

# the john adams tower

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## Commended scholars named

The principal, William M. Przybysz, announced today that 5 senior students at John Adams have achieved Commended student status in the twenty-third annual (1978) National Merit Scholarship Program. This honor is the result of each student's outstanding performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) which was administered nationwide to high school juniors in October 1976. Letters of Commendation were presented to Beatrice Bosco, Sonia Carlson, Robert Devetski, David Glassford, Marc Sanders.

A total of approximately 35,000 Commended students throughout the United States are being honored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) which administers the yearly scholarship competition. Students in this group represent less than

two percent of the total of graduating U.S. secondary school seniors. Although these students scored slightly below the level required for Merit Program participants who were named Semifinalists and who will continue in the competition for Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1978, each Commended student has demonstrated exceptional academic promise. A spokesman for NMSC stated that the corporation believes "the high standing of Merit Program Commended students is an attainment that deserves their public recognition, because the nation as well as these students will be benefited by continued educational and personal development of their talents."

Commended students do not continue in the Merit Scholarship competition, but to increase their opportunities for college admission

and financial aid NMSC has offered each an opportunity to have identifying information sent by the corporation to two higher education institutions selected by the student. In addition, NMSC makes it possible for all regionally accredited U.S. colleges and universities to receive home addresses for Commended students, on a cost basis, so that an institution may contact any of these promising young men and women directly. It is hoped that recognition of the Commended students in each year's Merit Program will serve as an encouragement to able youth and will assist them in obtaining whatever information and assistance they may need to pursue their educational plans.

Congratulations to all five of these Adams students on their honorable academic achievements.



Commended students [from back to front] Bob Devetski, Bea Bosco, Marc Sanders, Sonia Carlson, and Dave Glassford pause for the photographer on their way down the steps leading to the OTHER Tower.

photo by Dan Kovas

## Junior candy sale a big success

"We'll have to extend the sale a couple of days, there are so many people who want those candy bars," said sponsor Mr. Reed of the Junior class candy sale, which has exceeded all expectations.

There was such a demand for candy bars that the original order was not nearly enough and an extra 15 cases had to be ordered.

Throughout the sale the class was offering several kinds of cash

prizes.

Each day one person was chosen, and if that person had sold his bag of candy, he was awarded \$10 in cash. If the person chosen had not sold his share, the \$10 was added to the next day's prize.

At the end of the sale one person was chosen out of each homeroom to receive \$5. Also the person who had sold the most out of each homeroom received \$5.

There were also prizes for those who sold the most overall. First place received \$50, second \$25, third \$15, fourth and fifth \$10.

A total of \$275 dollars in prizes was awarded during the sale.

If the Junior class has \$1300 left for the treasury after paying off the candy and awarding the prizes, the sale could be termed a big success, according to Mr. Reed.

## Underclass pictures scheduled

It is time once again to put on your best clothes and biggest grins. Sophomores and Juniors will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, October 18. Freshman and Senior (Seniors need only have I.D. pictures taken) pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, October 19. Everyone, except Seniors, will be called out of their English classes. Seniors will be taken out of government classes.

Pictures for I.D. cards are requested. The cards themselves will be handed out during homeroom and pictures will be impressed on them "while you wait." The cost is only 75c.

School pictures are again offered in three different packages, as follows:

A - \$7.00- 1 8x10, 2 3x5, 8 wallet, and 19 billfold  
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billfold

C - \$4.00- 1 5x7, 1 3x5, and 14 billfold

These packages will be on display in the showcase across from the library. Please remember that you don't have to buy a picture package to have your picture for the yearbook taken at absolutely no cost.

## Jobs open at Century Center

John Sheehan, Catering Manager for Colonial Caterers, the resident catering organization at the soon to be opened Century Center, has announced that the firm is currently accepting resumes and job applications. They will then set up interviews for the next several weeks.

"We will need to have several hundred people that we can call on for part-time work" said Sheehan. "There are nights at Century Center when we will need 30 people in the kitchen and as many as 175 waiters and waitresses, bartenders and bus boys. We are serving all kinds of functions at

Century Center - breakfasts, dinners, lunches, and after-prom affairs that start at 1:30 in the morning - so we will work for all kinds of schedules."

Although Colonial Caterers will have a small full-time staff, Sheehan said that they expect to be able to offer their part-time employees fairly steady employment. There are currently over 200 events booked at the Century Center for the first 90 days of operation, and most of these involve some kind of food service.

