

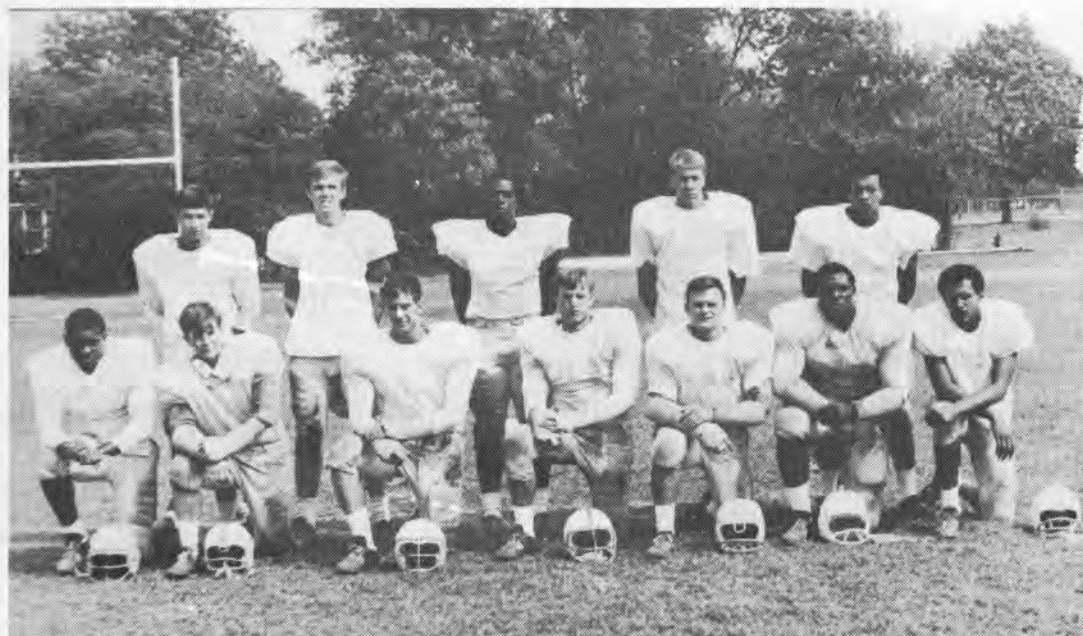
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N.I.C. "IT'S A Killer Here"



THE 1969 EAGLES. . . Row 1, L. to R., W. Woodward, K. Zahrt, B. Polis, B. Meyers, B. Nyikos, J. Parker, T. Lawrence; Row 2, L. to R., L. Jones, K. Ivory, T. Ehlers, and T. Madison.



EAGLES, continued: Row 1, B. Meyers, J. Parker, K. Zahrt, N. Siomos, D. Burns. Row 2, T. Madison, L. Newbill, K. Ivory, B. Nyikos, T. Ehlers, and B. Butsch.



THE FRESHMEN. . . Row 1, L. to R., M. Wilbur, G. Schafer, M. Breen, R. Vanet, B. Hall. Row 2, M. Parseghian, K. Patterson, R. Balok, and J. Phillips.

Saturday evening's Marian game kicks off the first of ten 1969 Adams football contests. And second year coach Bob Wilbur is not making any predictions. Last season, he revealed to this reporter, blackboard mathematics gave him headaches. Overall, the '68 record was 4-4-1, including losses to Clay and Central that were unanticipated.

How does the Eagle ball club look this year? "Not real great, not real poor." Wilbur admits that graduation has hurt the '69 prospects, the key losses being all conference and second string State Quarterback, Rick Sayers, and the number one receiver and defensive players, Jim Smith and Vince Fragomeni.

On the injury list, Ed Freel sustained a chipped elbow early in the practice sessions but should return in several days.

