



Graduating Seniors Honored at Assembly



NAOMI ROSS



KENT KELLER

Two hundred and thirty-five seniors entered the auditorium at 1:30 p. m. today, to the strains of the traditional Pomp and Circumstance march, for the annual awards assembly.

The Student Council jeweled pin for scholarship was given to George Kent Keller, valedictorian. Naomi Ross, salutatorian, received a gold pin. Others receiving gold pins for scholarship of 95.5 were: Patty Lou Bourdon, Charles Bowman, Marilyn Enfield, Jerry Lupton, Nancy MacIvor, Robert Nelson, Betty Pletcher, Sharlene Polk, Sharon Pritz, Margaret Sue Reed, Elaine Rosenberg, Janice Rugee, Donald Smith, Thomas Troeger, and John Waechter.

Recipients of silver scholarship pins for a 93.5 average were: Mary Ann Anderson, Elaine Brown, Anne Bruner, Kathleen DeLeury, Maureen Frank, David Freedberg, Richard Green, Mary Orzech, William Waechter, Patricia Wilson, and Sandra Wright.

Scholarship with distinction for a 90-plus average was announced for Diane Allmon, Gail Aspin, Richard Bast, Stephen Brannan, Suzanne Carlson, Charles Christman, Judy Cobb, William Dean, James Dincolo, Donald Eberly, Terry Fritz, Arnold Johnson, Mary Kline, Sharon Lee, David Mikesell, Beverly Miller, Jeannine Mundell, Barbara Neff, Joan Nielson, Micah Ross, Naomi Shulman, and Rita Stull.

Outstanding Citizen Award

Naomi Ross and John Waechter were selected by the seniors as outstanding citizens of the class and so received the John Adams Good Citizenship Award which was the gift of the class of 1942.

Previously announced was the D. A. R. Good Citizenship Award which went to Nancy MacIvor. The D. A. R. also made possible an award for excellence in United States History. A competitive test determined that Kent Keller was to receive the award.

Four Receive Berg Award

The Berg Award for excellence in music, originated by the late Mr. Harry E. Berg, was awarded to Elaine Brown and Robert Nelson for Glee Club work, to Donald Smith for band, and to Suzanne Carlson, for orchestra.

The P. T. A. awards in Industrial Arts and Home Economics went to John Kifowit and Judy Cobb, respectively.

The Studebaker Local No. 5 UAW-CIO award for Excellence in Vocational Work was given to Jerry Badger.

Nancy MacIvor received the Bausch and Lomb Science Award for outstanding work in biology.

The Hoosier Art Patrons Association Award was presented to Larry Weaver.

Terry Heater was the recipient of the perfect attendance award.

This year the coaches selected Thomas Troeger as the recipient of their award.

The National Office Management Association presented its award for outstanding work in business education to Mary Orzech.

Recognition for achievement in mathematics was given to Arnold Johnson, winner of a bronze medal in the State contest, and to Steve Brannan, Arnold Johnson, and Robert Nelson, for placing in the comprehensive division of the Regional contest.

Language recognition went to: Richard Bast, second in the state, in the regional contest for first year Spanish, and first in the state contest for first year Spanish. Marilyn Enfield received recognition in the regional contest in Virgil. Priz d'honneur, awarded by the National Association of Teachers of French, went to Richard Bast.

Activities from Prom to Commencement

MAY 14

"Mood Indigo," the Class of '55's Senior Prom, was held Saturday, May 14, at the Indiana Club. Two innovations carried out this year by the Senior Cabinet were the formation of a receiving line (part of the campaign to make the prom a 9:00 to 12:00 dance) and the crowning of a queen. Mrs. Hazel McClure, class sponsor, was crowned by Donald Smith with a pearl and gold crown. Bobby Wear and his Orchestra played for the dance and for the Grand March which was led by the class officers and Cabinet members. Pat Bourdon and James Dincolo were prom co-chairmen.

GIFT

With proceeds from the sale of Adams Eagles pins and Student Directories and with profits from "Hoopsters' Hop" and "Spring Spree," the Class of '55 will give John Adams High School dimmers for the auditorium lights.

FINALS

Last tests (they hoped) as Adams students were taken by seniors last Friday afternoon and this morning.

MAY 31

This afternoon outstanding members of the class were recognized for their scholastic and extra-curricular achievements. The band played the procession as the gowned seniors entered the auditorium. The group also played one selection as part of the afternoon's program. Graduating members of the Glee Club sang "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "The Halls of Ivy." Awards from community groups, the attendance, citizenship, and coaches awards were presented. Also, officers and outstanding members of Adams' athletic, musical, journalistic, governing, and service clubs were honored. Recognition was given to those graduates with high scholastic averages and those who had received college scholarships. Class president, Donald Smith, spoke on "Broadening Your Horizons."

PUNCH

The Parent Teachers' Association was host for a punch which was held in the Little Theater following the Awards Assembly. The party was held to honor the seniors and their parents.

JUNE 1

Tom Troeger, president of the Monogram Club, will preside at the spring sports awards assembly tomorrow morning at 8:25. Mr. Rothermel and coaches of the baseball, track, and golf teams will present the honors.

PICNIC

Next Thursday is the annual senior picnic with Suzanne Frehse and William Waechter as co-chairmen. It is to be at Potawatomi Park from 11:30 to 2:30. Food is to be brought on a potluck basis, and softball, relay races, and similar activities are being planned.

BACCALAUREATE

The nine hundred and sixty-three seniors from South Bend high schools will gather in the Adams auditorium Sunday, June 5, at 4:00 p. m. for the Baccalaureate service. Mr. Cecil Deardorff will direct the All-City High School Orchestra in "Marche Militaire Francaise" by Saint-Saens and "Cornelius Festival March" by Mendelssohn. The combined Glee Clubs, under the direction of Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate, Adams, and Miss Ruby Guillems, Riley, will

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SEVENTEEN SENIORS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to the many pins and medals awarded to members of this year's graduating class, scholarships were announced for seventeen members of the class.

