



Kent Keller Named Valedictorian

Naomi Ross Takes Salutatorian Honor

Naomi Ross, 1433 Sunnymede Avenue, niece of Miss Ruth Piser, ranks in second place in the 1955 graduating class.

Naomi has maintained an interest in four areas in addition to earning high marks in her subjects. As a member of the Band and the Orchestra, she has participated in all concerts while enrolled at Adams. Drama Club has also received its share of her time for eight semesters.

The school newspaper, The Tower, has found her a most capable and dependable reporter for six semesters, and she has been co-club editor of the yearbook, The Album.

The class of 1955 has also benefited from Naomi's ideas. She served on the Guidance Planning Council in her sophomore year, was a member of the Junior Cabinet, and Treasurer of the Junior class. She is a representative from her homeroom to the Senior Cabinet. As a representative from her homeroom to the Student Council, she earned a place for herself on the Executive Board during her senior year.

Naomi will long remember the summer of 1954 when she spent eight weeks in Germany on the American Field Service Scholarship summer program. She told of her experiences before the Adams student body in an assembly last fall and also worked hard on the "Share Their Fare" campaign so that other Adams students could go to Europe in 1955.

Especially interested in science, Naomi will continue training in this field at the University of Michigan, Purdue University, or possibly Oberlin College, in September 1955.

Mr. Dickey Elected Veep at Industrial Arts Convention

At the 26th annual Industrial Arts Convention, held at Purdue University March 18 and 19, Mr. Floyd Dickey was elected vice-president of the group for the next year.

Accompanying Mr. Dickey to Lafayette were Mr. Thompson, Mr. Stillman, Jerry Badger, Millard Thompson and William James. The students, who are interested in becoming Industrial Arts teachers, helped set up the display of Adams students' work and Bill James gave a demonstration of "The Air Brush."



NAOMI ROSS



KENT KELLER

48 to Graduate With Distinction

When Adams graduates the Class of 1955, forty-eight students, in addition to the valedictorian and salutatorian, will be honored because they have maintained high scholastic averages. They will graduate with distinction for having maintained an average of 90 or above. They are:

Diane Allmon, Mary Ann Anderson, Gail Aspin, Richard Bast, Patricia Bourdon, Charles Bowman, Stephen Brannan, Elaine Brown, Anne Bruner, Suzanne Carlson, Charles Christman, Judy Cobb, William Dean, Kathleen DeLeury, James Dincolo, Donald Eberly, Marilyn Enfield, Maureen Frank, David Freedberg, Terry Fritz, Richard Green, Arnold Johnson, Mary Kline, Sharon Lee, Jerry Lupton, Nancy MacIvor, David Mike-sell, Beverly Miller, Jeannine Mundell, Barbara Neff, Robert Nelson, Joan Nielsen, Mary Orzech, Betty Pletcher, Sharlene Polk, Sharon Pritz, Margaret Sue Reed, Elaine Rosenberg, Micah Ross, Janice Rugee, Naomi Shulman, Donald Smith, Rita Stull, Thomas Troeger, John Waechter, William Waechter, Patricia Wilson, and Sandra Wright.

BAND TO PLAY

The John Adams Band will play for an assembly for its own student body on April 14. This is really a warm-up or dress rehearsal for the group before they go to the district contest in Ft. Wayne on April 16.

Three of the members that the 70 piece group will play are: Emblem of Unity, a march; The Fourth Movement from Symphony in B flat by Paul Fauchet; and Sequoia.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD TO BE PRESENTED AT GRADUATION

The John Adams Citizenship award, a gift of the class of 1942, is awarded to one boy and one girl in each June graduating class. They are selected by their fellow classmates and faculty as the outstanding citizens of the class. The qualifications that must be met by the candidates are high scholarship and a record of general good citizenship. They must have participated successfully in two of the following four areas: athletics, music, service organizations, and school activities.

