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Senior Prom Will Soon be 'Among Our Souvenirs'

The Senior Prom, "Among Our Souvenirs" will be held in the Palais Royale Ballroom from 9 to 12, on Friday, May 16. Ted Gallagan's orchestra will play. The general dance committee is: Bruce Parker, chairman, assisted by Fred LaCosse, Barbara Lennon, and Dan Broderick. The publicity is under Judy Campbell's supervision with Karen Brown, Marilyn Stebner, Ginny Rich, and Mary Claire Hennion assisting. Joan Shotola has been chosen to write invitations to parents of senior officers and council members and faculty. Tickets are being sold for \$2. The sale opened Monday, May 5 and will close Friday, May 16 at 4:00. No tickets will be sold at the dance. Alumni may buy tickets at the office, but students must purchase theirs from representatives in their own home rooms. The ticket committee is as follows: Bob Thompson, chairman, June Crawley (106-D), Judy Hershenow (204), Jo Ann Turner (106-M), Dick Peterson (206), and Dixie Day (210).

One member of each couple must be a senior or an alumnus. The other member of the couple must be at least a freshman. As this is a school-sponsored activity, no fresh flowers will be permitted.

SCHOOL CITY ART EXHIBIT

The all School City show of art exhibitions from the various schools will be held from May 11 to May 25 at the South Bend Art Association galleries in the E. M. Morris School for Crippled Children. This show is not competitive but represents the work of different schools and the projects they have been working on all year. It will be open and free to the public.

John Adams has entered both driftwood sculpture, panel modulators, painted designs, and mobiles. Students whose projects will be exhibited are: Jim Lavengood, Louise Niespo, Douglas King, Bob Johnson, Bonnie Deal, Jim Carrithers, Barb Crow, Ray Vanett, Marjorie Klein, Ted Vanderbeck, and Judy Campbell.

There will also be crafts entered by Mr. Dickey and Mr. Thompson's shop classes.

IMAGINE TO YOURSELF THAT BEFORE YOU ARE PICTURED THE MONOGRAM CLUB OFFICERS. UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR PROFILES WERE DELAYED IN JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Pictured above are this semester's Monogram Club officers, left to right: Bill Dieter, treasurer; Dick Beebe, secretary; Harold Pipke, vice-president; Cuyler Miller, president; Otto Taylor, sargeant-at-arms.

The annual Monogram Sox Hop will be held in the gymnasium May 9 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. This dance is the only one held in the gym. In order to protect the floor, the couples will remove their shoes and dance in their socks. A prize will be awarded to the couple

wearing the most unique pair of socks. The committees and members are: table arrangements, Bruce Parker; poster chairman, Otto Taylor; refreshments, Bob Bock and Dick Sessler; prizes Otto Taylor and Dick Shenenerger; tables, Dick Shenenerger, Otto Taylor, and Cuyler Miller. The tickets are 50 cents a couple and may be purchased from any Monogram Club member.

"IT'S MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE"

"It's more blessed to give than to receive," is the concensus of merchants around graduation time.

Adams graduates, as well as those from other city high schools, are being showered with free merchandise from several stores.

Berg's Jewelry store offered to girls a sterling silver teaspoon and to boys a chance to draw for a wristwatch. Fay's Jewelry store also gave International Sterling spoons to girls. Gilbert's presented to girls a \$5 gift certificate on a man-tailored suit or coat, and to boys a 1952 tie clasp. Krauss', Shaw's, and Marvin's Jewelry Stores offered a 10% discount to the parents of Seniors on buying graduation presents. The Lane Company, with Ries' Furniture

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SOX HOP

Senior Activities From Baccalaureate To Commencement

Before the Seniors commencement on June 3, they will be put through their paces with a heavy schedule of Senior activities.

Baccalaureate services will be held on Sunday, May 25, at 4:00 with the four other South Bend public high schools. Admission will be by ticket only.

The caps and gowns will be issued to the Seniors a week preceding Baccalaureate by the cap and gown committee which is headed by Jim Barrett. Those helping him will be: Wilma Horvath, Ken Thomas, and Joe Landgraf.

