

# NCA evaluators at Riley March 15-17

By Liz Woyton

Teachers scurrying to spiff up classrooms and fill out reports and evaluations, along with a general nervous excitement, is just part of what goes into Riley's preparation for an evaluation by a team from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Luckily, this evaluation occurs only every seven years, and Riley got an extra year to prepare this time, since last year was a transitional period. "We were like a new school last year and couldn't be expected to be at our best," said the co-chairman of the evaluation, Assistant Principal Joseph Kuharic.

Why, exactly, is this evaluation so important? According to counselor Mrs. Anita Landry, passing the North Central Evaluation will accredit the school: "Accreditation means that Riley students' credits will be accredited at colleges. Otherwise, they might have to take an entrance examination."

As it stands now, the evaluation consists of four phases.

In phase one, the principal of the school sends in his evaluation of the school's different departments and facilities, plus

accreditation of new staff members. This is done every year, regardless of whether the school is up for evaluation that year. Then the report is sent to the North Central headquarters in Bloomington, Ind.

Next comes phase two, in which the entire staff does a self-evaluation.

"What this amounts to," Mr. Kuharic said, "is that a steering committee of five to nine teachers is selected by the principal to oversee the evaluation. Then, 24 committees are designated by the steering committee to evaluate the entire educational program and physical facilities of the school."

Riley has been in the midst of this self-evaluation since May of 1976, according to Mr. Kuharic. Three main committees have been in charge of the operation. They are: School and Community Committee, chaired by Mr. Thomas Hoyer; School Philosophy and Objectives, chaired by Mr. Dennis Wielgos; and Curriculum, chaired by Mr. James Stebbins.

Mr. Kuharic refers to this self-evaluation as "introspection . . . taking a look at our souls and asking, 'How am I doing?' in a philosophical way."

March 15 will begin phase three, in which 17 outside educators chosen by the North Central Association will visit Riley.

"They will evaluate our educational program," said Mr. Kuharic, "based on our self-evaluation and their own expertise." He noted here also that he and Assistant Principal Algie Oldham, Principal Warren Seaborg, and Head Counselor Mrs. Jo Ann Hammond have all served on North Central Committees evaluating other schools.

He commented that the evaluators will visit many classes and perhaps take individual students out and question them about their classes.

"After they've finished," he continued, "they will come up with the relative strengths of Riley and," he added, "some weaknesses and some strong recommendations for improving these weaknesses."

On March 18, the chairman of the evaluating committee will make a preliminary report to the steering committee, Principal Warren Seaborg, Superintendent Donald Dake, Director of Secondary Education Dr. Monte Sriver, area media people, and other invited persons such as teachers.

In May, approximately 60 days after the preliminary report, phase four takes place.

According to Mr. Kuharic, this is the phase that makes some teachers "uptight." The evaluating team sends a formal, written evaluation at that time, and the school corporation is requested to aid the school in incorporating the changes. "What some teachers don't realize," he added, "is that they're evaluating courses, not teachers."

According to Mr. Kuharic, "we don't have to make all the suggested changes. For example, they might suggest we need another gym; but if it's within our budget, then we have one year in which to do it."

According to the other co-chairman, Mr. James Krider, the evaluation is not only essential in terms of getting Riley accredited, but it is also beneficial for other reasons. "I think because we're having outsiders come and evaluate, we've managed to get some equipment that we couldn't get before—like movie projectors," he said. Mr. Kuharic seemed to agree, saying, "When we painted last year, the school corporation was kind of helping us by making the school look a little bit nicer."

## What's Up Front

### Riley pin winners

High grades are hard to come by, and Riley students who have achieved this excellence will be rewarded at the annual Honors Breakfast on March 9.

Those honored have met the grade point qualifications for their 75-76 school year grades. For a student who had four solid subjects, the point minimum is 14; for five solids it is 18; for six solids 21 points; and for seven solids 24.

The breakfast will be held in the cafeteria during first hour with Principal Warren Seaborg awarding commemorative pins to the winners. Parents of the students are also invited.

### Help for students . . .

Students needing help with writing or researching term papers are now in luck. The newly formed writing lab, sponsored by the English department, is designed to help students with just that.

Students may see Mrs. Fran Smith first hour in room 230, Mrs. Sandra Hojnacki second hour in room 227, or Miss Gloria Murphy third hour in room 226.

### . . . and for teachers

Teachers: did you ever wish you had a personal secretary to take care of your correspondence? Well, your wish has been granted.

Mrs. Christine Buczynski's advanced shorthand class will be available to take dictation during first hour on March 8 and 9.

Mrs. Buczynski said that she is doing this to provide her students with "realistic" on-the-job dictation, and urges teachers to take advantage of these two days of service.

"The students," she said, would be able to take dictation and immediately transcribe it into typewritten material. However," she added, "please keep in mind that they will be able to type only during first hour."

Teachers interested in getting a student to help them on either of the appointed days are asked to contact Mrs. Wallace or put a note in her box stating the nature of the correspondence to be given.

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## Co-op students receive honors

By Jim Miller

Cooperative Education students recently took part in district or regional contests, with 21 Riley winners qualifying for state competition in the next few weeks.

Thirteen of these will go to Indianapolis March 18-20 for state competition sponsored by Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). They qualified at the District II contest Feb. 15 at Scottsdale Mall. District II includes schools from the South Bend area, Elkhart, Jim'town, Wawasee, and Warsaw; and judges picked the five best students from each event to represent the district. Riley's students named were as follows:

Debbie Reed, first in advertising layout; Celeste Toth and Toni Woods, second and third, respectively, in job interview; Joyce Brown and Grace Horvath, first and fourth in sales demonstration; Tim Wensits, first in radio commercial writing; and Sheila Scott, fifth in supermarket cashiering.

Also a third place was won by the decision-making team in merchandising

composed of Dave Theuerl, Roger Lundh, and Greg Zeigert; and a fifth place by the decision-making team in human relations (Mike Weides, Marty Mure, and Gary Simcox). Mr. James Fenters is coordinator for DECA at Riley.

Seven Riley Cooperative Office Education (COE) students participated in the regional contest Feb. 11 at Washington High School, along with other students from St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Kosciusko, and Fulton Counties. First, second, or third place winners qualified for state competition April 2-3 in Indianapolis. All seven entries from Riley were winners, and four qualified for state.

Paula Lamar was second in job application and third in Shorthand II;

Jennie Keresztesi, second in office communications; Andrea Popielski, second in Shorthand I; Mike Shultz, fourth in Accounting II; Sharon Brown, sixth in Accounting I; and Debbie Mueller, sixth in records management. Mrs. Bernice DeVries is COE coordinator.

