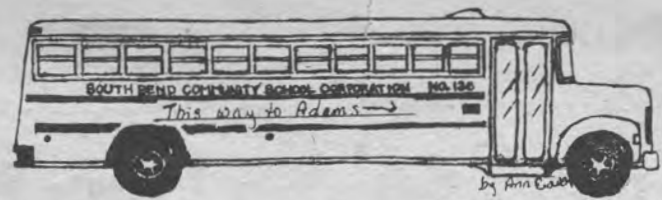


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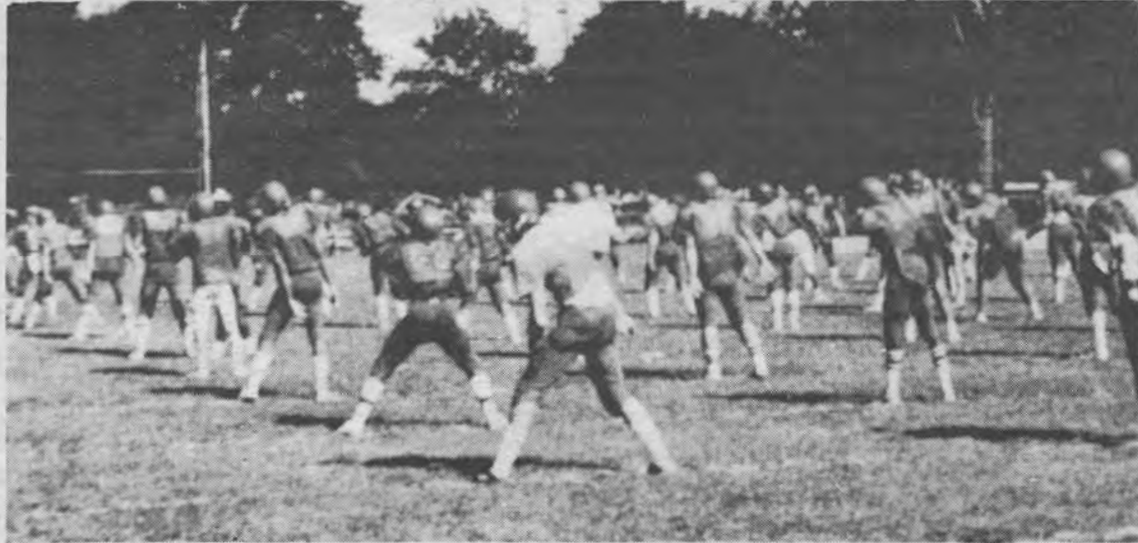


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Welcome new students, faculty, staff



A sure sign of back to school; the football team is practicing for many upcoming games. READY, HUT, HUT::

On behalf of the Administration, Faculty, and Student Body at John Adams, a very warm welcome to all incoming Freshmen, the Class of '85, and to all of those students transferring from other schools. You have come from different schools, and some from a different high school. The rivalry between these schools was good and competitive. However, now is the time to put all of that behind you, and become an "Eagle." Be active, be involved, and you will find your transition from one school to another much easier to accept. We will do all we can to make that transition as easy as possible for each and every one of you. With Fine Arts, Athletics, numerous clubs, and an excellent academic program, there is more than ample opportunity to achieve success, as well as enjoy yourselves. We only ask that you set priorities of academics first, and extra-curricular participation second. You can be successful in both, however be aware of your purpose for attending high school, and that is to receive a secondary school education, in preparation for a life-long career. The best of luck to all of you, and again, welcome to John Adams.

Wm. M. Prybyz

Former Clay student gives Bird's eye view

by Christina Bird

In its infinite wisdom, the South Bend Community School Corporation has seen fit to redraw school district boundaries. Scattered in with the experienced sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and the other bemused freshmen, is a group of uprooted students from Clay Middle and Clay High School. The TOWER staff welcomes these transfer students and would like to give them a

bird's-eye view of Adams.

