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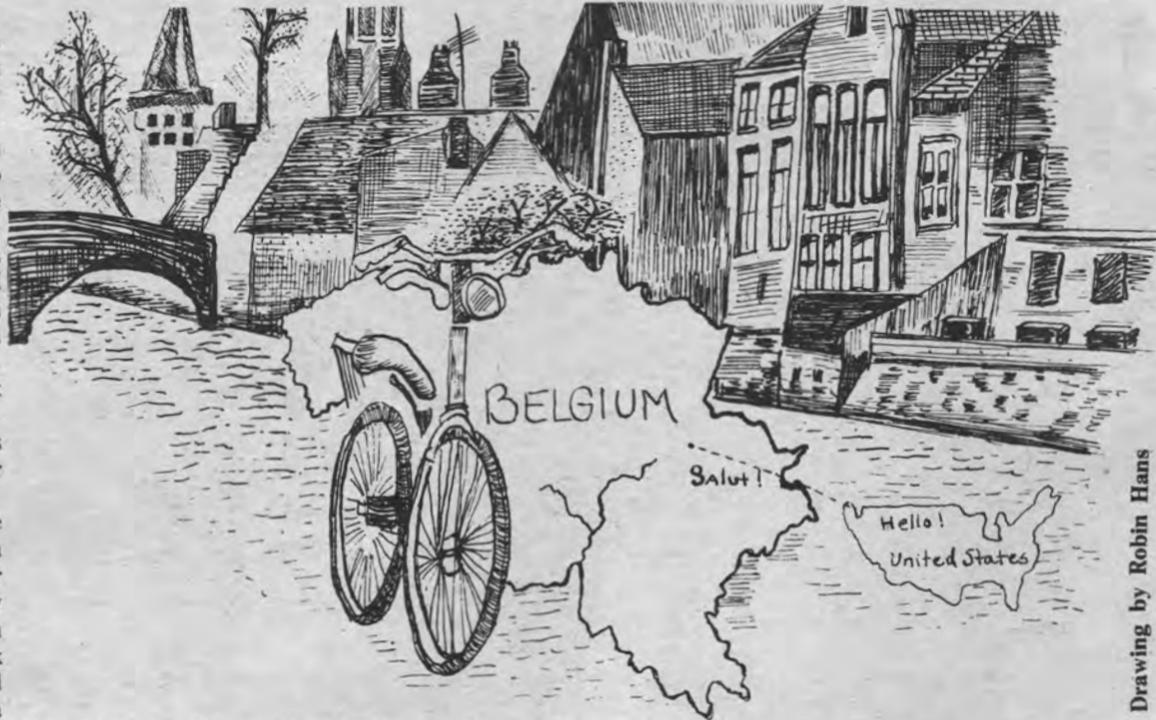
## Exchange student gives impressions of Belgium

To all the students of Adams,  
Thanks to my Mom, I was able to read the October 23rd edition of the TOWER. You probably don't understand so I'll explain: I'm a foreign exchange student in Belgium for one year. Belgium (to me) is fantastic, and I think the other students here would agree. The whole "European scene" is great. I'm very lucky because I see the countries as an inhabitant, not as a person on vacation. Don't get me wrong. It's nice to travel here, but I think what I'm doing is quite unique.

There are so many differences that one can't say this is better or that is worse - just different!

**Language**, of course, is the most obvious difference. Each day I use three, if not four languages to explain clearly something impossible to explain in French or Nederlands. I speak French with my parents here and Nederlands and Flemish (a dialect) with my friends and family. I also watch TV in Italian and Swedish, in addition to German, French, Nederlands, and English.

**Drinking** in Belgium, as in most countries in Europe, is legal at 16, but I.D.'s are rarely checked



Drawing by Robin Hans

(exceptions-some cafes and dancings on the coast). I go out every weekend to cafes with my friends.

**Transportation**. Since driving a car isn't permitted until 18 years old, most teens rely on mopeds, bikes, buses, and trains. Now that

it's winter, I take a bus to school, but as soon as it warms up, I shall be riding my bike again.