Employees being sought include: Cook, Salad Maker, Dessert Maker, General Custodian, Con-

cession Stand Manager, Waiters, Waitresses, Bus Boys, Bartenders and a Secretary/Typist who will handle the general office routine for the catering firm.

Interested applicants may write to Colonial Caterers, care of Century Center, 121 South Michigan Street, South Bend, Indiana, 46601. Candidates are asked to state if they are over 21, since some positions involve handling liquor. Employment applications may be filled out in person at the Century Center office, and applicants will be contacted for an interview.

## Halloween dance planned

Again this year the Monogram Club will sponsor the Halloween dance. This year's dance will be held from 8:00 - 11:00, on Saturday, October 22nd.

Featured this year will be a band which has never before appeared at John Adams - BRITCHES.

Lee Paree, Monogram Club president, says that in addition to a wide selection of songs on the band's song list they also put on a light show, which should add an extra dimension to the dance.

Refreshments will be available during the dance.

In addition to all the other excitement there will be a contest

for the best costume. The winner will receive a prize of \$30 in cash.

Tickets go on sale Monday and may be purchased from any member of the dance committee, Lee Paree, or Mr. McNarney in room 124. Tickets will also be on sale in the cafeteria during both lunch hours.

Advance tickets cost \$2.50 per couple and \$1.50 stag.

Tickets will be available at the door but will cost \$3.00 per couple and \$2.00 stag.

Get your costume ready and plan to dance Saturday night, October 22nd.

## Gals to grapple on gridiron

At 6:00, on Tuesday, October 18th, the junior class is sponsoring the 1st annual "powder puff" football game. The game will be held at School Field.

The girls of each class will put together a team to compete for the championship trophy.

This is the first opportunity to really show your class spirit, so be sure to be there!

Admission is only \$1.00 and tickets are available during both lunch hours at the ticket booth outside the cafeteria. Be sure to

sign your ticket, for your admission ticket is also your raffle ticket for the game ball raffle to be held at halftime.

The schedule is as follows:

Freshmen vs Juniors 6:00-7:00  
Sophomores vs Seniors 7:15-8:15  
Winners Playoff 8:30

Be sure to leave 6:00 Tuesday October 18th open on your schedule because this is a game you don't want to "Ms".

## LOOK Inside-The Sports Page Has Found a New Home

As of this printing, only 300 subscriptions have been received for the John Adams TOWER and Album. The Album staff wishes to once again emphasize that few or no yearbooks will be available for purchase at the beginning of next year. In addition, the Album MUST have at least 600 more subscriptions in order to guarantee a quality 1978 yearbook. Students are strongly urged to subscribe on or before the November 15 deadline. Only in this way can a student be assured of receiving a quality 1978 Album.





Hugh Featherstone prepares to smash a return at his opponent.

# Netters Close 9-3 Season

The John Adams Tennis Team, coached by Mr. McNarney, finished out a successful campaign at 9-3 on September 28 with a 5-0 blitz of Penn. Though the Eagles were knocked out of the IHSAA tourney by state ranked #3 Riley, the Eagles finished the season strong.

The B-team, for those who do not know one exists, finished a short, short season at 2-1, losing only to powerhouse Riley 4-1.

The varsity squad consists of singles players Leroy Sutton, Hugh Featherstone, and Mark Kocielski, and doubles teams of Bruce

Hollaway - Tom Cassady and Matt Kocielski - Mark Roemer. Rusty Stinchcomb and Tracy Kendal also played one match as varsity doubles.

The B-team consists of Stinchcomb, Kendal, George Patton, Mark Harmon, John Willems, Kevin Todd, Joe Taylor, and Dave Germano, not necessarily in that order.

Sutton, #1 man, was 8-4 on the season. #2 Featherstone stormed through a 10-2 season, and was also runner-up in the NIC tourney (singles). Mark Kocielski, at #3, also runner-up in the NIC, had an

identical 10 wins and 2 losses record.

Cassady and Holloway, who played #1 doubles most of the season, were 6-3. Roemer and Kocielski, #2 most of the time, were 7-5. Kendal and Stinchcomb won the only match they played in the regular season.

In a strong finish, the Eagles won four of their last five by 5-0 romps - Clay, Mishawaka, Washington, and Penn. On the season, Adams was only once defeated by more than a 3-2 margin, that by Riley 5-0. But Riley was only scored on twice all season.

