

The Tower

John Adams High School

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A legend crumbles

By STEVE HARTMAN

School Field has long been considered Adams' Field. Its location, on South Eddy Street, is just blocks from Adams High School. It is used by both the football and soccer teams as a home field.

But, the field is in need of repair. The north stands built half a century ago have been closed for almost two years. The school board ruled against repairing the stands which would cost a very large amount of money. Instead the north stands will be demolished beginning October 8th. A wrecking ball will be used, and the concrete slabs will be hauled away in trucks.

The current playing field is too small for a regulation soccer field. Without the north stands, the playing field will be widened to the dimensions used at most colleges and universities.

All of Adams' home football games had to be rescheduled. The game against St. Joe will be



School Field's north stands await the wrecking ball.

Photo by Amy Richards

played at Jackson Field on October 11. The October 19 LaSalle game and the October 26 Mishawaka game will also be played at Jackson Field.

Also rescheduled are the girls powder-puff football games. These contests between the classes will be played at the practice field at Adams' at the end of October.

Soccer games are not

being planned at School Field next spring. This will give enough time for the grass to grow in. The field should be ready for use by mid summer.

The south stands built several years after the north also need repair work. But since Clay and Jackson Fields are also in need of work, the south stands of School Field will be repaired at a later date.

Meeting the standards

By VIRGINA PETERSEN

Every seven years, Adams undergoes an evaluation by the North Central Association.

This is a committee made up of teachers and administrators from the midwest who evaluate high schools. Even though the committee will not be coming until next year, Adams is currently preparing for them.

This evaluation is based on the principle that a school should be appraised in terms of its objectives. Also it assesses how well the school meets the needs of the students.

Before being evaluated, the school must set its philosophy and objectives.

Many different aspects of the school are closely studied. After looking at the school's philosophy and objectives, the committee evaluates the educational program, the staff and administration, and the student services.

The staff at Adams is preparing for the committee by having a self-evaluation. They are divided into committees. Each committee evaluates a certain department of the school.

They critically examine the teaching skills and materials of the department and determine how well it is meeting the needs of the students.

If Adams meet the re-

quirements of the evaluation, it will be accredited into the North Central Association.

Being in this association makes Adams students more acceptable to colleges, but this is not the only reason for the evaluation.

The assessment will indicate where changes should be made in the school. Every department will be critiqued, and this will show the staff where and how to improve.

Although Mr. David believes that Adams will have no problems in being accredited he says, "There will be things we need to change."

What's News

Looking for help

The personnel Department is in need of additional substitute teachers. The state of Indiana requires at least 60 hours toward a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university to become a substitute teacher. Pay for substitutes is \$30.00 per day for those with degrees and \$26.00 per day without a degree. Any person interested should come to the Personnel Department, 635 South Main Street, South Bend to complete an application and W-4 forms. If the applicant has an Indiana teaching certificate it must be recorded in the Personnel Department at the time of filing the application. If the prospective substitute does not have a degree, we will need official transcripts of their college credits (which cannot be returned). The transcripts must go to Indianapolis to obtain a permit. If you have any questions, please contact the Personnel Department at 282-4160.

Commended Scholars

Seniors Kara Kelly, Sima Medow, Nathan Huang, Debbie Graves and Lori Keniepp have been selected as National Merit Commended Students. They placed in the top 35,000 of all students who took the PSAT. This rating, on the national level translated into the highest 5%. Each Commended Student scored above 179 but below the National Merit Semifinalist requirement. They will receive letters of Commendation from Mr. Przybysz for their efforts. Congratulations and good luck to them!

A new role

Mrs. Katona has taken over the role of Assistant Principal during the absence of Mr. Andrew Bibbs. She has been a counselor at Adams, and will return to her former post with Mr. Bibbs returns.

Setting goals

Academic Contract Program (ACP) is a program designed to encourage students to reach their academic goals. Anyone interested in setting up an academic contract with Mr. Charles Martin should see Mrs. Ellison in the Guidance Office as soon as possible.

Congratulations

The National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro students has awarded Senior Michael J. Rouse as one of its recipients.

The scholarship is presented to outstanding Negro citizens who plan on attending college.

Correction

We would like to apologize for an error in the September 21 issue of The Tower. An article stated that Adams had the first computer program in the South Bend area. This was meant to refer only to the use of computers to supplement the science department. In so far as teaching computer programming, Adams was not first.

College prep

By FRANCES WONG

Once again, the seniors at John Adams High School have begun the slow and tedious process of filling out college applications. Some of the seniors will be looking for jobs after they graduate while others will be going to college in the fall of 1985.

During the summer before senior year, colleges send information to the students to get them interested in their school. At the beginning of senior year, students start to narrow down their choices of schools.

Applications are sent to students usually at the beginning of September of their senior year, and this is when the student decides his intended major and where he will apply to.

Applications usually include personal information, essays (some schools), high school transcripts, SAT scores, recommendations from teachers,

class rank, and grade point average. Also, interviews are required for some schools.

