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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL

Tower Staff Collects Toys



Ron Hamilton, Kris Webster, and Paul too will be singing solos in this year's Vespers. Missing from the picture is Becky Lind-

VOCAL DEPARTMENT READY FOR VESPERS

The annual Christmas Vespers will be presented December 15 at 4 p.m. in the John Adams High School auditorium. This program, which is a traditional gift to the community, will feature Baroque, Romantic, and Modern composers.

Mr. Robert F. Hoover will direct the Mixed Chorus and Concert Choir. The Cadet Choir and the Girl's Chorus will be under the direction of Mrs. Janet G. Leininger. Accompanists are Robert Freel, Janelle Seal, and Ginger Yang.

The simulated art glass window, which was completed last year, will again provide the background flanked by lighted candleabra.

The Cadet Choir will be first on the program. They will perform "In Bethlehem a Tiny Babe," and the "Stocking of Jimmy John Joe". The Girls Chorus will sing three selections from Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols, Opus 28", "Who is this in Manger Sleeping?", "Never a Child as He", and a "Holly Jolly Christmas." Pamela Jacox will play a flute solo with the Girls Chorus.

The Mixed Chorus and Concert Choir will begin their part in the program with a candlelight processional through the auditorium. This will be Harvey Gaul's "The March of the Wise Men" from "The Babe of Bethlehem." Some of the numbers to be sung by the Mixed Chorus and Concert Choir will be "Light Eternal", three selections from Bach's Contata No. 142, "To us a Child is Given", with a bass solo by David Bray, "Echo Noel", "The Two Kings", and "The Shepherd's Chorus" from the opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors".

All four choirs will then join in the singing of ten traditional Christmas carols.



APOLOGIES

To Mike Raymond and Paul Woo for the article in last week's Tower on the Model U.N. Mike insists that it is not representative of the way the U.N. is actually progressing.

ADAMS UPSET

In last week's game with Goshen. Analysis on Page 4.

A REPRESENTATIVE

From Ripon College will visit Adams Monday, December 16. Contact your counselor for further information.

GAMES AND MEETS

This week includes basketball tonight with Michigan City, there. Basketball with LaSalle tomorrow night, here. Swim meet with Elkhart tonight at 7, here, and a swim meet Tuesday, the 17th, with LaSalle here at 7. There will be a wrestling meet Wednesday, the 18th, with LaPorte, there.

Students To College Give Views Students Visit

Through the efforts of Student Council president, David Hill, the Council and the John Adams High School Parent Teacher Association will be working together this year.

An initial project of the two groups was the "Students Speak Out" presentation of December 11. This was a PTA meeting in which the group listened to the views of five representative students from the Student Council. They were: Dave Hill, Tony Pfeiffer, Barb Allin, Jim McDaniel, and Phil Moore.

Some time before the actual meeting, the five were given a list of questions to answer in their presentations.

They were as follows: As a student at Adams, do you like your school? Would you prefer to go somewhere else? Why?

On the whole, how would you evaluate the teachers at Adams? (effectiveness in teaching, prejudices, etc.)

What is the racial situation at Adams?

Do racial or religious differences determine what, if any, extra-curricular activities one will participate in?

What is the role of these activities at Adams?

In light of these facts, do you think Adams is improving or declining in overall quality? Visiting John Adams Thursday, December 5, were Mr. Ron Bella, chairman of the South Bend School Corporation Physical

la, chairman of the South Bend School Corporation Physical Education, and Dr. Roman Gingerich, chairman of the Department of Physical Education at Goshen College. Dr. Gingerich has toured Adams on several occasions.

Other stops for the two were Monroe and Andrew Jackson High School.

Twenty-two Physical Education majors from Goshen College accompanied the men.

The group was here to observe methods of operating PE classes. They are interested in Adams PE facilities, as they have toured only small schools in the past. Most of the visiting college stu-

dents were juniors and seniors. They are originally from all over the country, including Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, Ohio, and Michigan. One student, Rosemary Stoitzfus, said that the friendliness at Adams was particularly impressive.

Art Cosgrove commented "I think the entire PE organization is well set up. It gives each student a good variety, as well as some of the best facilities in this part of the state."



