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John Adams TOWER

Christmas Vespers to be December 13

Mr. Loughlin Elected to State Office

Mr. John J. Loughlin, faculty member of John Adams, was recently elected to the office of Indiana State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Loughlin, a math teacher for 13 years, has taught at Adams and Jefferson Junior High.

Mr. Loughlin graduated from Central High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education from Indiana University. Two years later, he earned a Master's Degree in Secondary Education.



John J. Loughlin.

During World War II, Mr. Loughlin served in the Navy as a Sea Bee during the invasion of Okinawa. He spent 18 months overseas.

Mr. Loughlin has served as

Precinct Committeeman in South Bend since his election in 1964. In 1966, he ran unsuccessfully for State Representative. He ran again in 1968 and won a seat in the Indiana General Assembly. He was named Outstanding Democratic representative of the 1969 term. Mr. Loughlin was re-nominated for State Representative from St. Joseph County for the 1971 General Assembly. He pulled out of this race to run for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

While at Adams, Mr. Loughlin taught geometry and algebra/trigonometry. He was also sponsor of the Eagle Ethics organization.

Adams is proud of Mr. Loughlin and we wish him great success in his new office.



Concert Choir members, left to right, front row, Kevin Hanton, Jim Fox, Sue Vonbergon, Marta Hamilton; Back row, Ken Spigle, Jerry Lindley, Paula Bolger and Liz Kurman. Lean back and think about the upcoming Vespers Concert.

"Our Town" Cast Announced

The cast for the winter play "Our Town" has been announced by the director, Mr. Brady. It includes Ken Spigle, Mindy Miller, Tom Panzica, Jack Lambert, Marcia Katz, Susan Howard, Jackie Ganser, Chris Willford, Kathy Schlesinger, Denise Steens, Patty Buslee, and Ken Green. Also Harry Wright, Dan Wintrode, Lynn Rozewicz, Aline Fitzgerald, Paula Bolger, Dan Pelouchoud, Allen Rothbauer, Susan Inwood, Mark McLemore, Mike Beck, Kathy Kimbriel, Lenore Sudhop, and Jim Fox.

Other members of the cast are: Jeff Wyatt, Ann Moriarity, Susan Lacluyse, Pat Kiley, Howard Fleming, Terry Kirwin, Joe Radding, Donna Green, Rich Turrell, Greta Gilmore, Leanne Muncie, and John Cassidy. Ken Kovas,

Mike Kiley, Ian Krouse, Mark Eskridge, and Judy Hoyer are also in the play.

Committee chairman for the play are tickets, Bobbie Baker, and Alicia Byers; house, Shelley Natkow and Kathe Brady; publicity, Janelle Seal and Kathy Fredenburg; Costumes, Carol Benish; Programs, Jim Fox and Ken Spigle; Make-up, Ken Kovas and Lenore Sudhop; Props, Mary Benish and Donna Green; and Sets, Jack Lambert and Louise Denham.

Student directors and stage managers for the play are Mark McLemore and Terry Kirwin.

"Our Town", which is the story of a small town in New England and the lives of two families in that town, will be presented in January. Tickets will be available from members of Drama Club and Thespians.

Michiana Youth Conference

Sing-Out South Bend, a local affiliate of Up With People, is sponsoring the Michiana Youth Conference on December 4, 5, and 6 at the Center for Continuing Education on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

The conference will be made up of seven workshops, each to be led by a person well qualified in his or her field. Young people will be able to select the workshop he or she wants to attend. Besides the workshops, there will be guest speakers and a film.

The workshops will include Art,

Music, Drama, Speech, Film Making, Writing, and Fund Raising.

The main purpose of the conference is to teach a person how to take an idea and express it in many different media.

In order to put these new skills into effect immediately, efforts will be concentrated on Hotline, the telephone referral service for youth.

Registration blanks may be obtained by calling Miss Kathy Wadel at 1-219-234-9407 or Mrs. Joseph Gatto at 1-219-234-6688 or in the guidance office of the local high schools.

Hunger Drive

The Hunger Drive Week co-sponsored by Youth Coalition and Student Council, collected food and money during homeroom period on Tuesday, November 24. The representatives collected \$302.03, ten boxes of food and one can of mushrooms. The contributions were then turned over to the government agency, Action Incorporated, which distributes the food to neighborhood centers such as Hansel Center and Northeast Center.