Joan Nielsen and William Waechter, State Scholarships to Ball State Teachers' College; William Dean, freshman scholarship, Carlton College; William Dean, Rector Scholarship and Margaret Sue Reed, President's Scholarship, DePauw University; Janet Golba, honor scholarship, Franklin College; Suzanne Carlson, freshman scholarship, Hillsdale Col-

lege; Sandra Wright, honor scholarship, Indiana Central College; Thomas Troeger, merit scholarship, Indiana University; Jeannine Mundell, National Secretaries Association scholarship; Nancy MacIvor, freshman scholarship, Northwestern University; Nancy MacIvor, honorary exceptional achievement scholarship, Purdue University; Patricia Wilson, freshman scholarship, St. Mary's College; William Dean, freshman scholarship, Swarthmore College; Donald Smith, Union Carbide Scholarship; Donald Smith, Junior Achievement, Standard Oil; Donald Smith, Junior Achievement, Horace Moses; Steve Brannan, Richard Green, Jerry Lupton, Elaine Rosenberg, Naomi Ross, honorary special merit, Purdue University.

Congratulations and Good Wishes

Expressing the sentiments of the faculty and underclassmen, it is a pleasure to wish the class of 1955 congratulations for achieving graduation and good fortune in successful years to follow. May your attained goal of high school graduation be the stepping stone to further educational and vocational experiences.



MR. ROTHERMEL

part in your attainment of your goal—graduation. This has been our aim, our purpose, and our ambition.

Many happy and rewarding experiences to all,

—Russell Rothermel.

We shall miss you because we have received so many satisfactions from working with you the past four years. It is gratifying to see new seniors step forward and assume the many leadership responsibilities that a new senior class must assume. You have done exceptionally well in meeting these opportunities. Your many accomplishments shall long be remembered.

We are confident, from evaluating your records, knowing you individually, and observing you at work, that you have acquired growth in knowledge, attitudes, and skills and developed a sense of responsibility for service to others. It is evident you have succeeded in the wise use of your time here.

As faculty and underclass friends, we hope that we have had a helpful

The Future Is Yours

Congratulations to the Class of 1955 for a job well done. Our class has worked well together, our projects have succeeded, and now, as we look back over four years at Adams, we can be proud of what we have accomplished. Our class has given "The Adams Spirit" new meaning; we have set very high standards for achievement in extra-curricular activities and sports that will furnish a challenge to the classes that follow us.

To the underclassmen I say—"Continue to work hard to make Adams an even better school than it is. You have the finest possible facilities, very wonderful traditions, and very strong examples of leadership to follow. Now, it is up to you! Set your goals high and work hard! The future is yours!"

—Donald Smith, Class President.

From the Past-President's Desk

As I look back upon a year of joys and sorrows with the Student Council, the courageous support which the Board gave to me stands out most in my mind. In reviewing our several projects for the year, including "Share Their Fare," the Orphan drive, the Leadership Clinic, the "Straight A" breakfast, Christmas decorations, Coronation, Sho-ya-roun', visits from officers of other student councils, "Hey-there" Week, and the slow signs, I was amazed in realizing that I never headed a project; another board member always executed the activity. I simply suggested the project and made certain that it was carried out. To Janet, Dick, Kathy, Tom, Bob, Jim, John, Janice, Mary Ann, Naomi, Nancy, and Mr. Thompson I give my humblest thanks. I also want to express my appreciation to the Council itself and the student body for their encouragement.

—Kent Keller, Student Council President.

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SANDS OF TIME

In the fall of 1951 a group of apprehensive freshmen entered Adams. They were met by upperclassmen who seemed to feel the only class below them was kindergarten. However, they soon proved they were worthy of being Adamsites.

There wasn't enough room for all of us to come to Adams at first so the Numerites, with the exception of the athletes, remained at Numer for the 9th grade; though you wouldn't have known it because the "Four Corners" was full of Numer names. As freshmen we all took chorus and many joined the Prep Glee Club which was organized that year to train our immature (though we'd never admit it) voices. A new principal, Mr. Rothermel, became head of the school when we arrived; perhaps they were preparing for us. Mr. Murphy became new head football coach. New couples, including several upperclass boys and freshmen girls, showed up at the fall play, "Polly with a Past," starring Sue Bennett.

In January our class as such made its debut in the social world with the "Freshman Stomp" where there was much conversing and little dancing. A new winter sport, swimming, started with Mr. Laiber as coach and also in the sports world this was one of those eventful years when we beat Central in basketball. Then there was the musical, "Serenade," and the year wound up with the seniors teaching our classes for one riotous day.

The second fall we entered Adams we were beginning to feel the "greenness" wearing off, for now we could find the Little Theatre by ourselves, and we had learned there was no elevator. Home rooms were changed to make room for the Numer half of our class. Many firsts took place this year such as the first Sophomore cabinet, the first French class in 10 years, the first cafeteria at Adams opened, the basketball tourney was televised, and the Junior Walton and Future Nurses clubs were organized. "New Addition Nocturne," a carnival presented by the class of 1953, celebrated the opening of a new nine-room addition to our school. The "Sophomore Snowball" was an unforgettable dance at which the Adams Dance Band played and the bunny hop was introduced. To the delight of everyone Miss Valenti and Mr. Laiber were married at Christmastime.

For once we shared Central's happiness over victory, for we all basked in the glory they earned by winning the State basketball championship, and we also enjoyed the extra holiday. Our track team won the City Championship this year before Mr. Krider was replaced by Mr. Laurita as track coach.

Our Junior year saw us feeling ourselves a little more important, for we were only one step behind the seniors. An assembly to acquaint us with Junior Achievement was held in the fall and as a result many students were seen shortly after, selling shares in companies and later on peddling various products. Our own Dinc starred in the play "Imaginary Invalid." Class officers were chosen by ballots in home rooms and the following were elected: Dick Green, president; Kent Keller, vice-president; Margaret Sue Reed, secretary; and Naomi Ross, treasurer. The basketball season this year was highlighted by Jerry "Bevo" Thompson breaking all kinds of records, Rosie Ferraro being crowned queen for the second consecutive year, the Booster Club being organized to cheer our team to victory. The biggest event of the year was "Stardust Cafe." It involved a lot of hard work, but was well worthwhile when "Sidewalks of New York" was welcomed by the applause of the audience. Remember Deanna and "Stormy Weather," Oede with her "mink" stole and "slim" skirt, Bill Waechter as Luigi, and the style show? Just before we said farewell to the class of 1954 we received our rings which gave intangible evidence that we were really going to be seniors.

