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A. H. S. WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS

Today at 9:30 a.m. the Student Council and the Tower will sponsor a welcoming assembly for 72 new freshmen. These new students will meet in the Little Theatre. A representative from each of Adams clubs will explain the workings of the organization he represents. Each new student will be given a complimentary copy of the Tower.

Following the assembly the members of the Student Council will then show the new pupils around the building and help them find their sponsor rooms. After the students reach their home rooms they will be given copies of their program, locker combinations, and instructions about fees, the lunch room, and John Adams procedures.

Faculty Increases; Assignments Change

Two teachers have been added to the faculty this semester. Mrs. Elizabeth Wasmuth, the teacher who has been instructing Mrs. Carmichael's classes since the first of January, will teach girls' gym in the afternoon. There will also be a new math and study hall teacher.

Several changes have been made in room assignments. The following home room shifts have been made: Mr. Rensberger from 214 to 210, Miss Bauer from 210 to 201, Mrs. Tash from 201 to 204, and room 114 to Cafeteria Mezzanine. Mr. Swartz and Mr. Seaborg, home room teachers for the new freshmen, will be located in rooms 214 and 114, respectively. Bookkeeping in room 207 has been moved to 214 and Office Practice and Shorthand IV in 204 to 207.



- Jan. 31—Civic Music, 8:15 a.m. Indianapolis Symphony
- Feb. 1—Square Dance (P.T.A.) Little Theatre
- Feb. 3—Assembly, 8:25 a.m. "Fire Magic"
- Feb. 4—Adams vs. Washington (H) Pep Assembly, 2:55 p.m.
- Feb. 5—Adams vs. Auburn (T)
 Feb. 12—Adams vs. Elkhart 'H)
 Pep Assembly, 2:55 p.m.

Basketball Queen and Her Court



Pictured above is Rosie Ferraro, Adams' Basketball Queen and her Court. The girls are left to right: Mary Ann Anderson, Joan Moore, Her Majesty Ferraro, Janice Henson, and June Bartels. It is the second straight year Rosie is queen, and the third year she's been on the Court. Mary Ann Anderson is the only junior in the group. The other four are seniors.

New Courses To Be Offered

In case you didn't realize it before, John Adams offers much more than college prep, business and industrial arts courses. Some Bakers, a Fisher, several Cooks, a Taylor, a Jester, a number of Millers, a Weaver, and numerous Smiths are enrolled.

For the Biology department the school maintains a zoo containing a Fox, a Crowe, and several Badgers. Two Robbins and a Crowe flit about the aviary, and a Marlin swims in the aquarium.

The Art department is rather limited to light Blue, Brown, and several shades of Green.

Just to confuse the teachers while they are alphabetizing, the stork obligingly donated to Adams nineteen Smiths, four Weavers, six Joneses, five Johnsons, nine Millers, four Allens, three Bakers, four Clarks, four Williamses and five Browns,

To save money for the students, the School Board furnished Adams with one free bottle of Ink.

There are eighty-nine families, each with two students enrolled and ten families, each with three or more students.



Don Portalese is the student teacher assisting Mr. Dickey and Mr. Thompson with their shop classes. His home town is Mishawaka, and he is attending Ball State Teachers College where he is studying Industrial Arts and Physical Education.

At school he is a member of Theta Chi fraternity, president of the Industrial Arts Club, and president of Epsilon Pi Tau, an Industrial Arts honorary fraternity. His hobbies include sports and crafts.

After graduation he plans to teach somewhere around South Bend if he is not called into the service first.

Mr. Portalese thinks that Adams is a wonderful school and that the students are friendly and courteous.

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ADAMS' STUDENTS ENTER N. I. H. S. MUSIC CONTEST

Saturday, February 6, is the date of the Northern Indiana School Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Association's district solo and ensemble contest. This year Elkhart is the site of the contest.

Participating members from the John Adams Band who will play solos are: Robert Lent, Marlene Dahl, James Alward, June Verhostra, Mary Jane Green, Larry Barnes, Phil Rider, Ted Mortensan, Beverly Bourdon, Carol Weldy, Ken Stanek, and John Thompson.

