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QUILL & SCROLL PICKS 23 FROM TOWER-ALBUM

SOCIETY HONORS JOURNALISTS

The Quill & Scroll Society, an international honorary society for high school journalists, will add 23 names to its list of outstanding yearbook and newspaper staff eligible for membership to the society.

Those eligible, chosen and recommended by the Album-TOWER advisor Ms. B. Maza, have shown superior work in some phase of journalism or school publications through writing, editing, management, and production.

The prospective members must be a junior or senior this year although present sophomores are also eligible. Also, to be in the society one must be in the upper third of his class.

Senior members include: John Cassidy, Jessica Crosson, Stuart Dolde, Peter Goerner, Cassie Gundlach, Katherine Kimbriel, Pamela Leary, Jane McCollum, Mary Mahank, Linda Megan, Carol Nevel, Mark Norman, Linda Risinger, Colette Rohan, Greg True, Tom Vance, Peggy Wolf, Mary Zimmerman and Scott Brennan.

The junior members include Richard Ball, Leslie Weir, Bruce Zutter, and Chris McCraley (sophomore).

Tribune Awards NGP Contributors

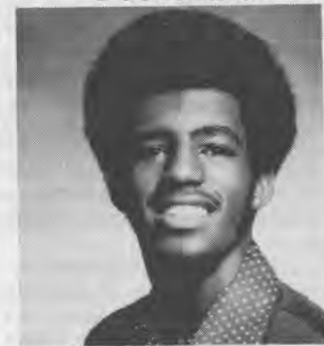
The South Bend Tribune Cafeteria provided the setting for the Next Generation (NGP) award banquet held on Thursday, May 2.

Awards were presented to two John Adams seniors by Nancy Sulok, NGP editor, and Emery Hirschler, the public relations director for The Tribune.

Gloria Zeithammer was awarded an engraved necklace for her art contributions of cartoons.

An identification bracelet was given to Mark Norman for his outstanding contributions.

•• Kudos ••



Howard University in Washington D.C. is welcoming Aaron Watson, John Adams senior, with a National Competitive Scholarship Award of \$1250 for the 1974-75 school year.

These awards are renewable over a three year period provided full-time attendance and the required academic average are maintained.

S. G. Sponsors Dance

by Leah Sunderlin

This year's student government has once again planned two more potentially successful projects. Under the leadership of Jim Severyn, the student government is sponsoring another school dance due to the success of the 50's Sock Hop last March 8. Having a knack for unusual dances, student government is planning a Saide Hawkins dance on Saturday, May 18, open to the school only this time it is the girl's responsibility to ask for a date. It will be from 8:00 to 11:00, but the band has not been announced as of yet. Dress will be hillbilly and farmer style and the night will be highlighted by the Moustache Growing Contest. With everyone's help the dance should be a huge success.

Also this May, student government is planning a clean-up of the school grounds. Due to complaints and concerns of neighbors near the school and Mr. Przybysz, I was decided that student government would stage a clean-up on Tuesday, May 21. It is felt by our representatives and school administration that we should have a school to be proud of and this is the basic purpose of the clean-up. The work itself will be done by the government members, but if anyone wishes to be of help, contact any member of student government or Mr. Przybysz.

Unfortunately, the Little 500 will not be staged this year. There is no time that our track will be available for the race so it was cancelled. Our student government has shown a great deal of activity and work this year and hopefully it will carry through to these two projects.

French V Holds Dinner

There were comments like "bon repas", "bon appetite", and "I'm filled", among others from 6:00 p.m. on May 1 as Mr. Boutiette's French V class held a dinner in typical French style at Kitty Warner's house.

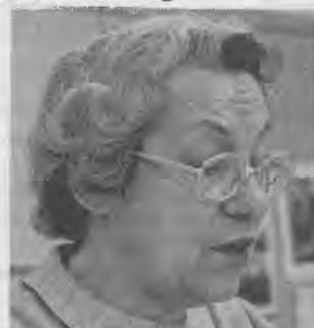
Seventeen people: Mr. and Mrs. Boutiette, Miss McMann, senior students from the class, and parents came to the event. Mr. Boutiette emphatically commented that it was "very good" and that he was very much filled.