Then, at long last, we became the upperclassmen, authoritative seniors, afflicted with senioritis and all the other maladies that go with fame and power. It was such fun, though, to watch our classmates take over as officers

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AND AWAY WE GO!!



It's the Senior Class Prom, and the Grand March is getting under way. Marilyn Schwanz, John Waechter, Linda Rogers, and Don Smith lead the parade around the dance floor.

John Adams Tower



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AWARDS GIVEN FOR WORK DONE IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

GLEE CLUB — Gold Pins

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| Charles Bowman | Maureen Frank | Margaret Sue Reed |
| Elaine Brown | Karen Habart | George Roeger |
| Anne Bruner | Linda Heitger | Naomi Shulman |
| John Coffman | Nancy MacIvor | Thomas Smith |
| James Dincolo | Barbara Neff | Sandra Wright |
| Caryl Erhardt | Robert Nelson | |

GLEE CLUB — Silver Pins

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| Nancy Armstrong | Jean Jennings | Patricia Wilson |
| Richard Darr | Charles Lightner | Marcedis Wynns |
| Joan Fitzgerald | Kenneth Papp | Estelle Zoss |
| Janet Golba | Sharon Reber | |
| Lucille Heierman | Robert Rogers | |

BAND — Gold Pins

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| Dale Hensler | Jerry Lupton | Donald Smith |
| Joy Fox | Sharon Pritz | Ronald Thompson |
| Sharon Lee | Elaine Rosenberg | Gerald Vascil |
| Charles Lightner | Naomi Ross | |

ORCHESTRA — Gold Pins

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| Suzanne Carlson | Charles Lightner | Donald Smith |
| Marilyn Enfield | Naomi Ross | |

ORCHESTRA — Silver Pins

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| Jack Keller | Jerry Lupton | Elaine Rosenberg |
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TOWER AWARDS

Janice Rugee, editor's jeweled pin

Gold Pins

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| Mary Benn | Carolyn Dempsey | Mary Orzech |
| Patty Bourdon | Mary Kline | Mary Ellen Rosenthal |
| Judith Cobb | Nancy MacIvor | Naomi Ross |

Silver Pins

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| Gail Aspin | Barbara Goddard | Marilyn Mueller |
| Kay Cantwell | Jacqueline James | Kay Ann Oedekerck |

ALBUM AWARDS

Margaret Sue Reed, editor's jeweled pin

Gold Pins

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| Mary Ann Anderson | Judy Cobb | Nancy MacIvor |
| Kathy DeLeury | Maureen Frank | Sharon Reber |
| Nancy Armstrong | Susie Frehse | |
| Elaine Brown | Barbara Goddard | |

Silver Pins

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| Pat Bourdon | Barbara Hansen | Larry Rex |
| Kay Cantwell | Loretta Kazmierczak | |

Honorable Mention

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| Gail Aspin | Dave Freedberg | Pat Wilson |
| Marilyn Enfield | Darlene Jankowski | Barbara Wetmore |
| Steve Brannan | Carol Korlowicz | |
| Joan Fitzgerald | Joan Rankin | |

DRAMA AWARDS

Boy and Girl who have made the Most Outstanding Contribution to Dramatics

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|---------------|-------------|
| James Dincolo | Janet Golba |
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Certificates of Merit

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| Anne Bruner | Kent Keller | Michael Phillips |
| Richard Darr | Nancy MacIvor | Larry Rex |
| | | Thomas Smith |

LIBRARY — Gold Pins

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| Marilyn Cole | Shirley Jones | Wanda Ritenour |
| Kay Jensen | | |

LIBRARY — Silver Pins

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| Darlene Jankowski | Marilyn Reith | Peggy Wenrick |
| Elizabeth Mahler | | |

STUDENT COUNCIL — Gold Pins (three years or more)

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| Kent Keller | Tom Troeger | Nancy MacIvor |
| Richard Green | John Waechter | Richard Gibboney |
| Kathy DeLeury | Mary Ann Anderson | Patricia Woveris |

STUDENT COUNCIL — Silver Pins (two years)

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| Robert Nelson | Jeannine Mundell | Rita Stull |
| James Dincolo | Micah Ross | |

USHERS CLUB — Jeweled Pins

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| Richard Bast | Thomas Smith | William Waechter |
| Larry Rex | | |

DEBATE — Gold Pins

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| William Dean | James Dincolo | Nancy MacIvor |
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DEBATE — Silver Pins

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| Janet Golba | Michael Phillips | Naomi Shulman |
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SCREEN CLUB

John Thilman, President's pin

JUNIOR WALTON

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| James Dincolo, Most Valuable Walton |
| James Dincolo, President's pin |
| Janet Golba, Vice-President's pin |
| Nancy MacIvor, Joan Nielsen, three-year pin |

TO SAY THE LEAST

Contributed Most to Adams



Naomi Ross and Jim Dincolo
"They lead with the right foot."

Best Dressed



Sharlene Polk and Steve Strang
"Cashmere and Cordovans."

Best Mannered



John Waechter and Janice Rugee
"Feet on the bridge table? Oh, my!"

Friendliest



Punky Crowe and Don Smith
"A yell and a wave, a smile and a nod."

A Look Through the Keyhole at the T

For gracious sakes, it doesn't seem possible that ten years have passed so quickly . . . here it is 1965, and the reunion of the class of '55 is in full swing! We see many familiar faces and some not so familiar now. There's **Julie Jackey**, the heroine of the younger set due to her portrayal of Baby Snooks. Seems show business has claimed several of the old crowd. No one misses **John Ashby** since he replaced George Gobel just to hear his favorite remark—"I'll be a filthy flamingo." **Kay Cantwell** is on the same show, you know, Vampira. **Sharon Kerner** has just returned from a world tour as a ballerina. We understand **George Roeger** is in the chorus of the company. We don't think it comes under the title of entertainment, but **Marilyn Enfield** is first celloist in the President's drawing room. **Don Baum** is a barker for



the greatest show on earth and **Sue Carlson**, the violinist, is in town to play a guest appearance for the Civic Music Association.

