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200 TO RECEIVE WALKING PAPERS



Pictured left to right are the five valedictorians: Janice Schwier, Sally Buchanan, Sally Kissinger, Ann Williams, and Marylee Crofts.

Sixteen Scholarship Winners Recognized at Awards Program

In addition to the many pins and medals awarded to members of this year's graduating class, scholarships are a part of graduation that will long be remembered.

Ball State Teachers College notified Myrna Cordtz that she is the recipient of a state scholarship.

Indiana University awarded a State scholarship to Sharon DeRose; a Special scholarship to Sally Buchanan; a University and Special scholarship to Sally Kissinger; a Residence Scholarship to Michael LeBurkien; and a Music scholarship to Robert Lent.

Purdue University announced a Special Merit Honorary scholarship to James Alward, Robert Bubenzer, and Sandra Hoelscher and a State scholarship to Joan Moore.

The Lincoln School P.T.A. scholarship was awarded to Beverly Graeber.

Marylee Crofts and Robert Bubenzer were announced as winners of the Elks National Foundation scholarship.

Myrna Cordtz was awarded the Panhellenic Association of South Bend and Mishawaka Scholarship.

The Hanover College scholarship went to Marylee Crofts.

Jack Halpin is the winner of the Rector Scholarship to DePauw University and Elizabeth Tarvin and Julie Harris each received the president's scholarship to the same school. Julie's is a music award.

James Miller is the winner of an open scholarship to Swarthmore College.

Jack Halpin was awarded the George F. Baker scholarship to Carlton College.

Myrna Cordtz also received a half-tuition scholarship to the University of Denver.

Get Diplomas Next Tuesday Night

Seniors Honored at Awards Assembly Today

To the strains of the traditional Pomp and Circumstance March, the two hundred graduates of the 1954 class at John Adams entered the auditorium for the annual awards assembly. Scholastic honors achieved and recognition for services rendered at John Adams were announced.

The Student Council jeweled pin for scholarship was given to the five valedictorians: Sally Buchanan, Marylee Crofts, Sally Kissinger, Janice Schwier, and Margaret Ann Williams. James Alward, salutatorian received a gold pin. Others receiving gold pins for scholarship of 95.5 were: Robert Bubenzer, Myrna Cordtz, Sharon DeRose, Jack Halpin, Sandra Hoelscher, and James Miller.

Recipients of silver scholarship pins for a 93.5 average were: Susan Armstrong, Kathleen Brady, Jean Haefner, Nancy Platt, Richard Quealy, Elizabeth Tarvin, and Marilyn Wood.



Jim Alward

Scholarship with distinction for a 90 plus average was announced for Janet Burke, Patricia Connolly, Richard Diedrich, David Engel, Stephen Gumz, Mary Ann Hawblitzel, Nancy Hertel, Michael LeBurkien, Craig McCowan, Dean Miller, Joan Moore, Dixie Nidiffer, John Pence, Eileen Powers, William Roesch, Charles Sonneborn, Sarah Stoops, Phyllis Stouffer, Edward Struck, and Mary Wenger.

Marylee Crofts and Robert Johnson were selected by the seniors as outstanding citizens of the class and so received the John Adams Good Citizenship Award which was the gift of the class of 1942.

Previously announced was the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award which went to Myrna Cordtz. The D.A.R. also made possible an award for excellence in United States History. A competitive test determined that Sally Buchanan was to receive the award.

The Berg Award for excellence in music, originated by the late Mr. Harry E. Berg, was awarded to David Engel for Glee Club work, to Kathleen Brady for band, and to Quinton Everest for orchestra.

The P.T.A. awards in Industrial Arts and Home Economics went to Fredrick Cowgill, Sandra Hoelscher, and Nancy Platt, respectively.

The Studebaker Local No. 5 UAW-CIO award for excellence in voca-

tional work was given to Richard Wedel.

Craig McCowan received the Bausch and Lomb Science Award for outstanding work in biology.

Patricia Moynihan was the recipient of the first attendance award to be offered to a graduate. Patricia had perfect attendance during her four years in high school.

The National Office Management Association presented an award to the outstanding Business Education girl and boy. Certificates went to Myrna Cordtz and Thomas Trethewey and a plaque to carry the names of the winners each year was presented to Mr. Russell Rothermeil, principal.

The Hoosier Art Patrons Association Award was presented to David Engel. This award is based on talent, artistic promise, creative ability, co-operation, and the care and use of materials.

This year the coaches selected Wedel as the recipient of their award.

Comprehensive Mathematics State finalist who earned a bronze medal was George Petoe.

CLASS WILL

We, the graduates of nineteen hundred fifty-four, will to the forthcoming seniors all the good times we have had during our final year at Adams. We cannot take such pleasures with us, reading newspapers, vacationing in Chicago, taking part in a mock trial, writing letters in English eight, preparing Soci questions and reports, and at the same time looking forward to graduation and the future; but the memories of our High School days will always linger in our hearts. Now, you, the juniors of John Adams, have full responsibility to make a pleasant atmosphere in your school, filled with friendliness and loyalty.

It will be up to you to fill the senior offices and other positions to the very best of your ability. It is now our privilege to enjoy and share the responsibilities of the student leadership of John Adams. May you appreciate the wonderful year to come as much as we have appreciated this, our last year, at John Adams. Good luck!

GOOD - BYE AND GOOD LUCK

The staff and underclassmen join me to wish the graduating seniors of the Class of 1954 real success in their planned experiences to follow Commencement. Having attained the goal of graduate from high school proves your respect for the educational opportunities provided by your community, your state, and your parents.

The opportunity to obtain a high school education has been made possible for real purposes. Among these purposes is the realization that a democracy as instituted and practiced in our United States of America is dependent upon an educated people. An educated people does not need to be dictated nor does its welfare need to be provided by a socialistic or communistic organization. Education fosters independence and independence fosters the opportunity to enjoy the freedoms granted and preserved by our Constitution. May you use your education to enjoy these rights and privileges.

