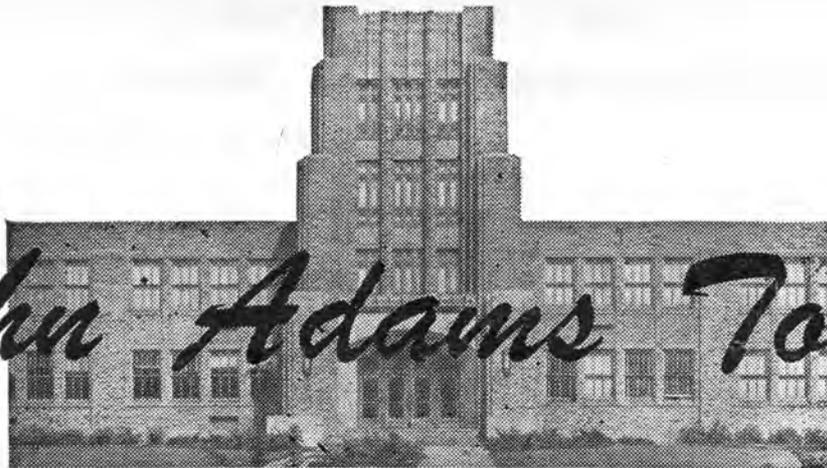


# John Adams Tower



## Kent Keller Elected Council President

### Green, Golba, DeLeury Win Other Offices

The election of Student Council officers for the 1954-55 school year was held Wednesday, April 28, when the following students were selected: Kent Keller, president; Richard Green, vice-president; Janet Golba, secretary; and Kathy DeLeury, treasurer.

An assembly was held prior to the opening of the polls to introduce the candidates. They were: Robert Nelson, Kent Keller, and Tom Troeger, for president; James Dincolo, Richard Green, and John Waechter for vice-president; Janet Golba, Janice Rugee, and Mary Ann Anderson for secretary; Naomi Ross, Kathy DeLeury, and Nancy MacIvor, for treasurer. All the nominees will automatically be on next year's Student Council Board.

This slate of officers was drawn up by a nominating committee composed of one representative from each class and the present officers of the council.

This year for the first time a voting machine was used for the election. The polls were opened Wednesday morning at 9:00 and closed at 4:00 Wednesday afternoon. Eight hundred students out of a total enrollment of 1,000 students voted.

An assembly will be held today to install the new officers. At this time the graduating president will give a summary of the accomplishments of the present Student Council.

### Ticket Winners Announced

The winners in the ticket sale for the Glee Club production, "High Jinks," were Elaine Brown and Betty Clark, Glee Club representatives and Nancy Hertel, Billie Jean Woodall, and Gail Lock and Carol Locsmond, Drama Club sellers.

Elaine was given a season ticket for the 1954-55 basketball season and Betty was awarded a year's subscription to the Tower. Nancy will also receive a subscription to the Tower.

The Glee Club was divided into two teams, the "High Jinkers" with Bob Johnson and Jim Dincolo as co-captains, and the "Frimilites" with David Engel and Terry Rothermel as the co-captains. Elaine, who sold 66 tickets, and Betty, who sold 65 tickets, were Frimilites. Nancy sold 26, Billie Jean 15, Gail and Carol 14 tickets each.



Pictured above are Myrna Cordtz and Dick Quealy, co-chairmen, who are going over some last-minute preparations for the Senior Prom.

### MAY 14 BIG NIGHT FOR SENIOR CLASS

Next Friday night at 9:00, the 12th annual Senior Prom will begin in the main floor ballroom of the Indiana Club.

Tickets have been on sale since April 30, and they will be on sale until 4:00 p. m., May 14, at \$2.00 a couple. Joan Moore, room 205, and Dave Beiser, room 109, are in charge of the sale. No tickets will be available at the door.

Myrna Cordtz and Dick Quealy are co-chairmen of the dance. The committee chairmen are: Sally Stoops, invitations; Mary Wenger, chaperons; Mary Clark, programs; Dave Beiser, tickets; Bob Shula and John Steinmetz, music; Jim Miller, decorations; and Ann Williams and Sue Armstrong, publicity.

