

The winter personals are inside in a special three page insert. Check for the red, green and white messages.

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# The Tower

John Adams High School

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North Central Association

## Committee gives report

By Steve Hartman

During the week of November 18, a committee of educators from throughout Northern Indiana visited and evaluated John Adams. Dr. Larry Crabb, chairman of the group, presented the committee's on-site report before leaving on Friday, November 22.

The principals, available staff members, Mr. David and Mr. Shanley (chairmen of the Adams' North Central Committee) and several parents were in attendance as Dr. Crabb presented this preliminary exit report. This evaluation is not the official report of the committee. That report will be presented to the school within two months. Dr. Crabb stressed the fact that the committee is not a decision making group. Its recommendations are merely recommendations to be acted on as the school administration and the school board feel best.

Dr. Crabb began with what the committee found to be Adams' weaknesses. The committee believed the "highest priority" to be the facilities and maintenance. They determined that the "facilities are affecting the educational progress." They called for the development of short and long range plans and complete rearrangement of some areas of the school; consultation with an outside expert was recommended.

Dr. Crabb refused to name specific problems until the official written report. Mr. Przybysz agrees that Adams has problems with the facilities but attributes most of the problems to the fact that the school was built forty-five years ago. Parts of the school—such as the downstairs locker rooms—still contain equipment installed in 1940. Until the school corporation allocates more money, many problems and shortcomings will have to remain. Mr. Przybysz blames the maintenance problems on cutbacks in the maintenance staff made three years ago. The second major problem area mentioned by the committee was the library/media center. The library/media center meets North Central's bare minimums in size, personnel and expenditures for a school the size of Adams. Dr. Crabb stated, "The students, staff and the educational progress are all shortchanged because of this problem." He did, however, commend the staff for the job they are able to do with the minimal resources.

The report alluded to shortcomings in the school's leadership. Mr. Przybysz is anxious to hear the committee's comments but does not believe a problem exists. He believes in "Getting the right people in the right position and letting them do their job." He considers this method to be superior to his trying to control every aspect of the school.

The report also called for "a written guidance program reflecting the needs of the whole school," and a better followup on attendance and discipline problems.

The report then mentioned some more abstract ideas. The report asked the faculty and administration to analyze "where you want to be in the 21st Century." It cautioned that we should "guard against stagnation" and avoid getting too

settled in. The report also solicited "a new spark placed in the Adams machine."

Dr. Crabb then presented a staccato of Adams' strengths. He stated, "Adams has a sense of family. The kids like to be here; everyone helps each other....The staff is interested in the needs of students." He commended the students for their outstanding behavior and strong pride. He mentioned the strong college prep (honors and A.P.) courses and the broad, varied offerings.

Dr. Crabb believes the student body to be Adams' strongest point. He complimented the academic talents and the students' interaction with each other. He mentioned the students are "serious about academics and proud of academic and extra-curricular activities." He said that students use their free time wisely and the atmosphere is conducive to learning.

The official, written report will be presented to the school in January or February. This report will contain specific recommendations to the departments and to some individual teachers. The steering committee, headed by Mr. David and Mr. Shanley, will meet with the departments to determine whether the recommendations are valid and then begin implementing some changes. Mr. Przybysz will meet with Dr. Miller to formulate long term plans and to obtain money for the physical problems.



Earlier this week John Adams photography staff and the Album/Tower staff held the First Annual Snowflake Contest. Head flake, John Newell [above], models the results. Michele Ault/Tower

## What's News

### Drunk and Drugged driving week

This week, December 15-21, is National Drunk and Drugged driving week. Drunk driving is the leading cause of death among 16-24-year olds. The Governor's Task Force to Reduce Drunk Driving has issued the following tips for party hosts and hostesses during this holiday festivity season: 1. Serve non-alcoholic beverages in a convenient, visible location.

2. Always serve food with alcohol. High protein foods such as cheeses and meats are especially good. Avoid salty snacks and sweets.

3. Don't force drinks on your guests.

4. If guests have had too much to drink, don't let them drive. Convince them to spend the night, take a cab, or ride with someone who is sober. Be a friend. Take their keys if you must.

### False alarms

A false fire alarm is punishable by fines of up to \$1000. This includes phone calls made to warn about nonexistent fires. A fifty dollar reward shall be awarded to any person furnishing information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for a false alarm.

### Life-saving course

An advanced life saving course will be offered next semester during fifth hour. To be eligible for the class you must be able to pass Red Cross swimmers level and must be fifteen years or older. A nominal fee for textbooks and material rental will be charged.

### Rhodes Scholar

Tess Doering, a 1982 Adams graduate and Notre Dame student, has been named a recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship. While at Adams Tess served as Editor-in-Chief of the Album and secretary of NHS; she was also a member of the Tower staff, Quill and Scroll Society, Footprints staff, Latin club, the swim team and the Monogram club. The Rhodes Scholarship allows her to study at Oxford University for two to three years.

### Correction

In the last issue, the artwork on page one was mistakenly attributed to Matt Beem. Matt Trinh drew the picture of the space shuttle which accompanied the SSSIP article.

### Student Government

Student Government? What do they do besides hold Food Drives, Semi-Formals and get out of class every two weeks? Unfortunately, this is what many of you have assumed to be the duties and responsibilities of the Student Government. Student Government provides activities and promotes school pride (Semi-Formal, Save Our Lady/Farm Aid Campaign, Food Drive, etc.), but members also have the responsibility to represent their classmates. It is impossible for Student Government to operate as a representative without students voicing their concerns; therefore, it is your duty as a student to allow your class representatives access to your complaints. Representing the student body has become a priority of the Student Government and hopefully, will establish it as an organization respected within the school.

Student Government is in the process of reactivating the Communications Committee under the name of Student Relations Committee. The committee will serve within the school. Also, the minutes from the previous meeting and an agenda for the upcoming meeting will be posted in the Student Government display cabinet next to the lunch room. An agenda will give students the chance to find which meeting is the best to propose an issue, and the minutes provide an opportunity to learn what has been discussed. So remember, Student Government wants to hear what you have to say!

Thank you,  
Jonathan Kronstein  
President  
Student Government

# Marti's project wins grant

Donald Marti, an Adams senior working on independent study biology research sponsored by Mr. Longenecker, recently received a \$150.00 grant from the American Lung Association of Indiana to finance the construction of an electrostatic precipitator for his biology research project this year. An electrostatic precipitator is an apparatus that uses high voltage electrodes to remove particles from a moving fluid. Don will be using his electrostatic precipitator to attempt to remove pollen grains from air inside a duct. He will measure the effect of changing several parameters, such as voltage, air speed, type of pollen, humidity, and the configuration of the precipitator electrodes on the amount of pollen that the precipitator traps on its collection electrodes.

Don's experimental apparatus, which he is now building, consists of three major parts, each made largely of Plexiglass. The first

part, or "pre-precipitator section," consists of a square duct 1 1/4 inches square and about 12 inches long. To one end is attached a small blower to create an air current in the duct, and in the center, a syringe forces pollen into the moving air. Air moves from the pre-precipitator section to the electrostatic precipitator itself, which is made from copper plates and wires. The electrostatic precipitator is supposed to attract and trap pollen on its flat collection electrodes. Air and remaining pollen from the precipitator section enter the "post-precipitator section," another duct, where some of the pollen grains not trapped in the precipitator itself are collected on a microscope slide.