Having attended Clay Middle for a year and a half, and having transferred to Adams, I know what some of the hardest adjustments to Adams are. One of the major differences between the schools is that Clay uses open classrooms, whereas Adams uses closed. Although this reduces the level of background noise at Adams considerably, it also

makes finding a specific classroom or teacher much harder. Looking at the back side of an open door to see the room number is never easy, especially in the middle of a busy hall during the passing period.

Unlike Clay, Adams does not broadcast music during the five minute passing period, but occasionally during class the student body may be privileged

enough to hear the administration office's muzak (when the intercom is not working). Other differences include a wider class selection at Adams, the option of independent study within a department, and the thrill of an open lunch, even for freshmen.

Adams offers a wide variety of sports, clubs and music activities. As you all know, getting involved can make it easier to

acquire new friends. We urge you not to be shy, but to join in anything that sounds appealing.

So best of luck to all of you, and if you get lost beyond hope of recovery, remember not to ask seniors or any other friendly looking students for directions. Maps are at most major intersections.

Welcome!

Record number new teachers arrive at Adams

Along with the many new students arriving at Adams this year are a host of new teachers. An additional three have yet to be hired.

Jocelyn Acker will be the Distributive Education Coordinator this fall. Her high school was Akron High and she attended college at L.S.U. and IUSB. Mrs. Acker transferred here from Riley High.

Joining the Industrial Arts dept. is James Bonham. He attended North Liberty High and Ball State University. Mr. Bonham has been transferred from North Liberty High.

Margaret Butterworth will be teaching Spanish this year. She went to Central High and attended Rockford College, IL, University of Mexico, Indiana University and Notre Dame. Mrs. Butterworth transferred here from Jackson Middle.

A graduate of John Adams High, Dennis Cripe will be teaching Learning Disabled. Mr. Cripe went to college at IUSB and was transferred here from Perley Elementary.

Mattie Easton will be teaching P.V.E. this year. A graduate of Washington High and IUSB, Mrs. Easton transferred to Adams from Brown Middle.

Also teaching P.V.E. this year is Freida Fuchs. Mrs. Fuch's high school was Washington High and she attended college at St. Mary's and N.D. Mrs. Fuchs has taught at Riley, Jackson, LaSalle, and Washington High Schools.

Doris Goldsmith will join our German dept. this fall. She attended high school at Stettin in Germany and pursued further studies at St. Mary's, Notre Dame and IUSB. Mrs. Goldsmith transferred here from North Liberty High.

Geraldine Huang will be a new librarian this fall. Her high school was Sacred Heart Convent in Tokyo and she attended Newton College, Notre Dame, IUSB and Simmons College. Mrs. Huang has been transferred to Adams from North Liberty High.

Jewel Levy will join the In-School-Suspension team this year. She is a graduate of South

Bend Central and IUSB. Mrs. Levy is being transferred here from Brown Middle.

Joining our Math dept. is Margaret Murphy, who attended high school at Bethany Christian in Goshen. She is a graduate of Goshen College and Indiana Univ. Mrs. Murphy transferred to Adams from Navarre School.

Elaine Newton is a new addition to our Social Studies dept. She graduated from Franfort High in Mich. and attended college at Benzie County, Central Mich. and University of Wisconsin. Mrs. Newton has been transferred here from Brown Middle.

Al Niemier Jr. will join the Math dept this fall. His high school was St. Joseph and he attended college at IUSB, Notre Dame and University of Idaho. Mr. Niemier is being transferred here from Jackson Middle.

Ellen Powell will be teaching Learning Disabled this year. She attended Milford High and Ball State Univ. Mrs. Powell has been transferred here from Edison School.

Rosemary Torok will join the P.V.E. staff this fall. She is a graduate of Jackson High and attended college at IUSB Ms. Torok is being transferred to Adams from Brown Middle.

Peggy Warren will be a Special Needs teacher this year. Her high school was J.W. Lich High in North Carolina and she attended St. Augustin's College. Mrs. Warren transferred to Adams from Brown Middle.

