

# The Tower

John Adams High School

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## "Keep your school looking good"

by Paula Makris

Mr. Przybysz recently made an announcement to the student body concerning the increased amount of littering and vandalism in our school. Directed to every student, freshman or senior, was the plea, "Keep your school looking good--both inside and out."

Serious cutbacks in custodial personnel and supply funds are making it difficult for custodians to deal with careless littering that many students are guilty of. Outside, containers are located at all entrances of the building. When returning

from McDonalds or Wendy's after lunch, it would take so little time and effort to merely place your trash in these, instead of thoughtlessly throwing it on the ground.

Other than ordinary litter, cigarettes have also been a problem. On a good (or bad) morning, the doors would be surrounded with scores of cigarette butts, the brick walls streaked with long grey ash marks. Smoking has since been banned on school grounds, and although some disgruntled students object to this, they could have prevented

it if they had been less careless.

Inside the school, the problem is not littering quite so much as the vandalism. In his address, Mr. Przybysz state two major problems: the increased number of broken windows and the popular form of student prose and poetry, commonly known as graffiti.

Mr. Przybysz is not the only one to feel vandalism is a problem. Many students have had personal experiences with vandalism.

Sophomore Sharon Horvath states, "I do not appreciate

having my locker written on. Other students appreciate even less the fact that their lockers have been broken into."

Susan Quimby, a sophomore says, "I had everything stolen out of my locker, my jacket, my sweat pants, and my tennis shoes. Everything was gone except my books."

The worst areas, however, are not the lockers. As Mr. Przybysz said, "The worst areas are the bathrooms, both girls and boys, which have been washed up so much, the paint actually was scrubbed

off to insure it."

Junior Brandon Hudson agrees, complaining, "You can't even use half the bathrooms."

Mr. Przybysz also told the school that two bathrooms are locked because of needed cleaning and broken dividers.

Mr. Przybysz ended his announcement saying, "For years I have preached how much you as a student body represented all that is good about teenagers. I would like to continue to do that. How about some pride, and concern for others by all of us."

## Projects in space

by Richard Primus

Through a program called the Space Shuttle Student Involvement Program (SSSIP), students in grades 9-12 enrolled in American high schools can suggest scientific experiments for space flights aboard the space shuttle. These experiments are sometimes performed by the astronauts.

A major idea of the program is that many interesting experiments cannot be performed well in a laboratory on Earth. If an experiment requires a microgravity environment, a broad view of Earth's surface, or operation above the atmosphere, the shuttle fits the bill.

SSSIP, which is a program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), divides the country into ten regions. Twenty winners are chosen from the entries submitted in each region. All regional winners, together with their teachers, are awarded all-expense paid trips to a Space Shuttle Symposium, which will be held next spring.

In May, up to ten national winners are chosen from among the regional winners. National winners are sent to a national symposium. They then submit a final report, and their ideas are considered for space flight.

Julie Hobing, a senior,

participated in SSSIP last year. Her project was titled, "The Effects of Zero-gravity on Regeneration in Planaria (flat worms)." These worms, when cut in half, grow back the missing part of the body. The question to be answered in this project was whether that was changed by the zero-gravity environment of the shuttle.

Julie was selected as a regional winner, and attended a three-day symposium in Huntsville, Alabama, last March. She reports that she enjoyed meeting other research students who really believed they could help people.

The program included movies about the shuttle and a tour of the Marshall Space Flight Center. At the center, the students were shown how the shuttle's robot arm works, which, according to Julie, was just amazing.

She also saw models of the different parts of the shuttle. "I couldn't believe how big they were," she remembers.

Inside a model space ship, the group learned how astronauts have to tie themselves to a wall or the ceiling when going to sleep because they would just float around the capsule if they didn't. Julie called it "kind of funny."

She recalls that the best part was the space dome presentation. The space dome

was a theater with a lifelike three-dimensional screen.

The feature: Space Shuttle Columbia launch number one. Julie describes the launch as "so awesome."

Another highlight was a room with near zero-gravity.

"Throughout the symposium, everyone seemed so nice," Julie says. "I'd like to go back if I could. It was a great experience."

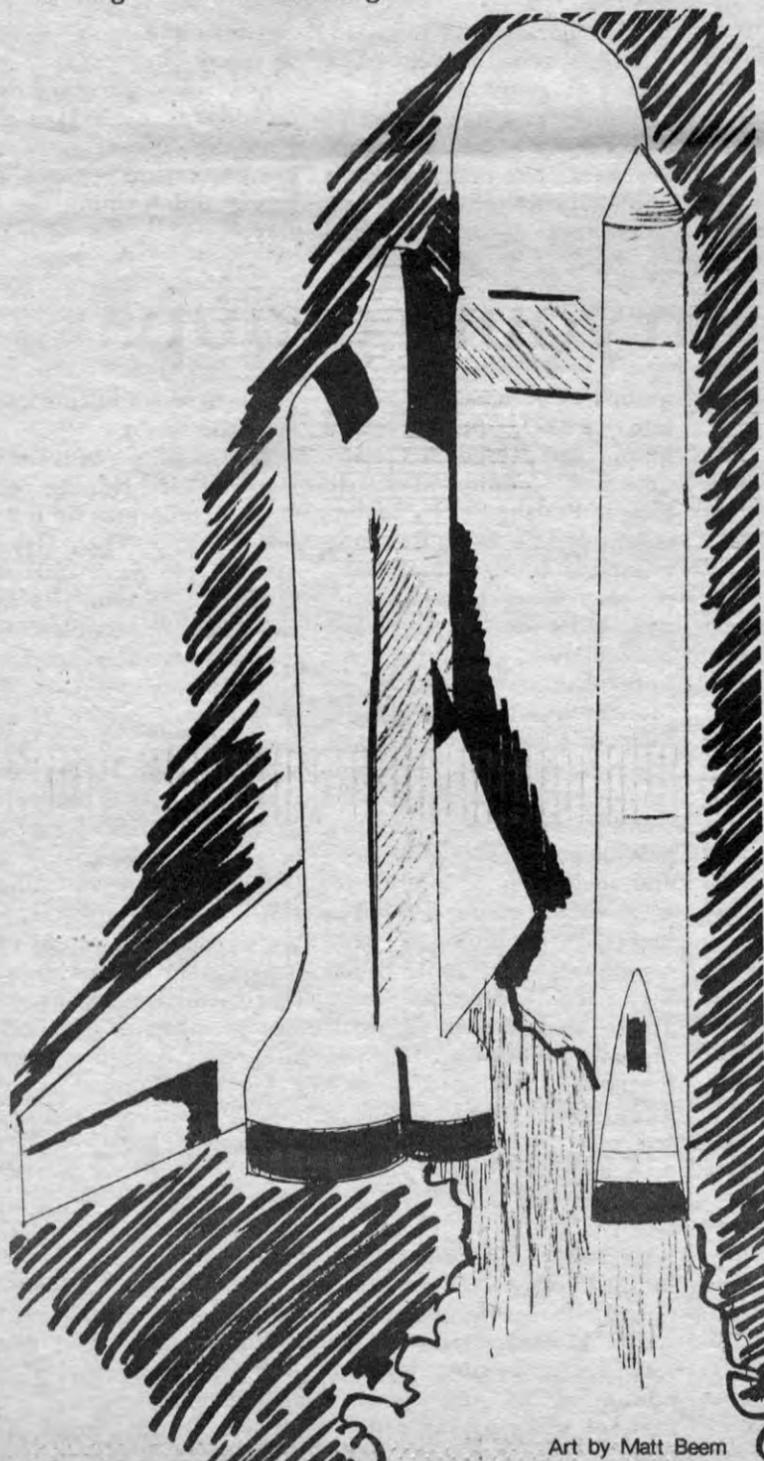
Julie will not go back, but a number of Adams students are participating this year. Among them is Sima Medow, a senior.