## Adams V-Ball Machine Rolling

The John Adams Volleyball Team, defending champs in Indiana, are once again running off a very successful season. Going into the Michigan City Elston game, the V-ballers were 7-2 on varsity. The B-team is undefeated, 9-0, before the Elston game.

The varsity Eagles roster is: Co-Captains Thesesa Schilling and Mary Skudlarek, Amy Terry, Michelle Humphrey, Marcy Grow, Gina Fragomeni, Lisa Was, Janet Scheu, and Jacky Becker.

Kathy Sweeney is manager-trainer. Karen Kurzhals has seen some varsity action.

The undefeated B-team is Kurzhals, Julie Cowen, Rosie Crowe, Renee Was, Susan Ushella, Erin Flannigan, Sandy Gyorgyi, Kathy Gillis, Sue Thompson, and Lisa Longfellow. Manager is Barb Sullivan and trainer is Christy Macri.

Next week, the Eagles will take part in the St. Joseph's Invitational, beginning Wednesday. The

B-team tourney takes place at Riley, beginning October 26.

The Eagles V-ballers look powerful enough to go all the way again. The varsity's only losses came at the hands of Clay and Washington, each requiring 3 games. Early in the season, previously #1 ranked Riley met the Eagles in a big game, and Adams polished them off 16-14, 14-12.

The Tower backs the V-ballers all the way!

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## Runners Hit Tape 5-9

With the defeat of St. Joseph High School and Washington, over the past two weeks, the John Adams Cross Country squad finished the regular season with a respectable 5-9 record. They are presently looking forward to their upcoming post-season action.

After falling to defeat at the hands of LaSalle and Michigan City Elston by the scores of 24-31 and 21-35 respectively, the Eagles acquired some winning ways. They

topped St. Joe., 20-38, with Randy Forbes finishing second, Jim Kennedy placed third, Larry May captured fourth, Scott Burton in the fifth position and John Poorbaugh turned in a sixth.

In their final regular meet, Adams bested Washington 27-28, but then lost to a strong Elkhart Memorial squad, 18-41. Forbes, Kennedy and May finished fourth, ninth and tenth respectively.

The John Adams football team traveled to Elkhart to play Northern Indiana Conference rival Elkhart Memorial. Strong running and a fine defense enabled the Chargers to defeat the Eagles and win their first NIC game by a score of 13-7.

Jason Woodford scored Adams only touchdown, returning a punt 58 yards. Tom Cates added the kick. At that time the Eagles were winning 7-6. The defense, however, could not contain the strong running attack of Memorial. With 4:49 to go in the game the Chargers scored the winning touchdown.

A week later the Eagles met the Clay Colonials. Clay rolled over the Eagles 21-7, before a crowd of approximately 2,000 people. The Eagles still hold at 8-4 series lead over the Colonials.

On the first play after an on-side kick, Adams quarterback Jerry Donaldson ran 68 yards for an apparent score. But a clipping call brought the ball all the way back. In the second quarter, Donaldson

rolled out again and scored on a twelve yard run. And when Cates added the kick the game was tied at 7. Despite an outstanding performance by Lynn Mitchem, the Colonials came right back with power running and scored the go-ahead touchdown. Finally, in the fourth quarter, Clay put the game out of reach with another touchdown.

On a cold, rainy night the Michigan City Elston Red-Devils came to meet the Eagles of John Adams at School Field. A moderate crowd saw Adams soundly defeat the Red-Devils by a score of 15-6. The game was Emitt Dodd's last game as an Eagle and he put on a great show.

Adams took an early lead when Dodd received the ball and ran 47 yards for the touchdown. The snap from center on the kick was high so Cates elected to run the ball for the conversion. The Red-Devils were unable to move against the Eagle defense. Adams had another

chance to score when Cates attempted a 35-yard field goal. The kick was wide, but a roughing the kicker call gave the Eagles a first down. On the next play Kevin Wasowski made a beautiful catch of 11 yards for the touchdown. Cates added the kick and the score at halftime was 15-0.

In the second half the Eagles had trouble moving the ball, while Elston was moving freely. Elston scored on a ten yard pass, but the crucial extra-point was blocked. The game was not decided until a Wasowski interception with 1:24 to play in the game. Other outstanding players besides Wasowski were Jason Woodford, who intercepted two passes, and Emitt Dodd who ran the punt back for a touchdown. The Eagles are now 1-5 in the NIC and 2-5 overall.

