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## Twenty-nine Seniors Eligible for History Award

Because of records made in United States History I and II, twenty-nine students are in competition for an award made annually by the Schuyler Colfax chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The students will write a competitive examination. The winner of the award will be announced at the Senior Awards Assembly.

Students taking the examination are: Sue Armstrong, Donald Riggs, Robert Bubenzer, Sally Buchanan, Janet Burke, Myrna Cordtz, Marylee Crofts, Mike LeBurkien, Barabara Koto, Sharon DeRose, Judith Gasaway, Geraldine Goepfrich, Stephen Gumz, Jean Haefner, Jack Halpin, Sally Kissinger, Dean Miller, James Miller, John Pence, Nancy Platt, Richard Quealy, William Roesch, Janice Schwier, Charles Sonneborn, Sally Stoops, Margaret Ann Williams, Marilyn Wood, David Engel, and Edward Struck.

## Library Club Activities

### To Install Pencil Machine

The John Adams Library Club is continuing its policy of helpfulness to the student body by the installation of a pencil vending machine. Miss Moberg, school librarian, announced that the machine will go into operation about March 1. The pencil vendor will work on the order of a gum ball machine. You just place a nickel in a slot and receive a red pencil decorated with the words "John Adams Eagles" in blue lettering. The proceeds from the machine will go to the Library Club fund.

### Encyclopedias Purchased

Another new feature in the library is three sets of 1953 encyclopedias. One of the three sets, the World Book Encyclopedias, was provided for in the library budget. The Britannica and Compton encyclopedias were provided for by book fee money and from a special fund of the Library Club. This special Library Club fund is acquired by members of the group helping with concessions and from book fines.

### To Host Conference

On March 20 John Adams Library Club will be host to an all-day conference of the North Central Section of the Hoosier Student Librarians Association. Further details of this activity will be announced later.

## CORRECTION

Due to an error in last week's headline, the annual Star Dust Junior Dance will be held April 30.

## JR. CLASS TO ORDER JEWELRY, MARCH 12

The class of 1954, composed of homerooms Cafe Mezzanine, 22, 113, 103, and 112 may order class jewelry on March 12. The Harry Berg Jewelry Company, which is the local representative in charge of this project, will take orders for rings, necklaces, pins, and guards at 8:00 a. m. in the main floor lunchroom.

A \$5 deposit is required when the order is placed and the balance is due when the jewelry is delivered. No definite date has been announced for delivery of the rings and pins, but The Berg Jewelry Company will notify each member of the class when his jewelry is available.

## Notre Dame Offers Two Scholarships

The Notre Dame Club of the St. Joseph Valley, makes available this year a full scholarship and a partial scholarship to the University to any senior boy or graduate of a high school in St. Joseph County.

The following regulations regarding the scholarships prevail:

The scholarships shall be held for a maximum of eight semesters which, except in special circumstances, must be completed within four academic years.

The scholarship holders shall be men of character, worth and exceptional intellectual ability who have given decided evidence of their capacity to profit from a college education.

The scholarship holders shall be men who have demonstrated need for financial assistance, in order to attend the University.

The scholarship holders shall be "day students" in the University.

The club's full scholarship shall amount to \$310 per semester.

The club's partial scholarship shall amount to \$155 per semester.

In conjunction with the Partial Scholarship, the administration of the University has generously agreed to provide employment by the University to cover the balance of the current tuition expenses for a "day student" during the third to eighth semesters, inclusive. Such employment and the scholarship, can thus take care of all major academic expenses for six of the eight semesters.

The holders of the scholarship shall begin their courses at the University not later than October 1, 1954.

Boys interested in applying for this scholarship must secure an application blank from Miss Burns. With the completed application he must submit a transcript of his high school credits and letters of recommendation from Mr. Rothermel and from two other responsible persons not related to him who have known him for five years.

The application must be in the hands of Mr. Paul M. Butler, Room 801, Odd Fellows Bldg., South Bend not later than April 1, 1954.

## BOOSTER CLUB HONORS BASKETBALL "MOMS"

The John Adams Booster Club sponsored "Moms Night" last Saturday night during half-time of the Broad Ripple basketball game. The occasion was in honor of the mothers of the varsity basketball players for their patience when they have been inconvenienced by their boy coming home late from practice, dashing in early for a meal before an out-of-town game, and upsetting the family by the boy's participating in athletics.