53 Eligible

Those eligible to compete for the awards are: Diane Allmon, Mary Ann Anderson, Patricia Bourdon, Charles Bowman, Stephen Brannan, Elaine Brown, Sue Carlson, Charles Christman, Judy Cobb, Marilyn Cole, Margaret Crowe, William Dean, Kathleen DeLeury, James Dincolo, Donald Eberly, Marilyn Enfield, Maureen Frank, David Freedberg, Suzanne Frehse, Ann Bruner, Terry Fritz, Janet Golba, Richard Green, Karen Habart, Dale Hensler, Arnold Johnson, Loretta Kazmierczak, Jack Keller, Kent Keller, Mary Kline, Sharon Lee, Jerry Lupton, Nancy MacIvor, Jeannine Mundell, Barbara Neff, Robert Nelson, Kay Ann Oedecker, Mary Orzech, Sharon Fritz, Sharon Reber, Margaret Sue Reed, Elaine Rosenberg, Mary Ellen Rosenthal, Micah Ross, Naomi Ross, Janice Rugee, Naomi Shulman, Donald Smith, Thomas Smith, John Waechter, William Waechter, Patricia Wilson, and Sandra Wright.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HIGHEST IN CLASS

George Kent Keller, 711 Greenlawn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Keller, holds the No. 1 place scholastically in the Adams graduating class of 1955.

Kent, as he is known to his fellow students, has been very active in extra-curricular activities at Adams in addition to maintaining superior scholarship. In the athletic area he has participated in track and cross country. He has been a member of the Glee Club for six semesters and treasurer during his senior year. Dramatics has also interested him and he has been active in the Drama Club. He was elected secretary of this group during his senior year.

Service clubs have been included in his interests. He has served as president of the Hi-Y during his junior and senior years and is president of the Student Council this year.

Class activities have also taken some of his time. He was vice-president of the junior class and he has served on the Guidance Planning Council during his junior and senior years.

An experience long to be remembered when Kent thinks of John Adams will be his summer in Europe in 1954. Kent was the winner of an American Field Service Scholarship. So that others might have a similar opportunity, Kent worked hard during the Adams "Share Their Fare" campaign, as Adams school had to provide funds to bring an European student to South Bend next year if our students were eligible to go to Europe during the summer of 1955.

Kent is sure he wants to pursue a career in the diplomatic service, but as yet he hasn't decided which college he will attend in September 1955. Yale and Swarthmore are receiving equal consideration.

Class of '57 to Sponsor "Sophomore Shag"

The Sophomore Class party this year will be a dance, "The Sophomore Shag." On April 15, from 8 to 11 p. m., Bill Nicks and his orchestra will play for this affair. Tickets are 75 cents a couple or 50 cents individually.

Committee chairmen in charge of arrangements are: John Ross, general chairman; Richard Nickols, tickets; Sandra Mitchell, publicity; Beverly Prohaska, decorations; and Karen Jones, refreshments.

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ALL ABOUT EASTER

Listen my bunnies and you shall hear of the Easter rage that is quite near. If you happen to hear this little phrase soon, don't be alarmed. It's just a Mother Cottontail telling her little bunnies about Easter. This is what she may sound like.

Children, it's time for me to explain to you your Easter duties. When spring is here, you should start to mix the paint to color the eggs. It may be hard to learn how to make polka-dot and checkered paint, but I'm sure if you'll stop by to see a rabbit named Mr. Seeley, he'll help you. While coloring the eggs, write names that you're likely to run across such as Gertrude, Matilda, Adolf, and Mortimer. Then with a John Adams student directory, start to hide the bundles of goodies. Be sure to always give a double amount to the Loyal Eagles.

Always put the baskets where they can be found easily. A few such places are:

1. In the glove compartment of the Cadillac convertible.
2. In the pocket of the mink coat.
3. Among the cashmere sweaters.
4. In the cabinet with the Glenn Miller originals.
5. In the entrance to the platinum mine in the backyard.
6. Under the drain cap of your swimming pool.

Whatever you do, be sure to make all of your visits before 12 p. m. because soon after midnight dates come home to eat and dance, and with all that cool music you might get involved and "dance with Henry."

Now you are no longer little bunnies but full fledged "goodie givers." So wiggle those whiskers. Everyone have fun and get this giving done.

—Judy Jacobson.