Girl Seagles at it Again

The John Adams Seagles have started their season early this year in hope of extending their 22 meet winning streak and to strive for their third consecutive city title.

Coach Shirley Miller, along with co-captains Vicki Ford and Jean Magrane are working hard to get their team in shape for the upcoming season.

Returning city record holders Vicki Ford, Jean Magrane, Polly Ehlers, and Pat Kiley. Other members are: Seniors Randy Davey, Cyndi Decker, and Cindy Demien; Juniors, Sheila Fahey, Laurie Rubin, and diver Ellyn Traub; Sophomores returning are Sue Matnak and Lyn Ziker and diver Mary Beth McCorkendale. Promising freshmen are Sue Busch, Joan Doetch, Kim Kiley, Missy Lowe, Abbie Smith, and divers Jennie Kriesle and Bonnie Heck.

Three Choirs to Perform

The Annual Christmas Vespers Program to be presented Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium will be slightly different in format this year. The choirs will be singing more popular contemporary pieces and fewer sacred songs. The program will be highlighted by the candlelight processional. The Vespers Program, a tradition at Adams, is presented as Adams High School's Christmas gift to the community. There is no admission charge.

Three choirs will perform for Vespers. The Concert Choir and Mixed Chorus are under the direction of Mr. Robert F. Hoover. The Cadet Choir is directed by Mr. Michael Allen. The three groups have put in many hours of work preparing for the Vespers Program.

Pieces to be performed by the Cadet Choir are "On This Good Christmas Morning", "In Bethlehem A Tiny Babe", and "A Spruce Tree Carol."

The Mixed Chorus' music will include "Twas The Night Before Christmas," "Sleigh Ride," "Gloria" from Schubert's Mass in G Major, and "The Birthday of a King."

Music by the Concert Choir will include "Carol of the Bells," several Alfred Burt carols, "O Wonder of This Christmas Night," and "The Holly and the Ivy."

The choirs will join in the singing of several traditional carols.

Accompanists for the Cadet Choir are Jackie Ganser and Ann Johnstone. The Mixed Chorus will be accompanied by Janelle Seal and Robert Freel. The Concert Choir performs A Capella.

NOTICES

DEADLINE --

All students who have subscribed to the 1971 ALBUM and 1970-71 TOWER are asked to remember that they should have paid \$3.00 toward their subscription by December 16, the beginning of Christmas Vacation. There are three Fridays left to make your payments, otherwise, an ALBUM will not be ordered for you and you will not receive further issues of the TOWER until payments are up-to-date.

The John Adams Christmas Seal Sale will be held December 16, in the first-hour classes. Be prepared--purchase these seals for your Christmas mailing.

The T.B. Representatives are also collecting USED paper-back books for the patients who are at Healthwin. Any contributions of paper-back books you wish to make will also be collected in the first-hour classes December 16.

Let's show these organizations that we support their projects--buy Christmas Seals and contribute USED paper backs. Further details can be obtained from Gail Thornberg, Gerald Cappert, or Miss Bready.

Editorial

The Challenge That Faces Us All

As we are forced to live in the present moment, the time for meditation and self-exploration is becoming more relevant to all mankind. Today, no matter how we look at life, it is ours, each dark moment as we struggle to exist in this conglomerate world. We have a sense of freedom that has been abused. In heart, hand, and mind, and in all ways, as we stand divided, we hold the power to mold in "new" design the life we shall experience in this absurd society.

Each of us has the unique desire to become aware of our inner selves. We must leave ourselves open to seek new experiences and to accept them as they come.

Many people are living in an elusive dream, not able to grasp reality. They are not aware of their true self identity. Each individual is to a large extent, a product of his own mind and thoughts. Everything we do in

life makes some impression upon our mind and these impressions form a pattern that cannot be repeated in someone else.

We are living in a rather complex industrial society where man seems to be alone and lives alienated from God, nature, other men, and even his own true self.

How can we as high school students help our society?