Sima's project is about how zero-gravity affects anti-stress drugs taken by the astronauts during flight. "Astronauts are under a lot of stress," she says, "and my project tries to find out if anti-stress drugs, like valium, have different rates in space."

Sima hopes to attend a symposium also. She says she'd like to be able to talk to scientists who are really doing research in these areas, as well as other kids doing it. Sima's project will be submitted in February.

Sima also points out that last year there were many more boys than girls in the program. "I don't know why, but it seems to scare the girls away," she said.

We wish all those Adams students participating in SSSIP the very best of luck with their projects.



Art by Matt Beem

## What's news

### Chicken sale

The Footprints Chicken Sale will be held tonight from 4-7 p.m. in the Mishawaka Avenue parking lot. Tickets are still on sale from Mrs. Germano (in Room 237) or any Footprints Club members for \$2.50. Chickens bought on the spot will be \$3.00. Support your literary magazine.

### Hitting the slopes

A branch of the Michiana School Ski Club will be starting at John Adams. Beginning December 20th, a bus will be going up to Swiss Valley on seven consecutive Thursdays. Buses will leave from the Outpost at 4:00 p.m., and will return around 10:15 p.m.

The ski club package includes transportation, lift tickets, lessons, and equipment rental (if needed). If weather is bad on a Thursday, there will be make-up days. Weekday passes are good on Thursdays whether or not the ski club goes.

See Mrs. Shakour in Room 131 for more information and applications.

### Junior Rotarian

Senior Aviva Piser has been selected as a Junior Rotarian from John Adams. She will represent the school at weekly luncheons for the next six weeks. Aviva has been on the tennis team, and is presently Treasurer of the Orchestra. She is also in National Honor Society. Congratulations!

### Guardian Eagles

The Guardian Eagle program is designed to help freshmen and new students become acquainted with John Adams. They help take students on a building tour and answer any questions about school life.

The following students participated: Joan Ackerson, Leslie Carothers, Marcy Smurr, Susan Quimby, Diane Ricker, Jim Emmons, Blair Baker, Jeff Eslinger, Angela McDonald, Debbie Smith, Ann Marie Lyzun, Shannon Gamble, Dionne Richardson, Tima Swartz, Tracy Maefield, John Korpel, Montrese Threatt, Tim Voreis, Rick Molden, Brett McGrew, Jill Wygant, Kawana Nicks, Cheryl Gammage, Carlantina Hampton, Andrea Darden, Teresa Forrest, Marco Kennedy, Ken Cunningham, Brendan Max, John Haley, Laura McCahill, Sarah Greene, Laura Glumb, Neil Lannuier, Glenn Watson, Dawn Phelps, Jason Hudson, Dan Swingendorf, Rob Keppler, Nancy Arelt, Jonathon Kronstein, Jevon Williams, Holly Hedman, Jenny Collier, Jill Vascil, Judy Kulczar, Jennifer Bethke, Tiffany Paraska, John Newell, Sharna Chapman, Bruce Russell, Paul Willis, Brett Seifert, Mike Swingendorf, Patrick Hooker, Tom Henry, Pam Gatchell, Ann Betts, Shantel Rhodes, Michele Lehman, Paula Stewart, Stacy Slabaugh, Michelle Brencney, Michelle Jackson, Ray Richardson, Patrick Woodard, Michael Rouse, Anne Kusbach, Amy Burns, Lisa Billups, Ava Hall, Amy Heater, Courtney Clark, Julie Poole, Roseanne Puzzello, Holly Beauprez, Andrea Leichtman, Ann Bybee, Pat Stoby, PH Mullen, Adam Friend, Barry Cloud, Theresa Miller, Diana Grundy, Darla Austin, Chris Thompson, Anthony Johnson, and Mindy Horlander.

Thank you to all Guardian Eagles!

### Freshmen elections

Congratulations and good luck to the newly elected officers of the freshman class. Elected were: Ann Buzalski, President, Jim Cowen, Amit Tripathi, Secretary, and Molly Lennon, Treasurer. Student Government representatives are John Booty, Ann Buzalski, Mark Carrico, Jim Cowen, Karen Fisher, Eric Grenert, Mike Hover, Molly Lennon, Terese Martinov, and Amit Tripathi. Best of luck to the class of '88.

## Is skipping worth it?

by Steve Hartman

Skipping. Many students have tried it; each with his own reason. But for every reason to skip, there are as many reasons not.

Some students skip to avoid a test or a quiz, but this only delays it. Sooner or later they will have to take the test. Some teachers won't even allow students to make up tests missed because of absences.

One student, Kevin Max, called skipping "a necessity to relieve some of the many stresses students face." Skipping "adds some excitement" to the lives of students.

They consider it a challenge to not get caught, but they admit fear of being caught.

This year, it is much more difficult to not get caught. A parent volunteer group, the "Eagle Eyes," calls the parents of any students who is absent from a class.

Knowing that their parent will find out if they are absent deters many students from skipping. But some still try and are truant according to South Bend Community School rules.

One truancy results in two



Terry Keuhl signs yet another admit.

Photo by Greg Golba

days of in-school suspension and parent contact. If a student is absent two or more times, he is subject to three days out-of-school suspension, parent contact, and ultimately legal action against the parent or guardian.

