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DECA Officers Elected

The 82-83 John Adams DECA officers were recently elected. Jeff Tallman will serve as president, with the remaining officers as follows: Alan Nutting, vice president; Joan Hickman, treasurer; Angie Martin, secretary; and Tony Hardy, parliamentarian.

The club's first activity following the election was a breakfast meeting at IUSB. The meeting featured Randy Gordon, the district president, as guest speaker.

On Nov. 3, the DECA club participated in the Annual District II DECA Fall Leadership Conference at Elkhart Memorial High School. Induction ceremonies were held for all chapter officers. The main activity of the conference was the election of

District Vice President. DECA members from twelve area schools participated in the election which was won by Dave White, an Adams senior. As District V-P, Dave will serve on the Indiana DECA board and attend meetings in Indianapolis. Dave will represent the district at various conferences and meetings throughout the year.

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by Ann Krege



DECA [L - R] Joan Hickman, Angie Martin, Alan Nutting, and Jeff Tallman

Once again the TOWER is pleased to offer Christmas personals for publication in the December 10 issue. We are, however, changing our selling procedures in order to prevent losing messages and to facilitate refunds should they become necessary.

Ads will be sold during A and C lunch November 22, 23, and 24; but you may also place one through your homeroom representative or any TOWER staff member by turning in the form below before November 24. After four pages of ads are sold, we will close the sale, so be sure to place yours soon!

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Adams Whiz Kids

During the activity period on Tuesday, November 9, the Adams High School Bowl officers were selected: Anthony Scott Walton, president; Kathy Borowski, vice-president; George Vittori, secretary; Paula Whiteman, treasurer.

The purpose of the High School Bowl is for students and schools to compete against each other on an academic level. Visualize, if you will, two four-member teams answering questions in rapid succession on topics ranging from math, science, and history to Greek mythology, literature, grammar, government, sports, and current events, just to name a few.

During the activities period, members hold "mini-bowls" where teams are chosen and questions are fired at them quickly. This provides the students with experience in handling the kinds of questions and type of atmosphere present in an actual competition.

There are plans to hold an informal meet between Adams and Riley in December. Its purpose will be to introduce the participants to the rules and regulations governing the meet, to give hands-on experience with the equipment being specifically designed for the program, and to provide students with an opportunity to experience the rapid pace at which competition moves.

During these early meets Mr. Niemier hopes to have all the members of the High School Bowl participate, to gain experience and to enjoy the spirit of academic competition. Then from these observations and from competitions held during the regular activities period, teams will be selected to represent Adams in formal meets against Riley starting in February.

According to Mr. Niemier, the Adams High School Bowl sponsor, the support from the faculty has been great. Teachers, asked to submit questions in the middle of October, have already turned in over 100, and more are still being turned in.

These questions will be used for practice meets for the team and eventually donations will become part of a "question bank," providing questions for meets throughout the area.

If you have any good questions, or are interested in joining the Quiz Bowl Team, please see Mr. Niemier in Room 112.

Mr. Niemier and the High School Bowl team wish to express their thanks to the faculty for the support shown so far. "We cannot be a success without you."



Eagle Items

Service Tests Scheduled

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be administered at 8 a.m. Dec. 17 in John Adams High School. Army recruiter Sergeant Mark L. Jones of the South Bend recruiting station will be a proctor.

ASVAB is a battery of tests which is specifically designed to identify individual aptitudes in the vocational-technical areas, and for scholastic aptitudes as well. Administration of the test takes about two and one-half hours.

The ASVAB was developed by the military services for predicting success in military technical training schools. It has been found, however, that whether students are interested in the military or not, the ASVAB is an excellent measure of vocational aptitudes.

All high school students may take the ASVAB, which is scheduled by school officials through local recruiters. No special preparation is required. Results are returned within 30 days, and the school guidance counselors can then discuss the results with individual students.

There are no passing or failing scores on the ASVAB. The results of the ASVAB provide information regarding the student's potential in six aptitude areas, thereby assisting the student in exploring different occupational fields.

Although the ASVAB is sponsored by the Department of Defense, no military obligation is incurred, and there is no cost to the student or the school.

Album Subscriptions Low

Do you realize that out of our entire student body of approximately 1200 only 350 students have ordered ALBUM subscriptions? The length and quality of the '83 yearbook depends upon the number of subscriptions bought by this time.

