

John Adams Tower

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Three Win First In State Contests

Hobbs Gains Merit Scholarship

Adams Senior Only South Bend Winner

Adams senior Jerry Hobbs is the only one of eighteen finalists in the South Bend-Mishawaka area to receive a National Merit Scholarship.

Last spring 550,000 juniors in over 14,000 high schools across the country participated in the preliminary testing program. Besides Jerry, Pat Biddle, Bob Grant, Mike Holstein, Dave Mickelsen, and Sue Valentine were finalists in the competition.

Three students at Adams won "commended scholar" certificates on the basis of their high test scores. They are Katherine Ostrander, Janice Weiss, and Lee Chaden.

Scholarships were awarded to a total of 1,000 students. Awards are made in each state on the basis of its population; Indiana had 59 Merit Scholars this year, and Michigan had 35.

The amount of the stipend depends on the financial need of the recipient and is renewable until a bachelors' degree is earned. Grants from 110 business and industrial firms, foundations and professional associations support this program.

Jerry's bother Duke, who also attended Adams, won a Merit Scholarship in 1958. He is currently studying mathematics at the University of Michigan.

Jerry plans to attend Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, and study mathematics. Eventually he would like to be a novelist.

He has won three gold medals in state math competition, never placing lower than second in his class. He was also a member of Adams math teams which gained two regional fifth places in national tests.

Jerry is this year's salutatorian and a member of the cross-country and track teams, Senior Cabinet, and Drama Club.

MATH GROUP ELECTS

At a meeting held Wednesday morning, April 27, the math club held its elections. The new president is Jack Champaigns; vice-president is Jim Mueller; activities secretary, Sam Kulp, and secretary-treasurer, Jo Schelle.

N.H.S. HOLDS ELECTION FOR 1960 OFFICERS

Elections for the Adams chapter of the National Honor Society were held Monday, April 25. Jim Bunyan was elected president; Craig McLemore, vice-president, Caroline Jones, secretary, and Colleen Riley, treasurer.

Recently National Honor Society members made a trip to North Liberty High School, where they initiated the J. W. Gentry chapter. They did this in accordance with the rule that a chapter's charter induction must be conducted by an already authorized chapter. The Adams chapter was initiated by Mishawaka in 1956.

The four speakers were Jim Weir, scholarship; Barbara Anderson, character; Pat Arehart, leadership; and Sharon Heyde, service. Howard Rosenbaum conducted the ceremony, and the pledge was given by Nancy Gerber.

The two ushers were Julie Johnson and Judie Eich. Mr. Thomas Keiser, sponsor of the Adams chapter, congratulated the thirteen inductees. A punch afterward honored the new members, their parents, and guests.

PREPARATIONS BEGIN FOR LITTLE 500 RACE

Friday, May 27, is the date set for the Adams Little 500. Time trials for the race will take place the day before at 3:30 p. m. The fifteen fastest teams in the trials will race in the big event on Friday.

Any home room wishing to do so may enter a team in the race. Teams will consist of five riders, but only four will ride in the race. From the five riders a captain will be selected, and two home room members will act as a pit crew.

The total entry fee for each team is \$1.50 — 25¢ for each team member and 25¢ for the home room. Registration is to be made by the teams through their Student Council representatives. The representatives must give the entry blank, fee, and parent release slips to Joan DeShon no later than May 20.

The chairman of the Little 500 is Carl Phillipoff. His committee from the Student Council consists of Doug Hostrawser, Joan DeShon, Judy Struck, Bob Buck, Nancy Blessing, Larry Dunning, Julia Toothaker, Bonnie Jacks, and Dick Shore.

Teen Style Show to Take Place May 14

Representatives from each of the four city high schools have cooperated in planning the teen style and talent show to take place Saturday, May 14. Now the Teen-O-Scope is well under way.

Adams will be well represented in the show and is in charge of the scene portraying formal wear. The commentator for this scene is Posie Krueger, and Carolyn Bird is in charge of its sets.

Terry Lehr will be the master of ceremonies for the whole production. Also contributing to entertainment will be Mike Beaudway's combo, Joanne Williamson and Bob Taylor singing duets, and Eddie Rusk performing on the piano.

