

# Sectionals: How Sweet It Is



Photo by Mark Orlando

The rowdy juniors, champions of Spirit Week cheer the basketball team on at the pep assembly last Friday.

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### A Crazy Week

The week of basketball sectionals was a successful test of school spirit at John Adams. It was a week for the student body to show they care about their school, their basketball team, and their individual classes.

Monday was "Crazy Day" and crazy it was. It was not at all unusual to see...the guy who sits next to you in English as a girl; green hair; nuns roaming the halls; bell-bottom pants; downhill skiers; Mickey Mouse; plaids, prints and polyester; Gumby; and even Ronald Reagan paid Adams a visit. In fact, it was more unusual to see someone not dressed up at all. All the classes showed enthusiasm in participating despite some Freshmen's skepticism at the idea of "Crazy Day."

Tuesday was suppose to be "Theme Day," where you would dress according to your class theme, and Wednesday was suppose to be "Sweats Day," but school was cancelled both days. The week continued with Thursday being "Hats off to the Eagles," where everyone wore

hats, ties, and glasses. Once again, many people dressed up. Some students wore sweats along with their hats, ties, and glasses to compensate for the lost "Sweats Day."

Friday was originally planned to be "Red and Blue Day," but it was changed to "Theme Day". The Freshmen dressed as waiters and waitresses to follow their theme of "Restaurants." The Sophomores dressed as movie stars and movie viewers with 3-D glasses and popcorn boxes according to their theme of "The Theater." The Juniors wore their sheets as togas along with their laurel wreaths and jewelry supporting their "Eagle Empire." The Seniors dressed as people from different countries and carried flags around to support their theme of "World-Wide."

Despite the two days lost to snow, the spirit of the J.A. students was astounding, not only in school, but during the pep assembly and during Sectional play as well.

Last Saturday Adams won their that makes few mistakes, and first Sectional crown since 1979. They shoot extremely well from With that victory, they have the field. Adams won't be able to advanced into tonight's Regional turnover the ball a lot and expect semi-finals. The game will be to stay in the game. held at Michigan City Roger's If Adams advances past Valpo, gym. Adams plays in the first they will probably face M.C. game against 11th ranked Rogers. When Adams and Rogers Valparaiso Vikings. The winner of clashed before, the Eagles held a

### The Road To Regionals

the game will come back on lead throughout much of the Saturday night to face the winner of the Rogers and Winamac. Adams will have to play the full 32

Last week the key to Adam's success was the overall balance of the team. Raymond Richardson, Kevin DeCraene, and Milton Davis led the Eagles in scoring for the week with 47 points, 45 points, and 46 points respectively, Adams seemed to have loosened up after the Riley victory and played superb ball the rest of the week. If Adams is to win the Regional, they will have to play consistent for the full 32 minutes. They can not have any let downs because the tough opponests will seize the opportunity and take control of the game.

Adam's opponent tonight, Valparaiso, is a well-drilled team

### Directions

To get to Michigan City Rogers for the Regional: take Western Ave. out of South Bend, this road turns into highway 2 and then U.S. 20. Take U.S. 20 to Johnson

Road [near Michigan City]. The intersection has an overhead stoplight with a branch bank, gas station, and a tavern on the corners-take a LEFT on to Johnson Road. Go to the 1st. road, which is Pahs Road, and take a RIGHT on to Pahs Road. Rogers is on that road. The trip takes an hour, but plan ahead for traffic delays. The game starts at 6:30 CST [that is 7:30 p.m. our time], so plan to leave before 5:30 p.m. Tickets for the game are limited so get your tickets BEFORE you go to Michigan City because the gym might be all sold out. Remember to wear your Red and Blue and cheer the Eagles on to victory both nights. We know we can take Regionals because "WE ARE SUPER!!"

## Adams' Students Heart Grant Recipient Recipients

Mike Paul Johnson and Laura Fritz, two John Adam's seniors, recently were notified that their research work would be funded by the American Heart Association. Their recognition marks the seventh Heart grant awarded to Adam's students over the past seven years. Unlike many other funding organizations, the American Heart Association provides money for basic research in many science fields outside of coronary heart diseases.

Mike's work was performed in the area of biochemistry under the title of, Effects of CH<sub>3</sub>-Coenzyme Methyltransferase in Negating the Inhibitory Effects of 4-chloro-3,5 Xylenol. In brief, his preliminary work investigated altering the media composition in biogas generators, in an attempt to increase the production of methane gas from organic waste materials. An additional area of investigation explored the possibility of developing a strain of

bacteria which could break down aromatic hydrocarbons into usable gas. Such hydrocarbon wastes are at the present time released in large volumes from many industries.

Laura's proposal grew out of her work of the past two years in which she considered the possible enhancing effects on the immune system of lab mice with the addition of dietary Vitamin A. The supplemented vitamin A was given at a dosage of 20 times the

daily minimum recommended intake. Among the factors measured were IgG antibody concentration and the degree of phagocytosis.

Both students began their work on the first day of school last September and the final data are still being analyzed and compared with last year's findings. Laura's work of last year is being evaluated by a team of judges in Indianapolis to determine if she qualifies as a finalist in the Indiana Science Talent Search.

The finalist will present their papers at the IU Medical Center on March 9 and 10, 1984.

In addition to the Heart Association research, Mike has also completed work on a NASA proposal concerned with a gas generating prototype fermentor which would enable organic wastes to be reused in a closed shuttle environment. A NASA review board is currently evaluating his proposal related to including it as an experiment on a future shuttle flight.

