



Gym Show's Success

Amy Packer
On April 13, 1973, the J.A. gym show was held. About 400-500 people attended. Mrs. McNee says, "It was the best audience we ever had." The show started off with a special warm-up exercise and a mass tumbling routine performed by all of the girls. Next came vaulting and then group floor routines and dual stunts. Next came individual routines on the balance beam, uneven parallel bars, and floor. After the individuals, some of the boys performed a "comedy routine." The show was ended with a presentation of flowers and plaques to Mrs. McNee and Miss Deter.

Strikes and Spires

Every Thursday afternoon, the Intramural Bowling League meets in the Brunswick Lanes on Oak Tree Road. It costs the members \$1.50 a week for three games and shoe rentals. Each team consists of two men and the handicap is fitted to the team's overall average.

At this time, the members are in their second session. In the lead at this time is the team of Dave Elias and Josh Rosenblatt. In the first session, Scott Yellen and Steve Machlis won the trophy for first place. Trophies are also given out for high game, high series, and high average. Mr. Stazko and Mr. Kenny, who bowl against each other, are the advisors.

Wrestling Review

This year, the wrestling team's record was 1 win and 9 losses. This was the worst record for any wrestling team at Adams. It's not that our team was so bad, it's that the other teams were better.

The team won the first match against Churchill of East Brunswick, 39 to 19, but the team should have won more. They lost to Hoover by 1 point, 30 to 29 and they lost to Scotch Plains by 6 points.

Since the 7th and 8th grade team won 9 and lost 1, maybe next year we will have a winning wrestling team.

Athlete of the Month - Track

Caryn Zazula

For this issue of the Advocate, the track athlete of the month is Robert Funderburk, otherwise known as "bird" or "big bird." Bob runs the half mile and has been long jumping and high jumping. In the latter event, he broke the school record of 5'9", which hasn't been broken in 11 years, by jumping 5'10".

When asked "What event or events do you enjoy the most and why?", he replied, "Well it's like this. I enjoy the high jump the most because it is a beautiful thing to do and I don't have any competition at that event."

When asked why he likes track, he replied, "Because people like Mr. Simonelli and Mr. Reilly push me on to do it and that's what started me doing it."

The last question we asked Bob was, "Are you going to join the J.P. Stevens track team?" He said a definite "Yes! We will have a beautiful high jump and relay team."

The staff of the Advocate would like to congratulate Bob and wish him luck in future years to come.

Athlete of the Month - Baseball

Carol Lowell and Debbie Lev

Although this month's athlete is involved in other sports, he excels in baseball and that's why eighth grader Bob Buccini was chosen "Athlete of the Month" for baseball. When asked about how he felt being chosen, he replied, "It feels good and I'm really glad."

Bob has been playing baseball for as far back as he remembers. He started playing on Little League a few years back on the Majors. He has worked his way up and now plays on the Patriots which is in the Senior League. In both Little League and in school, the positions he plays are pitcher, catcher, centerfield, and sometimes shortstop. He attributes his success to Mr. Baroquero, the school coach, and Mr. Adams, his Little League manager four years ago. His greatest improvement this year has been made in fielding.

Bob practices everyday, if not with school, then with Little League. When we asked him what he thought of the team and the team's equipment, he said he thought they were "pretty good." Bob pitched a no hitter against Hubbard Jr. High in Plainfield this year. Bob's a pretty good sport because he said, "I don't feel too bad when we lose. It just makes me want to win more next time."

Bob's favorite major league player is Hank Aaron, so it makes it pretty obvious that his favorite team is the Braves. He feels proud that he was given "Athlete of the Month" and hopes to continue playing baseball. He's not exactly sure of what he wants to do with his career in the future but whatever he wishes, the best of luck and good wishes go with him.

Move Those Legs

Nicolina Genova

The Track team has not yet finished their season, but this is the last issue of the Advocate so we have to write a review now. Well, here it goes.

As of May 10, 1973, the track record stands at two wins and five losses. Our top scorers are Rob Funderburk, Kevin Alston, Daryl Lester, Ted Gierlich, and Mike Lee.

The major events in track are pole vaulting, shotput, discus, javelin, high jump, long jump, and of course the mile, ½ mile, 220, etc.

Boy's Volleyball

If you casually wander into the gym any Monday or Thursday from 3:30 to 4:10, you might just come across a group of boys hitting a ball over a net. If you're wondering what is going on, the boys are playing intramural volleyball.

The coach is Mr. Breitenbach. He stands there, whistle in hand, and coaches, referees, and keeps score. There are basically 2 teams, made up of 6 to 8 players. These teams have both 8th and 9th graders on them.

There will be a game coming up very shortly against the teachers. This game should be very interesting because both teams are very good!