Escargots bourguignonne (snails), crab meat, and, of course, French onion soup were served as hors d'oeuvres which, along with wine and French bread, put everyone in the mood for the dinner. Chicken cordon blue, three kinds of cheeses, and the salad were the entrees. All attempted to "parler francais" while the dessert of fruit salad immersed in Cointreau was served.

Pat Lord and the senior French V class spent three hours in class and one week in the kitchen planning and preparing the meal. Each person cooked or served a specific course.

It was, in the words of Mr. D. Boutiette, "tres bon."

Gadomski, Rosenfeld Retiring



It has been 10 years since Miss Mary Virginia Rosenfeld and 34 years since Mrs. Gwendolyn Gadomski began teaching at John Adams. This year, after many enjoyable years of teaching, they are retiring.

Reasons for retiring

Both teachers felt that it was time for them to retire, and look ahead to retirement as a "time out from teaching responsibilities" devoid of "alarm clocks and papers to grade".

Mrs. Gadomski commented that she gave her job its "due effort" and that the reason for her leaving is "the (attitudes) of today, being non-conducive to learning". "Teaching extols quite a bit of responsibility and expenditure of energy... for my own good, it was wise to retire," she added. She describes presentday students at Adams as "not the eager-beavers they used to be."

Student attitudes

Gadomski and Rosenfeld both feel that overall the hard-working student is becoming less noticeable and that an apathy toward learning exists. Miss Rosenfeld complained, "... I don't want to face a group of hostile people". Mrs. Gadomski adds that there is "no discipline of appearance" nor manners, and has the opinion that a well disciplined class can accomplish more than one that isn't.

Mrs. Gadomski has always strived for couthness, discipline, principles, and manners in teaching a class. She believes that "education should refine your tastes". Reading has been expressed as necessary by both teachers and particularly by Miss Rosenfeld whose message to the student body is simply, "Read, read, read."



Mrs. Gwendolyn Gadomski has been teaching Latin and some English for 41 years. As an import from LaPorte, she spent six years in South Bend teaching at Madison Junior High.

When John Adams opened in 1940, she seized the opportunity and began teaching here. While at Adams, she was the social chairman for dances, sponsored the Drama Club; and until presently is the head of the foreign language department which she refers to as a "nice department to work with."

She attended St. Mary's College and Northwestern University where she received her Masters Degree in English Literature in 1939.

After she retires this year, she plans to catch up on her reading, travel, do volunteer work, and participate in the Alumni Club at St. Mary's University.

She has enjoyed the teaching experience at Adams and sums up her nearing leave: "I will miss the classroom... I will remember the many, many fine students that I've taught... I have them to thank for coming my way."

Miss Rosenfeld was born in St. Louis, Missouri and spent much of her life in Indianapolis. She attended Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts and taught at St. Mary's College in South Bend.

While at St. Mary's she ran the Aquinas Book Shop near Notre Dame. Soon after, around 1964, she came to Adams where she has taught all phases of English for the past decade. During this span, she also spent her time teaching English at IUSB and is particularly fond of Shakespeare.

Miss Rosenfeld plans to spend her retirement in "total leisure: reading, writing, gardening, and traveling in my beloved England", she tells.

McLemore is New Latin Teacher

Mrs. Betty McLemore, who currently teaches English at John Adams will be replacing Ms. Gwendolen Gadomski next year in the latin department.

Mrs. McLemore was valedictorian at Riley High School and Phi Beta Kappa at Indiana University. She graduated from IU with high honors in Latin.

Teachers Depart

by Cathi Gabele

The principal's office has made available a list of teachers departing from Adams at the end of this year. These teachers are: Mrs. Pieniazkiewicz, home economics; Mrs. Gwendolyn Gadomski, Latin and English; Miss Mary Virginia Rosenfeld, English; Miss Gerri Kitrick, physical education; Mr. Kurt Von Schrititz, math; and Mr. Tom Turnock, comparative studies.

Only two of the six teachers are settling into retirement: Mrs. Gadomski and Miss Rosenfeld. The others are moving on to bigger, and hopefully better things.

Mrs. Gadomski commented on her retirement by saying, "No 5:45 a.m. alarm, no themes to grade, but time to read and enjoy a more leisurely existence... though I did love teaching and have pleasant memories of many, many inspirational, appreciative students."

Miss Kitrick, who will be married in August and moving to Boston, Mass. said she especially enjoyed her freshmen girls gym classes, helping at swim meets, and being the girls gymnastics faculty advisor.

