Przybysz comments on effect of diploma changes

"If you're driving down a highway, and you realize you're going the wrong way, you don't drive another 100 miles to be sure." That was the analogy used by Dr. Scamman, Supt. of South Bend Community Schools to explain his immediate revision of high school graduation requirements.

"My largest objection to the present requirements is that they represent a numeric quantity, ignoring the quality aspects," the superintendent said.

The new program will eliminate the academic--regular diploma distinction. To graduate from a South Bend high school, a student must now acquire 32 credits. Under the previous system, students had to have 36 credits for a regular diploma and 38 credits for an academic diploma. Only 10 of those 38 hours were free for electives.

Now students have 18 required credits and 14 elective credits. Mr. because they will be freer to year of physical education are

explore their talents.

The new graduation requirements will directly affect present seniors because they are not required to be in class five hours. While students are not encouraged to drop any classes, seniors are only required to be in school three hours. Juniors are required to have at least five classes.

All course changes or withdrawals must have written parental consent, which will be verified by Mr. Przybysz, Mr. Bibbs, or Mr. David, who will approve all

College or vocational school bound students should see Mr. Rensberger, before making any changes. Students should be sure that they don't jeopardize their admission to the institution of their choice by dropping a class which is important for their background.

Majors and minors are still required. Three years of English, three years of social studies, one Przybysz feels this will help year of math, one year of science, students in the music programs, one semester of health, and one

required. Students may then pick 14 courses to fill the elective requirement.

Electives must be chosen so that a student has a total of two years work (a minor) in two subject areas.

Seniors must be in school 3 hours, juniors 5, and freshmen and sophomores 6. Exceptions can be made to these guidelines, but only parental consent and a valid reason. Parents who have questions about the new program are encouraged to call the guidance counselors.

Students who have just been taking classes to fill up 5 or 6 hours will now have the opportunity to take courses at IUSB or earn income for their families or college. Students will not be released early just to roam around Adams or the

Athletes are still required to take four solid classes to be eligible. Students in other extra-curricular activities should follow the same guideline.

"I'm not expecting a mass exodus from class," said Mr. semester to make these changes.

Przybysz. "There are students who just can't handle a 5 or 6 hour day. While no class can be bad for you, this will allow those students to help out at home by earning income. They won't just be putting in their time."

Of real concern to Mr. Przybysz is the possibility that this new program will adversly affect extra-curricular activities. Students had been getting more involved, because they were around longer, according to Mr. Przybysz. His advice to sponsors is to "offer students something quality and they will stay."

Mr. Przybysz is glad that Dr. Scamman left some judgements up to the high school principals. As a principal, he likes to deal with problems in the way that is best for the particular students involved, and the way in which the community will be most receptive.

"To review and to make a major decision takes time," said Mr. Przybysz. It might have been easier to wait until the end of the lifetime.

But, a few students may want to try to work in a second senior social studies class, and graduate in January. Seats are extremely limited, but counselors will try to help students make that change.

The question of whether or not students who drop a class will receive an "F" is of less concern to Mr. Przybysz than what will happen to those students who try to enter a class over four weeks into the semester. Mr. Przybysz is advising teachers not to try to go back and bring new students up to date. He feels that it is the responsibility of the new student to make the choice to change, and thus it is at their own risk. This new freedom is not to be exercised at the expense of teachers or other students.

Mr. Przybysz's overall advice for students is to "keep cool, and don't go running whole hog into things.' Talk to counselors, teachers, and parents, and then make a decision that will be beneficial over a

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Guidance resources available

Many people think learning stops at the end of high school. It doesn't. The guidance resource room has a wealth of information to help you continue your education.

If you want a trade school, a two or four year college, or military experience, Mr. Rensberger who is in charge of this room has just the information you need.

Even if you aren't sure what road you want to take in your not so distant future, the guidance resource room can help. It houses catalogues not only of colleges and vocational schools, but also of careers and college majors. Flip through the pages of one, and you may be on your way to a career you had never heard of before.

Apptitude tests can help a student discover hidden talents or interests.

The army, navy, air force, and marine recruiting offices provide the counselors with all the information you might need to pursue a military career.

