

School corporation test scores released

SCAT, STEP, SAT - alphabet soup? No, but close. These are the names of the tests which almost every high school student must take. Recently, area high schools have been given permission to release these scores, and this permission has been the cause of apprehension, misunderstanding, and protest.

"But these scores are misleading," according to Principal Przybysz. "The circumstances and nature of the tests demand closer scrutiny than merely the publishing of the figures."

The SCAT (School and College Ability Test) is taken by freshman students, usually around December. This test measures aptitude - the capacity to learn. For the years 1975 - 1979, the national norm for both verbal and math skills was 50.

South Bend Community School Corporation norms were slightly below these, with 47 in verbal, and 48 in math. However, Adams students scored above both national and city levels, with 52 in math, and 53 in verbal. The national average for total ability is again 50, the SBCSC norm was 48, as compared to Adams' score of 53.

The STEP (Sequential Test of Educational Progress) is also given to freshman. This test is to determine achievement, "more accurately, it is a reflection of the previous schooling, not on Adams or any other high school," according to Mr. Przybysz. The national norm is 50 in all areas, which are: reading, spelling, capitalization and punctuation, math computation, and math concepts. SBCSC scores were: 45 in

reading, 43 in spelling, 43 in capitalization and punctuation, 44 in math computation, and 46 in math concepts. Adams scored just at or just below national averages, with 52 in reading, 49 in spelling, 47 in capitalization and punctuation, 48 in math computation, and 51 in math concepts.

Mr. Przybysz commented that, "The scores weren't extremely high, but I have always known that Adams is a good inner-city high school."

One major point of contention was the publishing of SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores, often used by colleges as a gauge for freshman admissions. This is a voluntary test, taken by students in either June of their junior year, or in November of their senior year. This test also measures ability, not

achievement, in math and verbal skills. The national norm was 468, and the verbal was 429. SBCSC averages, a combination of LaSalle, Clay, Riley, Washington, and Adams scores, fell below these levels, with 455 in math, and 412 in verbal. Area schools were close to Indiana norms, however, which are 455 in math, and 411 in verbal. Adams scores 479 in math, and 432 in verbal, both well above all norms.

Mr. Przybysz felt it worthy to note that, "Adams' scores have steadily risen, as national scores have declined."

Mr. Rensberger, Adams senior counselor, states, "SAT's are basically over-rated, and often misunderstood. They are not a reflection on any school, because

no form of curricula can change an individual's ability to learn."

Regardless of prior warning, Mr. Fox, Adams head counselor, feels that, "People will still judge by these scores. It can't be helped." Mr. Przybysz commented, "What each student scores is more important than what any school as a whole did."

These scores, although raising some questions, should not create undue concern. Each is a moderately accurate measure of learning aptitude and achievement, but they are not the single method. Each form of test has its own faults and carries its own fallacies. The best way to handle any test score comparisons is to know what is being compared, and what the tests propose to indicate.

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States move to decriminalize marijuana

Based on the number of marijuana decriminalization bills that have been passed or introduced in both federal and state legislatures, the possession of a small amount of marijuana for personal use is increasingly being viewed as a minor offense.

A recent Gallup Poll indicates that 53 percent of Americans now favor no punishment for the possession of a small amount of marijuana.

This year alone, there have been decriminalization bills introduced in 13 state legislatures. Five more have appeared in the U.S. Congress.

A major force behind the push for the decriminalization of marijuana laws has been the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Sen. Jacob Javits (D-N.Y.) said that "NORML (has) had a significant impact in changing attitudes as well as laws."

NORML was co-founded in 1970 by Keith Stroup and the current director, Larry Schott. Consisting of 35,000 members nationwide, NORML has volunteer coordinators in 47 states, some states having more than one office.

Since the first decriminalization law was enacted in Oregon in 1973, ten more states have followed: Alaska, Colorado and Ohio in 1975; California, Maine and Minnesota in 1976; Mississippi, New York and North Carolina in 1977; and most recently, Nebraska on July 1, 1978.

