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## The verdict is censorship

Supreme Court grants officials the right to censor student publications

by Holly Lindberg

The U.S. Constitution was first amended to give all people of the United States the right and protection to speak out for or against a controversial issue. According to the National Association of Secondary Principals, "Student publications may be published without school interference if they are free from libel, obscenities, or personal attack." As of January 13, 1988 these rights according to a recent Supreme Court ruling must be disregarded by student publications.

In 1983 three high school journalism students, Kathy Kuhlmeier, Lee Ann Trippett-West, and Leslie Smart of Hazelwood East High School in St. Louis, Missouri, took their principal, Mr. Robert Reynolds, and the Hazelwood School District to a local court for censoring articles in their student newspaper regarding teen pregnancy and divorce. They felt that Reynolds had violated their First Amendment right of free press.

Reynolds said that the "too sensitive" articles invaded the privacy of the students interviewed or that they may have offended the parents. According to a 1987 SPLC

Report the stories later appeared in the St. Louis **Globe Democrat**, and no complaints were made.

Judge John Nangle of the Hazelwood district court felt that Reynolds showed sufficient basis for his decision to censor the articles which were "not appropriate" for student readers "given the age and maturity." The Supreme Court seems to agree. Justice Byron White stated, "A school need not tolerate student speech that is inconsistent with its basic educational mission...."

Dr. Monte Sriver would not comment regarding the "age" statement although he did state, "We wouldn't want to be in disagreement with the law of the land." He felt that with responsible writers and editors, however, there shouldn't be a problem.

In disagreement with the district court's ruling, Kuhlmeier, Trippett-West, and Smart appealed the case to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals where the panel overturned the district court decision. Disappointed with the Eighth Circuit's decision, the Hazelwood School District asked the Supreme Court to hear the case.

At this point, Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center stated, "Student journalism is

literally fighting for its life. If the Supreme Court rules in favor of the school district, it could effectively mean the end of high school journalism as we know it today."

On January 13, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its 5-3 vote which gave public school officials the full right to censor student publications or any other form of student expression. Mrs. Valerie Tanke, newspaper adviser at Merrillville High School, stated, "It is not a good day for high school journalism." Mrs. Maza, **Tower** adviser, is also in agreement with the First Amendment. She feels that "good, responsible editors can handle a high school newspaper."

Mr. Przybysz stated, "I have mixed emotions" regarding the Court's decision. "It's hard to say one way or another not knowing all of the circumstances." He agrees that a principal should have authority to make sure the school has "responsible and compassionate" editors and writers.

Mr. Good, Adams drama sponsor, stated, "I don't think it (the Court's decision) is going to affect me." He felt that he chooses his material with "his eyes toward the community" as the rest of the school seems to do.

## Research pays off for students

by Jennifer Crosson

Next semester, four Adams students will continue work on their science research projects with the supervision of Mr. Longenecker and the financial assistance of the American Heart Association. Seniors Martin McNarney, Melanie Masin, and See-Eng Phan and junior Chris Scanlan have each received a \$125 grant from the Heart Association in support of their research.

Martin's project, entitled "The Possible Concomitant Action of Strenuous Exercise and Ascorbic Acid on Enhancing the Immune Response of Laboratory Mice," involves the possible relationships between the positive effects of exercise and the positive effects of vitamin C on the body. Research has shown that regular exercise can lower resting metabolic rate, heart rate, and blood pressure, while increasing mass and aerobic capacity. Vitamin C has been proven to increase phagocytosis, the process responsible for killing bacteria in the body, and to aid in fighting the common cold. It can also help to regulate iron absorption and acid metabolism.

Martin's idea was to try to find a further positive effect by using the two simultaneously. "It is my hope that, by combining vitamin C and exercise, an additional benefit will be gained," he said.

Melanie's project, "A Comparative Study of Behavioral Changes in Laboratory Mice Being Maintained on Different Dieting Programs," deals with the consequences of repeatedly losing and gaining weight, "or yo-yo dieting." To study the effects of this phenomenon on the mice, Melanie administered commonly available diet products, such as NutraSweet and Dexatrim, to some, while using a reduced-calorie diet on her control group.

See-Eng's project, entitled "The Cholesterol Lowering Properties of Ethanol on Mice Fed a High Saturated Fat Diet," concerns the effects of alcohol in the diet on the balance of lipoproteins, complex proteins containing lipids, in the blood. Apparently, alcohol increases the blood levels of HDL or "good" cholesterol, while reducing the levels of LDL or "bad" cholesterol.



See-Eng Phan, Martin McNarney, Melanie Masin, and Chris Scanlan analyze data from their research biology projects.

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See-Eng believes her findings may be relevant to the study of atherosclerosis, a progressive narrowing of the arteries which is now the leading cause of death in the United States. "My research appears to show that alcohol protects against atherosclerosis," she explained.