## Beauty and The Bucks

Scholarships and other prizes await the winner of the 1984 Miss Indiana National Teenager Pageant which will be held at Indiana Central University, Indianapolis, Ind. on June 15, 16, 17, 1984.

Teenage girls 13 to 18 years of age are invited to participate in the 13th annual preliminary to the Miss National Teenager Pageant. State and regional pageants are held in participation with 41 colleges and universities with more than \$3 million to be awarded in cash, tuition scholarships and awards in 1984. The reigning Miss Indiana National Teenager, Julie Bryant of New Harmony, Ind., is the reigning queen and will crown the new Miss Indiana National Teenager. The National winner is Susan Mitchell of Three Oaks, Michigan.

The National winner will receive a \$1,000 cash scholarship, a \$15,000 tuition scholarship to Oklahoma City University, a \$1,000 Barbizon International scholarship and an all expense paid trip to the National Pageant in August 1984, for 6 days. Also, the finalist will be vying for a tuition scholarship of \$7,000 for the winner of the potential in Business, Computer Systems, Food Services or Hospitality related programs. Milikin University of Decatur, Ill. will award the talent winner a \$4,000 tuition scholarship and they will also compete for a tuition scholarship of \$10,000 for an upperclassman and \$10,000 for an underclassman to Eckerd College of St. Petersburg, Fla., and the opportunity to compete for up to \$2,000 on the regional and national level. The National Pageant will award \$40,000 in cash scholarships and \$100,000 in tuition scholarships.

The judging is based on scholastic achievement, personality, poise and appearance, and leadership with a division in talent or oral essay. There is no swimsuit competition. For additional information and/or entry form, write to: Miss National Teenager, Mrs. Martha Smith, State Director, 1635 N. Robinson, Danville, IL 61832. Please enclose a 20c stamp for reply. Deadline for receiving applications is March 15, 1984.



Laura Fritz observes laboratory mice which have been maintained on elevated vitamin A intakes.



Mike Johnson examines the production of biogas in work which has extended over a two year period of time.

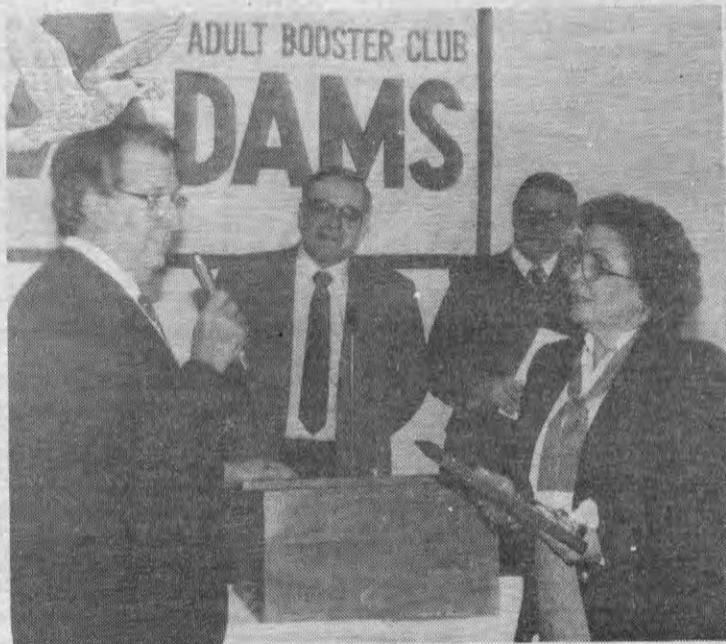
## Finalists

We often commend talented athletes but have a tendency to neglect the achievements of talented scholars. Such achievements exist in the National Merit Program. Five Adams seniors have been titled national Merit Finalists. Congratulations are in order for Matt Booty, Barb Connelly, Victoria Demaree, Brian Jones, and Kim Mitchell. These five students represent less than half of one percent of America's high school seniors in their PSAT and SAT as well as their overall achievement.

They entered the National Merit Program by taking the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test). Each of the students scored well and became National Merit Semifinalists last Fall. After qualifying as semifinalists, the students had to work toward becoming finalists by achieving a high enough SAT score and by writing an essay about their high school achievements.

The finalists are among 13500 high school students who all hope to be one of the 5300 Merit Scholars. As scholars they would be eligible for Merit Scholarships. About 40% of the finalists will receive these scholarships.

## Fosters Adopt Adams



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foster receive their plaque for dedication to Adams.

Adams has much student support, but many of our supporters are not students. Mr. Bill Foster and his wife LaVita have been devoted followers of the Adams Sports program for many years.

At the Fall Sports Banquet in November, Mr. and Mrs. Foster were presented with a plaque from the Adult Booster Club in recognition for their support.

The Foster's were the owners of the Ben Franklin Store on Mishawaka Avenue, but after many years of hard work, they closed their doors. The Fosters not only provided countless school supplies for students, but they also provided endless support for our sports teams throughout the years.

The Foster's son attended Adams, and he was very proud of his school. His pride inspired loyalty in Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foster that held long after their son graduated and to this day, they are loyal supporters of our sports teams, and true friends of John Adams High School.

## Jr. Rotarian



Derek Lannuier has been selected as Junior Rotarian for the month of March. Derek is co-captain of THE TOWER and is an AP and Honors student. He is a member of the French National Honor Society, Quill & Scroll Clubs. Derek has received grants for his proposed research biology work from the Indiana Academy of Science, American Lung Association, and NASA. He plans to study pre-med in college. Derek will attend the Rotarian luncheons each Wednesday for the next month at Century Center. Congratulations, Derek!

