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## EAGLES WIN HOME OPENER

Under the guidance of new John Adams football coach Eddie Faulkens, the Eagles showed great promise for a successful season.

In the football jamboree at Jackson field on Aug. 21, the Eagles defeated North Liberty 7-0 and battled LaSalle to a scoreless tie.

The defense started on the shaky side but came through when they needed it to stall their opponents drives, as indicated by the resulting scores.

A well executed running attack continually frustrated the North Liberty defense. With sophomore Emmitt Dodd and returning letterman John Avance leading the way on a nearly flawless drive of 80 yards, the Eagles scored from the ten with slightly over a minute left on the clock. Dodd was credited with the touchdown and John Komora converted on the PAT to make the score 7-0.

Unfortunately, the season opener against Ft. Wayne Dwenger did not end with similar results. The Eagles fell by a score of 14-0 but

looked respectable against the always strong Dwenger team (the Eagles were not "mauled" as the S.B. Tribune so aptly reported).

Things were different in the home opener, though. The Eagles soundly defeated LaSalle 19-6 and completely dominated the entire second half. Tom Cates and Leon Stein connected on a 15 yard pass to register the first Eagle score of the regular season. That was followed by a one yard run by John Avance to make the score 12-6 and then a fourth quarter score by Emmitt Dodd and a John Komora kick for the final 19-6 score.

Perhaps the most disappointing aspect of the football season so far is the small fan turnout. It has to be pretty disappointing to the players as well, to be performing in front of such small crowds. The ticket prices are very reasonable. In fact, they have been lowered from last year's prices. So why not come out and support your team and show them that you care about what their doing.

## VOLLEYBALL UNDERWAY

After nearly four weeks of grueling calisthenics, drills, and scrimages, the 1976 John Adams volleyball team is prepared for a tough but victorious season. Miss Ganser, once again is coaching the varsity and B-team squads. The freshmen team however, welcomes a newcomer to the coaching staff - Miss Decker.

The season opens September 8, with its first game against Clay at the Colonial's home court. Our first home match will be against Riley on Sept. 16. Despite a difficult

schedule, it should run smoothly due to returning members such as senior Louis Dragovich; juniors Mary Skudlarek, Theresa Schilling, Maureen Crowe, Amy Terry, Marcy Grow, (Joyce Dunjines-first-player) and sophomore Gina Fragomeni and Janet Scheu along with many other valuable sophomores and freshmen.

With the drive and initiative which this small but talented group possesses, the Eagle fans can expect an exciting and triumphant season.

## HARRIERS HOPEFUL

Cross-country coach, Mr. Dale Wiand will be entering his second year at that position for John Adams this year. And it looks as though the Harriers will have an excellent chance to improve on their 3-11 record of one year ago.

A lot of the team's success will depend upon the success of seniors Tim Deneen and Jim Szajko. Deneen finished a very respectable 11th place in the sectionals last year and Szajko will be in his first year as a cross-country member.

There are presently ten people on the team among of which there are no freshman. If enough participation is shown throughout the schools in the city, a "B" team will be organized. So, anyone interested in participating in the cross-country team at Adams should contact Mr. Wiand in room 211.

## BOYS TENNIS PROMISING

Boy's Tennis, the sport that most recently brought a state championship back to Adams (1974), returns to Adams this fall with a promising yet inexperienced team. The Varsity Team, having lost five letter winners, has only one returning letter winner and one Senior on the squad. The team, under the direction of Coach McNarney, will have to make up for this lack of experience with strenuous training and determination in order to defeat some of the more experienced teams in the area. The team's tough and intensive season has already started with Sectionals coming up in less than a month.

The Varsity team consists of three singles players and two pairs of doubles adding up to a seven member squad. The singles and doubles are worth one point apiece so that a team must win three or more of the five possible points to win the match. Mr. McNarney is still trying to put together the strongest possible team and individual positions are not yet fixed.

The matches will either be played on the courts at Adams or at the other schools and as always should prove to be full of excellent tennis and exciting to watch.

## Harrigan Wins Bronze

In the 1976 Olympic Games, Dan Harrigan, a 1974 Adams graduate, became the first John Adams student, as well as the first South Bend native, to win an Olympic medal. Dan won the bronze medal in the 200 meter backstroke.

An outstanding world class backstroke, Dan was seen as a possible Olympic gold medalist until he caught hepatitis following his gold medal finish in the Pan American Games. As a result, he was unable to practice for several months.

As he recovered, Dan tried to put his illness behind him and concentrated on getting in shape for the Olympics. As the National NCAA Championship Meet rolled around, Dan was only half recovered, finishing a disappointing seventh.

Dan continued practicing and qualified for the U.S. Olympic Team in the 200 meter backstroke. Then in the Olympic finals in Montreal, Dan broke the World Record time of 2:01.87 held by Roand Matthes of East Germany with a time of 2:01.66. At the same time, however, two other Americans broke Matthes's former record; Gold medalist John Naber and Silver Medalist Peter Rocca.

## Zhiss 16th In Junior Olympics

John Adams sophomore swimmer Ron Zhiss qualified 12th for the 200 meter breaststroke in the AAU's annual Junior Olympics. The Junior Olympics, the U.S. junior national championship meet, consists of competition in nine sports and closely resembles the International Olympic Games in format.

During the week of August 15th, Ron, together with young athletes from all over the country, arrived in Memphis, Tennessee to compete at the Junior Olympics being held at the University of Memphis. Competition began on Friday, August 20th and continued through the 23rd.

In order to qualify for the swimming competition, Ron had to meet or better the cut-off time set by the AAU. Seeded 62nd in the 200 meter breaststroke at the beginning of the competition with a respectable time of 2:37.1, Ron soon quickened his pace. Shaving off an incredible 4 seconds from his time, Ron qualified 12th with a lifetime best time of 2:33.1. Later, in the finals of his first national competition, Ron finished 16th with a time of 2:36.0.

