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Last Days of Summer

The summer of 1984 is over. The memories we created were many.

For most students the days were filled with sunshine and blue skies, either at the beach, at home, or at work.

We enjoyed those carefree days, but school has now ar-

rived. The days will soon be turning colder. The memories of the warmth of the summer of 1984 will live on.

Jonathon Kronstein and Brandon Hudson (below) prepare for their final trip to the beach, as many other students did over the sum-

mer.

Many students spent their lazy afternoons at home. Ann Martinov (left) enjoyed this afternoon with her dog Pepper.

These memories of summer will last throughout the winter months.

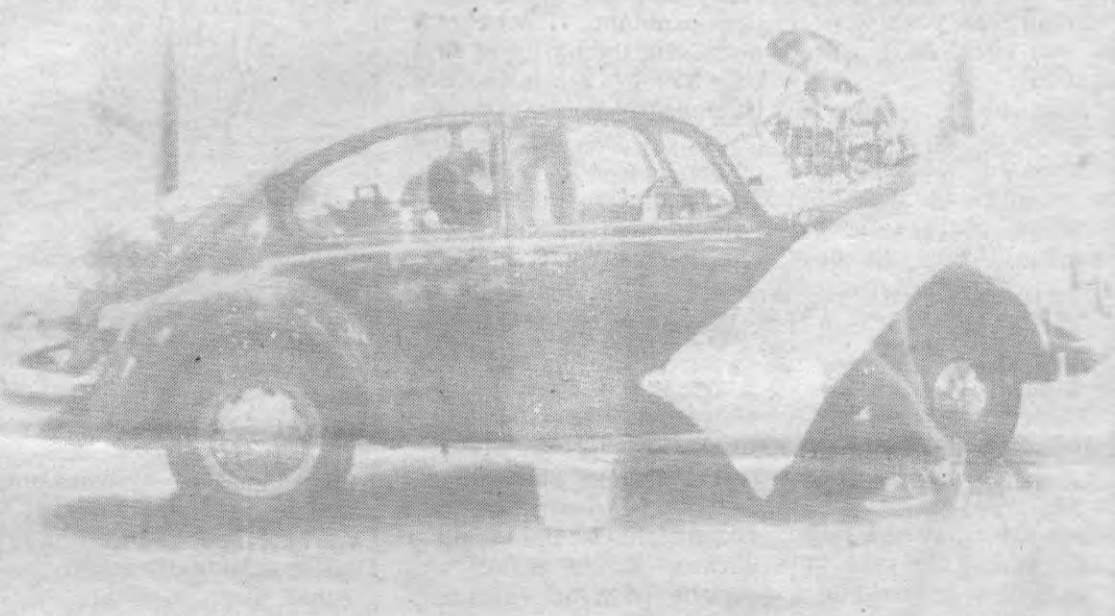


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Changes at Adams

By CORRIE WOLOSIN

Last year, many students heard rumors. Some were pieces of high school gossip about dates and parties. Others were rumors they didn't like.

School days would be extended by 30 minutes. There would be a closed lunch period for everyone. No in-school activities would take place. Seniors were thinking about how glad they would be to graduate before new laws went into effect.

New laws have gone into effect this year. Fortunately, Adams has gotten a waiver and will see no major changes.

Many Indiana schools decided that hour-long classes were not necessary. How much more could be accomplished with the extended five minutes?

Time has, however, been divided into "Instructional Time" and "Non-Instructional Time." Instruc-

tional time is any time spent in the classroom under a teacher's direction. Six hours of instructional time make up a school day. Every student must have six hours in their day.

The only students who are permitted early dismissal are second semester seniors. They may take five classes, C.O.E., D.E.C.A., and ICT are considered instructional, even when the students are at their jobs.

No athletes will be released early for practice. All underclassmen will be in school for six classes; that is Indiana law.

