

# Draw Gives Eagles Big Break

By John Heisler

Before the sectional pairings were drawn last week, the South Bend sectional was supposed to be as wide open as any in the state with five evenly-matched contenders.

But once the matchups were set, two things became obvious. One was that two of those five top teams would be eliminated in last night's first round games. The other was that Adams would not be allowed any excuses if the Eagles do not capture the trophy tomorrow night.

The draw could not have been more one-sided as Adams was given a free ride into Saturday's title game. But first of all, the Eagles must avoid upset bids by Marian and probably Washington tonight.

The Knights had a 0-20 mark

coming into tournament action, and it's hard to believe there could be a team in the state any worse than Marian. Washington and Clay really aren't much better, but one of them will be facing the Eagles tonight anyway.

The matchups in the lower bracket should provide the best games of the tourney beginning Thursday night with the Riley-Mishawaka and St. Joe-LaSalle clashes. If some team from the lower bracket beats Adams in the finals, it will have played three of the toughest teams around.

Injuries and momentum are two factors coaches are most concerned with now.

Steve Austin has been bothered by a groin injury, but his great shooting performance against Penn indicated that it did not bother him too much.

Mishawaka has shown definite improvement during the season, but an ankle injury to Ed Warren in Friday's win over Goshen may hamper the Cavemen's progress. After falling to Riley earlier this year by three points, Coach Marv Wood and his team should be ready for the 'Cats this time.

Riley, on the other hand, has yet to regain the respect it commanded before all the injuries hit. T. D. Shelton seems to have recovered enough to play again, but the Wildcats have not looked the same without him. Riley still holds the best record of the eight teams at 17-4.

LaSalle suffered a startling blow to its sectional hopes when last week's court action barred Jim Nowicki from playing the rest of the year. The courts permitted Nowicki to play beginning in the

holiday tourney, but the reversal of the decision will probably keep the Lions from advancing far.

St. Joe flew through January without losing a game, but then the Indians turned right around and dropped games to Jackson and Riley. Nevertheless, St. Joe has improved tremendously since November's season opener. Bob Donewald's clubs are always at their best in sectional play, so the Indians should make things interesting for everyone.

Predicting sectionals is often discouraging, but this time at least the upper bracket should work out right.

Adams will probably have a few problems getting aroused against the likes of Marian and Washington, but Coach Hadaway has an even bigger task in getting his team mentally ready for a big

game tomorrow night. For all the seniors on the team, it is a game they have been waiting for the last four years.

Considering St. Joe's sectional record, the Indians are a good bet to reach the final game. If they do, Adams most certainly will remember the 93-70 pasting the Indians handed out in January.

In any event, be prepared for some to-notch basketball and a few surprises as well.

As we see it

ADAMS over MARIAN  
WASHINGTON over CLAY  
RILEY over MISHAWAKA  
ST. JOE over LASALLE  
ADAMS over WASHINGTON  
ST. JOE over RILEY  
ADAMS over ST. JOE

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## News Release: Eight Seniors Honored

### Scholarship Finalists Named

By Ayn Moriarty

Recently John Adams received word on some of its top scholars and the awards that they may receive. Scott MacGregor, Debbie Pixley, and Linda Ashe, have all been chosen from individual schools across the country for excellence in academic achievement and community service. Scott, Debbie, and Linda have been named as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1973. These three automatically qualify for future state, regional, and national honors. They could receive scholarships totalling \$7000.

Andrea Bonewitz, George Ford,

Kathy Green, John Heisler, and Dave McKinney are the Adams National Merit Finalists. All of Adams' semi-finalists have advanced to the finalist status in 1973 competition. These five people are now eligible for one-thousand, \$1000 one-time stipends and approximately two thousand renewable scholarships. College sponsored four year Merit scholarships are also available for National Merit Finalists. Because of fine, continued academic ability, both of these groups may be able to finance their future education completely on scholarship awards.

