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I.D. Pictures Taken

by Nicolina Genova

If everyone reading this article checked their pockets or purses they would pull out a small card with a picture of themselves on it. This is your identification card, which is to be carried at all times. The pictures for these cards were taken on January 25, 26, and 29. Eighth graders went first, followed by seventh and then by ninth graders. Our own Mr. Stazko was behind the rather huge black camera resembling a small box on a larger one.

The process for these pictures is short but complicated. First you have to find a large white card with your name on it. After you signed this card you gave it to Mr. Stazko who put it in the camera. He tilted the smaller "box" until a small light shined on your nose. The picture was snapped and pulled out just like a polaroid camera. This picture was actually two pictures, one for you and one for the office. It was placed in a slot with a timer. When the bell went off your picture was developed, separated and shrunk considerably. The smaller card was put in place, wrapped in blue paper, and placed in yet another slot to be sealed. When it was removed it was hot and ready. Assisting Mr. Stazko in all of this was our Student Council: Julie Gordon, Cathy Taub, Debbie Lev, and Steve Feola. Great job guys.

So, why go through all of this nonsense? Well you need these cards to get into dances and other school functions. You also need these cards in case you need proof that you have every right to be where you are. You had better carry them too, 'cause there'll be trouble if you get caught without them.

Unfortunately, you aren't allowed to keep these little treasures for ever and ever. You have to turn them in at the end of the year or you will be fined.

Don't lose them folks!!!

Saturdays at J.P.S.

by Lori Stuzynski

John P. Stevens High School is having classes every Saturday which started January 13th and will end in early March.

Guitar is a popular class. All you are required to do is bring your own guitar and buy your lesson book. There is also a typing class. If you want to learn to type, here's your chance. Ceramics and candle making are two good classes to make whatever you want. Drama is good for those interested in acting. The reading improvement class and speedreading classes had many enrollments this year.

The Edison Township Band practices here too; from 9-12 (equal two classes). To be in it you have to try-out and are seated according to how well your audition was. You also have to be in grades 6 to 9.

This is a good opportunity to further education in your interests.



P.T.A. Concert

by Lori Stuzynski

The John Adams P.T.A. concert on Thursday, January 11, was a big success. Unfortunately, the choir was unable to perform, but with the combination of our Intermediate Band and Advanced Band both led by Mr. Pedersen, it was a job well done.

To start the evening, the Intermediate Band performed first. They did three numbers: two marches called "Patrol Leader" and "Junior High Jam-boree," and a song called "Tango Tropical."

Next on the program was the Advanced Band. They played five numbers. Their well rounded selections were "The Sounds of Silence," "El Condor Pasa," recently done by Simon and Garfunkel, "The Three Ayes from Gloucester," and a modernized minuet put to rock.

Congratulations on a successful concert to all involved.

Illness Abroad

The word Flu has become one of the most common household words this season. If you happened to be one of those lucky people who had a case of the flu, it probably was the London Flu. Persons who had the flu would usually have a temperature, feel tired and weak, sometimes have periods of coldness or hotness and a cough. It has been reported that 35 students and 4 teachers had a case of the flu. It is believed that there actually were many more, but these cases were not reported or the people that had it did not know it was the flu. Well, that's about all, and we of the "Advocate" hope you who still have the flu or are just getting over it get well soon.

Mr. Carbonara



Play Progresses

by Kevin Motley

In the previous issues of the "Advocate," you read two articles concerning the ninth grade play. One said there might not be a play this year, and the other said a collection of fairy tales would make up the play. Well, once again there is a new development, but this one is definite!

The name of this year's play is Curtain Going Up! It's a three act comedy about the problems that a high school encounters when trying to put on it's annual spring play.

Miss Zalick will be directing the play this year. Helping her will be three "student directors," Julie Gordon, Ann Marie Murray, and Kevin Motley. The stage manager for the play is Bob Dinick.

Various committees have been set up and their chairmen selected. These chairmen and committees are as follows: Tickets--Suzanne Young, Publicity--Wendy Kaplan, Costumes--Susan Grossberg, Props--Terry Szmuto, Scenery/Sets--Chris Litwornia. Other committees are Make-up and Lighting and Sound. All these committees are necessary for the success of the production.

Try-outs for the play were held on January 3, 4, and 5, after school in the cafeteria. The cast was announced on Friday, January 5. Playing the lead roles are Polly Reinhart, Kevin Motley, Cathy Taub, Chris Wright, Sue Gonnella, Dave Elias, and Jack Best. There are also many other parts just as important as the leading roles.

Some of those people who did not receive speaking roles will be understudies. Their job is to stand in for the people playing the leads whenever they miss a rehearsal. If something should prevent an actor or actress from being in the play, the understudy will take over their role.

The dates, as they stand now, for the play performances are April 5 and 6. The entire cast will do their absolute best for the whole school. But remember, the play can only be successful if you, the student body, come and support the play. So clear your calendar for April 5 and 6, and attend one of the performances.

The Advanced, Advanced Band

by Barbara Haigh
Lori Stuzynski

Mr. Pedersen is planning to cut down the band size for a better quality band. Members of the now advanced band will try-out for it. The better players will be chosen.

This band will play more difficult numbers than the advanced band. They will give concerts to grade schools in Edison and possibly at other junior high schools in Edison.

Good Luck to those who try-out!!!