**School**. Talk about a BIG change! I go to an all girl's Catholic school where uniforms of blue, black, and white are mandatory. I have 16 courses

ranging from Aardrijkskunde to Wiskunde (geography to math). I have classes for 8 hours a day except Wednesday which is only four.

**Music**. Here, there is a lot of New Wave which I find great. Hard rock is popular with some

people as is disco, but New Wave is the all around favorite. Belgium has a lot of very good groups, but their music often isn't exported to the U.S. - c'est dommage.

**Sports**. My school doesn't have any teams. Most villages have a sportshall where there are clubs and lessons. I go on Wednesday evening to play mini-football (soccer) and I have a brother on the basketball team. Concerts and parties are also held at the sportshall.

**Concerts**. Another BIG change. Most of the concerts I've been to have been held in cages or cultural centers. Beer is permitted, of course, and it's generally much cheaper (\$3-\$7). The largest one I've gone to had about 800 people - nothing like the ACC!

Well, that's about all I wanted to say, except I hope you all succeed in what you want to do. Best of luck to the foreign exchange students, especially Guillaume.

Salu,

Kathy Borowski

P.S. A special "Hello" to the first homeroom of the Junior Class and "Dank U wel Meur Bond!"

## Scholarly six advance

This year, all six Adams National Merit Semifinalists were chosen as National Merit Finalists. These six are Ken Jacoby, Tess Doering, Laura Haines, See-Chun Phan, James Conley, and Leah Lorber.

All six scored 195 or better on their PSAT's in order to qualify.

To qualify as a National Merit Semifinalist, each student wrote an autobiographical essay and sent in their SAT scores.

Each student will receive a \$1000 scholarship for college use. The TOWER wishes to congratulate all six students on their winning.

## NHS members vie for scholarships



By Christina Bird

Greta Roemer and Kevin Sweeney have been nominated to represent Adams in a scholarship competition sponsored by the National Honor Society. The \$1000 scholarship, awarded to only 250 NHS members nationwide, is based on the four merits of the NHS: citizenship, scholarship, leadership, and service.

Although people from Adams have been nominated, no one here has ever won. As Kevin put it, "you have to be next to God to win."

Besides being president of the NHS and treasurer of the senior class, Greta is a Tower writer, a member of student government, vice-president of the Monogram Club, and on the staff of Footprints. She is considering college at either Notre Dame or Harvard. Kevin, previously Junior Rotarian, is the vice-president of both the NHS and of the senior class, and president of the Monogram Club. Kevin is interested in eventually studying orthopedics or sports medicine, and will probably attend Wabash College or DePauw.

The 1981-82 TOWER staff imparts these words of wisdom to the new TOWER staff: Though we realize topping the stupendous efforts of the staff this year will be a monumental task, with a little luck and a lot of work we think you can pull it off. Happy trails . . . . .

## CO-OP Program offers a range of studies

By Sheila Huang

The home economics department is currently seeking participants for a new Home Economics Co-op program scheduled to start next fall. The program is open to any senior who has taken at least one year of home economics.

The Co-op program is a work-study plan consisting of 3 hours of class and one hour of training in a home economics

related occupation. The objective is to teach students skills that will help them in seeking jobs and to give them experience in a range of fields. Home Economics teacher, Mrs. Vandeweide, who plans to teach the program, said, "It gives students an opportunity to try something to see what they like. It might show a person what they don't like or it might reinforce what a student really wants to do."

## Academic honors standardized

Due to much inconsistency in the selection of academic honors recognition for graduates across the corporation, the following policy will be followed by all high schools effective with this year's graduates.

1. Each high school will select a valedictorian including ties - the top student (s) in GPA class rank based on seven semester rank.
2. Each high school will select a salutatorian including ties - second highest student (s) in GPA

class rank based on seven semester rank.