Some of these new laws changed the offense for simple possession from a felony with a maximum sentence of life in prison to a simple violation with a maximum fine of \$100.

Although thirteen states proposed decriminalization laws this year, none has passed one. Likewise, none of the decriminalization bills in Congress has even come to a vote in committee. However, of 32

states which introduced legislation this year allowing access to marijuana for medical reasons, nine have actually passed or enacted such legislation. These states are: Iowa, Maine, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

In Florida, a bill was considered that would have permitted a country, upon petition of five percent of the registered voters, to hold an election that would actually legalize the cultivation, possession and sale of marijuana within the county itself. The bill died in committee.

Even though it seems as if most states have, or are on the verge of passing legislation decriminalizing marijuana or making it available for medical reasons, some states have bills pending which would increase the penalties for the sale, cultivation or possession of marijuana.

Student government sponsors first jam session

The Student Government at Adams High School has begun its 1979-1980 campaign on a busy note. To begin with, Student Government has announced the first annual "Jam Session," to be held Wednesday, November 21. This "Jam Session" will feature many musicians from Adams High School, representing the bands TRINITY, ROLLING HITCH, and SCRUGGS AND BUDDIES. Everyone is assured that this will be a "concert to remember." Ticket sales have begun and will be sold

during both lunches.

This year's Student Government has also been involved in the anti-smoking campaign. Various members talked to the 5th graders at Adams feeder schools and discussed with them all aspects of smoking. The campaign proved to be a tremendous success.

Television was the next order of business for the group. Several members appeared on *Signal 8*, a production of Channel 46. These members discussed their respective roles in the organization and

highlighted some of the upcoming events.

The 1979-1980 members of Student Government are currently planning a project dealing with the restoration of parts of the Adams facility. Your elected members plan on being extremely active through the upcoming year, not only with dances, campaigns, and projects, but also in school policy.

Don't forget the "Jam Session" Wednesday, November 21, 7-11, here at Adams. You'll be sorry to pass up an evening like this.

Science teachers receive new "toys"

In accordance with our changing times, Adams has recently acquired two new PET computers. The science department, through Mr. Goodman's efforts and Mr. Shanley's approval, purchased two micro-computers for the price of one. The company, through which Adams bought the computers, offered one free computer along with the purchase of two computers. Adams was fortunate to

receive this extra value.

Students from the third year chemistry class are learning to program the computers. All students in certain science classes are expected to learn to operate the machines. Now, with the aid of the science department's new purchase, Adams will be able to expand their curriculum and offer a computer class, possibly to be

effective next year.

Drill exercises will be programmed into the computers for the use of makeup and extra work. This will aid the teacher as well as the absent student in keeping up with the rest of the class. Presently, the computer's use is limited to only the third year chemistry students but expansion of the program is planned for the future.



Charles Benn



Michelle Mock

ICT officers attend conference

Michelle Mock, a junior of John Adams recently was elected Vice-President of the district representing ICT clubs.

She along with Charles Benn the President of the local ICT club just returned from a leadership workshop in Trafalgar, Ind. This conference, given by the Future Farmers Association trained them in the duties they will be performing, as well as total leadership abilities. They also examined parliamentary procedure and public speaking.

The three day conference included a complete schedule of activities encompassing registration and orientation, Introductions to Vocational Education, and social activities.

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) sponsored the conference. All candidates for District Vice President will fill out an application with resume and turn it over to Mr. Dudley the ICT coordinator.

A District Officer is obligated to attend and participate in several meetings where they will be representing several others. Two of these meetings are Youth Power Conference and the State VICA Skill Olympics both of Indianapolis.

Being elected District Officer particularly Vice-President is an honor because you represent the entire county as well as your local club. Michelle as well as Charles should be congratulated and we hope they achieve great success.

Junior rotarian chosen..



Jodi Garrett

Senior Jodi Garrett was chosen as Junior Rotarian for November/December. She will represent John Adams, in local business luncheons.

Jodi felt that it was a great honor to be chosen. "When Mr. Przybysz told me I had been selected, I went jumping around school the rest of the day. I was so happy," commented Jodi.