Mr. Mainiero's Replacement

The voice saying (-a) (-b) = ab coming from room 124 is not that of Mr. Mainiero. Mr. Mainiero, one of the ninth grade algebra teachers, is seriously ill and will not be back for about one month or more. For about two weeks there was a numerous amount of substitutes in and out of room 124. The office and Mr. Conway were looking for someone who had good arithmetic knowledge and could stay on the job until Mr. Mainiero returned. Finally, after a long and hard search, they found Mr. Carbonara.

Mr. Carbonara majors in physics and has a minor in mathematics. Before coming to John Adams, Mr. Carbonara substituted at various schools. He also planned on becoming a full time teacher. We asked him if he still wanted to teach when this job is over, and he said yes, more so!

In his spare time, Mr. Carbonara enjoys photography, drawing, and playing the guitar.

Mr. Carbonara was asked if he felt that a lot of people compared him to Mr. Mainiero. He feels that he is stepping into someone else's shoes, but he is his own teacher. When he first came to Adams the teachers showed him around and gave him helpful hints. Also, the students were very cooperative. Mr. Carbonara feels that he has to make the best of the situation and if everyone continues to cooperate it will be easy.

The "Advocate" staff would like to welcome Mr. Carbonara on behalf of the school. We hope that you enjoy your stay and that you don't change your mind about teaching.

Music With Mr. Poole

by
Carol Lowell and Debbie Lev

Mrs. Thomas had to leave John Adams a few weeks ago and her replacement is Mr. Poole. Mr. Poole happens to be very well suited for the job of a music teacher. He sings, plays the guitar, and knows some piano. In fact, Mr. Poole has made some recordings on Mercury Records. He wrote the lyrics and composed the music to two songs, "Comin' On" and "The Greening of America." They should be released on to some of the popular radio stations during February.



The Music Played On

Another dance has come and gone with another great band. The band was Ferndock. The members of Ferndock are George Dwyer, Pete Cocuzza, Scott Yellen, Ed Newman, Mitch Ruthberg, and Andy Ichel. The newest member of Ferndock is Andy Ichel. He plays one of four guitars. Others are played by George, Pete and Ed. Organist is Scott and drummer is Mitch.

Some of the songs they played were "I'm Your Captain," "Evil Harp," "Brown Sugar," "Satisfaction," "Ohio," "Woodstock," "Volunteers of America," and many more. The dance was really a smash thanks to Ferndock.

P.S. to L.R. thanks for your help!

What's The Story?

Everyone's been wondering what happened to the orange drink that we had last year. We have not been able to learn much more about it since the last article. The main reason we do not have them is because they are low in nutritional value. The state is trying to make a balanced meal for students. The orange drink is just flavored water and a little vitamin C. There is not much nutritional value in that. Also sugared water is not so good for you. The elementary and junior high schools do not have the orange drinks but the senior high schools do. This is because we are still growing and it is better to drink milk when you are still young. There is doubt as to whether we will ever get them back. But perhaps maybe someday, we will.

Hitched

by Polly Reinhart

Sorry girls but Mr. Mesonas is finally hitched. His fiancée is Miss Joanne Solla of Belleville, N.J., and she teaches third grade there. They plan to get married on July 8, 1973. After their honeymoon they plan to reside in Edison and Mr. Mesonas says he's going to teach here at Adams again next year.

The staff of the "Advocate" and John Adams wishes Mr. Mesonas and his fiancée the best of luck.

The Men In Gray

Everyone sees those men in gray around the school, but nobody knows who they are.

Mr. J. Cormaci is the head custodian. The other custodians are Mr. J. Wira, Mr. P. Dankowicz, Mr. M. Lyons, Mr. E. Schiwitzer, Mr. S. Mazur, and the most recent of all, Mr. J. Rucinski.

Most of the jobs that they do are the most important in the school. Without our friendly custodians our school wouldn't maintain the cleanliness it has. Besides the jobs we see them do around school during the day, they also do the repairs and work in the boiler room.

We give our thanks to the unsung heroes of John Adams!



Miss Brown Returns to J.A.

by Marlene Resnick

You probably noticed that Mr. Lutter is no longer at our school. He is now working at Thomas Jefferson in preparation for being a vice-principal at Woodrow Wilson.

In his place is a very young teacher, Miss Brown, who had formally attended John Adams. In her opinion the school has barely changed in its physical aspects, but the students are quite different. She mentioned that when she went to school here, "the kids never talked back to a teacher." When asked what she liked or disliked about the students, she replied, "I like the kids as 'individuals' because they tend to be more or less themselves rather than when they're in a group. I find that lots of times the worst kids in the class turn out to be really nice when I talk to them in person."

Prior to teaching at J.A., Miss Brown went to Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin. Some highlights of her college years were belonging to Gamma Nu Sorority, being President of her senior class, and getting elected to the Who's Who Club of 1972-1973. This is a club which recognizes scholastic excellence in colleges and universities and their worthwhile contributions to the community.

Miss Brown enjoys basketball, baseball, volleyball, and almost all sports except football because she doesn't understand it very well. Her hobbies include reading and meeting people.



So Long, Farewell

by Sue Grossberg
Sue Gonnella

There are two teachers definitely going to Woodrow Wilson next year. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Kape will be leaving Adams.

When we interviewed Mrs. Williams we asked her what she was looking forward to. She said "the chance to teach in a team teaching situation." Team teaching involves two or more teachers in charge of a large group of students. These teachers decide among themselves who will teach what subject to what group of students.

Mrs. Williams is also interested in "the chance to experiment with different classroom organizations." She said she is scared but happy that she is going.