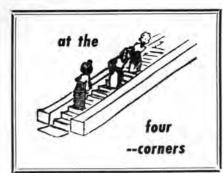
Those playing in ensembles are: Robert Lent, Ted Mortenson, Beverly Bourdon, Larry Barnes, Sharon Gyorgyi, Kathleen Brady, Sharon Lee, Marlene Olson, Sharon Pritz, Carol Weldy, Mary Jane Green, Tom Trethewey, June Verhostra, Georgena Perry, Harold King, Carolyn Lightner, Sharon Simon, Doris Hensler, Donna Tennyson, Frances Hutchins, Nancy Platt, Gail Mottice, Tom Betts, Marilyn Tanscheart, Ron Thompson, Bob Bubenzer, Vivian Kurtz, Ruth Davis, Janice Burno, Gerald Vascil, Dale Hensler, Larry Baker, Leroy Baker, Dick Gerbeth, Jerry Lupton, Mike Taylor, Fritz Hunn, John Thompson, Gerald Steinfeld, Ken Stanek, Sandra Hoelscher, Dixie Nidiffer, Charles Lightner, Thomas Wilson, Kaye Sutton, Bob Badger, Don Smith, Bill Blue, Phil Rider, James Alward, Terry Tetzlaff, Larry Meyers, and Ronnie Miller.

Orchestra members who will compete are: Sue Carlson, Don Emith, Quinton Everest, and Marilyn Enfield.

The contestants receive ratings for their performances. Those who receive excellent, or first division, ratings are eligible to compete in the state contest at Butler University, Indianapolis, later in February.

Bob Johnson Chosen Kiwanis Representative

Robert Johnson, a senior from room 203, was chosen by the faculty and Mr. Rothermel to attend the Kiwanis luncheons every Thursday for the next nine weeks at the LaSalle Hotel. Bob replaces Craig McCowan who has been Adams representative for the past nine-week period. Dick Wedel represented Adams during the first grade period this year.



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Finals are over, grades are out, some of us have "had it" already, some of us will be "had" at home, and the rest of us have had it and aren't going to get rid of it. But no use crying over spilt milk. A new semester is starting and you can start all over. Seniors! This is your last chance. These grades may determine your being accepted by a college. So dig in!

Wanted: For senior girls — one house to accommodate a seventeengirl slumber party. If you have any information concerning a house—run, don't walk, to the nearest phone and call either Sally Kissinger or Phyllis Anderson.

Switcheroo of the week: Jim Kanouse to Mary Orzeck (seems like this isn't the first time for them).

Two new baseball coaches for next season — Jim Riddle and Jerry Flanagan.

On the overloaded dating list: Chuck Sonneborn and Mary McDonough (St. Mary's Academy); Ron Weaver and Sharon Barts, Bill Smith and Judi Sheets.

From time to time one runs across an interesting little tidbit in one of the desks. Sometimes it's a gum wrapper; sometimes a "Dear John" note, sometimes forged admits, but never before have we found a list of eligible bachelors. This one was found in English VII, 105: Larry Spradlin, Chuck Oberlin, Frank Kinsinger (P. U.), Al Voras (P.U.), Carder Kuehl (Central), Jim Leighty, Steve Morse, Pat McKeon (N. D.), Tom McHenry, Ed Friend (Riley), Jim Cierzniak (N. D.), Dave Mikesell, Bob Shula, Bob Shields, Joe Barnes, Tom Sternal, Tom Angus, Phil DeLong, Jim Kissell, Don Ball, Chris Makris, Tom Sanders. Who's the author ?? Don't know!!

It appears that **Barbara Koto** has given up on the Adams men and turned her interest to Central. Care to guess who he is?

Walking and talking: Judy Adkins and Bob Walker, Liz Tarvin and Norm Grimshaw.

Tom Trethewey was seen with his arm around **June Verhostra** in band — the excuse??? — he was tieing her tie. Well, sounds mighty peculiar.

Seen around: Jana Borecky, Pat Dempsey; Marylee Crofts, Jim Miller; Dave Mikesell, Lynn Heintzelman (Riley).

Hear tell the boys are even invading the girls' lunch hour, **Dorothy Konrath** received her diamond at noon January 20. The boy is **Buck Nichols** from Buchanan, Michigan.

Who's the girl **Don Brewer** is supposed to be going steady with in southern Indiana?

