

the john adams tower

Scholars Recognized

by Julie Bird

John Adams High School is proud to present Alan Engel, Kori Fisher, Carl Schoeneman, and John Vittori as the 1982-83 Commended Scholars and Scott Walton as the Commended Scholar for Outstanding Achievement by a Negro Student.

To be eligible for this distinction a student has to be a senior and receive extremely good scores on the P.S.A.T., reaching from 183 to 190. Each Scholar feels that school is very important, but does not see it fit to give up other school activities. Although learning, I'm sure, is no trouble for them, a lot of concentration is needed to excel at this level.

Alan Engel, one of John Adams reputable sports writers, does not know where he wishes to attend college at this time. Alan also doesn't know what he plans to major in but he feels that a liberal arts education is quite important.

Kori Fisher, who is athletically as well as academically active, is captain of both the Adams Girls' Soccer Club and the '82 Indiana Girls' Select Team. Kori wishes to attend Purdue or the University of Georgia and receive her doctorate in Bio-Medical Engineering or Pharmaceutical Research. In

preparation for this, she has been president of the Medical Careers Club of Memorial Hospital.

Carl Schoeneman, a very active participant in Adams' musical program as well as Assistant Editor of the TOWER and other outside groups, hopes to get a science degree which is a study of music and an outside field. Carl is not sure where he will go to school yet, but he's already been accepted at I.U. and is considering Arizona State.

John Vittori, editor of the TOWER sports page and captain of the Cross Country Team, would like to attend Michigan, Purdue, or I.U. to study Pre-Med, Biology, or General Business. Upon retiring, he hopes to teach on a volunteer basis.

Scott Walton, Adams Commended Scholar for Outstanding Achievement by a Negro Student, is on the Adams football team, student government, and the TOWER writing staff. Scott is interested in staying in state-two of his choices now are Purdue and Indiana State - but he will go to the best school possible. He wants to study journalism and broadcasting.

Congratulations to these fine students for their splendid job in academics.

Powder Puff



Junior Cheerleaders encourage their powderpuff team to a 0-0 victory.

From the Editors:

Sincere apologies to the Commended Scholars. Due to technical difficulties, we could not print their pictures.

On Wednesday, October 6 the 1982 Powderpuff Games were held. The results were predictable. The juniors defeated the freshmen in a scoreless game. In the second game, the seniors trounced the sophomores. The playoff had to be postponed to a later date due to the weather. This game is tentatively scheduled for October 20 - location and time remain undecided.

Good Luck Tennis and X-Country

High School Censorship Takes On National Overtones

by Jeff Levy
[SPS] Washington

A dispute over prior restraint of a high school newspaper in Lytle, Texas has led to the resignation of the paper's advisor as well as to several questions concerning censorship.

The controversy arose after a new policy was adopted which permits the principal to review every article in the Lytle High School *Hilight* prior to publication.

In response to the new policy, Patricia Kappmeyer, *Hilight* advisor since 1975, resigned with the belief that the paper has been free from any form of prior review or censorship since its inception 36 years ago, and it should remain that way.

Kappmeyer claims that the prior review policy was enacted in reaction to a column concerning the involvement of a local church with the World Council of Churches published in the April 9 issue of the *Hilight*.

Hilight columnist Lynn Ander-

son reported that the local United Methodist Church donates money to the WCC which has funded guerillas who have been linked to the slaying of several Christian missionaries in Zimbabwe.

The role of the WCC story as a catalyst to the new policy is still disputed.

Lytle Principal John Svab said he was able to comment on whether or not the WCC story prompted the new policy.

Referring to the same article, Superintendent George Mabe said, "No, I don't think that had any bearing on the thing."

School Board member Margaret Trouart insisted that the WCC story "was not the reason we adopted the policy." She explained that the board had been considering the act for many years since *Hilight* readers began complaining about lack of coverage of local events.

"Last year we began a series of long articles," she said, explaining that increased coverage on an in-depth level did not leave

enough room for pictures and stories of local events. The *Hilight* is the only newspaper and the only source of news in Lytle.

