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## Tower Sponsors

## Student Poll

## Of Activities

On Monday, February 25, an ex-tra-curricular activity questionnaire was distributed to the student body to acquire information for the School of Education at Indiana University and to enable Mr . Rothermel and the club sponsors to judge whether the extra-curricular program at Adams is meeting the needs of the school.

Activities were grouped according to sports, music, service clubs, publications, dramatics, and student affairs.
Students were asked to list offices held, approximate cost to maintain membership, time required to be an active member, and number of semesters of active participation.

This survey is similar to one made by the Tower in 1948. The Tower again agreed to secure this information and will tabulate and publish the results.

## JUNIORS TO ORDER

## CLASS RINGS MARCH 14

On March 14, beginning at 8:00 o'clock, all students who by credit count will be graduating in June 1953, may order class jewelry. The minimum number of credits in solid subjects at the beginning of the present semester assuring graduation in June 1953 is 18.

A deposit of $\$ 5$ on each order is necessary. Jewwelry available is: Boy's rings, $\$ 10.56$; Girl's rings, $\$ 9.24 ;$ Pin and guard, $\$ 6.30$, and necklace, $\$ 6.90$.

The home rooms involved are $101,102,107,207$, and 210.

## Things to Look For - -

March 8-
Regional Tourney
March 9-
South' Bend Symphony
March 13-
Athletic Awards Assembly
March 17-
Basketball Banquet
March 28-
Social Living Trip
April 1-
Report Cards Issued
April 3-
Serenade
April 4-
Serenade
Spring Vacation Begins

## A.H.S. Musicians Win Superior Ratings

Adams musicians showed their colors Saturday February 23 at the state contest of the Indiana State Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Association which was held at Butler University and came home with eight of the fourteen superior ratings issued to South Bend contestants. In order to have competed at the state contest, the contestants must have previously received a superior rating at the regional contest which was held at Riley.

Carol Jones and Garry Puckett earned their first divisions with French horn solos, Jay Miller with a cornet solo, and Bob Nelson with a solo for violin.

A flute quartet consisting of Jane Gindelberger, Marilyn Burke, Dawn Witt, and Kathleen Brady was judged as being of superior rating.

The soloists receiving second division ratings were: Tom Tretheway, French horn; Bob Mortensen,

## Seniors To Be Fitted

 For Caps and GownsCap and gown sizes will be taken on Wednesday, March 5, at 8:00 in the Boys' athletic office. Jim Barrett, chairman, is making arrangements for the preparation of the cards on which the measurements will be recorded. Measurements will be taken starting at $8: 00$ and until 9:40 for those who have first hour study hall.

The $\$ 2.60$ rental fee covers the tassel of red and blue silk and the white collars for the girls, as well as the cap and gown itself. Payment of this fee must be made between March 3 and March 15 to the home room representatives: Marilyn Burke 106 D, Ken Thomas 106 M , Joe Landgraf 206, and Wilma Horvath 204,
Seniors will wear caps and gowns on Cap and Gown Day and for Commencement and Baccalaureate.
bass; Bob Nelson, piano; and Quinton Everest, piano.
A clarinet quartet composed of Bob Lent, Roger Ward, Ann Dunsmore, and Pat Lupton received a second division as did a saxophone quartet of Pat Grundy, Jerry Lupton, Dick Mortensen, and Dale Hensler. A brass sextette of which Sandra Hoelscher, Dixie Nidiffer, Bill Blue, Bob Mortensen, Don Leslie, and June Bartels were members and a clarinet triio of Bob Lent, Pat Lupton, and Ann Dunsmore also received a second division.

Those ensembles receiving a third division were a clarinet quartet and a trombone quartet consisting of Nancy Platt, Bob Lent, Donna Tennyson, Doris Hensler and Jim Rush, Don Leslie, Carolyn Mahler, Shirley Jester, respective$1 y$.

