

The \$22 cost of the Tower and the yearbook may be paid in three installments: \$8.00 on Sept. 13, \$7.00 on Oct. 8 and \$7.00 on Nov. 12.

Tonight is the first Adams' dance of the year. It will be held in the P.E. Gym from 8:00-11:00. It is sponsored by the boys swim team.

The first activity period of the year will be held next Tuesday. See your homeroom teacher or the club sponsor for locations.

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What's News

National Merit Semi-finalists

John Adams seniors Stephen Chen and Donald Marti, by virtue of their scores on the PSAT, have qualified as National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists. Stephen qualified with a PSAT score of 206 and Donald with 236 points on the 240-point test.

Fee statements

Students will receive fee statements on the first of October. The fees will be due immediately. Cost of fees will depend on the courses which the student takes. Fee assistance forms are available in the bookstore.

Junior Rotarian

Jonathan Kronstein, a senior, has been named Jr. Rotarian for the period of Sept. 18 to Oct. 23. Jon will represent Adams at the weekly Rotary meetings. Rotary is a local service organization made up of local businessmen. Jon has been active in many school activities including Student Government.

Attendance policy

Under the new attendance policy, students with medical excuses from school must present their doctor's written statement to the nurse for an admit to class. No student will be released during the day without parent/guardian permission. As previously, students need to present admits to their first hour teachers after any absence within three days of the absence.

SAT

The regular deadline for registration for the November 2 SAT is September 20. See your guidance counselor for more information. The next SAT will be in December.

Bookstore

Bookstore hours will be from 7:10-7:50 a.m., between classes, lunch hours and after school until 3:15. Supplies may be purchased in the Pencil Shop, room 122, in the business wing from 7:30 to 7:50. NO CANDY WILL BE SOLD IN THE BOOKSTORE.

Caution

Some students have received advertisements from a group calling itself the National Merit Foundation for a book costing \$29.95. Do not fall for this advertisement, as it has nothing to do with the National Merit Corporation.

Gymnastics champion

Adams senior Denise Lamborn emerged victorious in the all-around competition at the AAU-Junior Olympic National meet Senior Division (ages 15-18) held in August. Denise, who won the floor competition and finished second overall last year, won the overall competition with a total score of 36.75 points.

Przybysz welcomes students/ '85 looks good

Welcome back to all the students and staff at John Adams. A special welcome to the Freshmen Class, the Class of 1989.

I am looking forward to an exciting year at John Adams once more. Many positive changes have taken place from a new Superintendent to numerous remodeling projects in the building and new staff members. I feel very confident that all of the changes will provide a super year.

Some of the changes will be pep assemblies once more. There will be at least two during the fall and two during the winter. Football will have a sectional for all schools. In order to hold pep assemblies on school time we will need to "bank time." We will add



Mr. Przybysz

one minute to each class on specific days until we have accumulated enough extra minutes to hold an assembly. We need to bank time as per State Law to allow the time to hold assemblies.

The physical changes include a

photography lab, auditorium floor and bleachers, new public address console in the office, a permanent wall between 230' and 231, a remodeled room in 010-110 with an office, and a new computer lab in the English Department. We had 18 more computers placed in the building over the summer.

The class of 1989 will be required to obtain 40 credits for graduation. The new 60 minute class periods are in place, and a number of very well qualified new staff members are assigned.

So, with the changes, it is hoped that good things will happen at Adams in academics, athletics, and fine arts throughout the year.

--Mr. Przybysz

School Field under-goes renovation

By Martin McNarney

For some years now, School Field has been deteriorating to the point that the north stands had to be closed. But now corporation officials are making School Field a top notch facility. The school corporation is financing the \$200,000 project, out of a building fund and private donations. Some of the improvements include new lights, a better drainage system, new turf, and a field widened to over 60 yards. They are building new north side stands and reinforcing the south end.

This isn't the first renovation of School Field, the others having taken place many years ago. In 1936, the north stands were built. While building the south stands, the track was removed in 1948. In 1957, the east and west end bleachers were removed. In that same year, the lights were moved from the inside of the stadium to the outside. As can be seen, it has

been a good many years since any repairs have been made.

Soccer is the sport that will be most affected by the changes. By widening the field, it will be one of the few places in the area to be legal size. Many soccer players

try out and more fans support teams. In spite of the closing of school field, this year looks to be one of the most successful seasons in recent history.

Another favorite sport of J.A. students, Powder Puff, didn't

But now corporation officials are making School Field a top notch facility

are pleased, such as Karl Roemer. "The renovation of School Field is the best thing that could have happened for soccer in the area." All-N.I.C. soccer player Anthony Johnson feels that games will be a lot more exciting now because teams can utilize their talent. Adams might be successful in winning the state championship this year, as they will have the home-field advantage.

