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## EAGLES OPEN AGAINST JACKSON IN HOLIDAY TOURNEY

This Christmas Holiday will be highlighted by another chapter in the saga of Hoosier Basketball. The South Bend Public will get the opportunity to see eight teams collide in the 1974 Holiday Tournament at the Notre Dame ACC.

The eight teams will meet on Thursday, December 26, with the winners advancing to the semi-finals on Saturday, December 28. The championship game for both the B-team and Varsity will be played that night.

Coach Dave Hadaway's Eagles will probably be the eventual tourney favorite. Even though the all-around caliber of the teams have fallen from past years, neither of the games will be easy victories. Here is an outlook on the 74 Holiday Tourney:

Adams (4-1) will open the tournament against rival Jackson (3-2).

Sporting one of the tallest teams in the state, the Eagles will be bidding for their third Holiday Tournament championship. Two years ago, the Eagles were eliminated in the opening round by the same Jackson Tigers.

Filling the big front line is 7'2" Glen Sudhop, 6'7" Val Martin, and 6'7" Mark Risinger. The backcourt responsibilities are handled by 5'11" Jim Szabo and 6'2" Andy Harris.

Jackson, who is off to one of their better starts in many years, relies heavily on the scoring of 6'2" Steve Moreland. The Tigers possess two top notch guards in 6'1" Greg Springer and 6'3" Matt Monserez.

Capping the afternoon games will be St. Joseph (3-2) and North Liberty (1-4).

The Indians use mainly a controlled offense and have good speed. Working primarily on a Junior lineup, the Indians are led by sharp shooting 6'0" guard Frank Johnson. Bill Lochmond, a 6'4" junior and 6'3" senior Mike Chrobot are needed greatly for rebounding. Bruce Zentmire, a 6'0" guard, Tim Przybysz and 6'3" Mark Wallace are some of the top

scorers for the Indians.

Slumping North Liberty is led by the scoring of 6'2" forward Alex Blair and center Scott Griffey.

Riley (0-6) will open in the night games against a good Clay (3-2) team.

Talented 6'4" junior center Ben Gray and 6'6" Mike Brambert are needed for most of the scoring and rebounding. Sharp shooting 6'0" guard Tim Jones leads the punch of the backcourt men.

Mark Meyer, the 6'5" senior center, leads Clay in scoring and also leads the area in scoring with an average soaring near the 30 point mark.

Clay has been steadily improving in the last few games. One of the reasons is the classy work of the guards, 5'7" Ron Freeman and 5'8" Bill Schell.

Barry Adams, a 6'2" forward, joins Meyer as a must for rebounding.

With a few good breaks, Clay could become a serious city threat.

To end the first round games, LaSalle (1-3) squares off against Washington (0-6).

LaSalle coach George Griffith has more talent than his record reveals. Led by 6'4" Pat Moore and 6'1" Greg Robertson, the Lions possess good shooting and excellent speed. With two quick guards in 5'10" Ken Plump and 5'8" Ken Leszcynski, LaSalle can effectively use the potent fast break.

Winless Washington is built around an inexperienced lineup.

Junior Daryl Much, at 6'4", is the tallest of the starters and is relied upon greatly for nabbing the rebounds. The high scoring guards rotate around 6'1" Kevin Days, 6'0" Charles Farrell, and 6'0" Ken Butler. Butler is considered their best ball handler.

With the speed and shooting of this year's competing teams, the fans and coaches alike should expect to see some of the area's best action. This year's action is expected to continue the powerful story of Hoosier Hysteria.



Surrounded by LaSalle Lions, Mark Risinger battles for the ball.

Photo/Rick Ball

## Seagles Begin Winning Season

In the past three weeks, the John Adams Seagles have learned a few things. First, they have found out that they (for the most part) are swimming the best times of their lives. This is particularly good this early in the season. Secondly, they have learned that there are now 7 or 8 good teams in the state capable of winning the state meet this year. As Mr. Smith put it "No one team has the state championship in their back pockets as they have had in past years."

Naturally, the Seagles feel that they are just as much in the race as anybody else.

At the Wawatosa Relays, the Seagles placed a disappointing fifth despite winning three events.

On Nov. 26, Adams trounced M.C. Elson 97-53. Adams took first and second in nine of the eleven events. Phil Thornberg was the only double winner, taking the 50 and 100 freestyles.

After the generally disappointing performance at Wawatosa, the Seagles came back to swim well against new NIC foe, Penn. Penn jumped out to a 39-32 lead after diving. But the Seagles came back to win the final six events of the meet. The final score was 97-75.

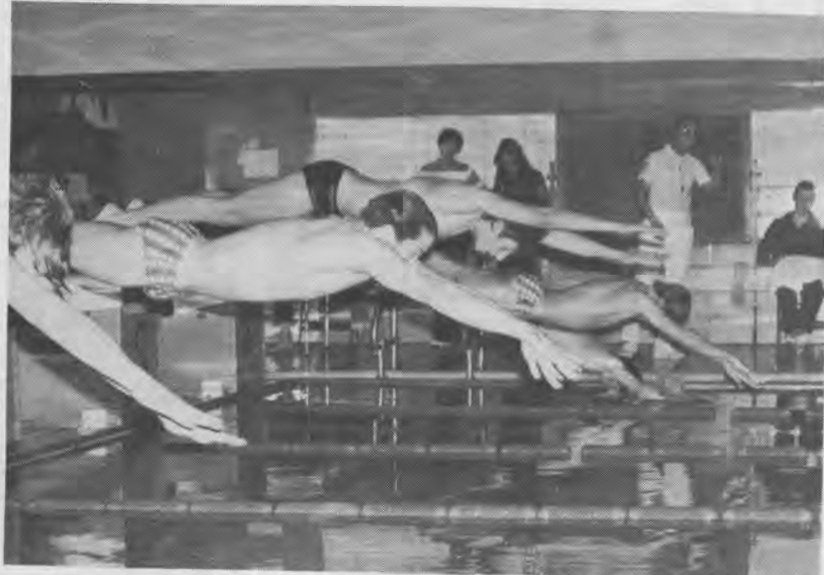
The Seagles then traveled to Indianapolis for the North Central Relays. The Seagles were unable to win an event, but good performances were turned in by Don Strong, Dave Rubin, John Komora, and Mike Slowey.

