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## WORTH, WEGNER, ROSS APPOINTED STATE PAGE BOYS

State Senators, William A. Butcher, and John S. Gonas, appointed three Adams boys to perform the duties of pages at the present session of Indiana's legislature. Those chosen for the honor were Bob Wegner, Don Ross, and Dick Worth.

The boys were all at Indianapolis at different times, but their duties were similar. They were required to sign up on arrival, and to wear badges presented to them. The sessions opened at 11:00 a.m., recessed at noon, and began again at 1:00 p.m.

Senate chambers consist of three rows with a page seated at the front of each one. Their duties ranged from carrying bills to the secretaries' desks, to delivering copies throughout the building.

Debating went on constantly over sections of bills or conflicting feelings toward submitted bills, each making up the state-wide problems facing the legislative body.

When Bob and Don were asked if any one member stood out in their minds, it was unanimously agreed that Senator Vermillion took the prize. He was minority leader of the house, and seemed to be quite an orator.

The boys agree that their trip, consisting of work, fun, and little sleep, will long remain as a high light in their life.

KATINKA!

## Junior Class Problems Discussed At Council

Latest student council projects of major importance were the collection of two cents from each student for recreation equipment and secretarial aids, and the discussion of possibilities of a junior prom in future years and a junior party for the class of '48.

Unofficial reports from the treasurer, Rodney Million, list the total collected for the council fund as \$12. A meeting of the representatives and special class members of each junior home room was held to discuss and plan for the junior party.

A system of student operated hall control, before and after school, has been in the making for several weeks. The idea will be put into operation soon with each home room responsible for its functioning.

KATINKA!

## WILL GUIDE SOPHS FOR YEAR



Sophomore class officers elected last week are, left to right: Jerry Freels, president; Connie Hudson, secretary; Dick Booth, vice-president; and Patricia Murray, treasurer.

This group represent the first officers elected in several years by a sophomore group. Story in column one.

## UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE OFFERS PROFITABLE POST-WAR OPPORTUNITIES

Enlistments in the New Naval Reserve (Inactive), known as the V-6 Voluntary Enlistment program are now being taken. This program for men between the ages of 17-18½ and 29-40 is something entirely new. If the draft law ceases, those between 18½-29 will be eligible.

The reservist is under no obligation whatever to leave home or school for active duty in time of peace. (The present period is considered as "Time of Peace"). However, at his own request, he may apply for transfer to an Organized Reserve Division or Air Squadron if there is one located in the vicinity. These divisions and squadrons meet one evening a week or on weekends for approximately two hours and pay is given for each meeting attended. A member of the Organized Reserve is issued Naval uniforms and is trained by experienced veterans in many trades which will be valuable to him in civilian life.

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For any additional information, contact the Navy Recruiting Station in the Post Office Building.

## CLASS OF '49 HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sophomores Choose Freels  
To Run Activities;  
Booth Assists

Results of the sophomore officer election as announced by Mr. McNamara are: Jerry Freels, President; Vice-President, Dick Booth; Secretary, Connie Hudson; and Treasurer, Pat Murray.

The home room sponsors of the sophomore class and Mr. McNamara decided to organize a nominating committee to elect these class officers. The committee members were: 101, Joan Heddens; 208, Norma Shultz; 106, Ed Condon; and 204, James McClusky.

The committee met February 26, 27, and 28. Nominations were made by ballot. Those nominated for president were: Delores Kint, Mac Bussert, and Jerry Freels. Vice-president nominations were: Norma Rush, Janet Shulmier, and Dick Booth. Those nominated for secretary were: DeVon Frash, Mary Louise Schwier, and Connie Hudson. Nominations for treasurer included: Joan Heddens, Joan Goffney, and Pat Murray.

## STUDENT FORUM ASKS FOR IDEAS ON FLOWERS

A poll was taken in the junior and senior home rooms of Adams. The question asked was "Do you want fresh flowers for school sponsored dances?" It also asked the reasons for the answer given.

This poll was similar to one put on in each South Bend High School sponsored by the Forum of Student Affairs, a group of students representing the South Bend high schools.