Instead of using others for our own personal gain we must learn to accept each person as a unique individual with feelings and emotions. A new attitude towards others would greatly reduce the problems we face, however, much more is needed. This suggestion is only a start. It's up to each of us to "do his own thing," to make our society less complex and our lives more meaningful. Heaven help us all if in our searching, we can't find peace.

Rick Colbert

"GRASP OF REALITY"



Vic Emley

WE MUST AWAKEN THE STILLED MINDS OF OUR CIVILIZATION AND TOGETHER SEEK PEACE'

Advice for College Bound

A letter from an Oregon State University student to his younger brother who is about to begin his freshman year in college, offers the following "tips" for success such as psychology, sociology, and the like. These, he says, entail "the 3 R's - read, rate, and regurgitate." He adds that there is about 10 times as much required reading as in high school.

He says the main key to success is keeping up with assignments. It's hard to do but one will never regret it. He advises his brother that he must learn how to divide his time among courses to take care of those which press most, for long periods or at times, and still keep up with the others. Strict attention to deadlines and rules of the courses are important.

The last area of advice is the most important and most pertinent according to this college student. "Be your own man," he says.

You just don't see the engineers, the commerce students, or architects in 'way out' demonstrations. They're too busy studying and doing problems. It's not a coincidence that engineers get the highest starting salaries when they get out of college." (The young man, himself, is a liberal arts major).

"Please understand that I am not saying anything about the majority of intelligent humanities and social science students. I'm merely describing who usually is and who usually isn't found in the ranks of the radicals. You'll probably find this out for yourself if your campus has a large number of freak types. They are not the brainy-type you'd believe they are. Think for yourself."

"If you think you have to play the diploma game to get ahead, ok, but if you decide not to, keep in mind that without people who actually produce, society would fall apart."

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Black Participation

Sophomores:

Two films "Into the World" and "Tell It Like It Is" are scheduled for December and January. Because of seating limitations, only three or four homes will be able to view the films at one time. Both films deal with career and educational planning.

The second career clinic is scheduled for February 9. The following occupations will be represented: Music, Commercial Art, Factory Work, Registered Nurse, Elementary Education, Accounting, Veterinary Medicine, Police Work, Radio/Television Work, Interior Decorating, Sales, Journalism, Beautician, and Law.

I do not feel that it is necessary for anyone to name one specific occupational goal at the present time because I am aware that interests and circumstances may change over the next two years. It is to your advantage, however, to be as familiar as possible with general fields such as medicine, business, or teaching which are of interest to you because you are then able to plan more wisely towards a post high school training school and for your junior/senior programs. The career clinics are helpful to you in deciding what general fields are or are not interesting to you. Use your time now to explore possibilities that interest you.

Mr. Rensberger

Black participation is essential at John Adams. Last week I attended a Booster Club meeting and out of nearly ninety-five students only seven Black students were present. Last month there was an Open Forum concerning "education." The purpose of this meeting was to get the students to speak out and express opinions. I was the only Black student who attended this meeting. When there was only one Black girl who made the Homecoming Court, I could not

count the complaints I received and overheard. Whenever there is a lack of Black representation, nobody can beat us complaining, but when it comes to attending meetings that MAY solve whatever the problem is, you will always find that tiny minority of two, four, and MAYBE six really concerned Black students.

Black students . . . we have got to get together, we have to TAKE PART!

Philip Moore

Locker

It is unfortunate for the student body, that there are certain people who find it amusing to "open" other peoples' lockers and either steal or destroy the individual's personal articles, while school owned materials are left untouched. MY GOSH, if you're going to steal something, why not do a good and thorough job of it? At least that way, maybe a person can collect insurance on the loss.

The one point that disturbs me the most, is that in my locker I had several books which expressed conflicting political viewpoints. To my surprise, when I opened my locker, I found one untouched, while another had been "ripped to shreds." (Incidentally, the thief must not agree with the opinions

Locker A-351

Students and Mr. Landry Discuss Education

The Student Council Academic Commission is preparing a study of the educational system at Adams. Members of the Commission plan to interview certain faculty and staff to get their views on the system. The first of these interviews was conducted by Janet Linder and me on November 16 with Mr. Landry. At the conclusion of the 90-minute interview, we agreed that summaries of the interviews would be beneficial in informing the student body of the opinions of our teachers and administrators.

