

RILEY REVIEW

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Musicians emerge with gold medals

by Suzanne Weldy

For many students, Saturday February 2 was just another of South Bend's arctic afternoons, but for dozens of Riley's band

and orchestra members, it marked the end of months of practice and frayed nerves. Beginning at 8:00 am, participants from the South Bend

Schools gathered at Adams High School to be judged on their performances. Many

Rileyites were found feverishly wandering through Adams confusing corridors looking for their performance rooms.

Senior violinist Jenny Sibley and Senior violist Lisa Richardson agreed "This contest is a

good experience the first years you participate, but it just becomes a hassle as you get older."

Winning gold medals for their performances were: Candy Thomas, violin solo; Cindy

Bancroft, violin solo; Wendy Fergusson, violin solo; Debby Johnson, viola solo; Bryan McDaniel, bass solo; a quartet

of Candy Thomas, Michelle Sirok, Lisa Richardson, and Tricia Kline; a large ensemble of Jenny Sibley, Pam Davis, Amy Beutter, Candy Thomas,

Cindy Bancroft, Michelle Sirok, Wendy Fergusson, Michelle Kline, Ray Han, Amy Burke,

Bob Samarich, Lisa Richardson, Suzanne Weldy, Tricia Kline, Rob Davidson, Joe Lemanski, and Alan Farkas.

Band members receiving gold medals were: Tracie Vandewalle, Tracy Kielton, Jennifer Wallace, Gretchen Rucker and Laurie Schrader, flute solos,

Bryan Newport, Cindy Hitchcock, Alan Pfledderer, Michelle Storms, and Kathy Frazier, clarinet solos; Chad Newport, Saxophone solo, Trent House, French Horn solo; Greg Koehler, marimba solo; Jennifer Ferro, Sharolyn Blacketer and Jim Witmer.

Snare drum solos; Jane Lonenecker, multiple percussion solo; Michelle Lane and

Stephanie Doerr, flute duet; Wanda Aberegg and Jane Kronewitter, flute duet; John Davies, Jonathon Miller, Saxophone duet; Chris Nethercutt and Anna Davies, saxophone duet; David Berners and Kurt

Moyer; Trumpet/Saxophone duet; David Berners, Gary Kresca, trumpet duet; Carla Wallace and Jennifer Walker, flute/french horn duet; Bill Snyder, Daylan Hill and John Obenchain, Trumpet trio; Mark Sorenson, Steve Genung, and Todd Bauer, trumpet trio; Lana

Lillie and Greg Koehler, snare drum duet; Jim Witmer, Sharolyn Blacketer, Greg Gardner, Pat Hechlinski, John Kattereinrich, David Longenecker, percussion ensemble. Watkins, Chuck Witham, Jennifer Ferro, and Karyn Simon, percussion ensemble.

Twenty-one of the orchestra members and eighteen of the band members went on to receive medals in the State contest on February 9.



Senior Lisa Richardson practices playing the viola before participating in the band and orchestra contest which took place at Adams High School on February 2. A quartet consisting of Lisa, Candy Thomas, Michelle Sirok, and Tricia Kline were among the gold medal winners.

National Honor Society inducts members

by Jennifer Ujdak

On January 15, 1985, four seniors and thirty-eight juniors were inducted into the National Honor Society.

Noelle Frick, Brian Hesch, Daniel Kline, and Jerry Maynard are the inducted seniors.

The juniors are Amy Badger, Marc Baker, Randy Beck, Andy Benko, David Berners, Steven Black, Sharolyn Blacketer, Brandi Borr, and Jeffrey Calvin.

Michael Cook, Christopher Engdahl, Joel Fox, Richard Grey, Debora Hellinga, Roberta

Hernandez, Ernest Humphrey, Scott Jackson, Maureen Kline, Stephanie Kraft, and Kimberlee Keuhl.

Jennifer Laiber, Mike Mesaglia, Barbara Miller, Jeff Montgomery, Paige Rarick, Kimberly Regina, Sally Selner, Doug Sisco, Todd Sriver and Kim St. Germain were also inducted.

