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76 June Grads Start Studies In College

Trunk cramming and harrassed fathers reluctantly signing checks have been the vogue for the past two weeks as many Adams graduates of the class of 1950 prepared to leave for college.

Sixteen to I. U.

Indiana was favorite university, being chosen by sixteen, with four others registered for the extension courses. Purdue got thirteen of the class.

Those enrolled at I. U. are: Donn Anderson, Richard Carlson, Jerry Coker, Bill Daugherty, Evelyn Estes, Wesley Habart, Bruce Million, Richard Moore, Charlotte Moxley, Robert Northrop, Don Oedekirk, John Roberts, Ronald Rosensweet, Robert Schafer, Phyllis Schrage, Thomas Warrick and Jeanette Mueller. Gordon Barclay, Kent Bolton, Peggy Davis and Arthur Jones are taking Indiana Extension courses.

At Purdue University are: Carl Bleckschmidt, Richard Bolesky, Mary Earl, Paul Green, Robert Grimshaw, Shirley Gross, Donn Haefner, Eileen Haines, Jean Ingram, Shirley Rogers, Andrew Smithberger, Elizabeth Solbrig, and Elliott Weinberg.

Meyers at Harvard

Co-valedictorians Lois Warstler and John Meyers went to Ball State and Harvard, respectively. Others at Ball State are Betty Cierzniak, Rosalie Fragomni, Anne Ulrich and Robert Wegner.

Robert Kuntz, Charles Weaver, and Jerry Turley are starting at Notre Dame. St. Mary's has claimed La Verne Kluska.

Richard Bennett, Jayne Davis, and Barbara Taylor are registered at Western Michigan. Marlene Gilbert and Suzanne Smith are at the University of Michigan. At Kalama-

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NROTC BULLETIN

Applications must be mailed before November 18, 1950. Navy College Aptitude Test will be given at 8:45 a.m. on December 9, 1950 at Notre Dame.

Further information, bulletins and applications may be obtained in the Guidance Office.

Glee Club Starts Busy Year



Glee Club officers, left to right: Sharlee Cissell, secretary; Jean Gooley, vice-president; Marty Weissert, president; Fred La Cosse, treasurer; and Mary Lou Tait, secretary. Jim Wenger, business manager, was not present for the picture.

The Glee Club held its annual tryouts in search for new talent in the Little Theatre, Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00. Sixty 10Bs appeared along with a few older students. Of those who tried, forty were accepted.

Tryouts were held in the usual manner; behind the blackboard with no one knowing who was singing. This has proved to be an effective means and has been used before.

The Glee Club was well pleased with the turnout for tryouts and is hoping for a successful year. It is gratifying to see such interest in music among the new students here at Adams.

The Glee Club is now hard at work preparing for its first program which will be a school assembly. This will be given jointly with the Album October 19. Also on the agenda for this semester are the North Central Program, the Thanksgiving Program, and the Christmas Assembly and Vespers.

PATRIOTIC THEME TO BE USED FOR HALF-TIME SHOW

The John Adams High School marching band will use a patriotic theme for their half-time show tonight in School Field at the Adams-Elkhart football game. C. R. Deardorff's fifty piece organization will honor the United States armed forces in their second show of the current grid season.

Drum Major Jim Considine will lead the blue-clad musicians through their paces as they pay tribute to the visitors with a unique formation of E.H.S. In honor of the U. S. Navy the band will form a battleship complete with flags. A brass ensemble will feature the Army maneuver as they play a "Doc" Deardorff arrangement of "Tenting Tonight." As a closing number the band will play "The Army Air Corps Song" as a plane takes off from across the field heading toward the Adams stands.

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THREE TO REPRESENT ADAMS AT DE PAUW CONFERENCE

Delores Trisinger and Robert Bartol will leave today for DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. Miss Burns will accompany the group of student delegates from John Adams to the college conference for high school seniors.

Several other seniors who will be visiting friends on the campus tomorrow plan to attend the conference in the morning and the Hanover-DePauw football game in the afternoon.



North Central Teachers Association
October 26 and 27
Thanksgiving Vacation
December 23 and 24
Christmas Vacation
December 22 to January 8
First semester ends January 26
Spring Vacation
March 16 to March 26

Something New To Be Added To Tower

Starting next Friday, something new will greet your eager eyes when you receive your issue of the TOWER. Not only that, it will greet your deflated pocketbook with a great big smile. WHY? . . . Because it's FREE!!!

Roto Section Included

With your copy of the TOWER will come a rotogravure section, something previously limited to Sunday editions of a select few large city newspapers. Published by the National Scholastic Press Association, this section reaches high schoolers all over this country, plus the U. S. possessions and Canada. Now in the twenty-ninth year of service, NSPA is the eldest and largest organization ever to reach both high school and college students.