There goes **Butch West**, the famous newscaster, and **Norman Pihl**, the renowned marriage counselor. We understand that none of the couples like **Betty Pletcher** and **Dick Moffet**, **Jeannine Mundell** and **Chuck Hosey**, and **Nancy Goldenberg** and **Ray Werner**, who have waltzed down the aisle, have had to call on his services or those of **Anne Bruner** who writes a column for the "love lorn." We see **Bob Heiland** whizzing by in his wheel chair. His is a sad case. He cracked up on the last lap of the "500" two years ago. **Bruce Ball** and **George Kessel** are pushing him. All three are chewing a piece of Bruce's Dobule Strength Bubble Gum. It comes in 47 different colors.

There are **Tom Troeger** and **Pat Bourdon**. Pat was selected Miss America a few years ago, but ceded her title to **Jackie James** after she admitted she and "Moose" had eloped the night before. Tom really took his old name to heart. He's a vet now specializing in the treatment of ill moose. **Fred Dressel's** an M. D. now . . . is best known for his "sure" cure for hives. **Eric** and **Ivan Greenhut** have a brother and sister act. They haven't done too well as they

can't decide about who is to be the sister.

Some of our old classmates are employed by their fathers. We saw **Kent Keller** just the other day digging basements in the new Whitcomb & Keller addition, Janetwood. It was named after Kent's old flame, **Jan Golba**. She is running a date bureau with offices all over the country. Understand she has helped a lot of the class find dates and, in some cases, husbands. It seems **Mary Benn** and **Bruce Thompson** got together through her. **Pat Wilson** has a similar service, only it is in the tunnel between Notre Dame and St. Mary's. **Pat Parker** attends the gas pumps at several of the family Super-Par stations. It's very beneficial to purchase your gas from her as you receive coupons worth 25c on any product made by the **Thomas Henson Products Company**. **Martha Kiem** is his private secretary.

We see **Terry Heater** with his net. He's dog catcher for the city dog pound. He has some pretty stiff competition from **Jack Inks** who works for the Humane Society. They are great friends with **Jim Mills**, better known as "animal boy." He specializes in de-odorized skunks and every type of living creature on four feet. We just found out that **Jim Kanouse** isn't with us today. He's in South Africa digging coal.

There are the four senior class officers sitting together. **Don Smith** has done quite well in politics. In fact, he's running for an office right now—something to do with the sanitation department. **Mary Ann Anderson** has been very busy keeping in contact with everyone in the



class. She has the addresses of every member right at her fingertips. So, if you have any questions you know where to go. **John Waechter** is in the used-car business. He used to run a parking lot but suddenly he changed jobs!! **Bill Waechter** is the sad case of the group. He is still trying to balance the senior class books.

Whenever we return to our old Alma Mater, we meet **Suzie Frehse** who still works in the office. **Joan Nielsen** is teaching Biology up in

208, and **Elizabeth Mahler** is the school nurse. **Sharon Reber** and **Karen Habart** are kindergarten teachers. Because of the crowded school conditions, it was necessary to bring the younger set into our hallowed halls. You know, the place just doesn't look the same any more. And don't forget **Cliff Olander**! He is a janitor in charge of setting up and taking down chairs in the auditorium for the gym teachers' benefit.

As we mingle through the group we see a large crowd forming. Why, it is to see none other than **Jack Longley**, the "Liberace of the South," play. Maybe, we are going to see quite a show . . . **Kenny Papp** and his band are moving toward the front. **Dale Hensler**, **Jerry Lupton**, and **Jerry Vascil** play for him, and **Barbara Neff** is vocalist for the group. The popular McChoir Sisters are right behind, too. We recognize them as **Elaine Brown**, **Sandy Wright**, and **Linda Heitger**.

Here is a good chance to check up on some people we haven't seen for ages. There are the three musketeers



of the Navy, **Fred Heddens**, **Don Ball**, and **Brian Campbell**. Also, **Tom Gerber**, the genius in disguise; **Dick Green**, the printer; **Barbara Jensen Loar** and **Jean Jennings Fess**, with their kiddies, (17 in all); **Harold Boehm**, guide to the unknown; **Larry Rex**, crime photographer; **Jack Keller**, criminal lawyer; **Patri Carlton**, cosmetic salesman; and **Kay Oedekerck**, girl taxi driver.

Another group is forming—**Mardi Kline**, girl wrestler, is going to take on **Larry Van Dusen** and his two managers, **Kenny Vanderbosch** and **Dick Zellers**. **John Coffman**, **Bob Klowetter**, and **Chuck LaPierre** are going to Vandy's defense. He may have a chance after all. There is **Dainty Don (Quimby)**, the Cranium Crusher trying to pick up a few pointers from Mardi. **Mary Orzech**, dean of Women at Notre Dame; **Ursula Ries**, pretzel twister; **Nancy Baecke** and **Carol Woodall**, Radio City Rocketts; and **Barbara Deepe**, the first woman to survive an H-bomb test explosion at only 2,500 feet are standing by, too. Over at the right we see **Mike Ross**, King Midas,

resting on his bags of gold; **Chuck Bowman**, executive of the Ford Motor Car Co. and his singing chauffeur, **Bob Nelson**; **Diane Allmon**, ace soda "jerk"; **Dave Bessler**, the California chicken rancher; and a little apart from the group, **Jim Dincolo**. He is quietly sitting under a tree



reading "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

Shirley Johnson, the girl who puts filaments in light bulbs; **Jim Pipke**, promoter of midget women wrestlers; **Sharon Pritz**, the gas meter reader; and **Nancy Armstrong**, the French Fry Queen are gathered around **Don Eberly**, owner of Monte Carlo. Just saw **Bill Dean** rush up to Don. In his effort to save the world, Don is Bill's most dreaded problem.

There is **Ronnie Smith**, the sword swallower. He rattles as he walks. He is followed by **Joan Leyes** who has made a living shooting cereal from guns.

