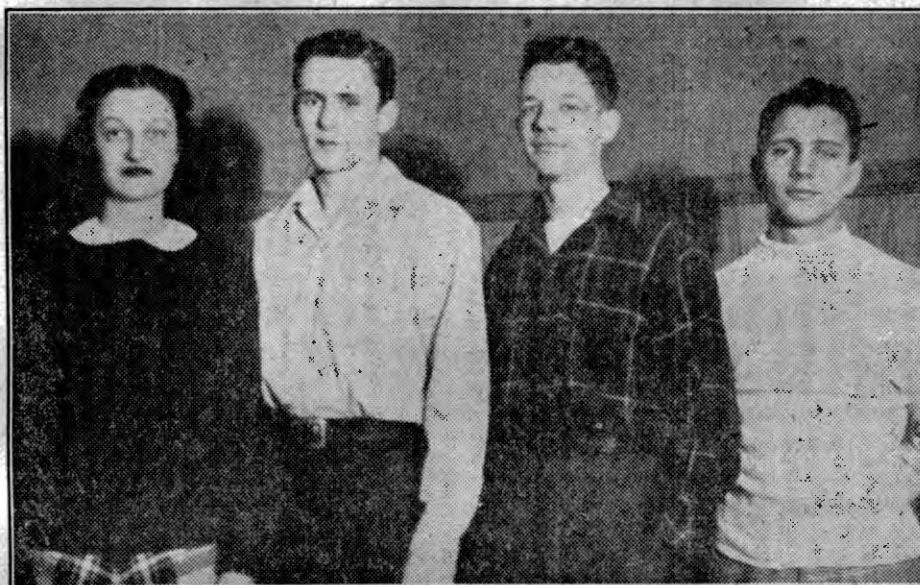


JUNIOR CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

55 SOPHOMORES ENTER ADAMS

LEAD CLASS OF '46



Betty Furnish, secretary, Bob Bayman, treasurer, Peter McNamee, vice-president, Curtis Heckaman, president.

Yes—we all hate to see the graduating seniors go—but there's always a thrill in seeing what's new and who is coming for the first time.

Our new Sophomore class will be divided into two parts. Miss Bennett will take one half and Mrs. Landis the other. There will be altogether 55 newcomers, and they hail from Lincoln, Numer, Jefferson, and Madison.

I imagine all of you remember your first day here at Adams so let's make their first day one they'll remember too. Help them to get acquainted and before you know it—they'll be able to slam their lockers as hard as we do.

So here's a welcome to all of you who are new. We know we like you and hope that you will like us too!

IS YOUR FACE RED?

Did you leave papers in a returned Library book? Some one did. In fact, Miss Brown and her able assistants have collected a very spicy and frayed collection. If it is incriminating, no bribery can get it back as these have become permanent Library records.

Choice items include a tantalizing tidbit to Tom Tanner from an unknown female at Western in Ohio. Spanish is the principle language. A recent assignment of Bob Annis's is the largest but at least two others may be seen. The show case is nicely fitted out with a caricature of "Johnny," a Civitan Halloween invitation, sample of "Bo" Bayman's scholastic ability, a note of admiration about a certain Jim Bolin: (Isn't he darling? Boy, can he sing! He's in the Glee Club), a photo, and an empty cough drop box, the Smith Bros., most certainly. Miss Brown hopes the situation will improve after enough people see the display in the Library.

THE PERFECT GIRL

Smile—Jean Brantley.
Eyes—Lynn Minzey.
Nose—Jean Steinmetz.
Hair—Bev Watson.
Lips—Betty Lou Bryant.
Complexion — Fran Bickel.
Personality—Nancy Constantine.
Brains—Maggie Jahnke.
Dimples—Betty Dunham.

Dear Staff:

I have been going to write for some time, but I just didn't get around to it. To get the Tower each week is really swell. When I get one, I bring it back to my tent and read it inside and out, and I could never explain in words the relaxation it brings to me. I feel guilty accepting it for nothing and would like to know if it's customary to pay for it. If so, let me know and I will gladly cooperate because it's worth many times the price.