When setting up waiver policies, our administrators and faculty were clever. They left options open to us if an activity is approved. For example, if a team has an away game, they might ask for approval to leave school early. According to Mr. Przybysz, waivers will not be easy to get. Some schools are following all of the new laws. Con-

sider yourselves lucky.

The most obvious change is the end of in-school pep assemblies. After-school rallies and days set aside for wearing school colors will take their place. Rallies might also be held before the actual game. The rallies will, however, take place. As Kathy Breen, a varsity cheerleader, points out, "Pep assemblies aid greatly in boosting school spirit. If we don't have pep assemblies around game time people won't be ready for the game."

Activity periods and homerooms will run the same way. All students must attend high school for at least seven semesters. Juniors cannot graduate. Lunch will be 40 minutes, open as usual.

Like many rumors, the rumors that went around Adams about new laws weren't true. Appreciate the work that our teachers and administrators put in to make the year more enjoyable for all of us.

What's news

Warm wishes

On August 26, one of our vice-principals, Mr. Andrew Bibbs had a heart attack. He will be recuperating at home so cards should be sent to him there. He has our sympathies and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Top in the state

Mr. Longenecker, one of Adams' biology teachers, was selected as a finalist in the 1984 Presidential Awards in Science and Mathematics Teaching Program. He was chosen as one of the top two teachers from the entire state to go into national competition for this prestigious award of \$5,000.

A national committee of science teachers will be meeting soon, and they will announce the Presidential Award winner in mid October.

The staff and students of John Adams would like to congratulate Mr. Longenecker on this distinguished award and to wish him well in his future endeavors.

Don't get towed

A sticker is required for those students wishing to park in the Mishawaka parking lot. Last year's stickers are still valid. New cars must be registered in the guidance office. If more than one car will be driven to school, all cars need stickers.

Freshmen

We've been there

By SUSAN HOBING

A common freshman fear is getting lost. The idea of exchanging a small homey junior high for a sizable high school is not comforting. Almost every freshman will have to experience the nervousness that overcomes them when they realize they're lost with only five measly minutes to be in some unknown room that may have disappeared off the face of the earth. By the end of freshman year, you'll wonder how you could have gotten lost at all.

Recall the terrorizing intimidation of being late to a new class with 50 staring eyes and 25 smirking faces that stare at a late-comer. Freshmen, we've all been

there. Bear with it, your year will be over soon.

Getting lost and being late to a class are really nothing when you consider the results of the realization you're in the wrong classroom after the class has started! It is indeed embarrassing to be sitting alone in a classroom full of strange faces of unknown students who are all giggling and laughing among their favorite clique. But this is really only the beginning of the problem. Instead of discussing the basics of first year biology, you in fact are listening to a complex dissertation on the origins and employment of polyprotic acids in specified heterogenous substances. You almost have a heart attack!



Are you a scared freshman?

It can happen

By PAULA MAKRIS

Everyone, at some time or another, has done something so embarrassing that the memory never faded. Even all the mighty seniors have been so mortified that they would give up their mother's car keys and their cliff notes if only a great gaping hole would crack open the earth and they could throw themselves into it. However, scenes this bad rarely happen during senior year. As a matter of fact, ask any student of John Adams when their most embarrassing moment was. The most probable answer? Freshman year!

Usually being embarrassed is the freshman's own fault. Take the boy who got lost the first day. It just wasn't smart to ask directions from the group in the corner wearing the Pink Floyd tee-shirts, and the look in their eyes that said they weren't all there. It's no wonder he ended up in the girls' bathroom instead of the biology lab. Another good example is the girl who couldn't get her lock to work. Instead of doing the smart thing and getting an easy-to-find, helpful custodian, she told her combination to a guy with squinty eyes whose locker was down the hall. He opened the lock easily, both for her and after school when everyone else was gone. She

was mighty embarrassed the next morning when she found out everything of value was gone, and so was the kids with the squinty eyes.