Congratulations are due Jodi as she represents Adams in the business community.

Meeting President Ford -- a chance of a lifetime

by Mark Weisman

It really didn't happen the way I thought it would.

I'm referring to the night of October 29. That was the final night of former President Gerald R. Ford's three day stay in South Bend. His address that night to 8000 Notre Dame students and area residents culminated a weekend of guest lecturing in Notre Dame law and political science classes.

His speech was to begin at 8:00 P.M. I left my house at 5:45 P.M. hoping to get a good seat and perhaps meet Mr. Ford. I figured that he might pop out early to straighten his notes or check for a water glass on the podium. In retrospect I can see that my figuring was way off base.

Arriving at such an early hour, I

began to realize that the prospect of sitting for two hours was a dismal one indeed.

I just happen to work part-time at Notre Dame as a bus boy. I thought it would be nice to go in and say hello to the kitchen staff. I walked across the concourse toward the Monogram Room. Imposing secret service agents were scrutinizing every square foot. It's easy to spot the agents--they're the ones with the stoic looks and things that resemble hearing aids in their ears.

I walked calmly into the kitchen where I was met with surprised looks. It seems that I had made it in only minutes before the area was to be sealed off to the public. I said hello to my friends in the kitchen, and then learned that the dinner was for Gerald Ford. I had assumed the secret service men I had

passed were preparing for the 8:00 speech.

Mr. Ford and his entourage came up the back way and entered the Monogram Room.

The time came to serve the meal. I asked if I could don a bus jacket and work. Mary Durski, my employer, said yes. I didn't even think to punch my time card, but that was of little matter. Getting a chance to meet a president was enough for me.

A secret service agent came into the kitchen and asked who would be going out into the room with Mr. Ford. We identified ourselves and were issued special pins.

The meal was served and a short time later it was time to begin our dirty-dish removal act.

The caterer, Mrs. Tina Zappia,

was there also, and I didn't want to be seen standing around simply waiting for an opportunity to meet Mr. Ford. But to my surprise she TOLD me to wait for a chance, and then introduce myself.

Mr. Ford spoke with one of the guests while I waited nervously for the right moment.

The moment came and I approached him. We shook hands and I introduced myself.

Then I led into the question that had been on the tip of my tongue for over an hour. "Would you mind if I ask a question that you probably don't have time to answer?" "Certainly not. Go right ahead," he replied.

"What advice would you give to someone who might be considering a career in government?" (I felt

there was no one better qualified to answer this than a former president).

"Well, first," he began "one has to be sincerely interested. It can't be a half hearted effort. You've got to be fully dedicated to do a good job."

I thanked him. "Good luck, Mark," he replied. He sat down again, and I walked away to resume my bus boy duties. I certainly would have enjoyed speaking with Mr. Ford for a longer time, but he had to prepare for his lecture.

After my experience in the Monogram Room, I went out to the arena to hear Mr. Ford's speech. A couple of chairs down I overheard a woman ask someone, "I wonder if they had a dinner for him?"

I just smiled.

Part 1 / Selective non-attendance

"I was hi-jacked by crazed terrorists!" "My pet goldfish died, and I couldn't miss the funeral." "My mom was sick and I had to stay home to switch the TV channels for her."

Impossible? Yes, of course, but creativity does count when writing fake admits. Admits are just no fun when unimaginative, and let's face it, what teacher is going to believe that you were sick? Teachers are not dumb!

Skiping class (or in the jargon of professionals: selective non-attendance) is not an easy task. It is a fine art, and unless done with finesse, it becomes a cheap and tawdry imitation.

First, one must remain out of the sight of the teacher, whose class you choose not to attend. This entails hiding behind friends, walking through the halls with a paper bag over one's head, and acting like a marathon runner when

the teacher is spotted.

Next, two things can happen. You may a) leave the premises, or b) hide out in another part of the school. The first choice may afford more freedom and more fun, but the latter one is much more exciting and challenging. Since everyone would rather have a challenge, we will talk about staying in school.