Mr. Landry answered questions on numerous topics, some of which were curriculum innovations; study halls; the role of the high school principal; specialized education; and the remedies to the problems of education at Adams.

"Almost all curriculum changes, including new courses (such as psychology or sociology) as well as 12-week or semester courses, are initiated by individual teachers or departments. Students should approach teachers with ideas and rough outlines of their proposed courses." Mr. Landry said that he hoped that a program for study halls could be developed to fit everyone's needs.

"My role now is that of 'Build-

ing Manager' . . . overseer of programs.' " Mr. Landry said that one more administrator would leave time for him to be the educational leader in the school; to develop and implement new curricula and productive innovations."

"Remedial education is conducted at Adams in two ways: some students take half-year courses in remedial reading; others take three-week periods out of their English classes to work on reading assistance." Mr. Landry said that the vocational education program would be more productive when the school system's vocational resources are centralized at Central High, but that costs prohibited complete vocational training in individual high schools.

"The most immediate thing students can do is to make clear to their teachers what they feel is relevant. Students can accomplish a lot by telling teachers what it is that they consider meaningful."

I was impressed by Mr. Landry's sincerity and his receptive attitude towards innovative ideas in education. I am now hopeful that many things may be done to improve the quality of education at Adams.

Ken Spigle



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Potpourri

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But there it goes,
It's passing by
On its tippy toes.

It makes hardly a sound
Yet when it comes
There's nowhere to hide
There's nowhere to run.

He creeps like a demon
Right into your life,
Like an unfeeling sickness
From daughter to son, from man
to wife.

You cannot escape it so don't
You try. Hold up your head
And don't you cry.
For this is only time.
Grace Grayson

Feelings from Within

I wanted to investigate the mysterious noise since it had a very eerie sound,
It traveled through the memories of the past but it haunted me throughout the future.

It came to the point where a disillusioned idea toward a myriad of thoughts became a figment of time,
Towards a peaceful time of the past I found none.

I was under the power of an inescapable memory of which I knew not;

Underneath the walls of which is impermeable holds the weak until strength is gained;
Rise up to your destined oblivion of the future, but do not frown upon those with the tears of war and hatred.

Love comes within your heart without the crossroads of confusion in your mind.

Brenda Bradley

Swimming Teacher

To teach my sister how to swim—
She in her bathing frock—
I pick her up, like a limb—
And throw her off the dock.

Snow

A few snowflakes delight,
"Very Pretty!" he'll declare;
It's the heaps he has to shovel,
That drive him to despair.

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A BRAND NEW THING



A part of the Table Tennis team poses for Tower. Left to right are: Giang Nguyen, Al Hoenk, Bruce Lavin, Jon Vandewalle, Steve True, Karl Heinz, and John Brickley.

Within the last two months a new club has been formed at John Adams High School. Under the supervision of Mr. Mike Allen, the new club is the Table Tennis (Ping Pong) Club. Mr. Allen teaches Freshman Chorus and he is also assistant tennis coach. The new club meets Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday behind the stage, where the tables are located. The club was organized because many people showed interest toward the game. It

is no different than any other club, despite the physical strength it requires. The only requirement of a participant is that he or she refrain from breaking the paddles or tables. A nominal fee is charged in order to purchase good table tennis balls. Certainly, as a means of physical fitness this club will be of little help, but it will provide for great fun and enjoyment.

On the lighter side, the highlight of the season occurred with

the appearance of Coach Wilbur. Displaying brilliant quickness and fantastic power, he easily defeated all his younger opponents. It is yet to be seen if anyone can match his game. The younger stars that could possibly defeat him are as follows: John Brickley, Pat Megan, or Alan Hoenk. So, the table tennis club provides a chance for people to have fun, while becoming involved with outside activity.

Steve True

Where It's At

IUSB Schedule

December

- 4 Student Government film series
"The Loved One," 8 p.m., Room 126, Northside Hall.
- 11 Student Government film series:
"Flash Gordon," 8 p.m., Room 126, Northside Hall.
- 11 Theatre I.U. at South Bend presents UNCLE VANYA, by Anton Chekhov, 8:15 p.m., IUSB Theatre
- 12 Theatre I.U. at South Bend: UNCLE VANYA, 8:15 p.m., IUSB Theatre
- 13 Theatre I.U. at South Bend: UNCLE VANYA, 2:15 p.m., IUSB Theatre
- 14 Economic briefing by Dr. Lawrence E. Kreider, Associate Professor of Business Economics at Indiana University, Bloomington; 9 a.m., Room 118, Northside Hall, free admission.

