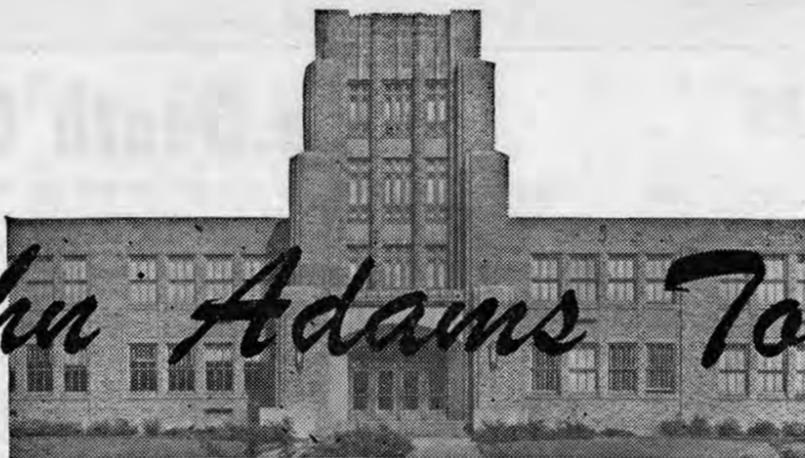


John Adams Tower



Merit Test Sign-up Begins January 6

Juniors who are interested in taking the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test next spring should register for the test in the Guidance Office from Monday, January 6 through Friday, January 17. There is a \$1.50 registration fee.

The test will be administered on Saturday, March 14, at 8:00 a.m. at Adams.

Awards in the Merit Program are granted on the basis of intellectual merits, but student financial needs determine the amount of the scholarships granted to winners.

Miss Agnes Burns, senior counselor, cited two reasons for taking the National Merit Test. The first is that by taking the competitive examination a student can become eligible for a scholarship. Secondly, the test gives the student some idea of his achievement in five academic areas. It also gives the student practice in taking this type of test.

At the time that the students register for the examination, they will receive a booklet which contains detailed information concerning preparing and taking of the test.

After the test, each participating student receives a Handbook for Merit Program Participants with their scores recorded on it. This information helps the student to make comparisons with scores of other high school students from all over the country and to use this information in making educational and vocational plans.

Album Announces Drive Results

The ALBUM recently announced the result of its subscription drive which was concluded last month. Stuart Cohn, circulation manager, reported that 1,554 ALBUMS were ordered by the nearly two thousand members of the student body. This surpassed the campaign goal of 1,540 subscriptions.

Mr. George Earl Carroll, ALBUM adviser, added that the subscription total was very good and that even more could have been sold if it were not for the many brothers and sisters enrolled who ordered only one per family. The 1964 ALBUM will be distributed next May at the annual ALBUM autograph dance.

AFS Students Guests at Program

The American Field Service foreign exchange students from the South Bend-Mishawaka area were guests of the United Christian Youth and the World Friendship Department of the St. Joseph County Council of Churches in a special program held at the Broadway Evangelical United Brethren Church on Saturday, December 7. Included among the students were Randi Storheim and Mitchi Miyoshi, the two A.F.S. exchange students studying at Adams.

The other exchange students living in the area this year include Annerose Juntgen from Germany and Jose Vilar from Spain at Riley High School; Helvio Pena from Brazil and Maria Breedy from Ecuador at Washington; Ruth Hilton from England at Central; Nabil Shartoung from Lebanon at Penn; Rajendraprasad (Raju) Bagadiya from India at Mishawaka; and Soheir Mohamed Hasez from Egypt at Clay.

Thespians Plan Induction Program

National Thespian Troupe number 1464 at Adams will induct five new members on Thursday, December 19. The names will be announced later. Because of the small number of students eligible for membership at this time, these five students will be officially inducted in the spring.

Officers Will Speak

The officers of the Society will speak at the induction about the role of Thespians in recognizing students who are outstanding in dramatic work and in encouraging participation in both school and outside dramatic functions. Thespian officers are Sally Lumm, president; Ed Mikesell, vice-president; Marla Miller, secretary; George Reardon, treasurer; and Barbara Gebhardt, historian. Mr. William Brady is the sponsor.

Entertainment Planned

Dayle Berke is serving as chairman of the entertainment committee for the induction. She has indicated that several of the society members will perform some skits for the benefit of the inductees.