SMITH AND GOLLER DISCUSS FOR HONORARY FRATERNITY

John Smith and Larry Goller represented John Adams at the Phi Delta Kappa banquet on February 13 . The meeting of this honorary educational fraternity was held at Sunny Italy Cafe. Two seniors were chosen from each of the public speaking classes in the South Bend and Mishawaka High schools. The discussion topic was "What School Has Done for Them."
Mr. Rothermel and Mr. Carroll are members of the fraternity.

## CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

## CHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships to the College of the University of Chicago for students from the east-north central states have been announced. Those interested in this award should contact the Admissions Counselor, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, not later than March 15.

## P.T.A. and Study Groups to Meet

A P.T.A. meeting will be held on March 4, at 8:00 p.m. in the Little Theater. Mr. A. T. Krider will discuss the topic "Problems in Teaching the Mother Tongue"

Music will be provided by the Muessel mothers P.T.A. chorus. Mrs. Hugh Auginbaugh is the director and Mrs. Beverly Milton will accompany the group.

New officers will also be elected at this meeting.
On February 27 the mothers' discussion group of the P.T.A. heard Mr. Alonzo Goldsberry speak about "If They've a Mind for Marriage."
Another study group will meet on the afternoon of March 5 to hear John J. Young, Ph.D., give his views concerning "AdolescenceThe Patient Years for Parents."

## Sophomores Plan Their Guidance

## Activities

The sophomore class is hard at work planning for their various guidance activities. Three topics are being investigated.
The first in the series is entitled "All About Jobs and Teen-agers." On March 4, Mr. John Barthouse, Director of Pupil Personnel, School City, has been invited to speak. Mr. Barthouse will discuss, "Child Labor Law Articles," "Working Permits," and "Social Security Cards."

March 11 is the date Miss Billie Boggs, of Boggs Business Service, will demonstrate what to do and how to act when being interview for a job.

A committee has been chosen to make arrangements for the second topic, college information. Job talks, the third topic will be taken up after spring vacation.
June Bartels, Don Briggs, Sharon DeRose, Sally Kissinger, Milton Kreml, Darlene Miller, Dixie Nidiffer, Bill Roesch, Bob Walcott, and Ann Williams have met with Miss Burns in planning these activities.

## "ADAMS EVE" PLANS <br> BEING FORMED

Phill Twigg was recently announced chairman of the $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Y}$ of Adams Eve Festivities. Adams Eve is sponsored by the Hi-Y and consists of two basketball games. The preliminary game will be a contest between the two winning intramural teams. The big event of the evening is the game between the "Hasbeens," members of the team who are graduating and the "Will-bes" members of the next year's varsity. The price of the tickets is 25 cents per person and March 20 has been set as the date.

BROTHERHOOD POSTERS TO BE DISPLAYED AT ROBERTSON'S
Six brotherhood posters made in Mr. Robert Seely's Commercial Art classes will be displayed with posters from other South Bend schools in a window of Robertson's Department Store during the week of February 24 to March 2.

These posters, which illustrated the subject of anti-racial prejudice were made by Jim Lavengood, Leon Connett, Bernard Boehm, Rosemary Orban, Louise Niespo, and Judy Campbell.

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## From the Editaris Scrateh Pad

Today is the 29th day of February. As many of you scholars know, this only happens once every four years thus creating a term known to every red-blooded American girl-Leap Year. Since February 29 only comes once every 1,461 days, I feel like breaking a few rules and regulations: I'm not going to say one thing in this editorial. In fact, it really can't be called an editorial. After all, I will have 1,460 days to repent my sin.

To those who are expecting a moral of some sort to evolve from this, or even some possible message, even if it's only "Don't spin your neighbor's combination"-you won't find a thing here, so don't read any further! I don't intend to preach about a single thing, not even about the people who reach into the other fellow's pocket while he's not looking. It hasn't even entered my head to say anything about these people (it wouldn't be good if I did, anyway) and I'm certainly not going to waste a whole column on advice to the love lorn or on "How to get a date for the Senior Prom in $1952^{\prime \prime}$ for the females in the audience. That would be ridiculous.

