

The Tower

John Adams High School

South Bend, IN 46615

Adams students join
forces for the
Summer Special Olympics
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Mason has new outlook

by Chris Scanlon

Ms. Loistean Mason, new assistant principal for freshmen and juniors at Adams, has a determined personality that has made her a successful and competent administrator. Her strong will got her through college (two degrees from IUSB) while raising eleven children, often without help while her husband was at work. More recently Ms. Mason used her summer break to learn Japanese through an intensive language program at Indiana University. These are just some examples of what her skill and determination have done for her. Coming to Adams from Clay Middle School, she is ready to face the challenges of learning to recognize new names and faces while accomplishing the diverse tasks of her job, which include maintaining a safe learning atmosphere, keeping track of attendance, and helping students prepare themselves to be mature and responsible adults.

Combined with this strong sense of responsibility and determination is a warm, humanistic outlook. She believes that a caring (even loving) approach is necessary to successfully maintain discipline and improve every student's educational experience. When talking about the differences and similarities between work with students at Clay Middle School and at Adams, she said, "They (kids) all still need a lot of love and warmth."

Ms. Mason, although new at Adams, has already begun to identify the principal problems that she will be dealing with, and how to solve them.

In her opinion, a factor that needs to be strongly considered when disciplining students is parents. She plans to work at strengthening the school's ties with parents, and feels that "a strong line of communication" with parents will assist her (and students) in solving difficult problems.

Characteristic of Ms. Mason's overall approach is her strong belief in education as means of combatting drug abuse. The best way of combatting drug abuse, a problem which exists in a vast majority of American high schools, would be to not only educate students about the harmful consequences of drug abuse, but to "educate their attitudes." She sees education about drug abuse as a better solution than random testing, locker searches, etc.

Attendance is one area where Ms. Mason believes parents can play a constructive role. Noting that attendance is a number one problem in industry, she labeled attendance an "attitudinal problem." And, as she sees it, parents play an important role in shaping the attitudes of their children.

In addition to working on good methods of dealing with problems such as attendance and substance abuse, she also feels a need to work on getting accustomed to the different priorities and problems that senior high schools



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Ms. Mason proves that assistant principals also have to study.

have. However, she said that being a woman would not provide any difficulty for her. In fact, she sees being a woman as advantageous for implementing her plans. Much of her experience in discipline comes from being a mother of 11 children. And in that situation, she dealt with discipline problems then and there, and didn't wait until her husband came. But more than that, she has a very personal vision of discipline. For her, discipline is a "form of care." Effective discipline is based on good communication. "It's not a matter of manhandling; I don't believe in that," she says.

She believes it important that students should know that if they act responsibly, then they should be treated like adults, and should exercise their rights as adults. And this is at the cornerstone of Ms. Mason's philosophy. She is here to make sure that students obey the rules, while at the same time help them develop into responsible adults.

New teachers have big plans

by Jennifer Crosson

At 306 strong, the freshman class may be the most conspicuous of the new kids on the block, but Adam's new adults on the block are also making their presence felt. This year's five new teachers have specific goals, and special projects to implement them—as well as some interesting insights into the student body here at John Adams.

"There's a lot of school spirit here, a real sense of pride in the school," observed Mrs. Nancy Gillis, a new business teacher in the Cooperative Office Education (COE) Program. "That really makes me enjoy my class." Mrs. Gillis packs her class time preparing her students with the skills necessary for the office environment, stressing the importance of good interpersonal relationships on the job. She is watchful of opportunities to expand her students' areas of knowledge. "I'd like to plan a field trip to the Michiana Expo '87. That will open up new areas of local business and industry to them."

Field trips—in a broader sense—are also a worthwhile priority to Mrs. Mary Nava, a new Spanish teacher. "Spanish is my life, and I want to get it across as more than just a subject to my students, she stated. "I'd really like to get kids interested in going abroad on trips to Spanish-speaking areas—Spain, Mexico, South America." Mrs. Nava is encouraged in her goals by the attitude of the students. "People go out of their way to be friendly here," she observed. "In the halls, people

aren't shy if you ask questions; they start right in on conversations."

