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Two teachers say farewell

by Mike Morris

Just as for the rule of Augustus, so must end the reign of McLemore. Mrs. McLemore, the Latin teacher here at John Adams, has announced that she will be retiring after the end of this year. After thirteen years of allegiance to John Adams, Mrs. McLemore pronounced, "I feel I was lucky. I enjoyed my job and the fine group of students I was able to work with." Her philosophy is that if you're interested in your students and treat them with respect, they'll respond in the same way. Furthermore, Mrs. McLemore believes John Adams offers a good representation of the world as a whole, in that it allows one to be associated with such a wide variety of students. She has also worked closely with the officers in Latin Club, in order to help organize activities such as Saturnalias, skits and swim parties.

Students say they have enjoyed Latin because Mrs. McLemore has made it fun and interesting for them to learn. We'd just like to thank you Mrs. McLemore for your patronage and service to John Adams, and can honestly say your presence here will be sorely missed.



by Karen Danner

Mrs. Francis has taught faithfully in the English Department for thirteen years, twelve of which were contributed to John Adams. She taught one year at Riley before coming to JA. When given the opportunity to return to Riley, she chose to stay at Adams because she "liked the student body better." She will retire this year and she hopes to do some traveling. We wish her good luck and hope she has a pleasant retirement.



Congratulations

Next week, Ted Liu will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, representing Northern Indiana, and in particular John Adams High School, at the International Science and Engineering Fair. He will be involved in medical research seminars, lectures by Nobel prize winners, science discussion groups and a critical evaluation of his research work of the past two years.

His work, which was funded by the American Lung Association, was concerned with measuring physiological responses of laboratory mice to two different exercise programs having equal calorie expenditures. Ted will be joined by another twenty students from Indiana and will fly to Albuquerque where he will be part of a group of about 500 students from around the world.

At the conclusion of this school year, Ted will have completed seven years of science instruction while at Adams. He expects to continue his studies in the field of science at Stanford University next year.

In addition to his science awards, Ted Lieu has received a second place writing award from the 1983 Scholastic Awards Program! He received a certificate and a \$50.00 monetary prize. Congratulations, Ted!

has taken us by surprise, but due to people like yourselves reaching out to help out in any way possible, my recovery is near completion. Once again, thanks for your fine support.

God bless you,
Kevin Wasowski

Kevin says thanks

I want to send a note to express my sincerest thanks for your support at the benefit dance given a few weekends ago. I was deeply touched by the wonderful organization and support the whole program received and from what Kim said, the dance was a success. This whole tumor ordeal

Music statistics

A few weeks ago the Probability and Statistics class at Adams decided on having some form of survey of the school for a class project. After inventing a few survey ideas, the class decided a music survey was the best idea. After many planning sessions, the methods and timetable of the survey decided upon, and a survey form was chosen. Finally, two homerooms ago, the survey was given, and divided between class, staff, and separating according to sex. The turnout was not 100% and for the seniors it was less than 50%, but the turnout was within the expected value. The results were:

Only the highest results in each category were listed. All percentages are from total number of listings divided by number of forms turned in. The following tables list the top ratings by type of music for each response number.

In order to interpret these

results, great care must be taken. Many of the students were confused about the survey, which is obvious the large number who liked rock but intensely disliked R&B, both of which are closely related.

But there are many things which we can be very sure of. There is no doubt as to the favorite radio station. Michael Jackson is the favorite performer despite the popularity of rock music as a whole. Only a select few have any idea what Reggae is. Journey is the most popular group, followed at a distance by the hard rock music sounds of Def Leppard. Opera is, at the very least, extremely unpopular. Disco, after being a much hailed and popular form of music not so long ago, is now heading for rock bottom (no pun intended) in just about every opinion. And most obvious of all, the staff has practically nothing in common with the students. Generation gap, any one? by Brian Jones