Discussing Adams' PE classes are Mr. Ron Bella, Mrs. Shirley Miller, and Dr. Roman Gingerich.



Friday, December 13, 1968

Joining in the spirit of the 1968 Christmas season, the Tower staff has begun a drive for workable toys. These toys will be distributed among the needy children of this city. Canned goods will also be accepted in this attempt to make the season merrier for the poor of South Bend.

A box has been placed in each of John Adams sixty homerooms. Tower-Album representatives will direct each individual drive in their respective homerooms. The Tower staff is also counting on the Student Council officers and representatives for support in this project.

Though anything from marbles to a game are acceptable, stuffed animals, and dolls will be most appropriate.

Editor-in-chief Sue Wyatt will serve as general chairman for this project. Kathie Keith and Cheryl Morfoot will be collection chairmen. Judy Thilman will be distribution chairman; Jan Rosenstein and Judy Medow, homeroom chairmen; Jeni Huff, Kurt Heinz and Sheila Neff, publicity chairmen; and the remaining staff will serve on the publicity committee.

Give a little of yourself this season. Make this an Adams project, and show the city that this school cares.

In the News

Dr. Samuel Sheppard has been sued for divorce by his second wife, who charged him with threatening bodily harm. Dr. Sheppard was acquited in the bludgeoning slaying of his first wife.

From the Editor's Desk

"The Tower is a bunch of trash! It is no good--it's just not with it." The Tower is run by a very small staff composed of, not superhumans, (as some students might think,) but plain, ordinary Adams students, like you. These students are trying to put out a paper for over 2,000 readers.

These 2,000 students are of several different races and religions. There are several different age groups and levels of intelligence. Each reader has different interests and a separate personality. And yet, the Tower must have "something for everyone."

A big job? Yes, a very big job. And you, the students, are making it bigger. You criticize and never praise; hinder, and never help. And yet, you expect the Tower staff to put out a great paper.

If you really feel that the Tower is "worthless" and "no good," then come to the Tower office. See what you can do to make the Tower as you would like it to be. Your suggestions, constructive criticisms, and articles are welcome.

Are you willing to help make the Tower a better newspaper?

Feature Editors Cheryl Morfoot

Sheila Neff

Candy Stripers Bring Cheer

brings cheer into the lives of the sick.

Many girls from Adams participate in the Candy Striper program at St. Joe Hospital. This year the sponsor, Mrs. Leibowitz, the representatives from each school, and the officers have been recruiting new members to replace those who have graduated. A class will begin on Saturday, December 7.

Those girls who are presently

A Candy Striper is a girl who Candy Stripers are urged to work and to give a little of themselves to the patients during this holiday season.

A Christmas party will be held on December 11 in the third floor auditorium at the hospital. There will be a short business meeting, lots of goodies, and a Notre Dame man to entertain.

Any girl is welcome to attend the party or join the Candy Stripers.



FTA PLANS PARTY

by the FTA will be held December 18 in the library. The tea is held every year to honor the members of the faculty, maintanence and kitchen staffs.

An Old Fashioned Christmas, the general theme, will be planned with the assistance of Sister Rosellan C.S.C. of St. Marv's. Decorations and refreshments will combine to carry out the theme with such homey things as popcorn balls, strings of cranberries and popcorn and ever-

The annual faculty tea sponsored green boughs. Working with Sister Rosellan will be Ruth Whitlock, decorations; Nancy Wentland, refreshments.

> Gifts peculiar to the personality of the receiver will be awarded to each person attending the tea. Heading this committee will be Linda Ochs.

> Kathy Poehler and Pat Vance will combine efforts to design invitations and I.D.'s, while all members will work under the direction of general programmer Dianne Cline.

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The Deadline Meeters by Deanna Strom

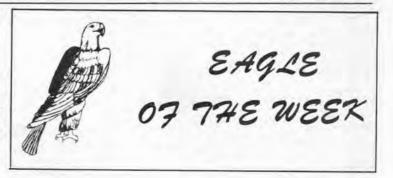
A yearbook is a pictoral history with the delicate theme of one school year's activities and the people involved. The 1969 Album staff has been supplying much imagination and has taken great care, thus far, to produce a truly memorable Album for 1969.