Both Miss Kitrick and Mrs. Gadomski had kind words for the faculty and student body.

Mrs. Gadomski says the "class" once associated with Adams has diminished, but says, "Let's recoup!"

Miss Kitrick stated that John Adams is fortunate to have the faculty they do, and "I only hope the students always appreciate this fact and try not to abuse their privileges."

The student body extends its best wishes to these teachers and hopes the future holds much for them.

•• News Briefs ••

Schlesinger in Art Contest

The Michiana Biennial Show which opened May 5 at the South Bend Art Center, featured works by local artists. This competition in painting, drawing, photography, craft, sculpture, and ceramics consisted of approximately 100 accepted pieces. From Adams, Tom Schlesinger has had a photograph accepted in the show.

B.O.C. Seeks Members

"Beyond Our Control", the awardwinning television production project for area high school students, will conduct recruiting sessions and auditions for new members Saturday, May 25.

Any high school students are invited to attend the auditions at the Junior Achievement Center, 947 Louise Street. There will be two sessions: one at 9:00 AM; and one at 1:00 PM.

Przybysz Asks For Opinions

Adam's principal William Przybysz is asking for written comments, suggestions, constructive criticisms, and recommendations about next year's policies. Among the topics are: time and lunch schedules, revisal of the current attendance policy, smoking regulations, and the homeroom procedure.

Mr. Przybysz asks that any comments, criticism, etc., be written and given to him before next school year. They need not be signed.

Retraction

We are sorry about the case of mistaken identity by John Cassidy and Jackie Ganser in the May 3rd issue of the TOWER. We apologize for the printer's mistake and hope that no harmful side-effects were suffered by either of the merit scholars.

EDITORIAL

We have just gone through the primaries, and for many many seventeen and eighteen year olds it was a first chance at voting for the candidates of their choice. Unfortunately, only a small percentage of the students who were eligible to vote did so, which shows a definite lack of interest in what goes on in our city government. Quite ironic, considering how often one hears the question, "what can we do when we get ripped off and lied to all the time?"

To start with, keep your ears open for opinions concerning the candidates who are running in your district. Television messages and ads in the paper are generally biased because they are paid for by the candidates themselves or their backers. So consider their methods of campaigning. Are they pushy, aggressive, too ambitious, or

downright scathing where their opposition is concerned? How much money are they spending on their campaign? Too much for the salaries they are claiming to earn? You can form your opinions from small signs like these, and also from speeches. Students are too smart today to allow themselves to be lied to when they are given a chance to judge for themselves.

If there is a problem or issue that concerns you, hunt up the politicians who claim to be concerned with these things and try to determine whether or not they are sincere.

Don't expect others to cast your vote for you. If everyone figures that the other guy will cast his vote, nobody they want in office will ever get elected. You have the right and also the obligation to vote for the people who will make the ultimate decisions.

COMMENT

I find it intriguing that John Harlan, who is not the average John Adams jock, should have the audacity to tell the girls' swim team that they "blew it." It would not be so atrocious a statement if he knew what he was talking about. But, since he doesn't, allow me to correct him.

It is city policy that basketball teams cannot get a day off unless they win their regional; and football teams must win their conference playoff. This policy appears to concern only these sports and the others don't count - male or female. Only the "money-makers" rate. Therefore, one would have to change the South Bend Community School Corporation's view on this. Contrary to Mr. Harlan's belief, this takes more than calling the superintendent and politely asking why this is so. And I doubt Mr. Laven would worry about the "bad publicity" since there would be little or none. The girls trying to get the policy changed would run into a series of dead ends and buck passing. They would find that it would take more than themselves and more than the school to get it changed: it would take a whole community. What percentage of Adams, much less our beloved city, cares whether the girls' swim team gets a day off or not? I can't say what causes this negativism towards girls' sports. Perhaps they feel that since we are the weaker sex, winning is no great accomplishment. Whatever the reasons, there is great difficulty with changing the rules and trying to get a square deal for girls. (So, Mr. Harlan, if you think it's so easy, then change your sex, get into sports, and THEN try to get something for the female half of our athletes.)

Kathy Kujawski

I'm afraid Miss Kujawski missed the point of my May 3rd Kicking It Around column. Judging from her responses, it would also appear she has conceded the war for equality between the sports because the Seagals and their supporters blew the battle.