On Feb. 19, Michigan City was the scene of the annual ICT Regional Skill Olympics Competition. According to Mr. Robert Mammolenti, Riley's coordinator of Industrial Cooperative Training (ICT), about a third of all the high schools in Indiana were involved in the event.

Riley's Lynn Allison won honors in the medical lab division, thus qualifying for state competition March 19 in Indianapolis.

## Riley's seven in NMS finals

Seniors Ilene Alvear, David Jacobi, Kelly Murphy, Alan Petersburg, Sue Wells, Ted Sternberg, and Larry Wolff have been named National Merit Scholarship Finalists for Riley's 1977 graduating class. Last fall, these seven students were named semi-finalists.

Finalists were selected as a result of their PSAT and SAT scores as well as self-descriptive themes.

The National Merit Scholarship Board will now determine which finalists out of the entire nation will be awarded scholarships. Only 25 percent of the finalists, or 3,800 out of 14,000, will receive scholarships. In 1977, the total amount of money offered by the National Merit Program is about \$11,000,000.



UGLY COUPLE WINNERS Kym Reznik and Mauri VanNevel pause to survey their funds as senior Karlyn Krepel makes a donation. Photos by Craig Landis

By Emily Rosenstock

**S**pirit Week began this year on Feb. 22 with a pep breakfast for the swim team, and ended March 4 with a color day when all students wore blue and gold. Other activities included hall decorations, Class Dress-up Day, 50's Day, and skits. An addition to the usual Spirit Week activities was the senior class's ugly-couple contest.

The ugly-couple contest was started as a Riley tradition this year to help the seniors with their prom expenses. Ten seniors dressed up and asked students to contribute money to the "ugliest" couple. The five couples included Bob Leonard and Jill Hanna, Dennis Sill and Karen Jones, Jim Greulich and Jennie Keresztesi, Todd Mabray and Tami Wilson, and Maury Van Nevel and Kym Reznik.

Maury and Kim won the contest by collecting \$62.97. Kym raised \$52.07 of that by herself. The contest netted \$165.08 in all.

Riley continued another tradition by having a pep breakfast for the swim team before they left for the state swim meet on Feb. 22. The breakfast was prepared by Riley teachers, and the pep band provided the entertainment. WSBT's Sam Smith gave a short speech, and Coach Dave Dunlap spoke and introduced the team. Each swimmer's guardian angel presented her swimmer with a towel that had 'Riley Swim' and the swimmer's name embroidered on it.

Each class was given its own hall to decorate for the hall contest. The sophomores had the first floor, the seniors

the second, and the juniors the third. The sophomores' theme was "Sophomores on the move." The juniors' was "Juniors Advertise Their Spirit," and the seniors' was "The Warren Awards." Money was brought to homerooms to pay for the decorations, and a record total of \$313.73 was collected. The sophomores collected \$102.90. Their high homeroom was Miss June Waterman's with \$10.90. The juniors collected the most money with a total of \$113.91, and Mrs. Carol Wallace's homeroom was highest with \$10. The seniors collected a total of \$96.83. Mr. Thomas Hoyer's homeroom was the highest with \$13.84.

There were three different dress-up days for Spirit Week. On Tuesday, each class had a different theme. Sophomores dressed as engineers, juniors as clowns, and seniors in hats, sunglasses, tee-shirts, and ties. Wednesday was 50's day, with students donning clothes from the 50's; and Friday was color day, in which all students and faculty were to wear blue and gold.

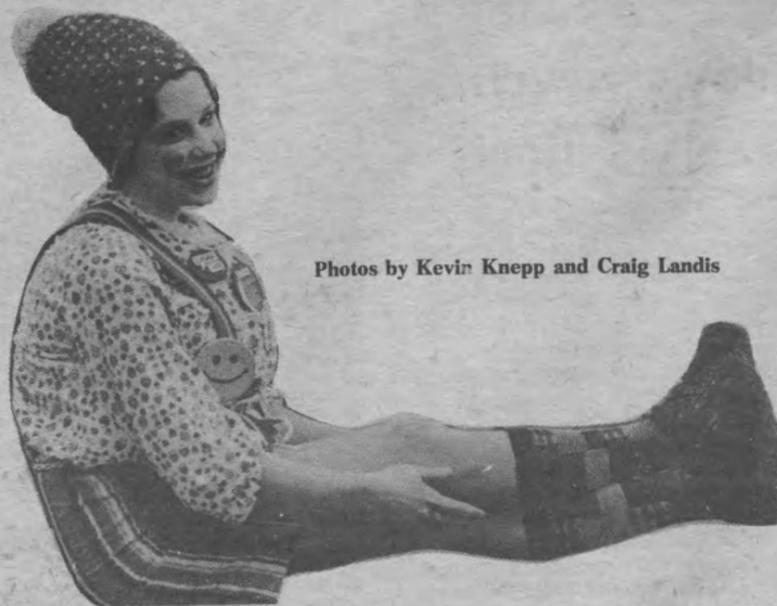
The basketball team played its opening game of the sectional Wednesday at the ACC. Wednesday morning, a pep assembly was held to honor the boys' basketball, girls' basketball, wrestling, and girls' and boys' swim teams. During this assembly, class skits were performed, and the winners of the class skits and hall decorations, and ugly couples' contests were announced.



**FOLLOWING THE TRIUMPH** of the senior class, [winning both the skit and hall decorating contests] senior class president Jim Greulich shakes hands with comrade Bob Leonard. Jim's tux got a bit messy when he caught a stray pie intended for a sophomore during the senior skit. [upper [clockwise from bottom] Junior Anne Oswald "sits on it" as a clown on class day. A junior trash can professes, "Riley makes you feel good all over." Stew Herczeg prepares to climb aboard the sophomore train. Industrious sophomores take time out from decorating the first floor for frosty libations from McDonalds.



# SPIRIT WEEK - - 1977



Photos by Kevin Knepp and Craig Landis

**M**r. Wally Gartee, Director of Human Resources, would like to thank the following people for their support of Spirit Week: The faculty and staff who helped with the boys' swim team and girls' basketball breakfasts, the staff who helped judge the hall decorations and skits, Mrs. Claus and the Riley Review for their support and coverage of Spirit Week, Mr. Schertz, Mr. DeShone and the bands that played at the breakfasts and pep assembly. Mr. Gartee also complimented the student body for the respect for property that they exhibited by leaving the hall decorations in place this year.

# Spring . . .

## Time to get those ol' muscles in shape

By Anne Oswald

After nearly three months under a white snow cover, a spring relief appears to be getting closer. Although that first robin has yet to be spotted, there are scattered patches of brown grass amidst the melting snow.

