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Summer workshops - a special way to spend vacation

Besides engaging in the typical frisbee games and profitable summer jobs, many Adams students were busy exploring career interests, college life, or gaining the great gift of knowledge. Adams students toured college campuses all over the country attending workshops and seminars.

Pursuing her interest in drama, while earning college credit, Judy Spigle spent two and a half weeks at Indiana University Bloomington. As well as enjoying her acting class, Judy liked being on her own, making her own decisions, and getting prepared for college.

The program Judy attended was designed to introduce high school students to college life during the

summer before their senior year. Professors taught eight classes, each one being worth three hours of college credit. Judy said juniors should keep this program, sponsored by the IU English Department, in mind for next summer.

Many Adams students increased their musical expertise while attending a variety of summer music camps. Martin Pollak and Karen Funk were at Interlocken for eight weeks. Both played in the World Youth Symphony Orchestra, as well as being offered chamber music, theory, and composition sessions. Even with many hours of practice, high school students at the camp found time to attend concerts and have fun while

improving their abilities.

Interlocken was not the only place where Adams students made music this summer. Anne Sniegowski attended Northwestern University's summer high school music institute.

At Purdue, Robyn Moore spent more than forty hours playing her flute. All of her hard, but enjoyable work paid off, as Robyn came back to South Bend with three awards. She won the National Band Award, the TBE sorority's summer bandswomen's award, and the recital night award for her performance.

One musical experience from which all Adams students will benefit is the Smith and Walbridge drum major's camp. Jeff Sanders

and Judy Szekendy spent five days of marching formations, bug spray and exhausting exercise in hope of making this year's marching band the best Adams has ever seen. Since this was the second summer both drum majors went to camp, the band will have truly experienced leadership.

Judy received special recognition when, out of fifty-three people, only three of them girls, she was chosen to lead her band of ninety on the final day of camp.

Off the football field, and on the stage, Jeff spent six days at Indiana University participating in the band and orchestra at IU's summer music workshop. Performing in concert at the end of the workshop was the finale to Jeff's

six hours of practice per day.

Learning more about how American government works, Victor Goetz and Bruce Benifiel attended Boys' State. "We learned by doing," said Bruce, who was elected county treasurer. The boys were divided into cities and counties, plus two opposing political parties. Besides being elected to his city council, Victor campaigned for one of the candidates for Governor.

Victor did not spend the rest of his summer relaxing after Boys' State. Instead, he spend five busy weeks at Northwestern University gaining more experience in journalism.

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Mr. Fox
Head Counselor



Mrs. Poe
Physical Education



Mr. Hoffman
Math



Mr. Dwyer
Music



Mrs. Naragon
Reading Specialist



Mr. Berebitsky
Math



Mr. Mondovics
Health & P.E.



Mrs. Flowers
Home Economics

Record fourteen new teachers arrive at Adams

Coming in with the freshmen this year will be an unusually large number of new teachers. Although Adams has still to hear from a few, many are already to start the new school year.

Mrs. Patricia Flowers will be teaching Home Economics. Her high school was LaPaz High and she made degree at Ball State. She transferred here from Washington High School.

Coming from Riley High is Joseph Fross, a business teacher. He graduated from Hammond and went on to further schooling at Indiana University and Indiana State where he earned his degree.

Mr. Charles Hofer graduated from North Liberty and went on to get a degree in Industrial Arts at Ball State and IUSB. He is transferring from Washington.

Mr. Jerome Hoffman, a mathematics teacher, graduated from Central Catholic High School. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Notre Dame and his Master's

from Indiana University. Mr. Hoffman has studied in Warsaw, Poland on a Fullbright grant. He has a certification in Russian from Moscow and may possibly teach the language in a few years. He is being transferred from Clay.

Ronald McKee is a math teacher who received a degree at Indiana State and Notre Dame. He graduated from Gerstmeier in Terre Haute. He is being transferred from Nuner.

Mr. Michael Mondovics will be a Health and Physical Education teacher. He is also an assistant football coach. He received his degree at Indiana University. He has been transferred from Washington.

Pamala Poe, a Physical Ed. instructor, will be the girl's gymnastics coach. Her high school was John Adams, so there will be good incentive on her part to help the team. She is being transferred from Brown Middle School.