Adams also has a number of models participating in the style phase of Teen-O-Scope. Members of the charm classes who have been selected to model are Kay Konzen, (Continued on Page 3, Column 3)

Monogram Club to Present Sock Hop

The Monogram Club will present its annual Sock Hop tonight in the Adams gymnasium. This will be a record dance.

Tickets are fifty cents per person and may be purchased from members of the Monogram Club. Students may come either stag or with dates.

The dance will last from eight to eleven.

Steve Mellinger, president of the club, is general chairman of the affair.

A committee under the guidance of Tom Meilstrup will be in charge of decorations.

Dean Johnson and Marvin Cogdell are in charge of selecting the records.

Twenty Adams' Entries Win Medals

Adams High students won three first place and two more seconds in the State Achievement Contests held last Saturday in Bloomington. Altogether Adams had twenty medal winners in the twelve divisions of the contests.

Charles Clarke finished first in the elementary algebra division and won a gold medal.

In the second-year Latin contest, Claire Carpenter won first place and a gold medal.

Richard Elliot took first place in the second-year Spanish division. He also received a gold medal.

Lynda Gumz won a gold medal and second place in the second-year Spanish contest.

In division C of comprehensive math, Jerry Hobbs received a silver medal for placing second in the state. Only one gold medal was awarded in this division.

Adams had three medal winners in the geometry contest. Margaret Weir won the first silver medal, and Ted Tetzlaff won the second silver medal. Elizabeth Hodes also won a silver medal.

Mike Stiver and Chuck Devine both took home bronze medals in the elementary algebra contest.

Bronze medals in the English contest were won by Mike Holstein, Janice Weiss, and Carolyn Bird.

Peggy Haines won a silver medal and Terry Smith a bronze one in the second-year Latin contest.

In the third-year contest in Latin, the three Adams participants, Barry Liss, Ann MacLean, and Sherry Clarke won bronze medals.

In the third-year Spanish competition Judy Hehl won a silver medal and Phyllis Gordon a bronze one.

Seniors Plan Prom

"Sayonara wo suru" or farewell is the poetic Japanese phrase which sums up the meaning of these last few weeks of school for John Adams seniors. With this idea in mind the Senior Cabinet has chosen "Sayonara" as the theme of their Senior Prom.

The dance is to be held at the Indiana Club on Friday, May 20. Tony Rulli's band will furnish the music for the dance.

Various committees have been appointed for the dance. Of these the decorations committee will be headed by Kathy Parker and Tom Bauer. Nancy Gerber is in charge of tickets.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

The student council, with a three-fourths majority vote of the student body, has recently passed three important amendments to its constitution. It is the belief of the council that these amendments should help the council become a stronger, more-active body in years to come. These amendments should, at least in part, accomplish this purpose.

The first amendment sets specific requirements for student council representatives. It states that no representative may be elected to the council if he had received any grade lower than "C" on his last report card or if he had received any "L" character ratings on that same report card.

For the most part, this amendment should help to improve the council. Normally, students who would meet these requirements would possess both the ability and the attitude necessary to make a good representative.

However, like any other decree, this amendment is not fool proof. It is possible that a capable student may have slipped in one subject or may have been given an "L" on his card, therefore being ineligible for council. But the possibility of this taking place is much less than the possibility of an unqualified student being nominated and elected to the council by his home room as a "joke." This amendment would entirely eliminate the latter possibility from occurring.

The second amendment cuts the number of home room representatives from each home room from two to one.

In the past few years the number of home rooms at Adams has increased by leaps and bounds. Whereas a few years ago the council was a compact body with two representatives from each home room, such is no longer the case. This year the council grew to the burdensome size of almost one hundred students, far too big to function smoothly. However, this amendment should enable a streamlined council to be a mobile unit next year.

The final amendment passed by the council to its constitution states that freshmen representatives should not be elected to the council until the spring semester.

This amendment, like the first, should help improve the quality of council representatives. Many times when freshmen vote for their council representatives in their first two weeks that they have been at Adams they are voting for candidates whom they do not know. By the second semester, the freshmen should know who the best qualified students in their home rooms are and thereby elect better representatives to the council.

