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Rhoadarmer receives grant

by Anna Barrett

Last October, present senior Kelly Rhoadarmer completed and submitted a report to the American Heart Association which summarized the biology research work she did last year and outlined the research she planned for this year; recently, she found out that the Heart Association reviewed her submission and has given her a grant to cover the research cost for this year. She becomes the third Adams research student this year to receive such a grant, the basis for which was her investigation on atherosclerosis in mice.

Kelly studied, specifically, the effects of elevated homocysteine (a metabolic breakdown of protein), elevated pyridoxine (vitamin B6), and elevated protein on the formation of atherosclerosis. "I've always been interested in atherosclerosis," Kelly mentioned. She talked about its link to coronary heart disease and her desire to research something related to this, which is a major cause of death among the people of the U.S. today.

But Kelly wanted a "rather unique theory." It was Mr. Longenecker's suggestion, however, that brought her to homocysteine research.

Kelly's work consists, basically, of judging the effects of high levels

of homocysteine in the blood by introducing extra protein into the diet of some of her lab mice.

Although I think last year's work was very valuable, I think that, this year, the results will be more rewarding."

Kelly has, also, the addition of Vitamin B6 as a factor in her research. This is believed to counteract the effect of homocysteine to some extent, helping to prevent fatty build-up in arteries. She has added this element to her work, making it even more interesting; of her four experimental groups, two received a concentration of B6 and added protein in their diets. One of these two also received added pure homocysteine. The other two groups received added protein; one of these received added homocysteine. The differences in these groups should clarify for Kelly the effects of homocysteine (pure and derived by the mouse's body from the protein in its diet) and the effects of vitamin B6. She will compare these groups to each other and to the control group which received a normal lab diet.

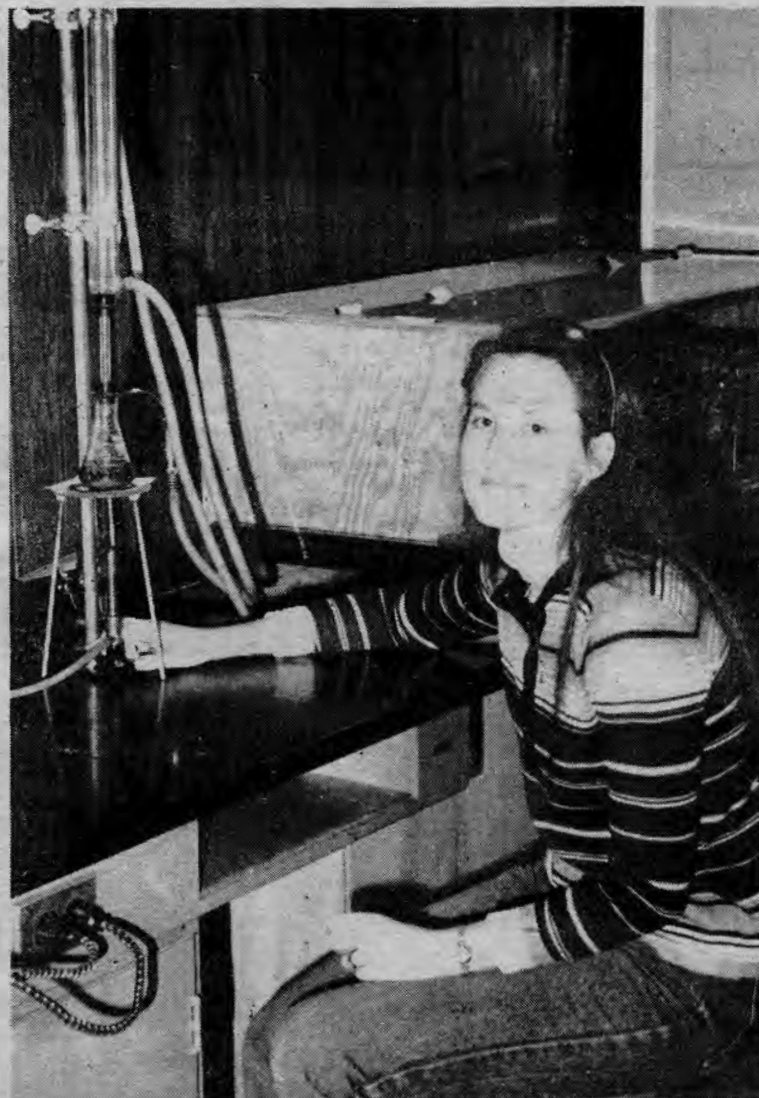
At the moment, Kelly is organizing the results she has and preparing for the Northern Indiana Regional Science Fair at Notre Dame, which is a major event for biology research students. She must prepare an entire presenta-