Nearly All Pictures

You may think that this is just some business stunt staged by the TOWER in order to obtain more subscribers. Could be. But it also means that **your** school paper looks more like a newspaper, not an economy-size bookmark. An eight page publication, this one is almost **all** pictures, with a minimum of printed copy . . . a boon to you who favor comics to plain ordinary NEWS. This is news in picture form. Nor is this confined just to Adams, South Bend, or even the whole state of Indiana. This publication reaches the entire country. If you want to keep from being in a rut, this will help to solve your problems right at home . . . no long-distance traveling for you.

SENIOR PHOTOS BEING TAKEN

Once again it is "mugging time" for the seniors. Pictures are being taken of the 1951 graduating class at the Priddy-Tompsett studio. It is the desire of the Album staff to have these pictures taken within the next two weeks so that work can continue on the layout of the book.

Pictures of the underclassmen will be taken during the next month. As yet, Mr. Carroll has not contracted with a photographer for this part of the book but it will either be a South Bend or Mishawaka company this year instead of the Grand Rapids group who has taken pictures in previous years.

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For More Free Time, Use Those Spare Minutes

How can I, you say, have extra time when I'm going to school? Well, believe it or not—it can be done! If you'll spend a little time making a time budget, you'll find lots of free time that you usually spend doing homework. First, you must make up your mind to do as much of your homework at school as you can. Begin to make good use of those few minutes before school in the morning and the study periods in class. You'll be surprised at what you can accomplish during that time. You should make out a convenient schedule in which you spend a certain time on each of your subjects. On days when you don't have much work in one subject, work on advanced assignments as term papers or extra notebooks so you won't have to "burn the midnight oil" the night before the assignment is due. Why don't you try this system and have more time on your hands?

Mary Ann Kenady.

LET'S ALL JOIN THE "PICK-UP PARADE"

There are so many things that help to detract from the cleanliness of a school—papers not being placed in the baskets which have been purposely placed for them, candy and gum wrappers being blown around the school grounds, remains of lunches, snacks and such being left in bushes and under trees. All of these things and even more will help to make the school less attractive.

Really it's up to every student as an individual to keep this school in good condition. Everyone must do a little or nothing can be accomplished. Actually, it should be like a basketball or football team where everyone works together, because if we want to win and have "Our School" as clean as possible, we're all going to have to work together. Try not to drop things. After all someone will just have to pick up after you. All of us can find out where to put our papers and then put them there. There will always be a few papers on the floor unintentionally, so let's pick up those papers, too.

Adams is usually referred to as the "Cleanest School" in town, so let's keep this title by all joining the "pick-up parade."

Marilyn Moran

NO REGULAR HOURS—NO STUDIES DONE

Do you want to be able to secure a job with a good salary when you graduate from high school? Sure you do!

Do you want to know how you might better your chances?

It may seem funny, but it all goes back to studying while still in school.

So you went out with John or Mary last night and didn't get home until 12:00 or thereabouts. So what, it was just one night.

So you were too tired to do any studying and went to bed (you can always study in school you say).

Next day in all your classes you feverishly try to do the assignment for the next class and miss whatever the teacher is trying to tell you which, incidentally, just might be of use in getting the next day's lesson.

You keep getting farther and farther behind, or maybe it isn't quite that bad with you. Perhaps you caught up and decided that you had gotten off all right that time, so you stay out till the wee hours of the morning again and again.

Here's just a word of warning: you won't always be able to catch up.

Without studying, which you are able to do by keeping reasonable hours, you may not get that wonderful job you're sort of planning on after graduation day rolls around.

How far can a person get these days without a good paying job? About as far as the nearest poor-house.

Take heed, you night owls.

Norma Casper.

Fashion News

By Barbara Swank

With winter coming around, many girls begin to think about their wardrobes. Whether you buy or make your clothes, let's see what is in style for the year coming up.

Fashion designers say wool jersey is a must. You can sit all day and still look fresh as a daisy. It's good by itself, but you can mix it with any fabric for different outfits.

Every girl needs one suit to complete her wardrobe. Corduroy and tweed are still good but this year, suits are being influenced by rayon. Trim them with velveteen, but remember—as a trimming you only want to see it in small amounts.

Designers have come out with a miracle fabric for your formals. It is a pleated nylon that looks and feels like silk, but costs like cotton. Speaking of cotton, designers are including it in fall wardrobes. They say there is no reason why it can't be worn after September.

As always any color is good, but remember—variety is the thing. Gold is popular for both blondes and brunettes. There are more plaids this year. The latest is plaid shoes to match your outfits. Cinnamon, toast and spice colors are at their best. Toast can be matched with any color and adds to your combinations.

Black is reserved for evenings, but it is still as youthful as the person wearing it.

