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# John Adams Tower



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**JOHN ADAMS' HI-Y CLUB** has pledged \$100 to the National Hi-Y Associations drive to raise funds for the reconstruction and restaffing of the many partially and wholly destroyed YMCA's throughout Europe and Asia.

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Suddenly the scene shifts to Turkey with its haunting songs and charming and bewitching harem girls. Yes, there's a real enchanting harem in Katinka. There is also the mystery and intrigue of the Near East in this scene.

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There are so many entertaining features about Katinka—contrasting costumes, whimsical music, fascinating stage sets—that many will want to see it on both nights, April 17 and 18. Also a different girl, in her own delightful way, will play the part of Katinka each night.

General admission is only 50c. A special reserved section, sponsored by the P.T.A., will be available. This section is in the west balcony and the tickets cost \$1.20.

**KATINKA!**

## REPORTER TALKS TO DICK JENSEN

Illness Keeps Senior  
Bed Fast

by Barbara Sheehe

I telephoned 2-0714 and waited only a few seconds until the receiver was picked up, a radio could be heard in the background. I asked for Dick and found out that I was speaking to him. He informed me that all conveniences were at hand, including the telephone. The natural question is, "How are you?" so I followed convention and asked simply this.

We had an interesting conversation with Dick taking the lead so I can certainly say that the boy seems to be in high spirits. He did say, however, that if he received the doctor's o.k., he would be back to finish the semester.

Dick also sent his thanks to his homeroom for the beautiful bouquets he has received. Just as our conversation ceased, Dick mentioned that he would rather be in school than lying in bed all day—Wonders never cease!

P.S. I was also told to say "Hello" to all the boys! (and girls).

## BLIND GIRL IN ASSEMBLY

During the assembly on Thursday, March 13, a movie on safety was sponsored by the safety council. It featured Miss Anita Blair and her dog, Faun. After the movie, Miss Blair, who is blind, talked to the student body. During her talk on safety, she demonstrated Faun's ability to pick up anything that is dropped.

## FORMER TOWER EDITOR AND BASEBALL PLAYER NOW STUDENT TEACHERS HERE

Two former students have returned to Adams as practice teachers. They are Miss Carol Kline, who teaches Miss Roell's Shorthand II class during first hour, and Mr. James A. Harris, who teaches Mr. Wier's sixth hour Geometry I class. They have been here as student teachers for about four weeks.

Miss Kline graduated from Adams in 1943 and is a senior at St. Mary's College. She will receive her license for teaching in Commerce and English.

While at Adams Miss Kline was editor of The Tower. She was on the Debate Team and also worked on the Album. She graduated in the upper tenth of her class. She has kept up her work in journalism by being on the CHIMES, St. Mary's College paper.

When asked her reaction to teaching she said that she liked it very much. She said that this was due to having such a wonderful

## COUNCIL STARTS HALL PLAN

Relieving the teachers of duty in the halls, both before and after school, was the purpose behind the student council's action toward conduct in the corridors and the plan set into operation last Monday.

## DRAMA CLUB ASSISTS IN PLAY PRODUCTION

The members of the drama club are helping with the production of "Katinka", the operetta which is to be presented by the glee club.

The committees for this production are: costumes, of which Dolores Grenert and Ann VanderBeek are chairmen; properties, headed by Martha Craig and Bob Welber; wardrobe, with Joan Wine and Nancy Barton as leaders; and scenery with Pam Hudson and Bob Smith, chairmen.

The faculty of John Adams is giving a helping hand too. The following teachers are serving on these committees: wardrobe, Miss Puterbaugh and Miss Minniear; publicity, Mr. Dake; tickets, Mr. Nelson; properties, Miss Law; make-up, Mrs. McClure; background, Mr. Dickey; lights, Mr. Reber.

## ERROR IN TOWER

In last week's Tower a story about the state page boys had a mistake in one of the names. It was Bob Ross instead of Don who worked during one of the sessions.

Bob Wegner also added that the senate chamber had seven, not three, rows with one page. He wanted to make sure everyone realized what work it was—not just getting out of school.

This plan had been carefully worked out four weeks in advance and had as its drafting committee the council officers and an extra representative from each home room in the school. After the whole idea, and details concerning operation were fixed, the council representatives from every room were referred to the plan and accepted it.