Don says that he will "count the pollen grains in several microscope fields of view on the slides and compare the numbers of pollen grains on each slide to determine the pollen collection efficiency of each set of

electrostatic precipitator parameters." He will use statistical tests to determine whether significant differences exist between the electrostatic precipitator's efficiency in trapping the pollen of various species of plants and to determine whether and to what extent the configuration of the electrostatic precipitator itself causes a change in its ability to collect pollen.

To apply for the grant money, Don submitted a research proposal describing the planned project to the American Lung Association of Indiana in Indianapolis. Several members of the Association reviewed all of the projects submitted and selected eight students from the entire state of Indiana for the awards.

Don will be required to submit a paper describing his project, his results, and its relationship to respiratory health and to exhibit his projects at a meeting of the American Lung Association of Indiana on April 11.



Don Marti shows his electrostatic precipitator to science research teacher, Mr. Longenecker

Merri Orr/Tower

# Students learn from Washington D.C. trip

During the week of November 17 to 22, junior P.H. Mullen and senior Jonathan Kronstein traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the "1985 National Young Leaders Conference." The conference is designed to bring talented young people from across the country to Washington to learn about government from sources of power and policy—as an active participant.

Early last winter John Adams was notified that it was one of 1500 high schools in the United States selected for the conference. Each school principal was asked to choose two students to represent the school.

When asked about being chosen Mullen said, "It was a great honor to be picked for something like this. I was a little worried about missing school and some (swim) meets but now that I'm back, I'm glad I went. We had a great time."

Only a couple of hours after arriving in Washington, Kronstein and Mullen were already attending meetings. On the first night Linda Arey, Special Assistant to the President spoke.

They heard four prominent speakers the next day, and were able to talk with Congressman John Hiler for about half an hour. For the next four days they attended a total of eleven meetings. At these meetings the talks ranged from the comparison between the House and the Senate, Judicial Review, the economy, and U.S. foreign policy.

One of Mullen's favorite speakers was Jack Armstrong who discussed the FBI's protection of the President. "He explained a lot about the type of things that we don't read in the papers. He went through the procedures of the FBI and he told us how Hinckley was able to get near the President."

Kronstein added, "My favorite speaker was Secretary of Transportation Dole because she gave me the opportunity to observe the duties and responsibilities of a Cabinet member." At the end of the day, everyone would break up into discussion groups and go over the day's events.

"We would go over what some of the speakers had said and ask

each other questions about them," said Mullen.

"It gave me an opportunity to see other peoples views," Kronstein added. Not only that,

but it also helped them to meet new people.

"When I arrived I assumed Jonathan and I would share a room, but we ended up with three

different roommates."

As Mullen said, "It wasn't so much learning about the government as it was a learning experience."

## Luminescence symposium glows

By Karie Horvath

Luminescence. Does this word sound familiar? To most people it doesn't, but to four John Adams students—Chris Coussens, Guy Hamilton, Elod Horvath, and myself—it has more than just a familiar ring about it.

On November 15th and 16th, Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne held a Science Symposium concerning luminescence—a chemical process in which light energy is emitted as a product.

A total of nine students were selected through an application process to participate in the program directed by Dr. Russell E. Duncan and Sister Carol Myers. By attending this symposium, students may also benefit by being chosen recip-

ients of a \$1,000 scholarship if they plan to go to Saint Francis College.

The program itself began with a classroom lecture on the theory behind luminescence. Notes were jotted down and ditto sheets of information were passed around, but almost everyone's mind was thinking ahead to the experiments in the lab. "Being a research student, I couldn't wait to get in the lab and actually work with the chemicals," Chris Coussens commented.

Producing and reacting the luminol made the major part of the symposium. Dyes were gathered together in different combinations and the florescent glow was eminent in each luminescent reaction. A basic

path of instruction was cut to follow, yet everyone was able to change the procedures and progress independently.

The program was based on individual initiative and curiosity and each student reached his or her limits of expectations with this freedom. This type of originality and "freedom" is seldom found in high school laboratory which makes everything all the more appealing to those who had originally applied.

As everyone worked and learned together, comfortable surroundings were formed. The symposium became not only a learning experience in the scientific aspect but in a social and communal one too.

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# Walking in a winter wonderland

By Holly Lindberg and Melanie Masin

With the falling of the first snow comes a festive feeling of the new season. Not only does winter bring snow, but it also brings the joy of Christmas. Christmas would not be the same without it to guide Santa and his sleigh to the rooftops of the good boys and girls. Though many people are not able to glide through the sky like St. Nick, they find their own form of winter fun. Some prepare for the winter cold by donning longjohns and scarves, while others prefer wrapping themselves up in a quilt blanket and sitting in front of the fireplace. Whether the perfect "Winter Wonderland" brings families together, presents under the tree, or days off from school, it is a jolly season for everyone.

Eager skiers and skaters await the first flurries to go "dashing through the snow" to reach the slopes and rinks. Other less skillful enthusiasts enjoy innertubing, sledding, or tobogganning. Still others can not resist the childish impulse of beaming a snowball at their best friend. This often leads to an all out war; towering forts quickly spring up behind cars and inconspicuous snowmounds as snowballs are hurled overhead. When the participants tire out and peace is finally made the best way to recuperate until the next seige is to lay back and make angels in the snow. The halos quickly lose their

more clothes than Henry, the comic strip character, who dresses in shorts all year round except in a blizzard when he adds a scarf to this outfit. Since most body heat is lost through the head, Henry should at least wear a hat and so should everyone else in the winter months even though most teens are not as bald as he is.

Whether hairless, with a toupe, or with real hair, everyone can catch cold and miss school. The best mini-vacation, by far, however, is the not familiar enough voice of a deejay stating "South Bend Community Schools will be closed today." Then the choice must be made between going to the movies, shopping for Christmas presents, visiting with friends, or doing unfinished homework. But come on, do homework on a free day???

Many people will agree that Christmas vacation should come more than once a year. Even before Christmas actually arrives one of the favorite pastimes for people of all ages is to watch Christmas specials. Although most teens are able to recite all the words from "The Grinch Stole Christmas" they still live in fear that someday he might. Many shed a tear or two when Rudolph is not allowed "to play in all the reindeer games." But everyone really bawls when Frosty melts into a puddle in the warm green house. All is not lost, however, because Jack Frost will soon nip at his nose and Frosty "will come back again someday." From Charlie Brown to Baby New Year, from the Little Drummer Boy to the Smurfs, everyone enjoys those heartfelt stories.

The very special stories are those remembered from a family's past Christmases. Some are spent "roasting chestnuts on an open fire" on a "silent night." Others decorate Christmas trees and "deck the halls with boughs of holly" and "silver bells." Or they relax while sipping hot cocoa and munching on candycanes and sugarplums as they watch "The Nutcracker Suite."

Sometimes special Christmas memories are felt in a certain area rather than at home with the whole family. One such example exists in California where the natives build snowmen out of tumbleweed and artificial canned snow. Another such example is in New York where romantics take a horse-pulled carriage ride through the glistening snow-covered paths of Central Park. No

matter which corner of the world the Christmas spirit hits first, it is always welcomed with jolly smiles and open hearts. But, when the "Winter Wonderland" melts away, the Christmas trees are taken down, snowshovels are put in the garage, and students have to return to school, the special air of winter is whisked away until next year.