The music will be furnished by Tony Rulli and his band.

### Dramatics Class Presents *Insomnia*, Five for Bad Luck

The second hour Dramatics Class, which is taught by Mrs. Hazel McClure, will present two of its productions to the student body. The performances will be held May 13; the exact time of the assembly is to be announced later.

June Bartels is student director of *Insomnia*, a serious drama. David Engel, Nancy Reith, Nancy Champagne, Roseann Shafer, Sue Basker, Nancy Bock, Gloria Flowers and Pat Dickens comprise the cast. Phyllis Anderson is assistant director.

A college comedy, *Five for Bad Luck*, will also be given. The players are: Dick Swayzee, Jack Longley, Charley Morse, Dave Mikesell, Beverly Shafer, Gail Meyers, Francine Horwick, Janice Schwiier, Shirley Jester, June Harmon, June Bartels, Mildred Lantz, and Bonnie Smith. Barbara Koto is in charge and Larry Meyers is her assistant.

### GIRLS AND BOYS STATE REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED

This year the American Legion, River Park Post 303, has chosen Donald Eberly and Richard Green, with John Thilman and Bill Dean as alternates, to attend the Boys State conference which will be held at the Indianapolis School for the Deaf from June 12 to June 19.

Elaine Brown and Evelyn Fuller, with Pat Bourdon as alternate, will attend the Girls State conference which will be held on the Indiana University Campus from June 27 to July 4.

The Boys State and Girls State conferences are planned to give intensive training in citizenship and government, and to educate the young people of our generation as to the main functions of the government. During the week city, county, and state officials are nominated and elected by the "Staters."

### Jr. Waltons Begin Spring Projects

#### Plant Trees and Flowers

Fifty members of the Adams Waltons recently spent a Saturday morning on the Isaac Walton grounds north of the city planting trees and flowers. Over 1,500 plants, mull flowers roses, hearty holly, and hard wood trees were planted. Because the ground is a wildlife refuge, these plants will induce wildlife to come into the area.

Jim Dincolo, president of the club, was in charge of the outing.

#### Honor Club Sponsor

After a morning of hard work the group was served lunch at the club house. This turned out to be a surprise birthday party for Mr. Litweiler, sponsor of the Jr. Waltons.

#### Purchase Books for Library

Seventy-five dollars has been donated by the club to purchase books for an outdoor life section in the library. These books will be placed in a special section in the west side of the library and may be checked out in the usual manner. The money for the books was raised during the school year by both activities at games and by membership fees.

### SENIOR CALENDAR

- May 14—Senior Prom
- June 1—Afternoon Finals
- June 2—Morning Finals
- Senior Awards Assembly
- Senior Class Punch
- June 6—Baccalaureate
- 4:00, Adams Auditorium

- June 7—Senior Class Picnic
- Pottawatomie, 11:30-2:30
- June 8—Report Cards
- Commencement
- Rehearsal—8:30 A. M.
- Commencement—
- 8:00 P. M.

# Ten Easy Ways to Kill Your Grandmother

Did you ever stop to ponder the statement "Your manners are showing?" When the school and teachers sponsor field trips or other outside-of-school excursions, your conduct is of primary importance. People are quick to judge such a group by their first impressions. You are expected to leave with them a good impression of your school, of your interest, of your appreciation, and of your conduct. Usually a good deal of preparation must be made by your sponsor before such a trip may be taken. They should be able to feel that, although you are away from school all third hour, you will return as quickly as possible to your fourth hour class, instead of stalling or loitering downtown until fifth period.

Your attitude and conduct toward the people in charge will cause additional trips either to be continued or discontinued permanently. If Adams' reputation of orderliness and manners must suffer as a result of these outside trips, they will be eliminated from the class plans and prepara-

tions entirely. It is up to those of you who have the opportunity to further your knowledge of city government, housing areas, wildlife, and buildings to keep your best foot forward at all times and present a good picture of the Adams' student body.

—Wendy Heron.

