

The Boyfriend: Another success for the Drama Club



The John Adams production of Sandy Wilson's **The Boyfriend** was a tremendous success. This musical comedy, under the direction of Mrs. Marilyn Goerner and Mr. Michael G. Allen took place on May 6, 7, and 8.

The story focused on an unhappy English boy and girl who fall in love in an attempt to rebel against the upper class social system. Jennifer Frieden (Polly) and John Manier (Tony) portrayed these characters excellently.

The plot is enhanced by four prissy girls who always managed to say and do everything in unison. One girl in particular, Maisie, played by Lisa Macri did a tremendous job. Have you ever met a girl who leads on the guys on her reason being "Safety In Numbers" and who always seems "tickled to death." If so, you know what type of girl Maisie

was. She was hilarious. Her boyfriend, Pat Hughes, did just as well.

Other things that contribute to the humor of the musical was a swimming scene where everyone shuffles around flailing their arms, an old man who wanders on and off the beach observing the "scenery" with his nagging wife following shortly behind, and a French maid played by Susan Zimmerman.

I must not forget to mention Lisa Lamen whose beautiful voice added to the enjoyment of the audience.

The costuming was excellent. Although the chorus faded out at times and the orchestra was lacking at times, the production on the whole was a success and I would like to congratulate all of the cast members on a job well done.



Eagle Items

History winners roll in with honors

by Jennifer Kingma

On April 24th Adams students Greg Werge and Kerry Kinney entered the Local History Day Contest. Entrants were to submit a project on the theme, Trade and Industry in History. Both students won on the local level and will be submitting their projects on the state level in Bloomington on May 15. Greg's essay deals with Henry Ford and mass production and Kerry's about the Avanti Motor Company in South Bend. Kerry's project was accompanied by a model of an Avanti. Good Luck to both of you on Saturday.



Mr. Pryzbysz and Mr. Humnicky, along with winners Kerry Kinney and Greg Werge.

by Dave Wisniewski

Astronomers see skies in New scope

The Astronomy Club has become the beneficiary of a graduate student at I.U.S.B. Mr. Rick Brown, studying business and administration and himself an amateur astronomer, graciously donated to the club a telescope in his possession.

The club's new tool is really composed of two separate 4 1/2 inch refractors; also on the body is a smaller 3 inch refractor, enabling two observers to use the scope at once. Included with the telescope is a motor-clock drive to compensate for the Earth's motion as time passes.

Mr. Brown's only stipulation on giving the club the telescope was that "it was used." And it will definitely be put to good use as the club continues to strengthen its observational technique.

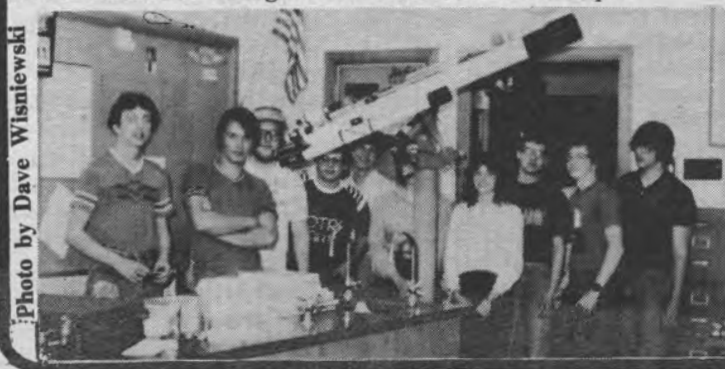


Photo by Dave Wisniewski

I.U.S.B. Math Competition Winners:

Geometry: First, Derek Lannuiet
third, Matt Booty
fourth, Barb Connolly
tied second-team
Julie Hobing
Lissa Leege
Barb Connolly
tied second-team
Brian Jones
Matt Booty
Derek Lannuiet

Algebra II: first Ram Neta
second, Ted Liu
fifth, Mike McGann
first, team
Ted Liu
Ram Neta
Diane Beaty

Calculus: second-team
See Chun Phan
Ken Jacoby
Rick Conklin

College Algebra: sixth, Dave Izdepski

School Blacklist Announced

by Christina Bird

Effects of the vacillating economy have finally struck public education. In an attempt to reduce both the school corporation's budget and the "excess" staff members, the SBCSC board has announced its final layoffs. Pink slips have been sent.