New mathematics teacher Joseph McMahon shares Mrs. Nava's appreciation of the students. "They're so energetic, so spirited—that really makes this a nice place to come to," he enthused. Mr. McMahon's primary focus is on helping each student to develop his own potential to its best. He also hopes to see some involvement in the extracurricular activities.

In the music department, Adams welcomes Mr. Jeff Christiana to continue the tradition of excellence in band. Mr. Christiana comes to Adams after two years of teaching at L.O., and Clay High School. "Although it's still early in the year, he has already made a difference in the way our band looks and sounds," commented junior flutist, Chris Clark. "He really works well with the people in the class."

Joining Mr. Christiana—in the post of associate band director—will be Mr. Keith Walker, a graduate of Western Michigan University, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. Mr. Walker has taught in Michigan for six months as well.

These six new additions to the teaching staff are already establishing themselves, and their unique plans, within the society at Adams. With a little bit of luck and a lot of hard work, they will all surely accomplish their goals and find enjoyment by doing so. Mrs. Nava, perhaps, put it best: "Things are just getting settled right now, but I hope to reach a point where I can really have fun with my class."

What's News

NMSC Semi-Finalists

The 1987 National Merit Semi-Finalists have been announced. They are Greta Fisher, Betsy Furlong, Christopher Loux, Jeremy Manier, See-Eng Phan, Paul Radecki, and Steve Wilson.

First Class Commission

John Adams High School has been awarded a Special First Class Commission by the Indiana Department of Education. The evaluation indicated outstanding efforts to provide the students with numerous quality educational opportunities. This recognition is a reflection of the dedication and commitment of the staff and student body.

Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mr. Longenecker, this year's recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award for South Bend. He was chosen from 37 local entries. Mr. Longenecker received a \$500 award in recognition which he has used to purchase a new projector for convention presentations.

Junior Rotarian

Holly Lindberg has been named Junior Rotarian for the period from September 23, 1987 to October 10, 1987. She will attend weekly meetings of the Rotary.

Drama classes offered

A voice induction class will be offered to John Adams students on September 21, 28, and October 5 from 3:00 to 4:00. The course, which will have a charge of \$6 a session, trains students in skills such as voice projection and how to speak clearly. The instructor will be New York actor Dan Dailey.

A course for improving movement on stage will be offered in the Little Theater on Tuesdays and Thursdays this fall, meeting from 3:05 to 4:05, starting September 22. Interested students should bring \$20 (checks made payable to J.A.H.S. Drama Club) and pick up registration forms from Mr. Good in room 228. The course will be taught by JoAnn Barks of the Southold Dancer.

SAT Deadline

Deadline for SAT registration is October 2, 1987. SAT will be given on November 7.

School Pictures

Underclass pictures will be taken on September 22 and 23. Senior pictures will be taken October 5 and 6.

Tower/Album subscriptions

After September 18, the Tower/Album will begin selling subscriptions to the yearbook and newspaper. To receive a yearbook, every issue of the Tower, and the Senior edition, a student may subscribe for \$26.00 in three installments payments. The first installment is \$8.00 on Sept. 18; \$9.00 on October 16 and \$9.00 on November 20. After Nov. 20 there will be a late charge. Seniors who want their names printed on the cover may pay \$2.00 extra for the name. Only seniors can have names printed on books. We will have twenty-four pages of color in the 1988 Yearbook.

College Visits

Drexel on September 18 at 11:15 a.m.
University of Indianapolis on September 30 at 10:00 a.m.
Notre Dame Minority Open House on October 8 at 10:00 a.m. See Mr. Rensberger by Sept. 25.

Olympics leave special memories

by John Anella

This summer our community was touched by the warmth and joy of the 1987 International Special Olympic Games. Athletes from 71 nations traveled from around the globe to compete in the games. They came from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and the Americas. The athletes spoke over twenty languages ranging from English and Spanish to Swahili and Serbo-Croatian. For one week (July 31-Aug. 7) the athletes showed us their spirit of competition, but also their love and compassion. They gave to us more than we could ever ask for. They gave us the gift of understanding and respect. The athletes touched our hearts and our souls.