Coach Wilbur characterized this team as similar to the 1968 club having "the same talents: wide receivers and running punch." Despite the loss of Smith, the pass catching situation is remarkably sound. Wilbur rated the three Eagle receivers. . . LaMar Jones, Tony Lawrence, and Dick Hawkins as "among the best in the area." Jones and Lawrence succeed in combining strength and agility often uncommon among big men (6 foot 2 and 6 foot 4 inches). With them, the elusive Hawkins gives the Eagles the most potent receiver threat in the area.

In the backfield, the Adams squad has two positions occupied by returning lettermen, Tim Madison and Ker Ivory, and one big gap vacated by Sayers' absence that is secured by Tom Ehlers and Bob Butch. At the halfback spot, co-captain Tim Madison appears to be ready for the Saturday evening roast of Marian. Equally adept at the fullback location is senior letterman Ken Ivory, a versatile ground gainer and pass catcher. The

by Jim Siberell
early success of the rushing game in the Jamboree suggested that longer quarters and a "slow" clock mean plenty of yards for the Eagles.

Sayers' departure from Adams was not an easy thought for Coach Wilbur, yet before the summer commenced he had Tom and Bob on the practice field. In passing, each was below par in the Jamboree. Game conditions may, however, remedy this and bolster confidence in each passer. If Saturday night is an "on" evening for either of the duo, three Eagle receivers may have their hands full of footballs.

Anchoring the offensive and defensive lines are co-captain Bob Nyikos, Kim Zahrt, Harvey Weingarten, Jim Parker, Nick Siomos, and Brent Meyers. In these areas, the greatest rebuilding job on the squad has occurred since August 15. With the addition of Ed Szucs as a line coach, personal instruction has been accorded each player.

At the Jamboree, Coach Wilbur by no means gave away those little surprises that are sprung early in the year. He went basically with a ground game, as did the other seven teams, and an occasional pass.

The current season is going to be one of the toughest in years, aside from the fact that Adams picked up Penn, Hammond Noll, LaSalle, and Marian to complete a 10-game schedule. To win the N.I.C., a team has to be "up" every week, much the same as competition in Big Ten play. In typical area football, a team does not lose. . . It is usually beaten. Coach Wilbur rates South Bend and the N. I. C., "week in and week out, the toughest league in the state." As usual, the schools are somewhat similar in potential, prompting Wilbur to say that there is "no one we can definitely beat. It's a killer here."

The Dress Code for the 1969-1970 school year is as follows;

FOR GIRLS:

Simple dresses.
Pleated culottes that have the appearance of a skirt and are of an acceptable dress length.
Skirts with blouses, sweaters.
Jumpers with blouses or sweaters.
Simple low-heeled shoes with stockings or socks.
Conservative hairdos and make-up.
Conservative use of jewelry.

FOR BOYS:

Suits, trousers, or slacks worn waist high with belts or waist bands.
Flared pants without insects.
Shirt tails tucked in.
Sport shirts with collar button only open (if not worn open.)
Dress shirts.
Sport jackets, sweaters over shirts.
Slipover sweaters (not sleeveless sweaters) with T-shirt under.
Button-up sweaters with appropriate shirt under.
Well-groomed haircut.

Editorial

July, 1969. The dawning of a new era in the history of man. The flight of Apollo II, the first footsteps on the moon. An American accomplishment which elevated the thoughts of the free world, literally and figuratively. The stars now seem within the reach of a man floating in the nothingness of space, while for American youth, earthbound and lawbound, the stars seem as far as ever before. The pall that is Vietnam clothes this land and this world with an undeniable evil that is an unrelenting reality to those "chosen" to be a part of it.

The messages across the country of frustration and anger sounded from the podiums at student graduation exercises, as class presidents, leaders, and intellectuals last June stated that for youth, this is not an ordinary or happy time, and cannot be treated as such. The shadow of war and the draft has sparked varying emotions from violence, to tears, to resignation, all an unhealthy cancer in American youth.

The futility of war has been dissected by countless authors and self-appointed prophets. It has been discussed so many times that it has become a cliché of sorts. But the problem has not been resolved and the slaughter goes on.

