

In Memoriam — David Jon Mennucci

When one of us dies
we all die a little,
but in this world united by strife,
he has found his peace.

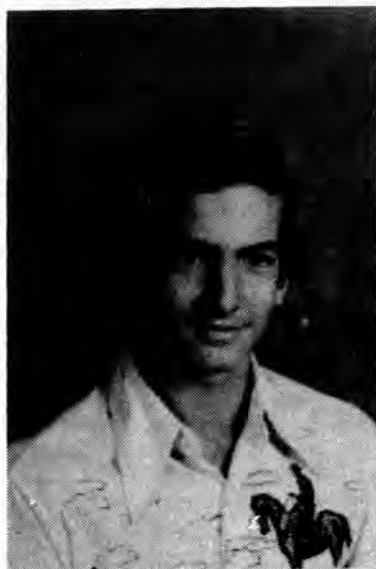
That he remains still among us
even in the memory of hearts and
minds
relives our fearsome burden of help-
lessness
and leaves the sun shining.

There is a tomorrow for you and I
as there is for our good friend,
remembering always
that we should one day meet again.

For all those that knew Dave, we
were blessed with warm friendship
that is hard to find today. Dave left
us with warm memories of him and
all the good times, times that no
one will forget. Sometimes you
might find yourself smiling. It
might be you are remembering one
of the good times, the crazy times
you had with Dave.

Dave's death was very sad and
tragic. Whether we live to 17 years
or 117 years, we might leave
recorded by a few lines in the paper
and two dates on our tombstones,
but remembering Dave alive, he
has left us with so much more.

Donna Huff



1960-1977

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away!

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you-of you, who the wildest yearn
For the old time step and the glad return-

Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;

Mild and gentle, as he was brave,
When the sweetest love of his life he gave

To simple things; where the violets grew
Pure as the eyes they were likened to.

The touches of his hands have strayed
As reverently as his lips have prayed.

Think of him still as the same, I say:
He is not dead-he is just away!

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"ADAMS FAMILY" WINS SPIRIT WEEK

The Spirit Week competition this year featured something old and something new. The new being the introduction of such themes as the Addams Family, Sesame Street, Adam 12, and The Wizard of Oz. The old being the fact that the Senior Class of 1977 again won the competition for the third year in a row.

There were no problems in judging which class had the best skit as the Seniors clearly ran away with it. The Seniors were the only class to have two casts, one to do the acting and one to do the

speaking. This enabled the entire skit to be heard. Stellar performances were given by Jeff Bickel as Gomez, Mike Crowe as Uncle Fester, Mike Miller as Lurch, Meg Goerner as Morticia, and Scott Baer who dislocated his arm when he fell off his unicycle while playing the Washington Panther. Voices were done by Dave Layman, John Hedge, Randy Frisk, and Patty Duesterburg. The Junior skit was highlighted by a tricycle brigade and Scott Tenney on his skateboard in their version of Adam-12.

The spirit chain competition was

also won by the seniors as their chain almost went two full lengths of the gym. The Sophomores were a close second followed by the Juniors and then the Frosh.

The hall decorations and gym decoration competition were a little closer but the general consensus was that the Seniors were victorious with the aid of their gigantic model of the Addams Family mansion up in the stands. In seemed kind of ridiculous, though, that after all of the hard work that went into the decorating, it was ripped down immediately after the assembly.

Eleven DECA Winners Honored

On Feb. 15 members of Adams DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Chapter participated in the annual District II DECA Contest. This years contest was held at the Scotsdale Mall. DECA students competed in various contests which test students skills and knowledge in true business situations. Some of the contests included; newspaper advertising layout, sales demonstration, window display judging, decision making, supermarket cashiering, public speaking, and job interview. The merchants of Scotsdale Mall agreed to host the contest in an effort to make to contests as realistic and business like as possible.

The following Adams students

received awards; Steve Bauer, Bob Lewis, and Dave Strom placed 1st in the Merchandising Decision making team contest. Beth Canfield, Don Cermack, and Karen Wolf placed third in the Human Relations Decision making team contest. Marilyn Koz placed third in the supermarket cashiering contest. John Gerni placed fourth in the Radio Commerical Writing contest. Debbie Papai placed 5th in the Marketing Math contest and JoAnn Silber placed 5th in the Newspaper Advertising Layout contest. First and second place winners advance to the state contest which will be held in French Lick, Ind. on March 18, 19 & 20.