Three Plan Refreshments

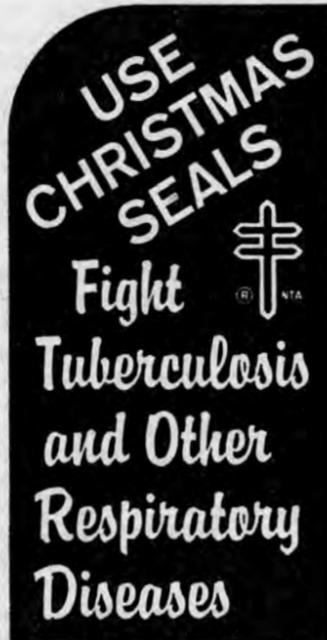
Marion Eich, Peggy Hanson, and Beth Carlson are in charge of refreshments for the induction.

13 HOME ROOMS WIN SEAL BONDS

Results of the 1963 Christmas Seal Drive held last week at Adams revealed that Adams students contributed a total of \$110.00 to help fight tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases.

Ten-dollar bonds were awarded to home rooms 205N, 107, 223, and 105N. Five-dollar bonds were won by home rooms 103, 215, 124, 101, 121, 212W, 217, 105S, and 204.

Mrs. Dorothy Chamberlin, Adams nurse, reported that the total fell far below that of last year, when Adams students contributed \$168.02. She also expressed her appreciation to Mr. William Brady; Mr. Peter Holmgren, and to their speech classes for the talks they made in conjunction with the sale of seals.



Drama Club Cites Coming Events

The John Adams Drama Club has scheduled two major events for January and February, it was recently announced.

On Friday, January 10, a play festival will be conducted by different groups of Drama Club members. These different groups will present cuttings from various plays.

The Drama Club will travel to Chicago in February to see **How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying**.

Jack Minkow is Drama Club president and Mr. William Brady is the sponsor.

Adams Awarded Visual Aid Grant

The Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company announced on Monday, December 9, that John Adams is one of approximately 490 schools in the United States selected to receive a grant providing for the addition of much visual aid teaching equipment. The award is the result of a paper submitted by Mr. Lawrence Martin, Adams teacher, concerning a proposal on how \$3,000 worth of visual equipment could be effectively used in the classroom.

As a result of the award, Adams will receive, as permanent property, ten classroom overhead projectors, one portable overhead projector, two copying machines capable of producing four-second transparencies, transparency film and thermofax copy paper. All are products of the 3M Company.

To Help Teaching Methods

The 3M-Assistance Grant to Education program was established to foster more effective teaching methods, to encourage creative teaching with the help of teacher oriented visual aids, and to establish research lines of communications between schools of all levels.

One of Three Schools

Adams was one of three schools in Northern Indiana selected to receive this equipment. The others were Edison School in South Bend, and LaPorte High School. Northern Indiana is one of the 189 areas in the United States in which local committees consisting of educators and school administrators made preliminary award selections which were forwarded to the National Selection Committee for final approval. This National Selection Committee is based in St. Paul, Minnesota, home of the 3M Company, and is composed of prominent representatives of education and publishing.

Many Benefits

Some of the benefits of the use of overhead projectors cited by the 3M Company include the fact that the teacher can talk directly to the class as he uses the projector, and can make use of regular work done on 8½" by 11" paper. Perhaps most significant, though, is the fact that use of this visual aid equipment allows for almost unlimited creativity in teaching methods on the part of the instructors using it. This award is truly one that Adams can be proud to attain and eager to make use of.

Eagle Ethics To Sponsor Clean-up

The Eagle Ethics Committee will again hold its annual pre-Christmas clean-up drive. The drive will be held a week from today, Friday, December 20.

The school-wide clean-up will consist of a thorough check of all lockers and desks. Students will be asked to empty all the refuse from their lockers into the extra refuse cans in the hall after the 3:30 o'clock dismissal. Also, all desks will be emptied by sixth hour classes. The cleaning will be completed by next Friday's dismissal time and will leave the school in good condition.

News In Brief

REGISTRATION

for the January 11 College Board exams must be made by December 14, or a penalty fee will be imposed.