The awards assembly will be opened on May 28 by the procession of the Seniors. The band and glee club will give their musical offerings which will include the traditional "Alma Mater". The senior class president, Jack Noyes, will introduce salutatorian, John Smith, for his speech, and Mr. Rothermel, to present the various awards. The class gift will then be given to the school. Bill Dieter heads this committee, assisted by Jackie Clemons, Beth Hodge, and Cuyler Miller. Jack will then give his farewell speech and the assembly will end with the recessional. Arrangements for the awards assembly are being taken care of by Sue Bennett and her committee of Jon Clauss, Karen Kindig, Burton Toepf, and Mary Ann Kenady. The Senior Punch, which is given by the P.T.A., will follow.

The Senior Picnic will give the Seniors a little relaxation on June 2 in Potawatomi Park.

Finally, the long awaited night of commencement will arrive on June 3, and at 8:00 p.m. the Seniors will proceed up the aisle with "Pomp and Circumstance" as background music. The speakers for the evening will be Dr. E. T. McSwain, dean of the college of education at Northwestern, and Bruce Parker, valedictorian. Music will again be supplied by the band and the glee club. Admission is by ticket only.

Store, gave to each girl a miniature cedar chest and a chance to win a real chest by a drawing of chances. Block's will give each Senior a pocket flashlight.

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From the Editor's Scratch Pad

I often wonder what the yea-many mothers of America would do without Mother's Day. After all, there they've been for 365 days (this is leap year—366 days, remember?), slaving over a hot stove, washing, ironing, planning their time so the meals will coincide with their student offspring's schedule, and generally being referee and umpire for all of the problems (squabbles included) that may arise in their home. Their thanks? Maybe a hasty "good dinner, Mom." as Junior flies off in a cloud of dust to some meeting that couldn't be missed, or perhaps a "I'll clean up my room in the morning, or when I get the time..." as the young damsel rushes off on a date—leaving the upstairs (bathroom included) in a state of complete discombobulation, and, of course, the "Gee, Mom, you were a perfect peach about having 30 of the guys come over last night..." from the young host.

After seventeen or eighteen years, Ma-ma would most probably be accustomed to being consulted when the young one misses a necktie or a pair of argyles, or when junior miss needs a new formal or a pair of shoes—or both. They might possibly be broken in to the extent that they would be accustomed to being forgotten—such as the times when daughter has had a curfew, or when son walks Genevieve home from school and stays to dinner, or when either of the two forgets all about the grocery list which he or she has been given.

With all of this, I should think it would be rather nice to have Mother's Day to look forward to—the vision of a day in the future on which she, companion, counselor, and chief cook and bottle washer, might be remembered.

A note of farewell—Mother's Day is this Sunday.

Et Cetera contributions are now in order for the "Help the Needy Seniors" fund...our apologies to Mr. Carroll for the error in last week's Tower concerning his mother, the late Mrs. Perry Carroll...anyone interested in seeing a drama filled with suspense, action, and danger, be sure to see the baseball team's presentations which are given during the week...orchids to the seniors who participated in Senior Day, I'll bet they learned more than their students....

*Ab Ore Magistri

Senior Day Afterthought

When the amateur cast of seniors took over the professional Adams production on Wednesday, April 30, the result was an intriguing performance. This critic felt that the trial proved illuminating both to the initiates and the regulars. The professionals seemed to feel a new respect for their roles while the amateurs seemed to develop more of an understanding appreciation for what it takes behind the scenes to create a worthwhile experience for the audience. It is always revealing to get backstage to see what makes a set look like a set, how lighting effects produce sunlight or moonlight, how many necessary ropes, cords and pulleys are needed to operate the mechanical devices that make a finished production possible.

The actors who starred in the act for which I was responsible played with sincerity and understanding and were well prepared. The results were satisfying.

I felt that some performers farced the acts in which they appeared by not playing their parts with integrity, thus producing an unimpressive effect.

If this substitution of amateur actors for the regulars becomes a yearly affair, no doubt with experienced direction it can grow into an entirely satisfactory tradition.