tion, with display plaques showing her hypothesis and her results. High schools from all over South Bend and other nearby cities will be represented. "Preparation takes a long time," Kelly said. "The fair is in April, and I've already started."

Also upcoming for Kelly, although the main body of her research is over, are opportunities to present her work and its results. The Indianapolis Medical School may be calling her down for an interview and an evaluation of her work; scholarship representatives will probably be present. And, of course, Kelly will report back to the American Heart Association on her findings this year.

But, overall, Kelly is more pleased with the experience she has gained from her two years of research than she is with the tangible results. Since she hopes to go into medicine, she regards her research as a chance to find out things for herself that she would not learn in a classroom. She found that research projects often leave one with "more unanswered questions than results." This, she recognizes, is something she must get used to.

We all certainly wish Kelly much luck with her research work and with her continued work in college. However, one doubts that she will need it.



Kelly Rhoadarmer takes a break from intense research.

Activity period popular

by Christina Bird

After much planning, pleading, and preparation, the J.A. activities period program has had its first initiations into practice. Periods were held on December 9 and January 13, with success reported by Mr. David and Mr. Humnick, who conducted the survey of club sponsors that determined the actual numbers. In the first activities period, a total of 783 students participated, about 65 percent of the entire student body. "We were looking for student participation," said Mr. David, "which was good." He also predicted, "the next period will show an increase in participation."

Some minor changes are being considered, but the same basic format will be used until the end of the year. At present, an activities period is scheduled one Tuesday a month, but Mr. David would like to add another one if that proves feasible. Students are required to report to homeroom and then to the club of their choice, but "although

it would give us better control by them going to HR, we will eventually have students report straight to his/her club," said Mr. David. If a student was not in a club and did not report to homeroom, it would count as a truancy.

Sponsors reported much success with the first activities period of December 9. The Toastmasters Club, while not turning in the greatest number of new members, did get enough for the optimum size of such an organization. The Black Cultural Society had the greatest turnout with 125 members attending. New clubs present at the January 13 activities period were the Sportsman Club, sponsored by Mr. Praklett, and the History Club, co-sponsored by Mr. Schutz and Mr. Alyea.

The activities period will be scheduled until the end of this year, but no one is sure yet if it will become a permanent part of life at Adams. The administration hopes that students will use it to its full potential.

Give the TOWER your suggestions

The TOWER receives many oral complaints. Why not put them in writing? The TOWER is now giving you, the Adams student, a chance to complain in writing through our new TOWER SUGGESTION BOX. One of the first occupants of the box was a complaint that we don't have enough pictures. Thus, we have provided you with a picture of our suggestion box.

As you can see the TOWER is

very receptive to criticism. We welcome any article ideas, photo essay themes, corrections, or any articles or opinions. The beautiful wood carved box crafted by a very generous Mr. Szymanski, will be located on the desk in the cafeteria during A and C lunches. Any one can submit something so don't be afraid. If the box is not used we will assume that the TOWER is faultless.



Thank you Mr. Szymanski

Musicians prepare for NISBOVA competition

by Jenny Gigma

Saturday, January 31 and Saturday, February 7 are probably two of the most important dates to band, orchestra and vocal students. These are the dates for the NISBOVA contest. If you have any friends participating you may find that they may be spending all their spare time practicing when you

want them to do something else.

Not just Adams students will participate. Students of all ages from all over Northern Indiana are playing solos, duets, trios, quartets and many other events. These events will be judged in five different groups from beginners in Group 5 to advanced high school students in Group 1. They have a

possibility of 5 ratings from superior to unsatisfactory.

Winners from Group 1 will go on to the state contest in Indianapolis. Adams has always sent many students to this contest each year. The entire Tower staff wishes all students who are participating in music contest the best of luck.

