# Last Night For 'Our Hearts Were Young And Gay' 

## Hofmann Wins Top Science Fair Prize



SENIORS MAKE LAST-MINU'TE STUDIES of their lines before rehearsal of "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." Seated, left to right, are Michele Engel, Marshall Nelson, Burke Jackson, and Gail Levy. Standing, left to right, are Jan Van Faasen, Sue Welber, Larry Thompson, Duane LaMar, and Jan Robbe.

Stuart Hofmann was one of nine top-prize winners in the first South Bend Science Fair which was held on March 14. A sophomore at John Adams, Stuart gained first-place recognition in the senior physical division of the fair. Stuart's project was a four-inch reflecting telescope which he and James Mueller and James Bunyon constructed. Stuart explained that the mirror for the telescope was the major expense and that other needed materials for the project were found by the boys around their homes or other nearby places and were turned into parts for the telescope.

AHS Boasts Ribbon-Winners
Ribbons were awarded exhibits in the specific divisions of the contest, and nine Adams students received such awards.

In the physics division of the fair
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## AHS Comedy Runs

 Two-Night Stand"Our Hearts Were Young aind Gay" was gaily brought to life in the Adams auditorium last night. A successful combination of experienced and novice actors produced a really enjoyable comedy.
The play particularly appeals to teenagers, for it is the story of two girls on their own on a trip to France. Their hilarious adventures, if not so exaggerated, could well be those of any modern teenager. For instance, the humiliation that comes when Cor-nelia's mother carefully explains to her facts which any 8 -year-old would know.

Gail Levy plays a convincing Cornelia, easily changing from a scatterbrained female to a person dramatically suffering from what she considers sheer tragedy. One of the crises which the girls encounter moves Sue Stoner to hysterics, when Sue, as Emily, believes she has killed someobdy with a deck chair. In fact, most of the play's humor stems from the girls' crazy attempts to correct their even crazier blunders.
Michele Engel and Jan Robbe, as (Cont'd on page 2, col. 2)

## Stevens Awarded Second in City Art

Gene Stevens, John Adams senior and art editor of the Tower, was awarded second place in a poster contest sponsored by the Tuberculosis League. Gene's poster, which carried the theme, "Detect TB Early with X-Ray," was one of 80 entered by students from six area high schools. For ranking in second place, Gene received $\$ 10$.
The poster will now be sent to Indianapolis to be judged with other posters by graduating seniors. A $\$ 395$ scholarship will be presented to the winner. Last year Gene was given honorable mention in the contest. At that time, by mistake, his poster was sent to Indianapolis with those of graduating seniors and it placed fourth in this group.

## Six Play in State Orchestra Concert

Saturday, March 14, six of the Adams orchestra members visited Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana. Three hundred students from all parts of Indiana gathered there to play in an orchestra under the direction of Arthur Fielder, conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra.
The three numbers that were played after a mere two and a half hour full string rehearsal were: Symphony Mosaic in D Major by Pleyel and Lotter, Melody, Opus 105, No. 1 by Brahms, and Presto from "Euryanthe" by Von Weber.
The six participants from John Adams included Mary Anne Haines, Jan de Vries Robbe, Pat Scott, Julie Johnson, Judy Bell, and Judy Lidecker.

## Get with II, Man - Be a Non-conformist

In this day when the "cult of the hairy ape" dominates our society, the key word is "nonconformist." Everybody talks about ihe nonconformist. Everybody takes pride in beating his chest saying, "I'm a nonconformist!" Everybody sets out to be a nonconformist.

Let's define our terms. By the "cult of the hairy ape" we mean the gang, the crowd, in which one person automatically follows after another. The hairy ape, or the jerk, makes his decisions by a nosecount. He joins, joins, joins-clubs, sccieties, secret orders-and we just learned of a new group: the Nonconformist Club!!

Our ever faithful friend and guide, Noah Webster, says the conformist is submissive, compliant, obedient. So come on, gang, let's rebel! W'e're a generation with a cause-even though we're not sure what it is.

Each of us experiences a basic need to belong, and to identify ourselves with something. We also take pride in the individual characteristics that give each of us a personality of our own. But isn't it getting a little ludicrous when we join the Nonconformist CLUB?