Tonight the Eagles will face the Riley Wildcats in another tough NIC game.

## Sports Calendar

### FOOTBALL:

Fri. Oct. 14	Riley	T.
Mon. Oct. 17	Riley [B-team]	H.
Thur. Oct. 20	Dickinson [Frosh]	H.
Fri. Oct. 21	Penn	S.F.
Mon. Oct. 24	Penn [B-team]	T.
Fri. Oct. 28	LaSalle	T.

### VOLLEYBALL:

Sat. Oct. 15	'B' team tourney at Riley
Mon. Oct. 17	Jackson [Frosh] 6:30 T.
Oct. 19-20	St. Joseph's Invitational
Wed. Oct. 19	Brown [Frosh] 6:30 T.
Mon. Oct. 24	Schmucker [Frosh] 6:30 H.
Oct. 26-29	IHSAA Sectional
Oct. 26-Nov. 2	Frosh Tourney

### GIRL'S SWIMMING:

Tues. Oct. 18	Culver Military	7:00 T.
Thur. Oct. 20	Penn	7:00 H.
Thur. Oct. 27	Washington	6:00 T.
Fri. Oct. 28	Merrillville	4:00 T.
Thur. Nov. 3	Elkhart Central	6:30 T.

### CROSS COUNTRY:

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## Where did my summer go

Well, here I sit, six hours a day, wondering where my summer went.

"My homework assignment, sir? Well you see, a funny thing happened to me this morning . . ."

"My assignment, I'm getting to that."

"Yes sir, you had better sit down."

"My story starts out at five in the morning . . ."

"Yes sir, I will try to be brief. Where was I, oh, in the morning, dozing peacefully in my circular brass water bed, waiting impatiently for 6:00 o'clock, so I could start on my interesting, provocative English composition, that is a joy to do . . ."

"Yes sir, I will get on with it. When suddenly Luke Skywalker dropped into my room, saying

that Darth Vader was just behind him and we had to run for it. Naturally, I rushed into my marble bathroom, throwing on my painters' pants and my **The Force be with You** t-shirt. Then we ran out of my three story mansion and jumped into my blood red TR7 and raced for the Michigan border so he could meet Solo, Chewbacca, and Princess Leia, and return to his universe. By the time we got to the border, I had just enough time to get back to Adams. And that sir, is why I do not have my composition done."

"Thank you sir, I would love to come and talk to you after school."

So here I sit, for five more periods, still wondering where my summer went.

## Student Government:

Recently, sophomores and freshmen voted for representatives: (Juniors and seniors voted last spring.) For most new students and perhaps some old ones, the purpose of these elections may be unclear. The winners of these elections become members of Student Government. Now a new question, What is Student Government?

Student Government is an organization designed to be representative of the student body. The members help promote a good attitude among their fellow classmates, present a good picture of the school to the community, and

to get the students involved in all of the school activities. The club also sponsors the Club Fair, dances, and a canned food drive for the needy.

The way to get involved and become a member is to run for representative. Then officers are chosen by the members themselves. The president, Carol Melander, vice-president, Jim Gooley, treasurer, Bly Myers, and secretary, Lisa Was, all expect a full, active year ahead of them.

One last question, you say? Suppose you didn't know about elections, or you didn't win, but you'd still like to be in Student

## What's it all about?

Government. Well, Carol said that a few self-appointed members could try to join. You just go to one of the meetings, and the members decide on whether or not to accept you.

Student Government meets about every two weeks, but only if a meeting is required. They meet before, during, or after school, depending on the conditions. Student Government is exactly what it sounds like, a representative body, made to set a good example to the students and of the students. This serves a very useful function in our school.

## Why Me?

Life is really unfair. At least that's what my dad claims whenever I complain about having to wash the dishes for the fifty-second week in a row. I'm beginning to think that he's right, though, because lately it seems that I've gone through a lot of unfair things. Almost too many, in fact. And as I sit here attempting to talk our typewriter into working, one question keeps going through my head. (I would say brain, but many people claim that that's debatable). Why am I always the one to get the short end of the stick? Let me give you some examples of what I mean . . .

