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Eagles Going Strong and Getting Stronger

Our John Adams Eagles are soaring atop the State of Indiana right now, helped by 13 straight victories including the South Bend Holiday Basketball Tourney championship crown. These victories have reminded all the basketball followers in Indiana that the Eagles are truly seeking a State Final trip.

The Eagles reached the Christmas tourney with a 7-0 record, which included a 75-71 victory over LaSalle and three straight 100 point plus victories over Goshen, Michigan City Elston and Hammond Tech.

The Plymouth Pilgrims were the first Eagle foes in the Holiday Tourney, and you can bet they will remember one name—that of Skip Jones. With 0:11 remaining in the game, Plymouth had a 71-70 lead on a Ray Pynaert lay-up. The Eagles then called time-out with 0:09 left in the game. Our hero Jones moved down the right side and momentarily lost control of the ball, but then he regained possession and put up a shot from the free throw line area.

The rest is history. The Eagles were 72-71 winners. Leroy Sutton connected on 13 for 18 shots and a 29 point performance.

Adams then advanced into the semi-finals against the Washington Panthers, who were victorious over Clay. The Eagles won 71-65, but Adams performance was at their best. Senior Kenny Howell led the Eagles with 21 points while Sutton chipped in with 17. "Chicken" Jackson, who has received a lot of praise from Coach Dave Hadaway in his filling in for injured Kevin Wasowski, poured in 15. The Eagles continued to roll.

Riley was the Eagles foe for the championship game and Adams couldn't have been much more impressive in destroying their highly regarded opponent. The Eagles captured an incredible 89-64 victory in winding up the 12th South Bend Holiday Tourney. The Eagles have won 5 tourney crowns. The Second quarter was the Eagles finest, as they erupted for 34 points, with 12 for 16 shooting and even put in 20 straight unanswered points.

Sutton, who is averaging over 20 points per game and 9 rebounds, humbled Riley with 28 points, including the first 13 scored by Adams in the second half. Howell averages 12 points a game followed by Ron Mitchem's 11.7 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. Jackson carries a 7 point average, with Mark Herran and Andy Golba averaging over 6 points per game. The Eagles as a TEAM average over 84 points per game -- an incredible mark for a high school team. It would be unjust not to mention the fine bench the Eagles have. Kevin Bradford, Scott Benkie, Jim Neely, Carl Steen, Don Busch, Skip Jones, Jim Gooley and Mark Herran have combined to score 53, 53, and 52 points against 3 Eagle opponents.

The Eagles first regular season game after the tourney was against the Mishawaka Cavemen. The Eagles realized that if they could win, they would obviously attain the #1 ranking (Anderson had lost the week before). The Eagle power rose to the occasion, with a 65-49 victory.

Sutton, who is truly showing his potential as being one of the state's finest players, led the Eagles with 18 points, followed by Howell's 13 and Jackson's 11.

With the Eagles being ranked #1, it marks the first time a South Bend team has achieved the top spot, since Riley captured the honor in the first half of the 1972-73 season.

Adams carried their #1 ranking on the road in their next ball game against Elkhart Memorial, and the outcome was a 73-64 victory over a psyche-up Memorial team. Sutton continued his magic with an outstanding game which combined a 35 point performance with 14 rebounds. The Eagles were aided by Mitchem's 12 points and the steady performance of their bench. The victory placed the Adams conference record at 4-0.

A 105-65 thrashing was the final wound the Eagles inflicted on the visiting St. Joe Indians last Saturday. Sutton, in an abbreviated playing time, again led the Eagles with 19 points. Mitchem added 17, while Kevin

Bradford came off the bench to hit 14 in an outstanding performance by the entire team.

With the victory over St. Joseph High School, Coach Hadaway increased his record to 154-52, this being his ninth year at the helm of the Eagles. This year's squad has already set one school record by winning their first 13 games this year. The Eagles longest winning streak is 16 games, established by now North Carolina State star, Glenn Sudhop's 21-3 team in 1975.

