



Black Awareness: 1973

Black History Week Activities Planned The Spirit is Coming

By John Harlan

February 12 - 16 is Black History Week, an annual event for the promotion of an appreciation of the "life and history of the Black man" and for the "education of blacks and whites in what black culture is all about," according to Andrew Bibbs, assistant principal and advisor to the Adams Black History Week Committee.

The function of the committee, whose members include Annette Byrd, Jennifer Grant, Dinah Jones, Angela Kendall, Herman Lee, La Verne Parker, and Cathy Scott, has been to plan activities for the week. Some of the activities will include:

Monday - Students involved in the Black History Week program will be in classes to explain the Black Pledge, the Liberation Flag, and the Negro National Anthem.

Tuesday - There will be an all-

school assembly based on the 1973 theme, "Black Awareness: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," between 9:25 and 10:15.

Wed. - There will be a display of Black history materials in the library.

Thurs. - At 7:30 p.m., there will be a program similar to Tuesday's assembly for the community.

Mr. Bibbs stressed the importance of the Black History Week program, and expressed his disappointment that Black History is "unfortunately only one week. It should be fifty-two weeks a year. Black History has been sadly neglected. Hopefully the Black Cultural Society will provide thrust in this direction."

Hip Hooray

By Joe Bosco

As spirit week slowly approaches, preparations are intensifying. Spirit week will be the week of February 13 through 23.

Many groups and clubs are planning something to celebrate it. The junior class's plans are secret. Freshman class, as this article is being written, hasn't decided, but a variety of possibilities were proposed at their meeting.

Mrs. Warren, the Booster Club sponsor, explained it's plans. The Booster Club will sell blue and red derby hats at one dollar each. They will also select the judges that will vote on which class has the best decorations and "Eagle Chicks". The Booster Club is also going to have two "Spirits of John Adams", which will be two persons, each covered by a cloth sheet on which anyone may sign his name. They are going to decorate the halls and home rooms. Furthermore, the Booster Club is going to have a half hour pep assembly, with some skits in the program.

Enthusiastic Response Welcomes Soloist

By Leah Sunderlin

On Wednesday January 31, guest soloist Robert Portney, joined our fine Adams Orchestra for a great evening of musical entertainment. The John Adams Symphony Orchestra performed admirably under the direction of Mr. Karl Green-shields.

Ballet, Fiddler on the Roof selections and Modo Espanol were done by both the Adams Orchestra and Band. The combined efforts of the band and orchestra produced fantastic results. Fiddler on the Roof and Modo Espanol were probably the most widely enjoyed by the audience. The Orchestra soloists were Becky Henry, violin, Richard Van Es, trumpet, and Mark Priest, oboe and all did exceptionally well in their respective parts. Preludia and Im Balladenton were performed by the orchestra only. In my opinion, the orchestra did a fine job, but was a little overbalanced.

The viola section was slightly weak but otherwise performed well.

After an intermission, guest solo violinist Robert Portney took the stage. He first performed the Third Concerto for violin and Orchestra Op. 61 with the orchestra in three movements. Mr. Portney received a standing ovation when he finished his excellent performance. Before he performed Scherzo, Farentelle, to give himself a rest, he played a Rumanian Dance by Bartok and was accompanied by Christine Douberteen. After his short rest, Robert played Scherzo-Farentelle. His last selection was beautifully done and also received a standing ovation.

Mr. Portney was received exceptionally well and enjoyed by all. He is very expressive in his performance and is an excellent talent of our time. Anyone who missed this fine performance by our orchestra and Mr. Portney really missed something.

Cafeteria Serves Soul Food

Mrs. Seal, food director at Adams, has announced that special soul foods will be served during Black History Week. Mrs. Seal, with the cooperation of Adams senior Dinah Jones planned a list of foods to be served in addition to the regular menu next week. Only a limited quantity of these foods

will be served. The following foods will be served next week:

- Monday - Sliced ham
- Tuesday - Fruit Jello Mold
- Wednesday - Collards with chopped onions, vinegar and sugar
- Thursday - Barbecue Chicken
- Friday - Liberated Jello.

1st Meeting Held

By Christopher McCraley

The first meeting of the newly elected student government was held on Monday, January 20, with Assistant Principal, Mr. Andrew Bibbs presiding over the society. He spoke to the council stressing the importance of cooperation between the government and the student body. Mr. Bibbs also mentioned that conversely the students should be willing to assist their newly formed means of communication with the administration of the school. He concluded by wishing the best for the government.

This premier of all meetings was the last Mr. Bibbs will be attending since he is an administrator. He has been greatly appreciated for his work with the Steering Committee of the Student Government.