Chris's project is entitled "The Effects of Varying High-Level Aspartame Ingestion on Aggression in Infant Mice." He became interested in this subject after he came across some earlier research indicating that infant mice attacked each other more after ingesting high levels of aspartame, a sweetener popularly marketed as NutraSweet.

Chris is attempting to determine if the same results would occur with a less excessive dosage. "I am testing to see if this is true at levels that are still high, but not as excessive as the one used in the original study of this problem," he said.

The four students all received a T.A. Kleckner Science Grant from the Indiana affiliate of the American Heart Association. Most of the money will be used to cover the cost of the equipment needed for their projects.

At the end of the year, each recipient will give the Heart Association a complete report explaining his or her research and utilization of the grant money.

# First Amendment rights shouldn't be denied

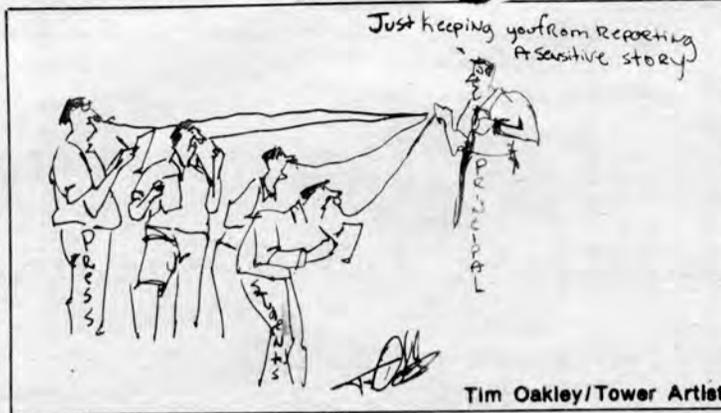
Editor's column:

by Kristin Bergren

The Constitution grants First Amendment rights to all United States citizens. High School students, though, have recently been denied their First Amendment rights.

On January 13, 1988 the Supreme Court ruled, by a 5-3 vote, to give public school officials the right to prior review and prior restraint of student publications in other words, censorship.

Barring libel, scandal, and yellow journalism, student publications should be allowed to responsibly retain their basic First Amendment rights to freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of expression. The Hazelwood ruling gives administrators the power to censor controversial issues such as divorce, teenage sexuality, and drugs. Without these issues and a little bit of "hard core" news, a student



publication can hardly be called a NEWSpaper.

Robert Blaine, the attorney for the Hazelwood administration, said in his brief to the Supreme Court last spring that to consider the student newspaper a public forum would "convert an instructional device into a common carrier for student expression." What Mr. Blaine

fails to realize is that the goal and purpose of a high school newspaper is to responsibly teach students to express themselves and their concerns. If students are not allowed to inform responsibly, then it can be assumed that they are not learning true journalism as the purpose implies, but instead are being stifled by close-minded

humans posing as 'educators.'

The originally censored articles in the Hazelwood Spectrum spoke of teenage pregnancy and divorce. The principal judged the issues to be "too sensitive" for the "immature audience of readers" at the school. How can these issues be inappropriate to read when many students must go home and face them in everyday life?—a crying baby, fighting parents, a sibling on drugs? The logic is quite illogical. Heaven forbid that some poor girl may read about the plight of a pregnant classmate (name withheld from print, of course, sources must be protected in such a case) and perhaps think twice about becoming involved in the same situation herself.

Supreme Court Justice Byron White said, "A school need not tolerate student speech that is inconsistent with its basic educational mission even though the government could not censor similar speech outside the

school." Judge White is implying that U.S. citizens are not born with their First Amendment rights, but must somehow grow into them—a kind of coming of age. Funny, our forefathers must have forgotten to insert this little clause in the Bill of Rights—

"Congress shall make no law...abridging the power of speech or press providing the speaker is at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate." The idea, clearly, is ludicrous. A student journalist, under the Constitution, has as much right to responsible use of the written and spoken word as a journalist who has been working in the field for 20 years.

Principals, advisers, and the courts need to realize a student's need to deal with issues that affect his life. Administrators must not act as totalitarians and abuse their powers, and students need to stand up and shout out against this violation of their rights.

## THE TOP ALBUMS OF 1987

by Jeremy Manier

1987 was a productive and varied year for music, but it had more than its share of disappointments. Unlike 1986, there was no *Graceland* this year to point the way to alternative sounds, nor was there anything approaching last year's album *So* from Peter Dinklage, both albums which will be long remembered as pop masterpieces. So what was there?

1. **The Dukes of Stratosphear - Psonic Psunspot.** The English power pop group XTC's alter ego came out with its first full-fledged LP in 1987 after releasing the EP *25 O'Clock* two years ago. In contrast to XTC's feeling of obligation, conscience, and relevance, the Dukes basically say, "I'm tired. Let's just do a 60's rip-off." They do, and the result is nothing short of amazing.