Last Tuesday, the Seagles got the "scare of their life" at Culver. Adams won by a margin of four points, 88-84. What happened?

Well, Mr. Smith planned to use a fairly easy line-up so as not to blow them out of the water. The line-up plus some questionable swimming almost cost Adams the meet. Culver came out and won the medley relay and the 200 free. Adams came back with Mike Slowey winning the 200 I.M. and John Komora winning the 50 free, each setting Culver pool records. Culver then took first and second in diving. Steve Patterson and Phil Thornberg went one two in the fly, Komora and Dan Kiley did likewise in the 100 free. Culver then won the 500 free and 100 back, placing three men in each event. Jeff Deren won the breast stroke, but Culver took second, third, and fourth. The score going into the final relay was 80-78 in favor of Culver. The pressure was now on Adams: they had to finish first and third to win the meet. The second relay of Slowey, Strong, Rubin, and Patterson took the third easily. The first relay of Kiley, Knapp, Tweedel, and Komora won, but only by 0.01 seconds. Credit for saving the meet goes to "Lumpy" Komora whose come from behind performance won the relay.

Last Thursday the Seagles won by forfeit over LaPorte. The meet was to be re-scheduled for Dec. 13.

Tonite the Seagles take on Clay at home, at 7 p.m. Tomorrow is the City Frosh-Soph meet also here at Adams. Over the Christmas holidays, Adams will host the College Event Invitational on the 28th. Then they will travel to Munster to battle the defending state champs on Jan. 4.



Mike Slowey and John Komora spring off the blocks at the Michigan City Elston Meet.

Photo/Nic Tyler



# POEMEN WIN OPENER AT NORTHWOOD

By David Weisman

After going winless throughout the entire 1973 season, the John Adams Poemen opened up the 1974 season with a 73-53 rout over Northwood.

The victory started the season on the right foot as it came over a previously unbeaten squad.

Marco Driver, who placed first in the all-around event, also won long horse vaulting and floor exercise. Side horse, one of the most difficult events, was won by Junior John Green. The Adams gymnasts swept the high bar event with all contestants placing first through fourth. Marco Driver won the event and Tim Oletti placed second due to his execution of an advanced difficulty Rigby front dismount. Oletti also placed first on the still rings event. Captain Chris Dieringer scored another first on the parallel bars, which was instrumental in the victory.

The Gymnasts next faced the Elkhart Central Blue Blazers, a squad in the thick of the state competition, and came away with a 106-85 defeat. The gymnasts executed well, but were unable to outscore the Blazers. Marco Driver won the long horse event for the Poemen, which was a bright spot in the meet.

At home on Thursday, December 12, against the defending IHSAA state champions Jimtown, the Poemen lost a close meet by the score of 85-78. Driver, once again, won the all-around event, but the team could not muster the fire power to defeat the state champs after the trampoline event.

With next weeks meets at Heritage and Concord, the Poemen hope to stretch their record to 3-2 and start their way to a winning season.



Tim Oletti executes an L-seat on the still rings. Photo/John Smith

## Matmen Grab Two Victories

By Tim Mahler

Though the cold of winter has set in, the John Adams Wrestlers are red hot. Picking up where they left off last year, the matmen now stand 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the N.I.C. The Eagles showed their opponents no mercy, and the scores prove it. In their opening meet they whipped Marion 46-15 and then came back to destroy Michigan City Elston, 57-8. Winners in both meets with pins were: Mike Kendall, in 1:37, and

Tim Mahler, in :41 sec. Winners with a pin and a decision were: Dennis Reid, Joe Taylor, Tom Pauszek, Doug Wade, and Cochise Sanders. Other winners were: Randy Meadow, Steve Brownell, Keven Peters, Mark Lootens and Leo Couch. The B-team is also undefeated.

On January 9, they travel to Elkhart Central and on January 10 they return home to battle Gary Elston, 57-8. So come on out and support a winner, the John Adams Wrestling Team.

## B-Team Suffers First Loss

The John Adams B-team basketball Eagles have started the new season on the right foot. Advancing into his first year as the Eagles' Junior Varsity coach, Mike Otolski has run up a string of three consecutive wins.

With a starting lineup of Kevin Bower, Don Diggins, Kenny Howell, Phil Davis, and Mike Marshall, the Eagles have faced up to tough competition in Clay and Fort Wayne Northrop.

Led by freshmen sensation Kenny Howell, Adams used his game high 13 points and clutch rebounding to topple visiting Gary Wallace, 62-43.

Adams nearly succumbed to a

Clay comeback as the Eagles won 55-50. After building up an 11 point lead at the end of the first half, the Eagles' defense loosened slightly. The Colonials slowly cut the margin down and made a life or death surge in the final period. However, good defensive plays by Howell, Davis, and Marshall halted the threat.

At Fort Wayne, Adams ran into a tough, tall ball club. Falling behind early, 8-0, worsened the cause. The Eagles finally found the rim, to win 49-44.

The Beagles performed at Goshen before a large crowd. Against tough competition, Adams ran into a nip-and-tuck contest.

With 0:03 remaining in the game, Howell hit an 8-foot jumper to tie the contest. Adams won the game in overtime.

The Eagles lost their first game of the year in a tough game against Lasalle at home, 50-47.

The Eagles will travel to Michigan City tonight and Hammond Tech Saturday night. Game time is 6:30.

The B-team will also participate in the annual Holiday Tournament. Adams faces Jackson at 11 a.m. at St. Joe. The semifinals will be held at St. Joe at 6:30 and 8, with the championship game being played at Notre Dame at 7 p.m.

## FRESHMEN DOMINATE FLOOR

The John Adams Freshmen basketball team recently opened their 1974-75 season with an impressive 45-38 victory over Central I.

Coach Terry Smith, entering his sophomore season of coaching frosh basketball, recorded his second victory as an Adams coach.

