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Basketball Tickets To Go On Sale Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday, November 8, basketball season tickets, good for nine home games, will go on sale. Student tickets will be \$2 and adult tickets will cost \$5. Buying a season ticket saves student purchasers 70 cents.

Application blanks will be distributed in home room. They are to be filled out and presented at the time you purchase the ticket. Adult applications will be mailed or can be picked up in the office.

Season ticket holders will get first chance at Sectional tickets when that memorable time rolls around next February.

SENIOR GUIDANCE PROGRAM OUTLINED FOR SEMESTER

A student planning committee composed of Dick Bothast, Margaret Carter, Nancy Cleghorn, Jackie Elmore, George Enfield, Katherine Null, Dave Sanderson, Nancy Smith and Roy Tepe met with Miss Burns for three successive weeks to plan and outline the 12B guidance activities from October 24 to December 12.

College preparatory people are being given the opportunity to discuss problems that will face them next year. Miss Burns is serving as discussion leader. On November 14 Mr. White and Dr. Harvey from Purdue University will be at the meeting as consultants. On December 1, Mr. Bucher and Dr. Evans from Indiana University will be guest speakers.

Students who will be seeking employment after graduation are being made aware of the problems before them through a series of films: Choosing Your Occupation, I Want a Job, Finding the Right Job, How to Keep a Job. Mr. Krieger is serving as discussion leader after the showing of each film.

On November 21, Mr. Grauel of the Personnel Division of Bendix Products Corporation will direct a demonstration of an application interview for factory production. On November 28 Mr. Gray of the Studebaker Corporation will demonstrate an interview for a commercial or professional position.

Tuesday, December 5, all seniors will hear Mr. James P. Leddy of the Better Business Bureau discuss the topic of "Frauds" and Mr.

Girls Lead Junior Red Cross



Pictured are the officers of the Adams Junior Red Cross. Left to right: Jean Gooley, secretary-treasurer; Joan Allen, vice-president; and Mary Swingendorf, president.

To assist the officers and council of the Junior Red Cross a student committee, composed of Loretta Blanton, Susan Nuss, and Pat Parker, was chosen to care for incidentals. This group will be instrumental in carrying out the enrollment drive which is being held at Adams from October 30 to November 6.

All the students in school will be asked to enroll in the Junior Red Cross by making a donation. This money is the means of financing the projects of the organization. Although every student does not actually participate in the activities of this group, he gains a part in the organization by helping finance their activities.

JUNIOR CLASS CABINET ELECTED BY HOME ROOMS

Soon the Junior Class Officers and cabinet will start legislating on affairs and problems pertaining to the class.

Each home room has recently elected cabinet members to help President Bill Deiter. Representatives are: Sue Bennett and Jim Brennan from 106, Mary Ann Kennedy and Will Johnston from 204, Fred La Cosse and Virginia Rich from 206, Jack Nordblad and Edwina Tucker from 209, and Jo Ann Turner and John Smith from 103. Room 208 had not chosen their candidates at the time of publication.

Principal business on the agenda is the planning of the "Stardust Cafe" to be held next spring. This is an annual project of the Junior Class for the entertainment of the entire school.

Raymond Hoyer of the Social Security Division will explain the functions of the Social Security act.

ANOTHER GLEE CLUBBER SAYS HE HAS FUN

By John Smith

We in the Glee Club always have affirmed that we have fun when we sing and we do have a good time in Glee Club. Since all good soaps are entitled to a little personal testimony to support their statements, I believe the Glee Club is entitled to support theirs.

A week ago Thursday the Glee Club sang in the North Central program. For those who are not familiar with North Central, it is a concert presented each year during Teachers Association by the Glee Clubs of the high schools of northern Indiana under the direction of a distinguished outside director. This year Dr. Wilferd Bain, Dean of the School of Music at Indiana University, was the director. The schools are allowed to bring a number of students based on the size of their glee clubs and I was lucky enough to be one of them.