Mrs. Kape will be setting up a whole new guidance department. She plans on having to start from scratch and having a lot of work to do. She says that the first year she will be putting down a firm foundation and establishing a guidance department. Probably after a year or so there will be many pilot programs in various subject areas too.



To Be or Not to Be

by Leisa Bass

"Beat that team!" But will there be any cheerleaders to hollar this cry to the team they are supporting, or will there even be a team to support at Wilson?

There has been a rumor going around the school that there will be no cheerleading or drill team squad at Woodrow Wilson next year. Also it is said that there will be no football team because there wouldn't be enough time for try-outs and practice before the season opens. So far no one knows the truth to either rumor including the gym teachers.

The teachers who will teach at Wilson have not been picked yet. This also means that the advisors and coaches haven't been picked. They might not be picked in time for try-outs. Another problem is that kids from other junior highs besides Adams are going to Wilson next year. This means that everyone will have to get together for clinics and try-outs, but where would be convenient for everyone?

A lot of people seem concerned about the situation. Especially those who are going to Wilson and had planned on trying out for one of the teams. These kids are trying to come up with some ideas that might help solve the problem. Good luck and keep on trying!

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Loss of Two Great Men

On the morning of December 26, 1972, Harry S. Truman died of complications from a long illness. He was 88. He was buried next to a replica of his office at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri. He became president on April 12, 1945, following the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. When he entered office, he came at a very bad time. The war in Europe was about to end, but the war in Japan was still going strong. For a variety of reasons, including saving face for the United States, he ordered two newly developed atomic bombs to be dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This, along with other decisions, not widely lauded by the general public, made Truman a relatively unpopular president. When it came to re-election time in 1948, Truman was only nominated by his party, the Democrats, to keep the party in one piece. His stunning upset victory over Dewey, who defeated himself with his arrogance, shocked the nation. He was under more fire in his second term with the U.S. involvement in Korea, and the firing of the popular General MacArthur.

It is a good thing for Truman that he lived when he did and was president when he was, because his decisions would have been met with fire to the public today. It was time that healed any wounds his presidency had created. So his appearances in the limelight were greeted with public apathy. He remained popular with the people until his death. Many people have hailed him with the greatest presidents of all time. Some of his programs had lasting impact, such as NATO. His decision to bomb Japan with the atomic bomb is sometimes called the boldest action of any president since Lincoln freed the slaves. All in all, Harry S. Truman will be remembered as one of the best presidents history has yet produced.



At 5:33 p.m. EST, former president Lyndon Baines Johnson was pronounced dead at San Antonio International Airport of a heart attack. He was 64. He has had a long history of heart disease beginning in 1955. When he became president in 1963, following the assassination of John F. Kennedy, he inherited his eventual political downfall, the Vietnam War. During the last years of his life, he suffered the curse of having escalated the Vietnam War, the most unpopular war in the United States' history. All of his great accomplishments in the area of civil rights were ignored by the public.

The importance of the Vietnam War in the life of Johnson cannot be over-emphasized. The war broke him as a politician and forced him to retreat in later life. The ironic thing about it is that many people, especially other politicians, consider Johnson a truly great president, which he probably was. No man has ever done more for the black man's rights as a human being or otherwise. It is unfortunate that Johnson died when he did. For the next day, President Nixon announced the ceasefire in Vietnam.

The public's view of Johnson will definitely mellow as time passes now that the Vietnam War is over. He will be considered a great president by not only historians but by the public as well, once they see what his true accomplishments as president were.

Did You Know...

by Syndi Rein

- ...that in Madison County, Iowa there stands a monument dedicated to the Delicious Apple?
- ...armadillos, sloths, pangolins, and ant-bears are living fossils?
- ...that the elephant's trunk which is used as a hand and nose, has no bones in it, it only contains 4,000 muscles?
- ...the unicorn, dragon, sphinx, gorgon chimera, kraken, mermaids, and mer-men are all animals that never existed?
- ...without rain there would only be sea life?
- ...a Pyrrhic victory is a victory won at a cost which is so great that it makes the victory worthless?



Review of '72

by Patty Minczeski

1972...It was a very good year as the saying goes. It started off well...with the annual ninth grade play. The play was called "F.L.I.P.-P.E.D." and it was held on the 18th and 26th of February. Mr. Richardson of J.P. Stevens was named as principal of Woodrow Wilson and our own Mr. Lutter was named as vice-principal.

We also had our first karate exhibition here at J.A. and our ninth graders participated in a walk-a-thon to raise money for J.F.K. Community Hospital. We had a cafeteria controversy over the quality of cafeteria food. I don't know if it helped anything.

The students of J.A. got new privileges. We are now allowed to go to our lockers before every period. We also got a video-tape machine, but unfortunately parts of it were stolen.

It was a good year for the wrestling team with an 11-1 season. And the Student Council had a good year too. Julie Gordon was elected as President, Debbie Lev as Secretary, Steve Feola as Treasurer, and Cathy Taub as Vice-President.

As far as the ninth graders of last year, (the best dressed, actors, brains, etc.) most of them are over at Stevens, but Janet Herbst, our best athlete on the distaff side, has moved. The gymnastic team will miss her talent. Jim Grubbs, one of our football and basketball stars is now on the varsity football squad and Jon Shevell is now on the varsity basketball squad.