## Student Teachers Praise Adams

Many new faces have been seen at Adams. They belong to the student teachers who are placed at Adams for this semester. They are Miss Linda Carvalho, Mr. Byron Chetler, Miss Carol Comito, Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Mark Marz, Mr. Dave Schetzle and Miss Anne Wachler. Miss Linda Carvalho is a student teacher for Mr. Allen. Originally from Springfield, Illinois, she is currently a senior at Saint Mary's College. Her major is music education, and her goal is to teach music in high school. When asked about her experiences here, she replied, "I am really enjoying it. Coming from a smaller school, I'm impressed with the larger school and the quality of the students."

Mr. Byron Chetler, who attended North Liberty H.S., is a graduate student from Goshen College. He has graduated with teaching degrees in math and physics; he is also qualified to teach computer science. Chetler is a student teacher for Mr. Nemier until April 4th. He chose Adams "because of its reputation and location." He also said, "I have enjoyed the students and faculty at Adams."

Miss Carol Ann Comito is a student teacher for Mr. Reed. She attends the University of Notre Dame, and her major is psychology and education. She says she has liked the students because "they are respectful and give no discipline problems." She also added, "the faculty members are great." She will be here until March 30th.

Mr. Richard Green is from Delaware. He is currently a senior at Notre Dame. He is currently getting experience teaching government with Mr. Connelly. Mr. Green said that his experiences at Adams have been "great." Green has also been helping out with the baseball team. He hopes that the team has a good season.

Mr. Mark Marz, who is originally from South Bend, earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Purdue in chemistry. He also attended the School of Education at Indiana University in Bloomington. He said, "I've learned a lot from a great teacher Mr. Goodman," Marz stated. He said teaching has been a good experience for him, and he hopes to be placed in a school like Adams "with a great faculty and students who care".



Photo by Mark Orlando

Mr. Schetzle's history class role-plays the Spirit of Harding

## C.O.E. Strikes It Rich

On Saturday, February 11 at 6 a.m., eleven John Adams COE students traveled to Warsaw High School for their OEA district competitive conference and leadership activities. This conference was the most successful one that John Adams students have ever had, as ten trophies were brought home from the conference. All district winners will go to Indianapolis on March 16-18 to compete for state honors and will be honored at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The award winners were:

Sue Thornton, winning 2nd place

in Information Communications 2 and 2nd place in Job Manual, Sandy Madison, winning 5th place in business proofreading and 4th place in typing 2, Daphne Shutts, winning 1st place in typing 3, Janice McEndarfer, winning 1st place in job manual and 4th place in records management, Anne Farinella, winning 2nd place in word processing, Julie Vigue, winning 3rd place in word processing, and Annette Jankowski, winning 4th place in word processing.

In addition, Janice McEndarfer, a junior, was elected to a

state office in the Office Education Association. She will be officially installed in March at the state OEA leadership conference in Indianapolis. Janice will be making OEA policy decisions for the state of Indiana and will represent district 2 in all OEA activities. She will act as a voting delegate in national conferences and will be involved in all general sessions at the state leadership conference. Janice is working at her COE training station at Robert E. Lee Insurance Agency.

## '84' Brings More

With the longer school day next year and the omission of pep assemblies, there is at least one positive aspect to next year. If the state board agrees, the John Adams Business Department will receive approximately \$93,000 towards 2 modern business labs: The accounting microcomputer laboratory and the intensive word processing laboratory.

In order to qualify for this grant, the business department had to write a proposal about the classes and get local businesses to back up the idea in order to get authorization. The state vocational director has recommended that Adams receive this grant, but its now in the hands of the state board.

The time has finally come for Adams to be allowed to make that step forward into a modern

atmosphere to teach business courses with better equipment and, hopefully, better results in classroom performance.

Among the modern equipment that will be furnished if the grant is accepted is eight microcomputers, nine electric typewriters, and calculators for each "station."

The stations are individual places where each of the 22 accepted students will work.

The atmosphere for these labs will also be very comfortable and should have a positive effect on students. Rooms 117 and 118, currently used for typing, accounting and other business classes will be remodeled with carpet, drapes, newly painted walls and perhaps one of the best prospects, air conditioning for those hot fall and spring days.

year, not one semester, of typing and office procedures. Other important criteria is attendance, attitude, and interest. Each student must be accepted through an application that can be found in rooms 117, 118, or 121. See Mr. Leatherman or Mrs. Gleason immediately for further details.

Both labs will last for two class hours.

Students interested in participating in the accounting lab, must have one year of accounting while students wanting to enter the intensive lab, must have one

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## Vets Honored

On February the 16th, the John Adams High School Cultural Awareness Society presented "A Tribute to Black Military Veterans" in observance of Black History Month. The program's purpose was to honor black World War I and II veterans, living or dead, with a special tribute to those from the South Bend area. World War I veteran, Ferdinand Pigeo, fulfilled the roll of "guest of honor" as one of the oldest living black veterans in South Bend. Invited to share in the honoring of this special man were the guest representatives from the Mayor's Office, Congressman John Hiler, the United States Army, the local office of Veteran and Military Affairs, the South Bend Community School Corporation, AMVETS-Post 66, and

V.F.W. Post 9733. All of the named guests provided Mr. Pigeo with a gift of honor. Most of the representatives presented Mr. Pigeo with a certificate or plaque of recognition, including the officers of the Cultural Awareness Society. Mrs. Gladys Muhammed, representative of the Mayor's office, presented Mr. Pigeo with the key to the city. The highlight of the program, however, arrived when Mr. Przybysz presented the guest of honor with a pair of John Adams sweat pants and entitled him as an honorary member of the student body.