A system whereby each of two rooms will be responsible for the door nearest its area has been planned. The two rooms will alternate weeks as the head of operation. A survey of conditions showed that a total of nine chairs would be necessary, three upstairs and six down.

The members of the home room who are expected to work are to be selected by the two representatives from that room each week. In this manner, a feeling of responsibility will eventually curb any bad conduct that exists in the halls.

## BAND CONCERT HELD IN AUDITORIUM

The annual Spring Concert, featuring the combined bands of Lincoln, Nuner, Jefferson, and Adams Schools, was held on Friday, March 14, in the Adams auditorium.

The program was well received by the audience. Two soloists were featured by the Adams band. They were Ted High, who played "Bride of the Waves" on the baritone, and Lorette Canter, who played "Scherzo in Bb Minor" by Chopin on the piano. "Indian Love Call" was played as an encore by Ted High.

Carolyn Dearnorff won the most valuable band member award at the concert. She was selected by the band members.

## DEADLINE FRIDAY FOR SOCI TRIP RESERVATION

On April 25 and May 2, the seniors will make the annual Social Living trips to Chicago. Money—\$12—must be turned into Mr. Goldsberry by March 28.

In the past, students have visited Maxwell Street, Hull House, and China Town and in the evening, gone to a show. Leaving on the 6:30 A.M. South Shore, they arrive back in South Bend at 2:30 A.M. Mr. Sargent makes all the arrangements and helps to chaperone along with Mr. Goldsberry and another teacher.

Students always remember the "Soci Trip to Chicago".

## Student Council Did Something - Will YOU?

The student council's action to relieve teachers of duty in the halls should come as a relief for that group and as a challenge to some of the "grippers" around school.

"Well why doesn't the council ever do anything?" and "We never get a chance to do anything around this school", are the patience trying phrases picked up in the halls frequently. This is a big chance to respond—this is a big opportunity to show what we can do as students.

Naturally the idea was met with skepticism from even the members

of the council, but through the efforts of the officers, the plan has worked out. It will definitely give the home room unit and each individual a feeling of responsibility in the school's operation.

If the student council does nothing more than to start a feeling of "belonging" or a tradition of co-operation in the school this year, its work will be worth while. Here is a chance to create that feeling. The council urges every Adams student to help build this plan and make it work if for no other reason than to help make unity in our school.

KATINKA!

## BUT WHAT ABOUT NOW?

Yes, yesterday was the day. Of course everyone knew that was the time report cards were to come out. Each student had been carefully preparing for the great event by working like mad for at least two days. Being especially nice to the teachers and bringing the proverbial "apple" or a reasonable facsimile thereof and maybe even going so far as to do a little homework on the side was in evidence.

But what about now? Is everyone going to lapse back into that old routine of taking books home just for the sake of appearances? In class are you going to make an attempt at learning something, or just going back to the old days of the latest gossip, curling up for a short nap, heckling the instructor, with HIM or HER across the room?

Either by law, parents, or some of the student's own initiative, most everyone is compelled to spend three years in high school. This time can be some of the best in one's life. However, it is a little silly to throw it all away on pleasure alone.

A student gets out of school exactly what he puts into it, and if he does not care, let him loaf. The teacher still gets paid!

## National Hobby Week Observed In Library

In observance of National Hobby Week, the John Adams library has on display a collection of novel shoes that are the property of Miss Puterbaugh of the commercial department.

These shoes are only part of a collection numbering over 100 varieties owned by Miss Puterbaugh. She brought the most interesting ones for the display.

Many students feel the need for hobbies is of great importance, and consequently there is a variety of types of this leisure time activity here at John Adams. Extra-curricular activities have incorporated the idea of carrying over a student's interest in the hobby to the work of the activity.

The library offers many books on a vast field of thought and activities for any hobby work a student might be interested in.

KATINKA!



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## AT LAFAYETTE

### Did You Know That:

There was a board over Central's basket during the second half of their game with Rossville and during the first three quarters of their game with East Chicago? (Anyhow, it seemed like it).

The Logansport cheer leaders were really clever? They even built a Pyramid.