Kimberly Tarnaki, Jennifer Ujdak, Kristen Voreis, Melissa Waggoner, Kathleen Waters, Andrew Ziker, and Kristen Zimmer complete the junior inductees.

President George Zorich was Master of Ceremonies and

delivered the greetings and introductions. Mrs. Frances Smith, sponsor of NHS explained the selection procedure.

A student must have at least a 3.0 grade point average to be eligible to apply for membership. When eligible, a student fills out a form, listing all activities, honors, achievements, and community service during high school.

A list of all applicants is given to all the teachers who, in turn, rate only the students they know according to their character,

achievements, and merit. The applications and the teacher's ratings are then reviewed and the candidates for NHS are selected.

A short speech on the characteristics of NHS members was given by Teri DeVorkin, Treasurer of NHS, Leann Lesenko, secretary, Darrin Batten, vice-president, and

Mitch Krathwohl, a member of NHS. Characteristics are Scholarship, Character, Service, and Leadership. Each member is expected to live up to the guidelines of each characteristic.

Mr. George McCullough was the guest speaker and Miss Joanne Fox introduced the inductees. Teri DeVorkin and George Zorich presented the awards. The Riley High School Orchestra, directed by Mrs. Marilyn Fischer accompanied the introductions. Each inductee was escorted by a present NHS member.

When all the inductees were recognized, George Zorich administered The National Honor Society Oath. The evening concluded with a reception following the ceremony.

Rileyites may obtain various identities during Spirit Week

This year, Spirit Week at Riley is being sponsored by the Student Council. The week of basketball sectionals, February 25-March 1, will be the time for Rileyites, including faculty, to demonstrate their school spirit.

Each day of the week will have a different theme for

students to dress up. Monday will be Nerd Day; Tuesday, Pajama Day; Wednesday, Beach and Intertube Day;

Thursday, Dress Up Day; and Friday will be Blue and Gold Day. According to Council President Dave Dunlap, if school should be closed because

of a snow day (as it was last year), the themes will continue to be on the designated days.

Spirit Week will also include a hall decoration contest between the four classes. The halls will be judged by Mr. Oldham, Ms. Fox, and Mr. McCullough and the class which wins will have

its name and year engraved on the traditional silver bowl. The amount of money spent on the decorations must not exceed 50

dollars and the judgement of the halls will be based on originality, creativity, and how well the decorations coincide with the theme. The seniors will

occupy the second floor with a beach theme; Juniors will represent New York City on the third floor; the Sophomores will conduct an African Safari on the first floor; and the Freshmen will have a Nursery Rhyme theme in the cafeteria. Nations will be hung on February 21.

Tenure vs. merit: debate goes on

There's been a lot of talk about what can be done to improve our nation's educational system. One of the most popular plans suggested so far is merit pay--giving teachers who do their job well a bonus.

This really is a good idea. It would be an excellent incentive for teachers to work harder at helping their students learn. Teachers would be more inclined to think of interesting and imaginative methods of getting their lessons across, and they would be more willing to spend extra time with students who were having problems if they knew that they could get paid extra for it.

In business, the harder people work, and the better the job they do, the

more they get paid. Shouldn't the same thing go for teachers? Certain teachers deserve to be paid more than others because they do a better job. But they're not.

Merit pay would take care of this. It would see that teachers who deserve more money get it. But merit pay isn't enough. Our educational system needs more than that. What it needs is merit pay on top of a substantial across the board raise.

Teachers are very important people. Their's is an incredibly challenging job--to prepare our nation's youth for the future. They must teach much more than material in books. Students have to learn how to live: How to read and write, how to

manage their time, how to question things, how to think, how to learn, and much, much more. In school, they must be inspired to make the most of themselves they possib-

ly can. People with a job like this deserve to be paid much more than our teachers are today. If teachers were paid more, more good people would want to teach.