We have enjoyed working with you, your accomplishments in sports, music, the academic, and the vocational, and observing you develop into mature young men and women. We shall miss you here which means we shall remember you, too.

If from your experiences at John Adams you recall many pleasant acquaintances, have a feeling of growth in knowledge, attitudes and skills, and have developed a sense of responsibility for service to others, then, you have succeeded in the wise use of your time here.

Good fortune and may you find good use for that which you learned.

Russell Rothermel

Extra - Curricular Activities Emphasized

I feel that John Adams has a very well rounded program of extra-curricular activities. Anyone who is not participating in at least two or three phases of this program is not taking full advantage of the educational opportunities available at Adams. Also, as I have made applications to colleges for entrance and for scholarships, I have found that the college authorities look over ones record of extra-curricular activities just as carefully as they do the scholastic record. Therefore, I would like to urge anyone who is not in several activities at the present to join some next year.

Jim Miller
President of Senior Class

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It is interesting to note that the students who participate in group discussions, such as Student Council, are not always the best students as far as grades are concerned, although they are usually aggressive and do better than average scholastically. I think that if we get more students to participate in our extra-curricular activities they will become better students and our activities will become more interesting and more beneficial to our school and community.

Norm Grimshaw
President of Student Council

John Adams Tower



MYRNA CORDTZ
Editor-in-Chief



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Senior Calendar Keeps Graduates Busy

Prom

The full schedule of Senior graduating events was set off unofficially May 14, the date of the Senior Prom, "Dancing in the Dark." The dance was held in the main ballroom of the Indiana Club from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. An estimated 350 students, alumni, teachers and parents danced to the music of Tony Rulli and his orchestra. Prom co-chairmen Myrna Cordtz and Dick Quealy were ably assisted by Jim Miller, decorations; Mary Lou Clark, programs; Sally Stoops, invitations; John Steinmetz and Bob Shula, music; Ann Williams and Susan Armstrong, publicity; and Dave Beiser, tickets.

Finals and Cap and Gown Day

The next step in the process of graduation was senior final examinations, which were given Tuesday afternoon, June 1, and Wednesday morning, June 2. Wednesday was also Cap and Gown Day.

Awards Assemblies

Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 scholastic and extra-curricular activity awards were presented at the annual Senior Awards Assembly. Immediately following the assembly, the John Adams P. T. A. sponsored a Senior Punch in the Little Theatre honoring the graduates and their parents.

The following day, Thursday, June 3, at 8:25 senior athletes receive their awards during the Spring Sports Assembly in the auditorium.



Pictured above left to right are members of the Senior Cabinet. They are: Myrna Cordtz; Nancy Hertel; Mary Wenger, class secretary; John Steinmetz; Bob Shula, class treasurer; Jim Miller, class president; Dave Beiser; Paul Elliot, class vice-president; Dick Quealy, and Jack Halpin. They are the ones who have been directing the Senior Class this year.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, June 6 at 4:00 in the John Adams Auditorium. Adams graduates then join the 1954 graduates of Washington, Central, and Riley for this service. Following the processional of "Cornelius' Festival March," played by the combined band ensembles of the four schools, the service will include the invocation and benediction by Reverend Noel P. Irwin, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and an address and prayer by Reverend Daniel W. Fowler, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of South Bend. Combined ensembles from the four participating high school glee clubs will provide the musical portions of the service. The music to be presented will include these selections: "God of Our Fathers," "Come, Holy Spirit," and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

Senior Picnic

Next Monday, June 7, the seniors take-off for Potawatomi Park for their annual Senior Class Picnic. The outing which begins at 11:30 a.m. and concludes at 2:30 in the afternoon is under the chairmanship of William Blue and Susan Angus.

Commencement

Commencement, the final step to graduation and the last event on the senior calendar, takes place on Tuesday evening, June 8, at 8:00. The class of 1954 will bid a final farewell to John Adams as they process down the center aisle to the music of "Pomp and Circumstance" and take their seats on the stage.

Directly following the seating of the seniors the audience, accompanied by the Adams Glee Club and Band, will sing the "Star Spangled Banner." This will be followed by musical selections, "the Lord's Prayer," "Gloria in Excelsis," and "No Man is an Island," by the Glee Club; "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" by the Girls' Ensemble and "Meditation" from "Thais" by the John Adams Band. Highlighting the program will be an address by the honorable J. M. Braude, judge of Boys' Court, Chicago, Illinois.



Contributed Most to A. H. S.
Myrna Cordtz and Norm Grimshaw



Best Personality
Bob Shula and Mary Lou Clark



Best Looking
John Steimetz and Rosie Ferraro



Most Likely to Succeed
Marylee Crofts and Jim Miller

Seniors Receive Awards for Work Done In Extra-Curricular Activities

Gold Glee Club Pins for Six Semesters' Work Went to:

Susan Angus	Jean Haefner	Joseph Rich
Sally Buchanan	Julie Harris	Kathleen Rose
Janet Burke	Robert Johnson	Janice Schwier
Marylee Crofts	Sally Kissinger	Sally Stoops
David Engel	John Pence	Ann Williams

Silver Glee Club Pins for Four Semesters' Work Went to:

Susan Armstrong	Edward Hardig	Jewel Reitz
June Bartels	Janice Henson	Thomas Trethewey
Harry Butler	Barbara Koto	Delores Wicker
Mary Lou Clark	Dixie Nidiffer	Marilyn Wood
Sharon DeRose	Shirley Rawles	

Gold Band Pins for Six Semesters' Work Went to:

James Alward	Joyce Fox	Carolyn Mahler
LeRoy Baker	Richard Gerbeth	Gail Mottice
William Blue	Doris Hensler	Dixie Nidiffer
Kathleen Brady	Sandra Hoelscher	Nancy Platt
Robert Bubenzer	Frances Hutchins	Donna Tennyson
Marlene Dahl	Shirley Jester	Thomas Trethewey
Nancy Dugdale	Robert Lent	

Gold Orchestra Pins for Six Semesters' Work Went to:

Robert Lent	Quinton Everest
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Silver Orchestra Pins for Four Semesters' Work Went to:

Richard Gerbeth	Frances Hutchins
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ALBUM AWARDS:

Marilyn Wood, editor's jeweled pin

Gold Staff Pins—Three Years' Service:

Marylee Crofts	Sally Kissinger	Sally Stoops
Geraldine Goepfrich	John Pence	

Silver Staff Pins—Two Years' Service:

Sue Armstrong	Sharon DeRose	Phyllis Stouffer
Kathleen Brady	Dave Engel	Barbara Rasmussen
Pat Connolly	Joyce Fox	

Honorable Mention—One Year Service:

Jack Halpin	Joan Moore
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TOWER AWARDS:

Myrna Cordtz, editor's jeweled pin

Gold Pins—Three Years' Service:

Jana Borecky	John Pence	Beverly Verdin
Janet Burke	Roseann Shafer	Nancy Weintraub
Sally Kissinger	Donna Tennyson	Ann Williams
Phyllis Marlin	Lorraine VanDeWalle	

Silver Pins—Two Years Service:

Phyllis Anderson	Julie Harris	Nancy Platt
Sue Armstrong	Shirley Jester	Jewel Reitz
Karen Connett	Pat Moynihan	

DRAMA AWARDS:

Boy and Girl Who Made an Outstanding Contribution to Dramatics:

Marylee Crofts	David Engel	James Miller
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Certificates of Honor:

Susan Armstrong	Myrna Cordtz	Sally Kissinger
Sharon Beebe	Marylee Crofts	James Miller
Kathleen Brady	David Engel	Joseph Rich
Janet Burke	Nancy Hertel	Janice Schwier
Patricia Connolly	Robert Johnson	

Honorable Mention:

Nancy Bock	Sandra Hoelscher	Barbara Rasmussen
Sharon DeRose	Barbara Koto	Jewel Reitz
Joan Haefner	Phyllis Marlin	Ann Williams
Julie Harris	Nancy Platt	

Library Club Gold Pins for 300 Hours Service:

Betty Hulett	Norma Myers	Joan Misch
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Library Club Silver Pins for 200 Hours Service:

Glenda Smith

Screen Club Pins—Gold with Guard—Officers:

Patrick Henry, president	Charles Wintz, vice-president
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Student Council Pins—Gold with Guard—Officers:

Marylee Crofts, secretary	Norman Grimshaw, president
Sandra Hoelscher, treasurer	

Student Council Gold Pin—Six Semesters' Service:

Joan Moore	Beverly Netherton
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Student Council Silver Pin—Four Semesters' Service:

Jack Halpin	Phyllis Stouffer	Mary Wenger
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Ushers Club—Jeweled Pin, 140 Merits:

Thomas Hauguel

Debate Awards—Gold Pin—Six Semesters' Work:

Donald Biggs	Robert Bubenzer	Geraldine Goepfrich
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Debate Awards—Silver Pin—Four Semesters' Work:

William Roesch



Best Mannered
Jack Halpin and Ann Williams



Most Friendly
John Pence and Kathy Brady



Best Sense of Humor
Janet Burke and Dave Engel



Best Dressed
Bob Shields and Sally Buchanan

'54 GRADS COME TO REST

This is Dante speaking. I took another tour of the Inferno the other day and it seems I need to revise my levels a little. First, let me tell you something about my tour. Ed Hardig, former undertaker, acted as my guide. On the first level of my guided tour I found quite a mixture of sinners. Just for example, there was Janice Henson, beautician, doomed to sit under a hairdryer forever. Close by her were the well-known seamstresses Nancy Hertel and Audrey Dempsey having pins stuck into them. Sally Buchanan was

Steve" fame, was busy turning out sky blue pink seat covers for the new Devilish chariots. Far above me and to the left sat Steve Gumz forever peeling potatoes assisted by the well-known "I want to live on a farm" Pat Dempsey. I noticed Bob Walcott a victim of T. B. and Laurel Mitchelen, formerly Tarzan, now known as Cueball, the wrestler. Poor Mary Ann Hawblitzel was being haunted by her sister, "Ugly," and paper boys LeRoy Baker and Fred Cowgill were dodging newspapers. I even saw old "Brownose" Jim Nace hard at work on Satan himself.

volving stools were Norm Myers, Nancy Weintraub, and Pam Marlin. Eileen Powers, and Loisjean Vance. Right behind these girls, their mouths sealed with tape, were those famous salesmen and talkers, Tom Betts, Don Biggs, Harry Butler, and Tom Hauguel. There's poor Bob Shula, the head butcher at Swift's, with those soft-brown eyed cows haunting him. John McNamara of "Big Mac's Friendly Loans at 80 per cent Interest," John Steinmetz of "We Roof Your Roof in 20 seconds" fame, and Larry Spradlin, Pat Corban, and Don Klein, the big chain gas stations owners, along with Tom Trethewey, famous for his jewels, were busy stuffing all their hard-earned millions in the furnace to keep the place hot. Chuck Sonneborn, the sporting goods man, was riding a pogo stick, while Bill Roesch, former grocier, was trying to dig his way out of a pile of watermelons.

Marilyn Hoffman, and Sally Stoops, Virginia Campbell, Nancy Dugdale, Cathy Grady. Pat Maynihan, and Sharon Allen were making beds with thermometers a foot long in their mouths.