--Hazel McClure

Senior Day, April 30, was an interesting day in the Guidance Office. The three "Miss Burns" anticipated and planned their work in advance, and proceeded to carry out the day's work in an efficient manner. It was unusually quiet day as far as unplanned conferences, cuts, burns, headaches and telephone calls. Consequently, the general impression gained might have been one of deadly routine. However, the eldest Miss Burns thinks not. From the enthusiasm exhibited; the efficiency with which the work was dispatched, and the interest evidenced it was a most satisfying day. --Agnes Burns

April 30, 1952 marked a new era in Senior Class activities. The idea of having seniors participate in the actual running of the school was an idea worthy perpetuation provided its carried forward with changes deemed advisable because of the experience of the first attempt.

The plan has merit in that there is something constructive in the program. Previous class days were occasions for buffoonery which wasted the time of most everyone involved.

Naturally, those who participated directly in the program were the ones who got the most out of it. Even so, this is enough to justify the program. Those involved directly, the active members, learned some of the problems involved in conducting a school activity. It probably made them realize that is something more to

Madam Adam

The greatest homage we can pay to truth is to use it.

--Emerson

Madam Adams sends her congratulations to **Marty Clark** and **Louie French**; **Jo Tarr** and **Bruce Parker**; **Mo Bender** and **Speede Netzel** (alum) who are the newest steadies of the week.

Wonder Why ---

Phyllis Sells and **Bill Dieter** both had bad sunburns last week.

John Pence keeps talking about **Myrna Cordtz**.

Nobody is ever hungry after the Album period.

The second floor always has a sweet aroma outside the Chem lab.

To understand the difficulties of others is to forgive.

--Tolstoy

Roses are Red
The weather is warm
I can't study
Can you?

What is the significance of all the letters the senior girls are mysteriously writing?

Madam Adam has noticed **Norma Myers** and **Hank Colburn** and **Kathleen Brady** and **Bob Nelson** dating. Spring is sure here!

We notice a twinkle in **June Bartols'** eyes as she looks at **John Steinmetz**. Ain't love grand?

Notice to all men:

Never underestimate the power of a woman—remember this is leap year!!

A big note of thanks goes to the underclassmen who cooperated so willingly with the seniors on Senior Day.

It used to be that the dance was the most important event on Senior Prom night. Now-a-days it seems to be the parties before and after that capture most of the conversation and plans.

Just a note of interest: out of 189 graduating seniors, 63 are business education majors, 35 are home economics majors, and 31 are industrial arts majors.

conducting classes that to make assignments and talk about them. If the "Pupil Teachers" learned just an appreciation of the teaching problem it was a worthwhile venture, because they may tell others of their experiences.

Subsequent programs should remember the weaknesses of this year's activity and build upon them. Some of the weaknesses were: pupils in classes were not sufficiently prepared for the program in all cases, "teachers" did not prepare thoroughly for the classes they were to teach; there was not enough conference work between real and pseudo-teacher (continued on page three)

**FATEFUL NIGHT IS OVER
FOR GLEE CLUB INITIATES**

The Senior Glee Club held its annual initiation last night in the Little Theater. Forty-four members were accepted into the Club at the party.

The old members greeted the new ones at the door, and guided them during the evening. There was plenty of good food for all, and after the old members had thoroughly "processed" the new, they were allowed to indulge in the repast.

There was impromptu entertainment provided by both old and new members.

After the party, the Little Theater having been cleaned, all wended their ways home—old members, probably to the books; new, more than likely for a good bath and the shampoo.

The last thing overheard being said by one of the new members to another was—"This was lots of fun tonight—but, just wait 'till next year!"

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to get both in accord as to the day's activity.

In conducting a quick critique with pupils involved in the learning situation it was discovered that pupils are very much aware of the problems teachers have. One of the most difficult problems of teachers is to get on the level of the pupil. This may be termed "not putting it across," "going too fast," "not speaking our language." Anyway you put it that is a problem.

J. Gordon Nelson

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Mrs. Richard Brotherson, who graduated from Adams in 1948 as Pat Kissinger, is now a student teacher until the end of this semester helping Mrs. McClure teach English and Dramatics. Mrs. Brotherson is now a senior in the School of Education at Indiana University.

The only change that she notices since 1948 is that there are fewer

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familiar faces, although the students are just as great in number.