The absence of my co-editor makes this editorial a difficult thing to write, and yet I believe that he would agree with the simple truth that is the Carl Sandburg Poem which follows here. It is, to my mind, a final and all-encompassing statement on the horror of legal murder. And it is more expressive than any new words I could write today. Let it serve as an editorial in itself.

Kathie Keith

KILLERS...Carl Sandburg

I am singing to you
Soft as a man with a dead child
speaks;
Hard as a man in handcuffs,
Held where he cannot move:
Under the sun
Are sixteen million men,
Chosen for shining teeth,
Sharp eyes, hard legs,
And a running of young warm
blood in their wrists.
And a red juice runs on the green
grass;
And a red juice soaks the dark
soil.
And the sixteen million are killing
...killing and killing.
I never forget them day or night:
They beat on my head for memory

of them;

They pound on my heart and I cry
back to them,
To their homes and women,
dreams and games.
I wake in the night and smell the
trenches,
And hear the low stir of sleepers
in lines--
Sixteen million sleepers and
pickets in the dark;
Some of them long sleepers for
always,
Some of them tumbling to sleep
tomorrow for always,
Fixed in the drag of the world's
heartbreak,
Eating and drinking, toiling...on
a long job of killing.
Sixteen million men.

Education Defined By High School Student

by Virgil Landry

What is education?

The answer to this question is ably answered in an article written by James Malof of the Evanston Township High School, Evanston, Illinois.

We quote:

"What is education? It is many things. It begins as a small seed, planted deep within a person's mind. It throbs and grows, pushing spider-like roots into the unknown corners of a young mind. It pierces the darkness surrounding the mind, and quietly and gently, unveils dim eyes to the beauty of a strange, new world before them. Education is a small room, a dim lamp, and the sound of a pencil scribbling. It is the smell of the old volumes in the library.

But Education is more than books and maps and battered pencil sharpeners. It is learning to see. It is realizing each day that you know less. It is also realizing that instructors are people--people who teach students, not courses. It is learning about the world, your country, your community. Most important, it is learning about yourself. Education? It is learning to live. More

than that, it is learning to give one's life for a cause. This is education -- it is quiet words, long thoughts, and careful actions tearing apart the walls of our dark, frightening ignorance.

Education? It is the torch that destroys the fear in the heart of man!"

It is our sincere hope that each of you is looking forward to a good school year. Chances are good that if you expect to find educational opportunities at John Adams High School you will find them.

The staff and I have been preparing through meeting and planning sessions, for the school year. It has been evident to me, from the first day of our sessions, that each and every teacher is dedicated to helping the students of this school. They hope to provide classroom and extra-curricular activities that can be valuable experiences for you. Give them the chance. Come to school with a positive outlook! Come to school willing and prepared to put forth all of the effort necessary for you to succeed.

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Student Council Plans Outlined

by Jim Fox

Student Council Recommendation Committee:

Newly formed at the end of last year was the Student Council Recommendation Committee. The Committee consists of SC representatives divided into five subcommittees. Each subcommittee investigates problem areas in important student functions. After three months of extensive research into the various subjects, the committees will report to the council any recommendations for the betterment of the functions involved.

Subcommittees:

1. Clubs, Organizations, Social Activities-Jeff Clark, Chairman--problem areas: Eagle Ethics, National Honor Society, Booster Club, Assemblies.

2. Counseling, Guidance, Sched-

uling-Fred Moreno, Chairman--problem areas: Added Counseling, Homerooms, Guidance Activities, Lunch Hours.

3. Improving communications-Joe Raymond, Chairman--Problem Areas: Student Council, Student Body vs. Student Council, Student Body vs. Administration, Student Body and Faculty Board.

4. Censorship-Kathie Keith, Kurt Heinz, co-chairmen--Problem areas: Tower, Other publications, Speeches.

5. Academic Innovations-Mike Joyner, Chairman--problem areas: Independent Studies, Class Scheduling, Black History, Honor Study Halls.

