

# Weighted grades to be proposed May 16

By Mary Cerny

Weighted grades awarding extra points to students in more academic courses seemed to be the answer in a recent survey conducted with 349 South Bend Community School Corporation high school teachers. Four out of five teachers who responded to the survey believed the present grading system used in the city's six high schools need a change.

Conducted by the SBCSC Committee on Weighted Grades, the survey showed that the teachers believed the current grading system lacks student motivation and "teachers dislike and deem ineffective the present policy on grading."

A majority of the high school teachers responded in favor of weighted grades. Weighted grades allow certain classes (honors or advanced-placement) that are designated to be more difficult than others to be rewarded by giving additional weight or value. The student would receive more value from the grade earned by the designated class as opposed to the present grading system where all courses (regular, honors, or advanced-placement) have the same grade values.

Mrs. Theresa Tyler, Chairman of the Committee on Weighted Grades said, "This policy encourages students to take difficult courses without ruining their grade point average because it compensates for the difficulty of the course." She

continued, "In the present system, students risk getting a 'B' in an honors or advanced-placement class which might lower their grade point average." Mrs. Tyler believes that "weighted grades allow more students to reach their full potential by taking more difficult courses without worrying about their grades."

Mr. Eugene Hudson, Math teacher of regular and honors geometry and advanced-placement Algebra-Trig said, "Weighted grades are for the academic students." Juniors Honors English teacher, Miss June Waterman also favors the weighted grades. She stated, "Some students can not make the course grade in advanced courses, so the students will not

take the course. Weighted grades allow the students to take the course and not sacrifice their grade."

The survey also showed that teachers believe honors courses should be offered in all subject areas, including Health, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Art, and Physical Education. Mrs. Tyler stated that the courses would have to "standardize the curriculum" so that "an honors course would have the same curriculum at Riley and Adams and Lasalle, etc." Based on the conclusion of the survey, the Committee on Weighted Grades will submit a model grading system with recommendations to the Board of Trustees for consideration on May 16th.

# RILEY REVIEW

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## Dave Jacobi to be guest of Carter

Senior Dave Jacobi isn't one to take things lightly--especially an invitation to be the guest of President Carter for a week.

Dave has been named a Presidential Scholar and will travel to the nation's capitol June 25 to receive the award personally from Mr. Carter. Throughout the week, Dave will attend concerts, talk to politicians, and attend other Washington social events. "I have had so many requests by people to ask the President questions, his answers would fill a book," Dave exclaimed.

The sponsor of the Presidential Scholar program is the Educational Testing Service; the same company that administers the SAT and Achievement Test programs. The 162 nation-wide students who will receive this award were chosen on the basis of eight different essays, grade averages, and recommendations from their teachers.

Dave is a member of the National Honor Society, is attending four classes at I.U.S.B., and is planning to attend Harvard in the fall. He is also one of 1,000 students nation-wide to receive the \$1,000 four-year scholarship awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Program. He plans to major in mathematics and philosophy.

## Earth Science 'up the river'

Land forms, river patterns, and the effects that the river has on the land were among the things that Mr. John Clayton's earth science classes observed while riding down the St. Joe river aboard the River Queen last Tuesday.

Tomorrow earth science classes will be observing river patterns and shore erosion along Lake Michigan and the effects that glaciers had on the land from a different viewpoint--the air. The students will spend 45 minutes aboard a charter plane flying the length of the St. Joe river to Benton Harbor. Then they will fly over Michigan City, Plymouth and then back to South Bend.

Mr. Clayton has also planned a field trip for his earth science classes to Lake Michigan on June 1. Students will spend the day collecting fossil, rock, and mineral specimens.

## Yearbook to be out June 8

The 1976-77 edition of the Hoosier Poet will be distributed to paid students on Wednesday, June 8 after school. An autograph party will immediately follow in the cafeteria free-of-charge.

A limited number of yearbooks are still available and will be sold June 8. Proms, spring sports, and commencement exercises will be included in the yearbook.

## Publications staffs named for next year

By Doug Marsh

Linda Vanderheyden and Tery Hudson will serve as editors-in-chief of the **Hoosier Poet** and **Riley Review**, respectively, for the 1977-78 school year.

During the annual Riley Press Dinner held last week at the Royal Knight Inn, this year's staff members announced their successors. In attendance were Principal and Mrs. Warren Seaborg and Assistant Principal and Mrs. Algie Oldham. Mr. Walt Collins from IUSB was the guest speaker.

Other staffers named for the Riley Review are Matt Brokaw, News Editor (in charge of pages one, two, and three); Opinion Editor, Emily Rosenstock (page 4); Barbara Witt, Feature Editor (page 5); and

Anne Oswald, Sports Editor (page 7).

Mary Cerny will be page-one editor while Jim Miller will serve as page-three editor. Sophomores Dave Irwin and Jeff Bourdon will be assistant sports editor and assistant feature editor, respectively, and Andy Riddle will be layout editor.

Present editor-in-chief Liz Woyton received the Riley Review journalism award and Brian Wantuch, sports editor, was named winner of the South Bend Tribune's Most Valuable Staffer award.

Next year's yearbook staff will include Nancy Gardner as Academics Editor; Kim Vanderwall and Edisto Horton as Boys' and Girls' Sports Editors, respectively; Carol Schraw as Senior Section Editor; Dana Roenfeldt and Andy Riddle as underclass editors; Youlanda Jamerson as

Activities Editor; Barbara Witt as Copy Editor; and Matt Brokaw as Advertising Editor. Bill Jacobi will be promotion manager. Head Photographer Kevin Knepp received the yearbook journalism award.



