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## GOLDEN MIST PROM SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY

In case the gold painted dancers on the posters in the halls haven't told you:

On the 27th of May  
At the majestic Palais  
Will be the John Adams Prom.

T'was called the Golden Mist  
By all who will assist

From nine until twelve.  
Bobby Wear's Orchestra Renoun  
For the 49ers in formal gown  
The music will play.

The chairman, Betty Granat, has announced that there will be two doormen, a door prize, and a Spot Dance.

Ona Apelgreen, Merrill Donoho, Marian Driver, Bob Gross, Connie Hudson, Dennis Kuncie, and Bob Miller made up the prom committee.

## STUDENTS WILL ENROLL IN SUMMER SCHOOL ON JUNE 9

On Friday June 10, 1949 Central High School will open an eight week summer school course. There will be an assembly on the afternoon of the 9th, then school will start the next morning. The session will close on August 5.

The summer schedule will be built from elections sent to Mr. Allen from the different schools. The subjects usually offered are the state required subjects and typing. Very often advanced math is taught because of its popularity with students.

The fee for the period is two dollars for books. No tuition is required if the student is from this city.

### Music Center Here

Mr. C. R. Deardorff and Miss Schuman will direct a six week music center here at Adams for all instrumentalists in the Adams district.

Advanced and beginning band will be taught along with strings, student conducting, twirling, and dance band work.

The course will start the same day as that down town and registration will be on June 9.

Beginners should start this summer and not wait until next fall.



Pictured above is Mary Ann Swindeman in the formal she made and will model in the "Big Top Parade" fashion show tomorrow evening.

## Combined Baccalaureate Services To Be Sunday

The four South Bend high schools will have their combined Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 29 in the John Adams Auditorium. Only two hundred and thirty-two students can be seated on the stage, therefore each school has the quota of fifty-eight Glee Club students to form the chorus for Baccalaureate. John Adams has thirty-one seniors graduating from the Glee Club. Therefore only twenty-seven members from the remaining seventy-nine can sing at Baccalaureate. It is very difficult to choose who should go as a balanced group must be sent and everyone is eager to go.

Each year the duties of the directors rotate. This year our own Mrs. Pate will direct the chorus in "Judge Me, O God" with Laurette Canter accompanying. Miss Weber from Central will direct "Ave Maria." The accompanist for "Ave Maria" will be Nancy Dodge, also from Central. Miss Kantzer from Riley will play the organ. This year Miss Chapman from Washington is in charge of arrangements.

## BIG TOP PARADE FASHION SHOW TOMORROW NIGHT

Tomorrow, the 26th of May, the John Adams Home Economics department will present its annual fashion show in the auditorium at 8:00 p.m. (D.S.T.) It is called the Big Top Parade and will be conducted in a circus theme. Virginia Holland will impersonate a ring master to keep the clowns and fat lady and animals in order and Martha Swintz will be the mistress of ceremonies.

Many types of clothes will be displayed: formals, suits, street dresses, play clothes, slumber togs and even children's clothes.

It is well worth anyone's time to come to see the fine work done by these girls.

There is no admission charge.

## Drama Club Elects New Board; Begins Work on Fall Play

The Drama Club elected new board members for the coming year at its bi-monthly meeting May 11. Lois Warstler was elected chairman of the board and John Meyer vice-chairman. The other eight members of the board are Bob Bartol, Jeanne Ingram, Kelly Kindig, Sylvia Lerner, Judy Riggs, Dave Sanderson, Martha Swintz, and Nancy Watson. This new method of organizing the Club has been in force for one year and has proved to be very successful.

Plans are being made for the fall production. The play "The Bat" by Rinehart has been suggested but no definite plans have been made.

Try-outs for the fall production will be held on June 1. Everyone interested, regardless of previous dramatic experience, is asked to come out. This play offers many opportunities for inexperienced people.

## ADAMS BOWLERS PLACE FIFTH IN STATE TOURNEY

Five John Adams girls making up a bowling team earned \$17 and much experience by participating in the Women's State Bowling Tournament.

The girls, Elaine Rolfe, Betty Stark, Donna Miller, Marilyn Bendit and Delores Mahler placed 5th in their tournament. The girls scored 1291 points in the three games they bowled.