The following people have been elected to the House of Representatives as follows:

Senate members include:

- Freshmen - Gail Turner, Maxie Bolden, Diann Schreiber, and Chuck Csisar
- Sophs - Fred Kurman, Kathy Baer, Donna Williams, and Kathy Snowden
- Jrs. - Aaron Watson, Kim Kiley, Jackie Shaw, and John Cassidy
- Srs. - Linda Ashe, Fredia Grimes, Meg Golightly, and George Ford.
- District 1 - Larry Weathers
- District 2 - Angela Kendall and Jackie Turner
- District 3 - Mike Davis
- District 4 - Linda Risinger and Jim Severyn
- District 5 - Lindy Pauszek and Janet Steinmetz
- District 6 - Jane McCollum
- District 7 - Chris Coffelt
- District 8 - Dwayne Young
- District 9 - Jennie Duxbury and Dave Widman
- District 10 - Sid Price, Kevin Housemeyer, and Mary Willems



Principle from the Principal

Seniors: The senior cabinet has rescheduled commencement ceremonies this year to provide convenience for you and your guests. It will be held in place of baccalaureate on Sunday, June 3, instead of Tuesday, June 5, and last about an hour and fifteen minutes at most, starting at 2 o'clock on Sunday. Rehearsals for commencement will be held Friday morning, June 1, from 8 to 11. Watch your mailbox for further details on these and other senior activities.

Perfect Record

John Adams Chess Club had its first interscholastic matches Friday and Tuesday against Marian. Adams won both. A win counts as one point, a draw is 1/2 point for each team, and a loss equals 0. The club meets Tues., Thurs., and Fri. in room 147.

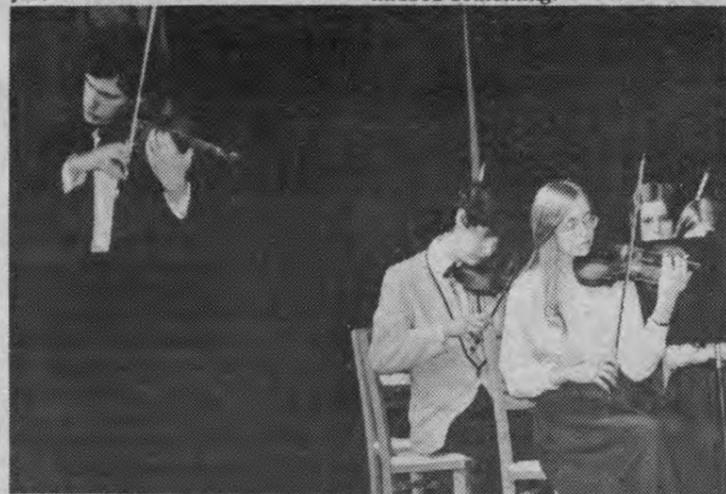
Fri. Results

ADAMS 2 1/2 MARIAN 1 1/2
Anderson 1 McMahon 0

Cloud 0 Senger 1
Huber 1/2 Ernst 1/2
Barnes 1 Strauch 0

Tuesday Results

ADAMS 3 MARIAN 1
Anderson 1 McMahon
Cloud 0 Senger 1
Huber 1 Ernst 0
Wenger 1 Strauch 0



Soloist Robert Portney concentrates on the high notes as he performs with the Adams Orchestra.

Lab Band Schedule

MARCH 10th

Elmhurst High School Jazz Clinic Concert. 18 high school jazz bands and the entire Thad Jones, Mel Lewis Band from New York. The members of the Thad Jones, Mel Lewis Band will be the judges and give clinics for each band during the day, and will play a full concert to end the night session. Student tickets are available.

APRIL 14th

Adams Lab Jazz Band appearance at Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival, high school division (if accepted by taped audition)

MAY 8th

Full Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble concert at IUSB. Guest soloist is Jake Jerger, Chicago percussion instructor, clinician, and performer.

THREE VERY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A training Jazz Band will

be formed starting Monday morning February 19th at 7:00 a.m. This training band is open to all members of the band, orchestra, choruses, theory and harmony classes. It is also open to any other student in John Adams who can pass a music reading audition with Mr. Engeman and Mr. Ollman. Any student in John Adams may try out! This is your chance!

2. Starting September 1973-74, the John Adams Percussion Ensemble is open to any John Adams student who can pass a reading audition with Mr. Engeman. Now is the time to audition for this group. (This year it meets Wed. and Fri., 2nd hour.)

3. The fundamentals Band is open to any student wishing to start or review fundamentals of playing band instruments. (This year it meets Mon., Wed., Fri., first hour.)

Editorial Are Students Failing the Educational System?

The question is often voiced, "What can be done to change the educational system today?" or "Is it possible to make learning more relevant to the student?" How can we change so that the student will learn more? Most of the time, it is a question raised by students. However, before the question could be answered, it is necessary to re-evaluate the worth of the system in order to arrive at a conclusion.

