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High School Faculty And Alumni of '51 Confer at Indiana U.

The Sixth Annual High School-Junior Division Conference was held November 15 at Indiana University, Bloomington. This conference was for high school graduates of last year who are now attending Indiana University and members of the university and high school faculties.

Miss Burns and Mr. Krider attended this conference, and met with 18 graduates of Adams who now attend Indiana University. They are: Leonard Bast, Joan Beriman, Nancy Bolt, John Bothast, Norma Casper, Sharlee Cissell, Dan Demler, Marcia Donoho, Fred Helmer, Bill Hudson, Phyllis Moxley, Serman Naftzger, Dale Rogers, Frank Smikel, Carol Spindler, Mary Lou Tait, Jack Troeger, and Marty Weissert.

Student conferences, a luncheon, a welcome by two members of the university's faculty, a speaker, and a panel discussion were on the program for the day. Ninety-four high schools were represented at this conference with 167 high school representatives present.

STUDENT TEACHER WILL PRACTICE VOCATION IN 103

The new student teacher in Mrs. McClure's room is Miss Valeria Kamm. Miss Kamm graduated from Mishawaka High School. She then attended the University of Mexico for two years, and transferred to Indiana University where she is a senior. Miss Kamm will be here until January 29, working with Mrs. McClure as her supervising teacher. Though she has been here only a short time, Miss Kamm says she likes Adams very much, mainly because of the consideration shown her by the students.

RADIO TRYOUTS HELD

Tryouts were held for the "Bird's Christmas Carol" which is to be given over WHOT. The tryouts were held Tuesday, December 4, at 3:30 in room 103 with Mrs. McClure, Miss Kamm, and Mr. Krider acting as judges. Those who receive parts will give the play as a live broadcast on Christmas Eve.

OFFICERS LEAD CLASS OF '53



The Junior class has elected as its officers: Dick Shaw, president; Steve Morse, vice-president; Karol Hudson, secretary, and Judy Hunneshagen, treasurer.

Purdue and I.U. Representatives Inform Seniors

A conference was held Tuesday, November 20, at 8:25 for seniors interested in attending Purdue University. The girls met in the Student Lounge with Miss Claire Coolidge, assistant Dean of Women, under the chairmanship of Judy Campbell. The boys and their chairman, Fred Swintz, met in the Cafeteria Mezzanine with Professor Sterling Shaw, of the office of Administration, Purdue. Seniors interested in individual conferences had them arranged upon request.

Students interested in Indiana University met November 30. The University representatives were Miss Virginia Hudleson and Mr. William Jones. They were introduced by Larry Towne and Louise Niespo.

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December 7

Basketball—Goshen, there.
Pep Session, 3:10.

December 8

Basketball—Culver, here.

December 9

Civic Music.

December 14

Basketball—Michigan City, here.
Christmas Vesper Assembly,
8:30 a.m.

Shaw Chosen by His Classmates To Junior Prexy

On November 19 the Junior class elected its class officers. Three for each office were chosen and voted on. The one receiving most votes for each office, won. Dick Shaw was elected president; Steve Morse, vice-president; Karol Hudson, secretary, and Judy Hunneshagen, treasurer.

Two representatives, a boy and a girl from each home room were elected on November 27, to comprise the cabinet. The members from each home room are: Lynn Brown, Joyce Balko, 101; Carol Nieter, Dale Gibson, 102; Nancy Kenady, Joe Kreitzmann, 107; Joyce Swingendorf, Dick Sessler, 201; Susan Peterson and Don Pier-son, 210.

P.T.A. SEES FILM OF MORRIS SCHOOL

On Tuesday, November 27, at 8:00 the Adams P.T.A. met in the study hall to see a film, "A Day at Morris School." Mr. Nelson J. Mosher, director of the school for crippled children, talked to the group about the school and then showed the film. To add to the evening's enjoyment, Bill Gooley, one of our distinguished alumni, rendered several vocal solos.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5. It will be a musical presentation featuring the Glee Club and the Band under the direction of Mrs. Pate and Mr. Dear-dorf.