## WARSTLER TO HEAD TOWER STAFF

Next year we will see a few of present names in the Tower staff box appearing in the large type familiar to the Major Staff appointments. Graduates will be replaced by students who have proved themselves worthy of promotion.

Upon graduation Betty Granat will relinquish her top job; Lois Warstler will be our next editor-in-chief. Jeanne Ingram will be our new feature editor, replacing Lois Warstler. Bob Bartol will be top man in the sports department. Other members of the new staff will be Pat Cassidy, business manager; Ann Donker and Carol Anderson, circulation managers; and Teresa Ferraro will continue as exchange manager. The advertising position is yet to be filled.

The new members of next year's staff have proved their ability in the lesser departments this year and will therefore be well fitted to do an excellent job of managing our school paper.

## BAND BUSY AS BEES AS SEMESTER CLOSES

The John Adams band is on the run again! After a series of traveling experiences in mid-April, they came home and still are busy as bees.

On May 12 the band was host to some eight-hundred instrumentalists from all over the city for the annual All-City Instrumental Music Festival. Mr. Frederic Muller of Elkhart directed the all-city high school band in three numbers, Overture Militaire, Gay Nineties and The Only Tune the Band Could Play.

The band also played two concerts on May 21 at the Scout-O-Rama. They played in the exhibit building at Playland Park. The blue-uniformed musicians played varied concerts of semi-classical and semi-popular music.

The band will play tomorrow night for the Big Top Parade at 8:00 P.M. in the auditorium. The marching band will participate in the Memorial Day parade on May 31 and the concert group will furnish music for commencement.

### Attention!

Extra copies of The Tower may be purchased in room 205 for 5c.



## Dance Etiquette

Now that the school year is nearing its end we start thinking of the spring prom. Let's look at a few do's and don'ts of the dance.

These first rules apply to girls only.

1. Go easy on the make-up. Remember, you'll never make your mark in the world by thoroughly messing a fellow's appearance by leaving tell-tale traces of your complexion on his clean white shirt.

2. Don't expect your date to be a walking cosmetic counter for you. Either leave your comb, lipstick, etc., in the powder room or carry it yourself.

3. Don't keep the poor fellow waiting for hours while you take time out to go over all the latest gossip with your friends in the powder room.

4. Don't eye all the other fellows while dancing. Flirts are a pain in the masculine pride.

5. Last but not least. If you can't talk and dance at the same time—try dancing.

Now to the boys:

1. Fellows, if you want a girl to really hate you, try this. Nothing so irritates a girl as to have spent hours trying to look her best and then see her escort turn up looking like a fugitive from a Powell gym class. At least wear a suit and a tie, and don't take your suit coat off.

2. If you must smoke, do it outside, not on the dance floor. A girl likes to think she came with a man—not a walking smoke stack.

3. Another good way to be a wallflower is to try all sorts of steps your partner can't do just to show how smart you are. Drag her all over the place, step on her feet, look as conspicuous as possible, and by all means knock down everyone who gets in your way.

4. If you don't dance well that is not so bad, at least do your best and don't be continually apologizing about it.

## A FRIEND

A friend is a person with whom you can be honest and frank.

A friend is a person to whom you can bring your troubles knowing that He will comfort and advise you as best he can.

A friend is always ready and willing to assist you.

A friend is a comrade with whom you find enjoyment.

A friend will never take advantage of you, but rather will point out advantages for you.

A friend understands and sympathizes with your moods and emotions.

A friend will keep your relationship strictly confidential.

These are the qualities of a "true blue" friend. Look around and see if you have at least one friend who measures up to all these qualities; or better still, examine yourself and see if you are a friend to someone else. If you have had the value of a true friend, you will know how important it is that you be a friend, yourself.

— Jean Ingram.

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## AT ADAMS



Seen dancing under the stars at the recent Star Dust Cafe were Judy Riggs and Bill Barr, Shirley Gross and Dick Foster (alumnus), Shirley Rogers and Bill Voor (Central Catholic), Clarence Hutchings and Beverly Rose (Central), Frosty Layman and Carol O'Brien, Jim Barrett and Nancy Guisinger, Sharon Tucker and Bill Fensel (Mish.), Janice Cronkrite and Mark McCoy (Riley), Bob Wegner and Penny Neispo, Bill Tait and Kathy Fieger (Riley), Janet Kurtz and Dick Everts, Bonnie Zeider and Ned Stanton, Naomi Brown and Jim Elbel (Riley), Joyce Timothy and Bill Stout, Mary Swingendorf and Tom Smithberger.