Who is it that Sharon Coe holds hands with in study hall?

Going steady: John Heller and Dorothy Teeter (have been for five months).

Know Your Seniors

Are you game to try your hand at guessing a few more senior personalities? This week we'll start with a well-known boy. He's a retired grade school class president . . . never got past the tenderfoot grade in boy scouts . . . put on a solo jitterburg exhibition when he's in the mood . . . complains about girls who take a bath more than once a month . . . spends his English period trying to discover who's wearing the perfume . . his favorite expressions are, "Outa by Bendix" and "I dunno" . . . he's an expert on clothes and has ace taste . . . he'll defend Spiro's to the end . . . he's frequently seen with Sara Walton and his favorite program on television is Liberace . . .

Here's a real crazy gal everyone knows . . . she's usually found in a daze . . . always too willing to share her boyfriends . . . once had the honor of smashing in the door of Jim Kowalski's car . . . known for her imitation of Stella a la "Come Back Little Sheba" . . . now available for lectures in any class on "Cinerama" and "Gamboling in Florida" . , . is an honored member of Camp Eberhardt's "wet-pants" club . . . has recently dated Chuck Taylor, Dick Smith, and Jim Riddle . . . will believe anything she is told . . . has a habit of laughing at the wrong place and the wrong time or five minutes after the joke . . . definitely an accomplished philosopher on other people's problems . . . found once on a double date holding hands with the wrong fellow . . . has the best "getting caught talking" average in French III . . . Quite a record for one gal, eh?

We've also got quite an activities man around school . . . this boy used to be a quiz kid . . . he was cited in "Keen Teens" cartoon in the paper . . . was the man on the street for WHOT for awhile . . . he's a cheerleader and a member of almost every club in the school . . . he once lived in Panama . . .

Now, this is a girl who willingly supplies puppies for plays . . . she particularly loves big league teams and can match a boy in any sports conversation . . . she's a real card (in the Booster club section, that is) . . being an only child hasn't spoiled her . . . she'll really be busy senior prom night . . . likes to sew for those of you boys who have lost your buttons . . . had a date with one of the cheerleaders on New Year's Eve . . . we seem to think she's a pretty worthwhile citizen around here this should cinch it for those of you who are still in a daze . . . she runs the local news agency hereabouts.

This girl's proudest possession when she was younger was a suede jacket with long fringe on it . . . she used to write the names of all her boyfriends on her closet wall . . . in the 5th and 6th grades she was seen leading cheers . . . she used to hold block parties for all the little folks that lived nearby . . . she's as Irish-

WHAT ARE YA' GONNA DO???

If a girl passes by without speaking, she's stuck on herself! if she does speak, she's a flirt.

If a girl has early hours, she's a mother's girl; if she doesn't have hours, she's low.

A girl will spend hours getting ready for a date and then the boy shows up in jeans and says, "Let's stay home and save money tonight."

A boy will spend hours persuading Dad for the family car and then ends up letting the other boy drive.

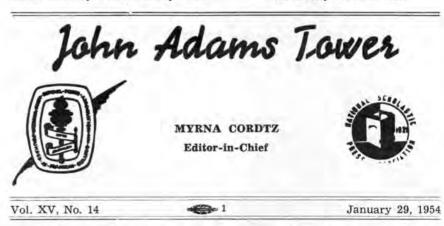
A boy will skimp and save on every date, saying he has no money, but yet he always has money for his so-called "essenitals."

A boy can flirt with any and all of the girls, but let his girl so much as **look** at another boy, POW!

looking as Kathleen . . . used to send post-cards to Jim Miller in the 2nd grade . . . she's quite an actress . . . once passed her and Sally Kissinger off as sisters down at I. U. . . . she liked her nursery rhymes so well she named her prize-winning pony "Little Miss Muffet" . . . she's active in nearly every club in school and out . . . she had braids so long at one time that she could sit on them . . . she's really well travelled both here and abroad.

He blows the baritone in the band . . was class president his junior year . . . quite an outstanding guy in the Junior Achievement program . . . his favorite game used to be "pass the oranges from chin to chin" ' . . can dip so low on the dance floor that his girl's head touches the floor . . likes to tinker around with vacuum cleaners in his spare time . would like to become an aeronautical engineer . . . was the main figure in a scandal when he and June Bartels hid behind the couch in a class play at Nuner . . . laughs like a ghoul . . for further information, consult Judy Cobb, manager.