The football team did not feel that they were affected very much by this year's closing. Next year they hope to have more players

seem to be the same last year since it wasn't at School Field. The whole outlook seemed to change, but not the optimism. "It was disappointing knowing we couldn't play under the lights, but it didn't make that much difference. We still wanted to win just as bad," claimed sophomore Kristin Bergren.

It seems that almost everyone will be affected by the changes. These changes were necessary. The renovated stadium with a seating capacity of 8500 will hopefully be ready for the soccer season this spring.

To the readers:

Walking down the halls of John Adams, I can't help noticing all the new things that have surfaced in the past year. From freshmen to fashion, the school is different. Tolerance is increasing; the radical is no longer radical, just unique. We reflect the lifestyle of the United States on a much smaller scale and are, in fact, our own United States - a melting pot of personalities and ideas.

The nation prides itself on diversity, and we do the same at Adams. Any respectable country has methods to communicate with its citizens, and so do we. The John Adams TOWER is ready to take on the task of communication. We will take the risk, face the task, and be a better school paper. Already the changes have begun. Last

year's paper was rated by the Quill and Scroll Journalism Society as "Substantial Achievement", which is second out of four possible ratings. If our football team was ranked in the state, you would know. Our paper ranked nationally. Did you know? The TOWER suffers from the same lack of interest that our fine arts programs do.

How many of you went to a band, orchestra, or the choir concert last year? Did you notice the display cases in the halls filled with photos, drawings, and art by our

students? We are plagued by apathy. Get out and support an Adams team that isn't usually watched. Volleyball, wrestling, golf, and swimming can be just as exciting as football and basketball. We're really all on the same team. The TOWER is the spokesman for the team, the communicator for the nation.

Changes for this year involve more student input, more relevant articles, and more responsible journalism. We are going to have a box for reader comments, letters to the editor, questions, suggestions, and criticisms. If you are unhappy about the way we do something, write to us. We'll print it. If you wonder what the story is with student rights, ask us. We'll answer.

If you think that the Administration is doing a fantastic job, let us know. We'll broadcast the news throughout the school.

Anyone may submit articles for the tower. If you have ideas for interviews or stories, let us know. Contrary to what you may think or hear, we do not put out the paper for our own benefit. It is for you.

One of the problems we have involves you, our readers. We usually do not get the cooperation we ask for. If you are asked to

be in Room 216 after-school on Wednesday, please don't show up during 6th hour on Friday and expect to be greeted pleasantly. This past week, we wanted to take a picture of our new teachers for the spread in this week's TOWER. Unfortunately, not all of them could come and get the picture taken. We understand the unexpected things that come up; we just want you to treat us with respect. Let us know if you won't be available. A little common courtesy would be appreciated.

The TOWER is a valuable resource for the whole John Adams community. We record the history of our nation, and want to be a part of the thinking and experimentation going on. Help us do that by letting us know what you think. Read the TOWER - it can help you, too.

-Corrie Wolosin, Co-editor-in-chief

Facts on new John Adams staff



Otha Reese

Subject: Business
College Attended:
BS- Lane College
MA- Indiana Univ.
Experience:
Harrison (7 yrs)
Swanson (7 yrs)
Edison (2 yrs)

Candida Henry
(photo unavailable)
Subject: Spanish
College Attended:
BA, Ed.D.- Ball State Univ.
MAT- Purdue
Experience:
John Adams H.S. (15 yrs)
Sheller Globe (1 yr)

Natalie Klein
(photo unavailable)
Subject: Art
College Attended:
BA- Washington Univ. St. Louis
MS- IUSB
Experience:
St. Louis (1 yr)
Chicago Public School (1 yr)
Mattson, IL (1 1/2 yrs)
Hazelwood, IL (1/2 yr)



Patricia Rickels
Subject: English
College Attended:
BA, MS- IUSB
Experience:
Oliver (3 yrs)
Clay Middle (7 yrs)
Navarre (1 yr)

Beverly Wills
(photo unavailable)
Subject: Spanish
College Attended:
BA- Purdue
Experience: none

Teresa Babler
(photo unavailable)
Subject: Food Service
College Attended:
Michigan State Univ.
Experience: none



Barbara Huey
Subject: Home Economics
College Attended:
BS- Brigham Young
Experience:
Olympus H.S. (9 yrs)



Joseph Good
Subject: English
College Attended:
AB- Doane College/Nebraska
MA- Notre Dame
Experience:
Washington H.S. (17 yrs)

Kermit Eby, Jr.
(photo unavailable)
Subject: Special Education
College Attended:
BA- Manchester
MA- Univ. of Chicago
PH.D.- Univ. of Wisconsin
Experience:
Dickinson Middle (2 yrs)
Riley H.S. (4 yrs)



Mike DeVault
Subject: Athletic Director
College Attended:
BS, MA- Ball State Univ.
Experience:
Jefferson Elem. (16 yrs)
Dickinson Middle (4 yrs)
Salem, IN (1 yr)

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The John Adams Eagles are set to fly



At left, the football team destroys LaSalle 48-6 at Clay Field in the season opener.

