

Good Luck Wesolek

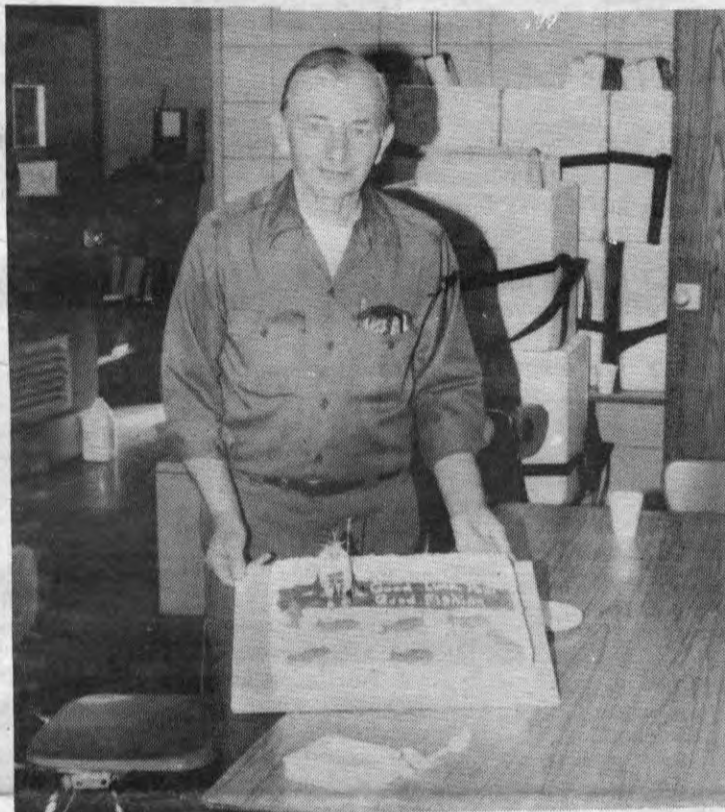
Paul Wesolek has been a custodian at Adams for 17 years, and now the time for his retirement has come. Mr. Wesolek started at Adams twenty years ago, but after only a few months, he moved to Greene School. After three years, Mr. Wesolek returned to Adams where he has been ever since.

Mr. Wesolek says he will miss Adams because, "I love being around kids. And I'll miss following the sports program." However, Mr. Wesolek will not miss rising each morning at 4:45 in order to come to work.

Mr. Wesolek will be missed here at Adams. Not only for his work, but for his personality. "The people in the office and the kitchen call me a 'walking storybook' because I love to tell stories," says Mr. Wesolek, with a reminiscent look on his face.

Adams has changed in the last seventeen years. Mr. Wesolek, who turned sixty-six on April 25, has been through three principals, three relocations of the tennis courts, a dress code, an addition to the building, and three generations of students. "When I first started," says Mr. Wesolek, "Kids had short hair, and they dressed differently. Girls were sent home for wearing mini-skirts. There was also a juke box in the Little Theatre where the kids used to dance at noon."

When asked how Adams had changed, Mr. Wesolek said, "Kids aren't as polite and



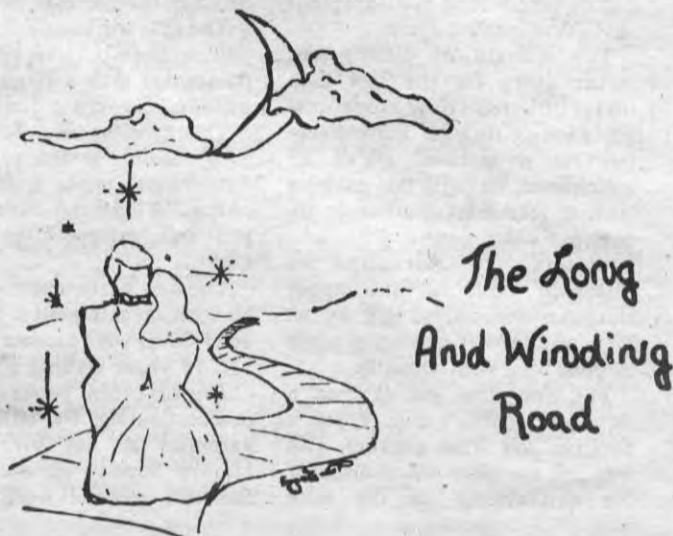
Paul Wesolek is retiring after 17 years of service at Adams. Photo by Michelle Mengal.

courteous as they used to be. But that may be partly because of the teachers. Twenty years ago most of the teachers were as strict as Moe Aronson. Times have changed."

