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## The Times They Are A-Changin'

### Prospects Bright For Football Team



Six of the returning lettermen of this year's team are from left to right, front row: Jeff Tulchinsky, Vince Fragomeni, Terry Redman, Jim Smith; back row, Rick Sayers, Tim Madison and Coach Wilbur.

Coach Bob Wilbur will get his first taste of Northern Indiana Conference football at School Field Saturday when the Eagles take on Mishawaka. Coach Wilbur would like nothing better than duplicating last year's victory over the Maroons.

Coach Wilbur's goal for the season is "to maintain the style of football John Adams has been accustomed to." The style of football Adams has become accustomed to in the past three years has been winning football. In his final three years at Adams, ex-coach Jerry Planutis produced three winning teams, including an unbeaten, N.I.C. Championship Team in 1966. Chances of maintaining that winning style are great.

#### 11 Returning Lettermen

Wilbur has a nucleus of eleven returning lettermen headed by Vince Fragomeni, captain and guard. Also included on the list are Jeff Tulchinsky, tackle and quarterback; Rick Sayers, quarterback; halfback, Tim Madison; tackle, Mike Fox; guard, Tom Westfall; center, Bob Morland; and ends Jim Smith and Alonzo Warnell. Coach Wilbur

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#### VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 7	Mishawaka (H)	Oct. 12	LaPorte (H)
Sept. 13	Michigan City (T)	Oct. 18	Washington (H)
Sept. 21	Elkhart (H)	Oct. 26	Clay (H)
Sept. 27	Central (T)	Nov. 1	Goshen (T)
Oct. 4	Riley (T)		

### Teen Want Ads To Appear In Tower

Do you have something to buy, sell or trade? Beginning this September, Teen Want Ads will appear in each issue of the Tower.

The success of the ads will depend on the students. Need a job? Does your band need a little publicity? Want to wish a friend a happy birthday? Do it in the Teen

Want Ads.

The price for a one-line ad, consisting of six words, would be fifteen cents; for a two-line ad, a quarter.

For more information, contact Ric Colbert, Tower advertising manager, in the Tower office anytime after 3:15, any afternoon.

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### Booster Club Wants You

The spirit booster of John Adams, Booster Club, begins its activities even before we return to classes this year. The club is making an effort to support all fall sports by urging student attendance at all games, meets, and matches.

Already, business men along Mishawaka Avenue display signs reading, "You're in Eagle Country." Emblems of an eagle over a football will be sold this year instead of the ribbons of last year.

Booster Club has printed football schedules, and president Nena Zeiger promises that this year's homecoming will be bigger and better.

Other club activities include making posters for the halls (those long snaky things.), decorating goal posts, and making the homecoming queen's crown.

Booster Club is the "most important club for school spirit and pride." Enthusiasm among the freshmen is expected as they see a skit at their show-you-round. Sophmores and upperclassmen are expected to support our school in full force also. Booster Club is trying for a record club membership.

The new officers, as elected last spring, are: Nena Zeiger, president; Sue Zeiger, vice-president; Jan Hazelton, secretary; Anne Dworecki, treasurer; and Cheryl Ashe, sergeant-at-arms. Meetings are held every Friday at 3:15 in Room 101. Dues are fifty cents for the entire year. The first meeting is September 6th.

### Publications Will Combine

This year Adams has joined with most of the other South Bend schools in the idea of joint subscriptions for the Tower and Album. The subscription drive will kick-off Tuesday, September 10th. Prior to the drive, each homeroom will have selected one representative for the year, and he will attend a meeting to be held September 9th, after school in Room 146.

The total cost of The Tower and Album is \$6.50. October 4th is the deadline set for the first payment, a minimum of \$2.00. The full payment must be paid by February 1st.

We are pleased to have with us this year as Album sponsor, Mr. Dickey, and happy to welcome back to the Tower, Mrs. Meyers.

Because it's been questioned, we'd like to have it understood that there may not have been a weekly school paper this year if our subscriptions had not been combined. We realize that most of the students here read the Tower, but that not as many of them actually buy it. The cost of printing the Tower each week runs approximately one hundred dollars an issue. We pay through advertising, but mainly through subscriptions. Therefore, we must have a steady source of revenue during the year.