The club's sponsors and President, Michele Rouse would like to thank the John Adams Jazz Band and all others who made the program a success.

## Chess?

When people think of what teenagers do in their free time, they usually think of things like watching television, playing video games and talking on the phone. Surprisingly enough though, some teenagers spend their time using their mind and brain power.

At John Adams High School the chess club membership is more than 50 people. The club competes against other schools and club members play each other. They also go down state yearly to compete in the state chess tournament. A school chess champion was even crowned this year.

People usually think of chess as a difficult and boring game. Not

really though. When a person understands what they're doing, that makes all the fun. When asked, members said they play for the fun, the challenge and to improve skill.

Chess involves tactics, strategy and learning to have back up offenses and defenses. Thinking is what it really boils down to.

Although it takes time to learn the skills associated with chess, one shouldn't be discouraged from trying. There is always someone out there willing to help a struggling new player, and once a person gets the grasp of the basic knowledge, they're on their way.

# Who's Going To Win Tonight?



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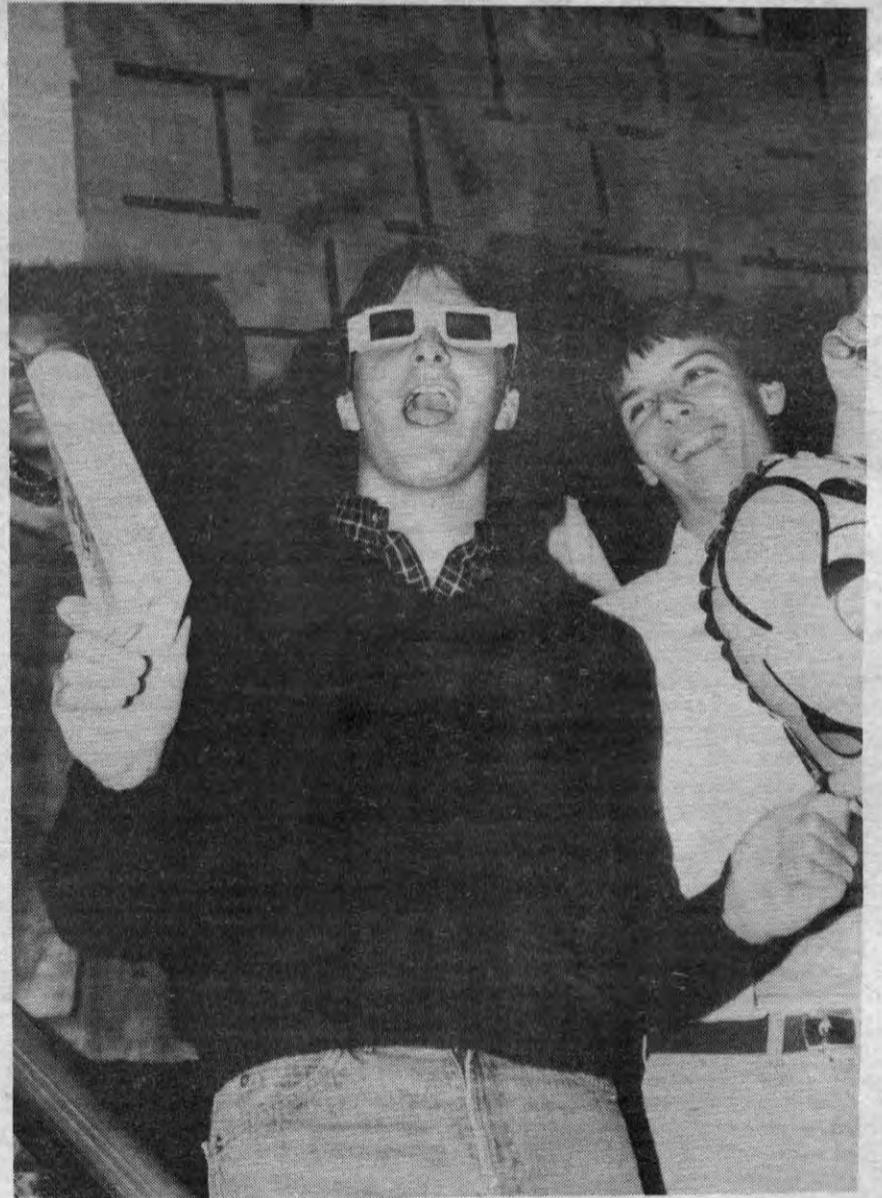
Senior cheerleaders show their support while cheering on Andy Engeman while he's bobbing for apples.