Lance Newsome, Steve Swope, and Ryan Roth risk 2 to 4 years in jail for the sake of a snowball. Michele Ault/Tower

The perfect "Winter Wonderland" is a jolly season for everyone.

glimmer, however, as the burden of shoveling is dumped upon them.

This unbearable snowshoveling does require more outerwear whether most people think so or not. The freezing weather definitely calls for wool mittens or gloves, boots, and warm coats. But, it is not necessary to go to the extreme and put on snowmobile suits and ten pairs of long underwear. It is, however, essential to wear



Tim Devetski and Jonathan Kronstein dress up as elves to give candy to children during Zooltide 1985. Michele Ault/Tower

## Skiers experience winter

By Marc Conklin

When analyzing the changing seasons, the high school student can usually find at least one enjoyable pastime associated with each. Spring brings daydreams of Florida sun and a beginning of hope for the termination of school.

Summer? What can I say...the most enjoyable activity is simply not being in school and having the time to do things which are more worthwhile.

Autumn brings about the challenge of escaping the reality of school and trying to convince oneself that it is still summer.

But the real challenge is winter—a season set in the heart of school time, when the falling of

snow finally eliminates all summer illusions. In troubled times like these, many people turn to skiing for relaxation while others find it anything but relaxing.

There are those who have never tried any form of skiing for whatever reason. There are those who have mastered the cross-country trail but still can't find it in their stomachs to try downhill, and there are those who have overcome their fears and braved the steep slope.

Of course, it is easy to see why some people, such as myself, have never tried downhill skiing. Perhaps memories of inner tube accidents discourage some from participating in an activity in which they must control balance

and stopping.

Also not very pleasant to the non-skier are horror stories of not-too-successful skiers (My sister skied right into a large oak. But it didn't discourage her because she couldn't remember it...).The "agony of defeat" footage on Wide World of Sports comes to mind.

Others have simple, not-so-irrational phobias concerning aspects of skiing, such as the fear of heights only when on a ski lift, a phobia of stopping on skis when the eyes cross as the skis cross, or maybe a simple fear of large oak trees.

For whatever reasons, some people are made for skiing, and some people are better off just thinking about it.

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# Talented seniors lead basketball team

By Patrick Woodard

After the loss of multi-talented player Raymond Richardson and key graduates Kevin DeCraene, Milton Davis, and Tommy Bridgeman, the 1985-86 version of the John Adams varsity basketball team enters this season rated as only a mediocre ballclub. Most Adams opponents know this can be a deceiving billing for any Hadaway coached team. Coach Hadaway actually probably prefers such an underdog rating after two years of being the favorite added up to two years of frustration. Although a young ballclub with only two seniors in the starting lineup, the Eagle squad compares with any other team in the NIC, and with a reputable schedule, a trademark of past Adams teams, the Eagles should pose a serious threat by the start of sectional competition. Senior letterman Ron Chrobot and Jeff Mitchell return to lead the young Eagle squad and should receive help from another senior, Scott Clarisey, after recuperation from an off-season injury. Both Chrobot and Mitchell possess accurate long range "jumpers," and either one can work the guard or forward position. Next, the Eagles sport two juniors, also returning lettermen, who must play major roles in order for the squad to succeed: Adam Friend and Tony Wilson. Hadaway will count heavily on these two to power the inside game and to dominate the boards. And, if they need a break, he can undoubtedly turn to high-rising junior Gary Giger, who gave a glimpse of his ability in a recent 50-49 loss to 13th ranked Fort Wayne Northrop. Still, if this doesn't worry opposing coaches and teams, two sophomores coming from a freshman squad which won the city championship last year, Alfonso Mack and Terry Bridgeman, should with their contributions. Mack, the starting point guard, adequately fills the void left by Milton Davis and is a potential force on the squad, while Bridgeman should be able to go at both guard and forward.

The Eagles opened their season under contradictory

circumstances: three starters, Mitchell, Chrobot, and Wilson barely practiced a week for the first game, a visit to Gary Mann, because of their participation in football. Despite this, the squad managed to hold a 30-27 halftime lead. Things turned sour, however, in the second half as the hosts thrashed the Eagles for a 68-49 victory. Mitchell, Wilson, and Chrobot led the Eagles with 9 and eight points each.

The following week proved to be beneficial to the team's cohesiveness, as the Eagle hoopers ran the halftime score to a 30-19 margin over the Crimson Chargers of Elkhart Memorial. The Eagles didn't stumble this time and went on to whip Memorial by a final count of 76-54. Four players reached double figures for the Eagles. Wilson paced the pack with 18 points and ten rebounds, while Chrobot and Mitchell bruised the nets with 16 and 13 points, respectively. Sophomore guard Alfonso Mack added ten.

The next assignment, against the 13th ranked Bruins of F.W. Northrop, showed the Eagles' potential to compete with the best. The ballclub encountered problems with the Northrop press in the early going, but they eventually broke it open to be rewarded with easy layups, which allowed the Eagles to battle back from a seven point deficit to a four point lead only to see a 28-28 deadlock at the half. The two teams battle equally in the second half, but the outcome favored the guest as the Eagles misfired on a last-second shot, 50-49. This heart-breaking served as experience for similar situations in future games. Ron Chrobot connected from deep on many critical occasions and powered the offensive attack with 13 points. Junior Gary Giger added 8 points and snagged 6 rebounds to complement Mitchell's 8 points.

Last weekend the team squared off with Riley on Friday and Warsaw on Saturday. Against the Wildcats, the Eagles exploded and impressively won 80 to 47. On Saturday, they continued their momentum by upending the highly-ranked Warsaw Tigers, 51 to 44. With a 3-2



Senior Jeff Mitchell breaks away in a recent game against Elkhart Memorial. Michele Ault/Tower

record, the Eagles face LaSalle tonight and hope to boost their confidence in preparation for the upcoming Holiday Tournament.

# Winter presents challenge for skiers

By Joey Loux

Skidoo, Skidaddle, Skidee! It's the new, and improved alternative to drugs. Did you ever go down a freshly snowed upon mountain, and feel free as a bird? Ah, watch it! I didn't say "high as a bird." I said free. If you never have been skiing, I suggest that you start saving now! Although skiing is a terribly expensive sport, once the basic investment has been made, equipment can be

traded in, and the cost for new apparel will be reduced greatly. Lift tickets, however, usually cost around \$15 for weekends, and \$10 or \$11 on weekdays. This seems like quite a bit, but there's usually some type of discount club and the fanatical skier always makes it even if armed robbery becomes necessary.

