

"CRITICISM MAY NOT BE AGREEABLE, BUT IT IS NECESSARY. IT FULFILLS THE SAME FUNCTION AS PAIN IN THE HUMAN BODY: IT CALLS ATTENTION TO THE UNHEALTHY STATE OF THINGS."

Winston Churchill

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Seniors Hold Prom Tonite

Twenty On Royal Court

Four years ago a group of anxious, apprehensive freshmen organized a class party with the theme 66 A-Go-Go...during their sophomore year, still not sure where they fit into high school life, they put together "Would You Believe"; the following year they were "On A Carousel" planning the junior dance; Now, as Adam's school leaders, it is only appropriate that they present their senior prom, "Reflections", a look into the past and a stepping stone to the future.

Kathy Rada and her decorations committee will be working hard throughout the day to add all the season's touches to the Indiana Club's ballroom, where tonight seniors and their dates will dance to the music of Bob Roberts Society Band. Yellow and ice blue flowers surrounding a bridged reflection pool will create the spring atmosphere.

The senior cabinet has been working very hard for the past month and a half to present this occasion. Bill Frey, senior class president, has been organizing all the various committees as well as serving as ticket chairman. Working with Bill have been Lin Denham, in charge of publicity and also assisting with decorations; Cheryl Kloote, organizing the patron book and also assisting with decorations; Maureen Hickey who has been busy sending out invitations to faculty members and kindly opening her home twice a week for the purpose of making flowers; Julie VandeSomphe has also helped a great deal for the direction of the table decorations. Refreshments will be provided and have been arranged under the direction of Nancy Bentzen.

Chairman of the senior court for this year is Mark Williams. Each court this year has 10 members voted upon by the senior class. Members of the Queen's Court are Lin Denham, Sherry Hogman, Kathy Kruyer, Jeri Martinov, Rachel Mathews, Chris Morrow, JoAnn Pitts, Sarah Russell, Karen Urbacke, and Jill VandeWalle. The King's Court includes Jim Dunfee, Vince Fragomeni, Bill Frey, Dave Hill, Scott Jordan, Bob Morlan, Jerry Muncie, Mike Newbold, Jim Smith, and Paul Woo.

News Briefs...

THANK-YOU

To every candidate in this year's Student Council elections for their greatly-appreciated co-operation with the Tower. Congratulations to the four winners.

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Have fun at your Prom tonight, "Reflections".

GOOD LUCK

To those competing in the Math Contest tomorrow.

Raymond Elected SC President

Last Friday, after school, at approximately 4:10 the new officers of the John Adams Student Council were announced by Council sponsor Mr. William Alyea. The announcement followed a day of heavy voting among the student body.

Joe Raymond was selected by the students as president of the 1969-70 Student Council. He defeated candidates Mike Joyner and Jim McDaniel. The three had given school-wide speeches the day before the election in the annual assembly for this purpose.

Mike Wenslow was elected vice-president of the Council Friday. The race for the position of secretary, Mary True won, while Doug Pichard polled a winning number of votes for the office of treasurer.

Pat Wolf To See France

A long testing process has proven beneficial to junior Pat Wolf, and has afforded him the chance to spend his summer in France.

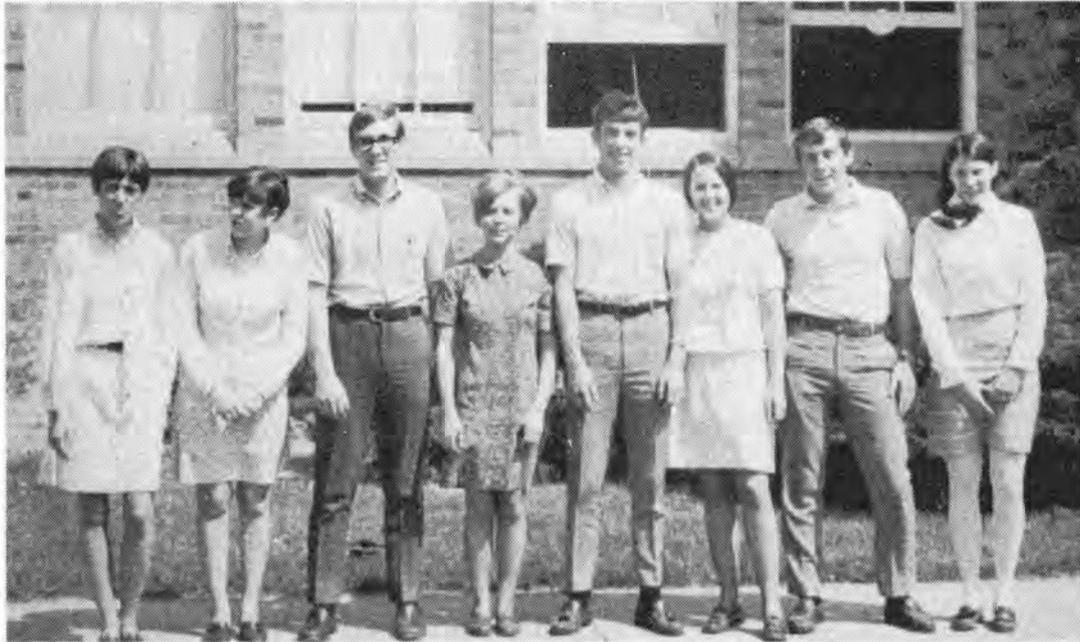


Pat will leave Indianapolis by plane June 9, and will land in Amsterdam, Holland. From there, the group that he will be traveling with will journey by bus or train to Paris. The full title of the program under which Pat will travel is The Honors Program In Foreign Languages For High School Students. It is sponsored by Indiana University. Pat will spend eight weeks in France, and will be staying with a French family for the entire summer.