Contrary to the belief of most students, SAT scores are not the primary factor for acceptance to a school. Colleges usually look towards the recommendations from teachers and counselors, class rank, and grade point average.

Filling out applications is a tough task and a headache, but in the spring of senior year, it will show the hard work paid off and it will be a time of joy and relief.

If anyone needs help in getting information about occupations, military careers, sources of financial aid, and educational institutions (colleges), just go to room 101 to use the computer system or ask Mr. Rensberger.

Finally to the seniors, the best of luck in your search for a better education and good luck in the future!!!



Mr. Rensberger points out facts about college to Katie Eades and Scott Terlep.

Photo by Amy Richards

Guiding you to the best

By SUSAN HOBING

A Senior College Seminar, developed and headed by Dr. James Ashley and Mrs. Maza, is a new approach to a heightened awareness of college education.

The seminar which consists of 4 to 5 evening sessions during this semester is for all interested seniors in the top ten to fifteen percent of their class. The

first session is tentatively scheduled for October 15 at the Recital Hall in the Century Center.

Possible seminar subjects include one night on financing in higher education, and the remaining broken down into generalized career fields.

The purpose of the entire seminar is simply to inform students about different colleges. Help will be offered there to fill out

college applications including writing the essay included on most forms.

All seniors in the top 15% of their class, who are interested in receiving information and have not already notified the office, should contact Mr. Rensberger in room 101. Those who have contacted him or the office will receive the information in the mail or during school in the next few days.

They've HADD it with drunk driving

By ANN BETTS

Do you know that there are 2,000 ways to say 'drunk', and only one way to say 'drunk driving'? And that once every hour someone between the ages of 16 and 24 is killed from a drunk driver?

Community awareness has spread about drunk driving. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) was the first organization to get the community to understand the problem at

hand. Students got in on the act with SADD. Now there's another organization: HADD, Hoosiers Against Drunk Driving. HADD is the offspring of the Governor's Task Force to Reduce Drunk Driving.

Over Labor Day weekend, the first HADD conference was held in Indianapolis. Twelve hundred conference t-shirts, bumper stickers, keychains and posters were everywhere. About 15 students from St.

Joseph County attended the conference for fun and games at the IUPUI Natatorium and seminars at the Indianapolis Convention Center.

Seminar speakers, such as Bob Anastas, founder of SADD and Steve Alford, Olympic gold medalist basketball player, talked about a variety of subjects, centering on forming SADD chapters and getting community support.

One speaker presented a lecture as follows: "Friends don't let friends drive drunk. You can save a friend's life and your own by: (1) de-emphasizing your friend's drinking, (2) being creative, using your imagination, and most importantly, (3) not allowing him/her to drive drunk."

Adams has a SADD chapter which is a year old.

President Michael Rouse said "The best way

to get support from the community is to inform everyone about and to get them thinking about drinking and driving." The John Adams SADD chapter is trying to accomplish this.

This year the chapter is hoping to have meetings during activity periods. Anyone is welcome who is interested in preventing drunk driving. "We encourage everyone to join," stated junior Cathy Lee.

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Freshman James Vanderhill displays excellent form. Photo by Amy Richards

Tennis: great season

By P. H. MULLEN

In recent years John Adams High School has annually risen above the rest and performed exceptionally well in several sports. But when it comes to tennis not even the majority of the state is able to touch them and this year was, of course, no exception.

The season started even before school commenced, and as could be expected, the team began ripping through every opponent they faced. Many times the final score would end up being 5-0, which meant that not a single player lost his match.

Their first real challenge came from a tough St. Joe team. The Eagles were put to the test, and they responded by winning it 3-2.

"We were really pleased with it because we weren't expected to beat them" explained Hamilton. Foley and Hamilton, who make up the No. 2 doubles, won the deciding match that gave Adams the victory. But the next match was against Munster who happens to be ranked fourth in the state. Adams gave them a good fight but eventually bowed out to the strong team.

The temporary setback was soon forgotten as Adams continued to roll over all opposing teams.

Going into Sectionals, Adams had compiled an

impressive 14-2 record and had captured the NIC crown. (the only other loss was a close match with No. 2 ranked Homestead) On an individual basis the athletes fared just as well. No. 1 singles player Chris Nespo was named to the 1st team NIC as was the No. 1 doubles team of John Rohan-Karl Roemer. Kurt Roemer, the No. 2 singles man and Hamilton-Foley, the No. 2 doubles were selected for the 2nd team NIC.

when the two teams met earlier in the season. Hamilton and Foley tore through the first set, but St. Joe rallied back in the 2nd. In the third and final set, the Eagles duo played superbly, but were unable to break St. Joe momentum.

Deservedly so, they were ranked 9th in the state by the middle of the season.

Much of the credit for performing so well must be given to Coach Cleo Kigore.

"We played well but St. Joe had a good day," explained a dejected Karl Roemer. "The match could have gone either way. If we had played them ten times today, we probably would have won five out of those ten times." Roemer also seemed to sum up the entire season the best. "I was thoroughly satisfied with the season. We didn't have the talent of St. Joe, but Cleo got us together. The whole team existed more on heart, drive and hustle than anything else."