# College Joe and High School Jane

Being one of the lucky tribe whose better half resides on a college campus, I can speak truthfully of a girl's trials and tribulations at home. Those who are quite as fortunate feel that the "college going" girl is barred from all social activities, but in my opinion the social status of the female definitely depends on her personality and outside interests. If she is restricted from dating at home, chances are she has more time to spend with her schoolmates, maybe belonging to a small potluck or other social group.

Letters, at a time of gloom and restlessness, can be a blessing to the female, especially if they are from the opposite sex. A girl, although she is head over heels with worries and work, waits from day to day hoping to receive a special letter postmarked, Mr. Collegeman, U. S. A. In a box beneath her bed will be found each valuable letter arranged

according to the marked date. These are the possessions which only collegiate females hold in their dreams and speculations.

There are many other advantages which concern girls and their campus mates. Vacations, telephone calls, campus news—all these add to the variety of life. Don't take me wrong! I'm not trying to sell you on college men, but if you are without a mate, I suggest that you hunt and capture one of these silver threads among the gold.

—Julie Harris.

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.—Herbert Spencer.

It is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice. —Ben Franklin.

The artistic temperament is a disease that afflicts amateurs. —G. K. Chesterton.

An educated man is one who has finally discovered there are some questions to which nobody has the answers.—Boston Globe.

The good man is his own friend.—Sophocles.

No one is small who does a small job in a big way.

First man learns to talk. After many years he learned to keep still.

To show up best is to show off least.

# What's Gertrude's Secret?

Announcer: "No, don't turn your dial. Stay turned for "I've Got a Secret," a program through which we find out the truth about some very "awful" people, presented to you by the Cavalier Bird Seed Company. Cavalier has had a big job. There seems to be a saying going around that things are for the . . . well, I'd better not say, but it isn't true . . . I mean it is . . . I mean—Oh, well, on with the show!"

"Who is our first contestant?" (A young girl appears. She is wearing a man's shirt, which hangs below her knees, and a straight skirt. On her feet she is wearing loafers and no socks. She also has a pair of horn rimmed glasses. This description is for you home viewers who have a bad tube, flutter, flopper, or just a cheap set).

Young girl: "My name is Gertrude."

Announcer: "Hello, Gertrude! Now if you will whisper your secret to me, we will show your secret to the audience." (When the secret is shown, half of the audience leaves. I notice most of them are rather young. Maybe high school age.)

"Our panel tonight is: Ann Williams, the world famous dancer and singer; Jim Miller, quiz kid for his age forty years ago; Marylee Crofts, first woman to become Secretary of State; and John Pence, our dreamboat who has taken all kinds of Oscars for his superb acting in "Annie Get Your Gun." Now back to the girl's secret. Her secret is very rare and it is something she does. We will start the question with Miss Crofts."

Miss Crofts: "I have no idea. Something rare? Let me see!" (ding)

Announcer: "Your time is up! Mr. Pence?"

Mr. Pence: "I have an idea, but I don't think . . ." (ding)

Announcer: "My, but you're slow tonight. Usually we have our secrets guessed by now. Miss Williams?"

Miss Williams: "Does it have anything to do with school?"

Gertrude: "Yes!"

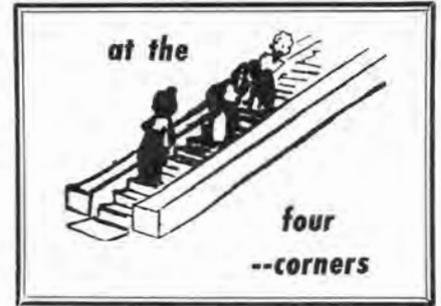
Announcer: "And she is very smart! Mr. Miller?"

Mr. Miller: "I'll pass to Mr. Pence!"

Mr. Pence: "I'll guess that she likes school, but . . ."

Announcer: "Sorry folks. The trouble is not in your set. Our camera man has four girls in high school and he has a weak heart. Poor fellow! But, please tune in next week to find out her real secret."

—Gwen Garwood.



Prom, prom, prom—everybody's talking about the prom. "Who's he taking?" Does she have a date? "Who in the world am I going to take?" "Oh well, who wants to go to an old prom, anyway." "Fix me up will you?"