Among Hadaway's other outstanding credentials are, five 20-game winners, five Northern Conference champs, three sectional titles and five city tourney titles.

Since Coach Hadaway brought up a group of enthusiastic sophomores, near the end of last season, the Eagles have won 17 games and lost only 1 battle. Before the sophomores joined the varsity, the Eagles were 7-10.

With these great Junior and excellent Seniors, watch out Indiana, the Eagles have arrived as a power. Best of luck, Eagles!

A long time ago
In a school system
far far away...

FINAL EXAMS

It is a period of mental war, Angry students, striking from every class, have won their first victory against the evil plot.

During the battle,
sophomores spies manage to

steal secret information about
the ultimate weapon--
"Finals"--tests with enough
power to wipe out an entire
Chem. class.

Pursued by the enemy's sinister
agents, this student races against
time to warn her people to take
arms and to restore freedom to
Adams...

May the force be with you.

Finals will be given Wednesday, January 25 and Thursday, the 26th.

Wednesday's schedule is as follows: First hour . . . 8:00-9:15; Second hour . . . 9:25-10:40; Third hour . . . 10:50-12:05.

Thursday's schedule is as follows: Fourth hour . . . 8:00-9:15; Fifth hour . . . 9:15-10:40; Sixth hour . . . 10:50-12:50.

Buses will run on Wed. and Thurs. There will be no school on Friday, January 27. Students should not return to grade schools on Friday.

Final exams count 20% toward the final course grade. In a nine week course, the exam should cover the last 9 weeks of material.

Before taking these exams, all school owned materials must be returned. This includes taking care of library fines, and overdue books.

Unsung Valentines

As a hopefully refreshing alternative to Student Government's annual singing valentines, the TOWER would like to introduce its own valentines--compose your own messages (within reason, please!) to be printed in the Valentine's Day issue of the TOWER.

We have especially changed the date of this issue so that it

will be distributed on Valentine's Day for this purpose.

Send a valentine message to your loved one(s), friends, teachers, enemies . . . ANY-ONE!!

The cost is just 2 cents a word for any length of message you want. You write it **yourself!** It is truly a valentine in your own words.

The TOWER Valentine will be on sale outside the cafeteria during both lunch hours each day the week of January 30 thru February 3.

This is a perfect opportunity to put in words what you could not come out and say. If you don't wish to sign it, we won't tell! But you never know . . .

Footprints' Trek Begins

Footprints, Adams annual magazine for students, is now looking for contributions of poems, short stories, short plays, art work, and photography. Started three years ago by the Class of 1977 and Mrs. Germano, Footprints was designed to let students show their talents.

"When I first came here there wasn't a magazine. There hasn't

been a magazine at Adams for years," according to Mrs. Germano. "It just bothered me that there were students running around at Adams with poems and stories" without anyplace to publish them. Although Mrs. Germano doesn't necessarily expect Footprints to discover literary geniuses, she does feel that "all students should be encouraged to write of their

feelings and problems."

So, here's your chance. Contributions are to be given to Mrs. Germano in room 237 now through February. Next semester's Creative Writing class will edit the contributions and compile them. If anyone is interested in typing, Mrs. Germano emphasized that typists are "much needed" and would be appreciated.

Goodman's Chemistry

by Betsy Brazy

"A proverb for Room 208:
Proverbs 10:20 Living Bible
"WHEN A GOODMAN
SPEAKS,
HE IS WORTH LISTENING
TO..."

Room 208 is where Chemistry is held with Mr. W. Jack Goodman. At the beginning of the year Chem. I students are told that they will receive homework every night. They do. As Goodman says, "Be reasonable. Do it my way."

Chem. I students soon get over their initial shock even though "students do not tend to want out of class homework." However, laboratory preparations and calculations can't be done in one class period, along with the pre-lab discussion. So, students "choose" to take home their text and notebook.