D-DAY IS DECEMBER 11

The project of the Senior class, the John Adams Student Directory, which will contain the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of every Adams student will go on sale in home rooms rooms and at the ticket booth in the hall Tuesday, Dec. 11, (which has been declared Directory-Day.) The price is 25c per copy. The directory could be used as a date book, Christmas card list, ideas for committees, and in a number of others.

TYPING CLASSES ADDRESS ENVELOPES FOR C. A. S.

The second and third semester typing classes have addressed ten thousand envelopes to be used in a campaign to secure contributions for the Children's Aid Society. They spent one class period per day for one week on this assignment copying addresses from the Indiana Industrial Directory and the Medical Directory.

This assignment had this purpose: It taught the students how to systematize their work and conveniently arrange their supplies.

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From the Editor's Scratch Pad

There are many ways of earning money in America. Every one of these means is dependent on the support of the consumers. The salesman has every sort of goods to sell from brushes to phony oil stock. Unfortunately, the phony stock sells just as well as the brushes. Such a salesman of stock without backing is A. A. Zoll. He is trying his best to convince people of various communities that the schools are corrupt with communistic teachings, in order that Mr. Zoll's stomach might be filled. He has done pretty well so far, too. In California he upset the school administration enough to have the superintendent of schools resign. His present aim is directed at South Bend. We now have a chance to see just how well the community and its schools will stand up under his test.

This man is by no means ignorant. He knows how to approach people to put over his point. He is the founder of the NCAE association which conducts these researches on the teachings in our schools. This organization makes blanket accusations stating that the schools are full of communistic teachings and so forth. He naturally fails to name any names or quote any actual phrases from text books which are supposed to be pinkish. His statements are just like the commercial, "Duz does everything." The only trouble is that the "everything" amounts to nothing because there are no real facts given.

His livelihood comes from the pockets of suckers who are blind enough to believe him and consequently, contribute to the organization which is threatening the unity of our democratic beliefs. He sends out circulars to doctors and ministers asking for contributions to keep his research going. Actually, the only "research" he does is finding out the addresses of prospective donators to whom he sends his form letter.

Since Mr. Zoll manages to keep within the law there is little we can do to shut his mouth, but we can help by shutting the ears of our parents and ourselves to such propaganda. If Mr. Zoll finds that all of a sudden no one is listening to him, that no one gets excited, perhaps he will give up this idea and start a less dangerous one, possibly embezzling, in its place. The supreme insult is indifference and it seems only just as an end for the supreme crime of murdering the faith of the people in our schools.

Et Cetera . . . Be sure that you get your Student Directory next Tuesday . . . the Christmas Vesper program is a week from Sunday . . . see you all at the game.

For the Prevention Of Undue Cruelty At Games - - -

Now, basketball is my favorite winter sport. However, survival of the fittest is the slogan of the spectator so one must go prepared. Here are some of the important things to remember:

1. The day of the game be sure to see Mr. Murphy about borrowing shoulder pads for the evening. When people behind you get excited they have a habit of clutching, grabbing, pounding, and hitting you. (You'll very likely do the same thing unconsciously to the person in front of you).

2. Get yourself a book to read, and a chair to sit on, and right after school plant yourself in front of the entrance to the auditorium. Someone will undoubtedly try to move you. Just remember the first one there is the first one in, so remain in your position.

3. As you know, seats aren't reserved. Therefore, when you stand up to cheer for the team, count to three and sit down! Believe me if you stand any longer than that you'll end up sitting on the floor or on someone's lap.

If you follow these rules you should emerge from the basketball season without any battle scars. Oh, say, I almost forgot — we realize that by the time the game's over, you'll have probably lost your voice, but don't worry — it will be back in time for you to yell your lungs out at the next Adams basketball game.

P.S.—Have you heard?—we've got one of the best teams around!