But Trouart did state the major points of the policy. All the new policy does, she said, is ensure

Ted Liu, under the skillful guidance of Mr. Kline and Mrs. Smith, is the recipient of a 1982 National Council of Teachers English Writing Achievement Award. He was chosen as one of the twenty-two best high school writers in Indiana and will have some of his writing published in a booklet put out by NCTE.

To compete, Ted submitted a sample of his best writing and took an impromptu writing test. Over the summer, entries were judged by a committee consisting of teachers from all over Indiana, and the 22 winners were chosen. The TOWER would like to congratulate Ted on this recognition of his superb writing ability.

"that somebody be minding the store." She added, "we can't be successfully sued because of something which is libelous or obscene."

Principal Svab stated three main objectives of the policy, one of which is to "keep the articles down to a point where you wouldn't be sued for libel." Svab also mentioned that through the policy, he is in a position to edit articles if he believes they contain obscenity or if they contain any item which might, in his view, cause substantial disruption of school operations.

One of the first actions Svab took in exercising his judgments as stated in the policy occurred upon his learning that the *Hilight* was preparing an editorial concerning the new system of prior review. During a meeting with the journalism class, Svab learned of the planned editorial urging those who disagree with the policy to contact the school board and make their views known.

Kappmeyer noted that Svab told her and the class that he would cut any portion of an editorial asking parents to contact the school board. According to Kappmeyer, Svab said such a statement would cause "disruption."

Following the principal's speech, Kappmeyer resigned her teaching position and submitted her resignation to the school board. Although the policy set three criteria by which articles could be censored, Kappmeyer believes the policy is left open to interpretation and that the principal and board will edit the paper according to personal preferences.

The editorial urging readers to contact school board members has been withdrawn by the author upon his parents' advice. Current editor Sandra Swann reports that a story written by her and the yearbook editor reviewing the new policies will take its place. The only source in the article is Superintendent Mabe.

The 1982-83 television season is well underway and most of the networks' new series have already made their debuts. Since almost everyone watches television, I thought it would be a good idea to give you a look at what some of these shows are about and give an opinion on their worth.

CBS's Square Pegs [Mondays at 7], is a comedy about the little people of all high schools . . . freshmen. The freshmen here are Patty Greene and her best friend, Lauren Hutchinson [Played by newcomers Sarah Jessica Parker and Amy Linker]. They're beginning high school at Westmore High where you belong to a clique or you don't belong at all. The show has one thing in common with other situation comedies: shallow characters who will say and do just about anything for a laugh. Jennifer [played by Rick Nelson's daughter, Tracy] is the local valley girl who uses 'like' and 'ya know' as if they're going out of style. Johnny Slash [Merritt Butrick] is the new wave freak who is constantly confused with being a punk rocker. Marshall [John Femia] is the class clown and Muffey . . . well, the name speaks for itself. Even though the characters are unrealistic at times, Square Pegs is funny. Competition: NBC's still highly rated Little House: A New Beginning and ABC's still boring That's Incredibly.

NBC has a new daytime show called Fantasy, but NBC's fantasy is to make The Powers of Matthew Star work. It was originally scheduled to premiere last year, but the star, Peter Barton, was burned in an accident during filming. In this new season Barton plays Matthew Star, who with his appointed guardian Walt Shepard [Louis Gossett, Jr.] is running from interplanetary enemies who took over his planet, Quadris, when he was a small boy. Matthew decides that he is tired of running and decides to settle down. When Matthew's powers are stronger [they get stronger with age] he and Walt will return to Quadris and take back the planet. But, until this happens, Matthew and Walt are living in the town of Crestridge. Matthew is a student and Walt is a teacher. Amy Steel, who some may remember as the damsel in distress in Friday the 13th Part 2, plays Matthew's girlfriend, Pam Elliott. The Powers of Matthew Star has a little bit of everything: fantasy, drama, humor and adventure. It is good entertainment, too. Competition: ABC's Benson and The New Odd Couple and CBS's The Dukes of Hazzard.