Below, players look on as the Eagles hold off a tough Riley squad 26-21.

Now ranked 8th in the State, the Eagles battled number 2 ranked Penn last night before a sell out crowd.



By Neil Lannuler

This is it! The time has finally come and it has come with a powerful rush. The 1985 John Adams football team has turned out this year with a determined vengeance, a vengeance that is bent on vastly changing last year's mediocre record.

The Eagles have a very powerful backfield making up one of the meanest running attacks in the state. Anchoring this attack are the twin trains of Anthony Johnson and Lamon Clark along with the fast stepping Clay transfer Kahlil Easton.

The Eagles' air attack is led by quarterback Jeff Mitchell who can look for tight end Ron Chrobot or wide receiver Patrick Woodard. Keeping these guys safe is a tough line made up of Mike Turley, Stoney Suski, Scott Miller, David Arnold, and Tom Molnar.

Across on the other side the defense hits hard and fast. With a linebacker corps make up of Chrobot, Johnson and Molnar, the "D" is ready. Clark is at defensive end and waiting. Daryl Davis joins Lamon on the line at noseguard. Mike Metzcus heads up the secondary at safety. Johnson, the area record holding kicker, takes care of punting and field goals along with help from surprising Mike Trott. Joe Brock will also be heavily counted on.

Coach Farrell's eagles are ready to play and gave evidence of this in a 48-6 blow out of the LaSalle Lions.

The next week they increased their record to 2-0 by defeating a tough Riley team, 26-21.

Now ranked in the top ten in the state, the Eagles battled second ranked Penn last night.

If the team is able to stay healthy, this could be the best year an Adams' football team has had in close to a decade.

Sports Feature

Mike DeVault / Following in Szucs' footsteps

By Karl Roemer

It must've been tough to succeed Abe Lincoln. I certainly wouldn't want to follow the footsteps of Rockne. And now, a similar situation is present with the departure of the man and the legend, Ed Szucs. It's not exactly the same degree of severity. But new Athletic Director Mike DeVault must feel some of the same apprehension and pressure.

The first step, of course, is to begin.

"This summer, I'd come to the office 12-14 hours a day, 6-7 days a week. If it weren't for Ed (Szucs) helping me out and showing me the system, I probably would've spent every hour of the week in here." That's up to ninety hours a week, twice as much as the average worker! That statistic alone shows the attitude and determination of DeVault.

If you aren't convinced yet, stop by and take a look at his office. The two adjoining rooms are cluttered with sheets of written paper, notebooks, calendars, pencils, and all sorts of pamphlets. With a shake of his head, DeVault sighs, "You should've seen it this summer!"

DeVault is forty-four years old. He grew up in

Muncie, Indiana, and played football, basketball, and track in high school. He attended Ball State on a track scholarship. Upon graduating, he became a phys. ed teacher at Salem High. A year later, he started teaching at Jefferson, where he remained for sixteen years. In 1966, he was offered a coaching job at Adams, but turned it down. "During this time, I started officiating, and that, along with teaching and coaching really became a pleasure. I was never really interested in being a head coach. I enjoyed Middle school coaching. I had good athletes and good team records."

And now, four years later, he holds one of the most prestigious positions in the state. "I wouldn't have accepted this job at any other school. The reputation at Adams of academics and athletics, is, in my mind, unmatched. I feel both honored and challenged. One thing I know is that no one can ever replace Szucs. His reputation is incredible throughout the state. But I'm

With Scammon's controversial de-segregations policy, DeVault was moved to Dickenson in 1981. There he continued his connection with the younger age group.

my own person, and I'll do the best I can possibly do."

DeVault terms organization and communication as key parts of his job. In a period of 3-4 months, DeVault has to know first hand about each sport. This fall, for example, there is boy's varsity, B-team, and freshmen football, boy's tennis, cross-country, volleyball, and girls swimming. Winter sports include boys swimming, basketball, hockey, and wrestling.

It's a big task just to know all the twenty-seven different sports. But to achieve the organization and communication DeVault is looking for a very difficult task.

Mike DeVault is a man who has undertaken a very difficult job. He respects and appreciates the support and strength his family has given him. He especially asked me to mention them: his wife Pam and his sons, Chad and Brad.