Ron will now continue to improve his times together with the rest of the John Adams Seagals when the High School swimming season opens in October.

## Seagals Appear Powerful

The Girl's Swim Team looks great again this year and the team promises to have another exciting and successful season. Returning are varsity and letter winners Sue Scheu, Sharon Sunderlin, Debbie Wright, Cindy Patterson, Jackie Knapp, Meg Fahey, Pam Zigler, Anne Slowey, and co-captains Paula Hendricks and Anne Dolde.

Another plus will be the all-out effort from the new freshmen and sophomores; the team looks to have the best year ever. Coach Callum

and her assistant, Margy Voso, are working the girls very hard during pre-season practice in order to ready them for their initial meet.

The divers are also straining to make this year successful. Returning divers Jenny Deneen and Mary Mauzy and freshman Martha Schilling promise good results and a possible place in the state meet. For all girl's swimming fans, be sure to come and cheer the girls to a victory at their first meet at Valparaiso on September 23.

### 1976 John Adams High School Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 8	Clay	There
Sept. 15	Concord	There
Sept. 16	Riley	Here
Sept. 21	Penn	There
Sept. 23	St. Joe	There
Sept. 28	Washington	There
Sept. 30	Elk. Memorial	There
Oct. 2	Marian	Here
Oct. 5	Elk. Central	There
Oct. 7	M.C. Elston	Here
Oct. 12	LaSalle	Here
Oct. 14	Mishawaka	Here
Oct. 16	Laf. Jeff.	
Oct. 19	N.I.C. Tourney	
Oct. 20	N.I.C. Tourney	
Oct. 21	N.I.C. Finals	
Oct. 27	Sectional	
Oct. 28 & 30	Sectional	
Nov. 6	Regional Tourney	
Nov. 13	State Finals	

## Summer Baseball Successful

The John Adams FOP summer baseball team finished an excellent 14-6 season with a stunning double victory over St. Joe to capture the tourney title.

Despite many schedule delays due to rain, Adams won their first five contests before dropping a close one to Washington in the seventh inning 7-5.

The Eagles then went on to gain doubleheader splits with Marian and Post #50, defeated Buchanan and Clay, and lost to LaPorte. This sent the Eagles into the tourney with a 9-4 record, good enough to capture the season crown.

In the double-elimination tournament, Adams defeated Riley 2-1 and Elkhart Memorial 12-5 before

losing a 2-1 decision to St. Joe and send them into the losers bracket. But the Eagles rebounded with first a 3-1 victory over Riley and then the doubleheader sweep of St. Joe to win the tourney.

The Eagles hitting attack was led by Jeff Coker with a .437 batting average and Craig McCollum at .383. Dave Parker (4-0) and Doug Ross (4-2) contributed greatly to the success of the pitching staff.

The future looks bright for the John Adams baseball team of 1977 because of a lot of hard work on the part of every player and especially because of the many hours Coach Buczkowski spent in making this summer baseball program a successful one.



# EDITORIAL

Leslie Kvale

"Buy an elevator pass, sweetie?" query upperclassmen of small, harried-looking individuals, commonly known as freshmen. Seniors, exultant in their new found status, smile gleefully at the prospect of having only ONE YEAR of school left to complete. An occasional sun worshipper glances out a window and sighs. School is in session!

Yet, as the throngs are ushered into the classrooms, the novelty of the new school year begins to run thin; many students are at a loss as to how to pass the hours. In lieu of harassing the freshmen or completing an assignment, despondent souls begin a search for "fun" things to do. These activities include assimilating a new crop of graffiti, strewing litter on the floors, and exhibiting massive "feats of strength" by ripping fire extinguishers and fixtures from the walls. Another favorite trick is to pull the fire alarm on the average of three times a week. Destruction of windows and classroom materials reaches epidemic proportions. Why? Seemingly because students are either bored by classes or are attempting to vent their frustrations upon inanimate objects. However, vandalism is a notoriously ineffective way of affecting changes in school policy. As to the aspect of "Fun," students must come to realize the thin line drawn between mischievousness and maliciousness.

As students return to John Adams this week, most are startled by not only the expensive, major improvements, but also by minor changes such as waxed hallways, new materials, an absence of new graffiti in the bathrooms. Unfortunately, the time-consuming efforts of the custodial staff go largely unnoticed and unappreciated; their work can be undone in a very short period, as was demonstrated by last year's surge of vandalism.

The school year is just beginning. NOW is the time to curb the destruction, before damage is done. No one wishes to live in a house full of damages inflicted by the owners. Why doesn't this desire also hold true for John Adams, where an average student spends from 4 to 8 hours every weekday?

Taking pride in one's surroundings is more than just another "hassle," it is the hallmark of a developed, emotionally adjusted adult. And isn't aiding students into becoming mature, thinking individuals what school is all about, anyway?

## Excerpts From Przybysz' Welcoming Speech

Butchered by Dave Rubin

I was conversing with a serf in Northeast Berlin two years ago when a female Brazilian snow-shoveller hit me over the head with her synthetic wooden shoe. As it was way past tea time, I could derive no sociopsychological explanation for her sudden and violent action. Being of a passive attitude and a weak head, I readily submitted to her brutality and fell unconscious.

Instead of awakening to my carpeted research laboratory on human biophysical metamorphosis with its stained glass windows, indochinese cigarettes, and velvetized milk, I found myself in a burrow along with a duck, a walloon, and seven burps (charming fellows and intellectually stimulating in conversation). What would seem to be a most unfortunate situation was a wonderful experience teaching me the value of life, the importance of charity, and how to avoid getting cramps from having a walloon pecking at your calf during the night.

My abductor was not a pleasant woman, but kept her company well fed; we feasted on almond bars and mating butterflies. We even had piped-in music accompanied by advertisements to visit the French National Art Gallery; one barely had time to think!