PRE-GAME MESSAGE

Let's all go to the game tonight
And yell and cheer with all our might

To spur the team along the way
To do their best in every play.
They'll do their best, that much we know

If their support the students show.
May Kedzie's aim be straight and true

And Shenny's rebounds follow through.

We'll trust in Rocky, Miller, and Parker

To make our foe's future darker.
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Couples seen quite often: Mary Lou Getzinger and Gordon Smith, Nancy Habart and Louis Finch, Sue Robertson and Larry Towne.

Congratulations to RoJean Bakos upon receiving her engagement ring from John Helvey (alum).

Mr. Nelson seems to know less about chemistry than Geometry. A look at his classes will tell you this.

Steadies seen at a Mishawaka dance: Ann West with Don Hardy (Mish.), and Joann Rawles with Paul Hirsch (Mish.).

The guys who have money to burn (or to dissolve in acid), are none other than Bill Dieter and Dick English.

Mary Demos—The girl who is always losing "personal" things in the halls between fifth and sixth hour.

Seen at Thanksgiving Dances: Jan Miller and Don Anderson (al.); Beth Hodge and Chuck Welch (I. U.); Shirley Macuiski and Dick Shaw; Jan Schwier and Bob Stone; Doris Harrington (Central) and Joe Kline; Val Rae Smith (Central) and Joe Landgraf; Sharon Kenner and Paul Szymanski (Central); Joyce Freehauf and Ralph Jensen (Central).

Some Alumni seen in the vicinity recently: Frank Kinsinger with Nancy Loesmondy, Fred Helmer with Connie Lamont, Bob Bartol with Jo Swingendorf, Dave Hyde with Mary Ann Kenady.

Other couples seen celebrating over the big weekend: Pat Grant and Rocky Ferraro, Judy Hunnes-hagen and Lynn Brown, June Barto's and Bill Dieter, Mary Alice Wilhelm and Roger Jergovan.

Could the authors of those mysterious notes passing through History I class be Dale Gibson and Dale Vermillion?

Mr. Murphy is now conducting a spelling and reading class for the benefit of Biology I students.

The Adams casualty list grew with the addition of Jackie Clemmons sick with the mumps and Mosetta Blanton with a strep throat.

New steadies added to our list: Pat Bourdon (Nuner) and Jim Kanouse.

Dick Gibbony and Chuck La Pierre seem to have a new St. Mary's interest.

Seen listening to the music of Ralph Flannagan were: Karol Hudson and Dick Shenenberger, Bonnie Palmwitter (Central) and Dave Bo'don and Joyce Balko and Will Johnston.

Congratulations to those who followed the team to East Chicago to cheer them on.



The Week's Eagle

This week's Eagle, Mary Ann Kenady, is senior class treasurer, business manager of the Tower, features editor of the Album, and a Drama Club board member. Outside of school Mary Ann is Past Worthy Advisor of Rainbow; treasurer of Tuxis, Presbyterian youth group; a member of the First Presbyterian junior choir, and of the Junior Progress Club.

Scrapbooks and collections, sports, reading, and sewing occupy the rest of Mary Ann's spare time (what there is of it). As for food she says, "I could eat a platter of potatoes!" Insincere people are Mary Ann's pet peeve, and friendliness is the quality she most admires in people. "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and music by Rogers and Hammerstein are among her favorites in music. She most likes to see a boy wearing a blue suit.

Mary Ann is 5'6" tall, weighs 120 pounds, has blue eyes, blonde hair, and was born July 18, 1934. The trip that she took to California last summer with her family was her biggest thrill of her lifetime. Watching "Wildflower" and basketball games have been the experiences she has most enjoyed at Adams. Her favorite subject is Biology III because "Now I know what the inside of a rabbit looks like."

Mary Ann plans to enter Purdue University next fall, and to have a career in Home Economics.

