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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL — SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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"DRAGON" IS ON TONIGHT!!

Band Wins Honors in Chicago Park's Music Tournament

The John Adams High School band doesn't wait until school starts before it begins rehearsals and appearances. In fact, it has been "going strong" ever since August 30.

On Sunday, September 3, the marching band played for a Polish War Veterans Convention parade on the west side of South Bend.

Two days later, on September 5, they took their annual trip to Chicago. They marched in a contest parade at the Riverview Amusement Park's Tournament of Music. The blue-clad musicians were given a 94.8 rating and received a certificate of merit from the park. After the mile and a half march, band members enjoyed free rides in the park.

The concert band played two selections for the Back-to-School Assembly on Tuesday, September 12. Also, the marching band presented a calendar of the 1950 football season at the Adams-Central game.

PARENTS OF 10B'S FETED AT LUNCHEON

By now the parents of some of the new 10B's have a general idea of what type work is being expected of their sons and daughters at Adams High School. This information is brought to them through the 10B luncheons.

The first luncheon was September 20. There are two more luncheons scheduled. They will be held on September 27 and October 4. The pot-luck luncheons are sponsored by the P.T.A. and are for parents and home room teachers of the 10B's.

After the parents have had a chance to get acquainted with each other, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Rothermel and Miss Burns explained about the school rules and the extra-curricular activities.

This program acquaints the parents with the ways of the school so the parents in turn can help their sons and daughters to make the change from junior to senior high school.



Fintan (Robert Thompson), center, tells the nurse (Mary Swingendorf), left, and Dall Glic (Dave Sanderson) the fate of Nuala in a scene from *The Dragon*.



One went to Madison, one went to Muessel; two went to Central, one went to Mishawaka; two went to Purdue, one went to Indiana. They were foes for several years, but now they belong to one big happy family.

Miss Marilyn Shively is the new Foods and Clothing teacher at John Adams. She is fresh from Purdue University. She attended Central and Muessel for high and elementary training. She thinks "Adams is a pretty fine place." She's going to start rooting for Adams and makes note of the fact that Mr. Crowe coached at Central when she was a student.

Warren A. Seaborg is our new basketball mentor and health instructor. He also is a graduate of both Purdue and South Bend Central. However, he went to Madison Junior High School. After a stint in the service he taught one-half year in California. Before coming to Adams he also coached three years at Bourbon. At Bourbon he had the fabulous Keith Stackhouse and a sensational record. He thinks

Three Clubs Announce Officers for '50-'51

The Girls Athletic Association elected Donna Miller president and Carol Cameron vice-president. Other officers are: Margie Klein, secretary; Edna Sharp, treasurer; Wilma Horvath, sergeant-at-arms; and harlotte Kronewitter, program chairman. Mrs. Thompson is club sponsor.

In the Ushers Club, Bill Haefele was elected president for the first seester. Jack Silvius and Steve Elek were elected first and second captains, respectively. The recording secretary is Clifford Richards and Paul Stewart is activities secretary. Mr. Weir is the sponsor.

Edwin Dean succeeds Dave Sanderson as president of the Debate Club. Dave was elected vice-president. Esther Kennedy is librarian-secretary and Mr. Goldsberry is the group's sponsor.

Adams is "all right" and he doesn't believe the stories that Adams has poor school spirit.

Robert E. Seeley teaches art each afternoon at Adams. He has similar classes at Riley every morning. He attended Mishawaka High School and Indiana University. He thinks Adams is a "fine school."

Auditorium Floor Scene of Action for Production

A style of theater new to many will be seen tonight when the Adams Drama Club presents its annual production. The play, "The Dragon," well known to many South Bend people from earlier productions, is a delightful and charming fantasy by Lady Gregory. You will find that although the story takes place in the days of kings and dragons, there are many modern implications.

Of interest to students is the fact that Mr. Cassady himself once played the King and Miss Kantzer the Queen.