DECA reaps in awards

On April 22-24 over 1,000 Distributive Education Clubs of America members filled the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Indianapolis with excitement and anticipation of a busy and fun filled weekend. Nine Adams DECA members attended the annual DECA Career Development Conference. This year's conference theme was related to the Indianapolis 500 and called "The Track to Success." The Adams members had qualified to attend the conference by participating and receiving awards at the district conference which was held in March. The primary activities at the conference involved competitive events and state officer elections. Three Adams DECA members received awards at the conference. Jeanne Pepin placed

first in the Advertising Services competition. David Shireman placed third in the Credit and Finance competition and Craig Owsley received an achievement award in Restaurant Management.

State officer elections added to the color and excitement of the weekend. Candidates who passed a rigorous screening process, used campaign booths, posters, pins, balloons and many creative ideas to get elected. Jeanne Pepin, although unsuccessful, waged a very effective program in her bid to be elected District 2 President.

DECA is organized as part of the Marketing and Distributive Education program which prepares students for careers in the field of marketing, management, and merchandising.

New Spanish Club off and rolling



Photo by Michelle Mengel

Spanish Club members learn to use the computers

Every year at Adams new clubs come into existence. One new club this year was the Spanish Club. The Spanish Club has had several activities. They have had many guest speakers come to talk to the club during Activity Periods. The list includes our own Dr. Wills, the French student teacher (who was from the Philippines) and even a classical guitar musician.

But, one of the most interesting activities, both in the club and the classroom has been the Spanish vocabulary computer program.

The program, which was designed by Brian Baer and Kelly Keller, quizzes students on their vocabulary. With the computer computer diskette, students are able to learn word definitions more thoroughly. In addition, students can learn a greater variety of words. Both the new Spanish Club and the innovative computer program have proved to be educational and fun! We congratulate the club on getting off to a good start, and we wish them well in their future endeavor.

Quiz Bowl

The High School Quiz Bowl meet on Thursday, May 5th, 1983, between Riley and Adams marked the end of the Quiz Bowl Competition for the 82-83 school year. At this time, I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the faculty members who gave their time and effort in writing questions and/or providing services of all kinds for the Quiz Bowl Team. Also there is an extended thank you to all the students who participated on John Adams' first High School Quiz Bowl team.



Photo by Mark Orlando

A research chemist and Adams graduate [and a former Goodman student] speaks to Mr. Goodman's second year Chem class.

OPINION

Just For The Record

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This One's For You

In response to Matt Booty's article, "Better Dead than Red," I feel compelled to question some of his assumptions. Matt is strongly considering the possibility of the Soviet Union overtaking Western Europe, Central America and Mexico, among other areas, with the ultimate goal of attacking the United States.

Having family and close friends in Europe and having traveled there several times I can assure Matt that most European countries do not feel the Soviet threat to be imminent but are eager to coexist peacefully with the Soviet Union (e.g.-the neutral country of Austria exports 80 percent of its goods to Warsaw Pact nations).

Far from seeing the Soviets poised and ready to attack us, I see Soviet citizens just as scared and terrified of a nuclear holocaust as we are, especially since President Ronald Reagan's tremendously aggressive speeches.

Matt is a proponent of U.S. involvement in many little wars for the sake of peace and

freedom. The Center for Defense Information revealed some facts which seem to contradict this hopeful rhetoric.

Quoting from The South Bend Tribune, March 25, 1983:

-In the last three years, six new wars have started while only two have ended, with more than four million people engaged in combat.

-45 of the world's 164 nations are involved in these wars.

-About 500,000 foreign combat troops are involved.

- "They (the Center for Defense Information) monitor the facts of contemporary wars because they think we don't know the facts, let alone feel them, and they may be right," according to James Reston.

Many of Matt's beliefs are based on assumptions coming to us from a post World War II cold war era. Today the threat to democracy in central America, Mexico and many other third-world nations does not come from Moscow, but instead from internal problems, mismanagement, corruption, incompetence and social injustice. No country

where people have jobs, food and shelter and involvement in government, is vulnerable to communism.