These amendments definitely must be labeled a step in the right direction. However, they are *just a step* in the right direction. The only way that the council, streamlined and filled with better qualified representatives by these amendments, can in future years become a stronger, more-active council than it has been in the past is by the hard work of the representatives and with the support of the entire student body. All of the student body must do its job.

—A. F.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The editors of the TOWER would welcome any student desirous of expressing his views on any school issue to do just that in the form of a letter to the editor.

These letters which will be published at the discretion of the editors may be dropped off at the TOWER office at any time.

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Concepts of Democracy

What is democracy? It cannot be stated in a simple cliché, nor does a dictionary definition seem suitable. Democracy is complex. When I think of democracy, many things come to my mind.

One of these things is the many symbols of American democracy. The flag maintains a respected position as one of the foremost symbols of freedom from aristocracy and slavery. The Statue of Liberty also comes to mind. The greatest that comes to my mind, however, is the collection of documents and treaties, such as The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, which have become a part of the foundation of our government. These are material symbols which are used on bill boards and memorized by school children. They seem to have lost their meaning in many cases, but they exist and many find them interesting and inspiring.

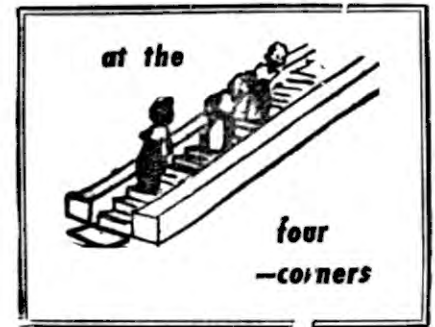
These symbols were established by great and outstanding leaders. These leaders, some in battle, some in oratory, some with the pen, have made great contributions to our country. Outstanding generals have helped us to survive war and presidents have founded and carried out our concepts of democracy. Great minds, poets, writers, and religious leaders have made contributions.

From these men came their ideas. The early founders of America combined their thoughts and came up with a collection of great ideas which has been the foundation of American principles for years. The freedoms of speech, religion, congregation, representation, and others were established by them. After these early men formed the basement, later leaders gradually added their ideas and influence to build that basement into a skyscraper.

However, the symbols which I have covered so far do not come to the mind as quickly as do other things. Things such as the corner drugstore, the Manhattan skyline, the depression, the wars, miles of rolling wheat, prosperity, Indians, cars, public schools, taxes, and the root of all evil, money. It is tragic that many think of democracy as the 10% profit, the thirty-pound wallet, and the forty-dollar suit. Others think of it as living in the streets, hunger pains, bread lines, and a kill-for-a-crust-of-bread existence. It is the environment that determines the person's concept of democracy, and it is that which influences mine.

If I were to say that I love the Statue of Liberty more than the family bus, then I would be telling a falsehood. The almighty dollar means as much to me as it does to most people. Will I ever change? I doubt it. Few people do not have the problem of basing their ideas of democracy upon their state of existence. Perhaps one would agree, then, if I said that in America, democracy is one's way of life.

—Frank Bogan.



We hear that Bob Grant enjoys communing with nature while sitting in his Lark convertible when stuck in the mud. What happens to your white sidewalls Bob? ... Congratulations are in order for Janet McGann, the latest addition to the "soon to be married" ... What would Mrs. Hodes do if she forgot her coffee? ... And now we come to the best "goof" of the week! It has been reported to us that one of our brighter junior girls drove away from the filling station with the hose still in the gas tank! I'm sure she would suggest that we all try it. ...

Some of those representing Adams at the St. Joseph Hospital Charity Ball: Carol Schiller and Gary Feldman (Central), Carolyn Bird and Terry Lehr, Sandy Baker and Dick Groff, and June Rosenstein and Howard Rosenbaum ... Another junior girl was seen putting a ladder up to Ann MacLean's window, wonder what she was doing? ... Did a man really fall on the top of Ehlers' car? And from a telephone pole no less! ... Lois Klinghammer would like to change her name. She thinks it is too long! Probably because it was the longest name on the Rainbow program so they had to make room for it. ...