## ADAMS!

## Who says so? We do!



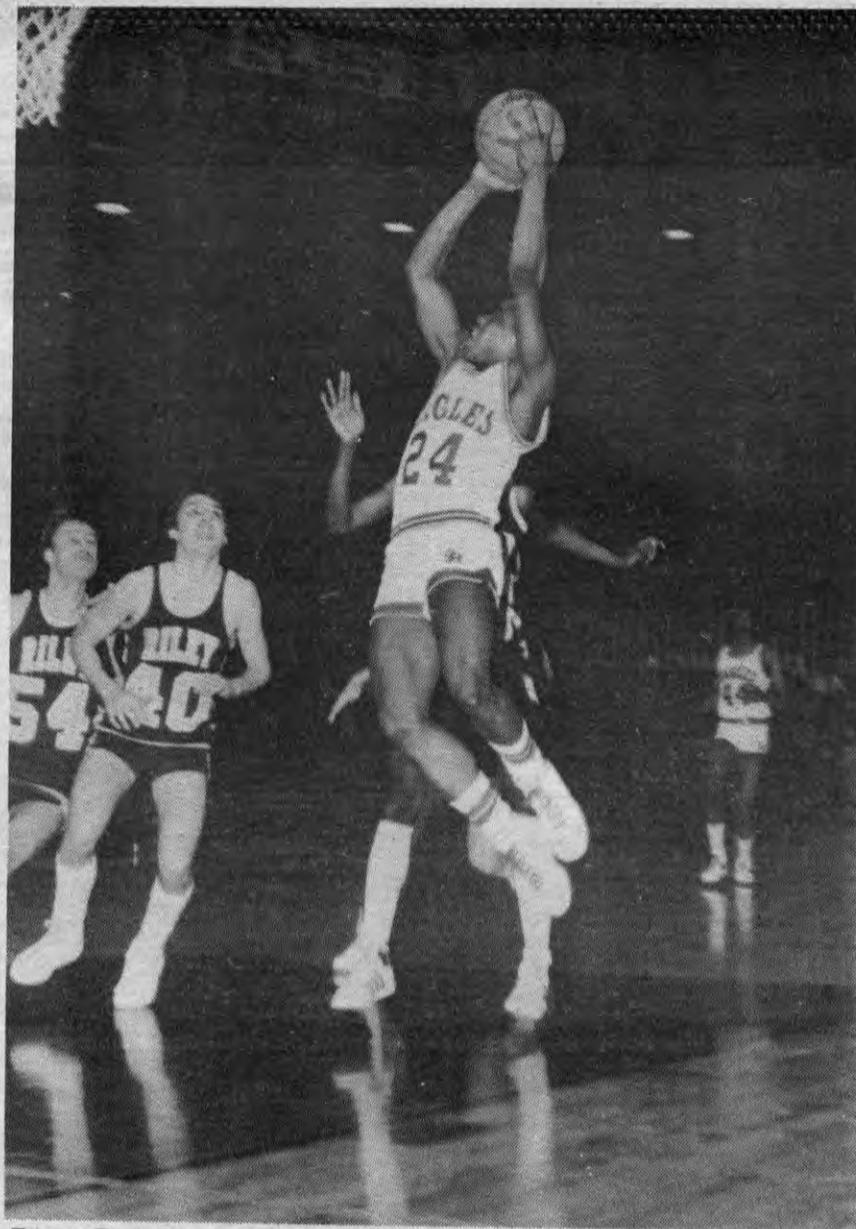
Seniors show their spirit while cheering on their class at the spirit week assembly.



Jonathon Kronstein and Tim Devetski seated in the sophomore section sure look like they're enjoying the program.



Kurt Roemer, representing the junior class, bobs for apples at the spirit week assembly.



Tommy Bridgeman scores the winning basket against Riley in the 63-62 double overtime victory.

## Are You Sure? Absolutely!



Juniors patiently paint their award winning posters for the spirit week assembly.

## Know Your Stuff

by Corrie Wolpin

"Hey, you! Wanta feel really good? Just follow me. Nothing will happen to you. I've done it millions of times."

"No thanks. I don't get into that."

"What's wrong? You queer or something? Scared?"

"I told you, I don't think that this is the right thing to do."

"Well, if you don't do it, I'll tell everyone you're chicken."

Suppose this happens to you as you walk down the halls at any corporation High School. What should you say? You want to be cool, but taking drugs is against your principles. According to Sgt. Bill Essex, former Indiana State Detective, tell the person who offers you pot that you don't need to smoke to be cool. People will respect you for sticking to your beliefs.

Bill Essex is a unique person. He is a former State Trooper and undercover detective who has formulated a lecture on drugs. Recently, he spoke to the entire John Adams student body about drugs and their effects on teenagers. The classification of alcohol as a drug was an important theme throughout the presentation. Alcohol is defined as a drug because it changes a person's state of consciousness. In 1982, alcohol abuse killed

27,000 people under 21 years of age, more people than attend South Bend Community Schools.

Through the use of cute acts and skits, Sgt. Essex's presentation was informative, but not preachy. He told us that if you drink, just know the effects of what you're doing. He gave us 4 major reasons about why people use drugs. The reasons are: negative influence by peers, negative influence by parents, hero emulation, and subliminal advertising.

Influence by peers. How many times have high schoolers heard that phrase? Everyone strives for acceptance by peers. Peers dictate what we wear, how we act, who we like, and even, what drugs we take. When 2 friends go to a party, and one smokes pot but the other doesn't, the non-smoker may be ridiculed or embarrassed. Negative influence? Of course. That person will not refuse as quickly next time.

Parental influence also dictates a child's lifestyle. If a teenager sees his parents having a party with alcohol, why shouldn't he? If Dad gets out a bottle of wine to drink with dinner, why shouldn't the teenager drink beer? Aside from the legal aspect, society holds a double standard.

Hero emulation is the desire to

act like someone else does. When someone who is admired take drugs, his followers are more likely to do the same. Essex's final point - subliminal advertising. This is the use of suggestive packaging by retailers. When bubble bath comes in the shape of a bottle of champagne, that's subliminal advertising. The retailer hopes to sell the product because of its packaging, not its contents.