2. **R.E.M. - Document.** Though they still haven't matched their initial masterwork in '83's *Murmur*, the quartet that formed in Athens, Georgia have perhaps come the closest they've been this year with an album that is beginning to pull them irretrievably into the mainstream. The group's newest album was powered into the top twenty this year

by their first top twenty single, "The One I Love," a biting, regretful look at throwing away a good thing. "It's the End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine)" is bound to be one of 1988's best, if long-winded, singles. "R.E.M. No. 5," as the cover proclaims in a reference to the group's fifth original LP, consolidates the musical grounding of a group that Rolling Stone calls "America's Best Rock Band."

3. **Julian Cope - Saint Julian.** "World Shut Your Mouth," Julian Cope's first big single in 1986, along with the EP of the same name, brought this English pop 'saint' into the ears of many, but *Saint Julian* has now assured that he will be with us for a while. Cope received MTV's "Hip Clip of the Week" honor for his video "Eve's Volcano," the biggest success from an album with inspired beats, unforgettable hooks, and surprisingly conceit-free lyrics, considering the album title. "Planet Ride" is an epic of funky disregard for anything that makes sense, a sentiment which is only partially discarded for the driving "Screaming Secrets," where Cope rejects the thought of asking Jesus for advice: "I see you're careless; even you were circumcised." In the title song, Cope pleads, "Up to my

waist in the slime and sweat of days, I hope that I am not forgotten." You won't be, Julian.

4. **Prince - Sign 'O' the Times.** There are many words to describe Prince and his music: inspired, sensual, innovative, trend-setting, historic, and genius come to mind. The double LP *Sign 'O' the Times* restores the promise that the wonder from Minneapolis commanded following his '84 movie-album *Purple Rain*. The title cut is a devastating, self-fulfilling reflection on the baffling uncertainty of modern life yet the need to try to make a difference in a crazy world. *Housequake* shows that Prince can be relevant and powerful, but can still beat the pants off anybody when it comes to making a non-sensical, funky, groove that makes you "Shake your body 'till your neighbors stare at 'cha!" Prince works through his recurrent fascination with sex several times on *Times* in moments like that in "If I Was Your Girlfriend" where he sincerely comments, "I want to be all the things you are to me." The two-record set does lose hold of my attention in some places, but the high points are enough for me to put it among '87's best, and the almost frightening knowledge that Prince could actually do

better only makes his future more bright.

5. **U2 - The Joshua Tree.** I won't dwell on this album for a long time, as its certainly been the most dwelled upon album put out this year by any major group. The album and its supporting tour firmly established U2 as the world's leading rock band, and after 'U2 mania' maybe the best thing to do is not listen to *The Joshua Tree* for a few months while we all forget at least one or two of the lyrics, keeping in mind that more than one or two is probably unwise.

### Adams Top Ten

1. U2	The Joshua Tree
2. INXS	Kick
3. Whitney Houston	Whitney
4. Def Leppard	Hysteria
5. Prince	Sign 'O' the Times
6. Sting	Nothing Like the Sun
7. Whitesnake	Whitesnake
8. R.E.M.	Document
9. L.L. Cool J.	Bigger and Defer
10. Various Artist	Dirty Dancing Soundtrack
11. George Michael	Faith

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# Minorities scarce in teaching

by Stace Burnside

Recently, in *USA Today*, an article entitled "Minorities: Too few are teachers" was published. Its basis was "So few minorities are studying to be teachers that they can't replace the low number now teaching." But why is this? And what is the effect?

Linda Murphy and Gloria Bond feel that insufficient funds is the number one cause of this low number of minority teachers.

But Murphy also feels that it's more than that. "It's always been that way, and perhaps will always be that way, unless there is a concerted effort on the part of counselors in high schools and college admissions to encourage minorities to go into education."

This lack will also have a very devastating effect on all students. For minorities, fewer role models will be there for them. "Role models are one of the best ways to set an example," said Murphy. "Without role models, the minority student may get the idea that it is not possible for them, as a minority, to

be just as successful as a majority."

For majority students, this lack of minority teachers could have a devastating and lasting effect also. "Some majority students would walk into a class, with a minority teacher, and then, by their attitude, by their questions, and by their challenging, it would seem that they were skeptical as to whether or not I was as capable of teaching them as any majority teacher," said Murphy.

What we need are minority teachers to set role models for minority students. We also need minority teachers so that majority students can see that minorities do have abilities, capabilities, and intelligence, and also that they can be successful in teaching them."

Maybe there are higher paying jobs that offer more financial security than teaching. But we are on a road of destruction if the number of minority teachers isn't at least matched by prospective minority teachers.