Daffynitions:

AUTOBIOGRAPHY — History of a car.

FLOOD — A river that has gotten too big for its bridges.

DANCING — The art of pulling your feet out before your opponent can step on them.

FOUL BALL — A dance for chickens.

POLICEMAN'S BALL — A cop hop.

You beatniks sit in grimy clothes And rave for endless hours

About the things that you oppose Like barbers, baths, and showers; You do your best to ward off jobs; You fight for each defeat; You work so hard at being slobs, No wonder you are beat!

Ronald McDonald finally struck out in the fifth hour gym class. The boys have been waiting for this; after all, he usually hits a home run ... Congratulations to all of those industrious souls who spent the week end in the back yard or at the lake. Your sunburns and tans look beautiful. For the rest of you: better luck next time! ... Mindy Aulm is going back to the "good old days" she wore pantalets to school the other day. ...

Book List for Teens:

FIRST MAN ON THE MOON by Hugo First.

DON'T FENCE ME IN by Bob Wire.

HOW TO WRITE A LETTER by Adeline Moore

Armand K. Frechette, a fur trapper from Grandebuche, Canada, trapped a single mink worth \$8,000. It was draped over the back of a chair in the Stork Club.

WANTED:

A pair of mink gloves for pointing with pride.

A sarcastic calculator for adding insult to injury.

Spring Fever (Male vs. Female)

The sky is blue; the grass is green; it's SPRING! . . . Few escape that at-once-wonderful, at-once-terrible, lazy affliction called "SPRING FEVER."

The **GIRLS** have that certain overwhelming, joyful, exuberant feeling of **ROMANCE** . . . One can hear the hearts patter a mile away. The **MALE** of the species also experiences that overwhelming, joyful feeling of . . . No, wait — it can't be . . . of **GOLFING** (or shooting baskets)!

Which **GIRL** wouldn't give her right arm (Katie May style) for a ride in a flashy convertible? . . . Can't you just feel the wind running slithery fingers through your hair? Ahhhhhh! What **BOY** wouldn't give his right arm to get near a flashy convertible, too! — (Oh, no!) crawl under . . . and take the thing apart!

PICTURE IT — You're out in the moonlight . . . The clear spring night has all but swept you off your feet! He is quite close . . . He swallows hard . . . He gets rather misty-eyed and speechless . . . Finally he summons all his faculties and tenderly stammers: "I'm trying to see if I can see the 27th constellation of the 32nd galaxy better from where you are. What a terrific night for **ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATION!**"

LA-LA-LA!

"Sixteen Reasons Why" — Mrs. Meyer.

"Puppy Love" — Cynthia Callsen and John Hemphill.

"Handy Man" — Dave Little.

"Beatnik Fly" — Mr. Keiser.

"Lonely Weekend" — Seniors finishing research papers.

"Summer Place" — Tower Hill.

"Big Bopper" — Tom Meilstrup.

COLLEGES OFFER PROGRAM OF STUDY ABROAD

Attention all juniors and seniors interested in college! Some colleges are now offering a special program where as a junior in college one is able to go to Europe for a year to study.

While abroad the individual will live either with a family or on campus. The program is open to all college students who have better than average grades in academic work and who have demonstrated responsibility in community living. The individual must also have the language skills necessary for the country that he has chosen. It is possible to work part time while abroad. If the individual decides to work, he must have completed 26 weeks of work in the United States with excellent references from his employers.

This program provides a great opportunity to learn the customs and manners of people of other nationalities. A few of the colleges which offer this program are the following: Antioch, Bard College, Colby College, Earlham College, DePauw University, Lake Erie College, Hamilton College, Smith College for Women, Wabash College for Men, and Wellesley College.

The Junior Year Abroad Program is more adequately outlined in the annuals of the individual colleges.

Notice! Prospective Workers

Each year as graduation approaches many hundreds of students in this area will be seeking employment, many for the first time, and all will need a social security account number card, according to J. Edmund Sweeney, Manager of the South Bend Social Security Administration district office.