Some students write their own notes to cover absences. Not many students know, however, that the attendance office keeps all

such notes. If the handwriting on one note doesn't match the handwriting on another, the student is in trouble. The penalty for forgery is parent contact and two days of in-school suspension.

Obviously, the office cannot eliminate all skipping. Knowing these facts may prevent some people from trying and learning the hard way.

## Update on youth groups

by Sharon Bain

Many students at John Adams and other area high schools presently participate in organized youth groups.

These groups provide social life and education that often can not be found in school, or at least is not as fun.

Most organizations welcome anyone who is interested, but a few require that all members belong to a certain religion. Nevertheless, our community has a sufficient number of youth groups to satisfy the varied range of interests that high school students possess.

Members of all the groups, such as BBYO, Young Life, St. Joseph's group, and Little Flower, usually agree that they all have special experiences. They form a close circle of friends as they socialize, work, and learn together as a unit.

Activities offered in just one meeting can begin new friendships and strengthen old ones. It is a general consensus that these friendships are the main reason that students initially become interested in joining a youth group.

The four most popular youth

groups at Adams are Young Life, BBYO, St. Joseph's group, and Kingdom Construction Company of Little Flower Parish.

Young Life is a Christian group that is open to all young people. They blend singing with a lot of fun activities, both religious and humorous. These meetings are held every Monday at 7:30 at one of the member's house. They hold a banquet, skiing trips, summer camping trips, and many other small road trips with churches providing sleeping quarters and shelter.

One of the groups offered to Jewish students in this community is BBYO, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. This is an international youth organization with programs in England, Spain, and Israel. They hold two monthly business meetings and some programs a month. Women and men are separated into two groups: B'nai B'rith for girls and Aleph Zadik Aleph for the boys. All the members are of the Jewish religion.

Corrie Wolosin states, "This requirement allows for the education of the Jewish heritage while having a good time." This group is highly organized and provides con-

nections with students from all over the world.

St. Joseph's Youth Group is involved in helping others through programs for the poor and hungry. They also hold weekly meeting and social events. Susan Nafzinger explains, "Although most of the members are from St. Joe High, anyone can join." Their meetings are held every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m.

The Kingdom Construction Company hold activities such as dances, parties, retreats, monthly dinners, and a fellowship trip in June to North Carolina. All students are welcome, but many of the events held by this organization involve religious issues and practices of the Catholic Church. Weekly meetings are held every Sunday at 7:30-9 p.m. Student council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month to plan social, educational, and financial programs. Also, the Dungeon, the group's meeting room, is open on Fridays and Saturdays for socializing.

Youth groups can expand your knowledge and your beliefs.

If you are interested in any of these youth groups, please contact Sharon Bain



Show Production learns the moves to a new routine.

photo by Mike Allen

## Dancing in the spotlight

by Liz Panzica

While most people haven't the faintest idea of their plans for the Christmas holiday, one group, the Southold Dance Company is already in mid-rehearsal for their winter production of the Nutcracker.

John Adams student, Alison Dunfee, has studied with the dance theatre for four years and has been a company member for two. In the 1983 presentation of the Nutcracker she danced the prized role of Clara. This year Alison will perform the roles of Snowflake, Tea, and Marzipan.

Alison began her study of ballet in the fourth grade. She has performed in numerous productions some of which are Firebird, Swan Lake, Cinderella, and other small modern dance concerts.

Few people realize the

physical toll and time input that dance requires. Nutcracker rehearsals began on September 9th. They run three times a week for two hours each day. This is added to her weekly dance schedule composed of six hours of intensive instruction in ballet, pointe and modern dance.

After such a heavy class schedule Alison has little time for anything else. She claims that her dance is so time consuming that "I'm always up late doing my homework."

Dancing is an important and fulfilling part of Alison's life. Although it was difficult for her to answer why she danced. She finally explained "I can't explain it, I have to dance because if I didn't I wouldn't be me."

When Bonnie Botlini Baxter, Artistic Director of Southold, was asked why Alison does so well in ballet,

she answered "she responds to correction quickly and is a hard worker." She also states, "Alison has improved enormously in the last three years, as a result she will be performing some more challenging roles this year, including two difficult pointe pieces."

Alison feels dance might be in her future. She claims that "right now I want to pursue it (ballet)." In the future Alison is keeping the option of making dance her career open. Bonnie Baxter confidently said "Alison could be a professional dancer, if she chooses to be."

The Nutcracker will be presented at the Morris Civic Auditorium on December 15th and 16th. Southold will also perform the ballet for school children on the 13th and 14th of December. It should prove to be an enjoyable experience.

## Tuning up

by Sarah Greene

Only three classes at John Adams require a formal audition for the student before he becomes a member of the group. Concert Choir and Jazz Band are two of the auditioned groups. The third group is the fourth hour vocal ensemble class, taught by Mr. Allen.

Every day, a look into room 138 will find twenty-two students (8 sopranos, 5 altos, 3 tenors, and 6 basses), either singing or rehearsing dance numbers from the musical "A Chorus Line." In fourth hour, all the dance steps are taught by student choreographers, rather than the instructor.

Senior Jen Weamer is the head choreographer. She collaborates with two other students, junior Jill Wygant and senior Rick Ellis, on the "Chorus Line" numbers. The other "heavy" dance number is "Salvation Train," which Jen choreographed alone.

Much of the dancing is done with partners. Since more girls than boys attend the class, not all of the couples are

set; and sometimes a guy may partner more than one girl at a time. The guys are doing one number without the girls, which is "Officer Krupke" from the Broadway hit, "West Side Story."

The reason for all the heavy rehearsals? On November 27th, the choir will have its first outside performance, an hour long concert for the National Organization of Women (NOW) at Century Center. Not too long after that, it will begin giving various Christmas performances. Therefore, while they are preparing music for the concert on the 27th, they must also allow time to work on Christmas songs.

Junior Lisa Costello expresses her opinion of the class: "It's really fun and we're a close-knit group. I'm really enjoying myself in there."

Mr. Allen adds, "I still feel that we're a very young group, and this is only the second year we've had auditions. I like more intricate choreography, which gives us the 'show production' rather than 'swing choir.' Because of the auditions, we're improving more and more."

## Research weekend

by Marc Conklin

Three junior research students from Adams spent an exciting and educational weekend in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on October 26 and 27.

Zev Winicur, Mike Quimby, and Donald Marti spent those two days learning new research techniques in one of two workshops on the campus of St. Francis College. Each workshop was comprised of fifteen students, from Indiana and surrounding states. Zev, Mike, and Donald were the only South Bend area high school students accepted to the college.

The subject of their study was everybody's friend, the mosquito. This particular mosquito, however, was not the kind whose sole purpose in life is to bite helpless humans.