15 South Bend Recorder Society concert, 8:15 p.m., Auditorium

17 Theatre I.U. at South Bend: UNCLE VANYA, 8:15 p.m., IUSB Theatre

18 Theatre I.U. at South Bend: UNCLE VANYA, 8:15 p.m., IUSB Theatre

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Riley

The South Bend Department of Public Recreation is introducing a plan to be tested at Riley. Every Wednesday evening Riley students may come to the school to make use of the pool, basketball, and art facilities. Students can also play ping-pong and table games or just "get it together." If this plan called Recreation Night is successful, it will be instituted in other South Bend schools.

On November 12, 1970, the Senior Cabinet held its first meeting to begin organizing activities for the Senior Class. The Cabinet members were elected earlier this year in their homerooms. There is an average of two members for every homeroom making a total of 29 members. Officers for the 1970-71 Senior Class were elected in the spring of their Junior year. They are: President, Ed Haak, Vice-president, Dick Hawkins; Secretary, Ann Zimmerman; and Treasurer, Nancy Mitloff.

The Cabinet meeting was opened and conducted by Dick Hawkins. Bob Moore was first asked to report on the Student Directory. He said the directories would be ready to go on sale soon. Dick then proposed the formation of three committees. These were 1.) the Pizza Sale Committee, 2.) the Spirit Week Committee, and 3.) the Prom Committee. The Cabinet members then signed up for one of more of the committees. Those on the Pizza Sale Committee are Stephanie Ganser, Chairman; Janelle Seal, Melissa Lower, Leslie Borough, and Pat Hickey. The Pizza Sale will be the first project to be undertaken. The Spirit Week Committee includes Ann Zimmerman and Nancy Mitloff, co-chairmen, Cindy Rensberger, Kelly Lawrence, Sande Pallo, Marcia Futter, Jan Huster, Leslie Borough, and Linda Heber. This committee will be responsible for planning the decorations for the Senior side of the gymnasium. The Prom Committee consists of all those above with co-chairman, Bob Moore and Melissa Lower. Also on the committee are Peggy Ziker and Ric Colbert.

The next cabinet meeting will be announced. All members should try to be present.

'Turning On' Won't Turn Off Problems

Young people smoke marijuana to escape their problems—or in the mistaken belief that it will help them see things more clearly, a noted psychiatrist and his 16-year-old daughter agree.

In an exclusive interview in the October SEVENTEEN, Dr. Stanley F. Yolles, former Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, and his daughter, Melanie, a high school senior, concur that marijuana offers no answers. "When you come down, aren't the conflicts still there -- still to be faced?", asks Melanie, "Right", answers her father. "When you smoke marijuana, the conflict seems to disappear, but it hasn't actually gone away -- you've just removed yourself from it."

"The problem remains to be faced . . . it's only in confronting problems head-on, in dealing with frustration and pain, that you grow you learn, you mature . . . If an individual at this time of his life (adolescence) uses drugs which dull the encounters, there's bound to be a form of personality arrest. It's likely to compromise seriously his future ability to adjust to a complex society."

Melanie points out that adolescence is a hard time. "Nothing is simply right or wrong; you can get pretty lost." Smoking pot "mightn't be a bad idea" if it could really put an end to unnecessary worry, she says. "But there are other ways of distracting yourself . . . I'd rather go to a movie . . . It's just my preference. Maybe I'd feel differently if I tried it. I'd like to try marijuana -- if I found out that it was definitely harmless and if it were legalized. I'm curious, but at the same time, I really don't think it would be a big deal." The idea of being high "scares me a little," Melanie admits.

Dr. Yolles points out: "If parents don't encourage effort and kids give up trying, then they're left with nothing to hold onto. It's quite understandable that marijuana can be a release for them. They try to replace the sense of well-being that comes from accomplishment with a magic way of feeling at peace with themselves."