Before we pay teachers more, however, tenure needs to be outlawed. Tenure is one of the biggest problems our school systems face. By promising teachers job security, tenure removes all outside incentive to work. Once a teacher gets

work harder than they have to? That's the problem--they often don't.

tenure, they have very little chance of losing their jobs, so why should they

**"A good
education
is priceless"**

If someone isn't doing their job well in the

business world, they're fired, and replaced with

someone more competent. The job of a teacher is too important to have it botched up by someone who isn't doing the job. That's why administrators need the power to fire teachers that aren't living up to the standards required of them.

A good education is priceless. If we could only get the government to see this, maybe they would straighten out their priorities, and put money where it's needed--in education. By investing in students, the government would be investing in America's future, and assuring that that future is a bright one.

Gooney Goo-Goo/Bunny says 'be mine'

by Aunt Bunny

Hey, all you lovebirds out there, today is the day you've been waiting for. Hey, all you plain birds out there, today is not the day you've been waiting for. It's Valentine's Day!

-Cupid. What is the point of having a dorky little nude guy running around shooting arrows? Like most holiday traditions, it's so unrealistic. Getting shot by an arrow certainly wouldn't cause love but rather quite the bloody wound. If cupids DO shoot arrows, why don't you feel it?

-What about those candy hearts that say things? Some are so stupid! For example, some say "Ask Dad." What does this have to do with the price of cheese?

-How come you older kids don't get to have Valentine's parties in school anymore? Don't you miss giving Valentine cards to all your classmates, even the ones you didn't like and Mom made you? Remember the mailboxes you used to make to collect all the cards in? Or how about when Mom was a room mother? Those were the good old days!

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"What does this  
have to do with  
the price of  
cheese?"  
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-Since February is also the month of George's birthday, let me take a moment to express my thoughts. Supposedly the big guy chopped down a cherry tree. Big hairy deal! So - I weighed some grapes in Kroger's produce section last Tuesday. How come I'm not famous?

The only good thing about that cherry tree is that McDonald's puts their cherry pies on sale for 10c on George Washington's birthday.

-Another thing that gets my dander up is that the snow storms always come on the weekends. The weather is so radical on weekends! When you are so fortunate to get a snow day, you're off school anyway so it doesn't matter.

-For all you people who are getting neckaches from watching guys running back and forth across a court, there's more to life. Instead of going to the weekly basketball games and hangin' at Shakey's afterwards, GO FOR THE GUSTO. Hockey is "Ice!"

Love,
Aunt Bunny

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Greetings to sweethearts

Hello Riley!
Happy Valentines Day
Algie

Mike,
You are truly a special person to me! You have been there through all my good and bad times. You always seem to have a smile for me and a shoulder to lean on. And that is why, Mike, you are my dearest friend! Have a wonderful Valentines Day!
Love Always
Kim

Christine N.
I really do like you a lot. I really do.
S.M.

Douglas,
Yes, I like you more today than yesterday!
Happy Valentines Day.
Leanne
P.S. I love you

Tom,
Happy Valentines Day. You're really something SPECIAL to me!!
I love you
Lori

Dearest Julie,
To the one who means a lot to me. Hope we stay close for a long time.
Love you always,
John



Riley English teacher, Faye Nelson receives an award from Junior Achievement for her support of its fall program.

Valentines traditions vary

by Dawn Bone

With the exception of Christmas and Easter, Valentine's Day is the most observed holiday throughout the world.

This holiday dates back to 1446 when young people from England chose their valentines by writing names on slips of paper and drawing them by chance from a vase.

Another custom that was practiced closer to the 1700's was drawing lots on the eve of Valentine's Day at social gatherings. Each young man wore the paper with his lady's name on his sleeve for several days. The expression "He wears his heart on his sleeve," probably derived from this custom.

Though Valentine's Day has been celebrated since the early hundreds, it didn't become popular in the USA until the

1800's. Since then it has been observed by the exchange of cards, flowers and candy. The customs of this holiday are not the same in every country. In Great Britain, children sing special songs to one another and receive gifts of money, fruit or candy. A young suitor may leave a basket of gifts on his lover's doorstep. He then knocks on the door and runs away.

In Italy, some families will hold a Valentine's Day feast. Some women who are unmarried rise early and stand by their windows waiting for a man to pass by. The first one she sees, or someone who looks like him will become her bridegroom within the year.