Thousands of area residents rallied to support the games. The volunteers were the backbone and the heart of the games. Mr. Poe, an Adams health teacher and gymnastic enthusiast, played an important role in the games.

He said that his role started three years ago when, "I was asked to submit a bid to the International Committee." After a year of waiting, he was given the authorization by the committee, and placed at the head of the gymnastics



Senior Molly Lennon gives a big hug to the athletes of the St. Kitts, Arizona skill team she worked with.
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venue. Two years of preparation went into the event before this summer. The final step culminated in the state games this summer.

"The state games were a warm-up for the international games," explained Mr. Poe.

Of course, Mr. Poe even needed some help. Mr. Poe's wife Pam, lent a hand as his co-manager of the venue. Their efforts were put to use in the ice arena at the ACC for a week of competition. Like in any project red tape had to be faced, but with the help of Mike Danch, general manager of the ACC, and Lefty Smith, the Irish hockey coach, the red tape was effectively cut through.

The games were a once-in-a-lifetime happening for our community. The highlights for Mr. Poe were "meeting people... the spirit of cooperation and how the whole community came together."

The games brought joy and victory, but like in all times tears must be shed. The 1987 Summer Special Olympics changed our community, and the athletes that left here. The memories are what remains, and the memories will never be forgotten. The summer of '87 gave us a chance to learn not only about others, but about ourselves.

Eagle volunteers reach out to athletes

by Ursula Emery

This summer South Bend participated in a very exciting event. The International Summer Special Olympics were held throughout South Bend at Notre Dame, St. Mary's and area public schools.

We at Adams were lucky enough to be able to participate. Over 120 students volunteered through the school with the help of a student government committee while others joined through their jobs, parents, and churches. In all, approximately

200 Adams Eagles helped the athletes and their families have fun and enjoy their stay.

About a week before the Olympics actually started, all the students who had signed up registered and began preparing for their various events. There were practices to go to and rehearsals to attend.

Many Adams students participated in the opening ceremonies. This was exciting not just because of the worldwide television coverage, but also because of the celebrities

"It was great to see the

celebrities helping the athletes," said senior Lara Johnson who carried a flag at the ceremony. "You could tell that they were just as excited about being there as the athletes themselves."

Many stars attended including Arnold Schwarzenegger, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Don Johnson, Oprah Winfrey, and Pele to name a few. Some students were even lucky enough to meet some of them. Marc Wilson bumped into Whitney Houston. Various soccer players met with Pele, and Molly Lennon spoke with William Hart.

Students also helped set up for

events, the Soccer Parade of Athletes at Coveleski Stadium and running errands for various teams. The most important job, however, was the cheer teams. Almost all of the students who signed up found themselves in one of these. Cheer team members were responsible for exciting the athletes and giving them moral support.

"Being so close to the athletes made you feel as though you were competing along with them," said senior M.C. Patton. "You felt their ups and also their downs. It was tough but worth

it."

In all, those who volunteered found their own special place in the Olympics. They know that without their help the Olympics would not have been able to go on. At the end the students felt closer to the very special handicapped that they had met. Thus the 1987 International Special Olympics will be remembered not only by the athletes who competed, but also by the Adams Eagles who volunteered their time for this worthy cause.

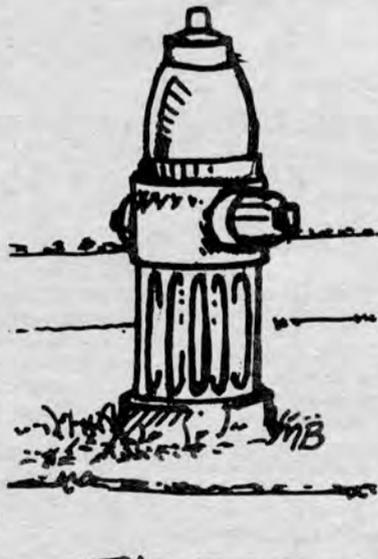
South Bend hydrants salute Constitution's Bicentennial

by Mary Jo Loranger

It was the beginning of July in my all too stimulating summer when I discovered them. Strolling down a neighborhood street on a weekday afternoon, I spotted in the distance a rather peculiar sight. Leaning behind a colorful fire hydrant was seemingly an older woman. Was this reality or simply a mutant Great Dane? I timidly approached the sight, careful not to disturb what could be a canine's most personal moment, and my obvious questions were answered.