NBC's Family Ties concerns the generation gap in reverse. The parents are the liberals and the children the conservatives. In plain English, this means the parents are open-minded and kids are cautious and undaring. Meredith

Baxter-Birney and Michael Gross are the liberal parents, who are former flower children. The conservative kids are teenagers Alex [Michael J. Fox] and Mallory [Justin Bateman] and nine-year-old Jennifer [Tina Yothers]. It's hard to picture Elyse and Steven, the parents, as flower children because they are easy going and calm and flower children were considered to be wild and radical. The kids as conservatives are believable thanks to the acting of Fox and Bateman. Family Ties is a good comedy and with lead-ins like Real People and The Facts of Life, it should be a hit. Competition: ABC's The Fall Guy and CBS's Filthy Rich.

Trying to review every one of the new shows would be an enormous task. Thus I have briefly previewed the future success of several other shows below.

Silver Spoons: Even with Different Strokes before it, T.J. Hooker and Walt Disney will prove to be too much for this NBC comedy starring Ricky Schroeder.

The Devlin Connection: A good detective show with Rock Hudson, but NBC cannot win against ABC's Fantasy Island.

ABC's Ripley's Believe It or Not and NBC's Voyagers: can't overcome the powerful 60 Minutes.

Matt Houston and Gloria: Two good series with good actors. Both look very strong and have great potential so I'll call it a draw.

Newhart: a shoe-in with M*A*S*H in front of it.

Bring 'Em Back Alive: There are still too many Happy Days left. Sorry, Buddy.

Galan and St. Elsewhere [both NBC]: Not good enough for ABC's strong lineup and CBS's movie.

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers: can't make it with popular Real People and tough Tales of the Gold Monkey against it.

Tucker's Witch: not as popular as NBC's Quincy and ABC's Dynasty.

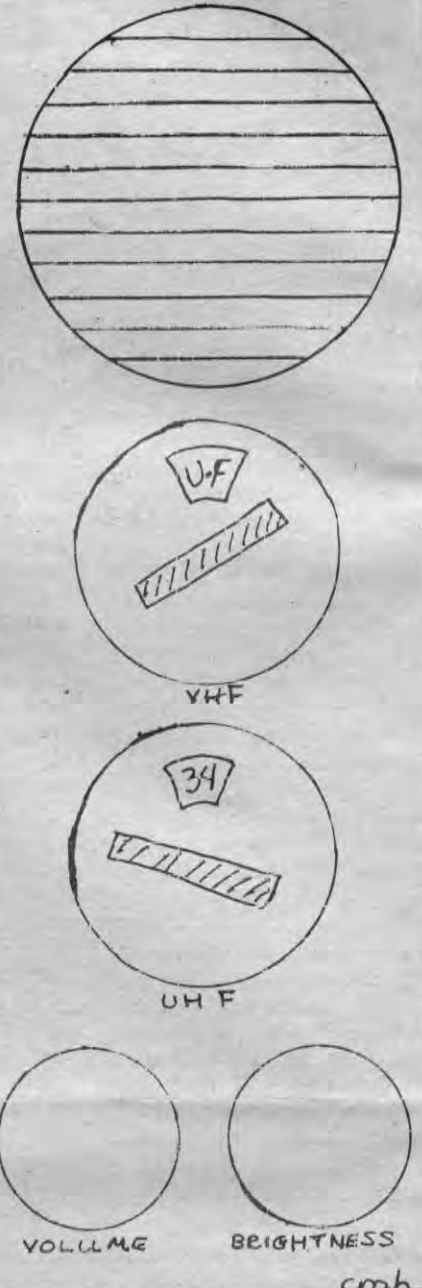
Star of the Family and It Takes Two [both ABC]: having Joanie Loves Chachi and Too Close for Comfort giving them boosts, these two comedies are sure fire hits.

Cheers: it's already a critic's favorite but since when does that make any difference?