This year's staff has learned their duties both require work and yield pleasure. They realize the job is far from completed. Myra Butts has had to not only collect teachers' pictures for the Faculty and Academics section, but has had to persuade some teachers to have their pictures retaken. Jan Rosenstein has found her work on the Student Life section rewarding and fun. It has been fun for her to take candids. but it has also been difficult to get good, interesting pictures with many different people involved. One problem in the Advertising section is the layout; the advertisements must be turned in before an actual layout can be made. Tom Garnitz and Sue Widner have, therefore, found that planning ahead is difficult. Polly Kohen and Ginny Collins have had to deal with the activity sheets for the Senior section. Some senior comedians have listed soccer and homeroom as activities. The only major problem with the Underclass section, Martha Hamilton feels, has been with the photography. In some cases the wrong names have been put on the pictures. Since it is Mr. Dickey's first year as sponsor, he has found it difficult knowing people and learning procedures. A new representative from the printer has further complicated matters. However, the staff has managed to get the work finished even when it seemed an impossibility. The 1969 Album staff consists of Mr. Dickey, sponsor, Howard Berman, editor-in-chief, Ginny Collins, Polly Kohen, Jan Rosenstein, MyraButts, Barbara Allen, Judie Bates, Bill Frey, Martha Hamilton, Roberta Hamilton, Roberta Jones, Deanna Strom, Jill VanDe Walle, Suellen Widner, and Tom Garnitz. The assistants include Cathy McNerney, Camie Mahank, Terri Boswell, Joe Raymond, Sue Eberhart, Susie Schafer, Pegge Wilkinson, Nancy Langwith, Mary True, and Mary Komora. They are working hard to produce a book even better

than last year's Album, which won a first place rating from the Columbia Press Association.

PEOPLE are talking about

- ... Howard Berman's see-through socks.
- ... the Tower office's umbrella chandelier.
- ... Christmas vacation! ...Album deadlines.
- ... Mr. Reed's witty 6th hour class.
- ... Mr. Goodman's visit with the Great Pumpkin.
- ... Mr. Poe's lousy back flips. ...Janet Parks' skiing trip. ...Bill Fitzgeralds boots.
- ...snow!
- ... Mr. Kraft's unusual hall pass.
- ...Sociology term papers.





"Smiley" Barb Allin has been chosen as Eagle of the Week for her many varied activities in her four years at Adams.

Barb is now in her third year of cheerleading and her second on varsity. A member of the Booster Club, she encourages everyone to join and would favor a school wide organization.

Along more serious lines she is a member of student council and historian for Eagle Ethics. These many activities have given her much experience in meeting deadlines and well qualify her for the position as lay-out editor for the Album.

Outside of school Barb is a member of the Horizon Club and participates actively in her church youth group. She sews and makes many of her clothes. Her favorite hobby however is collecting Peanuts characters, especially anything that concerns Snoopy.

A look into the future sees Barb majoring in secondary education at Ball State University upon her graduation this spring.

YOUTH FORCED TO QUIT SMOKING

I drove down the Alabama-New Jersey turnpike, and as I drove, I reached into my pocket for a cigarette. Keeping my eyes rooted to the road, I groped for a cigarette lighter on the dashboard. To my dismay, the handle of the device was cherry red and my fingers were sizzling hot. I must have left it on the "heat" position since last night.

When I finally suceeded in pulling it out, it was a charred mass of chromium filament, and was out of commission. Nothing daunted, I reached into my pocket for a match, but was unrewarded in my search. My good Zippo was on my night stand at home, so I was left without a device for the ignition of my cigarette.

I thought I could hold out Spartan-like until I reached my aunt's house in Jersey, but presently the craving grew on me so much that I knew that I would go mad soon if I did not get one good drag.

Disregarding the rules about emergency stopping, I pulled to the side of the road, I resolved to flag down a motorist with the hope of securing a light. Presently, a car with a large red light mounted atop the cab pulled up and a bestubbled, Stetson-toting Alabama patrolman dismounted to interrogate me as to my purpose in stopping.