### Debaters Qualify

By Mark Norman

The John Adams Debate team of Mark Norman and John Cassidy has qualified for Indiana State Finals. Ranked as high as fifth in the state, the speakers, along with Coach and Director Peter Holmgren, traveled to Kokomo Haworth on February 16. Debating two rounds on Friday night and two the following morning, John and Mark compiled a 3-1 record. Gaining a bye the first round, they faced and defeated a tough Ft. Wayne Northside team in their second round.

Saturday morning John and Mark lost their first round to Chesterton. Although the judge was questionable, both sounded rusty while going affirmative. Reverting back to their favorite side, Negative, Adams faced Chesterton's number one team. Beaten earlier this season in the championship round at the New Castle tournament, Mark and John easily revenged that loss. Thinking that they might have to go another round and face another

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### Gold Keys Recognize Student Artists

By Jessica Crosson

John Adams has done quite well this year, particularly in the work of Harry Wright, whose varied styles earned him several gold keys (the Regional Honors prize for an excellent self-portrait and his painting of a prostitute) and a Hallmark Honor prize for his warm-tone portrait of Greta Gilmore. Jennifer Kreisle won a gold key for her water color of a local house. Sue Vurpillat's water color, also of a house, is in the exhibit near a painting by Randy Geyer, whose innovative style and use of monochrome give a stylized, abstract sense of calm to a lake with sailboats. From other schools there are textiles and macrame work of amazing complexity, lovely ceramics and sculpture (mostly done in clay). Many students, particularly in their ink drawings, prints, and etchings, show a high level of sophisticated subtlety one would expect more readily from college students.

The 1973 Scholastic Art Awards regional exhibit will be downtown at Robertson's Dept. Store until February 24. See this exhibit if you can; the overall quality of the artwork indicates a far greater potential for high school art than most people ever suspect. High school artists from the entire Michiana area contributed paintings, drawings, prints, textile and fashion designs, three-dimensional art, and photography. Only a fraction of this total was selected for display, and still fewer received the regional awards which will allow them to participate in national competition. Regional winners also compete for special prizes such as the Strathmore and the Hallmark Honor Prizes. The annual Scholastic Art Awards competition, now 46 years old, is a venerable institution in the student art world. Like many similar institutions, it is perhaps too dependent upon the individual judge's opinion.

### S.G. Gets Going

By Christopher McCraley

The two branches of the newly elected Students' Government are in the process of organizing themselves into a functional organ of John Adams.

The Senate, the smaller branch, held a meeting on February 15 after the one on the eighth was rescheduled because of its conflict with a faculty meeting. Due to lack of participants attending the February 15 meeting, it was also called off until a later date in which the

Senators hope to start discussing plans for the election of their officers.

The House of Representatives, meanwhile, held a meeting on February 12 to decide upon the fourth article of the government's constitution. This section deals with the elections of the officers of the House and Senate.

The government is being organized slowly and hopes to gain your much needed support for its operation and performance.



Photo/Rick Ball

Nat'l Merit Finalists - Back row, 1 to r, D. McKinney, J. Heisler, K. Green, G. Ford, and A. Bonewicz. Outstanding teenagers, front row, 1 to r, S. MacGregor, L. Ashe, and D. Pixley.



Turn off the fountain!



# The Continuing Story of Wild Bill

Kables  
From  
The Kounselors

This Week:  
**TROUBLE  
IN  
BYSZYLAND**

AS WE LAST SAW,  
OUR HERO WILD BILL  
AND HIS TWO FRIENDS  
DAVID AND GOLIATH  
WERE LISTENING TO  
REQUESTS OF A FEW  
PEONS of BYSZYLAND.



## MORAL

YOU KNOW SOME PEOPLE  
WRITE OUT ADMITS FOR  
EVERYTHING, BUT THERE'S  
SOME THINGS THEY WON'T  
ADMIT.

"All persons living  
and dead are purely  
coincidental and  
should not be  
construed."

— K. Vonnegut

Adams' DECA chapter  
participated in the annual DECA  
and Leadership Conference  
February 3. Twelve high  
participated with Adams  
second in the overall score.  
The following Adams students  
received awards: Becky W.  
Job Interview, Paul Dilts,  
Grant, Connie Taylor-1st,  
Relations Decision Making



Displaying the trophies  
their contest are: V. Green, P. Weng,  
Cauffman, B. Weldy,  
Coleman, S. Dempse,  
Ditsch, B. Fox, C. I.  
velt, sponsor, L. M.  
the picture are J. G.  
Johnson.