Pat's first test was a listening comprehension test. After qualifying in this respect, he was interviewed by two program coordinators.

Pat found that many of the rules to be observed during his stay in France are a little strange. They include two that had the school laughing not too long ago: 1). You are not permitted to become romantically involved, and 2). You may not ride a bicycle (for safety reasons).

Pat is looking forward to a summer away from the tedium of American living. He is a member of Mr. William Brady's fourth hour, fourth year French class.



Chairmen, working hard are, Lin Denham, Martha Hamilton, Bill Frey, Julie Vande Somphe, Mark Williams, Kathy Rada, Bill Stoler, and Cheryl Kloote.



"Reflections"

The court includes (from left to right) girls, Jo Ann Pitts, Sherry Hogman, Lin Denham, Kathy Kruyer, Sarah Russell, Jeri Martinov, Chris Morrow, Rachel Mathews: Boys include Bill Frey, Jim Dunfee, Mike Newbold, Jerry Muncie, Bob (camera shy) Morlan, Vince Fragomeni, and Paul Woo.

SDS Hits Adams District

The full weight of the left-wing force represented by the local chapter of S.D.S. (Students of Democratic Society) was felt last Thursday evening as the forces of the community converged on the Potawatome Park bandshell. These forces (there were many) had assembled for the ostensible purpose of leading a "massive" peace rally.

As the afternoon wore on the park began to take on the appearance of the Boston Common or Golden Gate Park on a Sunday afternoon. All of the local plastics had donned their bohemian finery in an attempt to prove that

they too were hip. Several straights stood on the edge of a crowd with the air of looking into a goldfish bowl. That bowl was filled with noise. The program of the demonstration consisted mainly of a rock concert provided by several area bands. There was an address given by "Super Nun" at 4 p.m. but almost everybody was still at home putting on his red velvet bell bottoms and kangaroo leather sandals and missed the principal speaker. When consulted, members of S.D.S. replied that the purpose of the demonstration was for the community forces of dissention

to see and be seen. And seen they were. No one was left out: Vets for Peace, the John Birch Society, S.D.S. itself, the American Nazi Party was passing out "stop Jewish aggression in the Middle East" posters. Zionists were distributing bounty posters for the American leader of El Fatah, the Jordanian terrorist organization. And all the while the steady hypnotising music from the bandshell went on, with the more euphoric Bohemians sitting in front of the speakers nodding in time to the music.

All in all, the massive peace demonstration was a pretty fair rock concert.

MAIS WINS CONFERENCE TITLE



Eagles Finish 4th

Last Saturday, Elkhart decided to pretend they were the Adams swim team as they easily won the Conference title with 82 points to second place LaPorte's 51. Chuck Baker and Timm Pletcher, both of Elkhart, were the standouts of the meet. Pletcher broke all conference and Elkhart records when he won the 100 yard dash in 9.8. Baker set a record, as he is so used to doing, in the mile with a time of 4:17.

The Eagle's glorious moment came in the half mile where Dale Mais won and Wally Berndt came in fifth. Mais broke the two minute barrier, finishing the distance in 1:59.2. Paul Alford broke the Adams school record in finishing second in the quarter-mile in 50.4. The mile relay team of Pete Burke, Wally Berndt, Paul Alford, and Dale Mais came up with another one of their excellent performances finishing second. The Adams team finished fourth in the nine team field. Of the teams entered in tonight's sectional only Washington finished higher, and that was by a mere three points.

Tonight at Mishawaka Tupper Field, the Sectionals will be held.

beat out a bunt. The City coach yanked Marek in favor of Scott Ebert who faced just two batters. Barnbrook was thrown out at the plate, Smith was hit by a pitch, and Tulchinsky singled to load the bases. In came the third hurler, Wally Newman. Bert Fleming singled in both Szucs and Smith.

It appeared Emley could easily hold the lead, but City gave the Eagles a scare in the seventh. Dan Richman singled and Mark Henry walked. Beginning to worry, Coach Buczkowski called in sophomore Pete Kohen. Newman ripped a long double to center, scoring Richman. Kaminarek grounded out, Henry scoring, making it 5-4. With Newman at third Shipley grounded to Matt Busch, who made a fine stop, and fired to Jim Smith at home, who tagged out the sliding Newman. Kohen then got Scott Ebert to pop to Busch, ending the game.

