

Letters To The Editor

Squeal!

by Matt Booty

The "squeal rule"--what a catch phrase. The word "squeal" instantly conjures up images of sneaky government officials who would like nothing better than to further complicate the lives of teenagers by reporting their sexual activities to mom and dad. Whoever thought up the name "squeal rule" was obviously out to stop it. But is the "squeal rule" as bad as it seems, or has the real issue been clouded by popular controversy?

Basically, the "squeal rule" would require agencies such as planned parenthood to notify parents if their children have requested or are receiving birth control devices. In other words, the government wants parents to know just **how** sexually active their children are. This is actual legislation, not just something that could happen. The "squeal rule" was reviewed by Congress and was turned down, only to be revived by Reagan's Presidential powers at large. If they succeed, the new "squeal rule" will raise some very pertinent questions that apply to everyone, not just teenagers.

The most important issue at hand here seems to be whether or not the government can legislate morality. Proponents of the "squeal rule" feel the government not only has the power to, but is also obligated to regulate birth control. Their reasoning relies on the fact that most of the agencies supplying birth control services receive a large part of their funding from the government. If the federal government is paying for it, don't they have the right to oversee just how it's being used? Can't the government just pass a law to restrict or alter someone's personal conduct, even if the moralities concerned cover such an involved topic as birth control?

Well, Reagan and his "elder statespersons" may have lived through half of our country's history, but they sure haven't studied it very well. Consider the previous attempts to legislate America's morality. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 may have made it illegal to discriminate against someone due to color, race, or creed, but everyone knows that this law did not completely eradicate racism and bigotry. The government cannot always change attitudes by changing behavior. Prohibition showed us that in extreme cases, laws to stop an action only enforce previous attitudes and make the situation worse than before.

Therefore, would the "squeal rule" actually make things better or worse? According to the

Having been looking forward to May, 1983 for the past three years, I can honestly say: it can wait. Any senior knows what I'm talking about, graduation, of course.

Not until recently have I realized the importance of my senior year. I'm not only referring to grades, G.P.A., class rank, college, etc., but friendship (which many may not believe isn't everlasting) and school spirit. It was not until this year that some of the things--watching our athletic teams shoot for a state championship in tennis, volleyball, having plus-500 football season, or even winning a basketball sectional title--meant so much.

Losing my voice at sectionals due to excessive yelling seemed to be foolish to the lowerclassmen (meaning non-seniors, in my opinion! No offense anyone!). It seemed that way to me too, although now I wish it hadn't. This year I realized how the recent sectionals meant more than pride. It was my last game, and only then did I realize this. But all this didn't seem to matter to anyone else except other seniors.

I guess what I am trying to say is, "Hey you guys, this is it! Before you know, this will all be gone. So don't let it slip away because it will happen quicker than you think. Also, don't wait until you are a senior with only a short time to go before you wake up."

I think most seniors tend to pull together for their last year. Many may not notice it, but **it does happen** and it is **something great!** I only wish it had happened sooner.

by Steve Mock

government, it would be a great help in curbing your America's rampant sexuality. If teenagers have more trouble getting birth control devices, then they're obviously going to stop having sex, right? Furthermore, Reagan and gang feel that the "squeal rule" will revitalize the decaying family structures in America, where mom and dad haven't the faintest idea what their kids are up to. By letting them know their kids are sexually active, the government is giving parents and kids a chance to get the whole matter out in the open and discuss it as a caring unit.

Sorry. Most, but not all, kids would come home to face two extremely irate people. In the end, the parent/child relationship would most likely be even more distant, with each side feeling cheated by the other. It seems stupid to wait 16 or 17 years for a "squeal rule" to bring out a family understanding of sex, only to have that understanding devastated before it could ever develop. Wouldn't it be better to spend the same money and effort towards starting a modern sex-education program that doesn't teach in retrospect?

Besides, the "squeal rule" is so sexist. By targeting counseling agencies, the rule also focuses primarily on girls. Until someone manages to pass laws regulating truckstop restrooms or drug-stores, boys will still be able to easily secure contraceptives. It's almost as if girls are the only ones who need to control their sexuality, the only ones who need to assume any responsibility in birth control. ERA, where are you?! By imposing the "squeal rule", the government seems to be de-emphasizing the family unit, not strengthening it. **Shouldn't birth control and family planning be approached as something both partners need to be involved in?**

Like most questions, the squeal rule has no clear-cut, yes or no answers. However, it seems that before the government begins legislating our morality and controlling our attitudes, we should all give the matter more thought. The government informing parents after the fact about their child's sexual activity may be a mistake, but it would be even worse for the parents to inform the government about the flaws in the "squeal rule" after the fact.

"JA Pride Week." Doubt it. It seemed more like Prideless Week. Certainly John Adams High School has more pride than was exhorted during Pride Week.

