

# John Adams Tower

## COMING EVENTS

Feb. 23—BB—Adams vs. Ft. Wayne No. Side (Here)  
 Booster Club "Dad's Night"  
 Wrestling—State Meet  
 Swimming—State Meet at Purdue  
 Feb. 25—Boys' Intramural, 7 9 p. m.  
 Feb. 27—Sectional Tourney  
 School dismissed at noon  
 Feb. 28—Sectional Tourney  
 School dismissed at noon  
 Mar. 2—Sectional Tourney Finals

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## SECTIONAL PLAY GETS UNDER WAY WEDNESDAY

### Vocational Guidance Conference March 8

The South Bend Chamber of Commerce and South Bend School City are sponsoring a City-Wide Vocational Conference on science, engineering, and math. This conference will be held on March 8, at Nuner School at 6:30 to 10:00 p. m.

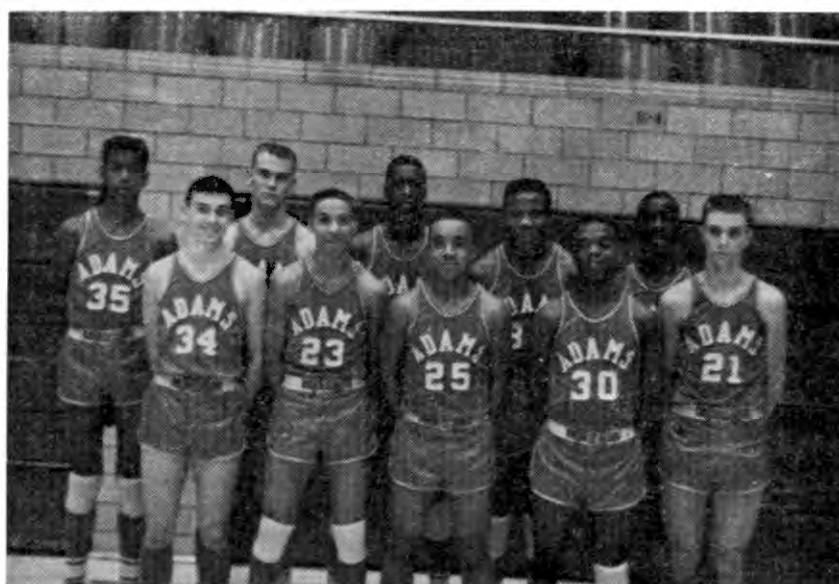
Students were asked to register this past week for the conference. The purpose of this program is to acquaint students in grades seven through twelve in the above fields and their related job opportunities. Parents were also invited to attend. Speakers who are successful in such fields of work will speak to the group. There will be an exhibit of engineering and scientific objects to further interest students in the accomplishments of the scientific age. The South Bend Manufacturers Division of the Chamber of Commerce will provide this part of the program.

The students will hear one session on engineering occupations and one session on science and math occupations. They will also view exhibits on these three fields.

### Dress Designing Scholarship Offered

Students wishing to compete for the 1957 National Forest City Fashion Scholarship have only a week remaining to develop and submit their entries. The closing date for the 1957 competition is March 1. Senior high school students, both female and male, who are students of accredited high schools are eligible to compete. Entries require sketches of original fashions in four categories — class dress, date dress, formal evening dress, and an outfit for lounge wear. A letter of recommendation from the school principal must accompany each entry. Students competing must be in the upper third of their class.

This scholarship provides for a full tuition grant for two years' study at the noted Department of Dress Design, School of Fine Arts, at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. It is being offered through national competition by Forest City Manufacturing Company. The winner will be announced by May 1. For more information, please see Mrs. Mildred Schipper in room 209 as soon as possible.



THE 1956-57 JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM — Dennis Bradley, Don Rowe, Kenny Marvel, Wes Rachels, Roland Davis, Johnnie Turner, Gene Phillips, Jerry Alford, Bud McKnight, and Larry Smith.

### BOOSTER CLUB TO HONOR DADS AT GAME TOMORROW NIGHT

The Booster Club will honor the fathers of the basketball players in "Dad's Night" during the half time of the Adams-Fort Wayne North Side game on February 23. At that time the dads of the players will be escorted on the floor by girls of the Booster Club. The fathers and their escorts are as follows: Mr. John Davis, Audrey Robbins; Mr. Henry Turner, Juliet Martin; Mr. Arthur Rachels, Dorothy Smith; Mr. Ralph Balwin, Dennise Grimshaw; Mr. Clyde Alford, Marilyn McKnight; Mr. Frederick Bradley, Gloria Jones; Mr. Lee McKnight, Lou Ellen Thompson; Mr. Wilbur Marvel, Sandy Weldy; Mr. Devon Rowe, Julie Ebeling; and Mr. Olden Alford, Ernestine Jackson. The girls will present the dads with carnation boutonnieres.