It has been said that the the nonconformist is justified when his principles compel him to deviate from the trodden path, not when nonconformity is his only aim.
--A. D.

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God give us men! A time like chis tlemands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands,
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Ien who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog

In public duty and in private thinking;
For while the rabble with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large profession and their little deeds
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps.

## -Josiah G. Holland

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## Drama Club Presents Comedy

(Cont'd from page 1, col. 4) the French maid and window-cleaner, respectively, add a realistic accent to the third act. Larry Thompson, as Otis Skinner, gives authority and a brash humor to the character. Mon sieur de la Croix, as played by Burke Jackson, and the two English women, Sue Welber and Sandi Baker, were comic caricatures of the French and English people as Americans view them.

The action showed the grea amount of work put into the production by the actors and the backstage crew, and it revealed the fine direction of Mr. William Brady.

## Speak Softly

 and Carry a
## Great Batifles of Yesterday and Today

If you include yourself among those who think that the world's greatest battles are confined solely to history and mythology, you are badly mistaken. Right this very minute, conflicts are raging that invoive just as much danger as any skirmishes that occurred "Way Back When." Skeptical? Let's take a look at the yecord:

## Yesterday

Europeans reeled under the terror of relentlessly attacking Huns

Joan of Arc faced sure death goins into dangerous battle areas where women had not yet ventured

Frenchmen became impatient with being oppressed and stormed the bastille

The Alamo was the scene of a tremendous battle and slaughter one morning

Settlers venturing into secluded areas were often attacked by savage Incians ly with the other participants of this activity. Oh, well, life has its litttle ups and downs! I gallantly made light of the subject, in spite of the razzing remarks to the tune of "Gee, are you my guardian angel?", and "Is tha how you keep so slim-standing all the time?'

Swallowing my humiliation, I decided not to let it wreck my whole day, and so I gaily pranced off to first-hour study hall with a song in my heart.

My reveries was shattered, however, some minutes later, by the piercing growl of the teacher: "Miss ---.--, bring your books and sit up at my desk." His steady gaze was met by one of sheer stupification and far less steadiness. But I must remember to keep my dignity at all times; even after being wrongly accused of disturbing the study hall by talking. Who, me? Talking? Never! I must admit that underneath my cool countenance and perfect composure I was boiling! What on earth did all those underclassmen think of "yours truly?" Not much, I'll grant you.

I know I'm unusual, but I simply can't sulk and study at the same time Thus, I was totally unprepared for the pop test that was thrown at me second hour. An idea of the fates be-
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## Progress Report \#1 On Friday the 13th

I realize that there are numerous superstitions concerning Friday, the thirteenth, and that most of the tales are the results of gross exageration but just for the books-I'd like to relate an entirely true account of my last encounter with a Friday, the thirteenth:

Upon arising (a week ago, today) I found myself confronted with an unusual barrage of "things-that-go wrong-when-you're-in-a-hurry." Af ter hurdling all these barriers with unusual dexterity, I still found myself in the humiliating situation of being one minute late for a before school activity. With likewise unusual graciousness on my part, I "took my medicine" in the form of standing for a half hour in my place instead of seating myself complacentshots

Judy Metcalfe, is it fun to have two N.D. seniors boarding at your house?
Why doesn't Mr. Schutz smile after 4 o'clock?
Do you know what the ceiling said to the wall? Hold me up, I'm plastered!

Attention Terry Gerber and Brian Butler: Just because your heads are shaped like Post Toasties you don't have to think that you're just a little bit better!!

A little bird sits in a tree,
Now he flies away
Life's like that.
Here today, gone tomorrow.
A little bird sit.s in a tree
Now he scratches himself.
Life's like that,
Lousy.
See you at the play. Tickets will be sold at the door.
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## Ode to Lee Chaden <br> By An Admirer <br> I tenderly devote this work <br> To that poor, sad jerk. <br> You know who he must be <br> That popular (?) guy called Lee.

To him there's nothing like a girlThey set him in a whirly-whirl.
But to them he's the very least; Some even say that he's a beast.