A Pride Week was initiated last year, resulting in a huge success. This year, however, the week was a huge disaster. Why?

The fault in "Pride Week" was not the student body's. Throughout the year, the John Adams Student Body has shown its insurmountable pride. No flaws exist in the held of John Adams pride. JA still is the #1 school in the area.

The fault lies in the horrid organization of "Pride Week." Student Government failed. Of all weeks of the year, they picked the week preceding Spring Break. They couldn't have picked a worse time. Numerous students were already on vacation. More important than this though, who feels, or wants to feel school pride the week before Spring Break? Nobody. When a student body is on the brink of their first vacation in three months, they shouldn't be expected to show their school spirit, but instead to dream about running out the door on Friday.

"Pride Week" was less than one month after "Spirit Week." A Pride Week should be instituted during the warm days of spring when the number of Pep Assemblies diminishes along with the school spirit. Less people wear letter sweaters. Senioritis has become an epidemic.

A Pride Week right in the middle of this fun and sun would be terrific. It would give the Seniors and the rest of the school one 'last hurrah'. Next time Student Government, think before you act.

TRIUMPH Triumphs

by Shant Markarian

Rarely does a concert-goer in South Bend, or anywhere for that matter, get the opportunity to see two excellent bands perform on the same bill. If you made it to the TRIUMPH-FOGHAT concert on March 23, you know what I'm talking about. Both bands, each with the ability and experience to perform as a headliner, gave the 7,000 plus fans at the ACC more than their money's worth.

Foghat, one of the more talented rock bands around, played for a little over an hour and performed many of their greatest hits including: "Fool for the City," "Honey Hush," "Stone Blue," "Third Time Lucky," "Slipped Tripped," "Fell in Love," and "Slow Ride." Before their encore, many of the fans at the ACC were still in their seats. Why? Who knows? This reporter is at a loss for a reason. Foghat returned to do an extended version of, "I Just Want to Make Love to You." Anyone who remained seated after this didn't belong at a rock concert. Because of Triumph's extensive light show, Foghat wasn't able to have a great visual show, but their performance more than set the stage for Triumph.

Triumph's visual show cannot be adequately described in words. They performed for almost two incredible hours. The show included; flash pot explosions, strobe lights, two-five foot mirrored balls, 350,000 watts of light surrounding the stage, and dry ice fog. Even without the special effects, the show would have been worth it just to witness Rick Emmet's skill on guitar. Easily the greatest guitarist ever to come to South Bend, and right now one of the best live guitarists around, Emmet soloed throughout the performance,

stealing the show with his acrobatics and exciting stage presence. Drummer Gil Moore also thrilled the audience with a five-minute drum solo enhanced with spinning spotlights, strobe lights, electronically mixed drums, and fog surrounding his mirrored drum set. TRIUMPH played many of their best known songs; "Lay It on the Line," "Allied Forces," "Magic Power," and songs from their new album including "Never Surrender," "When the Lights Go Down," and "World of Fantasy." TRIUMPH Left the audience cheering for more and returned for their encore to perform Joe Walsh's "Rocky Mountain Way" and their biggest hit "Fight the Good Fight." I had a chance to interview the band before the concert. The band also includes bass and synthesizer player Mike Levine. Moore designed the band's show himself, dealing with the area of pyrotechnics. He told me that this is the most extensive tour they have ever done, with the biggest show they have ever attempted. It takes them most of the day to set up all the equipment necessary--much more than most bands. TRIUMPH came to South Bend's Morris Civic Auditorium only a year ago, and since then their popularity had skyrocketed, largely due to their extensive touring. Levine says they have played over 500 shows in only three years.

All in all, it was a concert that should not have been missed. For those who didn't get the opportunity to see TRIUMPH, there is a glimmer of hope for next year. When I asked Moore if they were coming back to South Bend next year, this was his reply. "I don't know. If we make it through this year, I'll let you know."

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Students Study at Science Symposium

by Betsy Killeen

Three John Adams juniors were invited to participate in the Three Rivers Science Symposium at St. Francis College in Ft. Wayne over the weekend of March 25 and 26. Mike Morris, Derek Lannuier and Matt Booty were selected from many applicants out of midwestern United States based on science aptitude, SAT scores and teacher recommendations.

The two days of concentrated instruction and research participation allow high school juniors and seniors to investigate chemical and biological procedures not normally performed in high school. Derek and Mike used EEG and EKG instruments to monitor reactions of frog muscle tissue during contraction and exhaustion. They also were able to record their own brain

wave patterns. Matt studied the processes involved in purifying enzymes and then separated out the enzyme lysozyme from chicken eggs.

The symposium started early Friday morning with discussions and labs that continued through Saturday afternoon. The thirty students stayed in college dorms and found the two days of intense science workshops to be fun as well as educational and mentally challenging. "It's not just the material you learn, but also the people you meet," says Matt. Matt was offered a \$500 scholarship following his participation in the 5th Annual Symposium.