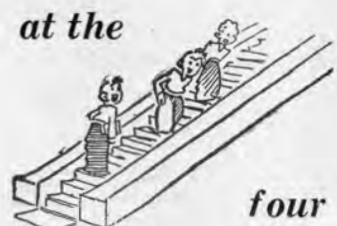
Weskits and vests complete your wardrobe. Wear them with slacks, suits and skirts.

Hemlines are definitely going up, which may distress the girls, but make the boys happy. After all, aren't they the ones we dress for anyway?

Six Easy Steps To Get One "F"

"Already the third week of school and I haven't flunked a thing!" You say? Would you like to know how? By faithfully following all of the rules on the list below you are sure to come to full glory at the foot of your class.

1. Don't ever read your assignments.
2. Look at all the interesting things out the window during class.
3. Be sure to flirt with all the boys/girls that sit within 30 feet of you in class.
4. When you have to make a book report, don't bother with reading the book—just read the jacket flaps and guess at the rest—90 per cent of all endings are happy anyway (I guess).
5. All experienced scholars know that the best and only way to get an "A" is to smile at the teacher and be real nice to him—(you learn how better every time you take the course).
6. Did you know that the best time to knit was during a lecture. The teacher's words can be so soothing—why you



at the
four
corners

With home room period lasting only fifteen minutes, it sure is difficult to catch up on the gossip.

Mr. Cassady, Miss Kaczmarek, or whoever chose the cast for the Dragon can take the credit for another Adams romance. Mary Swingendorf and Jay Miller hardly knew one another existed until rehearsals were called regularly for the play.

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Any 10B who would like to teach the art of getting a locker combination to work, in ten easy lessons, see Rai Lowell in 205. Even seniors have difficulty, eh, Rai.

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Let's try to back our cheerleaders when they go to the bother to arrange for busses for out-of-town games. How about supporting our team away from home.

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Lost: One cute little cheerleader to Shortridge High in Indianapolis. Who?? Joyce Timothy, of course.

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Gained: One very sweet girl from Indianapolis, Carol Simons.

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Congratulations to Bob Pfaff who won national sailing honors in the Snipe class this summer.

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The steady bug seems to have reached Tom Wise and Joan Graf, as well as Bill Bickel and Carol Spindler.

Karen Brown and Bill Heintzelman (Riley) have survived the summer and are still the same happy couple we saw last spring.

Sue Hastings is spending most of her spare time writing letters to Jim Sears at Wabash.

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One of our seniors from 105 (B. B.) shows a tendency to become a leader in the creation of feminine fashions. Visit the guidance office for evidence.

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Rileyites in Adams territory: Jim Cherpes with our Marilyn Stegman, and Duane Zorn with Pat Lupton.

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What is this we hear about Fred Helmer having daily lessons in self-expression?

Welcome back to Adams—Jack Noyes.

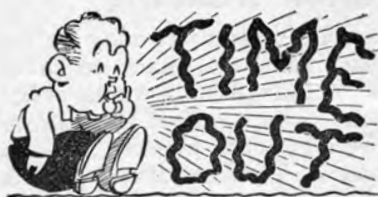
Muzzles are needed for certain people between the hours of 8:25 and 8:40. Bring all contributions to Miss Roell in room 205.

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Did the Eagle Bakery in Michigan City know we were coming? We didn't have time to stop to see if they baked a cake

could almost go to sleep.

Now at the end of about two weeks when a TEST comes along, you should be all prepared to make the most beautiful "F" of your high school career. Good luck!



By Dave James

The time of the year has come for Senior pictures to be taken at the Priddy-Tompsett studio. How in the world is Bob Reinke going to get rid of that ape-ish looking butch-cut in time to have his picture taken? Some well-qualified students to whom I have spoken have remarked that he looks like something out of San Quentin. I do note a striking similarity.

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The football season is now in full swing, and our boys are still battling their opponents like Mr. Truman and the Marines. Just a pause to say, "Good luck, team!"

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I had the pleasure last week to meet Mrs. Madeline Stroney, Educational director for Gregg Publishing Company. She taught Miss Roell's shorthand class Tuesday, September 19.

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Adamite of the Week: Duane Rowe. Duane is a Senior "A" and hails from home room 108. He is doing his part to support John Adams by playing varsity football. Duane has been elected Junior Rotarian by his class and will attend the Rotary luncheons every Wednesday noon.

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Are you interested in belonging to a Camera club? Last year a constitution for the proposed club was drawn up through the Student Council. Ask your home room teacher to see a copy or secure one from Bob Konrath in room 108. Here is another activity at Adams to help develop a worth while hobby.

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Jefferson, Nuner, Lincoln D.A.R. Citizenship Award Winners are Adams Sophs

Five Adams sophomores were the recipients of good citizenship medals at their commencement exercises at their respective junior high schools last June. The medals are presented by the Schuyler Colfax chapter, Daughters of American Revolution.