Each mother was presented with a corsage. Ed Thompson, president of the club, made the presentations.

## ELK'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Elks National Foundation is sponsoring its annual scholarship award.

Any student is eligible if his merits are high in scholarship, citizenship, personality, leadership, and general worthiness.

The scholarship is valued at \$350 to be used for the freshmen year of college.

## P.T.A. PLANS BIG NIGHT

The John Adams P. T. A. will meet on Tuesday, March 2 at 8:00 p. m. in the Little Theatre.

The stage will be set for Fun, Humor, and Music with Mr. Hansel Smuts as fun master. Mike LeBurkien, WHOT's and John Adams' radio personality will present several specialty numbers.

The John Adams Glee Club will present highlights from their operetta to be presented April 8 and 9.

The report of the nominating committee, composed of Mrs. L. A. Jensen, chairman, Mrs. Vincent E. Hoeft, Mrs. Devon D. Rowe, and Mr. Russell Rothermel will be made and election of officers will be held.

## SOCI TRIP DATES SET

Members of the Social Living classes will take three trips to Chicago this spring. The excursions, to be taken on March 26, April 23, and April 30, will cost \$13.00 per person. Although no definite itinerary is yet planned, the groups will attend a show and spend the whole day in the "Windy City." February 19 was the deadline for reservations.

## Adams Band Members Win in State Contest

On February 20 approximately 5,300 contestants from four hundred Indiana high schools gathered at the Jordan School of Music, Indianapolis, Indiana, to participate in the sixth annual state contest sponsored by the Indiana Music Educators Association. Band and orchestra members and vocalists who were winners in the district contest at Elkhart two weeks ago competed.

Adams musicians who received a first division, superior rating and who will receive medals as a result of their efforts are: Robert Lent, Ted Mortenson, Sharon Pritz, clarinet trio; Jerry Vasil, Larry Baker, Dale Hensler, Leroy Baker, saxophone quartet; Carol Weldy, Sandra Weldy, piano duet; Kathleen Brady, Sharon Lee, Marlene Olson, flute trio.

Second division ratings were earned by: Carol Weldy, Mary Jane Green, June Verhostra, french horn solos; Ted Mortenson, carinet solo; John Thompson, trombone solo; Phil Rider, cornet solo; Marlene Dahl, oboe solo; Sharon Lee, Marlene Dahl, Jerry Lupton, Carol Weldy, Robert Lent, woodwind quintet; Robert Lent, Beverly Bourdon, Dick Gerbeth, Robert Bubenzer, Ted Mortenson, woodwind choir; Robert Badger, James Alward, Ken Stanek, Don Smith, June Verhostra, Phil Rider, brass sextet; June Verhostra, Mary Jane Green, french horn duet; Sue Carlson, Don Smith, Marilyn Enfield, Dave Getzinger, string quartet.

Third division, or good ratings were earned by Ken Stanek, baritone solo; June Verhostra, Tom Trethewey, Carol Weldy, Mary Jane Green, french horn quartet.



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Editor-in-Chief



## Know Your Seniors

Here's a guy in the senior class who seems to have collected himself quite a family . . . is under the illusion he has four children who are older than he is . . . drives his dad's green Chevrolet . . . a track runner . . . is usually found playing cards or eating . . . has a brother Fred who is a freshman and also one named "Spook" . . . used to play baseball at Nuner . . . his very favorite most class has always been English . . . used to work at two filling stations . . . is frequently seen in the company of a tall red head . . .

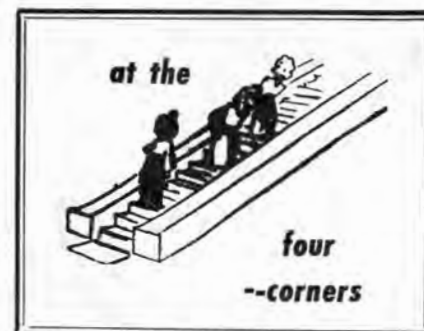
This girl has a room full of crystal souvenirs from establishments in Chicago . . . makes driving a game by playing pilot to bombardier with her passengers . . . known for her crazy parties (has had four or five this year, usually doesn't know herself when they're to be) . . . had two accidents in two months last winter . . . won an award at Jefferson for making the most service points in the library club (imagine her among books) . . . once stood motionless for two solid hours as a page in a play . . . sent out Christmas cards to all her old buddies from Culver . . . makes up her own knock-knock jokes . . . known as sweetheart to her home room buddies . . . was almost an Olympic swimmer . . . once fixed up fourteen girls with dates in one weekend . . . hangs out with one of those Northwestern students . . .