After the assembly, the reaction of the students' reaction was totally positive. One junior commented, "I thought about the dangers of using drugs." Another said, "I wish that I could have seen something like this earlier."

The conclusion of the presentation was especially effective. We saw a movie that had been filmed in a New York Emergency Room. It was visually shocking; 2 patients were having their stomachs pumped, another was hallucinating under the influence of LSD and one person who had taken was hyper and jumpy. The movie reinforced dangers of drug abuse. After the presentation was over, Essex said, "If I have kept just one of you from taking drugs again, I am satisfied." The student body and the administrators should be satisfied with the program and its results.



Sgt. Bill Essex demonstrates his unique style.

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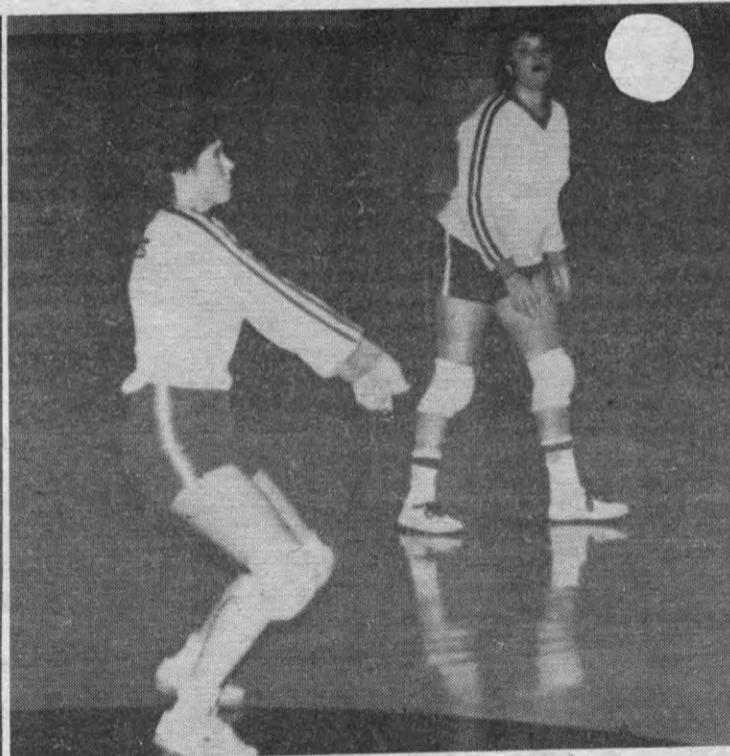
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Laura Schilling displays her dedication in volleyball with another perfect bump from a game last fall.

## Dedication, Patience and Winning

by Mary Slatkowsky

Enthusiasm and desire to be the best in a very high goal to set for oneself. Senior Laura Schilling has set that goal and is striving toward ultimate accomplishments every day.

Laura has been involved in sports since her junior high days in a parochial school. Volleyball became her favorite sport and she pursued it with vengeance.

As a freshman in high school she was a setter and team captain. The following three years after that were spent on the varsity as setter and digger. She was nominated onto the first team Northern Indiana Conference, won the Kiwanis award and was a senior captain.

Laura is also an accomplished student. She has maintained a 3.957 grade point average and is in the National Honor Society at Adams. Her other interests have included being in the Monogram and Latin Clubs for three years and the band for two years.

Along with being an accomplished student, she's been accepted to the University of Notre Dame where she plans to pursue an education in chemical engineering.

In her "off" season, Laura plays on Bob Fitzsimmons' Junior Olympic volleyball teams. The team practices every Tuesday and Thursday night from 7-10 p.m. at South Bend Turners.

The Junior Olympic team is made up of outstanding athletes from the different high schools around the Micians area. Laura claims that "Fitz" drills them very hard and that it's to help prepare them for when they play in their many tournaments.

"In the long run it's worth it," Laura said.

With an impressive amount of skill and talent, Laura still finds time to involve herself with musical instruments. For eight years she has been studying piano on a fairly serious level.

For the past three years she's been entered in the IUSB competitions in which she's been a finalist each year involved. The other instrument she studies is the clarinet. Three of those five years have been involved in state competitions where she's always won first place.



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## Dennen Captures State To Cap Season

by P. H. Mullen

It is not often that a high school is able to successfully juggle both his grades and his athletics, but Senior Rick Dennen has accomplished that and has excelled in both categories. Rick's sport is swimming. He practices 4½ hours daily and still maintains a notable 3.2 grade point average. He is an active member of Student Government and is in the National Honor Society.

After coming off a fantastic summer of swimming nationally and finishing 21st and 24th in the entire nation for his two best events, Rick broke his shoulder in the fall and wasn't able to compete in the first two swim meets of the season. By the third meet against Clay, he decided he was ready to swim, and he proved himself by winning both the 200 and 500 free events. As the season progressed, Rick, who is the Seagles team captain, continually lowered his times while remaining undefeated in all the events he swam. One of his best performances of the season came in the tough loss to Elkhart Central when in the 500 free Rick stroked to a time of 4:43 and established a new pool record. This was a milestone for the Seagles because they had not broken a pool record since 1978.

Rick was still not content with that one record. After failing to break the record in the 50 free by two agonizing tenths of a second in the next meet, he got on the right track again by phenomenally breaking at least one pool record in EVERY remaining meet of



Senior Rick Dennen receives his second place medal in the 200 yd freestyle in Indianapolis. He did, however, get a first place in 500 yd freestyle.

the season. He carried his record over the Sectionals. He carried his dominance over his opposition by winning the 500 free and breaking his old Sectional record time. He showed his impressiveness by winning the 200 free easily, but he barely missed the record time. Led by Rick's two victories, the Seagles placed 4th overall which was the best the Seagles had done in four years.