Together again: Don Jordan and Virginia Caron, Charlotte Moxley and Don Howell (alumnus).

Dating lately are Carole Crowe and Jerry Freels, Shirley Putman and Joe Plott.

Carol Jones certainly seems to enjoy band practice lately: could it be because Andy Smithberger is also in the Band?

Sue Smith is sporting a ring from Howe Military Academy. The former owner was Al Diehl.

Newest addition to the steady list, Pat Hammond and Bob Mitchell.

Quite a few girls from Adams attended the Freshman Ball at Notre Dame last week: Beth Smithberger came with Don Corona, Tish McCarthy with Chuck Hoff, Jodie Screes with George Haley, Eileen Finnegan with John Keller, Karen Hennings with Jack Hines, and Mary Ann Porden with Bob Bartz.

## WHAT'S FOR DINNER—POP?

Don't let that title throw you. We've got some boys here at Adams that are going to be expert cooks when they grow up—they hope.

Maybe some of them are going to be bachelors and won't have anyone around to cook for them and they don't want their cooking to taste like their father's.

I don't know what reasons they have for joining this class. Maybe if they were lost in a howling, blinding, bitterly cold blizzard in the north and had a bullet and a match, they could shoot a caribou and cook it.

Maybe if they decided to become a pyro-maniac for a career, they could use their knowledge and cook an office building, medium-rare.

Whatever their excuse, they're learning a lot and having a jolly good time doing it.

They're teased quite a bit, though. "Say how are your pineapple pinwheels getting along?" or "Did you pass your butter-milk biscuit tests?"

## EPITAPH DEDICATED OVER GRAVES OF DEPARTED THESPIANS

Seniors, do you feel dull and headache lately? Do you suffer from coughs due to colds, acute indigestion or borderline anemia? Chances are, if you are such a victim, that you were among the talented thespians who produced the Senior play. The under-classmen should bow in humble admiration to the "never say die" Seniors, who gave their all to the May 19 production.

Two of our elders who have reserved two permanent cells at Logansport are the co-authors and co-directors of the play—Joan Partritz and Pat Haley. These two labored in vain with a herd of stage frightened Seniors. The last words Joan was heard to screech were "If you don't come to rehearsal, I'll never give you any more bubble-gum as long as you live"—which wouldn't be long judging by the tone of her cultivated ladylike voice. Juniors were cautioned to keep away from the auditorium during rehearsals! One glimpse of what happened to the human dynamos Haley and Partritz and they would decide never to be Seniors and participate in a Senior Play.

A collection will be taken in home room to erect a memorial monument to these actors. It shall be inscribed—

Here lies a member of the Senior play  
Who on May 19 a fateful day  
Gave to the Juniors and Sophomores of his best  
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## Neighboring News

**Central:** Dave Coquillard and Marilyn Reguson led the grand march in the Senior Prom in the Palais Royale on May 13. Bud Simpson and his orchestra supplied the music.

**Mishawaka:** All the Physical Education classes are hard at work on their Field Day Program to be given this spring. The participants are from all the schools in Mishawaka and the activities will include dances, games, relays, and music background.

**Riley:** The Hi-Y boys sponsored a dollar day on May 20 to help increase their treasury. They are starting a fund to send more interested boys to the Hi-Y conferences. This is the Hi-Y's last school function this year.

There were seventeen applicants who tried out for next year's football cheerleaders. The majority were girls.

**Washington:** The Juniors are selling calling cards and name cards this year as their project to raise money for the class treasury.

### WHAT'S DOIN' IN THE ADAMS HI-Y

A Hi-Y assembly, one of that group's service projects to the school, will be held Thursday, May 26, from 8:15 to 9:10. The featured speaker will be Mr. Doug Monahan, secretary of the Illinois state YMCA in Chicago, who will speak on "Boy-Girl Relations."

#### Hi-Y Induction Held

Last Thursday the Hi-Y held induction of new officers in Room 106. The ceremony consisted of the handing by the officer of the past year the symbol of his office to the boy who will fill his office next year. Parents of the boys were invited and refreshments were served.

#### New Officers to go to Training Camp

Each year during the summer officers attend a training camp held at Camp Tecumseh on the Tippecanoe river near Lafayette, Indiana. This year the boys will attend different workshops on "Officers and Committees," and "the meaning of Hi-Y."