Mrs. Sherry Naragon is

transferring from Clay to be a reading specialist. She earned her degree at Miami Oxford and Indiana University. She is a graduate of Euclid in Ohio.

Mr. Lawrence Dwyer will be the new head band director this year at Adams. His high school was Joliet Catholic High in Joliet, Illinois. He received his Bachelor's degree at Notre Dame and his Master's at the University of Illinois. He had transferred to Adams from Riley.

Helping Mr. Dwyer with the band this year is Mrs. Ann-Marie Dawson. Along with helping the band, Mrs. Dawson will be sponsoring the Pike Corp. Her high school was in Schenectady, New York. From there she went on to receive her Bachelor's degree at the State University of New York in Fredonia and her Master's at Indiana University. Mrs. Dawson is transferring from Washington.

Taking the job of head counselor is Lyndal Fox. He graduated from Ringing High in Oklahoma. He

went on to earn his degrees at South Eastern Oklahoma State and Notre Dame. He is being transferred from Dickinson.

Roger Berebitsky, a math teacher, graduated from Riley High. He earned his degree at IUSB.

Mr. Robert Armstrong is teaching science here at Adams. He is being transferred from Nuner.

Ruth Warren is returning to Adams as sponsor for the cheerleaders. Also, Mrs. Marilyn Goerner will be the drama coach. Although both are additions to the staff, they will not be teaching.

Mr. Przybysz proudly says that this group of new staff members is the best to arrive in a long time and will greatly benefit the Adams community.

The John Adams Tower welcomes you all and wishes you the best of luck.



Mr. Fross
Business



Mrs. Dawson
Music



Mr. Armstrong
Science



Mr. Callahan
Social Studies



Mr. Hofer
Industrial Arts



Mr. McKee
Math

Photos by Phil Bender and Dan Kovas

szymanski conducts little choo-choo

by Scott Peterson

Although there is a steady decline in the railroad systems, Mr. Szymanski is helping to restore it.

During the summer Mr. Szymanski, instructor for the wood shop classes, has been making two wooden model trains. He undertook this project in order to give his nephew an interesting and unique birthday present. One train will go to his nephew while the other he'll keep as a display.

To first begin the project, Mr. Szymanski ordered some train

plans from a firm in California. After receiving the plans he began construction of the trains in the school's workshop. A total of seventy hours were needed to complete the trains.

When the trains were completed they measured anything but small. Together the ten cars of a train stretched a full ten feet in length. Each car in turn measured about twelve inches.

Like any full size train the miniature model had an engine and caboose. Also to compliment the train a circus car, gondola, freight

car and crane were made. In all, there were ten cars.

When asked what he would do with his train Mr. Szymanski replied, "I'll probably use it as a model for my classes for future projects." What else could you do with a toy train?

Later in the school year anyone interested in making such a train should enroll in a wood shop class or contact Mr. Szymanski.

So if you travel by Mr. Szymanski's house and hear train whistles it may not be the Grand Trunk but Szymanski's railroad.



Mr. Szymanski's wooden model train chugging along.

photo by Phil Bender

Summer workshops prove to be worthwhile and enjoyable experiences for students

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Also working in the field of journalism, Lisa Parker spent two weeks at Indiana University at the High School Journalism Institute. She devoted a great deal of time to developing ideas for the TOWER and preparing her editor's brief. She feels the intensive study was very valuable experience, and her brief won a second place award.

Hoping to make this year's album the best ever, Ron Elum and Gina Germano, editors; and Lisa Engle, section editor, attended the IU yearbook workshop. While in Bloomington, Ron and Gina chose

the theme for this year's album and decided to reorganize the staff to make production more efficient. Lisa said she gained many ideas for her album work, and also learned about college life and having a roommate.

While at the Bloomington journalism workshops, all Adams participants felt they had a good time. And, a good time was not hard to find with discos, volleyball, and the fascinations of the Union Building. Yearbook instituters had the added attractions of a fire drill, a tornado warning, and two boys breaking into a girl's room, all in three consecutive nights.