The three patient research students studied the mosquito's growth patterns, its levels of protein in each stage of development, its microscopic larvae stages, and, with careful dissection, its internal organs.

They returned to Adams with a better understanding and increased respect for one of man's most common enemies.

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# A J.A. weekend



Art by David Rozmarynowski

## Juniors create excitement

by Meg Sweeney

The junior year is one of new adventure and continuous experimentation, and the night life is no exception to this. Junior night life is certainly a drastic change from that of a freshman or sophomore because the junior is no longer excluded from the upperclass activities, since they are now a part of the upperclass.

They have obtained a certain status for which they have worked hard. Although many complain that South Bend is boring, period, it appears that a junior can find adventure at every turn.

Jill Sallows states, "Even if there is nothing special to do, we manage to find some excitement."

The junior year is highlighted by receiving a driver's license. One junior suggested that "the keys to the car unlock the doors to wild adventure."

Newly acquired licenses bring out many eventful nights. Having a license allows the student to go to all the "hangouts" such as McDonald's, without feeling uncomfortable.

They no longer have to be dropped off at the corner by Mom and be picked up after everyone has left. Having a license also broadens the variety of things you can do, such as parties, basketball and football games, and road trips.

A typical night for a junior might consist of attending a basketball or football game, then driving to McDonald's or attending a dance.

After McDonald's, they may find a party to go to or may resort to such things as tee-peeing, or cruising, but they don't end up sitting at home watching Dallas.

Saturday evening consists of a variety of activities. One can choose to go to a wild party or just a quiet evening with their boyfriend or girlfriend.

One word which most accurately describes junior night life is "exciting."

Although the juniors don't have as much authority and as many privileges as the seniors, they make the most of their position. One junior commented, "I've had more fun so far than both the freshmen and sophomore years put together."

## Frosh learning the ropes

by Becky Wolfe

Freshman night life leaves a lot to be desired. Many weekends are spent wishing to be sophomores, juniors, or, even better, seniors.

Freshmen are most often the joke of the school. Who else get taken to games by their parents and have to be home by 10:00? Upperclassmen miss a great time by not being home to watch Saturday Night Live or Dallas for excitement.

Freshmen usually don't know a lot of people when they first come to Adams. The lucky ones have an older sister or brother who will take them places and introduce them to people. Those who don't have any older siblings have to make it on their own, and generally have a tough time.

The main problem for freshmen is driving. Freshmen have to either get their parents or an older friend to cart them around. But we all know that the seniors are jealous because they can't get dropped off in the family station wagon.

Another problem for freshmen is finding something to do. Let's face it--movies and walking around the mall gets boring after a while. Even Barnaby's gets tired of serving freshmen after the games.

Several freshmen, when asked, had nothing to say for their social lives. According to Molly Lennon, "Freshmen social life is very simple (boring). We go to games and dances on Fridays, and Saturdays are optional." Melissa Scheer sums it up by saying, "Anything and everything possible." Another response was from Michelle Williamson who said, "I go to games, dances, the mall, movies, all the usual stuff."

Freshmen could go to some upperclassmen parties, but the word "initiation" has a mysterious way of keeping them away.

All in all the word that best describes freshmen night life is "boring." But it is a comfort to know that you are only a freshmen for one year, not forever.

## Personals

Christmas personals will be sold on November 30, December 3,4,5. The cost is 5c per word (excluding a, the, an). They will be sold outside the cafeteria during A and C lunch.

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# adventure in the night

## Seniors in a class by themselves

by Steve Gruenig

Each year a new senior class is ushered in and with it a new night life.

This year's senior class, however, does not have a wild and crazy night life as the seniors in years past. A senior will be lucky to find more than one or two good parties on a weekend. And, it will be a rare night when the party extends past midnight.

Some seniors are just content to leave at the 2:25 bell and not worry about school for two days. Sima Medow and Kathy Ross say, "We like to spend the weekends by getting something to eat and then seeing a movie." Victor Berberi chooses another way to spend his weekends. "I like to catch up on my sleep."

Also, many seniors resort to their "free" weekends to fill out applications to their favorite university or college, something underclassmen will be doing in a few years. Kara Kelly replies, "The extra time gives me a chance to catch up on all my applications."

The most popular thing to do is have small senior parties, closing it to all underclassmen. Having a few

friends in your house when mom and dad are out for the night is a lot smarter than having a big time party with the entire school coming. Things in your house do not get wrecked, and the mess is smaller.

At these parties, drinking games are the thing to do. The favorite among students is a "friendly" game with Quarters. A close second, and gaining ground, is the dice game Mexican (or Mexico).

Other games that are popular include Bizz/Buzz and Thumper. Some seniors enjoy dancing at these parties since they do not get a chance at the Adams sponsored dances, because they do not go.

An anonymous senior says, "After working hard all week in school, I like to let loose and attend a great party on the weekend. It helps relieve some of the pressures (of school)."

Seniors, however, do not have a childish night life. They do not find pleasure in covering cars with eggs and soap or trees with toilet paper.

With the upcoming basketball season and many college applications behind them, seniors will be itching to find some "methods" to release some steam and energy. It ought to be an interesting winter for the seniors.



Art by David Rozmarynowski

## Unpredictable sophomores

by Matt Kelly

Many students long for the weekends. As the school week drags slowly along, they all wait anxiously for the 2:25 bell on Friday, when they can kick off their shoes, throw their books and papers aside, and relax. Sophomores have many activities that they do to wind down from a busy week.

On a typical Friday night, the majority of the sophomores will attend a football game. Afterwards, they stop at McDonald's for a hamburger and coke (or a food fight).

After being kicked out of McDonald's by the manager, sophomores like to blow more money at a dance or a movie.

"I will usually attend an athletic event such as football or basketball game on Friday. Then, maybe go home and watch a movie on the VHR. Saturday night, I'll go to a party or something," says Guy Hamilton.