I'm not going to tell you to study, that's useless-you won't findd out how important it is until you get to college, anyway (I'm told). Skipping school is another thing I won't mention, so what is there for me to say? Believe it or not, I have proved one thing, whether you realized it or not: a person can talk and talk or write and write, but that doesn't mean he's said anything.

Su Hastings (with the able assistance of Jo Tarr) has put it to rhyme, although I doubt if they knew there was a moral behind it at the time.

I'm supposed to write a poem,
But I'm sittin' in distress,
I can't think of a subject,
And I'm in an awful mess.
I've thought for days and days,
And although I've racked my brain,
The thoughts just aren't worthwhile
It's really all in vain.
I must hand something in,
But I sure would be disgraced,
If they used this little poem
Just to fill up space

## \$64 Question-How To Leap in Leap Year

Yes girls, this is leap year. Now doesn't it seem logical that the thing to do is to "leap?" Of course -but how? That is the $\$ 64$ question.
The things most girls want to leap at may be divided into two groups: 1. Boys. 2. Accouterments which enable a girl to get a boy. So, remembering always that you must "look before you leap," take these suggestions for what they are worth. We hope they will make your leap year a "bounding good" one.

1. CONSIDER-Do you have the things which enable a gal to "get her man?" Of course all Adams girls are known as those with the prettiest and most extensive wardrobes, the prettiest faces, the most well-rounded sparkling personalities, the neatest manner of dress and grooming, the best in grade averages, school spirit, and compassion for fellow sufferers, so are you all ready to undertake step number two?
2. LOOK-There is an abundance of handsome, well-dressed, popular boys strolling the Adams halls-with others of the same kind, rather than girls who have already noticed their sterling qualities. Out of this multitude, select one as your goal. Now for step number three.
3. PLAN-Long before the spring dances roll around, you must devise a modus operandi. Know what to do and how to do it. Plan to speak to more fellows than ever, with a sparkling smile on your face. But to the man, extend the sparkling smile and a warm greeting. It's important that he remembers you by such a pleasant association. Give the impression that, although so popular that you are always pressed for time that saying "hello" to him is something special. Spend your afternoons after school shopping for the most dreamy formal you can acquire. Armed with such a lovely gown for lonely you, you have all the courage necessary to pop the question.
4. LEAP-Supposing he is shy, or broke, we'll say he hasn't tumbled as yet, and you must ask the fatal question. Make it just about three weeks before the dance-a month gives him the opportunity to say he can't plan that far ahead, and he probably needs more than the conventional two weeks to wrangle the car for the night of the dance and accumulate a little extra money. Wearing your best sweater and skirt, with your hair just so, bravely strike up what should seem a casual conversation and turn the talk to the coming spring dance. There you are! Or if you're shy, you might send him a cagily worded invitation-hoping that he can understand it, and won't consider it a summons.

Remember, if he refuses, there's an old Scotch law-"he will be found oot more than aine pound." The only exception is when he's engaged to another woman.


We hear that Tom McHenry has been keeping company with Janet Lea (Cent.)

And then we see Jana Borecky has another to add to her list of secret admirers-John O'Brien.

Who is this "Louie" that Naomi Penrod is interested in at Jimtown?

What is this between Steve Morse and Nancy Locksmondy?
Is there something brewing between Carol Olds and Bob Demler, or do they just have the same route to classes?
Sue Reed and Jim Worley may not be going steady any more, but they still seem to see a lot of each other!

Notice the new fad of colored socks-no doubt brought on by the addition of white bucks for the girls.
Shame on Punky Crowe-she cut off that pony-tail. It still looks swell though, Punk.
What happened to the Judy Hunneshagen-Lynn Brown combination? We would like to see more of it.

Our sympathies to Tom Ferro on the injury of a certain pedal extremity.

