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Who's holding up whom? Seniors demonstrate the ONLY way to skate. photo by Mike Szymkowicz

Drama Club prepares another dazzling hit

Rehearsal began last week for the Drama Club's presentation of Clarence Day's *Life With Father*, scheduled for February 22, 24, and 25.

There will once again be three performances, although the usual Friday night show is this time being replaced by a Sunday matinee, the first time in several years this is being tried.

"This show is a terrific contrast to the *Diary of Anne Frank*," said director Mrs. Marilyn Goerner. "This is light and frothy, set in the 1880's in New York City."

Life With Father is the story of the exploits of a very interesting Victorian age American family.

Father, played by Jeff Sanders, is a strict but generally likeable businessman who demands that his family, too, be run by the best businesslike methods.

Mother, Lisa Was, is by contrast

a completely unbusinesslike woman whose main concern is getting her husband and sons to heaven.

The four boys, ranging in age from 17 year old Clarence (Dan Jacoby) to six year old Harlan (John Manier), are well mannered, yet carry on many of their own comical exploits. The other two boys are John and Whitney, played by Victor Goetz and Phil Bender respectively.

Other major characters include cousin Cora (Pauline Mudis) and her friend Mary Skinner (Emily Johnstone) who "encamp" themselves in the house for a visit to provide added laughs, and Dr. Lloyd (Chris Sayre), the kindly minister who is always available in time of need.

Another comical aspect of the play is the incredible turnover of maids, one after another scared off by father's eccentricities. The

maids are played by Mary Ann O'Malley, Tamar Datan, Patti Fenters, Mary Gregg, and Judy Spigle as Margaret, the cook who somehow managed to last out 15 years.

Debbie Burke is once again serving as student director, along with stage manager Mary Ann O'Malley.

Rounding out the cast are Bob Demaree and Scott Eggers as Drs. Humphreys and Somers.

"One interesting thing about this show, notes Mrs. Goerner, "is that we have four freshmen in the play. That's really nice because you always want to get new people into the shows."

After the success of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, prospects for this show look excellent. Everyone is encouraged to see the show, you won't be disappointed.

Early payment of school fees stressed

The week after first semester finals homeroom will once again be held daily for the purpose of collecting fees. Once again, the bookfee is nine dollars plus an additional five dollars for anyone taking physical education classes.

According to Mr. Przybysz, 87 percent of last semester's fees were collected during the two week collection period in early September

and "bits and pieces are still coming in."

This semester Mr. Przybysz expects 85 to 90 percent of fees to come in during the week designated to fee collection, January 29 to February 2.

In the past, says Przybysz, publicity for fee collection has had a great influence on its success. During last years' blizzard which

paralyzed the city very little publicity was possible.

As always, fees can be paid to your homeroom teacher (make checks payable to John Adams High School).

After the designated week, unpaid fees will be given to the South Bend Community School Corporation for referral to the Small Claims Court.

Adams takes its midyear exams

The first semester of the 1978-79 year is coming to an end. Overall John Adams has had a productive term. As is typical for a semester at Adams people have been pleased with the accomplishments of the year thus far.

There have been few problems this semester, possibly less than usual. The only major problem which is just becoming evident at this time of year is the heating system. The boilers haven't been working up to par. Although some rooms don't seem to have problems, other rooms such as 212 and have reached lows of 51°F. This could have an effect on the productivity of both the teachers and the students. The main problem with the heating system is the John Adams building itself. The numerous additions the school has undergone make proper heating difficult. The staff is doing

its best to make the classrooms comfortable although the extremely cold temperatures are not helping.

Already this year there have been many achievements that have given Adams great recognition. We have had 9 National Merit Semifinalists, 13 Commended Scholars, 2 students who have received science grants, a successful season in swimming, track, a #1 finish in the state for volleyball team and thus far a #1 ranking for the basketball team. Performance such as this gives the students at Adams the positive attitude that they have for their school.

Mr. Przybysz feels that academics and athletics are both going well. He points out that academic programs are continually improving. Mr. Przybysz is hoping to build up a strong remedial program. It is a long process which

is already underway. He feels that some changes are necessary and plans to follow the recommendations of the North Central Evaluators. The PE program definitely needs changes. Mr. Przybysz notes that the classes are too big because of the limited number of participants most sports have. Instead of classes in a sport he would like to see physical conditioning. This would include a program of calisthenics, jogging, dance and rhythm, and other physical fitness programs.