Why am I always the one that the teacher sticks in the seat where some joker has put his bubble gum? It seems that no matter where I sit, there's always a nice fresh juicy piece grinning evilly at me and waiting to attach itself to my jeans and hang on for dear life.

Why am I always the one that the teacher calls on whenever there's an unanswerable ques-

tion? Just the other day I was sitting happily in Math class pretending to be engrossed in my book. Suddenly the teacher asked what the trigonometric ratio of the fourth power of  $x$  opposed to the square of  $x$  would be in simple geometric terms. As everyone else silently filed out of the room, the teacher dragged me up to the board to work it out. Yes, me. The one who doesn't know a line from a decimeter.

Why am I always the one who faints when we're dissecting frogs in Biology? Five minutes after the teacher had assured that no one had ever fainted from seeing a little frog's blood, I queasily picked up "Hermantette" from her resting place in the jar of formaldehyde and deposited her on the paper towel at my lab table. I picked up the tweezers, prepared to pull out her stomach, and . . . that's the last thing I remember. When I came to, our teacher was muttering, "Strange. That never happened before."

Why am I always the one who drops my tray in the cafeteria? I really shouldn't complain about this one. After all, I've only done it twice this year--nowhere near my record of 17 times out of 19 trays last year. It wouldn't be so bad when it happened, except that everyone always has to stand up and applaud. I suppose I'd better get used to the limelight--I still have 2 3/4 years to go.

I know that that's only four examples, but to list them all would take more typing paper than I can afford. I still have one feeble hope that things will be different next year. Of course, that's what I said last year and look what it's gotten me--three pairs of blue jeans with "bubble gum print," a suspension from remedial arithmetic, a lump where my head hit the lab table, and 200 pairs of eyes anxiously awaiting my next balancing act with my lunch tray!

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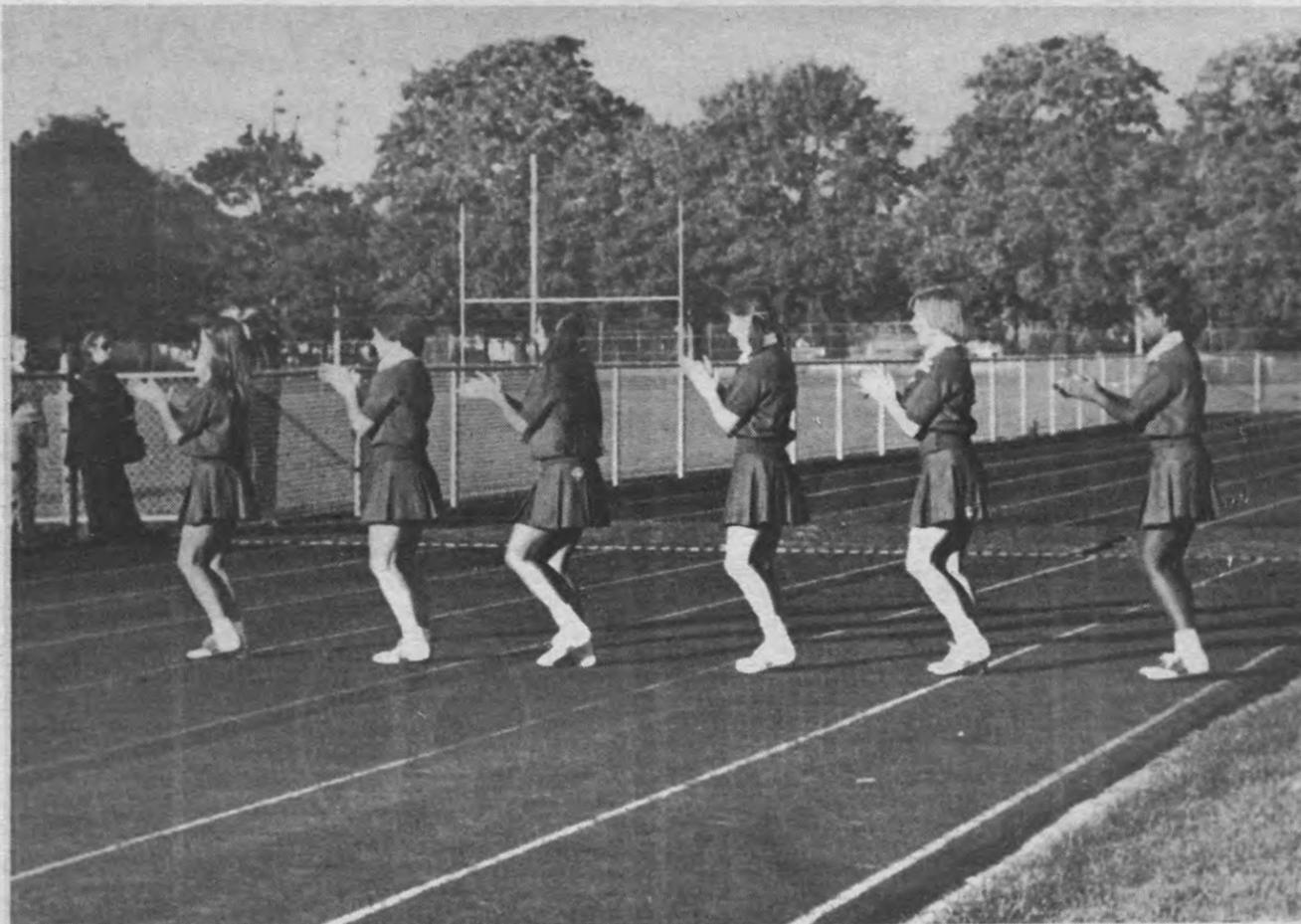
Is it a Teeth Horror Movie? Are the Juniors smiling at their candy sale accomplishment?