The bright red of Dick Brother-son's sweater and Bob Waechter's cap stood out like a beacon?

George Swintz sat an the top row of the bleachers that replaced the ones that collapsed? (The west bleachers).

John Leonhard was found at one of the Purdue women's residence halls after the afternoon session?

Jimmy Sennett was all duked up at the final game? He and some Central fellows went to Elliott Lawrence after the game.

John Keller was sitting so far away (in section 38) that he had to listen to the portable radio of the man next to him in order to tell what was going on?

Carlisle Parker had to wait in line to eat dinner at the Purdue Union Building so long, that he almost collapsed of starvation before he finally ate?

Jim Nevins had a pretty good seat? At least, he could see all of the floor.

Miss Minniear, Bob Annis, and Mr. Nelson sat right in the middle of the Central cheering section?

Chuck Ortt and Mr. Reber felt out of place without their clocks and pencils?

Pat Kissinger had a good time, too?

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Me!

by Pati Guyon

Believe me, Tom Barth is having a hard time carrying Joan Dibble's books to her classes and walking Delores Allison to her classes.

Rosey Kelly certainly has been busy dating one of those "good looking" seniors.

New Couples: Bobbie Stanz and Dave Cox, and Joyce Huffman and Larry Reister (alumnus).

Believe me, Joyce Alderfer and Jerry Kober can certainly make a good get-away. Tell everyone your secret girls!

Jerry Gray in looking over the book containing the senior calling-cards came upon an example that had Joan Crawford's name written on it. "Who's that?" asked the intelligent senior. "Did she graduate from here?"

Seen after glee club: Peachy Lazara and Tom Lane, and Nancy Bartol and Bob Waechter.

Believe me, Hank Hukill is having a hard time keeping Cynthia interested. She now has John Leonhard's ring.

What's this about a fight between Doris Hardy and Carl Thompson?

Donna Miller and Susie Schwier are throwing a big shindig during spring vacation. Susie is counting the days until "Mac" gets home from school.

Ah love! It's wonderful. Ask Jack Hoffer. He can be seen almost any morning reading beautiful little notes either to or from Central's Delores Pukrop.

Believe me, Georgia Dralle is kept mighty busy trying to date both "Rusty" and "Pod".

Lennie Tucker now wishes that she had gone to the semi-finals 'cause Joe (alias Mr. Goshen) was there.

"Bob Kruyer, will you please take your seat," is the usual morning greeting given by Miss Kaczmarek to Bob. Seems that he and Phyl Hertel always have so much to say to each other! But don't you worry, Miss Schleiger, you're usually the main topic of conversation.

Slip of the tongue that wasn't so far wrong: Carolyn Deardorff calling her footwear "stadium boats".

Still seen together: Jack Pillow and Marilyn Lovelace, Virginia Erhardt and "little" Donoho, and Agnes McCreary and Bill Coggen.

Believe me, instead of saying that a girl has a good personality, a guy now says, "and she can knit argyle socks!"

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### FIVE SMALL RULES TO FOLLOW IN FOOTBALL PRACTICE!

Spring football practice has started again, but this time the participants have something new to break their bones on, the gym floor. The preceding statement has little to do with the rest of this article. At this time, however, it seems appropriate to let the student body in on some of the rules to become a successful football player.

1. Call the coach by his first name. This will show the other players that you have a drag. This will so endear you to them that they will have a FEW pet names for you. It will also make the coach happy.
2. Before a game go up and pat the referee on the back. The other team will think you are good friends and will become nervous.
3. During a pile up, when the referee blows his whistle keep right on slugging. This will show that you are no sissy and don't have to abide by any silly rules.
4. After every play parade up and down in front of your stands giving the prize fighters handshake. This will make you a great favorite with the crowd as it will show your friendliness.
5. Finally, try and be the star of every play. Don't worry about the rest of the team, they can't play anyway.

All you have to do is follow the above rules and you'll be off the squad in a week. That's a promise!  
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We're sorry coach but we had to have a copy!