The office is awaiting the reports from the North Central Evaluators. The reports have been completed and sent to Bloomington, the center for their information. Adams is expected to receive the reports some time before the end of this semester. At this time details will be expressed of what exactly needs improvement at Adams. From the

Hard work acknowledged

Harry Trensey retires

If you had magic chalk that could write on all the blackboards at Adams at the same time, imagine what a great farewell letter you could write to Mr. Trensey on his retirement day. It could go like this:

Dear Harry,

Eighteen years ago at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the students' work was finished, yours began. Work that has not really been acknowledged by most students. Until now that is, Harry. We would sincerely like to thank you for keeping our school so immaculately clean. Our rooms never failed to have clean floors, boards, windows and desks. Our halls have had a cleanliness which we students have taken for granted. But now, after you have seen eighteen senior classes, it is your turn to graduate.

You worked in darkness. Often a student would pass through Adams unaware that every night from 3 until almost midnight, from The

Tower to The Little Theater, you cleaned. The students that did see you, however, were always greeted warmly and never scolded if thoughtless shoes tracked dirt over a newly washed floor.

We are thankful for the support you gave our athletic teams, too. There seldom was a game or meet or practice that went by without your smiling face in the doorway watching and silently rooting for the Eagles.

And now retirement. We hope it is everything you wish it to be. After 18 years of washing, dusting, sweeping and polishing, Harry, you deserve a rest. Enjoy it, and know that you will be missed.

Sincerely,

The John Adams student body

P.S. Magic chalk is accompanied by a magic eraser. We would not leave all that for Harry to have to clean up.

Students exhibit artistic ability

John Adams' art students will soon have the opportunity to gain recognition for their talent and hard work at an art show which will be open to the public and FREE OF CHARGE. Selected pieces of art work done by Adams students will be among the outstanding art works from area high schools at St. Mary's Moreau Gallery, which is located under O'Laughlin Hall Auditorium.

The art works will consist of

Adams schedules dances

All of Adams happy-footed dancers have an unusual opportunity coming.

In the next month Adams has not just one, but two dances on the schedule.

The first is next Thursday night's forget-about-finals disco from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Auditorium. The disco is back by popular demand with an even better disc jockey and a fabulous light show.

Tickets are now on sale from members of the publications staff and during both lunch hours at the ticket booth across from the cafeteria. The cost is \$2.00 per person.

Sales cannot be opened at the

door unless a certain number of tickets are sold in advance, so don't delay. Tickets may not be available the night of the dance.

Student Government is trying a new twist to their annual Valentine's day dance February 10.

Instead of the traditional Sock Hop, this year's dance will be a semi-formal in the P.E. Gym with a choice-of-music sound system with disc jockey instead of a band. Say members of student government, "Hopefully that will be better than some of the bands we've been getting recently. Nothing sounds as good as the original artist."

Tickets go on sale January at \$1.50 single and \$2.00 couple.



Adams faculty expresses opinion on back-to-basics issue

by Victor Goetz

A recent article in the **South Bend Tribune** about two college professors who proposed abolishing grammar as a means for eliminating the so-called "Johnny can't read" problem in American schools has once again revived much of the back-to-basics controversy.

The two professors, Stanley Berne and Arlene Zekowski of Eastern New Mexico University, base their proposal on the idea that "People think images. Or pictures. Not sentences." The 300 rules of grammar, they say, drive students away from both reading and writing.

Mrs. Eloise Smith, head of the English Department, admits that grammar is a problem when teachers attempt to force it on those students who cannot even read. "The study of grammar simply demands some reading skills before you start," she says.

But Mrs. Smith does not agree that grammar is the reason students can't read. Mrs. Smith believes that grammar should be, as it is here at Adams, incorporated into every course. "Sure grammar is boring when that's all you do day after day," she says. "I think that good teachers have always been able to teach language skills along

with the study of literature."

"I think the ideal way of teaching grammar is to teach it in a course with composition and reading and to keep track of how the students are doing. But I can't see abolishing the rules," Mrs. Smith says.

"What I am very interested in doing is to work out a course that will include grammar and great literature for students who are not going on to college. The language is not going to be of any value unless the student learns to express ideas with his language," she says.