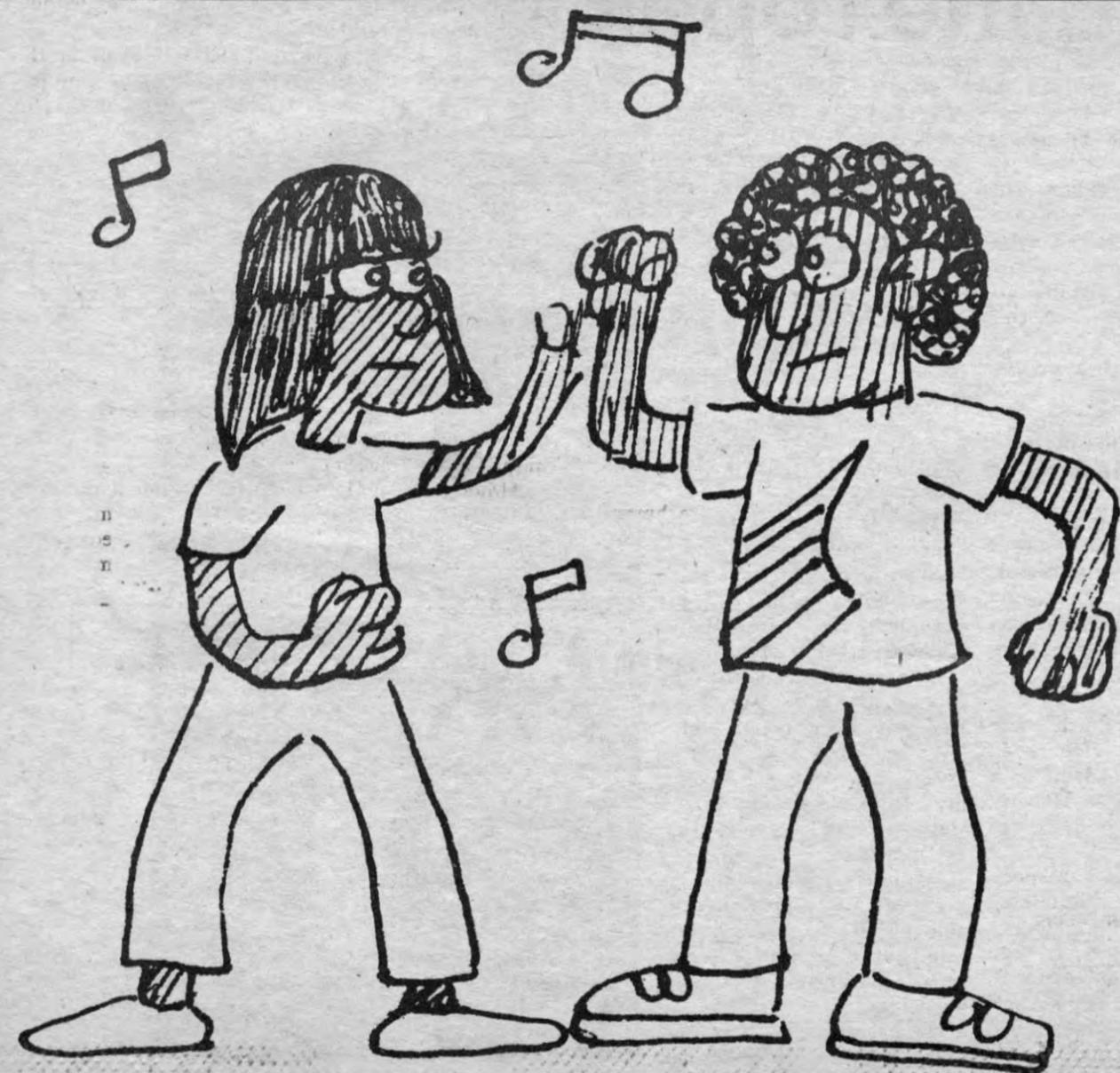
This is a perfect example of how unorganized some sophomore nights are on the weekend. Many sophomores tend to "kick back" and go with the flow of things rather than to have a set plan of action for the weekend.

Adam Friend is another example of the unorganized weekend planner. "I might go to a football game, or watch a movie," he says.

Richard Primus, on the other hand, is not as fortunate as others to have this time of leisure. "It often upsets me that I am unable to attend many events on Friday, such as football games," he explains. Richard, along with many others of the same religion, is unable to attend because Friday is the Jewish Sabbath. He does, however, have time on Saturday to spend time with a friend or whatever comes up.

Once in a while, you might come to an odd sophomore like Tim Foley. Explaining his weekend, Tim says, "I sometimes go to a football game and then to a party. After that, I go home and work on any homework." Homework? On a Friday night? Get serious Tim!

Sophomore weekends are exciting, but are also relaxing. Every student needs time to enjoy and be with friends. Some go to parties, some watch movies, and others just stay at home. Sophomores have a variety of ways to release the tension from the week.



Art by David Rozmarynowski

# Basketball ranks No. 1! Contender for the state title

by Adam Friend

The 1984-85 John Adams basketball team returns to the court this year as a strong contender for the state title.

The Eagles only lost two players to graduation Ryan Forbes and Rick DeCraene, from last year's squad that went 13-9. They captured the South Bend Sectional before being bumped in regionals by a strong Valparaiso team.

Also, Adams was one of only two teams in the entire state to defeat last year's state champion, Warsaw.

The Eagles enter this

season with six returning letter winners, including four of the five regular starters of last year. They include two honorable mention All-American towers, senior Kevin DeCraene and junior Raymond Richardson.

The dynamic duo of senior Milton Davis and senior Tommy Bridgeman will add lightening quickness to the backcourt as well as strong outside shooting abilities.

Defensive specialist, junior Ron Chrobot and, long range bomber, junior Jeff Mitchell also plan to contribute greatly to Adams state title quest.

Adams has been ranked as the number one team in the state in the first poll. "Street and Smith" and "Basketball Weekly" have also ranked the Eagles in their top ten teams of the entire nation. They are ranked 10th and 6th respectively.

"Pre-season polls mean next to nothing, because the sports writers who vote have not seen all the high schools in action, yet," assistant coach Rich Coffey explained.

The number one ranked team in the state opens their season tonight at Adams

against a tough Gary Horace Mann squad.

One of the highlights of this year's team is that they have been asked to participate in the Hall of Fame Classic in Columbus, Indiana on December 1st. Adams was one of only four teams in the state to be invited to play in the Classic.

In the first game at 11:00 a.m., the Eagles will play L&M, the second ranked team in the state. Following the Adams game, Indianapolis Ben Davis will square off against Columbus North.

The winners will then meet for the championship.

That night, the losers will meet in a consolation game.

In 1979 the Eagles basketball team participated in the Hall of Fame Classic and won it, which led them to an undefeated season.

Coach Dave Hadaway is very optimistic about the chances for the basketball team this year. But, he also, repeats that this year's schedule is extremely tough, and it will take a strong effort each game to live up to the team's number one ranking.