Three of the winners, Patricia Holland, Carol Hudson and Jerry Jennings, are in Miss Kaczmarek's home room and Dolores Mueller and Richard Sanderson are in Mr. Neff's home room.

Pat is 15 and came from Jeffer-

son. So far she has joined Glee club. She likes butterscotch sundaes and dislikes conceited people.

Carol is also 15 and came from Nuner. Before going to Nuner she attended Perley. She likes hot fudge and dislikes prejudice. She has joined Glee Club and Drama Club.

Jerry belongs to the band, orchestra, dance band, and Ushers Club. He plays french horn. He is 15 and comes from Nuner.

Dolores came from Lincoln and also is 15. She attended Lincoln from kindergarten through the ninth grade. She has no especial likes or dislikes. She has joined Drama Club and the Girls Athletic Association.

Dick is 15 and the younger brother of senior Dave. He came from Jefferson, but has also attended school at Madison and Ann Arbor, Michigan. He belongs to Drama Club. Dick likes hamburgers.

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zoo College are Marian Hulbert and Gene Wright.

Staying within the state to go to school are: Janice Cronkrite at Ball State Memorial Hospital; Carol O'Brien at Holy Cross Central School of Nursing; Betty Everest at Bethel; Nancy Coswell, George Feldman, and Jean Koenigshof at Hanover; Robert Ross, Martha Swintz, and Bill Weatherly at DePauw, and James Sears and William Tait at Wabash.

Judy Bailey went way off to the University of Colorado and Marlin Miller went East to Alfred University.

Northwestern Gets Twins.

Gloria Ziker went to Illinois. Northwestern claimed the 1950 twins, Jo and Su Green and Wheaton College got Gerald Ollman.

Tish McCarthy has gone to the Barat College of the Sacred Heart and Nancy Hastings and Judy Roelke are roommates at Stevens.

Richard Brueseke went to Elmhurst; Dan Miller to Whittenberg; Judy Riggs to Bowling Green; Alene White to Lindenwood; and George Everts to Culver-Stockton.

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"In the old days we observed how tough a man was by the number of nicks in his gun. Today it's determined by the number of nicks in his automobile fenders."

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ODDS AND ENDS

The cross-country team was victorious in their first meet last Thursday against Washington. There was another meet yesterday against North Side, Fort Wayne. Ralph Powell is again the team's coach. . . . The Tennis team with Paul Reber at the helm is having a rather difficult time getting started this season. They drew a bye for their first match and have not played their scheduled matches with Elkhart and Fort Wayne, North Side. The North Side match, which was to have been played last Thursday was reportedly scheduled to have been played this Monday. Tuesday should have found the team battling with Mishawaka at Mishawaka. Also scheduled for this week was a match with LaPorte. The progress of the team should be interesting to watch since it will be composed entirely of boys with no previous experience on the squad. Last year's team was an all senior squad. . . . September 18 the Adams "B" football team dueled with the Washington Panthers, but neither team was able to score. For the most part, the game was played between the thirty-yard lines. Washington's major bid for a score came just before the half ended when one of their backs scampered eighty yards to the Adams two-yard line before being downed by Steve Kierein. The booming punts of Dick Sessler were of considerable help to the Eagle cause.

ELKHART NEXT

This Friday night should be the occasion for a real ball game. It appears that Adams and Elkhart are very evenly matched with each having an edge over the

other in certain phases of the games. Adams will be shooting for a second conference win out of three starts after having lost to Central in their first conference tilt and then whipping Michigan City last Friday. The game might well turn out to be an aerial battle as Elkhart as well as Adams does a great deal of passing. This was evidenced in The Central-Elkhart game when the Blue Blazers threw nineteen passes.

SOMEBODY'S ALWAYS GRIPING

It has been brought to my attention that there is a certain group in our school who were very disgruntled after the Central game when our cheerleaders failed to show up at the school after the game to cheer the down-hearted players. As a result of their dissatisfaction, they have reportedly decided not to cheer for the cheerleaders, but to be completely indifferent to them in every way. I have never heard anything so completely immature in my life. In all probability the players would have felt much worse than they did after the game if someone had tried to cheer them up rather than to have left them alone. I suggest this group

Athletic Bulletin

In order that there may be no misunderstandings, the coaching staff of John Adams wants every student to be aware of the following ruling made by the Athletic Board in October, 1946. It was unanimously agreed that this ruling will help to build a more successful varsity athletic program.

"No wearing apparel, jewelry, or other items of similar nature symbolizing an unapproved school club or group, shall be worn or displayed by a student who has been, is, or will be participating in the varsity athletic program. Such shall not be worn at any time in the school building, on the school grounds during school hours, or at any function or place at which the school is officially represented or invited. The penalty shall be (at least) suspension from varsity athletic participation."

No further warnings for violations shall be issued.

--Ralph Powell, Athletic Director.

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