Eagle of the Week

This week we have a very cute gal by the name of **Kay Cantwell** who is Eagle of the Week. A senior from home room 112 she has black hair, brown eyes, and stands 5 feet 4 inches tall. Her most popular nick name is "Bones" as everybody calls her that.

Her school activities include Drama Club, Album staff, and she works for the TOWER. Her outside activities include church projects and she is a member of Rainbow. In her spare time she writes short stories and collects records to which she loves to listen.

Kay said that she could not remember an experience that she had had, but a tragedy happened about a week ago. She had two goldfish and one day it seems she dropped the fish bowl and broke it. Since then the fish have lived in a coke bottle. The other day one of the dearly loved fish died. Naturally she was very upset.

Her favorite movie was "On The Waterfront" starring Marlon Brando whom she thought resembled "Obie." Her favorite T. V. show is Studio One; her favorite books are "Magnificent Obsession" and "Caine Mutiny"; and her favorite record is "Something Cool" by June Christy. She likes to see a boy dressed in gray flannels, a black cashmere sweater with a white shirt and cordavans.

She is going to go to Western Michigan University where she plans to major in nursing.

When asked her opinion of Adams, she answered "I think it's great and I like it real well and I will hate to leave in June."

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Any attempt that I would make to thank you for contributing money to the Orphan Drive would be foolhardy. The satisfaction of giving to help others less fortunate is probably the greatest reward that you can receive.

However, I can thank you for supporting the council, not only in the Drive, but in other activities as well. We really appreciate your support.

—Kent Keller, President of Student Council.

The Eerie March — Fear

(This is the second installment of a mystery serial by Gwen Garwood.—Ed. note.)

You can imagine the feeling that overtook me after my candle was unexpectedly extinguished when it was needed most. By this time I was completely unnerved and I believe I became a little hysterical, for as I look back I cannot recall exactly what did happen in the following minutes. The next thing I remember was groping my way through my bedroom and sprawling out upon my comfortable bed. I cried into my pillow until I lost all track of time and fell into a deep unknown blackness called sleep.

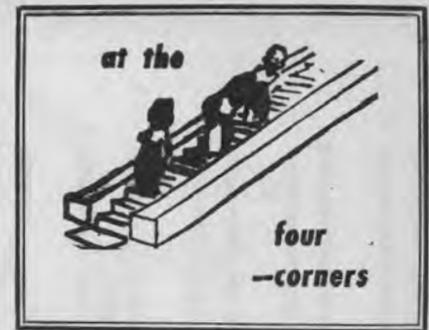
I awoke with a start as the morning sunlight when its healing and comforting streamers pierced its way through my drawn shades covered my dreary bedroom with hope and encouragement. A little frightened at first, but realizing my foolishness, I arose from my bed as a small child turns his head from his mother's skirts and faces the truth.

After enjoying a comforting cup of coffee, I explored the interior of my house and then the exterior. Upon finding no stolen or misplaced articles nor any footprints, I decided to forget, if possible, my experience and to try to continue my day as normal.

I must have been a little on edge at work that day, because I received many questioning glances in place of approving ones. I spilled my coffee on the waitress and forgot to mail the letters I had spent the day writing. Upon returning home and realizing my stomach was in a knot and that it had been all day, I called upon a friend of mine to ask if he would spend the evening with me. (I thought I could not bear another evening alone in my house, with unknown terror in every corner.)

My friend had made other plans for the evening, so I tried others. On finding all my close friends busy, I frantically began calling everyone I knew. As each party refused my invitation, my fear began to rise once more. I could feel myself being pulled, as if from behind, into some kind of a unknown whirlpool. I kept turning around to find no one behind me, which only annoyed me more.

As the sun began to sink behind the towering city buildings, taking with it my courage and hope and leaving in its stead a haunting challenge clothed in black darkness, I found myself sitting in the same chair, reading the same book, and thinking of nothing but fear and the end of the world. As I heard a drop of rain on the window, I grasped the arms of my chair tightly and a single cold shiver found a quick path



All along the grapevine this week the cats (or should we say bunnies since Easter is so near) are talkin' 'bout the new outfits everyone will sport in the Easter parade, the gullible gussies who will fall for all the April Fool pranks that the practical jokers plan to play, the fine, fine spring weather we're having (have you still got your galoshes in your lockers just in case, too?), final tests, final grades, finals, finals, and more finals.