Tom Cassidy and Barb Farmer stare in suspense at Michigan City vs. Adams game.



Freshmen explore at the Club Fair.



B-Team Cheerleaders Keep in Step.

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**SCHOOL EVENTS**

Tues. Oct. 18	Underclass Pictures Powderpuff football game
Wed. Oct. 19	Underclass picture I.D. pictures [Seniors]
Thur. Oct. 20	Frosh and Soph Class Officer Elections
Fri. Oct. 21	Homecoming
Sat. Oct. 22	PSAT/NMSQT TEST Halloween Dance
Thur. Oct. 27	NO SCHOOL!
Fri. Oct. 28	NO SCHOOL!
Tues. Nov. 1	Sophomore class ring ordering

# The Highwaymen

One of the privileges of being an Adams student is hearing all the other Adams students talk about what they did or did not do over the weekend. The universal inclination is to brag about our accomplishments and to doctor them up a bit as found necessary. Only one hour's worth of listening produced these two short gems which will follow. Just as the tellers of these tales added colorful details, some translations have been added. Please note that the translations and commentaries by this author are about as true as the stories themselves. Any resemblance between these stories and those which have actually been told is purely intentional.

I was barreling down the street, . . . (translation. If the old tub I was driving was doing over 35, someone was pushing) went through a red light, . . . (Trans. The light from the tow truck which was approaching confused me.) because a fellow dragster was hot on my trail, . . . (Trans. The other guy's car could do 37 on a clear day with a full moon, but only if they occurred at the same time.) With great ease and dexterity I slipped down a side street and doused my lights, and he went speeding on by . . . (Trans. Actually I cut the only light that worked, that is the right turn signal on the left side. The other guy went speeding on down to the next corner when a blowout brought him to a stop.) See how clever I was! (Trans. If they believe that one, they are dumber than I am.)

Cruisin' on up toward the Line, we had a little trouble goin' through town . . . (Trans.

They had a flat and half the tailpipe fell off.) Maybe it was Bozo hangin' out the window or it could have been our blarin' horn, . . . (Trans. The horn got struck while they were fixing the flat.) but whatever the cause, we thought we were in for it when 15 squad cars began chasin' us . . . (Trans. A policeman stopped then to inform them of the fact that their tailpipe had fallen off.) Now with all that paraphernalia in the car and being only a few miles from the state line, you can imagine the trouble we were in . . . (Trans. With two Spanish books, 3 notebooks and 1 American Government text, 2 pair of dirty gym socks and 1 clarinet in the back seat, who wouldn't be in trouble? The car couldn't take such a load.) Well, most of the 15 cars dropped out of the chase and we sweet talked the one cop into letting us go. We told him that our driver's Father was in the hospital and would have another heart attack if he knew what we were doing. (Trans. We did talk very sweetly to the officer, but it was more to the tune of, "My Dad will fix it next pay day, officer, sir.") After we got into Michigan, we didn't find any action, so we turned around and came back. (Trans. We realized it was past our bedtime and the only action we would see that night was back at home.)