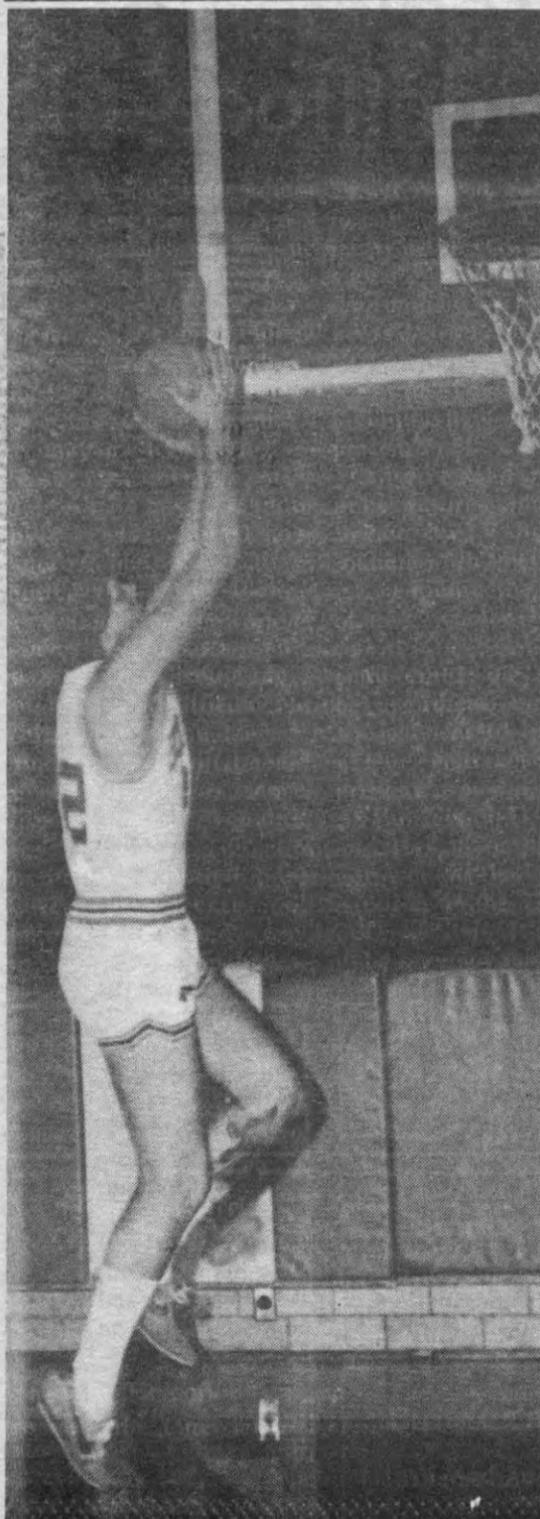


Photo by Mr. Marvin

## Student athlete

by P.H. Mullen

After winning sectionals last spring, and losing only two seniors, this year's basketball team is expected to be phenomenal. They are preseasonally ranked as the number one team in the state, and they are in the top ten in the nation. The entire team is made up of stars, but no one shines as brightly as senior Kevin DeCraene.

He is a 6-8" co-captain. He is a well-spoken, modest team leader, and is surely the epitome of every coach's dream. Also Kevin is an excellent example of the student athlete.

Basketball has always come naturally for Kevin. As a sophomore, he became a starter, and has hardly been on the bench since then.

Last year as a junior, he played a crucial role throughout the season and helped lead Adams to the sectional crown.

"It was great. Everyone was ecstatic. Adams last won the Sectional in '79 so we were all really thrilled," Kevin explains.

But, Kevin is much more than an athlete. He is an active student at Adams as a member of Student Government and president of Monogram Club.

Kevin, who has a respectable G.P.A. says maintaining his grades while juggling a busy schedule has never been a problem. "I try to keep a 'B' average. Basketball doesn't really affect my grades that much. But, I do make sure I study every night," he claims.

All the studying and playing basketball has completely paid off. After being one of the most highly recruited players in the state, Kevin recently decided to attend Illinois State. He will receive a full basketball scholarship to college where he plans on majoring in Business.

"Oh, we definitely have the talent," Kevin enthusiastically reports. "We're picked number one, and if we have a good season, I think we will win it (state championship)."

Strangely, Kevin seems to feel none of the pressures which would plague most team leaders if they were ranked in the top ten in the nation. "The pressure is not really bothering us (the team). Both Milton (Davis, the other co-captain) and I started as sophomores so we really don't feel any pressures, yet."

Another reason he does not have any pressures on him is because he never tries to carry the whole team on his shoulders. He is quick to give credit to other people.

He especially recognizes the support his family and Coach Hadaway have given him. "When I had knee surgery during my sophomore year, my family's and Coach Hadaway's support was what got me through it."

With determination and his big heart, Kevin just might be able to lead the team to a state title. But, even if he does not, he will still be able to hold his head high.

He has given Adams four great years in both basketball and activities.