The outcome of the poll, which was for flowers, decided nothing definite but only gave the Forum a basis on which to work.

John Adams' student representatives to the Forum are Pat Center, Jerry Gibson, and Pat Kissinger.

## INDIANA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PLAY ENDS SATURDAY

The Indiana High School basketball tournament will end next weekend with one winner of some 750 teams being selected after a gruelling four week grind which has eliminated all but four teams from the race.

From one of these four teams will come the winner when the schools meet at Indianapolis Saturday afternoon and night. The three games will be played in the large Butler fieldhouse in the Capitol City.

The four semi-final centers represented Saturday are Indianapolis, Bloomington, Muncie, and South Bend's representative from Lafayette.

## Calling Cards, Announcements, Caps And Gowns Being Ordered By Seniors

The Adams seniors are in a flurry of activity! There are many matters to be taken care of before they graduate that require advance preparation. Announcements and calling cards have already been ordered in the home rooms and this week, money is being collected for the rental of caps and gowns. A committee consisting of Lois Lenon, Sue LaFollette, Joan Hassan, Frances Walls, and Marjorie Soelch picked out the announcement, then each senior ordered as many announcements as he wished. Calling cards were chosen by each student from a sales portfolio which offered many varieties of engraved and printed cards. Students in each room were appointed to handle these jobs and they have been doing a splendid job. Salesmen in each senior home room are Jeanette Graf, and Joan Hassan in 102, Sue LaFollette and Frances Walls in 103, Joe Catanzarite in 107, Don Howell in 108, and Marjorie Soelch in 207.

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR SCHOOL PAPER?

(An editorial taken from "The National Echo" and written by The Indian Post, Gaffney High School, Gaffney, S. C.)

What are you doing for your school paper? The school paper is one of the most important projects in school life. It tells the public what type students the school has, and it reflects their thoughts, ideals, and attitudes.

Each student can make a definite contribution to his school paper. Many students don't contribute to their paper because they "can't write." Writing articles isn't the only contribution that a student can make to his paper, however.

Students who are journalisticly inclined can do a great deal for their paper. By applying themselves diligently to the study of journalism as a subject, they can write

articles, gather news, and "make-up" the paper in true journalistic style.

Students who are not particularly interested in journalism can also contribute to their paper. They can be on the lookout for news, features, sports, or anything they think would make an interesting story, and then report it to some member of the editorial staff.

When a student says he "isn't interested" in the school paper, initiative is the quality lacking, not interest. Each student should have sufficient initiative and interest in school activities to contribute in some way to his school paper. What are you doing for yours?

## G. A. A. Girls "Give 'Em Business" In Tournies

Do you realize that the twenty-five concession workers at the regionals and sectionals sold one coke for every mile of the Rhine River?

And do you know that these G. A. A. girls sold more bags of potato chips that you and I could eat if we ate one bag every day for 12 years? That three times as many potato chips were sold than popcorn or peanuts?

Every person in Belgium could be given an ice cream bar with the number sold during the tournaments.

Do you know how Miss Bauer could tell there were more adults at the regionals than at the sectionals? Because at the regionals no one cracked his coke cup!

## SPRING COMES FRIDAY

This Friday will be the first day of spring. Spring comes every year with its traditional robins, blooming flowers, and green grass. But spring can hold more in store for everyone than just the beauties of nature.

Man's life is often compared to the seasons of the year. In the spring he is born and gets a glimpse of life. In the summer he grows and becomes more acquainted with life. In the fall he has reached a mature stage and has tried to achieve his goal in life. In the winter he has had his fill and therefore, dies.

The spring is the most beautiful part of life. When spring appears each year, something new is brought with it, and something old disappears. So should one look to spring as his pattern for life. When man thinks of spring, he should think of forgetting all old grievances and quarrels and begin to make new friendships and to be pleasant in life. For the year will procede more readily and happily if it were not burdened with remorse and unkindness and a troubled conscience.