With brush and palette in hand a woman just happened to be perfecting the receding hairline of Ben Franklin. At last I witnessed the creator of the first George Washington fire hydrant and nut-and-bolt-nosed Alexander Hamilton I had ever seen. But after talking to this Santa Claus of fire hydrants, I realized what I thought was a one-woman job actually was a large team of men and women from all walks of life and neighborhoods volunteering their suppressed artistic skills to paint a little patriotism on the more than four thousand fire hydrants of South Bend.

But why just Revolutionary heroes? In 1985 Mayor Parent



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appointed a Bicentennial Committee, to which all the volunteers belong, to plan the local observance of the 200th anniversary of the signing of the U.S.

Constitution. South Bend was the first city in the country to paint its hydrants as Revolutionary heroes, and the sixth city in the nation to be designated a Bicentennial City by the National Commission.

The group, headed by Tede Allmon, finished all of downtown South Bend in time for the International Special Olympics. The rest of the city is being worked on with the help of the City Water Works, which bought the paint, and Stanz Cheese, which provided bags, plastic gloves, and other necessary items for the painting kits.

"It's difficult to be surprised at the group's successes in a city as proud and patriotic as South Bend," explains junior Ellen McDonald. Besides simply being a lot of fun, the project offers the young as well as the old an opportunity to do something special for their town and even give them a shred of immortality.

Though the project is doing well, the need is great for baby food jars to contain the paint and, of course, volunteers are more than welcome. Students and teachers interested in assembling kits or actually painting can receive information by calling the Community Affairs office at 284-9297.



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Juniors Sarah Friend and Marta Roemer cheer on athletes at the Special Olympics.

Chilly tennis team aims to uphold tradition

by Martin McNarney

It's Friday morning, students complaining about weekend assignments, teachers threatening more homework, and on comes Mr. Przybysz with the announcements, "Last night in tennis action the Eagles beat..."

This year appears to be no different. After just one week, the tennis team packed away four victories. As determined as the Eagles are this year, they are not expected to be one of the best teams in the area. That distinction belongs to Elkhart Central and Clay. Central features what might be the best player in Northern Indiana in Adam Denten, and Clay is led by highly touted Doug Jones. Adams is, however, definitely capable of upsetting Central and/or Clay. They must play excellent tennis because four out of last year's seven starters are gone.

The Eagles do have some strengths. The first is fifth-year coach Cleo Kilgore. His teams have won three Sectional Championships, three Regional Championships, two Semi-State Championships, two NIC crowns, and have placed third and fourth in the state. This year's team is different from last year's State-qualifying team, though. "Last year we had more polished tennis players, this year we have better depth and conditioning. This will be a

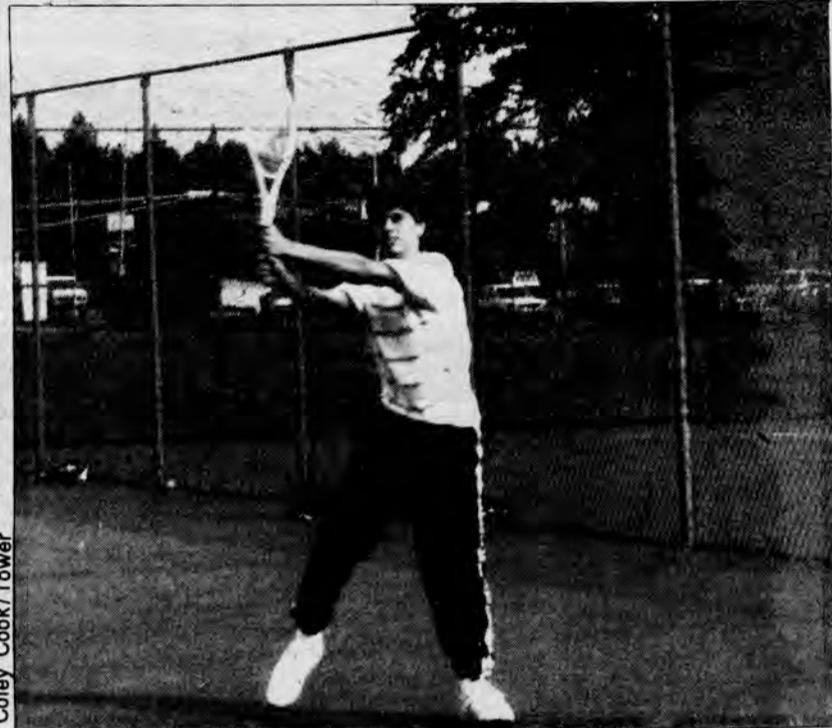
rebuilding year," stated Kilgore. The depth is certainly there. "Outside of Karl Roemer we have twelve people who could all play varsity," Kilgore explains. "It's good for the team because it creates competition and everyone improves from it." Those players in the hunt for varsity slots are co-captain Jim Cowen, freshman David Klotz, Coley Cook, Zack Rosen, Matt Foley, Jay Miller, Joe Dennen, Jim Engeman, Jake McNally, Chris Loux, Noah McCloskey, and Dave Colby.