Although the deadline was Monday, November 15th, orders are still being accepted. If you have not yet purchased a 1983 ALBUM, do so immediately. Your support is greatly needed and result of lack of publicity or appreciated.

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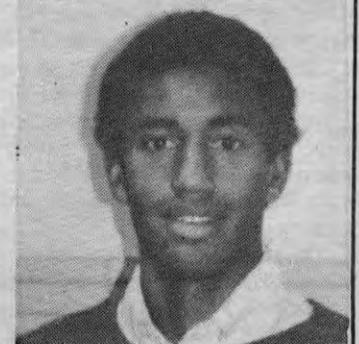


The Kiwanis Club chooses a student outstanding in both academics and leadership from each area high school. Diane Mennucci has been chosen this month's Junior Kiwanian.

Diane will represent Adams at a weekly luncheon at Century Center every Thursday. She is a member of student government and is the senior class treasurer.

The Rotary Club of South Bend chooses an outstanding athlete and student from each area high school to attend the luncheons and to honor their achievements.

Phil Grayson has been chosen the November Junior Rotarian. As a representative of Adams High School, he will attend luncheons every Wednesday at Century Center.



Letters to the Editor

The Ball State Singers' performance on Friday, November 5, greatly exceeded my expectations, but not as much as the student body! The conduct and spirit of the student body proved to be a tremendous improvement over the sepulchral pall at the assembly on Monday of that same week to honor the volleyball team.

True, we had a shaky start and as always, a few low-lives insisted upon acting rude and unruly. The greater part of the student body, however, by the end of the performance, was not only a polite, attentive audience but also involved in the show: the mark of an excellent performer-spectator relationship. For once we did not sit back in adolescent disdain and disgust.

Ordinarily, the student body is a very difficult group, making it next to impossible for guest groups and speakers to perform for or talk to Adams students. It has been said that the student body's conduct was one of the worst in the school system.

But this was not the case two weeks ago. Our participation and conduct for the better part of the Ball State Singers' show proved to be greater than ever before, a 250% improvement. This assembly showed the Adams High School student body at its best. It proved that students can handle more than just pep assemblies.

Where has school recognition in ALL extracurricular activities gone? Does the #1 student body not know of existence of the John Adams Girls' swim team? The John Adams Seagals have been practicing twice a day since August 1, while many others still lay in the sun.

Even the John Adams administration has shown a lack of support and given us very little attention. Mr. Pryzbysz, WHERE WERE YOU THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 11? The Seagals were participating in the 1982-83 swim sectionals at Clay High School and were greatly in need of the support of you and others. Sure, it's hard for you to attend every event at this school, but, Mr. Pryzbysz, it would have been nice to see you attend at least one meet out of our four month season. We, the swimmers, do not feel this is too much to ask.

Swimming may not be a big money making sport, but we work just as hard, if not harder, than many other athletes, and we, too, deserve recognition. Maybe swimming would bring in more money if more people knew Adams had a girls' swim team.

We deeply regret the fact that minor sports are neglected. Many other sports are doing great things, also, but who did we hear about

Seniors:

Did you know that on Wednesday, the treasurer (Diane Mennucci) and vice-president (Mary Kay Macri) of the class of '83 backed a motion passed in the joint junior-senior cabinet meeting giving away \$50 of the senior class money?

I always thought that the money raised was to go to the prom. It seems highly unfair that our hard earned money can be given away without the approval of the senior class.

Miss Macri and Miss Mennucci claim that the issue was fairly voted upon. The issue was NOT fairly voted upon. The junior class cabinet voted with the senior cabinet on this issue. The juniors have no right to vote on anything concerning senior class money, nor do the seniors have a right to vote on anything dealing with the juniors' money.

The next time the class officers want us to go out and work hard for money, I hope that the seniors remember what happened to it.

Kevin C. Baei

Rush rocks rockers

by Derek Lannuler

What do you imagine most seniors were doing on the night of November 5? Preparing for the SAT's? I seriously doubt it. What DO you think they were doing with about half the rest of JA? What else? Partying down with the hard driving sounds of Geddy Lee, Eric Leifson, and Neal Pert, better known as Rush.

Once again Rush worked their magic over an energy-filled crowd at the Notre Dame ACC. The stage set-up was nothing great, but a pretty decent light show helped to "highlight" the show. Another feature was a movie screen backdrop that showed pictures of different songs and albums that Rush has released.