Is it the school's fault or the student's? An educational structure which has functioned successfully for at least one-hundred and fifty years in America cannot be a useless mode of learning. While it needs updating in classes, subjects taught, and caliber teachers, it is doubtful whether the whole structure should be replaced totally by "new education." The students of today, even at John Adams, are experiencing more freedom than they have had at any previous time. With this reply to our demands why do we insist that education is still not fulfilling our needs? It is quite obvious that we do not take full advantage of our freedom.

Students do not seem to realize the power they have over themselves. Either they can choose to learn, or remain obstinate. If one refuses to learn, how are teachers expected to teach us? If we make no effort to work within the system, we can never tell if a benefit can be derived from that system. Perhaps we should give learning a chance.

With over \$44 billion a year spent in education, improvements are beginning to reach the functioning stage. Until that time when it reaches our quickly-changing level, we will have to live with what we have, which is by no means a "substandard" level of learning.

Yet, with all these improvements there is an alarming rift in the students themselves. Of course there are different types of people and they are all going to respond differently, however the anti-path held against schooling is unbelievable. Our own student body is an example of this fact. How many students actually come to school to learn? It appears that only a small minority fits this description. For the people that are interested in learning, education, even at Adams is rewarding because it develops personal ability to live logically and intelligently. For the seeming multitude, school appears to be no more than a social gathering place or a place to get "high." The increase of drug usage on school grounds serves to reinforce this reasoning. If one does not come to school in full possession of his mind, how does he expect the school to improve it?

School is a necessity, and furthermore, it is unavoidable. Why is it that students cannot comprehend the value of the simple self-discipline involved in going to school? Why are most of the people in school if they cannot comprehend the reasons for being here?

The school has answered, as far as they are able, our demands for more freedom, different classes, and choices in these classes, yet we cannot respond with a positive affirming of responsibility.

Education lies with the student. Any changes that occur must stem from acceptance of education in our lives, no matter what form it is in. This acceptance includes making the best of what we have, but if a student enters a situation knowing he is able to "get something out of it", he realizes that education is there. Something is HERE, just think!

by Ayn Moriarty

Marcel Marceau to appear at SMC



Marcel Marceau, appearing at SMC February 16.

Friday, February 16 at 8:00 p.m., Marcel Marceau, the world-renowned mime artist, will be performing in St. Mary's College's O'Laughlin Auditorium. The performance, sponsored by the Notre Dame Cultural Arts Commission, has already indicated signs of being a sell-out.

Begun in January, Marceau's ninth tour of the United States will find him portraying his alter ego, "Bip," the white-faced, tattered, endearing clown, to thousands of people all over the country.

Marceau has found that Bip communicates in all languages, foregoing words to convey emotions.

Friday night will be Marceau's only performance in South Bend.

The Unknown

A waitress scurries by as the crowd pours into the dark smoky air of the basement night club. Dancing and talking, but seldom touching. Creating a scene in the last hours of the day that contains all the moods of human life-- the tired, the lively, the sad, the happy. And the unknown, trying to touch.

The unknown makes its entrance, and the people withdraw as its presence is sensed. Hoping, believing, sensing, and feeling.

Through the confusion of the room rises the sound of a man's soul. Sensing, reaching out, trying to touch the heart of the room.

The people sit, apart. The sounds of life fill the room as the unknown tells of itself and them, trying to tell everything there of the love it feels, in all.

Its misty voice arises like a lonely song, trying to touch every ear, and before it is really felt, the room is covered.

For one brief eternity the room smiles and laughs. As the unknown dreams its sound has broken through the earwax.

And it sleeps restlessly as its sound echoes off the last eardrum, and dies.

George Ford
Abortion completed at
1:45 a.m.

Kables From The Kounselors

Seniors: All seniors who have not made definite plans for post high school jobs or training are encouraged to make an appointment with their counselors to discuss possible future programs.

Seniors are also reminded that deadlines for college applications and scholarship programs are fast approaching and decisions need to be made now.

A reminder that seniors who are interested in a career in physical therapy are eligible for scholarship aid. See Mr. Rensberger for details.

Juniors: The deadline for the April SAT, which is recommended by the State Scholarship Commission is SAT which is recommended by the State Scholarship Commission is March 1. Get your SAT forms and the State Scholarship application in the Guidance Office this week.

All juniors who are interested in the Central Career Center Programs for next year should see their counselors as quickly as possible. Mr. Cordedd can give you information also.

All Students: Any student who is having a problem with his classes should make a point of talking to his subject teacher concerning the trouble area. It is the classroom teacher who is in the best position to tell you what to try or what to avoid in order to avoid further problems.

Students Speak Out

Retaliation

In regard to the TOWER editorial which appeared in the January 25 issue, I would sincerely like to know how my recent contribution to the Students Speak Out column suggesting the Tower provide John Adams High School with a little optimism is indeed practicing pessimism as implied by Ayn Moriarty. I am also curious as to how, by questioning the editorial attitude of the TOWER, I am supposedly "performing the very act" that I am alleged to condemn... pessimism. Someone is very confused here and I don't think it's me.