Chemistry appears to be all work and no play. On the contrary, I have fond memories of losing my lab drawer key, spilling hydrochloric acid on the table, finding out by a "careful" sniff that acetic acid is super-vinegar, and watching other people break beakers and start the entire three day lab over--on the third day.

Interesting facts turn up during class, too: Calcium carbonate is chalk. Goodman competed on his high school track team, participating in the high jump and the hurdles (high and low). Drinking potassium permanganate, labeled Super Grape Kool-Aid will "solve ALL your problems" (it's poisonous). The base of the rose is third, if you follow the Cincinnati Reds. Etcetera, etcetera.

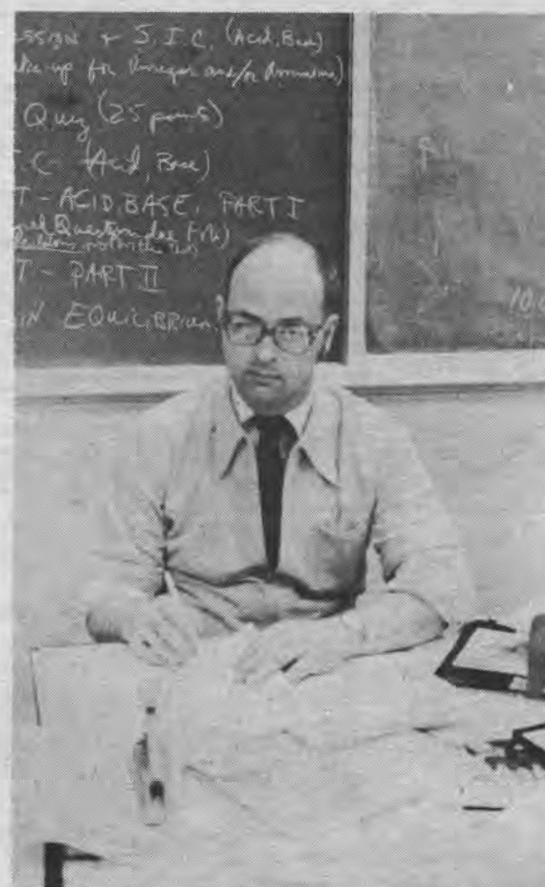
But what do these future chemists do? During a "typical" class, Chem. III (second year) students prepared a standard oxalic acid solution for their next three experiments. In these experiments the students will try to correctly guess (that is, find) the concentration of the mystery solution. To do this, they must first calculate how much of the substance is needed to mix up water for a certain concentration of that solution. Sound confusing? It is, or at least it seems to be. Making a mistake in the preparation of the first solution will be magnified in the results of the experiments, lowering the grade.

Of, we might discuss atomic theory. Trying to visualize atoms put together like a pyramid isn't easy. Personally, I'd rather mix solutions . . .

However, glimpses of Goodman, the person, can be found by listening and looking carefully beyond the eternal chemistry puns. Although still an incomplete picture, his reputation for being an outstanding teacher (for which he won an award in 1976) can be traced to having 17 teachers in his family. Goodman admits that he has "always wanted to be a high school teacher. It's just in my blood to be a school teacher." He definitely wished to teach in a large school within a large city. Fortunately for us, that large city was South Bend, where his girlfriend (now his wife) worked at Memorial Hospital.

Presently, Goodman is in his 16th year of teaching. He enjoys teaching, noting that it "changes every year" with constant lab revisions and the influx of new students. College students who have had Goodman are grateful for the chemistry background he provides.

Yet, if it wasn't for a Marion College professor named William B. Fessenden, Goodman wouldn't be teaching chemistry. Fessenden "made chemistry come alive" for Goodman, just as Goodman does for us. "When a good man speaks, he is worth listening to . . ." --Listen



Mr. Goodman eyes a photographer, giving his infamous curse: "Woe be unto you . . .!"