With his guitar he makes like Elvis, Too bad that he can't shake his pelvis. His wisecracks are the teachers pain; They say he must have lost his brian.

But he really isn't such a bad chap, If only he wouldn't open his yap. But if it weren't for those things, He wouldn't be Lee, or would he?

## To All Teachers: How to Become A Studenl's Pet

Since all of us students know the art of becoming a teacher's pet, the TOWER wishes to pass on to the teachers a list of helpful hints for making a good impression upon the scholar:

TO ALL TEACHERS:

1. Endear each pupil with a special smile and maintain that "keep smiling" philosophy throughout the day.
2. Present each scholar with a bright shiny apple at the end of each class. (This enables HIM to "keep smiling.")
3. Forge signatures on Report Cards -this will make the most lasting impression.
4. Get in touch with the fire department and arrange all drills during a major test. (You can't imagine how appreciative the pupils will be.)
5. Schedule all teachers' conferences and the like during the early afternoon rather than after school.
6. BE DEMOCRATIC! Take a vote in the class to determine the amount of homework that should be assigned. Then make sure that you abide by the majority rule.
7. If you must give a test, make sure that you make that all-important trip to the office right after you give out the questions. (This is only second in effectiveness to staying and giving out the answers, however.)
Of course, we can't expect complete response from the students because there are always a few nonconformists who will want to do something for themselves. But your cooperation will surely be appreciated by the other $95 \%$ of us, so come on, give it a try!!

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## ADAMS SENIORS MEET BUSINESSMEN at SERVICE CLUB LUNCHEON MEETINGS

Each week business and professional men who compose the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions clubs meet during the noon hour for luncheon meetings in various hotels. Joining with the men are "junior" club members, senior boys representing the South Bend high schools. These boys attend the luncheons, sitting among different men each week to better acquaint themselves with the businessmen of this community. After lunch an outstanding speaker from this community or another speaks to the men on subjects interesting to businessmen. The boys are also given opportunities to find out more about the men who run the businesses of South Bend and are enlightened on how much work and organization is required for efficient operation of these establishments.

## Rotarians Head Civic Projects

The Rotary Club, a service club which sponsors worthwhile community projects, holds its meetings Wednesday noons in the Pick-Oliver Hotel. Boys who have served as Junior Rotarians this year are Dave Christman, Tony Evans, and Jan Robbe. Roclney Robison is this eight weeks' representative. Concerning this he says, "I have enjoyed being a Junior Rotarian and feel I have benefited greatly."

## AHS Sponsors Jr. Kiwanians and Lions

The Kiwanis Club, active in promoting civic projects for the advancement of South Bend, meets on Thursday noon in the LaSalle Hotel. The past representatives from Adams are Dennis Murphy and Larry Thompson. The present member, Marshall Nelson, has this to say about his experience: "By meeting their representatives, I am really learning how many businesses in this area are working."
The Lions Club meets each Wednesday noon in the Hotel Hoffmann. Terry Gerber is the representative from John Adams.
In order that more boys will be allowed to attend these meetings, new representatives are appointed by faculty each eight weeks. For the spring term, Burke Jackson will be Kiwanian, Phillip Mikesell will be the Lions Club representative and Port Roderer will be Rotarian.

## What Would You Think if . . .

The ALBUIM came out on time? Linda Gumz never went to Florida? Judie Eby didn't like Seniors? Ben Endres had no manners? Peggy Haines had no pony tail? No one came running?
Carl Hegg stopped writing notes? Pam Donahue was six feet tall? Sherry Longbreak liked dirt? Everyone stayed in his second-hour class?
Larry Wolfson had never heard of logs?

Denny Murphy wasn't called Babe?
Suzanne Hackett wore contact
lenses?
Everyone pianned ahea . . d? Marilyn Alberts could type? Book reviews weren't required?
Dan Reynolds was a sociologist?
Ward Harlan hated Ming-Ting?
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## A, B, or C?

I wonder if you've ever noticed like me-
That students are classified in groups, numbering three.
To set it apart, each group has its traits -
And now for each group, a description awaits.
Those healthy specimens with eyes all aglow
And well-controlled tempers which ne'er seem to show,
Are those lucky persons - so happy and gay,
Who can thank all their stars they're connected with "A".