What a beautiful tan! Why, it belongs to **Judy Weiss**, the Hawaiian Hula Dancer. **Bob Collins**, the city fireman just hit us with his squirt gun. He loves his job sooo much!! **Gerald Leslie** just drove by in his bomb (courtesy of Mr. Seeley!) Yes, it is just 3:15. **Danny Kelver** and **Pat Claxton** are out in the crowd trying to sell some of their domino sets. **Pat MacMillan** works for them . . . is in charge of putting dots on the dominos.

The day is progressing so well. Somebody has really planned this reunion with loving care. It is almost time to eat, so let's hob nob and see what fate has befallen the rest of the class. Let's start down this table—Here's **Marilyn McHugh**, chief hair stylist at **Mike Phillips' Funeral Home**; **Dick Darr**, set designer for bubble dancer, **Marilyn Mueller**; **Punky Crowe**, who had to become a mechanic to keep her "Blue Jay" running; **Terry Fritz**, the history student and a specialist about the French Revolution; **Joy Fox**, the piano mover; **Sandy Zerbe**, fashion designer; **Larry Mitchell**, ice cream-bar eating champion of the world; and **Beverly Miller**, badge shiner for the Fort Wayne Police Force.

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Ten Year Reunion of the Class of 1955

At the next table are the industrial workers. Left to right, we see **Bob Rogers**, label sewer for BVD's (**Don Seach** models them); **Elaine Rosenberg**, needle eye puncher; **Diana Myers**, stamp licker at Monkey Ward's; **Bill Fenimore**, manufacturer of scarlet red hair dye; **Joan Hurlinger**, tightner of tooth paste caps; **Carolyn Dempsey**, keg roller at Drewry's; and **Wanda Ritenour** who puts holes in donuts.

Ginger Anderson informs us she is selling farm equipment at Sears; **Judy Cobb** is taking cooking lessons from **Steve Tamandli**; **Shirley Jones** sells concessions at games; **Liz Kaluzy**, **Steve Strange**, and **Nancy Smuts** have a tall girls' shop.

Dave Cosper just said he was working at a resort in the north woods, but it would never compare with Daytona Beach. We understand **Marilyn Cole** is librarian at River Park; **Gail Aspin**, a fortune teller; **Jerry Lindstrom**, a stock car racer; **Dick McDonough**, a ball room dancing teacher; **Caryl Erhardt**, guide for Vanderbuilt Tours; **Virginia Golba**, author of juvenile books; and **Jim Eveld**, designer for Hart Schafter & Marx.

Sonja Hoover is a hat check girl



at the Stork Club; **Nancy Longbreak**, the new "And Away We Go" Girl for Jackie Gleason; **Carl Long**, a tap dancer; and **Kathy DeLeury**, the popular movie star, **Al Eaton's**, nurse. They are all talking to **Lucille Heierman**, ace jet pilot. There goes **Bill McNab**; he is trying to borrow a weat from one of the group. We might have known!

Well, if it isn't **T. J. Smith**, better known as Smiling Smitty, the friendly financier. We remember Tom when he was voted most humorous of the class. **Patsy Rich** is hanging onto his arm. She's been trying to get a loan from him for the last five years. **Dick Redman**, who picks up golf balls at a driving range; **Dave Rogers**, football lacer; **Sharlene Polk**, Robert Hall salesman; and **Deanna Palm**, head waitress at the Club Lido, seem to be very interested in what **Walt Poehlman's** is saying about his weight reducing salon. **John Kifowit**, teacher at Vassar, and **Arnie John-**

son, who proved all of Einstein's theories false, are talking to **Dick Bast**. Dick was chief interpreter at the United Nations, but one day he got his tongue twisted. He now goes around with **Bob Noble**, the hobo of railroad yard #7.

It's time for the after dinner speeches, **Joan Rankin**, the measles quarantine poster, is going to speak first. **Joan Miller** is next. She is going to talk about finding the pot of gold at the end of the Rainbow. He turned out to be none other than **Chuck Lightner**, an old DeMolay buddy, who now runs the elevator at the Masonic Temple. **Bob Brown**, head stock boy at Robertson's Toy Department, is going to tell about selecting destructive toys for children. **Steve Brannan**, the ski star, is going to give a short demonstration for the grand finale. **Joyce Kletka** is in charge of making snow and we sure hope she comes through with it.

Before we leave, we want to be sure and check up on all the people we haven't seen yet . . . Understand **Frank Aitchison** and **Wayne Bradley** aren't able to be with us due to weak stomachs caused from running the elevators in the Board of Trade Building in Chicago. We wonder where **Loretta Kazmierczak** is today. She invented a new ice cream scoup; three times more ice cream for three times the price. Suppose **Mike Straka** and **Wilson Taylor** are too busy selling genuine "Dacron" argyles to be with us. **Don Wygant** couldn't get **Jeanne Zuhlke** to stand in for him at "Hooks Drugs" where he's the floor walker. **Estelle Zoss** and **Kenny Kramer** were so busy selling chocolate-covered animal crackers they can't be here either. **Pat Zeider** and **Maggie Sue Reed** have both married



ministers. They finally got here in time to load up on food. Very wise. **Larry Simons** never gets away from his job . . . emptying ash trays in a hospital ward. **Jeri Ann Lee** and **Sue Kline** are never allowed to go out in public, because they have been mob-

bed many times since they devised a theory to put a round peg in a square hole. **Karol Kerschner** and **JoAnn Koher** are out on the road with their "Medicine Show." Karol sells the machine that is guaranteed to make



fat people short and shapely. JoAnn is the lure!

Maureen Frank, the ace pharmacist, is very busy trying to get the Salk Vaccine which Cutter made about the time of our graduation acceptable for public sale!

Dick Gibboney and **Dave Freedburg**, nationally known playboys, are vacationing on the French Riviera. **Bob Gaylor** has put Al Capp out of business and now has Little Abner in quite a situation. **Donna Hutchison Burkett** is very busy with her all day nursery, and **Orville McClesney**, the gas pump jockey, is busy running races! **Darlene Jankowski**, the roller derby star, was reported to have been seen buying cosmetics a short time ago from **Joan Fitzgerald**. They are guaranteed to catch a man . . . contain a foundation made of glue!