Stage to Be Window

Under Mr. Cassady's direction, the production will be given on the

CAST OF CHARACTERS

The King	Red Edwards
The Queen	Beth Hodge
The Princess Nuala	Sharlee Cissell
The Dall Glic	David Sanderson
The Nurse	Mary Swingendorf
The Prince of the Marshes	Tom Vermande
Manus, King of Sorch	Jay Miller
Fintan the Astrologer	Robert Thompson
Taig	James Tartar
Sibley (Taig's mother)	Nancy Rogers
Gatekeeper	Richard Hocking
	Judy Campbell
	Rosemary Orban
Two aunts of the Prince of the Marshes	
The Dragon	Robert Bartol

auditorium floor rather than on the stage. Effective use is being made of the stage as a huge window through which some of the action may be seen. The theater in the round, having the audience above or on a level with the actors was used last spring in the production of "Everyman."

Setting in Ireland

The story deals with the King's court in Ireland. The King, interested chiefly in his food and doting on his daughter Nuala, has recently acquired a new queen who wishes to dominate the household. It has been prophesied that the young princess will be devoured by a dragon on her eighteenth birthday. The queen makes use of this threat as a means of causing the king to vow he will wed the princess to the first man entering the house. A cook enters first, followed by an imposter of the King of Sorch, the most eligible prince in Ireland.

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Enrich Your Days at Adams: Join a Club

Hey buddy! Better get into some of John Adams school clubs! Yes-iree, they're one real deal! Bet you don't have any idea how many clubs are organized for your benefit. Clubs for almost every interest group and personality. There are clubs for almost every activity that a wide-awake Adamite could want.

Extra-curricular activities are necessary for a well balanced curriculum. They round out the conventional 3R's and liven up school life. By becoming interested in these activities you will become more interested in school as a whole; and if you throw yourself whole-heartedly into your chosen activity you can't help but come out with a richer, better balanced mind. If you choose athletics, your body as well as your mind will benefit.

School clubs are fun; provide diversion, and enlighten the mind. The more you put into an activity the more you get out of it and the more the school benefits. So—come on—join up—it's a great chance! Don't let it slip by.

Edwin Dean.

Step Out With Your Best Foot Forward

Do you remember all those things you wanted and intended to do at the beginning of last year, and then how something came up and you never got them done? Well, now you have a whole fresh new school year to begin all over again. The first day of school should be just like January first—if you haven't made any resolutions, make them now.

If you are a new sophomore or a new student at Adams, think of all the people there are to meet and impress! Resolve to be more friendly and to broaden yourself by becoming interested in at least one extra-curricular activity. After you've done this, remember what you've come to school for—to get a slight education. Maybe if you get the "study habit" at the beginning of the year, things won't be so hard after a couple of weeks.

Now, if an opportunity comes along, grab it, and don't be regretting at the end of the year that you hadn't put your best foot forward at the beginning.

Judy Campbell.

Are You One of These?

Somewhere, someone has to draw the line between the proverbial "liar" and those who speak un-truths of a gentler sort. If personal opinions prove correct we all hate a liar. But these others—let's try to classify them and see how they get around the truth without actually telling lies.

Story Teller—This helpful person is not content to relate a happening or personal adventure as it actually occurred, but expounds delightfully on his personal heroics or touches up his story so to keep his listeners more interested than they would be if he had followed the conventional lines of story telling. Always listen to and believe this person. He doesn't conform merely to the true facts of a tale; he delights us and keeps up our respect for him by showing us the magnitude of his exploits. (Whether he actually did do all these things or not is immaterial.)

White-lie-teller—We all love this person. All these fibs he tells you are for your own good. (That's his excuse, anyway.) Naturally, we all love to be flattered and praised by this thoughtful person when all he says is not true. We should be grateful to this person, since the lie he told was exonerated as being for "some-one's own good."

