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SEAGALS TAKE STATE

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Seggerman, on to L.A.

On March 17, 1972 each DECA member who had earned a first or second place in the Regionals held at LaSalle, went to the State Contest in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Meeting at Jackson High School in the morning, DECA members with Mr. and Mrs. Blauvelt started on the bus trip to Fort Wayne. The purpose of the contest was to elect state officers and to give the members a chance to compete against one another. There were not any Adams students running for a state office, but in the competition three places were awarded to Adams students.

Michelle Seggerman, a senior, took first place on her manual which discussed credit in a department store. Michelle is the only student from Adams who has earned the opportunity to enter national competition. She will attend the national contest accompanied by her sponsor Mr. Blauvelt to Los Angeles, California, from May 1 to May 7. Michelle

Schricker Chosen for Girls State

Sponsored by the American Legion, Susie Schricker, a junior, has been chosen to represent Adams at Girls State in Bloomington, Indiana on June 25 to July 2.

Susie, interested in Girls State because her three older sisters attended, obtained an interview with a Mrs. Henderson a representative from one of the American Legion Posts in this area. Later Susie was notified of her acceptance to Girls State.



Girls State is a study of Government on all levels from dog catcher to governor, done by as many as 700 girls. Each girl is assigned a political party and then they campaign for offices. First, though, they must receive their party's nomination before they are elected. Girls State Conferences are held all over the nation with each state sending one girl to "Girls Nation" in Washington, D.C.

Susie is active in the Concert Choir and Mixed Chorus, Drama Club, and in Student Council. She is also president of Adams Thespian Troop.



DECA winners are Bob McNerney, Michelle Seggerman, Ebert Lawrence, Paul Price, Charlie Taylor, Larry Green, and Ted Schmidt.

is now employed in the credit department at Gilberts.

Bob McNerney, also a senior, entered a manual concerned with customer assistance in a specialty store. He received a second place award for his work. Bob is now an employee at the Lions Den.

The Parliamentary Procedure Team consisting of Paul Price,

Larry Green, Ted Schmidt, Ebert Lawrence, Joan Bumgarner, and Charlie Taylor placed third in their competition. Their objective was to conduct a meeting in a mature and business-like manner.

Congratulations to these DECA members who represented Adams so well, and a special good luck to Michelle at L.A. in the nationals!

Choral Concert Success

The Spring Choral Concert presented by the Vocal Music Department on Thursday, March 23, 1972 at the Auditorium of Indiana University of South Bend, was a success. Both directors, Mr. Micheal G. Allen and Mr. Robert F. Hoover displayed their talents in their outstanding direction.

Beginning at 7:30, the Cadet Choir, consisting of Adams freshmen, started with a piece of music entitled "Be Thou Not Still" written by David Foltz. Since this was a spring concert mostly light contemporary songs such as "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing"; "Never My Love"; and "Sounds of the Carpenters" -- "We've Only Just Begun" and "Rainy Days and Mondays," were sung. Accompaniment was provided by Carol Heisler and direction by Mr. Allen. The choir should be commended on a well done performance.

The next two thirds of the program were directed by Mr. Hoover and the accompaniment was played by Ginger Yang and Robert Freel. A varied selection of music composed during the Baroque, Romantic, and Contemporary periods was sung by the Concert Choir and Mixed Chorus. First, the Concert Choir opened their part of the program with four religious pieces, "Alleluia

Glorious Is Thy Name", "Cherubim Song", "Cry Out and Shout", and "Great God A'Mighty." Andre Banks was the soloist in "Great God A'Mighty" and did an outstanding job. "Sing Me A Song" by Orazio Vacchi was a light fast number especially liked by the choir. All but the last three selections were sung a cappella by the Concert Choir. They were "Song Of Spring", "A Rose Touched By the Sun's Warm Rays", and "It Is Good to be Merry". Melanie Canen sang the solo in "It Is Good To Be Merry".

Last the Mixed Chorus came on and opened with a powerful song called "With A Voice of Singing". Two songs were chosen from "Cavalleria Rusticana". They were "Prayer" with Suzanne Inwood playing the violin solo and "Anthem For Spring" with soprano soloist Bonita Blake. "Prayer" a unique type of song combining the violin solo and the humming and singing of the choir. "Music Spread Thy Voice Around" and "Sweet Sunny" were sung to complete the program. The latter contained two solo parts sung by Denise Steen and Jeff Wyatt.