Matt wrote of the danger of an 'unrealistic isolationism' attitude, but maybe we should question what isolationism means. I suggest that the pitting of one country against another and one ideology against another is in itself harmfully isolationist and destructive.

Maybe in these times, when our very survival is threatened, we should look deeper into the issue of what a country is: Is it an idea, a security or is it just a capricious drawing of borders which separate on both sides people with common hopes and goals for life and peace?

Every individual is vulnerable and his or her fears and insecurities should not be projected and played out by nations on a global scene.

The bottom line of Matt's willingness to see U.S. involvement in all kinds of wars and conflicts is not good men killing bad men, but one human killing another.

by Francis Bomer

by Matt Booty

In response to Frances Bomer's article, "Just for the Record" I feel compelled to question some of her assumption. Fran presents a very emotional rebuttal to my original idea that the U.S. should be ready to assert itself against creeping communism, but I suggest what my original idea was, and find out just how valid her counter-points are. Because Fran's argument is a collection of small rebuttals rather than a thematic opposition, I think the best route is to answer her arguments one by one, clarifying along the way.

First, and most importantly, I never claimed that the Soviets have an "... ultimate goal of attacking the United States." Rather, the United States should be ready to live up to its responsibility as a nation capable of stopping Soviet imposition on smaller countries. The U.S. cannot idly sit back while the Soviet Union slowly but surely makes its presence known.

Secondly, I find it difficult to swallow Fran's notion that Western Europe wants to exist peacefully with the Soviet Union in some sort of political utopia. If this is true, why then do most European nations belong to NATO, and not the Warsaw Pact? Why is there such political turmoil in Europe, especially in Poland? Perhaps Europe **does** want to live peacefully with Russia, but does Russia want to live peacefully with them?

Furthermore, Fran would like to see the Russians as a nation equally frightened of nuclear war

as we are. But I remind her that Russia is far more prepared for a nuclear war than we are. Could our entire population be in bomb shelters in ten minutes? Are we adequately defended against Electro Magnetic Pulses, a widely ignored but crippling side effect of nuclear explosions?

But still, my main issue was never how we would confront a nuclear war. I was questioning how we would treat the possibility of Russia moving in on a lesser-developed, Central-American country, or any country for that matter. Fran says the only threats to democracy in these countries is their own lack of control; she says any country where "... people have jobs, food, and shelter ..." can stand strong against the Soviet threat. Exactly! But how many Central-American countries do have stable governments, low unemployment and social justice? It seems somewhat idealistic to expect these countries to be able to defend for themselves, and even more idealistic to expect the Russians to be any less opportunistic than we are in assuming claims to these countries.

In fact, my final counter-point stems from Fran's concluding idealism. Why don't we just dissolve international borders and live as one happy global family? After all, the Soviet system is not evil, just different. That's why so many countries are fighting to become part of the Soviet Union, right?

Better dead than Red? Absolutely!

What Do We Do?

Dear Editor:

When a junior advisor in the Kennedy administration complained that the White House set-up was "unfair," the President was reported to have snapped back, "Life is unfair."

Columnist Sydney Harris writes, "This piece of stoical philosophy is supposed to help us bite the bullet and accept the injustices that come our way." True. One must admit, however, that life is indeed unfair.

Misfortune can occur in anyone's life at any time, from a flat tire to a tornado. Again, Harris writes, "But this is all the more reason for us to strive for as much fairness as possible in human relations."

In this microcosm of a macrocosm, known more simply as JAHS, with only 1600 people present, one might guess that "life is pretty fair."

Catch-22. One would think that normal functions such as tests, elections, or try-outs could be run smoothly and fairly. That's right-the cheerleading try-outs again.