In addition to these 15 new teachers, Adams is happy to welcome 8 other new members to the staff.

Kelly Adelsperger will begin this fall as a Physical Education Student Teacher. She will also be the Asst. Girls' Basketball coach.

Richard Coffey Jr. joins Mr. Mihail's team as Asst. Football Coach this year.

Dennis Cooper has taken on the position of Boys and Girls Swimming Coach this year.

Dwight Fulce, from North Liberty High, will also be an Asst. Coach for the football team.

Pearl Hull, transferring from McKinley School, joins the administration staff as a bookkeeper.

Mark Ingole, transferring from New Prairie, will join the football staff as an Asst. coach.

Shelley LaPlace will join the Adams staff this year as Sponsor for the Cheerleaders.

On behalf of the Adams student body, the TOWER would like to welcome you all to John Adams High School. We look forward to getting to know each of you and to helping you get acquainted with your new school.

Good luck!



Pictured above are the new faculty and staff members: front row [l. to r.] G. Huang, D. Goldsmith, M. Easton, J. Levy, E. Newton, F. Fuchs, R. Moore, J. Acker. Back row; J. Bonham, A. Niemier, R. Torok, P.A. Warren, M. Butterworth, M. Murphy, B. Farrell, D. Cripe.

Rick Conklin tells a schooltime carol

- Oh, young highhhh schoooler! It's me! The ghost of school year present!
 - Huh? What do you want?
 - Surely you haven't forgotten? September? School? Up with the dew. No more sleeping until the p.m. hours FELLA!
 - Oh for crying out... OK, alright (what a pain). Better brush the cobwebs off my alarm-set knob (it's been sitting pretty on 12 p.m. for three months). Here goes... 10 a.m. . . . 9 a.m. . . . 8 a.m. (umph! I think this thing's rusty... 7 a.m.! There. Satisfied?)
 - Ah ah ah! Tsk tsk! Can't stop there. Remember what Uncle Scamman said?
 - Uncle Scam... oh, for Pete's sakes! You're not serious...
 - Just keep cranking that clock. Thaaaat's right. 7:00... 6:45... there! 6:30! Up in time to be in class at 7:45 (Mua ha ha).
 - But... but... that's not fair!
 - 'But... but... that's not faair'. Quit whimpering. Don't you want to be like the boys in the army? You know... ahem... "WE DO MORE BEFORE SIX A.M. THAN MORE PEOPLE DO IN A WHOLE..."
 - Oh, shut up!
 - "WE DON'T ASK FOR EXPERIENCE, WE GIVE IT. YOU WON'T READ IT IN A BOOK..."
 - Har har. You're about as funny

as an empty CARE package. I bet you spend your weekends in your JEEP waiting at DEER X-ING signs for Bambi.
 - Now now. Let's not get nasty!
 - 'Now now. Let's not get nasty'. Wimp. Prithee tell, who is this nice Mr. Scamman?
 - He's the supped of schools.
 - The what?
 - You know! The Supt. of schools.
 - That's su-per-in-tend-ent you illiterate. Where can I find this jolly fellow? I'd like to acquaint him with my new puppy, Charles Manson.
 - Whoa. Have you ever heard of capital punishment?
 - Yeah, you're right. Maybe... a little Grand Theft Auto!
 - What are you getting all worked up about? It's only half an hour of sleep, and you get out of school early anyway.
 - It's the principal... er, principle... of the matter. They're taxing the best hours of my day without me having any say in the matter! That's taxation without representation!
 - Har har. You're about as funny as an empty...
 - Yeah yeah... I know. Why don't you go tell some pre-schoolers there's no Santa Claus? Hey! Where you going?
 - My mission here is done. But before the clock chimes 6:30, you will be visited by two more