Now, I'm not mocking anyone's tales and I'm not saying that they are false. After all, hearing one of these every Monday is as much a part of Adams as, well, buffaloes are to nickles.

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**HOW ARE WE DOING? Give us your criticisms as well as ideas for improving the TOWER. Someone will always be there to listen in the TOWER news bureau before school begins each day. The news bureau is located in the newspaper office on the first floor, across from Mr. Barnbrook's room.**

## Club of the month

The debate team, one of Adam's most outstanding clubs, is preparing for its new season which will start in January.

Adam's debate team is known throughout the county for its outstanding accomplishments. Last year at the annual banquet given by the St. Joseph Valley League for the area debate teams, Adam's was able to walk away with two awards. One of the awards given was for **After Dinner Speaking** and the other given was for **Extemporaneous Speaking**. Along with the awards from the banquet, Adam's "Negative" team (a division of the debate team) placed in the school competition sectional.

The awards were given by the St. Joseph Valley League which sponsors the surrounding schools'

debate teams. The awards were given out at the annual banquet that is held in April.

This year along with the debate team the Forensic team will also be spotlighted. Forensic speaking is used in debates however, it's not restricted to just one area. It also involves poetry recitation, dramatic and humorous interpretation, and impromptu speaking.

This year, along with new captains, new sponsors have been chosen. The sponsor of the debate team is Ms. Bradshaw, a new faculty member in the English department and Mrs. Smith, who heads the English department. Captains for this year are, Stuart Shapiro, the debate team and Luann Duesterburg, the Forensic team.

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## SCHOOL SPIRIT . . . . ISN'T

Victor Goetz

Show your school spirit. Show your class spirit. Yell at pep assemblies. Come to the football game.

This may come as a shock to some, but showing true school spirit takes more than just buying a season ticket for football.

It's SCHOOL spirit, remember? That means the whole school. Everything!

True school spirit involves such small things as keeping the school clean, getting involved in activities, supporting organizations.

Even at our beloved football games the opposing team brings with it a larger crowd than we manage to gather. And always, the cheerleaders, accompanied by a handful of fans, enter into the traditional chant "We've got spirit, yes we do, we've got spirit, how about you?" The h. . . if we do!!!!

The apathy in this school is appalling! Nobody cares about anyone but himself. If it involves the slightest effort, most Adams students won't do it. This is inexcusable!

Club membership in recent years has been miserable.

It may be a long time ago, but back in the

"radical" 60's there was no such thing as apathy to be found. Everyone was doing something. You would have been kicked out of society if you weren't doing something!

Hey, it's our image. It's our generation. It's us! Why don't we work to build a good image. We're just confirming much of what is said about teenagers today's being worthless, lazy huns.

Another important part of school spirit is appreciating the work of others.

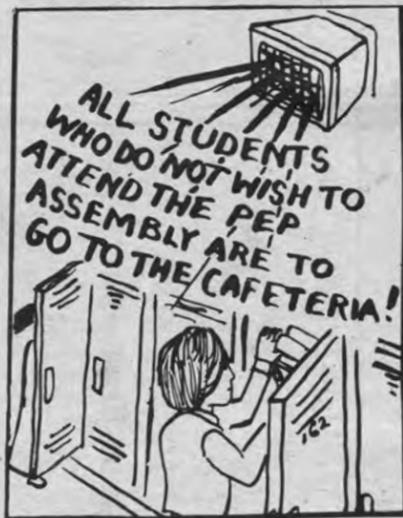
Nowhere else in the world can a group of people be found so willing to criticize everything and yet so unwilling to do anything about it.

Whatever is here now is that way because of people who cared about it. If anyone has an idea to improve something why not get involved and get it DONE!!!!

Things won't change by themselves. Someone has to take an interest and do some work!

Adams: Get up off your rear ends and get some work done!

THAT'S A CHALLENGE!!!!!!!



# Letters to the Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR is a forum for all students to have their opinions heard by other students as well as faculty and administration. Letters may be submitted either at the journalism room, room 216, during 6th hour or to Ms. Maza in the Guidance Office at any time, as well as to the TOWER news bureau from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m.