Operation Catapult at Rose-

Hulman occupied Scott Peterson's interest in engineering. Scott explored all types of engineering, from simulating space ship landings on the moon to producing electricity with the wind.

Rosa Hernandez spent five days at Purdue investigating opportunities for minority students in engineering. The Kodak company sponsored the program in hope of creating interest in engineering. The program showed students what they might expect out of classes and work in the field.

David Herring also attended the Purdue program, plus programs at Notre Dame and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he

won second place in the bridge building contest. Using rods, thread, nylon rope, tongue depressors, and masonite, David built a model bridge which supported in excess of forty pounds.

Besides studying math, mechanics, and engineering, David enjoyed field trips to a steel mill, Chicago's Science and Industry museum, and two solar houses. Discos, cookouts and athletics helped fill his time at Purdue. Talking to professors about their research was a source of interesting and valuable knowledge, also. And, during all of his

workshop experience, David developed an engineering science of his own called "orbital mechanics." While it is based mostly on fact, David does admit the most it has engineered so far was many interesting conversations with people he had never met before.

Whether citing the topic of their specific program or the opportunity to explore campus life as the best part of their experience, these students decided that summer workshops are good experience before going to college, or choosing a career, plus being an exciting way to go to new places and meet new people.

These are a few Adams students who found their summer jobs gratifying

by Kelly Kerrihard

Fast food restaurants and retail stores were popular places for summer job seekers. Many students, however, found that cooking Big Macs or stocking shelves could become quite tedious. The pay was good, but the job had little else to offer.

A few people, however, escaped the hum drum effect of the basic summer job, by letting their personal interests find their employment.

Kathy Winchester, a junior, works for Tippecanoe Place. Her main job is to help serve food at wedding receptions and then clean up afterwards. She also gives tours of the historic house, so she is very familiar with its past. Her uniform consists of a long sleeved black

dress worn with a white apron and a duff cap. Kathy says that when the temperature rises, wearing her uniform can become a very hot experience. As for working with the public, Kathy comments, "People get very strange when they are drunk."

Two good friends, Mary Corona and Lee Fisher, both seniors, are getting ready for their careers by working at Roseland Animal Hospital. Both girls are hoping to become veterinarians.

Mary is a ward nurse who works mainly with the animals and helps the doctors with treatments. She cleans the cages and gives the animals food and water. Mary has been bitten on a few occasions but she says that is because "some dogs are scared." Mary stays very

busy caring for the animals in the hospital and really enjoys doing the job.

Lee works mainly with the doctors in helping the animals. She helps with treatment, cleaning equipment, and putting together surgical packs. She has observed some surgical procedures and helped out in emergency treatments. Lee says that veterinary work is very indepth. There are very few specialists in the field, so the doctor must have a vast knowledge of each animal. Both girls will be continuing their work throughout the year. For each girl the job is excellent experience for college.

Working with cars is sophomore Mike Curl's specialty. This summer he could be seen at the

New Paris Motor Speedway testing race cars before they race. He works with the pit crew which is an important team made up of himself, the head mechanic, the driver, and the sponsor. Mike's responsibilities lie in taking care of tires, keeping track of tools, painting the car when needed, and helping with mechanics. Mike loves his work and will enthusiastically go back to it when the racing season starts again.

Stacy Clark, a senior, got her start at her job right at John Adams. She worked in the school library for a year and landed a good job at the South Bend Public Library. Stacy stays busy shelving books, checking in magazines and newspapers and just learning about the library as a whole. She also has

a great advantage working at the library. As an employee, she doesn't worry about fines and she can get special holds on books. Stacy says that she has met many strange people at the library. "One person had a bad cold," Stacy said. "He just came in and sat down on the couch and blew his nose." Many other people are regular visitors who seem to have nothing better to do than to go to the library. Stacy enjoys her job at the library and plans on working there throughout the school year.

Jobs needn't be just work. They can be interesting, enlightening, and even fun. People who work for themselves, like these people, realize that work can be a rewarding and gratifying experience.

The All-American teenagers return from France

by Kathy Grubb

In 1976 many John Adams students waved a sad "au revoir" to the Doering family. They flew to France where they lived for two years. A thousand aerograms, letters, and phone calls later those same students welcomed Bernie, Steve, Kathy, and Tess home.