## Ms. Ann

It all started with lil  
jello. When my eyes first  
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remain to tell others of  
meaning of February!

Oh hark to the great  
occurrences in February  
History Week, Was  
Birthday, Lincoln's  
Toy Moody's Birthday.

## Amateur Radio

### Courses Offered

Amateur radio courses will be  
offered at Ivy Tech starting March  
6, 7, and 8 for interested begin-  
ners or advanced operators.

Three different courses will be  
offered to people eleven years old  
and older. Amateur Radio I class  
begins March 7 from 7-10 p.m.  
and will continue each Wednesday  
evening for twelve weeks. For 36  
hours the cost is \$36.

Amateur Radio--Novice Class  
begins on Thursday, March 8, and  
will run for eight weeks from 7-  
10 p.m. each Thursday. It will cost  
\$24 for 24 hours.

Amateur Radio-Advanced Class  
begins March 6 from 7-10 p.m.  
and will continue for eight weeks.  
It also costs \$24.

Amateur Radio I is designed for  
those who wish to obtain their ad-  
vanced license after completing  
the follow-up course, Amateur Ra-

dio II. Amateur Radio I students  
will get their novice license plus  
additional theory toward their ad-  
vanced license.

Amateur Radio--Novice Class is  
designed for those who only want  
their novice license at present. Ivy  
Tech will offer two courses  
as follow-ups for this class lead-  
ing to the advanced license.

Amateur Radio-Advanced Class  
is for those licensed operators  
who wish to obtain a more ad-  
vanced license and learn more  
theory.

Registration for the courses can  
be handled by mail until Febru-  
ary 26. Send a check with your  
name, address, zip code, and phone  
number to Ivy Tech. Designate  
which class you wish to take. From  
February 27 to March 1 go to Ivy  
Tech from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to  
register.

## Comment

### WHAT IS THE LUNARIAN SOCIETY?

Throughout the annals of John  
Adams High School's history, never  
has such a protruding "club"  
loomed so prominently amongst  
the ever-expanding scope of extra-  
curricular activities.

As the end of the year comes  
around, it is obvious that many  
students are oblivious of the  
seeming fun and diversion which  
this recreational sport offers.

Presently we aren't able to men-  
tion sponsors of any kind, but some  
weekend evening around street  
corners, you may ascertain the tail  
end of such a bizarre get together.

We feel to clarify this activity  
in the minds of fellow students,  
we'd like to pull down a few bare  
necessities (in the line of facts)  
which technically stick out in our  
minds. One of the main attractions  
of this sport is that everyone is  
physically equipped, by nature, to  
partake. However, few people  
possess the nerve and moral char-

acter necessary to become dex-  
terous in revealing this uncarn-  
ouflaged talent. Really, there's  
nothing to it.

Other attributes necessary for  
membership in the Lunarian So-  
ciety is to have an abundance of  
zip and drive.

In conclusion, we wish that the  
members of the Lunarian Society  
would expose their shining revel-  
ations to more of the student body,  
bringing and end to the weekend  
boredom plaguing so many stu-  
dents. A factor in the exclusiv-  
ness of the Lunarian Society can-  
not be one of inhibition, for this  
certainly cannot be a case of "turn  
the other cheek."

So, if you feel as if you're be-  
ing followed by a Moon Shadow  
some Friday or Saturday night,  
never fear! It's only the Lunar-  
ians.