Approximately 100 colleges visit Adams each year. Each one is a bit different, and students are encouraged to attend their presentations.

It is the student's responsibility to prepare for the future. As Mr. Rensberger said, "The material is here, use it."

Fair to aid students in educational search

Hurry! Hurry! Step right up to future. the College Fair.

It may seem like your life is a rapidly turning merry-go-round, but college and vocational school choices can't be made by throwing hoops over bottles to see what you get. Secondary education at the right institution can be a rewarding experience, but picking the right place can be confusing.

On October 17th, however, seventy-three institutions and 'organizations will gather at the Century Center. Representatives from these groups will help you have representatives at the fair to make the right choice for your answer your questions about their

Representatives from the General Motors Institute, Indiana Institute of Technology, Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Herron School of Art, and Michiana College of Commerce will be on hand to describe their programs to students who don't want to attend a four year college.

Notre Dame, Indiana University, Southwestern Michigan College, Purdue, DePauw, and Ball State

will all be represented. All branches of the military will new programs and options.

In the financial aid department, representatives from the State Student Assistance program, and the local St. Joseph County Scholarship Foundation will be happy to aid students who need information about the cost side of

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What this fair doesn't have in flashing lights, it makes up for in quality and quantity of its "attractions." It can be equally exciting as a regular county fair, because it could launch you on your way to college or a career.

National Honor Society inducts members

Joan Slabaugh

Juniors:

National Honor Society members were inducted October third, and enjoyed a reception in the cafeteria afterwards. Short speeches were given by each of the club's officers emphasizing leadership, character, and service to the school and community.

To qualify for NHS membership, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average. In past years, teachers elected the members of the society on the basis of leadership, good character, and service to the community portrayed by each student. This practice was changed, and now the members are assumed to possess those qualities.

The small membership fee which is required will be used to sponsor the John Adams literary magazine, FOOTPRINTS.

The NHS officers are Lily Raymond: president, George Patton: vice president, Kevin Lennon: treasurer, and Robert Demaree secretary.

All members should be congratulated for their achievements. Inducted were:

Seniors: Mary Amico Jacqueline Becker Kathleen Doering Susan Henry Kim Hill Eldred MacDonnell Christina Macri Fillipo Randazzo Eliyn Severyn

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needs you to run for Muscular Dystrophy. This fall, our Adams D.E.C.A. Club is sponsoring a marathon to raise money for the fight against M.D.

Muscular Dystrophy is a disease mostly affecting young children. It slowly deteriorates their muscles until they can't even to the simplest things, like walking, eating, or even turning over in bed, things we take for granted.

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The John Adams D.E.C.A. Club little better for these children. We can buy them wheelchairs, legbraces and set up special summer camps. In addition to all this, some of the money raised will go to research to try to find a cure for this terrible disease.

We hope to have at least 250 runners at our five-mile marathon, Sunday, October, 14th. There will be lots of fun, balloons and prizes for the children. The John Adams Pep Band will be there to add to the fun and excitement.

Awards will be given to top finishers. Races will be judged by three-man team race.

For more information and to apply, you can pick-up an application form from Mr. Blauvelt in room 205, at a nearby athletic shop or talk to a D.E. student.

Entry fee is \$5.00 per runner or free for runners who collect \$10.00 or more in donations. Free t-shirts will be given to the first 250 runners that register. So hurry and register before October 11th (applications will also be accepted the day of the race at 1:00 p.m.).

Remember, victims of M.D. need you to run so they can walk.

announces fall comedy

The Adam's Drama Club held auditions for their fall presentation of THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST, by Oscar Wilde.

A large number of students willing to display their dramatic talents tried out. The limited cast of nine characters, played with British accents, was easily cast, according to Mrs. Goerner.

Robert Demaree, Ted Manier, Dan Jacoby, Greg Casimer, John Manier, Emily Johnstone, Kirsten Washburn, and Lisa Macri are all returning after their most recent performances in last year's musical, BRIGADOON.

Senior, Julie Markley is

making her debut on the Adams stage. She is a second year advanced theater arts student at the Career Center.