As far as reading goes, Mrs. Smith points out that a great deal is being done at Adams to develop the reading program. A new reading specialist was hired this year to take care of testing and later accounting for the students' progress. "It's been very vague in the past, but now we'll have a record of where each student stands when they graduate."

The general course of the Adams English curriculum at this time is making use of the best aspects of the phase elective courses just abolished while adding a second emphasis, which is grammar and composition. The movement began about 4 years ago with the introduction of the Senior Composition and literature courses that

revived grammar and emphasized composition.

"The way I explain it is that we had the phase elective program from 1971. We tried to impress upon the students the importance of making a wise choice in their own educations," says Mrs. Smith. "It was the students who requested the grammar. It was something the students wanted, not something the faculty forced on them."

"Evidently, many people think that the back to basics movement is forced by the parents, but with us it was strictly an inner thing," she concluded.

The back to basics movement here at Adams is not, however, limited strictly to the English Department. "It's a nationwide thing and I think we'll get caught up in it," says Guidance Director Mr. Lyndal Fox. "I think we're moving back to basics simply because we're moving away from the minicourses. It'll be a gradual process, but there's a definite trend."

Back to basics, or rather never departing from the basics, has certainly been a factor in building Adams' unparalleled Science department.

"We fought the minicourses for years," says Department Head John Shanley frankly about the "progressive whims" of education.

"I don't think anyone in the department favored them because you couldn't teach the basic concepts so students could understand them in nine weeks."

"What we've attempted to do is ask 'what are the basic concepts we would like our students to have when they finish the course?' We didn't feel that a course like pet care would have anything concrete enough for students to take away from the course, to remember," he continued.

Shanley points out that new things, new concepts discovered through research, are incorporated so that students do not feel that it is all stagnant. But the emphasis is still, as it always has been, on the basics. Says Shanley, "Give students the basics and they have the foundation to branch out later. But if they miss the basics . . ."

Social Studies Department Head John Schutz echoed the feelings of many teachers in commenting "That article really bothered me. These people are not realistic."

Schutz agrees with the back to basics concept, but remains somewhat skeptical. The social studies department, too, has eliminated its electives in favor to the traditional approach which, Schutz says, "allows uniform instruction without squelching the individual teachers' abilities."

Schutz points out that a bill is currently before the Indiana Legislature proposing a comprehensive assessment be required at the end of each course. "That indicates that the state is moving, in the form of law, back to basics," Schutz says.

"I am a little apprehensive as to what direction the state and the corporation are going. It's O.K. with me as long as it doesn't get to the point where they have a day to day syllabus. In New York at one time there was a prescribed lesson plan for each day throughout the state. I'm just afraid they'll get too picky-picky," he warns.

Another department that has never really strayed from the basics is Mathematics. Department Head Donald Barnbrook explains that math does not as easily lend itself to minicourses.

Barnbrook raises the greatest worry of the minicourse trend, the "Micky Mouse" aspect. "I feel that the minicourse in some instances has been kind of an entertainment thing. That type of course setup does allow more easily for that factor," he says. "Math is much easier to keep on a straight and narrow path."

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New Years Resolutions made

by Kathy Grubb

Promises, promises, promises. Is that all New Year's Resolutions are?

Talk to people and you'll undoubtedly receive varied responses. You'll hear everything from "I promise to wash my gym clothes at least every other year from now on" to "I plan to strive to become a more emotionally balanced, controlled and intellectual human being who is capable of being a significant factor in the betterment of the human race." At any rate, the responses will be interesting.

While the majority of Adams students gave up resolutions with Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, there are a few ambitious or just plain crazy people who went ahead and made some resolutions anyway.

Several students gave their full name while some preferred to remain anonymous. Tracy S. has the right idea hoping that the Adams Eagles Basketball team is No. 1 all the way down state and that she'll get a job so she can afford a season ticket next year. Allen Davis says, "I resolve to hate Notre Dame more next year and to stop making resolutions." Tammy Smurr intends to make communication and honesty her goals for 1979. Robin M. wants to lose 10 lbs. "To be kind to fellow humans" is Steve Papai's resolution. Sanders Elliott promises not to bother teachers. Keith Kenna resolves not to give

resolutions to newspaper reporters.

There are more folks.