I certainly appreciate the amount
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Editorial Contest Opens Today; TOWER Is Sponsor

For the 14th consecutive year the National Tuberculosis Ass'n, its affiliated associations, and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association are co-sponsoring the School Press Project. School papers are urged to enter editorials, articles, and cartoons on one of two subjects to compete for nationwide fame.

In order that the Tower can enter the best work available at Adams they are sponsoring a contest, which is open to every student at Adams. Any student may write an editorial or an article on one of the two following subjects: "What Facilities Does My Community Need to Fight Tuberculosis," or "How the Christmas Seal Fights Tuberculosis."

All entries must be on one of these themes. This does not mean that the titles of the articles must be identical with one of the above, but it does mean that the ideas suggested by these subjects must be developed in the articles. Any articles featuring other subjects than the two suggested are not eligible for consideration.

All entries must be in the possession of the Tower editorial staff by Wednesday November 22. They will be judged by members of the faculty and the first three winners will have their essays printed in the December 15 Tower.

What if you win? The first three winners will receive free Tower subscriptions for next semester. Anyone can enter and anyone is likely to win! Write your entry and give yourself and your school paper a chance for nation-wide fame.



Saturday, November 4

Football—South Side, there

Monday, November 6

Physical exams for 11th grade girls

Tuesday, November 7

12B and 12A College and Occupations Guidance Lectures

Monday, November 13

Football banquet

Tuesday, November 14

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From the Editor's Pen

FOOTBALL

Tomorrow afternoon will bring to a close the 1950 football season for the John Adams Eagles. The Eagle has floundered badly; the team had an embarrassing situation burst into the open in mid-season; several players were injured while playing; the cheerleaders got hoarse voices the band formed an upside down "G"; the student body was broken-hearted after the 20-19 loss to Elkhart; but we'll all survive.

We all learned how to lose and we did a good job of learning! We just had to take it into our stride that we weren't a championship team and we would have to be satisfied when our team did their level best even if it didn't mean a victory. The student body is to be congratulated on their swell job of cheering the team this year.

While on the subject of football, I wish to extend my congratulations to the Mishawaka Maroons, champions of the Eastern Division, Northern Indiana High School Conference. On behalf of the John Adams student body I wish them the best of luck in their coming game with the kingpins of the Western Division for the Northern Indiana Championship and possibly the mythical state title.

Now our attentions turn to basketball and we wait patiently for the opening game here against Washington-Clay on November 15. We are looking forward to the playing of the team, the coaching of Mr. Seaborg, and the using of the new glass backboards.

The basketball squad, like the grid team, will be out to win. They will carry that same spirit of determination and fight that has been so characteristic of Adams teams of the past. They will be our champions whether they win or lose! Let's back them all the way!

CHEERLEADERS(?)

Undoubtedly a goodly number of you wondered what Jay Miller and I were doing trying to lead cheers at the North Side game last Friday night. We are not as good as Pearl and Sheila and the others and we don't pretend to be, but we grieved.

We told the cheerleaders that they lacked pep and we practically said that they should take some lessons from us. So, they said that if we thought we could do better, why didn't we come down and lead the cheers. So—we made fools of ourselves.

We have a magnificent gang of cheerleaders. They may lack pep once in a while, but, gosh, who wouldn't after an hour and a half to two hours of continual cheering and jumping.

If you are a "natural-born griper" why don't you try what Jay and I did? If you don't like the way our cheers are led, why don't you try to lead them just once? You'll see, as Jay and I did, that our cheerleaders are tops and they deserve our backing to the Nth degree.

Jottings: Too bad more Adams students couldn't hear the North Central Chorus and Orchestra at teachers association last week! It was the most beautifully done and impressive program that has been given in South Bend in many years!

Take It? We'd Rather Leave It Alone

"Hello!" "Mrs. Jones?" "You have been chosen to be called on the quiz program 'Take It or Leave It Alone' and if you answer the question this evening correctly you will win the huge 'Mile High Mound of Gifts.' So be tuned in to station W-H-O-W-L tonite at 8:30 and be ready to receive your call."

As Mrs. Jones walked away from the phone she could hardly contain herself. She, an ordinary housewife, being selected to take part in that great quiz-show conducted by that marvelous quizmaster, J. Grimeley Ruffshod. She could hardly wait to tell her husband.