There IS an Instrumentalists Club TO SCHOOL OR NOT TO SCHOOL

by Lisa Parker

The Instrumentalists Club has enjoyed a successful year already. The club began last year to support the music department and to augment its valuable experiences. Membership is open to anyone who enjoys music. Officers are drawn from both the band and orchestra. This year the co-presidents are Theresa Schilling and Irene Yang. The co-vice-presidents are Theron Henry and Robyn Ollman. Kelly Kerrihard is the treasurer.

The club's initial activity was sponsorship of the first dance of the year at Adams. Without intending to make a profit, the club realized over 100 dollars. For its fund raising project, the Instrumentalists did hold car washes during the summer. With the support of the adult Band and Orchestra Boosters, many

members have picked up trash after the five Notre Dame home football games.

For their November meeting, members of the Instrumentalists Club received a free tour of the Century Center. Club members were among the first to view the stages, meeting rooms, halls, and museum.

The highlight of the club's activities was a trip to Chicago. Eighty-six members of the band and orchestra traveled to the opera house to hear the Chicago Symphony perform. The club, along with Chicago area high school groups, were participating in a special program for high school students entitled "MUSIC IS THE MESSAGE." Preceding the performance, two of the soloists discussed the music and their instruments. The first piece

told the story of Don Quixote. The first episode depicts the adventure with the windmills, followed by episodes with knights and peasants. The second half of the concert was a Mozart concerto for flute and harp. All who made the trip enjoyed it very much and wish to thank Mr. Allen, Mr. Geoffrey, Mr. Germano, and Mr. Ollman.

The Instrumentalists also explored electronic music at IUSB. After an explanation and demonstration of the electronic equipment, members played the equipment themselves. Looking to the future, club members wish to thank the club's sponsor, Mr. Engeman, for his guidance and Mr. Kerrihard, adult booster's president, for his support.

Man has imposed himself on natural systems with his growing technology--at times with disastrous results. Yet man is also an integral part of these systems and some of his technology may help him to restore balance to the system on which he himself must depend.

The exhibit is being shown in the Center's Great Hall with the film scheduled for showing each at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Special showings for groups may be arranged by calling the Century Center office at 284-9711. Admission to this exhibition is free.

5:45 I awaken. I bounce out of bed. I also lie a little. I amble out of bed. My feet hit the floor with a thud. Actually, all of me hits the floor with a thud. I pick myself up. It is now-
5:55 I grope out of my bedroom. But, first, I must find the door. I find 3 places where the door is not, then on a lucky shot I trip through it. It is now-
6:00 I have one eye open by this time. It is fixed on the window. Or, at least, where the window used to be. Now, there is nothing but a huge mound of snow. What do I do? I move (with my usual grace) to the nearest radio. I turn the dial and hear, "South Bend Schools are open." They should take those broadcasters out and horse whip them! It is now-
6:07 I stumble back down the hall to peer into the mirror and once again ponder the meaning of existence. Having found the true meaning of existence, it is now-
6:08 At least it is a pure, clean, miserable morning, I think as I stare at the bar of Ivory soap. The white lather can do nothing but remind me of my white powdery savior outside. I rush to the radio and listen and hear the same leering voice make the same disgusting announcement. I think of writing a hate letter to the station. Instead, I decide to turn the dial. It is now-
6:15 I brush my teeth to the

tune of the school closings from Dr. Zeus School for Chiropractors to Zabrina's Belly-dancing Academy. It is now a very depressing-

6:25 I begin my morning exercises, that is, looking for a matching pair of shoes. They are found. Schools are still open. Time is running out, it is now-
6:35 I plan my exciting and stimulating wardrobe. I have a very wide choice. Blue jeans and a shirt. I have clean jeans, dirty jeans, slim jeans, and I-just-ate-lunch-in-'em jeans. I have approximately the same selection in the way of shirts. I make my selection and the schools are still open. It is now-

6:55 I again contemplate my existence. I decide it could be improved by a quick once over with shampoo and cream rinse. Mission accomplished, it is now-
7:30 I am dressed, fed, and watered. I'm in the middle of the tornado that is called a blow dryer, when I hear it. Or, I think I hear it--they closed the South Bend Schools. I'm not sure I heard it, so I call the station and the line is busy. On with the blowing, it is now-

7:45 I'm playing it safe. I'm about ready to walk out the door into the white mass called snow, when I hear it. "South Bend Schools are closed." I sigh, drop my books, and rush to the nearest box of Kleenex. There will be no biology lab, today. No endless proofs, no dramatic readings. I weep. It is now-time to sleep. z z z . . .