I have also changed my address and would like to have it sent to this address:

Mark Anthony, Fl/c
293-71-13
L. C. M. Group 2
Division 10 A.B.C. No. 1
V. S. N. A. T. B.
Fort Pierce, Florida

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,
Mark Anthony

Somewhere in the
Central Pacific.
Jan. 7, 1945.

Dear Miss Roell:

I received the three Towers you sent me in the past two days. They are really swell and I appreciate them immensely. The staff is to be congratulated on their splendid work. It is a fine newspaper.

It brings back numerous memories of good old John Adams. A lot of things I did right and lot of things I did wrong. I would give anything if I were still there with all the swell kids. I still could be if I had not gotten over anxious to get in the service. That was one of the many

mistakes I made. Quitting school and joining the Corps was one of the worse things I could have done. Now, I realize how much an education counts. I want to go to college after the war is over, but now I'll have to get that much needed High School Diploma. It is mighty hard to get it thru the Armed Forces Institute, but I guess I'll give it a try.

Thanks a million for the Towers.

As ever,

BOB.

Pvt. Bernard W. Kruyer 559415
Radio Platoon Sig. Co.
3rd Marine Division F.M.F.
C/O Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sargent:

I have just finished reading the Tower, and I am very happy to be receiving them.

At the present time I am with the 90th Infantry Division. I myself am a medic, with a medical detachment. I am sorry I cannot give my location, but this is for security reasons.

I do want to congratulate the student body on their swell War Stamp campaign. All of you are playing a big part in what we do over here, so keep it up and I assure you Adolph will wish he had never started this war.

Well "gang" I hope you all have a Happy New Year and above all beat Riley (poo-leeze)!

So long,

P.F.C. Donald G. Martin
A. S. N. 35894134
Med. Det. 358 Inf.
A. P. O. 90, c/o P. M.
New York, New York.

HECKAMAN WINS PRESIDENCY

On December 12, 1944 the Junior Class held elections for class officers. The ballots were counted by the Student Council representatives from each of the six sponsor rooms. The final tabulation showed Curtis Heckaman to be the new president, Peter McNamee, vice-president, Betty Furnish, secretary, and Bob Bayman, treasurer.

A cabinet was also selected which consists of:

- 106—Karl Stuhmer.
- 107—Francis Bickel.
- 204—Jim Landing.
- 206—Eugene Lochmondy.
- 207—Dick Anderson.
- 209—Janice Van Houten.

GOT YOUR DATE?

Following the Riley basketball game, February 3, we expect to see all you Adams hep-cats at the Student Council Record Dance. The dance will be held in the Little Theater. One person from each couple must be an Adams student. This will be the only record dance this semester, so all of you chillun had better get your dates early and plan to attend, in order to help the gang celebrate our team's victory over Riley. The Student Council is sponsoring this dance, and since this organization is representative of each student in Adams, everyone should plan to attend. Be seeing you, kids, at the Student Council Record Dance! February 3. Don't forget!!!

OUTSIDE PROGRAM GLEE CLUB FEATURE

Besides its many other activities and programs, this semester the Glee Club has taken on a number of outside programs. Many requests have come from churches and other organizations for a group to sing. The Glee Club has always complied with these requests and they are always only too glad to add to an afternoon's enjoyment for these organizations.

This past month, small groups have sung at D.A.R., Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, and the Ewing Evangelical Church.

The Glee Club hopes to receive many requests for similar programs next semester, for it is always as much enjoyment to them to sing as it is for the audience to hear them.

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BEHAVE! CHILLUN! BEHAVE!

Did you make the grade or was it too much for you to take? The reason for it probably was not a lack of intelligence but mostly just a case of plain laziness.

The semester is now starting out anew; before you there is a perfect score of 100%. Every teacher you have for anyone subject is ready and willing to help you as long as there is some effort put forth by you. Your brain is in your skull, (if there is any to be found), and you'll have to do the thinking not your teacher.

Well, chillun, nuff said about your grades, now about our general behavior in and around school. A little more courtesy and respect would help anyone to improve. At the games, dances, plays, and any other school activity! Behave! Chillun! Behave!