STATE CONTEST MUSICIANS NAMED

The following students received a superior rating at the state solo and ensemble contest held in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 26.

Phil Bender french horn
Anne Borkowski trumpet
Betsy Colapietra clarinet
John Corona Cello
Chris Fisher oboe
Michelle Francis oboe
Karen Funk viola
Marilyn Funk violin
Nan Hendricks flute
Susan Henry bassoon
Theron Henry percussion
Richard Houghton viola
Mike Lucey bassoon
Eileen Manley flute
Steve Miller violin
Victoria Nee violin
Kevin Nelson clarinet
Martin Pollak cello
Gretchen Priest violin
Tom Priest bassoon, piano
Nanette Rees flute
Cynthia Rockstroh viola
Joseph Ross violin
Jeff Sanders french horn
Marc Sanders trumpet
Jerome Whipkey string bass
Mary Jo Whitfield violin
Sharon Whitfield violin
Julie Wright violin
Irene Yang cello

ICT Winners Advance To State

On February 19, several of our John Adams Industrial Cooperative Training (ICT) students participated in the district Skill Olympics at Michigan City Rogers High School. This area event gives the chance for our students to meet others employed in their specific field and to compete with them.

Adams was fortunate to have many winners advancing to the state competition. The students going are Mitchell Cottrell qualified in small engine repair, Steve Lanham won radio and tv repair and job interview, and Ron Treash topped all others in electrical trades. Also, Don Troyer qualified in carpentry, while Carol Wolfram advances in dental assistance and Eric Woolridge in cosmetology.

The winners will advance to the state skill olympics to be held March 19 at Indianapolis tech.

Other students that participated but didn't qualify were Christine Catanzarite, Valarie Johnston, and Mary Shaumber. Others still who participated were Mike Santuro, Lesa Murray, Jackie Thallener, and Mark White.

ICT is a program at Adams designed for students interested in pursuing a career in a chosen field to gain knowledge and experience in that occupation. The skill olympics gives the students a chance to "show off what they know".

Good luck at the State Skill Olympics.

Search for River City Rose

South Bend, In--The search is on for River City Rose--and a young lady from this school may be headed for stardom! WJVA/AM 1580, is searching for a voice to kick off the country music station's newest promotion.

During the next six weeks, WJVA will be-on-location at area malls. Young women are invited to audition by reading a ten-second commercial to be recorded. Listeners will cast votes by mail for their favorite voice from the five finalists selected.

River City Rose will record

promotional spots for WJVA and their advertisers. She will record albums, dinner for two at a local restaurant, a multi-band radio and a variety of other gifts.

Recordings and auditions will be held at Scotsdale Mall, South Bend, on March 12. North Village Mall, South Bend, on March 19. The Town and Country Mall in Mishawaka on March 26, from 3 to 5 PM at all locations.

Get your vocal cords in shape, girls...this may be your golden opportunity!



DECA winners display their awards.

Editorial

Leslie Kvale

Hoosier Hysteria-has it finally caught hold at John Adams? Has school spirit, a force too long buried beneath our "sophisticated" veneer, re-emerged? Have we abandoned our pretentious apathy regarding supporting the team? Well, it's about time, time that we rediscovered our pride in our athletes, in our school, in our student body. And we've encountered another realization; spirit isn't something you display solely to get out of class. It's a strong competitive emotion and an enjoyable one.

Mr. Przybysz recently commented on the spirit week assembly. "It's the best pep assembly in three or four years!" he said enthusiastically. "I wish the public could have seen it...the assembly renewed the spirit of many teachers and students. Parents attending were amazed by the amount of talent in all the classes-not just artwork, but acting and writing ability as well. In fact, I've never seen a more exciting, vibrant, enthusiastic group of young people than I've seen here. Everyone put forth a unified effort into a friendly competition...they had spirit, they had fun." He added, "I must say 'Thank-you' to everyone, to the students, and to the staff, for their participation and co-operation."

In view of such praise, it is unfortunate but necessary to interject criticism about many people's behavior after the assembly. Pep assemblies involve hard work, concentrated efforts, and a little silliness; they DO NOT involve the purely malicious destruction of hallway decorations. Each class spent hours laboring to beautify the hallways which, ironically, were torn apart in a little under five minutes. It seems likely that future efforts will involve decorating only the auditorium, where it is more difficult for the children to reach the signs.