Miss Kujawski states her concern over the "negativism towards girls' sports" yet she doesn't believe in taking advantage of an opportunity when it comes along. Miss Kujawski states that it would take the "whole community" to change the SBCSC's attitude toward the Seagals. Where

better to start than with the students, faculty, and administration of JAHS, the administration of the SBCSC, a member of the SBCSC Board of Trustees, and the parents of the Seagals (all of whom were present at the awards assembly)?

I never said or implied it would be an easy task. But it is one worth fighting for. To give up the difficult war because you lost the battle shows a lack of determination that will only perpetuate the negative attitude toward the "minor" sports.

I might add that I have neither the funds nor the inclination to alter my sex. Besides, how would it look for the Seagals to recruit and depend entirely on others to fight their war for them?

● ● ● John Harlan

I want to congratulate the Right To Life Committee for giving a good presentation of their program on abortion.

After observing a similar program several months ago I had doubts about their organization and what they stood for. To me they seemed very narrow minded about their cause.

Using so-called "scare tactics" (which are used by many groups to get their point across) by showing slides of aborted babies and colored pamphlets of more abortions, which seemed even more one sided, it rather seemed they were hurting their cause then helping it.

The Right To Life Committee, which is not more than two years old, has come a long way in giving a better presentation of their cause. They cut out a number of their "scare tactics" slides and answered questions more openly. I respect and sympathize with their cause much more now than a year ago when I saw their last presentation. Overall it was a very excellent program.

● ● ● John Goodson

The new system for selecting classes is a god deal for the upperclassmen. They usually get their choice in selective courses. Otherwise it's a pretty good deal but the underclassmen suffer a little. They have to take what's left. I think it should have been left the way it was... much more convenient for all students.

Andy Harris

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

The life and times of Miss Cwidak begin with her childhood as a tomboy and it was probably during this time that she began throwing make-believe grenades and imitating bubblegum. Her parents used to threaten to strip her nude and hang her from the light and beat her. With a background of puns, she set out to travel the world over in her VW, terminating as teacher of the weak and has learned that John Adams people are terrible tippers at the Capri.

P.S. It is also rumored that our hero will serve beer in a ski lodge in Europe this summer.

BIKES AND DOGS DISCUSSED

An interview with Patrick Gallagher

Complaints and questions concerning the "new" bicycle licensing ordinance, and the growing problem of stray dogs, have been recently commanding a considerable amount of attention in South Bend.

Public Safety Director Patrick Gallagher has been "designated" as a scapegoat by the local newspaper, certain members of the City Council, and many local citizens.

In a recent interview, Mr. Gallagher did not hesitate to express his opinions fully and openly. Although often under a great deal of pressure, he fails to shrink from his responsibilities, and manages to retain an excellent sense of humor.

Mr. Gallagher, is the local bike-theft problem severe enough to warrant a policy of fines and impounded bikes?

First of all, the question is serious enough. Last year, one out of every seven major offenses which include murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, auto theft, and larceny, was a bike theft up from one out of every eight the previous year.

What I think is most important is what people don't know [it seems to be a major secret], is the fact that compulsory registration, fines, impoundment, and engraving were passed by the council, NOT on April 8, 1974, but on January 8, 1940. All we did was raise the rates and switch to a sticker; it's still the same ordinance.

In your opinion, has the law been effectively enforced?

We tried to impound bikes last year... kids just stole license plates. We feel that the problem is solved as far as technique is concerned.

At first, we ran into some problems with the ink on the bike stickers... we didn't need that... but the company has taken full responsibility for that. [The stickers themselves, unlike metal plates, are nearly impossible to remove once they have set].

What happens to the money that is collected from the sale of bike stickers?

Basically, it goes for the cost of the stickers, and the cost of registering the bikes by computer. [One dollar buys a sticker that is good for three years. Out of that dollar, 20c per bike per year is needed to process the necessary information, several cents go for the cost of the sticker, and the remaining amount, if anything, goes into the general fund].

We felt that computerization would be a big change. Now we have bikes registered the same way we register cars. This makes the system much more efficient.

Under the "new" ordinance, the impoundment fees are so much higher than they were before. Why?