More federal scholarships and state aid should be provided for those prospective teachers. In addition, more extracurricular activities should be provided. Project Teach is an excellent way for these



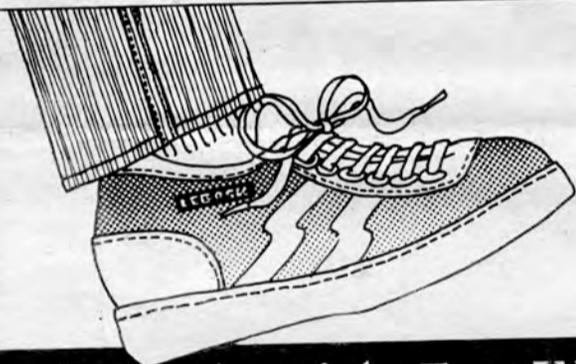
Mrs. Linda Murphy demonstrates her comparable teaching skills to Melissa Nemeth.

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prospective students to experience teaching.

Minority teachers are an asset to

education. If the number of minority teachers is not increased, education in America could take a terrible turn.



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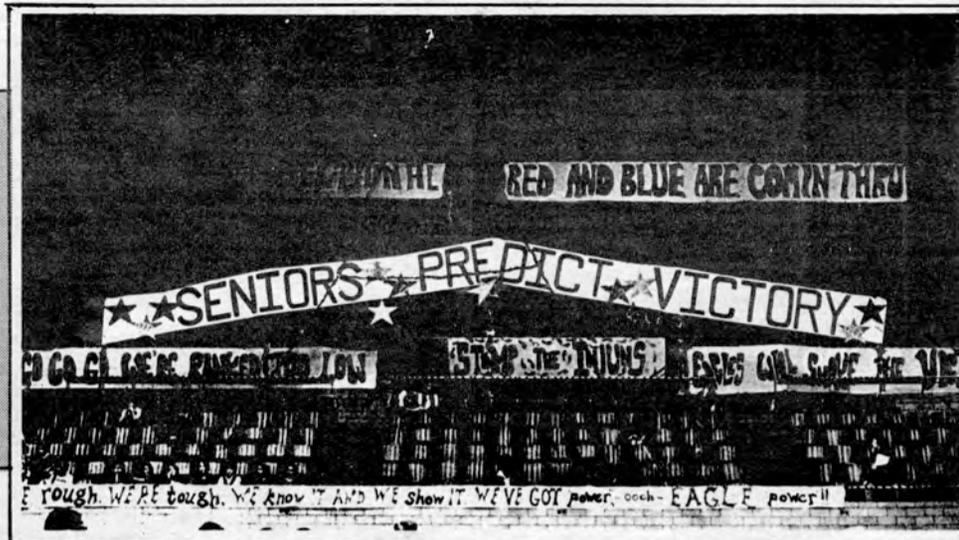
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1971 Album

*Times change, our students adjust*

## Adams High through the years

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much rioting over the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights movement, and integration. In the late 70's and 80's, he feels, students have obtained an air of apathy.

think students are exposed to much more now than they ever have been - good and bad. Television for instance, has opened up a totally new spectrum. They spend so much time

"Hey Jim-are you going to the football banquet Friday night?"

"Haven't you heard? Principal cancelled it--another war sacrifice I guess."

Conversations similar to this took place in the halls of Adams High School in 1942, during World War II. The prevailing attitude of students in Adams' first graduating class was one of "concern and uncertainty toward their futures," according to Anthony Panzica, Adams' class of '42.

World War II is only one of the things that has affected the lives of students at John Adams High School since it first opened its doors in 1940. The attitudes and values of the students have changed along with the times.

Mr. Donald Barnbrook, Adams' math teacher, is a graduate of Adams' class of '44. He started teaching in 1950 and moved to Adams in 1965. He has observed many changes in Adams students through the years. In the 50's and 60's, after World War II, he saw a subservient behavior prevailing. In the late 60's and early 70's, the time of the flower child, occurred a period of unrest with

"I still have faith in young people"

- Mr. Barnbrook

Mr. John Shanley, who began teaching biology at Adams in 1961, agrees with Barnbrook. "There was a time in which students accepted things for what they were without question. Students developed a questioning attitude during the period of turmoil in the 60's and 70's, and teachers began to have to justify their questions and answers."

Social pressures and influences are viewed as some of the problems of the 80's. Mr. Barnbrook claimed, "We are losing good students to cultural differences such as alcohol and drugs."

Mr. Panzica feels much the same. "In 1942 at least our problems could be defined. We didn't have to worry about drugs or alcohol even. Students today don't comprehend what they're fighting against."

William Przybysz began teaching freshman social studies at Adams in 1961, became assistant principal in 1967 and head principal in 1972. He offers a reason as to the increase in the effectiveness of social pressures. "I

with sex, so much time with violence--and then we go and say to you kids 'don't do that stuff.'"

Another change brought about in the 80's is a result of the computer age. Gradually computers have worked their ways into the classrooms. Mr. Przybysz said, "Society and technology have blown the educational scene totally different than what it was back in the 60's. You weren't even talking about computers back then, and if they did, they were referring to a futuristic, star-wars type of thing. Today we use them in every department of the school."

Mr. Panzica feels that education is more competitive now, but he also says that, "a self-motivated student in 1942 is still a self-motivated in 1988. It's an individual thing."