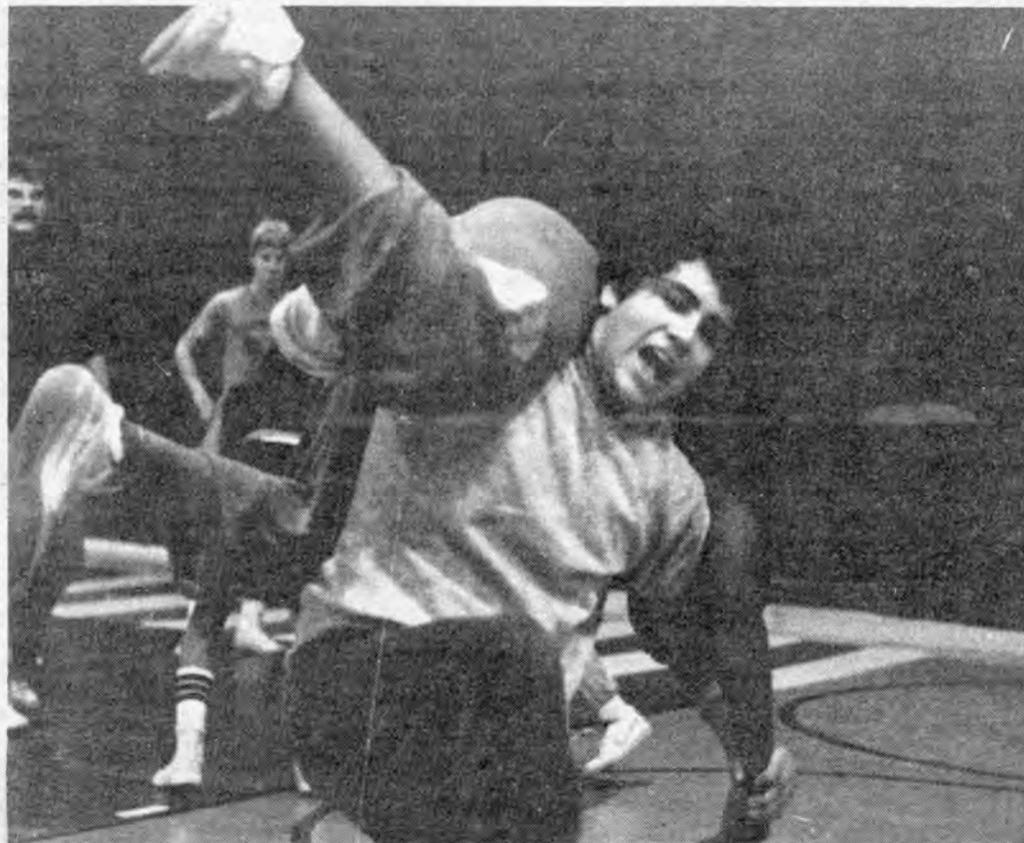
South Bend, Indiana is not exactly the skiing center of the world, but then again, not too many people need to look on a

map to realize that we're not in Key West either. The snow isn't the biggest problem in the Michigan area. With the aid of snow-making machines, most of the local resorts can remain open from mid-December until the end of the ski season. Our problem is that we don't have any mountains or even big hills around. Swiss Valley, probably the most popular resort within an hour's driving distance, consists of two bumps, a lump, and three stumps. The

place has a couple of beginner slopes which one could probably go up as quickly as down, a couple of intermediate slopes, and a couple of expert slopes that really make one wonder who defined "expert." Cannonsberg, a three hour drive, is a better bet, and Boyne Mountains, and Highlands are a six hour drive, but by far, the best skiing in Michigan.

These Michigan resorts are all ant-hills compared to Colorado,

Wyoming, and Utah in the West, and Vermont in the East. Colorado has traditionally been the major ski area in America in the past, but Utah and Wyoming are beginning to attract more skiers than ever. Our tractor-made bumps seem even more minute when compared with Switzerland, Austria, and Yugoslavia. Traveling over-seas is very extravagant, though, and even when spending is controlled, the cost is extremely high.



Senior Larry Cardenas really throws his weight around in wrestling practice.

Guy Hamilton/Tower

## Athletic Shorts

### Holiday tourney

The '85 Girls Basketball team will play in their own Holiday Tournament over Christmas break. The opening rounds will be played at St. Joe High School. The underdog Eagles are trying to upset the second ranked Indians. They fell to turn in a close game earlier in the season.

The John Adams Varsity basketball team will join other area teams in the 1985 South Bend Holiday Tourney at the Notre Dame Athletic and Convocation Center. As favorites last year, the Eagles fell to a strong Clay team. Lead my seniors Ron Chrobot and Jeff Mitchell the Eagles look to average the loss.

### Letters to the editor

The TOWER is looking for letters to the editor. Do you have an opinion, question, comment or issue that you feel the student body would be interested in? Do you think the TOWER is doing something well or something poorly? Do you wish to respond to an article? If so, send all replies to Mrs. Maza in Room 216. Names must be given to us but may be held from print on request.

# Eagle puck-ers build tradition

The John Adams Icercs are coming off one of their finest seasons last year and hope to continue their success. Their goal for this year is to reach the state tournament as they did last year. But this year they are without the talents of John Rohan and Steve Greunig.

The team's 4-1 record is proof of the determination of the young team. The only loss was to an experienced Penn squad. The team is led by Brendan Max. As captain of the team, he has been putting in exceptional games on defense, and has three goals and two assists to his credit. One of the main offensive threats is Kevin Max, a junior. Although Kevin plays defense he usually puts his agile mobility to use all over the ice.

The team is backed up by a



Fuller fights for the puck in the game against Riley. Dan Carter/Tower

strong group of sophomores led by Kevin Cocquyt, who already has five goals this season. Brian Max, Steve Ziolkowski and Scott Barnes also help round out the sophomores.

The hockey club's toughest games are yet to come. They will face the Clay Colonials next Tuesday. Large egos and a fine rivalry will be at stake. This may prove to be the Eagles toughest game all season and could set them up for a shot at the state tournament. "Right now we have a third place team, but if the team really comes together we could jump up to first place," expressed Kevin Max with an optimism that flows from the first year coach Jeff Wharton. Wharton would definitely like to take his team to the championship but, like the team, "Jeff is inexperienced, but has a lot to

offer the team," says Kevin Max. Captain Brendan Max believes that the major hills they have to face will be wins over Penn, Clay, and Culver. These are all older and more experienced teams than Adams. But the Icercs proved they can skate with anyone by avenging last year's city championship loss to Riley with a big 3-2 win.

The year marks the first time Adams has had a junior varsity team, largely due to the tremendous turnout at tryouts. The junior varsity team is made up of freshman and sophomores, led by Brian Max and Steve Ziolkowski. Max leads the junior varsity with seven goals followed by Ziolkowski with two. The junior varsity squad provides experience for many young Eagle players. Get out and support either Eagle squad.