First of all, I pointed out the fact the I thought the December 15 "Peace on Earth" editorial was pessimistic. At no time did I criticize the editorial as Miss Moriarty would apparently have the TOWER's readers believe. I refrained from discussing the validity of the point being made as this was not the basis of my observations. My observations dealt only with the tone and attitude, not the content, of Miss Moriarty's editorial. The editorial did contain "reasonable criticism," which, as a point of fact, I never

declared "complaining," but rather undue pessimism.

By the way, I am most pleased to note the extra added attraction of the January 25 editorial: "The opinions expressed in this editorial are not necessarily the reflections of the entire staff or sponsor."

John Harlan

Dear Tower

Will I be able to find this article somewhere in you? How will I find it? Will I find it on your front page, or should I say half the front page? Will I have to open up or manipulate you so that your page is right side up? Will I be reading my article sideways, diagonally, or between columns?

What I'm trying to say is that the layout and design of you seems to be at an all time low. Over the past recent issues I find myself taking more time to find where certain pages are, and wondering what could be the matter. Sometimes I think your articles were just placed and set to print.

Many different times your mast-head, JOHN ADAMS TOWER, has

IUSB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 9 Michiana Jazz Assemblage, 8:15 p.m., IUSB Auditorium, Northside Hall
- 11 South Bend Youth Symphony, 4 p.m., IUSB Auditorium, Northside Hall
- 12 History Lecture Series: "The Zenger Case," Dr. Stanley Nider Katz, Legal History Department of the Chicago Law School, 8 p.m., Room 152, Northside West
- 13 IUSB Titans vs. IUPU at Fort Wayne, basketball, 8 p.m.
- 17 Second I.U. Alumnae Day, sponsored by the Alumni Office, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. IUSB Titans vs. IU Kokomo, basketball, 2 p.m.
- 18 IU Art Club Film Series: "Zeppelin," 7:30 p.m., Lecture Hall, Northside West
- 22 IUSB Women's Club Fashion Show, 7:30 p.m., Lecture Hall, Northside West
- 25 Copernicus Symposium, 7:30 p.m., Lecture Hall, Northside West

Volunteer Jobs

These listings are courtesy of the Volunteer Service Bureau, 123 N. Hill St., South Bend. For further information and/or more job listings, contact Steve Durako, 287-1806.

YMCA BASKETBALL PROGRAM:
The youth basketball leagues need volunteers as coaches, scorers, and timers. Boys range in age from eight years through high school. 8 to 12 year old leagues are on Saturday mornings; high school leagues are on Saturday afternoons and Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

been placed many different ways on the paper. On the sides sometimes, and sometimes on the top. The January 25 issue even had it on half the side! It has been large, it has been small. Once there were even designs drawn about it!

This is very confusing, and I must say VERY unattractive. TOWER, could you please stick with one format? For the sake of your readers, please. You have a good staff and fine news material but these continual changes are down-grading you.

D.P.W.

DAY CARE CENTER:

Volunteers are needed in several centers. Age is not normally a restriction if the volunteer is mature and able to work well with children. It is helpful to have one afternoon free, though one center can use volunteers from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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Shooting The Bull... And dragging it around a little bit



Ann Archist Has The Last Word

While I certainly do not mean to re-ignite any flaming controversies, I feel that a few parting comments on all that has transpired in the past few weeks, are necessary.

First, I would like to reaffirm my position. Although the issue may have become lost in the invective, the premise that I had hoped to present, and will eternally stand by, is that John Adams High School is an institution for education. This of course, is not to say that extra-curricular activities cannot be offered, but rather that they should be put in their proper

place -- and that is not making them the only reason for coming to school. If at any time, for any reason, the education offered in this school is not the best possible, and if it is not the paramount reason for operating and maintaining this building -- we are all to blame. Administrators, counselors, teachers, and students. Unfortunately, the failure of one of these groups of people can cause the decay of the rest. But an organized effort by one of these groups can

lifting of the others. Let us hope that someone will take the initiative and let quality education come to prominence.

Next, I should briefly like to dwell on the response my article received. After the lynching and/or mugging attempts, and the threats on my life and person began to subside, I sat back and laughed. As Miss Sinkiewicz so aptly stated, why should it matter who I am? After all, since the incidents cited were all true, shouldn't the concern be as a result of the

dire trouble our educational system is in; instead of with beating up the person who can see these ills -- and did not invent them, but merely pointed them out? A great deal is wrong when people will not admit the truth -- but even more is wrong when they refuse to face it. I had hoped to startle a few people into the realization that if things progress in the direction that they are presently going, we all may as well throw up our hands in despair, and call this place "John Adams Col-

iseum." With fundamental educational standards being disregarded and lowered, with less and less emphasis being put on education as a whole, I feel that the preceding statement is not a result of jealousy -- it is the truth.