WATCH FOR

next week's annual Christmas issue of the TOWER.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate and the 350 members of the glee clubs for their beautiful Vespers Service held last Sunday afternoon before an auditorium which was filled to capacity.

PEP ASSEMBLY

this afternoon for the Michigan City and Wabash games this weekend, and the Holiday Tourney at Mishawaka on Friday, December 27.

FINAL TOWER PAYMENT

on subscriptions is due by next Thursday, December 19.

HI-Y SUPPLIES CARD DELIVERY

The Hi-Y at Adams is sponsoring a Christmas card delivery service within the school again this year. The mail box is located at Four Corners and cards should be deposited there with the name and home room of the person for whom it is intended on the envelope. The cards are then removed from the mailbox and placed in the home room teacher's mailbox and delivered the following day.



• Jack Minkow sat through "Irma La Duce" two times. The second time he moved down ten rows!

• In 6th hour U. S. History, Phil Dickey had a slight problem making his report. He started with, "The Civil War did not need to be fought-fought!"

• It seems Steve Friedman sent a note down the aisle to Mr. Seaborg to inform him that Sue Lazarra was chewing gum. Mr. Seaborg then announced that Sue was to bring gum for the class and so was Steve—for being a tattletale!

• We've heard that 4th hour French really likes those movies! Whoa, George, whoa!

• Mr. Truex was quite surprised to find one of his students from 4th hour staying on for 5th hour. However, this student just hadn't finished his nap yet.

• In 1st hour study hall, the illustrious attendance taker somehow lost his shoe and was hopping around after it. When Mr. Crowe made his appearance, he thundered, "Come on, baby, where is your shoe?"

• In 6th hour chemistry, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Reber reminisced over the "good ole days" when they used to teach together. Mr. Nelson left with the remark that the modern students were "chicken" because they put socks over their hydrogen generators. Mr. Reber countered with, "It saves me from picking little bits of glass out of the students."

• Diane Mundell popped this clever one on us recently. What is Smokey Bears's middle name? "The."

• In 5th hour English, Lyn Zeiger suddenly seemed to have grown a foot taller. However, Miss Rogalle didn't sense anything unusual until she found her own high stool gone!

• Mr. Reber, his usual intellectual self, spent the majority of 2nd hour discussing the profundities of such questions as "Where does your lap go when you stand up?" and the difference between proper writing of upper and lower case letters.

• Warning to one and all—Marla Miller is more dangerous than she may appear to be! After greeting Barb Schafer with a "friendly" whack on the back, she saw (to her surprise—we hope) Barb make a quick (but graceful) fall to the floor!

Hooks And Slices

By HACKER

Now is the time when your money runs low and you look hard at your friends to see if they're worth it.

Now that the snow has finally fallen, all the girls have the excuse to put on their new high boots like trout fishermen, not removing them in the vestibules, those areas inside a door but closed off from the corridors, as directed.

Christmas spirit is finally beginning to seep in to warm the icy walls and homeroom teachers' hearts—they're decorating again. The gay mustard-colored walls and enamel windows sport candy canes and paper cut-outs, and a certain lion's head is wearing its Santa Claus outfit once more. **Idea: decorate the rooms by stringing Christmas Seals across them;** this would provide incentive for the sales representative. "Come on, you kids, just two more feet of seals and we'll have another window done!"

Just in case anyone has overlooked anything, we have prepared a check list for the use of the absent-minded.

1. Have you had your senior pictures taken yet?
2. Did you put the rum in the rum cookies?
3. Have you gotten your Christmas cards?
4. Did they have envelopes?
5. Did you write down Santa's Zip code number (it's at the post office)?
6. Has the chimney been cleaned lately?
7. Did you look in the attic? (you know what for)
8. Have you had your gift list mimeographed?
9. Did the extra-large stockings come?
10. Have you all been good boys and girls?

As if our problems weren't large enough, we're scheduled to have three different Album pictures taken at the same time this afternoon.

We are now only eight days away from the shortest day of the year, and in commemoration of this event, we have dedicated a brilliant musical composition for 7:30 band. The dedication:

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Take a good look at your hands! They are something that we take for granted, but did you know that hands have played an important part in legend and history? Few good deeds and crimes, for that matter, could be done or committed without the use of hands—hands of healing, hands of deceiving, hands of courtesy and etiquette. Talking hands or the miracle of touch such as the story of Louis Braille, the blind man who gave "sight" to the blind, are still a wonder today. One of the strangest and most enduring superstitions about the hand is the belief that a special nerve, vein, or artery connects the fourth or ring finger of the left hand with the heart.