To do my bit to curb the rumors rampantly running through the corridors of our beloved Adams, I spoke to Mr. Pryzbysz about the mechanics of staff reduction. Adams will be losing eight faculty members from five departments: Mrs. Acker, co-ordinator of the Distributive Education program, who will be replaced by a teacher with more seniority; Mr. Szucs, Mr. Humnicky, and Mr. Otolsky from the Social Studies department; one of our librarians, Mrs. Huang; Mrs. Sorberg, from the Business department; and Mr. Farrell and Mr. Thomas of the permanent substitute teachers.

The selection of teachers to be laid off was determined by SBCSC procedure. First, tentative class schedules were sent to students to approximate the number of teachers needed. Then based on seniority-time spent with the Corporation although not necessarily at the same school-teachers were removed from departments in which statistics indicated they were no longer needed. In this fine cut, which took place several weeks ago, teachers were called "unassigned."

The unassigned teachers' seniority was then compared with the seniority of teachers still secure in their positions, and the teachers with the highest seniority in a particular area of certification were kept. For instance, if a teacher at Adams had five years of seniority, less than the other members of his

department, he would be unassigned. If then, however, a teacher at Washington in the same department, had less than five years, he would be replaced by the former Adams teacher.

The final group of teachers, then, is the group that was actually laid off. Some of them have been given permanent sub status - Mr. Szucs and Mr. Humnicky at Adams - some will be rehired in the fall due to retirement, resignations, and other changes in staff; some will appeal the decisions to the School Board, but the first spending cuts, to quote the song, "are the deepest."

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Prom Countdown



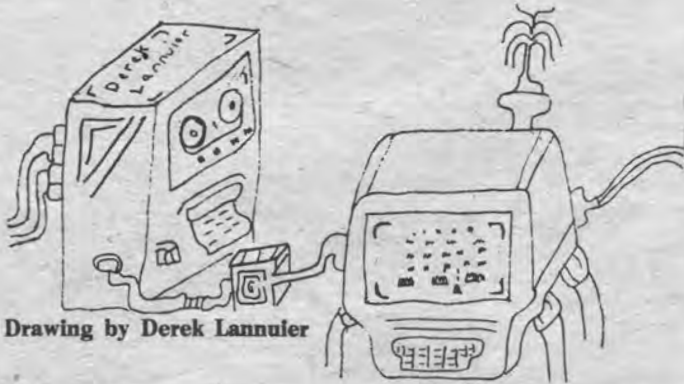
by Ann Cowen

35 hours 30 minutes

2130 minutes

126,000 seconds

Pink slips / Student viewpoint



Drawing by Derek Lannuier

To be or not to be

by Betsy Killeen

This semester LaSalle, Clay, Washington, and Riley do not have arena scheduling. Instead they have computer scheduling. How does that affect Adams? Well, in the school corporation's efforts to unify all of the schools, Adams may very well have computer scheduling next year.

In computer scheduling, the students would fill out a bubble sheet and choose their classes. The bubble sheets would be fed into the computer, and the computer would choose the hour, the teacher and the lunch hour.

If computer scheduling were to come to Adams, students would no longer have the flexibility in their schedule; moreover, they

could not choose their teachers. No two teachers use the same method in the classroom. Sometimes one teacher will teach a subject using only one textbook, but another teacher may discuss and even lecture on the material, using the text only as a reference. Some students may prefer one teacher's method and another may like the second method. Neither way of teaching is any better or worse than the other, but one method might be better suited to a student than another. It is true that, in terms of gaining seniority, contract, protections, etc., all teachers are equal. But in terms of relating to the students, "some teachers are more equal than others."

Irate student speaks out

On the morning of May 3rd, the sophomore and junior classes gathered in the Auditorium for an assembly. The subject matter was unknown at the time. The speaker was Dr. J.P. Lipsack, Director of Purdue University's Office of Manpower Studies.

The behavior of the students at this assembly was outrageous! They were inattentive, restless and noisy. Dr. Lipsack had to stop several times during his presentation to ask the students to be quiet. It is true that the bleachers and seats were uncomfortable and crowded, but that is no reason for a group of supposedly mature high school students to behave so poorly. If a student is capable of sitting still during class, then what is so different about an assembly?

Many students complained with good reason that the slides Dr. Lipsack used were difficult to see. They also said it was hard to hear, but the noise of the audience was part of the problem. "But I wasn't talking very loud," was a common but illegitimate excuse.

The next assembly the students should be told the subject of the presentation in advance and then be allowed to make the choice of going to the assembly or to class.