Last, but not least, a few words to the divided worlds. To those who believe as I do, I say -- Right arm! Read! Read! Read! (and) Let's be intellectuals, (pseudo at least). To the jocks -- I have no further comment. To everyone who couldn't care less, I say -- good for you. But someday I hope you care about something. by Ann Archist

Why Can't Anybody Say Anything Good About Jane McCollum?

This morning as I sipped my V-8 cocktail vegetable juice and read my Wall Street Journal, my daughter, Susie, came up to my chair in the breakfast nook, and looked up at me with those big, brown, questioning eyes of hers. Susie's tears fell hard on my Cocoa Wheats, making them so soggy that it made me ill to look at them. I told Susie to come out into the living room with me.

I sat down in my Lazyboy Recliner and asked her to tell me what the big problem was. She looked up at me, those sad, brown eyes filled with tears (or Visine-I couldn't tell without my glasses on) and gathered every ounce of control she had and said in a strong voice:

"Why can't anybody say anything good about Jane McCollum?" Those words were finally torturing her, as I had feared they would, as they had tortured me twenty-five years earlier. How could I explain how the world had so cruelly treated this modern-day Joan of Arc. Susie told me that she had read an old copy of the John Adams Tower from January of 1973, and found the articles which appeared within its pages criticizing the fine work that Miss McCollum was doing in supporting

our athletes who couldn't write for themselves, being too busy eating the cookies the guardian eagles had baked for them, and too busy bronzing the posters hanging in the hallway. For that matter many of them just hadn't advanced that far in school. Miss McCollum lifted those poor boys up by the collar and told them that she'd set the student body straight about athletics at Adams. She proceeded to make the point that the athletes don't get any extra consideration as compared to members of any other organization. (The fact that athletics gets more attention by way of student and financial support, and guardian Eagles, than any other student activity at Adams is inconsequential) Jane showed us the tough life athletes had in making the scholastic grade in school, just like anyone else. After all, those poor boys had to slave and suffer to keep up that four "D's and an F" average in order to stay on the team.

Of course, the guardian Eagle idea was the best idea that came out of Adams since I had entered its doors. But at the time I attended the school, our gang, being radical as it was, couldn't, and wouldn't, understand why the

athletes had the extra student support in the form of guardian eagles, and why the school had never instigated guardian debaters, guardian checkmates, guardian thespians, and guardian usherettes. After many years, I learned why it would be nonsensical and ridiculous to support our other student activities. (I have since forgotten, my memory failing me these past few years.)

I realized while attending high school, how important it was for the school to have a few egomaniacs -- to keep the rest of us humble. By setting me straight in her articles, Jane won my total support for her future writings. I remember what a friend said to me nearly twenty-five years ago: "We need people like Jane McCollum, who are willing to let themselves be ridiculed so that our athletic program will not be replaced by a school."

My thoughts returned to the present, and I glanced down from my lazyboy to see my son, looking up at me with tearful eyes.

"Daddy, who are Captain Tommy Tomorrow, Edwin Evil, and Doctor Dark, and why are they saying these things?" he asked, holding up a copy of the John Adams TOWER. How could I explain this

dastardly trio, who had perpetrated the highest misdemeanor in the glorious history of my alma mater. They took it upon themselves to ridicule Jane in the common Communistic manners of literary vocabulary so as to confuse the entire student body into reasoning that Jane's conceptions of nothing but school support were wrong, and succeeded in conniving the innocent students to quietly murmur to their neighbor, the agonizing admission of their 'nescience': "I don't know what they said, but I think she's been cut down." How they conned the unsuspecting students to turn against Miss McCollum, and her ideals of an athlete in every locker, a compliment for every classroom, teacher, and athlete, and a doughnut for every swimmer, was totally disgusting. I remember how the entire student body sought out these Benedict Arnolds of John Adams, and would have done them great physical harm, had it not been for the great American quality of "big talk, no action." Thus, our school was saved from the blood that had marred others, although, at the time that this incident of insolence toward Jane McCollum occurred, we all wanted to ride these "three stooges"

out on a rail. But now, I just live with the haunting memory that once in my life, my entire high school period was marred by the indelible recollection of this disrespect rendered toward such a person as Miss McCollum.

It is now twelve midnight, and I have come to decision. I cannot face Susie's crying eyes, or my son's tears of horror again. Alice, you'll find the life's savings in the checkered pair of socks in the third drawer of the dresser, and the stocks and bonds are in the cookie jar. This is the end of this letter, which I hope points out how my illusions of the school I always wanted -- a school where sports was pushed and education thwarted, a school where everything evolved around a few choice students, a school where student pride in the alma mater was everything that anyone need care about -- were destroyed by the pens (or Bic Bananas, I wasn't there when they wrote it) of a few prestige crazy kids.