"Hooray," hummed the mosquito as he bit the Prince of Wales. "At last I have royal blood in my veins."



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Language Courses Offered at Adams

"Parlez-vous Francais?" "Latine loqueris?" "Hable Ud. espanol?" Today the countries of the world are closer than ever before. The study of foreign languages is necessary for the understanding needed for friendly international relationships. Knowing and appreciating the culture and customs of others, lowers the barriers between countries and opens the windows of the mind. An understanding of our neighbors develops a tolerant attitude toward them.

The foreign language teachers at John Adams feel that besides these things, the study of another's tongue aid the knowledge of English and develops an appreciation of etymology. It also has a great cultural value.

The beginning classes of Latin, French and Spanish at John Adams study grammar and construction and the backgrounds of both past and present time of the people and of the country whose language is being studied. The study of the romance languages puts emphasis on speaking through the use of conversations. games, and songs familiar to the country studied. The second year of Latin is the study of Caesar's Gallic Wars. A third year of Latin offers the study of Vergil's Aeneid in Latin and the English version of Homer's The Iliad and The Odyssey, French V and VI or Spanish V and VI puts emphasis on speaking, and the students read several novels and plays.

There are 76 students in Latin I, taught by Miss Kaczmarek and Mr. Carroll; 64 in Latin III, and 14 in Latin V, taught by Miss Kaczmarek; 75 in Spanish I; 50 in Spanish III; 41 in French I, and 33 in French III, taught by Miss Law.

> Say it with flowers, Say it with eats; Say it with kisses, Say it with sweets; Say it with sweets; Say it with jewelry, Say it with drink; But always be careful Not to say it with ink!

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TV GUIDE

What's My Line-Chuck Taylor Two for the Money-Mr. and Mrs. Laiber

Let's Exercise-Girls' Gym Class Our Miss Brooks-Mrs. McClure Dangerous Assignment-Chemistry Experiment

Leave It to the Girls-Homework Favorite Story-Tardy Alibies Private Secretary-Nancy Orzeck

Comedy Hour-Mr. Reber's Chemistry Class

Big Payoff-Report Cards

Turn to a Friend-Aid during a test

Danger-Skipping school

Match Your Wits-Honor Roll Quick as a Flash-Students depart-

ing at 3:15

Thunder in the City-John Adams Pep-assembly

Events of the Week-John Adams Tower

Draw With Me-Plea of Mr. Seeley Adventure in Learning-Teacher's idea of school

World Is Yours-Those mighty Seniors

Amateur Hour-Show tryouts

Call the Play-Faithful referees

A to Z Cookery-Home Ec. Course Time for Fun-8:20 to 3:15?

Search for Tomorrow - Following test day

Watch to Win-Call of cheerleaders I'm the Law-Mr. Krider

The Guiding Light-Mr. Rothermel What's Your Trouble-Mr. Nelson

Dinner at the Stork Club-John Adams Cafeteria

The Web-Mr. Crow's Study Hall Stalls

County Crossroads-Four Corners.

BEEN AROUND

He took her hand in his and gazed proudly at the engagement ring he had placed on her finger only three days before.

"Did your friends admire it?" he asked, tenderly.

"They did more than that," she said. "Two of them recognized it."

Recovering from an operation, a patient asked the doctor, "Why are the shades drawn?"

The doctor replied, "Well, there's a fire across the street, and I didn't want you to wake up and think the operation was a failure."



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Strangers in Paradise - the Freshmen

Undecided - the Sophomores. I'm Walking Behind You - the Juniors.

Sitting on Top of the World - the Seniors.

Eternally - Pat Bourdon and "Moose" Troeger.

Return to Paradise - basketball team winning again!!

No Other Love - studying for finals.

My Flaming Heart - a bad case of indigestion.

It Happened Once Before - for

those who have failed. Hey, Joe! - paging Mr. Laiber.

Too Young - "Bones" Cantwell.

Got You on My Mind - Graduation.

Goin' Steady - Janice Rugee and Jim Carlson.

Till the End of Time - home work (sure seams that way!)

Wild Horses — the noon rush. Always — "Mouse" LaPierre and Wendy Heron.