The committee which made arrangements consisted of Sandy Weldy, chairman, Dennise Grimshaw, Barbara Kirkendall, Mary Ann Kinsey, and Julie Ebeling.

"Dad's Night" is held by the Booster Club every other year. "Mom's Night" is held in alternate years. The purpose of this program is to honor the parents of Adams' fine basketball players.

### Students to Compete in Math Contest March 6

Indiana University is sponsoring the High School Achievement Program for high school students in Indiana again this year. There will be three divisions of the contest open to students of mathematics. The algebra division of the contest is open to students who are now taking Algebra II or who have completed Algebra II this school year. Students who are taking Geometry II may compete in the geometry division. The comprehensive examination is open to juniors and seniors who are students of mathematics.

The local contest to determine who will represent Adams in the Regional Contest will be held in the library during the fifth and sixth periods on March 6. The high ranking students in each division will be given a second examination on March 11 to determine which students will represent Adams in the Regional Contest. One student from Adams in each division will compete in the regional examination at Central High School on March 30.

### BALL STATE CHOIR PRESENTS ASSEMBLY

The Ball State Concert Choir from Ball State Teachers College in Mun-

Hoosier hysteria will reach its peak next Wednesday and Thursday, February 27 and 28, when the Sectional Basketball Tourney will be held in the John Adams gymnasium.

Mr. J. Gordon Nelson, in charge of tickets at Adams, has announced tentative arrangements for tickets. When the Tower went to press, the drawing had just taken place and therefore allotments of tickets had not been determined.

Preference of tourney tickets will be given to the following, respectively: teams and coaches participating in tourney, faculty of participating schools, parents of players, student season ticket holders including Monogram Club members, adult season ticket holders, junior high school basketball players, junior high school season ticket holders, other Adams students and other adults. Preference of seats for the tourney will be given to seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, respectively.

The price of tourney tickets for the sessions on February 27 and 28, will be ninety cents each. The schools of the teams participating in these sessions will have the tickets distributed among them accordingly. The two winners of each of these two schools will receive tickets which will be one dollar per person.

A pep assembly for the Sectional will be held Thursday morning in the gym. School will be dismissed for Adams students on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

### FRESHMAN WELCOME WELL ATTENDED

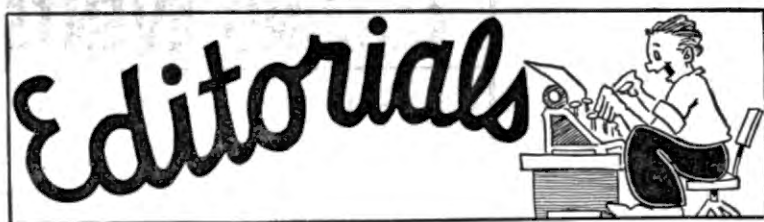
The Mid-Year Parent Freshman Welcome, which is sponsored each semester by the Adams P. T. A., was held last Tuesday evening, February 19, at 7:30 p. m. in the Little Theater and cafeteria. The welcome was well attended as 117 parents representing 147 new freshmen were present.

Dessert was served in the school cafeteria with the homeroom teachers acting as hostesses and hosts.

Miss Agnes Burns, Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt, Mr. J. Gordon Nelson, and Mr. Russell Rothermel gave talks on pupil orientation.

cie, Indiana, presented vocal selections to the Adams student body in an assembly on February 20. Mr. F. L. Anderson was the director of the choir.





## Hoosier Hysteria

The climax of approximately three action-packed months of basketball is almost upon us in the form of the state tourney. Although the Adams gymnasium isn't the site of the higher brackets of play, we are fortunate enough to be hosts to the sectional tourney next Wednesday and Thursday. In the course of these two days our gymnasium will no doubt be filled with loyal boosters of all schools whooping, yelling, screaming, and cheering their teams on to victories. In the midst of this Hoosier confusion and hysteria it is only too easy for the germ of poor-sportsmanship to be set free and spread through the enthusiasts. And you ask, just what does this have to do with us, the students of Adams? It has quite a lot to do with us, there's no question about it.