Freshman Show-Ya-Round:

The Freshman Show-Ya-Round, an annual event sponsored by the Student Council Social Commis-

sion and Eagle Ethics, took place Tuesday afternoon, September 2. The auditorium program, consisting of a speech by Mr. Landry and the presentation of the Dress Code by Brian Stogdill and Jim McDaniel, was followed by a tour of the school by the new freshmen. After the tour, cookies and punch were served in the cafeteria, followed by music in the Little Theater.

Back to School Assembly, another annual Adams event was the Back to School Assembly on Sept. 4. It began with Joe Raymond introducing the new teachers, which was followed by Mr. Landry's speech. Dave Vance then introduced the guest speaker, 1968 Adams graduate Dennis Rothermel. Music was provided afterward by C. R. Heckaman.

Scot Tells Of Education In Homeland

by Jack Lambert

Education can be taught in different ways by different people, but it still has the same purpose. The British school system has two main categories: the Public school and the Catholic school. Both are similar to the American schools.

The public school is compulsory from the age of five to fifteen, but can be attended until eighteen. There are no religious requirements for this type of school when they are five. There they are taught the "three R's", Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. As they progress, they are introduced to geography, world and local history, the sciences, French, art and music.

After seven years of primary school, the teachers are able to determine the student's abilities. They categorize the students into three groups.

Group One includes those students who have an "A" average. They go to high school and are allowed to take two foreign languages. These are French and Latin.

Group Two includes those students who have a "B" average. They are allowed French only.

Arthritic Anecdotes

Tower Highlights Past News, Features

TWENTY-SIX YEARS AGO THIS MONTH, The John Adams Tower banner headline read, ADAMS TOPS WAR STAMP SALES. The text of this lead story read in part, "Our first Monday sale of war stamps and bonds netted \$1,101.70...The Student Council plans to appoint a committee to help promote the sales of stamps and bonds."

Ads appearing in the fall of 1943 included one that stated, Buy War Bonds Now, So After The War You Can Buy More Clothes At Spiro's. A personal ad in the same issue read, Wanted--Old Radios For Use In Radio and Electricity Classes. See Mr. Reber--Room 203.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO THIS MONTH, The Tower announced the arrival at Adams of four new teachers, including Mr. William Brady and Mr. Fred Schwanz. Mr. Seeley was a veritable fash-

ion plate according to an issue from the fall, 1954. "He can be seen wearing such items as a gold corduroy vest or a pink shirt with a narrow leather string tie...handmade cufflinks...white bucks...moderately tapered pants...black pure silk shirt...tops on our list of well-dressed young men!"

After three years of High School the students can leave or stay on for one, two, or three more years. During this time, "O" level and "A" level tests, similar to achievement tests, are taken. If the students pass these tests, they are given grants by the government to attend a university. The most celebrated of British universities are Oxford and Cambridge, each with colleges founded in the 13th century. Other major institutions are in London, Durham, Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield, Bristol, Nottingham and Reading; in Scotland: St. Andrews, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen. The Scottish universities gain some support from the Carnegie Trust.

Group Three includes those students who are average or below average. They are taught no foreign languages. The emphasis is

put on more basic subjects, as well as mechanical ones. When these students attend a different school from the high school students, it is called a secondary school. However, when all three groups attend the same school, it is a grammar school. In all schools, students must wear uniforms. After three years at secondary school, these students graduate.

The Catholic School is the same as the public school, except that only students of the Catholic faith can attend. Religious instruction is taught at this school. No assistance is given by the government, and the standard at this school is not as high as the public school.

There are also private, fee-paying schools in Britain. However, these schools are now being abolished.

Grades are given twice a year. They are determined by an examination at the end of each semester. These exams are hard and the grading scale is usually on a curve.