We lost a teacher too, Mrs. Thomas, our music teacher. She was replaced by Mr. Poole. Several teachers were married. Miss Fisher became Mrs. Thomas McNeel and Miss Mange, who is in charge of Teacher Welfare, became Mrs. William English. Also Miss Travisano became Mrs. Sari. Mr. Barroquero has a new baby daughter, Mr. Trelease has a new daughter, Mr. Koskuba has twins, all born in '72. Mr. Reilly also has a new son born just a couple of hours into the new year, '73. Mrs. Alexander is expecting a joyful event also.

Altogether "it was a very good year" for the school. How about for you?

S.L.--It was all right.

S.R.--Well, the summer was great!

S.G.--It was a good year.

B.N.--I thought it was great and I'd like to do it all over again. In fact, I'm going to in 1974.

D.S.--I hope 1973 isn't as bad as 1972. 1972 stunk.

C.M.--It was fantastic, especially the summer.

D.L.--It was terrible.

E.B.--Pretty bad.

Mr. C.--Pretty good, pretty bad.

A.J.--Pretty bad

Mrs. W.--Better than 1970, but not as good as 1966

C.W.--It was a great year.

33 1/3 R.P.M.

Deep Purple has a new release after an absence of over a year. "Who Do We Think We Are" contains more of the good driving rock this group is capable of producing. Cuts like "Mary Long" and "Tokyo Woman" develop a rapid moving pace as the song progresses, and "Rat-bat Blue" is a solid rocker. Ian Gillan puts in an extra effort with the vocals and the other four members do a nice job in the instrumental department. Although I think their last LP was a little better, "Who Do We Think We Are" is still full of good sounds worth looking into.

A lovely collection of songs is Judy Collins' "True Stories and Other Dreams." The songs are simple and presented in a down-to-earth manner which Judy does very well. For instance, one of the cuts called, "Cook with Honey" suggests that the family of man sit down to a meal of warmth and love. Another song fondly recalls some dear memories of Judy's sister. The album is a welcome and refreshing change from a rat-race world, and could put anyone in a pleasant state of mind. It deserves a lot of recognition, and I hope it gets it.

Are you ready for this one? The one and only Yoko Ono herself has a new solo effort called, "The Approximate Infinite Universe." In it she sings of the oppressions of women and her roles in society today. I haven't heard any of the cuts yet (which may be to my advantage). But what I've heard from her earlier attempts to sing, I hope (for my ear's sake) she took the time out for a few voice lessons from John.

Alice Cooper and company have put together "Million Dollar Babies." Supposedly, it's to contain some new styles and techniques that weren't used previously by the group. Unfortunately, I can't tell you how this "new technique" sounds, because as of this writing, it hasn't been released. The problem seems to be that the album cover is using photos of actual U.S. currency, and the government isn't too happy about that. So it's being held up for awhile. However, there is a new single out called, "Hello, Horray."

"Hi Hi Hi" is Paul McCartney's most recent single that has been getting quite a lot of airplay on both AM and FM radios. Musically, it's the best song he's come out with since his first solo LP, "McCartney." Unfortunately, the recording has run into some problems. Many southern radio stations refuse to play it because "it's not moral." And in Britain, the BBC has banned it explaining that "it's too sexy." This isn't the first time Paul's had troubles in Britain. The BBC had also banned, "Give Ireland Back To The Irish" for being "too political." Well, if at first you don't succeed.....

Other noteworthy albums and things - The Beach Boys have released "Holland," their first since their move to that country....B. J. Thomas' new single, "Honorable Peace" in which he blasts Nixon's Vietnam policy. Quite a change from "Raindrops Keep Fallin On My Head".....Ike and Tina Turner's latest "Let Me Feel Your Mind".....and Traffic's "Shootout At The Fantasy Factory."

Helen Helpful

by Syndi Rein

Dear Helen,
My skirts are getting too short (I'm getting taller) and there's not enough of a hem to let them down. I don't have enough money to furnish myself with a whole new wardrobe. What can I do?

Dear Grew Some,
Well, I think you can keep your skirts but change your posture. You'll find that if you slouch down, especially at the knees, your skirts will look longer.

Dear Helen,
I have Algebra this year and I'm having an awful time learning it. The Quadratic Formula isn't making matters any easier! What should I do?

Dear F.E.,
Don't bother me with your problems on the Quadratic Formula, I'm having my own!
P.S. I'm writing to Dear Abbey about it.

Dear Helen,
I can't seem to meet people and I think it's because I am self-conscious about my clumsiness. I always seem to be tripping over my own feet. What can I do?

Dear Clutz,
I can't solve you're clumsiness, but if you start tripping over other people's feet you might meet some new people.

Dear Helen,
I was assigned a term paper two months ago on European culture. I haven't started it yet and it's due tomorrow. What can I do?

Dear B.L.T.N.,
Well, you could take a two week trip to Europe. This way you'd have time to work on your paper and you could tell your teacher you're doing some extensive research. If you can't afford a trip, I'd say you better get busy.

Little Kids Stuff

Driving along a country road, a lady noticed some repairmen who were rapidly climbing telephone poles. "Will you look at that?" she exclaimed to her companion in the seat beside her. "They must think I've never driven before!"

A lady who was just learning to drive seemed to be doing quite well. She was at the wheel of the car, her husband beside her, and the country road did not have too much automobile traffic. But suddenly, the husband was jolted out of his relaxed mood when she screamed, "Quick Howard-take the wheel! Here comes a brick wall!"

Freddie: My father has a rabbit tattooed on his arm.
Teddie: My father has hares all over his chest!

If Miss Issippi
Known as Skippy
Gave Miss Ouri
Full of fury
Her New Jersey
To wear at the fair,
What, oh what
Would Dela Ware?
I don't know but Al-ask-a.