Environmental Display at Century Center

MAN IN HIS ENVIRONMENT, an exhibition and film dealing with earth's natural systems and man's effect on those systems, will open at Century Center on January 14 and continue through January 25. Organized and produced by the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, MAN IN HIS ENVIRONMENT illustrates basic ecological processes such as energy flow, the cycling of limited nutrients and the control of populations. It is being

co-sponsored by Discovery Hall Museum and Century Center.

Six exhibit areas present the interrelated problems, introduced in the film, which all human beings must face: energy, food, waste, population, lifestyle, and limited resources. Both the film and the exhibit ask such difficult questions as: How many people can our world feed and at what price? What kinds of technology can we impose on natural systems without polluting and depleting them beyond recognition? Must we change our present lifestyle?

John Adams funds college loans

If you need an extra boost to finish college, the John Adams High School Foundation can help.

The Foundation is a branch of the J.A.H.S. Alumni Association. During your last year here at Adams, you will be asked to pay a 50c membership fee to the Alumni Association. This fee, along with some contributions funds the loans made to Adams graduates.

The loan program was started in 1960 when a few hundred dollars made the difference between

dropping out of college or being able to finish college and receive a diploma. Since 1961, 13 loans totalling \$6,500.00 have been issued. All of the loans have been repaid in full, thus allowing this meager fund to aid many students.

These loans are interest free. They are awarded on the basis of the applicant's financial need, grade point average, ability to repay the loan, and future goals. College juniors and seniors are the most likely recipients of the loans.

Loan applications must be obtained from the Adams Guidance Office.

Few, if any, other high schools have made such a resource available. John Adams graduates make it work! John Adams graduate/recipients are unique as a group having honored their loans with 100% repayment. With this knowledge perhaps each one of us will be inspired to make our contributions to the Alumni Association and to future loans.

Mihail Selected Football Coach

Andy Mihail has been named the new Adams football coach. The announcement was made on Dec. 27.

Mihail, the architect of the strong track team, has the job of reviving the Eagles inept offense ahead of him. Mihail was defensive coordinator for the last 4 years, and the Eagle D has done the job.

Mihail has coached for the last 12 years including Riley and

Adams. He was previously head coach at North Miami High School, in Denver, Indiana.

The track team has enjoyed great success under Mihail last season the Eagles high-stepped to a 12-0 dual meet record and a sectional championship under his guidance.

Mihail, a 1960 Adams graduate, replaces Ed Faulkens, who resigned in November.

Junior Achievement

an insight into business

by Betsy Brazy

Junior Achievement will hold an Open House January 23-26 to show the public how teenagers learn about business in the "learn by doing" method.

As a special service, the John Adams Tower is providing a combination preview-background of the program, as suggested by Executive Director Rolf M. Foster-Jorgensen, who preferred to let the high school level of Junior Achievement explain itself instead of being interviewed.

Achievers, members from area high schools, form their own company in the fall. The most common type of company, a corporation, issues stock to raise money for the company so it can begin production. Partnership company members, on the other hand, have to chip in their own money.

The amount of money needed is determined through calculations and vote. As this is difficult, advisors from the company's sponsoring firm guide the company through its first five meetings. Gradually control is given to the members through the elected officers.

The officers lead the rest of the members in producing and marketing their products. These individuals are paid slightly more than the average 25c an hour because they also take on the extra effort of bookkeeping. Bookkeeping is a never-ending headache checked upon monthly by the auditor and the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors, comprised of company members, examines the problems and/or progress of the company. Although many achievers find Board Meeting boring, these meetings shape the company's future. During a typical Board Meeting the officers will report on stock value, profits, losses,

problems and solutions, new ideas and upcoming events. It is, in fact, the heart of the company.