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Even the classroom echoes pedestrian tastes and pedestrian thinking. The thirst for broader horizons of learning, culture, and wisdom is sadly lacking. An unfamiliar word neither intrigues the eye nor awakens the mind. Word etymology has a fascination for a relative few. And yet how much more meaningful a word becomes when its word history is known. The word "quidnunc" means a gossip, but its Latin derivation (quid+nunc=what now?) certainly helps to chisel its meaning in one's memory.

Far more disheartening is the attitude toward the study of literature. The classics may grace the shelf of a bookcase, but surely

some few are meant "to be chewed and digested" as Francis Bacon advised. Mere mention of Shakespeare may evoke a derisive grunt and with it the remark "that stuff." The purity of Churchillian English is powerless to arouse a mind dulled by mediocrity.

Tis a pity; what a pity! Refined reading habits are an open sesame to a fabulous, limitless world of enjoyment that is everyone's cultural heritage. At the moment one cannot help but recall Cicero's oration in defense of the poet Archias. His words express the universality of literature: "... a most reasonable and liberal employment of the mind; for other occupations are not suited to every time, nor to every age or place; but these studies are the food of youth; the delight of old age; the ornament of prosperity; the refuge and comfort of adversity; a delight at home, and not a hindrance abroad; they are our companions by night, in our travels, in the country."

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Absurdity—A belief manifestly inconsistent with one's own opinion.

Admiration—our polite recognition of another's resemblance to ourselves.

Alliance—In politics, the union of two thieves who have their hands so deeply inserted in each other's pockets that they cannot separately plunder a third.

Diplomacy—The patriotic art of lying for one's country.

Egotist—A person of low taste, more interested in himself than in me.

Peace—In international affairs, a period of cheating between two wars.

Positive—Mistake at the top of one's voice.

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The Eagles met defeat for the first time this season as they succumbed to a powerful East Chicago Washington five, 64-53, at the Roosevelt gym, Wednesday, November 26. The Senators, who are rated as top contender for state honors come tourney time, stopped the Eagles' win streak but not before they knew they were in a battle.

The score does not indicate the type of battle the tilt produced. Not until the waning minutes of the final period did the Senators move out in front of the Eagles for good.

Adams' sharpshooting was by far superior in the first half to that of the Calumet area stars. The Washington defense had Adams' ace forward, Dick Shenenberger, bottled up so well that he did not score a single field goal in the entire first half. However, Shene managed to dump in 10 points in the second half. Washington controlled both back boards as far as rebounds were concerned. Their height proved to be a big factor in their victory.

The Eagles dominated play in the first period, banging in two pointers from all over the court. The second period saw the Senator quintet pull away from the Eagles after Adams led, 17-15, as the first quarter ended. Larry Kedzie, Bruce Parker, and Cuyler Miller all tossed in field goals before Washington moved out in front.

The Eagles provided a scoring splurge in the final period but it wasn't enough to catch up with the powerful squad.

Bruce Parker paced the Eagles with 13 points while Shene was close behind with 10. Cuyler Miller had 9 and Rocky Ferraro 8.

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The two "B" teams engaged in a slow moving ball game with both teams being off from the field as well as the gift line. Washington took a one-point lead, 3-2, at the end of the quarter.

The second period was a duplicate with the Senators still on top, 10-8. The tilt continued to be a close one until the final gun. Washington still held a lead, 18-16, at the end of three periods.

Tom Goldsberry and Jim Van Horne paced the Eagles but the rally fell short. They will be seeking their first hardwood victory tonight against the Goshen Redskins.

The first Intramural playoffs began last Monday night, November 26, in the gym. Because of being

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over crowded there will be additional teams participating on the stage as well as on the floor. This method is being used so that more boys will be permitted to play.

The scores are as follows: Addison 18, Briggs 16; Vandenburg 13, Powell 32; Scruggs 14, Peterson 33; Vermillion 27, Geiger 24.

FRESHMAN B. B. SCHEDULE

December 7—Elkhart	here
December 14—Central	there
December 19—Washington	there
January 4—Washington	there
January 8—LaPorte	there
January 12—Central	there
February 2—Elkhart	there
February 4—Mishawaka	there
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