

Faculty Focus: Ann Germano

by Greta Roemer

Ann Germano loves her job. This is quite evident to all of those who have had her for an English class. Her enthusiasm and dedication are refreshing. Her talent for keeping a class discussion going is partly due to her own participation which brings the class up a level. She hopes that these discussions, some of which deal with personal feelings, have an effect on people's lives. She explains, "I was very bashful in ninth grade. I had an English teacher who worked hard with me so that I could give a speech to the school. I was terrified and subsequently messed up, but that had a big effect on me. It influenced my decision to become an English teacher, and increased my self-confidence."

Mrs. Germano is from Richmond, Indiana and worked on her high school newspaper staff. She was not involved in athletics

because her school did not have girls' sports. "I was a member of the 'Block R' which was a group of girls who sat in a section and formed letters during football games. It was a little like cheerleading," she explains. After high school, she attended Indiana University for a year before getting married and moving to South Bend. Her husband is a native of South Bend. Mr. and Mrs. Germano have three children who all attended or are presently attending Adams. Gina is 20 and a sophomore at I.U.; David is 19 and a freshman at Notre Dame; and Karen is 16 and a sophomore at Adams. While her children were small, she began school again at I.U.S.B. and received her degree 9 years later. Since then she has received her Master's Degree.

After completing her studies, the choice of a career confronted her. She worked for WSBT for awhile,

hired as the first woman reporter. However, she wanted to deal more with people on a direct basis. She was hired by Madison School as a seventh grade English teacher. She didn't like it at all but thought that she would enjoy teaching high school. Eight years ago she began teaching at John Adams and loved it. "Teaching is the best thing I've ever done for myself. It's hard, but it's challenging and fun. Every day I think how lucky I am to love my job," says the effervescent Mrs. Germano.

She has previously taught a creative writing course at Adams and hopes to resume the class again this fall. She started and presently maintains the "Footprints" magazine, the J.A. literary magazine. She is also writing a novel and hopes to complete it "sometime."

Mrs. Germano loves her job and her students love her.



Spring break vacates Adams

By Barb Harman

This year's spring break was spent by many people visiting different spots throughout the country. One of the most popular states, of course, was Florida. Denise Baer, Greta Ehlert, Mary Heck, Lori Kosek, Janet Bilinski, Christy Silruis and Mary Dworecki all chose to vacation at Clearwater, with one of the nicest beach areas in Florida. Their general first impression was "Ooooooh baby, look at those guys." Natasha Nazaroff and Charlotte Kendricks, who stayed at Orlando, were "fascinated by the beautiful scenery, especially the palm trees." Then there was Jim Krillenberger travelling with Joe Carper and Terry Van Parys. They were fortunate enough to "catch rides with a stereo salesman, a rat exterminator, a hippie, and Arto's

transport bus, among others on their journey. Dominating Jim's thinking on the way down were thoughts of "sun poisoning and 110,000 Cubans." But his fears were alleviated when he arrived by the "beautiful scenery, great night life, and very nice people."

There were many other places that people went to besides Florida. Kevin Sweeney visited Washington D.C. with his family. He commented on the "pretty scenery" and said that it was a "very interesting if busy, place." He was able to see the site of President Reagan's attempted assassination and many other historical sights. He also stated that they had "very good food." Mandy Mills, who visited Jeckle Island, which is off the coast of Georgia, said that it was "very lazy and very warm." Rick Conklin

and Joe Lazzara went to Boston where the atmosphere was "different, older, and very sophisticated and the people were a lot more friendly." They went to Boston Gardens, Fenway Park, Harvard, MIT, Revere Beach, and spent most of their time in the downtown area, the Boston Commons.

Then there were those who went to visit relatives out of town. Laura Clarke went to Potter, Oklahoma. A town she described as having a "slow easy pace." She found it very enjoyable. Cathy Gergesha went to Hayesville, North Carolina which "made her feel like she wanted to be back home." Because it was such a "hicktown." However after getting used to it, she admitted she had a good time.

Scientists "faired" well

By Leah Lorber

On March 28, three of the students from research biology participated in the science fair at Notre Dame.

It was held in Stepan Center and consisted of both grade school and high school projects. There was a series of judges from both the science fair and from other community groups, such as the Navy and the Air Force. Each group gave their own awards.

The Adams students in the fair were Joy Cook, Eleanor Pollak, and Kelly Rhodarmer. They presented their research projects from their biology class.