Perhaps the most encouraging comment, after all the changes, battles, and advancements, comes from Mr. Barnbrook when he said, "I still have faith in young people."

## A History of John Adams

by Stace Burnside

John Adams High School first opened its doors in 1940. Students were brought in from all over the city to attend the new high school.

In 1942, John Adams had its first graduating class, consisting of 156 seniors. As time went by, the student body grew due to increased inner city population. In 1951, there were 168 graduates, which grew to 339 graduates in 1963. By 1973, the graduating

class consisted of 389 graduates. Today, the class of 1988, 48 years later, consists of 336 graduating members.

With a larger student body, the building size had to increase to accommodate its students. In 1956, the math and social studies area was added. This expansion wasn't enough to hold the students, so in 1965, the business wing was built, the cafeteria was expanded, and the P.E. Gym and pool were constructed. In the 1985-86 school year, the

auditorium floor was resurfaced to enhance the appearance of our school.

As the student body poured in, the faculty had to enlarge to compensate for the extra classrooms. In 1942, John Adams had only 28 faculty members. Today, Adams holds 97 certificated staff members and 33 aides.

Who knows what the future holds for Adams in five years or even in 10 years. But only great things come from a great institution.

Galen B. Sargent was of Adams High School



1963 Album



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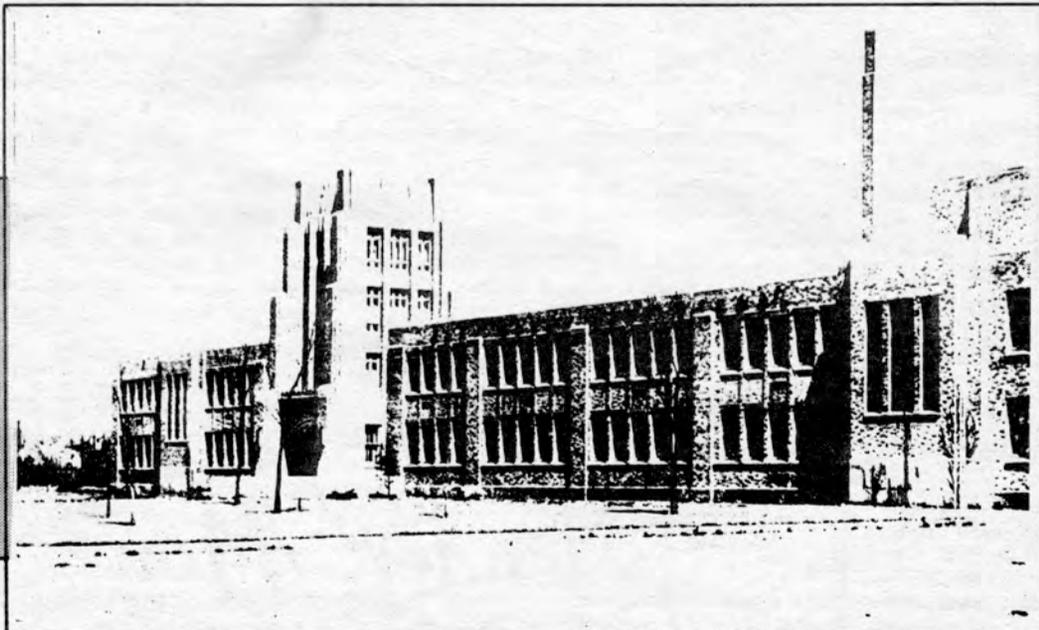


1966 Album



1942 Album

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1987 Album

Mr. Przybysz, current principal of Adams,  
has had the longest tenure of any  
principal—16 years.

## Basketball season hard to swallow

by Sarah Szumski

A loss is a hard thing to swallow, which is why this basketball season has been tough on Coach Dave Hadaway and the boys' basketball team. The squad has a 3-8 record, but only the little things have kept the Eagles from being a great team, and they have also cost it some big ballgames.

The Eagles came out flat against Elkhart Memorial and Riley, even though the team played well in the second half of both games. They could not take the lead in either game, losing 52-46 to Memorial, and upsetting 6 point loss, and suffering an overtime defeat to Riley with a score of 81-73. A thrilling win over Warsaw was sandwiched between the two losses. A Bernie Smith lay-up with 3 seconds remaining in the game sealed the Eagles victory.

The Holiday Tournament might have been the turning point in the season. After a well played victory over Plymouth, Adams faced St. Joe, the #12 ranked team in the state. An impressive first half performance gave the Eagles a 3 point lead at halftime. The lead changed hands throughout the second half, but when a Gary Watkins jumper bounced off the rim at the final buzzer, St. Joe had a 57-56 victory. Adams lost the game but won respect with their ability to shut down the Indians assumed easy win and make their road to the tournament championship a rockier one than expected.