Another strength is the play, experience, and leadership of senior co-captain Karl Roemer. He is a tested, steady three time all-NIC player. "We're really excited about this season and we have a subtle confidence about it," says Roemer.

"There has already been a tennis tradition established here at Adams," adds fellow co-captain Cowen. "We want to uphold that tradition. We're underdogs this year, but we might surprise some people."

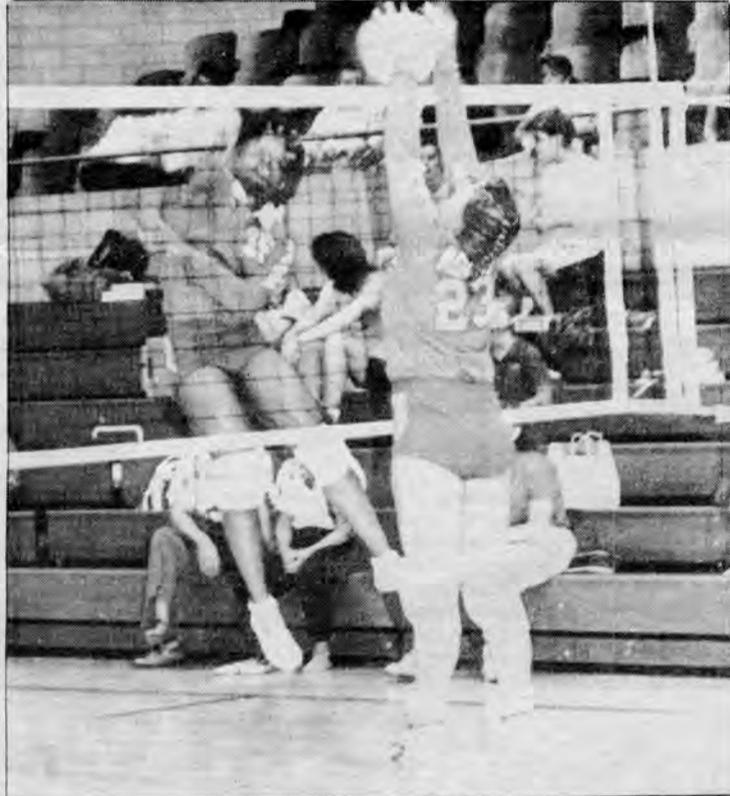
When you ask Joe Dennen about the team, he smiles, leans back and calmly replies, "We're chilly."

The road ahead is no cupcake for the tennis team, but they have the depth, coaching, and character to be successful. How successful you ask? Just ask Roemer. His eyes will light up, his fists will clench and then he barks out his favorite and famous word, "STATE."



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"Boots" Foley returns a serve as he warms up the Elkhart Memorial match. The Eagles defeated the Chargers 5-0.



Rita Deranek and Cathy Cane warm up with a vicious spike and block before their September 9 game against Concord.

