

# The Eagles Show Their Pride

Every week at John Adams is filled with the student's pride due to the numerous and talented athletic teams that the students support. This past week was designated "Pride Week" by Student Government and Mr. Przybysz to recognize the other important people in the school.

The difference between this week and a normal week at Adams is that, instead of the students showing pride for the athletic teams, we showed pride for the otherwise unrecognized people. These people include teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers, office help, and even coaches. Academics recognized those students who excelled in school.

Monday was "Teacher Appreciation Day." Apples were brought to school that day and distributed among the teachers. This showed the students appreciation for all that the teachers do and put up with for us.

Tuesday was "Clean Up the School Day." During Activity Period, members of Student government recruited people from other clubs and activities to help pick up trash around the school and wash graffiti from the walls. The "Pride Week" committee chairman, Kevin Miller, found some old trash cans in the autoshop and painted them red and blue. After painting these old cans, a picture of an Eagle was added along with "Pride Week '84"



Roger Kenna and Jen Weamer prepare apples for "Pride Week." Photo by Mark Orlando

written on the side.

On Wednesday, the least recognized group in the school was appreciated by the students. The cafeteria workers and custodians were thanked by Mr. Przybysz over the loud speaker that morning. The students all day long thanked the workers with a hand shake or a kind word.

Thursday was the big day for high achievers in academics. Each student on the Honor Roll received a little "Honor Roll Scroll," and they wore them around school to show pride in themselves for achieving academic excellence. Everyone was not left out because it was also "Show Pride in Yourself Day." Students dressed up in their nicest clothes for the occasion. Also recognized on Thursday were the clubs and activities that meet during Activity Period on every third Tuesday. Posters were made during Activity Period on Tuesday and were hung around the school.

Today, as an old tradition, is "Red and Blue Day." This is to represent that the students have pride in John Adams.

The entire student body got involved, showed pride in the school, and recognized the people that are important to the way the school runs.

"Pride Week" ends today, but at John Adams, pride will never die.

## Footprints Steps Out

It's about that time of year again; time for spring, Tower Hill, and *Footprints*, the literary magazine published annually by the Footprints Club and advisor, Ann Germano.

Mrs. Germano feels that *Footprints* is important because, "in 10 years, the only things students will have to remind them

of their years in high school will be their yearbook and *Footprints*."

Next year, with activity period possibly being terminated, *Footprints* will become part of Mrs. Germano's Creative Writing class. Formerly a one semester class with students writing short

stories, poems, and plays, a second semester will be added to include work on *Footprints*.

*Footprints* is on sale this week for the low price of \$1.25. Anyone interested in purchasing a new 1983-84 *Footprint* can see Mrs. Germano in Rm 237, or stop by the book store or pencil shop.

## Students Attend Symposium

Juniors Kara Kelly and Sima Medow recently attended the eighth biannual Three Rivers Science Symposium at Saint Frances College in Fort Wayne.

The two day workshop dealt with chemical and biological luminescence or cold light. Both students studied the energy transfer processes involved in

producing light without heat. A biological example of this light is the firefly's lantern.

Both Kara and Sima agree that it was a very worthwhile experience. "Over the weekend we were able to meet and talk with students of various scientific backgrounds."

Over the past few years, Adams students have attended science symposiums. One of the honors connected with the workshops is that Saint Frances College offers several scholarships to outstanding junior and senior participants. Kara Kelly was offered one of these scholarships. Previous scholarship designates have been Seniors Matt Booty and Betsy Killeen. Matt has attended several symposiums and was offered a scholarship last year. Betsy attended the symposium last fall.



Betsy Killeen makes a sterile transfer while Kara Kelly and Sima Medow observe. Photo by Mark Orlando

## NEWS BRIEFS



On Friday, May 4th, the John Adams student body will be fortunate to have Rosey Grier as a guest speaker. Mr. Grier will share his life experiences with us and will encourage us to enjoy our youth without drug or alcohol abuse.

Let's give Rosey Grier a warm welcome next Friday and show him the respect and attention he deserves.

Senior Judy Molnar has been selected as Junior Rotarian for the month of May. She has been a member of the Varsity Volleyball and Basketball teams. She acted in *Antigone* and *Good News*, and she is also the President of the Debate Club. Congratulations!



The TOWER Staff would like to congratulate Jennifer Bickel and her teacher, Mrs. Germano. Recently, Jennifer won Honorable Mention in Purdue's competition for high school writers. Her short story, "Fast Forward," was selected as one of the half dozen best among many entries. Good Luck to Jennifer in her future writing endeavors.



## Students take vaccines against the dreaded disease

by Steve Gruenig

Homework, one of the most hated parts of high school life, is fast becoming extinct. Although the efforts of the teachers to keep this rare breed of learning alive should be commended, the forces of the students to kill studying are too great for any teaching staff to fight.