3. Each high school will select additional honor students based on:

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Cum Laude	-	GPA
3.50 - 3.699		
Scholarship with Distinction	-	GPA
3.00 - 3.499		

The Adams Music Department will be presenting two concerts during the month of March. The Band/Orchestra Concert, at 7:30 on Thursday, March 18 will feature music such as selections from the New World Symphony

and the St. Louis Blues March. The Vocal Concert will be Wednesday, March 24, and will feature medleys from Fame and Pippin. Admission is \$1 for both concerts.

## Jr. Rotarian



Senior Amy Ertel has been selected as the Adams Junior Rotarian for the month of March. For six weeks she will be representing Adams at Rotary Club luncheons. Amy is a co-editor of the 1981-82 yearbook and a varsity cheerleader. She is also an active member of the Principal's Student Advisory Committee, the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Society and the Booster Club.

# SPIRIT WEEK 1982 - "Take Off"



By Ram Neta

Despite the many progressive trends which Adams students have witnessed over the past several years, our tradition of athletic pride has not dimmed. This tradition was clearly evidenced in last week's Spirit Assembly.

In order to promote the student's identification with his school, Student Council had Adams students dress similarly each day last week. Tuesday, we wore warm-ups. Wednesday,

unusual costumes became the standard. Thursday, it was red and blue. The overwhelming turnout of apparellic uniformity confirmed the Adams' student's school devotion and pride.

Thursday's Pep Assembly reinforced an interest in sectionals to the point of packing the Adams section in the ACC. The assembly featured uproarious skits performed by members of each class, tricycle races among the teachers, and some outstanding Pom-Pon routines.

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# FEATURE

## CHEATING/Epidemic or Misdiagnosis?

by Greg Burns

Large wandering eyes; long, stiff neck; low, raspy voice; discolored palms . . . these are all symptoms of a very common, highly contagious disease that is found exclusively in educational institutions throughout the world. An age-old ailment, this disease has been festering and growing into what some believe are epidemic proportions.

The disease can affect anyone, regardless of race, gender, or academic stature, and if given the proper environment, can spread through an entire classroom in a

randomly selected classes, covering a variety of subjects and grade levels. The survey dealt with **cheating in the classrooms** and was completely confidential. One hundred and seventy five students participated in the experiment and this article is based on its findings.

Of the ten classes surveyed, 55% of the students feel that cheating is widespread in the classrooms at Adams, while only 19% disagree. A substantial 26% concur that they are uncertain whether it is or not. Only 36% feel it is actually a problem.

students surveyed had let someone else see their test answers.

What is the subject that is most infected by the disease? Math, with Social Studies a close second, followed by Science, Language, and English.

When asked for the reasons a student cheats, 41% of those surveyed felt that the student just didn't bother to study, while 25% claimed that outside pressures,

### Cheating Survey Results

1. Do you feel cheating is a problem at Adams?  
36% yes    31% no    33% uncertain

2. Do you think cheating is a widespread practice in the classrooms at Adams?  
55% yes    19% no    26% uncertain

3. In the past semester, have you ever felt it necessary to cheat on a quiz or test?  
9% frequently    71% once in awhile    20% never

4. Do you feel the prevention of cheating is the teacher's responsibility?  
64% yes    36% no

5. The past semester, have you ever:  
Copied someone's test?    Let someone copy yours?  
32% yes    68% no    48% yes    52% no

matter of minutes.

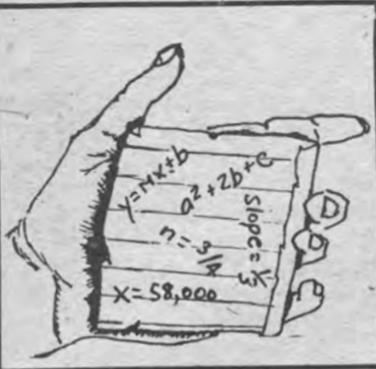
What is this dreaded illness, this dangerous condition that is infesting our schools? Why, good old-fashioned cheating, of course. Cheating in the classrooms on quizzes and tests, on homework assignments and term papers - is it as big a problem today as some people claim it is? Has it become such a widespread practice in all the classrooms that teachers and students have simply accepted it as part of today's educational system? The Tower decided to find out.