Their feelings when they returned home were a mixture of excitement, fear, anticipation and wonder. They explained these feelings and talked about life in France.

Education in France is quite different from education here. Bernie and Steve, seniors, say they would definitely not like to have finished high school in France. They feel the education system as a whole is poor. French schools are much more difficult. There are no sports, clubs, or publications.

A typical day begins at school at 8:00, lasts until 5:00 and continues at home with a minimum of three hours of homework. French students attend school all day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. Steve and Bernie say they don't feel as well prepared for college in the areas of English and Math as in other subjects.

Kathy studied French Geography, French History, German,

Physics, and Chemistry. She did not, however, take Biology and Geometry as such. Kathy, a junior, feels physical education in France is awful. She says jokingly, "We sat around playing tiddly winks."

Tess, who is a freshman this year, says she is very relieved and glad she is starting high school in the states as opposed to France.

The dress of the 1950's and Grandma's hand me downs seem to be the height of fashion. Many students wear the average T-shirt and jeans. Some of the girls like to wear their grandparent's clothes or maybe one of Dad's suits whereas the guys wear scarves in the summer or winter. Jeans, which may cost \$40, may be found with old American Phrases such as CIVIL WAR embroidered on the back pocket. To be really cool, though, you have to grease your hair back say Bernie and Steve.

The lifestyle of the average student in France differs greatly too. There is very little social life because of the large amount of homework. There are parties occasionally. Parties consist of mainly dancing. "They don't sit around and talk," says Steve.

There is no real alcohol problem among teenagers. "French kids don't get drunk because it's legal," says Bernie. Tess says, "They drink a lot of Coke." Coke, by the

way, can cost about \$1 a glass. While there is no real drug problem, everyone smokes commented Kathy.

They all agreed that French food is magnificent and superior to any American meal. Regardless of age everyone drinks coffee as well as liquor. In France, lunch is the big meal of the day. Each part of the meal, salad, meat, vegetable, etc. is served separately.

Upon their return home they found their friends had changed very little. Emotionally everyone had matured so they merely picked up where they left off. Kathy was greeted with a Welcome Party given by her close friends. The theme of the party was to make her the "ALL AMERICAN TEEN-AGER" again.

While the Doerings have some very good, close friends in France, they wouldn't like to live there. Traveling in Europe individually does appeal to them. Study in France is not their preference for high school, but college in Europe has some advantages. A year in a foreign country is a great experience and recommended by the four.

Are they glad to be home? Just ask one of them. You'll see a smile you'll not forget. That kind of smile answers your question better than words.



The Doerings are smiling their au revours to France and their hellos to America.

Opinion

WELCOME CLASS OF '82

On behalf of the Administration, Faculty, and Student Body at John Adams, a very warm welcome to the Class of '82. It is now time to become an "Eagle" and join a "First Class" student body. You have come from different Junior High Schools with rivalry between each. Put those behind you, and become active and involved. With Fine Arts, Athletics, numerous clubs and an excellent academic program, there is more than ample opportunity to achieve success, as well as enjoy yourself. We only ask that you set your priorities of academics first, and extra-curricular participation second. You can be successful in both, however, be aware of your purpose for attending high school, and that is to receive a secondary school education, in preparation for a life-long career. The best of luck to all of you, and again, welcome to John Adams.

Wm. M. Byrnes



Try a wheely on this!!!



Tim Bidlack, Chuck Bidlack, and Dave Bilski wait patiently for the Jolly Green Giant to try their bikes. photos by Phil Bender

Seniors have varied opinions

by Victor Goetz

Seniors scheduling for their seventh time had mixed opinions of this year's rather drastically new version of arena scheduling.

This is the first time such a major change has been attempted, so it naturally brought about much comment.

Students generally felt more at ease in the informal summer atmosphere. "It's nice to come when you're not in school. Everybody's friendly. Scheduling makes everyone edgy already. But now they don't have to worry about school," said Dave Jaicomo.

Kevin Zwickl even found an advantage to having to visit school in the middle of August. "You go to school realizing that it starts soon. But then you get three more weeks of vacation," he said.

Other students said they enjoyed the opportunity to see friends they had not seen all summer and to socialize.