## Criticism

TOWER:

First, I would like to commend the TOWER staff for the noticeable improvement of the paper. This year's staff has shown a great desire to improve the paper so as to make it more appealing to a greater number of students and they have indeed achieved this. Yet, I constantly hear people criticizing the TOWER and I am sick and tired of hearing it. The Tower is a publication for the students of this school and the students are more than free to make suggestions. If you see something that you don't like, it is your job to suggest a change which will benefit the students. A person who criticizes another's work without suggesting a change for the better, is only displaying his own ignorance. There are a lot of people who put in many hard hours of work to make the paper the best they can for YOU. Remember, the TOWER is a publication by the students for ALL students.

Ron Zhiss  
Steamed Student

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks a lot, steamed!

## RESPONSE

When contacted concerning the letter about homecoming that appeared in the last issue, Mr. Przybysz was quite willing to respond.

Mr. Przybysz admits that the activities scheduled for next weekend are not much of a homecoming. All that is planned is a pep assembly, a special halftime show, recognition of the senior players, and a "combination Halloween and Homecoming dance" Saturday night.

He also gave reasons why this year's homecoming does not compare with years past.

In the past here at Adams we have had a homecoming parade, a queen and court, and a special homecoming dance.

Mr. Przybysz says that the first year the parade was held there was a great deal of excitement about it. But as years went by, the excitement died away and the parade became a tremendous source of problems with no real rewards.

Preparation was left for the last minute, many organizations decided not to enter floats, and generally the homecoming parade lost its appeal.

Because of this the administration decided the parade was not worth all the trouble it had to go through. A parade license had to be acquired, Mishawaka Avenue had to be closed off, sponsors had to be found for the floats, insurance had to be purchased by the school. It just wasn't worth all the trouble if no one cared.

As for queens and courts, Mr. Przybysz says he does not like the idea of a queen. One reason is that it is not fair to judge one girl "the most beautiful" as naming a queen would imply.

Besides, How do you set up the process? What basis do you use for selection? How do you gain equal representation for all groups? The questions are endless.

Mr. Przybysz did say, however, that he is not violently opposed to selecting a homecoming court, with no queen, if students would want that. "I just question whether we should provide a beauty contest in a high school," said Przybysz.

The principal even made some suggestions on how we could improve homecoming. He suggested a spirit week type activity for homecoming. This would involve skits, class competition, and just generally get everyone fired up. We even have a trophy that could be awarded to the winning class. As Mr. Przybysz put it a good homecoming is "just a matter of getting people fired up!"

Finally, Przybysz suggested that student government consider the question and possibly poll the student body as to what they would like to see at homecoming.

"The main thing is that it should just be a fun weekend," he concluded.

## News Bureau Open

In order to provide the John Adams student body with the kind of newspaper it will read, the Tower will begin operation of a news bureau. From 7:45 to 8:05 each morning, the Tower office on the first floor will be manned by one of the editors. Students should feel free to submit articles, drawings, poems, or ideas for stories. The staff cannot keep track of everything going on in the school without the help of the readership. Anyone who knows of someone or something that deserves coverage in the Tower is welcome to submit the idea or their own work for publication. Since the John Adams Tower exists solely to respond to the needs of the readership, it is hoped that students will take advantage of easier access to the staff. Any student is a potential contributor to the newspaper.

## Towers On Sale

TOWER's will again be on sale in the cafeteria during both lunch hours for 15c a copy, while supplies last. Tell your friends, they may have missed subscriptions but still wish to get a TOWER.

TOWER subscriptions are still available. Just stop by the journalism room [Rm. 216] before and after school with your money. You MUST subscribe in order to receive this year's yearbook. The 1978 TOWER and ALBUM promise to be the best ever!



## Classified Ads

Wookie Burger Chef poster, trade for Luke & Vader. Lv messg 116 A. Haines

Wanted single "Dream On" [Aerosmith] 75c if gd. cond. lv messg 116 A. Haines

WOOKIES NEED LOVE TOO

DEAD: J.B.; October 5, 1977; in John Adams High School; of a shattered ideal. Believing he could add quality to a high school newspaper, J.B. enjoyed short-lived fame as the author of "Commentary for the Unabridged Man." Recently, however, he contracted a fatal case of deficient readership.

WANTED: replacement for current editor of high school newspaper who is on brink of insanity. Inquire at your friendly neighborhood asylum. The TOWER Staff.

FUJI bike for sale. Contact Mrs. Maza.

Say Hi! Say it in the TOWER

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