All choirs were well accepted by the large audience at I.U. A beautiful performance was done by the choirs and soloists to celebrate the coming of spring.

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THE CONCERT CHOIR

S.C. Elections, Little 500, Student Exchange

The Student Council meeting on March 22, 1972 included discussion on the elections, the Little 500, and Student Exchange Week. Any students interested in running for an office for Student Council next year should get their names to Phil Moore in the near future. The homeroom representatives should be getting opinions on whether to

switch to a party system or not. At a vote taken during the meeting the representatives were almost evenly divided.

The Little 500 will be held this year sometime in May. Any interested homerooms should be thinking about getting their bicycles soon. The teams will be limited to the homerooms. The Little 500 will cover an entire week. It will include an art contest, the 500, and on the night of the 500 there is a concert being planned. Hopefully, the John Adams Lab Band will be playing. Further ar-

rangements for the 500 will be announced after Spring Vacation.

Student Exchange Week will be held from April 17-20. Adams students being exchanged will go to South Bend schools on Thursday. Our students will visit on the following days: Monday-Jackson and Riley, Tuesday-LaSalle and North Liberty, Wednesday-Washington and Clay, Thursday-Saint Mary's and Saint Joe. Any interested students that wish to become hosts or hostesses for the visiting students should sign up with Phil Moore.

Math Contest

On March 14, 1972 the Annual National High School Mathematics Contest was held at Adams. The winning team was: Robert Eiszner, Peggy Mihelich, Steve True.

The alternate team was as follows: Kathe Brady, Atef Tawadros, Linda DeJack.

The 1972 Annual Northern Indiana Invitational Mathematics Contest will be held in Mishawaka this year on April 29, 1972. The 1970 and the 1970 contests were held at Adams.

Local Contest Examinations will be held to determine who shall represent Adams in the Invitational Contest in Mishawaka. Three Sophomores, three Juniors, and three Seniors will make up the Adams Team.

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JOHN ADAMS AUDITORIUM

A Guest Editorial

The hardest task to ask a committee is that of decision. A camel is a horse that a committee decided upon. The following are a few committees that hit upon decisions which turned into "camels!!"

"I am sorry Juniors, but 'Jungle Fever' is definitely out. Too bad, I think having dark green and red leaves versus pretty-boy blue paper flowers is exciting, and for decorating the tables, having contrasting rattlers crawling up the candle centerpieces. (In case you don't know, jungle snakes wear beautiful orange and gold scales.)"

Seniors, forget "American Pie" though it wouldn't be that bad. (?) Just imagine it, a bridge over a dry sandbox and an old chevy for the photographers background. (after serious statistics, it WOULD fit, minus a few fenders, door handles and three quarters of an antennae.) But, it had to be ruled off the suggestion sheet be-

cause too many people were allergic to pink carnations.

Speaking seriously, the only point missing from the above "themes" is enthusiasm and imagination. It would be possible to push a theme, or more importantly, an idea with people pushing hard from behind. So many students at this school demand results from student Council, Drama Club, and a variety of others, but are willing to do anything but demand. This cannot be mistaken for apathy. It's not their lack of interest, but their lack of initiative. All we need is a stimulus.

Leaders and presidents that are heading committees and clubs, it may not be the students "so-called lack of interest" but it may be that they aren't as headstrong or as outgoing as to overtake the responsibilities entailed in leadership. They need a kick and that's why YOU were elected.

Colette Morfoot



EDITORIAL INTERPRETATION BY JL 72

Kables From The Kounselors

SENIORS: Get any Scholarship and College Admission Applications in to your Counselor NOW! If are not sure just what you may want to do ask your Counselor for some help. The Counseling Office can put you in touch with SOME Employers, Apprenticeship Programs, Junior Colleges, Business Schools, and Vocational or Technical Schools but you must ask.

Those who have not yet made definite plans for themselves after graduation might find it helpful to see their Counselors. He can help.