But when it came down to the scheduling process itself, students were much more critical.

"If you like hot, sweaty bodies on top of each other it's great!" said Lisa Was.

Not everyone found it quite that bad, but all students complained to some degree about chaos.

"They could have a lot better line situation instead of everybody crammed in the doors like that," said Mike Marganti. Many people expressed concern about the crowded situation and the problems it brought with it -- cutting, argument, and too long a wait.

"At least the other way you only had to wait an hour at the most," said Lisa Swartz.

Yet students did have praise for the first come, first served format. At least in theory.

"Everybody gets a fair chance to get there first," said Doris Kurowski. Those who really care to get their classes will just have to make the effort to get there early, everyone agreed.

"I got here early enough. I feel sorry for anyone who comes later," said Marganti.

Others pointed out such problems as people being out of town or having to work the day of scheduling. As critical as they were, though, students were not without suggestions for improvement.

Several suggested simply returning to the old way. They said that although it also had its faults its merits were better organization and less wait.

Another proposed a way to improve the new format. "I think they should have it done by class rank, even though it would hurt some people. It would hurt me. But that way the counselors would be able to work more individually. And besides, a lot of times the people at the bottom of the class who really don't care are interfering with those who need specific classes," the student said.

The final analysis? "When it comes right down to it," said Brad Tretheway, "it seems like it's not any different."

Towering bicycles invade neighborhood

by Mary Gregg

Seen any 6-foot high-bikes lately? What!! You haven't? Well, where have you been?

About six months ago, three imaginative Adams' students decided to liven things up during the "after-winter slump." Following the example of an older brother, Chuck and Tim Bidlack with Dave Bilski, created a pair of oversized bicycles out of the frames of two discarded Schwinn.

Using nuts, bolts, and wire, John Bidlack made his own way back before he graduated from Adams in 1977. But anything he could do, so could his brothers. And thanks to Mr. Berry, Chuck is able to claim, "Ours are better; they're welded."

Are the bikes safe? Yes, except for one minor flaw: The boys admit that the fork holding the front wheel on may snap if you go straight up a curb.

A familiar sight to many McKinley Terrace residents is that of various kids riding high above

the street. The riders all enjoy it but are rarely able to ride very far before someone stops them and asks, "Where'd you get it?", "How much did it cost?", or "How do you stay on?" Although a few might get tired of it all, Chuck, Tim, and Dave enjoy the attention they get from owning the tall bikes.

How do you stay on? Kirk Lamberson, an Adams freshman who helped build the bikes, explains, "You really need good balance to stay on one, a lot more than a regular bike." Tim Bidlack confides, however, that the only correct way to stay on is to not fall off. Easier said than done, apparently--he's fallen off several times.

Although balancing is difficult, the hardest part about tall bike riding is getting on. Unless he has a 7-foot ladder, the would-be rider must climb up the back and roll onto the seat while simultaneously praying that the bicycle remains upright. (The masculine pronoun is

used because few, if any, girls have dared to ride.)

It took 2 weeks and \$35 to create what some people (mostly Tim, Dave, and Chuck) claim are the "tallest bikes in the world." After cutting the frames of two 20 inch Schwinn above the forks, they welded a 4-foot pipe to each front and back and then replaced the forks and tires.

Some of the more daring have begged for rides when they see the bikes. The boys will let "Anyone who wants to--if they're not afraid." So how about it? Any volunteers?

ED. note-- According to the Guinness book of world records, the largest bicycle was built in 1886. Its front wheel has a diameter of 64 inches, which means that it probably is about 67 inches all together, or 5 feet 7 inches. Perhaps the boys do have a valid claim!

Adams Guidance Department is reorganized

As the new school year opens, students will find that some slight changes have been made since last year.

Mr. Benko has a new assignment to help improve the standing relationship between schools and computers. Since he will be at Adams only about 20% of the time, Mr. Lyndal Fox will be the

new head counselor.

This year the counseling department is trying something different to give all students better service. Each of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes have been divided by class rank. These different sections will be given a counselor. This way, students will be given better individual

counseling with more material available as related to them. All freshmen will have Ms. Maza as counselor.