After all this rig-a-ma-role you had better not let me down, cause I'm really counting on you. How's about it?

Ruth Misinski.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

- The field of social work will offer interesting and necessary jobs. A college education will provide the necessary education and training.
- Vocational rehabilitation will create many new jobs. Again college training will be necessary.
- Many expanding occupations will need college trained "top men." The building trades is one example.
- Practically all professions have been depleted in numbers. Have you considered teaching, law, medicine, dentistry?
- The wise one begins to plan and prepare early.

IS YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD?

Well, guys and gals, I was told to bat the breeze with you about getting this semester off to a flying start. So pull up a tack and relax while I unfold my tale.

Whether you are a new sophomore or an old senior the best policy is "Never do today what you can put off till tomorrow." Hum mm m that doesn't sound exactly right, but I think you get the point.

Seriously though, this is the day to start your studies in earnest. For many of us it may be our last chance to prove we really have what it takes to get good grades.

For many new sophomores it is a chance for them to make a good first impression. And I can tell you that really counts. Many graduates have regretted not doing better work through high school.

Your high school record has a great deal to do with the type of position you can secure after graduation; and whether you know it or not, it will have a great deal to do with your later life. Just because you happen to be number one on everybody's hep parade now, doesn't mean you will always be. To stay up there on top you've got to have something besides a gift of gab and a line a mile long—you have to have ambition and intelligence.

Let's all put our best foot forward on this, the first day of the new semester.

Jeanne Ann Finneran.

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Eagle Clause

Your court side correspondent Jackie McAlic reports "Volley Ball in the news."

The final volley ball game of the season was played Thursday, January 11, 1945, in the John Adams gymnasium, before a crowd of 58 students and three teachers.

The referees were Miss Beldon and Bubbles Richards.

A mighty cheer ascended as the first team came out on to the court. The team, Whitman's "Lady Aster Powder Puffers", was greeted by Captain Whiteman who quickly handed out the brass knuckles, bandages, and finger nail polish. Now, they were ready for their opponents.

Dent's team came out on the court. You could hear the sobs of pity being poured out from the spectators. Dent's "Send Me Girls" came out in single file. The first was Dent in her embroidered wheelchair. Betty Erhardt and Rosemae Smith came out also in wheelchairs. Ann Mester and Corrine Firth came with crutches, and the other gallant teammates came on stretchers.

The team took their positions. Miss Beldon was ready to blow the starting whistle but, Dent's team was minus one player. The "Send Me Girls" then brought out their secret weapon. They called it R. Resnick or Nick for short. She was actually the only member of the team that could walk.

The "Lady Aster Powder Puffer's" brought up a protest against this. They said it was unfair.

Miss Beldon settled the argument by sounding the starting whistle. "The Powder Puffer's" were serving. They served tea and cookies and then the contest really began. Pat Lidecker served first. She made five straight points, and on the last one the ball accidentally hit Dent's wheelchair and bounced back across the net. Kelly tried to knock it back with her long eyelashes but failed.

The "Send Me Girls" at last were in possession of the ball. They racked up five points, enough to buy a pound of pork chops. Do you think they would stop? No! They wanted enough points to get a pound of butter. Their hopes were shattered when Ruth Micinski groaned and raised her arm, hit the ball, and gained possession of it.

The whistle at the half blew. That meant a five minute rest. The blood plazma was rushed to the "Send Me Girls"; The "Powder Puffer's" ate popcorn.

When the game was underway again Frances Richards sat on the side line snapping her gum.

Beverly Crow marked up more points for the "Powder Puffers" than any other girl on the team. (She was score keeper).

TOWER TALK

Clang! Clang! Went the Trolley, and buzz buzz went the ears of the gossip editor.

Strolling down the halls of "Ye High School" is a perfect time and place to locate the latest happenings in the social world of all the guys and gals.

For instance, we discovered the other morning that Jim Bowlin and Lynn Minzey have found a system to keep from ever having any quarrels! Want to know what it is? They take turns being boss. Every day they switch. Pretty smart, huh?

More new steadies around. Tom Tanner and Jeanne Jackey are always together, and Jeanne Brantley is never alone. Sheila McMurray and Dewey Moore are dating regularly. Don't know if it's a steady proposition yet, or not.