**Subscribe  
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New FTA Officers, front row, left to right: Diane Cline and Joanne Karn; second row, left to right: Pat Vance and Ric Colbert. (Story on page 3)

Dylan recognized it. We've taken up the cause, and we're putting it into practice, because the time is right--our time. This is a beginning; the main objective, to start all over again. We can only benefit ourselves by leaving the past behind. There were plenty of bad days last year, and the fault didn't choose sides.

But this year, we won't make the same mistakes again. Not the faculty, not the students. We're prepared, and well, for a good year. We have a new and dedicated Student Council president Dave Hill, his officers and board. Work this year for the basic, constructive things, and build from there. In this way, we can truly make the organization a STUDENT Council. Show a little restraint at first. The big things will follow.

Work especially hard for a better relationship with the faculty, (the risk of being tagged a brownie is great; just walk the middle line, to avoid offending either side. If Dick Nixon can do it, so can you).

Support our teams through the Booster Club; subscribe to the Album and Tower; and know what's going on. (The deeper stuff you can get through the grapevine.) From previous experience we've learned that ignoring the issues is a misery-maker.

Join our clubs; you as an individual can only gain from the experience.

Work too, to build a platform of individualism. Sameness and conformity is neither productive, nor healthy. Strive to better yourself; our school will naturally follow.

Above all, have pride. The kind of pride that can push a team to victory; that allows a student to stop in the hall for a friendly conversation with a teacher, without having to worry about being put down by his classmates. Show your colors; show our colors.

You are not too good for Adams; Adams is not too good for you. You are Adams. Care--a lot.

### Constitution Is Revised

For the benefit of our freshmen, this year's Student Council officers are: Dave Hill, president; Tom Westfall, vice-president; Martha Hamilton, secretary; and Jim Dunfee, treasurer.

The officers and their board revised the school constitution. The story appears in the next issue of the Tower.

## The Tower HAS Changed!

At a glance you can see that you are being faced with a new and different Tower this year. Some of the old ideas however, still live within it's pages which have also opened wide to new progressing ideas.

As you open the Tower to it's feature pages this year you will easily spot some of it's new highlights. We plan to cover more items of student interest. Among previous columns such as Eagle of the Week, Letters to the Editor, Inquiring Reporter, and 4-Corners, you will read such columns as an Alumni Column and a weekly Horiscope. You will also have an opportunity to participate in polls entitled Jam Session, of which the results will be published on the features pages. More pictures especially of the candid type will be appearing.

The Tower is one of the many organizations in the school that it would be to your advantage to familiarize yourself with. The Tower can keep you informed on the news of the school, club-wise as well as sports-wise. It's features will entertain, interest, and inform you. Columns such as Letters to the Editor will give you a chance to voice your opinions. It's columns such as 4-Corners will add a light-hearted touch to your reading.

If you read the Tower regularly you are on your way to becoming an interested as well as informed person, because the Tower will keep you informed and interested. The Tower is working to support you, will you support the Tower?

Thank You  
Sue Wyatt  
Editor-in-Chief

## Good-bye Summer

It's time again for that everyday pastime known as school. By this time we are all aware that our much too short vacation time has ceased, and it's time to direct our fancies to books, sports and achievement. In spite of what we know we're supposed to do, it will be hard to divert our attention away from the reminiscences of summer.

Summer was once a time of hard labor, but now it has become anything but that. Now our thoughts lie under shady trees, warm suns and cooling breezes. We can find our peace of mind in the bubbling brooks, which tumble over small pebbles eroded by time and by the people who have gone searching for repose. The birds and squirrels chatter gaily-oblivious to man.

Summer is beautiful. There is so much meaning to be found in a low glowing fire surrounded by laughter and smiles. There is a story to be told in every cloud in the sky. There are secrets to be heard in every crevice which mars the road, and there is a lesson to be learned with each passing day.

Each day brings new ideas and principles of life. These three months of the year which pass so quickly are education in itself.

Our minds may be relaxed and absent from the thoughts of our texts, but they are actively enveloped in the changing world around us. They learn the stories of the clouds, remember the secrets of the road, and learn the lesson each day has to tell.