For some, however, spring is coming too soon. Visions of long, hard before and/or-after-school practices creep into their heads. Many athletes wonder how out of shape they will be at the beginning of the spring sports season.

Other students are thinking of having to get into a bathing suit or a pair of short shorts and again wondering what kind of shape they'll be in after a long winter of eating, sleeping, and lack of exercise. For some, the new season is a solution to the problem. Jane Axelberg said she is "ready for tennis to start so I won't go home from school and eat like I usually do."

But not everyone is looking forward to spring practices. Aching arm, leg, and stomach muscles were frequent complaints heard after the girls' tennis marathon. What is the answer for these out-of-shape-spring-sporters?

Pre-season training is one possible solution. The boys' track team began official practice on Feb. 14, although some of the team ran all winter to keep in shape. John Butterworth said he was one of the lazier members, having started running just this past month. The baseball team has been lifting weights before school all winter to get ready for the season.

For those who are less exercise-oriented, a food consumption cut-back appears to be the only other answer to winter's end and commencement of the new season of warmer weather, new sports, and less clothing!



## PVE coordinates school and work

By Anne Oswald

For most people, school and work are two different things, but for Pre-employment Vocational Experience (PVE) students, punching in and out of school on a time clock is "all part of the job." PVE, a program designed to help these students reach their occupational potential, is run in all South Bend public high schools.

These kids experience the working world, so that they're ready to support themselves....

Class work specifically prepares students for their jobs, to which many of them go in the afternoon. One of their team teachers, George Orfanos, states that each student goes for an interview and fills out an application, thus experiencing the first and very important phase of employment.

Most students work at food-related businesses. Students working in the school

cafeteria bringing trays and silverware and washing dishes are PVE students working for money and job experience.

Before any pay-check can be cashed, a budget form must be filled out by the student and signed by PVE teachers Mr. Orfanos, Mrs. Lillian Moss, and Mrs. Cynthia Morgan. On this form the student writes out how much money is to be spent and on what, such as clothes, spending money, room and board (each student pays his parents a maximum of five dollars a week), and how much is to go into the bank (the minimum is 25 percent.)

"What we're mainly concerned about," Mr. Orfanos said, "is that these kids experience the working world, so that they're ready to support themselves when they have to."

All the teachers feel that the program has generally been a success. The students learn not only to do the work but to be on time, dress properly, and have good work attitudes, all of which are vital to getting and holding a job.



A P.V.E. student works in cafeteria.

Parents of Riley juniors and seniors interested in planning the after-prom parties are encouraged to attend a meeting on March 10, at 7 p.m. in the Riley cafeteria. After-proms must be supervised by parents and not the school, according to a corporation rule.

## Few scholarships still available

Applications are still being accepted for the following scholarships (Deadline for applying for each is in parentheses):

Medical Technology Scholarship, (March 4), Juliana Club Scholarship (Girls), (March 4), St. Joseph County Scholarship, (March 15), Monroe PTA Scholarship, (April 1), Home Builders Scholarship, (April 1), Panhellenic Scholarship, (March 10), and Szalay's Custom Tailoring Scholarship, (March 31).

Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Scholarship (April 1), Merit Awards for Minority Students in Engineering at Purdue University (March 11), Simon Scholarship (March 31), Bowsher Scholarship (March 31), Bryan Scholarship (Scouting), (March 31) and Franklin College Merit Scholarship, still available.

United Steel Workers of America (sons, daughters) (March 25), Oliver School PTA Scholarship, (April 1), House of James Beauty College Scholarship, (May 1), Niccum Scholarship, (April 15), Chopin Fine Arts Scholarship, (March 31).

Seniors interested should consult the green folders available in senior English and social studies classes.

## Shades of Clarence Darrow . . .

By Nancy Gardner

I'd always wanted to be a lawyer and there was my first case. I had to co-defend Eugene Debs against the Pullman Sleeping Car Company. The charge was violation of the Sherman anti-trust act in conspiring to inhibit commerce between states. I had to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the defendant was innocent.

Trail preparation was long and tedious. Pages of notes had to be taken on the circumstances leading up to the riot on July 7, 1894 in Chicago. Reading, writing, conferring, and selecting witnesses were the next steps. Then the witnesses had to be briefed on the case and given information specifically for their character.

Gathering evidence was more chilling since not many people from 1894 still have snapshots of their most memorable riot. But attorneys know where to look --- in history books --- and the evidence was found.

Strategy conferences were next. Always trying to get the edge and put the prosecution on the defensive seemed like an excellent idea. My colleague and I spent hours planning our attack methods. On paper there was no way we could lose the case. We hoped for the same when our trail came before the bench.

The day of our case came quickly. Opening statements were exchanged. The jurors sat on the edge of their seats in anticipation of a great trial. The first witness was called, sworn in, questioned, cross-examined, and excused.

The second witness was called, sworn in, and questioned. Then was my turn to

cross-examine. I asked a leading question. The witness evaded the issue. I asked again. Once more he refused to answer specifically. I pointed this out to the jury. An objection was raised. The judge overruled. I got my answer. The witness was excused.

The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth witnesses were called and dismissed. Closing statements were emotional and pleaded for justice. The jury was dismissed, then returned. The foreman read the verdict....

This scene took place in one of Mr. Burt Breneman and Mr. Robert Taylor's U.S. History classes. Last week, in the team-taught course, students were studying union labor problems at the turn of the century. Three widely-known cases were selected to be role-played--the Pullman strike, the Homestead riots, and the Fort Motore Company strike. Student attorneys research their cases, called witnesses, and appealed to the jury. The jurors weighed the evidence and gave the verdict.

This class project was the second one this semester. The first was an ethnic group study. Many more role-playing assignments will take place throughout the rest of the year.

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## Tammy Maione selected as Hoosier State rep



Tammy Malone

Riley's 1977 Hoosier Girls State representative is junior Tammy Maione. The three alternates are Jeanene Bettner, Nancy Gardner, and Karen Swedeen.

Girls State, as well as Boys State, is made up of high school juniors that are selected by Indiana high schools. Held at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Girls State features the girls working in a mock state government system. During the week in the summer, everyone is divided into parties to run for offices.

Hoosier Girls State is paid and run by the American Legion Auxiliary. Similar programs exist in every state across the country.

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# STUDENTS SET PRECEDENTS

## Swimmers bring home pride ...

Last October when a team of young men began swimming four or five hours a day, before and after a full day of classes, a certain amount of dedication was evident.