Do you like gardenias? Peg Kedzie has been receiving two a week for several weeks, now! They come unsigned from an unknown man. Bet Bill Peck (Alum.) has lost all his love for those flowers, Peg.

It won't seem like school without Mary Jane Shank and Sparky Zent tripping down the halls every morning, noon, and night, will it?

Jack Mariott and Miss X have been eating lunch together every noon. Our curiosity is aroused about what they sit and giggle about. Can't you even give us a hint, kids?

Red heads around school seem to be keeping their men well hidden, especially Mary Ellen Thompson and Phyllis Householder.

Have you heard about Hersch Keefer's bet? He's bet his Pop 25 dollars that he won't have any dates in 1945. Can't anyone make him loose that bet? Get out those lassoes, lassies.

Question of the week: Is Glen Personet going steady? There are fifteen drooling females waiting for an answer.

Did you see Bob Poyser heading for Romanita's locker the other day? He has finally left for the Air Corps after waiting so long. Smile, Nita, Smile.

OOPS! There goes the bell. And I've got to run clear to the Little Theater. Bye Now!

Betty Joe Parfitt served for the "Powder Puffers." Betty Erhardt returned for the "Send Me Girls." Jackie Jennings returned for the "Powder Puffers." Corrine Firth returned. This could go on far into the night so let's say the "Send Me Girls" received possession.

Time was growing short. "The Send Me Girls" made two baskets and one touch down, totaling up to 10 points and added on to what they already had, and multiplying by two they easily won. When the game was over each team gave a cheer for their opponent.

All kidding aside, they played a swell game.

McALIC.

LET'S COMPARE CLASSES

Have you ever wondered how your classroom and school activities compared with various other classes in different schools?

In the state of Virginia there is a class called the School of Music. The chief aim of this class is to give students the opportunity of studying and hearing the best of musical literature, thereby helping them to form a discriminating taste and also to teach them to be intelligent listeners. During the school year a number of programs are given by artists of note, and once in a while a class travels to another city to attend concerts given by world famous artists.

Elementary, intermediate, and advanced courses are given in piano, organ, harp, violin and voice.

In the voice department, all students are required to have a thorough knowledge of the art of song. Bodily poise, breath control, tone quality, and clear enunciation are stressed before students are introduced to the classic and old English composers. Students are taught the pronunciation of French, Italian, Spanish, and German so that they may sing in these languages. Those students who are especially interested in voice are urged to join a club at the school which is arranged in groups for quartet and double quartet work. On various occasions during the year recitals are given and the students act as soloists for the glee club and choir.

Over a local radio station the choir broadcasts, and gives sacred concerts. It sings in local and out-of-town churches, and adds much interest to the Sunday vesper service. The glee club each season, presents a well known opera and appears in many school recitals for chapel programs.

In a school in Vermont, there is a course offered in history and political science. The aim of the course in the first semester, is to give the students the practical knowledge of the organization and activities of the American government, local, state, and national. The second semester, the course is designed to give the students a knowledge of the great social, political, and economical problems confronting the American nations. The rights, privileges, and duties of a citizen are discussed, the ability to distinguish fact from propaganda is developed, and a sense of responsibility for and to the government is encouraged.

During the national emergency, a school in Vermont, through the cooperation of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, offers and requires for girls, for graduation, the standard twenty hour course in first aid. This work is scheduled for ten evening periods of two hours each and it carries one semester hour credit. The ten hour advanced course is elective but strongly recommended. Official certificates are issued by the Red Cross to those who satisfactorily complete the course.

Comedy In The Comics

Muggs and Skeeter—Curt Heckaman and Bill Baker.

Lil Abner—Louie McKinney.

Chief Wahoo—Scrap Young.

Slats Scrapple—Dick Green.

Superman—Maynard Cohn.

Dick Tracy—Johnnie Balok.

Invisible Scarlet O'Neil—Jeanne Ann Finneran.

Effie Mae—Jo Ann Douglas.

Wilbur Wackey—John (The Feet) Roys.