The final date for the May achievement tests has passed. The next test will be in July if you still need the SAT. You can register for this test date after Spring Vacation. There have been many local scholarships or loan programs offered this year and hopefully you have been aware of them through your homeroom. If you are still curious about financial aid ask your Counselor. Seniors who have no definite plans for after graduation should also see their Counselors for some ideas or to find out about possible employment opportunities.

JUNIORS: The April SAT closing date has passed. If you did not register for this test and still wish to be considered for the Indiana State Scholarship you may take the July SAT and hope that it will be accepted by the State Commission. Taking the SAT next fall will not make you eligible for the State Scholarship. Those of you who are not planning on a four year College should inquire now about trade and technical schools, business or beauty schools, etc. Now is the time because you can still

adjust your schedule for next year. representative from DePauw, Rose Hulman and the University of the Americas will be here shortly after Spring Vacation if you are interested in attending one of these conferences sign up in the Guidance Office.

SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN: Keep checking on Vocational and Educational materials which are available in the Guidance Office. Your Counselor can and will help you locate materials. The end of school is in sight and some of you need to work much harder on your grades and class room performance. For your information a current Sophomore must have seven units of credits before next September in order to become a Junior, (freshmen must have three units to become a Sophomore). Most of you have a class problem or a personal one and need someone to help or listen, please see your Counselor.

TO ALL STUDENTS: Final changes for the next school year can be made now by making an appointment with your Counselor. Only obvious errors will be changed next fall. Remember that summer school will only be offered at LaSalle this year and if you plan to attend you should sign up with your Counselor now. Those who need to make up failures will have a chance later to sign up. We hope you all use the much welcome Spring Vacation to rest and relax and enjoy yourselves and then return to school ready for a profitable wrap up to the year.

The Kounselors

Students Speak Out

Write on

Speak, I say, speak (as in bow wow) lowly sheep. Stop grazing in the grass and come to this speak easy column. (The previous was a pun; I have heard sheep have small brains.)

If you are infuriated by this subtle message, I defy you to write or wrong this column. I don't think this school is apathetic, just stupid. A person doesn't need to be against things to say something in a speak-out. I guess I'm asking too much--asking a sheep to bark, sheep only bleat.

Tower Staff Writer of
Fake Speakouts

Scholarships available

Franklin College

Franklin College has just announced that 25 \$1000 Scholarships will be available for students interested in a career in Journalism for the 1972-73 academic year. These will be in addition to the Scholarships presently available.

Although the details have not been completed, the college would like to have the names and home addresses of students who would be interested in competing for a Scholarship. Information on Qualifications and Applications blanks will be mailed to these students in March.

This is a tremendous opportunity for students seriously interested in a career in Mass Communications, and who desire their major field of study integrated in a strong liberal arts program.

NROTIC

Juniors-Seniors:

Applications for the NROTIC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program are now being accepted. This program offers financial aid for four years in college. The Navy pays tuition and educational fees, uniforms and \$100 per month subsistence allowance.

The purpose of the program is to provide civilian-educated career officers to serve the American people in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Upon successfully completing baccalaureate degree requirements and completing summer training periods, students are commissioned officers in the regular Navy or Marine Corps.

Applicants for the program will be considered, based on scores obtained on either the Scholastic Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board, or the American College Test (ACT) of the American College Testing Program.

Applicants for the 1973 NROTIC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program must:

1. Apply for and take one of the tests specified above at their own expense prior to 30 November 1972.
2. Arrange with the appropriate testing agency for the submission of their scores to the NROTIC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program, Princeton, New Jersey.
3. apply for the NROTIC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program between 1 March 1972 and 1 November 1972 in accordance with the 1973 NROTIC Bulletin.

The 1973 NROTIC Bulletins containing the eligibility requirements and applications are available from Your counselor at John Adams or the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps Recruiting Station listed in your telephone directory or from the Commander Navy Recruiting Command (Code 34), Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C. 20370.

Purpose of Speak-Out

"Uh . . . would you write another Student Speak-Out?"

"Again?" (audible sigh) "got anything specific in mind?"

"Well, I'm afraid my once fertile brain . . ."

"Spare me, I'll think up something" Brace yourself world, another scintillating, spontaneous Speak-Out is born.