Adams players take the stage

Tonight is the night. The Little Theater will be coming to life again as the Drama Club will present its production of the one act plays, "A Marriage Proposal" and "The Lottery." Tonight is actually opening night because the shows will be presented again on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The shows begin tonight at 8:00 p.m.

"A Marriage Proposal," by Anton Chekhov, is a famous Russian farce about the attempts of a feeble young suitor to gain the hand of an eager but over-protective farm girl. Add an argumentative father and the result is a great comedy

combination.

The second play, "The Lottery," by Brainerd Duffield, is a binding tale of suspense which builds to a surprising and powerful climax. It revolves around a yearly lottery held in a small town, but this lottery is not the average cash drawing--the stakes are far higher.

So, for another night of fine comedy and drama from the drama club, plan to be in the Little Theater tonight at 8:00 p.m. or Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 in advance and \$2.00 at the door.

Ernsperger-Junior Kiwanian

Tom Ernsperger has been chosen by Mr. Przybysz to represent Adams at the Kiwanis Club luncheons. Tom is the guy that you will see dressed up every Wednesday, until mid-February, for the Kiwanis Luncheon. He has been involved in Student Government, Track, and he'll play soccer this spring. Tom is also a fifth year Spanish student.

During fifth hour, two days per week, Tom helped to teach a South American man English. Master Ernsperger plans to attend Indiana University in pursuit of a law degree.



A Marriage Proposal

by Anton Chekhov

January 16 and January 18

The Lottery

by Brainerd Duffield

Faculty Focus/Moe Aronson

by Ram Neta

Moe Aronson has become an Adams tradition. This is due not only to his 22 years at Adams but also to his remarkable personality and teaching methods.

Mr. Aronson was born and reared in South Bend. He attended Central High School (Adams was nonexistent) where he furthered his interests in math and science. His devotion to his studies led him to Purdue University, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees. His majors were mathematics, chemistry, and physical education. The following two years Mr. Aronson wrestled professionally and taught high school mathematics. It was then that Mr. Aronson was drafted to fight in World War II. He fought in Italy where his achievements earned him an astounding promotion from private to captain. Upon return from the war he went back to teaching.

Mr. Aronson's teaching experience has been incredibly varied and colorful. Prior to teaching mathematics, he taught biology, chemistry, physics, health, and P.E. Here at Adams he teaches A.P. Geometry, A.P. Calculus, Algebra/Trigonometry, and High School Mathematics. He claims he enjoys geometry and calculus most.

Mr. Aronson's feelings about education, which his students are well familiar with, have been the cause of much student controversy. Mr. Aronson feels that in previous years, a much more rigorous approach was taken towards teaching mathematics. "Today, the student has it much easier," says he. "I use my particular methods of teaching in order that the student will learn and retain more." These methods include forcing the student to utilize his reasoning and his knowledge to solve mathematical problems. Mr. Aronson doesn't permit the use of calculators in any

of his classes with the exception of A.P. Calculus. "If they rely on calculators to do their work, they will not learn the fundamentals of mathematics." He does not foresee any changes in math education in the future even with the advent of the calculator.

One dominant feature of Mr. Aronson's character is his athletic interest. In high school, he played football, basketball, and wrestled. In college he continued wrestling and playing football. Despite the fact that he can no longer take as active a participation in contact sports, Mr. Aronson presently enjoys jogging, handball, and spectator sports such as baseball, football, and basketball.

A combination of high intellectual and athletic abilities, polished with a wonderful sense of humor, makes Morris Aronson the fascinating individual and teacher he is.



The Adams proletariat speak . . .

by Charlie Miller

Would you believe it! After seven hours of hard work at school over one half of the renowned scholars walking the halls at Adams punch into work. Recently I talked to some of these laborers to see what they think about all the work they do and why they do it. Here's what they said.

Tom Ernspurger works at the Elks Club one night a week calling "BINGO." He says, "I need the money!" Peter Stinchcomb works at Sonneborne's slaving over a hot

wax machine. Peter said that he works because "I enjoy skiing very much and by toning skis I'm learning all about it." He also said, "I also like the money for the weekends but usually I have to work Fridays and Saturdays anyway."