spectres! Fare thee well...
 - But my clock doesn't even chime... oh, never mind. Two more fairies... this I can't take!
 - That's spectres, not fairies!
 - Don't tell me. You're the ghost of school years passed.
 - You are vewy wise, gwasshopper. Come, grab the tail of my polyester leisure suit and I'll take you back to the year 6 B.S.
 - B.S.?
 - Before Scamman. You know, the Renaissance. Back to a land of carefree youth, 40c school lunches, two-a-day recesses and 8:30 alarms!
 - Oh, boy (yawn).
 - Do you recognize that young man there? The one with the Garanimal jeans and "Welcome Back Kotter" lunchbox?
 - Mmmmm, let's see... no! That's not...
 - Oh yes! That's you, my son.
 - The one with post-nasal drip?
 - Yes. Up and rested at 8:30 a.m.
 - Boy was I a little rodent! Look at that hair! Gads! But boy, those sure were the good old days. Before the 7:45 bell and the 55 mph speed limit! Hey, where are we going now?
 - Back. My mission is completed. First Bank Time is 3:00 a.m. and the graveyard shift is over. Fair thee well...
 - 'Fair thee well, fair thee well!' Sissies. I'm turning in.

- Not so fast! You with the Mick Jagger lips! I'm the ghost of school years still to come!
 - Oh spirit, I fear you the least. You see, after this year, I'M GONE!
 - Never you mind. Take a hold of my silk shirt and MOVIN' ON jeans, and I'll show you a glimpse of the Dark Ages.
 - The Dark Ages?
 - Yes. A terrible time of turmoil and devastation, brought on by the grip of King James!
 - King James? . . . oh, I get it. The superin...
 - Yes! Total censorship casts its shadow over every school library,

falling books off the shelves and leaving only Nancy Drew classics in its wake!
 - Gasp!
 - The rights of a dictator granted to each and every teacher! Including legal custody of all students!
 - Oh, come now...
 - Yes! And there's more! Solitary confinement to all unexcused absences. And restroom smokers? They get (shudder) a lifetime of voluntary work in the Adams cafeteria!
 - That's inhumane. I've seen enough. I'm going to bed... and don't wake me up until seven.

Class of 1985 faces challenges

by Sheila Huang

A check with Head Counselor, Mr. Fox, indicates that the Adams Class of 1985 consists of approximately 370 students, 196 boys and 184 girls. They come from the feeder schools Edison, Jefferson, and local parochial schools.
 Being the median graduating class of the decade, the Class of 1985, in many ways, can be seen as representing the pulse of the 80's. The problems and the challenges that they will face are the same as those that we will all encounter.