Gabe Mickels/Tower

Volleyball sports "bunhuggers"

by Karl Roemer

Facemasks appeared on helmets. Graphite tennis racquets replaced the metal T-2000s. Aluminum wheels replaced spokes on the Olympic bikes. Ah yes, technology reigns in modern sports.

This ever-complicating word has invaded Adams once again. The 1987 girls volleyball team now sports a new, sleek, aerodynamic pair of pants, or should we say bathing suits. "Coach Ganser spent alot on the new uniforms," said senior co-captain Rita Deranek.

These "bunwarmers" received a few shouts from the football players, and rumor has it that attendance will increase at the volleyball games. But these "Speedos" are not the only reason for optimism.

Co-captains Deranek (hitter, setter) and Shelley Biggs (hitter,

back row) seed a young inexperienced squad. All-NIC Holly Lindberg (back row) and Katie Lane (hitter, back) are the other seniors. Juniors Megan Moloney (hitter, setter), Jackie May (hitter, setter) Cathy Cane (hitter, back), and Kristin Mitchell (hitter, back) boast talent, while lone sophomore Kay Farmer (back row) competes for time from the bench.

The girls won the pre-season South Bend tournament. "Of the six city teams, four got new coaches, so they'll probably take a year to develop fully," said Deranek. The team to beat is Mishawaka. About the Adams-Mishawaka clash at the St. Joe Invitational, Biggs said, "The score (15-4, 15-3) didn't really show the tempo. They didn't beat us that bad." The same at the Crown Point Invitational. "Teams can't walk over us," she

added with a confident expression.

"We have alot of potential," Biggs continued, "but we sometimes make dumb mistakes, and we let it get us down. Volleyball is 95% psychological."

Moloney commented, "We juniors have B-team experience and talent, but we haven't been playing with the seniors that much; so we need to keep working together and learning about each other."

In a few weeks, this "formula" should come together, and the girls hope to win Sectionals, and meet Mishawaka in Regionals. Sure, the Cavemen always cream everybody to get down state, but didn't one Eagle captain just say the game is 95% mental? They have three factors to back this "positive thinking." 1) Good talent, 2) an experienced coach, and 3) cute uniforms.

New trainer sets up shop

by Scott Scheel

A couple of weeks ago I got a decent sized blister on my heel. This may not sound like a very big problem, but I run cross country and it caused me a great deal of pain. So I decided to do something about it.

I knew that Kathy Fedder had left and I had heard contradicting rumors as to how the training room was being run. One said that it was being run entirely by student trainers, and the other said that some guy had been hired to replace Kathy.

I went in the room and some guy began to wrap my blister. The skill and deftness with which he worked made it obvious that someone new had been hired. But who was he? Where did he come from? How qualified was he? These and other questions had to

be answered so that I would know whether or not to trust him if I had a more serious injury.

His name is Dave Faulkner and his background makes him sound very qualified. "My interest began in (Mishawaka) high school where I didn't play sports but did enjoy them so I became a student trainer," said Dave.

"I liked it enough to decide to make a career out of it." He therefore majored in applied health science with athletic training emphasis in his five years at Indiana University. His main "internship" there was with the football team, but he also helped with wrestling, women's gymnastics, and track.

Dave is a middle-man between a coach and a doctor. He talks to the coach and tells him whether or not an athlete should play, and

he makes recommendations as to whether or not to see a doctor.

"Athletes shouldn't hesitate to come in if something is wrong," he said. "I'm here to help them recover from injuries or prevent injuries." The latter is something new this year, along with a few other things. "I'm not Kathy, things are going to be run differently." Most of the changes, however, are minor ones of method.

Student trainers Bill Stanfield, Jenny Todd and Jim McDonnell are assisting Dave this year. Bill helps with all the sports, Jim does cross country, and Jenny helps with all the practices. "Anybody is still welcome to come be a student trainer," Dave said. "With about nine sports a season I can use all the help I can get." Anyone interested should see Dave in the training room.

