# JUNIORS NAB SPIRIT WEEK

Class of '77 Does It Again



You don't think you're finished, do Photo/Dan Crimmins

Even with the disappointing loss to St. Joe, Adams students showed tremendous support and unity during Spirit Week. Varying from "nerds" to "greasers", the whole school put together a magnificent display, showing that even if we are not number one in basketball we are still number one in spirit.

decorations to be realistic and humorous. Unlike past years the

The Sophomores centered on the various types of people at Adams, varying from hookers (I haven't seen any lately) to jocks. Even though this was rather offensive to Sophomores sat in the balcony below their decorations. Coming in a disappointing fourth place, the class was hurt badly by the disappearance of their spirit chain. Even though when it did "exist" it was not as long as the Freshmen's, its presence would have certainly helped their rating greatly.

The Freshmen chose the World of Peanuts as a theme for their activities, with everybody awaiting the arrival of the great Eagle. However, as usual, the Freshmen were somewhat hampered by lack of experience and organization. Unlike past years, the class had

some, many found the skit and Frosh cheer leaders which really helped their cheering and spirit. They stumped other classes with their yelling and startled all with their dazzling spirit chain, which certainly was a symbol of class unity and support.

Just ahead of the Frosh with a number two rating came the Seniors with their theme "the past thirty-five years at Adams." The skit proved a huge success with the reappearance of "Kiss" and bobby socks, and with the music which got everybody going. The Seniors, who were good in all divisions, came in second in both the spirit chain and cheering.

Even with this consistent showing, the Seniors could not get ahead of the Juniors (Class of 77) who surprised all by earning a spectacular first place rating for the second year in a row. Centering on the theme of "McAdams is Your



Juniors back Hadaway's "Big Macs".

Photo/Dan Crimmins

Kind of Place," the decorations showed originality, neatness, and artistic ability. With the theme coming through in all divisions of the competition, the key to the Junior victory was that they had a good showing in most divisions and were best in both the hall and auditorium decorations. Even with this class competition, which sometimes borders on being fanatical, Spirit Week fulfilled its purpose by showing that Adams students have a great unity and school spirit, backing completely the basketball team and any other school activity.

by Dominic Walshe

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## Adams Given Exercise Bike

The American Lung Association has given Adams an exercise bicycle as a means of thanking students for their participation in the Lung Association Bike-A-Thon, which was held Feb. 28.

The Bike-A-Thon lasted for eight hours, during which time 110 different riders rode seven stationary exercise bicycles an equivalent of 1725.9 miles.

Other schools participating were Riley, Clay, St. Joe LaSalle, North Liberty, and Washington. In the mileage competition, Adams finished second with a total of 261.0 miles. St. Joe was first, with 261.9

Riders for Adams were Steve Keb, Harley Sellers, Sara Yang, Irene Yang, Jagray S. Rai, Eric Hart, Pete Bosco, Jeff Molnar and Charles Hammond.

Also riding for Adams were Ed Shaw, Bruce Hardy, Marshall Henderson, Joe Bosco, Maury Fisher, Kelly Sweeney, and Kathy

The bicycle, which was presented to the school during a special ceremony on March 2, has been on display in the library. The Student Government organized the Adams participation in the Bike-A-Thon.

## College Credit Offered in Summer Programs

Talented high school students who are now sophomores, juniors, or seniors can earn college credit at Indiana University this summer.

The program, Collegiate Credit for High School Students (CCHSS), allows students to earn as many as six undergraduate credit hours by attending special seventeen-day seminars. During these sessions, the students will live in the I.U. residence halls on the Bloomington

A wide variety of courses will be offered, including Spanish, religion, political science, French, business, psychology, theatre, and comparative literature. These as full college courses, and are worth three hours of credit apiece.

The courses will be offered during one or both of the two sessions. Session I will run from June 20 through July 7. Session II is from July 11 to July 28. Chemistry courses must be taken during both sessions, and are worth five hours of credit. A student may take only one course per session.