Last week the Tower conducted a comprehensive survey in ten

71% of those surveyed admitted to having felt it necessary to cheat on a quiz or a test "once in a while" during the past semester, while 9% say they did frequently and 20% didn't cheat at all.

Copying a friend's homework proved to be the most common form of cheating and as one senior pointed out, "Most people don't consider working together on an assignment cheating."

When it came down to actually looking at another person's paper during a test, only 32% admitted that they had wandering eyes. However, close to half of the



Drawing by Ann Cowen

ranging from peers to parents, force a student to perform well, making him feel that cheating is necessary.

When asked who should have the responsibility of curbing cheating in the classrooms, a whopping 64% of the people felt it in the hands of the teacher. However, comments pertaining to the final survey question on how cheating can be eliminated varied considerably.

Most students felt that wiping out cheating entirely was not possible. "There is no way cheating can be eliminated completely," explained one



senior, "If students want to cheat they are going to find a way no matter what." Some felt that it wasn't worth trying to rid the classrooms of cheating. As one senior A.P. student wrote, "Forget it, cheating can't be eliminated."

Stricter penalties arose as one means of curtailing cheating. "A student caught cheating should be suspended," suggested one freshman. "More severe penalties than just an 'F' on a test should be instituted. Perhaps a drop in letter grade or complete failure of the course," offered a teacher.

The biggest response, from the seniors, who were the most expressive class to participate, was that cheating could be controlled with a cooperative effort between the students and

the teachers. However, they felt that it was primarily the students' choice. "The student should be able or willing to accept the challenge of his own mind and should learn to do well by himself," said one Senior Comp. and Lit. student. Another Senior points out, "It is up to the student to have some self respect and restrain not to cheat." "It'll just hurt him in the long run," explains a Junior history student.

The teachers tend to agree. As Mrs. Germano wrote, "Teachers should provide a structured enough atmosphere that cheating is kept to a minimum, but as long as we have freedom of choice and a relatively democratic atmosphere, the real responsibility must lie with students who choose not to degrade themselves."

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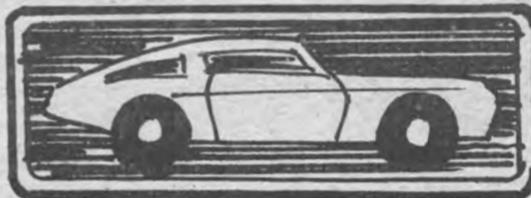
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## Eagles fall short -- but their future is promising

by Alan Engel

Adams' basketball season came to an end last Thursday as the Eagles lost to a strong Washington team, 56-47, in the first round of the South Bend Sectionals. A shorthanded Adams team, due to the loss of Mike Marable and Darryl Redding as a result of their school suspension for violation of school rules, did play well for three and a half quarters, but was outscored by 12 to 4 in the last four minutes of the game.

Eric Moore and Andre Robertson scored all of Adams eight points in the first quarter. They each had four points while Andre pulled down three rebounds and Eric had a blocked shot. Adams, however, still trailed at the end of the first quarter, 11-8. In the second quarter, Don Scheel's eight points and six rebounds brought Adams back on top. Don had a slam dunk with 8 seconds remaining in the second quarter,

which not only brought the fans to their feet, but also fired up the team as they retired to the locker room at the half, the score then being 20-16.

