

**SPECIAL
BASKETBALL
ISSUE**

John Adams Tower

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**SEASON TICKETS
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ARE NOW ON SALE**

As Adams enters another season of Hoosier Hysteria, season basketball tickets are now on sale. This year the Booster Club is handling the tickets through the home rooms. Each home room has a Booster Club representative. It is the representative who collects the money and passes out the tickets.

The ticket sale began Wednesday and will continue for several weeks. Tickets cost six dollars for adults and three dollars for students. This is a saving for students of \$1.50 over the purchase of single admission tickets.

Adult season tickets will be handled by Mr. Richard Zook. They may be purchased for adults by any Adams students. Adults may also obtain tickets during the day from Miss Sue Lawrence in the office.

No band member should purchase a ticket in his home room, since the tickets will be available in the band itself. Furthermore, no Adams student should purchase ticket for a junior high school student, because those tickets will be sold in the individual feeder schools. If a junior high student is for some reason unable to secure a ticket at his own school, he should

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**Concessions Offer
Variety of Food**

Again this year, various clubs at Adams will sponsor concession stands for home basketball games. Food of all kinds, from hamburgers and hot dogs to ice cream bars, will be sold at the stands. Several clubs will also provide coat room facilities for Adams fans and their opponents.

From the members' sales, the clubs are given apportioned sums of money. The money is put to good use by the clubs. It helps to purchase necessities and to insure a successful year for the clubs. The participating club members gain worth while sales experience through the concession stands. At the same time, they have a good time doing a good deed for their school.

**Pep Bands Play
At Home Games**

The playing of the national anthem, assisting the cheerleaders, and entertaining the spectators at half-time will be three "services rendered" by the John Adams Band during the basketball season. This year the band plans to lessen the tasks of the individual members by dividing into three small pep bands. One of these pep bands—either the red, white, or blue—will be present at each home basketball game.

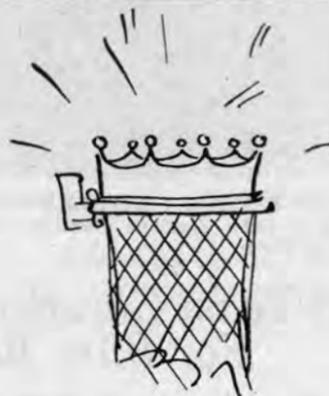
The basketball season will present many opportunities for the band to perform. Athletic events are always preceded by the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner. Therefore, by the time the 1961-62 basketball season is over, the band should be quite proficient in the playing of that patriotic song. The band also plans to assist the cheerleaders in such rousing cheers as "Sound Off" and "When the Saints Go Marching In." Members will play the school song as a further attempt to create enthusiasm. Marches and other light members will entertain the spectators at half-time.

Mr. Robert Ralston, assisted by Mr. James Herendeen, directs the band. The officers include Ozzie Morgan, president; Frank Bogan, vice-president; Joe Reber, secretary; Penny Edgerton, assistant secretary; Bill Stoner, drum major; and Pat Thomas, assistant drum major.

**YMCA BEGINS PLANS
FOR LEAGUE PLAY**

Ray Nowak, YMCA physical education director, has announced that the Y will begin its league basketball competition on Nov. 24. The purpose of this program is to provide athletic competition for boys that have been cut from high school cage squads or anyone interested in playing basketball.

Teams must organize and have their registration and membership fees into Ray by Nov. 20. Last year the league title was taken by the John Adams Hi-Y Hotshots and was sought by teams from all parts of the city. For further information contact Ray Nowak, at CE 4-8739.



**Eagles Seek Improvement On
11-11 Record of '60-'61 Team**

After forecasting a dismal season for his inexperience-plagued squad of last year, Coach Warren Seaborg worked hard and diligently with his team and they responded by winning eleven of twenty-two games. Last year the Eagles were 3-6 in the ENIHSC; these are the marks that the team of this year will be trying to better.

In Bill Helkie and Sam Williams, both of whom are seniors, the Eagles possess height as well as experience, for both boys saw a lot of varsity action last year. Others counted on by Coach Seaborg to do a good job this season are: Frank Mock, Jerry Wood, Joe Gause, Bob Neal, Mike O'Neal, Ronnie Roberts, and others. However, because of the earliness of the season, Coach Seaborg has no definite starting line-up. Positions have also not been determined as yet.