Colonel Cosmic

## Students Spe

### Iggy Proclaimed Mo

While reading the roller derby  
review and eating kipped guppy  
at breakfast one morning we hap-  
pened to come across an errant  
issue of the Tower. In perfunct-  
orily perusing the pedantic pub-  
lication, an article printed under  
the name of Ignatius O'Shaunessy  
came to our attention. The lucid  
writing style of "IGGY" enlight-  
ened us to the TRUE meaning of  
nirvana and the N.I.C. basketball  
standings. We now see the false-  
ness of our ways and we have  
shaved our heads and burned our  
school books in repentance. How  
we could have missed the reason  
for which Miss McCollum sub-  
jected herself to much ridicule,  
we do not know. However, we bow  
in deference to the lofty ideal of:  
"Athletics, Right or Wrong!" Now  
that we know the REAL truth, it

is hard to  
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# D.E.C.A. and C.O.E. go to state

Phil Wenger-2nd, Student-of-the-Year; 3rd, Job Interview Allan Dickens-2nd, Sales Demonstration Mike Davis, Mark Eby, Chris Johnson, Craig Szabo, Joan Bella, Diana Cauffman, Vicki Green--2nd, Parliamentary Procedure Team, Gary Ditsch, Mike McGuire, Jill Coleman-2nd, Merchandise Decision Making Team, Leah Reagin-2nd, Radio Commercial Writing, Jean

Doyon-2nd, Newspaper Ad Layout Betty Fox-2nd, Job Interview, Carlotta Moore-3rd, Sales Demonstration; 5th, Miss Indiana DECA Toni Miller-3rd, Business Letter Writing, Steve Dempsey-5th, Job Interview, Kathy Madison-5th, Public Speaking.

First and Second place winners will participate in the State DECA Contest in Indianapolis on March 16th and 17th.

Elkhart Area Career Center and Elkhart Memorial High School hosted the annual regional contests for Office Education Students.

Dolores Gillett came in first in Duplicating Preparation, Kathy

White came in second in Machine Transcription, and Katie Dominic placed third in Job Application.

In the Advanced Typewriting contest Vicki Stahl placed fifth and Kathy White placed sixth. Melanie DeCraene placed fourth in the File Clerk contest and Byra Warner came in fifth.

Other students who participated in the contests were Martha Green, Teresa Hammtree, Carol Carson, and Erma Jackson.

Students who placed in the top three places move on to the state competition in Indianapolis on April 6 and 7.



COE contest winners pictured here are K. White, D. Gillett, M.DeCreane, B. Warner, K. Dominic, and V. Stahl.

es, plaques, and certificates they won at members: Row 1 1. to r. J. Doyon, r, and P. Dilts. Row 2 - M. Davis, D. and C. Taylor. Row 3 - A. Dickens, J. y, K. Madison, Row 4 - C. Moore, G. Underwood, Row 5 - C. Szabo, Mr. Blauler, M. McGuire, Winners missing from rant, J. Bella, L. Reagin, M. Eby, and C.

## Thropist speaks

Release of the POW's and Liberation of Jello, Valentine's Day, Groundhogs Day, Spirit Week, the Anniversary of Ivan Illicks death and the greatest achievement within February and within the epoch: the birth of the EAGLE chick! With such a motley crew of things meaningful and true, I have thrown down my whip, started a collection of \$1.00 bills picked up an axe, bought a 1971 season ticket to the sectional games, began to eat in the cafeteria once more painted myself red, painted myself red and blue, painted myself black, attempted to jump into a hola to hide and sought out Booster roosters for companionship (all not necessarily in that order.)

In spite of pressure from non-alarmist groups, the Tower staff has resolved to discuss the problem calmly, voicing their carefully considered opinions without too much fuss. THE PRINTERS MUST BE COMMUNISTS!!! This conclusion was reached only after examining many well-documented facts. 1) The Tower staff members are as right as rain, as straight as the stripes on the American flag, and as true-blue to the institution as is Rin-tin-tin. 2) Perfectly innocent copy, sent in to be printed up, returns smelling of vice and foul play. The editors' feeble efforts to reform the misprinted and misguided material parallel a half-hearted attempt to operate on a dying man, using a sharp thumbnail--in other words, they don't work. 3) The printers

are in the position of a central intelligence committee as they handle the newspapers of nearly all the area high schools. In frequent threatening gestures, copy is sent to the wrong schools in order to force cooperation from the local editors. 4) When was the last time you received a Tower on schedule? 5) Several completed paste-up sheets have been sent in to be printed, only to come back strangely disorganized and re-arranged--surely you've fumbled over 3 or 4 lines which have no bearing to the article in which they are placed.

