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Class Officers Elected

On Friday, May 7, the Classes of 1977 and 1978 elected their officers for the 1976-1977 school year. In this election, the Senior Class elected an all-female slate for the first time in the recent history of Adams.

Lori Darrow was elected President of the Senior Class (Class of '77). Together with Vice President Mary Anderson, Secretary Joan Black, and Treasurer Katy Patton, Miss Darrow will try to get her class involved in both school and class activities. "We had unity this year," she said, "but we always waited for the last minute before getting started on our projects. Next year we will have to start planning sooner."

In addition to the regular class projects such as Spirit Week and The SeniorProm, Miss Darrow said she would like to organize monthly dances and possibly a movie night where popular films could be shown.



Senior class officers smile.

In the Junior Class (Class of '78), Mary Skudlarek was elected President in a runoff election held May 11. Together with Vice President Andy Golba, Secretary Terry Gault, and Treasurer Irene Yang, Miss Skudlarek will attempt to involve the Class of '78 in class projects and will help plan both the Junior Prom and Spirit Week, in addition to any other programs the Junior class will hold.

Elections for the Sophomore Class officers (Class of '79) will be held next fall so that the Clay students recently transferred into the Adams district can have a voice in the selection of their class officers.

The Tower wishes all of the new class officers the best of luck, and hopes that all classes will enjoy many successful projects in the coming year.

ADAMS GRAD IS VALEDICTORIAN

Barbara Ann Mello, a '72 graduate of John Adams, has been named valedictorian of the class of 1976 at St. Mary's college. She achieved a grade point average of 3.9 throughout her years there.

Barbara advised that students learn to apply their knowledge and set goals for themselves. She had majored in business administration, transferring to St. Mary's from Miami University in Ohio. Mello has accepted a position with Peat, Marwick and Company for after graduation.

She gave her valedictory address at the one hundred and twenty ninth annual commencement exercises last Thursday. The ceremony took place at LeMans chapel on St. Mary's campus. Barbara was a scholarly student while here at Adams, and graduated with high honors. We wish her luck in her new career and bright future.

TRIP TO SPAIN PLANNED

On July 15, a group of 6 students from John Adams, under the guidance of Mrs. Aguero, will board a plane in Chicago heading for Madrid, Spain. The purpose of the trip is to improve intra-American relations, to develop international understanding among young people, to make a foreign language alive and useful, and to learn about another culture by seeing, hearing, touching, and smelling. The main purpose of the trip, however, is to experience a new aspect of education outside the classroom.

Upon arrival in Spain, the students will transfer themselves and their luggage to the colegio mayor (dormitory) on the campus of the University of Madrid.

During their stay in Madrid, the students will visit the Royal Palace, a tapestry factory, the Plaza Mayor, the Neptune Fountain, the Puerta del Sol, and many other historical and fascinating landmarks. From Madrid there will be

excursions to Toledo, the Valley of the Fallen, and to Segovia. As an optional activity, the students may also attend the Bullfights. As another option, the students will have an opportunity to visit the village of Consuegra.

In Consuegra the travelers will get a look at the Mancha region famous "windmill" novel, Don Quijote. In addition to seeing the Mancha region, the tourists will have a chance to take a swim and to fight "Baby Bulls!"

On July 23, the group will arrive in Sevilla. Much of the time in Sevilla will be spent by some exploring, and by others resting. Other places the group will visit include Alhambra, the Caves of Nerja, and the Village of Mijas. The group will also visit the city of Granada. In Granada Flamenco entertainment will be provided. The final days of the trip will be spent in Fado, Portugal. Hasta Pronto.

"Crazy" Students Enter River Run



Photo By Luann Duesterberg

On May 8, while most normal Adams students were doing the very ordinary things normal people do, twenty or so of the other brave courageous, slightly reckless Adams students desperately fought the white water and dangerous rapids of the fierce St. Joe River, in the 6th Annual St. Joseph River Run. Entering this race sponsored

by the Michiana Watershed Inc. were not only Adams students but also men, women, and children of various age groups coming from various parts of the state. This colorful affair began in the Leeper Park Lock and extended a long strenuous 11 miles down the river towards Niles. Although the canoes were the most popular crafts, there

were also several crafts for the brave and more experienced crowd, and inflatable rafts for those who enjoy getting sea sick. But the most amusing and enjoyable crafts were entered in "The Almost Anything Goes" Division. These crafts ranged from make-shift barrel boats to a huge inflatable raft decorated with red, white, and blue balloons.