Some of us went to camp this summer. Some went to Europe and parts unknown, while others went to California, Mexico, Florida, Maine, New York or any of the other states.

There are those who had cottages on various lakes in this region, and then there are those who stayed home and attempted to earn a meager living by working. Yes, there were many ways to earn money this summer, working in stores, mowing lawns, or babysitting. There were many things to do this summer but now they are all behind us.

Good-bye sun, wind, and nature; Farewell summer.

## Be A Somebody

In working with people I have found that my approach to each must be unique. A group of people is like a bank of snowflakes; all white and cold until you look closer. Try to compare those snowflakes and all you get is six sides, for it has definite and unique characteristics as do people.

Everyone wants to be more than a statistic, to get away from our cardboard caricature society and be an individual. In seeking their identity many people avoid what they consider to be conventional and become, as it is jokingly referred to, "a non-conformer just like everybody else."

People who want to be accepted as individuals too often settle for merely being accepted. Everyone would like to be popular, to be a

leader, so they conform, rather than risk their social standing by putting forth new ideas and concepts they think like the others and lose their identity. Even the independent thinker has to work to acquire the most vital facet of leadership... a following. To do this he must go outside his circle of friends and meet new people. So he goes, finds a cause in which others are interested, shares his ideas with them and gains their backing.

Don't kid yourself. It isn't strictly intelligence or popularity that employers, colleges and the like look for. Rather they look for persons who will leave the place a little better for their having been there. What is this quality? Initiative—the ability to see what needs doing and do it. Take the initiative, support a cause, join clubs and be a leader.

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## Coach Wilbur Welcomed

From noon till nine one day last week, this reporter couldn't reach Mr. Robert Wilbur. The successor of Mr. Jerry Planutis has a big job to fill and a fantastic record to live up to. So Coach Wilbur has been out on the Adams football field, working out with a squad of boys who want to win and who will win.

We were more than sorry to see Coach Planutis leave us. Believe me, Hammond Noll was just as sorry to lose Bob Wilbur. In a short two years, that school, under Wilbur, built up an impressive record of 11 wins, 7 losses, and two ties.

But even before the coaching job at Hammond Noll, the coach was at Sacred Heart in Indianapolis, where in five years, he built up a 19-19-1 record.

As to our team's possibilities, Coach Wilbur feels that we have every right to be pleased with the work that the boys are doing. Though he feels that our lack of size could be a hindrance, he is confident that the ability shown by the team will balance the successful outcome of the season.

Coach Wilbur resides on Eisenhower Drive, with his wife and four children. I gathered from our conversation that the coach's boys are baseball-oriented.

Our first game is with Mishawaka on Sept. 6th. Be there to cheer our team on, under a brand new coach who's already proven himself. And welcome to John Adams, Coach Bob Wilbur.

## FTA Plans Busy Year

At two board meetings during the past summer, Future Teachers of America members formulated plans to make this year exciting and different. Future Teachers will start the year at a kick-off party to open their membership drive. Every student at Adams is invited to attend, and learn about the varied projects of FTA.

Interested students should check hall posters for information. There will be a candlelight initiation ceremony in October for all new members. Following this, plans for teacher assistance and the Neighborhood Study Help Program (NSHP) will be put into full swing. NSHP is open to any Adams student, and involves teaching or helping children from underdeveloped areas with their school problems.

In December FTA will hold its biggest event of the year, The Christmas Tea to honor the Adams faculty.

In April, the future teachers will attend the State Convention in Indianapolis, and it is hoped that a member of the group will be elected to a state office.

FTA will end the year with the Senior Dinner at which awards are presented to those in each class who have done the most for FTA.

This year's officers are: Joanne Karn, President; Donna Gillett, Vice-pres.; Pat Vance, senior board member; Diane Cline, Treasurer; and Nancy Wentland, Secretary. Other board members are: Ric Colbert, Kathy Poehler, and Linda Ochs.

## Cheerleaders Practice Throughout Summer



Varsity Cheerleaders from left to right are, top row: Chris Morrow, Barb Allin; middle row, Patty McClure, Joni Samuels; bottom, Janet Caven; missing from the picture is Jo Ann Pitts.