"Before I accepted this job, I talked it over with them. They couldn't have responded better. They know what's ahead for all of us."

Who knows, in twenty years, John Adams' students might be able to say they knew the man and the legend, Mike DeVault.

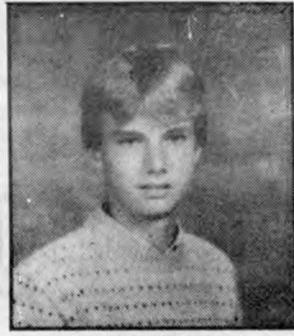
Eagle Epithets

How do you feel about the dress code?



Amit Tripathi
sophomore

"I feel that it's unfair that girls are allowed to wear miniskirts and boys are not allowed to wear shorts that are the same length as the miniskirts."



Jay Blandford
sophomore

"The dress code doesn't really bother me, but I think that the girls get more leniency."



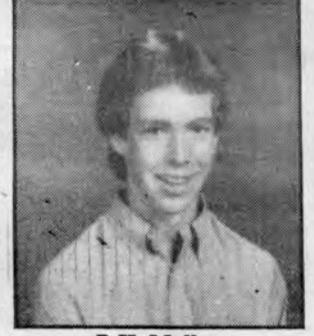
Ted McNally
junior

"We should be allowed to wear shorts because the people who make the rules have air conditioned offices."



Mike Wurzberger
junior

"I think students should be able to wear what they want to but in consideration with decency."



P.H. Mullen
junior

"I can't see why the people running the school will allow girls to wear almost above the thigh miniskirts but Bermuda shorts on guys are unacceptable."



Noah McCloskey
sophomore

"It's casual"



Melissa DeMetz
junior

"I don't think it's fair that you can't wear sweats."



Mandy Carrico
sophomore

"You should be able to wear what feels comfortable."



Greta Fisher
sophomore

"You should be able to wear what you want as long as it's not indecent."



Ann Bybee
senior

"It's better than having to wear uniforms."

Dress code stifles personal expression

By Jeremy Manier

Has the following situation ever happened to you? You come to school wearing shorts, possibly bermudas, and sunglasses. As you walk through the halls you pass students wearing impressively short shorts, low-cut blouses and football jerseys. You think you might have heard that shorts and sunglasses aren't allowed at Adams, but after some of the clothes you've seen in the halls, you probably feel confident that no one will even notice your seemingly reasonable appearance. Nonetheless, when you run into Mr. Bibbs he informs you that shorts and sunglasses are not allowed and you must go home and change. As you are walking home you think to yourself: "Something is wrong."

Although something is "wrong" with the dress code, perhaps "inconsistent" would be a better word. For those not entirely familiar with the Adams dress code, its essentials are: no shorts, no hats, no sunglasses, sweats, or walkman stereos (there are other, largely redundant conditions not mentioned here). Mr. Przybysz argues that the forbidden items are largely for play and not for school, distracting, or

not in keeping with the environment of real jobs he would like to maintain here. In many cases, however, these reasons are either inconsistent with items that the school does allow, insufficient in light of the inconvenience they cause, or simply not applicable in the world outside of Adams.

One fairly obvious inconsistency in the dress code is the matter of shorts. We will put aside the fact that it is painfully easy to ban shorts from an air-conditioned office. What is astonishing is the length of skirts that the school will allow while simultaneously banning shorts of any kind. When one sees the brevity of some miniskirts worn in school, the argument that shorts are too distracting for school seems feeble at best. The argument that shorts are for play only is also inconsistent with the fact that athletes are allowed to wear their jerseys or track suits on the day of competition. Are these not for play also? The dress code in these areas lies frustratingly in the middle of the road making it difficult for students to decide on appropriate apparel when the school seems to contradict itself time and again. It would simplify matters greatly if Adams were to take one or the other

direction in this, but as it stands this aspect of the dress code is unfair and confusing.

Adams administration asserts that those items not permitted in its dress code would, if permitted, tend to bring about a working environment unlike that in most jobs today. Yet, however hard the administrators try, the fact remains that high school is no more a preparation for the outside world and job market than a college, as graduates of either will usually attest. We are not here to work so much as we are here to learn, and the ideal learning environment is relaxed yet disciplined one, with many forms of expression being encouraged. That is why some high schools and most colleges have no dress code at all; it can lead to the confinement of expression through the restriction of appearance and the loss of a relaxed environment. Lack of discipline can lead to chaos, but lack of expression can lead to stagnation, and even a chaotic classroom is better than a stagnant one.

If it is to be kept at all, the Adams dress code is in great need of revision and a more clear and consistent way of controlling student appearance. Otherwise, students will remain uncertain as to their school's intentions with its dress code.

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