With his two victories, Rick qualified for the state championship in Indianapolis, and he was seeded in the top three of both of his events. He did not disappoint anyone. He finished second in the 200 free. Then came Rick's stronger event: the 500 free. Leaving his competition far behind, Rick won the State Championship in the 500 free. His incredible time of 4:34.13 was the second fastest time a high school swimmer in the state of Indiana had ever swam. Although he was Adams' only participant in the meet, he captured a superb 13th out of all the high schools in the state.

With the state meet now over Rick plans to concentrate on Nationals which are next month, and then he will concentrate on the Olympic Time Trials which will take place after Nationals. With the dedication Rick has shown in his swimming and grades, he might just be able to see his dream of swimming in the Olympics become a reality. Whether he makes the team or not, Rick Dennen is still a winner and represents Adams well.

## John Adams Grabs Sectional Crown

by Pat Woodard

Back in December during winter recess, Adams met the Colonials of Clay for the Holiday Basketball Tourney title; that game slipped away from the Eagles in a loss. Last Saturday night the two clubs clashed again for even greater stakes, the Sectional title and the right to advance to Michigan City for the Regionals. In this meeting the Eagles out performed Clay and beat them 53-47.

In their first game on Wednesday night against the Wildcats, the fans watched an exciting game go right to the wire. Throughout the course of the double overtime thriller, it seemed to be a battle of ever-improving Sophomore Raymond Richardson and Wildcat ace Derrick Wesley. Neither team could come out and dominate the game. The Eagles, however, used the half effort of Juniors Tommy Bridgeman and Milton Davis to escape the contest with a 63-62 double overtime victory. Raymond Richardson led all scores with 25 points, while Junior Kevin DeCraene added 12 points. Tommy Bridgeman came off the bench to net 10 points as did Milton Davis.

After this close encounter, the Eagles met the 20th ranked St. Joe Indiana in the second round. The tight game against the Wildcats proved to be an advantage mentally, while the Indians had no trouble in defeating Mishawaka. By the end of the first quarter, the game began to look disastrous for the Eagles as St. Joe built a 16-9 lead. In the second quarter, more pressure on the Indians forced St. Joe into turning the ball over to the Eagles nine times. Taking

advantage of the situation, the Eagles reversed the lead and led 24-21 at intermission. The second quarter motivated the Eagle players, and during the second half the Eagles controlled the pace of the game. The Indians tried in vain to pull closer, but they never got closer than four points. The Eagles dumped their archrivals for the second time this season by the final score of 61-49. Kevin DeCraene paced the Eagles with 18 points with Milton Davis and Raymond Richardson contributing 15 and 14 points respectively.

Coupled with Clay's victory over LaSalle, the Eagles had a rematch of the Holiday Tournament championship game in

which Adams had lost. This game, though, was going to have a different outcome. The Colonials dominated the first quarter although the score, 10-9, was close. In the second quarter, the Eagles, led by Kevin DeCraene, took charge and exploded to a 20-12 lead, only to have the late 6-0 spurt by Clay to make the halftime score 20-18. The Eagles opened the second half with the same intensity as the second quarter. Apparently influenced by the entrance of smooth playing guard Tommy Bridgeman, the Eagles jolted to take command of the game. Milton Davis, after being shut down the first half, exploded in the second half. He sliced the nets with 6 of 8

shooting from the floor and also shot 9 of 12 from the free throw line. Coach Hadaway saw to it that Davis was the person to get fouled. On inbound passes Davis would usually get the ball leaving the Colonials no choice but to foul him. Backed by the largest following at the Sectionals, Adam's fans saw great basketball including and earth shaking dunk by super leaper Richardson. The Eagles were able to hold off a late charge by Clay to advance to the Regionals at Michigan City Rogers tonight. Probably playing his best game ever in an Eagle uniform, Milton Davis dazzled everyone with 21 points to lead the Eagles. Kevin DeCraene had 13 points and 10 rebounds to his

credit. Richardson struggled for 8 points, but he controlled the boards for the Eagles with a team high 11 rebounds. Talented Ron Chrobot sneaked around the inside to pull down 7 strong rebounds to go with his three critical free throw at the end of the game to keep Clay at bay.

Ryan Forbes played a key role in the Eagle victory.

After conquering the South Bend field, Adams will go for the Michigan City field which includes number one ranked M.C. Rogers. Your support at the games tonight and tomorrow night (if we win) is essential for the teams success. We know we can win the Regional title because "WE ARE SUPER!!"

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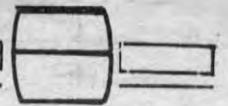
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## A Different Perspective

By Matt Booty

Lately, Sergeant Bill Essex has become somewhat of a celebrity in the South Bend area. His claim to fame, at least according to the 'majority' of the students at John Adams High School, seems to be that he uses an incredibly fresh, original and open manner to say that drugs and alcohol are dangerous to teenagers. The way people react to his presentations, you'd think he was the first person on earth to ever try and warn people of these dangers.

The intense reactions he generates, and the reasons people so readily accept him, are most likely attributable to his theatrical methods. It's hard to tell what he hits harder: your emotions or your reason. Considering the way he introduces his short film on drug abuse, he could probably convince somebody to give "Bambi" an X rating. He could probably convince people of a lot of other things, too.