Theresa Blair plans to behave herself. Andy Reinke replies, "I resolve not to do any more Paul Lynde impersonations in the coming year." Patty Augustine has a simple plan--to make over \$2,000. Cindy Smith resolves not to step on her friends heels. Ted Mitchell is going to try to "watch less TV."

More? There sure are.

Kathy Talbot resolves to do her chemistry for a change and not to wreck her car again. Ron Zhiss said, "I'm not going to be critical of people's faults and respect their good points." Chyrisse wants to sit calmly through a wrestling meet without getting grossed out. Jay promised his mommy he'd eat all his veggies (except spinach or asparagus).

That's just a start!

Kathy McWilliams comments, "I promise mom I'll pass 10th grade and never hit Jan and Jeanice's heads together." Jim England resolves to try to stop smoking. Polly McGann replies, "After selling 'Spirit Baskets' I resolve never to sell anything." Greta Ehlert just wants to make this year better than last year.

And for a change of pace more resolutions!

Brad Parisey comments, "I won't go to French class for the rest of the year and I won't get bombed as bad as I did last year," whereas Brenda Ingraham hopes to be nicer to people and to party a lot more.

Lynn Slabaugh says, "I'm going to try to think before I do things this year." Eric Koch plans to save money. J.C. promises never to suggest ROLLER SKATING!!!

Bob Zielinski wants to be "a wild and a crazy guy." Joan Haden resolves to study more and to remind herself to make a New Year's Resolution. Gregg Clark wants to remain perfect. Jeannie Pask hopes to "get more guys than last year." John Streebel is going to get good grades next semester.

Patricia Jones hopes the Adams Basketball team will be No. 1 during '79 and that she can be a part of the girl's B-team when they're No. 1. Kim Ragland plans to find a job and get the heck out of South Bend this summer. "I promise not to do anymore 'Cat juggling,'" comments C.W. alias S.M. Sherri McLochlin took the advice of the Tribune and resolves to break a pattern. Tom Kelly sums up the feelings of many by saying he already gave everything up by making resolutions and he can't improve perfection.

So, as you can see, Adams student's resolutions cover everything from eating a lot of great Aunt Bertha's rock hard, stone jar molasses cookies to not eating at all. If you made a resolution, you have company. And if you've broken your resolution you probably have company too. Good luck to those who made them and may they not just be--promises, promises, promises."

Legislation draws comments

by George Patton

Recently Richard D. Doyle, a State Representative from the area, proposed a bill in the Indiana General Assembly which would change the public high school sports scene.

The bill will require that lightweight football and basketball for boys under 5'10" and girls' basketball and volleyball for those under 5'4" be made available in every high school which has these sports. Also the bill states that the football program must be divided into two teams, one for those students under 165 pounds and another for any weight.

Likewise, the boys basketball program would have to provide two programs; one for boys under 5'10" and one for those of any height. Also the girls' program would be divided into two programs with one for those under 5'4" and another for girls of any height.

According to the people around John Adams High school this bill lacks on a number of counts. Many people questioned the source of money for this increase in sports programs. Others complained that this bill would "dilute the high school sports system." But the

biggest problem centers around the fact that this plan cannot work on a high school scale.

Kevin Lennon a student at Adams who is involved in three sports states, "This proposal is totally unethical and unworkable. Just look at the number of people who go out for the teams and you can see why this proposal won't work."

Kelly Kerrihard said this of the bill, "This bill fails to recognize that the importance of sports and a good team is not that of size and weight, but that of ability."

Mark Harman, a member of the Adams tennis teams states that "on a less competitive scale this idea might have some meaning, but on the high school level this bill has no backbone."

The principle of Adams, Mr. Przybysz laments, "Which team will the student body give their support to?"

In times of financial strain like this where is the money going to come from? Dan Devetski says of the bill, "There is so little money available for high school sports right now, that this idea has no merit. It would mean doubling of much equipment which there is already a shortage of."

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Gymnasts top Angola

by Dave Wolfe

After three long years of nothing but total defeat the Eagles Gymnasts finally pulled one out. It was Wednesday the 10th of January, 1979. The time 7:00 p.m. the schools Adams vs. Angola at Adams.

With several returning letterman, the home crowd, the home court advantage, and a very enthusiastic and high spirited team, due to the coaching of Coach Poe, the Eagles were ready to go. That is of course after their amazing restroom pep talk, they were fired up.