When a bank goes broke
That isn't funny.
But what kind of bank
Needs no money?
(a river bank)

What is.....

by Sharon Simandl

What is Sesquipedalian tergiversation?

T.R.-- A dead dinosaur.
J.L.-- A big fat ant.
A.R.-- An Indian tribe.
S.Y.-- A Bulgarian movie.
M.O'L.-- A type of banana.
A.M.M.-- A Spanish spider.
C.Z.-- A new kind of dance.
L.K.-- A tuna fish and hot dog sandwich.
N.W.-- Something my sister would eat.
S.C.-- Give my regards to Broadway!
M.O.-- Pornographic conversation.
D.G.-- Something my little brother mutters under his breath.
Mr. M.-- The girl I took to my Dr.Prom.
M.B.-- A Bulgarian elephant.

Answer-- Using long or big words to change one's opinion or attitude.

Everything Goes

by Patricia Minczeski

What kind of fashion will spring bring? Pastels and patriots of course. This year pastels are the biggest and baggiest thin in fashion. One can expect to see a bountiful bunch of the new "baggies" wide leg pants, in gay and lively pastel solids and plaids.

As for the patriots, the red, white, and blue color scheme always is flying high in spring. Join the navy with a sailor dress alone or topping off smart slacks, in rainbow of red, white, and blue. Or step up to style in blue blazer, red shirt, and white cuffed slacks. In accessories for these outfits it's "Anchors Away."

In material to be seen there are linens, jerseys, permanent-press cottons, sharkskins, gingham, denim, spinner's cloth, arnell, and the polyester knits. Styles are great. Pants and jeans are still at the bottom of everything. Pant legs run from wide to narrow legs. Blue jeans are always on the fashion scene as well as jeans of every other color of the rainbow.

To top things off the blazer is back again. Plaid seersucker blazers are great over solids, while solids are great over prints. For shirts the look is bare and bold, like midriffs and halters or a combination of both. Or also the flashy knits end just above the waistline.

A newcomer is the smock. The smock comes in every style, shape and color and is great over pants or alone. For hot weather there are sizlers, hot pants, and jumpsuits. Gored and trumpet skirts are blowing up a storm.

Dressing up is fun in shimmering jersey with contrasting details, and delicate voiles and dotted swiss. On the shoe scene there are platform shoes and sandals and clogs to put some spring in your step. So get out and get going to bring yourself up to date for spring.



Circle the School Words

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Movie Review

by Ann Yokum

Three very popular movies now are "Lady Sings the Blues," "The New Centurians," and "Fiddler On The Roof."

Diana Ross and Billy D. Williams star in "Lady Sings the Blues." Diana Ross plays the part of Billie Holiday. The movie tells the story of Billie Holiday's life as a night club singer, who eventually died of an overdose of drugs. Billy D. Williams plays the part of Billie Holiday's husband. The acting in the movie is very good.

"The New Centurians" is a good movie about the Los Angeles Police Department. It shows how violent living in the city is, and how dangerous it is for the police. It tells how many young policemen become bitter and disillusioned from the terrible crimes committed in the city. George C. Scott and Stacy Keach star in it.

"Fiddler On The Roof" is a movie about how the Jewish people were persecuted in Russia and had to flee to other places. "Topel" stars as the fiddler and the story is about his family. The music is excellent, and so is the story.

February

by A. Jacobsen

If you have ever counted February's numbered days you'll notice that they stop at twenty-eight, and after searching further through this boxed and numbered maze, you'll come upon a very special date. The fourteenth is a day devoted all the way to hearts. And sending Valentines to your true loves. And receiving them yourself directly from you counterparts, signed in lace with cherubs, cupids and white doves. But don't forget the birthdays of two very special men, who once were presidents of the U.S. There's George Washington complete with cherry tree and then, There's Lincoln who was raised in the wilderness. The month of February is a very special time, with purple amethysts and violets. For horoscopic Aquarians and also Pisceans. And also Sadie Hawkins' day coquettes.

Song Twists

1. Time is on my Side--Detention
2. Hey Jude--Miss Lopotanski
3. Got the Rockin Pneumonia and the Boogie Woogie Flu--So that's why everyone's absent
4. You Can't Always Get What You Want--Report cards
5. Anticipation--Looking forward to 3:15
6. Swimming, Swimming--Mr. Poole
7. Claire--The weather we've been having lately



CUPID'S CORNER



9th Grade Gossip

Since this is the first edition of the new year, I think it would be good to start off the column with the new couples. A.R. and J.S. have been going out a few weeks now and after the second week, A.R. was already wearing J.S.'s I.D. Just recently C.W. asked M.R. out. That was a real shocker. No one knew that was coming on! Now that it is, we're all happy for that couple. L.B. is going out with R.P. (from Piscataway). At first L.B. was going out with C.C., but they broke up even before they made the paper. There was a rumor going around that J.B. and A.W. (8th grader) are going out, but now we know it's true.

The people that have broken-up recently are L.B. and C.C., D.R. breaking up with S.B., and S.C. and M. O.L. sort of broke-up together.

Some oldies but goodies are P.R. and B.S. (8th grader), D.D. and E.H. (from Stevens), L.F. and M.K. (from Stevens), C.Z. and G.P. (from Stevens), and K.V. and her guy from Stevens.