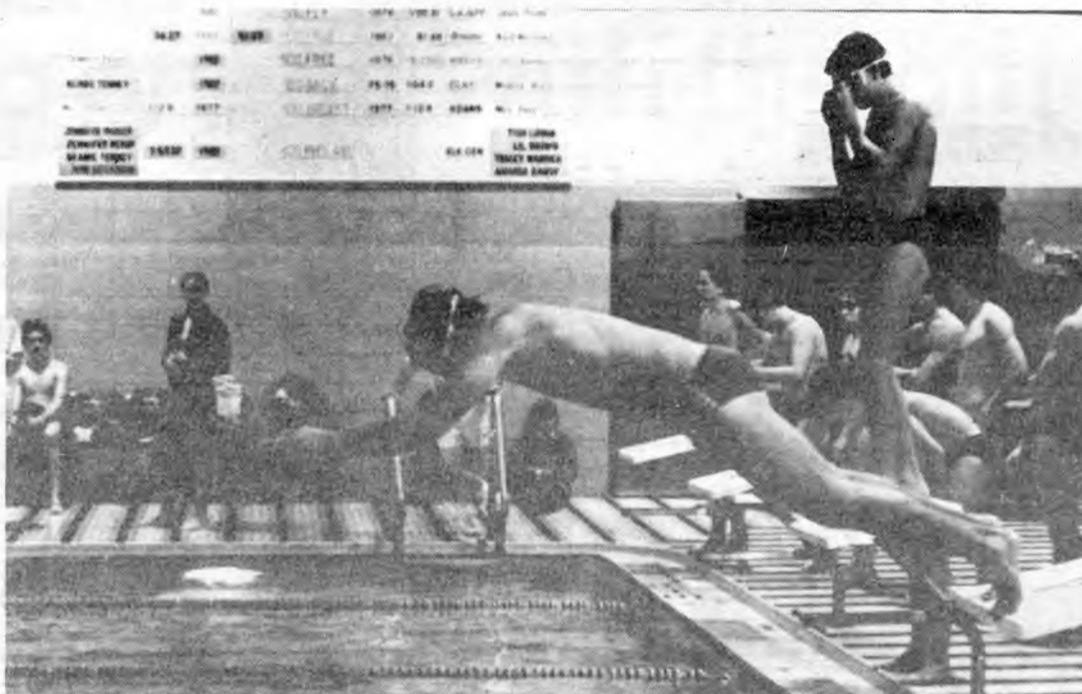
# Cooper disciplines fiery Seagles

Brrrring! The alarm sounds at 5:30, the boy gets dressed and is at school by 5:45. He and a few others walk down the dark and silent hallways to the pool. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, they are in the weight room by 6:00, and on the other days they are in the water at the same time. This is the John Adams swim team.

In addition to the early practices, the team practices every day after school until 5:15. But with a 1-7 record, the training has yet to show how much it is paying off. The Seagles have suffered losses to highly ranked Warsaw, Memorial, Central, Culver, Elston, number three ranked Valpo and fifth-ranked Riley.

The record can be misleading. At most of the close meets, one or two of the better swimmers has been unable to swim. And with a small team like the Seagles, two people can make the difference between a win and a loss.

The team returns many lettermen from last year's squad which placed forty-fifth in state. They are led by Captains Pat Brothers a senior, and junior P.H. Mullen. The large group of returning



Jeff Terlep springs into action after Jeff Gramza touched the wall. Guy Hamilton/Tower

juniors on the team includes Mullen, Doug Sakaguchi, Larry Piser, John Rhoutson, and Jeff Terlep. John Farmer, John Newell, and Jeff Gramza will be counted upon heavily.

Last year, Mullen placed twelfth in the state in the 500, and he is ranked seventh in a preview. He will be used primarily in the 500, 200, and 100 fly. Brothers expects to see action in the back, fly, and

IM. Piser, who placed sixth in sectionals last year, is aiming for state. As he said, "Our whole driving team should finish strong at sectionals."

Mullen said, "Unlike most other

sports, you usually know who will win before the meet ever starts. We've swum against all the stronger teams (except Penn) already, so we have a good chance at not losing any more meets." Of the remaining meets, Mishawaka may prove to be the toughest. In last year's meet they edged out the Seagles in the final relay to win, 87-85. This season's match should be almost as close.

At the helm of the program for her first season is Coach Mary Cooper. Cooper, a 1982 graduate of Adams, also coached the girl's team to a 6-7 record. Last year, without Cooper, the team was 2-11.

First year swimmer Tim Foley said, "I don't know what a swim coach does since I'm a new swimmer, but Mary is a strict, disciplined coach who pushes us hard."

Coaching responsibilities for the divers are placed on Elizabeth Scherist, herself a '77 graduate of Adams. Under her demanding training, the three Adams divers combined may have one of the best seasons in four years.

John Adams swimming in on the upswing, and with half the season remaining, the team is optimistic.

# Girls' Basketball learns from experience

By Diana Grundy

The girl's basketball team definitely has a promising season ahead of it. Unlike on many teams, no player outshines another. The team as a whole shares the spotlight.

Many players on the team comment that the closeness between teammates is a major factor in determining which team will come out top. Every girl on the team has something to contribute to the Lady Eagles' victorious season.

A key to the team's success is

teamwork, on and off the courts. "The girls did many things to improve their skills this summer, such as playing together on weekends, attending camps, and participating in a summer league for high school and college girls," states Coach Nemeth, "and it shows in practice."

Many adjustments have been made to assist the ladies in the upcoming season. "We've picked up a lot of key games that will give the girls the experience that they need to play their best," Coach Nemeth says. He also adds, "You've got to play the best to be the best." The Eagles

are once again the underdogs. "They have to take advantage of things they've learned from past game experiences and put them to use this season," Coach Nemeth explains. The Eagles are at many disadvantages, but they are able to overcome more physically able teams with teamwork and talent.

The team doesn't have a lot of rebuilding to do. Many varsity members return with the experience, confidence, and leadership needed for the season to progress smoothly.

A lot is expected of returning seniors Tammy Brittain, Diane

Grundy, Ava Hall, Rae Hetterson, Meg Sweeny, and Terri Landen. Underclassmen Patti Dennin, Tricia Troester, Sue Turczynski, Marilyn Thomas, Debbie Gergesha, and Delea Johnson also play important roles on the team.