After retirement, Mr. Wesolek plans on finding odd carpentry and repair jobs. He has always especially enjoyed carpentry work. Another major activity he

plans to pursue is fishing, a favorite pastime of his. "Now I'm going to fish while I have the chance."

The Tower staff and everyone at Adams High School sincerely wish Paul Wesolek luck at whatever endeavors he pursues from now on. Mr. Wesolek deserves the best after all he has given us here at Adams.



Prom Tomorrow Night

The 1984 Junior-Senior Prom will be held in the great hall at the Century Center on May 19th from 9 to 12 p.m. This year's band, one of the area's best, is "This End Up." The theme for this year's prom is the Beatle's ever popular "The Long and Winding Road."

The prom will cost over \$2,200 to be split between the junior and senior classes. This year's after-prom will once again be held at the Stepan Center at Notre Dame from 1 until 3:30 A.M. It is sure to be a memorable and enjoyable evening for all.

College Prep

According to Bob Magee, director of admissions at Indiana University (Bloomington), "This is a time in history when the minimum is not enough if students want to keep academic and career doors open."

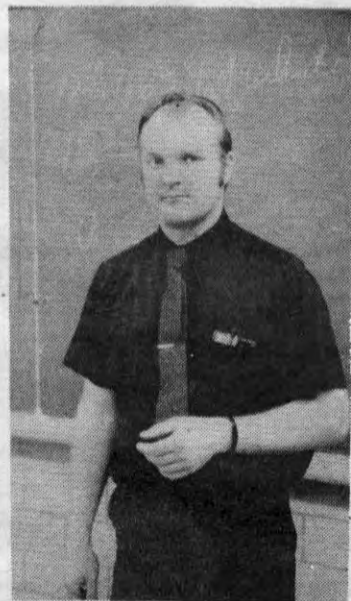
When educators from coast to coast met last year, they expressed their thoughts and concerns regarding academic preparation for the future. This conference resulted in a publication called **Academic Preparation for College**. This pamphlet, available in most high school guidance offices, lists six basic academic competencies as important building blocks for a solid educational foundation. These building blocks are Reading, Writing, Studying, Speaking and

Listening, Reasoning, and Mathematics.

Magee recommends the following well-balanced program, "To meet changes of the future..." four years of college prep English courses, four years of college prep math (more, if possible), and three years of lab science like biology, chemistry, and physics. Other recommendations include: two years minimum of a foreign language, two years of social sciences like American history, government, and economics, introductory courses in the arts, and skills courses in typing and basic computing.

"Solid achievement in a program like the one above provides an excellent foundation for future college and career endeavors," Magee said.

Niemier Awarded



Mr. Niemier explains the aspect of derivatives. Photo by Mark Orlando

Mr. Niemier has been nominated for the 1984 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching by the National Science Foundation. The nominees will be evaluated by a state selection committee, which will select two mathematics teachers for state awards.

Two Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics will be made in each state, one to a mathematics teacher and one to a science teacher.

The national winners will be selected on or about July 15, 1984, and the honored teachers will be invited to an all expense-paid awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. for three days in September or October. Also, a \$5,000 grant will be awarded to the winner's school to be used under the teacher's direction for

improving instructional school programs.

Congratulations, Mr. Niemier for your outstanding efforts.

Thank You

So often people have jobs that go without gratitude and they are the people which deserve it the most. After thirteen years of service in our school's cafeteria, Helen Thomas is now retiring. She worked on the "line" and prepared meals for those of us who bought a lunch all of her thirteen years.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank her, as well as all of those other workers who go by and do their job faithfully day after day. And we'd also like to give a delayed thanks to Elfrieda Henn who retired at the first of the year.

Important Dates

Saturday May 19	Junior/Senior Prom - Century Center 9-12
Monday May 21	Junior/Seniors Skip Day
Tuesday May 22	Spring Sports Banquet - 1st Meth. Church
Thursday May 24	Seniors Honor Assembly 8:30 auditorium
Thursday May 24	Seniors exams in afternoon
Friday May 25	Seniors exams in morning
Monday May 28	Memorial Day - no school
Friday June 1	Commencement rehearsal 8:45
Sunday June 3	Commencement - 1:30 - auditorium
Tuesday June 5	Underclass exams in morning
Wednesday June 6	Underclass exams in morning
Wednesday June 6	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!
Monday June 11	Summer school starts

Remembering Good Times

by Christy Conklin

Senior Year--what we've all been waiting for. The time has come to kiss those Chemistry labs and term papers good-bye, along with the unidentified purple golbs and dubiously long bibliographies that accompanied them.