The British school is slightly easier than the American school. There are few tests during the school year. Therefore, there are less pressures.

The Senior Class of 1970 is undertaking an important project which will be announced at a meeting Friday, September 12, 1969, at 3:20 in Room 310. This meeting is open to all interested seniors and all are urged to attend.

Adams School Song

Preceding Cheer:

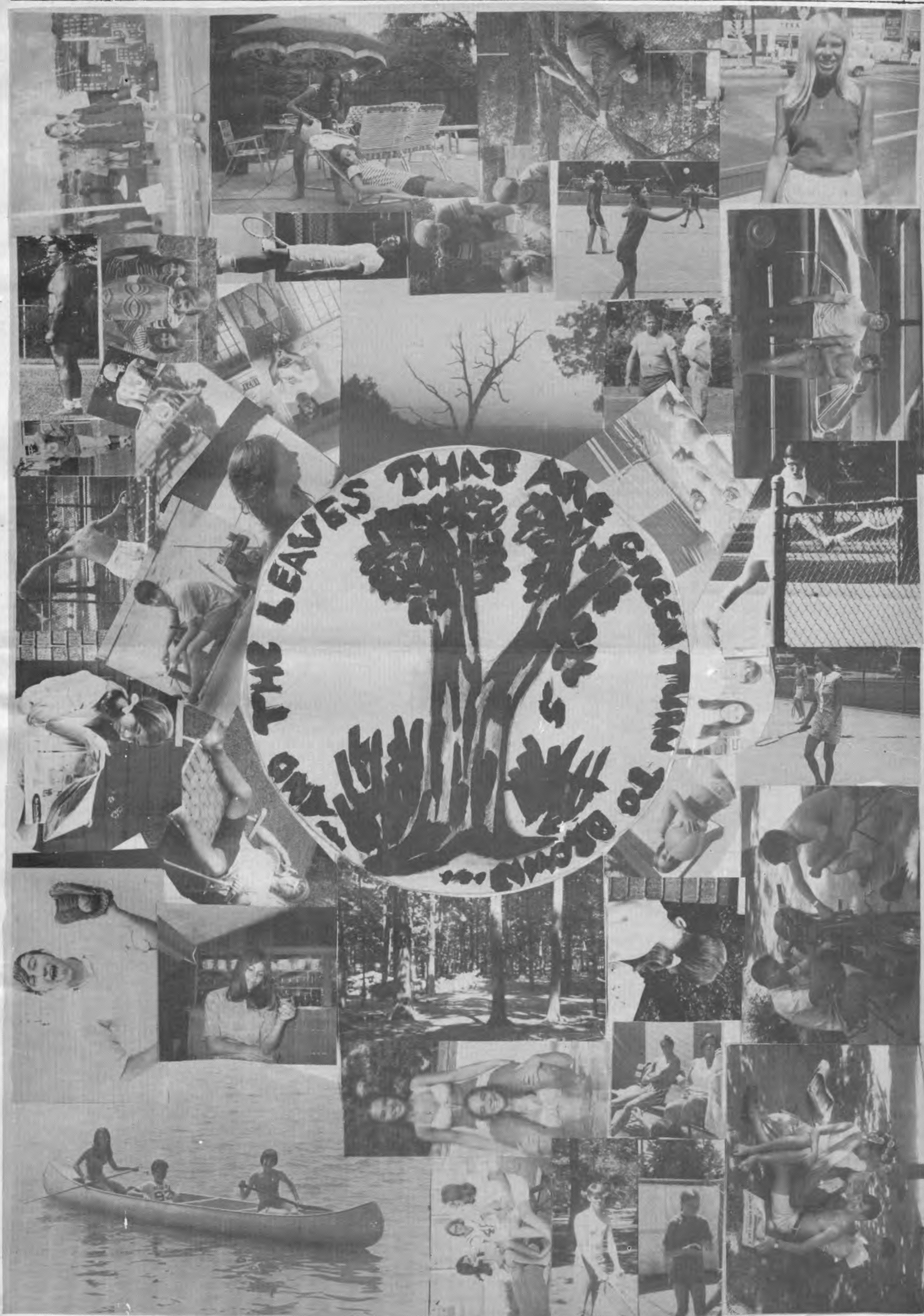
Go, Adams, Go!
Go, Adams, Go!
Hit 'em high.
Hit 'em low.
Go, Adams, Go.