Do you know someone by the name to Sandy Pants? . . . she also has an illusion of being Jerry Thompson's mother besides this crazy nickname . . . had a wreck the day before she was eighteen . . . used to be madly in love with Bill Blue (it even lasted six years) . . . was a great fan of playing kick-the-can in the alley . . . at the age of 11 was married . . . vice-president of the Booster Club . . . always seen last fall trying to sell sweatshirts and hats . . . collects those rare things called A's . . .

We also have among us many alums of Howe Military Academy . . . this one has four girls calling him daddy and three boys and a girl calling him uncle (seems like this week's seniors all have family illusions—is this a new game?) . . . his pride and joy in the automotive field is a gray Willys . . . has already invited his whole home room to his wedding . . . had a bum leg all last year . . . goes with Happy Miller and is usually found in the Parkette every day after school with her . . .

Believe it or not this girl is one who actually likes to exercise . . . and not just to impress the boys . . . she's a strict tennis bug and really gets places with her game . . . her favorite word is Elkhart . . . has an older brother who played football for Adams 2 years ago . . . her dad's also helping beautify our school . . . wears a navy blue coat with half red and half pink buttons (is she colorful?) . . . always drinks vanilla phosphates and eats dill pickles . . . has a dog that follows her everywhere . . . went steady with Jim Foote at the age of ten . . .

Spends hours eating and never gains an inch . . . habit of walking fast, ahead of everybody else . . . never still a moment . . . lives from



**Question of the Week?** Why was John Adams "for sale" for a few hours last week?

What was the item that Sue Armstrong hunted for at a recent slumber party? Why didn't she look in the obvious place, her suitcase?

**Dating** — Barbara Jenson and Gene Smith; June Verhostra and Tom Trethewey; Diane Myers and Notre Dame; Chuck Taylor and Barbara Goddard; Dick Swayzee and Connie Kuhn; Mary Lou Clark and Jerry Thompson; Kay Oedekerck and Rick Lowman; Larry Myers and Marcia Root; Barbara Rohlf and Chuck Bowman; Linda Malmberg and Dick Humbarger; Jim Hoehn and Linda Heitger; Pam Keller and Dave Elmore; Sandy Moritz and Bob Harmon (Riley); Janice Abbott and John Anson (Central); Janice Hensen and Bob Stalder.

Seen waltzing backstage at High Jinx rehearsals: Pat Wilson and Dave Engel.

**Ken Papp**, which of those freshmen girls are you after? You can't have them all.

All of us girls like our boy friends to call up at night, but Jan Schwieler seems to have a different outlook on morning calls. Bob Stone called her from Northwestern at 2 a. m. last week!

**Sharon Pritz** and **Bob Bubenzer** are still going strong; so are Joan Ries and Wayne Boyer; Judy Rancheart Bob Lent; Nancy Seider and Dick and Jim Smith; and Beverly Bourdon; Morris (St. Joe).

Sad news: Donna Tennyson broke her engagement to Tom Yoder.

No longer ball and chaining it — Janet Golba and Jim Dincolo.

Looks like many senior boys will be going into the service this summer — Dick Smith, Jim Riddle, Dick Swayzee, and Jim Carlson, to mention but a few.

When will Heiney take a "hint," wonders Barbara Hatton.

Enroll in Business Relations and find out that a chicken lays just one egg per day!

"Is they is, or is they ain't," Tom Sears and Paula Bryant.

Girls, we may be ridiculed from now 'till "dooms-day," but I'm sure we all agree that Bob Behrens, the baritone from Wabash, is the "most to say the least."