If you've ever at some time paused to ponder from whence came some of those students who write those unreal Speak-Outs, bear in mind that there are a lot of desperate Tower Staff writers clutching at straws (when you run out of words, what is there left to say?).

The Student Speak-Out articles have unfortunately at times become like those space-filling, little-known tidbits such as "The Chief exports of the Tonga Islands are copra and bananas."

Thus is born the eternal question--Does ANYONE read the Speak Out? Does anyone have ANYTHING to say?

Since a column in which the Students express their opinions is, quote, the pulse of the school, unquote, must we assume that the patient up and died? Maybe the bereaved have some parting words (or parting shorts for that matter).

Do you conscientious students really want the Adams attitude to be a reflection of a few warped minds? For Shame! This column is not necessarily limited to the Cafeteria Conditions or the Vandalization of Our Lock-locks. It can be used for many purposes. If the world does not recognize your genius, you can resort to the Tower, (it's a cheap way to get published). Or, you can use the paper, as many do, for an ego trip (who's going to argue with you?). Or, let us pose an absurd situation, if someone is actually dissatisfied with something about the school, write. Maybe through some miracle, the Machine will take the hint. This above all, bear in mind that who so ever said "The pen is mightier than the sword" never ran out of ink!



George Bonga

A Remarkable Voyageur

George Bonga was a voyageur in the fur trade on the Great Lakes in the early 1800s, an Indian trader and interpreter for Governor of the Michigan territory Lewis Cass and other notables.

He lives in what then was called the Fond du Lac region on the western end of Lake Superior, now within the state of Minnesota. Bonga was there years before the first white settlers arrived. In fact, he represented the third generation of the Bonga family in the Great Lakes region. His grandparents, Jean and Marie Bonga, were brought to the territory in 1782 as the slaves of Capt. Daniel Robertson, British commandant of Michilimackinac, an island outpost in the straits between Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. They were freed and eventually moved with their children to Detroit. One of their sons, Pierre, entered the fur trade as an employee of William Alexander Henry, a founder of the North West Co.

Pierre married a Chippewa Indian who bore him a son, George, in 1802. The family lived west of Duluth near the mouth of the St. Louis River. George followed in his father's footsteps, becoming a voyageur for John Jacob Astor's American Fur Co. and acquiring a reputation as a man of legendary strenth.

He was 6 feet tall, weighed over 200 pounds and is said to have possessed "sinew and cords in his limbs like a horse." As a voyageur, Bonga traveled the Great Lakes and tributary rivers in a frail, birch-bark canoe collecting pelts at scattered trading posts and delivering them to Mackinac for shipment to New York. It took 10 sturdy voyageurs to paddle the 36-foot craft and its five ton of cargo.

Bonga served at various times throughout his life in that role. He was interpreter in 1837 for the Rev. Alfred Burnson who came to Minnesota to establish a Methodist Episcopal mission for the Indians. In the 1860s, he was interpreter for Indian agent Joel B. Bassett. Bonga was licensed Indian trader from about 1830 to 1868 in the territory around Leech, Otter Tail and Platte lakes near the origin of the Mississippi River 130 miles west of Duluth. He was noted for his hospitality, intelligence and knowledge of political affairs and was considered to be a man of affluence.

He married a Chippewa Indian who bore him many children. In 1897, an estimated 100 descendants of Jean Bonga lived in Cass County and a township bore the family name - though corruptly spelled Bungo.

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How to Recycle your Tower or How to Combat Hijackers

Kite flying weather doesn't last indefinitely. Therefore we have an alternate suggestion for use of the Towers. By the way the record for kite flying is 4000 ft.

Records have also been set in paper airplane contest was held. It attracted contestants from professors to aeronautics engineers. Prizes were given for distance, duration aloft, and origami.

Of course, we can put this knowledge to good use. A distance flyer would be handy in sending messages clear across the room to a friend.

Duration alofters could be used to make sure the whole class sees your plane, including the teacher. For a simple duratpon flyer, fold paper in half. Open and fold in half. Open and fold in half again. Fold over and tape. Move wing back and forth with short stroke over table edge. Crease folded section at centerpoint. Hold between thumb and forefinger and launch with gentle horizontal motion.