Melanie thinks that most parents know when their children smoke pot, but pretend it doesn't exist because they don't want to think about it. A lack of communication exists when parents are "so completely involved in their own ideas and opinions that they won't listen to anyone else's." As for the possibility that kids today are fundamentally so different that communication is impossible, "that's ridiculous."

Dr. Yolles believes that marijuana should not be legalized, but mandatory jail sentences should be abolished. "The penalties are strict enough to ruin a life," he says. "The definitive approach to our drug dilemma is scientifically based education . . . Respect for all drugs should be taught through every avenue available, and to people of all ages."

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Eagles Flew High On Saturday

Eagles Overcome Clay

Last Saturday night the 1970-71 edition of the John Adams basketball team opened their season with a convincing 81-63 rout over a fired-up Clay team.

The Eagles started slowly after being bothered by an aggressive Clay zone, but an excellent substitution role by Gregory Graham helped the Eagles gradually pull away. The fine outside shooting of Graham, Jim Webb, and Tony Lawrence, gave the Eagles a 44-31 halftime edge.

Lawrence Shines

In the third quarter, Lawrence got loose underneath for many easy layins, as well as connecting from the outside to finish with a game high of 32 points and 18 rebounds. The strength of Lawrence, Webb, and Lighthall was a major factor in the game as the Eagles had a

64-35 advantage in the rebound department. Clay started a rally after the Eagle starters had departed with a commanding 73-46 lead.

An all-court press by the Colonials at the end of the game was bothersome at first but the excellent ball handling of Ed Haak resulted in not only beating the press but assisting in many Eagle baskets.

Marian, Ft. Wayne Next

Tonight the Eagles face Mishawaka Marian at the Adams gym. The Knights are a new edition on the Eagle schedule and they have a 1-1 record. Tomorrow, the Eagles travel to Fort Wayne to face Fort Wayne Central who just last week upset highly touted Ft. Wayne North. Last year, the Eagles struggled to earn a 63-60 victory.

Athlete of Week



Steve True is a junior letterman having participated in tennis since his freshman year. This year he was the number one man and he finished with a 10-4 record. True was first in sectional doubles, third in regional doubles, and second in the conference tournament. John Brickle was his valuable partner throughout the season. He was the recipient of the MVP and percentage awards. The highlights of Steve's singles' season occurred when he upset Brian Graham, sectional champ, and Brett Bachert, conference champ. Both victories avenged earlier defeats. Certainly Steve is looking forward to next year when he is hopeful of becoming the top player in the conference.

Gymnastics

This years team has a nucleus of 5 returning letterman. They are Mark Kamm (high bar), Ken Balogh (rings), Tim Gagon (parallel bars), Bob Trowbridge (rings), and this year's captain, Ron Miles (free exercise). Also back from last years team are Chuck Peterson, Barry Coen, Rick Tukens, John Kish, Greg Peters, Dave Cambron, Todd Jordan, Ed Burker, Mike Pettiford, Chris Gross, Terry Smith, Kurt Koljar and Don DiMoss.

The 1970-71 wrestling team is one that has great potential. Led by captain Eugene Russel the team has strength at every weight. The letterman wrestlers on the squad are Russel at 126 pounds, Donald Price at 119, Rick Madison at 167, Mike Bergren at heavyweight, Bruce Cassady at 98, and Phil Kendall at 155. Eddie Scott will wrestle at 133 pounds, Clark Price a freshman at either 98 or 103, Willie Hubbard from Central at 112, Bob Butsch at 185, Kelvin Phillips at 138, George Newbill at 145, and James Turner at 103. This

wrestling team is one of the best in the city and conference. The only question mark is the fan support. I know for a fact from playing football this year that when there's a lot of fans yelling for you it makes you work harder to win. If you have never seen a wrestling match, let me tell you it is very exciting, because there are only two individuals on the mat both giving it all they have to win. So give your support for the wrestling team and watch them add more trophies to the rapidly being filled trophy cases.



Wrestling Returning Lettermen -- Left to Right, Don Price, Eugene Russell, Ric Madison, Top, Bruce Cassidy, Phil Kendall, and Mike Bergren.