"The theater experience I received helped me get a part in the play. I'm the only one from Adams now taking the course, and I wish that those who are interested in theater would get involved in the

The cast may be the most visable component of the show, but the backbone of any production are the workers backstage.

Student director, Debbie Burke said, "I enjoy working backstage. It allows me to participate in the

show if I can't be on stage."

"I really feel like I'm important and needed when I do things for the plays. It's terrific experience, and it's rewarding," said another student who shares Debbie's views. "There are so many things to do: costumes, sets, make up. . any one who is willing to work hard can do it."

The hard work is just beginning for the cast and crew of THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARN-EST. Drama club members are sure that it will all pay off when the curtains open November first, second, and third.

Teachers reminisce about former school days

by Sherri McLochlin

"Teachers are so inhuman! Don't they remember what it's like to be a teen-ager?!"

If you're like most students, chances are you've asked yourself this heartfelt question many times. When your pile of homework is taller than you are, and it's only third hour-you may have even seriously wondered at the answer. Well downtrodden, fellow students, take heart. The answer is a firm "Yes."

Mr. Goodman, who claims his "memory is failing with age," says that there is no comparison between Adams and his high school. A member of a graduating class numbering 67, his major activity in high school was "being a student.'

Having surprisingly hated chemistry in school, he entered college as a history major. (There have been 17 teachers in his family, from his grandfather down.) Not until the second semester of his junior year in college did he decide to enter the field of science.

Mr. Goodman commented that he had changed his choice of career. several times. He feels it's important for students to be broadminded about all the opportunities offered them. His advice is for students to be as versatile as their schedule will allow. Rather than channeling all of your energy into four years intense study of one subject, he feels it would be far

more beneficial to explore and discover other courses. Mr. Goodman closed by saying that college, a time of important maturing, is soon enough to decide on your career choice.

Mrs. Katona's high school days, on the other hand, were quite hectic. She explained that in her school, everyone was just naturally very involved. Student government, the newspaper, yearbook, sororities, and sports ("But always lady-like sports!") occupied her time. Most memorable to her are drama and musical productions under James Lewis Cassidy.

It was not until she was a sophomore in college, did she decide to become a teacher. Her experience as a guidance office aid

Regarding students today, Mrs. Katona advises them to "do their own thing-within reason." Most importantly though, she says, 'make the most of what's there for you now."

An avid sportsman, Mr. Mike Szucs played football, basketball, and baseball in high school, as well as being a member of the National Honor Society and student government. Originally interested in practicing law, Mr. Szucs decided instead that teaching young people would be far more satisfying.

Relating back to his own school days, Mr. Szucs noted that students today are more knowledgeable and involved. He thinks it is do remember and care.

vital for people to challenge themselves, and realize their own worth and potential. He also thinks it's "great" that seniors this year appear to have more interest in learning than have other classes in the past.

When asked what he would improve on if he had it to do over again, he replied, "I would have taken advantage and learned more in high school and particulary in college.

With this apparent gold mine of experience at Adams, it's a shame more students don't take advantage of it. If you have questions or need advice go ahead and ASK your teachers. They definitly won't mind, and you'll soon see that they



by Eleanor Pollak

Do you dress like you just got up two minutes before class started and rushed out the door? Do you insist on wearing alligator shirts, levis, straight leg cords, canvas striped belt, and topsiders with no socks, of course, to school every day? When you wear a T - shirt does it have to say HARVARD on it? If so, you have the characteristics of a "preppie." Although the thought sounds foreign to a public school student, it's an every day happening to a student attending a prep school.

"Preppies" continually try to prove their superiority by always being the first persons in class to raise their hands. Of course the answer is always correct although disguised in fifteen letter words and said at an illegal speed.

"I have

to go to

Harvard"

Occasionally when an assignment is neglected, a legitimate excuse is always given such as "I left it on my yacht after the regatta," (as observed in the Daily Princetoni-

Although most sports aren't acknowledged, with the proper sporting attire a few sports are acceptable, such as tennis, soccer, lacrosse, and squash. Perfectly matching coordinate sportswear and sweat socks are worn along with the necessary spotless Adidas or Nike tennis shoes.