Speaking of left hands — are you a southpaw? Some of the world's most famous lefties were Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Carl Hubbell, and not to mention that all time great, Babe Ruth. The left hand has been constantly maligned over the centuries. To be left handed was to be a suspect, a phenomenon. Superstition says that two left handed people should not marry, especially if they happen to be blood relatives. You're not alone if you are a leftie, because 25 per cent of humanity is born left-handed, and today we know that there is no superstition connected with it. The hand has even had its rule in literature — not only in gory murder mysteries, but even in nursery rhymes such as Little Jack Horner, in Mother Goose, who stuck in his thumb and pulled out a plum.

The etiquette of the handshake down through the years has an interesting development, as its origin was far from friendly and many times meant the beginning of a duel or a battle for life itself. Even its friendliness can be overdone, as the Pelew Islanders do by grabbing or grasping the hand of

The Ways of Winter

Winter is now upon us again. Gosh, I'll bet you could hardly wait! All that glorious SNOW!! Isn't it fun to put on a heavy coat, gloves, boots, a hat, a scarf, a sweater, and enough other things to make you look like a balloon? Each morning your car is encrusted with ice, and you're late to school because it couldn't start or you fell on the ice. The girls' hair falls because of the snow and the boys all have frozen ears because they won't wear a hat.

Many Things to Do

Of course, there are many other things to winter, such as colds and shoveling snow. But good old winter is filled with many wonderful things to do that we can't do in summer. Don't you all remember that wonderful day last winter when you spent the whole day sliding, skating, tobogganing, skiing, and falling down? When finally at the end of the day you came into a warm room, there was a sizzling fire in the fireplace and lots of hot chocolate and doughnuts! Those are the wonderful days we should remember when we think of winter.

Holiday Season

Winter is filled with gay, cheery holiday festivities . . . Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day which are always filled with fun and happiness.

The snow in winter seems to add a beauty to everything we do. There are two ways of looking at it — fun or work. Which way will you welcome winter?

—Sue Ann Martz.

the one whom they wish to salute and rubbing their faces against it. This seems to be going just a little too far to those of us accustomed to less passionate forms of friendship. The good ole American way is the best — you just stick out your hand to one and all and vigorously and sincerely — TAKE FIVE!

—Cheryl Nichols

Eagle of the Week

Dennis Duncan is our Eagle this week. Dennis, an active member of the Eagle Ethics Committee, is its historian, and in this office he keeps a record of the activities of the organization by collecting articles written about the club and putting them in a scrapbook.



Dennis Duncan

Active in Several Committees

Dennis is on several committees in the club. He works on the Gimics Committee which tries to bring the ethics before the student body through clever projects. He is also on the clean-up committee which organizes the school's annual clean-up drive before Christmas. Dennis has lectured on the Ethics to the freshman civics classes for three years. He feels that these lectures are a worthwhile project because most freshmen think the Eagle Ethics plaques are meant to cover up holes in the wall!!

He likes Eagle Ethics because "all the kids in the Committee are sincerely interested in the purpose of the Ethics. The Committee is interested in working to raise the ethical standards of our school." Dennis feels that having an open membership policy rather than inviting a few to join the club is a good policy. He feels that this policy gives more people an opportunity to offer their services.

Band President

Dennis has been active in band for four years and is president this year. He is also the assistant drum major and plays in the dance band.

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Eagles To Host Michigan City Tonight

Eagles Drop First and Second Games Of Season; Record Stands at 2-2

The John Adams Eagles' victory skein was stopped at two games as they lost their first conference game of the season by a score of 59-51 at the hands of the Goshen Redskins. The game against last year's regional runner-up was held in the Adams gymnasium last Friday, December 6. The following evening the Eagles traveled to Nappanee, where they lost a heartbreaker, 65-64.

Goshen 59, Adams 51

In the opening conference game for Adams, the Eagles found themselves up against a stiff zone-defense, applied by the Redskins. This defense curtailed the Eagle offense greatly, but the Eagles held their own in the first quarter, as the quarter ended in a 14-14 deadlock.