Joy's project concerned the effects of carbon monoxide and Vitamin C on the immunity of white mice. She won first place in the category of Medicine and Health, the Air Force certificate for Most Outstanding in her category, and

the Navy award for the most outstanding project.

Eleanor's project concerned the effects of lighting changes on the physiological behavior of mice. She won the Navy Science Award, the Air Force certificate for Behavioral and Social Sciences, and an award from the Indiana Psychological Association.

Kelly's project was about the effects of dietary homocysteine protein and pyridoxine on the formation of atherosclerosis. She won an award from the science fair, the Dean's Award from the science department of Notre Dame, and the Air Force award for the biochemistry division.

Eleanor and Joy also were the two overall winners of the fair. They will go to Milwaukee on May 10 to compete in the International Science Fair.

Student hostages

by Jennifer Dunfee

Recently when Mr. David was questioned about how the new suspension plan was going, he said, "The teachers are cooperating very well. We have about ten students in the room each day." About 90% of the students don't return after they have served their time. Room 010 has been called many names, but the most common one is "Iran." This reveals to the student body how terrible it actually is!

Mr. Mondovics, the supervisor of room 010, traveled to many Northern Indiana schools to gather ideas for ISS. These ideas were all put together to form the rules and regulations.

Next year ISS might be supervised by a paraprofessional so that Mr. Mondovics can get back to teaching

"Dear Penpal..."

by Marci Whittenburg

For those who take advantage of the opportunity, having a penpal can be a rewarding experience. Some students here at Adams have penpals from other countries.

Marie Connelly, who was a student teacher last year for Mr. Brady (head of the foreign language department here at Adams), is now teaching in France. Some of her students have begun corresponding with some of Mr. Brady's French students.

There is also a foreign penpal program sponsored by the International Youth Service (IYS). IYS offers a choice of penpals from a wide variety of countries, such as Iceland, Zambia, or Rhodesia. The

names of possible penpals they send you are based upon your age, language and hobbies and the sex and country you specify. There is a small fee of eighty cents per penpal you ask for, but most people who have penpals find it worth the money.

The general opinion of those I talked to who have penpals is that it is worth the time it takes to write a letter. Although some students said that their penpals didn't write back, the general opinion was that having a penpal was fun and worth the time.

If you would like to have the opportunity to write to someone in a foreign country, please see Mr. Steinke in Room 128.

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"What's in a name?"

By Greg Burns

"Wait a minute now, let me guess....Jill? No, no -, Julie; yeah you look like a Julie! Your name's Eloise? Oh well, I'm not too good with names...But I never forget a face! What was your name again?"

Have you ever glanced over a class seating chart or sat through the embarrassment of first day technicalities as the teacher walks all over his tongue trying to take role, and suddenly it just hits you—that super-clinker? That totally gross and unjust title stuck on a poor innocent child at birth. I'm talking about a name that makes you wonder how someone's parents could be so inhuman and impartial to the survival of their kid.

"Horace Winston Epelstiener? Is he in this class?"

"Yeah, he's here, teach; he's the one under his desk over there."

"Aw, come on out Horace...I'll tell you what. I'll call you Joe, OK?"

On the opposite end of the scale: giving a child a name humanly impossible to live up to. Take Jesus Smith for instance, I mean, the poor guy almost drowned when he tried walking across his swimming pool, not to mention the publicity he got in his attempt to cure Stevie Wonder, and turn water into Peppermint Schnapps.

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would...sometimes stink!" That's not exactly how Shakespeare put it but according to recent studies much evidence has been found to support the theory - Stated in a

five-year-old Loyola U. Study - "that names have profound emotional, psychological, symbolic and practical implications." Translation: the name a couple selects for their child could have substantial impact on his/her life. The study cited that among delinquent boys, teenagers, and men, "criminal misdeeds" were four times as frequent among those with odd first names.

Psychologist, E.D. Lawson of Fredonia College, in a report compiled from a group of students, concluded that "names definitely influence social perceptions," and "the most common names tended to rank higher on all scales."

"So," people scream at me, "what's this world coming to? Has it now become un-American to be an individual, to stand apart from the crowd and be different? Is it the 'in' thing to be just like everybody else, to possess a dull common title? Where's our creativity, our American spirit?"