The next symposium will likely be scheduled in the fall of 1983. Interested students should contact Mr. Longenecker or Mr. Goodman at the start of next school year.

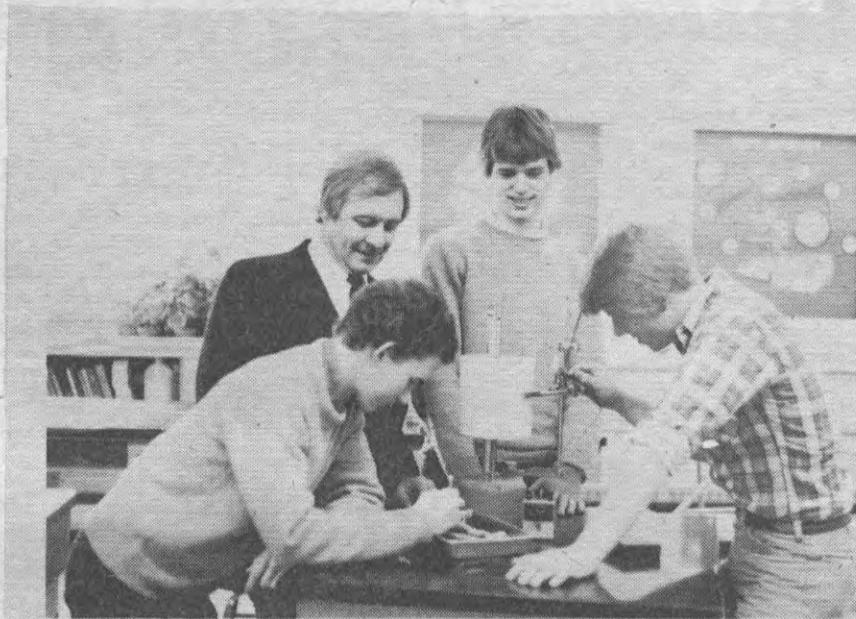


Photo by Mark Orlando

Derek Lannuier explains to Mr. Przybyz, Mike Morris and Matt Booty procedures similar to those he used to measure muscle fatigue.

Jesters Offer Greek Drama

by Marci Whittenburg

The coming of spring brings with it vacation from school, warm weather, and thoughts of summer. But for the John Adams Jesters it signifies the beginning of rehearsals for their spring drama production of *Antigone*.

Antigone, a Greek tragedy by Sophocles, is the story involving Oedipus' daughter. Antigone (Jennifer Frieden) disobeys King Creon's orders and buries her brother. In punishment for open defiance, Creon must order her

execution. Yet he is torn in two directions; to follow through with his orders or to listen to the pleas of Antigone's betrothed, his son Haimon (Todd A. Harding), and her sister, Ismene (Kristin Clay). In the background to this action is the blind oracle, Teiresias (Craig Markarian) and the chorus with the Choragos (Kevin Gould).

Along with the messenger (Polly Harvey) and the sentry (Daniel L. Breen) this dramatic persona executes brilliantly the wildly dramatic action in this tragedy. Director Marilyn Goer-

ner feels that it is a challenge to the cast to be able to preform *Antigone* because tragedies are rarely undertaken by high school drama groups.

This classic tragedy will be performed in the John Adams Little Theatre on April 28 and 29 and on May 5 and 6 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$2.50 and may be bought at the door or from any member of the John Adams Jesters.

Council Commends Youths

by Marci Whittenburg

Too often we hear and read about the negative things teenagers do. But seldom are their good actions recognized. On Monday night, March 28, at the South Bend Common Council meeting, Mark T. Kurowski and the YOUTH ACTION TEAM received the recognition they deserve for the work on their project of removing the "Violin Woman" from the fountain in front of the Morris Civic Auditorium. The council passed a resolution to commend "... the YOUTH ACTION TEAM for its dedication and contribution to civic activities." This is the first time such an infrequent award has been presented to any group or person under the age of twenty-one.

At the meeting adults, such as the city engineer, spoke in favor of this resolution, commending the students for their hard work on this project. YOUTH ACTION TEAM received support throughout. no voice was raised in the resolution by 6th District Councilman, Raymond Zielinski. Mark made a speech, thanking all who have supported the group. He gave a special thanks to the members of YOUTH ACTION TEAM and Kevin Davies, Head District Representative.

Mark considers this presentation, "... so far, the greatest among the whistle stops along the way."

We would like to extend congratulations to Mark, Kevin and the YOUTH ACTION TEAM for this honor bestowed on them.