Mrs. Brotherson is a former editor of the Tower, was the valedictorian of the class of 1948, and was the secretary of the Glee Club.

MATH CONTEST WINNERS

Jack Noyes and Bruce Parker were awarded silver medals in the finals of the Comprehensive Matematic Contest in Bloomington on Saturday, April 26, 1952. Kent Keller received a bronze medal in the Algebra Contest.

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Riddle Pitches Eagles to Victory Over 'Cats

Jim Riddle's pitching in the clutch netted the Eagles a victory in a N.I.H.S.C. game against the Riley Wildcats. After the pitching duel between Bob Driggs and Riddle was over, the score was 1-0 in the Eagles' favor.

Riddle tossed a six hitter while Driggs gave up seven. Riddle found himself in trouble in the top of the seventh with a bases loaded, one out situation. He got the next batter to force the runner at home and fanned the following batter.

The Eagles got the lone run of the game in the fifth. Bill Dieter's perfect squeeze bunt brought Jim Brennan home with the winning run. Tom Addison's hit loaded the bases after a walk, and an error.

ADAMS-9—MISH.-0

Tom Goldsberry breezed through to a victory over the Mishawaka Cavemen while the Eagles blasted Ron Smessaert for eleven hits and a 9-0 win. Goldsberry was never in trouble in his three hitter.

The Eagles scored twice in the first, once in the second, four in the fourth, and twice more in the seventh.

Jim Brennan's long triple in the first was the big blow of the inning, sending two runs home. Jim Riddle's double sent home two more runs in the fourth.

The Eagles played their usual good defensive ball going errorless over the seven inning stretch. Goldsberry gave up hits in the second, third, and fourth frames and fanned eleven.

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HALTERMAN STOPS INDIANS ON 1 HIT; EAGLES PLACE TWO IN CONF. MEET

Jim Halterman had the Indian sign on the Central Catholic Indians Thursday and turned in an almost perfect pitching job as he held the Indians to a single while his teammates were collecting five hits and as many runs off C. C. hurler Joe McMahon.

Halterman had the Indians' number as he struck out six and issued only two walks. He had good support in the field. An Indian threat was erased in the fourth with the help of a double play.

Cuyler Miller, Rocky Ferraro, Jim Brennan, and Jim Riddle were the big guns in the Eagles hitting attack.

CULVER 9—ADAMS 5

The Cadets from Culver stopped the Eagles 9-5 in a free hitting game at the Academy Wednesday afternoon.

The Eagles pounded out nine hits, but Culver got eleven safeties off of three Eagle hurlers, Jack McMillan the starter, Bruce Parker, and Jim Halterman.

Culver iced the game after three innings. They tallied eight runs in the first three frames.

Tom Addison was the big stick for Adams going three for three and figuring in most of the Eagles scoring. Addison's hit and three others by Lynn Brown, Fred McCalister, and Jim Brennan netted three runs in the seventh but short of the Cadets output.

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RED DEVILS EKE OUT NARROW WIN

Brealon Donaldson, led the Michigan City Red Devils to a narrow win over the Adams Eagles, 55½-53½ last week at School Field. Donaldson won the pole vault and the high jump, but it was in winning the broad jump that he turned in his best performance. His best jump, 21 feet 10¾ inches was only 9¾ inches short of the best leap in the state this year.

Although outscored 8 to 5 in the number of first places, the Eagles scored enough seconds and thirds to keep the meet close. Dave Jones running the mile for the first time in several weeks tied with Joe Kretzman for first place in that event, while Olshevsky and Jurgovan took first and second in the 880. Briggs and Gibson took firsts in the high and low hurdles respectively. The mile relay team in winning, lowered their best time five seconds to 3:45.3. Our half-mile relay team was beaten by a foot in their fastest time of the season.

"B" SQUAD LOSES TWICE

In the absence of their regular coach, Mr. Hunter, the "B" team lost to Mishawaka's "B" team by a score of 8 to 1. Going into the fourth inning the Eagles were losing 2 to 1, but as a result of seven errors and two hits, the Cave-men scored six more runs to win. The losing pitchers were Bill Blue and Dudley Willis. In the other game last week the Eagles lost a close one to the Riley Wildcats by the score of 3 to 1.

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