To begin things off, Randy (Roland) Kelly, John (Rocky) Rockstroh, and Ricky (Bunny) Harris, all placed third, fourth, and sixth, respectively on floor exercise. Steve (Pap) Papai a sophomore took eighth. The next event was the pommel horse. With John (Man Mountain) Hennion placing first, their hopes soared even higher. Rocky Rockstroh took second, and Roland Kelly a seventh after competing on the horse for only his second time. The still rings, Ken (Raisins) Fortlander's best event, in which he knew he could take a first, and did. Roland Kelly took second, Bunny Harris, a fourth, and Rocky Rockstroh a fifth. Brad O'Saki may be only a freshman and exhibitionist, but scored even higher than several Angolians.

It was then half-time, the score Angola 34.5, Adams 34.6. Three events remained, vaulting long-horse, parallel bars, and high bar.

To lead off the second half, Bunny Harris figured he could take a first on long-horse vaulting, but

soon found out that when a "Bunny" hops he doesn't stop, and took a second, which ruined his first place average. Rocky Rockstroh took third, Raisins Fortlander took a fourth place after smashing his face in at in earlier meet at Concord. Roland Kelly took fifth with only two events left, Rocky Rockstroh got fired up and took first on parallel bars, and Man Mountain Hennion a close second, Dave (Orphanannie) (Lucan) Wolfe a sixth, and Billy Martinough a seventh. It was the last event in which Rocky Rockstroh pulled out a first, Raisins Fortlander a second, and Bunny Harris a sixth for an Adams victory.

Taking 1st place All Around was John (Rocky) Rockstroh.

Although Ken Watkins and Brian (Smitty) Smith did not participate, both show good perspectives.

It was a great and well deserved victory with a turnout crowd, a good coach, a very enthusiastic team, and beautiful score girls; Beth Deusterberg and Martha Dunbar who kept the Angolian minds off of their routines. And probably the minds of the Eagles as well.

Coach Poe who we owe a great deal to was actually stunned, all he did was congratulate and smile. He feels the team can do well this year if we can hit our tricks and routines. He also feels we are hard working and an enthusiastic team for the future.

Final score: 77.59 Adams - 74.55 Angola.

The Eagles evened their record to one loss and one win.

Wrestlers streak reaches seven

by George Patton

After a rocky start the John Adams wrestling has come through as a N.I.C. power with a seven match winning streak. Under the direction of first-year coach John McNarney the Grapplers have compiled a 7-1-1 record.

The Adams wrestlers made Niles their second victim with a 46-10 Eagle victory. The Eagles picked up four pins from Ryan Lane, George Patton, Gary Haygood, and Bob Bergren. Dave McNarney gained a 5-0 decision and his brother, Mike, picked up a superior decision with a 17-3 win. Tony Patterson and Greg Hughes each wrestled to a 4-3 victory. At a 167 lbs. Tony Coleman helped the team out with a 2-2 tie. Also Kevin Lennon, wrestling at heavyweight, won a 2-0 decision.

Powered by six pins the Eagles defeated N.I.C. rival Elkhart Central. Mike McNarney, Jon Foncier, Tony Patterson, Tony Coleman, Gary Haygood, and Bob Bergren all picked up pins. Dave McNarney wrestled to 3-3 draw in a tough match. Joe Niemann, Greg Hughes, and Kevin Lennon all picked up decisions for the final score of 47-12.

During winter break the Grapplers wrestled in two tournaments.

In the Niles Tourney the Eagles finished in 5th place as a team. Ryan Lane picked up a first place medal, and Dave McNarney and Bob Bergren gained second place finishes. Mike McNarney, Greg Hughes, and Jon Foncier each won their consolation matches for third place.

In the Mishawaka Tourney the Eagles had three individual first place. Dave McNarney, Jon Foncier, and Bob Bergren all won gold medals. Joe Niemann picked up the teams lone second place finish. Ryan Lane and Kevin Lennon each gained fourth place finishes. The team ended up in third place, finishing behind only to Penn and Mishawaka.

After winter break the Grapplers continued their winning streak with a 39-20 victory over Washington. The Eagles got pins from Dave McNarney, Mike McNarney, Ryan Lane, and Bob Bergren. Greg Hughes won a 8-3 decision at 157 pounds. Gary Haygood and Kevin Lennon also won by decision. Haygood won a 7-2 match and Lennon wrestled to a 3-2 win.