NBC's and ABC's lineups better come up with something spectacular if they want to catch the eyes of The Dukes of Hazzard, Dallas and Falcon Crest viewers on Friday nights.

If you don't have time to watch T.V. because you have too much homework, do what I do . . . do the homework during the commercial breaks.

—Jim Hallerman



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Editorial / Turn or Burn!

When the Constitution was written, the United States was a fledgling nation, the only democracy functioning at that time in the world. This set it apart from the start. But gradually "democratic fever" swept the continent establishing popular sovereignty in almost all of the countries of Europe.

One fundamental difference, however, remained. The Constitution of the United States from the beginning derived its power from the rights of the individual, and protects these rights with its first ten amendments. One of the most sacred, and one of the ones open to the most controversy and interpretation, is freedom of religion. Like politics, religion is an intensely personal subject, and as such creates great disputes among people.

Freedom of religion, especially in public schools where "impressionable children" are in attendance, always sparks a sensitive nerve in people. On October 5, a group of young men preached here at Adams on the sidewalks, hoping to attract the more religious students.

At first, when I heard about it I thought my friends were kidding and even when I heard the



by Jerry Donlon

preacher for myself I had a hard time believing it. High school students can be some of the most derisive, cynical people around, and it must take a lot of nerve to try to convert us.

Basically the group-not affiliated with any specific church-attempted to reach the student body without being pushy. Someone mentioned being surprised that school authorities let them stay, but the school could not make them leave. Public property laws notwithstanding,

the principle of freedom of religion put itself to work.

It is my opinion that I have no right to force my religious beliefs down my neighbor's throat. Compulsive religion fails because it does not respect the individual's freedom of choice. So I'm pleased both that the preachers were free to voice their beliefs, but also that I was free not to listen.

Please put responses to this letter in the TOWER suggestion box. by Christina Bird

Dates to remember:

- October 20 - next yearbook collection date and the Adams Parents Open House.

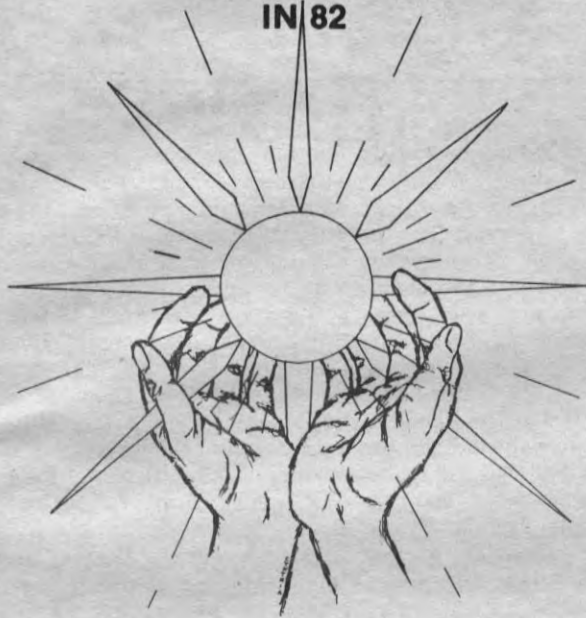
Lynn M. Lodyga, High School Program Manager for Junior Achievement, would like to congratulate the John Adams staff and student body on its enthusiastic support of JA. Over six hundred eighty students applied to the program this year.

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College Fair 1982

BREAKING THROUGH
IN '82



by Christina Bird

Fall has arrived, and once again with the coming of home football games, burning leaves, and school, there starts a new flock of nervous seniors. Yes, nervous-undecided about the future, worried about a career, unable to meet the astronomical cost of higher education.

Well, my fellow classmates, on October 11, the Saint Joseph County College and Career Fair, "Breaking Through in '82," tried to enlighten seniors to the opportunities awaiting them. Over 92 colleges and vocational schools set up shop at Century Center to present the interested student with a deluge of educational and occupational information.