Well, calm down. The situation isn't that desperate. But it does appear that in our prejudiced ways, we tend to stereo type many things, including names. We're all guilty of it. Don't try to get out of it. Isn't it true that very often when you hear an unfamiliar name you automatically try to picture the person and you judge them before you even meet them? If you still don't believe me do yourself a favor and take this little test:

I'm going to give you some names and without much thought I want you to say how you would

describe these people...Bertha... (fat maybe? at least big)...Melvin... (skinny, glasses, superior I.Q. right?)...Bruno... (huge, semi-moron)...Candy... (pretty, sweet, model-type, am I right?)...Denise... (cute, active, friendly, right D.F.?)...or Gertrude... (ugly? built like a brick sewage disposal plant?)...Get the picture? I mean, Elmer W. Fuddpucker, you just don't stand a chance.

Psychologists have found that undesirable names may be helpful. So who decides which names are winners and which ones losers? According to Dr. John W. McDavid and his colleagues at the University of Miami and Georgia State University, the most popular kids in classrooms they observed tended to possess the most common names.

The names inbiggest demand in the late 1970's - according to Leslie Alan Dunkling (how about that name?) Who is the former President of the Names Society - were, for the girls: Jennifer, Sarah, Michelle, Kimberly, Nicole, Melissa, Kelly, Angela, Amy and Jill (in that order). For boys, they were Michael, Jason, David, Brian, Robert, James, Christopher, Matthew, John and Joseph.

But Floyd F. Zamboni, Horatio G. Clevanski and Funky Winkerbear, don't lose heart. Who knows, maybe in a couple of decades your names will become common and ordinary, and you too can live a life of comfort and security.

"Summing" It Up

by Mo Patty

The 1981 Math Contest took place at St. Mary's on March 28. Many students of John Adams participated in the event.

Two students, sophomore Christina Bird and junior Kathy Connolly, had outstanding scores which placed Christina number one in her category of Geometry and Kathy number three in her category of Algebra II.

Other participants from Adams were Sophomores Diane Betty and Theresa Burns in Geometry. Juniors were Sheila Huang and Laura Haines in Algebra II and in

Calculus were seniors Anna Barrett and Ingrid Marshall.

Out of the whole Northern Indiana, Adams placed 5th.

The students from Adams, along with the other schools, took two individual tests. One lasted for 30 minutes and the other lasted for 75 minutes. After the tests were taken, they served the students lunch. Then the students took a tour of the campus and were able to talk to the counselors there. The students had a lecture given to them and then were presented with their awards.



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Teachers Never Stop Learning

By Sheila Huang

One never stops learning, least of all a teacher. While some teachers choose to expand their knowledge through self-enrichment, others often decide to pursue a more laborious, but perhaps a more fulfilling quest for knowledge...by going back to school!

Next year two Adams teachers will be taking sabbatical leave from the South Bend Community School Corporation to pursue graduate studies. They are Ms. Beverly Wills and Mr. William Blauvelt.

Ms. Wills teaches Spanish at Adams. She has been accepted into the Education Administration and Supervision doctoral program at Ball State University and plans to begin her studies this summer. There she will be taking courses and will be working on her dissertation.

Mr. Blauvelt who presently teaches Marketing and Distributive Education will be heading off to warmer climate next September. He has been accepted at the University of South Florida located in Tampa. He plans to take courses in Guidance and Counseling. Mr.



Mr. Blauvelt



Ms. Wills

Blauvelt holds a Masters Degree in Vocational Education. By completing these courses, he hopes to eventually become involved in Vocational Counseling.

Both Ms. Wills and Mr. Blauvelt are looking forward to the changes and the challenges the new school year will bring. Each expressed that an individual should always try to seek new and different experiences. As Mr. Blauvelt put it, "It's a good idea for people to keep from getting stale. You need to step back and refresh yourself."

While they will certainly be having exciting years, both teachers said that they would miss their friends, relatives, colleagues and of course, the students! Ms. Wills remarked with a smile, "You can't interact with kids everyday and not get something out of it."

Mr. Blauvelt looks on the leave as a "new adventure" and hopes to come back with a fresh outlook. We at Adams wish both Ms. Wills and Mr. Blauvelt the best of luck in their work during the 1981-82 school year, and hope that it proves to be an enjoyable, as well as a rewarding experience.

Band ready for contest

By Margo Peterson

John Adams Band is getting prepared to perform in an upcoming band contest. The contest is an annual event for the band, and as usual, the band is ready to give an outstanding performance. The band's director, Mr. Lawrence Dwyer, has been working hard to get the band ready for the contest. He has selected three songs for the band to play: Nimrod, Electra, and Manhattan Beach. The band has many talented players. Among them are outstanding seniors, Reggie Bain, Jean Pawlak, Missy Kevorkian, Mark Scherer, and Paul Torok.