Of course every tactic in Steven Potter's "Gamesmanship" is scucessfully employed at all times.

Many Adams students will meet up with these aliens in college life. Although these obnoxious creatures are very intimidating they can occasionally be almost "tolerable."

Enrollment, funds, services drop

by Luanne Kenna

The South Bend Community School Corporation announced recently that enrollment dropped unexpectedly in area schools. Here at Adams, where predicted and actual attendance differs greatly, this drop has been apparent.

However, according to Mr. Przybysz, "there are no immediate effects." He also added that, "the figures are somewhat misleading. because the statistics are from fall to fall. "At Adams, the drop from the end of last school year to the beginning of this year is not as drastic.

The principal said that no changes will be necessary at the moment. "In fact, the class sizes are now almost ideal. Now there will be more time for individual help." Lunches are less crowded,

and the halls are less congested. No programs need to be cut at this point.

Yet, Mr. Przybysz said that he cannot "speak for the future." Obviously, as less students pay fees, less money is brought in, and the slack must be taken up somewhere. "Unfortunately, the first area to be decreased is extracurricular activity." The programs that affect the least amount of students will be the first to come under close scrutiny. "But even then some people are going to be upset."

As the cost of books, facilities, and other educational expenses continued to increase, the more the burden falls on school fees to ease the inflation. And as the enrollment drops, so too does the number of students to pay these fees. True, fewer materials are needed, but the

amount of savings is disproportionate to the rising costs.

Vandalism also adds to this inflation, and Mr. Przybysz feels that students need to become aware of the results of their carelessness. "Perhaps if their special privileges and extra activities were curbed, they would begin to think twice about needless actions.'

Although at this instant the drop in student numbers seems to be no problem, and in fact seems to be even advantageous, "the not-dis-tant future could hold serious problems if these trends do not change.'

'This is the first article in a two-part series about the changes in education and their effects on the future.)

Parents, students comment on open house

by Mary Gregg

"Hey, wait! We're going the wrong way."

'The tower? Where is that?" "Why do these things always happen to me?"

Every year about this time it happens. Open House. The night that parents find out that going to school isn't as easy as they remember.

"I found out that you can get lost easily," said Mr. Gary, father of Dana Gary, freshman. He admitted that "finding 302 was hard" -- just like his daughter warned him it would be.

"Parents always get turned around," commented sophomore Lee Ann McKnight, an usher at Open House. She added that after the first two hours, though, they usually became pretty good at finding their way.

The main part of Open House, after a welcoming speech from Mr. Przybysz at 7:00, was underway by 7:30. Each parent picked four classes to visit, then became a "student" again as he/she

periods with ten minutes in between to find the next room.

"You really get an idea of what your child's doing," said Mr. Yazich, father of 9th-grader Rick Yazich. Mrs. Yazich said that she was very happy they have it, because now she knows what high school is like for Rick.

Once again, however, the turnout made it a slightly disappointing experience for some of the teachers who didn't like to come back to school and then only talk to a few people each period.

"It's a nice idea if the parents would only get here," said Mr. Mihail. "I find it hard to believe that they don't want to know what their child is doing."

"more useful" if all the parents came, Mr. Steinke agreed that there "should be a night like this," and thought that Open House is done well at Adams. Mr. Wiand welcomed the opportunity to let the parents hear his side of the story.

The parents at Open House also

followed a schedule of ten minute had advice for high school students....

"Study hard--it really pays," said Mrs. Ditsch, mother of Debbie Ditsch, junior. "It's never as easy to go back a second time.

Try to be well-rounded; take advantage of everything," commented Mr. Grayson. He said that he tells this to his two sons, Philip (9th) and Meredith (11th) all the time, and believes it is one of the most important things a high school student can do. (Besides studying and getting good grades!)

Mr. Nemeth, father of Mike, a senior, advised everyone to stick with it. "Someday you'll realize that it isn't a waste of time." If this is what he believes, it must be true--when he was in school, he felt But even though it would be that lunch was his most worthwhile subject!