Fib-teller—This delightful person never says anything that can be construed as being a lie. He merely tells fibs—which is forgivable. Needless to say, we'd elect this type of person to the presidency any old day.

David James.

When Dragon Comes Here Anything Can Happen—And Does!

Clear the deck! Man the dust cloths! It's **The Dragon** in rehearsal. Whoops! floor's slippery, isn't it? Oh well, sliding in is a most dramatic way to make an entrance. The coasters on the chairs have been cleaned with gasoline. Everyone has his shoes removed. My doesn't Mr. Cassady wiggle his toes divinely? Now, where is Sander-son's cane. He's resting on it? But there isn't any cane there. So, life has its mysteries. Judy Campbell, Rosemary Orban and poor, hen-pecked Vermande are arriving on the scene. They're up! down! up again! down again! half here and half there! oops—Rex is practicing a wobble. All he needs is a little more weight. Mr. Cassady has taken over for a minute. Now if he could only play the king, queen, nurse, Dall Glic, Fintan and—it might be a good cast. Beth Hodge and Rex Edwards make a charming couple. She's a very dominating queen—anyway—she dominates his food. Tartar has a new-found talent. Wait till you see. Just listen to that deep voice Mr. Cassady has found in James. Poor Jay Miller can't get a word in edgewise with Mary Swingendorf rambling on like that. Princess Sharlee is having a gay time sliding around, but just wait until she has long skirts tripping her up! Nancy Rogers has been waiting three days to say her five lines. She should be grand! We can't comment on Bartol except to say that he has graduated from a bat to a dragon. And that's draggin' all of us far enough.

NOTE TO SOPHS: READ THIS TRUE DOPE

Poor disillusioned Sophomores! How are we to begin to here give you the real dope on what lies ahead, oh ye who labor under the false and fabulous illusion of the (ugh!) glories of high school? Ah, poor souls! After reading this, your innocent little dreams will be shattered. But, never fear; it is all for the best. Better the poor Sophomore to learn the true facts now than to be stunned by the flow of he real truth which would come inevitably.

1 We have no swimming pool on the fifth floor. In fact we have no fifth floor; only four.

2 There is no elevator in this school. We must be content with the use of the escalator which is located at the end of the east hall.

3 Don't be afraid of Mr. Krider. He doesn't really throw bad students into a sausage grinder. You'll come out of his class well versed in everything from Hamlet to caponizing chickens.

4 Boys, hang on to your girl friends. Against Senior competition you haven't a chance.

5 Be courteous at lunch hour. Don't push or shove while waiting in line in the cafeteria.

6 Be careful with the teachers. They hate students. Don't forget to bring a \$2 bribe for each teacher.

Students Come From And Leave For Other Districts

Not only did John Adams gain a huge group of sophomores from the three district schools, it gained thirty-four students from other districts. Also twenty-seven left us other than the 200 lost by graduation.

12A's who came in are Carol Simons from Howe of Indianapolis and Theron Hensler. Jean Selby and Dean Richards both returned to the 12B. Also new in the 12B are Carol Hufstader from Philadelphia and Paul DeLong returned from Tokyo, Japan.

Other new students are: 11th grade—Earl Briesch, Chicago; Glenn Klein and JoAnn Turner, Central; Verna Whisman, Rochester; Sue Allison, Riley; Jack Noyes, Charlotte, N. C.; Charles Eaton, Wabash; Ray Lynn Birmingham, Washington-Clay; George Simon, Roger Teska, and Wayne Robison, returned.

10th grade—Marilyn Moran, Saint Mary's Academy; Sylvia Moran, Joyce Swingendorf, Janet Zehnpfennig, Patricia Grundy, and Mary Jo White, Saint Joseph's Academy; William Bickel, Campion, Wisconsin; Violet Johnson, Mishawaka; Betty Langley, New Castle; Dean Robinson and Jill Jacobsen, Riley; Jerry Wachs and Robert Berta, Central Catholic; Patrick McKeon, Fort Worth, Texas, and Margaret Jamison and Mary Agnes Gingrich, Madison.