Fair? Well, were they fair to (a) girl who made the team ("fairly") the first time but who didn't make it the second time? Remember, even professionals (Ron Cey or Larry Bird) have bad days.

Is it too much to expect of our adult leaders to have tasks performed fairly, at all times?

Harris writes, "If (one) asks of people more than they are able to give, (one) will invariably be disappointed in their failure to meet (one's) standards. (This, by the way, is why so many youthful

idealists shrivel into cynics in later life.)"

And the adults here wonder why students are so easily "turned off." If they would examine the situation closely, and become more "aware," they SHOULD find some answers to some long term, complicated questions.

In the future, if this plea of

fairness is too much to expect, please state as such. If not for the entire population at JAHS, then at least for the small idealist one.

Put yourself on top, alone-at the decision making level. Lonely and difficult. But put yourself in the (girl's) position. Devastated and unbelieving. Now, which is more difficult to endure.

Alan Engel

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Student Retreat Focuses on Adams' Problems

by Monty Booty

Working from what started as a group of ten to fifteen students, John Adams recently sponsored a "retreat" at IUSB, a meeting of about sixty students, all thinking about how to improve Adams. Coordinated by Mrs. Rosemary Rehak, program specialist for the school corporation, this retreat lasted for the entire school day of April 28th, and basically was a chance for Adams students and teachers to discuss what they felt needs to be changed here at Adams.

However, the retreat was different from usual school meetings such as Student Government or the Principal's Advisory Committee. In fact, the entire situation was unique in many ways. The students who attended represented a complete

cross-section of the Adams student body. All four classes had an equal number of students and when possible, each of the various clubs and groups at Adams had a member at the retreat. This was not at all a meeting of certain "elite cliques."

The circumstances and setting were somewhat unusual, as well. The retreat took place at IUSB, away from school, with no school corporation "officials" present. The teachers were placed in with groups of seven to ten students, and were not meant to police the activities; if anything the teachers' main roles were to add a different outlook on the discussions, which tended to be quite casual.

This casual atmosphere was largely due to the establishing of

what Mrs. Rehak effectively termed "Group Dynamics." Most of the morning was spent on "Group Dynamics," or setting up conversational relationships within the groups. For example, each person not only had to introduce themselves, but also had to tell about the person sitting next to them. The groups were given a sample topic to talk about and the teachers noted how the students solved things AS A GROUP. Who talked the most? Did one person control the conversation? Was everyone comfortable with the group? These questions were all part of the "Group Dynamics" of the retreat.

An interesting technique used in the problem-solving conversations was brainstorming. The idea behind brainstorming is that EVERY single idea put forth by

ANYONE gets written down. No idea is rejected or criticized (an action labeled as "Dart-throwing" by the retreaters). Then, the group goes back and, by objective discussion, decides on which ideas are the most pertinent.

Using the brainstorming technique helped the Adams students to move on to talk about specific problems at school. Each of the nine groups gave a presentation on what their session came up with, and the most recurrent problem identified at Adams seemed to be one of unity: unity in school spirit, unity between teachers and students, and unity among student cliques. Why do Adams students seem to be polarizing into smaller and isolated groups?

This is not to say that some

more practical problems weren't tackled. Students also proposed an intramural sports program, a teacher-exchange day, and a radically new student government system.

But what will come of this retreat? Although the problems were perfectly identified, and although some very plausible solutions were offered, there is still a long way to go before any of these solutions materialize. More people need to be aware of the problems, and even more will be needed to remedy the problems.

A suggestion: talk to the people around you. SOMEONE you know is bound to have gone. Talk with them, see what was said, and better yet, see what you can do to help.

Piano!

Every February, the Indiana University at South Bend Piano Competition is held. This year, three of the four finalists were from Adams high school! They were juniors Vicky Demaree and Laura Schilling as well as sophomore Nathan Huang. The three competed in the high school division. Participants in the competition are generally the best student pianists in the area. And the final result? Vicky Demaree won the competition (and the \$100 prize). But, congratulations are in order for all three finalists!