Watkins has lead the team in scoring with an incredible number of points each game. Along with point guard Peter Tulchinsky, the two juniors form one of the more formidable backcourts in the area. Senior Bernie Smith and junior Scott Scheel have been solid forwards, both averaging around 8 points a game. Center, senior Len

Kalber, has played some of the best basketball of his career this season. Maurice Scott, a junior who transferred from LaSalle. Has been a helpful addition to the team. His offensive play has gotten the team out of jams when they ran into foul trouble.

With the season now half over the Eagles look to the end of the season and sectionals. Gary Watkins feels, "This is the most important part of our season. We've got to make people respect us. If we start doing everything well, we could be tough when sectionals come around." Their efforts at the Holiday Tournament show that the team can succeed. Once the rough edges are rounded off the Eagles could become an awesome basketball team.

The team is quite capable of beating Mishawaka, their next opponent, if they come ready to play and can control the tempo of the game. They play at Mishawaka tonight at 6:15 p.m.



Gabrielle Mickels/Tower

## Seagles need a stroke of good luck

by Terese Martinov



Senior Paul Ford shivers on the side of the pool during practice.  
Jane Pfannerstill/Tower

Last year, the boys' swim team added another chapter to its book. A new generation of Seagles was born into the Adams family.

One of the accomplishments of last year's boys' swim team was an improved record. The Seagles had one of the best seasons that they have had in years. The 1985-1986 record book holds only two wins. Last year, however, their record jumped to 7-6, with a follow-up this year of 6-5, at mid-season.

This year's biggest accomplishment for the Seagles was their win against Michigan City Elson. This was their first victory over Michigan City in 10 years. But it hasn't been all ups. The Seagles faced a defeat to St. Joseph of Michigan and Riley, two tough opponents of the season.

The young team is molding itself for upcoming years. Senior co-captain Jeff Gramza says, "With the coaching staff and young swimmers, the team will continue to do better." Like most building teams, a lot is to be learned and practiced.

Over the holidays, while most of us were warm and cozy in bed, sleeping until noon, the boys' swim team continued its vigorous practice schedule. This schedule consisted of two practices a day: 8:00-10:00 in the mornings and 6:00 to 8:00 in the evenings.

One Seagle proved that his training had paid off. Junior co-captain Rusty Cobb set a new diving record in their meet against Riley. Cobb accumulated a total of 267.85 points in this meet, beating the old record by 1.5 points. The former record had stood for 22 years.

Although this team is headed by the stability of the senior swimmers, its most important aspect is its depth. "The team has more depth this year, which will carry us farther in sectionals," said Coach Dobrovic. This is because most swimmers on the team can swim any event. So if one swimmer must swim in a different event, the losses aren't that great. "We don't have many people, but the people we have are hardworking and versatile," explained Dobrovic.

Even with a loss of some of the

Seagles' better swimmers, the potential for the younger swimmers is high. Though this is considered a building and molding year for the Seagles, they have proved that the potential for a successful future is good. As Dobrovic claimed, "the sophomores especially have exceeded my expectations."

The best reason for the team's success is its coaching staff. Coach Dobrovic began as coach with the Seagles just last year while completing his senior year at Notre Dame. Assistant Coach, Bill Carpenter, after coaching three years for Mishawaka, decided to coach for his alma mater, Adams. And finally, Diane Battles, who coaches diving for both the girls' and boys' team has made a big contribution.

The coaches control the swimmers' amount of work and play. They find a good balance of each. With work and play in balance, the Seagles have an open door ahead of them. As coach Dobrovic explained, "We're trying to get back to the times of old; we're trying to get back the tradition."

## Corrections

We would like to apologize to Ms. Rosalind Ellison for misspelling her name in the December 18 issue.

We would like to thank Martin McNarney for bringing to our attention some updated information regarding the wrestling team. The team's record as of January 1 was 3-12-1. The team has received new uniforms. Also, other varsity members include Dominic Zultanski, Raymond Martin, Richard White, Bill Smitley, Matt Trinh, Ricky Willis and Brian Gregor.

The correct score of the Adams/Gary Adrean boy's basketball game was 80-50 in Adams favor.

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# An interview with Payton: Oh, how sweet it is!

by Stace Burnside

"(In College) a couple of my teammates and some other guys from different colleges wanted to play a couple of past season games. That's eventually how I got it (the nickname); by my moves and personality, 'Sweetness.'"

Walter Payton, King of the football field, sweetness personified, the first black athlete on the Wheatie's cereal box, and businessman is retiring after a 12-year professional football career.

But what exactly is behind the man?

Recently, the Chicago Bears trained at Notre Dame for their big game against the Washington Redskins. I ingeniously arranged an interview with Sweetness himself. During the interview, Payton made me feel right at home as he proceeded to be human rather than a celebrity.

Walter Payton was the only one in his school to letter in four sports track, football, basketball, and baseball. Although he wasn't an academic scholar, he was able to maintain a B-average.