"What yer doing?" he asked briefly.

"Well, officer," I said, "I needed something so I thought I'd get a light."

The officer walked back to the car and told his comrade, "He says he needed the car and that he's just lit out of prison. Let's haul him in."

This dialogue distressed me no

...Judy Medow knitting in class. ... Dave Hill's great dual acting role in the "Franklin's Tale." ... the Convocation Center.

..."Speak Out."

We too often love things and use people when we should be using things and loving people. Revel Howe

by John Taylor

end. I knew that if the patroIman took me into custody that I would never get to my aunt's in time for Yom Kippur. I decided to sneak away from the car, and when the officers had come to search for me, I would return and get across the Selma/Newark state line; and that would be that.

I took off running, keeping low to avoid detection as the officers were deeply immersed in their conversation.

"Yippee, Clem! He's running away. I been waiting for him to try it," the sheriff says. "We get to shoot 'em this month." I then realized that I was in mortal peril. If I went back, the officers would surely shoot me, and if I went on, I would be a fugitive from the law.

All the while, the two officers were doing all manner of nasty things like shooting at me and yelling all sorts of helpful anecdotes such as "Slow down so's I kin draw a bead" or "Ill git the the ears, Clem." "Like heck you will--he's gitting away!"

Leaving the officers far behind, I came to a river. From midstream came a mournful shout. There was some fellow out in the middle apparently drowning. Forgetting my own plight, I threw off my shoes remembering all of the things I had learned at the Toledo YMCA, I jumped into the water and pulled him out; but alas, his heart had failed and he had gone the way of all flesh. (I later learned that he was being chased by two police officers.) I went through his pockets to find some form of identification, but all I found was a book of soggy matches. When the officers came upon the scene they found me going through a dead man's pockets.

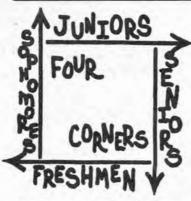
I was taken straight-away to a local magistrate and charged with robbery and murder, and sentenced on the spot (this was an Alabama court.)

Well, here I am on death row in solitary confinement. I haven't had a cigarette in months.

And when they asked for my last request, I'll ask them to go to the turnpike and get me a cigarette!

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Gulliver Views Winter Sports



Mr. Shanley claimed that plants grow better listening to music. Really now, even fifth hour isn't that dumb.

Cindy Martin was talking to Harvey Weingarten in fourth hour Geometry. Cindy commented "I was looking at the problems on the board." Mr. Loughlin quipped, "I've heard him called a lot of things but never a board." Mr. Newton gave Glen McKenzie the sentence "The dog ran". He asked what kind of dog it was, Glen said "THE".

English is a funny language -a fat chance and a slim chance are the same thing.

Jack Herbert

After my harrowing experiences in Lilliput, Brobdingnag, Laputa, and Houyhhnhnmland, I was advised by my wife and friends to stay at home for some rest, which I did for over 200 years. However, finding that conversing with my common horses gave me no satisfaction, I embarked on another voyage during the month of December.

Arriving at a place called South Bend, Indiana, I observed the terrain and climate to be much like that of my motherland, England. But, to my utter astonishment, while I was exploring the country-side, I chanced upon some of the creatures which inhabit this land performing their bizarre rites. These Beings would wallow and thrash about in the snow, doing what they called "winter sports."

The creatures resembled, in general body structure, the Human species; they had human faces concealed underneath layers of scarves, and their proportions were much like those of my own. However, they appeared to be covered with layers of wool cloth so thick that natural

movement was impossible. One of the "winter sports" that they were doing was called "sledding." (It is difficult to determine the actual pronounciation of this word, as many of the natives were afflicted with colds.) The participants in this sport are generally known to carry rather large devices with the words "Red Flyer" or "Ace" printed on their backs. (The appearance of the word "fly" is mysterious to me, since there is actually no flying at all). The object of this action seemed to be to slide down a hill on top of the contraption. After the slide, which lasted only a few seconds, the participant was obliged to pull the exhausted machine back up the hill to repeat the action. Occasionally, on the slide down the hill, a Creature has been known to tip over the device or to crash into a tree. This mishap seemed to delight the onlooking Creatures, (characteristic common to the Human species.)