The contest is held in Elkhart, and this year it will be held on Saturday, April 25th. Many of the other schools in this area will also compete in the contest. None of the schools will be competing against each other. Each school selects its own songs and plays them for a judge. The judge then decides what place the band deserves. Each band will also have to sight read music; that is, attempt to play music that they have never played before. The band doesn't have much time left, but with your support and your confidence, they will prove that the JOHN ADAMS BAND is the BEST around!

Checkmate!

by Romnee Clark

On March 28, 1981, Concorde High School hosted the annual Northern Indiana Regional Chess Team Tournament. Some of Indiana's finest players gathered to compete. Among them were Adams' best Chess Club members - Scott Hamlin, Ted Liu and Mike McCann. Although the Michigan City Elston team won the majority of the round, Adams' individual accomplishments are to be noted. Ted Liu, president of our Chess Club, made three brilliant victories though he suffered one loss. Sophomores Scott Hamlin and Mike McCann both won one round.

SPRING Fashion

by Mandy Mills and Sheila Huang

Spring, at last, is here to stay and students have acknowledged this by shedding their bulky sweaters and heavy wools and donning short sleeves and lighter weight fabrics. For the fashion conscious individual we have researched and come up with some of the latest trends in dress.

For the gals:

The styles for this Spring, at least as far as pants go, should suit just about everyone. By looking through a magazine one can find pants with ruffled waists, three quarter length pants, pants with bands around the ankles and of course, the everyday straight leg jeans that most of us seem to prefer.

Gauze dresses in pastel colors, along with romantic folkloric skirts and tops are also being shown this year. Culottes are making a popular comeback, and jean skirts are still in style. The well-tailored straight skirt and the preppy wrap-arounds are neat and easy-to-care-for pieces to add to anyone's wardrobe. In some of the more exotic, "high fashion" magazines, the models are wearing mini-skirts! Hopefully this won't catch on.

For the sporty look, easy-to-move-in, traffic-stopping combos in cottons and terrycloths continue to make a hit. Izod shirts are no-fuss shirts, and tube tops are a great way to combat the summer heat. Shorts are getting long! The latest walking shorts, otherwise known as longshorts are being seen everywhere. What better way to accentuate a Springtime outfit than with a blazer? Lightweight blazers in an array of colors are perfect for

school, or going out. Draw-string jackets have also been drawing attention and are great for cool days.

The sandals for everyday wear seem to be either flat or very low-heeled. If you like the preppy look, Esnedrilles are for you.

As for the guys:

The sporty look never seems to go out of fashion. Rugby shirts are becoming very popular and straight leg jeans, designer or non-designer, are not fading yet. Jogging outfits consisting of tank tops and shorts in cool nylon fabric are instant eye-catchers.

The preppy look is still alive, though not as prevalent as last year. This category includes oxford shirts, cheeno style pants and izod shirts and shorts. Topsiders, bucks and loafers head the list in "Prep shoes."

For those who enjoy dressing up, three piece suits can capture a girl's heart. If the occasion is not so formal, try a Spring blazer over a button down shirt or an izod shirt.

The newest trend to hit men's wear is the combat uniform, a dark green and brown splotched army camouflage that is sure to capture anyone's attention!

The unisex scrub suits which were born into fashion when Californian students first began stealing these simple medical suits out of hospitals, has finally hit the midwest. Made of a cotton blend, these comfortable pajama-like outfits come in pale green or grayish-blue.

Now if you happen to be the type of person who could care less about the latest styles, an old T-shirt and cutoffs are certainly the next best thing!



Mens' fashions courtesy of L.S. Ayres

Womens' fashions courtesy of Milady Shop

B-team Baseball Coming Up Frosh Ball

With a lot of hustle, good coaching, exceptional talent, and a little bit of luck, Adams' Baseball B-team has amassed an 8-0 record. Under the direction of Coach John McNarney, these B-team victories have come under all kinds of field conditions both home and away. Dan Manier, known better by fans as "The Rocker," pitched the season opener against St. Joe and won 2-0. Adams then swept a double-header against Marian. In the first game, Adams won 9-0. Again the winning pitcher was The Rocker throwing a one-hitter. In the second game, Adams won 15-10. Pitcher John Skidmore collected the win as Dan Tarwacki got the save. The highlight of this offensive show was a three run home by Ernie Cambell.