Some great places to hide out are: "A" or "C" lunch during one's fourth hour, the library, vacant rooms, a friend's locker, or the boys' restroom. "A" or "C" lunch is great when one is hungry, but if one is on a diet, an alternate hideout would be better. The library is fine, but let's face it--BORING, kids, BORING! The vacant rooms are great, but there are problems.

You see, if your teacher happens to be near the room you are in, there are drastic measures to be

taken. It's good to know some escape routes, or if there is only one door, you should know where to hide. (Closet doors and large filing cabinets are very useful.)

As for a friend's locker, unless the friend is in band or orchestra, one needs to be very small, and besides, it gets dark in there! The boys' restroom is dull, unless one is a girl. Then one could have a great time!

So the next time you have a test you haven't studied for, or an assignment that you didn't do, or that assignment for your next class, choose not to be there. Getting back into class the next day, however, is a different story. So on second thought, don't begin your "selective non-attendance" until you can read the next issue. See you then, kids!

Note: This article is not by-lined, because the reporter, true to form, skipped class to write it.



Julie Markley, [Miss Prism] exhibits the righteous air of a proper English governess.
photo by Phil Bender

Fall play successful

by Tess Doering

Presented the nights of November 1, 2, and 3, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST was a dynamic success. Oscar Wilde's satirical comedy concerned the exploits of a group of English pseudo-sophisticates who blunder their way through a case of mistaken identities.

Algernon, in order to preserve the love of his fiancée, Cecily, took on the name of Earnest, while his long-lost brother whose name was Earnest, under the impression that his name was John, was desperately trying to arrange a

christening in which his name would be changed to Earnest. Gwendolen's mother, Lady Bracknell refused to give John her daughter's hand in marriage since his only traceable relative was a black leather handbag, in which he had been found. As the play unwound, the complexity increased and the importance of being Earnest became obvious.

The entire cast and stage crew contributed to an outstanding performance. We congratulate all those involved in this play and look forward to future plays with anticipation.

Orchestra Eagles soared at opening

by Lisa Parker

Seldom can any one group of Adams students be singled out from among all of the excellent performing groups as deserving extra commendation. The John Adams Orchestra qualified for this honor at its opening performance.

Under the dedicated direction of Mr. Germano, the orchestra proved that it deserved its ranking among the top orchestras in this region. The audience agreed with the judges, as they brought Mr. Germano from backstage three times finally ending the evening with a standing ovation.

The finale, selections from the movie, THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT, was a favorite of the

audience, with its jazzy she tunes. "Quia Quia" impressed the audience with a latin beat upheld by a fine percussion section.

Three Pieces from "Swan Lake," featuring the oboe section depicted through lyrical music far more beauty than could be found in a day in a mere duck's life.

The concert opened with a Corelli Concerto with soloists Gretchen Priest and Eleanor Pollak on violins and Steve Laven on cello. A Bach Concerto featured violin soloists Eleanor Pollak and Alex Liu. The performers in the spotlight were a credit to the orchestra, which was enhanced by their superb stage presentation.

The IUSB auditorium was

crowded with an above average turnout. The promotional efforts on behalf of the "Orchestra Eagles" paid off for the group. No one could have been disappointed by the top-notch performance.

The first chair musicians of the band who staff the orchestra, Mr. Germano, and the Band and Orchestra Boosters should be congratulated on their combined effort in producing such a fine show.

Performing next at IUSB will be the Adams Choirs on December 11, 1979, and the Adams Band on December 13. Both performances begin at 7:30, so arrive early, because you wouldn't want to miss a note of fine Adams music.

Senior selected for All State Orchestra

Recently Susan Henry, a senior of John Adams, was selected to the All State Orchestra. She was chosen among several other students in her section. The bassoon is the instrument she plays.

Susan expressed her views on the selection by saying, "I was very honored, it was great to be chosen."

As for the audition, contestants were to present an audition tape. The tape consisted of a student's playing two scales on their instruments. Also the students were to present a live audition

where they played about a 5 minute solo from a theme of their choice.

As for preparation of this event, Susan only had two days of practices, "I thought I wouldn't make it because of this," she said.