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Another one for Ed

by George Vittori

Recently, John Adams own Mr. Ed Szucs was awarded Athletic Director of the Year for the five-state region of the country by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. The states included in this region are Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Mr. Szucs will receive his award on Friday, July 1, as the commencement of a week-long convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His name will then be placed among seven other Athletic Directors for the National Athletic Director of the Year.

This is not the first honor that Mr. Szucs has won. In 1982, he was chosen as the Indiana Athletic Director of the Year. He has also received awards for his years of service to state organizations like the Indiana High School Coaches Assoc. and the Indiana High School Athletic Assoc., and has been honored for his loyalty to the youth of the community by teaching and

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controversy. Using the results that were found in the trash, there would be two new girls on the B-team and two new girls on the Varsity. Thus, a total of eight girls would have been intimately involved.

Early Wednesday morning, options under consideration were to leave the situation status quo, have new tryouts, or to use the once destroyed once taped score sheets.

After discussing the situation with his administrative colleagues, the Principal Communication Network Committee, several cheerleader's parents, and Mrs. Warren, Mr. Przybysz decided that the tryouts should be held again.

Mrs. Warren tabulated some scores incorrectly. Did she do so intentionally? Were the score sheets Cheryl found--the originals that the judges (instead of the students) had filled out? Why did Mrs. Warren attempt to destroy the score sheets? Why did Cheryl go to such extremes to find the torn sheets? There are several unanswered questions still in the air.

So the tryouts will be held again Monday. Sure, some definite problems with "the system" have been identified. And the first step to problem solving is identification. But, what will come of it? What will come of it?

Unfortunately, from past experiences, I must truthfully admit, that I do not know.

promoting safe driving habits through the Summer Driver Education Program. Mr. Szucs has also served as chairman for many committees and has hosted the I.H.S.A.A. Sectional Tournaments in Boys' Tennis, Cross-Country, Wrestling, and Volleyball.

Since his first year as athletic director at John Adams in 1966, the school has come to be known as an athletic powerhouse. We have won 7 Northern Indiana

Conference "All Sports" Trophies, Nine State Championships, Seven State Runner-ups, and Five State Finalists, along with many other achievements. During his span, John Adams sports teams have won 2168 events while only losing 1155. That record speaks for itself about the kind of job he has done at John Adams.

The whole student body at Adams is thankful to have someone like Mr. Szucs. We offer congratulations.

SOCCER STARTS STRONG

by Patrick Woodard

The 1983 version of the John Adams Varsity Soccer team opened its season with two quick victories over regional powerhouse, Munster, and city rival, the Washington Panthers. The first game, played at Bethel College against Munster, started as a first game should with no scoring in the first half, but both teams displayed good ball control and sharp crisp passing. The second half began with pretty much the same action, until midway through the half, junior letterman Benson Yang fired a cross from the left side, straight to senior letterman John Croy, who headed the ball past the Munster goalie. The Eagles' goalie, Kevin Hughes, backed by a strong defense, denied Munster a goal the rest of the way.

The second game, played against Washington in freezing cold weather, turned out to be

just the opposite of the first. Despite a stubborn defense by the Panthers, the Eagles managed to reel off four goals. Andy Beyrers scored the first on a head shot assisted by senior Chip Cunningham. John Croy then ignited the offense, scoring on a penalty kick and a goal assisted by both Andy Beyrers and Steve Collier, after a group of unsuccessful shots. To close out the first half, sophomore letterman Kurt Roemer, scored on a John Croy assisted goal to give the Eagles a 4-0 lead at half.

At the start of the second half, the Panthers struck first, scoring on a head shot by Olivier Marson (assisted from a corner kick by Vince Burkhart). Yet it was the Eagles who delivered the final blow with senior Steve Collier, getting the goal, again assisted by John Croy. The defense then held on to keep a decisive 5-1 victory.

Track is Back

by Kristi Sivak

On April 12, Coach Reed's girls' track team opened their season with their first loss in two years. The girls were defeated by a score of 63-42. Winners for Adams were Tessa Billups in the 100 and 200, Linda Hemphill in the 1600, Julie Davis in the long jump, and Jana Kolar, who almost tied the school record in high jump. The 400 relay team consisting of Romnee Clark, Angie Forrest, Michelle Rouse and Tessa Billups also added five points to the Adams score. But, this defeat, only seemed to make the girls work harder on Thursday.

In spite of cold weather, the Eagles went on to beat Washington, 75.5 to 29.5. Double winners for Adams were Amy Bali in the shot put and discus and Tessa Billups in the 200, who also tied the school record in the 100. Hemphill, Kolar, and the 400 relay team retained control of their events. The other winners were Danoris Jenkins in the 110 hurdles and Romnee Clark, Kate Manley, Danoris Jenkins and Julie Davis, who make up the 800 relay team. The girls' team also ran against Riley on Tuesday, St. Joe on Wednesday, and Elkhart Memorial on Thursday.



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