In the third quarter, again it was Robertson who, along with Don Scheel, picked the team up and scored most of Adams points. Andre scored ten points from the field, one point from the line, and grabbed four rebounds. Washington, however, went 7 for 13 from the field and 3 for 5 from the line to tie the score at 33 apiece as the third quarter ended. In the first half of the fourth quarter, the score see-sawed back and forth in both team's favor until 4:22 was left on the clock. At that point, a Washington basket by junior guard Breuard put the Panthers in the lead permanently. Robertson led all scores for the Eagles with 21 points and 14 rebounds, while Don Scheel pumped in 13 points and snarled 13 rebounds to keep his season rebounding average well over the

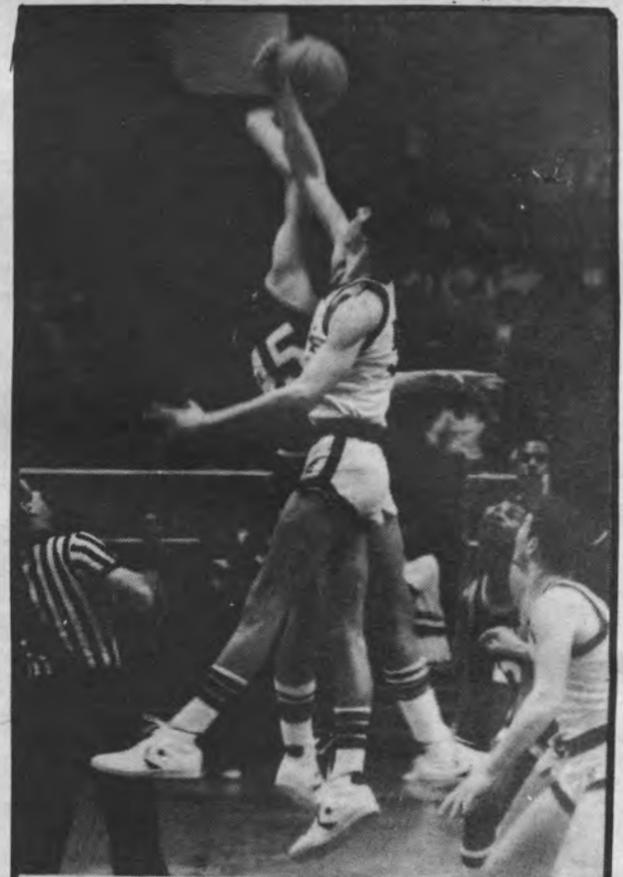
ten mark.

Examining the season, Coach Hadaway said, "We really grew and matured as a team, especially near the end of the season." About his seniors, he had this to say, "At the end of the year I think Brian (Lennon) was the best point guard in the city. Andre (Robertson) had to be one of the best big men in the area, too." But looking at the season starts, one has to be disappointed that no Adams player shot .70 from the line. Another disappointment was the fact that the Eagles committed 335 errors in the season compared to their opponents' 247 errors.

On a brighter note, however, Adams, thanks to Mike Marable's 42 steals, had more steals than our opponents by a margin of 16 (126 to 110) and outrebounded the opposition, 663-514. The leading Eagle rebounder, Don Scheel, was also one of the top rebounders in the state with his 10plus average.

Next year, Adams has nine juniors returning. They are: John Ritter, Steve Poland, Kevin Williams, Phil Grayson, Erik Janowsky, Mike Marable, Don Scheel, and Rod Verduin. All of these players have seen some experience in the court this season. The only other area team that has close to this much talent returning is Washington. With a couple of wins over Washington next year, Adams might find itself in the driver's seat for the N.I.C. and Sectional championships.

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Don Scheel leaps for the ball as Captain Freedom observes.  
photo by Jerry Donlon

## Training program begins

The Adams Weightlifting Club, an organization first proposed in the fall of 1981, has now become a reality.

Headed by sponsors Jim Kominkiewicz and Bill Farrel, the club now boasts up to thirty members. All of the participants are athletes of several different sports at Adams, the majority being football players. The organization, however, is open to any Adams student wishing to weightlift.

The purpose of Weightlifting Club is to improve oneself physically (strength, endurance, muscle tone, etc.) through comprehensive weight training.

The organization should be a significant asset to the Adams Athletic Dept., since it should help considerably to develop better athletes for the many sports programs involved.

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