All was happy and gay until one day when unrest settled among some of the younger burps. They started talking about liberal education and cultural freedom, and my abductor declared that if I didn't quiet them she'd cut back on our butterflies. Unfortunately I didn't speak their language and in fact rarely had gas. So I consulted my horoscope in the daily newspaper, hoping it would prescribe a solution to my awkward plight. It was difficult to read while listening to the Grateful Dead's versions of Trini Lopez hit songs, however, and I soon realized my efforts would be fruitless.

I thus resorted to applying my wits, and after several hours of vain attempts at communication we were able to converse in a series of articulations and noisemaking. We decided to abandon our domicile through the quickest means; we walked out. A seven-day chase ensued which took us all the way to Moscow where we met with two friends (Hodgkins and Zeep). After the necessary arrangements were made we were flown to the United States and Papa Miel Zingerplitt's dictionary farm.

It was through living there that I was inspired to write two books: the first is entitled *The Life of a Page* and the second, which is more well known, *The Word*. But

enough of my literary attributes; what of the burps? Well, they entered a university where they were continually initiating interior disturbances, and after one semester they were expelled.

I ended up making a pilgrimage in search of a good dentist, as I had weeds growing under my teeth. But as soon as the doctor saw me he decided to go into the music business. I believe he's got a group named "The Grass Roots."

Being such an inspiration in the life of an individual was an inspiration in itself. Which is not to say that an inspiration is a physical being, or the inverse of a feeling; but it has a foundation, a source of communication, and a receptor. The discovery of inspiration through inspiration is the result of a double reaction, where the "donor" and the "receptor" reach an equilibrium of profound passage. With this illumined in my mind I decided to live the rest of my life writing commentaries on Middle Age operas.

All this evolved about an incident with a crazy lady; one can't help but prostrate himself before fortune and bubble over with goey affection for providence. Ah, but aren't the workings of life easy to understand in retrospect?

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## CHOP! CHOP!

Becky Robinson

A few months before I was to enter the hallowed halls of John Adams for the first time, it was decided by the Supreme Authorities, my parents, that their little child needed to learn the fine art of self-defense.

You must understand that Adams is acclaimed by the FBI, Scotland Yard, and the Tijuana Crime Fighting League as the breeding ground for all sorts of vermin and vice-spreaders. Police departments worldwide had gotten word of the daily knifings, robberies, and rapes which were committed in the so-called "School", usually to innocents like myself.

Having narrowly escaped from spending my high-school days in a nunnery, I did not object to spending a few hours learning to fight off would-be assailants. A friend, who had also barely escaped from the convent, was instructed to take the courses in self-defense with me. And so we

signed up for an eight-week course in beginning karate.

On the first day of our lessons, my friend and I slunk into the classroom, which could have passed (by my untrained eye) for a good-sized barnyard. The room was filled with vicious-eyed little girls like ourselves.

The instructor was a burly young man ("Call me Noel") who informed us solemnly that, at the end of eight one-hour lessons, we would not be able to fight off someone with a black belt. Strangely enough, this came as a real shock to us. I guess we had hoped to obtain parts as extras on "Kung Fu". Anyway, he told us, we would be able to fight off most of the petty criminals we would be encountering. Hooray, hooray.

We were told that the karate philosophy was not to use our skills to provoke fights, but that, after trying to talk an attacker out of hurting us ("oh please, Mr. Robber, do not steal my purse!"),

we were to use the karate moves to scare him (What could be scarier than a 13-year-old girl grunting and swinging her fists?). In other words, violence was a last resort. We giggled gleefully and agreed that that sounded reasonable.

Next came a lesson in the keeyi. A keeyi, for those of you who are not experts on unusual noises, is the grunting sound a karate expert makes to release air from his stomach and to scare his opponent. It sounds somewhat like the noise you would expect to make after swallowing a pound of lard at one gulp. For about ten minutes, the roomful of helpless little girls, bows, pigtailed, syrupy smiles and all, practiced making this delicate sound.

Finally Noel announced that we had mastered the keeyi and that it was time to learn to throw some punches. After learning to make a very tight fist, we were taught how to stand, with legs spread far apart and knees bent. My friend and I

wondered what was to stop some joker from running into you sideways, and knocking you, weird stance and all, over onto your little derriere. Noel never commented upon our question.

We were told that karate was a very disciplined art. My friend and I did pushups for giggling during the lessons. We learned how to do kicks, and how to block punches. The only problem was, it hurt almost as much to block a punch as it would have to have taken it on the nose. At least, had we gotten punched in the nose, we could have been unconscious for the rest of the class. I happen to know all this because, during the course of blocking practice, I blocked one of Noel's punches and almost broke my arm. I'm told that you can't learn without pain.

To make a long story less long, we completed the eight-week course and began swaggering around, confident of our skills. To date neither of us has had to use

karate on anyone, so I would consider it likely that we have forgotten how. I think we're both back to the old "oh please, Mr. Robber, do not steal my purse!" technique.

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# WELCOME JOHN ADAMS CLASS OF 1980

## Exchange Students Arrive

...And in the beginning there were freshmen. Let it be said that every graduate of John Adams high school was once a freshmen. Welcome all ye newcomers, freshmen and all, to John Adams. Before being directed down the endless halls of this high school by your friendly fellow upperclassmen, let me give you a "tour" of the school in written form.

The primary source of information concerning school activities is the morning announcement. Whenever you are around 9:05 each morning, be sure to listen as you may hear of something you wish to get involved in. If you think you've missed anything, check the daily bulletin posted in any classroom. The word involvement is most important as you'll soon find out. The more outgoing and involved you are at Adams, the more memories you'll be guaranteed.

Submit articles, opinions or poetry to the Tower; get involved in clubs; go to football games. Do whatever you want of what Adams has to offer, but be sure not to shy away from any activity you'd like to try. The best time to start any extracurricular activity is now - your freshmen year. The doors are only open to those who seek them.

