the winner. Poor sets and passes led to an early Mishawaka lead. Mishawaka held a slim 8-5 lead when Lisa McKnight and Angela Watson both had fine shots blocked. The match was ended when Mishawaka turned back a poor Eagle set. The score of the third game was 15-5. Many people felt the pressure of a #1 ranking may have affected Adams play, causing the eventual loss.

Coach Ganser disagreed with these beliefs, "still being ranked #1 after the ineligibility ruling actually helped motivate the team for the sectionals."

All in all, the Eagles Volleyball season must be viewed a success. Being ranked #8 at the beginning of the season, the awesome Eagles powered themselves into the #1 position. Sue Ushela, Lisa McKnight, Denda Jones were all recipients of the Athlete of the Week award in the S.B. Tribune. The team should not feel they have let their fans down. We fans are proud of what our team has accomplished. As for the loss to Mishawaka, we fans don't believe the team let us down there either. Throughout the season the team has provided us with many exciting moments. Instead of consoling the team for their loss to Mishawaka, this writer would like to congratulate the team on their fine season. Congratulations!

Football closes out winless season

by Kerry Kinney

Adams hopes for a victory in its 1980 football season ended in the mud of School Field Stadium Friday, Oct. 24 as the Eagles dropped a heartbreaking 6-0 loss to the visiting LaSalle Lions.

In a season of frustrating defeats, this game was the hardest to accept. The Eagles heavily outweighed LaSalle in total yardage and recorded more first downs than the Lions, proving their offensive dominance. The Eagles came very close to scoring on several near-successful drives yet were unable to make any of these drives count, thus remaining scoreless throughout the game. Compounding the frustration was the fact that the Adams' defensive, with the exception of one LaSalle touchdown early in the first quarter, kept the Lions' offensive

silent throughout the entire game.

Despite a discouraging 0-10 losing record, the 1980 Varsity Eagle squad leave an outstanding record of dignity, honor and respect. This is a lasting memorial for a very fine John Adams Football squad.

On offense, congratulations for a fine job are given to senior linemen Jay Colbert - right guard; Bill Duxbury - tight end; Mike Kinney - left guard and Doug Wood - right tackle; for their many excellent efforts contributed during the season and to senior offensive backs Cory Forrest - wide receiver; and backers Jimmy Scott and Jerome Whitaker.

On defense, congratulations are conferred to senior linemen Paul Bivens - slant tackle; Mike Curl - anchor end and to blood-tackle Damon Hertz for their many

offense-choking plays. In the defensive backfield, congratulations are given to senior linebacker Jerry Alford for his many superb plays and to secondary backers Dik Carpenter, Andre Gammage, Gary Glassford, Larry Horvath and Scott Thallmer for their excellent efforts and contributions. Congratulations should also be conferred on kicker and slant tackle Rob Gillespie.

A patient and equally determined staff of coaches should also be commended for their good work: Head Coach Mihail, offensive coaches Flora and Groves, and defensive coaches Mondovics, Haig, Komo and Molnar as well as to team physician Dr. Macri, trainer Mr. Lennon and photographer Mr. Bickel.

Also to be commended is the humble yet consistent and reliable senior team manager Tom Landen.



Cindy Joers finishing strong in the 100 meter butterfly