Or did you puzzle over the winter ski festival article entitled "Gothic Tales"? Definitely suspicious. 6) Sharper students will have already wondered angrily over the most peculiar alteration of the U.S. Army recruiting ad on page 4 of the January issue. "The job you learn in the army is yours to keep vice." Now, if that isn't detrimental to the health of this nation, what is? In conclusion, the Tower begs the student body to reconsider next time they wish to burn Towers as a symbolic gesture. (Ha. That should only happen.) Or, when

names are omitted, misspelled, mistaken, or screwed up in general (or for that matter, even when articles are omitted, misspelled, mistaken, or screwed up likewise), forgive. The Tower would never betray you, but outside forces, bent on disruption, are seeking to demoralize you. And they control the final say-so on the Tower. Therefore, you must never take the Tower too seriously--or too lightly. Remember, above all, that your editors love you more than you know.

Sue Sinkiewicz

## Editorial

So now Black History week is over and what did it prove? Just as the African clothing is put away, so is the concept of Black History Week. What does one week out of the year accomplish toward the Black Nationalist feeling? How does one week influence the whites? For the first two years that Black History week was observed at John Adams it was unique and informative. Truthfully, it was an experience that no one had been exposed to. Everyone appeared to be willing to listen. But since that time, it has become repetitive and far from informative.

Instead of displaying an enduring pride in their culture, Black History Week has become a showboat of anti-white feeling. Instead of cultural revolution all that is obvious is a display of adolescent rebellion. Many people treat this week as a vehicle to express their ignorance, both blacks and whites. If the purpose of Black History week is to make people more aware, then, unfortunately it is performing the opposite. It turns people towards reliance on their own racist attitudes. Instead of intellectually presenting what was happening, it dissolved into a chaotic representation of one's allegiances. How many Blacks were actually informed concerning the seven precepts of "blackness"? Did anyone realize that the black pledge was practically a carbon copy of the American pledge of allegiance? If these topics summarize the "black allegiance" then why were they treated so casually? Separate pledges and unknown precepts do not serve to inform the ignorant.

Black History has NOT been taught or reflected in our history, because history is dictated by the politics involved. Obviously, minorities will not be dealt with when White-Anglo's are in power. However, one week of trying to correct this wrong has proved disastrous. "History" has been made synonymous with hatred. Instead of presenting history up until the present day, the values that could be gained from such an encounter are overshadowed by racist rage on both sides. While the blacks "righteous anger" explodes and disintegrates, it permanently leaves its scars on people and their attitudes. Whites in turn, respond by "turning off" anything associated with blackness and in the future, connect cultural pride with their racist reflections. Isn't it obvious that we are going around in non-coinciding circles?

If black vindictiveness continues and white antipathy increases, Adams will become no more than a huge battleground where combat is fought over each other's emotions. Unfortunately, the generation that began it all will be far gone from Adams and not realize the damage begun by their emotionalism and ignorance.

by Ayn Moriarty

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# Seagles Third at State Meet

by Mark Norman

When the John Adams Seagles lost their only two dual meets of the year, they knew that Munster and Jackson were the teams to beat.

Being beaten soundly by Munster once and losing closely to Jackson three times, Steve Smith's swimmers were well aware that unless they could put it together, they were destined for third place.

After closing the sectional in second place, the team packed its gear hoping that the Munster bus would get lost and they could sneak by Jackson.

With no such luck, the swimmers assumed third place, winning 120 points, 71 short of first and 41 short of Jackson's second place.

Nonetheless, Adams, as they have shown all year, turned out several fantastic performances. Mr. Consistency, Dan Harrigan once again captured the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke events highlighting a fantastic year for the junior All-American. Harrigan also joined captain Hoke Busch, John Feferman, and Scott Lehr to give Adams a second place in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Feferman placed fourth in the 200-yard individual medley and seventh in the 400-yard freestyle as he again played a decided role in Adams' high ranking. Divers Lloyd Emmons and Dennis Fos-

ter placed eighth and tenth while Scott Lehr swam to a sixth place in the 200-yard individual medley.