Last year, the 174 students who took part in the program praised it highly. Not only did they enjoy the stimulation of the courses, but also got great pleasure from the special activities that were planned for

include trips to Lake Lemon and the them. This year's activities will

If you think you might be interested in this program, course descriptions and applications are available from Ms. Maza in room 216, or may be sent away for. If you wish to write to the sponor of the program, the address is:

Professor Edward B. Jenkinson English Curriculum Study Center

1125 Atwater Avenue Bloomington, IN 47401

Be sure to talk to Ms. Maza or write soon, because the applications must be submitted by April

## PAGEANT TO BE PRESENTED

On March 17 and 18, the South Bend Community School Corporation will present a pageant, "The Spirits of '76", in the Notre Dame Athletic and Convocation Center. The aim of the program is to celebrate the Bicentennial in instrumental music, song and dance.

Patterned loosely after a similar program, "Motion and Commotion" held several years ago, the pageant will feature hundreds of students from South Bend middle and high schools.

Adams will be well-represented by members of the chorus, instrumentalists in the house orchestra, and the entire John Adams marching band, which will combine with other bands to form a huge outline of the United States. Also Adams dancers will present famous American dances, such as "The Continental" and "Rock Around the Clock" in a special segment of the program.

The pageant will begin at 7:00 on both nights. An art show, featuring the work of talented students will be displayed starting at 6:00. Tickets to both events cost \$1.00 each (including parking) and are on sale in the main office.



Photo/Dan Crimmins Leslie Bender, Junior Kiwanian

## NHS NAMES SCHOLARSHIP NOMINEES

Each year the National Honors Society awards scholarships to its members throughout the nation. Schools with an active chapter of the NHS nominate two chapter members as candidates for the scholarship. The scholarships are based on outstanding qualities of

leadership, scholarship, character, and service. They are not based on need. The John Adams chapter of the NHS nominated George Ushela and David Weisman for the scholarship. There will be 225 scholarships awarded for \$1,000



## KEITH HALL ELECTED ADAMS FOUNDATION PR

Adams High School Foundation by the foundation's Board of Directors. Hall, a 1948 graduate of the school succeeds Harold E. Brueseke a local attorney who has served as President of the Foundation since 1972.

Other officers elected at the annual meeting of the Foundation on February 23 were Harold E. Brueseke, Vice President; Mrs. F. Dale Metzger, Treasurer; and Paul B. LaMar, Secretary.

The Adams Foundation was formed in 1959 by the Adams Alumni Association for the purpose of granting interest free scholarship loans to Adams graduates pursuing higher education. The Foundation was incorporated in 1961 and since that time has

Keith Hall of 2729 Anzio extended loans to alumni in excess Boulevard, South Bend has been of \$5,600.00. The Foundation's elected President of the John funds are derived from memorial gifts, alumni contributions, and general donations of persons interested in the Foundation's activities. In light of existing economic conditions, Hall believes that applications for funds will increase this year and suggests that anyone interested in assisting the Foundation contact him personally.

The Directors of the Foundation include the officers: Brian Hedman; Mrs. Robert H. Parker; Carl Martz; C. Thomas Zimmer; Charlotte Engle; William T. Means, Vince Fragomeni; Paul Wendzonka; as well as William Przybysz, the Adams principal; and Alex Benko of the Adams Counseling Staff.

## Spanish Students Show Concern

The Spanish classes showed deep concern recently for the countries whose language they study. Members of some classes were concerned about the people suffering because Guatemalen earthquake.

The result was a collection among all fifteen Spanish classes. Most of the contributions were small, but \$22.17 was raised. If anyone else would like to send money to the needy people, it can be sent to CARE, Guatemalan Earthquake Fund, Box 1771, Indianapolis, Indiana, 42206.



## WARREN, KERBY MERIT FINALISTS

Wayne Warren and Robert Kerby, two Adams seniors, have achieved Finalist status in the National Merit Scholarship competitions. Named as Semi-Finalists because of their high PSAT scores, Warren and Kerby have advanced because of their records of academic excellence, their participation in extra-curricular activities. and their correspondingly high scores on the SAT tests. The two seniors are now eligible to receive scholarships from corporations and universities through the National Merit program.