Extracurricular activities aren't the only open doors at Adams, though. Our wonderful cafeteria opens its doors every day at 11:15, offering a wide array of food to look forward to after a morning of classes. You can find out what's on the menu in advance by checking the lists posted in almost every room. You can sit anywhere in the cafeteria you wish, but let me warn you that within a week certain tables will become "acquired" by certain groups. So begin the year sitting where you'd like to for the

rest of the year.

If you're not one for eating at lunchtime, our library in the main hall offers a "quiet" escape from the loud, rushing world outside its doors. There is an endless supply of reading material from thick history books to magazines. You will also find several helpful library aides at the desk to help you find what you want. Don't hesitate to ask them for help - that's what they're there for. Let me emphasize again that the first step to feeling at home here is for you to become an inquiring, outgoing individual.

If you have any problems with your classes, feel free to go to the counselor's office for help. This is just one of the important rooms of John Adams; all located in the main hall (Twickenham St. side). These rooms are the counselor's office, the nurse's office, the

attendance office, and the principal's office. If you need to make a phone call, need information on tickets - just about any help you need is available somewhere along the main hall.

By now you should know where to go for food, books, and extra information. With those three points in mind, you are ready for just about anything you'll encounter here. Welcome again, and good luck towards your four years at John Adams high school.

by Veronica Crosson

## Notice

Any junior interested in joining the Tower-Album photography staff is requested to meet in Ms. Maza's room on Friday, September 10 at 3:00 P.M. Males and females are welcome.

## NEW ADAMS TEACHERS Adams Improvements Completed

Freshmen are not the only new faces at Adams this fall for three teachers have come to Adams for the first time while another has returned after a leave of absence.

Mr. Joe Karwowski is teaching English and taking up the position of Assistant Football Coach for the first time. Although Adams is new to him, South Bend certainly is not for he has been involved with the School Corporation for twenty years.

Also new at Adams is Ms. Wheeler who has joined the Math Department, replacing Mr. Whitcomb who retired last year.

Ms. Myers, originally from Gary, has taken up the position of Assistant Librarian, helping Ms.

Starkweather in organizing one of the largest school libraries in the area. Mr. Bingham, Ms. Myers predecessor, has left Adams to continue his education.

Ms. Anderson, a favorite face in the Counselor's Office, has returned after half a year's leave, ready to try to solve some of the many problems counselors have to face.

The whole of Adams wishes these new teachers and Ms. Anderson the best of luck and much happiness in their future years at Adams.

by Dominic Walshe

During the past summer Adams High School has undergone extensive repairs and improvements. One of the most important projects for the summer was the replacement of the boiler and, in doing this, changing the heating from oil to electricity. The new boiler is one of only two of that type manufactured and takes 12,500 volts to run.

Along with the heating improvements many of the outdoor facilities have been improved. The football field has been resodded and an underground sprinkling system laid underneath it. The track has been resurfaced with an

all weather surface while the baseball diamond has been repaired and reseeded. All these athletic facilities have also been fenced in.

The faculty parking lot has been resurfaced while new starting blocks have been installed in the swimming pool.

All these improvements prove that Adams is a school with excellent facilities. Moreover, all individuals should take pride in and respect these facilities since they have been extremely expensive and have taken much planning.

John Adams welcomes again our foreign exchange students who are here this year from Sweden and Japan. Ylva Nikel, from Sweden, will be a senior. She is staying with the Wolframs. Daisuke Yonemoto, from Japan, is staying with the Hanson's and he is also a senior.

Ylva, coming from a small village in Sweden called Halmstaad, finds America exciting although not much different from Sweden. She's looking forward to going to Adams and seniors may greet her in their English and government courses. Feel free to talk to Ylva for she not only speaks fluent English, but also French, German, and Swedish.

Daisuke Yonemoto, from Tokyo, also finds America exciting and "very green" as well. "In Tokyo," he says, "they have no grass or trees and it's very crowded. Maybe something like the cafeteria around noon?" Besides physics and math, Daisuke will also try his hand at Basketball and Volleyball while he is enrolled at Adams.

We wish our foreign exchange students the best of luck here at Adams; we hope that their year will be a happy and successful one.

by LuAnn Duesterberg

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## SUMMER OF THE HIGH SCHOOL WORKER

Ever since they learned to write, students have been forced each September to sum up their vacations as their first assignment of the year. Undoubtedly there were a few students who enjoyed supplying every detail of their fun-filled break, but most would admit that such accounts were largely fictional. Much has changed since those grade school summers - the "lazy days of summer" are a thing of the past.

The majority of high schoolers work at least part time during the summer. Despite this large "working class" and their wide variety of jobs, few really enjoy their work. They're just doing it for the money. This being the case, some such students are unusually eager to start the school year again so as to allow them more social time. Students repeatedly say, "I got into this job so as to have money to go out, but now I don't have enough time to go out." On the other hand, there are those who work days only to find that most of their friends work nights. Granted the high school student's pinch for money often involved their social activity, college funds are the more universal reason for summer work.

More often than not, the hard summer worker is responsible enough to bank his earnings every pay day. Even so, there are a few students who find the excitement of having money overwhelming enough to blow it all the same summer. This is where careful planning by the student is necessary to control his expenditures. There are always those who save every penny for a stereo, new school wardrobe, or other costly items. Depending on what type of job they have and the hours involved, summer spending can take a big bite out of one's earnings. Most students fortunate enough to land well-paying jobs knew a few of the right people somewhere along the line. Whether or not a working student has a goal set for his spendings, he may find it necessary to continue to work into the school year.