Taken as a whole, however, the assembly itself was both exciting and a lot of fun for all involved. Although the purpose of school is to educate not to entertain, that does not exclude us from enjoying the experience; it seems that the student body has finally wised up. The Eagle Spirit has caught fire once again-let's do our best to keep it burning!!

Tragedy and Redemption:

A Former Adams student and Alcoholism

A Special Report by David Rubin

Four out of five dentists prefer Dentine, and 33% of all high school students are potential alcoholics. Statistics can be so charming, so dull, so unillustrative. Hearing about a booze problem in high schools stimulates enough interest to push one to the end of a newspaper article, maybe even turn the page. News from around the world hits the reader and the concept of teen-age alcoholism dims, fades, all but vanishing. But alcoholism creates a fresh story for each individual it possesses. Ironically students fail to recognize the vast range of pleas for sobriety. Each newspaper story reiterates the cry of "experts": "Don't drink! The worst may happen to you." The "experts" could not be more frank. This is the story of a former Adams student; it happened to him.

Mike grew up in a small town, moving to South Bend his freshman year in high school. His grade school years had passed smoothly as he enjoyed the energy and curiosity of youth:

"My growing up was fairly normal."

Reflecting further, however, Mike described his homelife: "I grew up in a small town. My father wasn't home much. I didn't get much attention. My Mom was a mother and father at the same time....That might have had something to do with my later problem. Moving from a small town when I was a freshman might have done something because I didn't know anybody. I started drinking about that time because of peer pressure; I wanted to be a part of the group. Other than that I don't know."

Mike had trouble pinpointing exactly what may have led into heavy drinking. Was it scholastic difficulty? "No, it wasn't really grades because I did alright even after I started drinking. I think a lot of it had to do with sports because my freshman and sophomore year did real well in basketball and baseball. My junior and senior years I didn't do very well at all, and I was pretty upset about that. I

didn't feel I got a real fair deal in basketball. I remember two or three times going out and drinking after games in which I was just mad about my whole situation. I know when I was in high school I was a perfectionist, I had to be the best in everything. When I lived in Lebanon I was the number one guy in my class. I guess when I wasn't the best I sort of drowned my sorrows in alcohol."

"I didn't have any close friends except for the guys on the basketball team, and you spend most of your time with them on the week-ends. I didn't really have any outlet for my frustrations. I had a girl friend, and I talked with her a lot. Other than that I had no outlet other than alcohol."

"I didn't enjoy high school very much just because my life was all sports and study, and if I had it to do over again I would get involved in a lot more different activities and get to know more people. When you're in sports you're at practice a certain amount of time after school; if you study a lot, you're taking up the rest of your time. So you don't have time for anything else like clubs or groups that take field trips."

Mike answered my questions calmly as the world moved noisily around us. The rumble of cars in the street penetrated his small den as shafts of light bounced off his expressionless face. His cat purred noisily, running wildly about the room. I was in a different world, and yet it was so very near mine. How easy it is to ignore that which surrounds you.

I asked Mike to describe the development of his problem. "Well the first time I drank I didn't drink much, two or three beers. I wanted people to think I drank a lot, so I faked like I was drunk. The thing is I did feel it because when I got home, I felt relaxed and spacey. I tried it again a couple of weeks or so after that and drank quite a bit. I blacked out. That was some night: I didn't get home until three in the morning, and I slept in an alley for awhile. After that I'd drink every once in a while at parties. When I

drank I didn't drink just one beer, I usually drank at least until I got high or drunk. After injuring my knee (in basketball) I spent every week-end up in Michigan, and started drinking quite a bit. That summer it went to a day-to-day basis."

Mike became obsessed with alcohol, always aware of his drinking but never alarmed by it. His parents gave him ample warning: "My parents were always against me drinking. In fact the second time I drank they caught me and I was grounded. They knew all along that I was drinking; my Dad and Mom knew I had a problem, and all they could do was ground me and tell me not to drink. When I went off to college my Dad would tell me to stay away from booze, but that was about all they could do."

But Mike continued to go out boozing, enjoying the light sensation of liberty while drunk. Then he began to notice personal changes, small but disquieting: "I drank and acquired a taste for it; at first I didn't really like it. Then I found one summer that I really liked the taste of beer. I worked in a factory during the day and I couldn't wait to get out and start drinking."