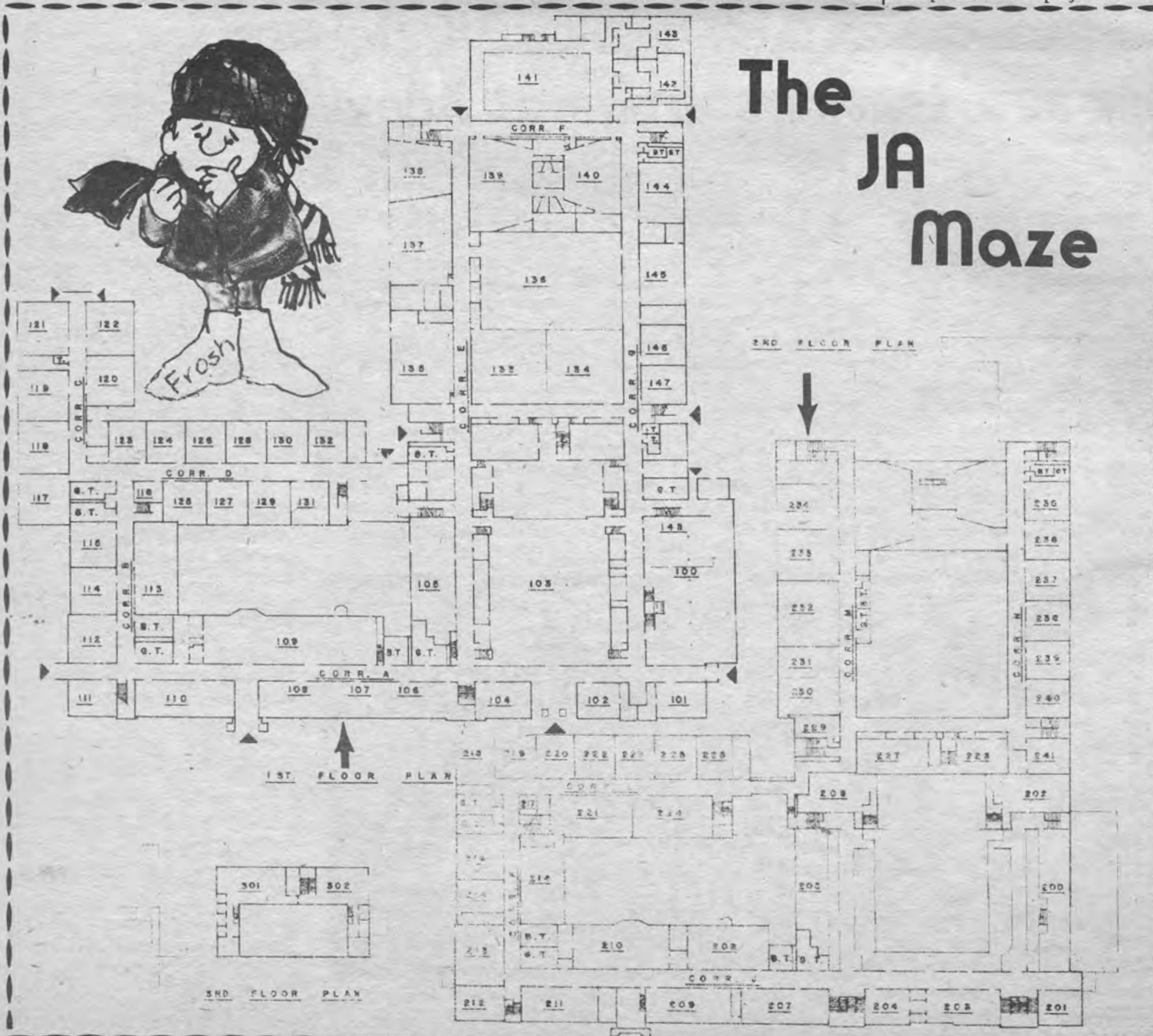
Experts have projected the 1980's to be a decade of limited resources, world interdependency, and technological explosions.
 In terms of limited resources, Americans in particular have to face the realities of all types of shortages. For example, no longer can we take energy for granted. Gasoline, under the control of OPEC countries, cannot be used recklessly. For every gallon of gasoline we import, we pay an economic as well as a political price. Some of the shortages are due to uneven distribution. While America produces an abundant supply of food, people in other parts of the world are literally dying of hunger. Something must be done about this.

While at one time it was possible for a nation to close its doors and live in isolation, reality now requires that countries strive for cooperation and interdependence. For instance, to maintain our industrial production, we have to import raw materials from other parts of the world. For the sake of national security, we need to acquire and maintain allies throughout the world. This requires that countries work together and make concessions.

The 1980's is the age of true technological explosions. Skills that have been learned in recent years are doomed to become obsolete. It has become necessary for all of us to acquire new skills to cope with advanced computer age technology. While formerly only computer scientists were familiar with computer technology, now even Adams students are learning the language of BASIC.

It is a simple matter to talk about the challenges which lie ahead, but it is a far more difficult task to rise up and meet them. As world complexities intensify, one cannot help but wonder how the class of 1985 will react. Will they be able to meet the expectations society places on them? (After all, they will be expected to perform not the ordinary, but the extraordinary.) Let's hope so.