#### Plans Announced for Next Year

Next year according to the new officers the main events to be presented to the school Hi-Y will be the Annual Swing Heart Sway and the Adams Eve. There will also be the Easter assembly and other assemblies with varied speakers.

## REMINISCENCE

by Dorothy King

As graduation day approaches, at times you feel blue  
But when thinking of the good times you've had you feel happy, too.

You recall the ideas Mr. Krider wished to explain  
Of the Social Living trip to Chicago by train.

Remember experiments in Mr. Reber's Chemistry Lab  
Of 12A and all those newspapers on which you had to keep tab.

Of Miss Puterbaugh, Miss Roell, a commercial class  
Getting out of school during Lent so you could go to Mass.

Going outside to play baseball on days which were clear  
Heading to the Huddle after school for a root beer.

You recall tricky Civics' tests in Miss Bennett's room  
And after an Adams play, of having to push a broom.

Of Christmas vacation and the two weeks you had free—  
You stayed out 'til 1:30 and then forgot your key.

Of going to the first formal and later Senior Prom  
Of going steady for a year and a half with that cute little Tom.

You recall Glee Club when you used to sing  
The thrill you got when you received your senior class ring.

Of Mr. Powell's class where you learned to drive  
In Mr. Weir's class for good grades you had to strive

Of Mr. Nelson's geometry class, where he gave you aid  
Remember the sketches in Miss Lee's room you made

Reading "LaLuz" in Spanish (which means "The Light")  
Of Mr. Neff's history class, "and I have not yet begun to fight!"

When you realize how happy you've been and now it's nearly over  
You find out you're as lucky as a little four leaf clover!

### "NOVICE" GIVES SLANT ON FUTURE STUDENT COUNCIL

My first appearance at a student council meeting was made five minutes late. As I walked in the door I saw a number of ambitious students all hard at work, (chewing gum). Some young gentleman (we do have them at Adams, you know) politely gave me his chair. On went the meeting.

My truthful first opinion of the student council is that it is an organization which will thrive and do good if given the cooperation of not only the students but the office staff and faculty. I feel sure this student council will accomplish many things under the leadership of the new president, Dick Bennett, and vice president, Marlin Miller. The 1949-50 student council will try to keep the student body better informed of the happenings at council meetings.

Since the student council must have the cooperation of all to succeed I believe a good motto is, "TOGETHER WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL."

If it wasn't for the optimist the pessimist would never know how happy he isn't.

### JUNIORS SUCCESSFUL WITH SECOND ANNUAL "STAR DUST CAFE"

The second annual Star Dust Cafe was a huge success. The day's hard work of pinning up stars and crepe paper and blowing up balloons was soon forgotten. The vigorous dancing practices by the girls in the chorus line was worth the effort.

Music by the John Adams Swing Band provided the tempo to carry the dancers away to the stars. Spirits were made gay by the clever humor of the master of ceremonies. When the guests arrived the head waiter and ushers saw that everyone was comfortably seated at his reserved table.

By 10:00 o'clock approximately 240 guests had assembled. At this hour balloons were released and the couple that captured the balloon with the note in it was entitled to the door prize. Dick Carlson and Marva Tanner were the fortunate pair.

Bits  
by  
Betty



Mr. Dickey and his printing class certainly are to be congratulated on their work for making the prom programs and tickets so attractive.

Mr. Goldsberry has actually proved that both the insurance companies and the insured receive benefits from a policy. Then he made us prove it — on the test.

In business relations Gordon Barclay asked Miss Lenon "What happens if you rent a house and it burns down?" Miss Lenon asked the class for suggestions and Dean Adair volunteered "You move out."

Orchids to Joan Partritz and Pat Haley for their wonderful work on the senior play. Joan knew all the parts and lines — even to slinking across the stage in jeans and plaid shirt.



Thursday, May 26

The Big Top Parade—style show 8 p.m.

Hi-Y Assembly—home room period.

Friday, May 27

Senior examinations—afternoon.  
Senior Prom—Palais Royale 9-12 p.m.

Sunday, May 29

Baccalaureate 4:00 p.m.  
Graduating Seniors report to Library 3:30 p.m.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day Vacation.