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## READING INTERESTS SURVEYED

Monday and Tuesday, February 8 and 9, one hundred thirty-three Adams students along with 824 other South Bend and Mishawaka High School students participated in the South Bend High School Readership Survey. The survey, conducted by the South Bend Tribune, was held to determine to what extent high school students read the paper and in what type of news or features they are interested. Listed below are the tabulations of the survey answers.

Do you read the High School Page in Sunday's South Bend Tribune?

	Boys	Girls
Every Sunday	32%	66%
Occasionally	55%	30%
Never	13%	4%

Do you read Kitte Turmell's article for teen-agers (illustrated with pictures of local high school students) in The Tribune's Sunday Magazine?

	Boys	Girls
Every Sunday	13%	42%
Occasionally	49%	45%
Never	38%	13%

How much time do you spend reading the DAILY Tribune?

	Boys	Girls
15 minutes or less	29%	33%
15 minutes to 30 minutes	51%	54%
30 minutes to 1 hour	17%	12%
1 hour or more	3%	1%

How much time do you spend reading the SUNDAY Tribune?

	Boys	Girls
15 minutes or less	9%	12%
15 minutes to 30 minutes	40%	41%
30 minutes to 1 hour	40%	37%
1 hour or more	11%	10%

In which of the following type of news or features are you most interested.

Check Only One	Boys	Girls
Local News	16%	36%
National and International News	11%	12%
Society News	1%	18%
Sports	58%	10%
Amusements (Movies, TV, Radio, etc.)	9%	13%
Comics	21%	23%
Other (Specify)	4%	5%

(Classified ads, women's pages and other features were specified)

## DEFINITIONS THAT MAY BE RIGHT, OR MAY NOT

Stabilization: To put a horse away.	Redress: To put everything back on again.
High-keyed: A door that you have to stand on a ladder to lock.	Ink: A noise made by pigs not from Brooklyn.
Rescind: Went and did it again.	Potentate: A man who has all the potatoes he wants.
Counterfeit: A seizure used by doctors for examining people's toes.	One-sided: Having a top, but no bottom.
Redoubtable: Something you can doubt every time you think of it.	Anagram: A message for Anna.
Loophole: A hole with a loop in it.	Cross-pollination: The collecting of pollen by a bee who is still sore about last night.
Buskin: Relatives who drive busses.	Cube Root: Any roots growing out of the ice compartment of your refrigerator.
Croupier: Somebody who coughs all the time.	
Palette: Any close friend under three feet in height.	

letter to letter (from I. U.) . . . bakes many a "flat" cake (so she says) . . . wearing her first pair of heels, fell downstairs and nearly broke her neck . . . will sing anywhere, for anyone . . . once chased a married couple far into the night . . . able driver . . . goes by nickname of "hairless" . . . Miss Dorothy Dix to all her broken-up and battling friends . . . once called long distance from Muskegon, Michigan, to see if her house was on fire . . . eats french fries by the truck-load.



## "Life Gets Tedious..."

When I got up, I was already half an hour late for Glee Club so that situation couldn't be helped, but then I had to have burned toast and sour milk for breakfast. The sweater I had planned to wear was over at Sue's so I had to wear a crummy one. I couldn't find my scarf and mittens so I froze all the way to school. By the time I got there I remember that my clean gym clothes were still on my bed. Oh, well, I guess it was just one of those days.

In study hall Don Smith asked us how he could go to a dance without having Murphy see him, and, having been overheard by Crowe, we had to stand on the wall. So my geometry didn't get done and, of course, that was the day Mr. Nelson had us hand in our assignment. It wouldn't have been so bad if I had done the lesson last week, but I guess it was just one of those days.

I lost my typing key so I borrowed things from Mrs. Tash all hour. I don't think she cared the first day, but a week later the picture changed. Also, my mother wasn't home at noon so I had to fix my own lunch. I guess that explains itself. I didn't have my speech for English so I ad-libbed all hour. After a very trying day I went home to find a note which read:

"Have gone to a party across the street. Please do the dishes, fix dinner, etc. Be home soon. Love, Mother."

But now all is quiet since I've moved here. Logansport is a very quiet town, and I am just sitting here thinking, and it is just one of those days.

—Gwen Garwood.