Mike's friends made no effort to help him, though they were annoyed by his excessiveness: "It got so that my drinking was out of control and I lost a lot of my friends because someone just doesn't enjoy being with you when you drink to the point where you're so drunk that you might say and do things that are offensive. My friends drank quite a bit, but they could handle it to the point where they didn't get totalled and pass out. I lost a lot of friends from drinking. But they didn't really tell me I was drinking too much. They just didn't call me anymore. I'd call them and they'd say they were busy. I kind of got the idea what it was."

With virtually no defenses, Mike casually slipped into a drunken, slovenly way of life: "I got so my life just revolved around getting

drunk. Then I'd have a hang-over and sleep until noon and feel sick for most of the afternoon. I'd start to feel better and go out to drink again." The last year I was drinking I spent most of my time drinking alone...."

The most difficult period was admitting that he had a problem. Only the worst circumstances ultimately convinced Mike: "I knew that I had a drinking problem for about a year before I quit drinking. I knew that I had d.t.'s (delirium tremens) when I stopped one time and I knew that was definitely a sign. It got to the point where I knew I'd have to stop; I had to go to the health center for gastritis in my esophagus and some physical stuff that was starting to happen. I knew I had to quit. My roommate down in Bloomington's Dad was in Alcoholics Anonymous, and I talked to him."

Mike found help in the Alcoholics Anonymous program in Bloomington. Adjusting to a new lifestyle was rough but rewarding: "It was hard at first, I had the shakes, I was sweating a lot and I had physical withdrawal. My life revolved around A.A. After about three or four weeks I got over the physical withdrawal. It takes about six to nine months before your head clears. One of the biggest problems when I got into the program was that I had to cut myself off from friends....I still go to bars once in awhile and drink a coke. I don't really enjoy that much anymore, it's really pretty boring if you're not drinking. But after you're sober for awhile you get to enjoy the fact that you're sober. You see the reward you're getting from not drinking. It's hard, but the rewards later outweigh the adjustment."

Alcoholics Anonymous had a miraculous affect on Mike. He was able to stop drinking, gain strong friendships, and create a new pattern for his life. "A.A. definitely changed my way of life."

What does the program offer which worked so well? "A.A. is a spiritual program; it's got twelve steps that you work which involve

writing down a moral inventory of your past. You turn your will and your life over to God. You make amends to the people you've harmed, you help other alcoholics in the program....The fact that the people you're with have gone through (alcoholism), you can talk to them...."

Mike feels alcohol shapes an artificial life which is unnatural to one's personality: "It's a social lubricant, I can't see any benefits in it, really, other than maybe it helps some people relax. But it's detrimental to your health, and you lose control of your mind after you've been drinking. (Socially) I'd say it's kind of artificial."

Mike values his past experiences because of the invaluable knowledge he gained of himself, his culture and his world. He doesn't feel handicapped in any way: "Once an alcoholic gets sober he can do just about anything." "In a way an alcoholic (reformed) has an advantage over others that do drink because he's always at 100%."

His future is promising: "Before, (life) was just a day-to-day existence, I had no good outlook on the future. Now I plan on graduating from college, getting a decent job. The outlook is 100% better than it was before."

From his freshman year in high school through several years in college, Mike developed a drinking problem which consumed years of his life. He was fortunate; he decided to correct his problem while young. Other alcoholics suffer through old age, many die poisoned by liquor. Their world is all around, on city streets, around schools, in homes. While older Americans are pondering over chuckholes on Main Street, children and teen-agers are contemplating their first drink. It's a funny society, this America.

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• DRAMATIC • WORKSHOP •

Luanne Kenna

Contrary to popular belief, not all high school students are idle after school hours. Every Wednesday afternoon, South Bend Community School Corporation students from grades 7-12 congregate on the second floor of the administration building in the recording studio of WETL for a program called Radio Workshop. There, under the direction of Mr. Jerry Limbert, these students produce, tape, and act in radio plays. The subjects of these plays differ greatly, from fairy tales to science-fiction productions.

Not only plays are done, but often radio-related subjects are discussed and learned. Recently, two or three sessions were devoted to advertising and commercials on radio, and yet another time, acting techniques such as inflection and characterization were studied.