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## SILLY SONGS SEEM SENSELESS SO SAYS — AW NUTS, READ ON

by Paul Chalfant

Among the popular songs of America there seem to be two classes: the ones that make little sense and the ones that make no sense. Just to get an idea of how silly they are let's look at some of their titles. "The Lamplighter"—Now I ask you, does that sound like the name of a song?

"How are Things in Glocco Morro"—pfffft!

"The Anniversary Song"—All right, so a song writer had an anniversary, why should he bore us with it?

"(I Love You) For Sentimental Reasons"—Logical isn't it?

"To Each His Own"—Well, that's fair.

"I Love You"—Well, at least that sounds halfway sensible.

"Guilty"—This was evidently published first in Judge.

"And So To Bed"—I'm getting a little bored myself.

"Managua Nicaragua"—see, "How are Things in Glocco Morro."

That ought to give you a small idea of what popular songs are like. If the above has not completely nauseated you, see me for my comments on the lyrics. I will gladly give them to you for 25 cents and the top off of your favorite band. Oh yes, the second group. Just see "Symphony," "Oh, But I Do," and to be sure, "Open the Door Richard"—(sometimes known as "Swing Wide the Portal, Ricardo.")

Just to finish this article, I have written my own popular (?) song lyric.

"Framis on the Apday"  
 (Nobody will copyright it)  
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 (repeat above three times)  
 And a freedle discombobulation.  
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 (repeat above until you get sick and tired of it)  
 And a carbo sybanite.

If you ever find happiness by hunting for it, you will find it as the old woman did her lost spectacles, safe on her own nose all the time.

—Josh Billings.



Believe me, John Roys seems to be having a little difficulty in evenly dividing his attentions between Merrilyn Zimmer and Merrilyn's sister, Betty.

On the Adams' sick list: Eddie Anderson, Dick Jensen, and Gene Balok. Gee whiz, kids, snap-into it. We miss you!

Congratulations to Rosie Lahey who is to be married in June.

Believe me, Idamae Fisher is really learning how to "bowl" the men over.

Surprise couples:

Glen Personette and Mary Lou Swank, Don Lambert and Doris Eberhardt, Russ Ohlheiser and June Zesinger, and Nick Nichols and Patty Bonnell.

Believe me, Donna Chambers really had a lush date March 8, in the form of Larry Funston.

Nominated for the "cutest little wolf of the season" award—Bob Wegner.

Attention all girls: See Nancy Chappell or Dorothy Bothast if you are interested in having a date with Louie Rosenberg. (He has a new car!)

Believe me, these couples have been seen together quite a bit lately: Dick Truex and Bobbie Wagner, Roger Teska and La Rue Locsmondy, and Karen Hennings and Carlisle Parker.

Did you know:

That Don Howell and Jerome Perkins (Central basketball star) are the best of friends?

That Dick Worth has really been seeing a lot of Joan Henderson?

That Joan Dibble won't get to put full weight on her leg 'till July?

That John Ruffner has a fan club?

Question of the week:

What was the bet that Katie De-long had with Dick Fohrer?

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 And two legs before;  
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**TOUCHE! WHAT SCANDEL HAVE WE  
HERE? SECRETS OF '44 REVEALED**

Looking back over an old Nunerite, (the Nuner school paper) one may find many interesting facts, especially when the date goes back to February, 1944 when the present class of seniors ruled the roost at JFN.

That was about the time that "Ricardo" (Fred Wegner) was trying to hook "Anita" (Nancy Giordano), and when Fred's little brother entered junior high to follow in his older kin's footsteps as being a "wolf". (How history repeats itself!!)

Mary Lou Swank and Nick Nichols were going strong—John Roys courted Lois Lenon but constantly talked of "Joan". Also at this time, Pat Bonnell had her Cecil Colbert.

Turning from "Via the Grapevine" to the "Inquiring Reporter", the question was, "What Would You Like To Be If You Could?" John Ruffner answered, "The pencil that wrote the note that entertained Cecil Colbert, written by Frances Wilson." In the "Just Imagine" column, Lois Lenon was listed as not having any gum, hasn't changed much has she?