This object is also a picture of a plane. It won the aerobatics award.



There is always danger of hijacking. So what do you do? Well, you probably think if you've made it out of your Tower it's no great loss. But you are sorely mistaken. Hijacking can sometimes be avoided by a super fast plane. But no one has come up with one yet so here's your big chance.

by Linda Abrahams

Mallets, Cookie Jars, and Key Rings

As you walk pass the door of the wood shop you see students busily working at the various machines. A few assorted passersby stand outside the door and peer in trying to see whats going on in there. Just what is it that goes on in this room?

At Adams there are two divisions of wood shop, Woods I and Woods II. The Woods I course includes introduction to shop procedures, general rules, measurements, reading blue prints, using hand and power tools, safety rules and elementary woodworking procedures to name just a few. The Woods II course consists of basically the same units with new and more advanced units added. This is not the entire class outline while other units and projects may be included.

The wood shop has many tools scattered about the large room. These include a table saw, radial saw, surfacer, wood lathe, drill press and many others for the use of all the students.

Some of the projects they make during the year include a name plate, a mallet, cookie jar, key ring holder along with making round edges, boring holes and forming the basic joints. These projects do not all require the real accuracy of the more advanced projects.

During the year a project is undertaken by both divisions of Woods. Last year each student made a car of their toy train project. When the train was assembled it was donated to Camp Millhouse for the children there. This year the same project has been under taken but it has not yet been decided to whom it will be donated. The last project of the year in both divisions is one of the students choice.

The wood shop is a chance for the students of John Adams to learn how to make and refinish things from wood. It is also a place to learn a trade that can last a lifetime.



An industrious shop student attempts to finish his project.

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Noxin Nagnow and Fools

Soon the American people will be celebrating the most religiously observed holiday in the world, April Fools Day. This Holiday which precedes Easter, gives individuals a chance to practice Christian virtue. On Easter there is the celebration of the lying in the tomb and the ascension. On April Fools Day people embrace ideas of lying and cond-escension. The origin of this pragmatic holiday is well-known to eye (sic you), But one must inform all of the sheep.

During the reign of the New Noxin, Spiral Nagnow decided to play an unpractical joke on his king. All the local sheep of Acirema worshipped the very feet of the King and the Vice-king (also known as the King of Vice.) Nagnow the Vice-King attempted

to destroy the king's following by insulting everyone. Unfortunately, in the tradition of illogic, Acirema thought Spiral was right. But, what was left to say? The local sheep of the left raised a big stink as sheep often do. There were a lot of bleeting hearts but little was done. The majority of the sheep continued to worship noxin and nagnow's feet. Nagnow stole the glory (not floor wax) putting his foot in his mouth and thereby calling attention to his face. The unhappy ending to this story is that Nagnow contracted a disease of the soul (sic sole) by putting his feet in his mouth. Happily, Nagnow went on to other feats. These circumstances formed the basis of April Fools Day, a time to lie, confuse, and laugh at others. In

that century of the Rain (sic reign) of the New Noxin, everyone was snowed by Nagnow's shouting of: "Hail Noxin."

April Fools Day has had a permanent effect on society. Moderates in copying what's left, have a noticeable Musky odor. But the Right (wing) Guard at the White House could change this. The biggest contempt-orary April Fool joke actually began about four years ago in November when a fearless leader took office and proclaimed the Viet Nam War would end. He has tried to keep his word by becoming a Laos. The most poignant lesson this administration has displayed is that Thieu plus Thieu equals nothing. April fools and year-round sheep are going at a high price, however by Michele Houston

Science Open House at Purdue

What Purdue University has to offer the aspiring science student will be the focus of Purdue's first Science Open House, scheduled here Saturday, April 15.

Reports on scientific research and on career prospects in the various sciences, along with demonstrations and tours, will make up the agenda for the session sponsored by the Purdue School of Science.

Morning and afternoon lectures and guided tours will cover programs being carried on in all seven School of Science departments as well as provide information in what's new in the sciences.

Topics of presentation include Immunology and the Problems of Transplantation and Tumor Control, Mathematical Concepts in Your Future, Expectance Sampling and Process Control in Manufacturing, What is Atmospheric Science?, Chemistry and Light, Computer-Assisted Problem Solving, Sex Hormones and Reproduction, and Physics in the Modern World.