Susan stated that being selected to All State Orchestra means to her that you are one of the best high school musicians in the state and it also means that we appreciate you trying to be your best.

Because Susan was chosen for this honor, she attended a music conference in Indianapolis where she was given another chance to prove she was the best.



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His career isn't as easy as falling off a log

by Kathy Grubb

At six years of age, after falling 40 feet, he landed head first on cement, and suffered only a sprained ankle. By the age of twelve he had broken many of his bones.

Strangely enough, Ben Laflin has decided to make throwing himself in front of cars and falling off of buildings his career. "Why not? It's a risk, a challenge and it's fun," he comments, and it's all in the life of a stunt man.

Ben has been falling out of trees, throwing himself over sofas and taking blows for four of five years and, since the commencement of his practice, has not suffered any serious injuries.

Why does he do it? "I love the challenge. If there is no risk, I won't do it," he says. The salary of a stunt man is very desirable and Ben, who values individuality, adds, "Only a handful of people will try it."

He plans to attend the California Stunt Man's School after he graduates. The nine to ten week course consists of lessons and practice in each of the three major stunt areas. These categories are driving stunts, falls and fire endurance. After the course ends the school arranges jobs for these students. Ben hopes to perform stunts in westerns or police series' and to double for actors.

Practicing stunts has helped Ben overcome his fear of heights. "I try to imagine the final result to decide whether or not I should do a stunt," he comments. He emphasizes the fact that experience is needed, and discourages anyone just running out in front of a truck.

Don't be shocked if you see someone falling 15 or 20 feet, as his friends merely stand by and watch, only to get up out of a pile of leaves or a snowbank to "try it again." Chances are you're witnessing Ben during practice.



Leaping off buildings isn't just for Superman, as Ben Laflin demonstrates.

photo by Randy Ziolkowski

Teens turn to many agencies for counseling

by Sherri McLochlin

Growing up is painful. Growing and maturing don't stop just because you're almost 18. The learning process and discovery of life are a continuous cycle that is the very essence of existence. As a teen-ager, life is more difficult and perplexing than it may seem at any other time of life.

The years ranging from 13 to 18 especially, are an in-between period when the innocence of childhood has been outgrown, and the maturity of adulthood has yet to be reached. During this period, teen-agers are beginning to discover the limitless meanings of life, and more importantly, the significance of their place in it.

Society is very complex, and for many students, most, in fact, the complications of it are thoroughly confusing. The pressures of school, and the difficulties many students experience at home, can often make a very painful time in life, almost unbearable.

When frustration and tension build up to a boiling point, pressure has to be let out somewhere. For many students, dealing with these problems often means turning to drugs or alcohol. Looking at it honestly, though these things may alleviate the problems for a while,

they certainly won't eliminate them. Rather, these students may end up in over their heads. Instead of having "just" the original problems to cope with, they now have new ones as well. Sound unfair? Well, it may be, but it ISN'T necessary.

The importance of sharing and talking over problems with others who care, is the most essential need of many people. Unfortunately, when there is a block in this vital communication at home, many students feel there is no place to turn. While this may have been true a few decades ago, it definitely isn't today. The growing awareness of the importance of facing problems, and dealing with them, has seen the formation of a variety of centers where teen-agers who need support and encouragement, can turn.

One of the options available, are the counseling services at churches and synagogues. These services are free of charge, and generally consist of either confidential discussions with the clergy, or group sessions with other youth, in similar situations. In either case, this allows teen-agers to seek advice without financial worries restricting their efforts.

Another alternative is the Family

and Children's Center. Operating on a "sliding scale fee," families and individuals may receive counseling based on their ability to pay. Supported by Title 20 (providing federal funding for those who, for one reason or another, cannot pay), students meet with a counselor as little or as often as necessary. While it is not required, the center advises teen-agers to try and enlist the cooperation of their parents and families. Above all, the commitment of the teen-ager her/himself is essential. Unless they are willing to face the problem and themselves honestly, no amount of counseling will be able to improve the situation.