Wayne Warren [left] and Robert Kerby [right], recently named National Merit Scholarship Finalists, gaze morosely at the camera.

Photo/Dan Crimmins

### EDITORIAL

Hildy Kingma

In the past years this was the issue that carried an editorial complaining of student apathy. It seems that apathy is always much more recognizable during Spirit Week. This year, however, the opposite was true.

The majority of the students seemed to have had a great deal of pride in the basketball team and, therefore, in John Adams. Decorations, both in the halls and in the auditorium, showed a great deal of originality and hard work. During the pep assembly each class tried equally hard to be heard above the rest. The Freshman Class must be communeded on their fine showing of spirit and the Junior class for their overall victory for the second year in a row.

All four of the class skits displayed great originality in subject matter as we saw the Peanuts Gang, a radio interview, Ronald MacDonald, and Kiss all in the same assembly. As usual, the fifties theme seemed to dominate, perhaps because students find it easy to identify with greasers.

Small as it may seem, the wearing of red and blue to the pep assembly displays a good deal of school pride, not to mention the fact that it looks good. Teachers, as well as students, are to be commended on this point. However, it must be noted that Spirit Week is not the only time in which to wear red and blue. Every Friday is color day.

The Spirit Chain was a new addition to Spirit Week this year. The purchasing of links for each class' chain was more than simply a display of spirit or pride; the money earned will be used to send the cheerleaders to camp next summer. Yet the Spirit Chain was not the only monetary way to display spirit. Students were offered t-shirts, pins, and even stickers to buy. Although expensive, this is a more lasting way to show school spirit.

It seems that the stage of apathetic high school students has begun to change. Students are displaying an obvious show of concern for John Adams, in both the areas of athletics and academics. The different teams are especially appreciative of student spirit and in this particular case the basketball team. In conclusion, it is time that someone complimented the student body for doing a great job. My opinion may not make a great impression on some people, but it is shared by quite a few members of the faculty and student body.

## MY AMERICAN DREAM

Albert Verteramo

around with guns in their pockets.

bad, my father's decision to come

to America gave me a new goal and

dream. Today I am a senior in high

school, doing very well, and I plan

to go to college. Even if I don't

have the money at hand, there are

many different means of acquiring

money to go to school. I plan to

make a career for myself at the

school I choose. This is what my

Though America held little

opportunities for my parents due to

the language barrier and their age,

it holds many opportunities for me.

Though I don't know what I would

have been in Italy, I know now that

my goal is within reach--all I have

to do is reach out and take it.

father had hoped for me.

Though my future in Italy looked

To the Americans the American the kids that I grew up with walk dream may mean many differnt things, but to me, being born in southern Italy, the American dream meant a chance to live and a future with opportunities.

I was born in southern Italy on January 8, 1957. There I spent most of my childhood. I grew up with poverty all around, though we had enough to get by.

As I look back now, I see how much my father suffered to keep the family fed and clothed. My father's job wasn't too bad, but sometimes he would have to get up in the middle of night and through rain and cold he would ride his bike to his patient to administer a shot to him. My father's job was mainly to administer shots the doctor had prescribed, such as penicillin.

For years my father and mother had been talking about coming to America, my mother's native country. My parents had been talking about it for two reasons, one because of their dream which was to have something better to live for and secondly to give the kids a chance to be able to have as many opportunities as they wanted. The final decision was made in the year 1966. When all the paper work was completed, we came to America. We arrived on July 7, 1966 at New York City.