Piano Finalists [L-R] Nathan Huang, Vicky Demaree, Laura Schilling

Photo by Mark Orlando

German Fun

The weekend of April 29-May 1 was an exciting one for junior Peggy Vonderburg and senior Theresa McKiernan. They attended an "Arbeit-stagung fur Deutsch (German Workshop) at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. The thirty-five people participating in this workshop were involved in many entertaining activities while at Ball State. Among the items on the crowded agenda were a picnic, singing German songs, and learning German folk dances as well as seeing a German movie (with English subtitles). These activities were further accented by the fact that everyone involved spoke German - not just at one time, but

at all times! "It was really interesting to see how well we could communicate with each other even with such limited knowledge of German," said Peggy. "I learned a lot about German on the trip."

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit by Governor Orr on Saturday afternoon. He arrived in a helicopter, much to the surprise of the workshop participants. The experience ended with a tour of the Ball State Campus; and at 11:00 the German students said "auf Wiedersehen" and headed for home. The workshop was a success because it combined education with entertainment and a lot of fun!



It's Here!

John Adams is successfully keeping up with the fast growing field of Word Processing. The Business Education Department, along with all other area schools, has acquired two CPT 8520 Word Processors. There are two consoles and one printer. The computers have conveniences such as: indefinite memory storage, call back, disc operation, and a printout of 640 words a minute. John Adams offers an Introduction to Word Processing class with a prerequisite of Typing 3. Computers are not only simplifying work for businesses, but are becoming a part of everyday life. The computer era is not a thing of the future, but rather an institution of the present.

by Karen Danner



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SPORTS

Soccer Season Sizziling

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Awesome! There is no better word to describe the John Adams Soccer Team. With a 4-0 conference record which has earned them a share of first place in the Northern Indiana Soccer League and a 6-0 overall record, the team's hope of a city championship and possibly even the Northern State Cup may be within reach.

The latest victories have been over a surprising Clay team, Ft. Wayne Homestead, City rival Riley, and conference member Marian. In the Riley game, the Eagles dominated from the beginning by scoring three goals in the first ten minutes and ended up winning by the margin of 8-2. Outstanding offensive performances were turned in by Benson Yang, John Croy, and Steve Collier, who each tallied one goal apiece, but there was one performance that outshined all others. This was by Kurt Roemer who set a new school and Northern Indiana Soccer League single-game scoring mark by

blasting five goals. However, their record was broken later in the week by a St. Joe player.

In the next contest against Marian, the team was no match for the young and inexperienced Marian squad as they crunched them by the score of 8-0. Goal scorers for Adams were John Croy with three, Kurt Roemer with two, and Bennie Yang, Jason Ugland, Pat Woodard with one goal apiece.

Adams also boasts the No. 1 and No. 2 scoring leaders in the conference with John Croy with 13 goals, 5 assists, for a total of 31 points, which is good enough for first place. Not too far behind is Kurt Roemer with 11 goals, 4 assists, and 26 points total.

Throughout the season the defense has proven that it is no pushover either. So far this season, the three goalies

combined (Kevin Hughes, Kelley Hughes, and Brandon Hudson) have allowed only four goals which means an average of less than one goal a game. The people who protect the goalie have also done more than their share this season. These important people are Kevin Baer, Nick Muzer, Chip Cunningham, James Pyles, and Anthony Johnson.

The team is halfway through their 1983 season with not too many challenges. The true tests of the team's ability comes up in May when they face soccer powers Portage and Ft. Wayne Luers, both away, and then the supreme test, arch-rival St. Joe, which takes place May 21 at School Field. Fan support is greatly needed for the St. Joe game, so go out and cheer on the awesome Adams soccer team.