The major objective of the agency is to assess the individual's problem and help her/him to relate and cope with it. Regardless whether the difficulties concern the teen-ager solely, or include the family also, the center will receive and speak with anyone. Whether you "walk in off the street," or set an appointment in advance, the staff at the Family and Children's Center will do their utmost to support and help those who seek them out.

Along a similar line, is the Child abuse and Neglect Co-ordinatin-

ating Organization (CANKO). While the agency deals primarily with the difficulties encountered by young parents, they also counsel families in danger of breaking up. The emphasis of CANKO in these situations is to help family members face and work out their problems. The organization's staff also provides classes and discussion groups for single parents. Assistance is given in the form of concrete methods for solving problems. While CANKO is more specifically directed toward children, they are more than glad to speak with anyone. If the CANKO staff feels it would be more beneficial, however, they will refer people to agencies better suited to their needs.

To many students, the idea of consulting such an agency is frightening. Peer attitudes and fear of scorn prevent many people from seeking out the help that could make their life happier.

In many cases, the teen-ager's inaction allows her/his problems to compound until they reach a point of desperation. Even at this point, however, there is a place to turn.

HOTLINE (232-3344) is a volunteer-manned service to which anyone may call - 24 hours a day, any day of the year - for help and

support. The trained staff, consisting of people from every walk of life, consider themselves a "listening service." Utilizing various references, the staff members handle a multitude of problems.

While they are unqualified to give out medical or legal advice, these concerned people dispense references of other, more suitable organizations. Anything discussed in a call is absolutely confidential. Unless the caller, a suicide possibility for example, gives specific permission for the HOTLINE staff to contact additional help, each person's confidence is respected. If the caller so wishes, HOTLINE can suggest follow-up advice, often in the form of other agencies to contact.

No matter what the caller's situation, they can be assured that when their call is answered, the person at the other end of the line will be a compassionate friend that cares...and will listen.

Family and Children's Center, 259-5666; CANKO, 256-0937; HOTLINE, 232-3344.

Reporter's Note: This writer was most impressed with the friendliness and concern shown by the various agency members consulted.

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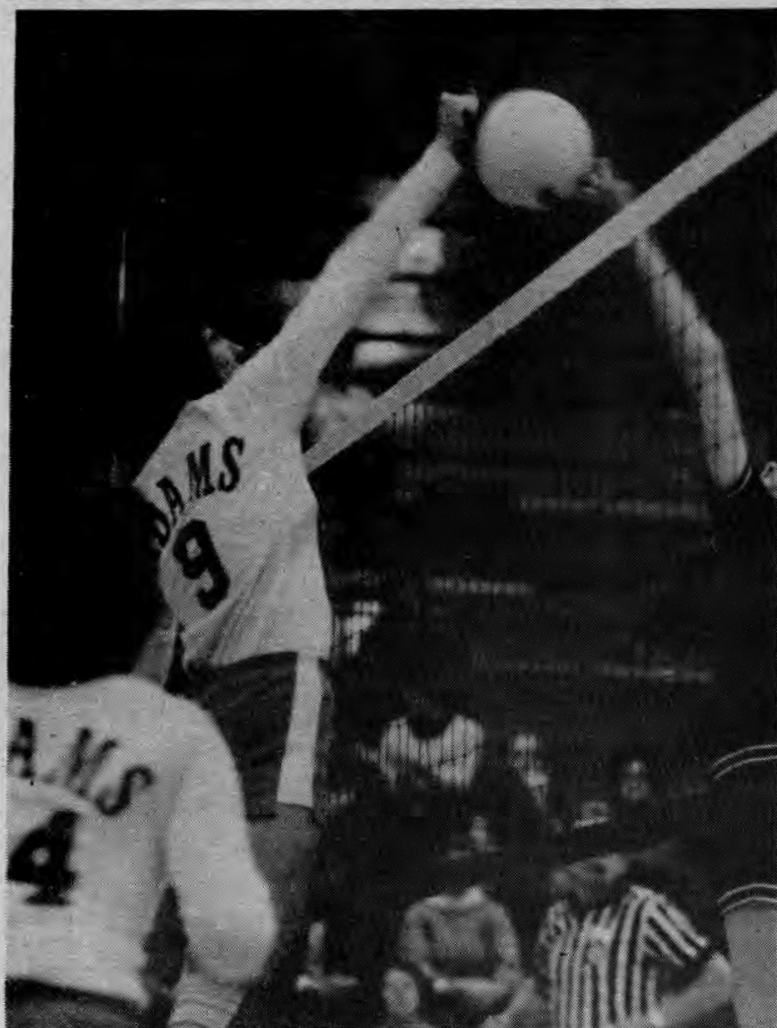
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Karen Kurzhals skies for the block, as Sandy Gyorgyi watches.