As I looked back, I see only opportunities for hard labor in Italy. The only aspirations one could have was to be a bricklayer or some kind of an apprentice. I don't believe I would have had the chance to go to a college or a university simply because we didn't have that kind of money. From the news I receive from my native town, I see that maybe I would have been involved in some kind of teen Mafia. Today many of

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## **GUEST EDITORIAL**

As a result of the recent action of the girl that wanted to be a goalie on one of the high school teams, the hocky teams representing the South Bend high schools have been denied recognition in their school yearbooks. This includes the John Adams High School hockey team. The teams have also been denied use of school facilities. Apparently this is the ruling of the school administration.

by IHSSAA and therefore cannot be sanctioned by the school corporation. After giving passive consent over the past year or more to the hockey teams, there suddenly arises a fear that the school corporation will again be named in any legal action that might arise as a result of the hockey teams. "Let's sweep it under the rug" says the school administrators. It won't be swept under the rug and it is hoped the students at John

Adams will not let it be swept under any rug.

which all John Adams students can be proud.

With this year's record should the team receive any less space?

and help the hockey team to its rightful place in the yearbook. Let's not let the school corporation sweep it under the rug. Let's get involved.

By Phil Dooley With the support of the Adams hockey team.

The reason given by the administration is that hockey is not sanctioned

The John Adams High School hockey team had a record of 20 wins, ( losses, and one tie. The team is proud of that record and it is a record of

Look at the team picture and the two-page spread in the 1975 yearbook

In looking at the Album, the first feature was called "Involvement." The hockey team is involved. We hope the student body will get involved

### JOHN ADAMS TOWER

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## The Importance of SATPreparation

dreds of students will be deciding their future through the Scholastic Achievement Tests. For many it will be a time of great strain and worry; for others just another obstacle on the road to college. Some students have neglected to prepare for this crucial examination for one common reason. There has not been a sufficient amount of preparation offered to all students.

After taking the PSAT tests. many students are lectured by their parents on how important these exams are towards their future education. Students that have received above average grades throughout their high school years are ofen surprised at their low PSAT scores. For those who receive such marks, there is hope of increasing their testing abilities but only if their parents and teachers have encouraged them to

Such encouragement to increase one's knowledge often comes in the form of a warning. This should be all the more reason for a young adult to seek SAT preparation problem may arise that the parents have warned their child simply to

This coming April/June, hun- it at that. Seeing the SAT tests as often includes SAT preparation. It oneself is of no use unless preparation studying is undertaken. Thus, much of the student's attitudes toward the SAT depends on how seriously his parents have taken it.

Some, through proper guidance have found preparation courses for the SAT offered at local colleges. Unfortunately, these classes often have outrageous fees, and are soon forgotten. This ignorance is commonly a result of a student not realizing that it would well worth his money to invest in these classes. The SAT courses offer increased vocabulary and reading skills, and reviewing of past mathematics education.

Many people are still under the impression that tutoring in testing skills is of no great value. This belief has been repeatedly proven wrong following experiments involving hundreds of high school students. Psychology Today once focused upon these experiment results, and stated that it had been found that many SAT failures can opportunities immediately. The be attributed to the student's unfamiliarity with intelligence tests. In New Jersey and other East Coast states high school education

only a second chance to prove usually appears as a separate class or is introduced into math and English classes beginning in the freshman year. In South Bend, where we haven't been geared towards preparing for the SATs, such courses could be extremely valuable.

Unless SAT preparation classes are begun at area high schools for no extra charge, those who don't take the more costly courses may be lost amongst the low scoring students. It is clearly unfair to not have SAT preparatory classes at high school, while we are expected to continue our education through college. For those who plan on going to a city college such as IUSB, their SAT scores will be of less importance than if they went to Stanford. In order to give students a fair shot at the college of their choice, reform must be urged in high school education.

By Veronica Crosson



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## STUDENT APATHY WEEK

celebration of Spirit Week, many have foretold the coming of Student Apathy Week. Owing to the increasing numbers of lowspirited, indifferent students, I hereby dedicate my article to the same.

Student Apathy Week traditionally begins with the strict avoidance of wearing of anything even closely resembling school colors or bearing the school's name. Upon being questioned "Where's your school spirit?" students answer with a variety of witty (?) repartee including "Uh, it's in the laundry!", "I forgot it.", or even "It got ripped off last week, man!"