As the host school for this tourney, it is only fitting that the behavior of its students be that of a host. It is up to us to set examples of good sportsmanship and conduct during and after gametime. One of the hazards that is fast to spring up during the actual playing time is booing and hissing at the officials and players. Booing is undoubtedly one of the finest outward performances of poor sportsmanship there is. If I am recalling correctly we have a sign hanging on the east wall of our gymnasium, visible to all, bearing the words, "We won't boo, how about you?" Let this be our guiding light through the tourney, and may its light be radiated through us to the other spectators.

During tourney time as many people as possible are crammed into the available space of the gymnasium and therefore the virtues of courtesy and patience are on demand at all times. A word or act of courtesy may be overheard and spread. Courtesy is catching!!

As the time grows nearer and the span of time between now and then becomes shorter the excitement becomes keener. Don't forget to buy your ticket and reserve a seat for a bit of "Hoosier Hysteria."

## Food for Thought

The greatest sin .....	Fear
The best day .....	Today
The biggest fool .....	The boy who will not go to school
The best town .....	Where you succeed
The most agreeable companion .....	One who would not have you any different from what you are
The great bore .....	One who will not come to the point
A still greater bore ...	One who keeps on talking after he has made his point
The greatest deceiver .....	One who deceives himself
The greatest invention of the devil .....	War
The greatest secret of production .....	Saving waste
The best work .....	What you like
The best play .....	Work
The cheapest, stupidest, and easiest thing to do .....	Finding fault
The greatest mistake .....	Giving up
The most expensive indulgence .....	Hate
The greatest trouble maker .....	One who talks too much
The greatest stumbling block .....	Egotism
The most ridiculous asset .....	Pride
The worst bankrupt .....	The soul that has lost its enthusiasm
The most dangerous person .....	The liar
The most disagreeable person .....	The complainer
The cleverest man .....	One who always does what he thinks is right
The greatest need .....	Common sense
The greatest puzzle .....	Life
The greatest mystery .....	Death
The greatest thought .....	Love
The greatest thing in the world, bar none .....	Love

—Lafayette Jeff Booster.

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## Fido Has a Laugh

I may be just a lost dog and look funny to some people, but some people look funny to me. Why I had the time of my life today when I followed some boy and girl to high school is beyond me. The first thing that amused me was a tall grouchy boy that said to a short fat girl, "Come on, Pee Wee, let's go over here and sit down and chew the fat." Then to my surprise, I heard someone say, "Hi, Bongo, is your dad still in the dog house?" About that time I saw what I thought was a teacher with a white beard coming across the school yard. The boys called to one another, "Pipe down, fellows, here comes that old goat who flunked us in history." Of course, he didn't look like a goat to me, as he wore clothes the same as they did, but one can't always tell by appearances. Look at Bongo, the ape. He wears clothes, so I guess that a goat could, too.

Did I ever get a laugh when I went to the gym and saw some funny-looking fellows very peculiarly garbed. They were kicking and throwing a ball to each other, jumping, rolling, and shaking themselves. Gee, I didn't know human beings had fleas, too!!

When I started for home I heard one girl say to her companion, "Don't snap at me like that! You're always grumbling and growling." I guess people and dogs are very much alike.

You know, I believe if they would give us dogs half a chance, we could go to school and learn to whistle, snap, growl, and scratch much better than they (human beings, of course) do, without half trying either, because to us it just comes naturally.

—Barbara Horka.

## Worsnopsis

It looks like the time has come for me to do a little explaining about my name. For longer than I care to remember, people have been asking me, "Look, what's the story on this 'Worsnop' business anyway?? Is it your real name or what?" It doesn't seem to help matters very much either, when I answer "Yes." It is just too unlikely.

The greatest fun, though, is when I get mail. It seems that everyone who sends me letters, bills, circulars — anything, in fact, has his own idea about how my name should be spelled. I once thought about compiling a scrapbook of all the extant variations on "Worsnop," but had to abandon the project. Even so, a few of the choicier Worsnopisms have managed to stick in my mind:

Warshop, Workshop, Warsnop, Warshap, Worsnop, Worsnop, Norshop, Woisnop, Worswop, Warship, Warshot, Warslop, Worsnip, Warsnit, Wocsnop, Wornsoap (I have always regarded this as a slur) and even (note the Gallic influence) Worsnette.