And then, of course, there's the mother who said her advice was "study more--party less." She speaks from experience, because looking back at her high school days she realized that she "mainly goofed off."

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Interceptions plague Mihail's Eagles

Second half ineffectiveness and an abundance of misfortunes has caused Andy Mihail's varsity football team to drop two tough contests these past weeks. Both offensive and defensive inconsistancies, poor field position and a total of eight interceptions allowed Elkhart Memorial and Clay to cash in decisive victories over the Eagles.

The defense in their own territory most of the second half finally uncaged the Charger offense which exploded for twenty points and ultimately a victory. Although during the first twenty-four minutes of action, Coach

Butch and his offense blasted out eleven first downs on 101 yards rushing and 61 yards through the air, they couldn't score. The Eagles were all over the field except in the end zone, halting their marches at Memorial's 19, 26 and 30 yard lines. In the second half, things got no better, the Eagles couldn't muster even a first down against the solid Charger front wall.

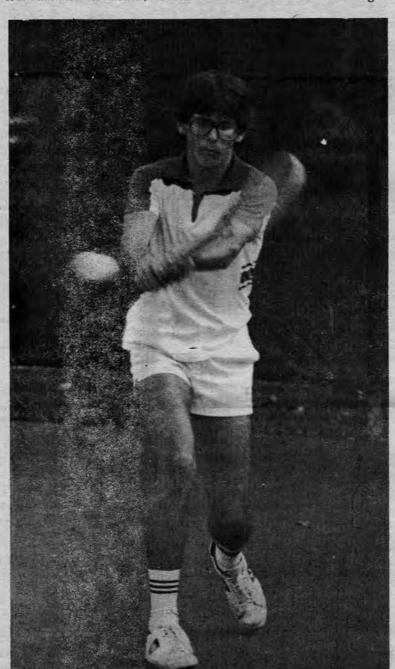
Against the Colonials, the Eagle pass defense was tested many times in the first half, two tosses eventually setting up touchdowns. Both offenses moved the ball very well but only Clay was able to score that half much to the Eagles

displeasure. With 2:26 left in the first period, Junior linebacker Jerry Alford scooped up a Colonial fumble and rambled 70 yards and into the end zone, but a mid-field clipping penalty nullified the score. Clay's second half play tallied twelve more points for a 19-0 final. Eagle Notes: The B team improved its record by defeating the Elkhart Memorial reserves 7-0 Charles Murphy ran 8 yards for the score and David Lobeck kicked the conversion. The defense led by Kevin Sweeney, Bill Martinov, Ric Perkins and Murphy held Memorial deep in their own territory.

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With total concentration on the shot, Dan Devetski nails a backhand winner.

photo by Phil Bender

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Netters close out season

by George Patton

The John Adams tennis team finished their season with a loss in the Sectional to state ranked Penn. Adams had a shot at the upset as they forced two matches to the three set limit, but the Kingsmen depth proved to be decisive.

The loss ended the second season for Coach Allen and his Netters. Earlier in the same week the Eagles polished off Washington to finish the regular season with a 9-5 record, considerably better than last years 3-11 record.

In the Sectional the Netters had to first meet lowly Washington to advance to the Penn match. Adams won easily, by a 5-0 score, but the Kingsmen proved to be more

difficult. Matt Koscielski playing at the #1 singles position almost pulled a three set upset over Kevin Bailin, the Penn #1 player. But Bailin pulled out the victory and after that Penn coasted to a 4-1 win over the Eagles.

The team had four Seniors on the squad all of which will be lettering for their second straight year. Captain Mark Harman led the team with a 12-4 record, while Koscielski was named to the second team all conference. Koscielski is just a Junior and he has been playing at the #1 singles spot for two full seasons already.

Dan Devetski, Rusty Stinchcomb, and Dave Germano have provided the team with the needed experience as both Stinchcomb and Germano have been with the tennis program through all of their four years in high school. Devetski played at the #3 singles position while both Germano and Stinchcomb play doubles.