While the Eagles usually seem to have a better than average offense, they seem to fall down early in the season in the defense department.

**AHS Booster Club
Forming Cheerblock**

Cheerblocks are being used at many sporting events around the country. The groups add color, spirit, and interest to high school athletic events.

Cheerblock Formed at AHS

This year the John Adams Booster Club is forming a cheerblock with freshman and sophomore girls as the chairmen and promoters of the activity. Elaine Balock is chairman, and Wendy Andrick, Lili Byers, Connie Hoenk, Sue Little, and Annette Miller are serving as her co-chairmen. Last week, members of the committee displayed posters informing students of the cheerblock. They also went into freshman and sophomore home rooms in order to spread more information concerning the group.

The cheerblock will be present at all Adams home basketball games. Members will sit somewhere near the main floor bleachers so that they will be able to work directly with the cheerleaders. The girls will wear dark skirts and white blouses.

**Freshmen and Sophomores
Eligible**

Any freshman or sophomore girl who is a member of Booster Club may join the cheerblock. Elaine's committee held a special meeting on November 14 for those girls who had questions about the organization of the cheerblock.

So, underclassmen (underclasswomen), have the most fun, participate in something new and interesting, and give service to your school. Join the cheerblock!

This is a sore spot for every basketball team and the Eagles are no exception. Hard work, determination, and a lot of "hustle" can remedy this problem. As the season progresses the Eagles will improve defensively as well as offensively and in so doing jell into a strong, solid ball club.

The Eagles begin their 61-62 campaign Wednesday night, November 22, when they clash with Gary Lew Wallace on the Adams' court. Last year the Eagles defeated the Hornets by a score of 65-54.

Besides the season's opener which, as in past years, highlights the basketball season, there are the annual clashes with city-rivals Central, Riley, and Washington. Last year Adams defeated Riley 67-64, trounced the Washington Panthers 67-51, and lost to the always tough Central Bears by a score of 63-57.

SCHEDULE

Nov. 22—Gary Lew Wallace	H
Nov. 25—Sheridan	T
Dec. 1—Washington-Clay	T
Dec. 2—Terre Haute Gerstmeyer	H
Dec. 8—Goshen	H
Dec. 9—Nappanee	T
Dec. 15—Michigan City	H
Dec. 16—Wabash	T
Dec. 28—Holiday Tourney	Mish.
Jan. 5—Mishawaka	T
Jan. 6—St. Joseph	H
Jan. 12—Central	H
Jan. 19—LaPorte	T
Jan. 26—Riley	T
Jan. 27—Gary Roosevelt	H
Feb. 2—Washington	H
Feb. 3—Penn	T
Feb. 9—Elkhart	H
Feb. 16—North Side Ft. Wayne	T

Coaches Talk About '61-'62 Teams

Mr. Seaborg

In the approaching basketball season, there will be stiff competition among the Northern Indiana Conference teams, but Adams again will be among the top competitors. The boys will be under the experienced and patient coaching of Warren (not the weatherman) Seaborg and his frosh and B-team coaches.

While attending Central High School, Mr. Seaborg served as a forward and a guard on the basketball team. After high school he became a valuable player on the team at Purdue University. He then decided to become a basketball coach because he enjoys the game so much, but mostly because he likes competition and has the patience to withstand it.

There is more to coaching basketball than is apparent to the average spectator. Coach Seaborg has to train the boys individually and then co-ordinate the abilities of each boy into a team. Each player must be in top physical condition, watchful of his diet. (It is advised that the boys eat the meal preceding the game at least three hours in advance.) Height and speed are both essential to the progress of a basketball team, and both work together for fast and accurate ball handling. Rhythm is also an important factor in good ball handling, especially in the coordination of the feet (e.g.—Helkie), and after two weeks of dancing lessons Coach Seaborg ought to have quite a sense of rhythm. But what good is the cha-cha during a basketball game?

Spectators are always curious as to what the coach says to his boys during half-time and time outs. Mr. Seaborg explained, "We point out errors each individual is making, may change our defense or offense, and try to encourage the team."

Each coach has his own particular plans of action, but certain strategies are uniform. Coach Seaborg scouts the opposing team for various types of plays, weaknesses, and the individual strength of each participant. He sets up types of defense maneuvers and the location of each player on the floor. He tries to anticipate the actions of the opposing team and then attack their weaknesses. It is also necessary to provide for substitutes in case a player gets into foul trouble or cannot "hold" his opponent.