On the road, the B-Eagles then beat Penn 8-4. At home again against Elkhart Memorial, the Eagles scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth to win 6-5. The B-team then traveled to Buchanan and swept another double-header. In the first game John Skidmore went all the way winning 5-1. In the second Dan Tarwacki picked up the win 12-2. Manier again pitched a whole game beating Michigan City Elston, Tuesday, 9-1. Good

performances were contributed by Kevin Williams and Scott Reed. Coach McNarney said of his team, "This is my best B-team since 1973. The players are receptive and they are growing and progressing every day." The hot battles now for the B-Eagles are Kevin Weesner, Dan Tarwacki, and Ernie Cambell. Good defensive performances have also been turned in by second baseman Ray Szajko, Kevin Williams in center field, and both catchers Doug Henkel and Mike Lares. If the B-team continues this outstanding, early season effort they will have an excellent season.



Andy Engeman, at first, Dave Schriener, Paul Erp and Rick Harman will play second. Battling it out for shortstop will be Chris Kelly and Dan Puzzello. On third base will be occupied by Scott Parker and Mike Szekendy.

The season ahead for the Eagles' Frosh Baseball team looks very promising.

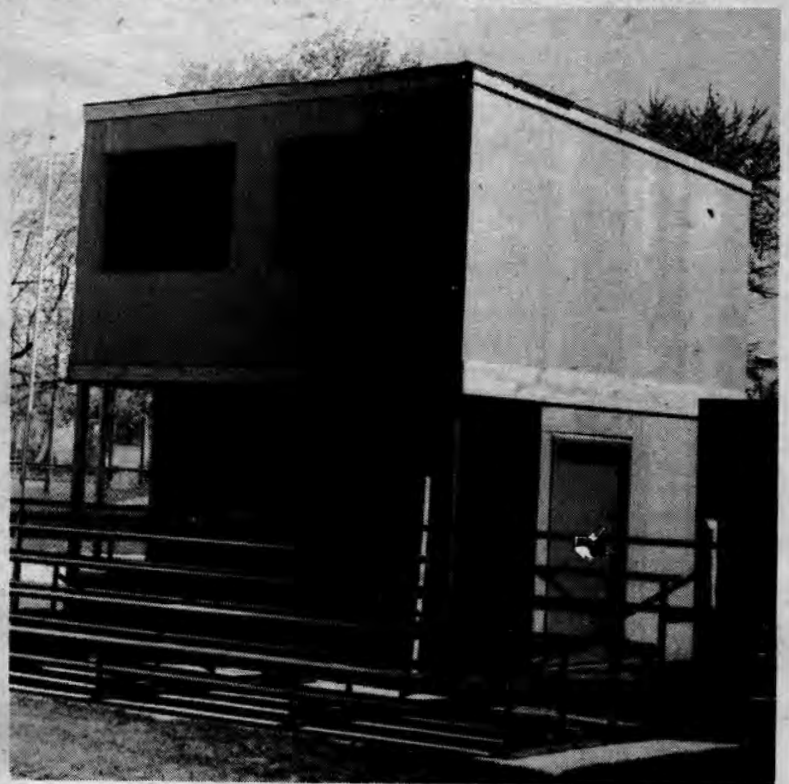
Last year's Edison and Jefferson teams, who both had impressive records, should make a league contender this year out of the frosh team, because of it's talent.

On the mound for the Frosh Eagles will be Barry Kosek, Paul Erp, Andy Engeman, Mike Szekendy and Dave Shriener. On the other end of the pitch Sonny Oakley will be doing the catching. The infield will be Barry Kosek and

Looking to the outfield Mike Doan and Dale Cutler will play left. Center will be occupied by Eric Youts and Dale Zhart. Rounding off the field will be Mike Ricker and Brian Copely in right.

This sort of skill makes for a promising season, and the Tower wishes the best to Coach Grysorek

TOWER ATHLETICS



Big League Predictions

By Ken Jacoby

The 1981 major league baseball season should have some of the most hotly contested pennant races in recent years. Following is an analysis of the major factors in each of the division races.