Pappy Wackey—Frank Wulf.

Ella Cinders—Lynn Minzey

Dixie Dugan—Lorraine Nichols.

Joe Palooka—Bill Dolde.

"Mac" of Joe Palooka—Dickie Hammond.

Mr. Milquetoast—Dick Stevens.

PIN UP YOUR CHOICE!

Flash!! This is what you have all been waiting for! At last Adams is going to have "it"! What is "it"? Well, it is our own "pin-up boy!" Can you imagine?

Here is how we are going to do it. The Tower Box will be used as the ballot box for our election. Any boy is eligible for this high honor. All students will place their ballots in the Tower Box. But, there is one requirement. Your name must be on your ballot. After all, Susie Q might get a little too enthusiastic over Johnny Z, and stuff the ballot box. We don't want this to discourage you from voting, however, since your choice will not be seen by anyone but the person who counts the votes. This person will not reveal any names.

We hope this election can be completed within the week after you read this. If so, the results will be printed in the next issue of the Tower. And if not, the following issue will carry the news.

So c'mon Adamites! Vote for your favorite and soon we'll have our own true-blue "pin-up boy!"

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Have you noticed in your Home Room several days a week that there are empty chairs? Where are these students, and what are they doing, are two questions you may ponder over for a while. Many of these are the unsung singing heroes of Adams. Yes, they're those hard singing members of the Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Pate. These students arrive at school early a couple of mornings a week and what we see is the finished product. Much work and singing is done by them and they are always on the spot ready to help out during assemblies and other programs.

When you need a book for Civics, who helps you? Miss Brown or Maynard, of course. The books you return are usually returned in such a hurry; you should see the stacks on the desk at 8:30, that's where Maynard again enters the picture. He is there straightening up for the other librarians so they can assist you with your troubles over assignments.

When you come to a basketball game as we hope you all do, who greets you at the door and tells you so nicely you can't sit there; you have to sit here. Yes, of course, it's the ushers headed by Jim Young. Then we notice Mr. Weir casting an eye about to see that everything is running smoothly. These boys usher at everything—the concerts, the plays, and the basketball tournaments. Maybe you didn't know it but at the tournaments they operate a check room in the Cafeteria where they will check everything for what you feel you can drop in "the box."

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what every senior clamors for in May—The Album. There are many helping on this that we don't know about. When we see the Album, we don't stop to realize that a year's work has been spent gathering up the loose ends. The gatherer is Mr. MacNamara. Others who help are Mr. Weir, owner of the well-thumbed notebook and heavily laden pockets. He manages finance and circulation. Women helpers are Miss Anderson and Beverly Herman, who offer suggestions to the solicitors, fluffing up the egos of the unco-operative solicitees who hammer them down and try to keep accounts so perfectly straight that no one will have any kicks when the Album comes out. Marion Grassby, Regina Freels, and Pat Kedzie help Editor Constantine in preparing copy, cutting and mounting photographs. They are now cleaning up the sale of those little bitty pictures that come "four to a strip."

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MICHIGAN CITY TRIUMPHS 52--32

CONFERENCE HOPES FADE AS ADAMS LOSES

January 10 was indeed a sad night for Adams fans as they saw Michigan City run over our hard fighting lads 52-32.

The Eagles fought like troopers but couldn't keep pace with the Lake City boys who hit 22 times from the field while Adams connected twelve time.

Jerome Jarka and Bill Fox led our opponents with fifteen and thirteen points respectively.

John Goldsberry, our stellar center, took the scoring honors for us with twelve points with "Irv" Karlin close behind with nine points. Andy got five points, Nitz two, "Timmy" Howard three, Fohrer three, Personette two and Smith one.

This game gives us two wins and three losses in the N.I.H.S.C. race.

The conference standings up to January 13.

| | Win | Loses |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| Riley | 5 | 0 |
| Elkhart | 4 | 0 |
| Mishawaka | 4 | 1 |
| Michigan City | 4 | 1 |
| Central | 2 | 2 |
| Adams | 2 | 3 |
| Laporte | 2 | 3 |
| Nappanee | 1 | 2 |
| No. Side Ft. Wayne | 1 | 4 |
| Goshen | 1 | 5 |
| Washington | 0 | 4 |

RILEY DOWNS ELKHART 39-38

January 16 is a red letter day for Riley's Wildcats. In an important conference game played in the Adams gym, Riley came from behind to win in the final minutes of the game!