Another "winter sport" Iobserved was called "skiing" -- indeed a curious activity. All players in this game were equipped with two long wooden appendages on the feet, and two metal rods as extensions of the arms. Like sledding, the object was to slide down the hill; but for the skier, a fantastic engine, called the ski-lift, had been invented to carry him up the hill again. This strange activity seemed to me to be extremely hazardous; in fact, many participants who fall are excluded from the game, and are marked by big, white "casts" on their legs.

Other curious rites include those of "ice skating," "snowball fights," and "sleighing." The one called "skating" was one of the two more refined, artistic endeavors; the goal was to create beautiful and graceful patterns while balanced on two metal blades. (The only other creative attempt I observed was called "making a snowman" -- a crude form of sculpture.

"Snowball fights" were practiced among the young and the socially immature. They were mock battles fought with balls of packed snow. The only reason I could find for their existence was to teach the young Creatureshow and where to aim in order to hurt other Creatures. (Another trait peculiar to Humans).

The most abominable practice of all that I encountered was that which the natives called " sleigh-



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ing." While walking down a country lane, I chanced upon a group of the Creatures riding in a coach without wheels, singing and laughing, while one of my dearest friends, a Houyhnhnm, toiled up ahead, pulling the contraption for the uncouth barbarians.

One of the Creatures, a female, asked me if I cared to join them, to which I hastily answered "neigh," and galloped away, back to the safety of my stable in England.

Let's Face It!

Did you ever stop and think about the many different expressions you see in one day? Students are constantly changing their expressions to fit their moods.

One can observe these expressions by looking through magazines and newspapers, or by walking through the halls at John Adams. For that matter, how about your expressions at a pep assembly, basketball game, in the lunchrooms, or in Mr. Przybysz's office (not on a friendly visit?)

Your expressions show how you feel and often reveal your inner self. Take your pick, there are sad, gay, serious, humorous, and angry expressions.

Take a smile for instance; it means a lot to the people you deal with. A simple smile can even make your day.

Ever drop your tray in the lunchroom? Bet you had some expression on your face, if you did. Wasn't that embarrassing, everybody clapping and laughing? What about the time you had to "hit the wall" in study hall? Some teachers, especially certain ones, are noted for their famous expressions. We will always see the faces and will perhaps never forget the expressions that the students and teachers of Adams wear.

Whether you're walking the halls of John Adams or just sitting around in class, you're going to experience a smile, grin, smirk, wink, frown, or smile!

Expressions can be traced clear ready for it. back into history. After all, stop and think about it, the first cave man certainly did frown when he put his hand in his new discovery, fire!





Thought of the Week

Gentleness; is a divine trait: nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as real strength.

Ralph W. Sockman

The trouble with the future is, it usually arrives before you're Arnold H. Glasgow

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If you are the least bit superstitious, BEWARE!

It's Friday the 13th! In order to help you get through this awful day safely, here are some helpful suggestions;

1. Don't dare to chew gum in class! (You can get expelled for anything on a day like this.) 2. Don't forge any admits! (The office has a new Forged Admit Detector.)

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3. Don't talk in study hall! (There's plenty of room on the wall, you know.)

Date!

4. Don't break any mirrors! (Not only would you have bad luck for 7 years, but you'd be sure to cut yourself.)

5. Don't walk under ladders! (Either the ladder will fall--or a bucket of paint will.) GOOD LUCK!

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Eagles Drop Two

boom (no relation to Charles)

and John Ritter. Last Friday

against Adams, Hoogy didn't do

much, but that didn't matter.

"They were down to the Eagles

by the 6 foot 5 inch clumsy look-

ing Ritter. Twenty-two points in

the first half and 14 more in the

final two periods put a visiting

"One Man Team" Wins

Several other Redskins broke

into double figures in scoring,

but not many, because almost

half of the total 84 points was

It's been said that "one man

teams" are eventually beaten.