Rob Kabel works for his dad at Overhead Door Co. taking estimates. I asked him if it was any different working for his dad. He told me, "You can be late to work, that's about it." He added, "I plan to go into medicine, not take

estimates the rest of my life."

Lisa True works at Macri's Bakery selling rolls. She works one night a week. "I enjoy the convenient scheduling," she replied. June Vascil works at the South Bend Racquet Club. She says, "This job is good experience. As a receptionist, I get free court time and I meet a lot of people."

Mark Scheiber works at the County Seat. He loves the work as a salesman and said, "I like the money, for spending and I try to

save some for college." Jodi Roman works at the River Park Theatre. I asked her if she made good money. She said, "NO!" I asked her if she liked the work. She said, "YEAH." Why does she work there? "Money."

Jim Krillenberger sells pots and pans at Hudson's. He says, "I don't enjoy staying late. I have to get to bed by seven because that's the kind of guy I am."

Chrysse DeShazer works at Burger Chef as a "front line person." She makes good money

and says, "It's good experience because when I grow up I want to be a Burger Chef."

Steve Laven plays the cello in the South Bend Symphony. He is one of two high school students in the symphony. He says, "I love classical music; it's especially great when I get paid for playing it."

Well there they are, some of the working stiffs. The working students at Adams enjoy the occupational aspect of a job but they all seem to have something else in mind too. \$

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (1929-1968)

"I have a dream"

by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of

the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

King's birthday

Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday is Thursday, January 15. Our school corporation has set that day as a holiday for our students. We also are using that event to teach our students about the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King. We encourage every building to prepare information and/or activities for that week. Joe Lutten, William Przybysz, and Janice Putz are working on the Martin Luther King Day Committee with me.

Thank you!

Linda Bures, sponsor of the Black Awareness Club, would like to thank the following people for their support, contributions and hard work during the past week. The administration, Mr. Przybysz, Mr. David, Mr. Bibbs, Mr. Hadaway, the Black Awareness Club and the J.A. Tower staff.

A history of Martin Luther King Jr.

Organizer and leader of one of the largest black mass movements in black history, Dr. King was the great apostle of non-violent passive resistance to racial injustice. From 1955, when he launched the 382-day Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott, until his death at the hands of an assassin in Memphis, Tenn., he startled and befuddled a nation born and frequently sustained by violence. His novel method was to demonstrate peacefully against unjust laws and practices and willingly pay the price for doing so. He submitted to the consequent indignities, returning love for hatred. The calculated effect was to inflame his adversaries to the point of acting

out the worst within themselves. Thus the plight of blacks would be dramatized in the broader theater of the world. Dr. King knew that America could not afford to present to other nations a facade of democracy and equality without confronting its racial hypocrisy. Hopefully, the consciences of men might be stirred.

Often his tactics worked. They worked in Montgomery, Ala. And they worked in Birmingham, Ala., in the spring of 1963 when Sheriff Eugene (Bull) Connor authorized use of police dogs, cattle prods and fire hoses against nonviolent demonstrators who had been trained to go limp when physically assaulted. The outrage this

brutality generated around the nation led to passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Dr. King's tactics also worked in Selma, Ala., where he led a march protesting the refusal of local officials to permit blacks to register and vote. Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, a white woman from Detroit, was murdered after that march. But the result of it all was the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Dr. King's passive non-resistance did not work in Albany, Ga., Greenwood, Miss., and Chicago, Ill. Nevertheless, he successfully helped masses of blacks to see new possibilities of their own initiative bringing about significant change in their situation.

Trauma/telephone terrifitis

by Anne O. Nymity

Have you ever tried to call up someone you really liked and found yourself poised above the phone, dialing finger ready, but too embarrassed to call, thinking that the other person will flatly reject you? This is a common dilemma known to almost all teenagers who are interested in the opposite sex. It is known as telephone terrifitis. The symptoms of this dreadful disease are as follows:

1. Breaking out in excessive giggleness. (Does not necessarily apply to males).
2. Sudden loss of spelling ability. (Applying specifically to the phone book).
3. Cold, sweaty, clammy, hands.
4. Sudden case of laryngitis.
5. Last, but certainly not least, an automatic reflex, stimulated by the word "HELLO" which causes one to immediately slam down the phone.