Last week-end that same team, representing Riley in the boys' state swim meet in Muncie, Ind., clearly demonstrated just how much dedication was involved and what it could do. Rick Bohnsack, last year Riley's #3 diver, is now #3 in the state. Tim Gladura, "expected by the experts" to finish second in the state, upset Michigan City Rogers' Dave Phelps to win the state championship in the 500 free. Sophomore Kevin O'Reilly did state-qualifying time for the first time in his life two weeks ago in the sectionals. Feb. 26 Kevin placed sixth in the state.

These three people are only part of the team Riley has to be proud of. Besides the other seven swimmers who earned points for Riley in the state meet are the ones who swam in dual meets and continued to practice with and support their team the entire season. It's difficult to express the pride we feel for our boys' swim team. We can only look back on a long season for which team members, coaches, parents, "guardian angels," and avid fans can now sigh and know what it's all about.

## Uglies look good

We take traditions for granted. We know, of course, that they must have been originated somewhere, by someone, but we never bother to find out who or how.

We don't even think about what those "pioneers" endured to initiate a tradition; the perseverance that must have kept them going to follow through on their ideas.

An example of this perseverance is the ugly couples contest at Riley.

Last week these students donned mismatched clothes and carried cans around begging "alms" for the senior class.

Many seniors don't appreciate the time and effort they spent in starting this tradition and helping raise money for the prom.

Many students complain that nothing is being done by the senior class; yet when there have been fund-raising projects nobody shows up.

These students, then, are to be commended. At least they are doing something that will benefit their entire class, and they are initiating a new tradition in the process.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

If anyone has ever experienced the IUSB or Notre Dame libraries, he knows that in comparison, the Riley High School Library is a jungle.

The fault doesn't lie with our librarians, who do a great job, but with the inconsiderate students who use it as a lounge or napping area.

The solution seems to lie in a change in policy of admittance. We hope that, with the cooperation of the teachers, that students won't be allowed in the library unless they have a reason other than socializing.  
J.A.M. and K.A.V.

Dear Editor,

Last week during the swim team breakfast, someone pulled a false fire alarm. Not only was this annoying to the students who were there, but also to many parents who were there.

Pulling the fire alarm is never a wise idea, but this time it really showed bad taste. The noise detracted from Coach Dunlap's speech and also from the whole breakfast. This shows a great lack of maturity on the part of some students at Riley.  
Swim Team Fan

## From the editor's desk



Dear Readers,

This month brings March winds and the North Central Evaluating committee (see pg. 1.) not to mention Spirit Week (see pg. 2).

Some other Happenings:

**SMITH DONS CHIC CHAPEAU.** When WSBT's "Big Sam" Smith visited Riley last week to speak at the pep breakfast held for the swim team, he was presented with a most interesting gift—a fanciful hat. The donor: senior Jim Greulich who, incidentally, has a penchant for head gear himself. He says, "Every year my parents get me a hat for Christmas." Guess he decided to share the wealth.

**AND THAT SAME MORNING.** While multi-talented Riley social studies teacher Mr. Thomas Hoyer was doubling as a super-chef at the pep breakfast, he had a slight mishap. He dropped one of the breakfast sausages into the hot cocoa, and, after retrieving it, was surprised to find that it tasted good (like Reese's peanut butter cups—he discovered "two great tastes that taste great together") and, by his own admission "found it necessary to drop a few more in the cocoa before the end of the breakfast."

### FEE COLLECTIONS...

## New method 'tremendous success'

Where once parents were deluged with computer readouts for unpaid book fees, it is now the students who will be held responsible.

This year is the first time all the schools in the South Bend Community School Corporation have used this new method of collection, and according to Assistant Principal Mr. Joseph Kuharic, it's been "a tremendous success."

What the new method does is save the school corporation considerable time and money by putting the responsibility for collection on the individual schools. The schools, in turn, turn the duty of collection over to the homeroom teachers.

According to Mrs. Jane VandeWalle, bookstore clerk, "the unpaid fee list was getting so high last year that it was almost

**HOOSIER POETRY.** The 1977 Hoosier Poet goes off to the printers in San Angelo, Texas, this weekend, according to faculty adviser Mrs. Lois Claus. Under the new leadership of Junior Linda Vanderheyden (replacing January Grad Julie Bonewitz) the yearbook promises to be a good one. After a brief rest the staff will begin work on spring supplements to be inserted before the book is distributed around June 3. A few extras were ordered, and names are being accepted for a waiting list—so buy now in Room 301 if you want to get one.

**REMATCH PLANNED FOR ROUGH-AND-READY RILEY-ETTES.** Junior and senior girls are scheduled to battle each other one more time on April 13 at Jackson Field. According to Human Resources Director Mr. Wally Gartee, the first powderpuff football game netted \$500 for the school corporation's unified athletic fund. Proceeds from the rematch will also go to this fund. Senior Kim Wagner is chairman of the rematch. Anyone interested in signing up should see her or Mr. Gartee in the Office of Human Resources. \*\*\* *Kimberly Weyton*

inoperable—that is, we didn't have enough money to pay for books. If we don't collect enough money we suffer."

Mrs. VandeWalle said there are distinct advantages to the new system.

"We are in closer contact with the students and the family," she said, "and consequently we have collected more than we have in the past."

In the first semester alone, Mrs. VandeWalle said that over \$9,000 was collected, thus supplying Riley with the necessary funds to buy many needed books and materials.

Mrs. VandeWalle noted that some dissenting opinion was present when the decision to change over to the new method was made. For example: a few homeroom teachers didn't like collecting the fees. "But," she was quick to add, "most say it

## Rileyites go to Speech Sectional

Students from Riley speech and debate classes are scheduled to participate in the Indiana High School Forensic Association's annual speech sectionals to be held March 12 at Concord High School.

The seven categories to be represented are: Boys' Extemporaneous—Pat Watkins, David Jacobi, and Dan Peters; Girls' Extemporaneous—Tammy Maione, Kelly Murphy; Poetry—Claire Donohue, Dale Welling, Randy Reznik; Radio—Ed Anderson, Joe Hennessy, Barry Brumer; Impromptu—Tom Primrose, Dan Mariotini, Mauri VanNevel; Original Oratory—Jim Greulich, Tim Bennett, Alan Brown; Discussion—Larry Crone, Bill Jacobi, Ted Sternberg.

## Truancy problem increasing

A problem supposedly done away with some time ago at Riley is now cropping up once more: truancy.

According to Assistant Principal Mr. Joseph Kuharic, more and more students are skipping out of homerooms and assigned study halls.

One possible cause for this could be a laxness on the part of the teachers taking attendance, a problem that has been corrected considerably recently. Also, there has been a crackdown on students who violate the attendance rules, with possible suspensions lurking ahead for repeated violators.