Despite the rough competition from several professionals the Adams students did very well. In the high school novice division Dave Rubin and Jay Sunderlin took a strong third place and our inflatable raft team consisting of Mike Forrest, Dominic Walshe, Toby Werhan, Lori Olson, and Paula Hendricks took an outstanding 1st place. Despite the cramped quarters the team had an exceptional time of 2 hours, 30 minutes, and 42 seconds.

Most of the Adams students did extremely well and those who didn't do as well...as least they had fun.

MR. WHITCOMB RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS

Mr. Jessie Whitcomb, a math teacher at John Adams, is retiring at the end of the '75-76 school year. When asked his opinion of Adams as a whole, Mr. Whitcomb replied, "In general, it's been a nice place to teach."

Before coming to Adams in 1957, Mr. Whitcomb was a teacher in the Greene Township schools. This June will mark the end of his 25th year of teaching.

When asked about his retirement plans, Mr. Whitcomb replied that he would like to "travel, fish, and stay out of buildings as much as



possible". The student body wishes Mr. Whitcomb a happy retirement, and good luck in the future.

SPEAKERS VISIT CRIME AND LAW CLASSES

This semester, many students in Mr. Szucs' crime and law classes have been attentive listeners to a wide variety of guest speakers. Topics ranged from the functions of a city attorney to the workings of the F.B.I. Each speaker presented a brief, informal as to his job or position before allowing students to ask questions and participate in the discussions.

As funds and transportation for field trips are often unavailable, these speakers are very informative; their speeches allow students to become aware of many facts and opinions they otherwise would have missed. Among the various speakers were Mr. Wyatt Mick, City Attorney for Mishawaka, Mr. Radde, head of the local division of

the F.B.I., and South Bend Mayor Peter Nemeth.

Other speakers included Sergeant Joel Wolvos, of the S.B.P.D., who discussed citizens' roles in crime prevention. Nancy Gerber provided students with many frightening statistics on child abuse. Sergeant Garcia told interested listeners of his role as a detective involving juveniles and the schools.

Many other prominent area residents were kind enough to donate their time for the benefit of Adams students. Seniors agreed that the discussions were both entertaining and enlightening, making textbook materials acquire new meaning.

Molnar Wins J.A. Award

Lids Unlimited, a Junior Achievement headed by Adams student Jeff Molnar, was recently presented with three awards for its excellent performance during the past year. The company manufactured bottle openers and grossed over one thousand dollars during its period of operation.

At a recent awards ceremony, the company was named the Best Manufacturing Company of the Year. In addition, Lids Unlimited was commended for outstanding accomplishment for a \$1,000 sales company. It was one of five finalists in the company of the Year competition.

Two Adams students were



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actively involved in the company: President Jeff Molnar and Vice President of Manufacturing Paul Wasonski.

SPRING CONCERT GIVED

The John Adams concert Band and Wind Ensemble presented their annual spring concert on Thursday, May 6, at the I.U.S.B. auditorium. Under the direction of Gerald Ollman, the bands played a variety of lively musical selections. The performance was followed by a reception in the Faculty Lounge honoring senior band members.

The first half of the performance featured the Concert Band. Selections included *Concerto Grossso*, by Vivaldi, *Imperati Concert Overture*, by Alfred Reed, and *The Pops Polka*, by Arthur Fielder and

Jack Mason. Wind Ensemble selections covered a history of American music, ranging from *Song of the American Revolution*, featuring such tunes as *Chester* and *The White Cockade*, to *Broadway Show Stoppers*, which contained the hits *People* and *That's Entertainment*. Clarinetist Sara Young gave a well-received performance of *Sonata for B Flat Clarinet* to an appreciative audience. The spring concert conclude the bands' busy schedule of yearly concerts.