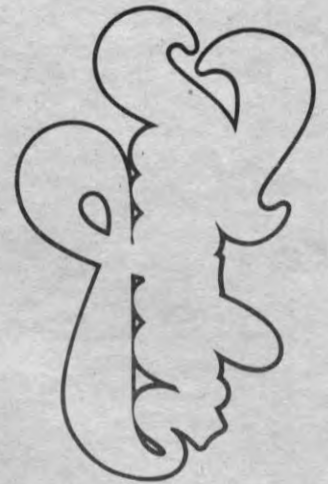
I spoke to many of the college representatives and students visiting the Fair. Most of the

college representatives said they were there to talk about questions "future freshmen" might have. Mr. Mark Tenney, academic counselor for this area from MIT and father of Adams' own Beanie Tenney, said, "I'm here



to answer questions from prospective students, not really to recruit." That seemed to be the attitude of most of the reps.

Students visited the College and Career Fair to find out about colleges, vocational and career schools, and scholarship and financial aid opportunities. To help future freshmen, the workers of tomorrow, and anyone



else who is interested, I collected scholarship and financial aid information from the representatives at the Fair.

Financial Aid

The most important aspect of financial aid, and the key to almost all of the money to be had, is the Financial Aid form. Usually available before Christmas break of the senior year, this year's FAFs have been delayed because of problems in Washington. Legislation is pending to reduce the federal funds available to college students, and the College Scholarship Service is reluctant to release the forms until some decision is reached.

Once the FAF is filed with the College Scholarship Service, however, it opens the doors to many financial aid programs offered through the federal government. These programs include: Pell Grants, money which does not have to be repaid;

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, the funds for which are not guaranteed yearly by the school; College Work Study, providing jobs for students in need of financial aid; National Direct Student Loans, a low-interest to students through their school; and Guaranteed Student Loans, made by a financial institution near your home and backed by the guarantee agency. Most schools require the FAF for scholarships competitions and private aid.

According to admitting officers and financial aid people, a student should always apply to colleges he is interested in, even if money seems to be a hopeless obstacle. Financial aid is there for the student.

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Scholarship Opportunities

Most colleges offer scholarships, awards for academic, athletic, or other talents, and along with these many civic groups offer scholarships.

Each branch of the Armed Forces, including the Indiana National Guard, offers scholarships to prospective recruits. For more information, speak to your Armed Forces Recruiter.

The State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana offers awards to students planning on attending eligible Indiana schools. Applicants for the Hoosier Scholar, Higher Education, or Freedom of Choice Awards should submit their FAF no later than March 1, 1983.

Scholarships are also available through many corporations and clubs. For further information, see Mr. Rensberger in Room 101.

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Indy: Netter's 2nd Home

by Alan Engel

Mike Allen's favorite number MUST be three! It has to be! Why? Well, for the last three years, the Adams Tennis Team, under his direction, is going downstate. And for the last two years, his teams have ended up, you got it, number three.

Good? No! - Exceptional! But now the Netters want to change their coach's favorite number to one. And better yet, they have a good chance. A good chance to win State as they are undefeated (18-0) in dual competition.

The tenacious Netters needed to win six matches against some of the best teams in the state tourney. They easily ran by Mishawaka and St. Joe in the Sectionals. Then came tenth ranked and arch NIC rival Penn.

Penn fell 3-2 as Junior-Sensation Paul Koscielski needed only half an hour to destroy Penn's Adam Berebitsky 6-1, 6-0.

Both double teams (also unbeaten in dual competition) downed their Penn competition fairly easily. Seniors Phil Grayson and Chris Toal won 6-2, 6-1 while the number one doubles-team of Chris Foley and Kurt Roemer wrapped up their match 7-5, 6-0.

In the rain-plagued Regionals, Adams stopped Culver 3-0 and then decided that a make-up



wasn't necessary as we had already won.

Then came the Semistate. Adams swept over Portage 4-1 with the only loss coming at the number three singles. The Netters then met up with sixteenth ranked and previously unbeaten (16-0) Munster.