When asked about academics, Payton said, "I feel that it's a building process, a foundation." Even though Payton wasn't an exceptional student, he went to college, graduated in 3½ years, and started working on his masters. He feels that what you do in high school will help you, but is no indication of what you can really do (or will do) in college. He said, "Try to do well in school, but if you don't don't let that be a determining factor for college. It depends on the individual, and what one wants to achieve in life."

When Payton was younger, his hero was his father. "For me, my father wasn't there as he wanted to be. Being the head of the household, he sometimes had to work two jobs. And when he came in, he was tired and really didn't have that genuine time, that quality, time to spend. But the time that he did, he expressed himself and how he felt. Because of those difficult situations, he

still stood head and shoulders above the rest."

Like many students, Walter Payton wanted to get as far away from home as possible when college time began to draw near. But like many, he really wanted to stay close to home. So he did. Jackson State provided him with surroundings he was comfortable with, and an opportunity for him to express his talents. Being a predominately black school, Jackson State made him feel more at home than isolated in a predominately white college. Unlike many other colleges, Jackson State didn't try to buy Payton, and that also was a determining factor in his choice.

Football was just for fun in high school and college. It provided Payton with the opportunity to extend his education. "But once it's what you want to do, and basically is going to be your livelihood for a long time, then it becomes a business. And that's the way it should be," said Payton.

The Dallas Cowboys have mandatory blood testing for AIDS. Payton feels that professional players should be tested for AIDS and drugs because it's in their best interest. He feels that they should be aware of things that should harm their bodies, and if these tests are mandatory, fewer athletes would do drugs if they know they are going to be tested and the consequences of their action.

After retiring, Walter Payton plans to get a NFL franchise. He also has other business matters to tend to. After the season is over, he plans to be busier in the next ten years, than in football. "From 9 to 5, I was dedicated to football, and I had to get everything else in between those times." That included his son Garrett, who turned seven December 26, and his two-year-old daughter, Britnett, who will be three on March 15th, and his blue lamborghini that was given to him.

When asked what advice would he give to high school students who wanted to play sports professionally, Payton said,



Payton flashes a smile as he makes some last-minute plans for a meeting.  
Stace Burnside/Tower

"Be more concerned about developing the muscle that is between your ears, as opposed to the ones that are around the rest of your body. Once you can't run the two-hundred yard dash, once you can't make that burst down the basketball court to slam-dunk, and you can't hit the ball over the fence, and you can't run to make that last catch to win the championship; when all those things cease to exist, the muscle that's between your ears is still developing. And that's the one you should put your emphasis on."

His final words were, "At this particular time in your lives, it seems that life is so difficult and times are so hard.

Especially with school, growing up, and dealing with all of the adverse circumstances—be it at home, in the classroom, or socializing. You have to realize that this time in your life is basically where you start a good foundation. And when you look back and say when I was there, I did everything I could to better myself and put myself in a better position, because what you do will affect you when you are 25 or 35 years old. You need a good beginning to make the future great."

Sweetness will be missed by all, but the memories of the greatest football player will forever be in our minds and hearts.

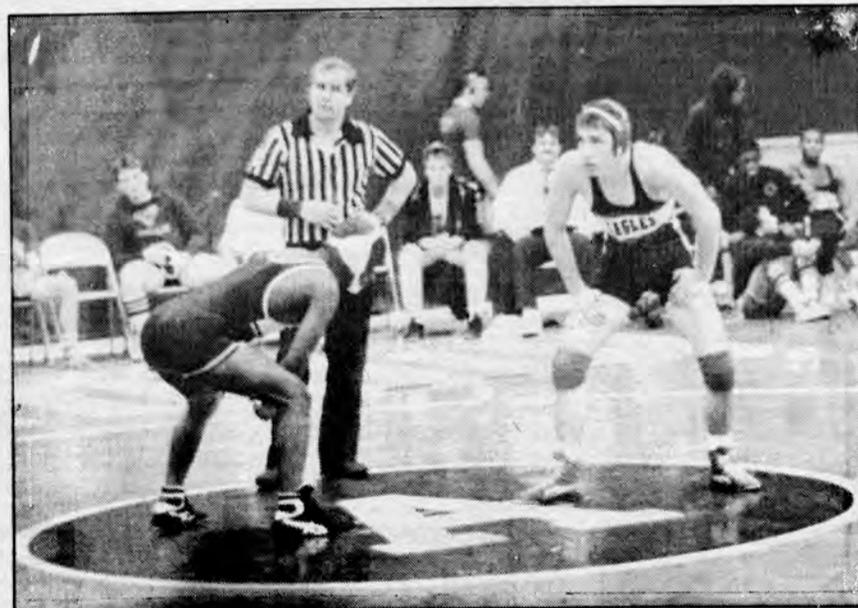
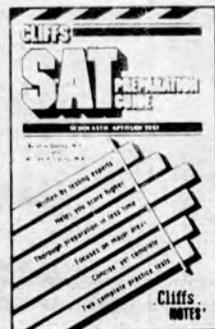
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Junior Brian Gregor eyes his Riley opponent. The Eagles' determination was strong but the team was no match for Riley and was defeated 47-16.