And those in-between people with dispositions demure
And humane forms of temperthough not always secure,
Are those average people just like you and like me
Who maintain the distinction of connection with "B".

While those left-over remnants with countenances sour,
Who can rattle off grievances and gripes by the hour
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Lin Ebeling-"Around the World in Eight Seconds"
Judy Kelly - "Lovers Never Say Goodbye"
Brian Butler-"Lotta Lovin'"
Mary McNamara - "McNamara's Band"
O. H. I. M. members - "Blue Monday"
Lynn Palmer-"Gary, Indiana"
Pat Rusk-"Ole Piano Roll Blues"
Denny Barnette - "You’ve Gotta Have Money in the Bank, Frank"
Shelly Feferman - "In My Merry Oldsmobile"
Majority-"I'm Available" or "I'm Searching"
Album Staff—"My How Time Goes By"

Jim Rea-"Susie, Darlin'"
Linda Hammes - "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes"

Overheard at the home of Judy Hughes one night:
Tony: "Two unicorns were dancing; a third one came up and said, 'May I horn in'?"
Judy: "I likka da spaghetti better dan da ravioli."
Michele: "Shut the window, the lights went out again! - There's a trap in the floor."
Jan: "If I have good luck, I'll get the well dug tomorrow."
Pat: "My Aunt Hattie in the Smokey Mountains has a purple parasol." Eileen: "What's 'Mother Fletcher's Instant Cha-Cha'? - Didn't Rod tell you?"

Linda dollinck, was Florida fun? Sure wish we all could have gone with you.

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# ADAMS NINE SEES BRIGHT PROSPECTS IN 1959 Baseball season play 

The 1959 John Adams baseball season is less than a month away and it is being anxiously awaited by Coach Casimer Swartz and his prospective varsity squad of seventeen members. There is a good reason for the eagerness of the squad, which opens the campaign on April 8 against Penn Township. There are eleven veterans from last year's squad that finished only one game away from the conference title. Many of the players also participated on the American Legion Post 303 nine that lost only three games out of about thirty.

Again in 1959 as has been the tradition of Adams baseball in the past few years, pitching may be the strong point of the club. Righthander Ken Marvel and southpaw Gary Wallman will head the staff. Both Marvel and Wallman had regular turns last year and are expected to be among the top hurlers in the league this season. They will be supported by two righthanders," "B" team graduate Jerry Harris and Don Karczewski, who played the infield last year. Harris also had an outstanding season for Post 303.

## Eichorst Captains Team

The Eagles are fortunate enough to have two excellent catchers to receive for the fine crop of pitchers in Brad Eichorst and Larry Harris. Eichorst, who was elected captain of the ' 59 squad, was the regular backstop for the Eagles last season while Harris spent the year on the "B" team.

Coach Swartz plans to alternate Wallman and Marvel at first base depending upon who is not on the mound at the specific time. Both have had moderate experience at the position.

The rest of the infield is pretty well fortified with second baseman Jim Fett, shortstops Jim Rea and Jim Hull, third basemen John Bella and Dewayne Dillman, and utility men Paul Waechter and Karczewski. Fett and Rea were regulars at their respective jobs last year, and Bella played a season of third base for Post 303. Waechter was used as a utility man on last season's squad and Hull and Dillman played "B" team ba!l.

Coach Swartz has listed five men as outfielders although he plans to use other players in the field from time to time. Listed as outfielders are leftfielder Bob Sheets and rightfielder Bob Howerton, regulars a year ago, Denny Murphy, also a participant last season, and Bill Grey and Tom Mielstrup wino have graduated fromi the "B" squad. Bruce Siet, a possible newcomer to the squad, also plays the outfield.

This season should be a big one for the Adams baseball squad and some student support wouldn't hurt any. The games are played at 4:00 behind the school and there are plenty of bleacher seats available for the spectators. So let's see a large following show up to see the Eagles open up on the right foot with a victory over Penn Township on Wednesday, April 8.

THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE

| April 8 | n Twp. |
| :---: | :---: |
| April 13 | LaPorte |
| April 14 | Washington |
| April 15 | _-at Mishawaka |
| April 16 | -at Central |
| April 20 | St. Joe |
| April 21 | _at Riley (C) |
| April 24 | Michigan City (C) |
| April 28 | --_at Goshen (C) |
| April 29 | Riley |
| May 1 | Central (C) |
| May 5 | at Washington (C) |
| May 7 | _at St. Joe |
| May 8 | Mishawaka (C) |
| May 12 | _at LaPorte (C) |
| May 13 | -_at Culver |
| May 15 | _Elshart (C) |

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## Friday the 13tha Runs True to Form <br> (Continued from page 2) ing totally against me this day was beginning to compose itself in the very innermost chambers of my achy mind by this time. With such a state by seniors. The five contestants are Jeanne Martin, Sue Welber, Catherine Donahue, Virginia Holdman, and Burke Jackson. <br> Purdue Sponsors Junior Day

 of acute agony possessing my brain, how was I supposed to kn v that William of Orange opposed Iva in the revolt of the Netherland: gainst Spain. This and other ins ountable problems began to turn mind into a pressurizer, along witt. an intensely painful sense of the $\mathrm{w}^{\text {r. }}$ ld being against me. These feeli: 〕s became so unbearable that I gradually began to lose my senses, and I had the uncontrollable urge to break out of the room.To make a long story short-I did. I am now a full-fledged mefber of the South African tribe of bicdabawagadooboos and living $\imath^{\circ}$ contentedly. I'll admit that this ociety lacks such luxuries as movi dates and "Big Boys", but there's o . commodity which is lacking that I certainly don't miss-a CALEND , R!

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Your Dreams Make Sense" is the topic to discussed at a general session. From this session the students and their parents will break into separate groups for discussions with counsellors on areas of agriculture, forestry, pre-veterinary medicine, industrial management, pharmacy, education, humanities, and science.
Another session will be held following lunch. Juniors planning to attend Purdue University should seriously consider including this day in their schedules.

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## AHS Scientists Garner Awards

(Continued from page one) John Winkelmann won a first-place ribbon and Ken Sandock attained third position. In the bacteriology division all three top places were gained by Adams students; Richard Smith, Carolyn Bird, and Janice Shoemaker, respectively. Stuart Hofmann was first in the astronomy division, John Neff in general zoology, and Judy Carlson gained third-place recognition in the field of chemistry. James Galba gained a second-place ribbon with his project on the earth sciences.

## Conlest Are in English and Spanish

(Continued from page 1) The Indiana State Achievement Contest in Spanish will take place April 25 at Indiana University, Bloomington. Three first-year students and two third-year students will represent Adams at the regional preliminaries on March 28 at Central High School. Richard Elliot, Lynda Gumz and Mary Rose are the first-year students, and Ron Medow and Joyce Resler will vie for third-year honors. Miss Helen Law is in charge of the Spanish contests at Adams.

Superior John Adams English students will also enter the State Acheivement Contest. Adams will be represented in the regional exam only

## Murphy Offered ND Coaching Job

Former head football coach at John Adams, Mr. John Murphy was named an assistant freshman football coach at the University of Notre Dame on Tuesday, March 17. The appointment was announced by head Notre Dame football coach, Joe Kuharich, at a banquet bringing together members of the Notre Dame class of 1938. Mr. Murphy will serve under head freshman coach, Hugh Devore. Mr. Murphy will continue to teach at Adams and will work on a part-time schedule at Notre Dame.
His duties will begin with spring practice, and in the fall he will work with the freshman candidates and scout northern Indiana area for prospective Notre Dame gridders.

The job at Notre Dame will not be the first experience in college coaching for Mr. Murphy who was an assistant coach at Auburn University before coming to Adams. In his eight years of coaching at Adams, Mr. Murphy built the Eagles up from perennial push-overs into one of the most successful and most respected grid squads in the state. The over-all record of Murphy-coached Adams teams is $46-25-3$. It is certainly a great honor for Mr. Murphy to be chosen to serve on the coaching staff of one of the great college football teams in the nation.

## Watch for the First Baseball Game Coming On April 8!