One of **Winston Churchill's** most persistent critics once said to the Prime Minister, "I am a firm believer in fighting the enemy with his own weapons."

Churchill took a deep puff on his cigar and observed, "Tell me, how long does it take you to sting a bee?"

Tom Troeger, Adams' roving romeo of the past four years, has broken another heart. It seems he has given the royal brush to **Judy Cobb**. Well, **Judy**, don't feel too badly as Tom just can't seem to stick to any one girl!

Ready those hot rods men as **Mr. Rothermel** has just announced to the student body that study halls may be used to take delightful spins 'round the countryside on these "nice" spring days.

Girls who give up all their time

To write a stuffy thesis

May have to give up love and joy

And be content with nieces.

Biggest scandal of the moment: **Terry Heater** and **Miss Law** have eloped to Greenland where they plan to raise herds of reindeer! Best of luck in your married, or should we say harried, future.

Mary Ellen Rosenthal has taken over the sports page from **Christman** and **West**. Watch for the feminine touch!

A real cute couple seen walking and talking lately is that of **Ronnie MacGregor** and **Linda Malmberg**. We think these two were cut out for each other and hope to see them more often.

Lynne Lachmann, **Sue Wood**, **Pat Bourdon**, **Gwen Garwood**, **Barbara Waechter**, and **Judy Adkins** have formed an anti-basketball association to prohibit the game from Adams' portals. These girls seem to have a definite dislike for the sport and are doing everything in their power to have it discontinued.

The most unusual thing happened in Latin classes all last week; **Miss Kaczmarek** handed out gum samples to each member of her class as they entered the door and invited them to try it out during that period! Will wonders never cease?

Everyone simply is raving about **Sharon Smith's** new crew cut. It's sure to start a new rage among the girls. Likewise we all adore **Dave Freedburg's** shoulder length bob and hope more of you fellows will fall in step with **Freddie!**

SAVE THE 29th OF APRIL!

Don't let it down in a sea of meetings, dates, etc. Save it! You won't be sorry. Something's going to happen at J. A. H. S. in the Little Theater, on the school grounds, in the gym, all over. The Senior Class says—Keep the evening of the 29th open for '55's "S. S."

Know Your Teachers

This teacher can be found in the cafeteria during "A" lunch hour. He keeps busy as assistant baseball and basketball coach. I might add that his favorite sports are baseball and basketball. His pet peeve is people who chew gum while giving speeches. He attended Franklin College and Miami University. When asked his opinion of homework, he said that it was justified to a certain extent. He owns a 1949 Mercury and drives it home to a family of four. His favorite dishes are spaghetti and pizza. He once received a valentine from a girl he didn't like and burned it, but also succeeded in burning the kitchen. This summer you will find him working as a playground director.

Here is another teacher whose pet peeve is gum chewers. You may have seen her driving her two toned green Chevrolet. She enjoys watching basketball. She has received her bachelor of Arts and her Masters degree. She loves animals and enjoys putting in the garden. She's had a turtle, an alligator, a hamster, and tropical fish. Right now she has a toy Pomeranian called Bonney. If she had one wish, she would want a farm. She eats in the cafeteria during "B" lunch hour. Her favorite

dish is scallops. She believes a certain amount of homework is necessary. You can find her in the Library.

Once the coach of Adams football team, this teacher is now the ruler in 106. He likes ham during the week, but prefers steak on week-ends. He drives a 1951 Chevrolet that he describes as "graveyard gray." He is a graduate of Indiana University. He claims he never had a childhood, and when asked what he did last summer, he said "gas smellier." Anyone who has ever had a study hall in 106 may have become a victim of one of his ever popular stalls.