That evening promptly at 8:00 Mr. and Mrs. Jones seated themselves in the living-room, switched on the radio and set impatiently through a half-hour of organ melodies which seemed to them to never end. Finally at 8:30 there was a sudden blast of bugles announcing the show.

Mrs. Jones got up and started to pace the floor. Mr. Jones ran upstairs to get the encyclopedia and dictionary and in coming down, fell halfway, but arose unhurt (except for a three-inch gash in his knee.)

Over the air J. Grimeley was saying, "And now our operator is calling our first telephone contestant, Mrs. J. E. Jones of Middletown, Arkansas."

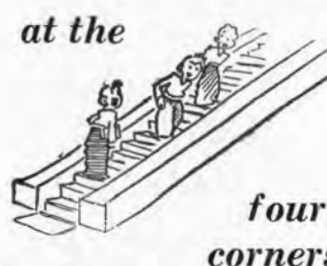
"That's me!" shrieked Mrs. Jones plummeting toward the telephone. It rang just as she placed her hand on it. She snatched up the receiver and screamed "Hello!" Hello came the smooth voice from the other end. "This is your quizmaster J. Grimeley Ruffshod on the program 'Take it or Leave it Alone' over W-H-O-W-L and if you can answer the question we are about to ask you, we will award you the huge 'Mile High Mound of Gifts!' Here is the question. 'Of what use are sows ears?' Mrs. Jones thought she would burst with the anticipation. "You have 20 seconds," the quizmaster said. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were racking their brains—15 seconds—10 seconds — 5 seconds — finally Mrs. Jones blurted into the phone, "Silk Purses?" Just reversing the old proverb, "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

"You are—wrong," said J. Grimeley "and again the mystery question goes unanswered."

Mrs. Jones' heart sunk into her small feet. "But," said the quizmaster, "We still have a wonderful prize for you, Mrs. Jones. It is a—\$2 gift certificate to Smith's Goldfish Shop."

Mrs. Jones dropped to the floor. Mr. Jones hung up the phone and dropped beside her.

The next day Mr. and Mrs. Jones had their telephone disconnected, and destroyed their radio. They wanted to live happily for the rest of their natural lives.



The steady list is growing longer and longer! The newest additions are Kenny Dillon and Joan Allen, Steve Elek and Pat Grundy, and Louise Niespo and Wayne Robison.

At a Halloween party last week: Marva Tanner and Bob Stone; Joyce Swingendorf and Bob Bartol; Marty Weissert and Barbara Lennon; Roy Tepe and Sheila Fitzsimmons; Steve Morse and Nancy Chizek.

On a recent hay-ride: Neil VanHouten (alumnus) and Carol Spindler; Sally Patterson and Bill Peterson (Central).

The phone in the office played an important part in world affairs recently. It was used last Friday morning to call the United Nations to direct that the election of Trygve Lie as Secretary of the General Assembly of the U. N. be placed first on the agenda.

Wha Hoppen?! Locksmondy and Pfaff.

Sittin' and Knittin' — Nancy Smith (Dick's at Purdue).

The Interlude from Central informs us that Phyllis Moxley is going strong with Sonny Brooks and Beth Hodge has interests in Jim Stutesman.

News from the 1950 co-valedictorians: John Meyer, Harvard, has been elected to the Freshman Student Council and has won the male lead in tryouts for a play at a nearby girls' school.

Lois Warstler, Ball State, is going to be a Roman maiden on a Homecoming Parade float. (Can't you just see her in a toga and sandals?)

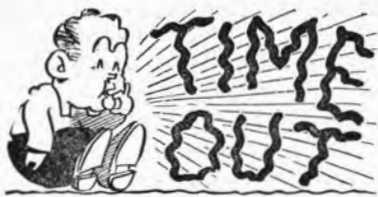
It seems that Marilyn DeLong and Terry Duncan hit it off just right together!

Is Lenny Tucker holding up the wall near Mr. Neff's room or is Mari Anne's locker in the locale?