The team has a bright future with Koscielski and doubles players Lee Fonacier and Chris Toal all returning. Also the Freshman squad should be better than usual and they will be needed to provide the depth that every team needs. It might also be noted that another Koscielski is coming to Adams with the class of '84. Hopefully, Coach Allen can return the Netters to their State Championship form of the early 70's

Seagal spirit remains high

by Sherri McLochlin

We are the Seagals, Seagals are

We never lose our pep-ability. We are the best team, Better than the rest team, We are the Seagals!

So rings out the cheer of the Adams girl's swim team. This year's sizeable booster of swimmers are led by senior co-captains Julie Doetsch and Lisa Anderson. While the Seagals record includes some unexpected upsets, their Kusbach, and Ingrid Marshall. Sophomores: Debbie Bulger, Debbie DeFreew, Tess Doering, Jane Doetsch, Mary Stewart, and Laurie Vogel. Adding fresh power to the team are: freshmen, Debbie Borowski, Kathleen Kusbach, Barb

enthusiasm and dedication far outweigh any disappointments. Members are: Seniors: Mary Amico, Karen Brown, Sherri McLochlin, Tammy Smurr, and Phyllis Vogel. Juniors: Mary Jo Hemphill, Cindy Joers, Grit Hanlon, Kris Kolasinski, Mary Kusbach, and Ingrid Marshall. Sophomores: Debbie Bulger, Debbie DeFreew, Tess Doering, Jane Doetsch, Mary Stewart, and Laurie Vogel. Adding fresh power to the team are: freshmen, Debbie Borowski, Kathleen Kusbach, Bath

Madison, Katie Manley, Diane Mennucci, Mindy Poulon, and Jennifer Parker.

Several obstacles have proved serious hinderances to the team's usual high performance. Include, are such trivial matters as broken arms, stitches, illnesses, and last-but-not-least: no pool to practice in.

Says coach Steve Smith, "We're learning to measure success in terms other than winning- and that's what's important."

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Spikers run record to 11-1

by John Byers

Winning four out of five matches at the Ben Davis Invitational, while playing with precision against everybody else, the John Adams volleyball team upped its record to 11-1.

The Invitational, which fielded a prestigious group of teams that were ranked either #1 or #2 in their respective regions, provided the Eagles with a good look at other state powers, as well as a test in endurance.

"It also gave us a chance to see what we needed to work on," stated co-captain Sandy Gyorgyi.

The round robin format allowed each team to play all five matches in one day, with little rest between them.

Seymour became the first prey, as the Eagles outclassed them 15-9, 15-4.

Muncie Burris proved to be extremely tough, but the Eagles were not about to let a 15-4, 11-15, 15-3 victory slip from their grasp.

Adams victory over city rival St. Joe 15-9, 12-15, 15-6, was won in typical Eagle form, as they stood up to the pressure of yet another 3 game match.

Perry Meridian offered no

trouble, as the Eagles rolled 15-8,

The Ben Davis match was played after a considerably longer rest then in the four previous matches, and this proved to be a factor, as Adams fell 9-15, 3-15. "Ben Davis is an excellent team, but if the match were played a little earlier when we had the momentum going, it could have been closer," explained Coach Ganser.

It was obvious that the Ben Davis coach was directing her full attention to the Adams match from the very start of the Invitational, and the play of her team showed it. Hopefully Adams will be just as ready for a return match, as it is very likely that the Eagles will face Ben Davis again in the state tourney.

In regular season action the Eagle machine showed no flaws. They were easy winners over LaSalle 15-4, 15-7, while downing a good moving Riley club 15-6, 15-10.

The B-team also won their respective matches with ease.

A well coached Penn squad that Ganser feels will be tough fell next 15-5, 15-7. "The Kingsmen have a solid defense, but just need a consistent offense to be really good," warned Ganser.

The B-team kept their winning streak intact winning 15-7, 15-4.

On the B-team Coach Ganser feels that "they have improved about as much from the beginning as one can expect."