In my brief three year high school career, I have seen this monster dominate the lives of some students and wither and die at the feet of others. The gung-ho attitude of the Freshmen is something to laugh at. I've seen a small Freshman walk out of school with a stack of books which the captain of the football team would have trouble carrying. And

he thinks he's going to do all this, Ha! nice try. Give him an A for effort.

Some learn faster than others, but by the end of the year, everyone learns that it is impossible to complete everything.

Then, comes the sophomore year. Kids take home an amount of homework which they think they can get by with. But, the lack of effort to do their homework shows up in the end because they haven't learned how not to do their homework. But, then again, I guess that's why they're Sophomores.

By Junior year, some poor souls reform and regress back to

the Freshman year, but, most progress to the stage of learning how not to do homework and get by with it.

This stage is great because it gives a person more free time to enjoy the finer things in life: watching MTV (or any kind of TV), playing sports, eating food, chasing girls, or everyone's favorite: PARTYING! I've seen kids spend all their free time, and more just thinking up excuses for not doing homework. They could just as easily do their homework and then, with their spare time, discover a cure for cancer.

I am eager to move on and find out how the Seniors finally kill this dreaded disease called homework.

## Thespians Report: "Good News"

by Sarah Greene

"Signals. Seventeen-twenty-four-thirty-two-six-three-one. Let'er go!"

What is this? A football team preparing for their first big game? Well, yes, but this football game involves a stage, not a football field.

Actually, this is a line from John Adams' upcoming spring musical, *Good News*. The football game sets the stage for romantic triangles, singing, dancing, and a confrontation with a hard-hearted astronomy professor.

Tait College star football player Tom Marlowe (Chris McNamara), is failing astronomy, and if he fails, he will be unable to play in the big game. He tries to get his girlfriend Patricia Bingham (P.J. Lindemann) to tutor him, but Patricia, who is already busy, suggests that her cousin Connie Lane (Jennifer Frieden) would be a better tutor. Tom expects Connie to be a four-eyed grind and is pleasantly surprised by her beauty when they meet. In the course of their tutoring session, they fall in love, yet Connie is wary of Tom because he is the Campus Ladies' Man, and besides that, he is already engaged to her cousin.

Meanwhile, Tom's roommate, Bobby Randall (Rick Ellis) is being pursued by the campus vamp, Babe O'Day (Pam Schlossberg). Bobby is not only pursued by Babe, but also by her jealous boyfriend Beef Saunders (Tim Ehlers). Ironically, Beef is coaching Bobby for the big game. Bobby, as a result, is a very nervous guy.

Tom eventually passes his exam, thanks to Connie, and the two star-crossed lovers.... Well, I won't reveal the ending. That remains to be seen.

*Good News* is different from previous Adams musicals in that

its director is very new to Adams. Ray Hinsey, fresh out of teaching at Kennedy Grade School, has taken on the difficult job of directing the musical.

*Good News* runs May 3,4,5, at 7:30 p.m. in the John Adams Auditorium. Tickets are \$2.00 and can be purchased from any cast or crew member or at the door.

## Choir takes its show on the road

by Mary Slafkosky

The John Adams High School Concert Choir finally realized their dream of touring to New York City during spring break. They worked since last spring selling M&M's, chicken, holding car washes, and having every imaginable fund raiser in order to get the \$10,000 necessary to make the trip.

As the bus pulled out of the Adams parking lot on Sunday, April 8th, there was definite excitement in the air. The first stop was Pittsburgh to give a concert then on to Philadelphia, and finally New York.

In a whirlwind two days the choir did all it possibly could in

the city, including a tour of lower Manhattan, shopping, seeing Central Park, Greenwich Village, "42nd Street" on Broadway, and holding a few impromptu concerts. The tour ended by seeing Niagara Falls and holding another concert in North East, Pennsylvania.

There was a lot of work involved, but it all paid off in the end. The experiences, are ones that won't be forgotten for the rest of their lives. Many memories, friendships, and laughter were involved during the six day trip. It was truly the experience of a lifetime.



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# Soccer Leads Spring Achievements

by Brandon Hudson

This is a rebuilding year? That is the question Adams' opponents may be asking now, as the Eagles soccer team matured quickly and captured a 4-0 record.

Adams got reassuring confidence in themselves on April 11th when the Eagles whipped host Washington 6-0. Senior Andy Beyrer picked up three goals. Senior Chris Foley, junior Kurt Roemer, and sophomore Pat Woodard each scored a goal.

Ricardo Fallon and Joey Loux, both freshmen, played outstand-

ing games.

On Friday the 13th, the luck was all good for the soccer team. Adams hosted a strong Warsaw team at Bethel and defeated the Tigers soundly by the score of 5-0. Roemer scored the hat trick while Beyrer got his fourth goal of the short season. Junior Jason Ugland also scored a goal.