To avoid unnecessary confusion this year, there will not be a back to school assembly the first week of school. There will be a pep assembly on Friday to introduce the new athletic season.

The all new ALBUM, John Adams Yearbook for '79 goes on sale for just \$12 in homeroom on

Tuesday, September 19th

Mark this date on your calendar so you won't forget to make at least your first \$4 payment. That way you won't miss an issue of your award-winning newspaper, the TOWER, which comes as a free bonus when you buy the yearbook.

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Cross country opens

by Kevin Lennon

The 1978 John Adams High School Cross Country Team is beginning its new season under the guidance of rookie coach Doug Snyder. Snyder, a graduate of LaSalle High School and Ball State University, comes to Adams after spending several years teaching and coaching at Edison. Snyder will continue to teach at Edison. Cross Country is nothing new to Coach Snyder as he ran for both his high school and college. This experience should be a valuable asset for the first year coach.

The Cross Country season begins on September 5 with a triangular meet against N. Liberty and John Glenn. The first home meet, which will be run at Erskine, pits Adams against M.C. Elston and St. Joe. Coach Snyder believes he has five runners who could pace this year's

squad. Those five runners are Randy Forbes, Jim Kennedy, Doug Smith, John Pourbaugh, and Mike Laughlin. These five are seniors, with the exception of Smith, a junior. The other ten runners, mostly underclassmen, should provide a good nucleus for upcoming years.

Three goals have been set for this year's squad. The first, says Snyder, is to instill pride in Adams Cross Country. The second is to develop a winning attitude in the runners. Adams has not had a winning season in the past ten years, but this year's squad can change this losing way. The third goal is to build interest in the Cross Country program. Coach Snyder believes this year's team can have an excellent season and he encourages fan support from the students. Cross Country is definitely on the move at Adams High School.

V-Eagles optimistic

by John Byers

This year's version of the John Adams volleyball team proves to be very interesting. A very young team, with only three returning lettermen, the V-Eagles will be attempting to defend their city and conference titles. Along with the three returning lettermen, seniors Gina "Bon Bon" Fragomeni and Janet Scheu, and junior Jackie Becker, the team will also field members from last year's unde-

feated, St. Joe Invitational champion B-team. Only time will tell how well the young team can respond to the tough competition in the NIC. The V-Eagles begin their season with three straight road matches, Sept. 5 at always tough Concord, Sept. 7 at always tougher Marian, and Sept. 14 at Michigan City. Adams first home game is Sept. 14 at 6:30 against LaSalle, and the rebuilding team needs the backing of the entire student body if it hopes to keep up the Eagle volleyball tradition.

Tennis starts with new coach

As school rolls around again, so does the Boy's Tennis season. Trying to improve on last year's successful season, new coach Mike Allen's team has only three lettermen: singles players Tom Cassidy and Matt Kocielski, and doubles player Bruce Holloway.

New players are Mark Harman,

Tracy Kendal, Joe Taylor, and Dan Devetski. Waiting in the wings are Rusty Stinchcomb and Dave Germano.

The team pressed through two-a-days until August 23rd. They moved on to Valparaiso for their first match on August 30th.

Baseball has great year

by Kevin Lennon

The 1978 John Adams High School Baseball Team enjoyed a very successful season last spring, capturing both sectional and regional crowns under the leadership of Coach Len Buczkowski.

An impressive Eagle squad defeated Clay 14-4, South Bend Washington 6-1, and finally LaSalle, 3-2 in the championship games of sectional play. Jintown lost to Adams 5-4 and Elkhart Memorial, the team which had taken the N.I.C. crown from Adams, fell in defeat in the regional championship game. This victory marked the first time Adams had won the Regional title since 1971.

The Eagles dominated their first semi-state opponent, the Fort Wayne Leo Lions. In the championship of the semi-state Adams battled a strong LaPorte team but were defeated 2-1. Although the Eagles did not make the final four teams, they had an impressive season with many individuals winning recognition.

Dom Romeo and Dan Szjako both captured headlines when they were named to the All-State team. Romeo, also the MVP of the 1978 team, was named first team catcher, while Szjako was named to the second team outfield. Both Romeo and Szjako participated in the North-South All Star game, played as a three-game tourna-

ment. Coach Len Buczkowski was asked to help coach the North team.