Valentine's Day also has beliefs that birds choose their mates on February 14. The English believed that it was bad luck to bring snow drops into the

house before Valentine's Day if there were unmarried girls living there. Some unmarried girls believed that if they were to strike their forehead with a folded rose petal and it cracked then their Valentine loved them.

There isn't a great amount of knowledge on the history of Valentine's Day. However it's known that it is connected with the martyr's of two Saint Valentines. Valentine's Day used to be the Roman celebration of Lupercalia, a lovers festival for young people. Upon the spread of Christianity, churchmen tried to give Christian meaning to the holiday.

Pope Gelasius changed the Lupercalia Festival on February 15 to February 14 in 496 A.D. Since then it has been celebrated as Saint Valentine's Day.

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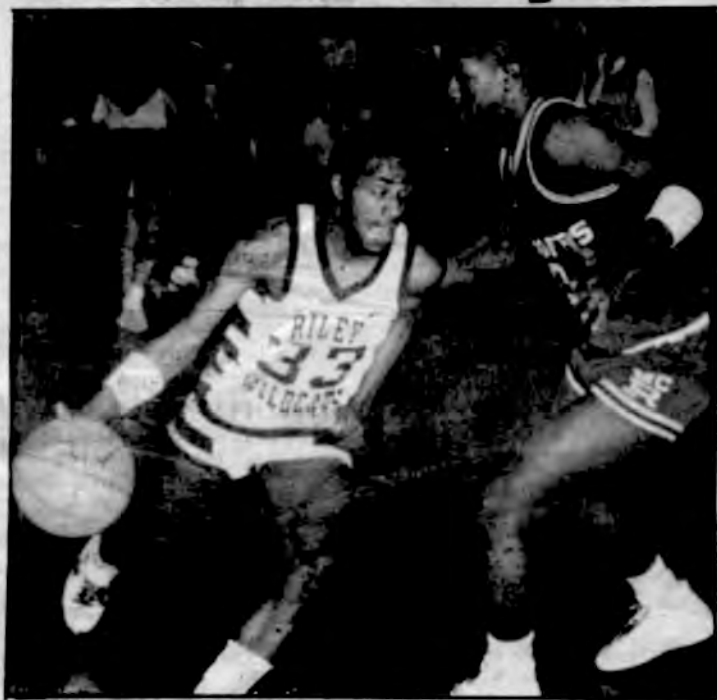
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Wildcats pound out four in a row



Terry Grundy drives past his man for two points.

by Rick Longley

After a 1-8 start, the Riley basketball team has exploded for four consecutive victories. After upsetting number eight Clay, the Cats defeated Marian. The 8-6 St. Joe Indians were the next obstacle for coach Bob Berger's team.

In the early going, Riley had more success as they powered their way to a 17-15 lead after one quarter.

With 5:05 left in the second quarter, St. Joe capitalized on a couple Riley turnovers to tie the score at 23-23. The Cats regrouped and finished out the half on a 12-4 spurt to take a 35-27 lead.

St. Joe would get no closer than eight points as the Cats pulled away to a 70-61 victory. Andy Benko led the scoring for Riley with 20 points. Sophomore Robb Berger added 16 points. Terry and Ken Schmok added 13 and 10 points respectively.

Michigan City Elston was

Riley's next opponent and proved to be tough in the early going as the Red Devils jumped out to a 13-8 lead after one quarter. Benko and Paul Columbus led the first half scoring for Riley as Benko scored eight of his 12 points and Columbus scored eight of his 10 points in the first half. This wasn't enough as Elston carried a 30-26 lead at halftime.

Riley vaulted out of the gates in the third quarter as they outscored Elston 24-8 to take a 50-38 lead.

Grundy and Kevin Schmok led Riley's scoring in the second half as they combined for 38 of Riley's 50 points in the second half. Schmok scored all of his 16 points in the second half and Grundy scored 22 of his game high 29 points in the second half as Riley powered to a 76-66 victory.