Sally Stoops with Johnny Meckner (Riley) has been a recent "twosome."

Who is the "Bonnie" we hear Bill Bickel talk about? Her tell she's from Central Bill!!

It was nice to see Dick Koehler (alum) back at Adams with a week's leave from the Marines

Who is this girl from Lincoln that Ray Bush is going steady with? Let us in on the secret, Ray.

Who-or What hit Larry Kedzie?
Who is the Mishawaka attraction for Kenny Thomas; and speaking of other schools, what about Nuner, Otto Taylor?

It is reported that Cuyler (Clem) Miller and Dick Bowman have hit a new rave with certain of our Junior girls.

Rocky (Butch) Ferraro is beginning to realize the joys of Remedial Math Class. Could this have anything to do with the fact that Pat Grant is in there, Rocky?

Gloria Chambers has been quite interested in basketball practice. Maybe it's Tom Angus she has been watching?

Theat beautiful bracelet Ruth Davis is sporting is said to have come from Tom Hawkins!

Donna Schermerhorn with Jack Venderly and Ima Cole with Bob Smith (Riley) were seen at the Rainbow skating party last week.

Note: Gayle Freels is getting a lot of attention from Chuck Porder (Cent.) and she claims he's bashful!

We hear that Mary Laure is onethird of a triangle involving Kent Bolton (alum.). And then we have (continued on page three)

## Ah-Spring Is HereOr So You Thought

Blue sky, sun shining, soft breeze-yes, that time of the year is here again. Spring is the season and isn't it wonderful? Here I am, sitting in 201, trying (really truly) trying to listen to what Mr. Neff is saying, but I just can't seem to concentrate. Gesh, it's beautiful outside. You know, I think I've already developed a case of spring fever. Of course, it's kind of early but then Spring came awfully early this year.
Gee, he looks cute when he's writing. I just love the way he wrinkles his nose. I wonder nowbasketball practice will be over soon, he'll be going home after school, nobody takes the bus on beautiful spring days, I love to walk and-did you ever, in all your life, see such a blue sky?

## Next Morning.

Time to get up? My heavens, it's freezing in here. Mom, why don't you turn the heat on? It is on? It's snowing? It's twenty above? Roads are slippery? Well for Pete's sakes why can't we ever have any decent weather around here? Never saw anything like South Bend weather in all my life! We never know what's happening from one day to the next. Wish if it were going to seem like spring one day, it would stay that way for a while! I don't know, it just doesn't seem fair . . Sybyl Boorda.

## AT THE FOUR CORNERS

(continued from page two Maris Kruck still going with Ed Turnock (C.C.)

It seems as though Tom Reamer thinks that Rosie Brooks would be a "good woman" for him. What say,

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## The

 Week's EagleVirginia Rich, vice-president of the Glee Club likes to read, knit, play euchre and collect post cards. She also likes to listen to Johnny Ray's "Cry" and Chopin's Polinaisse while eating Italian spaghetti and meat balls.

Ginnie, who is also a member of Drama Club and on the Tower staff, plans to go to St. Mary's next fall. Her career will probably be in radio work. Ginnie's pet peeve is telling a person a joke who waits until you've told the whole thing to say that they've heard it. She admires friendliness, sincerity, and truthfullness.
Ginnie who is $5^{\prime} 4^{\prime \prime}$ tall, has light brown hair, and hazel eyes and was born March 30, 1934; enjoys Trig class most and enjoyed being in "Everyman" and "Wildflower" the most at Adams. She likes to see a boy wearing a light blue sweater, steel grey trousers, and a white shirt.

## Tom?

We would like to know more about the five Sophomore girls who seem to have "big crushes" on some of our Senior Boys.
We suspect Milton Kremel and Sue Angus of keeping secrets from us. Tell us about the necklace Sue!! Gladys Miller and Kay Hatfield are our two "Love Birds" here at Adams.