After Adams led 14-13 at the end of the first quarter, they commenced to dominate both ends of the floor to raise their lead to eight points, 25-17, at the conclusion of the first half.

Freshmen Ron Mitchem entered the contest off the bench to assist the Eagles in holding their margin through the two final quarters. His 12 points was high on the floor, while teammate Dave Harvey netted eight points.

## Basketball Team Upset

The John Adams basketball team suffered an upset loss to Goshen, following three consecutive wins, but continued to hold their composure to whip LaSalle the next night.

Prior to being beaten by Goshen and while rated first and second in the polls, Coach Dave Hadaway and his Eagles traveled through two rough games. Both, of which, could have been destructive to the status of the polls.

Gary Lew Wallace brought, to Adams, the initial nip and tuck battle. The Eagles had to stage a fourth quarter comeback in order to overcome an eight point deficit and save their home opener.

Pacing the Eagles to their 76-74 victory was Glen Sudhop's 28 points. Val Martin added 22 points, Andy Harris 15 points, and Mark Risinger 16 rebounds.

First quarter action witnesses a little shakiness in the Eagle's offense, possibly due to the first game jitters. However, they settled down in the second quarter to play a little more sound game.

Last second buckets at the end of each of the first two periods put the Eagles down by two points, as the Hornets carried a 42-40 lead into the third quarter.

Adams slowly fell behind the visitors, as an eight point deficit showed up a few times on the scoreboard. However, the Eagles scored the last three points of the third period and the first six points of the fourth period to take hold of a 65-62 lead. This lead proved to hold up as Gary Wallace never came back, although a last second shot fell short of an overtime game.

Adams effortlessly overcame a game plan of patience, by the Clay coach, to whip the visiting Colonials 84-47.

The Eagles possessed a well-balanced scoring attack with Sudhop netting 20 points. Harris tallied 16 points, Martin 15 points, and Risinger 13 points.

Clay was virtually never in the game as the Adams' big front line was too devastating for the Colonials. Both coaches soon emptied their respective benches after the contest was out of reach.

The Eagles then traveled to Fortwayne to meet Northrop. The 1973-74 State Champs, F.W. Northrop was beaten only once last year to Adams.

Possibly playing in one of the biggest games of the year, the Eagle players had to endure the shooting and speed of the very talented Bruins.

Although leading most of the game, Adams never built up a big enough lead to put the Bruins away. The hosts came up with the big plays to stay within reach of the Eagles.

The Eagles nearly ran into misfortune when Sudhop was forced to leave the game with five fouls. However, Coach Hadaway sent in Junior Paul Daniels as a

replacement for "Hop". Daniels responded with two 3-point plays and four clutch free throws.

One big play that should be considered the turning point was when Andy Harris sank a half court shot with one second remaining in the third quarter. His bucket handed the Eagles a 49-46 lead and the all important momentum, going into the fourth quarter showdown.

Adams maintained a lead throughout the quarter and finally broke the ice for a six point lead and a 61-55 victory.

"Bang" Harris led Adams' scorers with 15 points, while Martin and Sudhop netted 13 points.

Adams carried their newly crowned first place rating in the UPI poll to Goshen, to face the under rated Redskins.

The Eagles fell victim to a fired up and well coached squad, amidst a hostile crowd of approximately 3,500.

Goshen built up an early lead that was never regained by the Eagles. In fact, Adams' only lead was 2-0. Adams fell into foul trouble when Harris collected four personals in the first quarter and his fifth personal with 0:37 remaining in the first half.

The Redskins collected most of the points from the back door play, that the Eagles could not contain. Goshen used a deliberate offense that produced excellent percentage shots--most of which were layups.

Adams nearly started a comeback in the final quarter when they pulled within 11 points with 3:47 remaining. However, two quick Redskin baskets nullified the rally.

Val Martin topped Eagle scorers with 21 points, while Risinger and Daniels collected 15 and nine points respectively.

After a heartbreaking defeat like that, not many teams come back and play the way the Eagles did against LaSalle.

Although the first quarter was very close, Adams jumped out in the second quarter to burn up the Lions.

After a 18-17 LaSalle lead at the end of the first period, Adams entered a 17-3 scoring spurt to take a 35-21 lead. After which, the Eagles entertained a crowd of 2,300 with good defense and a well-executed offense.

After the Eagles surged to a 64-47 lead at the end of the third quarter, both benches were emptied as the reserves finished the contest.

Martin netted 24 points, raising his average to 19 points per game, and 12 rebounds. Harris hit for 21 points, while Risinger was good for 14 points and 11 carooms and Sudhop 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The Eagles will take their 4-1 record to Michigan City tonight to face undefeated NIC foe Elston. Saturday night, Adams will travel to Hammond to play Hammond Tech.

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# The Press Is "Rigged"

'Twas a day at the Racquet Club,  
And seen on the courts  
Was a sex symbol dressed  
In yellow tennis shorts.  
On his back, there hung a Sugar  
Daddy jacket  
At his side, he held a giant tennis  
racket.

The patrons all nestled and snug in  
their seats,  
To watch "Happy Hustler" and his  
match feats.  
After a warm-up, to Ara, a salute  
Out came Bobby in a Notre Dame  
suit!

After winning the match,  
We heard a clatter.  
We sprang from our seats  
To see what was the matter.

He came in pink panties  
With ruffles and lace  
The tennis dress made him  
Quite a disgrace!

The dirty old man looked so lively  
and quick  
All the crowd knew that he must be  
sick.  
But he beat all the ladies, and  
easily, natch  
He's the King of the Handicap  
Match!



Photo by Mike Allen

Christmas came to South Bend early this year. On November 8, 9, and 10, Bobby Riggs was in town at the Racquet Club, spreading his chauvinistic glad tidings to all.

Meeting Bobby Riggs is like opening presents Christmas morning--things that you expect to see aren't there, and you sometimes get something better. The staunch male chauvinism he supposedly possesses was of a much milder degree than expected. The only hint of chauvinism was pertaining to what he has done for men's lib and women's tennis. "It got the women the exposure...after all, I came out with my famous quote--women number one belong in the bedroom, and number two in the kitchen, and staying home taking care of the kids and being the power behind the throne. I really haven't changed my views too much. I think gals are really great, and I don't want anyone to get the idea I'm not crazy about girls. I really like girls. As a matter of fact, if I had my way, I think every guy should own at least two of them."