Whether a student takes a summer job only for a full or part time regular job, employers require the applicant to have a social security account number. Many job applicants have lost job opportunities for lack of an account number, Mr. Sweeney said.

Any person applying for the first time or needing a duplicate of a lost card, should come to the district office, 335 N. Lafayette Boulevard, South Bend, Indiana.

LOST: A gold Elgin watch with stretch band in the girls' restroom across from room 204. If found, please return to Roberta Marshall, homeroom 111. It was a keepsake.

TEEN STYLE SHOW

(Continued from Page 1)

Sharon Bush, Linda Raszipovits, Sherry Bell, Sharon Rankin, Vicki Hayes, Sandy Schultz, Charlotte Neusom, Marcia Laueitzsm, Diane Davis, Vicki Furlong, Virginia Bulson, Jc Wickizer, Diane Vande Venter, Becky Montgomery, Ginger Irish, Jerilee Roberts, Sandy Lee, Linda Ross, Betty Hubartt, Sue Valentine, Pat Filkins, Sharon Ross, Donna Welty, Kathy Duncan, Marsha Winslow, Sherry Zerbe, Penny Edgerton, Ginger Thomas, and Karen Kompar.

A rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 11, from 6:30 to 9:30.

Tickets for the show are 50¢ apiece and may be purchased from any Student Council officer, board member, or representative. The school that sells the most tickets will receive \$25 as a reward, so students are urged to buy tickets.

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My Pantaloon of Flannel, by Robert A. Scannell.

Able, Baker, Charley, by Fred Schwanz.

How I Took Away Bob Cummings' Business, by Carl Kowal.

I Move the Meeting Be Adjourned, by David Soslowsky.

How to be Unpopular!

1. Be an honest squad-leader in gym class!
2. Be the third person assigned to a locker!
3. Eat garlic before Tuesday evening glee club rehearsals!
4. Talk in subdued tones until people ask to have it repeated. Then lean close to their ear and SCREAM!
5. Refuse to buy someone's lunch for them!
(Seriously though . . .)
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EAGLES DIVIDE PAIR

A three-run home run by Bucky Dabros in the top of the second inning proved to be the margin of difference as the Washington Panthers edged the Adams Eagles 4-2 in an ENIHSC contest Tuesday at Adams.

The Adams runs came on Larry Harris's first home run of the season and on a walk, a passed ball, and a single by Jerry Harris in the bottom of the sixth.

Line Score:	R	H	E
Washington	4	10	2
ADAMS	2	5	0

Adams Nips LaPorte

Jerry Harris hurled and batted the Adams Eagles to their second straight ENIHSC win, 3-1 over LaPorte on April 26.

Harris pitched a four hitter and single in the bottom of the sixth to knock in the winning markers after a single by Larry Moore tied the score in the fifth.

LaPorte scored in the third on a triple by Jones and a single by Kessler.

Line Score:	R	H	E
LaPorte	1	4	3
ADAMS	3	3	2

Eagles Place Sixth In Valparaiso Meet

The Adams Eagles won first place in the freshman-sophomore division, and finished in sixth place in the junior-senior bracket of the third annual Valparaiso relays on April 26.

Point winners for Adams in the junior-senior division were Buddy McKnight, third in the high jump; Dave Stout, fourth in the shot put; Jim Fischer, third in the pole vault; and Howard Frazier, third in the 100-yard dash.

Adams runners also set three new records in the freshman-sophomore competition. The half-mile relay team of Kent Johnston, Lou Fleming, Chuck Veasey, and Rolland Jerue won their event with a time of 1:38.2. The mile-relay team of Gary Dominy, Mike O'Neal, Ted Lapham, and Craig Hendricks broke the old mark of 3:50.7 with a time of 3:44.2. Carl Taylor posted a new high jump mark of 5 feet 9 inches, breaking the old record held by Buddy McKnight of Adams.

On Thursday, April 28, the Adams trackmen lost a dual meet to city-rival Central by a score of 70-39. The Bears won every running event while the Eagles captured all of the field contests.

Central's Gene Carnes established a new area record in the 180-yard low hurdles with a time of 20.7 seconds.