The Eagles young defense, 3 of the 4 are sophomores, played an outstanding game. The fullbacks covered for stopper Anthony Johnson, who then was free to attack the opponent. Brandon

Hudson recorded Adams' second shutout.

The first big game of the short season came against cross-town rival Clay on the 18th. Although the Eagles had trouble getting shots on goal, Benson Yang got free and scored two goals. Kurt Roemer and Andy Beyrer each scored a goal.

Roemer took a lot of abuse from the Clay players, but he still played another fabulous game.

Sophomore Ken Cunningham shutdown Clay's strong man, Kocsis, with superb defense.

Led by Cunningham, the Adam's defense was able to shut Clay out. In fact, Clay did not have a single free shot the entire game. This was the third shutout in a row for Adams.

On the 20th, Adams traveled to Fort Wayne to find a much improved Homestead team. Adams underestimated them and fell behind early 1-0.

Adams took a long time to loosen up from the long bus ride, but they exploded on Homestead in the second half. Kurt Roemer scored to tie the game at 1-1. His

goal was quickly followed by Pat "Woody" Woodard's goal, which seemed to electrify the Adam's team and its followers. Adams goalie, Brandon Hudson, regained his composure and turned in a nice second half.

Roemer scored the third goal on a penalty shot. The final score was 3-1.

The soccer team wants to thank their fans and would appreciate continual support.

## Running Wild

by Johannes Hacker

Saturday, the Eagles competed in the 42nd annual Goshen Relays, which featured over a thousand athletes from some of the best high school track teams in the state. Glenn Watson, the Eagles' top scorer, won second place in the 100 meter high hurdles with a time of 15.3 seconds and placed fourth in the

300 meter low hurdles with a time of 42.4 seconds.

Rodney Hetterson won third place in the long jump with a leap of 22 2/4". John Adams also scored in the spring relay, the 800 meter relay and the 3200 meter relay.

Come out and support the boys' track team.

## Ganser Reaches the Summit

by Mary Slafkosky

John Adams High School varsity volleyball coach Susan Ganser has been selected as the 1984 Coach of the Year from District IV. Miss Ganser is the head of the physical education department, besides being the head coach of the traditionally strong girls' Volleyball

In the past eight years, the team, under her leadership, has been in the final four four times, winning the prestigious state title twice. The first time in 1976 and then again in 1978. She also led teams down to Indianapolis in 1979 and 1982. Unfortunately the state title was not to be the outcome those years.

Miss Ganser is a graduate of Mishawaka High School and has been honored one other time, in 1978, as the coach of the year. She was nominated by her fellow coaches and peers around the state. The evaluating criteria includes head coaching tenure; won-lost record; championship years; service to the profession; community, and to high school athletics; and coaching honors.

There will be an awards



Coach Ganser displays her excellent coaching ability with a pep talk to the volleyball players. Photo by Johannes Hacker

banquet on June 29 at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky where Ganser will be honored with a plaque, at the 19th annual convention. Also to be presented at the banquet will be the national award winners in the areas of coaching and athletic directorship.

Ganser has consistently shown, and has been an example of, a coach always striving to do her

best. Her years of teaching and coaching have added a great deal to the legacy that is John Adams High School. Congratulations are to be offered to a very fine coach and teacher that has worked very hard at accomplishing her many goals. To be able to say that you've strived to do only your very best, and dedicate your life to an unglorified position is truly a mark of a very special person

## Baseball is Hopeful

by Mike Halterman

The John Adams baseball team, in its third week of the season, holds a 2-6 record. The Eagles are coached by Mr. Buchzkowski.

The Eagles are led by seven seniors. Three of the team, Barry Kosek, Mike Szekendy, and David Schreiner, are starting pitchers. Other pitchers seeing action, mostly in relief, are juniors Robbie Cass and Mike Gillespie.

Paul Erp and Sonny Oakley, both supporting good batting averages, play the outfield along with junior Robbie Evans.

In the infield, Kosek starts at first, when he is not pitching. Junior Steve Gruenig takes first when Kosek is pitching. Senior Mike Kolo started the year out at third, but he has been moved to second base because of a sore arm. Rounding out the infield are Mike Halterman at shortstop and Mike Gillespie at third.

Catching this year are juniors Paul McNarney and Dan Demien. Other players contributing to the team are senior second baseman Craig Hartman, junior Scott Hutchings at shortstop, and sophomore Tom Molnar, who is nursing a broken thumb.

The Eagles are off to a slow start, but they need a lot of support if they are going to have a good and exciting season.

## Linkers

by Adam Friend

The Eagle's golf team is off to a strong start. The team is led by a core of seniors, John Gyorgyi, Chip Stafford, Carey Harris, and Matt Bauer.