The thought of closing our locker doors for the last time (those little red safety boxes--just big enough to stuff a freshman into) is a moment we've all anticipated. But with this comes a rush of memories that made up our four years here...

Walking to Barnabys as freshmen while all the upper classmen whizzed snugly by on their way to that gathering place of good times--McDonalds.

The first time you skipped a class and couldn't even enjoy it because you were shaking with fear that the office would discover the handwriting on the note

belonged to your best friend--not your mother.

The dreaded first date when you discovered that the guy you're with has removed his retainer for the ride home...

The first trip to infamous Union Pier, where a person's most prized possession was a large red and white cooler--not a suntan...

The grueling S.A.T.'s which, every Junior is led to believe, determines ones worth as a human being, and during which you fell asleep after a long night...

The first party where you could be seen sneaking out a back door at 11:00 so your mother wouldn't age 10 years waiting up...

The first term paper when the procrastinating NO-DOZE crew gathered at the Notre Dame Library Sunday at midnight to finish a months work in two

hours...

And what about that good old second-semester-senior-year grade decline? ("Look Mom, no D's!")...

As we near the end of our finals at Adams, these are some of the things we remember. Senior year is a time of strained parental relations ("Son, We're renting out your room and selling your stereo to Goodwill."), and complicated decisions ("D.K., either I get a job, go to college, or watch Gilligans Island everyday at noon.")

But through it all, we somehow managed to make it, and we leave Adams with some sadness and regret. After all--what senior hasn't heard Barbara Striesand crooning "Memories", without quickly switching to AC/DC to stop the lump from rising in his throat?

**SENIORS:
JUST ONE
MORE WEEK!**



Kara Kelly and Michelle Ault travel overseas to learn about new cultures. Photo by Michelle Mengal.

Taking on the World

By Corrie Wolosin

While most Adams students are spending their summers working, preparing for college, or just having fun, Kara Kelly and Michele Ault will be learning new customs and cultures in Europe.

Kara, a junior, and Michele, a sophomore will both be participating in Youth For Understanding programs starting this summer. Youth For Understanding (YFU) is an organization that places students with families in other countries and also brings students here. Although Michele and Kara are going overseas with the same organization, they will not be doing the same things. Kara chose an eight-week program that begins at the end of June. She will be going to Sweden for most of the summer. Michele is going to France for her entire junior year, beginning at the end of July.

Michele's intense program will give her a good opportunity to learn about the French culture and educational system. She has heard that the French schools are more difficult than ours. In order to prepare for her trip, Michele has taken three years of French. One of her goals for the year is to learn to speak fluent French.

Kara's program will not allow her to attend school. She is going so that she can broaden her perspectives and learn how to handle new situations. She hopes that she will become more independant while away from home. Kara applied to

YFU hoping to go to Greece. Unfortunately, Greece had already fulfilled its quota of exchange students. Kara decided to try Sweden instead and realized that it didn't really matter where she went all that much. The important thing was to leave South Bend and be thrust into a totally different atmosphere.

A few weeks ago, Kara and Michele attended an orientation in West Lafayette. They met other people who would be going overseas and also who had gone in previous years. Michele thought that the orientation made her more sure of herself and her decision to spend a whole year away. Kara pointed out that they found out some of the program's disadvantages at the orientations.

Neither Kara nor Michele will know where she is going until a couple of weeks before departure. YFU has the right to tell them exactly where they are going and what their family's name is as little as one day before they leave. They will be told what kinds of clothing to bring then, according to the regional climate. Both will be living with a family, and will be expected to do whatever that family does. They will be included in all family activities, so it is very important that they like their families.

The TOWER, on behalf of the entire student body, would like to wish Kara and Michele the best of luck in their experiences.

As Seen Through the Eyes of a Hamburger

Everyone always complains about the cafeteria, but no one ever considers who really suffers--the food. Just think, what you would go through, (day in and day out) if you were a sandwich...

Cold hands reach towards me, pick me up and toss me onto a large tray. Is the tray a big mirror? Everywhere I look, there is another sandwich.

The noon bell rings and there is a sudden rush of people in front of me. I don't like this first group of people because they really don't care what they eat. They talk loudly, glad to be out of class temporarily. They stare at the tray I'm on, and scrutinize me with greedy eyes. They just want to find some food quickly. Why, they won't even touch me because I look too good. All of them think that if the food isn't sweet it's not worth eating.