There were mostly stags at the "Halloween Hop," but we did see Jack Essex and Lorena Rose. Dick Beebe and Marilyn Benner made a most "charming" square dance ocule. Del Briggs and Carole DeClark, new on the steady list, also enjoyed themselves. Tom Addison, Garry Puckett, and Ed Dean were among those in the stag line.

New cheerleaders??? Jay Miller and Jim Considine.

One boy who sure is missed around the four corners: Jim Wenger. Hurry up and get well, Jim, and get back to school!



By Dave James

Elliot Weinberg, who graduated from Adams last June, is recently announced as having passed a proficiency test in Latin at Purdue University. On the basis of this examination, any student who meets the high standard of proficiency set by the examiners is excused from additional language work and is considered to have satisfied the University's graduation requirement in foreign language. In passing this test, Elliot was one of twelve Purdue students to receive this honor. Congratulations are in order for Elliot and his instructor, Miss Kaczmarek.

I'll bet Iren's father wishes she'd say good night to that guy and get it over with. For four months now he's been saying "good-night" to Irene, and she hasn't gotten inside the door yet.

The week of October 4 was United Nations Week. This five-year-old organization has done remarkably well in preserving the peace considering what it had to work with and the stubborn opposition with which it had to cope. Thank God that men are rational enough to bring their differences before such an organization rather than resort to war.

Words with weight: When you work, be the hardest working man in the world; when you rest, be the laziest man in the world. This way, you can't lose.

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Boys' — Youth Floor

Life of a Floor Not Fit For a Dog

By Beth Hodge

How would you like to lie on your back all day? Pretty easy life you say. True, but while you were doing all this resting, how would you like to be stepped on, kicked at, run over, rolled on, sat on, and then afterwards scratched, scuffed, swept, washed, polished, sanded, buffed, varnished, and finally hemmed in by four walls. "Oh . . . well . . . that's different," someone in the fourth balcony says. Coward! A floor has to put up with this every day of the year, unless it comes down with a bad case of sagging middle.

A floor is to be pitied. It is very seldom unoccupied, usually the worst end of a person's better self. Floors quite definitely are looked down upon. They usually play second fiddle to anything of interest, for only when a person is bored does he look down at the floor.

Actually, floors are of the greatest importance. What else will support you all your life? What else catches the drip when it—he falls? What else is there between the basement and the first floor? The ever faithful floor, yet it is always left cold, hard, bare, friendless and alone to face the onrushing enemy.

Motto—tread lightly, the floor you save may be your own.

ANOTHER GLEE CLUBBER

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 of work necessary on the part of the music teachers and officials to present a program comprising 540 singers as I had participated in rehearsing the music in our own Glee Club. However, it was not until Thursday that I realized that I had been given a chance at a wonderful experience and a lot of fun.

One cannot imagine the thrill of singing in a group of 540 until one has done so. Singing under the direction of Dr. Bain is an experience in itself. And what is more, it's fun! Don't let anyone kid you, though, it's work too. We practiced all day

Student Visits Tibet With Orang-ou-tangs

By Bob Reinke.

Expelled from the Siberian salt mines for cruelty, I joined a communist indoctrinated group of orang-ou-tangs who were attempting to liberate Tibet. After crossing the Mongolian desert and traveling a paltry 1,000 miles through China we reached the sacred and forbidden land of another 1,000 miles of China and the Mongolian desert. Egad! We've been traveling in circles.

Finally the orang-ou-tangs and I arrived at the borders of Tibet. There we were greeted with open arms—filled with rifles. Singing the International and marching bravely forward we defeated these reactionary Tibetans—all both of them. For days on end we climbed through mountains and over valleys. I told them we were doing it backwards, but who was I to disobey orders from the Kremlin?

In spite of these extra hardships our brave orang-ou-tangs reached the gates of the exotic and mysterious capital city of Lhara. We had begun to lay siege to the city when—horror of horrors—we discovered that Capitalist saboteurs had cut off our supply of bananas and coconuts. Forced to retreat due to this reactionary sabotage, our orang-ou-tangs marched out of Tibet as bravely as they had marched in.