The taller Redskins began to find the range as they took a quick 4-point lead at the beginning of the second period and never trailed thereafter. Throughout the game the contest was closer than the score indicated, as the Eagles continuously pressured the Redskins into making mistakes.

With the Eagles down 12 points at the beginning of the final period, a full-court press was applied on the Redskins. Emerson Carr began to find the range as he and Bill Fischer brought the Eagles to within 7 points. But Goshen quickly turned the 7-point lead into a 17-point lead, and the game seemed to be all over. Adams fought back again, though, to the point where they were down by only 7 points.

Only 18 fouls were called in the entire game. Don Schultz was the only member of either team to hit a free toss from the charity stripe in the first half.

The scoring distribution for Goshen was very evenly spread, as each player registered 9 or more points, with Paul Williams taking scoring honors for the night with 15 markers. Bill Fischer and Emerson Carr each hit 12 points for the Eagles.

Nappanee 65, Adams 64

For the third time in as many years, victory over Nappanee eluded the John Adams Eagles, as they were subdued again by the Bulldogs, this time by the closest margin in three years, 65-64.

The lead continually kept jockeying back and forth in the first quarter after Bob Gilbert put the first 2 points on the scoreboard with a tip-in. The first quarter ended with the Bulldogs in front by 3, 20-17.

In the second quarter, Gilbert and Schultz found the range as they gave the Eagles the lead. Schultz put the Eagles in front until late in the fourth quarter as he put in a tip-in with 37 seconds remaining before halftime.

As the charges of Coach Warren

Wrestlers Win; Lose to Central

The Adams wrestling team, coached by Morris Aronson, split two meets last week, to bring their season record to 2-1.

On Wednesday, December 4, the matmen traveled to Central, where the Eagles were downed, 31-21. The Bears won seven of the 12 matches, but scored pins in all but two of these to account for the win.

The Adams' grapplers traveled to East Chicago on Friday, December 6, and came home with a big 45-3 win over Roosevelt. The Eagles scored victories in all but one weight division and also marked up six pins.

The Beagles dropped their second meet of the season, as Central's B-team chalked up a 37-13 win. The Beagles did not make the trip to East Chicago. Summary of the East Chicago meet:

95 pounds: Rothkoph (A) pinned Kinney, 3:37.
103 pounds: Zalas (A) pinned J. Dunham, 3:05.
112 pounds: Russel (A) pinned Otto, 5:45.
120 pounds: Blackburn (A) dec. T. Dunham, 13-3.
127 pounds: Slabaugh (A) dec. Murchek, 7-2.
133 pounds: Myers (A) dec. Matson, 7-5.
138 pounds: Kish EC) dec. Driver, 5-2.
145 pounds: Dempsey (A) pinned Gains, 1:42.
154 pounds: Quimby (A) dec. Conn, 4-2.
165 pounds: Harmon (A) dec. Hardy, 7-0.
175 pounds: Scussel (A) pinned Freiburger, 4:45.
Heavyweight: Montgomerie (A) pinned Breclaw, 3:31.

suddenly seized by a cold spell, and they were unable to continue their terrific scoring pace.

With the clock showing 1:45 to go, Don Schultz gave the Eagles a 3-point advantage, 62-59. Greg Truex had a 1 and 1 situation at the charity stripe with 10 seconds remaining in the game. Truex sank both shots, and the scoreboard showed the Bulldogs out in front, 65-64.

Adams called time out to set up one final desperation play. Fischer threw the ball in to Carr who dribbled into his forecourt and handed the ball back to Fischer who held it until there were only 3 seconds left on the clock. Bob Gilbert took the final shot as he received a pass from Fischer. The ball barely missed but Jim Anderson tipped it in. Pandemonium

Seagles Open With 2 Victories

The John Adams swimming team, coached by Don Coar, opened its 1963-1964 swimming season last Tuesday night at the Washington pool in a dual meet with Valparaiso. The Seagles won eight of 11 events for a 63-32 win over Valpo.

Chuck Busse and Lee Wise were double winners, Busse taking the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breaststroke; Wise taking the 100-yard butterfly and the 400-yard freestyle.

Senior Dan Jones set a new school record with a 1:01.2 effort for the 100-yard backstroke event.