What has ever happened to **Jim Kissel** and **Carol Korlowicz**? The last we heard they had gone off the deep end because of their jobs. Jim counted marbles at a rock factory and Carol was janitor in a round house. We believe Carol's trouble came when she started looking for a corner to sweep the dirt into.

Surprised we didn't see **Pat Woveris** or **Barbara Wetmore**. They used to work side by side putting tin foil in gum wrappers.

Those last minute arrivals seem to be streaming in. **Nancy MacIvor**, the bug-ologist and **Mary Ellen Rosenthal**, the catty-columnist are going up to the goodies table. There's **Danny Marquart**, fresh from the Navy; **Lloyd Coon**, the new mouth piece for Dr. Sam who's still trying to be set free; and **Chuck Christman**, head rose pruner for William's the Florist. We're glad to see **Cupie Barnes**, a professional soldier; **Shirley Carson**, cashier at Casmier's Su-

per Market; **Joyce Allison**, a John Robert Powers model; and **Don DeLee**, motorcycle manufacturer over there, too.

Janice Rugee, the TOWER'S past editor says she has become its new adviser. **Jerry Badger**, the journalist of the Far East; **Bob Kasa**, the crew cut kid; and **Larry Burke**, designer of the Jaguar, have all acquired English accents from some unknown place, we were surprised to hear.

Don Fisher who bought Phil Schmidt's Restaurant has employed **Barb Hanson**, **Bev Norton**, and **Marilyn Reith** as waitresses and **Jim Turley** is the head chef.

Sandy Horvath, the new VIV girl; **Dick Morgan**, winner of \$10,000 at the Carson City, Nevada, golf tournament; **Sharon Lee**, Benny Goodman's tutor; and **Bob Root**, inventor of the new bola tie TV antenna seem to be very contended with life. **Naomi Ross** has just returned from Germany where she has made a living



frying hamburgers in Hamburg.

Peggy Wenrick, **Larry Weaver**, and **Joe Vanderhayden** are professional baseball rooters hired by **Jim Staton**, the Chisox star. **Faye Steinfeld** has been voted Miss Driver Training Girl of 1965 and **LaMar Stitzer** is Miss Pizza. **Rita Stull** is a driving instructor, instrumental in getting Faye elected to her position. She has hand many worries trying to teach **John Thilman** how to drive.

Ewin Overton, the mathematician; **Paul Swanson**, the swimming star; **Ronnie Thompson**, panelist for "What's My Line"; **Bruce Snyder**, maintenance man, **Barbara Szoke**, wave; **Kay Jensen**, orator; **Bob Seese**, Hollywood Set Designer; and **Naomi Shulman**, knitting champion of the whole wide world; and **Carol Wiltfong** and **Marcedis Wynns**, proof readers of Reader's Digest Condensed Books are gathered around our ever faithful sponsor, **Mrs. McClure** who did so much to make our Senior Year at Adams such a happy one. We're forever grateful to her and she will always be the "Queen" in our hearts!

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TERRY HEATER WINS ATTENDANCE AWARD

Winner of the second annual perfect attendance award, a gift of the classes of 1952 and 1953, with regulations for earning it designed by the Student Council in 1954, is Terry Heater. Terry has not been absent nor tardy during his 4 year stay at Adams.

Outstanding records of attendance were also maintained by Joan Fitzgerald, Jerry Lupton, and Don Quimby. Each of these students were absent only 1/2 day during their 4 year stay at Adams.

Oh! To Be In The Shoes of a Freshman

Everyone wants to be a senior, except us seniors. We know that graduation has its drawbacks. We've had experience—the experience of stepped-on-toes at the prom, of sleeping off the hangover from the openhouse afterwards and of peeling off the after effects of the beach parties the next day; we've had the experience of trying to study for an English final on the beach at Tower hill, the experience of joyously receiving our calling cards, only to find our names misspelled, of hinting for a graduation present and of traipsing all over South Bend to collect our booty—silver spoons, hope chests, dishes, and pendants. We've had the experience of receiving piles of mail from carrier schools, the WAF, the WACS, and the WAVES.

We seniors have had the experience of melting under caps and gowns for the awards assembly, of fearing we'd fall flat when we walk up to get our diplomas, of standing in line hour after hour for the assembly, baccalaureate and commencement. We'll have the experience of getting our tassels in our eyes and of tottering to the stage in high, high, heels.

Oh! to be in the shoes of a freshman.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



Shown above are the 1955-56 senior class officers: John Waechter, vice-president; Don Smith, president; Mary Ann Anderson, secretary; William Waechter, treasurer.

FOOTPRINTS (cont'd)

of clubs, as sports heroes, and win all sorts of awards. Don Quimby won 5th place in the state wrestling contest, Don Smith was elected national Junior Achievement president, Naomi Ross and Kent Keller were named salutatorian and valedictorian, respectively, and Naomi, Kent, and Bill spent the whole year giving speeches about their trip to Europe. Jim Dincolo was named State Walton president.

As usual the first event of the year was the school play. This year it was "The Romancers" with Janice Rugee and Lynn Wickizer starring. Then there was our class political convention complete with noise, speeches, and banner waiving at which Don Smith was elected class president; John Waechter, vice-president; Mary Ann Anderson, secretary; and William Waechter, treasurer. At the end of a very successful football season our class suffered a loss we won't forget; Sue Hawk passed away. Basketball season saw several surprising and overwhelming victories for the Eagles and also saw Pat Bourdon crowned queen at the Riley-Adams game. The mid-year Prom at this time made us realize that our Prom wasn't so very far away and we'd better start preparing for it. A new club was organized, The Thespians, and shortly after "Pilgrim's Progress," an all-city musical, was presented. We needed more money for our prom and class gifts so we presented "Spring Spree," a carnival complete with pie throwing (with Don Smith as victim), portrait painting (by Miss Farnier) and taxi dancers. Pat was truly queen of our class for she was chosen to ride on the South Bend float in the Blossom Parade and to reign for Adams at the City Track meet. Then came the crowning social event of the year — The Senior Prom. Decorations and band caused much controversy, but all was finally settled. Mrs. McClure, class sponsor, was crowned queen at the dance, for in our minds she was really a sovereign for having guided us for four years.