I know a few secret loves, but I'll be nice and only tell you two. L.S. likes T.R. who doesn't know it. Hey, T.R., I bet you didn't know that! Take advantage of it. Also we think W.K. and L.G. are acting up again. E.H. likes T.J. but J.A. likes H.H. also. Let's hope good old J.A. will win over H.H. Try to figure that one out!

Young...but so in love are A.R. and J.S., M.R. and C.W., L.B. and R.P. B.S. and P.R., D.D. and E.H., C.Z. and G.P., L.F. and M.K., A.W. and J.B., W.K. and L.G. (she hopes), and L.S. and T.R. (she hopes).

8th Grade Gossip

Since our last issue, the 8th graders have really been busy--and we hope the couples stay together, so good luck.

B.W. and M.F., a ninth grader, had been going out for quite a while, but what happened? L.F. and C.M. along with N.G. and J.T. are two newer couples.

S.L. is going out with J.W. from Stevens, and N.S. is going out with C.R., also from Stevens. Two more mixed couples (Adams and Stevens) are A.K. and G.M., and S.K. is going out with J.N.

Some 8th grade and 9th grade combinations (all Adams) are A.W. and J.B. S.R. and S.P., and D.G. and J.K. (the second set of initials are the 9th graders).

L.P. and P.F. are going out with each other, and so are S.P. and T.T.

Our last couples for the 8th grade gossip column are S.B. and B.D., S.R. and D.F., and L.S. and P.L.

Until our next "Advocate"--keep up the good work and keep on truckin'!

7th Grade Gossip

The 7th graders seem to be picking up. B.K. likes M.S., J.S. likes I.E., A.F. likes T.G., L.G., L.G., T.R. and M.S. S. He's also very curious to know about 8th grader J.S. W.S. likes L.G.,--but which L.G.? What's this we hear about M.Z. and J.G. --is it true? S.G. likes 8th grader W.S. D.B. likes 9th grader N.G. Good luck D.B.

S.W. is still going out with D.S. but it's rumored that he likes T.R. and also 6th grader B.M. Oh well.....

It seems there's been lots of parties at the homes of T.G., L.G. and L.G., at least every other week. K.K. --can ya keep up the pace? How 'bout you R.R.? By the way R.R., what happened between you and A.W.? Who next? T.G.? She wouldn't mind, neither would L.G. You really get around, don't ya R.R.!

Did ya know Willard and Bisquit are the same person? R.A.T., how weird can you get? A Bientot!



What Valentine's Day Is To Me!

To many people Valentine's Day is sending gifts, candy and Valentine's cards to their friends, relatives and neighbors. So here at Adams we wanted to get your opinion of Valentine's Day and here are a few of them:

- C.L.--Getting a chocolate marshmallow heart from my mother and then having her remember I hate them.
- M.R.--Working hours and hours on a Valentine card you're going to send to WABC to win a \$1,000, but instead you give it to your boyfriend because you think he's worth more.
- S.L.--Getting a Valentine card from your lover.
- L.F.--Being with the one you love.
- P.C.--Nothing!
- D.G.--Love.
- D.S.--Hoping that a certain someone sends you a Valentine card.
- S.H.--Suffering as I watch my family eat their Valentine candy.
- C.W.--Eating lots of candy.
- I.G.--Being halfway through the month of February.
- K.M.--When second graders get their first piece of mail.
- S.S.--Nothing!
- S.C.--Kisses, hearts, chocolate, lace and "Mommy, I love you."
- K.V.--My birthday.
- A.M.M.--Conversation hearts.
- P.C.--When I give my daddy underpants with red hearts all over 'em.
- C.W.--Being able to go over to your girlfriend's house on a week night and not having your old lady yell at ya!
- P.R.--Praying and hoping that a certain someone sends you a Valentine and not her.



Guess Who?

by Polly Reinhart

This student is in ninth grade and is on the staff of the "Advocate" and on the Drill Team.

She loves hot dogs and English muffin pizzas but hates Hungarian Goulash and Hamburger Helper. She loves to play the guitar and roller skate and is an understudy in the ninth grade play.

Now can you guess who this 5 year old is?



The Gym Show

The Gymnastic Show was originally going to be held sometime in March. Now it will be put on sometime towards the end of April. The girls have been working hard since before Christmas vacation, but they are only allowed to have the gym on Monday and Thursday afternoons for a half hour. On Tuesday Wednesday, and Thursday mornings the girls are able to go in and work out before school starts.

Mrs. McNeel and Miss Deter will be in charge of the show and are already working hard on it. The girls will be performing on the uneven bars, beam, ropes, vaulting, and on the mats. So keep your eyes and ears open for when this performance will go on.

SHOOT

by Maureen O'Laughlin
Leisa Bass

Almost everyday after school the John Adams basketball team stays until about 6:00 for practice. They practice dribbling, shooting, and sometimes have scrimmage games.

There are many energetic guys who put a lot of hard work and time in for the team. The first string consists of: Pete Cocuzzu, Ted Gierlich, Bob Buccino, Ed Williams, and Rob Funderburk.

Out of the ten games played so far, we have won four. The first was against Park and the second was against Linwood. Come on boys, we still have games left---Go get 'em!

Horoscopes!

Capricorn: Dec. 22 to Jan. 20
Sign of the Ram

Capricorns are generally hard working and driving. They like to run other people's lives and usually win where others fail. They easily advance and improve themselves. They could be called social climbers, are very realistic and definitely not day-dreamers.