Seeing the sparkle in Carol Neiter's eye, we think that fellow at Howe must be a wonderful person.

It seems as though there are a lot of "Sticky Fingers" around Adams
during the gym periods. Let's wipe off those fingers and keep Adams' good name.
The newest steadies this week are Kathleen Rose and Jim Riddle; Sue Bennett and Bob Bolin (Purdue).
John Helvey made quite a long trip home to see RoJean Bakos last weekend. Seen with them were Bill Dieter and Carolyn Dam (Kokomo).

Roger Jurgovan has a steady meeting place at the gym after fourth hour.
Big John and Sparky-Mr. Murphy and Mr. Swartz.
Dave Good has been seen escorting Audrey Dempsey home from school. He even carries her books Girls, the days of chivalry are back again!
Marilyn Stebner can't figure out how letters from "Wayne" to "Mary" got in her locker last week Marilyn says they were "really interesting."

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Ginnie Rich-Propose to the first boy I see.
Garry Puckett-Catch up on my sleep.
Pat Light-Get busy.
Rocky Ferraro-Eat spaghetti.
Steve Morse-Aw-w-w don't put my name in that thing!
Dick Shaw-Play football.
Joe Krietzman-Just a minute I'll look in my date book.
Steve Strang-Grow.
Jim Kanous-Get married.
Carolee Smith-Go to the movie with my five girl friends.

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## Eagles Place Six In National Track Contest

At the close of each track season all high school track coaches in the country can enter their athletes in a national contest to determine the outstanding trackmen in the country. John Adams entered the meet last year and placed six boys in the first 100 of the nation. Of the six boys Adams placed, only two have graduated; they are Del Briggs and Paul Stewart. Ed Conrey, Ray Loar, Dick Wedel, and Dick Nidiffer will all be back this year to attempt to better their records. The totals are figured by giving a given number of points for a given height, distance, or time depending upon the event. The events are: High Jump, Broad Jump, Shot Put, 100 Yard dash and one-Half mile. The performances of the Adams boys follow.

|  | Place | Pts. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ed Conrey | 23 | 352 |
| Ray Loar |  | 350 |
| Dick Wedel | 69 | 321 |
| Dick Nidiffer | 77 | 318 |

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## Swimmers Grab Five Points in Conference Meet

The N.I.H.S.C. swimming meet In the afternoon, Wiseman was held here in South Bend at the placed sixth in his event, with a Natatorium on February 16. The tourney was staged on a qualifying basis in the morning in which the first six in every event would participate in the finals in the afternoon. The only boy from Adams to qualify individually was Jerry Wiseman in the 200 yard freestyle. Our relay team, composed of Heiland, Kubo, Wiseman and Puckett also qualified for the afternoon finals. time $2: 28$. The first four men who placed in this all brake the old conference record of $2: 18.5$. The new record, set this year, is now 2:08 set by Rhoades of Hammond. Our relay team placed sixth.
The summary of scores are: Central 67. Hammond 58, Horace Mann 39, Lew Wallace 20, Whiting 17, Adams 5, Froebel 1. Riley failed to qualify a single man.

## 1952 TRACK SCHEDULE

## . March 5-Central.

Fi. March 21-City Indoor. Sat. March 29-Conf. Indoor. Thurs. April 3-Riley.
Wed. April 16-LaPorte. Fri. April 18-Mishawaka. Sat. April 19-Goshen Relays.
Tue. April 22 -Washington.
Sat. April 26-Conf. trials. Wed. April 30-Central,
Sat. May 3-Conf. finals.
Tue. May 6-B. Harbor \& Niles.
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## GEIGER INCREASES

## LEAD TO TWO GAMES

Paul Geiger and his intramural squad held a firm grip on first place as the intramural teams moved into the final two weeks of competition.
February 18 results were: Geiger 332, Powell 16; Scruggs 24, Briggs 23; Peterson 36, Addison 25; Vermillion 24, Vandenburg 21.

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