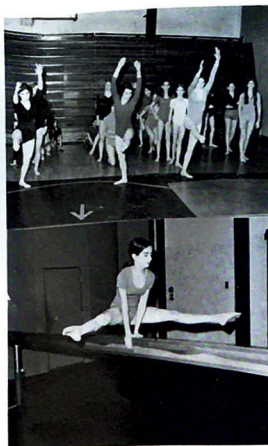
Drill Team 73-74

Diane Saturniewicz

Well it's that time of year again when 8th grade girls try-out for a position on the John Adams Drill Team. These girls attend four clinics during which the ninth graders from the drill team teach the girls the basics of twirling. They are taught such terms and moves as fake switch, sidewheel, pinwheel, etc. Besides these terms the girls must learn a required routine and also make a one minute routine on their own. The girls are judged mainly on their poise appearance, originality, timing, ability, and strutting. We wish each one trying out the best of luck.

Spring Soccer

Every Saturday and Sunday since the beginning of March, a group of about 20 boys between the ages of 12 and 14, play soccer in the Raritan Valley Soccer League. The team is coached by Mr. R. Schadler and Mr. T. Gregory. Despite good coaching and fine playing, the team's record is one win and four losses. The only victory for the team was a one - nothing shutout over the Sayerville team. Although it has been a disappointing half of the season, the end of the season promises to be different.



Cross-Country Review

Last fall, like every fall, John Adams had a cross-country team. The guys on the team ran long distances. Mr. Reilly, the coach, felt the team would have done better had there been more 9th graders. The 7th and 8th graders were not able to compete successfully against the 9th graders from other teams.

Mr. Reilly also feels that where other sports are played, running is worked at and there just aren't enough athletes interested in real work. So get to it, future cross-country runners.

Faculty Volleyball

Every Friday after school the gym is filled with enthusiastic, spirited volleyball players, otherwise known as the J.A. faculty. The teachers who participate include Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. McNee, Miss Shimshack, Miss Lopazanski, Mr. Martensen, Mr. Gargiulo, Mr. Kupcha, Mr. Harvest, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Monastersky, Mr. Weinfield, and Mr. Stock.

The teachers are pretty good. They're not ready for the Olympics but they enjoy themselves. So, if you're ever in school on a Friday at 3:30, stop in the gym and take a seat. I think you'll be surprised!

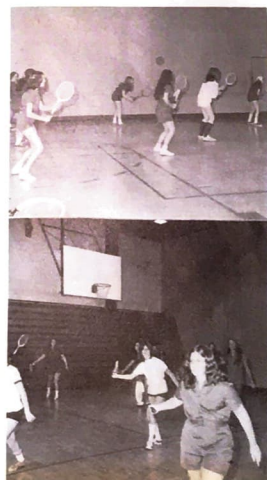


New Sports In Gym

Ann Marie Murray

At the beginning of the year the ninth grade girls were told they'd be playing tennis and archery. As you know tennis is being taught in the gym classes now and it is very crowded. Mrs. McNee and Miss Deter decided to play tennis because they figured girls are more interested in tennis than in soccer. Tennis will not be played after school.

The girls will not be playing archery in the gym classes because there is not enough equipment and there is not enough interest among the girls. They will be able to play after school. Tennis will be the last



Swing Those Bats

Polly Reinhart and Carol Lowell

John Adams would like to extend their congratulations to Mr. Barroquero on his fine job with this year's baseball team. As of May 10, J.A. has played eight games and has won four, lost three, and tied one.

In early April cuts were made and the following boys were chosen for the freshmen team:

Jim Black	Bob Napoliello
Bob Buccino	Keith Plaskon
Charlie Catania	Brian Smith
Pete Cocuzza	Dan Sweeny
Dave DaSilva	Bob Suvoy
Bill Donoughe	Jim Thomas
Rich Gigantino	John Varrelman
Wayne Loux	Steve Wagner
John McGowen	Ed Williams
Vinnie Mistretta	

Home games are usually held at Merrill Park, however, a few are played at the North Edison Little League fields. The first game was lost against Thomas Jefferson, 6-5. The second game we beat Union, 3-1, runs scored by Loux and Wagner. The third game we were shut out by St. Joe's, 9-0, but made up for it with Buccino's no hitter game against Plainfield, 9-0. We beat Linwood (North Brunswick), 8-6, at a home game, but lost to Madison Twp., 2-1. Our town rival, Hoover, was beaten by the freshmen team, 3-2. The game against East Brunswick was tied, 7-7. No extra innings could be played because the field was reserved for Little League. Wayne Loux hit the first home run of the season at that game. The games against South River and Cranford were rained out. The Perth Amboy game was won by a forfeit.

Good luck to the team in future games, and congratulations on your fine playing so far!

Track Managers

Nicolina Genova
Deana Gelman

The track managers this year consist of six ninth grade girls. Our devoted managers are Deana Gelman, Nicolina Genova, Caryn Zula, Sandee Griffith, Valerie Huber, and last but not least Laurie Rudin. Val and Laurie are the only additions to the cross country managers.

The six girls divide up into pairs so that there are two managers for each group of events; jumping, running and weights.

They all love being managers and think the team is a great bunch of boys. They are also very devoted to their coach. Our beloved coach is Mr. Reilly, who doubles as a liberated Industrial Arts teacher. Mr. Reilly has been coaching at Adams for three years, but for six years before that he coached soccer and tennis at Edison High.

Mr. Reilly feels that the team has "some very good individuals but we're weak in a few events that hurt our record."