Famous Capricorns:

Woodrow Wilson, Carl Sandburg, Humphrey Bogart, Nat King Cole, Ben Franklin, Ava Gardner, Barry Goldwater, Cary Grant, Howard Hughes, Joan of Arc, Martin Luther King, Mao Tse Tung, Issac Newton, Richard Nixon, Louis Pasteur, and Edgar Allen Poe.

Aquarius: Jan. 21 to Feb. 19
Sign of the Water Bearer

Really friendly but appear to be aloft. They are successful with working with people. Many become doctors or politicians. Very inquisitive, make good inventors. P.S. Kind of nutty!

Famous Aquarians:

Paul Newman, Norman Rockwell, Franklin Roosevelt, Francis Bacon, Lewis Carroll, Charles Darwin, Charles Dickens, Thomas Edison, Jimmy Durante, Jimmy Dean, Mia Farrow, Clarke Gable, Galileo, Jack Lemmon, and Abe Lincoln.

Pisces: Feb. 20 to Mar. 20
Sign of the Fish

Pisces are vague and dreamy. Female Pisces are very feminine. They can't stand being confined. They're not greedy. Are charming with a lazy good nature.

Famous Pisces:

Harry Belafonte, Enrico Caruso, Frederic Chopin, Albert Einstein, Jackie Gleason, Ted Kennedy, Michelangelo, Zero Mostel, Dinah Shore, Elizabeth Taylor, and George Washington.

Boy, Was I Scared When...

by Marlene Resnick

- L.F.--I was back in S.F.'s fort until 10:30 and my brother came in and said my father wanted me home Right Away.
- M.R.--I ripped up a detention slip in front of Mr. K. and the whole class, because I didn't feel I deserved it.
- J.G.--I decided to go to church during school with a name like Goldberg.
- C.L.--When I was on an out-trip at camp up in the mountains and I stepped on a mouse with my bare feet.
- L.E.--I was babysitting and I thought someone was picking the lock, but it really was only a cat.
- S.C.--I left school early with C.T. and we took a walk and came back at 3:15.
- C.T.--I was kidding around with my friend and relled up a fake joint. Her mother just happened to walk in and I quickly grabbed it and hid it behind my back hoping that she didn't see it.
- L.K.--When I was sick at home and my mother was opening up the mail and found a progress report and wondered what it was. I said maybe it was a report card.
- P.C.--I was swimming and all of a sudden I saw somebody diving from the high board and heading straight for my face.
- P.R.--I was at R.M.'s party and had to call my mother, because.....

Food at the Games

by Nancy Winder
Suzanne Young

What do you think about food at basketball games? This question was raised to many members of the student body and the faculty. It would mean extra money for the Student Council, which can always be used, and a possible rise in attendance and school spirit at the games. On the other hand, garbage could fall under the bleachers and around the gym, just making more work for the custodians. If the students do not co-operate and abuse the privilege, it really wouldn't be worth all the trouble. Here are some opinions:

- D.S.--"It would be a good way for the school to make money."
- S.S.--"It's a great idea as long as everyone throws their garbage away."
- M.S.--"I want it!"
- Mrs. S.--"If it can make a few dollars for the Student Council, yes! As long as they keep the floors clean."
- S.W.--"No, because if kids got mad at a team they will start chucking it at them."
- Mrs. O.--"It would be a pretty big mess for anyone who had to clean it up."
- C.M.--"No, because you're not there long enough to need something to eat."

Wrestling

by Joanne Goldberg

Wrestling is a contest between two persons each of whom tries to throw the other to the ground and pin him. Sounds complicated, huh? Well the John Adams freshman wrestling team works, practices, and strives to do just that. Before they are even able to compete in the matches, they must fulfill a number of qualifications. Each boy wrestles in a certain weight group, which he must maintain. The hair of the wrestlers must be above the ears and neck.

There are twelve starters on the team, each of whom wrestles a different weight class. Each boy must have a certain amount of strength, speed, and co-ordination. The members of the team must be trained well and acquire the knowledge of a number of moves.

The two coaches for the wrestling team are Mr. Zarro and Mr. Loyson. Their main jobs are to train the boys and prepare them for the matches, as well as keeping them physically in shape.

The wrestling matches are usually held once or twice a week. The attendance at the matches this year have been fairly good, but the team certainly appreciates the support of the school. The team's so far is 1 win and 5 losses. There are still quite a number of matches ahead as well as the Junior High School Tournament.

We would like to wish the entire team good luck in the future.

The team members include:

	weight class
Barry Drill	88 lbs.
John Beiter	98 lbs.
Richard Gigantiano	106 lbs.
Steven Clay	115 lbs.
Michael Farnell	123 lbs.
Neil Ritter	130 lbs.
Vincent Mistrretta	141 lbs.
Kevin Alston	157 lbs.
Steven Brody	168 lbs.
Kevin Kish	Heavyweight



Athlete of the Month Basketball

by Maureen O'Laughlin

This month the title of "Athlete of the Month" goes to an eighth grader. His name is Ed Williams. When I asked Mr. Garguilo why he chose Ed, he said that he is a great contribution to the team. In the game against Linwood, Ed scored 21 points. As Mr. Garguilo puts it, "Unfortunately he's going to Wilson next year."



Helpful Heads

by Debbie Lev and Diane Saturniewicz

As you all probably know, Miss Deter and Mrs. McNee are the advisors for cheerleading and drill team. These two teachers are responsible for the flags twirling at halftime which you may see or the shouts of cheers you may hear.

When we interviewed Miss Deter, here are some things we found out.