Now for the April issue—my, my, Roland Fye sure has changed, in 1944 he hated women—John Roys, well-l, and Dewey More never mentioned them, pro or con. Also at this time, Mary Lou Barnes had admirers in Bill Fultz, Ellis Robbins, and Dick Evans. Little John Horvath and Shirley Gorsuch were going together, Bobby Wegner was hooked by Nancy, and Dale Litherland had a path beaten in Norma Schultz's door.

Along about this time, "Butch" haircuts came into fashion with the offenders being John Roys, Dewey More, Bill Fultz, Fred Wegner, and Jim McNeile. The girls went into action and wore their hair in "up-sweeps", pigtails, and adorned it with the largest hairbows that they could find.

**A Word to the Wise**

A one-pound box of candy is an appropriate gift for a girl who has no brothers.

If she has brothers, add two pounds for each brother.

My motto is: Contented with little, yet wishing for more.

—Charles Lamb.

The current song hit, sung by Nancy Giordano, and published in the Nunerite was:

"Will I ever find the boy on my mind,  
The one who is my ideal?  
Maybe he is a dream, but yet he may be—  
at 2022 Mishawaka Avenue."

Freddie Wegner, in his 2022 home, sang the same melody and contrasting lyrics only added the address of 1222 So. 25th Street.

Turning to the April "Inquiring Reporter," the question asked was, "What would you like the Easter bunny to bring you?" Ted High replied, "A better girl to take to the wrestling matches." Dewey More just wanted an Easter bunny, and Joyce Huffman wanted someone who could help her get a career book in on time.

Weren't those the good old days? These should be fond memories, but remember, The Tower cannot be sued for libel because we couldn't pay off.



- Wed. Mar. 19—Class of '48 orders jewelry Drama Club Meeting
- Thur. Mar. 20—Hi-Y
- Tues. Mar. 25—Report cards come out.

No matter what other vocation a man may have, his chief vocation is to think.—Channing.

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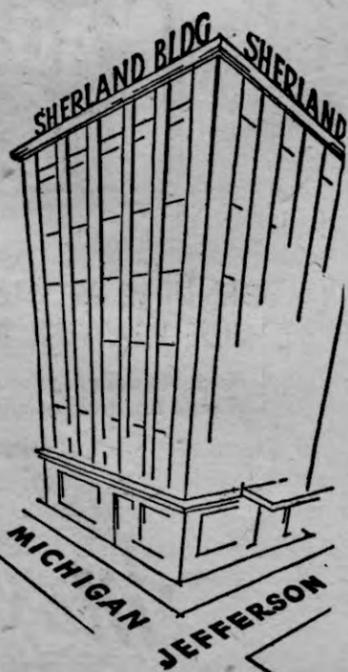


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**TOW HEADED GENE RING HERO-OF BEAR'S TRAMP THROUGH REGIONALS**

There's a shining Ring on Central coach Bob Primmer's hand, and he goes by the name of Gene. Gene Ring, that is, the boy who has won all conference honors in football, the blonde kid from the near west side who has done the most for South Bend basketball in the last season.

Genial Gene is a pressure player with plenty of get up and go. He is at his best when the chips are down. Central's former coach, the fabulous Johnny Wooden, now coach of Indiana State's Sycamores, labeled Gene as South Bend's greatest all-around school-boy athlete. Few will disagree with Coach Wooden's opinion.

Ring connected with 33 points in the regional, 23 of which were scored in one game.

Through the hard knocks of regional play it wasn't Ernie Bond, Jerome Perkins nor "Gorgeous George" Clauson who kept the Bears in the running for the state crown, it was crew-cut, toe-head Gene Ring who kept the candles burning at both ends. If Perkins and his colleagues had been on during the regional play, Central could undoubtedly have choose her own score.

Lack of reserves may have worn the Bears down at Lafayette. The downtowners have an iron man first team, but when it comes to reserves, they are a below par ball club. Ernie Bond and George Clauson at the forwards are tops, enough can't be said for Ring and Jerome Perkins the stellar guards. "Posey" Flowers and "Swede" Jensen share the pivot post, but neither is a Sam Ranzino, the Gary high school boy with the professional ball handling.