Three cheers are gratefully extended to our cheerleaders who have worked hard all summer in preparation for the 1968-1969 season. All ready to launch another successful season will be Joni Samuels and Janet Caven, co-captains, Barb Allin, Patty McClure, Chris Morrow and Joanne Pitts.

Throughout the summer the girls put forth a mighty effort to improve and develop new and old cheers. They worked together two evenings every week. The girls also attended Wallridge Camp in Syracuse, Indiana the week of June 16. Sponsored by the National Cheerleaders Association the camp is designed to give cheerleaders the opportunity to create, improve, and exchange ideas. An average day at camp would consist of the following:

6:30--rise, breakfast. They would attend three classes. One would be a pom pom class and another a tumbling class; the third class would be designed to show cheerleaders methods of leading a mass cheering section. After lunch there would be a lecture such as "How to Conduct Pep Assemblies." A period of recreation would follow. The evenings were devoted to competition. John Adams cheerleaders won a second, a third, and fourth places in this competition. Approximately 75 schools were represented by an attendance of 500 cheerleaders.

The girls feel they have advanced their style to a great extent this summer, especially through developing the style of straight arm gestulations.

## Frosh Frenzy

Eight years of preparation for the day and suddenly... the rush hour at "Grand Central Station" begins. With those glaring eyes a million people came bearing down on me. I fled through the halls and around corners I went until I came to a familiar-looking staircase. Halfway up I was stopped by a "friendly" soph who informed me that this was a down only, but I would find an elevator door down the hall to the left. 25 cents poorer but with the useful addition of several elevator passes, I stumbled into my homeroom.

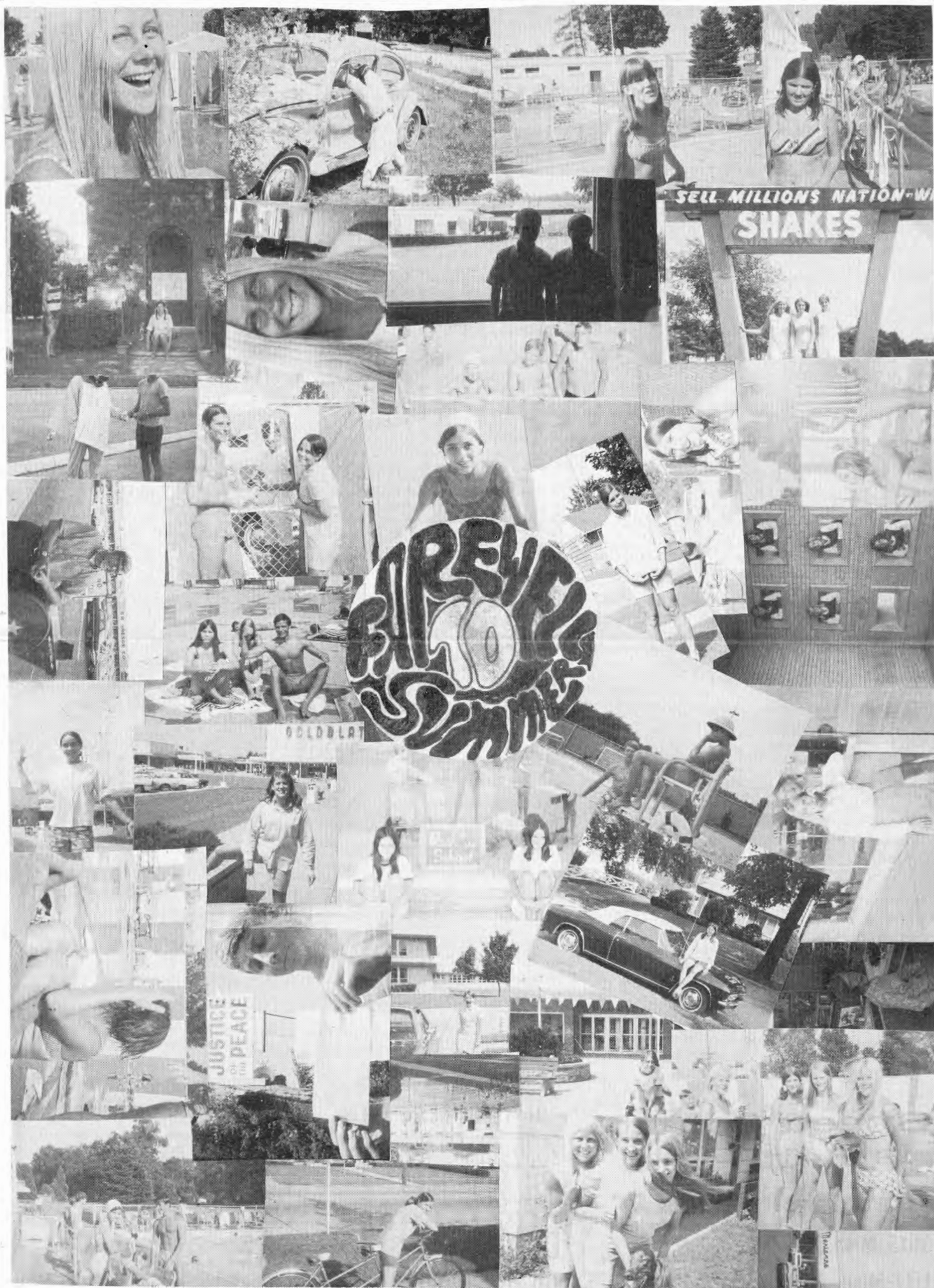
It was not until second hour that I realized the nightmare had only just begun. I had remained calm enough during Mr. Aronson's patient explanation that pi did not refer to food but when I answered "oui Senor" in French class, I felt a little faint.