Many solutions have been

offered by noted experts in this field:

1. Hold your breath to keep from giggling, or at least to muffle the sound of it. (Does not necessarily apply to males).
2. Try not to think about who you're calling till the last minute.
3. Have a trusted friend look up the phone number for you.
4. Prerecord your message on tape so you don't end up saying something dumb. (But remember this is not a one-sided conversation!)
5. Most importantly (though you may have heard it a thousand times before) BE YOURSELF!

It's not that big a deal and once it's over you will possibly have acquired a better friend.

After all calling someone of the opposite sex is not only fun, but "it's down-right up-right!"

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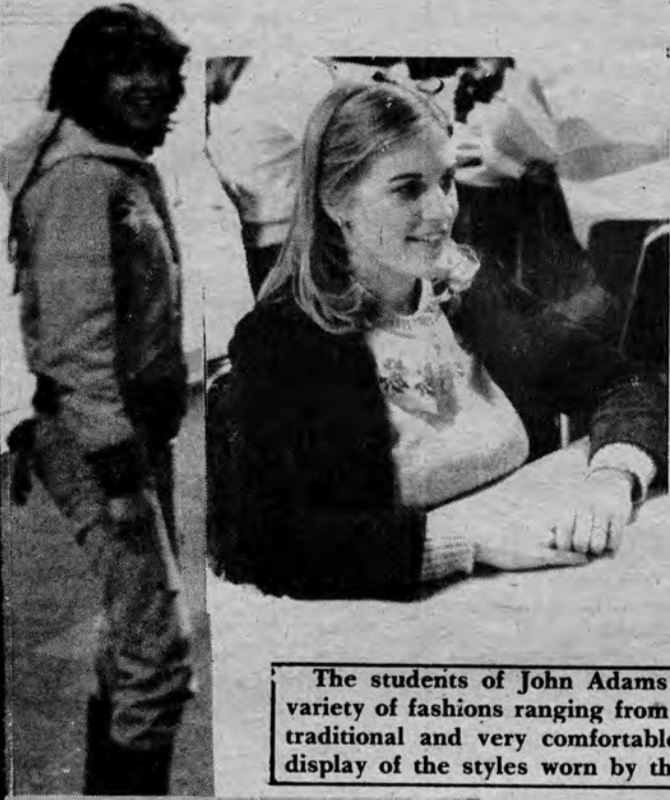
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Winter Fashions ***** Winter Fashions

Photos by John Engel



The students of John Adams High School display a wide variety of fashions ranging from the very latest trends to the traditional and very comfortable jeans. Above is a pictorial display of the styles worn by the Adams student body.



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Player cuts discussed / Hadaway, players speak out

by Alan Engel

In mid-December, four basketball players were unexpectedly cut from the varsity team. The players were Andre Gammage, Bill Duxbury, Bill Witsken and Charles Murphy. Both the players and Coach Hadaway were interviewed. Was Mr. Hadaway justified? That's for you to decide.

Each player was asked, "Did Mr. Hadaway ever discuss the situation with you?"

Andre Gammage: "Yes, the day he cut me. He said that he didn't think the record was good and that he wanted to make a move for the future."

Bill Duxbury: "We talked about it the day he cut me. But I did have the impression that I was on the team for the entire year."

Bill Witsken: "Yes, he told the

team a couple of weeks before he cut us that he was going to stick with us and let the whole team improve."

Charles Murphy: "Yes, when he cut me, but he never said he was going to cut all of us. I hadn't played this season yet but he told me a couple of days before he cut me that I should be ready to dress the next week."

Their second question was, "Do you think that Mr. Hadaway gave you every possible opportunity to prove yourself?"

Gammage: "No, in games I usually came in at the end or for special defensive situations. And in practice I scrimmaged with the sophomores against the starters."

Duxbury: "I really don't know. I was getting better as the season progresses and I was averaging

tive points per game. So I really don't understand the situation."

Witsken: "No, not after my first game. In practice I scrimmaged mostly with the sophomores against the people who started."

Murphy: "No, in practice I always played against the guys on the varsity which means I played with the sophomores and I never even got a chance to play in a game."

The players were then asked, "Do you think that 8 seniors on the team was too many?"

Gammage: "No, not considering the capability of all the sophomores and the seniors we have."

Duxbury: "No, I don't think that eight was too many, especially considering the playing ability of all the sophomores, juniors, and seniors."