The fifth victim of Adams streak was Gary Roosevelt. In the Roosevelt match both McNarney's obtained pins in the first period. Dave had a 1:45 pin and his brother, Mike, had a pin in only 55

seconds. Joe Niemann also got a pin in 2:40. Mark Sutton won a 10-6 decision and Greg Hughes picked up a superior decision with a 18-3 stomp. Jon Foncier, George Patton, Tony Patterson, Bob Bergren, and Kevin Lennon all received forfeits for the final score of 56-15.

The Eagles then defeated a tough Penn team by two points, 29-27. Mike McNarney got the Eagles on the board with a pin at 1:41. Jon Foncier followed with a quick pin in only 47 seconds. Wrestling at 128 lbs. Mark Sutton won a tough 5-4 decision. Ryan Lane picked up a pin at 3:30, following the example of McNarney and Foncier. Joe Niemann and Gary Haygood each won a decision, Niemann won a superior with a 12-0 score and Haygood won a 13-7 match.

The seventh victim of the Grapplers streak was the Chargers from Elkhart Memorial. The Eagles showed some power as they recorded five pins and coasted in for the 38-24 victory. Dave McNarney, George Patton, Joe Niemann, Greg Hughes and B Bergren all won by pin. M McNarney won a 17-0 superior decision and Foncier had a 1. decision for the Eagles seventh win in a row.

Seagles run up 10-1 record

by Kevin Lennon

Coach Steve Smith's 1978-1979 Boys' swim team overcame a spirited and upset minded Goshen team and fans with an impressive 91-81 victory here at Adams. The stands were filled with Goshen Redskins fans, obvious proof that the Goshen strip must not be too exciting on Saturday's at 7:00 p.m. Not only Goshen fans sensed a possible upset, but also many other schools, as proved by the presence of numerous opposing coaches. Nevertheless, the Eagles handled all the pressure and improved their seasonal record to 10-1.

Adams started the meet off strong with the medley relay (Bernie Doering, Ron Zhiss, Tom

Manley, and Tim Herendeen), placing 1st. Gary Severyn and Ron Zhiss then gave the Eagles an additional boost with Severyn winning the 200 freestyle and Zhiss the Individual Medley (I.M). The other half of the scoring connection, Steve, soared above everyone else in the diving competition, winning the event hands down.

After, performing rather shakily in the next few events, Severyn turned in a tremendous effort in the 500 freestyle. Severyn, pulled out the victory in the closing yards over a Goshen Redskin. In the next two events, excellent efforts were turned in by B. Doering and Brad Tretheway in the back stroke and

Jamie Miller and Zhiss in the breaststroke. With these two victories in the back and breaststrokes, the Eagles put all of Goshen upset dreams to rest. In the final event of the day, Adams won the 400 free relay (Tim Parent, Manley, Severyn, and Mike Derin).

In the statewide rankings, the Eagles are 4th. Individual rankings show Gary Severyn as 4th in the 200 I.M. and 1st in the 100 breaststroke, and the medley relay team of Dave Pauszek, Zhiss, Manley, and Herendeen presently ranked #1.

With the way they are swimming, it's not hard to see why there is optimism of a state championship.

Eagles fall to feisty Cadets 3-1

by Joe Taylor

Last week the Adams hockey team traveled to Culver Military for a rematch of the two powers. Culver pulled it out 3-1.

Culver was coming off a surprising 2-2 tie to St. Joe, whom they had crushed earlier in the year. Culver had taken an earlier game from Adams 5-2.

With only :35 gone in the first period, Adams made it clear that they were not intimidated when Geoff Wharton stole a pass deep in the Culver zone and was stopped from scoring only by a spectacular save.

Adams continued to dominate early with some of their best passing of the year. Wharton,

George Scheel, Chris Kopec, and Dave Dziubinski kept the heat on the CMA goalie, who made a blind save on a Dziubinski bullet off a face-off.

CMA had a chance to score at 8:00 on a breakaway, but Goalie Jay Brasel made the save.

In the meantime, the officials were letting the game get out of hand. They missed numerous tripping calls and a couple flagrant holding calls, while tempers flared on both sides.