A sex symbol? Bobby says, "absolutely". If a sex symbol is measured by good looks, Riggs misrepresents himself. The twinkling eyes, ruby cheeks and sparkling manner are more representative of St. Nick. But, if charm counts, Bobby Riggs is certainly a sex symbol.

When asked how his daughter likes her father being proclaimed a "sex symbol", Riggs replied, "She loves it. She's the only girl in college who's got a daddy who's a sex symbol."

If Bobby Riggs were Santa, one might expect to wake up Christmas morning with a stocking full of Sugar Daddies. In explaining his training, he said, "I haven't been taking my 450 vitamin pills since the Billie Jean King match. I'm training on Sugar Daddy lollipops."

Riggs spoke of his playing abilities. Of his vast repertoire of junk shots, he said, "I was an absolute master. I learned to play instantly. I won a couple of my first tournaments and I was the champion all my life."

Between the time he won Wimbledon and the U.S. championships in 1939, until the Margaret Court match, Bobby had changed lifestyles. "I was a Long Island commuter. I was working as an executive. I was an executive. I was a business man. I once hustled one hundred and eighty thousand a week playing golf."

Recently, Bobby has been involved in the senior circuit of tennis. He explained, "I play in the 55 and over. Those 45 year old guys are too tough for me. I play only 55 year old guys and young women. Any age of women--they can't get too young or too old."

Does he like "sex battles"? "I much prefer the mixed sex. I like to play the girls...I'd rather play against them, but if I have to, I'll play with them."

Out of his bag of goodies, "Santa Bob" pulled some serious comments on beginning tennis players. "They try to hit too hard, when they can't control the ball. And they want to play more than they want to practice. They don't have the discipline and dedication. They don't attack the game from the scientific point of view. When you're starting, get in the hands of a good coach. Take lessons...get movies and watch the game. Have everybody learn the game a lot faster and become better players much sooner."

Riggs As An Exhibitionist

The day following the press conference, Bobby was prepared to hold court for fans in the South

Bend area.

The Riggs exhibition was attended by members and coaches from the Adams' state champion tennis team.

Sporting his "Sugar Daddy" jacket, a yellow shirt, and blue shorts, the "Happy Hustler" made his way onto the courts.

During his warm-up segment, Bobby showed his assortment of shots. One which really stumped the crowds was a lob shot that almost stops dead and bounces away from the player. He also showed this three types of service--side spin, American twist, and straight.

Bobby then spoke to an enthusiastic audience. Of the Racquet Club, he said, "I've been around tennis all my life--this club here is as good or better than any I've ever seen."

After a few more minutes of speaking, Riggs left to dress for his handicap matches. Rick Whately, manager of the Racquet Club, then explained where proceeds of the admission money would go. They are beginning a junior tennis program to hopefully send their kids on to national matches.

Riggs was prepared for his first of five handicap matches. He had said that learning how to play handicap matches "Took about twenty years. But I came by that pretty naturally, because I've always been a hustler. So, I learned how to do all those things when I was very young--like 12 to 15. Playing for the ball and carrying suitcases--I've been doing that a long time. I've just refined it, improved it, and practiced it." And practice he must. His first outfit, to the delight of Coach Ara Parseghian, was a Notre Dame football uniform, number one. All his matches were against female double teams, and he easily took the first one, four games to two.

His next stunning ensemble was a knit tennis dress, complete with pink ruffled panties. However, he lacked one item--a girdle. Even a 55 year old sex symbol has "a bowl full of jelly". Ms. Riggs won the match, four games to two.

Sporting an overcoat over the tennis dress, Bobby certainly appeared to be a great exhibitionist. However, he added a leather suitcase, and finally galoshes, to still take the third match, three games to one.

Using the "Big Racket" policy, Bobby clobbered his next opponents, three games to two. The racket, specially designed, was of such huge proportions that he later had to revert back to his regular racket for serving and receiving.

The final handicap match was truly amazing. Thirteen chairs were placed on his side of the back court, with a little boy sitting in the middle chair. Even though allowing the opposition a point for every time they hit the chairs, Bobby still won, two games to one.

The final match of the night was a doubles match with Adams' own Laura Heise versus Shelley Fredlake of St. Joe and a tennis pro from the club. Laura, although a little nervous, played excellently, and she and Riggs took the match, four to one.

Asked about her feelings before and after meeting Riggs, Laura replied, "I felt he was kind of a male chauvinist. But playing with him was a lot of fun. He was really nice after you got to know him." I guess I'm not the only one who had an early Christmas.

Thanks to Robert Larrimore Riggs, and especially to Rick Whately and the Racquet Club for making this interview possible!

by Cathi Gabele



## It's That Time Again

### SOUTH BEND JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL MASTER SCHEDULE 1975 SECOND SEMESTER

The Dates for Arena Scheduling are: January 7th (Seniors), January 8th (Juniors), January 9th (Sophomores) and January 10th (Freshmen). Absentees and students who miss their assigned time to schedule will be scheduled on January 13th and 14th. At that time some classes will be filled and closed, thus limiting the choices of the students.

All schedules will be sent to the computer on January 15th. Therefore, all schedules are final. THERE WILL BE NO PROGRAM CHANGES - EXCEPT FOR UNEXPECTED FAILURES OR OUTRIGHT MISTAKES.

#### ARENA TIMETABLE

I. Master Schedule distributed to the students during the week of December 16th.

II. WHAT STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE:

A. A schedule of all the classes, showing the hourly class offerings.

B. A sheet of complete directions about the Arena.

C. A list of new courses and class explanations.

D. A schedule to be completed by the student and signed by the parent.

III. STUDENTS, with the help of parents, teachers and counselors, are to start planning their programs.

IV. ARENA SCHEDULING STARTS JANUARY 7TH.

V. PRIORITY SLIPS: Classes marked with \* cannot be selected by a student without a Priority Slip from the teacher of the class of the Department Head. For more information, see your counselor.