Witsken: "No, considering the

playing ability of the juniors and sophomores that we have."

Murphy: "No, not if they're helping the total team effort. In this case, I'd have to say that eight wasn't too many."

Ed. Note: The above opinions are those of the players only, and they do not necessarily represent an accurate account of the event. Mr. Hadaway was then interviewed, and expressed his feelings:

"From the beginning of the season I felt that there might be a problem with too many seniors on the team. But because it was their senior year, I gave them all the opportunity to prove themselves and let them play in games. But I repeatedly warned them that they would have to work hard and improve to stay on the team."

After a disastrous 1-6 start,

though, it was the opinion of Hadaway and his coaching staff that changes had to be made. Hadaway also noted that "eight seniors on a team is too much if the team is losing. If the team were in a better position, things might have been different." (The 1979 team also had 8 seniors, but no one can argue with a #1 state ranking and a #3 ranking in the nation.) Hadaway felt that the sophomores were capable of playing just as well as anyone else, and showed a great deal of potential. So he decided that they deserved a chance to play more often and gain valuable experience, and he cut the four players. He closed by saying, "I regret having to cut them, and I still have the greatest amount of respect for them."



Mike McNarney has the advantage on his LaSalle opponent.

Girls basketball exposed

by Jeff Sypniewski

Are you tired of watching our basketball team struggle back with superhuman efforts against top-ranked teams only to be cheated of victory once again? Could your heart (and school pride) stand another one-point loss? If not, why not come out and watch the Girl's Basketball team play!

These talented young women, coached by first year coach Bob Elum are quickly becoming an irresistible force in the state this year. With their only losses coming early in the season to state ranked teams like LaPorte and St. Joe.

They have still managed to keep a spotless record in the N.I.C.

Because the team is so balanced, it is impossible to spotlight any one individual. Instead, I have thought about each girl individually and come up with the word which best fits their personality and is their strongest contribution to the team.

- Roz Dickens-lay ups (or steal)
- Denda Jones-aggressive
- Angie Watson-height
- Kathy Connolly-potential
- Stacy Adams-consistent
- Judy Hamilton-strength
- Beth Carter-one on one
- Chris Allsop-determination

Diane Farmer-speed

As you can see, these girls have very little in common, which makes it even more amazing that they can work together as a team. They grow stronger each game they play, as they learn each others strengths and weaknesses. I believe that very soon, not even St. Joe will be able to hold them back.

I've used only one word to describe each of the individual team members, but there are many to describe the team as a whole. They're strong, they're fast, and they're unique, but most of all, they are EAGLES.

Basketball team stuns LaSalle

by Alex Liu

When the #3 ranked LaSalle Lions had to go to overtime to beat the Eagles in the opening round of the Holiday Tournament, most people considered the game a fluke and waited to see the Lions blast Adams away one week later. Instead, the Eagles took them down to the wire again, only to lose by one point in the final seconds of the game.

Yes, the team has a 1-8 record that reminds most people of football, but their gutsy playing against a high quality team like LaSalle is a sure signal that they are ready to bust out of their slump.

In the Holiday Tourney, the Lions were everybody's favorite to win it all. This feeling must have been present in the Adams student body as well, as the cheering section was made up of mainly adults. But the feisty Eagles stunned the crowd by taking a

24-19 halftime lead. The entire first half was marked by cautious, conservative play from both teams. Cordett Newsome, in a repeat performance of his 40 point outburst against Mishawaka, poured in 16 of his game high 27 points to pace the Eagles.

Adams had a chance to pull away early in the third quarter, but could not get to the 10 point barrier. LaSalle took the opportunity to slowly chip away at the lead. Finally, with 3:52 to go, a LaSalle steal knotted the game at 40-40. No one could score after that, although both teams missed crucial free throws, and the teams went into overtime.

Unfortunately, LaSalle took the opening tip down and converted on a three-point play, and the Eagles could never catch up, finally losing 50-45.