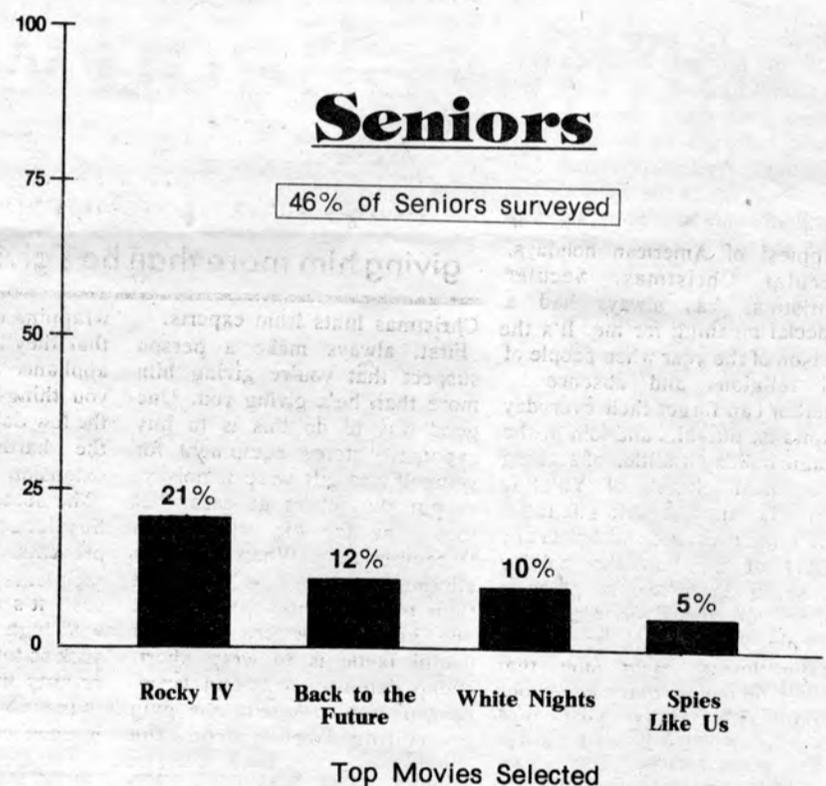
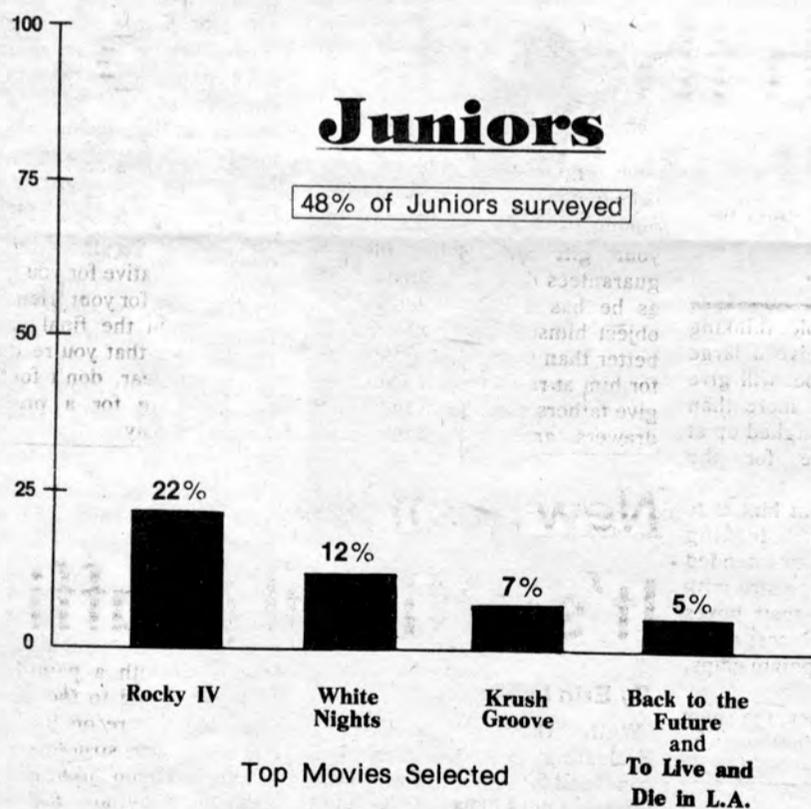
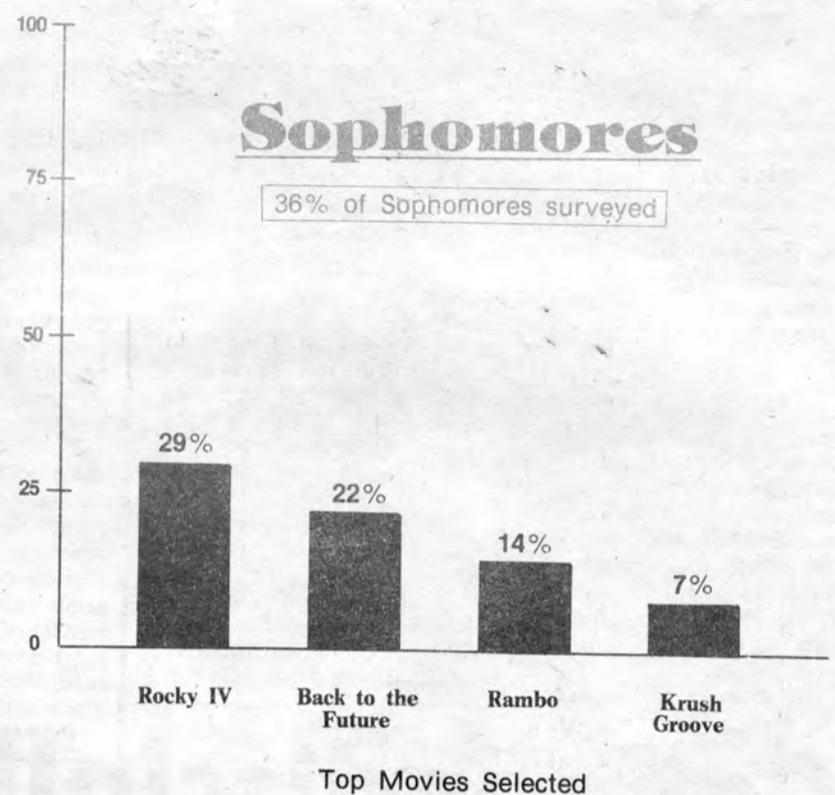
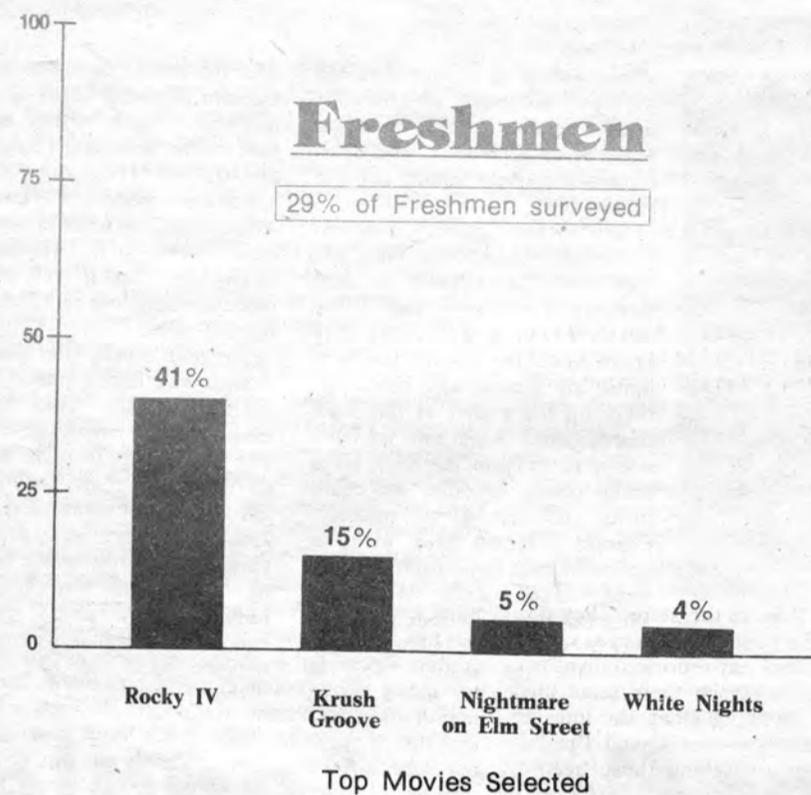
Coaches Tim Nemeth, Tom Kurghal, and Bob Nemeth have a lot of confidence in the Lady Eagles. In their coaches' eyes, they have a certain shine that will never become dull.

Another factor that might stimulate fans to come out and cheer for the girls is the switch from the standard-sized basket-

ball to a smaller ball. This switch was made for the entire state of Indiana to make girls' basketball more exciting. Obviously, girls have much smaller hands than boys, and the smaller balls should balance this discrepancy.

Also this year, girls' basketball will be played on Friday nights. The girls have games scheduled before the boys varsity games in the time slot previously held by B-team games. This should promote girls' basketball and encourage more spectator support. Come out and see a girls' basketball game—the team needs your support.

# What is your favorite recent film?



## Mindset audience is brainwashed by Rocky

By Richard Primus

Last June, sitting in a movie theater, I saw a coming attraction which began with a voice in a thick Russian accent saying, "My name is Ivan Drago. I am a fighter from the Soviet Union. Soon I fight Rocky Balboa." At the mention of Rocky's name, the realization that Rocky IV was a reality dawned on the innocent, astonished moviegoers and groans filled the theater. After all, everyone thought, enough is enough.