Mr. Kuharic said, "we hate to go this route because putting them out because of (missing) a homeroom or study hall will make them miss class work."

Mr. Kuharic adds that he can't see any reason for students to skip homerooms and study halls. "The homerooms are only called when we have some important

business to transact, such as the ordering of senior announcements, cap and gown measurements, and collection of fees," he said. "When students are assigned to a study hall, they don't have to just sit in there like their moms and dads had to—they can go to the library."

Mr. Kuharic also explained that, in 1972 when he and Principal Warren Seaborg first came to Riley they went around and talked to some of the students and parents to find out what they liked and disliked and any suggestions they might have.

"What everybody hated," he said, "was the 20-minute homeroom every day. So we took it out, added the longer passing period between first and second hour, and shortened the school day from 3:15 to 3: p.m. dismissal."

"If we don't get a better response from the kids," he concluded, "we're going to have to go back to the everyday homerooms and stricter study halls."

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OPINIONS DIVIDED

# ISCS Program / Cornerstone or stumbling block?

By Tery Hudson

The ninth grade science program, Independent Science Curriculum Study, is a subject of controversy. While Riley teachers say it may be causing scheduling problems, and many current sophomores say they believe the course was a waste of time, its proponents at Clay have a different opinion.

The Clay schools have had the ISCS program going for five years, and their teachers are agreed that it has generated student interest. Said Mary Short, science teachers at Clay High, "Our enrollment in the biology program has doubled. I don't think the course has discouraged the non-academic student from taking further science classes; all the program did was change the year and course of the graduation requirement."

Ronald Tuttle, science teacher at Jackson Middle, says he thinks this is a good course for those interested in taking just the requirement because "as a last-year course, it gives students a variety of sciences."

The ninth grade class studies genetics, astronomy, meteorology, and other

sciences. For this reason, Mr. Tuttle says the course serves as a good introduction to either biology or earth science.

Mr. Tuttle said the course is lab-centered. It is more interesting, he believes, because "there's more activity, not just listening to the teacher or answering questions from a book."

"The philosophy of ISCS is that you work at your own rate," said Tuttle, "and those who are not self-disciplined have problems." His class covers one unit per grading period, and when that time is over the entire class moves on to the next unit regardless of whether everyone is finished with the former one. "I don't think this is wrong," said Tuttle, "because the students that are lagging wouldn't apply themselves anyhow."

The course seems to be an interesting one. It has a variety of subject matter; it is lab-centered, and a student can work at his own pace. But Riley sophomores are voicing objections.

Sophomore Jerry Trapp said, "The course was confusing because it was so diversified; we were always changing books."

"It was a waste of time," said Tricia Grogan. "There was no point to our activities."

Craig Landis said, "Working on your own was bad, because if you didn't work to work you didn't have to."

Sophomore John Berners came to Riley last year for biology instead of taking ninth grade science. "That course (ninth grade) is obviously not necessary for the understanding of biology," he said.

The fact that students are not given the opportunity to take biology at Jackson their first year is what's bothering Riley science teachers. Mr. John Koellner, chemistry teacher, said, "Those who have the ability to take biology should do so. It would be nice if the middle school would offer an alternative."

Mr. Koellner said taking ISCS the first year may be creating a schedule problem for those who would normally take four years of a science. "Students have the same number of classes to take," he said, "but one less year to get them all in."

Mr. Tuttle at Jackson, however, sees students as gaining a year of science

because of ISCS. "They usually wait until tenth grade to start a science anyway," he said.

Mr. John Clayton, Riley teacher of physics and earth science, is a strong believer in the lab-centered program. "If they are doing their job in the middle school, more kids will go on in science because they'll be turned on."

According to Joan Kowal, teacher from Clay Middle, the Chemistry program at Clay High has tripled. She said ISCS is a package program. "You are given equipment and class plans, but there are still many things unsettled." She stresses that even though students work on their own, the course is not self-pacing and self-motivating. The teacher must exert pressure to make sure students do the work.

The program has been at Jackson for one year. Only more years will tell whether the program works for Jackson and Riley. But Mrs. Kowal said at the start there was confusion at Clay, also. "The first year was hard," she said. "It took so much time to get everything organized---it still does."

## Rocky: old dreams, new goals

After seeing "Rocky," you can understand why it received ten Academy Award nominations. The plot is an old dream; a thirty-year-old underdog boxer gets to fight the world champion. But Rocky's goal is not to prove to the world he's a good boxer; it's to prove it to himself.

Even with an old "Cinderella" plot, the movie comes off realistically. Filmed in the ghettos of Philadelphia, it has some good photography and great characters.

The thing that makes the movie so successful is the development of the main character, Rocky Balboa, played by Sylvester Stallone. A soft-spoken, soft-hearted guy, Rocky has class but lives in a shabby flat and works as a "collector" for a

loan shark.

After watching him for the first thirty minutes, you feel you've known him all your life, and what's more, you care about him. Through the movie your faith in him builds, which makes the ending believable.

Rocky's girlfriend, Adrienne, the stereotype of the shy spinster librarian (except that she works in a pet shop), is soon brought out of her shell by the boxer. Talia Shire (Adrienne) could have acted this part to its potential, but unfortunately the script doesn't leave her too many lines after she and Rocky get together.

Rocky (known as the Italian Stallion in boxing rings) gets his big break when Apollo Creed, world heavyweight champion, wants to have a bicentennial

promotional fight. Apollo, played by Carl Weathers, has a character not unlike Ali---complete with tiresome rhymes and showmanship. By freak "luck," none of Apollo's opponents can make it, so he decides to fight a local unknown.

Since America is the land of opportunity, Apollo is "giving" someone a chance for the world title.

Rocky trains for the fight, and somehow, the musical score, Maynard Ferguson's "Gonna Fly," makes even slum scenes and sweat seem dramatic.

The training builds to the climatic fight. The film ends rather melodramatically, yet realistically. Rocky never wins or loses, but through an old dream he achieves a new goal.

"A GOOD SIGN"

## Washington reporter still optimistic about POLITICS

By Tery Hudson



My name is Jimmy Carter,  
I always tell the truth.  
And everytime I tell a lie,  
I grow another tooth.

"Despite Watergate, I think the system is working." This is an unusual statement, especially from an investigative political reporter. But James R. Polk, of NBC, said it. Two weeks ago he spoke at I.U.S.B.

A veteran of political reporting, Mr. Polk worked on the "Washington Star" for fifteen years, and has been with NBC for two years. He has won a Pulitzer Prize for reporting, and worked on the Watergate break-in.