Johnny - Steinmetz, June's calling you!

Don't Forget to Write - Lynn Lachman's orders to Steve Strange. I Confess - Yes, Mr. Crowe, I

When My Dreamboat Comes Home Roger Jurgovan and MaryAnne

Maybe - I'll have 1st lunch hour.

The old college jalopy puffed up and came to a rattling halt at the

"Twenty-five cents," said the toll keeper.

"Sold!" cried the student jumping out.

Question: What should I do about water on the knee?

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Daffy Nitions

Highbrow: A person educated beyond his intelligence.

Teen Age: That unfortunate time of life when practically everything one wants to do infringes the freedom of others.

Honeymoon Sandwich: Just lettuce alone.

Barber Shop: Clip joint.

Appealing: Outer skin of an orange. Chill: Mexican way of saying cold. Cupid: A little guy who tries to make a hit with every miss.

Depth: Height in reverse.

Crossing: Where it is better to be dead sure than sure dead.

Trousers: An uncommon noun, singular at the top and plural at the bottom.

Recommended by JOAN MOORE of John Adams on ROBERTSON'S Teen Fashion Board **``THE** SIDELINER" 13.95 Here's your own parka in natural color winter weight cotton, lined in bright red. It's wind and rain repellent in sizes small, medium and large. Girl's Shop-Second Floor **ROBERTSON'S** of South Bend

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For the sake of feeding the poor optometrists starving children, here's was talking, a very eye soothing scheme to blind everyone for life - a boy's tie of luminescent orange with a design of Anderson.

turnpike tollhouse.

Answer: Wear pumps.

Which do you want - bifocals or smoke glass binoculars? "KNOW YOUR SENIORS" ANSWERS **Bob Shields** Sally Stoops

> Myrna Cordtz **Marylee** Crofts **Bill Blue**

Mike LeBurkien

ADAMS COLORS

Neat, swoony, droony, or just plain

clap trap, we really have color around

Adams. Just because the lumines-

cent nightmares of a year or so ago

are fading, doesn't mean we've lost

all hope for dazzling and clashing

colors. It must be that modern art,

more aptly termed, "What is it, art?"

has gotten into our vitreous humor

(in the eye remember?) and mixed

and reshuffled the spectrum a little.

With the boys it is all too evident

that Christmas has just passed.

Obvious Christmas gifts are some

green argles worn with blue trousers;

a very striking and dazzling combina-

tion in a black tie worn with a brown

suit; one blue jacket is seen with a

decoration of orange, blue, red, yel-

On the feminine side of this mat-

ter, of course, much better taste is

exhibited. One outfit contains four

shades of green, topped off with a

bright orange neck scarf. The nice

warm knee socks that are so popular

with the girls are being seen in a

tremendous assortment of colors; one

pair is worn with a red shirt-what

GO MODERN

low, and green.

violet and red.

else?

Thompson Sets 42 Point Gym Record at LaPorte

We're Winning Again!

The John Adams Eagles, after losing five of their last six ball games, really did something about it Friday, January 22, as they whipped the La-Porte Slicers 72 to 53. The game was played before a near-capacity crowd, which saw big Jerry Thompson set a new gym record.

Adams was very much surprised in the first quarter when the Slicers used a pressure defense, and as a result the Slicers took a lead at the end of the first quarter 17 to 11. The La-Porte squad continued their dominance going into the second quarter, however, midway in the quarter Adams came alive and soared ahead 33 to 28 as the gun sounded to end the first half of play.

The third quarter remained very close as the Eagles continued to lead the Slicers, but LaPorte managed to stay within striking distance. At this time the Adams team began to have trouble, as three of the first five left the game because of three or four fouls. Sam Rice, Tom Troeger, and John Waechter entered the game to replace VanDusen, Goldsberry, and Green. At the end of the third quarter Adams was still leading 48 to 42.

As soon as fourth quarter play started, the Eagles wasted little time in taking complete control of the game. The Adams five began to hit the hoop with a furious pace and the Slicers were unable to keep up the pace. In this quarter, John Waechter, a newcomer to lengthy play, scored five points and played a very good floor game to mark a very successful debut. The Eagles were led all the way by Jerry Thompson with 42 points; and by guard Bob Klowetter, who played his usual fine floor game.