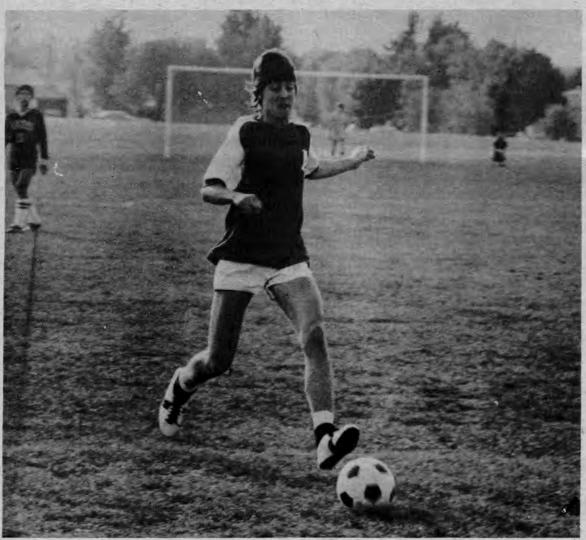
As usual Clay was up for the Eagles, this time with a complete pep band. After Adams lost the final game 8-15, it appeared that the Colonial psych job might be successful, but the Eagles destroyed that notion by winning the next two 15-9 and 15-8.

"It's hard to explain, but we seem to play better when we are behind and pressured," explained Ganser.

The B-team became 8-0 in defeating the Colonials 19-17, 15-7.

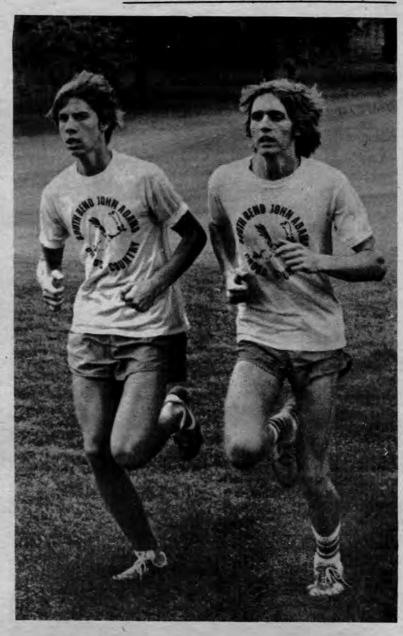
For the future it appears the team will finally be playing with a steady lineup. Due to injuries and illnesses there has been a lot of juggled lineups put into action, but a relieved Ganser finally sees an end to that.

V-Eagle Note: Co-captain Jackie Becker was recognized in The South Bend Tribune for her outstanding performance by being selected as one of five "Athletes of the Week" for the week of Sept. 18-24.



Joe Taylor prepares to cut loose with a shot on goal.

photo by Phil Bender



Chris Kelley and Dave Troost show the signs of pain and fatigue that come with running 2½ miles. Recently the Eagles defeated Elkhart Memorial, marking the first time that Adams had beaten the Chargers in cross country.

photo by Dave Wisniewski

Soccer club rolls up wins

Going into last Monday's game with Bethany Christian, the John Adams Soccer Club has posted a 5-3-1 record, including a second place finish in the Michiana Invitational Tournament.

The team beat Marian and St. Joe on the way to the finals of the Michiana Tourney (held at Cartier Field at the start of September) before falling to state champion Argos, 3-0.

Following the tournament, the team dropped two in a row to Argos and Culver Military, probably the two best teams in the state.

After these two defeats, Adams defeated Riley 5-2. The game was scoreless at halftime, but two goals each from Martin McKiernan and Teo Sevier and another from George Patton put the Wildcats away in the second half.

The team met St. Joe again the

their next game and won, 1-0. Goalie Donny MacDonell and Fullbacks Alan Davis, John Byers, Ben Crossen, and Greta Roemer kept St. Joe from having any kind of success on offense. Joe Taylor scored the game's only goal.

A penalty shot by Sevier secured a 1-1 tie with Michigan City Marquette in the team's next game.

The fifth victory came at the expense of Marian, 3-0. Left-winger McKiernan collected two goals, while Jim Kerby scored the final one. All of the goals were in the second half. MacDonell got the shutout in the nets.

The team is coached by Roger Ashodian, in his spare time from running the nightclub Vegetables Buddies. Last spring Ashodian coached the MSA Coca-Cola team to a third place finish in the league.

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