VI. HONORS CLASSES: Students interested in these classes must get Priority Slips from Department Heads. For more information, see your counselor.

VII. FAILURES: Students who have failed a course or those who were WF'd because of attendance can now re-schedule.

VIII. Students will be called by Homerooms which have been drawn by Mr. Przybysz and posted in various spots in the building. They will also be announced in the Monday, January 6th Bulletin.

IX. Students will be called by P.A. to go to the Auditorium to schedule. At that time, students should have their schedules completely filled out and signed by both student and parent.

X. Students will not be admitted to the Arena without a signed and completed Schedule.

XII. All Freshman and Sophomores must take SIX classes including Physical Education. Juniors must take FIVE classes and Seniors must take at least THREE classes. These are the minimum number of classes Juniors and Seniors are to take.

Mr. Przybysz on December randomly picked the classes from an envelope in the order for arena scheduling. This was done in the presence of the president plus 2 other members of each class. If any one has any other suggestions for the selection of classes he may give it to Mr. Przybysz.

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### Homeroom order for Arena Scheduling Jan. 7, 1975

9th	10th	11th	12th
224	228	239	207
222	218	204	241
301	237	121	226
124	127	128	220
231	201	146	211
101	205	147	010
131	225	215	238
213	132	117	227
129	135	130	219
240	125	214	145
123	209	223	235
115	208	126	102
302	144	234	110
212	112	100	114
119	236	210	

## An International Christmas

The 1974 Christmas holiday was the basis for a unique experience for hundreds of John Adams students. AN INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS, held December 18 in the Little Theater, proved to be an enjoyable event filled with songs, food and fun.

Miss Rohan initiated the idea for this program in the area. She became acquainted with a similar festival in Arizona where it was successful for three years.

The all-day festival involved students enrolled in German, French, Spanish, and Latin courses. Each group sang Christmas carols in a different language to warn the atmosphere, and then combined talents in the execution of a four language round.

In addition to the musical portion of the program, each group was responsible for a presentation concerning the Christmas customs of various countries, including costumes and unique traditions.

The formal parts of the performance led up to an international food bizarre, which featured delicacies of different nations. Latin students provided panis parvus (miniature pizzas) of

their own creation, while Spanish students baked delicious pastries for the event. German students furnished such delicacies as lebkuchen, zucker hutchen, and nurnberger for the bizarre. A variety of unusual beverages was served by the pupils in French courses to accompany the foods. Although each class had main dishes from which to choose, many found it safer to make American sugar cookies decorated with patterns characteristic of a certain nation.

The setting for the festival was enhanced by murals, pinatas, and other such creative projects made by the students. The Latin department supplied a Roman chariot to carry out the international theme further. A 2 band combo provided excellent entertainment throughout the delightful festival. Onlookers were aided by programs which were also created by the students.

AN INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS was, indeed, an experience that those involved will hold in their memories for many years to come.

by SUSAN AVON

## WATTS VIEW

In my articles expressing some of the views of Black students at John Adams High School I would like to touch every aspect in being Black. Now I'd like to bring out the lack of concern by Black students in connection with Black History Week.

One of the major reasons for no program last year was due to too many last minute changes and lack of interest, or in other words apathy.

For several months now, the Black Cultural Society of John Adams has been urging participation of students willing to be a part of the program. This taking part in the program is much needed if an instant repeat of last year is not to be prevalent.

The program this year will consist of three parts: poetry, creative dance, and a short play. If you are interested in any or all of the parts to the program, make the necessary arrangements. There will be a list located in the cafeteria on the bulletin board. For all interested, make the small effort.

It is time for we the Black students of John Adams to get together and make Black History Week very much too much.



## THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste,  
And remember what peace there may be in silence.  
As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.  
Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others,  
Even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.  
Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexatious to the spirit  
If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter;  
For always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.  
Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.  
Keep interested in your own career, however humble;  
It is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.  
Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of  
trickery.

But let not this blind you to what virtue there is;  
Many persons strive for high ideals;  
And everywhere life is full of heroism.  
Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection.  
Neither be cynical about love;  
For in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial  
as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the  
things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.

But do not distress yourself with imaginings.  
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe,  
No less than the trees and the stars;  
You have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is  
unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be.

And whatever your labors and aspirations,  
In the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams,  
It is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Mr. Kevin Connolly, student teacher in history for Mr. Alyea, has added a new dimension in teaching to Adams. The style is one that will hopefully stay after his departure in December.

Mr. Connolly explained, with the foreign tongue of Sen. Ted Kennedy or baseball star Carl Yastremski, why he became a teacher.

"I decided to become a teacher in high school. Some of the teachers I had weren't too interesting and lulled many of the students to sleep. That's when I had the desire that if I should become a teacher, that would be my goal—to be more interesting."

He decided to become a history major during his sophomore year in college. "I took a variety of courses. When I selected history as a major, I did so thinking maybe of a possible political career or law school—which was before Watergate."

Mr. Connolly is noted for writing comments on the papers of students instead of giving a flat grade. He explained, "The main reason for doing this is to get a closer relationship with the student and to get away from a straight grading system. It's to get away from a grading scale and get kids to do the best they can and study harder and not be so concerned about their grades."

He elaborated a bit on this system. "I don't think grades should be held over students' heads as a reward-punishment situation, as a threat. I think as long as the students learn and are



MR. KEVIN CONNOLLY

able to present it, they should be rewarded. Likewise, teachers are rewarded when they grade a test and find students have done well; it's a pat on the back to the teacher."

When asked about the positive and negative aspects of the history department, he replied, "The most favorable part is you have a selection of courses. The negative aspect is the materials you have, which I understand is due to a lack of funds. You have good AV materials, but as far as the text books go, where students can take them home, I find them lacking."

His only improvement to the program would be "if they had materials so students could see more than one interpretation of a historical incident."