Soccer club takes title

The John Adams Soccer Club defeated St. Joe 2-0 in the finals of the city tournament to capture the city championship.

The game was played at Tarkington field before a crowd ten times the normal size for a soccer game this year.

Adams' defense played a superb game and frustrated any type of offensive attempt by St. Joe. Led by Fullbacks Alan Davis, John Byers, and Jim Kerby, and Goalkeeper Mark Harman, the defense rendered only a couple serious chances to the St. Joe offense.

Still, while the ball was in St. Joe's end of the field most of the first half, Adams could not find the net. A shot by Teo Sevier rang the post, and a number of other balls bounced around in front of the St. Joe goal.

With about ten minutes left before halftime, Donny MacDonell scored on a diving header to give

Adams a 1-0 lead. The score remained 1-0 at half.

Both teams came out playing run-and-gun in the second half, with Adams doing most of the gunning. Both teams threw away a number of chances.

Finally, the Eagles got an insurance goal from Joe Taylor to make it 2-0. Adams held on from there on the strength of their defense for the victory.

The Eagles coach, Roger Ashodian, was presented with the championship trophy after the game. The city championship was the final step in a long season that started with the players organizing the team with no help from the school or anyone else. It was the second year of existence for the club.

The team reached the finals by walking over Clay 7-0. St. Joe defeated Riley 4-1 to gain a berth in the finals.

So you say you want a tearjerker?

by John Byers

This particular sportswriter has been particularly lucky during his illustrious (and hopefully short lived) career. I don't know why I used the word illustrious. Probably because it has a nicer ring than slavedriven.

Actually I don't even know why I'm so far writing this article in the first person. Someone explained it to me once. They told me that once upon a time, during the times when newspapers looked more like tombstones, and sounded more like eulogies, a group of esteemed professors gathered, and recorded in stone to be ever preserved, **The Laws of Journalism.**

If I didn't lose you at the end of the last sentence, then you must either be patient, or warped. Wait a minute, I hear something. "What in the hell is this idiot saying? He's supposed to be reporting about a volleyball match, and has so far given us about as much information as the feature page article entitled "The importance of Masking Tape through the ages," cried the foaming mouthed reader.

Idiot huh? No, a genius. I have succeeded in becoming the first writer to actually enjoy writing an article that I have had nightmares about all day. Undoubtedly, the fact that at this time, 10:35 P.M., Sunday November 11, I'm saying the first strange thing that comes to

my head, makes this all the more enjoyable, if not for you then for me, because you don't have a saber-toothed editor breathing down your neck.

So you say that your one of those readers that enjoys and expects classical journalism, whereby a reporter uses only the third person, and uses no gimmicks in trying to prevent his readers from using his article to make a paper mache' rabbit. Well, I guess we've been told more once to write something for everybody.

FLASH!

South Bend Adams lost today in the opening game of the IHSAA State Volleyball Tournament. Evansville Mater Dei won in straight games, 15-10, 11-9. Following the game, the Mater Dei coach was quoted as saying, "I am pleased with my team's efforts." Film at eleven.

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Some genius once stated, "winning isn't everything." That person obviously didn't participate in high school sports. You don't think winning is everything?: Tell me, how many "greats" and "outstandings" and "superiors" and "phenomenals" have you heard the media exclaim after Adams lost? Too often these superlatives are reserved only for the times when a team wins. However, when and if that team does, God forbid, lose, they are

given a lackluster cheer of encouragement, and thrown into the category referred to as "losers."