Swimmers Win 3

Adams' splashers won on Monday, January 11, from LaPorte, 48-28. Bob Heiland won both the 100-yard and 40-yard freestyle.

On Thursday, January 14, Adams dropped a meet to Hammond, 51-28. Wiseman won both the 200-yard freestyle and the individual medlay swim.

The swim team also beat Howe Military Academy at Howe, January 20 by a 49-17 score. Bob Heiland sparked the team with a double victory

Adams swim team beat Gary Froebel 41-25 on January 21. Heiland won the 40 and 100-yard freestyle. Other winners were Grimshaw, Wiseman, Johnson, and the three relay teams.

"BEES" COOL OFF

The Adams "B" squad split two games losing to Central 42-34 and topping Hartford City, 42-35.

In the Central game, Severeid held high point honors for Adams with 9 points, while McKnight of Central was high man for the game with a 14 point effort.

At Hartford City, Adams regained their winning ways by downing the Airedales, 42-35. John Robbins and Don Moffet held high-point honors with 15 and 12 points, respectively.

On January 22, the "B" team traveled to LaPorte and lost to La-Porte, 47 to 37.

the 25th meeting of the two clubs. Thus far, both teams have slugged out twelve victories. With each team even in the win-loss column, Thursday's game promises to be a grudge battle. The majority of Adams' wins have come in regular season play, while most of the Panthers' wins have come in tournament play.

Thus far, Washington's record is very impressive, they have lost only three games. Two of their wins came when they captured our holiday tourney.

INTRAMURALS

In the junior-senior division of the intramural league, Kramer mashed Bauer to remain atop that division by a score of 55 to 14. Wedel paced Kramer's team with 23 points. Other winners were Heater, Riddle, and Shula; they won over Zeigner, Flanagan, and Sternal, respectively. Jim Miller scored 22 points for the Zeigner five.

In the sophomore-freshman division of the intramural league, Mc-Donald continued to dominate play by whipping Baird 52 to 31. Mc-Donald was high for the winners with 21, and Baird was high for the losers with 18 points. Freshley remained in second spot with a 61 to 28 win over the Szabo five. Dillman's 19 points paced his team to a 54 to victory over Vargo. Williams 29 tightened his grip on second place with a win over the Gearhart quintet. The complete standings for both divisions follow:

(Junior-Senior Division)

W	Von	Los
Kramer	6	0
Heater	5	1
Zeigner	3	3
Shula	3	3
Bauer	2	4
Sternal		4
Riddle	2	4
Flanagan	1	5

(Sophomore-Freshman Division)

	Won	Los
McDonald	6	0
Freshley		1
Williams	4	2
Baird		3
Dillman	3	3
Gearhart	1	5
Szabo		5
Vargo	1	5

Smith's Shoes 120 South Michigan SOUTH BEND'S SMARTEST FOOTWEAR



Samuel Harbart Rice, sometimes referred to as "Speed," is a 6 foot tall senior guard on the Adams five. Sam started his basketball bouncing at Oliver elementary and Junior High School. He played B-team basketball as a sophomore, and he saw little action on the Varsity squad last year because of a leg fracture suffered during the football season. Sam weighs 185 lbs., has brown hair and brown eyes, and is the youngest of nine children.

During his spare time, he watches television (preferably "Dangerous Assignment"), plays basketball, lifts weights at the "Y," and reads adventure stories. He enjoys vocals by Billy Eckstein and movies starring John Wayne. He is a member of the Monogram Club. His other sporting activities include baseball, track, and football. Favorite food? Oh, anything, 'specially spaghetti and meat balls. Sam is considering pro ball. He is sold on the Globe Trotters; especially "Goose" Tatum.

Born on June 20, 1935, Sam is 18 years old and hails from room 205. He has majors in English, math and After graduation he plans science. an education in dentistry or physical education at Hanover or Ball State.

When asked the reason for the decline in our basketball status, Sam said, "We've had some real bad breaks. I feel everybody is beginning to take things a little more seriously and will work harder — including myself!"

DIAMONDS · JEWELRY · WATCHES

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Panthers Here Thursday!! The Washington-Adams basketball series runs back to 1940. Thursday's meeting with the Panthers will mark