"He doesn't preach to us," said one student, "and that's a turn-off." Well, you can relate that to the South Bend Tribune, which seems to find the label appropriate. Maybe 'preacher' isn't quite the right word. Jesse Jackson and Bill Essex share a similar charisma; there are a lot of people saying they won't vote for a preacher in 1984.

The thing that's really bothering though; is that first of

all, no matter now he says it, he's really not saying anything new; and secondly, that the effect of his "Do drugs if you want to, but watch out for the side-effects." attitude may or may not have any effect at all on the teenage population.

To see just how Essex gets to teenagers, consider the student who says that after the presentation, he would now seriously think twice about using drugs. Keep in mind that this is the same student who tells us all that his classmates can't realistically talk about drug abuse because they haven't been exposed to it as much as he has.

So, this student says that his attitude about drug abuse has changed because Sgt. Essex enlightened him about the precise medical, biological and genetic problems that drugs can cause. "I never knew that stuff before. Now that I know what it can do, I'll stay away from it."

That is an extremely hypocritical statement.

No one can realistically say that they had never heard of the dangers of marijuana and similar drugs before Sgt. Essex's presentation. Not the dangers parents like to give (It's evil), but the exact same technical and medical reasons that Sgt. Essex's entire discussion revolved around. Not a single student can claim that they didn't know that marijuana is dangerous to their

body.

"But I don't sit around and read scientific articles." was a nice, witty reply. Fine. What about stories on the dangers of drugs in Newsweek, Time, and Reader's Digest?

"Gee, I missed that issue." was an even wittier reply. Fine; let's rule out books and magazines. Since that student probably doesn't read the newspaper either, that too can be ruled out.

But what about television? Everybody watches television.

Countless episodes of the Fat Abuse cartoon deal with drug and alcohol abuse. So do episodes of MASH, Hill Street Blues, and even Different Strokes.

The point here is that there is absolutely no way that a student can honestly say that they have not been presented with the medical dangers of drugs and alcohol before. But even worse are the students who use Sgt. Essex as a way to make people believe that they are really going to change.

I admire Sgt. Essex for the way he sincerely presents a message. I admire those students who can say, "I recognize what he's saying," and are also courageous enough to add, "But I seriously doubt it will change my own viewpoints."

I don't admire those students whose moral's are so flimsy that they can digest two hours of

technical information on drug abuse, somehow instantly make it a part of their "new morality," and then turn around and tell everyone that thanks to some sudden inspiration they are never going to experiment with drugs and alcohol again.

It's scary to think that high school students are so eager to jump on a bandwagon and adopt someone else's morals just because he is an excellent speaker.

If someone with just as flashy a show as Sgt. Essex were to come to John Adams High School advocating the legalization of pot, with just as much good evidence, how many students would jump on his bandwagon?

"I wouldn't," proclaimed our same student, "because I know that pot is generally not a good thing. Students wouldn't accept it because they know better." This is the same student who didn't know a thing about drugs until Sgt. Essex came to school.

Unfortunately, most students also tended to overlook some of the real flaws in Sgt. Essex's presentation. One teacher at Adams pointed out that his presentation is full of blatant sexism.

"Women are God's gift to man," he said. That's a pretty heavy remark: most high school girls would like to be considered more than just a gift to someone. Still, the auditorium filled with

the sound of girls applauding when he let loose with that one. Is he appealing to emotion or reason here?

A final point: How necessary is the film that Essex shows at the conclusion of his presentation? It gets a great introduction, replete with warnings about getting sick and leaving the room.

This film is absolutely nothing but a scare tactic. Except for more blatant sexism (all the women in this movie are undressed and laying flat on hospital beds, while the men depicted are quite dressed and quite mobile), this film doesn't do or show anything more than a typical episode of Quinicy does.

Sgt. Essex is definitely a skilled speaker with a sincere message guiding him. But some of his methods and attitudes raise serious questions about its overall effect on young people.

If a student says that the presentation made a difference for him, fine. But that student should have his own sound moral reasons for making the choice that he does.

If a student tells his friends that Sgt. Essex had a message worth listening to, then that student should make sure that he heard it, too.

If a student tells his friends that thanks to Sgt. Essex he is going to change, then he should have the courage to make the change a reality.



## Letter to the Editor

Editors' Note: the following is a letter from Sgt. Essex to Mr. Przybysz.

Please thank the students and your staff for me. My short visit was certainly a pleasure. I hope that we will have the opportunity to share again in the future.

If I can be any assistance to you or your community, please feel free to contact me.

I am writing to compliment your student body for extremely courteous conduct on February 14, 1984. I am most grateful for having had the opportunity to present the Drug Attitude Awareness convocation to your students. The courteous manner in which I was treated during that convocation reflects highly upon you and your staff.

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## Review

By Jim Halterman

Currently in its 2nd season on NBC, St. Elsewhere is still facing tough competition as it did last year. Last season, seen on Tuesdays at 10:00, it was placed against ABC's ratings grabber, Hart to Hart and spent the better part of the season in the ratings cellar where most series are left to die and never given a second chance. By the end of the season, however, St. Elsewhere beganto show some strength.NBC renewed it hoping that the newly found ratings that they received in the summer would continue on into the next season.

This sensational series about life in a Boston Hospital deserves to live, but it may not be known if it will until May when networks executives choose which shows will stay and which shows will go. Let's just hope that St. Elsewhere survives and thrives into a third, fourth, fifth, and sixth season without any fear of cancellation.

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