Coach Seaborg also feels that this season's won-lost column may not reveal the real strength of our team because of the competition,

but he says that we will have a good team that will be interesting to watch.

Mr. Rensberger

Mr. Robert Rensberger, coach of the B-team basketball squad, has been at Adams for the past nine years. Before coming to Adams, this six foot, dark-haired, bespectacled athletic coach had spent five years as the head coach in Beloit, Wisconsin. During school hours he teaches government, history, and sociology, but after school he may be found in the gym drilling his team.

When asked for his opinion concerning the proposal that basketball game seating be on a "first-come-first-serve" basis, Mr. Rensberger replied that he is undecided as to whether or not he approves. He feels the seniors should have priority over the lowerclassmen, and this would not be possible with the new arrangement.

This year, Mr. Rensberger hopes that we will have a better turnout than ever before. This will be due to not only the previously mentioned seating arrangement, but also the newly formed cheerblock, which he hopes will help to boost our school spirit. Mr. Rensberger also hopes to see many of the new freshmen cheering our team on to victory.

When asked about his team, Mr. Rensberger replied, "As far as I can tell, we should have a large group of boys this year. I'm certain they will all be very enthusiastic."

Mr. Truex

Coach Don Truex, freshman coach, has a last year's record anyone would be proud of. Last year, his team won 15 of 20 games. This is the best record for a freshman team at John Adams. They also captured the conference crown and were the city champs.

Mr. Truex was formerly a basketball player here at Adams. He is also interested in golf and tennis, and was once a pitcher in professional baseball.

Once while Mr. Truex was pitching in a pro baseball game, a home run was scored on him inside the ball park. When the right fielder was going up for the catch, the ball hit him on the head. Before he could recover or the left fielder make the play a home run was made, and Mr. Truex lost the game.

Mr. Truex's advice to pass on to athletes-to-be is, "Anybody can be an athlete, but the true athlete will sacrifice time and hard work to better himself."



THE B-TEAM CHEERLEADERS are, from left to right, Nancy Naus, Carol Cseh, Darlene Daniels, Nancy Daniels, Carol Roelke, and Vicki Van Horn.

B-Team Cheerleaders Prepare For Busy Basketball Season

"Cheerleaders? Oh! those are the girls that wore heavy sweaters on those Indian summer days, the ones who hold their blue and red outfits together with safety pins."

"You mean the girls who leave sixth hour classes a half hour early every once in a while, the ones who are allowed to yell in the halls?"

Cheerleaders are sometimes referred to by these terms, but introducing them one by one, they are —

Vicki Van Horn, Captain

Vicki, this year's B-team cheerleader captain, a junior, was also a cheerleader at Three Rivers High School before she came to Adams. "Contrary to popular opinion," Vicki says, "cheerleaders watch the game closely; they have to or they might find themselves leading the cheering section in 'First and ten, do it again' for the opposing team." For the basketball season, Vicki says the cheerleaders are concentrating on shorter, more peppy cheers, and they will stand in front of the students rather than in formations.

For Darlene Daniels, being a cheerleader is a new experience. She relates that through her obligation as a cheerleader, she feels "more a part of the school." Darlene had this to say about Adams school spirit: "It is good until we start losing games, and then it dwindles off." Darlene hopes that the student body will also back the B-team games because "next year the B-team will be the varsity team."

Nancy Daniels Known for Jumps

Nancy Daniels, a sophomore, is the cheerleader known for her extra high jumps. In fact, Mr. Planutis kids her about being transferred from cheerleading to basketball. Nancy, like her sister, is also new at cheerleading. She feels that pep assemblies are a definite

boost to school spirit although "the kids are sometimes a little afraid to yell."

Carol Cseh, a new junior member of the squad, cheered during her junior high years at Nuner. She agrees with the other cheerleaders "to expect great things from the team this year." Carol is hoping that all the students will get season tickets. As for cheering, she comments thus: "It is more work that I ever thought it would be, for it is the cheerleaders' responsibility to plan the pep assemblies and to make the posters that appear in the halls. This work is rewarded," she sums up, "when Mr. Nelson, the Booster Club, Miss Bauer, and Mr. Rothermel acknowledge our efforts, and most of all, when the kids show enthusiasm and yell!"