- Wed. 26: Hi-Y meeting at noon  
Drama Club meeting at 3:30
- Thurs. 27: City-wide Band Clinic at Central
- Fri. 28: Easter Assembly  
Spring Vacation
- Tues. April 8: Co-operative test for all students

### DAVE TURNER SAYS "DAMES IS DAMES" EVEN OUT IN WIDE OPEN OKLAHOMA

by John Leonhard

"They call me Kilroy's cousin because I'm here and then I'm there," he says in a soft Texan twang. Yes, that's Davey Turner, the six foot, blue eyed, blond who just arrived back at Adams from a year in an Oklahoma High School. Dave was born in Oklahoma, but because of his father's business, he has divided his life between South Bend and Tulsa for the past ten years.

Upon his arrival back in town, the illustrious editor of our local sheet saw an opportunity to get some outside ideas on other schools. The job fell to me. I was soon to find out it would be a pleasant one.

Dave commented that "Dames is Dames" wherever you go, but because of the greater size of his old school, the Will Rogers High, he naturally had seen more cute ones there. I might add that that is going some. I also got modest Dave to admit that he had played football and basketball while in Tulsa. He says, "They really have teams there, why Tulsa Central had a line that averaged 220 lbs!" He also told me of the interesting basketball setup that they have, but because of its complex structure I will not take time to describe it. I also found that the weather was extremely cold this year. (It snowed once). As a matter of fact, the spring and fall heat usually makes school impossible in the afternoons. Dave regretted this very much. Another fine thing about the school setup was an article called the "Activity Budget." This is a ticket costing \$4.75 which will get one into anything from the class picnic to the wrestling matches. Wrestling is a major sport because of the absence of baseball. The "Activity Budget" also entitles one to the yearbook.

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**Bob Northrop:** "I'll tell you after grade cards come out."

**Bob Ross:** "I like it very much!"

**Bill Robinson:** "It's pretty good! I've had a lot of fun!"

**Mary Ann Fisher:** "Oh, it's o.k."

**Laurette Canter:** "Swell, 'coms' and all!"

**Teacher:** "You missed my class yesterday, didn't you?"

**Frank:** "Not in the least, teacher, not in the least."

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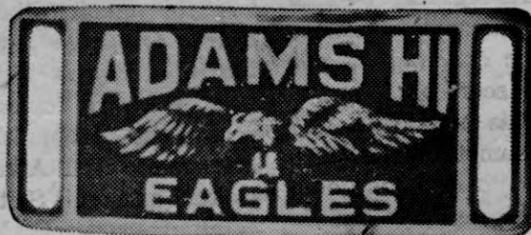
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Here's a pun for you, "all work and no play makes VERNON a DULL boy". No, Vernon, no!

Luther "Swede" Johnson has been working out with the varsity lately, anybody want to buy a football season ticket cheap? I am only kidding "Swede", stick to it.

John Horvath has been added to the growing staff of Tower sports reporters.

A tragic event rocked this fair institution of higher learning several weeks back when Dick Jensen, Adams' strikeout artist, was made bed fast by a harrowing disease. We are all pulling for Dick to put the third one past and lick his most vicious opponent.

Keith Hall just recently returned to school after receiving some thirty-seven penicillin shots for a severe throat condition. Jerry "Casey" Gray has been popping bulbs right and left lately taking photographs for the Album.

Here is a passing thought. Why not have six man intra-home room touch football teams organized? Tackle would be out of the question for no equipment could be secured. This would give some of the fellows who are not capable of varsity competition a chance to get rid of some of their athletic steam.

GRIDIRON SHORTS: A special helmet has been secured by coach Crowe to protect Bill Roberts much smashed in nose. Another boy with the persistence of Lynn Wright has been unveiled recently in spring practice. His name is Lahey, and he is a sophomore who you wouldn't want to meet in a dark football field. Mark my words, Mr. Lahey will be a tough customer to handle along about 1949 on the gridiron. NASTY NOTIONS: The White Sox winning a pennant. Jim Hoose agreeing with somebody. The Cubs with a shortstop.

Almost two weeks have passed and there has been no mention of that devine and most humble pal of "Poosh 'Em up Tony" Ferraro's the inevitable Hildegard, I mean Bob Brugh. Brugh says that once again he will be chalking up the scores at the big score board at the Blue Sox park this summer. Handy Boy says that something new has been added this year. He is going to get paid for his services.