So far here's the dope: Dick Smith, Kathy DeLeury; Sue Armstrong, Paul Elliott (steady again); Joan Moore, Bob Shula; Fran Horwick, Dave Rogers; Liz Tarvin, Bob Johnson; Janice Henson, Ed Thompson; Sally Buchanan, Steve Gumz; Jewell Reitz, Chuck Sonneborn; Sue Angus, Tom Betts; Jean Freshour, Jerry Flanagan; Barbara Koto, John Pence; Jean Haefner, Bill Yerks (U. of Ill.); Virginia Campbell, Harry Butler; Alice Barry, Bill Neal (C. C.); Shirley Jester, Bill Roesch; Eileen Powers, Bob Kurek; plus all the steads and long-time daters.

Notice to all those who had planned to attend Myrna Cordtz's slumber party May 14. The hostess will not be able to attend due to the fact that she is going to the prom with Bob Bubbenzer. Consequently no hostess—no house—no party.

You know something! The nicest thing about quarreling with a boyfriend is making up. Just ask Helen Williams and Jim Dincolo.

Everybody's favorite couple: Sally Stoops and Ed Hardig. Ain't love grand? Kinda puzzlin' sometimes, though, huh, Sally?

Who under the sun are Bunny, Wiggley, and Big Joe?

We hear from all reports that Stardust was terrific and that much of the credit goes to Bill Waechter. Among those livin' it up last Friday p. m. were Charny Burke, Tim Pettit; Kay Cantwell, Tom Henson; Mary Orzech, Tom McHenry (P. U.); Sharon Reber, John Pence; Toni Bolling, Bill Dean; Deanna Palm, Jim Riddle; Janet Priday (Riley), Dick Gibboney; Nancy MacIvor, Don Eberly; Carol Wiltfong, Larry Spradlin; Linda Heltger, Jim Hoehn; Mary Ann Anderson, Roger Jurgovan (P. U.); Kay Oedekerker, Dick Bavin (Riley).

Hear tell Paul Elliott is advocating making two new classrooms. What did he say he would make them out of?

Congrats to Rita Stull on typing 70 words a minute in Typing II.

Attention Mr. Krider: We understand that you make periodic visits out to Notre Dame to see Omar Khayyam. If you do not understand, please ask Tom Goldsberry.

The space that remains in this column is for those who have never had their names in The TOWER. Please write in your own name.

## TOP TEN

Congratulation to Someone—Five valedictorian.

Wanted—A date for the Prom.

Oh, My Papa—Tom Goldsberry.

Cross Over the Bridge—Chuck Taylor.

The Eyes of Texas—Pat Dempsey.

I Get So Lonely—Girls going with college men.

I'm Walking Behind You—Juniors.

Have You Heard—Bev Prohaska and Bob Nelson are going steady.

Till We Two Are One—Donna Tennyson and Tom Yoder.

A Girl, A Girl—A boy's dream.

Now you can't say your name has never been in the paper.

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# THE POET'S CORNER

The following poems were written in Miss Farners 9A English Class. (Editor's Note.)

## GOLF, MY FAVORITE GAME

I went to play golf last Sunday first thing.

I started on one with a lousy swing. About 8:35 I was out in the rough, I've already taken three strokes to start off.

The next swing I had I was sunk in the trap.

I wish I were through so I could start back.

The next shot was beautiful, right on the green,

I put it right in for a score of 19.

It's past two hours and I haven't improved.

I'm now on number three stuck in a groove.

I have already played four, five, and six,

By now I'm so mad I could break all my sticks.

The weather is hazy, rain is to come. Should I finish playing or should I run?

I have yet to play seven, eight, and nine.

I'd better hurry, I don't have much time.

—Bonnie Hewitt.

## SUE

To have you take me in your arms, Each and every night.

You tell me that you love me true, While stars are shining bright.

To have you call me on the phone, And talk for many hours.

You tell about the birds and bees, And sometimes even flowers.

You tell me that you love just me, And no one else will do.