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## Athlete Honored

Mike Komasinski was recently named to the football academic all state team. Mike was one of 13 area players from class 5-A to make the academic all state

squad. He was selected to the team to honor both his outstanding work as linebacker this season and his excellent G.P.A.

# Drama club prepares for conference

by Jocelyn Kapsa

This is one of the busiest times of the year for the John Adams Drama Club and Thespians as they prepare for the Northern Indiana Thespian Mini-Conference. Several area high schools will participate in this conference held at Century Center on January 30.

This mini-conference is just the first in a string of Thespian conferences held throughout the year. The next is a three-day State Conference which will be attended by high school students from all over Indiana. The final and most extensive is the International Thespian Conference at Ball State University from June 21-28. Last year, students from all across the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, and Japan participated.

Each of the conferences provides the opportunity to learn about different aspects of drama by offering workshops that can range from acting to play writing and set construction to make-up. A number of schools also perform one act or full length plays so students can see a variety of shows while getting new ideas for their own drama groups.

In preparing for these conferences, Adams' students are now rehearsing a workshop presentation and a one act play to take to the Mini-Conference at Century



Doug Booher helps Jocelyn Kapsa rehearse for auditions. Root Photographers

Center. The workshop explains the differences between four literary forms commonly found in drama; tragedy, melodrama, comedy and farce. The students decided on a well-known work, *Romeo and Juliet*, to

illustrate the different forms of literature. They used the *Romeo and Juliet* theme to write short scripts that were melodramatic, farcical, and comedic. During the workshop, the students will perform each of these four scenes and discuss their

differences.

"I liked combining with the Adams group because I feel that each school really learned something from the other," said Anne Napoli, a junior from St. Joe. "I hope we can work together again soon."

In addition to the workshop, Adams is also presenting a one act play at the Mini-Conference. 'Postponing the Heat Death of the Universe'

After performing at the Mini-Conference, Adams has a chance to be chosen from other one act plays to perform again at the State Conference. Following that, 'Heat Death' can be picked to represent Indiana at the International Conference and would be performed once again. This is exactly the route Adams took with last year's one act play, 'Present Tense.'

The hours of rehearsals are always worth the experience of participating in the Thespian Conferences. Last year a small group of students attended, but this time Adams would like to see an increase in its number of representatives. Students don't have to perform in order to be part of the conference since various ways to participate are available.

If you would like to attend the Mini-Conference on January 30, please contact Mr. Good in room 228.

# C.A.S. honors black women in politics

by Christine Yarger

Adam's Cultural Awareness Society (C.A.S.) has a lot to do this month, February is Black History Month. The club sponsor is Mrs. L. Murphy and the president is Diona Williams. In 1980 the club started a tradition of honoring blacks for their contributions to our community. The honorees must be good role models, especially for minority students, and they must be long-time contributors to the community. This program is highly supported by Mr. Przybysz, as well as our Mayor, and congressmen.

The first program was in 1980. The theme was "Lest We Forget." The club paid tribute to Minnie Ripperton, Langston Hughes, and Arna Bontemps. The theme of the 1981 program was "A Tribute to Black Musicians" honoring Lawrence "Speed Webb," former nationally reknowned orchestra leader. This was the first year that the C.A.S. honored a local minority member.

In 1984 Ferdinand Piggee was honored in "A Tribute to Black Military Veterans." Mr. Piggee was one of two of the oldest known living World War I black veterans in South Bend.

The theme of the 1985 program was "Tribute to the Black Family," honoring John Charles Byrant, direct descendant of the Powell family, one of the first black families to settle in the South Bend area. The youngest person to be honored was Charles Martin, Executive Director of the Y.M.C.A. Community Service Branch. He was honored in the 1986 program, "Tribute to Black Leaders of Our Youth."

The guests honored at the 1987 program, "Tribute to Blacks in Law Enforcement," were J. Jerome Perkins, U.S. Marshall, retired Detective Division Chief, and Spanward Mitchem, retired

Service Division Chief.

This year the theme will be "A Tribute to Black Women in Politics." The club will research and inform the student body of black women who were either appointed or elected to a federal, state or local office or position.

"Their outstanding service in that capacity historically helped to break through the race and sex barriers in politics and proved that black women can be capable political leaders," said Mrs. Murphy. The honoree, a prominent community leader who has been involved in local government for several years, will be revealed at a later date. The

C.A.S. is organizing P.A. announcements to inform the John Adams students of historic black women involved with federal and state governments. There is also a display in the library.

The program will be on February 10, 1988. In the past, this program has been supported by the mayor and the principal, and has had coverage from the *South Bend Tribune* and television stations. The jazz band will, as in the past, also be a part of the program. The Cultural Awareness Society extends their invitation to the students of John Adams.

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