What is the council's doing: They put more teeth into it than I ever felt was practical or warranted. For all practical purposes, all we were doing was switching from metal to vinyl. The council put in the clause to "up" the impoundment fee. I wanted any excess money from the sale of stickers to go into a bike safety fund, for bicycle paths, etc. ... that was shot down.

Roaming dogs have created a genuine problem in South Bend. Will we have to wait until a child is killed before something is done? I know some people who "blame" you for "letting" this problem grow out of hand.

Let me say first of all, to blame it on me is kind of fallacious; I don't even own a dog. [Laughter]. When I first took over, over a year ago, there was a problem developing with dogs. We got Model Cities money to get two men to patrol in one truck. We were paying the Humane Society \$24,000 a year for taking in dogs that were "dumped off," but they weren't actually patrolling. If a little old lady, 81 years old, called up to say she was being harassed by a German Shepherd, they'd say, "Catch it, and we'll come and pick it up."

We got more complaints about "shooting" dogs with a tranquilizer gun than anything else. We have to be serious about it; licensing depends on enforcement.



photo/Sid Price

With all the dogs in the South Bend area, do you believe that the laws are being enforced effectively?

Well, no, because you have to have somebody to round them up. I can show you where the council sliced two dog catchers out of the budget. Through hard bargaining, we got the Humane Society to agree to spay all female dogs before they can be adopted by South Bend residents. This is a policy of the National Humane Society, and does NOT mean that if your female dog runs away from home, the Humane Society will spay her. This only applies to strays.

Also, we have a signed contract with the Humane Society that they patrol for loose dogs and pick them up. How effective they'll be, I don't know. This is the first time they've been contracted to do this.

Is the ordinance being enforced? No, because there's no means of enforcing the ordinance short of having Pat Gallagher go out and shoot dogs. I don't intend to do that.

Berrien County [Mich.] has, for example, 5 or 6 people, deputy sheriffs, who go out patrolling for loose dogs.

With the Humane Society rounding up dogs, will there be some way to inform them of a problem, such as a special phone number?

We would refer "dog calls" to the Humane Society because they have radio communication in their vans. They said they would give priority to these loose dogs, particularly those who are threatening school kids. To make it more effective, we would like to envision three or four "city trucks" patrolling, having them equipped with a communications system similar to the City Street Dept.

Would that be practical?

Yes, until people see the price tag. One additional thing that I've often wondered about. Often, the local

newspaper publishes a list of burglarized homes and businesses. It seems as if this would be just giving the would-be burglar a list of easy hits. Isn't this a threat to public safety?

Is it a threat to public safety? In many cases I think the paper in itself is a threat to public safety. [Laughter]. The paper has a reporter at the police station who has access to the bulletin. The bulletin is considered public information. He takes what he wants from that.

It has always been my feeling that more attention should be given to apprehensions rather than crimes committed. I think the paper should play-up the fact that "crime does not pay" much more than it does.

Thank you, Mr. Gallagher. Was there anything in particular you would care to add?

I think what is most frustrating is the fact that if you attempt to make any sort of progress, you have to expose yourself

to criticism because you're doing something new. You're doing something new. You're going to shake 'em... rattle the bars or something. No human institution is going to be immediately or even eventually perfect. Progress is measured in terms of the percentage of the cases being handled successfully.

People are going to have to realize that you can't do it without resources. There's a question about the whole feasibility of public safety itself. It's a lot of messy jobs—dogs, weeds, trash, abandoned vehicles, burned out buildings. Heck, you feel like the Statue of Liberty... "Give me your tired, your poor, your complaints..." and we'll try to do something about them.

We have increased efficiency in both police and fire departments.

It would be great if we could get the money. Our resources are almost minimal. We can't get a tow truck to get all the abandoned vehicles. It would be nice if we could get a crew to cut the high weeds, but we can't. We just don't have the resources.

Again, I think the major emphasis has been placed on police and fire dep'ts., and should be. It seems they are working more efficiently. You don't see any fires burning for weeks on end, do you? [Laughter].

We can't get a handle on the little two-bit larcenies, which include bike thefts, shoplifting, etc. That's mainly citizen involvement; if you don't lock your garage, you're going to have thefts.

Crimes against people have come down... overall crime has come down. There's been appreciable progress to the open observer. Some people have just been a little myopic.