Good-by, Cruel World (yours in nescience?),
Ignatius Aloysius O'Shaunessey

The time could be now. But the time is more likely the future. As the earth slowly turns to welcome the sun, a new day begins. Although the day is new, the work that is to be done is the same. As long as the people could remember they worked these very jobs. It is necessary for them to be; the people are only necessary.

Inside a small cubicle, white in color, a man in his twentieth year of life rose from his slumber. He would have to go to work very soon. The sun made his white walls seem brighter than they really were. He squinted. He ran his hand over his bald head. Hair was not necessary. In fact, no one there, not even the women, had long manes of hair. The young man slipped into his one-piece silver suit, which kept him cool

The Next Dawn

in the midday heat and warm in the dark winters. Though now and even before the people didn't have to worry about the elements, but they very rarely strolled outside. In truth, by the ONES' Great Rules going out to walk on the land was forbidden. However, this didn't matter to the young man. He walked to work amidst his neighbors through the stark corridors. But he paid no attention to anyone. Another of the Great Rules said: No one must touch or talk to a fellow being. The air was silent except for the shuffling of feet. The breeze caressed his face as he stepped into the work station. At the sta-

tion, he picked up a clipboard and sauntered over to a small machine, that seemed to suspend itself in mid-air. The computerized voice called out to him. "Identify." The young man cleared his throat and spoke. "I am Z2256. I am a checker." He grimaced as the computer cleared him. "Z2256, you can go. Voice pattern is correct." Names were not necessary here, either. Z2256's job consisted of checking that all supplies for the machines were kept in constant stock. And while Z2256 was working, he overheard two of the Protector's students talking. "We've had strange sightings

lately, lights shining in the sky, and our scanning devices picking up peculiar sounds." These students of the Protector, or rather, the ONE, were picked at the time they reached the age of 6. Then after that were taken away for a long time, the students came back highly educated and intelligent. These students were special and had to teach the other people the "good way." At any cost.

The other student agreed and paused. He then sighted Z2256. "Look, a worker! Get him!" Z2256 dropped his clipboard and ran out of the station. The light of the sun,

which he had never seen so bright before because he had never been out at this time of day, made him shield his eyes. He ran across the barren fields that were dead as the ruins of Eporue. Then he heard the sounding of buzzing behind him. He grew suddenly weak and fell to the ground. Before losing consciousness, his last thought was "Am I not necessary anymore?" (To be continued...)



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Eagles Wear NIC Crown

by John Heisler

Last fall when practice began for Adams' basketball team, Coach Dave Hadaway listed three main objectives which he hoped the Eagles could achieve.

The three goals were to win the holiday tourney, to capture the NIC title, and to win the sectional.

The holiday tourney portion fizzled, but the NIC title now belongs to Adams. At this point, Hadaway would be quite satisfied if his team could harness sectional honors to make it two out of three for the year.

Even though tonight's NIC match at Elkhart Central will not change the conference situation, Hadaway would love to close out the regular season on a confident winning note.

By winning tonight, tomorrow at East Chicago Roosevelt and next Friday against Penn, the Eagles would finish with a 15-4 mark that should match any other in the sec-

tional.

Roosevelt has whipped the Eagles the past two years, so Adams has a score to settle with Coach Bill Holzbach and his mates. The Rough Riders have not done especially well this season, but they still have 6'5" Kemper Reeves who tore up the Eagles on the boards last year.

Adams' rivalry with Penn is not exactly a friendly one, mostly because the two teams take turns embarrassing each other every year. Two years ago before they won the sectional, the Eagles handed the Kingsmen a 30-point pasting, and a repeat performance this year would certainly be welcome.

Adams seems to have shown steady improvement the past several weeks, and most of the credit goes to Marshall Robinson.

Something of a sleeping giant

the past two years, Marshall wasted no time when he got his first starting assignment against LaPorte. Ever since then, "Herman Helicopter," as Hadaway calls him, has been master of the backboards.

Herman pulled down 19 rebounds against both Riley and Washington, and if he keeps it up, the Eagles will be just that much tougher come sectional time.

The Riley game was one Adams fans have been waiting for all season long, and it turned out to be a sheer delight for everyone. The 97-65 rout was highlighted by Robinson's devastating performance around the rims and an astounding shooting night for the whole Adams team.

The Eagles hit on 42 of 73 attempts from the floor for 58 per cent, including 13 of 22 for Steve Austin. Austin put on an

outside shooting exhibition that was second to none as he and Jim Webb combined for a total of 57 points.

The injuries to T. D. Shelton and Ricky King kept the Wildcats below par, but it would have been tough to stop the Eagles even if they had played.