If Central did get by Ray Ragelis, East Chicago Washington's "Wonder Man," Adams wishes her luck down state, and even if the Bears met their Waterloo at Purdue it's a toast to a great Central team from a heated rival during the regular season, John Adams.

All of the animals, excepting man, know that the principal business of life is to enjoy it.

—Samuel Butler.

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**BASKETBALL BOYS NAME ALL-OPPONENT PLAYERS**

Two Central Stars Put On First Five; Rhoutsong Highly Rated

The ten basketball players who dressed for the sectional tournament teamed with coach Powell and manager Eddie White to name the 1947 All-Opponent five. A rating of ten points for first place votes and five for second brought about this team which should hold its own against most any opposition.

No player received unanimous first string votes, although Gene Ring of Central was named on every ballot. Mishawaka's Rhoutsong was named on ten first string teams but failed to get recognition from two selections. Another player who got all first place votes but did not have enough total points to make the first team was Earl Dahl for LaPorte.

The players and school with total points in parenthesis are:

- FIRST FIVE—  
 Gene Ring, Central (110)  
 Noble Rhoutsong, Mishawaka (100)  
 Jerome Perkins, Central (85)  
 Robert Fennimore, Washington (70)  
 Eugene Wade, LaPorte (65)  
 SECOND FIVE—  
 Clifford Foster, Riley (45)  
 James Linn, Elkhart (45)  
 Earl Dahl, LaPorte (40)  
 Daniel Nespo, Michigan City (35)  
 Ernest Bond, Central (35)  
 Arthur Chapman, Goshen (35)

Other players mentioned were: Simonton, LaPorte (30); Huss, Washington-Clay (25); Heeter, Elkhart (25); Overholser, Riley (20); Alexander, Washington, Murray, Elkhart, and Harley, Mishawaka (15); Reed, Culver, and Robertson, Washington (10). Receiving five points were: Alsop, LaPorte; Alban, LaPorte; Clausen, Central; Ciolek, Michigan City; Goralczyk, Washington; and Flowers, Central.

Golfer: "Notice any improvement since last year?"

Caddy: "Had your clubs shined up, haven't you, sir?"

**"Old Timers" After Hides Of Crowe's "Young'ins"**

Coach Jim Crowe's 1947 hopefuls will get their big chance one of these next few days. Their first opponent will be a group of "old timers".

Hillie Howell, George Krovitch, and Chris Vlahakis will be the "old timers" big guns. Coach Krovitch says that team is rounding into shape quite successfully.

Some of the "characters" who have signed up are Al Clark, Dick Cormican, Dewey More, John Leonard, Rod Million, and last but not least, that terror, the man with the rippling biceps and jack rabbit you can sit down now Gordon. "The Terrible" Wheatley. (O.K., you ca nsit down now Gorden).

Be sure to see this game—the big battle of the century. The New York papers will probably send a correspondent to cover the event.

the teacher. "Look at me. I've got to stay here till I'm 65!"

Teacher: "Willie, spell weather."

Willie: "W-I-E-T-H-O-U-R."

Teacher: "Sit down, Willie. That

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Muscular "Hercules" Hoose, Adams perfect example of a Charlie Atlas course, has decided to give football a chance. "Herky" says he will be a leading candidate for a guard position on coach Jim Crowe's charges.

Jim "Birdie" Sennett may be declared ineligible for further high school golf competition. The two time winner of the city junior golf championship and pride and joy of the Sennett household is attending Adams in the morning and is journeying down to Central to take some courses at Indiana Extension two afternoons a week.

How would you like to have three fellows lined up against you like Jim Baer, Bill Smitz, and Bill Gooley? Each of those fellows are over 200 pounds and each is out for football. Boy, those guys would give Major Brothers some competition.

That big hunk o' man, the "Galloping Ghost" of home room 109 Chick Goodrick is going to be wear the colors of the red and blue on the cinder paths this spring.

Jerry Freels came out with the latest pun when he offered me a match box with "Free Lights by Freels" written on it.

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