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FILLERS TAKE UP VALUABLE SPACE

"Fiddler on the Roof": Review

For a play which South Bend has seen several times already, the Adams cast provided a unique and delightful interpretation. The Fiddler on the Roof script demands direct appeal to the audience, and the cast had us charmed after the first song.

The leading role was Tevye, a poor but good-natured dairy farmer with 5 daughters. It was a difficult character to play since it involved both comedy & tragedy, wisdom & foolishness. In all other productions Tevye was a fat man, and when John Cassidy walked out without any padding, I admit it was a surprise. I soon found out that Tevye's size was of no importance, for what John lacked around the waistline he made up for in ability. His private conversations with God were hilarious, and he soon held the audience in his hands. The leading female role was Golde, his wife, played by Kathy Kimbriel. Although hampered by throat problems, Kathy turned in a commendable performance.

Another magnificent performer was John Shapero as Lazar Wolf, the butcher. Both John and Eugene Yang, who was Lazar on the 2nd night, captured perfectly the delightfulness of this character. The scene where Lazar asks for Tevye's daughter in marriage and Tevye mistakenly takes it for a bargain for his milkcow was definitely one of my favorites.

Probably the finest voices were sported by Tevye's daughters. Matchmaker, Matchmaker was a very enchanting number, in which, under their sister Tzeitels guidance, Chava and Hodel come to the decision that they are not as eager to be married as they had imagined. Except for an occasional accoustical problem, the scene went well. Tzeitel was played by Patty DeLater and Diane Lambe, Hodel was Jeanne Hoyer and Mary Walker and Chava was Shelly Gentner and Beth Walker.

The play was not always a carefree theme, and the most beautiful scenes were definitely the serious ones. Sabbath Prayer and

Tzeitels wedding (Sunrise Sunset-featured the entire cast- with candles. The effect was harmonious and moving. The orchestra provided a beautiful backing for a great body of voices.

Not only the major scenes were effective, however. Some of the audiences favorites were the comic exchange in front of the closed curtain - especially the gossip sequence where one bit of news grows into a ridiculous story.

Fiddler on the Roof has everything - comedy, tragedy, and of course, romance. Playing the timid tailor, Motel was Maury Fisher, and stealing a line from the play, he fit it like a glove. Other fine performances were turned in by Joel Benkie and Bruce Laven as Perchik, and Eric Tweedell as Fyedka. Jeannie Hoyer did an unbelievable performance in "Far from the Home I Love," as did Mary Walker, who also played Hodel. And I must not forget the inevitable tearjerker scene where father refuses to accept daughter. Played by Shelly Gentner and Beth

Walker, fine achievements for a difficult part.

Outstanding single performances seemed to be a rule of the play, and Anne Owens and Pat Lord were no exceptions as Yente, the matchmaker. A few others were Terry Fallon, the Rabbi; Tim Kavas, his son; Jan and Jean Brady and Mary Zimmerman as the younger daughters; Azmi Tawadros as Avrum; and Mike Manier as Mordcha.

I have saved my favorite scene till the last and that is "Tevye's Dream." Marked by incredible acting - the part of Barb Keith and Pam Berman as Grandma Tzeitel, it couldn't go wrong. But then with the entrance of Julie Keith and Mary Steinke as Fruma-Sarah, the scene surpassed all my expectations. There was also an unexpected bit of burlesque due to John Cassidy's flapping nightgown.

The play was not without it's flaws, of course, but except for an occasional weak moment in a dance sequence the play went smoothly.

Because of Adams past record in theatre, one is always apprehensive before a play as to whether it will keep up this schools reputation. I am happy to say that this is one tradition Fiddler on the Roof did not break.

by Elizabeth Ganser

Beware of False Alarms

"Bong...Bonb."
"What's that?"
"The fire alarm."
"Oh...Aren't you going outside?"
"No, there is no need to...It's just another false alarm."

This has been a typical conversation recently at John Adams. Just because a few immature people feel like playing, they are making the rest of the student body apathetic towards their own safety. It is really getting to be a sad situation when people don't heed a warning which could save their lives.

The childish pranksters, I am asking you in behalf of myself and 1,900 other people, to stop playing. If you don't you may live to see a disaster which you would have caused - that is if you are lucky enough to live.

I'm not saying that a fire will occur, but it is something to think about. Lives are too valuable to play with.

Next time you decide to pull the alarm, think about the boy who called "wolf" one time too many. It may be your LAST time.

by Darlene Turner

Point - Counterpoint

Finals: Are They Necessary?