Gosh! was I relieved when the lunch bell rang in the middle of English. Confidently I headed for the upstairs lunchroom only to discover that no one, not even the Seniors knew such a thing existed.

So, I just crawled into one of the three downstairs lines, too nervous to even TRY to think which line served what food.

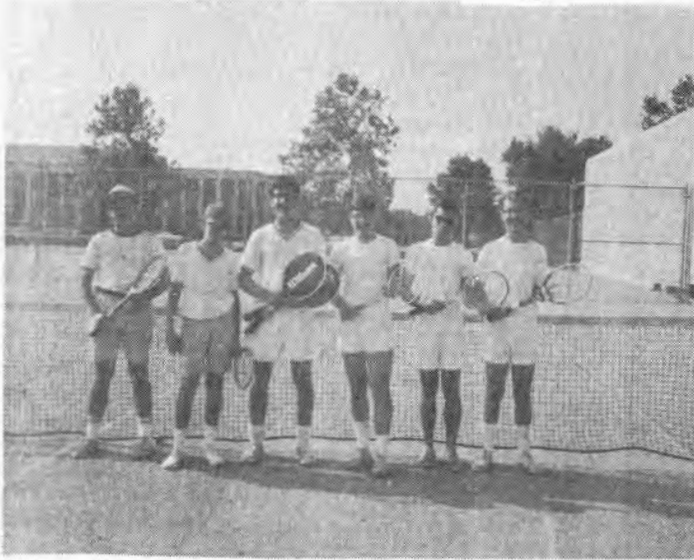
While I struggled to get a peek at the food over the tall heads of the upperclassmen, I knocked my fork to the floor. Stooping to recover it, my pencils rolled out of my pocket. I felt everyone staring at me as I collected them so I nonchalantly handed them to a placid-looking fellow behind me. Too polite to refuse, he accepted them as a token of my stupidity, as I raced off with a pickle sandwich and an ice cream bar, when someone commented on my peculiar eating habits, I replied that I picked them up from my mother.

I climaxed my first day by being late for sixth hour. Running down the hall in an attempt to beat the bell, I dropped my books, tripped over them and tore my skirt in the process. When I regained my senses, I found myself looking into the serene eyes of a teacher who assured me that it was only to be expected from a Frosh the first day of school.



# Eagles Work For Winning Seasons

## Netters Hope For Winning Year



Netters Ken Spigel, Steve True, Mark Bravin, Bob Brickely, Ron Reisman and Rann Shultz take a break between practices.