Of course speeches will still be made proclaiming how this team had a brilliant season, and are still #1 in our hearts. But what happened to the intensity? What happened to the hundreds of screaming fans? Whatever became of the mayor, the board of trustees, the two television stations, and the trophy that will stand waist high? Does all of this just simply disappear? We cheered wildly when the volleyball team went downstate. Why can't we cheer with as much frenzy after they come back, winners or not? I mean think about it, they are in exactly the same positions now as last week, without a state championship, so what difference does it really make.

So here's a cheer from hundreds of screaming fans, complete with the mayor, the board of trustees, two television stations, and a waist high trophy, to the 1979 John Adams volleyball team. We, the Adams student body can read between the lines, and still see some "greats" and "outstandings" and "superiors" and "phenomenals." Personally, I wish the team all the luck, prosperity, and love that this life has to offer.

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TEAR ROUSING NARRATIVE

Wrestlers ready for run at N.I.C.

by George Patton

Losing only two wrestlers from last years second place (N.I.C.) team, Coach McNarney and the wrestling team seems to be in good shape for another outstanding year.

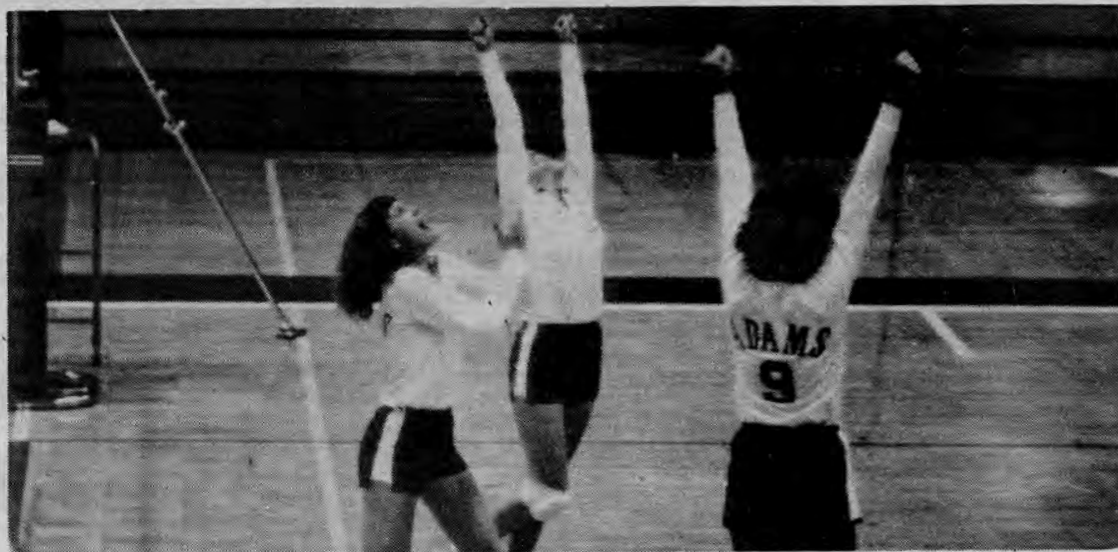
Six senior lettermen and four junior lettermen are all returning to form the core of the varsity unit. This experience should pave the way to another winning season, and possibly a N.I.C. title.

Mishawaka and Penn will provide the biggest challenge to the Eagles. The only weakness that is visible is the lack of depth. Due to the small numbers that tried out and a number of injuries there was no B-team.

Coach McNarney has a strong varsity fairly set and barring injuries or other major problems this squad could make a run at the N.I.C. title. The team's basic strength seems to be in the lower

weights, and in a few heavier weight classes. But in the upper weights, there are definately some holes that will be needed to be filled by underclass men.

The team opens the season with a N.I.C. match against a much improved Riley team that tied the Eagles last year. A big match early in the season will be the Mishawaka match which will show the real strength of Coach McNarney's team.



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