Throughout the first half the score was tied. Then the third quarter was entirely Elkhart, who at one time led by five points. Riley, never gave up and slowly gained until they went ahead by one point with one and a half minutes remaining. The South Bend boys stalled the time left and were victorious.

This game puts Riley in the lead for the conference.

VOLLEY BALL TOURNEY CLOSSES

Friday, January 12, the final game of the volley ball tournament was played. That game ended a series of games in which twelve teams participated. Eleanor Dent captained the winning team and Norma Whiteman was captain of the losers. The members of the winning team were, Eleanor Dent, Betty Jo Douglas, Betty Erhardt, Olga Ferency, Corrine Firth, Dolores Kelly, Ann Mester, Rosemae Smith, Jean Webb, Enola Williamson. The score of the final game was 35-30.

A volleyball varsity and sub-varsity were chosen from the girls who participated in the tournament. The girls who made the varsity were, Eleanor Dent, Wava Douglas, Olga Ferency, Jackie Jennings, Frances Richards, Mary Jane Shank, Rosmae Smith, Norma Whiteman, and Enola Williamson. The sub-varsity included Kathleen Bumann, Betty Jo Douglas, Betty Erhardt, Marilyn Hauser, Marge Kifowit, Betty Lomough, Betty Jo Parfitt, Betty Randt, and Barbara Rummel.

RILEY WHIPS CENTRAL IN OVERTIME

In probably the most thrilling game of the season played in our gym, Riley defeated the dye-hard Bears from Central to continue their conference winning streak.

Central led throughout the first half, spurred by Johnny Hazen, their evening's high point man.

Kudlaty, Hartman, and Dick (Mo) Morrison kept Riley in the game until the third quarter when the whole team opened up with everything they had to offer.

In the final seconds Chuck "Tuggee" Fenger could have won the game for Central with his two free throws but they failed to go in.

Hartman put in the winning free toss during the overtime and once again Fenger had a chance to tie the score at the charity stripe, but failed.

Final score: Riley 36 Central 35. Note: I'm sure the "Eagles" will be ready for these high stepping Wildcats on February 3.

LOOKIN' AT LOCKERS

Click! Well if my locker didn't open without an argument this time. Oh let's see is it still there? Yep, there's my beautiful picture of Frank Sinatra. Quick, pass the drool cup says Carol Seymour.

Looking down the line I see, Oh no, it can't be, but it is Charles Atlas and all of his muscle grinning up at Carol Roberts.

Ohhhhh Van Johnson yells Mildred (I'd date him) Vance and someone is boasting her picture of Bing. All I've ever seen is a Varga girl pinned up in one of the lockers!

Say shouts Margie Kifowit to Jeanne Jackey did you hear about the taxi that drove up with a jerk, and he got out?

There's Al Starbuck and Eleanore Dent crooning over their locker doors to some words going something like this, "Tripsi Cola hits the spot, buy it by the Carload lot. Fill your bath tub to the brim, enjoy a drink while you take a swim."

As usual Betty Jo Miller is swinging on Jim's locker while Joe Jones fights off his many admirers from his. Joyce Wynn shoves Mary June and Sparkie out of the way of her door and Dot Baas and Marilyn Schricker kick their lockers shut like the rest of the 700 students here at Adams.

Virginia Hoffman and Muriel Johnson exchange letters and notes over their lockers.

There's but two minutes for the bell so all of the doors slam knocking down various mirrors pinned up behind those gray slats of steel and all of the proud locker owners zoom off to class.



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10B, Tower Assembly—Aud.

Beginning of 2nd Semester.

Friday, January 26

Glee Club—7:30.

Basketball, Adams vs. Plymouth—Aud.

Saturday, January 27

Basketball, Washington vs. Washington Clay—Aud.

Adams vs. North Side—Ft. Wayne.

Monday, January 29

Bulletin.

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