The behavior at that assembly should be extremely embarrassing to each and every student at Adams! Not only was it disrespectful to the speaker but that type of behavior will give Adams a bad name. I, for one, am truly ashamed and embarrassed

by the lack of respect which the student body, of which I am a member, showed at this assembly. This embarrassment ought to be shared by all the students present at Dr. Lipsack's program.

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**COME FOR LUNCH
Across from Adams
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by Alan Engel

This letter is written to voice my concern in regard to the recent school corporation layoffs. In order to fully comprehend this letter, the procedures used to lay off the 187 teachers must be understood (see page 1). Teachers who were unfortunate enough not to have their names removed from "the list" were given pink slips two weeks ago.

No black teachers, however, were pink slipped. Why? The corporation, with the consent, not the blessing, but the consent of the National Education Association (NEA) is implementing a policy of affirmative action. Mr. Stephen Neal, director of the NEA, explains, "In the bargaining for the new teacher contract a couple of years ago we wanted cuts to be made on a seniority basis. The school corporation wanted the affirmative action. We only agreed to the affirmative action on a 'hold harmless clause.' This means that if the SBCSC is sued for reverse discrimination the NEA would be held harmless." Neal also commented that he would be shocked if there were no reverse discrimination suits. Dr. James Scamman, superintendent of the SBCSC, defends the affirmative action clause. "We have a 25% black student population and only 14% of the teachers are black. We are trying to reduce this proportion of black students to black teachers." The Justice Department has made no stipulation in regard to affirmative action, so the legality of the issue is at question. When asked how a suit against the corporation could end, Dr. Scamman replied, "There have been four recent court cases on this very subject. The four cities are much bigger than South Bend, though. They're Boston, New Orleans, Detroit, and a city in California. In Boston, the judge held up the decision of the school corporation stating that they were making progress to reverse past discrimination." Mr. Neal, however, adds, "The courts have come down on both sides of the issue. For every case that the courts agree with a certain school corporation there's a case where the courts force the corporation to reverse their policy." In other words, black teachers or teachers who have been in the corporation for ten to fifteen years and are certified to teach in two subject areas are almost guaranteed of a job next year, regardless of past performances. Since many teachers have been evaluated in the last few years, and no teachers, to my knowledge, were removed from their position then yes, the words regardless of past performance do belong here (they do belong here). If they had been given poor scores on their evaluation, they would not be teaching today.

This writer must question the evaluation process. I feel that all the teachers should have been evaluated. The teachers with the lowest scores on their evaluations should have received pink slips.

Mr. Neal argues, "An evaluation of this type, of each teacher, is impossible. We would have fifty different principals evaluating fifty different ways. And then we would run into personality conflicts. Thus, the only logical way to determine which teachers to remove is by seniority." Although Mr. Neal's seniority plan is logical and inexpensive, I still must disagree. High school students of the SBCSC should be involved in the evaluation process. We are of an age and at a level in our development at which we could rationally evaluate a teacher the year after we were in his or her class. Graduating seniors could be interviewed in August before the beginning of the next school year. In addition to the principal, other teachers in the same department could evaluate their colleagues. Thus, evaluation scores would be obtained from three independent sources, instead of one (the principal).

One more issue still troubles this writer. This issue pertains to the huge number of teachers who were laid off for the 1982-83 school year. 187 teachers received pink slips. Dr. Scamman explains, "At first we calculated that we'd need to cut 230 teachers to balance the budget. But then we made cuts in guidance, nursing services, library services, human resources, and bilingual education. We then only needed to cut 187 teachers." Mr. Neal responds, "I thought that the school corporation could only justify laying off 108 teachers. This was the figure authorized by the school board." The reason for this significant difference between the number of teachers laid off and the number authorized to be laid off by the school board is unknown to this writer. This significant difference is 79 teachers. Not only teachers,

people, actual people. And not only these 187 will be hurt, their spouses and children will suffer also. Mr. Neal feels that he knows why these 79 teachers were laid off. "It's a personal vendetta by Dr. Scamman against South Bend teachers for not opening contract talks," said Neal. "Next year the classes will have too many students in them and the corporation will have to rehire some teachers." Upon hearing Mr. Neal's latter comment, this writer became assured that almost everything would work out satisfactorily. "But the unemployment compensation which the school corporation must pay this summer to these teachers who will be rehired this fall will again increase the debt. So they'll be right back where they started again," added Neal.