Another Sophomore on Squad

Nancy Naus, a sophomore, feels that the students should come to the game just like any other school activity. Her motto to encourage B-team attendance is, "Eat a little faster and come a little earlier." Nancy's only really big problem is that she shouts rubber bands. You see she wears braces and when she yells real loud and opens her mouth wide, the rubber bands fly out. When asked if she plans to try out for cheerleading in college, she said, "I suppose so, if they'll let me!"

Another junior with lots of pep and enthusiasm, Carole Roelke, is not planning to try out for cheerleading in college for one simple reason—she is going to a girls' school and rather doubts if there will be a football or basketball team. As for embarrassing moments, Carole can't recall any, but she thinks practicing in the halls on Tuesday and Thursday is embarrassing in itself. "We will be yelling and all of a sudden a teacher peers out of a door to have a look and you feel sort of strange."

Die Beginnent of Der Bashkettball

Eins upon a time, in das Landt of "On-die Vall-Ville," livet ein Mann named Mutsmorency Ball-sashkit ein guten Freund des Earl of Sandwich. Alzo, livet das junge Madchen, Princess Natasha. Ein Day die Earl und Ballbashkit ver munchen luchen of sandwiches und they begant talken about die junge, faira, Princess Natasha. Both das Manns wanted to wdden ihr.

They thought they would have contests zu sehen which one vould haben ihr zu wdden. Die friste contest involvten couragen. So die Earl und Ballbashkit habt ein fighten. Die Earl vas very stongish und he von. Die secondish contest vas fur talent—die Earl vas very gute painten-man, und he von dat contest alzo.

Die laste test involvten bravery—die objecte vas to get die Princess's favoriten hula-hupen back from die evilish knight, Zir Basdmann. Die Earl, although he vas ginnen up til dis time, failed to getten die hula-hupen back. Ven Ballsashkit left to fighten die evilish Zir Badsmann, he vas very afraidish.

He vent to die castle des Bads-mann und vaited fur ihm zu leaven. Ven Zir Basdmann final-lishe leften, he had die junge, faira, Princess Natasha un ihr favoriten hula-hupen mit him. He roden fasten away, meanly laughen und sneeren at die unhappish princness. Ballbashkit vent after ihm on his fastish horsh und die lange chase begannt. Ven Ballsashkit gotten closen, he begannt to shooten at die evilishe knight. Die knight roden faster, und still kepten laughen und sneeren at die bullets day missten ihm. Die evilish knight begannt to gainen ground fur Ballbashkit's horsh gotten tired.

In one laste attempten, Ball-bashkit token offen his helmet und tossen it through die evilish knight's stolen hula-hupen und hitten ihm on his noggenish. Ven die helmeten clonken Zir Sads-mann on his headen, he vas knocked offen his horsh und die Princess gotten away mit ihr hula-hupen. Die evilish knight vas senten away und Ballbashkit vas proclaimed ein hero. He gotten die junge, faira, Princess Natasha zu wdden und they livet happ-lishe ever aftern.

Von dat day to dis day, junge, brava manns throwen modernish helmets (now called "balls") through modernish hula-hupen (now callet "bashkits") zu proven der strengthen und guten seen.

—KAL
(as you probably guessed)

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Season Tickets

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have an Adams student contact Mr. Zook about the situation.

A big advantage of purchasing season tickets is that the holders of the tickets have preference for tourney tickets. Since the tourney is the biggest event of the basketball season, it is worth while to be a season ticket holder.

Get out and support the team! Do your part as a good Adams student by attending the games and cheering our team to victory. Buy your season ticket now!

WRESTLERS WORK ON REBUILDING TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The wrestling team under its coach, Morris Aronson, is preparing itself for the rugged season of competition ahead. Last year the wrestlers posted a dual record of four and seven. The matmen defeated Mishawaka, LaPorte, Hammond Clark, and Hammond High.

Coach Aronson faces a rebuilding period this year as graduation thinned his ranks of experienced

men. However, the wrestling team will be strengthened by boys who were on the varsity last year and also by boys who were on the freshman squad of 60-61. With the fine coaching that the matmen have and with the desire and determination that these boys possess, the wrestling team could better their 60-61 mark of 4-7 and wind up with a successful season.