Most of the people involved are

interested mainly in acting, but a few want to learn recording methods, directing, sound effects, or writing. Because of the instructions received, many students may become involved in the fields of radio, television or advertising. This program offers a stepping-stone to many jobs in radio and is always a good way to get started in many other areas as well.

Students from area high schools such as Riley, Clay, LaSalle, and Adams, and such junior highs as Browne and Jefferson participate in Radio Workshop, but there are never too many. They can always use more students. If you are interested, please contact either Debra Burke or Luanne Kenna, two of the representatives from Adams. Come join us and have a lot of fun while learning something very worthwhile!!



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TAXIDERMY CLUB ROARS THRU OPEN HOUSE

Above the doorway of Room 208 is a sign reading "JATC". Inside the room, ten students meet regularly to learn about animals... by stuffing them.

During a special Taxidermy Club Open House held on February 25, sponsor Roger Wesley and members of the club exhibited their craft and answered questions from interested visitors.

The idea for a taxidermy club at Adams began two years ago. Since then, the founders have struggled against red tape to get their club going. The Adams group is probably the first high school taxidermy club in Northern Indiana.

When the club got rolling at Adams, a few objections were voiced by teachers and students. Most of these were due to misconceptions. Without studying taxidermy, many people believed it to be a bloody hobby. Some even suggested that the Adams group would kill animals to stuff. Both of these assumptions are absolutely wrong.

First of all, all the animals used by the club are donated by local hunters and farmers. The animals are always dead when the club receives them. To prevent the spreading of germs, the corpses are frozen for at least forty-eight

hours. If no cause of death is known, an autopsy is performed. Careful records are kept throughout the process.

After being frozen, the animals are soaked in a tanning solution for twenty-four hours. The skinning process is not bloody, unless the taxidermist accidentally cuts the animal. After skinning, the insides are boiled until the meat separates from the bones. Frequently the skeletons are reconstructed and donated to local junior high schools.

The next step is to suspend the hides while the body forms are being shaped out of a special kind of "wood wool". The body forms are positioned into realistic poses. The pelts are prepared for tanning, and are then sewn onto the body forms. The results is a realistic-looking mount.

Most of the group's actual work is done individually. Taxidermy is a time-consuming hobby: it takes several hours to mount a small animal or bird.

Fish are much harder to stuff than animals and birds. To mount a medium-sized bass might take two or three months of work.

When the Adams club started out, the sponsors learned the art right along with the students. Both Mr. Wesley and Mr. Roberts were

greatly aided by several professional taxidermists, books, and Mr. Jerry Clayber, who teaches fish taxidermy at Washington High School.

The future of the Adams Taxidermy Club rests greatly with the group's ability to arouse student interest and to pay off the debts it incurred this year while buying supplies. The best way to pay these debts is by selling some of the stuffed animals and birds.

Although there are no set prices, the projects definitely are for sale. When interest is shown in a particular specimen, a price based on the cost of the raw materials, the number of manhours involved, and the difficulty of the job is calculated. A large duck recently sold for thirty dollars. And, in spite of the club's debts, a member stated that taxidermy would not be a particularly expensive pastime.

Led by President Gary McCracken, vice-president John Hedge, secretary Kelley Sweeney, and treasurer Gary Forster, the group feels that it has overcome its initial growing pains. And, if the crowd at the Open House is an indication of the amount of student interest, the John Adams Taxidermy Club will enjoy even more success in the future.

CCHSS PROGRAM PLANS ANNOUNCED

For the fourth consecutive year, high school juniors will have an opportunity to earn three hours of college credit during the summer. How? By participating in the 2½ week CCHSS program at Indiana University.

The credit, which for most students will be less exciting than the classes themselves, will be acceptable at almost any American college or university. Eleven different courses, each containing between twelve and forty students, will be offered.

Planned courses include "Anthropology", "An Introduction to Film", "Becoming an Art Teacher", "Literature and Society" (with an emphasis on contemporary fiction), "Introductory Creative Writing" and "American History II" (beginning with the Civil War).

Also to be offered are "An Introduction to Comparative Politics", "Introductory Psychology I", "Social Problems and Policies" (which will be largely a reading course), "The Rhetoric of Social Movements: Bob Dylan and Social Protest", and "Acting I".