The TOWER would like to the Class of 1985 a sincere best of luck in their high school endeavors. We look to them as a group who will typify the spirit and the direction of this decade with ingenuity to resolve some of the world's problems.



Hard work pays off at summer camps

By Greg Burns

While most of us were sipping Pina Colodas at the beach, or vacationing in exotic faraway places, a few of our more industrious fellow students took advantage of the lazy summer days to improve their individual skills and expand their knowledge. Some even had fun! These each set aside a week or two of their vacations to attend one of the many summer camps and workshops offered on college campuses across the U.S.

Indiana University at Bloomington was the site of a wide variety of camps including Music, Journalism, and Yearbook workshops.

"I really feel like an editor now," claims TOWER co-editor Sandy Outlaw after two weeks of an extensive Journalism workshop at I.U. Sandy, who was Adams' sole representative at the High School Journalism Institute feels she can really benefit the TOWER this year with all the new skills she acquired.

Two other members of the Adams Publications Department also spent some time at I.U. Tess Doering and Amy Ertel both took part in a Yearbook workshop and will undoubtedly add much depth to this year's Album.

The biggest group of Adams students at I.U. this summer were the musicians. Both the band and the orchestra were amply represented at I.U.'s renowned Summer Music Clinic. Band members, Geanie Ollman and Martha and Leah Lorber, as well as Vicki Demaree, Sheila Huang,

"Everyone was so professional there, it was an enlightening experience."

-Geanie Ollman

David and Lissa Leege, and Kathy and Chris Nee from the orchestras, each gained invaluable experience and a new appreciation for their music. "Everyone was so professional there," explains Geanie, "it was an enlightening experience." Leah enjoyed "meeting so many talented people," and added that "it's good knowing what I'm up against."

Blue Lake, Michigan also offered a music clinic. Clarinetist Carl Schoeneman and violinist Benson Yang took advantage of that excellent workshop.

Within the John Adams Marching Band there are a number of auxiliary squads, and each squad sent members to summer camps. The Flag Corps and rifle squad, as well as all three Drum Majors participated in one of the biggest marching band camps in the world at Smith - Walbridge in Syracuse, IN. Capts. Debbie Nieter and Shannon Kerrihard represented the Flag Corps, and Geanie Ollman, our sole rlfist, went from the rifle squad. Head Drum Major Leah Lorber and assistants Todd Harding and Laura Schilling surprised a lot of people by bringing back a slew of new tactics "to try on an unsuspecting band."

The last auxiliary squad (but far from least) to go to camp were those girls with the high kicks and the smooth moves - the Adams Pom Pon Squad. Under the

direction of their newly acquired and much appreciated sponsor, Mrs. Wilson, the squad sent half its members to Ball State and half to Valparaiso University. The objective of the split was to bring back twice as many new routines, but as co-captain Denise Fastero points out, "It was hard being split up. We only got really close to half the squad." It was especially tough for the new members. "We were almost afraid to meet the rest of the squad," recall first year Poms Sara Schoeneman and Debbie Kissel. But once they were back together things started working out, and now "it's like having 15 new sisters that we can just share our feelings with, and have good times together." Poms at Ball State were: third year veteran Annette Scott, second year poms Kristi Pontzious and Linda Chism, and first year poms Sara Schoeneman, Dawn Moore, Deb Wilson, and Jenny Payne. At Valpo were co-captains Denise Fastero and Jodi Roman; second year poms Sue Brosmer, Mo Patty, Tami Vagg, Tracy Forrester, Lisa Orr, and first year poms Debbie Kissel and Teri Hover.

Everyone who went to a camp/workshop this summer worked hard to perfect their individual talents and had a great time doing it. In the year to come the entire school will undoubtedly benefit in some small way from their hard work.



Poms Annette Scott, Sara Schoeneman, and Jennifer Payne take a break from intense practice.

"It's good knowing what I'm up against"

- Leah Lorber

Ushers Club provides new flags

by Sheila Huang

Our national flag has always had an honored place in Adams classrooms.