With :54 left, Culver took a 1-0 lead on a rebound goal. The period ended at 1-0.

The CMA offense came out smoking in the second period, while the Eagles seemed to lose some of their first-period intensity.

Some of this was due to the fact that the Eagles only had enough men to skate two shifts, while the CMA bench was loaded and those on the ice were well rested.

Adams did come close early in the period on a strong effort by Scheel, but an ensuing pile-up in the net produced nothing.

With 7:22 left, a communication breakdown in the Eagle defense led to a short-handed CMA goal to make it 2-0.

What followed was representative of the night. A fight produced a double-minor to Kopec, who had to be restrained by teammates, while the CMA player was hit with only a minor penalty.

Late in the period, the Eagles broke out of the zone and

Dziubinski, just over the Adams blue line on the right side, fired a long pass to Wharton down the left side to Wharton at the Culver blue line. Wharton skated in and cranked a long wrist shot into the net with 49 seconds remaining in the period.

Culver dominated the third period, but Wharton almost scored again at 8:00 on a wrist shot, but the CMA goalie made a good (even if he didn't see it coming) save.


Culver rolled up the cheap shots and used them effectively. The Eagles lost their cool and as a result did not play their best hockey. Still, the CMA players, for the most part, avoided the penalty box.

CMA's activities (which can only be described as "redneck action") reached a peak with two minutes remaining when one of their honorable cadets cracked Scheel in the back with his stick. Both got penalties.

Eight seconds later, Culver scored the final goal.

At the end, Culver and Adams players pounded away and piled up on each other after time had run out. One of the Culver players' slick cowboy hats was shredded by somebody, probably an Adams fan, rather than a player.

Adams meets Culver one more time later in the season in the Aluminum Shoebox at Culver. The cowboy hats will be flying.

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Adams Center Lynn Mitchem puts a bucket in the faces of three helpless Riley Wildcats. photo by Dan Kovas

Girls B-Ball even at 4-4

The varsity girl's basketball team is now in its third season. The team is under the direction of Jeff Hull, a former Adams basketball player. The girls have a record of 4-4. They have lost to Riley (ranked 15th in State), Clay (41&1 freethrows were missed by Adams in the last minute), Penn (the game was decided in the last minute), and LaSalle. In the first game of the season the Eagles beat North Liberty by a score of 39-33. Angela Watsons and Sue Ushela had 8 points each. Against St. Joe, Jenny Horvath came off the bench to get 9 points and lead Adams to a 41-31 win. Against Washington and Mishawaka the games were tense with a somewhat less than perfect officiating game against Mishawaka. Sue Ushela had 17 points

against Washington in the 51-49 win. Cathy Halterman was the leading scorer with 14 points against Mishawaka. With two minutes left in the game, Roz Dickens put on an excellent display of ball handling when there were 3 defensive girls on her. The team has two seniors, one junior, and all the rest are sophomores so they should do very well in the future.

The girl's B-team is 6-2. They lost only to Riley and LaSalle. The team was coached by Bruce Knutson, but he is now at Purdue for the second semester. The girls are now coached by his father, Gene Knutson. The B-team has one junior, two sophomores and ten freshmen. They should be excellent next year.

Basketball tunes up Holiday Tourney title

By John Byers

Led primarily by experience and poise, the John Adams Basketball team captured the Holiday Tourney title, but it sure didn't come easy.

After an opening round knockout over the hapless Riley Wildcats 80-51, the stage was set for a nail biting semifinal round.

Washington coming in at 8-0, offered an exciting game, but fell 55-46 to the Eagles. The Panthers kept things close for a while, but gradually fell behind, thanks to some superb shooting by Adams.

With 3:10 left in the first half, down by 4, and in foul trouble, Washington went into a stall, and chewed up the rest of the clock.

Remarks were buzzing around in the stands about the sanity of a coach to do this while behind by 4, but few realized the new life it was to give the Panthers in the second half.

The Eagles moved ahead 35-25 midway through the third quarter, before Washington made its move. The Panthers, taking advantage of some costly Adams turnovers, slowly rallied, and tied it up 44-44 on a Darwyn Hilliard steal with 0:02 showing on the clock.

Then came utter disbelief, as Adams was whistled for a foul on the shot.