"Sometimes there is a disability of Congress to know the ethical expectations of the public," he said. But as a whole, Mr. Polk thinks our political system is getting better. "The people in government are more conscientious and responsible, and they have more integrity than ever before," he said, "and I think it's a good sign. It shows the public wants more from its government. People want officials who will serve the public before themselves."

On the subject of the recent pay increase for congressmen, Mr. Polk said he thinks they deserve it. "A travel allowance is necessary too," he said. "You need to know what's on their minds, and heaven knows they need to know what's on yours." He also suggested that a raise will discourage congressmen from taking other "jobs," such as corporation directorships.

I figured out that the pay raise will cost as much as Barbara Walters makes in a year," he said, "and surely Congress is worth that much."

Mr. Polk gave his impression of Miss Walters. "She is the type of person that makes you want to chortle at her mistakes," he said.

"Once, at an airport, she was able to get in a few questions to the Fords. She pushed past the secret service men to get her interview, with a camera crew---they turned out to be from CBS," he chuckled.

Another famous personality Mr. Polk spoke of was President Carter. He said Carter is capitalizing on his image of the common man, but he is really cold-blooded and pragmatic.

"It's too early to tell," said Polk, "but Jimmy Carter has the seeds of being a good president." He quoted a jingle by political humorist Mark Russell: "My name is Jimmy Carter/ I always tell the truth/ And everytime I tell a lie/ I grow another tooth."

"Carter hasn't changed the Washington press too much---although NBC is trying to get me to sign off as Jimmy Polk."

Polk said today the role of the press is ill-defined. "Democracy is based on an informed public," he said, "and that makes the public dependent on a very imperfect medium." He holds that the media should not crusade, reform or predict the outcome. "The press should be nothing more than a membrane, taking news to the people." Polk thinks the tendency is that the press can think it's necessary to prod public opinion, but the media should just "let the chips fall where they may."

The perfect example of this is Watergate," he said, "The papers never read, 'Nixon tied to break-in; therefore he should be impeached.' The media just told the facts- and the public acted. Nixon was a victim of himself."



"The public is the final repository to make decisions, but secrecy in government takes away that right," he added.

Editor's note: James Polk is a native of Vincennes, Ind., and has a B.A. in government from I.U.

# Senior secretary sees job as teaching preparation Davis new hall guard

By Matt Brokaw

By Tery Hudson



JEAN MONTGOMERY goes through a file at her desk at the Tribune. Photo by Kevin Knepp.

Can business and teaching be related? They are for senior Jean Montgomery. She has a job doing secretarial work at the South Bend Tribune and she says it's helping her prepare for a career in teaching small children.

"Some day I would like to set up my own nursery school," said Jean, "and for that I'd need a lot of business background."

Jean started taking business classes in high school because she knew the teaching field was over-crowded. "But I've always loved little kids," said Jean, "and teaching was always in the back of my head."

"After taking three years of business classes I got into COE, because I knew it was a good place to get a job," she said. Jean's job involves everything from making credit checks on ad placers to selling "Tribune" tumblers. "I wouldn't enjoy it so much if I didn't like all the people I meet," said Jean.

One of the things Jean doesn't like is calling advertisers whose bills are due. "Sometimes it's a big temptation to tell off nasty people," says Jean, "while other times if I can't help a customer I feel bad." But this part of her job has also taught her something she thinks will help her in teaching patience. "I've learned not to lose my temper," she said, "and that's really important."

Jean will enter Ball State this fall to major in pre-school education and minor in business. "My job helps me again," said Jean. "I'm saving for college."



## Quill and Scroll

Seven staff members of Riley student publications have been invited to join Quill and Scroll, International Honorary Society for High School Journalists. They are Judy Balaban, Nancy Gardner, Bill Jacobi, Kevin Knepp, Victor Sulok, Kim Vanderwall, and Mary Zilkowski.

Requirements set by the Society are superior work on the high school newspaper and/or yearbook and a ranking in the upper third of the class, either for the year of their election or for the cumulative total of high school work.

New members will be inducted March 9 in a candlelight ceremony at the home of the publications adviser, Mrs. Lois Claus. They will be honored at the annual Press Dinner in May.

A recent addition to the Riley staff is Mr. Gene Davis, a hall monitor who has already been given a special nickname. He admits that some students know him better as "Kojak."

Mr. Davis came to Riley during this semester to replace Mrs. Alease Mitchem. An average day has Mr. Davis arriving here at 6:45 a.m. and leaving the school about 3:15 p.m. Then he goes to the Post Office where he has worked since his graduation from Riley in 1959.

He recalled that in his school days "we had pep rallies every Friday on the hill, where the gym is now." They also had a little bit more spirit, Mr. Davis said. When a student earned a letter for a sport, he had the opportunity to join the Lettermen Club. "The Lettermen Club," said Mr. Davis, "along with the Boosters Club, planned all pep assemblies and the players got up to lead a cheer."

They also had large banners in the hall with all the players' names. Everybody knew who was on each team, according to Mr. Davis, but now the students say "Go swim team," but do not know who is on the team.

When Mr. Davis was attending Riley, he had Mr. James Whitmer and Mr. Steve Horvath as teachers. The present Jackson Middle School principal, Mr. John Byers, was the principal at Riley then. "The art room was the office and the cafeteria was the gym," said Mr. Davis. The rules were also more strict when he attended the school.

Every hall monitor is an employee of the South Bend Community School Corporation and is expected to work where monitors are needed. Mr. Davis is not sure where he will be next year, but he will be promised a job in the corporation when his contract is renewed. "I hope I'll have a job here," said Mr. Davis, "because I graduated from here."

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## Skiing down fairways?

By Matt Brokaw

Having a weekend with little money, and plenty of time can be troublesome to every high school student. Almost everything that is entertaining to a student costs money and boredom sets in after several hours.

One of the fastest growing winter sports, cross country skiing, is both entertaining and economical for high school students. Cross country skiing does not require a trip to a park or resort like down-hill or alpine skiing or the money down-hill takes.

Cross country skiers, like German teacher Mrs. Barbara Rhoadarmer and French teacher Miss Mary Ellen Schlater, often ski in open fields near their homes or at a local golf course. Erskine golf course has had many families skiing up and down the hills every weekend. The families are able to ski together because cross country skiing does not cost much.

Cross country skis are made of fiberglass or wood and are approximately one foot taller than the skier and about three inches wide. The length of the ski allows the skier to stay on top of deep snow, while their width allows him to move straight forward with less friction and weight. Fiberglass skis are usually no-wax, but the wooden ones need to be waxed every time the

temperature or condition of the snow changes.