Now that spring vacation is almost here, I suppose Louie La-Cosse, Teddy Smith and "Mouse" Nivens will be hitting the card table even more so. Those guys sure are sharks, especially "Dizzy" Smith.

## ONLY FOUR TRACK LETTERMEN RETURN TO DEFEND SECTIONAL CROWN

Mercury legged Dave Irwin and Ben Jurcik, Doug Beebe and Jerry Gibson are the only returning lettermen who will be carrying the Adams' colors this spring on the cinder paths.

Irwin should be king of the mile for this district. He gave Central's piston legged Chuck Neise a run for the money last spring and with Chuck having departed by graduation the path has been opened for Dave to set the pace.

Rapid Ben Jurcik will be sighting his guns for the quarter mile run. Ben was probably the best "rookie" of last years crop and much will be in his wanting come the spring meets.

Doug Beebe has been leaping the pole vault ever since his seventh grade Franklin school days. Doug cleared over ten feet on the majority of his jumps last season and garnered enough points to secure a sweater for his attire.

Probably the most celebrated of the returning "wheels" is Jerry Gibson who holds the Adams broad jump record and is an exceptionally good relay man. Jerry is a good bet for going down state if he keeps up the tremendous pace he was clipping at last spring.

Leroy Barritt and Bill Rummel, two boys with plenty of savy and will to run, are hoping for good seasons. Both boys saw very little action last year. Lamar May, a cross-country man, has also answered coach Krider's call to arms. He is a good choice for the distance.

## Batteries Are Getting Charged At Noon

Pitcher and catcher candidates are limbering their wings up during the noon hour in the big gym. Leading prospects for the pitching spots are "Dizzy" Smith, Don Truex, Jim Nevins, and Bill Cox. Smith has possibilities of being another strike out artist. He has whirlwind curve balls that can send many a batter to the shower. Don Truex was quite a junior high prodigy, but he has streaks of wildness; however, he should prove a big help to the squad. Nevins, a southpaw, is another wildhorse and frequently falls to wildness.

Bearded old Bill Roberts will have his much talked about nose behind the cage again this year. The invulnerable red head is the only returning letterman who absorbed the bruises behind the plate last year. Bill Adlesberger, Bob Deiter, and Phil Seltzer are other catching prospects.

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## BASEBALL HOPES HARD HIT WITH JENSEN'S ILLNESS

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This obstacle that has arisen in Dick's path came just three months before his anticipated graduation. Baseball coach, Rollo Neff, had been counting on Dick for heavy duty on his mound staff this spring. Dick won't be back for quite sometime and he will sorely be missed by teachers, students, athletes and all his many friends.

The season won't seem the same without Dick steaming 'em across the plate. He holds the individual strike out record at Adams.

Dick's greatest pitching feats came at the hands of Central and Nappanee last spring. In the Nappanee tilt he struck out an amazing number of fourteen batsmen and allowed a two hit job as the Eagles won 3-1. No, Dick's many friends won't forget him and they'll all be pulling for a quick recovery for a grand guy.

CITY SCHEDULE	
SATURDAY, MARCH 29	
Notre Dame	Eastern Indoor
TUESDAY, APRIL 8	
Washington vs. Adams	School Field
THURSDAY, APRIL 10	
Washington in triangular with county	School Field
TUESDAY, APRIL 15	
Central vs. LaPorte	LaPorte
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16	
Washington vs. Riley	Riley
SATURDAY, APRIL 19	
Goshen Relays	Goshen
TUESDAY, APRIL 22	
Adams vs. Michigan City	School Field
THURSDAY, APRIL 24	
Riley vs. Michigan City	Michigan City
SATURDAY, APRIL 26	
Twin City	School Field
TUESDAY, APRIL 29	
Michigan City vs. Central	Central
SATURDAY, MAY 3	
Conference trials	Elkhart
TUESDAY, MAY 6	
Elkhart vs. Riley	Riley
SATURDAY, MAY 10	
Conference Finals	Mishawaka
TUESDAY, MAY 13	
LaPorte vs. Riley	Riley
SATURDAY, MAY 17	
Sectional	Mishawaka
SATURDAY, MAY 24	
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