The next sign said "Fourth Level—professional people." I saw Jana Borecky with her pharmacist equipment busy testing her new medicines by taking them herself. Bob Shields and Paul Elliott were having all their teeth pulled only to find them growing back in again. Joan Moore was having her eternally broken leg set by her former animal patients. Jack Halpin, M. D. was saying "ahhhh" and Lisper' Nik DeRose, the speech therapist, tried to say "hello," but she couldn't get it out on account of her stuttering.



found translating pig-latin into eight different languages at one time. For entertainment, the devils were over skiing on Nancy Platt's nose. Sara Walton and Barbara Koto, famous man-haters and European Tourists have had their restless feet chained and were busy as slaves. Rosie Ferraro, former Miss America, and Emalou Palm, Power's model, were busy developing hunch backs and bow legs. On my right, was Mike LeBurkien drawing maps of all the planets and Craig McCowen classifying all the space animals. Myrna Cordtz was busy setting type for the Inferno Weekly assisted by Ed Struck and Delores Wicker. Delores, authoress of that celebrated book, "How to Enjoy Life," was as usual even enjoying Hades. Famous screen romeo Charlie Taylor was making love to store dummies and Marilyn Wood could be seen mumbling, "How will I ever get the Album out on time?" Steve Ziegner, of "Seat Cover

Descending into the second level, I saw secretaries Barbara Moeller, Sue Stevens, Joyce Fox, Mary Wenger, and Glenda Smith typing with their heads. Hard at work adding thousands of figures were Alice Barry, Beverly Verduin, Shirley Latham, Shirley Cook, JoAnn Gersey, and Betty Hulett. Sue Angus, Carolyn Mahler, Shirley Carlson, Karen Connet, and Beverly Netherton were trying to translate dictation while with telephones ringing in their ears were those famous "We drove our bosses crazy" secretaries, Sandy Moritz, Pat



Connolly, Lorraine VanDeWalle. Spinning around on their little re-

I then proceeded to the third ring. I found the poor lost souls of teachers being forever prodded awake by sleepless Sande Bartow in order to take tests. Phyllis Stouffer, Sue Armstrong, Jewel Reitz, and Nancy Bock were among the hapless ones. Meanwhile, Jan Schwier, Marylee Crofts, Geraldine Goepfrich, and Kathy Brady were listening to the play backs of all their old classroom lectures. Right behind them taking some of their own medicine were former nurses Mary Clark, June Bartels,



Oh yes, I musn't forget the armed services level. I found Dick Bauer, Jim Carlson and Dave Bolenbaugh mopping up the place under the supervision of Chuck Oberlin, who, up to his old tricks, even tried to bum a piece of chewing gum off me. Dick Quealy, Bob Eddy, Dick Kletka, and George Nemeth were trying to keep their balance on the deck of a rolling ship and looked a bit sea-

THESE ARE THE THINGS I RECALL

The dull roar of a thousand voices yelling at a pep assembly . . . the sudden silence of deep appreciation . . . the friendly warmth of the laughing and chattering in the halls . . . the eeriness of singing to an empty auditorium . . . the squeal of tires at 3:15 . . . the shock that fills the room when Reber's gun goes off . . . the sleepy singing on a Soci trip . . . the steady rhythm of typewriters . . . the lonely echo of footsteps down an empty hall . . . the muffled one-two, one-two of male voices counting off an exercise from the athletic field . . . the soft blending of slow music and quiet voices on a dance floor . . . the childish excitement of the first snow . . . These things I recall - - -

The aroma of the lunch room drifting down the halls during third hour . . . odor of perspiring gym classes . . . the variety of smells created in a chem lab . . . smells of successful and unsuccessful baking attempts from the foods room . . . the yellow dust, choking across the baseball field . . . but-ric acid in Goldy's room . . . the clean antiseptic smell of the nurse's room . . . the soft breeze wafting through an open window on a hot spring day . . . the nose tickling sensation of chalk dust . . . familiar mixtures of french fries, hamburgers, and stale cigarette smoke of the "Oriole" . . . the soft freshness of the air after a rain . . . the very manly scent of his shaving lotion, the intoxicating effect of her perfume . . . These things I recall - - -

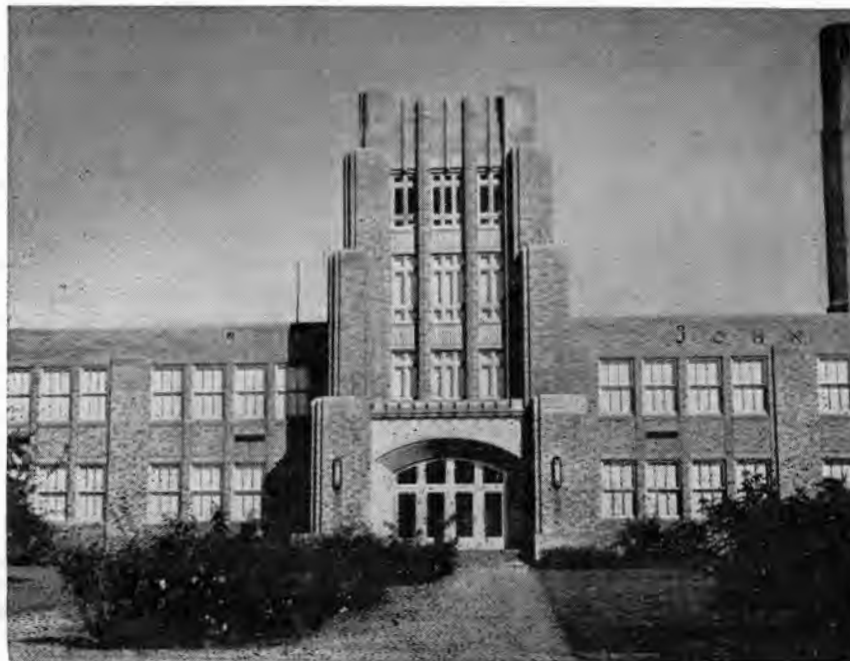
The quick excitement of the Senior conventions . . . the crispness of a cold football night . . . the sudden flare of anger over a classroom opinion . . . the bitter, bitter tears when we lost a well-played game . . . the nervous concentration during a test . . . the jumpy nerves of participants before a game or show . . . blissful exhaustion after winning a hard fought game . . . the surge of pride over a job well done . . . the nauseating feeling before giving a speech . . . the dead feeling after a "break up" . . . that "go, go, go" feeling of "Perdido" and "Night Train" . . . that long minute before the bell . . . quiet peace after Baccalaureate . . . the happy lost feeling after graduation . . . these things I will recall.