Despite these examples, freshmen aren't always embarrassed because of stupidity. It's usually just plain ignorance. Last year's freshmen knew nothing about pep assemblies. This withstanding, they still struggled through the first one,

almost. When Mr. Przybysz asked, "Who's gonna win tonight?" they managed a dubious, "We are." "Who said so?" "We do." It was a little bit stronger this time with most people getting the

words right. "Are you sure?" Feeling mighty pleased with themselves, the freshmen answered this with a thunderous "Yes!" For all the freshmen reading this, don't be too embarrassed when you mess up, because you invariably will. Besides,

as I said before, everyone else has too. If you're confused, ask some respectable-looking, older, more experienced student for advice.

This person will assuredly be more than happy to help you. And if you're courteous and polite, he may even decide to sell you an elevator pass.

Starting fresh at Adams

By VIRGINIA PETERSEN

There are many new faces at John Adams this year, but not all of them are freshmen. There are 16 new staff members.

Three of these new members will be teaching foreign languages. Ingrid Hembrecht will be teaching German. She is from Dierdorf, West Germany, and has been a substitute teacher in South Bend for one year. Teaching Spanish will be Michelle Shakour. She attended St. Mary's College and Indiana University at South Bend. She has had teaching experience at Edison Middle School. Ephie Gevas will be teaching Latin. She attended high school in Greece and went to the University of Athens.

We have two new additions to the English department. Garry Tutorow will be coming from Edison Middle School. He attended Bethel College and received his masters degree at Central Michigan. Joanne Kelly will also be teaching English. She attended St. Mary's College and University of Notre Dame. She has had experience teaching at Stanley Park School and Little Lower Montessori. Shirley Golichowski will be

teaching math. She attended Indiana University and San Diego State. She has taught at Jackson Middle School and LaSalle High School. Larry Lantz will be teaching in the area of science.

A new social studies teacher, Michael Szucs, will be the French class sponsor. He attended Purdue and Indiana University. Robert Thomas will be a new art teacher. He attended Indiana University and Notre Dame. He has taught at Washington High School and Riley High School. Scott Sill is a new staff member in the area of learning strategies. He at-

tended Indiana University and has had experience at Central Middle School and Dickinson Middle School.

Other staff members include: James Kominkiewicz, the in-school suspension supervisor; Eugene Davis, the study hall supervisor; John W. Johnson, a hall guard; Koland Lirhnerowicz, the wrestling coach; Renee Flesh, the girls' swimming coach; and Brian Cook, the boys' swimming coach.

All Tower members, on behalf of the entire John Adams student body, would like to welcome these new additions to the staff.

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True test for Eagles

By PAT WOODARD

Tonight at Penn High School, the football team takes the field against a powerful Penn squad. Last year they were class AAAA champion. This year they have been ranked number two.

It will be a tough game for the Eagles to win, but it is within their grasp. The game will be won in the trenches.

Both lines on Adams have not performed up to par. They did, however, play a much stronger game against last Friday's opponent Riley. Penn is also inexperienced at the line losing most of their line to graduation.

The football team opened its season on Aug. 24. The hopes were riding high after coming of 5-5 campaign, the best record since 1972.

The most difficult task for the coaches this year was replacing the entire offensive line. Another major concern included the loss of the entire defensive secondary.

Back to help out on the offensive line are seniors Dan Demien and Pat Bickel. In the backfield, seniors Michael Rouse and John Staton, junior Tom Roshek, and sophomore Dave Zielinske have filled the void with force.

The Eagles, with these two major areas of inexperience, went into the Friday night battle against Elkhart Memorial. The game was not close with Adams taking a 24-6 beating.

The only score for Adams was supplied by junior Ron Chrobot on a tightened reverse from the Chargers' 37-yard line. One of the few bright spots for the Eagles was the combination of senior split end Steve Gruenig and junior quarterback Jeff Mitchell, who hooked up for 130 yards of passing.

Other stars on the gloomy night were sophomores Dave Zielinski, who came a hair away from breaking three



Michael Rouse, Steve Gruenig, and Dan Demien display the enthusiasm of the football team.

kickoff returns, and Joe Brock, who showed great hitting talent on the kickoff team coming up with two solo tackles.