Those who have left these halls and this building for some other place are: Robert McCreary, Maureen Weitzenfeld and Beryl Goldstein who went to California; Don and Amy Acton to Riley, Marcia Chapman and Mary Louise Young to Central, and Betsy Coswell and Marilyn Roberts to Saint Joseph Academy.

Marian Lory moved to Laporte, Mary Jane Fansler to Coldwater, Michigan, and Alan Schwalm to Niles. George Christy has gone to Warsaw, Joyce Timothy to Lafayette, Phyllis Glass to Indianapolis, James West to Chicago, and Gene Thompson to Edwardsburg, Michigan.

Going out of town to school are: Joseph Harris, Glen Arbor, Michigan; Lew Ehresman, Howe Military Academy; David Allen, Culver Military Academy, and Nancy Langenbahn, Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Ill.

Ella Mae Hulbut, and Barbara Deranek are employed and Cupid's dart captured Phyllis McFarland and Eunice Rolfe. Delford Long is seeing duty with the Marines.

FACULTY HOLDS PARTY

The John Adams faculty held their annual "Get-Acquainted" party in honor of the new teachers at the Four Lake Country Club last Thursday, September 14. A pot-luck dinner was the highlight. Miss Bauer was chairman of the affair, assisted by Miss Shively, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Carroll of the social committee.



By Dave James

There have been rumors to the effect that James Lewis Cassady's latest masterpiece will be somewhat of a humdinger. It's called "The Dragon," and plays tonight in our auditorium. If your lessons are not prepared in class tomorrow, just tell teacher that it's because you went to see "The Dragon." He'll be sure to forgive you.

A word to the Sophomores—High school is not all fun. For some inexplicable reason the teachers of this school expect their students to study and work diligently.

Adamite of the Week—Fred Helmer, a Senior is a popular boy around Adams. He was born in Chicago, Illinois and hails from H. R. 109. Since starting at Adams, Fred has worked hard and shown much ability. He has deservedly been elected editor of the '51 Album and holds the position of vice-president of the Student Council. He is an "A" student and enjoys playing golf, basketball, and being a member of the Adams golf team. Fred is easy to know and get along with. We expect his good work to continue throughout this year.

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FORMER STUDENTS HONORED

Two former students at John Adams received awards in the fourth annual Industrial Arts Awards contest held during the summer at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. The contest is sponsored by the Ford Motor Company.

Owen Helm, a graduate of last June, won honorable mention and a \$10 cash prize in the plastics division for his plastic desk pen holder. Robert McCreary also won honorable mention and \$10 in the plastic division for his plastic picture frame.

"Dragon" on Tonight

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Nuala will have none of them. Upon the arrival of the dragon, three suitors of the princess go to destroy him. The finish of the battle between man and beast determines the end of this truly delightful show.

Cassady Designs Costumes

Mr. Cassady is directing, Miss Kaczmarek is dramatic coordinator and John Smith is student director. Robert Bartol is production manager. The costumes designed by Mr. Cassady are being made by a committee under the direction of Barbara Swank. Other committee heads are Nancy Bolt, props; Barbara Turk and Nancy Smith, tickets; Dave Sanderson, sets, and Mary Swingendorf, publicity.

"Real prayer always does one of two things: it either frees us from the trouble we fear, or else it gives us the strength and courage to meet the trouble when it comes."

—Jonathan Edwards.

Wife: Don't drive so fast, George. The policeman on the motorcycle wants to get by.



What do you expect to get from Adams?

Jill Jacobsen—New friends.

Margaret Considine—Lots of things.

Jean Woolverton—An education.

Nancy Habart—Fun and meeting new friends.

Gingie Steinmetz—Education, fun and meeting new friends.

Mari Ann Reish—Dates.

Luce Williams—Lots of fun.

Mickey Jamison—Everything.

Sylvia Moran—Education.