One senior girl expresses the aspirations of many students when she speaks of her hopes of buying a car. "I've never had a constant job before, but I've realized that I'll need a car for college. It'll be a used car, but even so I'll have to work more than I'd like to during the school week to get enough

money." This common want for a car often upsets the vital balance between school and work. Unless the student has a fairly light class schedule, part time work during the year causes grades to drop. It is only then that most students realize they must choose between work and school - a decision strongly influenced by their parents.

From talking to students in jobs from dishwashing to lifeguarding, I can safely say that no matter where or what the occupation, part time jobs are largely monotonous even for three months. Most students would agree with this student's statement - "I worked every day during the summer saving money, getting up early, seeing few of my friends. Before I knew it, it was time for school again. I need a vacation."

## Yearbook Pictures Scheduled

Underclass pictures will be taken September 21st and 22nd in the auditorium. Three packages are available. Package A, the largest, sells for \$7.00 and includes one 5 by 7 portrait, two 3 by 5 enlargements, twelve wallets, and twenty-eight billfolds.

Package B offers one 8 by 10 portrait, one 3 by 5 enlargement, and 20 billfolds. It sells for \$6.00. For \$4.00, Package C includes one

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## 3 Attend Boys' State

This summer, three John Adams seniors, Denis Jones, Joseph Griesinger, and George Goetz participated in the Hoosier Boys' State program sponsored each year by the American Legion. Boys' State is a working example of our state government.

Participants from High Schools all over Indiana assembled at Indiana State University in Terre Haute to learn and experience how our state government works. Housed in University dorms, the 900 odd citizens of Hoosier Boys' State set out on the dual task of meeting many new friends and learning about Hoosier politics and government.

As they arrived, Boys' Staters were randomly assigned to either the Nationalist or Federalist Party, as well as to a fictitious city and county. The task before the participants was to learn as much as possible about government in eight short days, as well as to elect officials for the various city, county, and state offices. Some participants began campaigning before they even arrived, but before long everyone was in the act. Speeches were made and the walls were soon plastered with campaign posters.

Then a primary election was held for city and county office seekers, while statewide office seekers were selected at their party's political convention held the same day as the primary. (Prior to the recent revisions in the Indiana primary laws, all state office seekers were selected by party conventions. Now they are selected by voters in the May primary election). Afterwards, a general election using computer-

ized ballots was held and the newly elected public servants began performing duties similar to those performed by the respective actual bodies. City councils and the state legislature passed laws, while mayors and the governor executed them and the courts tried violators.

All citizens enjoyed this exercise in politics, but it was not without its lighter side. The lieutenant governor, for example, was kidnapped and held for ransom and one city seceded from the state and agreed to return only when its residents were told that only citizens of Boys' State could eat in the Boys' State cafeterias.

All in all the experience was both enjoyable and educational for its participants, and the program ended much too soon. Exactly a week after it had begun, Boys' State adjourned and the participants returned to their homes having made countless new friends and having experienced an unforgettable program.

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## Editorial

Leslie Kvale

What is the purpose of editorializing? Biweekly, the heading "Editorial" appears in the upper left hand column of the TOWER, but few students tend to realize the function it serves in a student publication. An editorial, (or any opinionated material, for that matter) is a striking reminder of the administration's willingness to allow for a relatively open, uncensored publication's freedom which many schools are denied. More importantly, the editorial is an impressive medium through which issues may be examined, and commented upon.

An editorial usually serves one of four purposes; to interpret, to criticize, to persuade, or to praise. In addition to the regular editorial appearing in this paper, many recurrent feature offerings (such as Point Counterpoint and Letters to The Editor) also give voice to student opinion. There exists, however, an unfortunate tendency by readers to also place many humorous and satirical articles into this category. An example from a previous edition involved a parody on Spirit Week activities. The article was intended to be humorous; to many people, it obviously wasn't. Editorializing generally is a much more objective attempt to resolve a certain question. In the future, TOWER readers will hopefully make an effort to avoid accepting every feature article at face value.

As with many high school journalists, the TOWER'S editorial columns are written almost exclusively by its staff. Yet, the newspaper should ideally be an outlet for EVERYONE enrolled at John Adams High School; it should not reflect solely the convictions of those actively involved with publications. All Adams students are cordially invited to submit their contributions to the staff - a better, more diversified publication can be the only result!

## Guest Editorial

Debbie Herring

Hey! Wouldn't it be nice if everyone could start off the new school year with a lot of spirit and participation!

How about getting involved in a few clubs or sports to pass the time away. It can be great fun and there is no sense in spending the rest of your time in High School doing nothing but studying all the time.

Now that there are quite a few freshmen and new students, here's your chance to get involved! (It's not too late for the old students either).

Whatever it is that an individual would like to do, there's a club to do it in. For instance: the Drama Club, Rifle Club, Debating team, Black Cultural Society, Concert Choir, Booster Club, Student Government, Chess Club, and more.

For the sports lover try: baseball, basketball, football,

gymnastics, wrestling, volleyball, hockey, track, swimming and numerous others.

If playing in a sport is not your thing, then just get up and go to a football game. It will relieve the stress and strain of homework and in the process you can scream and shout until your lungs fall out and be hoarse the next day.

Students may even get involved with the Tower newspaper by submitting articles on just about any subject. If someone has a talent, show it off or tell the staff about it. The staff is thinking about having a student personality of the week, where students will have small articles written on them with their pictures in the paper.

Here's your chance to get involved in something worthwhile, so do it! Let's make this a fun school year right from the very beginning.

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There had been a lonely, silent stillness in the midst of this hulking mass of brick and mortar for three months; the banging lockers, graffiti-wracked desks and cloudy black chalkboards were entombed in a latent slumber. Then one day a solitary figure broke the stillness with the clattering of key against lock, and stepped quietly into a long, dark hallway, listening as numerous walls reiterated his

clicking steps. Immersing into the auditorium of John Adams High School he looked obliquely at the peopleless seats; in the stillness, he pondered.