It was back to the drawing boards for the coaches to prepare the players for the intra-city matchup against Riley.

The Eagles started off well this game by scoring first. Junior Lamon Clark scored a touchdown on a one-yard plunge. Also Adams scored on a 27-yard field goal by junior Anthony Johnson.

The lead held up until the fourth quarter when Riley struck back on two touchdowns. Adams lost the game 14-10.

The offensive line began to mold with the one game of experience. On the line are Pat Bickel, Stoney Susk, Mike Turley, David Arnold, Tim Ehlers, and Ron Chrobot. Defensively, Anthony Johnson, Lamon Clark and Chrobot led the Eagles.

Following the Penn game tonight, Adams travels to class AAAA's number-one team, Elkhart Central. They are led by one of the top high school quarterbacks in the entire nation. The inexperienced secondary will have their hands full in trying to control their receivers.

Fan support will be greatly needed for the squad if a victory is to be won this weekend.

In the fast lane

Only the beginning

The boys' tennis team is off to another fine start this season. They are 5-0 with an impressive victory over state ranked St. Joe.

Adams was hit hard by the loss of last year's seniors, but the underclassmen have come in to fill the gap. They have already proven that "winning spirit" of the past few seasons.

In the singles positions are seniors Chris Nespo and Kurt Roemer with sophomore Guy Hamilton and junior Tim Devetski sharing a spot on the squad.

The number one doubles team is senior John Rohan playing with freshman Karl Roemer. The number two doubles team has been shared by Hamilton, Devetski, sophomore Tim Foley, and freshman James Vanderhill.

The team has an invitational this weekend with matches next week against Marian and Clay, two tough opponents.

The season was supposed to be a rebuilding year, but once again the tennis team looks toward Indianapolis.

Ready for the gun

The girls' swim team has been swimming in rough water this year. With the closing of the Adams' pool they have been forced to travel to Rileys' pool to practice. This has only made it more complicated for first-year coach Renee Flesh.

The team will be led by senior co-captains Lori Leichtman and Michele Mengel. Also a strong person on the team is last year's state qualifier in diving Denise Lamborn.

Anne Kusback, Ruth Hanlon, and Michelle Thompson will all swim major roles on this year's squad.

With the determination of the swimmers, they should be able to produce the winning season they have been longing for.

Going for the gold

The cross-country team is off to another competitive beginning.

They started the season with a strong fourth in the annual Hokum-Karem at Penn High School. Adams, however, had the winning individuals. Jason Yazel and Carl Stopper did the six-mile course in a time of 30:31.88.

This past weekend, they participated in the first annual South Bend Stampede. This time Adams placed first. Tom Taylor's sixth place and Jason Ehlert's 10th place finishes propelled the team into first.

Although they were hurt with many losses, the team seems to be improving with the underclassmen leading the way.

This week they have tough meets against Elkhart Central, LaSalle, Elkhart Memorial, and Penn, who always cause trouble to the cross-country team. Go out and support them this week!

Tough road ahead

This year's volleyball squad has been struggling for survival. They lost three consecutive games at the St. Joe Invitational.

The first defeat came from the host and highly ranked St. Joe. The score was 15-9, 15-7. The next day Adams lost two matches, one to Mishawaka, 15-0, 15-7, and the other to Penn, 15-12, 11-15, 15-5.

The tourney did show some bright spots, though. Sophomore Kathy McMahon and senior Kim Wasowski played well as the team setters. Consistent play was displayed by Megan Moriarity, Marisa Randazzo, and Terri Landon.

This Tuesday night Adams travels to face St. Joe in a regular season match. With more experience this time around, the Eagles will give the Indians a tough time.