Adams conference hopes remain high, despite the failure to score runs. In eight conference games they have scored an average of 2.3. This is just an unnecessary strain on the pitchers, who know if they give up two runs a game, they very likely won't win. Nevertheless, the Eagles were 5-3 at the beginning of this week.



Timm Pletcher, who won the conference, breaks the tape at Adams.

Golfers Split Triangulars Williams Fines 70.

by Jim Siberell

Next Tuesday, on May 13, one of Adams' finest teams will attempt to capture the South Bend Sectional Golfing Crown at the Michigan City Municipal Course.

The competition this past season has been remarkably tough, and although this circumstance has not been well appreciated by the Adams players, it does nevertheless indicate that the N.I.C. is producing excellent hackers. Coach Hadaway's men, as of May 1, were tied with Elkhart (6-4) for third place in the conference, behind Riley (9-1) and LaPorte (8-2). Riley's team strength lies in three returning lettermen--Tom Hayes, Tom Haas, and Fred Kroll, all capable of shooting in the mid 70's.

Two Triangulars

Last week, Adams split in consecutive triangulars. The Golfers were decided by 15 shots (325-340) to Elkhart before winning a squeaker over Central (340-410). The Bears can't quite break the 400 barrier.

On Thursday, Adams dropped a 307-320 match to LaPorte and, in the second half of the triangular, demolished Washington by 25 strokes. The Adams captain, Mark Williams, posted a tremendous even-par 70 in the Conference's low round this year. Overall, he hit 13 greens in regulation, sandwiching two birdies (#s 13 and 15) around 14 pars. Second for Adams were Kent Hjerpe and Ken Wilkinson with

81's while Don Siberell added an 88.

Golfers Need 4th Man

Coach Hadaway stated at the season's commencement that he needed two players besides the returning lettermen (Mark and Kent) to compose a 1969 Golfing team. Wilkinson has since proved himself worthy of varsity status and if a fourth man who consistently shoots near 80 can also be discovered, before post season tournaments begin, the Adams team will be "Numero Uno."

B Team Surging

Coach Saunders' great B Team is currently running first in a bid to capture a second consecutive Sectional trophy. In last week's scheduled matches, the Golfers won by forfeit over St. Joseph, while on Thursday they lost a practice round to Clay's B boys, 157-158. John Oren was second low for Adams with a 37, Tom McGee has a 42, and John Spicer and Karl Heinz posted 44's at Studebaker. But Saunders hopes to devastate future foes when he throws his "horses" (Dave and Doug Zimmerman, Rick Futter, and Graig Neitch) onto the par 29 course.

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Lach and Parsons Combine For Hitter Against Adams

by Jack Torry

Every week since the season began (five to be exact) Brent Myers has asked me to get him in the paper. Problem was, Brent wasn't playing, and he wasn't getting in. So what happens? Brent starts against Hammond Noll, gets three hits and scores the only Adams run in a losing contest.

Not counting Brent's hits, the Eagles could get but four more safeties off Noll starter Jack Sonnenberg, as the defending state champs downed the Eagles 4-1.

Noll started quick, scoring three runs in the first two innings off starter Vic Emley. Vic then settled down, allowing only one run the rest of the way, but the game was already lost. Myers averted a shutout in the final frame.

As for the other games in the week, Adams split, dropping one to Riley and then downing powerful Michigan City.

Lose to Riley

Adams was their usual futile self against the Wildcats, getting one hit off Riley hurlers Joe Lach and Jim Parsons. That makes a total of three hits in fourteen innings against Riley pitching, and the fact that the Wildcats aren't even a .500 club makes it worse.

Eddie Haak's single in the first accounted for the Eagle hit and run. Riley tied it in the bottom of the first off starter Bob Butsch. In the third the Wildcats rammed home two more runs off Butsch to win the game 3-1.

The most exciting game of the week was the City contest, won by the Eagles 5-4 in a rare display of run scoring.

Kelly Brownell (got it again Harm) started for the Eagles, and in his own words, "didn't have a thing." Never the less, Kelly

earned the win, working 4 innings and allowing just two runs.

Beat City

Adams shocked everyone including themselves when they scored three runs in the first inning off of Red Devil starter Dean Marek. Haak led off with a walk and stole second. Timm Barnbrook singled and Jim Szucs grounded out, leaving runners at second and third. Jim Smith followed with a single, scoring Haak and Jeff Tulchinsky singled in Barnbrook and Smith.

City cut the lead to one in the fourth. Tim Shipley was hit by a pitch and with one out Curt Woss singled, Shipley scoring and Woss taking third on a comedy of errors. Jan Duechting followed with another single, scoring Woss, making it 3-2.

The Red Devils knocked Brownell out of the box in the fifth. With one out Marek singled and Ray Kaminarek walked. Coach Buczkowski brought in Emley to pitch and Vic retired the next two batters without any damage.

Not content with shocking the crowd once in the game, the Eagles did it again, scoring two more runs in the bottom of the fifth. Barnbrook led off with a single and went to third when Szucs