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In the first round of Sectionals the Eagles were completely dominant and defeated Marian by 5-0 to advance to the semifinals. The semi promised to be the best match of the tournament. It pitted the favored Eagles against the 14th ranked St. Joe Indians who had lost only to Adams during the regular season.

It was close the entire way, and the deciding match turned out to be the No. 2 doubles just as it was

It was a disappointing way to end such a great season, but the players are still able to hold their head high. Not only did they compile a notable 15-3 record, but they won the NIC and were ranked 9th in the state. We all should be proud of them at Adams.

In the fast lane

Keeping up the tradition

Determined and motivated, the Eagle volleyball team plays on, despite a slow beginning. The young Eagles led by captains Colleen Lennon and Megan Moriarty are made up of a majority of juniors. Although inexperienced, the Eagles possess a lot of ability athletically. The team feels that this year their record was not as victorious as they had hoped. Let's give them our support as they travel to Fort Wayne this Saturday to try to capture the Invitational victory.

Cluster showdown

The Adams football team takes the field against Clay tonight. It will be a tough inter-city match, but Adams has the strength to come out with a victory.

Next Thursday, however, is the matchup of the year. Adams will be fighting for a playoff spot when they play St. Joe at Jackson field. Both teams are 2-0 in the cluster. St. Joe is highly ranked in class AAA, but they were also that high last year when Adams almost beat St. Joe at School Field.

The team needs your support to take these two games and advance to the playoffs for the first time ever.

Setting up for Sectionals

The 1984 Cross Country Team is continuing its season in fine shape. The Eagles are 2-2 in the regular season meets and have done well in such meets as the Culver Invitational, New Prairie Invitational and the South Bend Stampede.

Coach Tim Lower hopes to peak his team around sectional time, October 19. The team, consisting of seventeen members under the leadership of co-captain Carl Stopper and Jason Yazel, has a big reputation to live up to. The Eagles have been city champions for the last seven years.

The Eagles ran in a Manchester Invitational last Saturday and met some very strong teams in their city meet at Erskine yesterday.

With determination and teamwork the Eagle runners could once again take the sectionals. Good luck Eagles!

Cub fever hits Adams

By CHRIS HOLLINGSWORTH

Cub fever has taken control of many students at John Adams.

It has been 39 years since the Chicago Cubs have won a pennant. Those years were spent with many people laughing at the hapless Cubs. Other teams in the National League are not laughing anymore.

Students have been talking about the Cubs ever since they entered the doors this fall. You can over hear students asking,

"Did the Cubs win last night?" or "What is the magic number today?" almost every day.

When the magic number finally reached 0, Cub fans came out of their shell. Many wore shirts with "National League East Champs" on them to celebrate.

The next problem for the faithfuls was how to get tickets for the games. Over two million cards were received in hopes to get tickets. Only a lucky few cards were drawn that actually got tickets.

Most of us have resorted

to TV to watch the Cubs this week, but our heart is still in the ballpark.

The league championship has been going on all week along with the Cubs playing the San Diego Padres. If the Cubs defeat them in the best-of-five series, the Cubs will advance to the World Series, a best-of-seven series, playing the American League Champ.

All the Cubs fans at Adams wish the Cubs best of luck because they have become an important part of our daily routine as they go for the World Series.

Public display of affection: in school?

By KARA KELLY

affection - fond or tender feeling; warm liking; usually distinguished from love.

This is one of four passages from Webster's New World Dictionary defining the word "affection". Unfortunately, the statement is rather general, which makes it difficult to explain and even more so to write about.

Anyway, the topic this article is to discuss is what people's opinions are (or should be) when they observe others displaying their "affection" publicly.

It is not at all unusual at John Adams to walk down a hall, turn a corner, and be confronted by a couple discreetly involved in sharing their "fond or tender feeling" for each other.

Typical responses to such an incident might be a) if alone - slyly walk by, pretending to count cracks in ceiling. b) if with a friend - give each other appalled look; when almost out of earshot, whisper loudly, "Can you believe . . . ?" c) if you have a lot of guts, are basically obnoxious, or your name is Mr. Aronson, -yell, "Hey, break it up!"

When questioned, people's opinions were similarly varied - public display of affection got anything from a "no way!" to a "go for it!"

The most common answer was more on the conservative side; "It's all right, up to a point . . ." Just what that point is, however, has yet to be determined.

How do you feel about public display of affection in school?

Greg Golba, Senior
"Well, let me see, I think it is stupid. I would never do it. Mr. Aronson would kill anybody if he saw them do it."

Christopher White, Senior
"It is all right, but I don't get into it."

Michelle Jackson, Sophomore
"It's all right to do some stuff in the hall, but not to go too far. Holding hands is the limit."

Leslie McCloskey, Junior
"I see it all the time, and it really doesn't bother me. Hugging is okay, but some people really get into it."

Kenny Cunningham, Junior
"To each his own. As long as they are not ugly, it's okay. When they are ugly, it makes me sick."

Holly Lindberg, Fresh
"I think it's okay to show their affection, but not in school."

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