Sports schedule

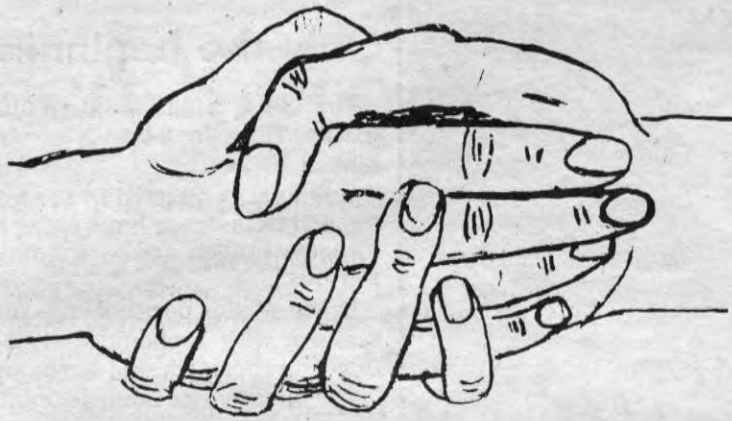
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America and U.S.S.R.: gone too far?

By KARA KELLY

Well, the summer of 1984 finally arrived and with it came the long awaited twenty-third Olympiad in Los Angeles. At last the American public (and the rest of the world) found out just what those seemingly infinite "official sponsors" were actually sponsoring — two weeks of nationalism, goodwill, and glory.

In the midst of all the fun and excitement a few of the world's problems seemed to lessen if not disappear as athletes from around the globe shook hands in the best



of competitive spirits. Even the Eastern-bloc boycott, the political event with the most direct effect on the games, appeared to fade in

significance.

But just how realistic and how long lasting is the hope which the Olympics inspired? Certainly U.S.-U.S.S.R. rela-

tions were in no way improved this last summer.

Shortly after the close of the L.A. Olympiad, Russia announced its substitute — the 1984 Friendship Games. Both the Soviet and U.S. sponsored games proved a hope for world peace. The U.S.S.R. then boasted of the Los Angeles records broken at their games, including the feat of an additional 200 spectators at their opening ceremonies. Isn't this super-power rivalry going a bit too far?

"They" are not the only parties guilty of ulterior motives, of course. The pageantry of the L.A. ex-

travaganza that was often written off as "Hollywood" showmanship was undoubtedly intended to impress the no-shows.

The Soviets may not have given a "sound" reason for their Olympic boycott, but seeing as the games are sporting rather than political events it could be considered just as valid as the U.S. boycott of the Moscow Olympiad in 1980.

When are these governments going to grow up and start acting as if they can reasonably handle the power they possess? The Olympics are a perfect point. Tune back in 1988 for a progress report.

How restricted are movies?

By JIM HALTERMAN

In July a new movie rating, PG-13, went into effect. It advises parental guidance for movie viewers under the age of 13.

It is only a suggestion; designed to inform parents, for example, of the film's mature subject matter or the use of foul language.

The "R" rating has been around since 1968. It states that a viewer must be 17 or accompanied by an adult to view the movie. The definition of an adult here needs some clarification. An adult is not the 13-year-old who pays an adult price to a movie, an adult is a full-fledged 21-year-old (paying that same adult price).

High school students know very well that at some movie theaters the "R" rating isn't taken seriously. The young teenagers are seeing these movies, too.

And why shouldn't they? After all, some of these "R" rated movies cater to their age bracket. Porky's is a good example. It was a tremendous box office hit. Since then, similar movies have been pouring off the assembly line.

Yet, these young teenagers are "not permitted" to attend these movies.

Perhaps the answer lies in another suggested rating. Or perhaps in a stricter enforcement of the rating already existing.

To the readers

The success of a school newspaper depends on both the newspaper staff and the readers. The Tower's goal for the 1984-85 school year is to serve the reader better. We will strive to entertain as well as to inform. We must, however, have your opinions and ideas. How can we please you when we don't know what

interests you?

It will be a difficult job to interest every reader. In fact, we may not succeed in every issue.

But bear with us. We are willing to try — and try our best. Our success, however, depends on you. We urge you to take part. We need your

voice and we want to hear you.

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