Earlier in the year Riley was scheduled to play Fort Wayne Dwenger. The game was

postponed to a later date but Dwenger was told by the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) that they had to forfeit the game due to a rule infraction, but state officials told the Saints they couldn't forfeit an away game, so the game was played.

Grundy led Riley with 16 points and nine assists. Columbus had 16 points also and Benko added 15 points, but this wasn't enough as Dwenger outlasted Riley 75-70.

The Cats were hot in the first half as they held a 25-19 lead after one quarter and a 46-39 halftime lead.

Riley's hot hand cooled down in the second half as they managed only 24 points in the half. There were fewer points scored by Riley in the second half than they scored in the first quarter. The loss ended their four game winning streak and dropped their record to 5-9.

Hoopsters fall short

The Riley girls' basketball team had a chance to gain a share of the NIC title against Mishawaka but bowed out in overtime 55-50.

Mishawaka started quickly as they climbed to a 12-10 first quarter lead and a 25-20 halftime lead.

Riley savored a 39-38 lead after three quarters but Mishawaka battled back to tie the game 50-50 at the end of regulation. The Cats failed to score in overtime and lost their chance to tie Mishawaka for the NIC title. Riley finished the regular season with a record of 13-6 and 7-2 in the NIC.

Riley drew Mishawaka in the sectionals and tried to prove that the third time is a charm as the Cats had faced Mishawaka twice earlier in the season and lost both times. The third time wasn't a charm as Mishawaka won 42-36.

Riley led after one quarter 12-8 but Mishawaka regained the lead and held it to advance in sectional play. Diggins scored 20 points in a losing effort.

Nancy Scales led Riley's scoring with 22 points followed by Carmen Diggins who added 14 points.

Pink, Steinke, and Dickerson lead the Riley grapplers

The Riley wrestling team finished third in the wrestling sectionals behind Penn and Mishawaka.

Greg Pink won the 155 pound class by defeating his opponent

8-3 in the championship. In the 177 pound class Brian Dickerson beat his opponent 11-4 in the championship round. Tim Bell, David Floran, Denny Wise, Carl Steinke, and Barry Gendel

advanced to regional action also by finishing second in their weight classes. Rob Anderson, Chris Powers, and Bennett Sirko each won their third place meets.

Pink, Steinke, and Dickerson each reached the championship round of the wrestling regionals but failed to win although each will move on in the state tournaments.

Riley icers skate above the rest

It is playoff time again for high school hockey and Riley has got to be one of the favorites. Against Penn, Billy

Lerman scored three goals and had an assist for Riley as the Cats upended the Kingsmen 7-3. This year Riley's hockey

team has some players from other schools who don't have a team. Jim Lafferty, a non Riley student had three assists

against Penn. Jim McGuire and Tim DeGroete, two other non Riley players, had a goal and an assist apiece. Riley advanced to play Adams.

Riley swimmers sink Mishawaka

by Rick Longley

Mishawaka proved to be no match for the Riley swim team as they swam past Mishawaka 110-62. Steve Black was a winner of two events as he was a member of the winning 200 medley relay team of Black, Brad Toothaker, Rob McChesney, and Dan Klein, and Black

winners in a 92-78 Riley victory. Calvin was a member of the winning 200 medley relay team

of Calvin, White, McChesney, and Alex Bishop. Calvin also won the 200 individual medley followed by brother Joel Calvin who finished third. Black won

the 200 individual medley. Toothaker also won the 50 freestyle. Mike Messaglia was a double winner also as he won the 100 butterfly and was a member of the 400 freestyle relay which consisted of Scott Kirkpatrick, Mike White, Messaglia, and John Van Driessche. Kirkpatrick finished first in the

200 freestyle. Other winners for Riley were Jeff Calvin in the 100 backstroke and Denny Boehm in the diving competition.

Against Michigan City Elston, Calvin, Black, and Toothaker were each double

the 100 and 200 freestyle races. Toothaker captured the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly. McChesney finished second in the 100 butterfly and he was

followed by Adams Baker who finished third. Messaglia took third in the 200 freestyle and won the 500 freestyle. Mark Dunderman finished behind Messaglia in the 500 freestyle.

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