Many of the events of the year were remembered as graduation neared, such as the civics committee meetings, Mr. Krider's English classes, Chemistry, Soci parties, the proposed curfew which would have ruined our after-the-Prom plans, pizza at the Volcano, and the Congresses formed in Civics classes.

Then to the strains of Pomp and Circumstance we received our diplomas and our footsteps echoed down the halls as we left Adams behind us to go our separate ways. We'll never forget our alma mater, though, for what it did toward shaping our personalities, and we know Adams will never forget us because we left our indelible stamp upon its history book.

—Mary Ann Anderson.

SENIOR CABINET



Pictured above are the members of the senior cabinet: top row — Tom Smith, Robert Nelson, Richard Gibboney, David Mikesell, James Kanouse, William Dean; bottom row — Naomi Ross, Susie Frehse, Sandra Wright, Pat Bourdon, Barbara Goddard, LaMarr Stitzer.

Athletic Honors Earned in 1954-55

Football

Thomas Troeger, Kiwanis
Larry VanDusen, Monogram
Terry Heater, Captain

Wrestling

Don Quimby, Captain

Basketball

John Waechter, Kiwanis
Richard Green, Monogram
Larry VanDusen, Captain

Baseball

Richard Gibboney, Captain

Track

Thomas Troeger, Captain

Tennis

Charles Christman, Captain

Swimming

Steve Strang, Captain

Prom to Commencement

(Continued)

sing "Spirit of God" by Weaver, "Gloria" by Mozart, and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by Lutkin. Reverend James Burrows of the Stull Memorial Methodist Church will pronounce the invocation, and Rabbi Albert M. Shulman of Temple Beth-El will deliver the sermon.

COMMENCEMENT

To the tune of the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" the graduating Class of 1955 will march down the aisle on Tuesday evening, June 7, for their last official function at John Adams. "The Lord's Prayer," sung by the Glee Club, will be the invocation. Other musical selections will be Grainger's arrangement of "Irish Tune from County Derry" by the band, and "Born to be Free" by Williams, Luvaa's "The Cry of God" with Bob Nelson and John Coffman as soloists by the Glee Club, and Williams' "Let There Be Music" by the Triple Trio. Kent Keller and Naomi Ross will give the valedictory and salutatory addresses. Principal Mr. Rothermel will present the class and recommend the two hundred thirty-five graduates receive their diplomas, which will then be distributed by two members of the Board of Education. After the president leads the class in the Pledge of Allegiance, they will turn their mortar board tassels from the left to the right side, signifying the completion of their high school careers.

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This class expects to have its first reunion in ten years. Class officers and especially secretary Mary Ann Anderson are in charge of notifying the '55ers. They will write to her of any changes in names and/or addresses.

After four years of study, the time has come,
For our senior friends to depart;
Their big career at Adams is done,
But it will always stay in their hearts.
On the dawn of graduation day,
Their thoughts will be of the future they'll find;
The new horizons along the way,
But mostly the school they'll leave behind.
—Janet Gersey.

Gridders Post Best Record in History

The 1955 football squad will have a tough assignment living up to the reputation this year's team has set. The new team will have to set another school record for most games won if they expect to better the 7-1-1 record set by the 1954 team. Three of the four starting backfield men will



be returning. They are: Johnny Robbins at quarterback, Billy Baird at halfback, and Larry Wygant at the other halfback position. At the ends, lettermen Jim Leighty and Keith Malcolm will capably fill the positions. The returning linemen who earned letters will be: Jim Hylman, Dick Nichols, Terry Rothermel, and Dick Szabo offensively, along with Doug Eichorst and Bob Magnuson defensively.

Another tough assignment posed to the coaches will be to fill the holes left by all-conference fullback Larry VanDusen and all-conference tackle and captain Terry Heater. Three-year veterans, center Dave Rogers and end Tom Troeger have left Rothermel and Leighty a lot to live up to. Other graduating linemen, Fred Dresel, Don Quimby, Don Ball, and Arnie Johnson, and backfield man Bob Collins contributed greatly to the success of this team and will have to be replaced.

TEN WRESTLERS BACK

Only two senior wrestlers will be graduating from the two-year old squad. Larry Hogan, Bob Scholnik, Jim Dillman, and Billy Baird will bolster the experienced 1955-56 team. There are also six more weight divisions which will be filled by veteran grapplers. Coach Murphy is trying to line up more matches to be played at Adams as they were well attended this season.

The toughest job of replacement will be filling 165-pound Don Quimby's position. Quimby, the captain of the team, won all of his regular season matches and placed fourth in the state finals. Also heavyweight Terry Heater will graduate and leave a tough spot to fill. This year's team had a record of two wins, four losses, and a sixth place in the sectional.

Tankers Win 3, Lose 9

Four returning lettermen will be the mainstay of next year's swimming team. They are: Mike Fett, a diver and 100-yard backstroker; Jim Hoehn, 200-yard freestyler; Cliff Olander, a 100-yard freestyler; and Larry Lowman, a 200-yard freestyler and relay man.

The team will lose three lettermen by graduation. Chuck Bowman, who swam in the 180-yard medley relay; Bob Heiland, who swam the 100-yard freestyle and placed fifth in the state in this event; and Steve Strang, who participated in the 100-yard backstroke and the 120-yard individual medley will all be leaving this year. The team posted a record of 3 wins and 9 losses. They placed third in the city meet, sixth out of 11 teams in the conference meet, and thirteenth in the state meet.

by
Butch West



by
Chuck Christman

Being in the first class to spend four years at Adams, we have seen great changes in the athletic program. Not too long ago, Adams' athletes were considered as "lily-whites" by other schools in the area. Now, however, the teams at Adams have gained the respect of all area athletes. This has been done through the hard work of the athletic staff and participants at John Adams.

Do you remember the time when Adams just couldn't produce a winning football team and were pushed around by almost every team they played? Finally, after four years, Adams gridders literally pushed their opponents' faces in the mud as they compiled a 7-1-1 record, losing only to the conference champs, Riley.

The baseball team has continued along at a tremendous rate, winning the league title two years, placing second last year, and having a good chance of taking another championship this year. It takes an excellent program to keep producing players of the championship caliber such as Adams has continued to do.