The 78-52 Washington victory clinched the third NIC title in four years for Adams, and a victory tonight would close a perfect conference slate at 7-0.

The Eagles were hampered by illness, but they still had a fairly easy time of it despite 26 turnovers.

Jim Webb was sick all week, but he still pumped in 22 points as a non-starter. Boonie Hill played only briefly when he, too, became ill during the contest. Steve Austin had an unusual off-night hitting only 6 of 19 from the field.

Filling in for Hill was Ray Martin, and he did an excellent job in contributing 16 points.

A new addition to the Adams roster is Vonn Mincey who became eligible as of the Washington game. Coach Hadaway figures that Mincey and Robinson, both terrific jumpers, will be important factors during sectional play when depth and endurance will be big assets.

Now that Jim Webb has captured the city career scoring mark, the Adams career record will be the next to fall. Lee McKnight still sits atop the list with 1,364 points, but Webb is only 20 behind. If Jim maintains his 23-point average tonight, the record will be his.

Seagles Take NIC Meet

by Mark Norman

Consistency has returned to the Adams pool. Swimming as though it is returning to the glory of past years, the Adams swim team has matched the records of last year's team in the city and conference meets.

January 27 brought the City Swimming Championship to the Washington pool. Adams had several individual stars but was beaten by eight points for the team championship by Jackson. Dan Harrigan was Adams' top swimmer with two new city records. Swimming the 200-yard freestyle in 1:47.0 and the 100-yard backstroke in 0:55.7, Dan shared the spotlight with Clay's Mark Mamula.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Scott Lehr, John Feferman, Hoke Busch, and Harrigan also set a new city record.

Adams had five second place finishes. The 200-yard medley relay team of Tony Davey, Steve Patterson, Tom Lichtenfels, and Jeff Deren paced this action. John Feferman, Lloyd Emmons, Hoke Busch, Mike Balthazor, and Mike Slowey each finished second in their respective events as well.

Although the Seagles swam excellently, they have now lost both of their meets with Jackson.

Coach Smith next took his swimmers to Elkhart on Saturday, February 3. In contrast to the strug-

gle at the city meet, the Seagles literally "drowned" their competitors as they swam to their tenth consecutive NIC swimming title. In gaining the summit of such domination over the NIC, the swimmers compiled 307 points, nearly doubling the 173 total of LaPorte.

While the title has become nearly routine, no past Adams team, at least to this writer's knowledge, has ever run up such an amazing string of titles.

The Adams swimmers swam away with eight first places with Harrigan again setting two records and Feferman one.

Along with Harrigan and Feferman, individual winners were Mike Balthazor and Mike Slowey as well as both relay squads.

After such a victory, the swimmers will need all the momentum possible as the again will face Jackson this week. Last night the preliminaries for the sectional were run, and tomorrow the finals will be held at Washington.

Now, when they need a victory the most, maybe the Seagles can continue the consistency they began last week. By keeping strong, they may be on their way to a February 17 date at the state finals. This weekend will determine if the Adams swim team is worthy of its high hopes.

Mishawaka leads All-Sports Race

With nearly half of the sports standings included, Mishawaka holds a commanding lead in the battle for the NIC All-Sports trophy. Here are the current totals covering four sports (football, tennis, cross country, and wrestling):

MISHAWAKA	142.50
ADAMS	116.25
LAPORTE	11.25
ELK. MEMORIAL	108.75
ELK. CENTRAL	102.50
RILEY	97.50
WASHINGTON	91.25
M. C. ELSTON	90.00

Mishawaka picked up a first place in wrestling to go with first place ties in football and tennis, plus a third place finish in cross country.

Adams got third place finishes in football and wrestling, a tie for third in tennis, and a fourth place in cross country.

The Eagles will have first places in basketball and swimming to add to their totals, but they will still have to hope for some excellent efforts during the spring sports season to entertain hopes of catch-

ing the Cavemen.

The big change in this year's race involves the scoring procedure. In past years, different sports were worth different numbers of points, with football and basketball having the greatest value. Now all sports count equally with 35, 32.5, 30, 27.5, 25, 22.5, 20, and 17.5 points being awarded for places one through eight in the standings. Two teams which are tied split the combined point total for the places they occupy.

Mitchem, Watson Beagles Win Titles Now 17-1

by Scott Brennan

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Coach Moe Aronson and his 1973 grapplers, who now stand at 8-5, boast two new champions from the recent sectional meet.

The newly crowned champs are 147 lb. Aaron Watson and 188 lb. Rick Mitchem, who is still undefeated with a 19-0 record.

Winners and second place finishers from the sectional now advance to tomorrow's regional at Adams.

Against Niles, Adams dropped

a tough 34-29 decision that saw four Eagles record pins, including Dennis Reid, Clark Price, Rick Mitchem, and Connie Henry.