PK rolled and in 35 minutes

was ready to watch his teammates. Junior Benson Yang won a very emotional three-set victory over Chris Ignas. Although ultimately losing the set, Benson came back from a 5-1 deficit to be up 6-5 in the second. Both double teams also won. The Foley-Roemer combo won in straight sets (6-3, 6-3) but handed the number one-doubles team their first (and second) lost set of the year.

The Grayson-Toal combo finished off Munster's number two-doubles team 6-4, 6-2. Sophomore John Rohan had a rough couple of days but still gave his competition a good fight.

When Coach Mike Allen was asked if this was his best team in the last three years, he answered with a non-committal, "Potentially, yes." Netters, we wish you the best of luck and we hope you play well. But win or lose, at Adams High School - you'll ALWAYS be NUMBER ONE.

Ganser Up Close

by Mary Slafkosky

After all the reshuffling of teachers, Adams has been lucky to be able to hold on to a series of dedicated teachers. One of these is physical education and department head Miss Susan Ganser. Miss Ganser has taught for 16 years at Adams having also taught for 4 years at the Illinois School of the deaf and one year at Illinois State University, showing a lot of dedication and desire to enrich the learning of others.

Right now she is being kept very busy by being in charge of all the needs of the physical education department and head coach of the Varsity and B volleyball teams. Her assistant coach Wilma Aitcheson helps her out with coaching and keeps things on an even keel.

The feelings after the tough losses to St. Joe and Mishawaka aren't remorseful. "The team lost

on paper," she said, "not on the court." Adams always seems to play toughest against St. Joe and Mishawaka because of strong rivalries.

With the upcoming regional tournaments, and the state tournament around the corner, the need for a balanced team is a must for success. "The team works hard together in practice and is improving greatly," she says. This year Adams has a team that as a whole compliment each other and work well together.

Having already coached two state championship teams to success, a third time would be an ultimate accomplishment for Miss Ganser. "The first time we won state it was great, unreal, the second time was even better because there wasn't any controversy involved," she said. The '76' state championship

team was under a lot of scrutiny because Miss Ganser allowed guys to play on the team. "If I had to do it over again, I wouldn't change my stand a bit," she says. She felt the guys made the girls work just a little bit harder and improved the quality quite a bit.

Her personal feelings aren't just for winning, but for the feelings of pride as she watches her girls playing their hardest and doing their very best.

Miss Ganser feels that the girls can win it all if they take it one step at a time. "The girls," she says, "need to set their minds on winning and be determined enough to pull it together."

An overall accomplishment for the coaches and team would be a state championship but also the pride in knowing that they're winners no matter what the final score.

On Strike

by Fly Miller

Another year, and another strike. Who wants to see the Czechuanese Blue Devils play the Ottawa Rough Riders? Or watch division II college football? Or old films of Dick Butkus mauling opponents? Answer - nobody. Having gone through half of a summer worth of a baseball strike, I have had enough pro sports strikes to last a lifetime.

It was bad enough not being able to watch my beloved White Sox on T.V., or listen to them on the radio, but a full-winter without Sunday Afternoon or Monday Night Football is worse. Much like I became accustomed to listening to the Sox at night on the radio, I became accustomed to sitting in front of the tube on lazy Sunday afternoon's watching the aerial display of Dan Fouts, or the offensive inability of the boring

Chicago Bears. After many years of it, I was also in the habit of procrastinating in doing my homework so that I could watch JUST one more drive, on Monday Night Football.

Now that we realize what a pain it is without pro football, let's try to investigate the reason for "The Strike." It's the fault of the rich, greedy, no good players, right? Not necessarily. The truth of the matter is that the owners are awfully greedy themselves. Unlike other sports, the owners are guaranteed a large sum of money for T.V. rights each week. This is regardless of whether an owner's team is 1-15 or 15-1.

Football players have come to the realization that they are being ripped off in comparison to other professional athletes. Even though they participate in the most watched spectator sport,

they receive less money than members of other sports. For example, compare football to baseball. In baseball, MANY players earn in upwards of \$\$\$1 million \$\$\$, but in football the highest paid player earns \$800,000. A football player's career expectancy is much shorter than a baseball player's.