But Hilliard quickly turned from hero to goat, as he missed the

chance to upset the #1 Eagles.

The red hot Panthers cooled down in the overtime period to the tune of 0 of 6 shooting though, as the Eagles made it look easy. Adams survived, and was ready to face Clay in the final game.

The Colonials, always a thorn in the Eagles side, fell behind by as much as 16, and found themselves down 54-40 with five minutes remaining. Adam's front line of Sutton, Mitchem, and Herron had provided most of the scoring punch up to this point.

But Clay, as can usually be expected, slowly engineered a comeback, and cut the score to 60-58 with 21 seconds remaining. The Colonials got the ball with 0:16 showing on the clock, due to a missed Eagle free throw, but the attempt to tie the game skidded off the rim, leaving the final score Adams 60 Clay 58.

Following the Holiday Tourney victory, the Eagles were hosts to the Elkhart Memorial Chargers, winners of their own tourney over rival Elkhart Central. The Chargers held on respectively in the first half, due to hot outside shooting, but lost to the final count of 72-59.

Mark Herron provided the fireworks early on with 16 first half points, and several thundering rebounds, while Lynn Mitchem silently scored 27 over the course of the night. As a whole, the Adam's guards probably played their best

game of the season.

The Eagles next faced 9th ranked LaSalle in a highly inspired and hotly contested game. Both sides performed well, but Adams chalked up an impressive win 73-63.

It started out as a tightly defensive, closely called affair, as the first quarter ended with Adams on top 11-10.

By the second quarter, however, both teams got into their respective game plans, and more offensive excitement was seen. The two offenses offset each other though, and the Eagles held a slim 34-32 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Eagles finally took charge, and maintained a constant 10 point lead. The Lions never recovered.

Mitchem led the Eagle scoring with 21 points, while Jackson and Sutton contributed 16 and 14 respectively. Jackson led in the SLAM department with 2.

Mark Herron, basketball player converted MC. commented on the season so far. "This season we haven't gotten the high point games like last year, but instead we now play a more precise offense, with better defense. And who is the leader of the team? "All the seniors are the leaders. Their experience and maturity rubs off on all the others."

Hopefully that experience can earn the Eagles a trip downstate.

Girls Gymnastics ready to open season

by Lisa Frieden

As the snow starts to fly so do the girl gymnasts. The first day of November is also the first day of sore muscles and perhaps some blisters, for it marks the beginning of preparation for the upcoming gymnastics season. As winter builds its strength so do the girls, with three hours of practice every day until the meets begin on January 17.

Girls' gymnastics includes competition in three levels: Beginning, Intermediate and Optional. The Beginning and Intermediate gymnasts have pre-set routines on the uneven parallel bars, balance beam, the vault and floor exercises. Girls competing in the Optional category perform original routines in these same exercises.

Although there are three categories of competition it takes the determination of all working as one team to win meets. The girls have this dedication and teamwork which should be a great asset for them in the upcoming season.

There are four freshmen on the team this year. They are Jill

Bergen, Ronda Hetterson, Debbie Nietter and Theresa Patton. Competing with them in Beginning events is sophomore Sue Nietter. Competing at the Intermediate level are senior Lynda Vaerweyck and juniors Roxanne Scarbrough, Heather McClure, Trish Mengel and Gail Borden, and sophomore Christy Silvius. Lisa Swartz, Sherry Bolden and Lori Ross make up the Optional division.

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January 18 is the girls first home meet against Plymouth. The season runs until March 8, which is the date of the Sectional competition.

It is the second year for coach Pam Poe and she is looking forward to a successful season. The girls and Pam feel that they have a definite advantage over last year

because the girls now know what Pam expects and likewise Pam knows how well the girls can perform. "The beginners had little previous gymnastics training," Pam said, "but they are all working hard to gain the needed experience."

The Intermediates are very strong this year. After a successful season last year their work now is devoted mainly to perfecting their routines.

The Optionals also have good experience and with the new flourishes they are adding to their routines, Pam believes they have a good opportunity to win the Sectional title.

Mrs. Poe and the girls' main request this year is for more fans. The girls work very hard all season and deserve the support of the school. Girls gymnastics is a prime example of the teamwork that is characteristic of all teams representing John Adams. It is through this team effort that John Adams has acquired the reputation of having one of the top gymnastics teams in Northern Indiana.

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