About midweek comes the decoration of school hallways. Each decided in a frenzied game of class is presented with twenty rolls match stick draws and mumblyof crepe paper, thirty yards of peg. So it goes .... construction paper, and an assortment of paints and brushes. Excitement mounts as four unlucky students are blackmailed by each class into preparing novel ways to ridding themselves of these

One years' winners stuffed all of their decorations into the bell of a tuba; another class decorated the water in the swimming pool with floating tissue, glue, and red and blue paint. This year's champions unloaded the whole conglomeration into the incinerator.

Midweek also marks the another all-important event-the Apathy Week assembly. Hundreds of student file (at gunpoint) into the monotonous, gray-colored auditorium. Heavily throwing their books on the floor, they indulge in a brief snooze before awakening for the stupendous Class Competition

In commenting upon the recent Yawn. Sleepleaders arise from their feather pillows on the floor as members of the Pooped Band begin to squawk out their favorite tunes (individually of course). Tension builds while each class tries to outdo the others by stifling the loudest yawns. Curiously, the contest becomes harder and harder to judge each year!

Next comes the class skits. Each class strives to present the most boring ten minute affairs. This year's first placers conceived a new idea of turning off the microphones and using the sign language of the deaf to convey their intentions. Another notable effort was culminated in a hysterical effort where the Big Game victors were

by L.K.



## MISS JANEWAY BIDS FAREWELL



For the past eight weeks Adams had a female Athletic Trainer working with all the teams, especially basketball, which she traveled with. Miss Nancy Janeway, a senior at Indiana State, was this trainer, performing the normal duties of a trainer, i.e. Taping, First Aid, Rehabilitation, while on a student teacher assignment from Indiana State.

Miss Janeway is from Hillsborough, Indiana, which is 35 miles south of Lafayette. She is a Health Education major at Indiana State Unviersity and she specializes in athletic training. At Indiana State she works with the Football team, which is her favorite sport to watch, along with the Women's Gymnastics and Women's Basketball teams. She says that she really enjoys her work, which is important

When asked how she got started in Athletic Training she related a story about when she was a freshman in college. It seems that she was injured and some friends told her to see the Athletic Trainer at ISU. She admits that, at this time, she didn't even know what an Athletic Trainer was, but after the trainer there had helped her for a while, Miss Janeway was asked if she would help the trainer and she agreed. She enjoyed it and has continued to enjoy it since. It was only natural that she would like training since her professional interestes are Medicine and Sports.

Her two other main interests are animals and bicycling. She owns two horses, which she is able to ride on her father's farm outside of Hillsborough, and a dog. her favorite sports to particiapte in, to anyone when choosing a career. bicycling and horseback riding,

are obviously related to her interests.

She says that she hasn't encountered any problems in this field because of her sex and in fact she states that, "Athletic training is an expanding field for women with the growth of women's athletics," and she predicts that within 5 years it will be an important one, also.

In the future Miss Janeway hopes towork as a trainer at some college or university for the women's teams. She also hopes to become a Certified Athletic Trainer by passing the national examination in August of this year, which would open up several job opportunities for her. Everyone at Adams certainly wishes her the best of luck in these pursuits.

By Lynn Tyler

## The Boy in the Blue Gremlin

We were walking down the street In search of love, and guys we'd meet, Hoping to get a drink or two And, if we did, wondering what we'd do If he who payed wanted paying back, But anyway, that's off the track, When the blue gremlin flashed by.

Me and my pal, Sally mcFay; Wondered who was driving that wagon that way. "Hey!" exclaimed Sally, "I bet it's a dude!" "Ooh, let's find out! I love cars!" I cooed. "How do we find out? Let's look for a cop." "Are you crazy, girl? He'll tell us to stop!" The blue gremlin flashed by again.

"I saw him! I saw him! He's driving around!" Screamed Sally with a squeal, "I think it's a blond!" 'Probably Newman or Redford," I said, being cool. "Oh hardy har har. Be quiet, you fool. This time when he comes, let's both take a look." So we stood on the corner, so excited we shook, And waited till the blue gremlin came by again. It stopped.