In the AL East, the Milwaukee Brewers finally have the pitching to send their murderers' row to the World Series. All-time save leader Rollie Fingers joins Bob McClure and Jamie Easterly in what is now an excellent bullpen. Jim Slaton, now healthy, and newly acquired Pete Vuckovich team with Mike Caldwell, Moose Hass, and Randy Lerch to form a starting rotation to rival any in baseball. Any lineup that includes Cecil Cooper, Ben Oglivie, Gorman Thomas, Don Money, Paul Molitor, and Robin Yount is awfully hard to pitch to, but now Larry Hise is healthy, which leaves new catcher Ted Simmons to bat seventh. That should tell something about their lineup. Baltimore definitely has the pitching, and has one of baseball's finest teams. However, questions remain at catcher, short, third, and left field. The Yankees have fairly good pitching, but not quite enough, and the left side of the infield has very limited range. Boston has good hitting and some pitching, and could be a factor, while Cleveland is a good young team that could put it all together in the next few years.

The Royals are still the team to beat in the AL West, but if Dan Quisenberry and George Brett can't save the day again, there are a few other teams that could take advantage of the situation. The White Sox have a bunch of young and improving pitchers and grabbed three veterans who know what a pennant race is like (Carlton Fisk, Ron LeFlore, Greg Luzinski). The Sox should win it next year, and could win it this year. The Angels, with a rebuilt pitching staff (Ken Foreesch, Bill Travers, Geoff Zahn, Steve Ranko), no bullpen, and two additions (Fred Lynn, Rick Burleson) add to an already, fearsome lineup, and rookie slugger Tom Brunansky, could finish anywhere from first to fifth, as could the Texas Rangers, whose fortunes rest on the occasionally sore shoulder of Jim Kern. Last year it was sore, and they finished fourth. Oakland has good starting pitchers, but no infield and no bullpen. Sorry, Billy.

In the NL East, the Montreal Expos traded something called a good pitcher (Dan Schatzeder) to the Tigers for Ron LeFlore, who hit .257, played out his option, and signed with you know who. The Expos aren't hurting, though, as rookie Tim Lincecum should be an improvement defensively over Ron LeFlore. Gary Carter, Rodney Scott, Chris Speir, and Andre

Dawson form an excellent up-the-middle defensive combination, and pitchers like Steve Rogers, Bill Gullickson, Scott Sanderson, and Dave Palmer could put the Expos in the World Series. No way can Tus McGraw carry the Phils the way he did last year, and the Pirates are aging fast, and are short on pitching. The Cards are good, but they unloaded their backup pitchers and infielders on the willing Padres, and should give us a June swoon resembling a certain annual event at Wrigley Field.

The Astros are too weak to keep winning those one-run games. The Reds' starting eight is the best in the division, but beyond Tom Seaver, Frank Pastore, and Mario Soto, the pitching is suspect and may not be able to carry them into the playoffs. The Dodger infield of Garvey, Lopes, Russell, and Cey is beginning its ninth year together, and their age is starting to show. Young pitchers like Rick Sutcliffe, Steve Howe, Joe Beckwith, and Fernando Valenzuela will have to perform well if the Dodgers are to make a run for the playoffs. Atlanta and San Diego have plenty of young talent and should improve in the next couple of years.

Barring a season-shortening players' strike on May 29th, it should be Milwaukee, Kansas City, Montreal, and Houston in the playoffs, with the Brewers beating the Expos in the World Series.

Al Engel

by Alan Engel and Bob Joers
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As the temperature begins to break the 40 degree barrier and you don't know what to do, how about finking your way out to the Erskine Golf Course and watching the promising young golfers from John Adams. Of last years varsity players, only the numbers one and five men are missing. There are also many returning B-team champ Charlie Miller. To add to the report, there are numerous newcomers, among them many frosh.

As the first match with archrival St. Joe was drawing near, the five varsity and three B-team performers appeared uncertain. The day of the match picked playing 1 to 8 in order against the Indians were: Gene Szabo (junior), Bill Witsken

(senior), Dave Lobeck (junior), Andy Heckamen (soph.) Bob Mortola (senior) Johnny Gyorgyi (frosh), Carey Harris (frosh), and Jack Lamberson (soph.). Surprising, but actually not too surprising because of the fierce competition for positions on the team, the two freshmen playing B-team at the time Gyorgyi and Harris shot 83 and 86 respectively to move themselves up. Gyorgyi nabbed the number three position for the next meet and Harris, number 6.

Considering the play of these two freshmen and the many other underclassmen fighting for positions on the team, the Linkers seem ready and eager for yet another successful season.

Softball Still Tough

by Kathryn Connolly

While most Adams students were bronzing their bodies in some southern climate, the members of the John Adams Girls Softball team were busy preparing for their home opener against the Marion Knights. Chris Allsop received the call for the opening day pitcher. She did her job striking out three batters and going the distance to lead the Eagles to an 8-2 victory. The defensive highpoint of the game was the Connolly-Call-Gillis double play that ended the second inning.