Right back where we started again. With several excellent teachers being laid off, several incompetent teachers almost guaranteed positions next year, and a confused and frustrated public, can this school corporation function PROPERLY next year? Although we are losing several fine teachers, with our present administration, I have no doubt but that Adams will retain its exceptional reputation as a top-notch school both academically and athletically. The rest of the school corporation, can it function properly next year? All we can do is hope.

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by Jerry Donlon

Major League Predictions Continued

by Ken Jacoby

The Montreal Expos are clearly the class of the NL East. Steve Rogers, Bill Gullickson, Gary Carter, Andre Dawson, Al Oliver, and, yes, Ray Burris should leave the rest of the division far behind. The booming bats of Hernandez and Hendrick as well as Sutter's split-fingered fastball will help the ST. LOUIS CARDINALS to another good season, but they are still a year or two away from being championship caliber. Any team with Schmidt, Rose and Carlton should be pretty good, but the PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES are aging fast and will not be able to stay in the race very long. The PITTSBURGH PIRATES have the right idea. Trading Foli and Garner was an admission that they won't be in the playoffs, but the Bucs get a rebuilding effort in gear at the right time, and won't be a bad team if their pitchers stay healthy. Both the NEW YORK METS and the CHICAGO CUBS have a long way to go. George

Foster and Neil Allen should help the Mets nose out the Cubs, who may be cellar-dwellers for the last time in '82.

In the NL West, the LOS ANGELES DODGERS haven't stopped producing star pitchers now that they've got Fernando. This year, Dave Stewart looks like the bullpen stopper the Dodgers need next to Steve Howe. With Steve Sax stepping in at 2B and the pitching as solid as ever, L.A. shouldn't have too much trouble making the playoffs. The HOUSTON ASTROS seem to enjoy living on the brink of disaster, but their pitching always seems to carry them through. With only Jose Cruz and whatever pansies they can find for hitters, the Astros may fall over that brink this year. The CINCINNATI REDS have a tough young pitching staff that is just beginning to come into its own, but the outfield of Hurdle, Cedeno and Householder is a far cry from Foster, Griffey and Collins, and the Reds will

probably fall short. The ATLANTA BRAVES have been waiting for three years for their pitching to approach the level of the Bob Horner-Dale Murphy led attack. If it does develop this year, the Braves could finally be on the way up. The SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS managed to trade all five starting pitchers away during the off-season, which leaves them with Rich Gale and Punch and Judy to contend with the league's best hitters. The Giants are in for a long season. The SAN DIEGO PADRES should begin to improve this year. They have good young pitchers like Juan Eichelberger, Chris Welsh, and Gary Lucas and a bunch of young talent in the field. The Padres are still about a year or two away from being legitimate playoff contenders.

Barring any unforeseen plane crashes, it should be the Brewers and the Angels in the American League, and the Expos and the Dodgers in the National with the Expos defeating the Brewers in the World Series.

Diamonders Turn Season Around

by Alan Engel

As of last Sunday, Adams baseball team had won six of their last seven games to stand at 11-7 overall and 7-6 in the NIC. Five of those six wins can be accredited to juniors Alan Nutting (2), Dan "the rocker", Manier (2), and Dave Skidmore (1). The other goes to senior hurler Dave Henkel. The Eagles had been a little shaky before these wins due to the loss of senior pitchers Henkel and Rich Zielinski because of health problems. They managed to survive this period with the help of the previously mentioned juniors and the relief effort of seniors Pete Stinchcomb and Eric Swartz.

Several Eagle bats have also

been rather hot recently. First baseman Dave Izdepski and center fielder Kevin Williams have been in the star's corner the past couple of games with their performances at the plate. But for the entire season, right fielder Scott McMahon and infielder Rick Romeo can't go without mention as they are both hitting well above .300. Both are also going after school records. McMahon, if he stays healthy, will undoubtedly surpass Jeff Coker's RBI record of 30. Romeo is shooting for his own record of 73 times on base in one season. If our pitching staff can remain healthy and these hitters can equal their past performance, Adams at least has a path to the Sectional finals.

Tennis Courting Championship

by Kara Kelly

The girls' tennis team is still hoping for a sectional title as they continue their regular season of play. Between trips to Wendy's, the team has won five of its last six matches. One of these victories was an exciting 4-3 win over NIC archrival Elkhart Memorial. The match was tied 2-2 when rain prevented further play. Victories came from Greta Roemer (6-2, 4-6, 6-2) at number one singles, and Kelly Mitchell and Carol Skelton (6-2, 6-4) at number one doubles. The next day, wins from number two doubles Kim Mitchell and Karen Burdeen (3-6, 7-5, 6-1; and

number four singles Julie Bowers (4-6, 7-5, 6-4) clinched the victory. In the last couple of weeks the team has also defeated Laporte (4-3), Riley (7-0), Lasalle (6-1), and Washington (7-0).