Basketball in our four years has never reached astounding heights nor has it ever been considered a pushover. Adams has joined the state-wide conference along with such teams as Crispus Attucks, the winner of this year's state championship. We would not have been admitted to this conference without being considered a top-rate team.

If you seniors will look back to the beginning of your freshman year, you will remember that there were only six sports at Adams. Since then, Swimming, Wrestling, and Cross-Country have been added to the sports program, giving any boy at Adams, regardless of size, a chance to participate in athletics, providing he has the will to win and the initiative to work. In three years, Adams has produced a wrestler to go down state; the swimming team placed sixth in the state in 1954; and Cross-Country has drawn over 40 players in one year.

All this could not have been done without the hard work of the athletic staff under the direction of Mr. Ralph Powell, Athletic Director. Four new varsity coaches have been greatly responsible for the improvement made. Mr. John Murphy, four years ago, took over the job of football coach and two years ago started wrestling at Adams. Mr. Ernest Kaeppler, upon his arrival from Nuner two years ago, took over tennis and just this year adopted the gold squad. Also, Mr. Vincent Laurita took over the difficult task of coaching the track squad, and Mr. Joseph Laiber organized swimming. We, the sports editors of the Tower, wish to thank the coaches for their fine cooperation.

Linksmen Finish First Season Under Kaeppler

Playing their first year under new coach, Ernest Kaeppler, the golf team posted a record of 2-7-1 and showed an abundance of underclassman talent.

Returning players in the first five are: Ron Milliken, Bob Walker, and Don Zombik.

The team showed great improvement as the season rolled on as evidenced by a 9-6 loss to Mishawaka in their second match of the season, and then a 11½-3½ defeat of Mishawaka in their seventh match of the season. They also tied Michigan City in the early part of the season, and then defeated them in their last dual match.

Baseball Hit Hard

Perhaps baseball will suffer the greatest graduation loss. Almost the entire infield and two starting outfielders will receive their diplomas. However, the pitching staff should grow stronger as none of the teams hurlers will leave. The returning pitchers will be Johnny Robbins, Tobe Sexson, Fal Harris, and Don Severeid. Paul Edgerton will again be behind the plate, and Keith Malcolm will be covering the hot corner at third base. Terry Rothermel will be back in the outfield.

Members of the team leaving are: Joe Vanderheyden at first, Bok Klowetter at second, Dick Gibboney at short, Dick Green in left field, and Jim Staton in center. For the last



three years these players have played on one of the top teams in the league. Coach Swartz will have a tough time replacing these six players who are leaving. At the time this article was written, Adams was tied with Michigan City for the league lead.

THINLIES POST RECORD OF 1-7

With all track meets except the City Meet and regionals completed, the Adams thinlies have posted a record of 1 win and 7 losses. There will be many of the squad's top performers returning next year which makes the future look brighter for Mr. Laurita.



In the 100- and 220-yard dashes, both Terry Conley and Fred Osmon will be returning. In the hurdles, the team will retain its two top hurdlers in Jim Sostack and Larry Wygant. Billy Baird will be returning in the 440. Jim Messick and Pete Smith, Adams top milers, will be back. In the half-mile, Budd Goddard will keep his number one position. Don Caron will be returning in the broad jump with Gene Personett and Ben Taylor back in the high jump. Jim Dillman and Jim Stafford will return to the pole vault.

7 CAGERS TO LEAVE

With seven of the ten varsity players graduating, Coaches Seaborg and Rensberger will have the job of rebuilding another varsity aggregation. Next year's team will most likely be built around the two returning lettermen, Paul Edgerton



and Johnny Robbins. The 1955-56 team will lack height the same as this year's team, but can overcome this handicap with speed. They showed this ability in their defeat of last year's team at Adams Eve.

The schedule again has been toughened according to Coach Seaborg's policy that the tougher the competition the tougher our squad will be. Next year's team is scheduled to play the state champs, Crispus Attucks, along with other top ranked Southern schools which will be another step toward the All-State Conference, of which Adams is a member. The team will also play in the usual tough ENHISC conference.

This year's team composed of Dick Green, Bob Klowetter, Chuck LaPierre, Walt Poehلمان, Tom Troeger, Larry VanDusen, and John Waechter along with Edgerton and Robbins compiled a 10-12 season record. The season was highlighted by a 47-67 upset of Fort Wayne North Side in Adams' last game of the regular schedule. This defeat North Side suffered at the hands of the Eagles enabled South Bend Washington to take the conference title. In the sectional the team won their first game against St. Joseph, 51-46, but lost to Mishawaka, the eventual regional champions, 61-52.

3 Return to X-Country

The 1955 edition of the cross-country team will feature three returning lettermen out of the five that have received letters in that sport. The three returning lettermen are Pete Smith, Bob DeCraene, and Chuck DeCraene.

Next year's team may easily finish the '55 season better than the 1954 squad did. Last year's team, coached by Ralph Powell, failed to win any of their dual meets; lost three triangle meets and split in another; finished 14th out of 21 teams in the Conference meet; and finished 12th out of 15 teams in the Sectional meet.

Tennis Loss Heavy

Next year, the tennis team will be in the process of getting experience. The loss of 3 of the first 4 men left Coach Kaeppler with one returning letterman, a junior, and a handful of promising underclassmen. When the conference tennis schedule again gets under way next fall, these boys, Tim Pettit, a letter winner, Jim Karling, Bob Fischer, Dave Vanderski, Bob Christ and Jim Downs, will try to equal or better the best record ever posted by an Adams team which is 6 wins and 2 losses.

The graduating seniors who posted a 4-4 record this season and were the only team to beat Fort Wayne North Side, this year's league champions, are: Dave Freedberg, Chuck Christman, and Dick Green. The team defeated North Side, Mishawaka, Riley, and Elkhart.

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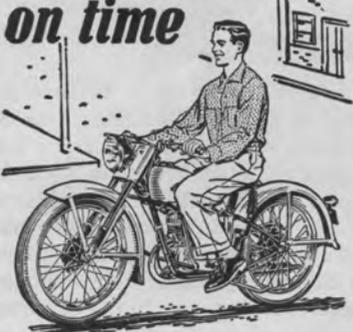
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