Besides Romeo and Szjako, various other Adams players continued with baseball through the summer. Romeo, Szjako, and Golba, John Meehan, Brian Madison, Geoff Oletti, and Jim Parker played for Post 50. Kevin Wasowski, Joe Neiman and Jim Parker also played for Adams summer baseball team, as they will be returning next season along with Tom Cates.

The TOWER wishes to congratulate the fine 1978 John Adams Baseball team and the best of luck to those players who have graduated.

Coach Steve Smith takes over Seagals

by June Vascil

The girls swim team started practice for their 1978-79 season on August 15th.

According to Coach Smith more girls came out for the team than were expected but none had long course experience (50 meters).

Their season is short, with their first meet on September 12 against Valparaiso and their following meet September 14 against Michigan

City Elston.

The Seagals roster includes: Lisa Anderson, Judy Beaman, Mary Ann Bly, Karen Brown, Margaret Browne, Debby Bulger, Veronica Dennin, Peggy Deren, Theresa Doering, Jane Doetsch, Julie Doetsch, Mary Grow, Margaret "Grit" Hanlon, Paula Hooker, Cathy Jacobs, Cindy Joers, Kris Kolasinski, Maria Kusbach, Sherri McLochlin, Ellyn Severyn, Tammy Smurr, Mary Stewart, Martha

Schilling, Phyllis Vogel and Carol Tretheway.

This is the first year that both the boys and girls swim teams will be under the direction of Coach Smith. He predicts that 10 of the 11 school records will be changed and that Martha Schilling will be one of the better divers in our area. He also feels that the team's attitude is good.

The TOWER wishes them a successful year!

Experience will tell in football

by George Patton

If experience counts for anything in high school football then Adams should have one of the best programs in Northern Indiana. Coach Mihail knows the Adams strong points and he is very candid about them. "We have two things going for us," he said. "We have the most experienced quarterback in the city in Cates and our coaching staff has a total of 64 years experience." Cates is indeed an attribute, for all the other city rivals lost their quarterbacks through graduation.

Mihail has 15 lettermen back, with 8 on the offensive side. Emmitt Dodd, Kevin Wasowski and Carl Steen round out this all senior backfield. In the trenches will be Bob Bergren at center, Larry Marshall and Jim Neely at the tackles, and Lynn Mitchem at the end where he has already earned two letters. On defense Rick Harris, Erick Rockne, and Chris Whitlock will return to their starting spots. Harris will be the

middle guard and Rockne and Whitlock will be at the tackles. Returning junior lettermen on defense include Kevin Lennon at the end and Dave Dziubinski and Tim Herendeen both at linebacker. The kicking game is also experienced with Jason Woodford doing all the punting. The other kicking jobs will be done by Cates.

Adams opened the season at Fort Wayne against the Dwenger Saints. Adams opened last season by defeating Dwenger in one of its two wins of the year. This year however, the Eagles lost the game by a score of 15-9 when the Saints scored a touchdown in the last 46 seconds of the game. The bright point for Adams had to be the outstanding punting by Jason Woodford who had four punts for a 49 yard average. That punting average is outstanding for high school considering that many college football teams do not have a punter with that kind of an average. The Eagles were weak on offense gaining only 7 first downs and only 49 yards rushing

compared to Dwengers 120 yards. Fort Wayne scored first when Cates was tackled in his own endzone for a safety. Then the Saints scored on a 15 yard pass play. Adams came back on a 23 yard field goal by Cates and a touchdown by Bill Baker on a fumbled punt in the endzone. The second half was scoreless until the last 46 seconds when the Saints scored on a 20 pass play to win the game.

Dwenger opened the game with a drive all the way to the Adams 2-yard line but the defense stopped the Saints on the fourth down. The Adams passing game worked to some extent with Cates completing on 5 out of 18 attempts. Those 5 passes netted 70 yards which brought the total yardage of the offense to only 109 yards.

Adams next game is against Elkhart Central at Elkhart. Then Adams opens at home (School Field) against Mishawaka. These games open up the northern Indiana Conference (N.I.C.) football season for Adams.

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