When Miss Deter was offered the job of teaching, she was also asked if she would be interested in being the cheerleading advisor. Obviously her answer was yes.

Her responsibilities are to organize and supervise practices and to attend all home and away games. She likes working with the girls on cheerleading and feels they all have their moments but generally speaking, they are a lot of fun. She also feels the girls on the most part are reliable, ambitious, most of the time cooperative and loaded with school spirit.

Miss Deter's main goal of this year is to get the 7th graders to have the chance to try out as well as the 8th graders. The reason behind this, as she puts it, is being that it is very difficult working with 12 new girls each year and it takes the girls nearly all of football and basketball season to perfect simple basic cheers.

Also the expenses of cheerleaders are great because they must buy their own shirt, shoes, megaphone, tights, socks, and sneakers. She feels that the entire uniform is too expensive for one year's wear. If a girl has two years experience in cheerleading in junior high, her chances for high school are even greater. Hopefully this plan will increase interest in cheerleading as well as their level of performance.

Mrs. McNee was also offered the job of drill team advisor and she too accepted, along with being a gym and health teacher. She helps to organize the girls and supervise at games. She feels the girls are cooperative and interested and they are ambitious and work well as a group, because they are full of school spirit. She says that one disadvantage is that the drill team doesn't get enough time and have a lack of space.

Mrs. McNee feels the same way as Miss Deter about the 7th graders trying out as of this year and doesn't want to have to keep teaching the routines over and over to the girls. If she has experienced girls on for more than one year, she will have help in doing so.

We'll we should all extend our congratulations on the supervision of both the drill team and cheerleading. Good Luck Miss Deter and Mrs. McNee and we hope your ideas pull through.

Athlete of the Month Wrestling

by Joanne Goldberg

The athlete of the month this year for wrestling is a very dedicated wrestler. His name is Steven Clay and as we all know, Steve would cut off his arm, his leg, even his hair (which he did) just to wrestle.

Steven said being athlete of the month is great and he seemed very proud. He wrestles in the weight class of 115 pounds. Steve thinks that the team is good, but they are not as good as they have been in previous years. He feels that this is due to the teams inexperience and the tough competition they must face.

Steve's personal improvements that he hopes to achieve is to become a more aggressive wrestler. His goal for the future is to become the first place winner in the Junior High School Tournament. He feels that this can only be accomplished through a lot of hard and determined work and plenty of prayer on the side!!!

When Steve was asked what "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat" meant to him, he replied, "When I lose it helps me to think about what I do wrong, but winning is great."

Steve's only comment was "I sure do miss my hair." I can only add that the entire "Advocate" staff wishes Steven Clay lots of luck in the future and we also hope that his dreams grow into realities.



Teacher of the Month

by Julie Gordon

If you're a stranger to Adams, and you happen to walk by the gym, you may see a pretty brunette, who is one of two female gym teachers. She's Mrs. McNee.

Mrs. McNee (once Miss Fisher) was brought up in Edison and attended Edison High School. She went to Missouri College in Marshall Valley, Missouri. She earned a B. S. degree, majoring in English, Physical Education, along with a minor degree in philosophy.

Mrs. McNee has taught at John Adams for six years. One of the things she likes most about it here is the enthusiasm and co-operation that most of the students give. One thing that does bother her is if a student gives up too easily and doesn't put enough effort into something he or she does.

Mrs. McNee likes to swim, play tennis, read, and she does some needlepoint. She has no specific plans for the future, but whatever they may be, we wish Mrs. McNee the best of luck.

A College Ref!

by Carol Lowell

I have some surprising news to tell you! Something that you probably never realized. Mr. Brownlee who's one of our guidance counselors, is an official college football referee.

Mr. Brownlee has been refereeing for the Eastern College and other games for 30 years. He specializes in field judging and works at the line of scrimmage. He rules on passes, backs in motion, offsides, pass interferences, out of bounds, clipping, personal foul, and illegal procedure. He has worked at being an umpire, fields judge, linesman, and back judge.

Mr. Brownlee has traveled to different parts of the U.S. because of his refereeing. He's traveled as far as Texas and California. Last year he was on television refereeing the game between the U of Massachusetts and the U of California. He's refed indoor sports at Convention Hall in Atlantic City, at the Boardwalk Bowl games. Altogether, He has worked at roughly 500 games.

When Mr. Brownlee was in high school in Passaic Valley High, he was involved in all sports, especially track. He attended medical school and wound up in pharmaceuticals. He received his B. S. in Guidance at Montclair State College. Before coming to Adams four years ago he taught and was a football coach at Rumson (N.J.) High.

Mr. Brownlee has the capability and fulfills the requirements for a principal. He was also offered a job with pro football, but turned it down to become one of our wonderful guidance counselors and we wouldn't ever want him to leave!

Faculty Basketball

On January 14, there was a faculty basketball game at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Our faculty consisted of teachers from J.P.S. and J.A. From J.P.S. there was Mr. Romanetz, Mr. Kantra, Mr. Collazo, Mr. Potasnick and some of the Drivers Ed. teachers. From J.A. there was Mr. Garguilo and Mr. Gustenhoven.

The game was close all the way, with St. Thomas ahead most of the time. With one minute and thirty seconds to go, Mr. Gustenhoven put in an offensive rebound to make the score 57-56 our favor. Now all our faculty had to do was to keep the ball away from St. Thomas and prevent them from scoring. I guess they did it, because we won.

Mr. Gustenhoven was the high scorer with thirteen points, and Mr. Garguilo had eight points.

Mr. Brownlee