Marilyn Moran—Getting along with others.

Betty Langley—A good time.

Jack Essex—A good education.

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CONTEST



Football Eagles Win, 41-13; Lose, 33-0

Adams Defeats Broad Ripple, 41-13

Friday, September 8, in a driving rain the out-weighted, out-manned, but never out-driven John Adams Eagles trounced highly touted Indianapolis Broad Ripple 41-13. Outweighed twenty-eight pounds per man in the line and thirty-seven in the backfield, the Eagles made up this poundage loss by displaying a sharp passing attack which netted four of their six touchdowns. They employed a nine man line. Eagle touchdowns were scored by Bill Dieter, Jack Nordblad, Paul Geiger, Dick Stanton, Dick Sessler and Jim Brennan. The other five points were scored by Geiger who converted three times and by Dieter who caught extra point passes.

Central Downs Adams, 33-0

Last Saturday night's game with the Central Bears proved to be a little too much for our Eagles. The Eagles were beaten and beaten bad, but no one can blame them for the loss. They used every bit of man power they could employ and used to the best advantage. The simple truth is that this just wasn't enough. Central was bigger and better. The most disappointing factor of the game is that the Eagles had several chances to score and failed. But, they were trying their best and no one can ever be condemned when he gives everything he has to achieve success.

Adams played Graf, Smith, Kline, Stanton, Brennan, Naftsgar, Richards, Scruggs, Landry, Rowe, Helvey, Dieter, Nordblad, Geiger, Sessler, Nideffer, Pipke, Kinsinger and Horvath.

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2. If you are twenty (20) years of age, or a post-graduate.
3. If you did not pass in three regular high school subjects the last semester you attended high school, the last previous grading period of the present semester, or are not currently maintaining passing work in three regular high school subjects.
4. If you change high schools without a corresponding change of parent's residence.
5. If you did not enroll in high school within the first fifteen days of the semester.
6. If you have transferred from another high school and do not have an I.H.S.A.A. Athletic Transfer Blank on file with your high school principal.
7. If you have violated your amateur standing in any way:
 - (a) by playing under an assumed name.
 - (b) by accepting remuneration for your participation in any athletic activity.
 - (c) by participating in athletic events having cash prizes or prizes having other than symbolic value.
 - (d) by participating in athletic activities sponsored by professional athletic organizations or their representatives other than schools and clinics sponsored by Organized Baseball during the summer vacation period of your high school.
8. If you have been absent five or more days from school due to illness or injury and have not presented to your principal a written statement by a physician licensed to practice medicine in Indiana that you are again physically fit.
9. If you have participated in practices, games, contests and scrimmages not under the direct supervision, management and auspices of your high school during the school year.
10. If you engage in Football or Basketball games any time out of season, you are ineligible for all athletics until the following January 1.
11. If undue influence is used by any person in school or out of school to retain you or secure you as a student or to retain or secure your parents as residents.
12. If you are married, or have been divorced, or have had a marriage annulled.
13. If because of bad habits or improper conduct you cannot represent your school in a becoming manner.
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Sept. 8—Broad Ripple, there
Sept. 16—Central (S.B.), there
Sept. 22—Michigan City, there
Sept. 29—Elkhart, here
Oct. 6—Riley (S.B.), here
Oct. 14—Washington (S.B.), there
Oct. 20—Goshen, here
Oct. 27—North Side (F.W.), here
Nov. 4—South Side (F.W.), there

TENNIS SCHEDULE

Sept. 21—North Side, there
Sept. 26—Mishawaka, there
Sept. 28—LaPorte, here
Oct. 3—Goshen, there
Oct. 5—Central, here
Oct. 10—Riley, there

CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 21—*Washington, Elkhart, Adams
Sept. 28—*North Side, Adams, Goshen
Oct. 6—*LaPorte, Adams, Mishawaka
Oct. 13—*Adams, Riley, Central
*Where meet will be held.

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