The Lions drew the biggest crowd this season at Adams when they came last Friday. Once again,

the Eagles played them tough the first half, and LaSalle had a narrow 32-30 lead at the midway point. They lengthened the lead to 5 early in the 4th quarter, but this time it was the Eagles' turn to fight back. Rod Verduin's layup cut the score to 51-48. After a LaSalle bucket, Cary McMahon, who was to score a game high 21 points, hit a baseline jumper and drew a foul for a 3-point play that cut the margin to 2. The Lions missed their shot and Newsome's outside jumper tied the game at 2:52. After LaSalle regained a 1 point lead, McMahon's turn around jumper hit the bottom of the net to give the Eagles the lead. With just 4 seconds to go, Adams still had a 60-59 lead, but LaSalle's Reggie Bird shattered the dream with a 15 footer. Brian Lennon tried a desperation shot from the backcourt that fell just a few feet short and the game ended with LaSalle on top, 61-60.

Icemen skate to victory

by Kerry Kinney

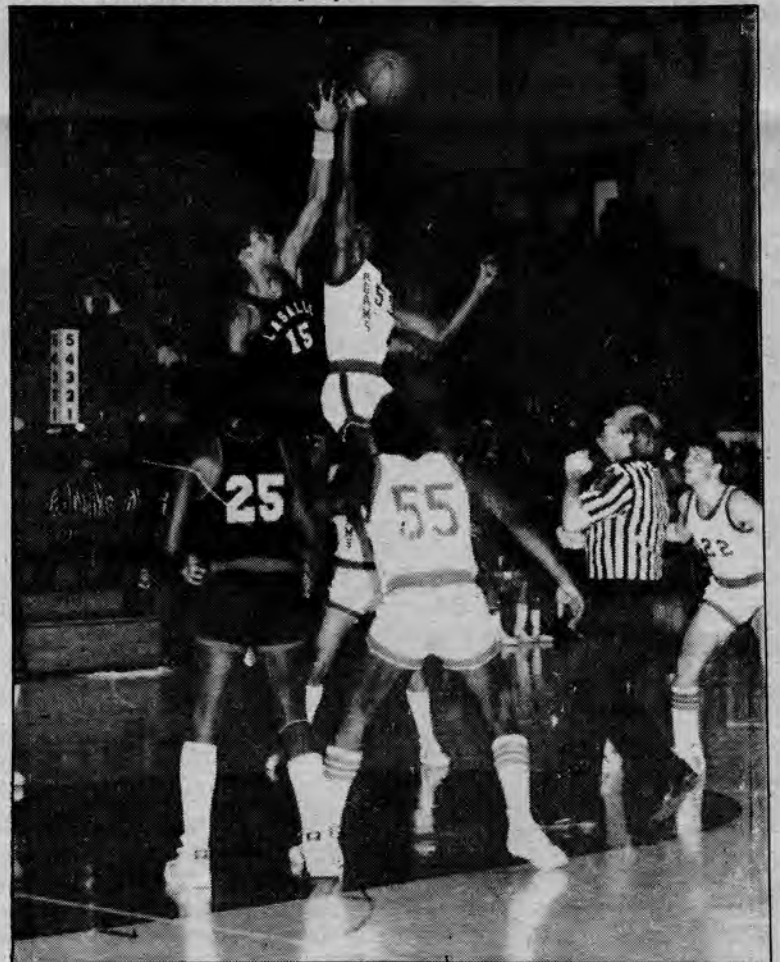
The Adams-Washington Hockey Eagles have sliced midway through their season as they amassed a fine 7-4 record so far. This is a considerable accomplishment considering the tough hockey tradition of the IYHA (Indiana Youth Hockey Association) in this area.

Head Coach McMahon stated that the reason for this and for Adams particularly great hockey-playing tradition lay in the impressive skills of its players. Among its top players on offense are Anssi Turner and Doug Zimmerman and on defense are Don MacDonnell and Steve Collier. Of the underclassmen, Andy Byers

and John Gruenig, both freshmen, are two of the many good younger hockey players. Andy Byers and senior Lee Weaver are the two goalies and have strengthened an otherwise weak spot in the defense.

Commenting on the success of the hockey program at Adams, he remarked that the winning tradition of the Hockey Eagles has kept the program going. This winning tradition has also kept Adams on top of the IYHA championships for several years.

Also helping the hockey team has been a small but consistent fan crowd and an "up and down" team recruiting trend.



Kevin Pope skiles for the tip in the Eagles' 1 point loss to LaSalle.

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