But not all companies are alike. In the South Bend area there are newspaper, television, auditing and banking companies. These special companies round out a Junior Achievement program of partnerships or corporations, such as The Unlimited (sponsored by Bendix) which manufactures decoupage plaques.

But JA has many other facets. There is, for example, Project Business, a program developed to teach business to junior high students. To find out about the other facets, attend the Open House, January 23-26, 7-9 pm, at the Junior Achievement Center. The Center is located at 3002 S. Michigan Street, South Bend. You'll see Junior Achievement at work, manufacturing. Be sure to attend!

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TV Repair - A Philosophical Approach

by Stuart Shapiro

"What fools these mortals be!"

The man who made that statement must have been having one of his better days. I believe it was either Socrates or Shakespeare. (I disregard the popular theory that they both collaborated on it. Shakespeare was too busy writing plays to allow him time to correspond with anyone, particularly with a man who had been dead for a couple of thousand years.) Whether it applies to television repair is a question for historians and philosophers. I don't trouble myself with such trivia. To my great distress, however, I did trouble myself with the repair of a television set belonging to one of my esteemed educational instruc-

tors (teachers). I shall refrain from mentioning her name in order to spare her any disgrace or embarrassment (and to save myself the bother of repeatedly writing her name).

It was a normal day in the electronics lab, that is, everyone was goofing off while giving the impression of being hard at work. After several weeks of accomplishing absolutely nothing, I decided the time had come to make some small contribution to the class and particularly to my grade, which at that time was rather nonexistent. Observing a TV bearing the name of the previously unmentioned teacher, I decided to be kind and helpful, in direct conflict with my normal nature. In other words, I chose to fix her television as a

personal favor. (Kind and helpful?) After all, the symptoms indicated only a slight adjustment was needed to correct the situation.

Mistake.

On both counts.

I was getting rather aggravated when the third month rolled by and the onset of winter found the set in approximately the same, if not worse, shape as when I had first begun my endeavor. Apparently it was just a bit more complicated than my initial estimate. I always was a lousy guesser. I began considering more drastic steps. Exorcism for instance. I had become firmly convinced that only supernatural causes could be preventing the set from operating properly. All the scientific tests I

had performed had led me to one conclusion. The television set was in perfect shape- except for the small fact that it still didn't work. (I hate getting trapped on tiny technicalities.) Needless to say, the idea of an exorcism in the electronics lab did not generate a great deal of enthusiasm with my instructor. He found the whole idea mildly unsettling, to say the least, although the freshmen rather liked the suggestion. Freshmen will be freshmen. Besides which, where on earth was I going to find a rabbi who did exorcisms? I was thus forced to content myself with venting some imaginative vocabulary on the gods of television repair and upon myself for being stupid enough to attempt repairing it

when I had had no previous experience with televisions. (I try not to let my ignorance limit me.) I resisted the urge to view the results of a television travelling the height of the building- vertically, that is.

So now I have a mile long list of everything not wrong with my television (months of daily confrontation tends to make one rather possessive). I have still accomplished nothing. Life goes on. The seasons change. Star Wars sequels are made. Soap operas continue to proliferate on the tube. People hate Howard Cosell. Everything's right with the world. As for me, I have vowed never to touch the inside of a TV again. I don't know. Maybe Shakespeare was right. Or was it Socrates?

HIGH SCHOOL WARS

DEDICATED TO MR. CONNELLY

IN THIS EPISODE HANS SOLO AND HIS FIRST MATE CHEWBACCA ARE ACCOMPANIED BY JEDI KNIGHT AND BACK SEAT DRIVER LOLA ONE (HER REAL IDENTITY, THE PRINCESS, IS NOT KNOWN)...