Soon the air in that great structure would be refurbished with scents of knowledge. It seemed odd that that same building would be loathed by some while cherished by others. He realized that in the school there

was room for all kinds of feelings, all kinds of ideas, all kinds of people. Some individuals would experience grinding, endless days of studying, while others would seek the more immediate pleasures of life. Some would be caught in emotional upsweeps of knowledge or athletics, while others would choose not to immerse themselves. Some would step forward, while others would step aside. Many

students would leave the school with its problems and benefits without a glance behind them; many would remember Adams all of their life.

How was it that feelings of such vast magnitudes could be born of the same seed? There must be some value in it all, though perhaps not all people would allow themselves to touch upon it.

Within a short period other doors

around the school were opened. Numerous steps were heard, and abruptly an onrush of students stormed into Adams. Gone the waxed and polished hallways, gone the smudgeless windows, gone the litterless walkways. Our lone observer could but busy himself with other tasks, wondering if anyone else had had his thoughts.

By Dave Rubin



# REFLECTIONS FROM THE SUMMER OF '76



Ah yes, friends, the time has come to bid the summer of '76 adieu. Dear summer, I shall remember you with pleasure; remember the breathless days at the beach, remember the quiet nights of washing the sand crabs out of my hair.

It was a busy summer, friends, do you recall? Mornings filled with delights like Celebrity Sweepstakes, The Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune, The Hollywood Squares, The Fun Factory, and The Gong Show, with a bare five minutes at newstime in which to snatch a hurried luncheon before the beginning of Bozo's Circus. Oh yes, it was fun, but it was hectic, too; commercials had never seemed shorter, lead-ins had never gone so fast!

And the afternoons; those precious, giddy afternoons! Spent sleeping, eating, lying in the sun, reading pulp magazines, drinking long cool drinks out of icy glasses; oh, who could expect to fit so much activity into so little time?

Yes, friends, and now we go back, back to school. Back to rooms filled with unsmiling people

in brightly colored clothes; back to schoolwork, homework, housework, busywork, and hard work. Back to mathematics and sciences, languages, literature, and domestic skills. Back to music and mimeographing, tumbling and typing, art and apparatus, sewing and swimming.

But remember, mes amis, we return to our education. We grow spiritually, and emotionally and physically and intellectually and socially with every passing day.

We meet new souls: we make new compadres. We painstakingly write sensitive essays, we carefully construct delicate laboratory conditions, we dedicatedly work at complex equations in search of the answers to our questions.

And so, dear summer, we must say farewell. Yes, it is now time for us to return to the school which nourishes our curiosity during the remainder of the year. Looking back upon the sort of summer it has been, all one can say is, "who cares?"

By Becky Robinson



By Gary Karlin

Summer employment has become a tradition, if not a necessity, for American teenage youths. While many settle for the commonplace positions of sales clerk or stock boy, others happen upon jobs that fall in the category of "Well, somebody's gotta do it!"

My summer job entailed working within the confines of rolling green lawns and lush foliage. I viewed many historical monuments while birds sang in the background under blue skies. There was even a chapel. It sounds like heaven--well, almost. My place of employment was a cemetery.

"A cemetery! How morbid!" The truth of the matter is the most morbid job I performed all summer was the escorting of a dead rabbit to its place of eternal habitation.

I must explain that my job was that of a caretaker and not an undertaker. My job consisted mainly of doing whatever had to be done, which 75% of the time meant pulling weeds. There were endless fun jobs like clipping bushes and trimming trees and an endless array of other goodies. Though all this manual labor has

left me in good shape with a great tan, it has left me with only one adverse side affect. I often have a sudden growth of facial hair and a strange urge to howl at the moon.

While death was definitely a part of my job, I have been hardened to any facet which involves morbidity. I believe that this job has been very healthy for me not only physically but mentally. While the contemplation of death still puzzles me, I have been able to take an objective viewpoint and distinguish the aspects of life which are often negated by the pace of our 20th century lives.

This isn't to say that I gave up my humor for philosophy this summer. My co-workers and I punned on almost every work associated with the cemetery. The worst pun that we came up with was, "We could really get buried in our line of work."

I cannot say I enjoyed my work but I did enjoy earning money. When people chuckle at my answer to their question, "Where do you work?", I reply in a Boris Karloff diction "Don't laugh. I may be the last one who will remember you."



# Here's a Fruity One

There once was a little banana named Horace who had a dreadful problem. Poor Horace had an identity crisis. He didn't know who his mommy or his daddy were. He had been separated from the bunch at picking time, and had been on his own since.

Now you kiddies may be thinking that it would be fun to be separated from your mommy and daddy, but keep two things in mind; banana parents are more likely to bend than people parents, and little bananas are mushier than little boys. Also, the world is very frightening to a young banana, because young bananas are a little yellow, even at the best of times.

So anyway, Horace decided to run away from His Grocer's Shelf and to try and find the meaning of life and the identity of his parents. Springing up all his courage, he carefully rolled off the shelf to the floor, and down the Cereal Aisle to the banana pudding section. "Gosh!" thought Horace, gazing soulfully at the pudding. "What a squishy existence!"

"Hey, banana!" said a voice from one of the Jello pudding boxes. "Get out of the aisle before you get stepped on! Produce and Fresh Fruits is two aisles over."

"I know that," said Horace patiently. He thought, "Surely I couldn't come from crabby bananas like these. I'm in the wrong aisle!" So Horace painstakingly rolled all the way to the end of the aisle and into the aisle next to the cashier's window.

"Oh, shucks!" said Horace, "This is canned goods! Whoever heard of a banana in the clink? They can't be here!" So Horace rolled over to the next aisle, which was very cold. "Darn!" he said in disgust, "frozen goods!"

Then, because he was so cold and because he despaired of ever finding his parents, Horace rolled off into a corner and began to cry. Soon a little boy came down the aisle and saw Horace. "Hey, a banana!" the boy gasped, "and it's wet!" The little boy carefully picked up Horace and carried him back to the Fresh Fruits

department. Horace was back with the rest of the bananas.