In order to obtain anything in this life we must be willing to pay the price. Frequently that price is not in terms of money. Often it comes from the reserve of knowledge that we build up as we make our way through school. Like any other commodity, knowledge, too, must be inventoried from time to time. The much dreaded final exams are just such an inventory. Both for the benefit of the statement and to aid the instructor in his work, the exam is invaluable. If you really care about your education and the degree to which you are preparing yourself for the future, you will see the value of the final exam.

The true measure of an education is in the quantity and quality of the knowledge you retain. Memory of subject matter that only lasts until you hurdle the weekly test is not the answer. What have you really learned? Let's subscribe to the idea of the final exam so that our store of knowledge can be measured. Then we will know whether we can pay the price.

by Susan Avon

concepts. Therefore, if a student is tested and it is determined that he understands the ideas taught at the end of the course, it means he knew what was going on all year. So why don't teachers give a "final" just on the last six weeks of school? It would serve the same purpose with a lot less pressure on the student.

Some teachers have caught up with the times- they give only a token final to fill up the blank space on the report card, or follow the idea of testing only on the last six weeks. These teachers realize it is ridiculous to expect students to cram studying nine months of work into two days, under conditions that give the most stable student an ulcer.

It would be nice if all teachers and administrators would realize the ridiculous pressure put on students for these useless tests that serve no purpose in the learning process of a modern school system.

by Barb Keith

Male Point of View

It means a lot to me to be a cheerleader at John Adams. I really enjoy it. It has proven to be more fun than anyone could imagine. I find great pleasure in cheerleading because it enables me to meet so many different people.

But it really takes a lot of courage, being the only male; and also it takes a lot of SOUL.

To become a cheerleader, I had to show my gymnastic ability. It really isn't as easy as it looks and I devote a lot of time to hard practice.

I enjoy letting people watch me at the game. No, I'm not big-headed. I'm just doing my thing-as a male cheerleader.

by Eusebiu R. Driver



John Cassidy and Patty DeLater in a scene from Fiddler.

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Diamonders prepare for sectional

Linkers Stand 6-2

By Mark Risinger

Matching last year's team's perfect record of 21-0 would be difficult for any team. The 1974 golf team now stands 6-2 with many more tough matches, with the LaPorte Invitational and Kaeppler Memorial upcoming.

Adams first loss in two years came at the Elkhart Central, but they defeated Michigan City Elston in a triangular meet on May 2nd. Team scores were: Central 317, Adams 334, and Elston 338. Medalists honors went to a steady Vernon Johnson with a fine 77 on a cold rain swept Oak Hills golf course. Mike Walker shot an 87, for his best effort of the year.

The Linkers second loss after beating Riley in the triple match was to LaPorte at Morris Park Country Club on May 7th by a single stroke. Team scores were LaPorte, 322; Adams, 323; Riley, 345. Medalist of the meet was Bill Euhler of LaPorte with a 77. Medalists for Adams were Vern Johnson, Mark Risinger and an improving Tom Stevens with 80's. John Feferman carded an 83 for the 323 team total. This loss was a heartbreaker, but Adams will have their chance to avenge their 2nd loss in the LaPorte Invitational on May 10th at Beechwood Golf Course at LaPorte. Adams will be trying to defend their title this year after winning it all at LaPorte last year.

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Varsity Linkers, from left: Tom Stevens, Vernon Johnson, John Feferman, Mark Risinger, Coach Hadaway, Mike Walker, Bill Steinmetz.

SOFTBALL TEAM 6-3

By Peggy Wolf

A close win over Marian, 10-9, and a loss to Clay 21-9, brought the John Adams Girl's Softball team record to 6-3.

Two home runs by left fielder, Tonya Williams, aided the girls' in the narrow 10-9 defeat of the Marian Girl's softball team.

Down 9-8 at the bottom of the seventh, the girl's rallied with a triple by Julie Baran which drove in the tying run and a single by Denise Harris which drove in the

winning run for the girl's.

The Adams girl's lost a tough decision to the Clay Girl's, 21-9, at Clay Park. Debbie Leeds hit a 3 run homer, but this failed to give the girls the strength to beat Clay. Mental errors and field conditions also contributed to the loss.