But I have had some bad reports, Of you and little Sue.

So tell me of this little blond, Before I start to cry.

No other, blond or not, Will make off with my guy.

Now don't you try denying this, A lie will never do.

What????? Oh, yes, I remember now, Your new dog's name is Sue.

—Janet MacQuire.

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## HIGH SCHOOL LOVE

The freshman child so sweet and nice, Thinks the sophomore boy sugar 'n spice.

The sophomore boy his head in a whirl

Does all he can for the junior girl.

The junior girl puts in a hand

And tries to get the senior man.

The senior man so big and wild,

Professes to love most any old child.

—Andy Cobby.



If Adams were burning down and you could save one thing, what would it be?

Mike LeBurkien—Rose! What else?

Joan Moore—The mice.

Bob Nelson—Rebe's gun.

Joe Rich—My soci papers.

Pat Dempsey—Mr. Litweiler's fish aquarium.

Jewel Reitz—What is there to save?

Pat Moynihan—The snowy oil in 208.

Kathleen Rose—My coat!

Judy Locke—The "Share your luck" jars. (Too late now.)

Chuck Sonneborn—Mr. Reber! He has a bum leg and can't get out.

Dick Swayzee—You want the truth don't you?

John Waechter—Myself! Who else?

Dick Quealy—The monkey.

Marilyn McGee—My clothes.

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## They're Cool Cats

Jane and Joe Adams are a couple of cool cats. They are not to be outdone by anyone; they keep up in fads of the day.

First let's look at Jane. Jane is cute (all Adams girls are), about 5' 5" varying up or down, has either **real** long or **real** short hair (one of four colors). She wears cashmere sweaters, straight skirts, knee or bobby socks, matching shoes and purse, belt, and a senior boy's ring.

Jane is crazy about boys, boys, boys, new clothes, cool music, Eddie Fisher and convertibles.

Joe Adams is less conservative. He is crazy about pink shirts, girls, cool music, cars, sports, and any and every kind of food.

Joe is cute, naturally, about 6' up or down, participates in some sport. He is generally seen in pink shirts, tapered flannels, crew cut, argyle socks, and a red sweater with stripes up and down both sides.

The general dislikes of both are: school work, housework, getting in at a certain time, trying to bring parents up to date, learning new vocabularies for squares who don't dig you, and tests.

And finally we come to their real-gone basic vocabulary, consisting of such choice words as: gone, crazy, ace, most, dig me, square, cool, sharp, cool cat, zorch, etc. These with the many other words from their vocabulary may be used to express anger, fear, intelligence, stupidity, and all general emotions.

—Beverly Rupert.

## Nancy Hertel Represents Adams

Nancy Hertel, senior at John Adams High School, was one of 87 high school representatives from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, who attended the sixth annual meeting of the Bobbie Fashion Board, the Formfit Company's junior fashion advisory group.

The meeting, which was held at the Palmer House in Chicago, was conducted by Betty Vincent, stylist and educational director of Formfit.

The girls were supplied with packets containing Formfit's booklet, a swatch book of materials, representative Bobbie ads, and questions on product, market, and promotion.

Among the decisions reached by the board were that today's teens prefer cotton over nylon because it is cooler, longer-lasting, economical and can be worn with all types of clothing.

## FOR NOTHING

You can still read the other fellow's paper over his shoulder, park at a meter on what's left of his nickel, and get through a swinging door on his push.

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# Eagles Fly Into First; Face Riley Tonight

It seems that John Adams has a natural knack for turning out fine pitchers, and this year is no exception; in fact, Adams has a stronger pitching staff than ever before. So far our mound group has allowed the opposition only seven hits in four tough conference games. We are tied for the league lead with Riley and Central, both of which we have beaten previously. Mishawaka, who has one loss also, but has only won two as a result of a tie game, is also close on the heels of the leaders. Adams has also beaten the Cavemen this season.

Tonight the Eagles are playing the most important game of the campaign; we oppose the Riley Wildcats.

As of right now, the Eagles are in a very fine position to retain their third straight conference crown, a feat which is nearly impossible in the tough conference in which Adams plays.