Mrs. Rhoadarmer enjoys cross country skiing with her family on golf courses whenever she gets the chance. She has been skiing for three years. Miss Schlater, on the other hand, is just in her first year. She took a course in cross country skiing at IUSB. Some skiers have never taken a course or had an instructor, because the sport is easy to learn by doing it.

Bendix Woods has trails open to cross country skiers free, but charges \$4 on week nights and \$6 on weekends for ski rentals. When renting from Bendix Woods, the skier must stay in the park, but other places in the South Bend area rent with no limit as to where the skier may go.

Sierra Sports and Think Snow Ski Shop both rent for a price close to that of Bendix Woods, while the Outpost Trading Company and Brown's Sporting Goods rent for a higher price.

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# Wildcats finish regular season with 9-10 record

By Brian Wantuch

The Riley basketball team ended their regular season with a 71-62 victory over Penn on Feb. 25. The 'Cats started their post-season competition in the South Bend Sectional on Wednesday against Adams. The game was a re-match of a Feb. 23 contest which Adams won 90-76.

If Riley won their sectional opener Wednesday, they will play the winner of Wednesday's second game between Mishawaka and Washington today at 7 p.m. A report on the sectional will be in the next issue of the Riley Review.

Riley's 6-7 junior center David Scott leads all sectional scorers with an 18.7 scoring average and 356 total points scored. In the final four games of the year he has scored a total of 117 points.

Washington and LaSalle are the powerhouses in this year's sectional. Riley has lost to both but by only a total of 7 points. The Cats' lost a two-point game to LaSalle earlier this season (65-63) while

Washington defeated Riley 68-63. The Wildcats compiled a 2-5 record against sectional opponents this year.

The Penn victory brought the 'Cats to a regular season record of 9-10. David Scott's 27-point game and the team's ability to turn Penn turnovers into points were the keys. Team speed keyed the fast break game employed by Riley. Scott's 15 rebounds usually started a running offense.

The 'Cats out-rebounded Penn 43-32. Leading 49-45 at the end of the third quarter, the Wildcats went to a four-corner offense, occasionally and shot only high percentage shots. The slow-down game gave the 'Cats the chance to pull away. Gerald Harris scored 12 points and Jon Clay had 10.

Riley was defeated by Adams on Feb. 23, 90-76. Riley was out-rebounded by Adams, 62-35, which was the key to the Adams victory. Adams led after the first period 13-12. In the second quarter the Eagles went on a scoring rampage, scoring 25 points to Riley's 11.

During the third quarter Adams ran their lead up to 23 points with a 32-point third period. Greg Williams and Gerald Harris scored 11 and 10 respectively in the last period to make the score respectable. Williams was high scorer for Riley with 21 points.

David Scott hit on 37 and 39 points respectively against Michigan City Elston on Feb. 18 and against Gary Wallace on Feb. 15 to lead Riley to two victories. In the 89-79 win over Elston, Scott hit on 24 from the floor and a perfect 13 for 13 from the free throw line. He also had 13 rebounds. The team hit on 21 of 23 free throws in one of the key stats of the game.

Riley pulled out a 68-66 decision against Gary Wallace on Feb. 15. Scott scored his 39 points on 16 field goals and seven free throws, he also grabbed 21 rebounds. The final period started tied at 50-50. With :59 seconds left, Scott hit on a jump shot for a 68-66 lead. Wallace had two opportunities to tie but blew them both.



JUMPING HIGH, Greg Williams [45] taps the ball toward the hoop after a missed shot as David Scott [33] looks on.

## Hockey team preparing for state tourney

The Riley hockey team has its first game of the state playoffs on Mar. 12 at the Ice Box. The team will take on a powerful Elkhart Central-Memorial team whom they beat twice during the regular season. The Ice Cats are just recovering from a loss to third-ranked St. Joseph in the Michiana High School Hockey League playoffs. If the 'Cats can overcome Elkhart, they will go on to face last year's state champion, Carmel.

## Gladura wins in 500 free; 'Cats place third in state

By Craig Landis

Five months ago swimming coach Dave Dunlap reviewed the situation. Fourteen seniors gone from a state second-place team, a tradition of winning to uphold, and a winning percentage of 93 percent during the past few seasons. Everything must be fused together to come up with the best performances in the state meet five months away.

That was the first of October. After completing the season the team has

become city champs, co-conference champs, second in the sectional and third in the state meet last week at Muncie.

"I knew we could develop; our goal was the top ten in the state meet. To come away with third place is very satisfying," said Dunlap.

Riley placed third behind Munster and Adams. Every Riley swimmer who qualified for the meet placed in the top twelve in his event.

"They were very good in the state meet, a super performance, no disappointments," commented Dunlap after the meet. "To a non-swimmer it is hard to explain the feeling of being in the state meet. You had better be ready--it's a pressure cooker, a mass thrashing machine."

Tim Gladura highlighted the Riley performances by taking the 500 freestyle championship. Gladura upset the favorite, Dave Phelps of Michigan City Rogers.

"It didn't hit me that I had won until a few days ago," said Gladura. "Phelps has been a good friend of mine. I have been trying for this for four years. It's hard to say how I feel. I'm happy for the team's doing so well; it feels good to contribute."

Other Riley swimmers scoring points were Jim Fahey--eighth in the 200 medley relay, eighth 200 IM, fourth 100 backstroke; Randy Reznick--eighth 200 medley relay; Steve Hugus--eighth 200 medley relay; Bill Fahey--eighth 200 medley relay; eighth 400 freestyle relay; John Weisser--sixth 500 freestyle; twelfth 200 freestyle; John Waschkies--ninth 500 freestyle; Kevin O'Reilly--sixth 100 breaststroke; and Fred Teumac--eighth 400 freestyle.

## Athletes of the Month



One-meter diver Rick Bohnsack placed third against strong competition in the state meet last week. Rick was considered one of the favorites going into the state meet after doing well in post season competition.

Rick's third place finish came behind a record-setting performance by Chris Chelich of the defending champions Munster.



Senior Tim Gladura won the 500 freestyle race in the state swim meet last week. Tim swam the race in the time of 4 minutes 37.616 seconds, upsetting defending champion Dave Phelps of M.C. Rogers. Tim also finished third in the 200 freestyle event.



Distance freestyle swimmer John Waschkies knocked a total of 55 seconds off his 500 freestyle time and 6 seconds off his 200 time in the past two years.

In John's freshman year his time in the 500 was 5 minutes and 51 seconds. As a sophomore he had a 5:13 mark and a 1:58 in the 200. John has continued his time decline, clocking in the City meet a 4:56 in the 500 and 1:52 in the 200.