Jim Fischer was the only dual winner for the Eagles capturing firsts in both the broad jump and the pole vault. Other winners for Adams were Buddy McKnight in the high jump, and Dave Stout in the shot put.

Central's B-team defeated Adams 69-39, and the two schools tied in the all-freshman competition at 43 points apiece.



An Adams star of a decade ago was recently named "Coach of the Year" for the greater Cleveland area in 1960. Joseph Howell, who played both varsity football and varsity basketball at Adams from 1946-48 at Adams, compiled a 20-1 record as coach of East Tech in Cleveland. Howell, president of his 1948 senior class at Adams, is a graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio.

— A —

The outstanding performance of the freshman-sophomore team in the recent Valparaiso Relays was extremely encouraging for Adams track fans. The Adams freshman-sophomore entry not only won its division but also set three Valpo Relays records. The fact that many of these freshmen and sophomores usually run varsity may be part of the reason for the low finish of the track varsity. With these athletes and the many juniors returning for next year, the track outlook at Adams looks brighter for the next few years.

— A —

Over the last five years, 1954-59, Adams High has ranked second in the composite All-Sports Trophy standing of the ENIHSC. Central has won the trophy each of the five years. Adams has finished second twice, third, once, and fourth twice. Surprisingly, Riley is in third place.

	55	56	57	58	59	Rank
Central	1	1	1	1	1	1
ADAMS	4	4	2	2	2	2
Riley	2	3	3	5	6	3
LaPorte	5	2	4	8	5	4

Adams Duffers Surprise Tough LaPorte

During last week's action, the Adams golfers won one, lost one, and tied one. On April 26, the Eagles visited Elkhart and participated in a triangular match. Adams tied Mishawaka at 7½-7½ but lost to Elkhart 11-4. Two days later, hosting the LaPorte Slicers, number one in our conference, the duffers shot fine golf to win 8½-6½. The Slicers had previously beaten 14 opponents in a row and are considered to be one of the best teams in the state. In this meet Tom Zimmer shot the best score of the week, a brilliant 77, to down his opponent who had also been unbeaten in 14 matches. Dale Hjerpe checked in with a 79 to capture the second lowest score of the week. The Eagles now have a season's record of 6 wins, 4 losses, and two ties.

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ADAMS NINE TO TEST CENTRAL, REDSKINS

This afternoon, Adams trackmen will compete in the track and field Sectional at Tupper Field in Mishawaka. Qualifiers in this meet will advance to the Regional meet which is scheduled for May 13, at Elkhart's Rice Field.

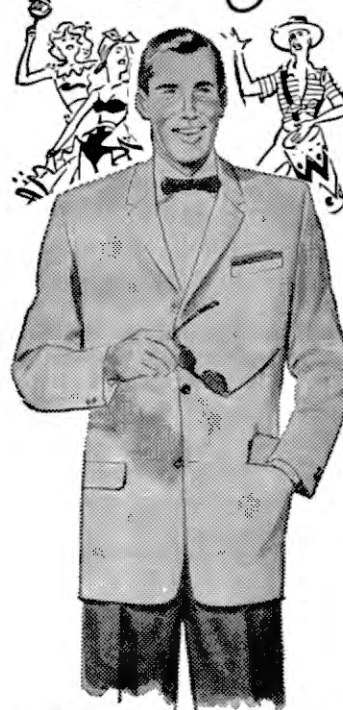
The Eagles also have two meets scheduled to be run here; Wednesday, May 10, with Riley, and on Thursday, May 11, with Penn.

The Adams baseball squad, boasting a record of 5 wins and 5 losses, will play two conference games this week. On Tuesday, May 9, Adams visits South Bend Central to play the always tough Bears. The Eagles won the previous meeting between the two teams, a non-conference affair, by a score of 5-3. Then on Wednesday, May 10, the Eagles will be at home to entertain the Goshen Redskins in the only meeting of the two schools this season.

There is no action scheduled for the golf squad this week. However, coach Ernest Kaeppler will be getting his boys ready for the Sectional meet which will be held on May 13.

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