## DEAR JOHN, SIGNED CLAIRE

"Dear John,"

"Since You Went Away" I hope you've "Dreamed a Little Dream of Me." "It's Been a Long, Long Time" since we've seen each other. "Baby, It's Cold Outside" since I don't "Have My Love to Keep Me Warm."

If you keep writing so much, "People Will Say We're in Love," but "I Wouldn't Want It Any Other Way." It's been "Oh, Happy Day" here lately, "Because" most of us have been having a ball.

By the way, "What Do You Do On a Rainy Night in Rio?" Do you just sit and drink "Forty Cups of Coffee?" I hope it isn't "Tea For Two." If you have a "Secret Love" and name is "Caldonia," I'll be a "Pistol Packin' Mama." If this is true, "Anchors Aweigh" and I'll be "Crying in the Chapel," cause "I've Got a Crush On You." When you come back I'll be a "Stranger in Paradise."

We had a "Block Buster" of a basketball game the other night. Afterwards we had a "Pladium Party" at "Laura's" and "Ida," "Margie," "Liza," "Diane," "Charmain," "Roseann," "Marylou," "Vanessa," and "I" went sailing "On Moonlight Bay."

"Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone" because "If" you do you'll be singing "All I Want For Xmas is My Two Front Teeth."

"I'll Be Seeing You" "In the Good Old Summer Time" so "Meet Me In St. Louis" and "I'll Be Down To Get You In a Taxi, Honey" when the "Shrimp Boats" "Bring My Honey Back To Me."

"This Is the Beginning Of the End."

## ADAMS WANT ADS

Wanted — shiny new Olds with steering wheel equipped to serve one-handed driver. Steer into fourth hour Geometry class to **Gerald Vascil**.

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Wanted — a guy to be prepared for anything. Hog-tie and brand. Ship (in padded boxcar) to **Marilyn Hoffman**.

Wanted — for any price, a newspaper with nothing but pictures. Send one to **Mary Clark**.

Wanted — (but quick) a southern gentlemen with a little ole Louisiana drawl. Ship collect to **Anne Bruner**.

Wanted — for **Dave Casper**, no more finals. (Dreamer.)

Wanted — for **Jack Halpin**. Any Phylum, speci, variety, or gender of a girl. (Send to biology class, of course.)

Wanted — by **Sharon Kerner**. One **Tom Goldsberry**, whose name covers page 378 and 379 of U. S. History book to tell who won the civil war, Tom Goldsberry or General Grant.

Wanted — dead or alive, strung up or in little pieces, the eagles who don't fly to all home games.

"Sin" cerely, "Clair de Loon"

"P. S. I Love You."

P. P. S. I saw your "Mamie" and she said "Rock-a-by My Baby" for her and she'd "Walk a Mile For One of Your Smiles."

"Lover."

**At the Four Corners-(Con't)**

**Kathy DeLeury** and **Keith** seemed to find each others company very

pleasing while he was here with the Wabash Glee Club.

Seems **Diane Smith** has eye on a certain Junior B from home room 204. Is this true?

"The Big Four," — **Lynn Wickizer** and **Pat Nelson**; **Glenn Reineke** and **Janice Chapman**, both girls from Riley.

Couples seen swinging and swaying at the Swingheart Sway: **Mary Jane Green** and **Ray Woodward**; **Fred Cowgill** and **Judy Johnson**; **Charmian Burke** and **Jim Hoehn**; **Maggie Sue Reed** and **Tom Smith**; **Joan Nielson** and **Tom Manguel**; **Carol Weldy** and **Kent Keller**; and **Don Biggs** and **Joan Fitterling**.

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# Eagle Swimmers Grab 6th In State Meet

Joe Laiber coached his Eagles swimmers to a win, as they closed their regular 1953-54 swimming season, by defeating Muncie Burris and Muncie Central at the Muncie pool. John Adams totaled 35 points while Muncie Central scored 28 and Muncie Burris was held to only 22.

Bob Heiland was the only double winner in the meet. He scored his wins in the 40-yard and 100-yard freestyle races. Other winners for Adams were Steve Strang, Bob Johnson, Jerry Wiseman, Dennis Britton, Mike Fett, Norm Grimshaw, and the medley relay team.

This was the team's first season with a complete schedule and the team fared very well. Their final season record stands at nine wins and five losses.