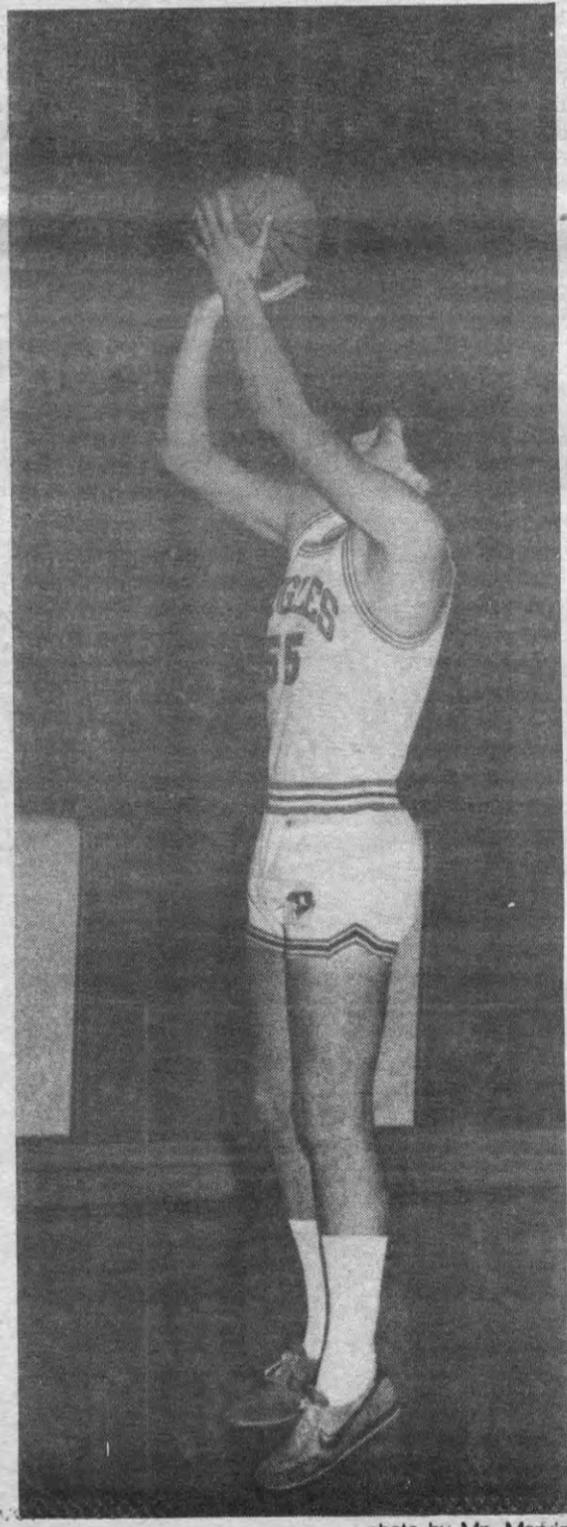


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## Sports opinion

# S.B.C.S.C. suffering?

by Paul McNarney

The other day I was reading the newspaper and I noticed, while looking at the sports section, that a Penn-Harris-Madison School beat a team from the South Bend School Corporation--again.

I asked myself, "What do these kids who live on farms do that's different from us city boys?" My first thought was that their milking cows and bailing hay had made them stronger. But I threw this idea out because most of the kids who supposedly live on a farm really don't. They were just like us. They had big wheels when they were little; they climbed trees, played hide-n-seek; and, they even cried when they fell and scraped their knees.

So I decided to conduct my search further. I asked my little sister Anne, who is a 6th grader in the SBCSC what sports they have at her school.

Her reply was "boy's and girl's basketball and a track team that has boys and girls mixed." That sounds all right considering these students are only 12 years and younger.

Through the process of talking to administrators and other people affiliated with P-H-M schools, I found out that the elementary children in the P-H-M corporation have a very similar program for

their elementary students.

I looked into the athletic program in the junior high schools at both corporations. In doing this, I was surprised to find the SBCSC and the P-H-M schools had the same sports except wrestling and baseball, which are included in P-H-M's program, but not in SBCSC's.

I began to think of a reason for P-H-M dominating in sports such as football, wrestling and track. I came up with four questions as to why this may be so.

1. Are their athletes better than ours?
2. Are their coaches better than ours?
3. Are the parents more concerned about what their children do in school athletics?
4. (Or maybe) do their schools spend more money for their athletic programs?

Coming up with the first answer wasn't too tough considering that I myself am very interested in athletics and have actively participated in and received varsity letters in three different sports. My answer is NO! P-H-M athletes are not better than SBCSC athletes.

My next question, are the coaches better? NO! The coaches in the SBCSC are very good. One flaw, however, is that the coaches in South Bend

seem to lack communication with the other coaches teaching the same sport at lower levels. This is one reason why P-H-M teams fair better in sports.

Are their parents more concerned about their children? I really don't know the answer to this, but it appears they have a larger adult booster club, and also, they have more fans.

My final question, are they spending more money on their athletic programs? I am not really qualified to answer this question as I do not have the resources to study the budgets, but my own observations tell me a few things. The Penn football team has ten coaches; the Adams team has five. The Penn football team has 110 fully dressed players. Penn has twice as many coaches and nearly three times as many players. That means on top of the expenses of officials and transportation, Penn is paying five more coaches and is paying for equipment for about 70 more participants. They don't get this free, so the money has to come from somewhere.

I feel that if the SBCSC continues to ignore these factors, their athletic programs will decline.

# A rebuilding year

by Diana Grundy

"Guarded optimism" is the attitude that Coach Nemeth has as the girls' basketball team approaches their season.

Coach Nemeth says, "The team is in a position that they can go through the season undefeated or with a winning record. But because of the youth, we'll make our share of mistakes."

Coach Nemeth is hoping that the girls will develop and build their confidence as the season progresses. Showing the uncertainty in his optimism, Coach Nemeth adds, "The girls may not develop their skills until around sectional time."

Coach Nemeth feels that the girls are an exceptionally young team, therefore they are confronted with problems due to inexperience. He, however, considers having a

young team an advantage. "The girls have a lot of ability, and if it is developed we'll have a good team for more than one season."

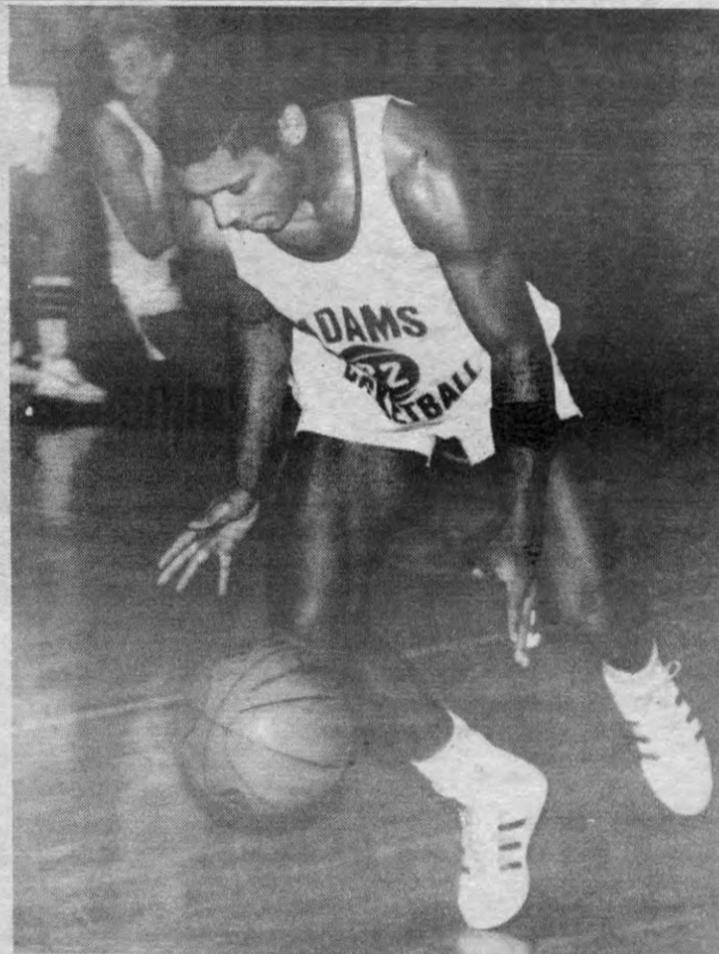
The team is rebuilding with a lot of young team members. The youngest team member is a freshman. Coach Nemeth remarks, "Having a young team cuts down on any rebuilding in the near future. The girls can start learning from their mistakes and improve upon them by the time they are seniors."

