

Nurse — Peggy Adams

The Nurse Is Busy From All Our Excuses

"Hey Marc," whispered Susan, "did you study for the test?"

"Oh, No," cried Marc, "I completely forgot! But suddenly I feel really sick. I'd better go to the nurse."

This conversation was anything but rare in our high school. Approximately 40 students were admitted into the nurse's office throughout a given day. As many as ten were allowed to sleep in the office. There were three cots and they were all generally filled.

What excuses did they use, you ask? Mrs. Adams, the nurse, said, "The most common and overused excuse was the stomach ache and, of course, headaches." As we all know, there is no way the nurse could really tell whether or not a student was truly sick. But one of the zaniest injuries was that of a

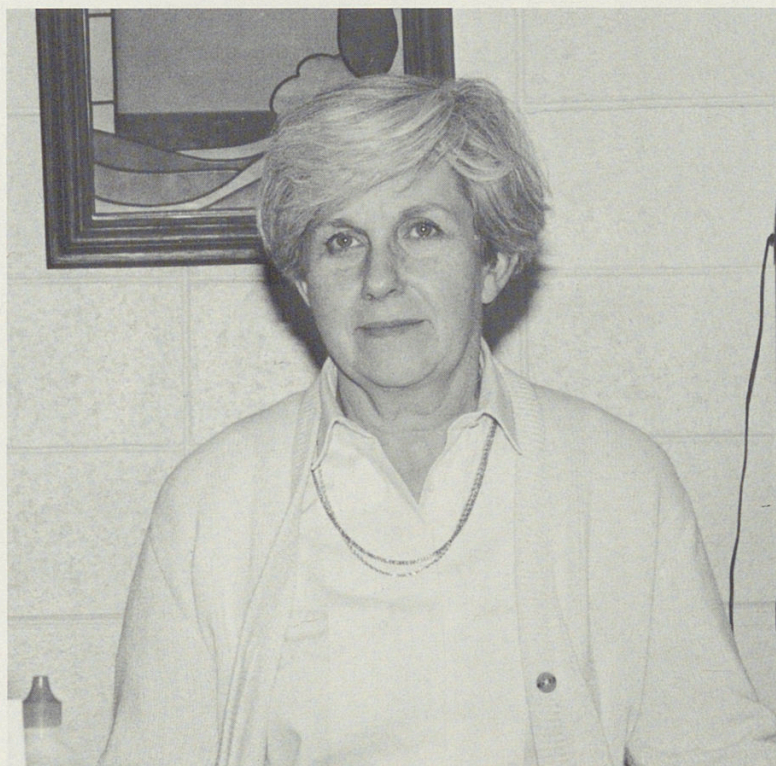
girl who said she twisted her knee while sliding in mud inside a cave.

What happened if someone showed up too often? If she saw someone come in too often, she would report it to their counselor or the teacher who let them come in. This way she could find the problem and possibly a solution.

For the honest people who sent in, an average of ten to twelve got to go home and watch their favorite cartoons. Although this number varied between each season, it usually stayed around ten.

So there was never any reason to be shy or afraid to come. Mrs. Adams never turned anyone away, if one had an honest intent. So a word to the wise, the next time try to study!

By Karen Tasch



Jason Ogresivich, Teri Farmer, and Jackie Jarvis wait patiently outside the nurse's office.

Scott Parrish explains to Mrs. Adams his illness and why he MUST go home.