At Lafayette, on February 20, the Eagles amassed 17 points which was good enough for sixth place in the State Swimming meet. Jerry Wiseman got a second, and Bob Johnson secured a third spot.

## ADAMS LOSES 58-57 TO NO. 1 TEAM

The No. 1 ranked North Side Redskins played one of their best games of the season, and managed to squeak out a 58-57 victory on a last second basket. The game was played in the Fort Wayne gym, February 19.

In the first quarter, Adams started off right with the Northerners, and at the end of the first stanza, we were trailing only 19 to 15. In the second quarter, the entire starting five composed of Thompson, Klowetter, Troeger, Green, and VanDusen really started moving. Although North Side was the taller team, the Adams five managed to get at least half of the rebounds. Tip-ins by VanDusen and Thompson also helped a great deal. The Eagles really got hot in the last minute, and by half-time, they had tied the score 24 to 24.

Starting the third quarter, North Side crept into a five point lead, but the ferocious Eagles put them in their place. Goldsberry entered the game after three members of the team received three fouls. The Adams five kept on fighting and at the end of 24 minutes, we trailed only 45 to 43.

In the fourth quarter, the tension began to mount, but the Eagles fought savagely and kept right with the "No. 1-ers." With less than three minutes left, the Eagles pulled into a 55 to 53 lead. Then North took a shot, but Adams' alert team snatched the rebound and LaPierre started down the court. Mouse then "charg-

ed" Koehl and Larry made good on both. Adams again got the ball with 30 seconds left, and Thompson was fouled and made two free throws to send us into the lead. A Redskin was fouled by Goldsberry and he made one free throw to make the score 57 to 56. Adams got the ball, but a shot was no good, and North went down the court to make a last "10-second" lay-in. Thompson managed to get one more field goal attempt, but the four Redskins that mobbed him, made his shot fall short.

## WRESTLING RESULTS

On February 13, eight members of the Adams wrestling team traveled to East Chicago for the Indiana wrestling sectional. The boys who participated and their individual records follow.

	W	L	T
95 lb.—J. Ross	1	2	4
112 lb.—D. Smith	0	1	0
126 lb.—B. Mitchell	0	1	0
133 lb.—J. Mills	0	1	0
154 lb.—A. Johnson	0	1	0
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## B-TEAM BEATS NORTH

The Adams B-team beat North Side 39-35 at Fort Wayne on February 19. The Eagles started out fairly slow, but after they measured the type of ball North was playing, they caught fire and went ahead at the end of the first quarter 12-10. In the second quarter, the "bees" started to roll, and midway they piled up the score to 20-14. However, a flurry of baskets by North with seconds remaining brought the score 20-18.

During the third quarter, the Redskins shocked the Eagles with 12 points, while holding our team to a mere five. In the fourth quarter the story changed, and right away we jumped into a tie 30-30. After this, North Side had their hands full trying to stay in the game. North's team was built around 6' 9" Bergoff, who was held to two points. Adams scoring was fairly even with Moffett leading the pack with nine. Robbins and Edgerton had eight; Poehlman, seven; Leighty, four; Harris, two; and Eichorst collected a free throw.

## Intramural Nears End

In the junior-senior division of the Intramural league, Heater took over the first place position by virtue of a 47 to 31 win over the Flanagan team. Kanouse was high point man for the week with 23 points as he paced Heater's team. Sternal pulled the major upset of the week by defeating Kramer. Up until this week, Kramer had led this division from

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I believe that the winner of the 1954 Indiana State Basketball Championship will be -----

Enclose your ballot in a sealed envelope and place it in the box provided in room 207. (If a senior wins, he will be awarded \$1 in cash.)

In order to make your entry eligible to compete for the award, enclose a small contribution in the envelope with your ballot. This is **The TOWER'S** way of helping with the drive to swell the Bill Denney Fund.

No envelope will be opened until after March 20, the date of the State Tourney. Winners will be announced in **The TOWER** on March 26.

the very first games. In other games Shula defeated Bauer 31 to 23 and Riddle won over Ziegner by a forfeit, 2 to 0.

In the sophomore-freshman division, the standings remained almost identical to last week's. The two top teams, Freshley and McDonald, were scheduled to play each other but neither team had enough players; therefore, both teams were credited with a loss.

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