Individual performances have made the team into a strong unit. Greta has lost only one NIC match and is hoping to play down state again this year. The doubles team of Kelly and Carol have only one loss to their record. Also the Junior Varsity continues to show spirit and talent. Together, the team is dedicated and determined to win, and they hope to have a lot of student support at their matches to come.

Upcoming schedule

Boys' Baseball

- 5-14 Mishawaka
- 5-17 Riley
- 5-19 Clay
- 5-26 Niles
- 5-31 Sectional
- 6-12 Regional

Girls' Softball

- 5-14 Memorial
- 5-19 LaSalle
- 5-26 City Tourney
- 5-27 City Tourney
- 5-29 City Tourney

Boys' Track

- 5-19 City JV Inv.
- 5-20 Sectional
- 5-27 Regional

Boys' Soccer

- 5-14 Washington
- 5-19 Marian
- 5-22 Portage
- 5-27 St. Joseph's
- 6-1 City Tourney
- 6-2 City Tourney
- 6-4 City Tourney

Girls' Tennis

- 5-15 Culver Military
- 5-18 Clay
- 5-19 St. Joseph's
- 5-22 Sectional
- 5-29 Regional

Boys' Golf

- 5-14 Laporte Inv.
- 5-18 Elkhart Central
- 5-19 Laporte
- 5-20 Mishawaka
- 5-21 Marian Inv.
- 5-25 Sectional
- 6-1 Regional

Girls' Track

- 5-18 Sectional
- 5-26 Regional

Sports Briefs

Girls' Track

by Val Lane

For the third consecutive year the girls' track team has successfully defended their city title. Recording first place finishes for the Eagles were Tessa Billups in the 100 and 200 yard meter relay consisting of Kate Manley, Tessa Billups, Norene Ivy, and Beth Carter also turned in a first place finish. At this point in the season the team's record was unblemished.

Recently, the Eagles participated in the fourth annual Princess Relays. Out of sixteen teams the Eagles finished a respectable third. In the running events, the lone winning relay was that of Denoris Jenkins, Mary Rocha, Beth Carter, and Annette Shaumber in the Shuttle Hurdle relay. Also, Carter and Jenkins combined their efforts to clear 10 feet 7 inches in the high jump relay. The Eagles are looking strong and should place high in the upcoming sectional.

Girls' Softball

by Patti Tripathi

The John Adams Girls' Softball Team has gotten off to a good start with seven wins and two losses. Their incredible ability was evident when they beat LaSalle 15-4, Elkhart Central 21-9, and St. Joe 12-6 with Shelly Jablonsky as the leading pitcher.

Chris Allsop, Shelly Jablonski, and Kathy Conolly are tri-captains. Anne Cowen, the designated hitter, has scored the most runs and has also stolen the most bases. Mary Slafkosky, right fielder; Kelly McMahon, left fielder; Val Lane, catcher; and Peggy Duesterberg, shortstop are extremely valuable assets to the team. They have maintained high batting averages and RBI's all year long contributing to the success of the team. Jennifer Wiesjahn, third baseman, Chris Allsop, first baseman, and Kathy Conolly, center fielder are other leading starters who have also displayed fine performances. "Talent-wise we are as good as anybody and if we play well, we'll be hard to beat," proudly commented Head Coach Flora. He is also confident that the team will make it to the City Tournament again this year.

Boys' Soccer

by George Vittori

The John Adams Soccer Team is off to a tremendous start by compiling a 5-0-1 record overall and a 3-0 record in conference play. Their best performance, without a doubt, was against state ranked Ft. Wayne Luers when they totally dominated and won by the score of 2-0.

The play of the offense has been incredible. The top scorer has been forward John Croy, who has 10 goals, and not too far behind him is midfielder Kurt Roemer who has blasted six home. Other scorers have been forward Rick Maldonado with 3, midfielder Andy Revver with 2, and midfielder and co-captain Steve Collier with 1.

The defense has been exceptional if not perfect. The main reason for this is because of the job Kevin Hughes has done in goal, and by the outstanding performances of Chip Cunningham and Kevin Sweeney at defender.

Even though the city tournament is over 3 weeks away, they must hold on to this high level of play if they are going to fare well.

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