Song:

All hail to the Scarlet and Blue!
To you we are loyal and true!
We're cheering your name,
As we fight on to fame,
And the Eagles go flying through!

(rah! rah!)

There's no time for rest Adams High!
Keep doing your best Adams High
So fight 'til the job is done,
And fight till the team has won
A victory for you, Adams High!



Letter From The Editor

by Jim Siberell

Certainly, 1969-70 is now for real. To begin, the football season is now upon us. For the price of one dollar, area fans got a glimpse of varsity football action earlier this month in the 8-school Jamboree. If the new year could be called the main dish, then the August 29 preview was just an appetizer. With Carlos Philips, Washington appears to be the team to beat in the area. The Panthers are annually one of the heaviest teams in the league, and 1969 seems to be no exception. Adams, on the other hand is very light and will give up nearly 20 pounds per man to the Panthers up front.

The Eagles, with letterman Brent Meyers, Nick Siomos, co-captains Tim Madison and Bob Nyikos, Ken Ivory, Dick Hawkins, Tony Lawrence, Bob Polis, Kim Zahrt, and LaMar Jones returning, are well stocked for the new year. But Wilbur has more going for him than experience. With the loss of Coach Kraft, the Eagle coaching staff was augmented with the acquisition of Ed Szucs, a former head coach and certainly a resourceful line coach.

Several of the front line and offensive backfield members are seniors, and the realization that their Adams football career is closing might be an added incentive. Coach Wilbur made the statement in an August 20 interview that, for these people, "it's now or never in the senior year." A prediction of the N.I.C. outcome at this stage is certainly difficult, but the addition of Mr. Szucs, playing experience, and the added effort from the 1969 seniors may again make this the year of the Eagle.

In Memoriam

The students and teachers of John Adams High School wish to express their deepest sympathy to the family of Carla Alwine, as well as to the family of Ross and Robert Colbert,

All were killed in tragic automobile accidents over the summer. Miss Alwine and Ross were both graduated from Adams in 1968. Robert was a member of the Adams class of '72.



Becky Riley and Rick Allen take a break during the Jamboree.



Photographer Joe Raymond, catches an action play during the Football Jamboree.

Counselor's Welcome Students Back To School

Head Counselor Agnes Burns urges all students to make use of the bulletin board outside the door of the Counselor's Office throughout the year. It will always contain pertinent information on college conferences, testing procedures, and other items of interest to each student.

SENIORS

From Mr. David--Welcome back to John Adams. I am looking forward to seeing you all again and hope your senior year at Adams will be a very enjoyable one. Do not hesitate to come in if I can help you in any way.

JUNIORS

All juniors are to pay the \$2.00

P.S.A.T. test fee directly to the Guidance Office. This should be taken care of immediately in order to adjust test requisition if the number to be tested is larger than anticipated.

SOPHOMORES

From Mr. Cordell--We're glad to see you back. Let's have a good year.

FRESHMEN

Freshmen will have an assembly Tuesday, September 9, with Mr. Landry and Counselor Mr. Rensberger. This assembly will be to acquaint the freshmen with some items of interest and importance to them.

GO
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KNIGHTS

Football Season Tickets On Sale Now

Football season tickets will go on sale beginning Thursday, Sept. 4. These tickets may be purchased before and after school at the ticket window in the auditorium vestibule. The time of sales will be 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. and at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The student season ticket price is \$3.50 for seven games. The adult season ticket price is \$5.25. Students may purchase season tickets for their parents at the same time. Those prices represent a bargain when compared to single game admission prices. It also provides admission to an attractive home game schedule. You are urged to purchase your season ticket as soon as possible. Students are urged to purchase their season tickets this week and next week; also, the season ticket for your parents.