Here comes a pair of hands. Yuck! They're dirty. I'm going to

hide behind that other sandwich until they leave. Whew! That was a close call. I have to be very careful out here because I've heard some horrible stories about what people do to their food. Once, an apple was thrown into the middle of the street, and a car came along and smashed it! Also, some of these high schoolers like to torture us. They play games with us, throw us at other students, and drop us on the floor. I'll have to find a nice person. If a mean-looking one chooses me, I'll stir up a lot of trouble!

I hope someone picks me soon. The noon hour is almost over. I'd really hate to become a leftover. Here comes a cute girl. I'll stand up straight and maybe she'll want me. She's looking at me. Her hand is reaching out, but not for me. She wanted a salad. There are a few more people in line. Maybe I'll be chosen. I hope so...



Another tasty lunch at Adams. Photo by Mark Orlando.



Peg Duesterberg and Kelly McMahon prepare for the next play in a recent softball game. Photo by Michelle Mengal

City Title in Sight

by Mary Slafkosky

The John Adams softball team has had a very successful start under head coach Bryan Flora. The team is comprised of many talented players that have been the main reason for the Eagles success.

Leading the way have been pitchers Mary Rhoutsong and Peggy Duesterberg. Both were first team NIC players last year and have been awesome on the mound this year. Other outstanding defensive players have been Gina Nowicki, Kelly McMahon, Tammy Brittain, Rae Hetterson, Mary Slafkosky, Kathy McMahon, and Patty Dennin.

The team was undefeated in both conference and regular play until a Saturday game with

conference rival Elkhart Central. The team just couldn't seem to get anything started against the Blue Blazers who took advantage of many errors by the girls. Instead of having sole possession of the NIC crown, the team is now sharing it with LaSalle.

With a few conference games

left and the city tournament starting in a week, the team is beginning its mental preparation toward winning the remaining games. Hopefully the experience of the eight seniors will be enough to bring home a championship that has alluded the girls the past three years.

Linkers are going for it all

by Kevin Miller

The Eagle golf team is into their best season since the 1973 state championship team. This follows up an exceptional 19-8 record last season.

Last Friday at the LaPorte Invitational, Adams as a team defeated two top ten teams and three top twenty teams. Adams

finished fourth with a team score of 328. The Eagles were led by Senior John Gyorgyi's 77.

The team is finally living up to billing as the area leader.

The five Senior members, John Gyorgyi, Chip Stafford, Kevin Miller, Matt Bauer, and Cary Harris have led this team faithfully to a fine season.

SOCCER!

by Brandon Hudson

The Eagle soccer team is strolling along with a 10-0-1 record (this is prior to the St. Joe game.)

The team has defeated Riley in a blowout, Marian in overtime, and also bears a tough Elkhart Memorial team. The biggest game of the year came on the night of May 4th when the Eagles played host to Fort Wayne's city champs.

The game against Fort Wayne Luers started slowly, but then Andy Beyer snapped the scoreless tie with a goal near the end of the first half. Benson Yang scored in the second half to up the lead to 2-0.

Fort Wayne came back with two quick goals to tie the game. Anthony Johnson scored a left-footed goal to push Adams back into the lead. Adams was able to hold on to the lead for the rest of the game in a nail bitter finish.

On Friday May 11, Adams defeated Niles by the score of 3-1.

Tonight Adams plays Penn at home. Please support the team by attending the game tonight and all the playoff games.



Don Walls leaps out in the long jump. Go out and support the boy's track team in future meets. Photo by Michelle Mengal

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SKIP DAY: WHY?

By John Patton

Junior/Senior skip day is next Monday and the question of: Why do we have it? pops up again.

The day was first designed to give the students an extra day of rest from prom night. Some schools have this day off before the prom to prepare for the big day.

Many teachers don't understand the need for the day off. The day off is important to the students though.

For many students this will be the last time they will be able to

go to the beach with their friends because they have to work during the summer. This also lets the students retreat back to their childhood and just have a good time without the pressure of school lurking in the back of their minds.

I do not see this day ever to be given up by the students. This is considered their day.

I hope someday the teachers will realize that students work hard in school, and they deserve a vacation every once in awhile.