"Horace!" said his friends, "where have you been! Guess who was here while you were gone?"

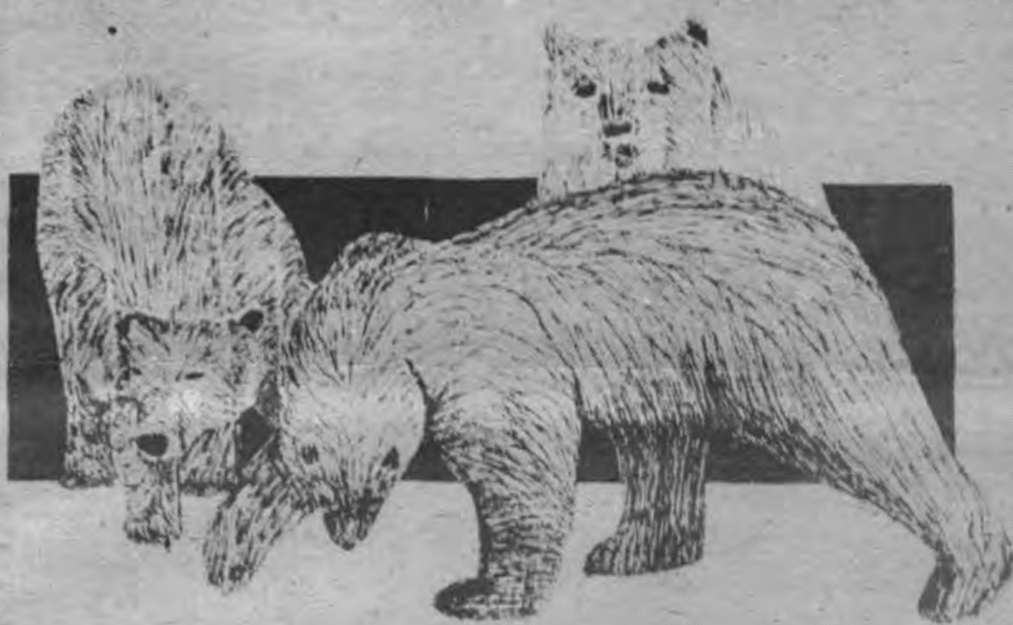
"I dunno and I don't care," mumbled Horace.

"It was a tall, distinguished-looking banana, who was just beginning to go gray. And he was looking for you! Your father is the Top Banana!"

"Wow!" gasped Horace through shining eyes. "Now I have reached fulfillment! My life has new meaning! My soul has experienced a rebirth, a new spectrum of joyous emotions! Glory, glory. I am now a True Fruit, Worthy of my Seeds and my Peel, my Mush and my...."

But Horace's last words were cut off, for he was picked off the table and placed in a grocery cart. He didn't mind, though. Soon he would fulfill his purpose on earth--He Would be Eaten. Not all bananas are created to age and turn gray in a distinguished way, you know. There can be only one Top Banana.

## Adams Student Wins Logo Contest



Last April, the South Bend Zoological Society had a special assignment for the artistic people of John Adams High School. The Society was interested in adopting a new logo, or trademark, for the Potawatomi Park Zoo. Thus, Mrs.

Hamilton's Fundamental Art students were each requested to come up with a drawing which best represented the life and beauty of the zoo.

After careful consideration, the judges chose junior, Luann

Duesterberg's pen and ink drawing of three bears. This symbol will be the letterhead for all zoo stationery, and for all park personnel shirts. Congratulations, Luann! We're proud of you!

By Theresa Schilling

## Jammed at Monogram

For all those people who were lucky enough to get out and party over the past two weekends, the luckier ones were those who attended the jam session at Notre Dame in the Monogram room. This activity which was sponsored by N.D.'s Black Cultural Society was held on Sept. 11 from 9-2.

The price of admission was \$2.00 per person or \$3.50 a couple. Once inside, there were people, finger popping, handclapping, and of course dancing to the music which was put down by Sound Masters, a local group known throughout the city of South Bend.

The atmosphere put everyone in a mellow mood. Small candles decorated and lit up each table. The place became so crowded that after each dance everyone ended up playing musical chairs, grabbing for the first seat available.

If someone became so exhausted from dancing, there were always some drinks on hand from the

friendly bartenders (soft drinks for those under 21). A drink ticket for \$1.25 could purchase the following: 1 mixed drink, 2 beers, and 2 soft drinks. (a bargain considering that 1 mixed drink normally sells for \$1.25).

Just about everyone dressed clean. There were all kinds of outfits on the dance floor just as there were people.

Everyone there was "tearin' it up" and they were out to have a good time.

Those of you who missed this dance, should make every effort to attend the next one. You don't want to be sitting at home while your friends are out partying hard!

by Debbie Herring



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If you want to keep up on what's happening at school, around the world (and in the back of the editors mind) - or if you would like a record of the '76-'77 school year to remind you of the things you will be doing and the people you'll be spending time with - subscribe to the Tower and the Album.

The Tower, which will be published bi-monthly throughout the school year, will feature many 6-8 page editions. Of the 7 major page editors and co-editors, 6 were in charge of a page last year. This experience will allow the staff to produce a better paper.

The Album has been redesigned to more creatively reflect the activities of the students. An attempt will be made to feature candid photographs of students who have never been pictured in the book. The editors and the senior class officers are discussing the possibility of printing the senior pictures in full color. A more relaxed style of layout will allow the yearbook to use a modern approach in covering the way students live during the school year. The student life section has been expanded to give leisure time activities more coverage.

This year, for the first time, no extra copies of the Album will be ordered to be sold next year. As usual, the Tower will be available only to subscribers. The combined price for the Tower/Album will be eleven dollars, with the first of two payments to be made October 5 in homeroom.