The Seagles' second win came Friday night when they defeated the top-notch St. Joseph, Michigan, squad, again in the Panther pool.

The only double winner was Bob Nelsen, who won the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events.

Promising freshman, Paul Goetz, took a first in the 100-yard backstroke and a second in the 100-yard individual medley. Reid Lichtenfels, a sophomore, took a second in the rugged diving competition, losing only to senior Tom Poulin.

The Adams squad again took eight of 11 events to clinch the 55-40 victory over St. Joe. Adams winners:

VALPARAISO

200-yd. medley relays: 1. Adams (Jones, Nova, Condon, Wachs). Time: 1:53.
200-yd. freestyle: 2. Nelsen, 3. Hausaire (A).
50-yd. freestyle: 1. Busse, 3. Decker. Time: 24.0.
200-yd. individual medley: 1. Goetz, 2. Swinsick. Time: 2:29.
Diving: 1. Scheer, 2. Poulin. Points: 182.45.
100-yd. butterfly: 1. Wise, 2. Heck. Time: 58.7.
100-yd. freestyle: 2. Decker, 3. Ries.
100-yd. backstroke: 1. Jones, 2. Swinsick. Time: 1:01.2.
400-yd. freestyle: 1. Wise. Time: 4:43.9.
100-yd. breaststroke: 1. Busse. Time: 1:11.6.

reigned, but the referees ruled that the buzzer had sounded before Anderson tipped it, and the Eagles lost, 65-64. Bob Gilbert led the Eagles with 22 points as he increased his season average to 16 points per game.

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Beagles Run Win Streak to Four

The John Adams B-team, coached by Robert Rensberger, increased their unbeaten string to four games last Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7. The Eagles downed Goshen by one point, 39-38 on Friday, and the Nappanee Bulldogs by a score of 49-38 on Saturday.

In the game with the Redskins, the Beagles jumped out to a 14-6 first quarter lead before Goshen came within 5 points at the half-time intermission, 24-19. In the third quarter the visitors cut the margin to only 2 points. The last quarter found both teams hitting only one field goal apiece, but nevertheless the Eagles were victorious, 39-38. Tim Hostrawser was high scorer as he tallied 13 points on 5 field goals and 3 free throws. Dean Lovings and Chuck Superczynski each had 8 points.

The following evening the Beagles took on the Bulldogs of Nappanee on Nappanee's home floor. The Beagles were never behind, as they soared to a 49-38 victory. Dan Lovings was the star of the game for the B-team charges as he continuously hit jump shots from 20 feet out. The victory was the fourth in as many games for the Beagles. They also own a 1-0 conference record. Dean Lovings took scoring honors for the Beagles with 15 points.

Seaborg entered the fourth period, they were ahead by 6 points. With a little over 3 minutes remaining, Emerson Carr hit a jump shot that gave the Eagles a 10-point advantage. However, the Eagles were

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Red Devils Led By Vernon Payne

Coach Seaborg's Adams Eagles will have a tough job on their hands tonight when they play host to Vernon Payne and the Michigan City Red Devils. The conference game is slated for 8:00 p.m. Last year Payne led City to an 87-55 win over the Eagles.

The Eagles will be trying to bounce back after their two losses last weekend. Adams now has a 2-2 season mark and stands 0-1 in conference play.

Michigan City sports a fine team and a fine 3-1 record. The Red Devil's only loss was to Central, when the Bear's Mike Warren tossed in a 40-foot shot as the gun sounded, to give Central a 64-62 win. City is also 0-1 in conference play.

Tomorrow night Adams will travel to Wabash where the Eagles will meet the Wabash Apaches. Last year the Eagles met Wabash at Adams and rolled to a 92-44 victory over the Apaches.

The freshmen have two games next week. On Tuesday, Coach Truex's team will meet Clay at Adams, while on Thursday the frosh travel across town to meet the St. Joe freshmen.

The swimmers have two meets next week, with the first coming against the always tough Cadets from Culver. The meet is being held tonight at Culver. The Eagles will meet LaPorte at the Washington pool on Tuesday.

Coach Aronson's grapplers will be trying to improve their record when they tangle with Mishawaka tonight. Next Thursday, the matmen will meet the LaPorte Slicers. Both meets are scheduled for Adams.

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