"Hey, babes!" said the driver, who'd stepped out of a dream, "Feel like takin' a ride in my big blue machine? What're your names, chicks? C'mon tell me, don't be this way!' Sally gulped, "I'm Claudette, this is Brigette Cafe." "Hey, French ladies!" he said, giving me a big wink "Let's drive to MacDonald's, and I'll buy you a drink." And the blue gremlin roared.

"Right on!" said Sally, "that's a dynamite deal!" But suddenly, I knew what my mother would feel And what she would say. So to Mr. Blue Gremlin I said, "Not today! Come back in a week or come back in a year Or come back in a decade. Just get out of here!" Away went the blue gremlin, blowing smoke in our faces.

We blew it!" wailed Sally, wiping a tear. I stood there miserably, wanting only good cheer. "But he wasn't cure," Sally said with a smirk, "He was a motorized mutt! A regular jerk!" "I know it," I said, "he sure was a snook. Here's one more night to curl up with a book!" Then a red pinto zoomed by...

### Student Creates Talented Sculpture

Janet Thompson is an extremely talented senior at John Adams. She has been taking art courses since her sophomore year and is planning to have a studio or teach in the future.

Although Janet is experienced in such things as studio art, painting, macrame, and much more she is best known at Adams for her sculptures. Janet has done sculptures of Mr. Kline, Ms. Cwidak, Miss Davis, Mr. Scott, Mr. Shanley, and her latest of Mr. David. She does these simply for "practice" but obviously she really does not need the practice.

Janet Thompson has taken courses with Professor Naguib at Beverly Shores, Indiana. Presently she is taking two studio Art courses with Miss Davis and a painting course with Mr. Seeley. It is evident that Janet Is talented, so we hope she will go far in her endeavors.



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Mr. David and Mr. David pose for a picture.

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## SEAGLES 4th AT STATE

state finals; after finishing second in both the conference and sectional meets the two previous

In the state preliminaries, the medley relay qualified second when Munster set a state record in the heat before them. Mike Slowey and John Komora qualified 2nd and 4th respectively in the 200 IM. Komora then qualified 8th in the 100 freestyle. In the 500 freestyle, frosh Gary Severyn swam a credible race; while junior Toby Wehrhan swam a fantastic race, dropping his time from 5:08 to 5:04. Neither made the top 12. In backstroke, Dan Flynn responded to the pressure by dropping his time to 57.5 and qualified fourth. Mike Slowey swam to an easy first place seed in the breast stroke while Ron Zhiss qualified 8th. Zhiss' time (1:04.98) is the fastest time ever done by a high school freshman in this state. (He beat Slowey's frosh best by 0.02 seconds). The free relay of Jay Sunderlin, Don Strong, Kevin Deneen, and Scott Tenney responded well and qualified 9th.

In the finals, the Seagles broke their string of three meets where they swam better in the prelims than in finals. The medley relay of Dan Flynn, Mike Slowey, Phil Thornberg, and John Komora led things off with a win in the first event. Their time of 1:40.38 broke Munster's state record by a full

Seagles closed out their season (set by Harrigan, Slowey, Feferwith a fourth place finish in the man, and Severyn in 1974) by 1.2 seconds. Their time qualified them for All-American consideration.

The next event in which a Seagle swam was the 200 individual medley. In that, Mike Slowey won and broke his own school record although he was well off the state mark. John Komora swam to a life time best and third place, being touched-out for second by 0.023

Four events later, John Komora took seventh place as he won the consolation finals of the 100 free. Next, Dan Flynn held his place as he finished fourth in the back. Dan has made tremendous improvements this year, dropping his back stroke time from 1:02+ to :57.5 and establishing himself as one of the premiere backstrokers in the state.