The majority of songs for "The New World Tour" came from the

band's last three albums: MOVING PICTURES, EXIT . . . STAGE LEFT, and SIGNALS (their latest album). They opened with "Spirit of the Radio" and followed up with an overpowering version of "Tom Sawyer." From their SIGNALS album they played such hits as "Digital Man," "Chemistry," "Weapons," and of course, "New World Man." They then moved on to "Countdown," which led right into 2112 and the "Priests of the Temple of Syrinx."

On the more mellow side, if you could call it that, they played "Trees" featuring Eric Leifson on guitar, and then "Closer to the Heart." They really hit MOVING PICTURES hard, playing such hits as "Red Barchetta," "Lime-light," "Vital Signs," and "Witch Hunt."

By the time they took their leave an already standing audience was left shouting for more. The band soon returned and played an encore, and what an encore it was: none other than "XYZ." The piece is all instrumental and highlights each member of the band, but one especially stood out this time--Neal Pert. Neal, possibly the world's premier rock drummer at this time, went crazy on a 10-15 minute solo falling nothing short of amazing. This song ended the concert.

My only criticism of the band was that they seemed a little detached from the audience and seemed a little bit too reserved. I also thought they might have played some of their older and better songs instead of sacrificing them for some of the OK songs from SIGNALS. One must, however, remember that this tour was meant to promote SIGNALS.

I think this attitude made their style a little too rigid. Overall, though, I found the concert to be quite an experience, and I think those fortunate enough to attend would agree.

The 1982 Seagals

Snowy River

by Christina Bird

Combine wild horses, gold mines, feuding brothers, and long camera shots of breathtaking scenery, and do you get a Wild West flick? Not now. "The Man from Snowy River," now showing at the Scottsdale Theater, uses all the elements of a classic western-spirited ladies, horse thieves, and crotchety old miners - to tell the story of a man's coming of age in Australia.

After his father's death in a lumber accident, Jim Craig is forced to make the painful transition from boy to man.

Realistically, Jim's growth is not easy, and several times we

face of Harrison's prejudice toward "mountain people." But he always continues; at the end we see him conquering the boss' preconceptions and proving himself above them.

The most striking part of the film is the cinematography, the actual filming of the Australian wilds. The mountains are the gorgeous backdrop for the action of most of the movie; especially the sequences of the wild horses running free through the grazing lands.

I enjoyed, "The Man from Snowy River," and I highly recommend it when you're in the mood for entertainment.

all fall? Yes, the football team. Even with their losing season they were highly supported by the student body; yet when the swimmers rise up with eight broken school records and state qualifiers, the P.A. serves as their only recognition.

Big or small, each team should be given their earned time at pep assemblies and should equally be supported by the administration, whether money is made or not. It is really a shame that we, the swim team, have to ask to be a part of a pep assembly that we well deserved. And even worse, we had to decorate our own lockers because the Booster Club neglected to recognize us.

How can one be honored to have earned the all-sports trophy when ALL SPORTS are not recognized? Without J.A. girls' sports, the trophy would not be ours, and yet we are so easily neglected.

We, the state qualifiers, as you read this, will be participating in the 1982 State Meet in Indianapolis, and with or without your support we will strive to attain our goals. This article might not change the present attitude, but we hope to help the minor sports at John Adams in the future.

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FEATURE

Assemblies Cause Concern

by Cathy Gergesha

-Who's gonna win tonight?
-WE ARE!
-Who says so?
-WE DO!
-Are you sure??
-ABSOLUTELY!!

Sound familiar? If it doesn't, you're probably one of the apathetic undesirables who remain seated at the pep assemblies. OR...maybe you throw paper airplanes or pennies or maybe you boo the mayor. Whatever the case, we know who you are.

This year, John Adams has been fortunate enough to have not one or two but several teams whose accomplishments deserve much recognition: cross country, volleyball, swimming, and tennis to name a few. As a result we have had many pep-assemblies so as to give these teams the support that they have earned and deserve.

But have there been too many? Have the students lost interest?

Chris Toal feels that "although the athletes need recognition, students are starting to take them for granted."

Diane Mennucci tends to agree: "They're pushing them on us lately. They're not as special as they used to be."



On the other hand, Mandy Mills not only thinks they're a great way to get out of class but she's very enthusiastic and feels that most people are supportive of the teams. The number of assemblies may be affecting students attitude but it shouldn't be."