Oh well coach. Good luck team. Keep up the good work.



Keep Those Records Straight

Perhaps you've been to a J.A. baseball game and have seen two girls marking down all the hits, errors, sacrifices, etc., that have occurred throughout the game. Then maybe you should know that these girls are Wendy Kaplan and Carol Lowell, the managers for the John Adams baseball team. At the beginning of the season, Scott Yellen and Billy Marko were also managers but left because of circumstances.

Wendy's and Carol's job is to keep score, do the statistics, and duplicate the line-up cards. They trade every other inning for keeping score and while one keeps score, the other one watches the action. When they were asked what they thought about the team, they replied, "They're a great bunch of guys who put out their best efforts to win."

They became baseball managers by requesting last year and they also attended the first meeting this year. We'd like to thank Wendy and Carol for their help and we hope next year's baseball managers have as good a time next years as Wendy and Carol had this year!

P.S. The boys are encouraged to do better when people route them on so come out and support your team!!!



Dribbling Thru the Season

The J.A. basketball team had its ups and downs this season, winning its first game, then losing the next six, and then coming back by winning the last six out of seven games. The members of the team were:

Rob Funderburk	Mark Bideau
Bob Buccino	Chris Eckert
Ted Gierlich	Tom Gotz
Pete Cocuzza	Russ Madore
Rob Meagher	Ed Williams
Steve Cobb	Charles Catania
Rich Roche	Gary Folhamus
Rich Goldman	Dave Freeman

The starting five were Rob Funderburk, Bob Buccino, Ted Gierlich, Pete Cocuzza, and Ed Williams. The team's managers were George Mitro, Sue Charlip, Wendy Kaplan, Jeanne Morris, and Toni Zoppo. These managers kept track of rebounds, points scored, etc. The team captain was Pete Cocuzza. It was a good season because we won the last 6 out of 7 games. The hardest team that they played was Jefferson, to whom they played twice and lost.

The most improved players this season were Ted Gierlich, Steve Cobb, and Rob Funderburk. The one who contributed the most was Rob Funderburk. Bob Buccino, who averaged 15 pts. a game and Rob Funderburk, who averaged 16 pts. a game, were the team's 2 highest scorers. The crowds this year were good and we hope to have the same next year.

This Year In Football. . .

Joanne Goldberg

This year, the John Adams Freshman Football Team finished the season with a record of 1 win, 6 losses, and 1 tie. The Knights first-almost victory came when they tied Carteret 6-6. The Knights then went on to beat Perth Amboy in a home game 21-0.

Mr. Gargiulo, the freshman coach, compiled a list in which he named this year's outstanding players. They are the following:

Line: Chris Marzella
Jim Black
Jim Thomas
Backs: Mike Farnell
Rob Funderburk
William Bryant
Horace Thomas
Defense: Jay Beiter
Rich Gigantino
Brent Vivers

Mr. Gargiulo added that in his opinion Mark Baumgardner and Chris Marzella are the most valuable players. The reason for this is because he feels they are two very good players.

Only 23 dedicated boys finished out the long season. This year in football for Adams, was one of strenuous and hard work, and the result was many games in which we were "so close but yet so far!!"

Winners Announced

Polly Reinhart
Every Thursday night from 6:30 to 9:00. Mrs. McNee and Miss Deter carefully ump girls basketball games. In November, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade girls made up their own teams, each consisting of 5 to 10 players. Games are no longer held and the team that won all their seven games got a trophy. The captain of this team is Cheryl Kennedy. Congratulations to Cheryl and her team.

Cheerleaders 73-74

Cheerleading tryouts were held on May 21, 1973. About 60 girls attended the clinics that were held before the tryouts. At tryouts, the girls were required to do specific jumps, splits, cartwheels, and cheers. This year, unlike any other year there will be 24 girls picked and 4 alternates. This is because there will be 2 squads, 1 for John Adams and 1 for Wilson. Congratulations to all those girls who made it.



A collage of numerous black and white photographs depicting various scenes of student life. The photos are arranged in a dense, overlapping manner. Key scenes include: a large group of students in athletic wear posing for a team photo; students participating in various sports like basketball, volleyball, and track; students in classroom or study hall settings; students at social events or dances; and individual portraits of students. The collage captures a wide range of activities and moments from a school year.

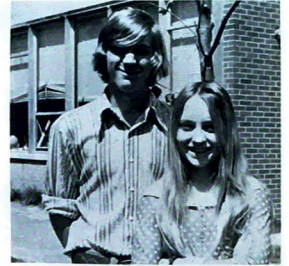
HALL OF FAME

Best Acting



Chris Wright
Joanne Goldberg

Cutest Couple



Bob Suvoy
Polly Reinhart

Best Students



Scott Berman
Sue Young

Best Dancers



Scott Yeller
Charlene Wans

Hotwater Kids



Jim Knowlton
Diane Chapman

Most Likely To Succeed



Kevin Motley
Julie Gordon

Class Wits



Sue Charlip
George Mitro

Best Athletes



Rob Funderburk
Charlene Wans

Best Dressed



Jay Beiter
Cathy Taub

Best Personality



Rob Funderburk
Donna Decker