In the final individual event of the day, Mike Slowey left the field in his wake as he stroked to new state and school records. In Breaststroke Mike's time of 59.907 will qualify him for All-American honors. In the consolation finals of breast stroke, Ron Zhiss picked up tenth place. Ronald also dropped five seconds this year in his event and certainly has the potential to keep Adams "in the gold" in the breaststroke events over the next several years.

In the final event of the meet, the freestyle relay held their place and finished tenth. This was a major achievement for this group, since

Two weeks ago, the John Adams second and broke the school record the four of them together have less years experience than junior great John Komora.

> Even with the meet over, honors still did not stop coming to the Seagles. Senior captain Mike Slowey was awarded the Herman Keller Mental Attitude award.

Slowey summed up the meet like

"Basically, I think every one accomplished what they set out to do. The things that please me most were Zhiss's breaststroke and Toby's 500. I was also happy that we won the medley relay, because Twang (Phil Thornberg) was unable to defend his state championship in the 500 and he really deserved to win something.

"As far as the Keller Award goes, all I can say is that I'm extremely honored. I know a lot of people here at school had to write letters of recommendation for that, and it's difficult to express how much I truly appreciate what they did for me."

Munster claimed their fourth consecutive title, upsetting slightly favored Riley. Indianapolis North Central, on the power of a state champion diver, slipped into the third spot ahead of the seagles.

The seagles lose only two seniors (Slowey and Thornberg), but they State Swim Meet. accounted for 48 of the 103 pts in this year's state meet. However, next years team will have a great deal of experience, despite their youth and again John Adams swimming will be a power to be reckoned with.



Mike Slowey displays the Keller Mental Attitude Award he won at the

## Girl Gymnasts Winning at Home

By Bridget Baran

The Girl's Gymnastics Team continued their season by bringing home two victories to one defeat during the past week.

They were defeated by state ranked Munster, at Munster on February 25, 1976. All three levels were also defeated.

The Beginning level scored 74 points to Munster's 78. Outstanding performances were turned in by Liz Anderson, Tracy Kertz and Ann Paskiet All three girls placing either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd on all events.

The scoring for Intermediate level was Adams 67, Munster 81. However, Jackie Thallmer and Lisa Swartz both had excellent results for the Intermediates.

Optional level lost to Munster's very tough optional level by a score of 63 to 91. Only one placing for Adams was Becky Hentz who placed 1st on Floor Exercise.

The following night the girls were at home for a meet against rookie team Elkhart Central. Since it is their first year, no Optional level was formed as of yet.

Total team score was 123 to 102 with both levels winning for

Beginning level rounded up 68 points to Elkhart's 56 points. There Tracy Kertz, and Ann Paskiet and bars. also Linda Vaerewych. All resulting in either a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in every event.

Intermediate level totaled 65 points to beat Elkhart's 46 points. Lisa Swartz placed 1st in both Floor

exercise and Balance Beam. Lisa also placed 2nd on both vault and

Jackie Thalmer also received two 1st's in vaulting and bars. Lynnette Daniels, and Amy Weamer also placed for Intermediate level.

Sectional level, Wawasee, was the next opponent for the girl gymnasts. Although they totaled up 182 points to beat Wawasee's 154 points, not all three levels were

Beginning level won by a score of 50 to 43. First place efforts were by Jenny Deneen on the bars, Liz Anderson on the balance beam and Ann Paskiet on Floor Exercise. Placing second for beginning level was Tracy Kertz on vaulting and

Liz Anderson on the bars. Intermediate swamped Wawasee by a score of 60 to 29. Jackie Thallmer placed 1st on bars and second on vaulting while Lynn Harper placed 1st on beam. Lisa Swartz had another outstanding night by placing 1st on Floor Exercise and 2nd on both beam and bars. Lynnette Daniels received two 3rd's for the intermediate level, on the beam and floor Exercise.

Optional level was defeated 81 to were a number of excellent 72. Placing for Optional level was performances by Liz Anderson, Becky Hentz who took a 2nd on

> I wo meets remain on the girls schedule before Sectionals start, March 16 and 17 at Wawasee.