Sports schedule

Varsity Football			Boy's Tennis		
9/18 Elkhart Memorial	T	7:30	9/19 Homestead	T	9 am
9/25 Elkhart Central	T	7:30	9/22 Washington	H	4:00
10/2 Penn	H	7:30	9/23 LaPorte	H	4:15
			9/24 Michigan City Elston	H	4:00
			9/26 Homestead		10 am
JV Football			9/29 Elkhart Central	T	4:00
9/21 Elkhart Memorial	H	4:30	Sectional		Leeper Park
9/28 Elkhart Central	H	7:00			10/2, 10/3, and 10/5
			Boy's/Girl's Cross Country		
Freshman Football			9/19 New Prairie		9:30 am
9/24 St. Joseph	T	5:00	9/22 Clay/Cent./LaSalle	H	5:00
10/1 Clay	H	4:15	at Ersking Golf Course		
			9/26 CMA		10 am
Girl's Swimming			9/29 Wash./Mish.		10 am
9/22 Culver Military	H	6:30	9/29 Wash./Mish.	T	5:00
9/24 Elkhart Central	T	6:30			
9/26 Warsaw		10 am			
10/1 Riley	H	6:30			
			Varsity Girl's Soccer		
Varsity & JV Volleyball			9/19 Ft. Wayne Dwenger	H	1:00
9/19 MC Rogers	T	9 am	9/21 Riley	H	7:00
9/21 New Prairie	H	6:30	9/23 Elkhart Central	T	4:30
9/24 Elkhart Central	T	6:30	9/26 Carmel/N. Central	T	1:00
9/29 M C Elston	H	6:30	9/30 Clay	T	7:00
10/1 Mishawaka	T	6:30			
			JV Girl's Soccer		
Freshman Volleyball			9/18 Elk. Mem.	H	5:00
9/22 Elkhart Memorial	H	5:00	9/28 Carmel		11 am
9/23 Elkhart Central	T	6:00	9/29 Clay	T	4:30
9/28 Schmucker	T	4:30			
9/30 Clay	H	6:30			

Editorial:

School Field is vandalized

The actions of several members of the Class of 1989 show that perhaps these students are not ready, maturity-wise, to graduate with the rest of their class.

their goal in trying to immortalize their graduation date for all to see. Instead they shed a bad light not only on themselves, but on the school, the corporation, and the

Surely the intention was not for the stadium to be used as a canvas for a group of immature artists.

Recently, the newly renovated School Field Stadium was defaced by vandals. The defacers spray-painted the outside of the structure, advocating the Junior Class of 1989.

School Field is the last place graffiti should be found. Thousands of dollars have recently been poured into the building to allow it to continue to be a first-rate high school sports facility—and for what? Surely the intention was not for the stadium to be used as a canvas for a group of immature artists. School Field is the pride and joy of the SBCSC Athletic Department. Adams students should be pleased to be able to call this facility their "home field" instead of making the school board think twice about allocating money for its repair.

The graffiti is also an eyesore to the community. Nobody wants to look at a spray-painted structure. It is just plain ugly.

The few vandals in the Class of '89 did not achieve

entire student body. Many people in the community are wary enough of Adams students. The last thing they need is ammunition to support their theories. The vandals who scrawled the graffiti on School Field Stadium obviously did not stop to think of the impressions that they were giving to the community regarding the student body of Adams High School.

Perhaps the vandals in the Class of '89 should be given credit for their school and class spirit, if for nothing else. This spirit, though, could easily have been channeled and put to a more beneficial use within the school or (if they insist on being public about it), the community. The school provides plenty of opportunities throughout the year for student expression of spirit and pride.

The graffiti on School Field Stadium is truly an inexcusable act performed by some thoughtless, juvenile students. Their actions make one wonder whether they belong in the Class of '89 or, perhaps, the Class of '99.

Dear Bill:

It is with regret that I inform you that School Field Stadium has been vandalized with spray paint by what appears to be some overzealous, immature and inconsiderate Adams' students. We conclude this may be the action of Adams' students since the painted sign is promoting the Junior Class of 1989.

Unfortunately, the painted messages do not promote the quality of the majority of the class, rather they reflect badly on all the students at Adams. This, of course, makes a stadium we are trying to make into a first class facility look shabby which reflects badly on the entire school corporation, particularly when visitors come to the stadium to 'compare and comment.'