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**A HAIRY PROBLEM...**

# To layer, or not to layer, that is the question

By Liz Woyton

A few months ago, I decided to have my all-one-length hair cut shorter and styled into something more fashionable.

I got my choices narrowed down to three: the Dorothy Hamill Wedge, the Farrah Fawcett layer cut (or California cut" as the stylist liked to call it) or the newly famous Barbra Streisand frizz (the '70's version of what our mothers called a "poodle cut"). I then asked my friend, Gertrude, along to help me decide.

I was kind of partial to the Dorothy-Do, but Gertrude talked me out of it. "Listen," she said, "I don't want to be insulting but you're not exactly skinny and with that haircut you'll look like a bowling pin."

"Besides," she added, "your hair is really long, and, well . . . I knew this one girl who opted for a cut something like that. The guy just couldn't get it even all

over, so he just kept cutting and cutting, and well . . . she and I went shopping for a wig yesterday."

"Okay," I said, "what about that cute frizzy one that Barbra Streisand wears?"

"O-U-T!!" she said, "It's too dangerous." "What do you mean?"

"Well, she said, "when Martha got one, she had a terrible time. It seems that she had just gotten her hair done when she was attacked by a flying squirrel who mistook her for one of his relatives. She still has a bald spot."

"Okay, well what about the Farrah Fawcett cut?"

"It looks great on her because she has someone to do it every day," Gertie said, "but it would be pretty awful to take care of. Besides," she said, "that style is prone



to tangles and would be a real mess to comb. One girl I know just decided to quit combing between shampoos, and the last time she washed her hair she found two pairs of pantyhose and her little brother's entire matchbox car collection."

Just then, my stylist, who had kept mum up until now, spoke up. "I know of a great new cut that would be perfect for you," he said. "It's called 'the individual'--a million girls can wear it and it won't be the same on any two." I was sold.

# All the principal's men (part III)

By Jay Lerman

It was 9:10 a.m. when I finally got in my car and headed for Guttsville Lower Court (anything of significance in the town had been named after Thomas Gutt, son of a wealthy railroad magnate and winner of the 1957 National Patrol Boy competition.)

Along the way, I tried to piece together the mysterious puzzle that lay before me, but I had three key gaps in my information. I had yet to discover: 1, the reason the janitors had broken into the Education Center; 2, the person who sent them there; and 3, the nature of their mission. Perhaps the ex-engineer would be able to shed some light on these areas tomorrow in the bathroom.

I arrived at the courthouse one half hour early, and as I walked into the court room I noticed the janitors sitting by themselves at the defense table. Since there seemed to be no one else in the room, I considered this a perfect opportunity to ask the gentlemen a few questions. "Hi, you guys," I began as I approached them from behind. I watched cautiously as each man turned and looked at me with cold, indifferent stares.

"My name's--uh--Jay Lerman from the Guttman Daily Press, and I thought you might be interested in telling us your stories. You guys would get front page coverage, with pictures and everything."

Nobody moved. Finally, one of the janitors with a marine styled crew cut, managed to say, "Punk, if you don't leave this room in two seconds I'll bust your gut." Typical of the friendly staff at Guttman High School, the redneck smiled while he spoke.

"C'mon you guys," I added laughing nervously. "You and I know you were framed and this publicity might be just one thing you need. After all, why should you guys have to take the rap for somebody else's ideas?"

A huge janitor, 6 feet 5 and at least 250 lbs. looked at me with a kindly but stupid countenance. He had been nicknamed by his colleagues as "Tiny" (janitors have a lot of imagination with their nicknames), and was well-liked by most of the students at Guttman. "I think the kid speaks smart," Tiny offered. "I think we oughta tell him the truth, and let the paper print it. Besides, I never had my picture in the paper before."

"Shut up, you slob," a gray-haired janitor returned. "Don't you realize you could get us in a lot of trouble?"

"We're already in a lot of trouble," the fifth janitor offered. "I agree with Tiny--I think we should tell the public what really goes on."

"I still think we oughta bust his gut," said the crew-cut smiling. He rapped his fists against the table while he spoke; and somehow, this helped to create a slight uneasiness on my part. Maybe this investigative journalism wasn't so great after all; maybe I should listen to my Mom and be a doctor.

Tiny's eloquent words on my behalf helped to reassure me of my safety. "The kid ain't done nothin." Tiny spoke gallantly for my defense. I was confident enough now to walk up to the defense table and pull up a chair.

"Look you guys," I began with a whisper, "all you need to tell me is who set you up for this, who sent you. All I need is a name."

"We can't give you a name," the gray haired gentleman answered timidly. "You'll get us killed."

"How 'bout an initial," I asked. But then I thought about the old man's statement. "What do you mean, KILLED?" "As in dead," Tiny answered dumbly.

I could see I wasn't getting anywhere with the group as a whole. Nobody except Tiny and the fifth janitor seemed interested in talking, and even the fifth janitor was appearing to shy away from me. Secretly I made arrangements with Tiny to meet him after the trial in his cell.

As I walked away from the defense table, the bailiff and jury entered the courtroom from a side door. Interested spectators also seemed to be flowing in the main entrance; after all, this may well have been Guttman's most exciting event since the Blueberry Festival had been raided last summer for illicit bingo playing.

All rose as the judge, a surly man in his forties, entered the courtroom with a dignified strut. The bailiff proceeded to announce the charges against the janitors--breaking and entering, and carrying unauthorized brooms on city streets. I always thought the local DA was a bit nitpicky.

My turn came to testify, and as I sat down in the witness chair the prosecutor eyed me with contempt.

"Shouldn't you be in school?" the DA began in a confident voice. He had successfully prosecuted over 50 truancy cases that year alone. "Don't you realize that it is a crime to skip school?" The townsfolk of Guttman applauded the prosecutor receptively, and the judge smiled approvingly.

"But I was summoned to testify today in court," I protested.

The prosecutor looked stunned. He went back to his table and whispered to his assistant, "Aren't we prosecuting another truancy case today?"

"No," the assistant answered, "Today we're trying those five janitors."

"Really? But damn it, I don't have any brief prepared for that case. Why don't you take this one, Tom--good experience you know."

The assistant DA proceeded to take up the interrogation. I related the whole story to the court, leaving out nothing.

The defense began its cross-examination.

"How can you be sure that these were the men who broke into the Education Center? Wasn't it too dark to see anything clearly?"

"I saw those five run out of the building," I answered. "These same men were captured by the police only moments later."

The five janitors stared at me as I stepped down from the witness stand. Tiny looked hurt and repulsed, as a giant tear formed and rolled down each of his cheeks. **to be continued...**

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