In the past years, the girls basketball team has depended on rebounds to score the majority of the points, but this year fast breaks and hustling down the court on defense will be the key to their victories. Coach Nemeth says, "We're a short team, but we should beat other teams, due to our quickness."

The team depends on

seniors Colleen Lennon and Gail Jones for team leadership. A lot is expected of the returning juniors, Diana Grundy, Rae Hetterson, Meg Sweeney, Tammy Britain, Ava Hall, Lisa Billups, Marisa Randazzo, Terri Landen. The sophomore and freshman, Kathy McMahon and Marilyn Thomas play an important role on this young team. Coach Nemeth says, "The girls on the team are pretty much even, therefore any five could start a game."

Coaches Tim Nemeth, Bob Nemeth, and Mary Beth Borkowski commend the girls on their team cooperation. They also add, "If we can get along, it will make the season run much smoother. If a team member doesn't do her best, hustle in practice, or have fun, then she shouldn't be out there."



Milton Davis practices for the basketball game tonight.

Photo by Jane Handley

## In the fast lane

### Tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Hall of Fame tournament on December 1st, 1984, in Columbus, IN, in the bookstore. The cost is \$5.00 for both sessions. All seats are reserved so buy tickets with the people you want to sit with. Season basketball tickets are also on sale for \$9.00 (good for all home games).

### Fall review

The Eagles football team ended their season at 4-6. The members felt they did accomplish a lot, but key injuries hurt the chances for a good season. Most of the players are underclassmen and will return next year, so the future looks bright.

The cross-country team had a slow beginning, but they got into the "run" of things and completed a fine season at 4-5. The two highlights of the year were the City Meet title and the upset victory at sectionals. The regionals, the luck dried up and they finished 5th overall.

The volleyball team's record does not show the progress they made throughout the year. The team feels their experience from this year will enable them to be stronger next year. The players have learned a lot from their mistakes, which will help the young team next year.

The swim team ended their season with a fifth place in the sectionals. Junior Denise Lamborn is the only swimmer to qualify for state which is this weekend. She placed first in the diving event. Good luck to Denise.

### Moving indoors

Adams' fall soccer team got off to a slow start with a 1-0 loss to Argos. The Eagles really started to look up by beating a strong Indianapolis select team 1-0.

After a fight against state regulators over whether they could participate in the fall soccer tournament, Adams was allowed to participate.

The team opened the tournament by rolling over an out-matched Bethany-Christian. But, the Eagles again fell short of their goal when they lost the second game of the tournament to Argos in a shootout.

The Eagle soccer team is not down, however, as they look forward to a good indoor season that will last throughout the winter months.



Holly Hedman gets some help with her Latin from her mom, who is also her teacher.

photo by Amy Richards

## Mom is my teacher

by Holly Hedman

A great deal is assumed by others about the relationship between parent teachers and their children students. Most think that these kids get special attention, help with grades, and a lot of nagging at home. Parts of this are true and parts are false.

Having experienced this situation, I know that my mother/teacher is a little bit of everything. She does not, however, help me with my grades. I am treated like every other student in her class.

I am called on when it's my turn; I get help from her when I don't understand the

material. Most importantly, I am graded on the same basis as the other students.

At home she doesn't nag about the homework from her class any more than the homework for my other classes. She does help me with lessons that I don't understand--to a certain extent. She "gives" no answers.

On the other hand, my teacher/mother likes for me to have a specific studying time period, a good grade point average, and a check on my tests. She won't allow my homework in any class to go unfinished.

I have found much of the same with other parent/teach-

er kids. Many of their situations are similar to mine.

They too stressed the fact that their parent/teacher gave no help in the way of a grade and, if anything, expected more of them.

I am glad to say that the attitudes of others toward people like me have changed from serious accusations to simply "joking around." It helps to have a parent as a teacher in many ways, but there is always someone who wants to cause a little trouble.

So, the next time you see this fairly common situation, perhaps you'll understand that there's more to it than meets the eye.

## Fall brings out quality

by Jim Halterman

With the fall movie season in full swing, it is time for the teen-age sex comedies and other silly films to take the back seat to more adult-oriented films such as "Amadeus," "Places in the Heart," and "A Soldier's Story."

Why the sudden surge of adult-oriented films in the fall?

For one reason, the end of the eligibility period for the 1985 Oscar awards is less than two months away. This has caused Hollywood studios to pour some of their best movies into theaters now in order to qualify.

For example, "Terms of

Endearment" was released before the usually popular winter films in November 1983 to get it away from some of the competition that comes with the winter films and also to

qualify it for Oscar nominations. The film went on to win several major Oscar awards including Best Picture and was also a hit at the box office.

This gives more adult-aimed films such as "The Little Drummer Girl" and "The Razor's Edge" a better chance to become box office hits and also get some of the needed recognition sometimes needed to become qualified for major awards.

Another reason to account

for a majority of adult-oriented films is the fact that students are in school so they aren't drawn to theaters as much as they are during summer or winter vacations. It is no

secret that most successes of films depend on if the age group of 12-19 likes the film, thus deciding its outcome at the box office.

No matter what the reason, it is very obvious that the movies playing are being aimed at a more mature audience. Never fear, the Christmas movie season will be here soon and the movies that we are accustomed to seeing will be upon us once again.

### Letter to the Editor

## Parking problem

Why are John Adams Students limited to one, undersized student parking lot? I ask this question because it is interrogated by many John Adams Students. I'm unable to construe why the other South Bend schools have ample student parking, but John Adams doesn't. I think it's absurd! I shouldn't have to depart for my destination 10-15 minutes earlier in order to obtain a decent parking space. When I asked a student what she thought of the incompetent student parking she recited, "I think it's unfair and something should definitely be done!"

What can be done about this predicament? I think it's unfortunate if there isn't a solution. Does a student, first, have to become a victim of a car crash before action is taken? I personally believe something can be done. It's very dangerous for us students who park on Twyckenham Drive or Wall Street. With all the congestion and traffic, it's easy to become a moving target. I questioned another student and asked him what he thought could be done and he replied, "If it was possible, I think I.U.S.B. should share the student parking lot." I realize this request would probably cause a lot of commotion among various students, but it is an idea.

The access to more available student parking is greatly needed for the John Adams High School students. I, as well as my fellow peers, feel we have just as much right to a "suitable" parking lot as any other school does. This issue doesn't have to be a problem, but if something isn't done, it will erupt into a query. It's too bad that J.A. wasn't built with students in mind.

Is there a solution????

Anonously Yours.

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