Adams placed seventh and twelfth in the 100-yard breaststroke with Mike Slowey and Jim "Fred" Severyn, respectively. Captain Busch won a second ribbon with his ninth place finish in the 50-yard freestyle.

While only the state placings were mentioned above, Adams had four first places and three runner-ups at the South Bend Sectional.

The young Seagles have now played bridesmaid to Jackson five consecutive times since last year's sectional. Only experience such as this year can temper those defeats and bring back the laurels that Adams deserves.

Losing only captain Hoke Busch to graduation, the Seagles will be the obvious team to "watch" next year. Only they can prove if they're worth the state championship.

## Eagles Dethrone Kingsmen

by John Heisler

If all the state tourney games were played on Fridays in the Adams gym, the Eagles would be state champs.

That statement may be stretching things a bit far, but the record Adams has compiled on Fridays on its own court has been rather amazing.

Adams finished with an impressive 14-5 overall mark, but when you break that one down, things get more interesting. The Eagles record was 9-0 at home, yet only 5-5 on foreign wood. On Friday nights Adams was 10-0, on Saturday nights only 3-4. The Eagles also had a perfect 7-0 mark in the NIC, and all of those contests were played on Friday night.

In the regular season finale last week, the Eagles kept things consistent with a 75-73 win over Penn. Neither team was ever appreciably ahead in the first half, but Penn held the edge through most of the second half.

With a minute left and the score tied, it could have gone either way. But Boonie Hill made a perfectly-timed steal and put the Eagles two points up with 30 seconds to go. Steve Austin stole the ball right back and he hit one FT attempt after he was fouled. After a Kingsmen free throw, Ray Mar-

tin hit two more clutch tosses with seven seconds left to put it out of reach.

Despite being hampered by a groin injury, Steve Austin regained his shooting eye and poured in 24 points. One of six seniors making final home appearances, Jim Webb threw in 20 after receiving a specially-inscribed ball in pregame ceremonies listing his career accomplishments. Twenty-two rebounds and twelve points by Marshall Robinson marked his best performance of the year.

The Eagles finished their NIC schedule at 7-0 by beating Elkhart Central 77-66. It was not their most impressive performance by any means, but the Eagles used a strong third quarter to decide the contest.

Webb did it all for Adams totaling 31 points and breaking Lee McKnight's school scoring record in the process. Central's only big threat Tom Calhoun had 30 himself but it still was not enough.

The next night was Saturday and once again the Eagles had their problems. East Chicago Roosevelt trailed by one at halftime, but the home team outscored Adams 24-10 in the third period and won easily 71-53.

## Poemen Dump DeKalb

by Terry Smith

The Men's Gymnastic Team closed out its regular season with a devastating massacre of their long disputed DeKalb rivals there on February 13, 81-77 in the Gymnasts' best display of the season. Terry Smith racked up two first places on parallel bars and rings. Olympic hopefuls Marc Woodford and Larry Holtzman also stole first places on vaulting and high bar, respectively. Other magnificent performances were made by Micheal Jockamo, rings; Terry Smith, floor exercise; high bar, baulting; Jamie Honold, floor exercise; Jonathon Lair, horse; Al Dieringer, vaulting; and a surprise showing of fine gymnastic skill by Phil Schriber on horse. Marcus Woodford won his all-around position and the team finished the season

with a 3-7 record.

On February 10, the Gymnasts competed in the rugged Heritage Invitational Meet, placing 6th among all the teams that competed. Terry Smith received three ribbons on rings, parallel bars and all-around. Larry Holtzman received a ribbon for high bar and Marc Woodford got ribbons for vaulting and all-around.

The team will compete in the Sectional tomorrow at Concord High School at 1:00 pm against six other fierce rival teams. Gymnasts placing first through fifth places on an apparatus will become eligible to perform on that apparatus in the State Championship March 2 in Indianapolis. Coach Dan Poe is confident that many of his gymnasts will represent Adams downstate.

# RICK MITCHEM State Champ at 185 Pounds

first round match.