This teacher has a very good sense of humor. Since receiving her M. S. degree, she spends her summers on East Colfax Avenue when not on the golf course. Her favorite food is shrimp. Her pet peeve is people who talk back to their elders. When asked what she liked or disliked about teen-agers, she said she "admired those who did something about their potentialities." She owns a cocker spaniel named Jeff and a cat called Rusty. You may have seen her driving a DeSoto.

Fools' Holiday

April first is here again, the time for foolish fun; The time when even wicked jokes are played on your best chum. This day for silly teasing things comes but once a year; Some people take the jokes in stride while others only sneer.

A missing pen or pencil lid means nothing on this day— You'll find them in a nearby desk or somewhere on your way. Don't touch that stuffed full wallet you see lying in the hall; The person at the other end will really have a ball.

If you find your locker ransacked by some friendly hand, Just put on your coat of armor and join the happy band. Don't get yourself real angry 'cause on this day there are no rules; Remember, as in years gone by, it's a holiday for fools.

—Janet Gersey.

Did You Know There Are:

- 31 tables
- 125 chairs
- 810 blocks in the ceiling
- 12 lights
- 186 boards around the wall
- 1 desk
- 1 clock
- 125 people can sit down
- 4 radiators
- 3 doors
- 8 windows
- 2 pictures
- 3 book cases
- 2,432 blocks in the floor
- 2 cold air ducts
- 368 blinds
- 4,158 holes in the stalls and last but not least
- 1 teacher

In the study hall 106?
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Golf Team Begins Practice For Opener

With the arrival of Spring, the John Adams golf team has begun practice for a 13 match season opening April 11 against Central. The team will play two matches with each of these schools: Central, Riley, Mishawaka, Michigan City, and LaPorte. In addition to these matches they will compete in the LaPorte Invitational, the Sectional, and the State tournaments.

This year's team will be under the direction of a new coach, Mr. Ernest Kaeppler. Mr. Kaeppler also coaches the tennis team in the fall.

Erskine's 18-hole course will serve as practice grounds for the linksmen.

The golf team will also hold its home matches at Erskine.

The major weakness of the team this year will be experience as there will be no letter winners returning to competition. Tom Angus, Dick Morgan, and Don Seach who ordinarily would have played this year have left Adams. However, there is no lack of enthusiasm and interest in the team as 35 candidates have turned out for practice. These play-

ers will try to better last year's record of 2 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie.

The high interest shown by the underclassmen toward golf shows that, in the next few years, Adams' golf teams will offer excellent competition to all opponents. If this interest keeps up, Adams students can look forward to a golf team that will be one of the main threats in the conference.

GOLF SCHEDULE

- April 11 — Central(T)
- April 14 — Mishawaka(T)
- April 20 — LaPorte(H)
- April 21 — Riley(H)
- April 26 — Michigan City(T)
- April 28 — Central(H)
- May 3 — Mishawaka(H)
- May 5 — LaPorte(T)
- May 10 — Riley(T)
- May 12 — Michigan City(H)
- May 14 — LaPorte Invitational
- May 21 — Sectional
- May 25 — State

FACTS ABOUT SPRING SPORTS

TRACK

Coach: Mr. Vincent Laurita
Assistant: Mr. Robert Rensberger
No. of Players Out: 90
No. of Meets: 15
Last Year's Won-Lost Record: 0-6-1

BASEBALL

Coach: Mr. Casimer Swartz
Assistant: Mr. Richard Hunter
No. of Players Out: 50
No. of Games: 19
Last Year's Won-Lost Record: 14-4

GOLF

Coach: Mr. Ernest Kaeppler
No. of Players Out: 35
No. of Matches: 13
Last Year's Won-Lost Record: 2-8-1

Coming Sports Events

TRACK

- April 14 — New Carlisle(H)
- April 15 — Goshen(T)
- April 19 — Mishawaka(H)
- April 20 — Michigan City(T)

BASEBALL

- April 12 — St. Joseph(H)
- April 13 — Central(H)
- April 19 — Washington(T)
- April 20 — St. Joseph(H)

GOLF

- April 11 — Central(T)
- April 14 — Mishawaka(T)
- April 20 — LaPorte(H)
- April 21 — Riley(H)

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