Sure, someone can say, "In the first place none of the professional athletes should earn such outrageous sums of money in this day and age of high unemployment. "However, the payment of athletes has gotten out of hand, and cannot be stopped. Once a group of people are given something, it is only human nature for them to want more of it.

So, please settle it so I can have my football back!

Ready For Sectionals X-Country

by Carrie Wolosin

Last Thursday, by placing four runners in the top ten, the Varsity Cross-Country Eagles stormed the City Meet. In JV competition, the first three finishers were also from Adams. This puts them in good shape for today's sectionals.

Training for any sport isn't easy, and preparing for cross-country is a long and tedious process. The actual distance run in a meet is 5,000 m., or 3.1 miles, but the runners want to build up more stamina than they will really need. In a normal week, you can see packs of Adams' boys pounding the sidewalks, always trying to cut down the time just a little bit more.

A team can't win a meet on the strength of just one or two good runners. Our cross-country team has both the speed and the numbers that it takes to win.

Adams' runners that finished in the top ten were senior John Vittori, and juniors Chuck Powell, Mark Orlando, and Kevin Miller. They were fourth, fifth, seventh, and ninth respectively. The junior varsity put in a strong performance with Jamie Borden, Eric Knipple, Jason Yazel, Doug Poorbaugh, Dave Albright, John Yarger, and Neil Lannuier all finishing in the top ten. Other team members include Carl Stopper, Doug Henkel, Kevin Otolski, Brian Brothers, and Todd Moore.

As senior Renee Despres and junior Michele Martino have proven, cross-country is not only a male sport. Coach Tom Lower hopes to have more girls out in the future so that Adams can become a major contender in Girl's cross-country as well.

Volleyball

by Anthony Walton

Coach Sue Ganser's girls' volleyball program which has gained a tradition for taking the Northern Indiana Conference title as well as annually bidding for the State title, again has a genuine contender for State honors this season. The V-Eagles who have compiled an exceptional 13 and 4 record thus far, show greater promise for success each week. With the exception of a strong Mishawaka team, Coach Ganser's squad has had little trouble defeating any of their conference opponents. With this in mind plus an impressive performance and victory at their own invitational last weekend the team is confident of their chances in the Sectional that lies only a few weeks away.

Many factors contribute to the

team's great success this season. Coach Ganser is fortunate in having both talent and leadership coming from seniors Julie Yazel, Karen Gillis and Diane Farmer. The team also possesses great bench strength with junior reserves Gina Nowicki, Peggy Duestenburg and Shelly Coussens on the sideline. And, as Coach Ganser stresses, "It's important that we generate as much fan support as we can at every match to fire the girls up."

On the shadow of our conquerable boy's tennis team, the volleyball team's tremendous efforts are sometimes overlooked. Time and time again the squad has proven its worthiness of respect from the student body. Coach Ganser's team is to be congratulated for their achievements this season.

For a Change

by Tim Long

Another Friday night and a win for the John Adams Varsity Football team. No longer does the so-called "tradition" go on. An excellent example of this is the Elkhart Memorial game, when the fired up Eagles of Adams beat the Chargers 20-14. If a game ball was given it would have gone to the coaching staff and head coach Bill Farrell, who led the players to this 20-14 win.

The only problem that the team has had is confidence. The John Adams student body has never been behind, or given ANY kind of support to their team. Sure, lots of students go to the game, but it's more to gather socially than to support the team. Compare the John Adams student body with Penn's student body. Penn's students fill the stadium, watching the game and participating in the cheers. They are behind their team 100 percent. John Adams needs to give the players a feeling of moral support. The players need to feel the school behind them so that they can build pride, which in turn will produce a stronger team.

A great deal of support comes from the cheerleaders, especially at pep assemblies. It is quite a sight to see and hear all of the students standing and yelling "We Are" in response to the familiar voice of Mr. Przybysz saying, "Who's Gonna Win Tonight?" So let's carry it over to the game so the players can hear the sound of J.A. spirit.