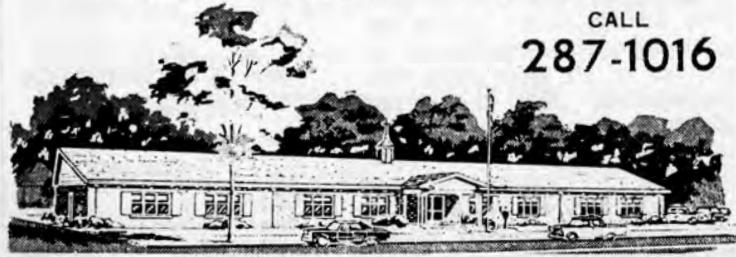
The gymnastics season opens up on December 8th for John Adams gymnasts coached by Dan Poe. The upcoming year is a promising one with 13 meets this year.

Last years team had a respectable 4-4 record. But gone from last years team due to graduation are Thom Peters, Larry Keating, and last years captain Ron Muncie. Also gone is Chuck McGowan who has since moved to Texas.

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Karl Heinz

Last Saturday, the "B" team officially opened John Adams basketball campaign by defeating Clay 47-35. The Beagles never trailed at any of the quarter breaks; leading 8-6 at the first quarter, 24-11 at halftime, and 32-20 at the end of the third quarter.

Of the Beagles 47 points, Steve Austin had 13 points, Kevin Patterson 12, Bill Hill had 10 points, and Marshall Robinson had 7.

The junior varsity doubled Clay's score twice when they led 18-9 and 24-11. This was the result of a sticky defense. The defense again looked impressive when at one point they held Clay to only two points for four minutes in the second quarter.

Let's hope that the Beagles can make it two wins when they meet Marian tonight.

Wrestling Outlook Very Good

Lionel Bolden

Swimming Returning Lettermen -- Left to Right, Bill Hinkle, Steve Anderson, Row 2, Pat Hanlon, Dave Feldman, Pat Hickey. Row 3, Greg Balka, Ralph Zullocki, Gary Doetsch.

Bill Buslee

The Seagles this year, will not be able to show off their new antiturbulence lane markers as much as they would like to. This year, with only three home meets, the inexperienced Seagles will be swimming in many strange pools, many of them poor ones. All are before Christmas vacation, they are LaSalle on Dec. 3, Penn on Dec. 8, and LaPorte on Dec. 11. The major reason for this is that more and more high schools are building their own pools, which in turn is due to the increase in the popularity of the sport.

Since my last article, Art Whitcomb, a junior freestyle, has been elevated to the varsity squad.

Close Meets Expected

The Seagles will have five major meets before the Christmas break, any of which could lead to an upset. The three most difficult of the five are the meets with Hammond Noll, Elkhart, and Culver.

The Hammond Noll meet is an away meet and will be swam in a 25 meter pool, to the Seagles these are two considerable factors in themselves. The Noll also has several veterans of last year's state meet, while the Seagles have only one returning.

Elkhart, one of the teams that has been coming on strong these past years, has a new swimming and diving pool complex, which is said to have no equal in Northern Indiana. The "Blue Blasters" also have David White returning, who last year anchored Elkhart's freestyle relay team, and was second in the 400 yard freestyle.

The "Caders" of Culver are not necessarily a strong team, but because the meet is away and will be swam in a 200 yard pool, in the words of Coach Stites, "It is a perfect set up for an upset."

Dec. 3, LaSalle, H 7:00
Dec. 4, Mich. City T 5:00
Dec. 5, Hammond Noll T 2:30
Dec. 8, Penn H 7:00
Dec. 11, LaPorte H 4:00
Dec. 15, Culver T 5:30
Dec. 18, Elkhart T 4:00
Dec. 19, Frosh-Soph H 9:00
 Meet 2:00
Jan. 5, Munster T 8:00
Jan. 9, St. Joe, Mich. T 2:30
Jan. 14, Washington T 4:00
Jan. 22, Riley T 4:15
Jan. 23, Jackson T 2:00
Jan. 29, Mishawaka T 4:15
Jan. 28, City Washington 9:30
Jan. 30, Meet 2:30
Feb. 4, Conference Wash. 9:30
Feb. 6, Meet 2:00 - 7:00
Feb. 11, Sectional 9:30
Feb. 13, Washington 2:00 - 7:00
Feb. 19, State 9:30
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