A SENIOR

Mr.
John Adams
Himself



Russel
Rothermel
Principal



IN DANTE'S NINE LEVELS

sick to me. Meanwhile, standing in the tail fumes of a jet were Arnold Scott, Dale Smith, Charlie Stevens, Jim Stevens, Bob Swintz, Ed Walker,



and Larry Whalen. The whole crew seemed a bit sick of eating the chow put out by mess and I do mean messy cooks Don Brewer and George Kreugel. Busily marching up and down in WAC uniforms were Alverna Douglas, Mary Lou Baker, Sue Basker, and Judy Gasaway. It seems they wanted to get on the same level with all the servicemen.

Look out! Those were the ace stars of the Devilish Football Team, Marilyn Glesmer, Marlene Goldberg, Beverly Graeber, Ann Martin, Eldora Rantz, and Joan Misch trampling over poor Tom Goldsberry and Ray Loar. You guessed it, the sixth level had all the former athletes. Moe McGee famous weight lifter was busy practicing while Jerry Flanagan, Jim Riddle, Floyd Troub, and Tom Sternal caught spiked balls on the fly. Jerry Thompson was trying to sink one-handers through a hoop one size too small, being coached by Hard-Luck Sam Rice. Wedel as usual was just



dashing on followed by Dean Miller and Bob Osman. Seems they were all being chased by Sandy Hoelscher. Her red hair fitted in so well with the surroundings. Over splashing around in the lava swimming pool were Jerry Wiseman, Bob Johnson, and Pody Shafer. Oops, Sharon Beebe struck out again and Doris Hensler and Dixie Nidiffer were trying vainly to hit a grain of sand with their tennis rackets. Even John Pence snuck in on this level to write his weekly "Devilish Doings" sports column.

Straight ahead and slightly lower were the so-called scientific and engineering boys. Busy being shocked were Jim Alward, Dick Diedrich, Pat Henry, and Dick Gerbeth. Engineers Bill Blue and Joe Rich were making paper airplanes while Bob Bubenzer, Norm Grimshaw, Charles Wintz and Dick Davis tried to put round bolts in square holes. Poor machinist Jim Hegades was caught in a power saw while scientists George Petoe and Ann Williams were being given hypodermic shots by all their former guinea pigs. Over burning in their overturned cars were Dick Smith, Dennis Lovelett, John Heller, Dave Good, and Dick Lomatsch. Architect Jim Miller was hard at work drawing up the wrecking plans for Adams High School while demolition expert Austin Jackson, who even blew himself into this place, was trying to assist him.

On the next to the last level I found all the artistically minded lit-

tle black souls. Phyllis Anderson was dancing on a bed of hot coals while Julie Harris sprayed her throat with hot lava. Ed Thompson and Dave Beiser were as usual singing off pitch. Jerry Bass had lost his guitar and was yodeling to get it back. Marlene Dahl, Bob Lent, and Quinton Everest were playing with pitchforks in the Hades Symphony. Cliff Mosely and his Hot Devils were doomed to play "Gloworm." Dave Engel, Shirley Jones, Janet Burke and Barbara Rasmussen were having murals painted on their backs with lava while Sharon Coe, Ward Doolen, and Frances Hutchens were hanging suspended from mobiles. Jean Haefner was trying to make a stone-face laugh with her readings and Sally Kissinger was lost in a maze of radio and TV equipment. Former stars of the Palace Theatre, Francine Horwick, Jodie Yohe and Mary Etta Arnett, were blowing up balloons.



Then holding on to my hat and leaving my stomach behind I descended down into the depths for the last level. Coming out of the darkness I found myself among the blissful (?) married couples. Poor Dick Swayzee and Mary Caycomb were doomed to the same mate forever. LaDean Beistle, Kay Conley, Rosemary Cox, and Pat Goddard were being beaten in a giant mixer. Marjorie Harper, Rita Hib-

bets, Donna Tennyson, and Dorothy Konrath were busy putting the pieces of all the dishes they'd broken back together again. Pat Pask, Gail Mottice, Delores Dowden, and Beverly Seymour were running away from a huge vacuum sweeper and Darlene Miller, Mary Teeter, Mary Ann Randolph, Shirley Rawles, and Kathleen Rose were being pressed out flat by a steam iron. Gladys Miller and Paul Rice, along with Marcia Kruck and Bob Brown, were chasing each other with rolling pins.



There you have it folks, Dante's revised copy of the nine levels of Inferno. Which one will you end up in?
—Sally Kissinger.