School spirit is school spirit, right? On the whole, students are very supportive and feel that pep-assemblies are "good this year- much better than last year."

Although the assemblies are better this year the student body

is unanimously opposed to one thing - the seating arrangement. The purpose of these assemblies is to reinforce school spirit within the members of the student body most of whom would probably find it difficult to get loud and supportive among the strangers of their homerooms.

No matter how you feel about pep-assemblies you must remember that each assembly has a purpose - to support and encourage a particular group of athletes. Who cares if we have a lot of them! Let's face it - we've got a lot to cheer about.

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★ Fall Production Looms Near ★

By Marci Whittenburg

Goldie Hills (Jennifer Frieden), a damsel in distress, is on her way to death, thanks to the wicked ways of the villainous Harvey Green (Richard W. Ellis). Boo! Hiss! But wait... who is that approaching? It's Joe Morgan (Craig Markarian) coming to save her, just in the nick of time. Yea!!

No, this is not a scene from an old movie. It is a scene from the John Adams Jester's production of "Ten Nights In A Barroom," a melodrama of temperance in the 1800's, by William W. Pratt.

The little town of Cedarville is led astray when Simon Slade (Peter Sniegowski) opens a bar.

Goldie, an entertainer who sees the error of her ways; Joe Morgan, a reformed drunkard; and Harvey Green, a conniving villain, are only a few of the cast, rich with character.

What would a melodrama be without the loving wife, Mrs. Morgan (Polly A. Harvey); the angelic daughter, Mary Morgan (Kristin Clay); a country Bumpkin, Sample Swichel (Daniel L. Breen); and the naive prey of the villain, Willie Hammond (David M. Colt)?

This take-off of the authentic

temperance play should bring back fond memories of adults. The fights and wild chase scenes will appeal to the young hearts of the students.

Directed by Marilyn Gourner, the John Adams Jesters will present "Ten Nights in a Barroom" on Thursday, November 18 and Saturday, November 20 at 8:00 p.m. There will be a matinee at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 21. The Jesters are selling tickets in advance for \$2.00 and at the door for \$2.50.

To find the Little Theatre at John Adams where this thrilling play will be performed, just follow the boos, the hisses, and the cheers; you can't miss it.

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Game Tournaments Thursdays

Fine Season Expected

by Alan Engel

It's Hoosier Hysteria time. That's right, Indiana High School basketball is here again. And better yet, we'll have a good dose of that hysteria this winter at Adams.

Coming off an 12-8 season, Coach Dave Hadaway, "The dean of South Bend high school basketball coaches," is looking forward for a good record. Coach Hadaway is probably right. It wouldn't be wise to bet against our Eagles this year.

Hadaway has three returning starters Eric Moore, Mike Marable, and last year's top rebounder, Don Scheel. But Coach Hadaway is not the only one who has interest in these three. "There are several colleges who have expressed interest in those three," commented the coach. An occasional starter last year, Ron Verduin will also see alot of action.

Guard John Ritter and front lineman Steve Poland round out the list of seniors. Three former varsity players (all seniors), however, did not go out for the team, Kevin Williams, Phil Grayson, and previously injured center, Erik Janowsky, decided that "it wasn't in (their) best interests to go out for the team."

Only three juniors are on the varsity squad this year. They include Rick Decraene, Lynn Shaw, and Tony Hall. Milton Davis and Kevin Decraene are the sophomores on the team. And one freshman, 6-6 Raymond Richardson, is also playing varsity.

The only other NIC team returning as many starting lettermen is Washington. So with a little luck, no major injuries, and much needed crowd support-our Eagles could go far this year. Let's start that support tonight against Gary Horace Mann.

Swimmers Impressive at Sectionals

by Mandy Mills

The Adams girls' swim team came in an impressive second place in the sectional finals at Clay High School last Saturday.

Beanie Jenney stole the show as she earned the right to compete in Indianapolis in the state finals this coming Saturday, with an unbelievably close win over Lisa Gollatz from Penn in the 50-yd freestyle. The winning margin was .046 seconds; a little close for comfort. Beanie also showed her freestyle prowess in the 100-yd free by using her powerful flipturns and great speed to come from behind in the final two laps to win with the excellent time of :56.129.