Mr. Connolly spoke favorably of Adams. "I'm impressed with the students...I think students have matured a lot and come a long way. It's pretty strange looking at the classroom from behind the desk instead of in front of it. The shoe's on the other foot. The teachers have been really friendly; ready to give advice when you ask for it, and constructive criticism."

The history students almost lost Mr. Connolly when he was on a return trip from Boston to South Bend. In Ohio, he and his housemates found themselves cut from all accessible roadways. "We bunked down in a YMCA. The Fire Department of the city had filled up a furniture store with 450 stranded people and filled up the city high school with other 300. We were relocated to the YMCA with 200 others." However, rescue came as snowplows cleared the way for the finale of the trip back to South Bend.

Mr. Connolly is not only noted for his teaching methods, but also for his good looks. The blue eyed Bostonian has been compared to Robert Redford—although he is a bit shorter than Redford and has a mustache. His good looks compelled classmates to ask the inevitable. So, for all the fluttering and failing female hearts, he was asked if there were any other "interests" in his life, aside from history. "Yes, I would say there are a few other interests in my life," he snickered. "I like playing hockey, and I enjoy skiing and I hope to do a little traveling after I graduate." That, my friends, is what is known as total evasion. But, later he was berated for his escape of the question by his housemates. "No, I'm still too young, and I hope to have much travel ahead of me."

From all the faithful followers of Kevin Connolly, we are thankful we were able to learn from him, and sadly shall sniffle "Goodbye, Robert" at his departure.

By Cathi Gabele

## HUMOR



## POTPOURRI

Winter's wondrous, wistful eye  
Winking a glow of hollowed wind,  
Seeking repose in a drifted corner  
of cold  
Swirling and whirling; the glitter  
Beautiful; glistening; white, wan-  
dering waters,  
Flowing outside of my door;  
Gleaming in twinklings of white,  
howling hollow;  
Sing your cold song to me.  
Oh, Winter-glow, sing your song  
Touching stars lightly with love.  
Come in a whisper  
While night shadows hide you  
And moon's mystic light show your  
way,  
Pour down in love with kisses  
That touch the floundering river  
Expanding past eyes clear and  
wide.

by Kathy Weiss

You sometimes wonder why it is,  
a person seems to you,  
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always through and through.  
The sun is shinny, the day is  
bright,  
with a smile upon his face.  
Of sadness fear or loneliness, you  
see  
but not a trace.  
The brighter the day, the bigger  
his smile,  
his eyes reach out to you,  
To draw you in and spread his joy,  
to share part of him with you.

by Shawn Booth

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## EDITORIAL

Mrs. Mary Keith Hively

We all know that Christmas, for many people, is a time of giving and receiving. But for others, there is no giving because they have nothing to give materially. And there's no getting, because we tend to forget around Christmas time that there are people who won't be able to celebrate like we will. Some of these people are old and have no one to celebrate with, some are simply very poor and can't afford to celebrate.

In either case, the Salvation Army has tried for years to help these people, with drives for food, toys, clothes and money. Each year around Christmas you can see these men and women in front of countless stores and shops, ringing bells and asking in a silent way for donations for their cause. To some people they're a nuisance, but if you stop to think about it, these dedicated people are giving up their time to stand in the freezing cold for people that they might never meet, and they're always cheerful and friendly.

No one should feel guilty about celebrating Christmas with lights, gifts, and parties if they would just remember in their thoughts and in their pocketbooks that there are people who can't. There are four more days to give a little of yourself for other people. Make your happiness count by giving a little cheer to someone else. And if you're thinking that you don't have it so good this Christmas, well, "just be thankful for what you've got". Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## LETTERS

In lieu of the recent criticism given to John Harlan's editorial on Student Government, I think it is time for a little backing for his opinions.

Little has been done by Student Government in shaping the student-administration relations. No system has been introduced by any of the members in order to benefit student-teacher relationships. The Leadership Seminar, although a good idea, came out with no concrete results or attempts at betterment of any of the subjects discussed. As Mr. Harlan said, "it served as a good rap session" and may have helped the club leaders involved, but it did nothing to help. It merely presented problems which most of us were already aware of.

As for student apathy towards SG, what about the apathy in it? In a recent

telephone interview, most of the members were very sketchy with their answers. One member even asked what part of Student Government she was elected into, and what was her job. She based her answer on the information I gave her. Other members complained of the slowness of the program in starting with strong disgust.

Programs sponsored by Student Government have gained little student response. The clean-up campaign was a mess. Election turn out was good, but the anonymity of the candidates detracted from the effectiveness.

Getting involved in Student Government is one of the ways to learn more about the program. Another is to pay attention to SG announcements in the newspaper and on the PA. Then, try to be an active member.

Cathi Gabele

## Boc Approaches

Tim Hanlon

Christmas—a time joy. The excitement of opening presents. A time of giving, getting and getting back. Topped with a wild new year's eve that usually makes your first day of the new year slightly hung over. And after that? What else is there to look forward to? Just several long months of pure school. Gack! But cheer up! After Christmas there IS something to look forward to! It doesn't come just on one day a year, either. It's there once a week on Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. A complete half-hour of fun, thrills, and excitement! No, it's not a half-A educational show devoted to such important topics as township reapportionment. No, it's not a news, weather, and sports program. But the show is good news because it brings grins, smiles, chuckles and uproarious laughter to all of those who take time to watch it.

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South Bend, Indiana. WNDU-TV is leasing facilities under the direction of Mr. Hamilton. The highly dedicated advisors from WNDU are Dave Williams, Joe Dundon, and Denny Laughlin.

Each year twelve half-hour shows, topped off with an hour-special, can be seen starting Saturday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. (Watch for a time change later in the season.) I'll try to keep you posted on this entertaining satirical review. Until then, keep your

school paper up and your eyes open because you'll never know when somebody, somewhere, might ask you, "Did you see that funny Beyond Our Control?" And you'll be able to say, "Yes, I did!" And you can then impress them with your knowledge and factual information you've received about the show from reading these articles. Just think, people will then look up to you and say, "Gee, You got class!"