## Defeat Michigan City

The Eagles, with young John Robbins at the helm, beat the Michigan City Imps 1 to 0 in a nine inning game on Friday. The game was very close until the first half of the ninth when Jack MacMillan doubled home Sternal with the winning run. In the last half of the ninth, the Imps started to rally. However, with two Imps on base, Swartz sent in the Conference ace, Goldsberry, to put out the fire.

## Adams Belts Slicers

Tom Goldsberry pitched his second consecutive low hit conference-game win as he won a two-hit game and also helped his own cause with a timely single. The Adams Eagles came through with four runs in the first half of the first inning while LaPorte collected only one. The other three runs crossed the plate in the Eagles half of the fourth inning, and we were never in danger the rest of the game. Five of the Eagles got hits, the best hit being a beautiful double by Larry Van Dusen. This win placed Adams into a temporary first-place tie.

## Eagles Claw Indians

Sam Rice, a senior, pitched a one-hit no-run game against the Culver Indians as the Eagles whipped Culver for a non-conference win on the Indians' diamond. It took Culver's pitcher to get their first and only hit, and he didn't get that hit until the last half of the last inning. Bob Klowner and Jim Staton sparked the Adams offense with Bob getting a triple and a double in his first two times to bat, and Jim collecting three hits in three times at bat. Other hits for the Adams nine were collected by Tom Sternal and Sam Rice.

This was the Eagles third non-conference in four starts this season. Two of their three wins came against conference foes, but the games were played earlier in the season when the games didn't count.

## New Foes Announced

It has been announced that Adams has added four new teams to its basketball schedule for next winter. These teams are: Terre Haute Garfield, Sheridan, Columbus, and St. Joseph Catholic, South Bend. All the teams mentioned are very strong; Sheridan and Columbus each won their sectional this year. Garfield, however, only lost by two points to Terre Haute Gerstmeyer, one of the final four.

With the addition of these four new teams, Coach Seaborg hopes to strengthen our schedule to the point where we will be playing top caliber teams only and then be able to drop the "weak sisters" from the list.

## ADAMS THINLIES EDGED BY CULVER

The Adams Cindermen turned in their best performance of the year and we were barely beaten by Culver 58 to 51.

Dick Wedel amassed 11 points in winning the ¼ mile dash and placing second in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Tom Troeger, Bill Baird, and Don Caron took all three places in that order to sweep the broad jump.

Jim Sostack won the high hurdles and Chuck Sonneborn placed third in the same event. Sonneborn also took third in the low hurdles. Bob Osmon took third in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Bud Goddard placed second in the half mile and was followed in third place by Pete Smith. Smith also placed third in the mile run.

Paul Elliot placed second in the shot put with Terry Heater taking third. Norm Grimshaw placed third in the pole vault. Gene Personette and Arnold Scott tied for first in the high jump.

Adams also won the ½ mile relay.

## Trial Champs Top Adams

On April 26 the Adams track team was defeated by Central, winner of the Conference Trials, by a score of 82½ to 26½. Adams copped only two firsts while Central won the remaining eleven.

Jack Cote, considered the best field event man in the state, grabbed three first places in the field events for high point honors; he was followed closely by Dick Wedel, Adams No. 1 point getter, who won both the 100 and 440-yard dashes and placed second in the 220-yard dash.

Other points for Adams were won by Jim Sostack, Dick Diedrich, Pete Smith, Chuck Sonneborn, Bud Goddard, Arnold Scott, Gene Personette, Tom Troeger, Norm Grimshaw, and Terry Heater.

Both relays were won by Central.

## Wedel Takes Third

Dick Wedel, Adams only participant in the Northern Indiana Conference Meet at Elkhart, took third place in the 440-yard dash. He finished .6 of a second behind the record time of Clyde Austin of Washington.

Gary Froebel won the meet ahead of two determined South Bend teams, Central and Riley. Adams, with Wedel's three points finished fifteenth out of twenty schools.

Other individual first place winners from town were Abell (a double winner) and Whitaker from Riley, Austin from Washington and Cote from Central.

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