Allsop and Kelly McMahon appeared to have the hot bats for the Eagles as they each had two hits in three at-bats. Kelly and Denda Jones each had one double accounting for the only two extra base hits for the Eagles. With one victory under their belts the girls visited Mishawaka on Wednesday.

The game was played under threatening skies but all seven innings were played. Shelly Jablonski pitched the entire game and struck out two. The Eagles jumped to an early 5-0 lead only to have their bats silenced and to be hampered by crucial errors. Shelly reached base three times by walks and Peggy Duesterberg went two for three at the plate but their combined effort was not enough as the Eagles eventually lost 12-6.

The dream for a perfect season is gone but the girls remain undaunted and are hopeful of winning the City Tourney. Three out of the last four years the second game has been lost but the team always came back. This year proves to be no different as the team should remain one of the powerhouses that it has been in recent years.

★ Athletes of the Month ★

by Kerry Kinney

In the past month, several athletes from many different sports at Adams have reached a fine degree of excellence in their respective sports. For this, they should be recognized and commended. These athletes are: **Dik Carpenter**, for his good efforts had achievements in the 300 meter hurdles, which included an incredible 40:01 timing in this event against Riley; **Jeff Synpiewski** for his fine performance in the mile run, which included a 4:32 timing in this event; **Cory Forrest**, for his good performance in the 200 meter relay, including a 2:21 timing mark in this event against Riley; and **Paul Bivins**, who has consistently ranked in the top three finalists of the shot-put and discus field events in every meet so far this season, many times in the first-place position.

In Girls Track, senior **Sherry Bolden** deserves ample credit for her achievements in the relay and hurdles, scoring an excellent first-place in the hurdle event. Freshman **Shirley Hemphill** also deserves congratulations for her first-place ranking in the 1/2 mile event and for her efforts in the mile event. Soph. **Beth Carter** also deserves mention for her fine efforts in relays and hurdles.

In Girls Softball, **Dina Jones** is worthy of comment through her excellence in that sport as are **Sandy Call**, **Shelly Jablonski**, and **Chris Allsop**.

Finally, in Baseball, while there are several players very much worthy of comment, the most shining example of this is **Rick Romeo**, whose hitting power and scoring dive has helped to bring about a highly successful season start for the Eagles.

In Soccer, **Bob Funk**, is excellent, scoring the decisive goal in its' slim 1-0 victory over Hammond Noll on April 10. Also deserving mention is **Gene Horvath**, who is an excellent goalie.

All in all, this seems to be a good start for the spring sports at Adams. The Tower wishes all the sports/clubs the best in keeping it this way.

Adams Trekkers are Flying High

This must not be the year for major sports at Adam's High. After poor seasons of football and basketball. Track is also looking as if it will follow suit with a losing season. However, this is no indication of the talent of the Eagles, because let's not forget, though basketball didn't break .500, at the end of the sectionals, no one thought they were losers.

Although Adams isn't very strong as a team, many individuals on the team have fine chances of placing high in the sectionals. In the sprints, Cory Forrest has won two of his four races in the 100, and is undefeated in the 200 with an area best of 22.1.

The hurdles are one of the few events that the Eagles are deep in, due to the fine efforts of Dik Carpenter, Mike Holmes, and Todd Parker. Through most of the season, they have managed to capture at least 2 of the top places

in both the 110 high and 300 low hurdles.

Middle distance is led by senior co-captain Bill Duxbury in the 400 and Chuck Elum in the 800. Recently, against Riley, Bill ran his life time best of 51.2 and Chuck broke his personal best with a 2:02 against Penn.

The distance runners from Cross Country are looking very strong and one of the reasons is the numerous freshman that have been dogging their heels through the season. Adams might be very tough to beat in distance in '84. Rick VanLue has been an invaluable member. Not always winning, but always picking up points by switching between the 800, 1600, and 3200. Jeff Synpiewski and Lenny Randazzo are looking towards high sectional places in the 3200, being undefeated in the first three meets.

In the long jump, there are many rookies who will come around in future years, but Andre Gammage is looking very respectable with jumps around 21 feet.

Pole vaults are also coming alive with Greg Hughes and Rob Forbes, the latter breaking his personal best of 11-6.