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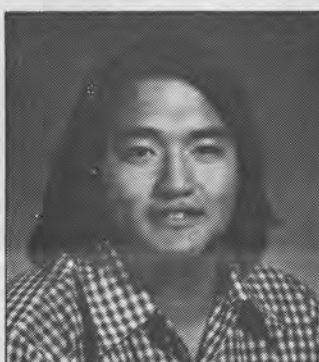
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## Christmas for D.E. Members

"Really "Busy!"

Christopher McCraley

With the Christmas rush beginning just shortly after Halloween, Adams Distributive Education students are keeping busy at their various retail jobs. As Debbie Franks, a senior who works at Sears Roebuck & Co., describes, "it really keeps you busy..."

Distributive Education students--mostly seniors--are kept busy throughout the year, though, with the operation of the student-operated "Pencil Shop" in Room 205 and class in the morning, and jobs in the afternoon. The student receives one credit for each morning and afternoon session. Working on marketing and retailing, sales demonstration, and especially sales--both in the Adams DE-run Pencil Shop and at their regular jobs--keeps seniors more than just occupied this time of year.

Marketing, and retailing, the main purposes of the club, are applied directly in the Pencil Shop. The shop, now in its second year, averages \$10 per day, and is a low profit service of the school. For fifteen minutes before and after school, the shop is rarely without students buying school paraphernalia.

The DE program at John Adams, sponsored by Mr. William Blauvelt, is connected with the Cooperative Education program at Adams which also consists of Cooperative Office Education (COE), and the Industrial Cooperative Education (ICT). The club, consisting of 25 students is also

affiliated with the national Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) which has 25,000 members.

The DE seniors, being involved in the national organization, can compete on a local, state, and national basis. These contests test leadership, marketing, human relation decision-making, job interview, and other facets of sales and retailing operations. According to Mr. William Blauvelt, Adams has been "very successful in state competitions," winning them for the past three years and qualifying for the nationals.

Next year, DE students from Adams, as well as from other schools in the area will have a chance on February 1 to win the local club championship and go on to the district at Elkhart Memorial, and then, the state championship, held in 1975 at French Lick, Indiana. Mr. Blauvelt is very enthusiastic about his DE class and considers them leading other schools in the area in DECA competition.

This Christmastime, when people are a little more tight with their money and unemployment is rising because of current recession, the Adams business people in the Distributive Education program, can boast of all being busily employed and only one person unemployed.

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## Season's Greetings



### Adams Clubs Plan For 1975

by Meg Goerner

The winter months are busy ones for all of the clubs at John Adams.

On Sunday, the John Adams orchestra accompanied the Michiana Ballet in a performance of the Nutcracker Suite. The program was held at the Morris Civic Auditorium.

The Math Club members took a tour of the computer center at School City last Wednesday. Newly elected president is Amy Smith. The club is looking for any interested new members.

Not being able to get a stall at Farmer's Market for their Christmas Bazaar, the Booster Club has decided to have it at school. The girls have made such items as Christmas tree ornaments, plaques, hats, and candles. So be prepared for a bizarre bazaar.

The Chess Club, headed by Vernon Cloud, wrapped up a fourth place at a tournament in Goshen.

Meeting on Mondays, the members of the writing section of the Literary Club write short stories and evaluate each other's work. The other section of the Literary Club is the discussion section. They have finished reading and discussing *Pride and Prejudice* and will choose another book soon. Working hard on improving their skills in marksmanship are the members of the Rifflery Club. They want to do their best at the big rifflery tournament in January.



CATCHING UP -D.E. students try to catch up to the Christmas rush in the Pencil Shop.

### Student Government:

"Accept me as I am"

by Cathi Gabele

A recent club president's meeting presented an upcoming event slated by Student Government. During the third week of February, all club members, and Adams' students, will be involved in Brotherhood Week.

The theme, "Accept me as I am," will be represented by members and students. Members of ethnic groups are urged to dress in their native costumes.

An assembly that week, presented by the various clubs, will contain skits and presentations. They don't have to be about the club. Members who have ideas

should present them to their clubs. Even if you don't belong to a club, you should get involved. Brotherhood Week is not just for a week, but hopefully, for the rest of your life.

Brotherhood Week is one of the many activities Student Government plans to continue through the year. Past projects have been: a leadership seminar, a clean-up campaign, and elections.

Student Government plans to have more leadership seminars, a dance sponsored by all the clubs to be held at the ACC during regionals, and singing Valentines, plus other undecided events

### Club Ends Year With First Award

by Brian Gordon

For the John Adams Debate Club, December 6th signified the culmination of many hours of work, researching in libraries around South Bend. Debbie and Chris Guidroz, our two very devoted coaches, saw both of the teams they entered place in a tournament held at Angola. The four-man novice team of Richard Houghton and Edwin Fisette; and Brian Gordon and Philip Newbury ranked

fourth, while the four-man sub-varsity team comprised of Jo Lucey and Leslie Bender; and Steve Burton and Becki Stock took a well-deserved third place position.

These victories were especially important to both the coaches and team, as it was the last tournament the coaches would attend in the behalf of John Adams High School. It not only gave the students an air of optimism towards the New Year, but a sense of achievement for the first-time coaches. Many thanks are offered to the coaches from the entire club, for their well-spent time and energies.

Despite a lack of veteran talent, the club got off to a rousing start early in September, and has kept the momentum going ever since. Led by a handful of upper-classmen, the club has been enforced by a group of spirited freshmen.

The Debaters have received only one award previous to Dec. 6th, that of fourth place, by the affirmative team of Meg Goerner and Edwin Fisette. Yet spirit remains undiminished, and hopes lean toward a trophy or two from the steadfast group by the end of the year.

## Candle-Light and Carols Highlight Concert

by Sue Avon

A balcony fanfare and candle-light procession highlighted the 1974 Christmas Choral Concert, produced and directed by Mr. Michael Allen. Approximately 150 voices rang out to proclaim the arrival of the holiday season.

The John Adams Auditorium provided the setting for this festive event, held December 15th at 4:30 p.m. The program featured all vocal musical groups, with special performances by the girls' and Concert choirs.