The sectional was won by Penn who compiled 259 points. Adams followed with 220, Clay 174, Riley 165, Mishawaka 88, LaSalle 85, New Prairie 70, and Washington had 66. This is the first time in the sectionals eight-year history that Clay has not won. Although the

victory belonged to Penn, their coach, George Green admitted that he thought they swam poorly and that he was impressed by the showing by the Adams girls.

Beanie, however, was not the only reason the team placed second. The team was also led by excellent performances put in by Kim Beckman, Jennifer Parker,

and Jennifer Ready. Additional points came from some outstanding diving with Denise Lamborn and Joann Hanlon placing second and third respectively and Debbie Borowski placing fifth. Kim Beckman took third place in 100-yd backstroke and fourth in the 50-yd freestyle, while Jen Parker placed third in the 500-yd freestyle, and Jennifer Ready earned a second place finish in 100-yd backstroke and a sixth in the 100 butterfly.

The team will be traveling to Indianapolis Friday and the above mentioned team members will be competing in the state finals, cheered on by their proud teammates.

Coach Jeanne Proteau has done a wonderful job in her first year by turning last year's fifth place finish into a second place finish. She's done her job so well, that she was named Sectional Coach of the year.

Good Luck Seagals!



Boys' Swimming

by George Vittori

The 1982 John Adams boys' swim team should be a force to be reckoned with this year in the N.I.C. Last year was a disappointment to the team and first-year coach Jeanne Proteau but they did finish 3rd place in sectionals to highlight the season.

Even though the team lost 4 quality swimmers due to graduation, the improving skills of the underclassman and some talented freshmen could make up for this. Some of these swimmers are Kelly Keller, Todd Hamman, Allen Abusuamna, Sean Broecker, and Scott Terlep. Last years most valuable player, Rick Dennen, is returning and expect to repeat his awesome season of last year after his impressive showing in the AAU Junior Olympics.

The team will be well prepared for the long and tough schedule, which begins on November 18 with a meet at Elkhart Memorial, through 2 2-hour practices each day.

Maybe 1982 will be the year where the amount of practice and talent will make the Seagals season a highly successful one.

Girls' Basketball

The 1982 John Adam Girl's Basketball team should be the team to beat in the Northern Indiana Conference. After an impressive 16-5 record, second place in the N.I.C. and winner of South Bend Sectional, much is to be expected of this year's squad.

The team did lose 5 seniors, but that gap should be filled by the juniors and sophomores from last year's B-Team and the 8 returning varsity players.

A few of this year's players are Jennifer Wiesjahn, Val Lane, Kelly McMahon, Julie Yazel, Lori Ivy, Gina Nowicki, and Judy Molnar. But the key returning player is Diane Farmer, who last year was the mainstay of the team. She was named to the All-N.I.C. - First Team.

Their regular season schedule is a long and grueling one which begins November 22 with a game at St. Joseph, and doesn't end until late January. The team is full of talent and if they work together will be one of the best in Adam's girl's basketball history.

Awesome Year Ends

by Val Lane

The John Adams volleyball team ended it's four month long season with an impressive 29-7 record. They claimed the sectional, regional, and semi-state crowns, and captured fourth place in the state. But most important the Eagles regained recognition as one of the states finest teams. Now this may seem like a lot, but they also broke a three year losing streak to Mishawaka to win the regional trophy, and won it's 2nd John Adams Invitational. But there's more; individual records were also achieved as three of the four seniors received Athlete of the Week and 1st team N.I.C. honors. These were, Diane Farmer, and co-captains Karen Gillis and Julie Yazel. And Yazel also repeated herself again this year as an All-State selection.

Once the eagles defeated Mishawaka in the finals of the

regional, the LaPorte semi-state was next. The semi-state also offered little competition for the well seasoned Eagles. And then on to Indianapolis where they finally meet their match. Adams fell a little short of the strong McCutcheon team as they were defeated in the first round of the state championship 15-10, 15-11. Outstanding contributions were turned in by Karen Gillis, Diane Farmer, Julie Yazel, Mary Slafkosky, and Kelly McMahon. "We all feel we had a great season and we're just proud of being one of the final four," commented Farmer. Hitter Karen Gillis added "We made it to Indy, and that's where we started out to go, besides, ranked 11th in the state is by no means a disappointment." Congratulations to the team, coach Ganser and assistant coach Atchinson on a fantastic season.

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