Eagles Soaring

by Kristi Sivak

There are many reasons for Adams Baseball team's success. Recently named "Athlete of the Week," pitcher Dan Manier, holds the best batting average in the NIC. Left and right fielders, Sonny Oakley and Kevin Williams are close behind Manier and add to the team's strength. Adams other pitcher, Dave Skidmore, has the best earned run average, with Alan Nutting following in third place. Other players who have contributed a lot are centerfielder Brian Biggs, catcher Doug Henkel, second baseman Mike Kolo, shortstop Ray Szajko, first baseman Dan Tarwacki and Kevin Weesner at third. Together the team has an outstanding

record of 11 wins to only four losses, three of which were within a couple of points.

Adams suffered one such loss to a strong Penn team last Wednesday 1-0. Adams first hit was in the fifth inning when Biggs got a single. Manier's bunt to third base resulted in a double play for Penn and unsuccessful plans for Adams. Tarwacki and Williams were also able to get singles. Unfortunately, luck was not with them and the Eagles were unable to bring in any runs. But Adams still has a busy schedule in front of them and plans on turning things around so they're in the winner's spot again. Good luck Guys! We know you can do it.

Hangin' On

by George Vittori

The John Adams Boys' Track Team is off to a disappointing 1-6 mark but team is still filled with great individual talent. The Eagles have also participated in some important Invitational events like the Boilermaker Relays and the Goshen Relays but have not fared that well in these meets. The team's only victory was against city rival Washington, 85-42.

The team has had outstanding performances turned in throughout the year. Some good examples of this statement are Rodney Hetterson, Ron Turner, Anthony Reed, and Cecil Gilbert in sprints; Co-captain Michael Holmes and Glenn Watson in the hurdles; and Co-captain Dave Albright and Todd Moore in the 400 meter; other outstanding individual performances are from Kevin Otolski, John Vittori, Carl Stopper, and Mark Orlando, Chris Toal, Mike Rouse, and Percy Bell in the pole vault, and in the shot put, Andy Engeman.

The team is hoping that they can regroup and possibly have a high-finish in the upcoming Sectionals. Good luck!

Standouts

Congratulations to John Croy, Peggy Dueserberg, Val Lane, Dan Manier, and Mary Rhout-song. These John Adams athletes were selected to the South Bend Tribune's "Athlete of the Week."

Also congratulations to freshmen Mike Halterman for throwing a no-hitter against the Washington freshman baseball team.

Eagle's Fever Catch It

The 1983 John Adams girls' softball team is off to another sensational start. Last year's team wound up placing second in the city tournament, but this year's team has their sight set on the city trophy. The 1983 team is led by the pitching of Peggy Duesterburg and Mary Rhout-song. They have combined their talents in continually shutting down the opponents. To back up the strong pitching, Adams has a powerful hitting attack led by Kelly McMahon, Mary Slafkowski, and Val Lane. The balance of excellent pitching and superb hitting have led them to a sparkling 9-0 overall record with a 5-0 record in the N.I.C., which they hold first place in. The highlights thus far in the season have been the defeat to the previously undefeated St. Joe team and the shellacking of Washington. In the St. Joe game, Mary threw a four-hitter and helped her own cause by hitting the game-winning RBI. In the Washington game, Peggy and Mary combined in pitching a no-hitter against the helpless

Panther batters. Tonite Adams plays the powerful Mishawaka team at Memorial Park, which will decide the N.I.C. championship. Next week they take on the always tough Riley squad also at Memorial Park. The softball team needs your support at their games to help bring to Adams the N.I.C. championship.

Going Strong

The Adams girls' tennis team of 1982-83 has had an excellent season. Adams defeated Michigan City Elston 7-0, Riley 7-0, LaSalle 7-0, Washington 7-0 and Munster 3-2. Adams girls' tennis team suffered two losses. They were defeated by the undefeated Fort Wayne Luers 2-3, LaPorte 3-4, and Plymouth 3-4. The girls are headed for a victorious season.

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