JUNIORS, SOPHS, AND FROSH FINALS
ARE ONLY EIGHT DAYS AWAY

EDITORIAL

Leslie Kvale

Photographs are the most attention-getting feature on a newspaper layout. Everyone loves to see his own face, or Johany's, or even Aunt Sue's Bicentennial quilt plastered on the front page: memorable scenes from sports events and school activities are eagerly scanned in hopes of finding a familiar face amongst the crowd. However, the individuals responsible for these snapshots get comparatively little recognition. Too often, people ignore the continuous presence of photographers at every local happening; they never realize the hours photographers spend printing and developing once the pictures have been taken.

At John Adams, much credit is due to staff photographer Don Strong, and head photographers Dan Crimmins and Myron Haskins. These poor individuals spend many a tiring hour catering to the whims of the Album and Tower staffs. Recently, Myron Haskins spent an entire day, from early morning till midnight, printing pictures at an Album workshop. Although these hours were particularly lengthy, the staff photographers do sacrifice a good deal of personal time in order that the publications staffs can meet their deadlines.

Clearly, Adams "camera Bugs" are one of the most essential, yet overlooked, members of the newspaper and yearbook staffs. So, next time you find your smiling figure staring back at you from a page, remember that the photograph didn't just "appear." Without the aid of photography, the Tower would become monotonous pages of black, printed material; the Album would be nonexistent. Certainly there is no match for a photographer in recording a certain, unique moment.

Lastly, the Tower staff wishes to thank Mr. Mike Allen for his assistance in many a tight situation. Without his aid in photographing, developing, and printing, the Album and newspaper would have been devoid of many of their most memorable pictures.

John Adams High School

LIFE IS A MAGAZINE COVER

In the field and stream of life, humanity is flying. As though a model railroader of thought the new republic has no psychology today; but that's life. Some philanthropists say "Look! There's time." But the glamour of the business week is gone. How can readers digest this? Outdoor America is no longer associated with today's education, as evidenced by many consumers' research. The commonwealth of this nation dispenses with family health, while the American city and country tries to sport true tales of the average New Yorker. A 1779 farm journal tells us we aren't aware of the swimming world situation. Even Ronald McDonald "McCalls" the earth a helpless planet, while college professors say

Europe is slipping further into the Atlantic monthly. The national geographic situation is hideous; in France, one source has been quoted as saying, "Oui, I have a golf course in my penthouse, but I still don't know how to play, boy." The latest U.S. news & world report shows the road to money, but that my not help citizens erect better homes and gardens. In Woburn, Massachusetts, 17 Saturday evening posts were ripped from the ground, lights and all. To get to the bottom of America's troubles would require a national enquirer. And in the cosmopolitan sense, one might discover that it truly is a woman's world.

By David Rubin



Added to the new advertising
staff will be Jerome Whipkey.

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MEALS FOR VEGETARIANS

If you're ever in the mood for a honey-and-peanut butter sandwich or a beansprout salad, there's a restaurant in Mishawaka to satisfy your desires. Called the Cornucopia and located at 2031 LincolnWay East, this "Natural Foods Restaurant and Bakery" features a wide variety of vegetarian meals and snacks.

The Cornucopia, which is owned by Carol Feldman, a '67 Adams graduate, opened in August of 1975. Ms. Feldman defines the restaurant's purpose as "to provide a place where people can get fresh, unadulterated food made with a lot of care and served creatively."

The decor is simple and unusual, with highly-polished wooden tables, quotations from Chinese philosophers painted on the walls, and a chalkboard with the day's specials written upon it. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly, and makes one feel like a Bohemian monk. The most outstanding feature of the Cornucopia by far, however, is the assortment of foods offered.

A typical meal, for example, might consist of a bowl of mushroom-and-lentils soup, a cheese and tomato sandwich on a slice of whole wheat bread, banana tapioca, and a cup of ginger flavored Yogi tea. Omelettes, homemade ice cream in flavors like papaya and carob, and milky fruit coolers are also popular items.

Many of the baked goods may be purchased to take home, and recipes are available for some of the dishes. Souvenir menus are also available.

The Cornucopia's major flaw is



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PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM ADAMS

David Rubin

The preservation of history is the preservation of a wealth in knowledge, of the growth of the human spirit, and of the lore of all peoples. Such are the pursuits of the Saint Joseph County Junior Historical Society, an organization for high school students founded by the Northern Indiana Historical Society. The Junior Society meets once every other week at the Northern Indiana Historical Museum, located in downtown South Bend. Their purpose is "to study and preserve the history of St. Joseph County and its surroundings and to do other projects in behalf of the society."