We will, of course, remove the signs so the ill-willed achievement of the vandals will be short lived until they try another venture in promoting their sadly lacking egos.

Saddest of all is the fact that School Field Stadium and the School Field Complex have been considered by many as Adams' facilities. Your teams have played all home games and many others played against SBCSC schools at the site. With plans to do more work on the track, softball fields and back soccer field still incomplete, it makes those who budget the funds wonder if it is wise to spend money here when so many other projects need funding.

Very truly yours,

Ron Bella, Director
DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS AND
PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Michael is "Bad"

by Stace Burnside

The big moment has finally arrived. The man who had America mesmerized with his high-keyed voice, limber body, awesome moves, and one sequined glove, has finally returned to the music scene.

Michael Jackson, Rock-N-Roll's Peter Pan, has a new album and he's "Bad" to the bone.

Despite his many facial changes, his ever-loyal fans around the world can still see the little boy who stole their hearts in the early 70's, who rocked their worlds and had them bouncing "Off the Wall" in the late 70's, and who had them thrilled as their big "Thriller" in 1982.

Then along came Captain EO, a Walt Disney World exclusive in which Michael plays Captain EO.

The big question in everyone's mind is not "What image is Michael to project?" Rather, "Will his new album, 'Bad,'

break the Guinness World Book Record held by, 'Thriller,' his previous album?"

"Bad" contains a big variety of music quite different from the "Beat It" we experienced in his "Thriller" album. Instead of "Billie Jean," we now have "Dirty Diana."

Two songs have been released from the "Bad" album: "I Just Can't Stop Loving You," which is number two on Billboard charts, and "Bad," the title track from the album.

Many other artists appear on the "Bad" album; Stevie Wonder ("Just Good Friends"), Siedah Garret ("I Just Can't Stop Loving You") and ("Man in the Mirror"), and The Winans and The Andrae Crouch Choir, both on "Man in the Mirror."

With the new "Bad" video, new commercials, Captain EO, and a new hit single, "I Just Can't Stop Loving You," Michael Jackson is already back on his way to the top.

Airline safety causes passengers to be wary

by Jerry Manier

Since the beginning of its widespread availability, flying has presented travellers with a dangerous paradox. It is a concept at once both appealing and alien; flying can be a great experience, but the risk of a crash, no matter how often everyone is told how small the odds are, is enough to cause many to seek out an alternative means of transportation.

In the past, however, many fears had been assuaged by the confidence the public had in modern airplanes, and moreover, in the pilots who flew them. It was generally accepted that if the pilots and controllers sometimes let schedules run late, that it was certainly worth letting them take their time in safely delivering their payload.

The summer of 1987, to say the least, has not been a boon for airline safety in the public eye. Not only were there a large number of accidents this summer, but the reliability of the very people running the system has been called into question.

In the wake of the August crash of a Northwest Airlines jet, investigators found the fault may have lain in the pilots' failure to perform a pre-takeoff operation which is supposed to be as fundamental to them as getting dressed is for other people.

In Spain, a pilot shut off an alarm warning him of his dangerously low altitude saying, "Shut-up, Gringo," then ran into a hill two minutes later.

So what is to be done? There has been a lot of finger-pointing

toward Delta Airlines whose many near-misses and emergency landings made it a symbol of the overcrowding at most airports and the butt of not a few jokes by David Letterman. But Delta didn't have one major crash this summer, and its problems underscored only one of the many problems that now face the airline industry.

The first and foremost thing that those in the Federal Aviation Administration and in the industry should deal with is the people in the planes and in the towers. Even before the controller's strike of 1981, there were too few people watching radar screens and assisting pilots; having so many of them fired did nothing to make the workload of those that remained any easier.

Doppler radar at airports and devices onboard planes which would warn pilots of dangerously close approaches to other planes are two solutions which are often mentioned when the subject of airline safety is brought up.

But, it is my prediction that more lives would be saved and, perhaps as important, more public confidence in the airline industry would be gained if some attempt were made to train more air traffic controllers and get more pilots enthusiastic about their job.

Airplanes are only as likely to crash as the pilots who fly them. And as long as some of them would rather fly into hills than listen to what their planes tell them, there will be that much more risk in flying.



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