Faculty who give the presentations will be available for discussions at a hospitality period which will wind up the program Saturday afternoon in Purdue's Stewart Center.

The period will offer students and parents the opportunity to talk with representatives of all School of Science departments, the offices of admissions, financial aids, and deans of men and women, and various student organizations.

Noontime meals will be available in Purdue Residence Hall cafeterias for all attending the program.

Counselors in Indiana high schools were to be sent information on registration and other details of the open house, including parking accommodations for both buses and private autos.



Do you recognize these inhabitants of John Adams?



Absent from the airwaves for three weeks while NCAA basketball coverage occupied its time period, BEYOND OUR CONTROL will return this weekend (Saturday, April 1) to begin its "second season" on WNDU-TV. The weekly satirical revue, produced by 25 local high school students and advisors from the staff of WNDU-TV, is seen Saturdays at 5:30 PM EST on Channel 16.

Highlighting the program's return will be the debut of a new continuing serial, "Hercules and the Hard Job." It is a parody of the typical low-budget Italian muscle-movies, and includes characters such as Ulysses, Sampson and gentle Claudina.

The program opens with an appearance by the Great Cranston, "Master of a Thousand Shadows," and takes a look at Walter Klondike's "There You Are" which features the first heart transplant operation covered by an on-location reporter. Scheduled is an experimental animated film, entitled "Jacks."

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Seagals win state

by Pat Kiley

The hard work of Coach Miller and the many hours of practice was well worth the effort. Although Seagals will be without seniors Becki Bath, Cheryl DeCleene, Debbie Foster, Jeni Lichtenfels, Laurie Rubin, and Ellen Traub next year, they aim to make it "two in a row."

This year marked a beginning for girl's sports. For the first time in the history of sports at John Adams a girl's team won the state title. Seagals have reason to boast. To date they have accumulated 39 consecutive dual meet victories, 4 city championships, a regional victory, and the state trophy.

Running over the other teams in the city and regional meets, the Seagals proceeded to the state meet. Numerous records were set and many were broken this season. The girl's swimming team now holds 12 out of 14 city records and 9 regional ones.

State records were set by both the medley and freestyle relays. The medley relay consisted of backstroke Polly Ehlers, breast-stroker Connie Taylor, butterfly Kathy Komora, and Abbie Smith anchoring as freestyler. This combination of great swimmers broke the standing record of 2:06.7 and set a new one at 2:02.1.

The record breaking freestyle relay included Nancy Balks, Sue Busch, Becki Bath, and Abbie Smith. They set a new record of 1:51.5 as compared to the previous 1:53.9. At the state meet Kathy Komora received the high point trophy for her four firsts. Setting records in 3 individual events and a relay, Kathy accumulated a total of 24 points to help win the meet. She swam the 100 yd. butterfly in 1:05.2, 100 yd. freestyle in 58.9, and the 200 individual medley in 2:24.9 to break the national record. Many swimmers from Adams placed in the meet. The following is a list of those who qualified in the meet: Nancy Balka--Free Relay; Becki Bath--100 yd. Free, Free Relay; Sue Busch--200 yd. Free, 100 yd. Free, Free Relay; Joan Doetsch--200 yd. Free, 100 yd. Free; Polly Ehlers--50 yd. Back, 100 yd. Back Medley Relay, Free Relay; Pat Kiley--200 yd. Free, Free Relay; Kathy Komora--200 yd. IM, 100 yd. Butterfly, 100 yd. Free Medley Relay; Jenny Kreisle--Diving; Jeni Lichtenfels--Free Relay; Sue Manak--100 yd. Breaststroke; Diane Nespo--Free Relay; Lindy Pauszak--Diving; Abbie Smith--100 yd. Backstroke, Medley Relay, Free Relay; Connie Taylor--100 and 200 yd. IM, 50 yd. Breaststroke, Medley Relay.