The members are selected every September by the principals from each participating school (Adams, Clay, St. Joseph, LaVille, North Liberty, Penn, Riley, LaSalle, Marian, St. Mary's, John Glenn, Mishawaka, and Washington). Upon accepting the invitation, the students meet and choose officers for the society. This years executive board heralds president John Harlan (Adams), vice president Julie Farkas (St. Joseph) and Cynthia Gruber (Clay).

treasurer Randy Merchant (Penn), and secretary Lomond Fairly (Riley). John Adams has had a continually important role in the society, as Tom Vance served as vice president and president during the organization's first two years, while John Harlan was vice president last year, and is president in this, the fourth year of the society's existence.

The original concept of the society was presented by the curator of the Historical Museum in 1972. Since then, George Earl Carroll (a former teacher at Adams) and Jim Sullivan have become advisors to the students, and serve as "liaisons" between the senior and junior societies.

Their bi-weekly meetings usually vary in historical nature, involving discussions, guest lectures, and tours of historical sites. Each year the students work on individual research projects as well as participating in activities within the county. Last year's special project was a booklet entitled "Ye Ole Homes and Businesses," and included the history of twelve landmarks in the community. This

year the students are tracing the growth of the county's trades and professions, ranging from wagon building to medicine. They will then compare their information with the growth of the community.

Much of the members time is taken up with research for their projects, and the students will often meet at a public or private library to gather material. They dig through old files, memoirs, newspapers, magazines, and every item which is a would-be source. One can picture a sleepy-eyed member after hours of vain search suddenly discovering a long-awaited breakthrough in information; eyes open wide, sleepiness parts, and it all became worthwhile.

The quest for knowledge is a never-ending pursuit, and always rewarding. The students in this society have been given the opportunity to experience this satisfaction, and as evidence by their zealous efforts, have taken full advantage of it. And who could blame them? In the quest for knowledge, work becomes enjoyment, and enjoyment then becomes work.

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Girls Tennis In Sectional

The Girl's Tennis Team ended their regular season with an outstanding record of 12 wins and 1 loss. The girls are now preparing for Sectionals, May 17-21, at Leeper Park. The chances for another Sectional title looks promising for the fierce "Adams Family".

On Tuesday, May 4, the girls easily defeated Riley, 6-1 but that Friday faced a tough Penn team. The girls pulled through, winning 4-3, the #2 doubles winning the decisive match.

The next Tuesday, Adams played Washington. Even under poor weather conditions, the girls were still on top, winning 5-2. Thursday at home, Adams breezed through Elkhart Memorial 7-0. The last match of the season was at home against Michigan City Elston on Friday, May 14. The girls played superbly, acing their way to a 7-0 victory.

The lineup for the Sectionals consists of two singles and two doubles. The two singles players for Adams are seeded in the tournament. Nancy Gyorgi is seeded #1, and Laura Heise follows, seeded #2. The doubles teams consist of Karen Green and Judy Peltz, and Wendy Harman and Julie Mathews. The alternates for singles are Lori Olson and Debbie Jones. The alternates for doubles are Moira Dingley and Judy Szenkendy. The first round matches will begin at 3:30 p.m. at Leeper Park.



Miss Davis



Mr. Faulkens

Basketball

John Adams will have four new head coaches next, which were announced recently. In addition to the new football coach, Adams will also have coaches for the new Girls Sports, namely Track, Basketball. There will also be a new Girl's Volleyball coach.

The new head Football coach will be Mr. Eddie Faulkens, formerly an assistant at LaSalle for three years. He attended Alcorn State University, where he played quarterback. He had been a coach in South Bend for 10 years before this appointment.

Miss. Ganser, the former volleyball coach, will be the new Girl's Track coach. Miss Davis will take on the responsibility of coaching Girl's Basketball, and Miss Decker will replace Miss Ganser as the Volleyball coach.



Miss Decker



Miss Ganser



Track

We hope that all Adams students will support the new teams and their coaches!