Songs included in the concert ranged from 'Twas the Night Before Christmas for the younger set, to such pieces as *Alleluia, Noel!* and *Christ, the King Now is Born*. And, of course, what kind of Christmas Concert would it have been without *White Christmas*, *Sleigh Ride*, and other traditional songs and carols?

Due to the high expenses incurred in the production of the program, a 50 cent donation was asked in place of a formal admission charge, and the general public was invited to share in a unique Christmas experience.



DECK THE HALLS WITH... Concert Choir think of their lines before the Christmas Choral Concert.

## News Forum

### Guidroz Leaves with '74

The New Year is bringing in a new teacher at Adams. And 1974 is taking one of the new faculty members. Mrs. Debra Guidroz, of the English department, will be leaving on December 20. Her replacement is to be Mrs. Pat Darcy, who was unavailable for comment.

Mrs. Guidroz is leaving because her husband, Chris, will be graduating from Notre Dame law school and has accepted a position in New Orleans. Mrs. Guidroz said, "I've really enjoyed the students and the courses I've taught. All the faculty members have been most kind and helpful--at least the ones I've met."

When asked about the future of debate, it is possible the new replacement will be taking over the duties. She does have plans for the debate team. "I plan to enter three teams in a debate on January 4, in Hammond. There are four debates scheduled during spring. We're a member of the IUSB Spring Valley League."

Outstanding journalistic coverage of the Problems of the Disadvantaged in the United States is the basis for the 7th annual Kennedy Memorial Awards.

To be eligible, the work must have been published or broadcast in the United States for the first time in 1974. Deadline for entries is February 1, 1975.

An entry may include life styles, handicaps, insights into conditions, and answers to the problems of the disadvantaged American and analysis of public programs.

Single articles or a series may be entered with the entry blank. Four copies of the article must be mounted or bound. Awards will be made in these four categories: (1) Newspaper Coverage, (2) Magazine Coverage, (3) TV Coverage, and (4) Radio Coverage. These awards will be presented May 12, 1975, in Washington D.C.

The Drama Club is planning to perform "Spoon River Anthology" for the winter production. Tryouts for the musical section of the play will be sometime after vacation. The dates will be announced.

Anyone who wishes to lend their talents may perform. You don't have to be in Drama Club to try out, or to work on any of the committees. Committees will be lighting, costume, scenery, and makeup. If you want to get involved, talk to Anne Owens, Karen McGann, Barb Keith, or Beth Walker.



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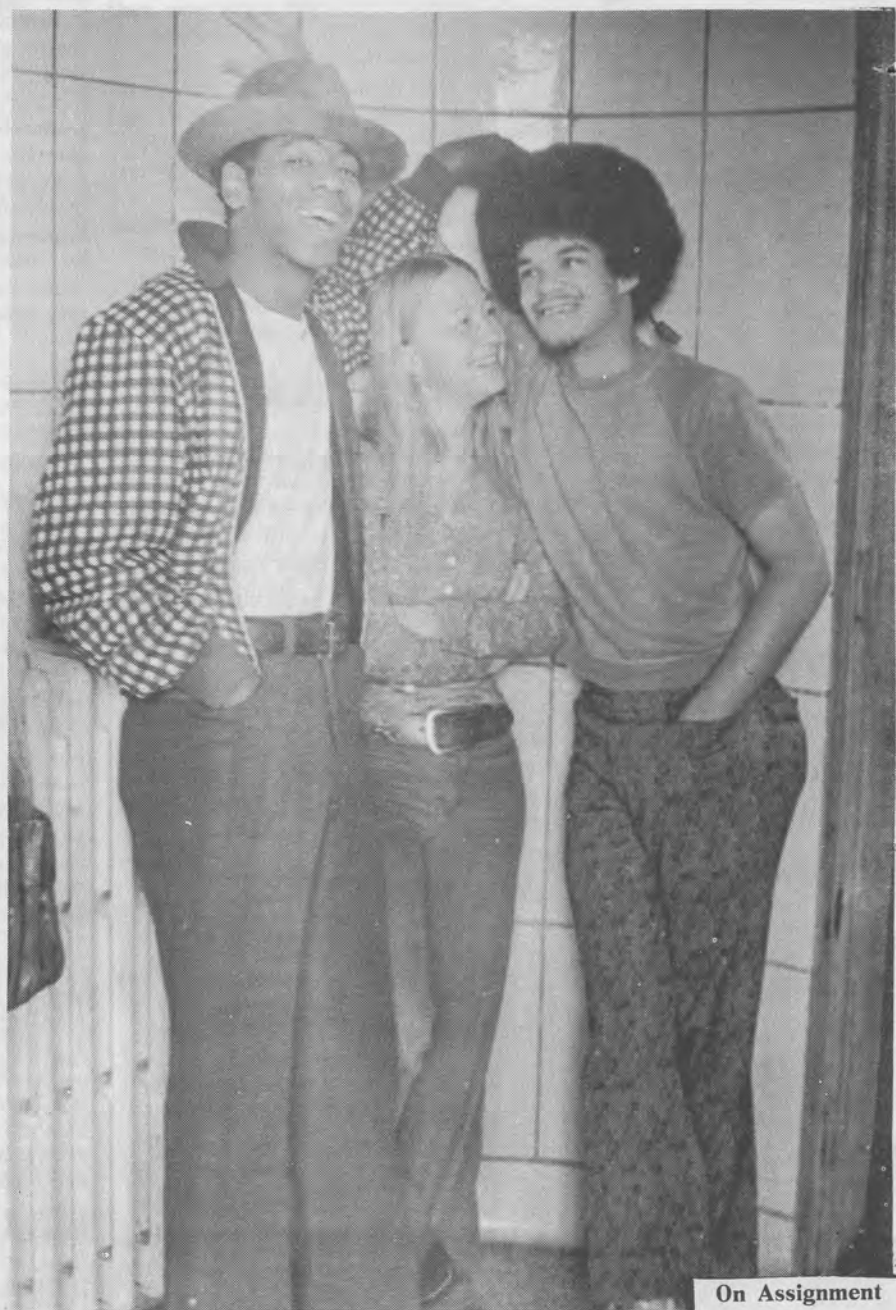
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