The linkers beat St. Joe 327-333. Then they beat Penn 330-340. The toughest match to date was the game last Tuesday against Michigan City Elston. Elston was last year state runnerup, and they are the defending NIC champs.

The Kaepler Tournament is to be held today, weather permitting, at Morris Park Country Club where John Adams will attempt to recapture its crown, which they got last year.

The field consists of nine teams, the five South Bend teams along with St. Joe, Penn, Marian, and Mishawaka. The team needs your support to take the title again.

"If we can get by this week undefeated," Coach Coffey explained, "I see no reason why we couldn't end the season undefeated and possibly the state champs!"

## Stumbling over Hurdles

by Diana Grundy

The Girls' Track team, coached by Bob Reed, has gotten off to a respectful start, considering the delay in many of the meets. More than half of the girls from the 1983 Sectional champs are returning to track this year. The in-coming Freshman and new members have taken up some of the slack from graduation and are doing a commendable job. Also some of the returnees have shown vast improvement.

This team, favored to win sectionals again, faced two upsets against Riley and Washington last Saturday. The Eagles were at a disadvantage because they have played fewer meets than their opponents.

The team was hoping to split these contests, but they were unable to do even this. The team seemed to lack the organization of the other teams, which caused the team to lose many points.

Coach Reed expects many improvements from his girls. By sectional time, the team will be on a roll again.

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## Baer Speaks Out

At the pep assembly on Friday, March 9, after a brilliant display of school spirit and emotion, a large portion of the Adams student body degraded our school to a very low level. The assembly itself was probably the best one all year long. However, due to the actions of a number of students, the success of the day was marred with a big, ugly scar. I am referring to two things that happened. The first was the disrespect shown towards our national anthem and the American Flag. For those of you that are too immature to sing the national anthem or otherwise to remain silent, I hope that in the future you will show more respect for your school, your country, and for yourself. The second incident I am referring to involves the booing directed at Dr. James Scamman when he took the floor. Dr. Scamman took time out of his schedule to come to Adams to congratulate our team and the student body, who so rudely booed him, and to wish us luck in the Regional tournament.

As Mr. Hadaway said at the pep assembly, "We have one of the classiest student bodies around." I tend to doubt that now, as do many other people, including our guests who were invited to the assembly. By booing, you degraded yourself and John Adams High School. For those of you who booed, I challenge you to publicly state your reasons for doing so. I doubt if any of you even knew what you were booing about. With this, I hope I have said enough.

Now, I would like to add a short positive note. To the people who refrained from such immature acts, you are to be complimented on a fine display of school spirit and pride. Though we most often hear of peer pressure in the negative sense, only through positive peer influence can we, as a student body, stop such senseless and immature actions by those of us who are too "cool" to care. It is up to you to stop it.

If anyone would like to debate any comments I have made, I'm ready when you are.

Brian Baer

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## Music Sounds Off

By Jim Halterman

Recently, The Tower took a survey of the John Adams students. The survey dealt with many music questions ranging from "Your favorite radio station?" to "What do you think of Boy George?". The results showed that groups are becoming more popular than solo performers, except for solo star, Michael Jackson.

The favorite type of music listened to by 40% of the students was Top 40/Pop. In second place with 32% of students was Heavy Metal music, although it was number one with the freshmen. A distant third place went to New Wave, which had it's highest percentages in the Freshmen and Sophomore classes.

With over 80% of the school having MTV, it was not surprising to see it preferred over Night Tracks and Friday Night Videos. MTV was preferred by 71% of the students. Friday Night Videos was second with 16% and Night Tracks had 13% of the students.

Many of the hours lost to studying, shown in the last issue of The Tower, went into watching MTV. All four classes have at least 50% of the students who watch one to two hours a day of MTV. Also, an astonishing 16% of the students watch over 3 hours of MTV a day.

The survey also proved that while Michael Jackson is very well liked by the students, Boy George (of Culture Club) and Annie Lennox (of the Eurythmics) were strongly disliked. Some of the comments contributed were that, "I hate (Lennox's) hair", and "... androgyny is sick."

Also proved in the survey was that seniors and juniors preferred WAOR over the sophomore and

freshmen choice, U93. U93 had 46% of the vote overall while WAOR had a 39% vote from the students.

Michael Jackson won in many categories including favorite solo performer, favorite video performer, and for his spectacular video of his hit song, Thriller, favorite video. Seniors also chose Jackson as their choice for a performer in concert.

Other results in the survey were that most students don't have a membership in a record club. Only a mere 10% belong to a record club; a giant 62% attend 1-3 concerts a year; Van Halan as the choice for favorite group by all but the seniors who chose The Police as their favorite group; and radios and cassettes tied for favorite way to listen to music.

Overall, the survey was a great success and The Tower thanks all who participated.

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