Signs of Our Times

Oscar "Baby" Jones . . . Come Back Little Sheba . . . P. S. I Love You . . . Bunny Hop . . . Crinoline petticoats . . . orlon . . . knee socks . . . Sadie Thompson . . . Tuxedo Junction . . . Night Train . . . One Mint Julip . . . Hot Toddy . . . The Robe . . . Julius LaRosa . . . Glenn Miller Album . . . Earl Bostic . . . Mickey Spillane . . . Tom Goldsberry's laugh . . . Hilltoppers . . . Perdio . . . Marilyn Monroe . . . Kismet . . . Come on a my House . . . Liberate . . . Moulin Rouge . . . Ray Anthony . . . Bell Sisters . . . Four Freshmen . . . Red Buttons . . . Me and Juliet . . . Shane . . . tapered pants . . . pink suede belts . . . Bermuda shorts . . . Guys and Dolls . . . Santa Baby . . . Dragnet . . . I Love Lucy . . . Pony tails . . . poodle cuts . . . Italian boy cuts . . . D. A.'s . . . Oil skin raincoats . . . Four Aces . . . Jackie Gleason . . . From Here to Eternity . . . Richochette . . . Ruby . . . Julius Ceasar . . . Joni James . . . O Happy Day . . . Crazy, Man, Crazy . . . Audrey Hepburn . . . The Quiet Man . . . Quo Vadis . . . Eartha Kitt . . . Seven Year Itch Shrimp Boats . . . Rosemary Clooney . . . Ebb Tide . . . Frank Sinatra . . . Mr. B. Collars . . . narrow knit ties . . . cumberbunds . . . choker pearls . . . treader pants . . . Jerry Thompson's record breaking 48 points . . . Flat tops . . . suede . . . Steve Gumz's convertible . . . GL 70 . . . Central, state basketball champs . . . retirement of Arturo Toscanini . . . reddi-whip . . . Stopette . . . Gentlemen Prefer Blondes . . . frozen foods . . . indelible lipstick . . . Peter Pan Botcha Me . . . American in Paris . . . Elaine Stewart . . . Gene Krupa . . . Secret Love . . . Wanted . . . Oogley, Oogley . . . Mickey Mantle . . . Cross Over the Bridge . . . I. D. bracelets and medals . . . Kiss Me Kate . . . The Creep . . . Bop Talk . . . bootie shoes . . . Victor Borge . . . Tea House of the August Moon . . . Eddie Fisher . . . Stan Freeberg . . . The Caine Mutiny . . . C'est Si Bon . . . green nail polish . . . return of Pizza . . . 3-D . . . Isle of Capri . . . Tintair . . . Christine's trip to Denmark.

1954 Grad -- Product of an Eventful Age

"Look at him there. Tall, isn't he? and so trim. Look at that stride, easy, relaxed and that head, high, proud, poised. He's so terribly knowing, so sure. But those eyes! Who can read that level gaze. Who can guess the potential of that mind."

Thus run the thoughts of his parents, his teachers, and his friends as the 1954 graduate, his precious diploma in hand, treads slowly down the long aisle out of the auditorium. For with him go a part of each one of them. For eighteen years he has been the center of their efforts, their time, their dreams, their happiness, their tears, their most earnest prayers. And now there he goes, the 1954 graduate!

What lies before him? Who knows! What lies behind him? Ah, much! Eighteen years in a world of unrest, hate and fear has left those eyes sober. Overwhelming speeds, unbelievable sounds, have left their worry lines. But these things have not erased that irresistible trade mark of happiness, his grin. It's still there, friendly and confident as ever.

Think of the events which have taken place thus far in his life. He has witnessed the death of two great monarchs, King George of England and Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia and in turn watched Elizabeth II accept the throne and George Malenkov take up the hammer and sic-

kle. He has stood by and watched a new type of air power, jet propulsion, carry man faster than sound. In his life time he has seen the discovery of atomic energy and watched even this new power over-shadowed by a more tremendous source of power, hydrogen. Still fresh in his memory are the sounds of bells, sirens, and happy tears announcing the end of World War II. Even when the world looked brand new and finally at peace the ominous head of communism loomed up on the horizon presenting a more dangerous threat to world peace than ever before. With heavy heart he has heard the screaming bullets and exploding bombs echoing across the battle fields of Korea. He has stood with humanity on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean and watched Captain Kurt Carlson wage a losing battle against water and wind to save his ship. He has stood at the side of the Chicago surgeons who successfully separated the Brodie siamese twins. He has stood on the platforms and heard campaign speeches for the presidency of the United States. He waited with 160 million other Americans until Eisenhower was acclaimed winner, Stevenson the loser. He has searched the expressionless face and empty eyes of Robert Voegler, held and finally released by the communists, for any flicker of remaining spirit. He was the happiest and most ex-

cited member of the family when the new television set arrived and he thrilled at the spectacular realism of Cinemascope. He has stood by the warden as he put to death the Rosenbergs. He mourned the death of Senator Robert Taft. His sympathy went out to the five congressmen felled by Puerto Rican bullets on the House floor. He has discovered chlorophyll. He was sickened by the cruelty of Bonnie Heady and Charles Austin Hall who kidnapped and murdered little Bobbie Greenlease. He has witnessed the discovery of gamma globulin and anti-polio serum. He has stood cheering in the stands in Oxford, England, as Banister became the first man to officially run a mile in less than four minutes. He has kept the 56 day vigil over Dien Bien Phu and its heroic French defenders.

He has joined thousands of other Americans at their T. V. sets as McCarthy and Stevens battle it out. All these events have shaped his life, have molded his thoughts and his prayers. These things have been his life for 18 years. But now he is graduating. He is ready for another 18 years, and another and another . . . What will he do with those years. What will he do with this world, these problems? Undoubtedly he's formulating his plan now, as he, for the last time, is a high school student.

We've Come a Long Way in Three Years

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September

Mr Rothermel became principal of John Adams; the delightful comedy "Polly With a Past" presented by the Drama Club. Polly was played by Sue Bennett, Rex Vanzile by Fred LaCosse. Adams added Mr. Hunter, Mr. Murphy, Miss Burt, Miss Farnier and Mr. Laiber to the faculty. We welcomed Ingrid Schoonauer from Austria and Arthur Kubo from Hawaii.

October

Full Moon Frolic was given by seniors and was hailed a huge success.