I also have a pretty riotous time on the telephone. It usually goes like this:

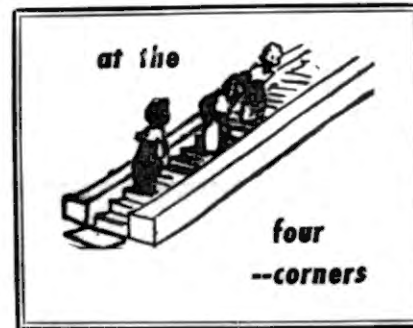
Salesgirl: "And what was the name on that, sir?"

Me (or I if you're picky): "Worsnop, W-O-R-S-N-O-P."

Salesgirl (suspiciously): "W-O-R-S-N-O-B, I see."

Me: "No. The last letter is 'P' not 'B'. As in Peter."

Salesgirl: "Well, why didn't you say so in the first place, Mr. Peters."



A big word of thanks to Mr. Brady for his help on the NCCJ assembly. As usual he did a fine bit of directing.

Everyone can now get their Student Directory as they went on sale Monday.

Be sure to be on hand to spur the team on to victory all of you who were lucky enough to get tickets to the tourney. And seniors, don't forget this is your last Sectional as a part of the student body so cheer extra hard.

Has everyone recovered from the English tests of last Friday?

Hey, Susi, how're the kitchen sinks selling? The Youngstown in particular.

It seems as though Jay Stackhouse really had a time after the Adams vs. Auburn with all his girls. Six of them????

We hear that Mary Ellen Buck is corresponding with Jake Belvins (Auburn).



What would you do if you were told that school would be held all year round?

Shirley Rossner — "I'd go to St. Joe."

Pat Scott — "I'd transfer my mailing address to Mars."

Rodney Robison — "I'd hire the best lawyer I could find and fight it all the way to the Supreme Court."

Bob Piper — "I'd take typing with Mrs. Nagy all the time."

Anita Walter — "I don't know, but I doubt if my 'little' brain could take it."

Mary Anne Haines — "I'd quit!!!"

Mr. Laurita — "What's the difference?"

Eileen Schultz — "I'd get hot under the collar."

Jerry Rose — "I'm afraid I'd attend."

Me: "No, no, no! WORSNOP'S the name, with a P!!"

Salesgirl (icily): "You'll get your package Wednesday, Mr. Worsnob."

At this point I generally hang up in a huff, but the salesgirl nearly always beats me to it. It's rather frustrating.

Of course, I realize that I could always go and change my name. But I don't think that I could stand receiving mail addressed to "Smith" or "Brown" with never a droll misspelling to split my sides with laughter over. Lately, however, I have been giving serious thought to spelling my name backwards. It comes out "Ponsrow" which is NEARLY as hilarious as "Worsnop."

## EAGLE of the WEEK

Don "Tiger" Rowe is this week's Eagle. Don is a 13B from homeroom 215. He was born on November 10, 1938. He is 5' 10½" tall and weighs 157 pounds.

Don's extracurricular activities include basketball and Hi-Y. Don is the president of the Adam's Hi-Y for the fourth consecutive semester. He also holds the office of vice-president in the St. Joe County Hi-Y Council. Don is the chaplain of the all State Hi-Y Council.



Don's favorite foods are turkey, (and everything that goes with it) and home-cooked frog legs. His favorite singers are Pat Boone and Guy Mitchell, while his favorite recording is "Singin' the Blues." Climax ranks tops on his T.V. list followed by all the westerns.

Making the varsity basketball team and being elected president of the Hi-Y have been Don's most exciting experiences at Adams. He will also always remember Adams winning the football championship. Don said that he has enjoyed his four years at Adams and he wishes he had four more to go. He thinks Adams is the best school in the state.

People who fail to support the athletic teams and people who take on responsibilities and fail to carry them out are Don's pet peeves.

In the near future, Don plans to attend Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana.

## BEST OF THE MONTH

**Movies**—Teahouse of the August Moon.

**Song**—Too Much.

**Couple**—Bob Sheets and Janet Rowles.

**Party**—Bob Wetter's.

**Dance**—Swingheart Sway.

**Fad**—Matador Ties.

**Sport**—Basketball.

**Saying**—What's the word??

**Event**—Mr. and Mrs. Devine's baby son.

**Senior**—Wes Rachels.

**Junior**—Marilyn Rainier.

**Sophomore**—Phil McCullough.

**Freshman**—Mary Horn.

**Teacher**—(Coach) Mr. Seaborg.

## WHAT IF??

Everyone wore black blazers.

Judy Widmar had a feather cut.

Nancy Thompson had a mean disposition.

Nobody had to stop after class for Miss Law.