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# MALE GYMNASTS SEASON OVER

The John Adams Men's Gymnastics team have had a rough 1976 season, with many heartbreaking defeats. Though the team has suffered many defeats they have shown good qualities at times, but not enough to overcome their opponents.

On January 21, the Gymnasts went against a very tough Crown Point squad; losing to them by a slim margin, with the final score being 107.5-94.19. Good performances were turned in by: Marco Driver in four events, Parallel bars, high-bar, floor exercise and vaulting, in which he placed 3rd, 2nd, 1st and 1st respectively. Greg Fulce placed in three events, 1st in trampoline, 2nd in vaulting, and 3rd in highbar. John Green took second on side horse and Robert Jones, a very good freshman, took third on trampoline.

final score at 96.5 to 90.63. Driver once again took most of the honors by getting two firsts, vaulting and floor exercise, second on highbar, and tying for third on parallel bars. Fulce took second on vaulting and third on high bar. Green had a third on side horse. Two capable juniors, John Presnell and Randy Clarke, both placed against Memorial with Presnell tying for third on parallel bars and Clarke taking second on

the Eagles faced. Driver place first on both vaulting and floor exercise. Green took first on side horse and Clarke placed first on both vaulting will be held on March 6, and and floor exercise. Green took first concord High School and the State on side horse and Clarke placed meet will be held on March 13. first on the still rings. DeKalb won

by the score of 104.63 to 88.3.

The Gymnasts then competed against Northwood, winning their first meet. The final score was 97.23 to 86.93, Adams. Their were many good routines turned in by the Gymnasts which earned them this victory. Driver took first on four events, vaulting, floor exercise, high bar, and parallel bars. Green took first on side horse and third on vaulting. Steve Doering took first on trampoline, followed by Ken Quimby, second, and Robert Jones took third. All in all it was a good meet for the Gymnasts.

Though the Eagles had won their first meet they couldn't get much going when faced by a strong Elkhart Central team. The Central team barely slid by the Eagles by the score of 98.5 to 92.1. Green took first on both vaulting and side The team then traveled to horse. Driver took first on high bar. Elkhart to take on Memorial. The second on floor exercise, and third team was again beaten with the on parallel bars. Presnell placed on both floor exercise and high bar with a third. Fulce took second on

March 1 concluded the Gymnasts regular season when they faced Angola. Driver took first on parallel bars and tied for first on floor exercise. Randy Clarke, who has shown himself to be a tough ring man near the end of the season, took first. Green got two seconds, vaulting and side horse. Fulse had three third places, vaulting, high DeKalb was the next opponent bar, and rings. The final scored was Angola 108.4 and Adams 94.43

> The Eagles ended their season with a 1-9 record. The Sectionals By John Green

**EAGLES FALL** TO ST. JOE

The John Adams Basketball Eagles ended a fine season on a disappointing note by losing the first game of the Sectionals to the St. Joe Indians, by the score of

The first quarter started off slowly with both teams appearing rather sluggish; which proved to be the pattern for a lot of the game. After about 3-4 minutes the pace picked up and at the end of the quarter the Eagles found themselves ahead, 16-12.

The second quarter started off slow, and unlike the first, it stayed that way. The boredom was replaced only by moments of duliness. The Eagle offense never got moving as they managed only 3 points in the quarter; the Indians scored only 10 and the score at the half was 22-19, in favor of the Indians.

Once again, the third quarter started slowly until halfway through when both teams started to show some life. The Eagles closed to within 3 on a couple occasions but ended up down by 5 35-30.

During much of the 4th quarter, St. Joe went into a four corner offense in order to keep the ball away from the Eagles. The Eagles team offense never got moving and most of the scoring was done on individual moves, which is always bad. The defense gave up some easy baskets, which didn't help matters any, either.

The Eagles won their final regular season matchup against Gary Lew Wallace, on Friday, February 27th, at Wallace. This brought their final season mark to 16-5.

The Eagles were in control throughout the game, except for a period during the third quarter when Wallace attempted a comeback.