1968 will be a rebuilding year for the Adams Tennis team. Coach Saunders expects to see plenty of action from the teams only returning letterman, Bob Brickely, along with Paul Woo and John Brickely. This year's team will be hurt by the loss of graduating seniors Dave Beatty, Mike True, Dennis Kelly, and John Norris.

### Winning Season Goal

Coach Saunders has set the goal for the '68 Netters at having a winning season and successfully defending the sectional crown they won last year. Coach Saunders sees LaPorte as the team to beat in the conference. The Slicers who won the state championship last year have five returning lettermen. Saunders expects the other conference powers to be Goshen, Elkhart, and Mishawaka.

### TENNIS SCHEDULE

Sept. 12 Riley (T)  
Sept. 17 Michigan City (H)  
Sept. 24 Goshen (H)  
Sept. 24 Central (H)  
Sept. 26 Washington (H)  
Oct. 1 Mishawaka (T)  
Oct. 2-4 Sectional (H)  
Oct. 8 Elkhart (T)  
Oct. 15 LaPorte (H)

### FROSH FOOTBALL

#### SCHEDULE

Sept. 5 Mishawaka (T)  
Sept. 12 Riley (H)  
Sept. 19 St. Joe (H)  
Sept. 26 Central (T)  
Oct. 3 Clay (H)  
Oct. 10 Grissom (T)  
Oct. 17 Washington (H)  
Oct. 23 LaSalle (T)  
Oct. 31 Playoff

### B TEAM FOOTBALL

#### SCHEDULE

Sept. 4 Central (H)  
Sept. 9 St. Joe (T)  
Sept. 16 Goshen (T)  
Sept. 23 Mishawaka (H)  
Sept. 30 Michigan City (T)  
Oct. 7 Elkhart (H)  
Oct. 14 LaPorte (T)  
Oct. 21 Riley (H)  
Oct. 28 Washington (T)

also expects to see plenty of action from sophomores Rick Madison, a halfback and Tony Lawrence, a quarterback.

### Entire Backfield Returns

As one can see from the above list, the Eagles have no weakness at any particular position. Coach Wilbur thinks the strength of this year's team will be the basic skills of the game: running, passing, and receiving. This year's offense will be the explosive, breakaway type, as compared to last year's ball control offense. "I think we have the back to play a wide open game rather than conservative ball," says Wilbur.

Although it's hard to tell at the time, Wilbur rates Riley, Elkhart, and Washington as the toughest teams in the conference.

If the line develops as the backfield is expected to, this could easily become a winning year.

**Good Luck to all Fall Sportsmen**

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The cross-country team from left to right is front row: Mark Phillippoff, Pat McNulty, Ron Muncie, Jerry Muncie and Al Smith; row 2 Rick Poropat, Walter Berndt, John Jensen, and Larry Lueth; absent from the picture is Peter Burke.

## Roadrunners Open Against Bremen

Second year Cross Country Coach Daniel Poe hopes that his 1968 season can be termed "the year of the Eagle." Adams runners last year captured their 6th consecutive City Meet victory, and compiled a dual meet record of 13 wins and 3 losses.

### Hurt By Graduation

Graduation has hurt this year's prospects, as Kevin Walter, Phil Hamilton, Bill Manuszak, and Jack Driver, all exceptional distance runners, have left Adams.

### Juniors, Seniors Return

Seniors Pete Burke, Bob Whitlock, Don Taylor, Alan Hartwick, and junior Ron Muncie will compete in the September and October meets.

Home matches will be run over the Potawatomi course, a scene of

diligent practice this past summer by several returning Roadrunners. If the summer conditioning pays off, and if returning lettermen accept the burden of the fall's activity, Coach Poe may happily receive City Meet trophy number seven.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

Sept. 6 Bremen (T)  
Sept. 12 Michigan City (T)  
Sept. 19 Central & Riley (H)  
Sept. 24 Clay (T)  
Sept. 26 Mishawaka at LaPorte  
Oct. 3 Goshen at Mich. City  
Oct. 10 Wash. at Elkhart  
Oct. 18 Sectional  
Oct. 26 Regional  
Nov. 2 State

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