Marti Brannan never chewed gum.

The seniors had enough pictures to go around.

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Mr. Michael Storen, who is doing his student teaching in the English department under the direction of Mr. Richard Hunter. Mr. Storen is originally from Michigan City, Indiana, and is a senior at the University of Notre Dame where he is majoring in speech, education, and business. After graduation he is going to enter the Marines for four years and his ambition upon leaving the service is to attend law school and become a lawyer.

In his free time Mr. Storen works for the WNDU Radio and Television studio where he is a radio announcer, cameraman, and continuity director. When asked to comment about Adams he said it is a fine school.

Miss Maureen Butler, whose most outstanding feature is her red hair. Miss Butler is a native of South Bend and attended St. Mary's Academy and is presently a senior at St. Mary's College where she is majoring in education. Miss Butler is student teaching in Mrs. Hazel McClure's English classes.

In her spare time Miss Butler enjoys playing the piano and dancing.

On her agenda after graduation are teaching English and history though the event of most importance is her marriage which will take place this summer.

Mrs. Sadie Kreilkamp, who teaches freshman English. Mrs. Kreilkamp is a graduate of the University of Minnesota where she received her B.A. and M.A. degrees. She was recently an instructor at the Indiana University Center in South Bend.

Mrs. Kreilkamp is the mother of seven children. Her children attend St. Joe Grade and High Schools and Jefferson. She and her family have lived in South Bend for ten years but are originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. Kreilkamp describes Adams as a "happy, busy place."

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# CLUB NEWS

## MONOGRAM CLUB

The members of the Monogram Club have elected officers for the second semester. Meetings are held in the morning before school in the Little Theater on the first and third Fridays of every month.

The officers who were recently elected are Bob Mitchell, president; Dick Nichols, vice-president; Dick Scott, secretary; Fred Osmon, treasurer; and Jerry Williams, sergeant-at-arms.

The members are making tentative plans for the Monogram Sock Hop which may be held on April 12.

## PREP GLEE CLUB

The membership of the Prep Glee Club has been enlarged to a total of 130 since the second semester has begun. No new members will be taken in again until next fall when the new semester will begin. The officers of the club are Joe Dickey, president; Dixie Davis, vice-president; Judy Widmar and Donna Diamond, secretaries; and Sue Shotola, Wilma Stewart, and Mary Ann Zellers, accompanists.

Rehearsal time for the Prep Glee Club is on Monday afternoons at 3:15 p. m. in room 21.

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## STAMP CLUB

The Adams Stamp Club, under the direction of Miss Myrtle Moberg, is planning a stamp auction. This auction will take place in the library at 3:20 p. m. on March 1. Anyone can attend this auction, you do not have to be a member of the club. Bring your stamps and money, because you may trade your stamps or you may try outbid others in the auction of stamps.

Anyone who is interested in stamps and in collecting them is invited and urged to join the Adams Stamp Club. Meetings are held every Friday after school in the library.

The weeks are passing,  
I should be glad;  
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But I am sad;  
The weeks are passing,  
Sad my lot;  
The weeks are passing,  
But I am not.

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## TOWER

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# Eagles vs Bears in Thursday Opener

Play will begin in the 1956 South Bend sectional tourney in the John Adams gymnasium on Wednesday, February 27. Drawings for pairings took place in Indianapolis on Wednesday, February 20.

Coach Warren Seaborg's Eagles enter the tourney with a 13-won-and-5-lost record and a seven-game winning streak. One game remains on the



Coaches Rensberger and Seaborg

schedule with North Side Fort Wayne which is to be played tomorrow night in the Adams gym.

Adams and Central will open play in the lower bracket on Thursday at 1:15 p.m. At 2:30 St. Joseph will play Mishawaka and at 7:00 Walkerton faces North Liberty. Games on Wednesday include Madison vs. Lakeville at 12:30 p.m., New Carlisle vs. Riley at 1:45 p.m., Greene Township vs. Washington-Clay at 3:00 p.m., and at 7:00 p.m. Washington faces the winner of the Madison-Lakeville game.