Participating students will live in

the dorms on the Indiana University, Bloomington campus. Special weekend trips to Brown County and Lake Lemon will be scheduled. The courses will last from July 3 through July 20.

To be eligible for CCHSS (Collegiate Credit for High School Students), a junior must rank in the top ten percent of his/her high school class. Other requirements are available on request.

The cost of the session will be \$236, plus a \$7 fee for processing a required health form. This includes room, board, and tuition. Although Indiana University cannot offer CCHSS scholarships, parent-teacher groups or local service clubs have sometimes given qualified students financial assistance.

Since the absolute deadline for application is April 15, interested students are advised to write immediately to the following address:

Professor Edward B. Jenkinson
English Curriculum Study
Center
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THE SPANISH DINNER - A "BUENO" TIME

In the years past, the 3rd and 4th year Spanish classes at John Adams high school have always enjoyed a delicious dinner in which all the food was prepared by the students themselves. Each year everyone tries to outdo the previous year.

This year was no exception. And on February 20, at the house of Mark Koscielski (a 3rd year Spanish student), the dinner kicked off to a "Bueno" start under the sponsorship of Mrs. Luisa Aguero and Ms. Beverly Wills.

Upon arriving at the front door (between 1:30 and 2:00) with the Spanish delicacy that one had made, the hosts took coats and told all to make themselves at home.

Just before the main course was served, a dish of green dip was passed around for anyone brave enough to try it. After tasting some on a tortilla, I found to my satisfaction that it was indeed appetizing but a little bit hot. There was another bowl which was not as hot as the first. The name of the dip is Guacamole and is made mainly from avocados.

Shortly after 2 o'clock, the feast began. Many students began lining

up around the beautifully decorated table reflecting a Spanish motif. We helped ourselves to everything in sight. Each dish had a name card so people would know what they were about to eat. Recipes were also provided for those who wanted to try their hand later at making the mouth watering spicy treats. After filling plates with Tacos, Empanadas, Paella (one of the main dishes), arroz concoco, Hot Tamales, Flan, Tortilla de Potata, and much more, we all filed downstairs to attempt to eat all these delectables (which became a task for some because their eyes were bigger than their stomachs). For refreshments there was plenty of pop and Sangria - a Spanish wine made from fruit and gingerale. (Of course this refreshing potable was one of which nobody could get enough of.)

After eating for what seemed like an eternity (There was so much to eat) but really only half an hour, we returned upstairs and began singing songs in Spanish, accompanied by Eddie Cabello on the piano. For those few who did not know the words, there was one music sheet provided, from which

30 people tried to sing. It goes without saying that thirty to one are pretty great odds.

After the songs had been sung, we went in different directions - downstairs for the ping-pong tournament where Ms. Wills tried to beat Hugh Featherstone, the champ(?) Also, one had the choice of playing chess or sing more songs. Believe it or not, people were seen making a bee line for the food again.

Around 4:30 the crowd began to disperse and people reluctantly made their way to the areas where their coats had been placed. No one wanted to be the first to leave, but alas it was time to go. All of us had a wonderful time including the photographer.

Our thanks go to the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Kolcielski, the sponsors, Mrs. Aguero and Ms. Wills, and also to the photographer Ronell Fulce. This was a very exciting day for all who participated and certainly one to be remembered. The 3rd year Spanish students are already looking forward to next year's dinner. Hasta Luego!

by Debbie Herring

INNOCENCE

Why must you suffer black child.
With your skin so beautiful
Ebony
With eyes that glow when you speak
Why must you suffer black child.
For you are as innocent as a day that has not yet begun.
And within you lies the power of our people.
So when you speak
speak out loud
speak out strong
speak out proud
but when you cry in the night
let your darkness slip away
stay innocent black child
and spread your love through the day.

by Linda Grayson

I SOMETIMES WONDER

I sometimes wonder
What's so great about
This world after all.

People acting like
Cats and dogs.

Fighting one another
as they do.

I don't believe we
Were put on this
World to act like
Some people do.

You know there is so much hatred
in this world today, I really believe
that is why God destroyed the first
world. There was just too much
hatred. I wonder if once again, will
this world ever come to an end.

by Linda Grayson

FEAR

Fear creeps stealthily into the deep dark depths of my mind, dissolving my ideas into fragments of which no trace can be found, with tenacity unchallengeable.



Fear lays waste to ingenuity, destroying brilliant plans, leaving them cowering in the back of my mind unheard.