Tuesday, May 31

Senior Examinations — morning.  
Senior awards Assembly — 1:40 p.m.

Senior Punch — 3:30 p. m.

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# EAGLES FIGHT FOR CONFERENCE CROWN

## BASEBALL TEAM WINS 4; LOSES 1 TO TIE FOR LEAD

The 1949 baseball team is really making history this season. Their hitting is colossal, their infield and outfield playing precision is built with very few errors and their batteries are hurling daggers. Truly, I may be exaggerating a slight bit, but the baseball squad of 1949 is something to sit up and take notice of, especially since it is one of the major contenders for the conference title — we hope the only contender. Most of the sports, with the exception of tennis have only boasted fair teams this year, but baseball can boast a good team at John Adams. There is only one trophy for a baseball conference win in the trophy case, which was won in 1944, and another one would look right pretty beside it. We hope it will look pretty there.

Up to this writing, the last two major wins have been the defeat of Michigan City 4-3 and Mishawaka 5-2. Henry Hukill has been a major spark plug in the Adams wins. He has pitched 4 wins to 0 losses. The wins have been against Mishawaka, Elkhart, Laporte, and a non-conference game with Central. Hitting is at a high also with Dick Truex alone getting 3 hits in the Michigan City game, while Joe Plott got 2 hits. The Truexes, Hyde, and Smeltzer are the power-houses in the hitting department. Double plays have been executed wholesale this year with 8 being played to this date. The batteries for the Michigan City game were Don Truex and Phil Smeltzer while Hukill and Smeltzer presided on Thursday in the Mishawaka tilt. Adams won a non-conference game this week in addition to these above mentioned. They defeated Riley 11-3 with Bennett and Baranowski the battery.

On the varsity, Dick Truex plays 1st base, Don Truex 2nd, Hyde 3rd

Bussert short stop, Frash center field, Nevins right field, and Plott left field. Hukill and Don Truex are the major hurlers with Cox, Bennett and Edgerton doing their share. Smeltzer usually catches with Baranowski assisting. Two more conference games are yet to be played at this writing, Washington and Riley. In non-conference battles, 3 have been won with 2 losses. These beaten in conference play are Laporte, Elkhart Mishawaka, and Michigan City. The one loss was at the hands of Central. The non-conference wins have been over Riley, Central, and Washington, with losses to Mishawaka and Washington. If the last two conference games were won, then Adams was tied for first place or won first place, depending on the record of the other teams.

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## JURCIK TAKES FIRST IN 880; WINS THIRD IN 440 AT SECTIONAL

Perennially strong, Mishawaka's Caveman track squad ran off 48 points and the state sectional meet championship for the South Bend area.

The Maroons also broke two meet records in their dominance of most of the track and field events. Stan Ross, speedy quarter-miler for the champs, knocked :8 of a second off his own mark with a brilliant 440 run in .51:4 seconds. The Mishawaka mile relay team broke the existing mark with a 3:35:5 minute performance.

Laporte finished second with 35 points in the meet, followed by Central, Riley, John Adams and Washington, tied for fifth place. Jack Hostetler, Laporte's hurdle man, won both the low and high stick events.

The Eagles gained seven of their eleven points from little Ben Jurcik, who won the 880 run and finished third in the 440.

Winners of the first three positions in each event and the two top relay teams participated in the regional meet last week-end in Gary. The state meet is May 27.

## G. A. A. INITIATES FIVE NEW MEMBERS AT SERVICE

The Girls' Athletic Association formally initiated Betty Jane Voss, Norma Casper, Jeanne Riffle, Joan Gerhart, and Garnetta Turner into its membership recently. The girls each received a rose and a G.A.A. gold pin during the candlelight service. They were told the emblems and standards of the organization and took an oath of the club. After the formal initiation punch and cookies were served and a dance was held.

A picnic is now being planned for the future at Potowatomi Park for all of the members. It will be a supper and an evening of fun for the girls.

Election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

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BARROOM POLKA—Russ Morgan or Frankie Yankovic.

THE HUCKLE BUCK—Frank Sinatra or Benny Goodman.

I DIDN'T KNOW THE GUN WAS LOADED—Janette Davis, Andrews Sisters or Betsy Gay.

KING'S SERENADE—Danny Kuaana.

I'M GONNA WASH THAT MAN RIGHT OUTA MY HAIR—Dinah Shore or Jo Stafford.

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