## Season's Scores

Adams 60,	Lew Wallace	47
Adams 62,	Washington-Clay	41
Adams 39,	Sheridan	57
Adams 63,	Goshen	52
Adams 66,	Gerstmeyer	74
Adams 59,	East Chi. Washington	72
Adams 39,	Michigan City	53
Adams 57,	Roosevelt	64
Adams 59,	Mishawaka	57
Adams 43,	Central	69
Adams 61,	Crispus Attucks	59
Adams 59,	LaPorte	56
Adams 46,	St. Joseph	42
Adams 72,	Riley	51
Adams 60,	Washington	50
Adams 58,	Auburn	50
Adams 40,	Elkhart	38

## CAGERS CONTINUE ON VICTORY TRAIL WITH DEFEAT OF ELKHART

Last Friday night, February 15, was certainly the highlight of the basketball season. The Adams Eagles outscored Elkhart 40-38, on the latter's home court. The situation was definitely advantageous to Elkhart. They were playing on their own court (with 7,000 fans yelling for them and their choice of referees), they were last year's state finalists, they were rated the fifth team in the state, and they have won 29 straight games on their home court.

Elkhart started fast, hitting the first four points of the game. The Blazer fans were yelling, "Pour it on, Blue pour it on!" They lengthened their lead 11-6 at the first period mark. With the tremendous rebounding of Gene Phillips, Adams went the rest of the game in close quarters and on to victory. Ken Marvel picked up his fourth foul in the second quarter and was replaced by Larry Smith, who played until Marvel entered the game again in the fourth quarter. As soon as he entered, he hit a long hook shot that put Adams ahead 34-33, and the pressure was on the Blue Blazers.

Roland Davis and Wes Rachels handled the ball exceptionally well, especially when Adams nearly held the ball for the final three minutes. Lee McKnight was an added strength under the boards, in fact for both of them, as he even made one for Elkhart.

Midway through the noisy fourth quarter, Rachels stole the ball from Ken Hudkens and hit a layin; then the Blazers tied it up, and McKnight put Adams ahead on two free throws. This came before the Adams stall. The players and the points they made during this game are: Phillips, 12; McKnight, 8; Davis, 7; Rachels, 7; Marvel 4; and Smith 2.

This win put Adams in a tie for second place in the conference. The Eagles are tied with Michigan City and Elkhart with conference records of six wins and two losses.

## KNOW YOUR CAGERS

This familiar basketball player hails from homeroom 213 and is classified as 11B. He stands 6' 1½" tall and weighs in at 189 pounds. This cager is one of the Adams starting quintet, and he is often the top scorer.

He is a member of the Monogram Club and is very active in all sports, especially football. Among his favorites, he likes steak, mashed potatoes, and gravy. He likes to watch the "Bob Cummings Show" on TV and listen to "Jim Dandy". He has no favorite recording artist as he enjoys all of them.

He likes to sleep during his leisure time, although we don't see how he has much spare time. His favorite movie is "A Girl Can't Help It."

In case you are still wondering who this mystery cager is, the number on his uniform is 33.

ANSWER: Gene Phillips

## Eaglets Drop Two Games To Riley and Elkhart

The Adams Eaglets had their two-game winning streak snapped as they lost to Riley 29-28, on February 12, on the Eagles home court. The Riley team clinched their victory in the last seventeen seconds when they were granted two free throws.

Robert Hill led the Eaglets in scoring with fourteen points to his credit.

The Eaglets lost their second straight game by one point when they were beaten by Elkhart North Side 34-33, on February 14.

The Eaglets were nine points behind with two minutes remaining to play, but they quickly came fighting back only to have Elkhart score in the closing seconds.

Robert Hill again led the Eaglets' scoring attack as he fired twelve points through the hoops for Adams.

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## SWIM TEAM FINISHES THIRD IN CONFERENCE

Last Saturday the Adams swim team finished third behind Gary Horace Mann and champion Riley in the Northern Indiana Conference swim meet.

Only first place winner for Adams was Tom Olander in the individual medley but Mike Fett was a close second-place finisher in the diving.

Other Eagle swimmers who placed were Mike Stowers, 5th in the 40-yard freestyle; Tom Olander, 2nd, and Joe Barnette, 6th in the 100-yard butterfly breaststroke; Doug Gil, 4th in the 200-yard freestyle; Jim Hartke, 3rd in the 100-yard backstroke; Tom Olander, 4th in the 100-yard freestyle; Joe Barnette, 5th in the 120-yard individual medley; and the 240-yard medley relay team, 4th.

## Matmen Place Seventh

The Adams wrestling team placed seventh in the sectional wrestling meet held last Saturday at East Chicago with 30 points. Central of South Bend repeated as champion, winning their ninth championship in ten years.

Winning third place for the Eagle cause were Michael Cogdell at 106 pounds, Dick Scott at 148, Jerry Williams at 168, and heavyweight Dick Scott.

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