Fear kills comments with swiftness unconquerable, so for all that bursts forth from a wide open mouth is a rush of air.

Fear seeps into my mind like frost around a window, freezing the thought of action before the chance arises.

Fear halts my progress when even the slightest hesitation means the death of an idea and the death of me.

By Lisa Parker

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HOCKEY TEAM WINS DIVISION CROWN

With a record of 19 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties, the John Adams hockey team won the city division crown of the Michiana High School Hockey League. A final game defeat of the LaPorte Slicers 2 to 0 gave the Eagles the top spot in the playoffs. The Adams pucksters finished with a total of 40 points to 36 for Clay, the second place finisher and St. Joseph in third with 34 points. Clay lost their final two games after their earlier defeat by Adams.

The game with LaPorte was a rugged contest with numerous penalties on both sides. LaPorte received far more minutes in the sin bin than Adams due to their overly aggressiveness. There may be some league disciplinary action to one or more of the LaPorte players on their play in the game.

Coach Pat McMahon's Eagles opened the scoring early in the first period on a goal by Tom Beyrer assisted by Jim Szajko and Chris Collier. The one goal margin held up through the remainder of the first period and the second as LaPorte exerted much physical pressure while Adams exerted considerable pressure on the

LaPorte goalie but were unable to penetrate his defense.

The one goal edge did not look comfortable but Ned Dooley eased the situation with an unassisted goal in the third period with 7 minutes remaining in the game. Dooley scored on a blistering slap shot from the right point that caught the LaPorte goalie looking. Jay Brasel was in the nets for Adams and got credit for another shutout. This was the 10th straight win for the Adams hockey team.

The Eagles hockey club is looking forward to both the league playoffs and the Indiana State High School hockey tournament which will also be held in South Bend. The final game in the league playoffs will be Sunday, March 6 at 2 o'clock in the Notre Dame ACC ice arena.

The state tournament will be held the weekends of March 11-12-13 and March 18-19-20. Both the ACC and the Ice Box arena will be used with the finals again being held at the ACC on Sunday, March 20. The John Adams hockey team will be one of the favorites to win in both tournaments.

Seagles Second in State

On February 26th the John Adams Boys' Swim Team ended their 1976-77 season with a second place finish in the state swim meet held at Ball State University in Muncie. The previous Saturday the Seagles had won the South Bend sectional, and in the process qualified 9 individuals in ten events for the state meet.

The team departed for the state meet early Friday morning following a short warmup in the Adams Pool. That afternoon, the trials were held and several Seagles had outstanding performances. Seniors Toby Wehrhan and Don Strong both achieved life time best times in the 500 yard freestyle and Sophomore Ron Zhiss achieved a life time best performance in the 200 yard individual medley. And despite several disappointments including a disqualification in the backstroke and a seventh place

qualification in the 400 free relay, Adams swimmers qualified for the finals the following day.

The finals went very smoothly for the Seagles. The 200 medley relay team of Dan Flynn, Ron Zhiss, Tony Ellett, and Kevin Dencen led off with a second place finish with an excellent time, better than they ever gone before.

Then senior captain John Komora took his first step toward becoming the state meet's only double winner. Komora won the 200 yard individual medley with a time very close to the state record. Following the diving competition, Komora won his second first place medal by coming up from behind in the 100 yard freestyle event. John swam both races in life time best time and set new Adams school records in both. The 400 yard freestyle relay of which Komora was a part, also set a new school record.

Following the individual medley, Senior Dan Flynn finished fourth in the 50 yard sprint. He, too, swam faster than he ever had before, and he added valuable points to the team's score.

Then after Komora's second victory of the afternoon, Junior

Tony Ellett finished sixth in the 100 yard backstroke. Ellett also finished seventh in the 100 yard butterfly, swimming that event with a personal life time best time.

Sophomore Ron Zhiss then capped the individual events by winning the 100 yard breaststroke with a life time best performance. Zhiss easily outdistanced the competition and so became Adams' second 1977 state champion.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Gary Severyn, Don Strong, Jay Sunderlin, and John Komora then finished off the afternoon with an excellent performance in that event. The Adams swimmers swam the relay faster than ever before and as a result set a new school record. Their time was the third fastest of the afternoon, but since the Adams relay had failed to qualify for the championship heat, they had to settle for seventh place.