In spite of the fact the prospect of new Rocky movies every year

or two for the rest of our lives frightened me, I saw Rocky IV. What I saw was a poor footnote (unless there will be more...) to three very good previous movies.

The whole movie lasted only an hour and a half, very short for any feature film. If one deducts from those ninety minutes twenty-five minutes of boxing, fifteen minutes of a musical training sequence, ten minutes of flashbacks and five minutes of musical filler scene, thirty-five minutes remain. Thirty-five. An average weekly television sitcom has twenty-three.

Interesting characters are practically absent from this

movie. Rocky and Adrian were the same as always, and to anyone who hadn't seen the first three movies they too must have seemed bland. All the Soviet characters were hard, unfeeling, and largely interchangeable. Particularly distressing is the fate of Apollo Creed, Rocky's former opponent and trainer turned best friend. Apollo, an intelligent, articulate, caring character in the previous films, becomes impulsive and dies in the ring in a situation which the Apollo of previous Rocky movies would not have been entangled.

The filmmakers were obviously not concerned that a discerning

audience would watch the film; realism lapses were common. For instance, the Soviet trainers measured pressure exerted by the fighters in pounds per square inch, a unit not used in the USSR. Also, Soviet government agents were shown driving around Siberia in Mercedes-Benz automobiles. (Mercedes-Benz and other western cars are not marketed in the Soviet Union.)

What the movie does do is appeal to one's sense of patriotism. For all my qualms with the unfair light in which the Soviets were shown (the film went as far as to show steroids being given to the Soviet fighter), I felt

good when I saw Rocky knock this Russian machine around the ring. When he landed his first punch, the whole theater applauded.

Obviously the filmmakers felt that they could simply pit an American against a Soviet and make the Soviet a villain without worrying about characters, realism or other minor details — and that American audiences would love it. The audience's applause may have proven them correct.

Does this not tell us that we have a mindset about Iron Curtain, that we ourselves are somewhat brainwashed?

Bring on Rocky V.

Readers Write

Education-no joke

Dear Students,  
As a college-bound, academically oriented student, I object strongly to your recent publication of an article mistitled "Alternatives for graduating seniors offered." The author, an obvious misanthrope, makes those of us who seek higher education the butt of his weak humor. To even suggest that "gulping inexpensive wine on a city bus" is more useful to society than graduating from college a skilled management executive or educational administrator is unconscionable levity for an opinion article in a publication as fine as the TOWER. The author's mistaken belief that excellent Ivy

League schools such as Oberlin, Wesleyan and Bob Jones are "totally identical" to low class universities such as Purdue and Indiana University at Kokomo indicates that he is a resentful anti-intellectual, envious of those of us who have the good taste he lacks. His comment on the SAT answers forming the melody of ZZ Top songs is proof of his contempt of the great American system of learning. Let's get this ignorant traitor out of the Tower and put in more informative, interesting articles like "Dr. Fallon assumes position as SBCSC superintendent."

OFFENDED STUDENT

Fundraising goes too far

By Julie Herr

Fundraisers. Nearly everyone would agree they are a vital part of most any organization. Without fundraisers many important organizations would not be able to stay afloat. But what about when children are involved? Every year I receive numerous colorful envelopes in the mail, promising me literally hundreds of wonderful prizes if only I will sell this wonderful product which practically sells itself anyway. Written testimonials from other children tell me how fun and easy it is to sell this combination pocket-knife, screwdriver, corkscrew and nail-clippers. And after selling only two hundred items, I get my very own set of ten personalized pencils. I've always wondered—if this product sells so easily, why must the company bribe children to sell it for them?

More than ever, fundraisers are becoming a part of the schools. Children are enticed into selling everything from magazine subscriptions, to candy, to jewelry. Almost without exception the items are overpriced and difficult to sell. After all, if someone needs something, they go to the store. They don't wait for some child with huge waif-like eyes to come to the door selling it. Company representatives even come into the schools to teach their sales pitch, which usually goes something along the lines of; "Hi! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm from \_\_\_\_\_. We are selling these beautiful and decorative napkins as a fundraiser. This is our

brochure," at which point the child supposedly holds out a colorful pamphlet with the prices conveniently hidden on the back. Even parents get into the act.

"Have your dad and mom take it to work with them," suggests the representative. Of course there is a sales pitch for the parent too;

"Gee boss, I notice you have a spot on your tie. My son's name is \_\_\_\_\_ and he's selling some nice napkins. I just happen to have a brochure with me right now."

The only people I can ever remember actually buying a magazine subscription, are my mother and my grandmother. Of course I suppose there was some poor soul somewhere in the world who really needed a subscription to Fisherman's Weekly or The American Cat-Lover Today, but somehow I could never find him.

The latest high-school fundraiser seems to be candy, of which I have sold many bags. Unfortunately I've found that I'm my own best customer and have gained more in the way of pounds for myself, than dollars for the class of '87. I have also sold cheese and sausage recently—one of the few items I can remember from my years as a student salesman, as being relatively popular—but two months later I turned in the order blank, and one month after the cheese was due to arrive, I learned that the company had lost all the order blanks from our school. I guess I just wasn't cut out to be a salesman.

Getting ahead with the gift ratio

By Donald Marti

Soon it will be time for the happiest of American holidays, Secular Christmas. Secular Christmas has always had a special meaning for me. It's the season of the year when people of all religions and absence thereof can forget their everyday capitalist pursuits and join in the magic holiday tradition of seeking that most elusive of Yuletide rewards, the favorable gift ratio. Although everybody who puts any effort at all into the holiday season makes elaborate plans to come out ahead on Christmas morning, a few always end of major losers. Help stop that sickening feeling that you've once again given away more than you've received with some

Always make a person suspect that you're giving him more than he's giving you.

Christmas hints from experts.

First, always make a person suspect that you're giving him more than he's giving you. One good way to do this is to buy expensive stereo equipment for yourself and gift wrap it noisily, to put the others at ease that they'll be the big winners on December 25th. When they buy albums and books as gifts, get their real presents: rubber mice and brown shoelaces. Another useful tactic is to wrap short, cheap extension cords in large, colorful packages with the plug protruding slightly from the

wrapping paper. People, thinking that they'll soon receive a large appliance of some type, will give you things worth far more than the few dollars you coughed up at the hardware store for the extension cords.

The second important hint is to buy large, impressive-looking presents. Although your intended recipients will correlate size with cost, it's easy to fill their boxes with high volume, low cost items such as toilet paper, potato chips, or kitty litter.

Finally, don't forget the best method of all, one that reduces

your cost to absolutely nothing. Give people things that already belong to them. Besides raising your gift ratio, this method guarantees recipient satisfaction, as he has already selected the object himself, and will enjoy it better than something purchased for him at random. For example, give fathers socks from their own drawers and mail aunts and

uncles silverware pocketed while visiting them.

When you employ these suggestions, Secular Christmas can be as lucrative for you as it is disappointing for your friends and family. When the final calculations indicate that you're the big winner this year, don't forget to start planning for a profitable Valentine's Day.

New paint job

It's official graffiti

By Erin Laughlin

Well, the North Central Evaluating Team has come and gone, and I wonder how we fared. I have no doubt that our teaching staff was anything less than excellent or that our student body was friendly and hospitable, but what about the building itself?