The John Adams Girl's face Marian at Mary Gibbard Park May 22 at 4:00 pm and Clay at Memorial park at 4:00 pm to finish out a satisfying season.

Teeter at .500 mark

By Scott Brennan

A heartbreaking 3-2, 10 inning loss at the hands of South Bend Washington gave the Adams baseball squad a respectable 9-9 record as of May 12, 1974.

A Mike Billinski homerun highlighted the Eagles sixth N.I.C. loss against four wins.

In other diamond action, Adams smothered N.I.C. foe Riley 7-2 behind the top-notch pitching of Senior Mike Billinski, with relief help from fireballer Kevin Bower.

Against the crimson chargers of Elkhart Memorial, Adams dropped

a 3-1 decision two days after upsetting the state's top ranked team.

A Jim Szabo triple sent Randy Joers across home plate with the winner run as Mike Billinski held LaPorte scoreless in the 1-0 verdict.

Upcoming sectional action pits the Eagles against the state's toughest competition.

The May 27th - June 1st tournament features blue chip squads in Washington, Lasalle, Mishawaka Marian, Mishawaka and Adams.

TRACK TEAM HAS TROUBLE

By George Ushela

Coach Andy Mihail's track team now stands at 3-6-1 after an impressive victory against Riley (74-53) and two defeats at the hands of a strong Penn team (76-51) and an undefeated LaSalle team (79-48).

The mile relay team consisting of Rick Troeger, Pat Daniels, William Sanders, and Tom Wiltout is considered as one of the area's best as its undefeated record remains intact. Terry Wardlow is the only individual on the team who holds a mark within the area's best as is tied for the 2nd best mark in the long jump.

In the Rilev victory, firsts were

registered by Tom Wiltout in the high hurdles; Terry Wardlow in the 220; Bruce Woodford in the discus; Mark Woodford in the high jump and long jump; and Glenn Winston, Bruce Woodford, and Byron Johnson combined for a sweep in the shotput.

Against both LaSalle and Penn, firsts were recorded by Pat Daniels in the mile and Tom Wiltout in the 440. Jim Lindzy in the 880 and high jumper Mark Woodford were the only other winners in the Penn meet. Against LaSalle, Mark Woodford led a sweep of the long jump as Marco Driver and Bruce Spann followed in order.

B-team on Roller Coaster

By Mike Clarke

Coach John McNarney and his young, talented B-team squad have had their ups and downs during the last few weeks. With as many as five freshmen in the starting lineup, the J-Varsity team has had trouble with consistency in winning.

Again host Michigan City Elston, a defensive minded game witnessed a come from behind slugfest victory. The 15-7 score, the most runs scored to date for the team, saw Adams rap out 18 hits, including ten hits in the 10 run fifth inning. Tim Oletti, Mike Clarke, Frank LaPierre, and Steve Percer each collected two hits for the Eagles.

Then the tables turned when visiting LaPorte walloped the Eagles 14-1. The starting short-

stop, freshmen Craig McCollum socked two singles out of the five Adams hits.

After a win over Elkhart Memorial, 6-4, the Eagles journeyed to Riley to face the Wildcats. Adams won 4-2, in seven innings behind the two hit pitching effort of Brad Chambers. Paul Bilinski entered the game in the seventh inning to shut down the hosts.

The B-team then traveled to Washington to try to avenge an early season heartbreaker. The Eagles fell short again by the score of 7-5. Jeff Coker kissed out half of the team hits with two singles and a long homerun, as Adams record fell to 8-5.

Adams visits LaPorte next Tuesday, May 21, in quest for a win in this the final game of the year.



Kevin Peters throws shot in meet against LaPorte.

Girl's Tennis Dawns

Female tennis freaks, Adams now has something for you! The Adams Girl's Tennis Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Callum and Mr. Allen started May 11 in the newest sports venture to hit Adams.

Formulated by sophomore Julie Mathews, the club will help all members, ranging from the experienced to the beginner. Plans for the club include nightly workouts until June, instruction on fundamentals, and a tournament later this Spring. The major purpose of the club, however, is to give those interested in tennis a chance to improve their games and have fun.

The future seems to hold much promise. The hope is that in a year or two other local high schools will join in an effort to have competition between schools, as well as serving in-school interests.



B-team golfers [from left] J. Ross, L. Tyler, D. Wiseman, D. Schultz, J. Pritz.

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