Jan Denham State Winner

by Tim Gagen

The Girl's Gymnastic team finished undefeated and won their district meet in their second year of competition. The girls, under a new coach, Mrs. Brown, finished 6-0 in their dual meets and completely dominated their district meet. The Adams team scored 93 points in district compared to second place Wawasee with 25 points. The district is run on three levels--beginners, intermediate, and optional. Adams finishers on these levels are as follows:

Free Ex--1st Nancy Gassensmith
Unevens--1st Buffy Janus, 5th Nancy Gassensmith
Vaulting--1st Buffy Janus
Balance Beam--2nd Buffy Janus, 6th Judy Muncie
Level II--Intermediate
Free Ex--1st Angela Kendall and Lynn Christian (tie), Jan Gagen
Unevens--1st Judy Ertel, 2nd Lynn Christian
Vaulting--1st Julie Kertz, 3rd Lynn Christian, 5th Judy Ertel
Balance Beam--2nd Nancy Gassensmith, 3rd Judy Ertel
Level III--Optional

Free Ex--4th Julie Kertz, 6th Vickie Wade
Unevens--1st Jan Denham, 4th Pam Peiffer
Vaulting--1st Vickie Wade, 4th Jan Denham
Balance Beam--3rd Julie Kertz and Angela Kendall (tie), Vickie Wade
All Around--Pam Peiffer placed 2nd

With these finishes in the district, nine girls qualified for state. In state competition 50 teams are involved from nine districts to form some real tough competition. The top finishers at state were Jan Denham State Champ on Optional Unevens; Julie Kertz 2nd in Intermediate Vaulting; Nancy Gassensmith 5th in Intermediate Balance Beam; and Lynn Christian 5th in Intermediate Unevens.

All the girls that competed down state are juniors and sophomores so Adams can look forward to a couple more great years in gymnastics. There was only one senior on the team--Pam Peiffer who placed 2nd in All-Around at district.

Eagles To Defend NIC Title

by John Heisler

The Adams baseball team will open its season next Wednesday against Jackson, but at this point even Coach Len Buczkowski is not sure how good his team will be. The Eagles will be depending on a number of juniors to come through, and with most starting positions still uncertain, there are many question marks.

One of the biggest uncertainties is the pitching staff. Andy Chrzanowski, Pat Gibbons, and Bill Stinchcomb are slated for mound duty at the moment, with Page Glase still a possibility. Glase, one of the heroes of last year's sectional, is plagued with tendonitis, but if his arm comes around, he may be able to throw some relief later this spring.

Except for the second base spot, the infield appears to be fairly well set. Glase will handle the first base chores, while another solid performer, Billy Sullivan, last year's NIC batting champion, will hold

down the third base duties. Junior Steve Austin has moved into the shortstop job, while Ron Bates, Al Taylor, and Rick Mitchem fighting it out for the second base slot. Another battle is expected for the catching job with Kevin Patterson, Ric Balok, and Ron Freese all being given a chance. Patterson, who ran track last year, is a welcome addition and his versatility should enable him to play just about anywhere.

In the outfield, only Joe Fragomeni appears assured of a spot. Whoever has the hot bat will probably handle the other two openings with Jim Kominkiewicz, Steve Webber, Morris Green, and Denny Ertel leading the candidates.

Unfortunately, the Eagles will run into some strong opposition in defense of their NIC, sectional and regional crowns. Elkhart, Michigan City, and Washington should all field representative squads, but the strongest team in

the area will once again be defending state champion LaPorte. The Slicers have won the state title two of the five years it has been held, and their program is suffering no letdown this year. Veteran pitcher Tom King, pitcher-infielder Denny Mantick, plus transfer student Robin Cox will pace the Slicers. In the NIVC, defending champions St. Joe and Clay should fight it out again for the title.

In summation, the 1972 Adams baseball team will be hardpressed to duplicate the feats of the last two championship years, but if the Eagles can compensate for a lack of depth on the pitching staff and come up with a consistent starting lineup, they could pull some real surprises. The squad has already shown good competitive spirit and an excellent attitude, so with a little bit of luck, Coach Buczkowski and his mates should be in good shape.

Cindermen

Coach Howie Hardman's 1972 track team may have another questionable year this season. The Eagles opened their season last Tuesday against LaPorte at Adams. In 1971 the Eagles were clobbered by the Slicers 81-37.