November

Prep Glee Club was formed by Mrs. L. T. Pate to accomodate newcomers wishing to gain singing experience. Seniors published a student directory of names, addresses and telephone numbers of Adams students.

December

"Bird's Christmas Carol" given as part of Christmas assembly under the direction of Mrs. McClure.

April

"Serenade" was presented by the Glee Club and Drama Club. It starred Sharon Watson as Delores and Fred LaCosse as Alvarado; The Juniors presented the annual Stardust Cafe with the theme, "South Sea Serenade."

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September

Nineteen new rooms were added to John Adams. We welcomed Alice Gassmann of Switzerland and Hans Bohlmann of Germany into our ranks. Sally Kissinger, Bill Clark, Jim Miller, Dave Gibson and Dave Engel starred in "Summer Is a Comin' In." French was added to the curriculum. "Show-Ya-Roun' Day" was executed by the Student Council, was a huge success. Seniors sponsored "New Addition Nocturne."

October

Mr. Ernest Litweiler organized the first Junior Isaac Walton League at Adams.

December

Juniors held "Hobo Hop" in Little Theatre. Bill Blue, junior class president, was in charge.

January

Added Mr. Ernest Kaeppler, Mr. Harry Davis, and Mr. Lawrence Martin to our faculty.

February

New cafeteria opened with Miss Miriam McCabe managing. Future Nurses Club organized and Mrs. Chamberlin, school nurse, named sponsor.



Lunchroom Opens

April

"April in Paris" was the theme chosen for the annual Stardust Cafe.

May

Marylee Crofts sent abroad by American Field Service. Albums distributed at first annual Yearbook Dance.

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September

With open arms we welcomed back Marvin Naftzger. Curtain went up for "Imaginary Invalid" starring Jim Dincolo as Argan and Marilyn Wood as Tionette. George Petoe, a displaced person from Hungary, and Herbert Artus from Germany joined the Adams student body.

November

Seniors sponsored "Superstition Swing" on Friday the 13th. For the first time in the fourteen-year history of John Adams, a student Booster Club was formed. Ed Thompson was first president of the club.

December

"Bevo" Thompson set new Adams gym record of 48 points against the Warsaw Tigers. Upperclassmen planned and executed an all-school Christmas Assembly.

February

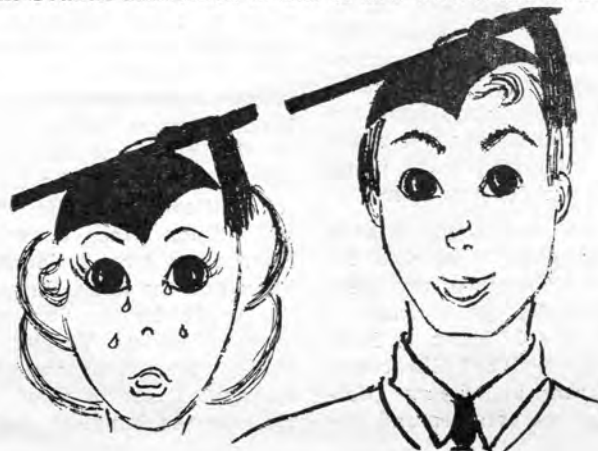
Two-headed calf and snowy white owl were added to the Adams biology zoo. Now they share honors with Charley, the stuffed lion. Mrs. Irene Niedosek was added to the Adams clerical staff.

March

John Adams contributed \$121.50 and much sincere sympathy and get-well greetings to Riley alumnus, Bill Denney. Student Council sponsored penny drive for Korean War Orphan.

April

"Hi Jinks", hilarious musical comedy, was presented two nights by the Glee Club. Five valedictorians announced. "Sidewalks of New York" 1954 motif for Stardust Cafe. Nancy MacIvor and Bill Waechter directed the floor show. Kent Keller, Bill Waechter, and Naomi Ross informed they had been awarded trips abroad for the summer through the American Field Service. Student Council announced details of new attendance award.



"Hi Jinks" — A Huge Success

Batmen Remain Atop League For 3rd Time

Adams again this year had a wonderful baseball team. However, this year our usual race with the Michigan City Club for the championship was discontinued, and the South Bend Central Bears became the other title contender with South Bend Riley following closely in third place. At the time of the deadline of the paper, both Adams and Central were still in the thick of battle, with the title still being sought for.

There weren't too many seniors on this year's squad, but those who are seniors are really some of the top boys. Of course, next year Coach Swartz will be without the services of the conference ace Tom Goldsberry who scorched the league for three years, and John Robbins will have a tough time trying to fill Tom's shoes. Tom Sternal, Floyd Troub, Bill Blue, and Sam Rice are also members of the team who will graduate next week.

TEN GRIDMEN TO GRADUATE

The Adams football squad started off the 1953 season like champions, but midway through the year, the team suffered many bad breaks and thus lost a couple of real close games which didn't make our overall record look too good. We defeated Gary, Michigan City, Goshen, and Fort Wayne North. We lost to Central by only one touchdown and Elkhart by only five points. We were also defeated twice by only two touchdowns. Our other loss was inflicted by the St. Joe Indians 7-6. Among the teams we lost to were the first, second, and ninth rated teams in the state of Indiana. This indicates the toughness of our schedule. Of the top 16 men, ten have donned their gowns enroute to college teams. The ten boys who will graduate are; Wedel, Beiser, Loar, Dempsey, Goldsberry, Elliot, Oberlin, Rice, Bauer, and Thompson. Coach Murphy seemed pleased with the spirit the boys showed, and hopes to improve the win-loss record in the very near future.

TANKERS SWIM TO 9-5 SEASON MARK

In their third year of competition, the swimming team under Coach Laiber had a very successful season. The team won nine times while losing only five meets. This year the team was so popular with the students that Mr. Laiber was forced to hold try-outs in order to hold the numbers down to a workable size. Of the team's thirteen members, only four will graduate this June.