As we all know, recently our school had an interior paint job...and what a paint job it was. From a distance, it looks like the walls aren't quite finished and that whoever painted them will come back tomorrow and finish the job. Or maybe it was a bad attempt at modern art? I'm not quite sure, although I do know that a right angle design here, a ten inch strip there, and these pastel / fluorescent oranges, greens, and yellow borders just don't do our school justice. Senior Holly Hedman commented, "I think that these designs are purposeless but different." However, one of the better comments I received was from senior Kathy Lee. She stated, "It's ugly. It looks like someone

went crazy with a paintbrush!" Well stated and to the point.

And since we're on the subject of the interior structure of our school, I would like to ask a question. Why are our lockers multi-colored? I suppose that they brighten our corridors and/or help the in-coming freshmen find their lockers, but aren't they rather ugly? They make our hallways look like a scene from a Walt Disney movie or an elementary school. This is my fourth and final year here at Adams, and I've enjoyed my stay here immensely. I wouldn't question or put down my school in any way if I didn't have its best interest in mind. Pride in one's school is essential to receiving a good education. True, some people may be appalled at a student criticizing his/her school, but I wonder if the North Central Evaluating Team commented on our school's physical appearance? Maybe they saw it as being creative and colorful; a stand out from some of the other schools which they have had to evaluate. But then again...

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# Not enough ado about alcohol

By Jeff North

As a concerned student, I feel obligated to clarify some of Dan Carter's statements which appeared in his Next Generation Page Article entitled "Too much ado about alcohol."

Alcohol, it was stated, is a valuable "social tool" which should be available to teens just as it is available to their parents. People who need to alter their personalities by taking a drug like alcohol to "achieve a more relaxed and laid-back attitude" need counseling, not alcohol. Alcohol allows "emotions to flow." Perhaps this is why drinking often breeds physical violence and destruction.

Alcohol's marvelous effects don't stop there, however. Some people who go to parties and use alcohol end up driving home. Everyone knows of the tragic loss of life which results from drunk driving every year. Each year 23,500 (Reader's Digest, "Drinking and Dying On America's Highways", September 1985) people are killed in alcohol-related accidents. This is a very interesting social tool; it methodically eliminates part of society every year!

Most teens, though, don't kill others or kill themselves as a result of drunk driving. Still, 21 percent of even moderate drinkers become "psychologically dependent" on alcohol. Another 14 percent become "symptomatic drinkers," which means that they are physically dependant on alcohol (National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism). This dangerous statistic contributes to more child abuse, rapes, divorces, and suicides. Drinking socially as a teenager could lead to physical or mental obsession as

## Too much ado about alcohol

### Is the public overly concerned?

By Dan Carter

Throughout the years there have been many fads and phases that teen-agers have gone through. Some have been movements for peace, protests against nuclear arms, joining juvenile gangs, and the participation in drug and alcohol related activities.

Many of these fads have dwindled and nearly become obsolete, but alcohol seems to be the predominant fad with today's teens.

This preoccupation with alcohol seems to have many parents and adults in a frenzy. Sure, the abuse is just plain stupid. But in most cases, the teen-age drinkers recognize and deal with dangers associated with alcohol.

Many parents do not realize that today's teens are responsible enough to handle alcohol and are intelligent enough to respect its power. When these overbearing parents try to hinder a teen-ager's desires to drink, their obstruction only causes their child to want to drink even more.

Maybe if they introduced alcohol to their children in a reasonable manner, the children would know of its effect and

therefore would be able to handle "party" situations better.

This type of behavior modification is easily seen in Europe where the teen-agers are brought up in a society in which laws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol do not exist. In that society, alcohol is always present in a teen-ager's life and so is the freedom to drink it.

With this exposure of the substance from birth, the European teens never have the urge to run out and get "plastered" and therefore abuse alcohol.

When used moderately, alcohol could be considered as a "social tool" which many parents and adults use themselves.

The tool helps the drinker achieve a more relaxed and laid-back attitude. He or she then opens up, talks more freely, and has a better time overall.

Alcohol consumption by teen-agers is one of the major issues in today's society - an issue that is constantly being bombarded by overprotective parents, over-concerned teachers, and overpowering police officers.

Due to an editing problem in the South Bend TRIBUNE, the author of this article seems to condone drinking and driving. However, this is absolutely incorrect. Driving under the influence becomes a life and death situation and therefore should be, and is, strictly prohibited.

an adult.

The opinion writer claims that "in Europe...laws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol do not exist." In France, a country most experts consider to be in Europe, alcohol may not be purchased by youths under 16 years of age. "With continual exposure from birth, the European teens never have the urge to run out and get 'plastered' and therefore abuse alcohol." It seems rather unlikely that there has never been a drunken European youth.

In Europe, though, there are few traffic accidents which involve alcohol. Laws in Germany, for example, automatically demand revocation of a drivers license from one year to life as a result of a blood/alcohol content of .08%. Additionally, fewer teenagers can afford the cost of cars where public transportation is often available cheaply. Fewer deaths result from drinking in Europe, but that does not mean there isn't a problem with alcohol abuse. The United States ranks a mere 13th in beer consumption per person behind a list of other countries, some of which are in Europe.

The pro-alcohol teen says that "many parents do not realize that today's teens are responsible enough to handle alcohol and intelligent enough to respect its power." How many teenage drinkers thought that they knew it all before they were killed or killed others in car accidents? How many children are beaten every night by parents who started drinking as teenagers and let it grow to violent proportions? How many teens' lives will be ruined by alcohol? When will teens let go of the crutch, beat peer pressure, and mature to stop drinking? I hope soon—lives are at stake.

## Don't drive dead

By Donald Marti

Every year, thousands of car and motorcycle accidents occur on Indiana's streets and highways. Of these accidents, many are fatal to one or more people. In most fatal accidents, dead people are found in or near the vehicles involved. If these dead people had simply been kept from ever taking the wheel, this senseless tragedy would be eliminated entirely. Dead people must not be allowed to operate motor vehicles.

The first important step in getting the dead people off the roads is to increase public awareness of the effects of death on a person's driving ability. Although repeated scientific tests have tended to indicate that death to any extent increases reaction time and decreases a person's awareness of his surroundings, many people continue to go out

for a drive while dead. They may make statements such as "I'm just a little dead; I can handle it." or "I haven't been dead for very long; I can still drive." These statements are both fallacies, as even the freshest corpse is a measurably worse driver than his living counterpart, unable to make split-second driving decisions that may be required in an emergency. Education of the driving public about dead driving will help people to realize the enormous hazards of this practice.

In addition to informing drivers about what really happens when a person drives while dead, the State of Indiana must pass stricter laws to punish dead drivers. The most important piece of legislation required to aid the police in arresting dead drivers is an "implied consent" law. This law would make signing a driver's license legally equivalent to

giving permission to be tested for death. Police could then administer brainwave tests without being required to obtain consent from the suspected cadaver.

Only a strict method of punishment for those caught driving while dead can effectively prevent them from becoming repeat offenders. Dead people are unaffected by prison terms. If properly embalmed, they will leave prison in almost the same condition in which they entered it. Even the death penalty is merely a waste of electricity when used on the dead. The only punishment effective on the dead is the unconditional suspension of their driver's licenses. Preventing dead people from driving is the only way to keep them from causing tragic accidents. There will be fewer automotive fatalities if the people involved never carelessly take control of a motor vehicle while dead.



Tim Ehlers and Stacy Slabaugh perform a scene from the Jesters' play "The Curious Savage." John Newell/Tower

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