This year's team will be paced by senior lettermen Tony Fleming and Tom Pawlak. Each has lettered since their freshman year. Along with Fleming and Pawlak, Don Price, Ray Martin, Kevin Phillips, Chuck Glore, Mike McNulty, Pat Daniels, Mark Lynch, Bill Carpenter, Jon Powell, Joe Chomyn, John Kujawski, Elmer Robertson, and Les Woodford should also contend for varsity positions.

Once again this year the Cindermen will be lacking talent in the field events. The Eagles should however be strong in the distance events with Tom Pawlak, Pat Daniels, and Mark Lynch leading the way. In the dashes Tony Fleming, Ray Martin, and Don Price should be the most effective.

Elkhart should once again be the team to beat in the conference and area. Other strong teams should be Penn, Jackson, LaPorte, and Washington. The Eagles could however surprise some teams as they did last year. With a great team effort, the Cindermen could produce a great season.

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TRACK AND FIELD SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location
March 28	LaPorte	Home
April 6	Mishawaka	Away
April 11	Jackson	Away
April 18	Triangular	Jackson (Wash., LaSalle)
April 20	Niles	Away
April 22	Goshen Relays	Away
April 25	Penn	Home
April 27	Washington	Away
April 29	Niles Relays	Away
May 4	Elkhart	Away
May 9	LaSalle	Home
May 13	N.I.C. meet	Away
May 15	St. Joe	Away
May 16	Riley	Home
May 18	Sectional	Mishawaka
May 26	Regional	Gary
May 31	City Meet	Jackson
June 1	City Freshman	Home
June 3	State Meet	Indianapolis

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
April 5	Jackson A & B	Adams
6	Michigan City Elston	Adams
8	Penn A & B	Adams
11	Elkhart A & B	Elkhart
13	Riley A & B	Adams
15	Michigan City Rogers (2)	Mich. City
18	Mishawaka A & B	Mishawaka
20	Washington A & B	Bendix Field
22	Niles	Adams
25	LaPorte A & B	Adams
27	Goshen A & B	Adams
29	Hammond Noll	Bendix Field
May 2	Michigan City Elston	Mich. City
4	Elkhart A & B	Adams
9	Riley A & B	Riley
11	Mishawaka A & B	Adams
13	Plymouth (2)	Plymouth
16	Washington A & B	Bendix
18	LaPorte A & B	LaPorte
20	St. Joseph	Bendix
23	LaSalle	Bendix
25	Marian	Bendix
May 30-June 3	Sectional Baseball Tournament	Bendix

Linkers Look Great

In 1972, Coach George Griffith looks forward to an outstanding season for his golf team. Despite the loss of Ken Wilkinson, last year's MVP and captain, now on a golf scholarship to Broward Junior College in Florida, there are four returning lettermen around which to build a nucleus. Seven other players are competing to earn a spot on the varsity. Returning lettermen include Ken's younger brother Charles Wilkinson, Dave Heckaman, and Scott MacGregor, all juniors, and Rick Futter, the team's lone senior. According to Coach Griffith, the team is only as good as its fifth man. The fifth man must be able

to come through and help the other four when needed. Competing for the fifth spot are last b-team members Mike Parseighian and Phil Wenger, both juniors, and sophomore Vernon Johnson. Newcomers hoping to make the team include juniors Aris Andrews and Dave Kaus, John Feferman, a sophomore, and freshman Mark Risinger. This great number of able golfers hope to produce a solid five or maybe even a six man squad.

The team hope to improve on last years 20-2 record by winning the conference and the regional meet as well as defending its titles in the city meet and the sectional.

by Scott MacGregor

GOLF SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
April 13	Clay-Washington	MP
14	LaSalle	Elbel
18	Washington-Clay	Elbel
27	Riley	MP
28	St. Joe-Penn	Erskine
May 2	Riley-Mishawaka	MP
4	LaPorte	There
9	Elkhart	There
11	M. City-Washington	City
16	Riley-Mishawaka	Eberhart
18	LaPorte-Jackson	MP
23	Elkhart	MP
25	Washington-M. City	Elbel
30	St. Joe-LaSalle	MP
June 1	Kaeppler Invitational	Erskine
6	Sectional	LaPorte
13	Regional	LaPorte
19	State	Away

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