Adams defeated LaPorte twice, Howe, Froebel, Whiting, Lew Wallace, Muncie Burris, and Muncie Central. The team lost to such perennial strong-boys as Culver, Central, Hammond, and Horace Mann. We also lost to the Riley squad. Climaxing their season, the team copied sixth place in the state meet. The seniors on the squad were Bill Blue, Norm Grimshaw, Jerry Wiseman, and Bob Johnson.



It wasn't too long ago when I entered the school and sat thru some real boring football games where the weather got the best of me. However, during my junior year, the weather suddenly started to get more comfortable as our football teams began to fight back. This year, I was warm and really proud at every one of our games because the team was in there for keeps, and we weren't planning to let even the number 1 and 2 boys push us around. It took a rally by the Washington Panthers to beat us, and it took an even bigger rally by the Blue-Blazers to win their game. Central managed to squeak by us with a feeble fourth quarter score to win the game.

In basketball, this was not the case. The first year I was enthralled by our playing. It certainly was the best that Adams had ever played before and the twonsfolk were aware of the fact that the East Side really had quite a team. We beat Central and made Riley go into an overtime to nip us. Yes, the day of reckoning arrived while I was a member of the student body. The crowds swelled, and the noise increased as the team's maneuvers became more intricate and smoothed out. I saw Don Schlundt, Ray Ball, and many other big stars play, but I think that Adams topped them all with Jerry. His 48, 42, and other high performances showed the state that we weren't to be messed with. In baseball, I've enjoyed the right and privilege of going to a championship school for three years straight. Not many, if any, teams have accomplished the fete which our team has. They have been great clubs with an even balance and great spirit. We had to share the crown last year with Riley, who snuck in at the last minute, but we still captured a piece of that coveted crown.

In minor varsity sports I saw three sports become varsity sports, and I saw all the rest of them take leaping strides toward being contenders. The swimming team grabbed a 6th in the state meet. The Wrestling team had a couple of very excellent boys who eyed state crowns. The tennis team came thru and won five of eight and qualified for letters. The golf team came up from the lowly cellar to the place where we can face any one and give them a real battle. The track team surged upward and surprised the whole area by upsetting all other three schools and took the city championship.

Yes, all these advancements have taken place, but what's more, the other day, the news broke about Adams being included in the State Wide Basketball Conference. I have been dreaming of the day when the state authorities would organize such a high-class league, and sure enough they came through while I was still at Adams. What's more, they took their foresight and saw that Adams was becoming one of the state powers, and invited us to become one of the original members. We join with other teams such as East Chicago Washington, Terra Haute Gerstmeier, and Indianapolis Attucks to form one of the strongest and highly regarded leagues in the state.

Yes! all this has happened while I was in school for but three short years. If this is any indication of the great strides Adams will take in the near future—the rest of the state better beware of an Eagle that is flying mighty low and climbing real fast.

Afterthoughts — I want to personally thank all the athletes who have participated in athletics while I've been here to make this an advancement that I will never forget. You and the students who cheer you wildly have made such a deep impression upon me, that I will remain an active Eagles Booster for as long as I can read the newspaper and attend games.

Underclassmen Will Bolster 1954 Team

The Cross Country team again has proved to be the weakest of the varsity sports in the school. They were defeated in all of their regular scheduled meets this season. However, toward the end of the season, they were becoming considerably stronger and by the time the sectionals rolled around, they finished a good ninth place. Next year they will retain their main star, Dick Dillon, who placed first in every meet but two. Dillon will strengthen the team to the point that if they could add just two or three more good boys to their lineup, they may have a good combination. As of right now, the majority of the team is composed of underclassmen, which makes the picture a shade brighter for Coach Powell.

Kaeppler Directs Netmen To Third in Conference

The tennis team, under a new coach, Mr. Kaeppler, won five out of eight matches and gained third place in the conference this year. Their style of play was really up, and they lost only one match by more than one point. For the third straight year, they defeated the other three twin-city schools to gain the mythical twin-city championship. Of the twelve boys participating on the varsity courts, only four will graduate. Of these four, two were among the top five. The upperclassmen are; Steve Ziegner, Jim Miller, Bob Bubenzer, and Bob Lent.

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Cagers Suffer Mid-Season Slump

After winning six straight games, the Michigan City basketball team came into our gym and defeated the Eagles 63-57, and from that date on, the Adams squad had tough sledding. We lost six games by less than two points while only winning one game by the same margin. With All-State Jerry Thompson pumping in the points at a record-setting pace throughout most of the season, the Adams squad looked like a sure fire contender for the Sectional honors. However, bad luck hit Adams in its thirteenth year of playing; Thompson sprained his ankle with five games to go, and he never completely recovered from the injury. Our opponents considered us easy prey without big Jerry. However, before the season was out, Tom Goldsberry gave our opponents indications that he was nobody's fool.

In conference play we lost six games, coming in a poor sixth in the league race. Other sparkplugs in the Big Bird's game were seniors Tom Goldsberry, Sam Rice and Dick Quealy in addition to "Bevo" Thompson.

The remaining six boys who will make up the nucleus of next year's squad will be joined by four or five "B" team boys, which will make up a very young and experienced club. Either next year or the year after, with the grade schools around here becoming better quality, Adams will have a real championship ball team.

Linksmen Look Weak; Lose Three Seniors

Thus far, the golf team has been a big disappointment. After last year's mediocre season, they were expected to really "burn up the links" this year since they didn't lose even one man in June. In addition, they added two more good players to make the team an even more potentially good squad. Although the team had its real good days, Nace, Steinmetz, Quealy, Angus, Seach, and Morgan should have done better with their extraordinary ability. Seach highlighted the season's play with a hole in one while practicing on the 11th hole at the M. P. C. C.

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