TRACK HAS WINNING SEASON

Adams placed in the runner-up position for the second consecutive year in the Niles Relays Saturday. Ten teams competed, of which, four were area schools. The cindermen had no first place winners to their credit, but the majority of seconds were theirs. Outstanding performances were turned in by Leon Stein, Carl Hamilton, Jim Freil, and Arnold Marshall in the shuttle hurdle race. Paul Wasewski cleared his season's best of 6'0" for a silver medal in the high jump relay along with team members Greg Fulce, also clearing 6'0", and Leon Stein, jumping 6' 1", for a total of 18' 1". Another second place was

turned in by Chambliss, Taylor, Walters, and Jackson in the sprint medley relay.

In the win against LaSalle (88.5-38.5), Adams walked away with 13 blue ribbons and three double winners in Stein, Chambliss, and Bruce Woodford. Tim Deneen, working for a new school record, turned in one of his best times this season, a 10:08.9 in the 2-mile.

The cindermen's meet against foe, Michigan City Elston, clinched a well earned third place standing for them in overall meets. An easy win came in the first race when Arnold Marshall and Carl Hamilton not only out-hurled, but outclas-

sed the Elston trackers for a first and second respectively. The relay team, consisting of Ken Chambliss, Jason Woodford, Richard Ellis, and Jim Freel, dazzled in their performance turning in their best time of the season.

Running against both Niles and Clay in the same meet, the Eagles were double winners. Tim Olett placed first in the pole vault with his best effort yet, a vault of 11' 4".

Adams' track season is not over, with city and Sectionals still ahead. Their dual meet record, however, has been one of the best in many years. We have a new team and a lot of talent that will be around for a few years to come.

The John Adams Diamonders have recently raised their record up to 16-5-1, as of May 13.

Coming off a three game winning streak, Coach Tom Buczkowski's team came in the thick of N.I.C. race with a 7-3-1 conference record.

Recent wins have included a 12-2 stomping over Plymouth in the second of a doubleheader. The Eagles brought out a season-high 12 hits as Craig McCollum collected three hits and four RBI's including a first inning home run. James Andert and winning pitcher Brian Madison both added two hits.

Despite yielding three runs in the first inning, George Ushela held on to nip LaSalle 9-3 at Kennedy Park.

The Eagles rallied for three runs in the top of the first inning with Jeff Coker highlighting the inning with a two run homer over the right field fence. Adams was held

scoreless until the sixth inning, when Coker opened the inning with his second hit. He later scored on Brian Madison's double. Madison also rapped out two hits for the Eagles.

The Eagles handed visiting Mishawaka a 6-9 battle over loss for their seventh conference win. Engaged in a eleventh inning scoreless tie against the Cavemen in their last battle, Adams started off fast with three runs in the first inning. Don Steinbiber and Craig McCollum both reached base to begin the game. Mike Clark brought in Steinbiber with a sacrifice fly and Coker proceeded with an RBI single. Coker later scored on Madison's single down the right field line. Starting pitcher Madison held the Cavemen to one run and four hits through the first five innings and was later relieved by Doug Ross and Mike Clark.

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Basketball Camp Opens

As you all know, next year there is going to be a girls' basketball team here at Adams. Those girls who wish to try out for the team should be getting ready by practicing hard over the summer vacation or perhaps even by going to basketball camp. One such camp is at Tri-State University which is located in Angola, Indiana. There are four one-week periods which girls may attend. There are three sessions in July and one August.

This camp is "the finest in the midwest." The camp schedule includes the following: lectures, demonstrations, fundamentals, scrimmages, panel discussions, plus much more! Girls will have the option of either staying in dorms on the campus or of commuting back and forth to the camp if they live within city limits. Trained counselors will live in the dormitory with the girls and will help supervise and lead in educational activities. Many competent and outstanding people are on the staff. (There is also a boys' basketball camp at the university.)

There are many other sports that are also being offered at the camp. This will be a worthwhile experience for all those who are interested. So why not check it out?

by Debbie Herring

Baseball Nears End

★★★ As the '75-76' school year comes to a hectic end... ★★★



The Tower staff puts forth its final efforts...



Mary Skudlar ek begins the everlasting task of locker cleaning...



A lone senior anxiously awaits the graduation ceremony ...



as Paula Hendricks becomes a victim of High School hysteria.

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Mr. Hadaway considers the maintenance role for a change.



as an underclassman runs free through Potawatomi Park.