But, in the last few years the condition of these flags had been shamefully neglected.

Many flags were faded, soiled, and even torn.

Fortunately, last year, Mr.

Thomas and the Usher's Club worked out a project to raise the necessary money to purchase new flags.

By selling concessions at Adams basketball games, Mr. Thomas, along with ushers, Bridget Burley, Sabrina Chase, DeAnne Gavin, Julie Gavin, Judy

Hamilton, Felicia Jackson, Daphne Schutts and Robin Watson made a total of \$411. This was enough to provide the school with 84 new flags and hooks.

It was a very thoughtful, as well as patriotic gesture on the part of Mr. Thomas and the Ushers Club, and we thank you!

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East Side Girls Finish 4th in the World Series

by Val Lane

The East Side Senior League girls softball team proved themselves to be one of the nation's best as they breezed through the district, state, and regional tournaments this summer. In district action, they faced three local teams, defeating all three to easily capture the district title. During the state tournament, which was held in Mishawaka, they had little trouble as they defeated Chesterfield, needing only three games to capture the Indiana State title. Next came the Central Regional tournament, which offered little competition for the East Side squad. The club faced Ohio, Michigan, and Ohio. Once again, needing only three games to be crowned the Central Regional king.

The team consisted mostly of Adams students. Junior Jennifer Wiesjahn at third base, sopho-

more Peggy Duesterberg at shortstop, and sophomore Gina Nowicki at first base. Pitching duties were shared by Ann Woodhurst, Mary Rhoutsong, Julie DeMaegd, and Jennifer Wiesjahn. The outfield, led by sophomore Kelly McMahon in leftfield, sophomore Mary Rhoutsong in centerfield, and sophomore Mary Slafkosky in rightfield, allowed few hits through the season. Non-starters for Coach Steve Austin's squad were: Frosh Stacy Eggers, sophomore Linda Hemphill, another frosh Cindy Coker, and Julie DeMaegd.

At the beginning of the state tournament, they were playing better than ever before, making key doubles plays and thrilling diving catches. Outstanding defensive players were third base Jennifer Wiesjahn, shortstop Peggy Duesterberg, leftfielder Kelly McMahon, and number one

pitcher Ann Woodhurst turning in many fine performances. "The girls really feel confident with Ann out there, they seem to do better when she's on the mound," said Couch Austin. The offense was no doubt East Side's strongest point, recording 114 hits over the three week season. "The girls are hitting the ball well, even the girls who never hit well before," said Austin.

East Side entered the Senior Softball World Series, held in Kalamazoo, as District, State, and Central Regional Champs. The competition they had previously faced was far inferior to the excellence of the teams in the series. They first met defending National champs Naples, Florida in the first game of the double elimination tournament losing 4-1. East Side's performance against the defending National champs was

not up to par. They lacked the teamwork which got them to the World Series. The second defeat came from Sunnysdale, California, who won the game in extra innings. East Side was down by four runs going into the bottom of the seventh inning. They came back to tie the game at six to six, to send the game into extra innings. California got two runs in the top of the eighth on a triple that landed one inch in fair territory. East Side squad finished fourth in the Nation. They became the first girl's team from South Bend to make it to the World Series, and only the second team to ever make it. Congratulations girls, be proud of what you've accomplished.



Adams' powerful offense lines up for another offensive drive.

Fighting Eagles lose to LaSalle Lions

by Kerry Kinney

Picture this: a warm, late summer night at a football stadium with a packed and feverish audience. The outcome of a hard-fought game is at decision as the visiting team, starving for victory, puts everything on the line in order to cap off a dogged inch-by-inch 70 yard offensive drive back with a touchdown. The play is called and the drive continues as the running back with the ball drives through the opposing defensive line towards the endzone and six points. But, here the drive is broken; the back with the ball has fumbled. The ball is recovered by the opposing team, ending in frustration the best attempt of the visiting team to overcome yet another defeat.