Adams certainly had a balanced

team effort, in comparison to

the Goshen attack, but after a

few minutes of basketball in Rit-

terville (Goshen to non-resi-

dents) an Eagle victory seemed

Tremendous Shooting

After a close initial period,

Adams was blitzed by Goshen's

torried 51% field goal and 100%

swallowed by Ritter.

ludicrous.

Adams 5 under the table. . .

JOHN ADAMS TOWER

by Kurt Heinz

This week Coach Don Coar's

Seagles should have no trouble

continuing their phenominal dual

meet win streak. They face Elk-

Drown Goshen

A week ago tonight, the Tankers

won their second dual meet of the

year against a fairly weak Goshen

squad 61-34. Coar revealed a

well-balanced team that had no

double winners. As they normally

do against weak teams, the Sea-

gle's swam one in each event to

Goshen's two. Goshen won only

two events all night, the indivi-

dual medley and 400 yard free-

Quick Start

The Seagles got off to a quick

start by taking the first three

even and finished strong sweep-

ing the last two. Seagle winners

were the medley relay team of

Doug Zimmerman, Pat Hickey,

John Ford, and Tom Schrager,

Jeff Clark, Dennis Daniel, Jeff

Lichtenfels, John Ford, Scott

Wise, Ralph Zablocki, and the

hart here tonight.

style.



This Wednesday, Coach Moe Aronson will take his wrestlers to LaPorte for the only meet of the week. The Eagles should eas-

Last week, the Grapplers won two meets- a slaughter against tory over highly rated Central.

Michigan City. Terry Ditsch won by a forfeit at 95. Next came four Eagle pins in a row by Don Price, Steve Sult, Wayne Welter, and

Dan Chomyn couldn't hack it Matsushima fought to 6-6 draw. Dick Hawkins decisioned his opponent 6-5.

At 175 Marty Powers beat a stronger opponent 8-7. In the heavyweight division Mike Kluszcynski pinned his man at :34 of the second period.

Beat Central

Central was supposed to be the

Get well wishes certainly are in order to Richard Davis who will be out of action for some time with infectous hepatitis.

Tonight the Basketball Team will travel to Michigan City for a game against Doug Adams' highly touted Devils. City has another fine team and the Eagles should add another early season loss to their list.

If the Eagle's lose to City, hopefully they will erase it from their memory and start the season anew against LaSalle tomorrow. Adams has a history of being devastating at home and LaSalle lost the bulk of last year's squad. Last week I was 6-2 with a perfect record on Friday.

Tonight Michigan City over Adams over Central over Washington over Mishawaka Tomorrow over LaSalle Michigan City over Hammond over LaPorte over Central

team to beat in the city. Ditsch was decisioned 11-8. Eugene Russell had to settle for a 7-7 draw after he seemingly had the meet won. Don Price was pinned by the person who was third best

Goshen Riley Elkhart Adams Ben Davis Kokomo F.W. North over Riley Hammond Noll over Washington

was decisioned. Dick Hawkins pinned his man at 1:17 of the third. Marty Powers was pinned at 1:38.

In the key match of the meet, Bob Nyikos decisioned his man 5-1. Adams won by forfeit at 165



by Dave Haskin

ily dominate the meet.

Michigan City and a tough vic-

The Eagles had an easy time at



by Jim Siberell Goshen, Indiana is an Indiana for the Adams 5 were Matt Busch, town that produces such basket- Roberts, and Sayers with 10 ball players as Darwin Hoogen- points each.

Early Aspects Seen

One bright spot in these two games is that in comparison to Friday's 26% shooting, Adams hit 44% against Warsaw. If the Eagles can maintain a 45-50% mark. Adams will defeat several teams in their tough early schedule. A second highlight is that with the loss of Davis, the Eagles have been forced to work the ball more cautiously on offense.

Adams tonight travels to meet Michigan City. If the Eagles control offense, City coach Doug Adams may find that the only Adams treated kindly by this school is John Adams.

Frosh Split by Karl Heinz

On December 2 the Central Frosh handed the Eagles their second loss of the year 51-42. Central led throughout the game. Later in the week, the Frosh handed Clay a 53-40 setback. Gib McKenzie led the Frosh with 24 points.



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Easy Victor Over City

Jerry Muncie. against a tough opponent. Takashi