The wrestling matches are usually held on the stage on Thursdays or Fridays after school. Individual tickets are twenty-five cents and season tickets will not be sold this year.

By Inexperience B-Team Plagued

This season the Adams B-team should develop into a good strong ball club. As it is every year, the Beagles will be composed mostly of sophomores who were on the freshman squad last year and will be lacking in experience. A lack of height may also plague the Eagle Bees. However, the Beagles have been working hard and through sheer determination and desire could have a winning year.

Coach Robert Rensberger has cut the team down to a workable squad and is concentrating his efforts on them in attempting to prepare them for a season of tough competition. All Beagle games will be played immediately preceding the varsity games, and your attendance at these games help the Beagles a great deal.

Freshmen Prepare For 61-62 Season

Coach Don Truex is cutting his freshman squad to 15 or 20 players and working hard to prepare them for the tough schedule this winter.

The main purpose of the freshman basketball program is to prepare the boys through good coaching and hard work for varsity competition in the future. The fundamentals of good basketball are stressed in an effort to develop as much talent among the boys as is possible.



THE RETURNING LETTERMEN from last year's co-conference champion swimming team are, left to right, Tom Toepp, Don Hartke, Peter Hayes, Randy Welch, Dick Shore, and Paul Klaer.

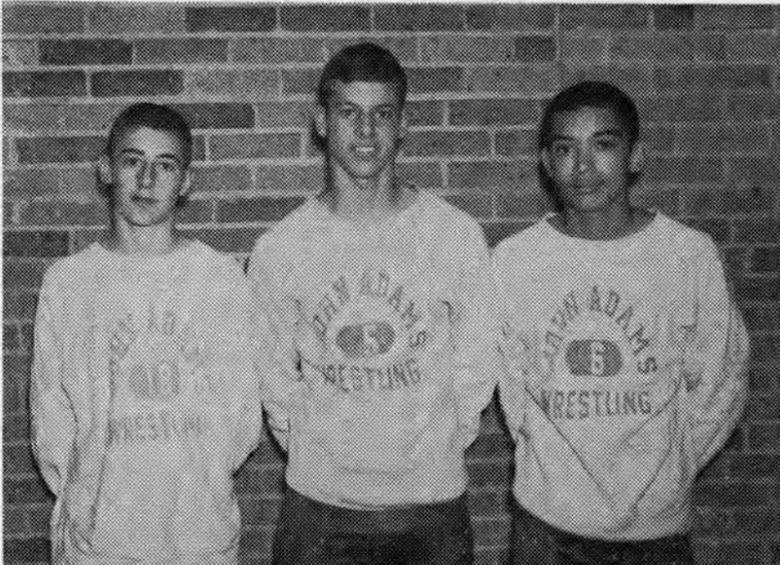
SEVEN LETTERMEN RETURN TO SEAGLES

There are seven lettermen returning for the first-year swimming Coach Don Coar. Because of

this the season's outlook for the tankers is very encouraging. Last year the Adams swimmers were co-conference champions, conquered seven dual-meet opponents, and placed sixth in the state meet. The Adams freestyle relay team of the 60-61 season was the city champion.

The Seagles lost only two lettermen from last year's fine squad, and thus have a great deal of experience within their ranks this year. Returning senior lettermen this year are: Randy Welch, Paul Klaer, Don Hartke, Tom Toepp, Dick Shore, and Al Callum. Pete Hayes, a junior, is the seventh returning letterman.

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



THREE WRESTLERS who will be a great help to the Adams squad this year are, left to right, Mike Slabaugh, Steve Nelson, and Don Smothers. All three are returning lettermen.



By DAN JANICKI

Although the Adams Eagles may start a lineup dominated by senior ball players when they open their 61-62 season on November 22, they will be a somewhat inexperienced squad.

A lack of experience, however, does not mean that the Eagles cannot wind up with a successful season. The team should improve with every game and, by the time the state tournament rolls around, should develop into a very solid ball club.

If the Eagles should get off to a slow start, the students should definitely not show a lack of support after the first few games. It must be remembered that in Indiana high school basketball, the team which loses 10 to 12 games in the regular season and then advances to the final four in the State tournament is remembered far longer than the team that goes undefeated in regular season competition and then is beaten in its own sectional.

The Eagles have been working hard to get ready for their opener against Gary Lew Wallace on the 22nd to better their 60-61 mark of 11 wins and 11 losses.

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