Shot put and discus have been getting steadily stronger. In the past years and this year the weight men have finally become a dependable part of the team. Paul Bivens, backed up by Jay Colbert, has really come alive and is now throwing up to 125 ft. in the discus and 40 ft. in the shot.

The team's record is 1-3 so far, which isn't very good, but while the flocks is not strong, many lone Eagles are still flying high. Please come out tomorrow to the Niles Relays, at the Nile's high school and watch them.

Girls Track Sprint to Victory

by Rick VanLue

The Girls Track Team jumped off to another great season by destroying N.I.C. opponents Elk. Cent., Riley, Washington and power house Penn. A lot of credit goes to Coach Reed in his first year of girls track after being assistant for boys track.

One main reason for the teams success is the incredible depth it has. In the hurdles, Seniors Sherry Bolden, Angela Watson, Junior Annette Shuambers and frosh Mary Rocha have been sweeping their opponents all year. Most likely the biggest asset in the team, is junior speedster Beth Carter who is unbeaten in the 400 meter run,

high jump and runs anchor leg for the unbeaten 800 meter Relay team which also consists of Bolden, Shuamber and sophomore Katie Manley.

The Eagles are also strong and have depth in the field events were senior Liz McKnight heads the troops being unbeaten in the shot put and is consistent in picking up a couple firsts in the discus, and when McKnight is having a bad day, junior Judy Hamilton and sophomore Amy Baci pick up the slack. While all this is going on over at the high jump pits senior Lynn Quimby, Carter and sophomore Jane Wygant are crumbling their opponent as they did in a

sweep at Washington, and Long Jumpers Peggy Vandenburg, Lori Ivy and Watson stretch for every last gain of sand as they showed potential in sweeping Central.

Credit goes to sprinters Noreene Ivy, Lori Ivy, soph. Julie Davis and frosh Tina Billups who all participate in the undefeated 400 meter Relay.

Along with all these power and graceful running by frosh Linda Hemphill, soph Monica Witshen and Linda Lowman in the distance the Eagles have an outstanding chance to retain there N.I.C. and Sectional crowns - good luck to them.

Girls Tennis on Top

The Girl's Tennis team, regarded as one of the top (if not the top) teams in the area, started off their season fittingly with a 6-1 victory over Penn. The only loss came in a close 3-set match at #5 singles. However, Penn did not give up easily. It took three 3-set matches to finally quell them. Penn showed that everyone is hoping to knock us off the top, a feat that is easier said than done. The team has 7 returning players from last year's 13-0 squad. A pair of highly skilled freshmen finish off the depth of the team. Returning players include the 1981 co-captains, Liz Gundlack and June Vascil at #1 doubles who had a 10-0 record playing together last year. Lisa Frieden at #4 singles and Lisa Bowers at #2 singles bring three years of experience to the team. Both of them had records of 11-2 last season. Junior Terri Zhiss shares the #5 singles position and is looking stronger than ever this season. Lisa True is a steady and reliable #3 singles player (also achieving a 11-2 record last year). Greta Roemer at #1 singles put together a 12-0 record last year.

Karen Burdeen worked extremely hard in the last year to earn the #5 singles position, alternating with Terri. The freshmen, Kim Mitchell and Carol Skelton at #2 doubles are probably the two best freshmen in the area, and the team welcomes them as an indication of present and future successes.

The B-Team, led by junior captain Ruth Henry, also beat Penn soundly. They are also the best in the area (we think so, anyway) and provide a strong backup for the varsity. Members include: Margo Peterson, Connie Lee, Amie Tyler, Melissa Taelman, Jennifer Dunfee, Fria Hanson, Susie Devetski, Stacy Morris, and manager Alice Hill.

The team has many matches coming up and would like to encourage any people who would like to see some great tennis and a winning team to come.

Soccer Kicks

South Bend's very first High School varsity soccer game was held April 10th at Jackson Field. Our Adams soccer team played the game against a heavily favored Hammond (Bishop) Noll team. Both squads showed spectacular defense throughout the first half. In the third quarter of play, Donny MacDonell laid a pass through the Noll defense. Receiving the pass was Bob Funk who kicked the ball into the upper-left corner of the net for the winning goal with a final score of 1-0.

The Eagle's defense was the highlight of the evening only allowing two shots on goal. Gene Horvath recorded the shutout in his first soccer game as a player and a goalie. The teams thanks go out to a turnout crowd of 150 Eagle fans who came to cheer the team on to victory. The soccer team will play their next game tonight at Fort Wayne Luers.

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