By picturing this, one has accurately described the fever-pitch excitement and sheer exasperation of Adams' Sept. 4 ball game with LaSalle. The game ended with the Lions defeating the Eagles, 12-3; thus, handing Adams its 12th consecutive defeat. But the score was to say

the least misleading, because if LaSalle owned the scoreboard that night, then the Eagles certainly held the field. Adams managed to rack up 203 yards on offense-overwhelming when compared to LaSalle's total, which went a little above 100 yards.

Another ironic aspect of this game were the opposing defenses of both teams. The Eagles defense handily halted any of LaSalle's charging offenses, yet the Lions managed to outscore Adams by 9 points. By contrast, the Lion's defense was hard-pressed that night to contain the Eagles offense, particularly with their powerful backfield, as the Eagles proved again and again with its skillful and aggressive backfield maneuvers.

One leading cause of this mystery lies in the mental attitudes of both teams. While the Lions lagged on offense for most of the game, it made each offensive drive count, using equally renewed vigor and aggressiveness on each play; thus, making each drive count for an extra six points. While Adams

clearly had the ability, as it often showed, it lacked the kind of aggressive consistency of LaSalle's; as a result, it couldn't muster the drive to make any of its drives count with a touchdown.

The squad of both teams did exceptionally well. Both the defensive and offensive squads of Adams should be congratulated for their incredible efforts.

The Eagles take on yet another opponent tonight at home (School Field) at which Adams will try to snap itself out of its long losing drought with a refreshing victory against the Blue Blazers of Elkhart Central. Your support is needed.

Go Eagles -



Beat Central!

Roemer previews netters

by Greta Roemer

Assignment: Compose an objective article on the 1981 Boys Tennis team.

Conclusion: Mission Impossible.

Why, you Ask? Because it is highly improbable that a writer can seem objective about a team that is ranked #7 in the state in the preseason poll. However, I will make an attempt.

The key to this year's team will be its depth. John Rohan is currently holding the #1 alternate position, and is both qualified and ready to fill a varsity place should the occasion occur. Lee Fonacier and Benson Yang, both with varsity experience behind them, should prove to be an exciting team to watch, not to mention difficult to beat. After working

hard all year, Foley holds the #1 doubles slot along with frosh partner Kurt Roemer (no relation to the writer, of course).

Chris and Kurt work well together as a doubles team, and Chris provides the experience that will keep Kurt confident. Chris Toal again holds the #3 singles position, evidencing the fact that the team does not greatly suffer the loss of two seniors from last year. Phil Grayson appears stronger than ever before after playing tournaments this summer. Phil has moved into the #2 singles position. Not enough can be said of sophomore star, Paul Koscielski. Paul was ranked #15 in the nation in his age group last year, but more importantly, he serves as the foundation on which the team is built.

Volley-Eagles start season

by Janine Anella

While most of you were sleeping till all hours of the day, some very dedicated girls were working extremely hard. These girls are none other than the John Adams volleyball team.

Practice started for the volleyball players on August 10. They reported in every morning at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 11:30 a.m. Every other day they would resume for an additional two hours of practice.

There are only three returning letter winners from the 1980 season. Two of the returning veteran players are seniors. They are Chris Alsop and Judy Hamilton. The third player, a junior, is Judie Yazel. Despite the fact that there are only three returning letter winners, the

Volleyball Eagles are very talented and have the potential to be one of the finest teams in the area.

The rest of the team consists of three seniors, they are Brenda Deranek, Sue Cahoon, and Annette Schaumber; three juniors: Michelle Davis, Karen Gillis, Janine Anella, Diane Farmer, and Debbie Woodhurst.

The Eagles take on their first opponent, Concord, on September 8 in the Adams gym. Their second match of the season is away at Marian on September 9. The Eagles then take on St. Joe at home on September 15. The match against St. Joe is always one of the toughest of the year, so support is greatly needed. Hope to see you there.

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