Winning a state championship is an accomplishment in itself, but going through an entire season without a loss is something else again. Rick deserves all the credit in the world for his tremendous record. Adams fans can now look forward to next year in hopes that he can successfully defend his crown and perhaps go undefeated again as well.

Adams coach Moe Aronson also received a noteworthy award during the state tournament. During special ceremonies held in Indianapolis Friday night, Moe was presented a special plaque honoring him as a member of the Indiana Wrestling Hall of Fame. He and former South Bend Community School Corporation Athletic Director Bob Jones are the only area members of the elite group.

The season is over for the Adams grapplers, and for the first time in a number of years, the Eagles have a state champion.

Coach Moe Aronson and his ace Rick Mitchem journeyed to Indianapolis' Southport High School last weekend, and when they returned they brought with them the first place medal in the 185 pound class.

Mitchem finished his fantastic season with a perfect 24-0 record after whipping three opponents in the regional as well as the state finals.

Bloomington South won the team title at Southport for the fifth consecutive year. The only other area individual title winners besides Mitchem were Dave Riggell of Elkhart Central in the 98 pound

division and Elkhart Memorial's Dave Kratzer in the 145 pound section.

Penn's Gary Hill won 26 straight bouts this season before losing a 6-2 decision in Saturday's 105 pound title match.

Mitchem whipped his first opponent 2-1, pinned his man during the afternoon session, and then defeated Highland's Bob Vercel 3-1 in the championship match.

In the regional at Adams the week before, Mishawaka easily won the team title with three individual champions. Mitchem had no problem beating his first two opponents 10-2 and 20-6. Then in the final match he decisively defeated Barry McCleary of Warsaw 5-4.

The only other Adams wrestler in the regional was Aaron Watson, and he was pinned in his

## Girls Win Two

## Frosh Win Valley Title

by Mike Clarke

Despite a second round loss in the St. Joe Valley Tournament, Coach Turnock's first season at Adams was successful. Going into the tournament with a 9-2 record and a share of the conference title, Adams topped Washington the first round 50-37. The Eagles were beaten in the second round by Grissom 47-40 in a game marred with frequent quarrels between both teams as tempers flared through out the contest.

Coming off a 65-54 victory over Clay to clinch a share of the title, the Eagles traveled to Grissom to play Washington in the first round of the Freshmen Tournament. Adams trying to get revenge on the Panthers who had beaten the Eagles earlier, took a 22-21 lead into the dressing room at halftime. The Frosh leading 35-31 at the end of the third period pulled away from Washington and took a 50-37 victory into the second round of the tournament.

The Eagles met nothing but trouble in the second round game against Grissom as Grissom had a 6-5 lead at the end of the first period. Grissom quickly lengthened the lead to 24-12 at the end of the first half. Not giving up, the Frosh started to cut down the lead as they pulled within 9 points, 29-20 at the end of the third quarter. The Eagles continued to eat away at the deficit as they reached within 2 points of Grissom 38-36 with 2:12 left in the game. The outside shooting of Kevin Bower did not seem to stop Grissom as they matched the last minute scoring of the Eagles and won 47-40.

Kevin Bower led Adams with 10 points and Paul Daniels added 14 rebounds.

### Debate (cont.)

chance for elimination in the Double-Loss Disqualification Regional, the debaters were overjoyed when they learned of their qualifications for being one of the only 24 teams at State Finals, they will hope for a lucky draw to get them into the final round. If they can get their momentum rolling, Adams and South Bend may have their first Indiana Debate Champion.

## Adams B-Team Best in State

by Scott Brennan

12 rebounds was sophomore forward, Torrence Moody.

In games previous to the 1973 finale, Adams coasted to wins over Elkhart Central and East Chicago Roosevelt.

Against the Blue Blazers, Torrence Moody, Mark Hardy, and Von Mincey teamed up to rip off 21 rebounds en route to a 58-26 decision.

A crushing verdict of 56-32 was notched over East Chicago Roosevelt that saw Glenn Sudhop and Larry Sullivan net 16 and 14 points, respectively.

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