More to Beef About

In response to a recently published article, "Something to Beef About", it is necessary to expound on a few points. First of all, the subtle hint that women are weak and unable to handle themselves in certain situations, presents itself quite clearly despite the authors attempt to smother it amongst the other meaningless words. Women, according to this employee, supposedly don't have enough strength to withstand the devastating results occurring after the utterance of a simple wornout phrase such as, "Where's the beef?" Why isn't a male name like Jim or John used? Is it because that Wendy's employee is a male who is trying desperately, but failing, to cover his OWN faults?!

Another point, which definitely infers that females are feeble-minded, is the fact that Kathy, the cashier, breaks down and cries, then later dies of shock. Let's get REAL! How many women are you going to see die of shock because of one silly little phrase?! That Wendy's employee obviously does not know many women; I rather think he's been hanging around too many males lately, for only they could formulate such an erroneous wishy-washy idea about females.

I was hoping I wouldn't have to take matters this far, but I see no other alternative for avenging that unjustifiable rubbish! I propose a ban on Wendy's!! For more information call 233-BEEF. I will be ready to answer your call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Thank You
A Concerned Female

WHY ARE YOU PROUD TO BE AN EAGLE?



Paula Gill says, "Because the student body has great school spirit."

Dana Sellg says, "I think that the class officers do a fine job."



Tom Petersen says, "Because our school system has many traditions and Adams is full of them."

John Yarger says, "It has one of the best student bodies, one of the best staffs, -and the best principal. Everybody contributes to our school spirit."



Julie Hobing says, "The student and teacher communication helps the atmosphere of education to be enjoyable."

Lisa Robinson says, "Because of the student body; the school is one of the best!"



Teachers On T.V.

The three networks, ABC, NBC, and CBS, recently announced their television schedule for the 1984-85 season. Among those shows cancelled were ABC's Hart to Hart, CBS's One Day At A Time, and NBC's Buffalo Bill. The networks also included the new shows that will premiere in the fall. The following are some of those shows starring some "well-known" personalities:

Mrs. Germano stars in "Oh, Ann". This half-hour comedy is about a scatter-brained English teacher who tries to cope with her English classes and her family. Tuesday at 8:00. ABC

Three drill sergeants play detective on their weekend passes in "Boot Camp P.I.'s". This hour long adventure series stars Mrs. Lazzara, Mr. Adelsperger, and Mr. Aronson. Fridays at 10:00. NBC.

Mr. Shanley takes over for Mr. Rogers and forms a new neighborhood. This new show will be called "Mr. Shanley's Neighborhood". His neighbors will be all of his peopley. Seen

Saturday mornings at 7:30.

Mr. Leatherman will have his own television series this fall doing what he does best. "The Best of Soap Operas" will be clips from Mr. Leatherman's favorite episodes of "Dallas", "Falcon Crest", "Dynasty", and "The Guiding Light." Mondays at 9:00. CBS.

In "The Real World is Chemistry", Mr. Goodman proves each week that life and chemistry are interchangeable. Goodman will also have reports of different aspects of life. Fridays at 8:00. NBC.

"Inside Animals" will be hosted by Mr. Armstrong who will weekly take you on a fascinating trip to see how he really gets those brains and hearts that he uses in his biology classes. Sundays at 6:00. NBC.

"Chemistry for French" stars Mr. Brady and Mrs. Pantea. While Mr. Brady translates, Mrs. Pantea will display the exciting world of molarity and titration. Thursday at 8:30. NBC.

The following are returning series with some major format changes:

The Love Boat: Mr. Hoffman joins the cast as the new coffee shop attendant.

Mr. Poe joins the cast of "Star Trek." The director was happy to learn that he already has an official Star Trek shirt.

Joining the cast of "Cheers" as head bartender will be Mr. Johnston. Mr. Johnston will show his slides of China Thursday at 8:00 and will not exaggerate to prove his point.

Mrs. Hoffman joins the cast of "Cagney and Lacey" (new title: "Cagney, Lacey, and Hoffman") as a perfectionist who tries to get Cagney and Lacey to dress more fashionably by wearing bow ties.

The three networks are hoping these series will catch on to the publics' tastes. We already know that Adams students will plan on watching these new and revised series.

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IS THIS A CLASS, OR WHAT? BY: TOM HENRY D. HOOVER

JOHN ADAM'S 'AFTERSCHOOL' WEIGHT LIFTING!

HOLD IT UP AND THEN WE'LL CUT! OK. GO!

HERE WE ARE AT ADAMS TAKING A LOOK AT THEIR WEIGHT LIFTERS...

CUT!

HENRY