Once out of Tibet we received our new instructions. We were to march 3,000 miles across China to participate in glorious liberation of South Korea. Long live Uncle Joe!

and still had fun at it. The fun of working with others, of knowing you're doing a job well, and of enjoying music were all a part of it.

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JUNIOR SHOP—THIRD FLOOR

Nordblad Sparkles As Eagles Close Home Season

By Joe Barnes

The Eagles closed out their 1950 home schedule Friday night at School Field by being defeated at the hands of the North Siders of Fort Wayne. The margin was 31-25.

It was the North Siders and Dick McComb all of the way, but the Eagles never quit and staved off several scoring threats on their own goal line.

Jack Nordblad sparked the Adams team with help from Paul Geiger, Bill Deiter, Harold Pipke and Dick Nideffer. Nordblad connected on 17 of 24 passes for 215 yards. Geiger speared one of Nordblad's passes for the first Eagle touchdown.

The North Siders scored twice before the Eagles started rolling. Jack Nordblad scored from the one after a thirty-five yard dash by Harold Pipke, and short bucks by Dick Nideffer.

The third Eagle score was accounted for by Dick Nideffer who scored from two yards out. This touchdown was set up by a 26-yard jaunt by Pipke. Steve Kierein, playing the first time this year, converted. With Nordblad passing the Eagles scored once again. After Nordblad tossed a few aeriels to Pipke and Nideffer he spotted Dieter in the end zone, but with McComb covering him. Jack let go anyway and McComb batted the ball in the air, but alert Deiter dove for the ball and got it on his finger tips for the score. The Eagles marched 77 yards for this score, 31 of those yards being ripped off by Pipke after taking a Nordblad pass. This time Kierein's try was wide.

Fred (to his teacher): I don't want to scare you Miss Jones, but my father said if I don't get better grades, someone is due for a licking.

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Student Attendance Falling Off

The student attendance at the last two football games has been rapidly falling off. This is indeed rather puzzling and disheartening. Obviously, those who fail to attend must have a good reason for staying clear of the games; however, they should stop to realize that the boys on the field represent them and the players can't be expected to give their best unless the students support them. It is impossible for me to determine whether the lack of enthusiasm on the students' part has any real bearing on the football team. But, these players attend school with the rest of us and it would be impossible for them not to sense a feeling of indifference or lack of enthusiasm on the part of their fellow students. Whatever reason the students have who go somewhere else on the night of football games, the players shouldn't have to suffer for lack of support when they are already taking a physical beating on the field of play. If those who stay away have a good reason and do so rightfully, let them declare their reasons so that this problem may be ironed out before the rapidly approaching basketball season begins.

Suggestions Would Be Appreciated

In the last year or so I have received suggestions through direct or indirect sources as to how this might be a better sports page. Sometimes the students don't realize why a certain bit of material cannot be used in the paper and upon an explanation are a little more tolerant with their criticisms. I realize there are many shortcomings to the material contained in this page. There are many items which perhaps should be here that are not. Everyone has a right to criticize the sports page, but without helpful hints as to how the page can be bettered, these criticisms are useless. This paper is the students' paper. You are the ones who have to read it. You are given the privilege of writing for it, but for a number of reasons, only a very small handful of students do write. However, I believe you should have a opportunity to express your criticisms in a helpful way. So, I will entertain all suggestions for the remainder of this year. The box in Room 106 will serve as the mailbox for these criticisms. I shall consider each one and either try to please you in using your suggestion or let you know why it is impossible to do so.



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Back—Eldon Motts (Riley)
Coach—Gene Dykstra (Mishawaka)
Extra Point Kicker—Gene Laughlin (Central)

MONOGRAM CLUB PLANS BUSY PROGRAM FOR YEAR

The Monogram Club has arranged a tentative program for the year. One of their projects will be the furnishing of ribbons for track meets. They will provide first, second and third ribbons for all home duo meets.

An ever popular activity on the agenda is the annual Monogram Sox Hop. No date has been set, but the dance will be held early in the second semester.

The club will assist with the awards assembly at the close of each sports season.

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