Adams finished the meet with a total of 115 points, bettered only by eventual champion Munster (196 points) to whom the championship had been all but conceded. The Seagles again defeated cross-town rival Riley who finished third with 99 points.

Seagle Coach Steve Smith was very satisfied with his team's performance. "During the course of the meet everyone swam at least one life time best time, and everybody moved up from where they had qualified the night before. The swimmers did a great job."

Smith admitted, however, that next year will be a rough one. The Seagles will have only 11 swimmers returning. In addition to losing six graduating seniors, the Seagles will lose their most valuable member, Senior Jane Willems, who has been the team's dedicated and hard working manager for four years.

Anyone interested in possibly swimming next year is asked to see Coach Smith. No previous competitive experience is necessary and Smith has already molded several beginners into state meet contenders.

The Eagle Gymnastic team suffered through a disappointing 0-6 dual meet record in 1976-77. The team usually had outstanding performances in every meet, but lacked the depth needed to win.

The first meet of the year for the team was the Elkhart Memorial Invitational, in which the team placed sixth. Jan Powell had the best individual performance for the team, finishing fifth in the floor exercise.

Next on the schedule for the Gymnasts was Angola, in the first dual meet of the season. The final score was 103.8-49.8, in Angola's favor. Randy Clarke had the outstanding performance, finishing first on the rings.

After the Concord Invitational, in which the team placed sixth, came

Elkhart Memorial, for the teams second dual meet of the year. In this meet the team showed tremendous improvement over their first effort, but still came up on the short end, 99.55-72.87. John Presnell was the best Eagle performer in this meet, taking first in the floor exercise, second on the high bar, and second in the all-around.

In their next meet, against Elkhart Central, the Eagles continued to improve, but lost again, 98.72-83.29. For the second consecutive meet, John Presnell led the team, finishing first in vaulting, second in the floor exercise, and second on the high bar.

In their fourth dual meet, the Eagles came close, but lost,

88.6-83.5. Again it was Presnell who led the team, placing first on the parallel bars, second on the trampoline, and second on the high bar. Clarke was first on the rings, and Powell was first in the floor exercise.

The team ran into their toughest competition of the season next, in perennially strong Crown Point. The final score was 119.21-85.26. Clarke finished second on the rings for the Eagles.

Northwood was next, and they defeated the Eagles, 93.425-84.675. Clarke finished first on the rings, E.J. Dieringer was first on the high bar, Ken Quimby was second on the trampoline, and Presnell was second in vaulting and second on the parallel bars.

EAGLES FALL TO LASALLE

The Eagles used the strategy of a comeback twice to reach the final game of the sectionals, but when they tried for a third time, the LaSalle Lions were not as willing.

Last Thursday it was coming from 18 points down late in the third quarter to crush Riley for the second time in a week. And Friday, after falling behind 12-4, came back to whip Mishawaka, 74-61. But when the Eagles fell behind 9-0 to LaSalle during the first four minutes, they couldn't quite get over the hump and fell to the seventh-ranked Lions, 77-71.

After Mishawaka had defeated the second-ranked Washington Panthers, many thought they would win the sectional. But the Eagles thought different though, and when Kenny Howell hit a

jumper at the first quarter buzzer, Adams was up 16-14 and Mishawaka never led again.

Howell's ball-handling was the deciding factor in the fourth quarter when the Cavemen went into their do or die press. He also had 18 points along with Mike Marshall's 15 points and Leroy Sutton's 19.

Against LaSalle, the Eagles gave the Lions the toughest battle they faced in the sectionals and probably tougher than what they will face in the regionals.

After falling behind 9-0, the Eagles slowly came back and even took the lead, their only lead, at 23-22. At the halftime break, though, the Lions were up by eleven, 58-47.

At the start of the second half, the Eagles fought back to within six, 62-56, fell behind by 13 with just three minutes to go, and then scored eight straight to come within five, 74-69, with just under a minute to go. When the Lions rebounded an errant Eagle shot with :40 left in the game, it was all over with the final score 77-71.

Sutton and Marshall again led the Eagles, both netting 17 points while Howell added 10.

The Eagles finished the season with a 12-11 record, nothing at all to be ashamed of. They also posted five victories in a row before falling to LaSalle in the sectionals. And with the loss of only three seniors to graduation, the prospects for next year look very bright.



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