Additional victories were credited to Aaron Watson and Kevin Phillips.

In the NIC meet held on January 27, Adams had only one individual champion in Rick Mitchem. No team scores were kept, but NIC champion Mishawaka dominated both the NIC and sectional meets.

Coming off two big victories over city rivals, Coach George Griffith's Beagles head into their final full weekend of action with an unsurpassable record of 17-1.

Against Riley, the Beagles pounded out an exciting 58-45 decision before a full house that saw Glenn Sudhop and Torrence Moody team up to score 20 points and pull down 15 rebounds.

A tight first half gave Adams a slim 24-23 lead before guards Larry Sullivan, Arnold Otterbridge, and Andy Harris went to work in the third quarter to hold the Wildcats to a scant six points.

A total of 34 points were netted in a fourth quarter offensive battle before the buzzer sounded to hand Coach Griffith his thirteenth victory in a row.

A 58-37 verdict was notched over South Bend Washington as Arnold Otterbridge chalked up 18 points en route to the Beagles sixth NIC victory without a loss.

Girl Gymnasts Split

by Julie Kertz

The Girls' Gymnastics team opened their 1972-1973 season with an easy win over Northwood on January 24. Adams outscored Northwood 60 1/2 - 45. Adams swept the meet, taking the three top places in all events except vaulting.

In floor-exercise, Julie Kertz took first place, Vicki Wade second, and Nancy Gassensmith third. On the uneven bars, Lynn Christian placed first, Gina Fisher finished second, and Julie Kertz third. On the balance beam, Julie Kertz placed first, Vicki Wade second, and Bridget Baran took third. In vaulting competition, Julie Kertz placed second, Lynn Christian third, and Vicki Wade fourth.

Later that week, against a much tougher Portage team, the gymnasts were beaten, 222-160. This meet, which was held on January 27, was arranged so that the girls would compete on three levels. This is the way that the state meet will be run.

Adams took very few high places, but expect to do better

against Portage in the state meet. In optional level, Nancy Gassensmith placed third in floor-exercise and Gina Fisher placed third on the uneven bars. In the intermediate level, Julie Kertz placed first in vaulting and Diane Duval placed second on the uneven bars. In the beginning level, Becky Hentz took second in floor-exercise and Buffy Janus placed third in vaulting.

Frosh Fight for Lead

by Mike Clarke

As the end of the regular season came within one game, Coach Turnock's twice-beaten freshman team battled Central I and St. Joe for the conference crown. As Adams takes its 8-2 record into the last game, the Eagles will try to secure at least a tie and hope that Central I and St. Joe will get knocked off.

The Frosh ran into trouble as they traveled to Washington to play the Panthers. After a low-scoring first half, the Eagles led

26-22. Not giving up, Washington came bouncing back to take the lead and hold on to secure the victory, as Adams fell short 41-38.

Central II came to Adams to meet the Eagles, but the Bruins wished they hadn't, as the Frosh ran up the score against them. Adams quickly took the lead and pulled away to a 28-17 half-time margin. Averaging three points a minute the rest of the game, the Frosh led 46-27 at the end of the third period and continued on to crush the Bruins 64-38.

Poemen Lose Three

by Terry Smith

In its continuing streak of bad luck, our Adams men's gymnastics team scored a double loss in the dual meet here January 23 against DeKalb 68-63 and Elkhart Memorial 73-63.

In the Adams-DeKalb competition, first places for Adams were recorded by Terry Smith, rings; Marc Woodford, vaulting; and Larry Holtzman, high bar. Other fine performances were displayed by Terry Smith, parallel bars, floor exercise, high bar; Jim Honold, floor exercise; Steve Richmond, rings; Dan Knapp, parallel bars; Marc Woodford, trampoline; and Jonathan Lair, horse, trampoline.

In the Adams-Memorial competition, first place takers included Terry Smith, rings; Marc Woodford, vaulting; Larry Holtzman, high bar; and Dan Knapp, parallel bars. Also displaying excellent gymnastic skills were Terry Smith, parallel bars, floor

exercise, high bar; Jim Honold, floor exercise; Marc Woodford, trampoline; John Lair, horse, trampoline; and Mike Jaicomo, horse.

Also, on January 30, a magnificent Crown Point team staged an amazing upset victory over our favored gymnastics squad 96-86 in their newly-built gymnasium. The only first place spots for Adams were taken by Terry Smith, rings; and Marc Woodford, a tie on vaulting. Other awesome displays of talent were shown by Terry Smith, high bar, floor exercise, parallel bars; Steve Richmond, rings; Tim McClure, trampoline; and John Lair, horse.

The team record now stands at 2-8. The Adams men's gymnastics team season closes February 10 with DeKalb (there). The Poemen will compete in the sectional meet at Concord, February 24 at 1:00 p.m.