HANS: WHAT'S HAPPENING? MY GOD! WE'RE DITCHING!!
HANS: HANS! DO SOMETHING! LOOK OUT FOR THAT ROCK!
SLOW DOWN, YOU'RE FLYING TOO FAST!
HANS: HANS SOLO, DO SOMETHING!

...WELL HANS SOLO, YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN! DIDN'T I SAY THIS MORNING "HANS, WHY DON'T YOU DRIVE THE MILLENNIUM FALCON, BUT NO! YOU HAVE TO DRIVE THIS GAS HOG... WELL I HOPE YOUR HAPPY!!... WELL, DON'T JUST SIT THERE, YOU AND MR. CHEWBACCA CAN START WALKING!!"



GUPPIE: Ugh Ground
(and he out of gas)

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO LOLA, HANS, AND CHEWIE? WHERE'S LUKE? WHO KNOWS? WHO CARES? HUH? WELL!! AND WHAT ABOUT DONNY AND MARIE?... STAY TUNED!



Growl! Ugh "OH HUM!"
Yah! "WOMEN!"

Scholarship!

During Ball State University's Journalism Day (April 28, 1978), the DeMotte Scholarship for journalism will be awarded to outstanding high school seniors who plan to major or minor and work on student publications at Ball State University beginning the fall quarter of 1978.

Also, contests are planned for junior and senior high school students.

Senior high school staffs are encouraged to submit their newspapers and yearbooks for

judging. Certificates for first, second and third places will be given.

Junior high school writing awards will be made this year for individual entries. Any student may enter two pieces. School awards will be based on a point system considering the individual winners.

Photography awards will be presented for individual entries on the junior and senior high school levels.

For more information, see Maza.

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Seagles Finishing Season

by Ron Zhiss

The Seagles, in the midst of their worst season ever, currently stand 7-4. The team has suffered several setbacks due to various factors. In spite of the turn that the season has taken, several individuals continue to perform well.

On December 13, the Seagles traveled to Highland with thoughts of upsetting the Trojans. The meet, however, did not go well for the team as they were defeated 101-68. Ron Zhiss paced the squad with pool records in both the individual medley and the breaststroke. Tony Ellett also had two fine performances in the butterfly and backstrokes. Freshman Jamie Miller shaved two seconds off his previous best in the breaststroke and Mike Deren turned in a lifetime best in the 50 freestyle.

After the disappointing loss the Seagles met state champion

Munster and went down to defeat again 110-59. The squad then moved on and defeated Penn 55-25 and Hammond Noll 93-77. Fine swims were turned in by Brad Tretheway, Tim Parent and Dave Pauszek.

The Seagles, although having an off season, are ranked tenth in the state with several individuals ranked in the top ten in their respective events. Tony Ellett is currently 4th in both butterfly and backstroke. Ron Zhiss maintains rankings of 1st and 9th in the breaststroke and individual medley respectively. Gary Severyn ranks among the contenders in both the 200 freestyle and the 200 individual medley with 5th place rankings in each. And the medley relay team of Ellett, Zhiss, Tretheway, and Tom Manley is ranked second, only one tenth of a second out of the top position.

With about one month left in the season, the team, as well as several individuals, still have a good chance to finish highly in the state.

Grapplers Strong

by George Patton

The John Adams wrestling team now is the 14th ranked team in the state with a 11-1 record. Ron "The Incredible Hulk" Mitchem and Jeff Booth both have perfect records for the season with Mitchem recording pins in all but the last match. Mike McNarney and Chris Whitlock have posted near-perfect records, with the former having just one lost and the latter having just two ties. Other members contributing include Mark Sutton, Jon Fonacier, Ken Murray, Mike Avance, Phil Magaldi, Joe Nieman, Greg

Hughes, Larry Wood, and Bob Bergren.

Since the last report the team has jumped into the state-rankings with a championship in the St. Joe Invitational with victories over Benton Harbor, Dowagiac, and St. Joe. Before that the wrestlers had defeated Niles and Elkhart Central in dual meets. After Christmas vacation, the grapplers defeated Washington, Gary Roosevelt, Elkhart Memorial and Penn.