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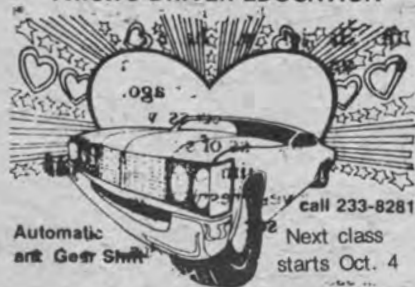
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## Netters 3-1 in N.I.C.

Having started practice in August, the 1976 John Adams Tennis Team opened their season on September 2 by defeating fellow conference member Penn, 3-2. However, on September 8 the Netters met a tough Valparaiso team which they disappointedly lost to 4-1. Yet two days later the defending Northern Indiana Conference Champions bounced back, regaining their winning ways by defeating conference member Washington and Michigan City Elston 4-1 thus making their record in conference play 3-0. Next they handed Marian a 3-2 defeat. On September 18 the team lost a squeaker to Elkhart Central 3-2 making their present conference record 3-1.

The team has also been active on weekends, participating in the Lafayette Doubles Tournament and The Laporte Invitational. On Saturday September 18 the Netters will compete in the important Northern Indiana Conference Championships which will be held at Leeper Park. Although the players advance irrespective of how

other teammates do, the team that does best overall will receive valuable points towards the Conference Championship, which will be determined at the end of the season.

On Thursday, September 30 the Netter will meet what will probably be their toughest match of the season, the Riley Wildcats, on the Adams courts. In all probability Riley will be undefeated in conference play meaning that Adams must defeat Riley to retain the Northern Indiana Championship for 1976.

Two days later the team will enter the Indiana State Tourney, starting with the Sectionals which will also take place at Leeper. The Sectional matches will continue with the Finals on Tuesday, October 5.

The 1976 Squad, under the direction of Coach John McNarney consists of Mark "Doc" Koski, Leroy "Lebo" Sutton, Hugh Featherstone, Dominic "River Rat" Walshe, Bill England, and Jeff Echelberger.



Senior Dominic Walshe smashes a return of his opponent's serve.

## VOLLEYBALLERS DEFEAT CLAY, RILEY

By Theresa Schilling

The John Adams Volleyball team, coached by Miss Ganser, pulled off its first victory by defeating Clay on Sept. 8. Due to a change in schedule, the game was held at the Eagle's home court. The bleachers were filled to their maximum with a rowdy bunch of both Eagle and Colonial fans. In that most unbearably hot gymnasium, our players were tense but keyed up and ready to play.

Despite a strong opposition the Eagles were able to keep the ball

well under control. The back line was picking up spikes and getting it to the setter, who in turn fed it to our spikers. Both B-team and varsity won in 3-game matches. After this performance, even a Clay fan would have to admit that the teamwork displayed by the Eagles was superb.

On Sept. 16 the volleyball team met with Riley-supposedly one of the best teams in the conference. Once again spectators filled the gym. Chairs had to be set up

opposite the bleachers in order to accommodate the large crowd. The Eagles set to work and soon ruined that hard-fought for Riley reputation. The B-team defeated the Wildcats 15-12, 2-15, 15-12. The varsity won the first game 15-1, were defeated in an overtime 14-16, and clinched the match with an exciting 15-8 victory in the third game.

Congratulations V-ballers! Keep up the fine work!

## GIRLS B-BALL COMES TO ADAMS

## Football Drops Two

By Mike Miller

Come October 15 there is going to be a new edition to our ever growing sports program here at John Adams, Girls Basketball.

The girls basketball program will be headed up by a new John Adams coach who is a graduate of Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. Her name is Mrs. Wheeler and she has previously taught in Westwood, Mass., Miami, Florida and Niles, Michigan. She teaches both Algebra and H.S. Math here at Adams.

While in High School she was team captain of her basketball squad and boasted an average of 15 points a game.

Coach Wheeler shows great optimism towards the upcoming basketball season and predicts that the Eagle basketball team will win more games than any other team in the city. A state championship trophy has also been prophesied to be sitting in our new trophy case within the next five years.

Tryouts will take place on October 15 for any girl interested in playing basketball. The team will consist of girls from the ninth through the twelfth grade. Mrs. Wheeler also explained that she will keep a freshman practice squad throughout the year.

Despite an impressive 19-4 victory over LaSalle three weeks ago, the Eagles couldn't hold their own against Mishawaka and Penn, both highly ranked teams.

Against Mishawaka, the Eagles fell behind quickly and a blocked John Komora punt that resulted in a Caveman touchdown added the finishing touches to a 22-0 halftime deficit. The final score was 29-0.

A bright spot in the loss is the fact that Eagle quarterback Tom Cates was six of twelve passing, including a 35 yard pass to Mark Herron.

Adams was painfully overpowered against Penn last Friday night as they fell victim to the number three rated team in the state, 35-0.

The Kingsmen were brilliant in almost every aspect of the game as they continually added to their lead, scoring in every period. They accumulated a total of 349 yards, 307 of them being on the ground.

The loss was not a total one, though, as several younger players had the opportunity to gain valuable game experience.

## POOL GETS NEW BLOCKS

This past summer new starting blocks were installed in the John Adams pool.

The six new starting blocks are the latest type on the market. Constructed of stainless steel, the new blocks feature a nonskid, sloped starting platform and are acclaimed as an innovation in starting blocks. The blocks are also completely removable with a cover plate which fits in the holes in the pool deck which support the blocks. Each new starting block cost \$300 with another \$100 each required for installation. Thus the total cost of the new blocks was \$2400. The entire amount was raised by the boys' and girls' swim teams during the Swim-a-thon held last year.

The six new starting blocks replace the blue and red blocks which were installed when the pool was built in 1965.



Co-captain Mary Skudlarek soars as she spikes against Riley.

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