Harriers Chances Good

Returning letterman Walter Berndt, Pat McNulty, Ron Muncie, Al Smith, and Dale Mais will be probable starters when the cross country team opens their season Thursday, September 4.

Coach Dan Poe feels that this year's team has enough ability to take the state. Along with the returnees, Poe will rely on the help of the rest of the squad.

The Adams cross country course is a 2-mile exploitation into the wilderness of Potawatomi Park.

Last year the Harriers lost three dual meets and finished second in the City. The high-light of last season came when the boys beat Elkhart and snapped the Blazer string of 99 consecutive victories. This year Elkhart will be out for revenge but minus the talent of Chuck Baker.

Adams, who has never won a state cross country championship will be strong in contenders, and contain the top runners in Northern Indiana and possibly the state. Records are sure to be shattered this season as the three road-runners: Dale, Walter and Ron work toward better times and the state championship.

Eagle Ethics Has New Image

In past years, Eagle Ethics has been thought of as a secret or private organization. No one knew how to get in and no one knew what the organization did. Unfortunately, this has been too true, even today. This year, if the student body will allow a change, Eagle Ethics is going to try to be more meaningful to the entire school than it has before. It will be more active and it will inform students of its activities and plans. Since ethics of some sort are important for everyone, Eagle Ethics should not be a restrictive organization. This year, look for changes that will benefit you. The first may be this column which will appear throughout the year.

Frosh Football

Sept. 4	Mishawaka	-H
Sept. 11	Riley	-T
Sept. 18	St. Joe	-T
Sept. 25	Central	-H
Oct. 2	Clay	-T
Oct. 9	Grissom	-H
Oct. 16	Washington	-T
Oct. 22	LaSalle	-H

"In case you find any errors in this paper please consider they were put there for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and some people look only for the mistakes."

Anon.

Tennis Prospects Outlined

by Karl Heinz

The 1969 John Adams Tennis team is looking forward to a very successful year under the direction of Coach Bob Saunders. This is Saunders third year with Adams. Thus far his teams have compiled a record of 8-10.

The returning lettermen are one more than last year, Bob and John Brickley. Bob is said to be one of the finest players in the area, while John is the best junior around. Together along with the help of Steve True, Don Steinke, Pat Wolfe, Jack Lambert and Alan Hoenk they expect to lead Adams to an outstanding season.

The Netters open their season on Thursday, September 4 against Clay.

They follow Clay with LaVille and Mishawaka. The teams to beat in the NIC will be Mishawaka Michigan City, and Adams. For the fourth year in a row, it appears that Adams shall defeat all of their city opponents.

Frosh To Open Against Cavemen

Coach Vince Laurita's freshmen will open their eight game season Thursday, Sept. 4, against Mishawaka. In his second season as freshman football coach, Mr. Laurita hopes that his team will repeat as Western Division champs. Last year the freshmen lost the championship game to Marian and finished the 1968 campaign with a 7-1 records. Assisting his dad this year in coaching is Vince Jr.

About 40 boys tried out for the squad with practice starting August 15th. Two practices a day were held in the hot sweltering dog days of summer, when the temperatures rose well into the eighties. The heat took its toll on both players and coaches but Vince Sr. managed to get his team fired up for the opener.

Compared to last year's squad the '69 team is larger and faster. The big man of this year's team is 210 pounder Vince Ingalls, who earlier this year was playing varsity and B-team ball. Rick Balok who is slightly smaller than Ingalls will be the heaviest man in the backfield. The rest of the backs under the direction of quarterback Kevin Patterson are halfbacks Green, Vargo and Phillips. Alternating with Balok at the fullback position will be Mike Parshegian.

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