The B-team is also having a season with a record of 11-1. The whole team is looking good and they should be able to keep up the tradition.

Gymnasts Set to Open

by June Vascil

The 1978 John Adams Boys Gymnastics Team started their season with an invitational meet at Elkhart Memorial. Their next meet is on January 24th against Elkhart Memorial.

The team is coached by Mr. Dan Poe, with managers Janine Jagmin and Shari Jablonski. The boys started practice in mid-October.

Members of the team are Olin Calvin, E.J. Dieringer, Mike Dunfee, Ken Fortlander, Dan Gault, Mark Harvey, John Hennion, Jon Keppler, Steve Papai, Ken Quinby, John Rock-

stroh, Mark Weisman and David Wolff.

John Adams is the only high school in South Bend with a boy's gymnastic team.

The John Adams Girls Gymnastic Team will start off their 1978 season with a meet on January 18th against LaPorte, held here at Adams at 6 P.M. Their next meet is February 1st, against Elkhart Central, also at Adams at 6 P.M.

The team is coached by Mrs. Pam Poe with student managers Polly McGann and Barb Simpson.

The girls on the A-Team are

Liz Anderson, Sherry Bolden, Gail Borden, Barb Farmer, Lisa Frieden, Lisa Harper, Julie McCaige, Heather McClure, Tricia Mengel, Lisa Neff, Ann Paszkiet, Lori Ross, Roxanne Scarbrough, Christy Silvius, Lisa Swartz and Linda Vaerewyck.

The girls on the B-Team are Jean Ferry, Ingrid Marshall, Tris Myers, Cindy Simpson, Judi Steggert, Tina Stouffer and Kelli Woolridge.

The girls started practice on November 1st, and Mrs. Poe said that she feels the team is strong and it is going to be a winning season.

Skiing.. A Close Encounter

by Joe Taylor

Close encounters of the fourth kind: contact with alien ground.

In my case it was the icy slopes of Bendix. And I contacted the ground more than once. I envy all of you out there who can ski because I can't at all.

My trip to Bendix at the start of vacation was eventful, frustrating, and frightening. I am a killer on the slopes. The ski patrol had their hands full with me.

I started the day with the thought "skiing will be a piece of cake." I couldn't see how skiing could be difficult. I couldn't understand how flying down a hill with fiberglass strapped to my feet could be hard to do. I just couldn't.

I also couldn't get up the tow rope.

My first time up I did a really fantastic number that got me tangled up in skis and poles halfway to the top.

My second attempt culminated

in another face wipe out.

"Need help?"

"Shut up!"

"H - - -", "I couldn't help you anyway."

That inspired me to show him how talented I was.

Well, I won't say what happened up the rope the third time, but that snow fence has to be too close.

After I finally made it to the top, I psyched myself for my first run.

Someone screamed WILD MAN! and skiers were diving for cover. I attempted a turn.

Next I tried to get up out of the snow.

"Are you OK? Are you alright? You hurt, kid?"

"No, I'm dead. Any other questions?"

Run number two featured the highlight of the day. While picking up speed, the tips of my skis crossed. If there is one helpless feeling in the world, that's it. My life passed before me, my knees buckled, my lips yelled for mama, and my body went lifelessly pile driving into

the snow.

Harps? Big gold gates? Dallas Cowgirls with wings?

"It's him again." I looked up and saw a dome of ski patrollers whose morbid faces were asking "are you OK? Huh? Huh? You alright."

I had a nice little spasm in the snow. I said a few things that would not necessarily flatter your name and address.

About this time, my reputation got around. Even George Patton, the Tower's resident Franz Klammer, had to admit my immaculate style was "unstable." I'm not sure, but I think I heard someone say that I spend almost as much time with mon derriere in the snow as "Lennon does in basketball with his on the bench."

Well, I survived my close encounters with trees and snowfences and skiers and came home alive. And that is one great accomplishment for a kamikaze who skis like a derailed train.

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