Linda Vanderheyden



Tery Hudson



## Mini-courses

The annual tradition of Mini-course Week continued this week at Riley. Courses offered this year included tennis at Lafayette South, with the courts and pros provided free, bowling at Chippewa Lanes, "Does God Exist?", frisbee throwing, and a new course "A Study of the Beatles." Also offered were yoga and co-ed gymnastics, above.



# 'Moral equivalent of war' policy, plans, strategy

Energy is a small word that stands for a big chunk of the American way of life. Gasoline, oil, natural gas, coal, plutonium, uranium, and solar power are energy topics that are of vital interest to the American people. President Carter's recently announced Energy Program deals with all of these fields and others such as the big car/little car tax policy.

Carter, in fact, told the American people that we must look on the energy crisis as the "moral equivalent of war" and act accordingly. Below is a seven-point program for Americans on the homefront of the Energy War.

**1. Cut down leisure time.** Leisure time is a luxury the American people cannot afford. It wastes energy and money for thousand of people to converge on one spot to watch a football or basketball game, or any other sport. It also raises people's blood pressure when they think how much these athletes are being paid--three or four times the average spectator's salary.

In order to cut down on sports watching, the federal government will increase the tax on all football and basketball tickets 50 cents for the 1977-78 season. If this tax fails to decrease the number of sports spectators by one percent of last season's (1976-77) spectators, another 50-cent increase will be tacked on the 1978-79 season. This system of additional taxes will be in effect for the next ten sports seasons, and its maximum tax would be \$5 plus the cost of the ticket (which experts predict will cost \$7 more by 1987).

**2. Rationing.** This measure was very effective in World War II, and the people's



The car everyone can afford

response should be the same in the Energy War. Presently, it is not planned to ration food, but to apply the ration to gas instead. Rationing will force people not to spend their gas frivolously by driving their flivvers everywhere. People who drive long distances to work will commute if these services are within walking distance (i.e. ten miles or less).

**3. Carpools.** Hand in hand with rationing goes kalaka-ing (carpooling). One person driving five passengers to work uses much less gas than five people driving five

different cars. It is irrelevant that most carpools drive an extra 20-50 miles in order to get all of their passengers home.

**4. Backyard oilfields.** The federal government encourages all Texans, Oklahomans, and Alaskans to purchase do-it-yourself oil discovery kits to check out their yards for possible oil deposits. These kits can be purchased from the federal government for \$120 each. City residents and apartment dwellers can obtain these kits for half price, since their backyards and/or rooftop garden plots will be smaller

than country dwellers' backyards. Residents of these states are entitled to tax credits if any oil is discovered on their property.

**5. Fire power.** The federal government is encouraging homeowners to re-adapt this old method of heating their homes. Installing and using fireplaces in all of a house's rooms will eliminate the need for heating the house by oil or natural gas. Similarly, candles and torches will reduce the average family's electric bill. Homeowners who convert to fire power will be given tax credits by the government.

**6. Vive la Volkswagen!** The President urges the American people to buy cars with high gas mileage in the city and on the highway. Unfortunately for Detroit, Ford and General Motors are still (for the most part) producing gas-guzzling, status symbol cars like Continentals and Cadillacs to match the needs of gas-guzzling, status-seeking Americans. Therefore, the only cars in America that currently meet these standards are the imports: Datsuns, Toyotas, Fiats, Opels, Volvos, and Volkswagens. Since the President is planning on giving tax rebates to owners of high mileage cars and increasing the taxes on gas guzzlers, Americans will see a lot more foreign cars on the roads.

**7. Posters and songs.** Morale-boosters such as these are significant contributions to the war effort. Government printers are currently printing special songbooks containing numbers like "Walk to Work and Pass the Ambition" and posters such as "Uncle Jimmy Wants YOU to Kalaka!"

## From the editor's desk



Dear Readers,

Mention the month of May and many things come to mind--finals: ugh! term papers (double ugh!) the finish of school, and summer looming endlessly ahead.

For juniors and seniors, however, the main preoccupation of the mind seems to center around proms; a nearly fatal disease called "PROMANIA" takes over and many a sensible person is transferred into a babbling idiot before the culmination of all the anxieties (PROM NIGHT!) finally occurs. Not to worry, though, it will pass.

While students are mainly concerned with ending this year, administration and staff members are diligently planning changes and alterations to take place next

fall. Some prospective changes at this writing are:

**KAUSS MOVES INTO NEXT CENTURY.** With the building of the new Century Center almost complete, thoughts turn to what will take place there. One likelihood is that drama teacher Mr. John H.B. Kauss will be there for half of each school day teaching a career-oriented course in drama.

**A FAREWELL TO DOWNEY.** After completing his first year at Riley, Mr. Michael Downey, English teacher, will be leaving Riley to pursue the insurance business. Guess he thought teaching wasn't a good risk.

Liz Woyton

## Gardner's outside life



John sat down to do his homework under the bright 180 watts of energy emanating from the kitchen light. Much to his dismay, the switch was hit and he sat in darkness.

"Mom! Turn the light back on, please."  
"I'm sorry dear, we must do our best to conserve energy. President Carter has just finished telling the American people how bad the energy situation is, so I thought we could sacrifice just a little."

"But ma . . ."  
"Here is a candle--careful now--only one match to light it."

"This is ridiculous. How can I see what I'm doing while this darn candle keeps flickering?"

"Please, John. Stop yelling. I am trying to watch this television program. It is part 5 of a series I've been watching for a week. I haven't missed one episode yet. I intend to keep it that way. Now hush! Oh, John, bring your mother her electric blanket. With the house set at 65 degrees now, I just freeze to death. While you are up, could you turn on the gas fireplace. Maybe that will warm my toes. Thank you. Now go back to your homework."

John settled back in to his chair and returned to his studies. Moments later he heard a familiar voice.

"John? Do me a favor and run the dishwasher."

"But it's only half full. Maybe I should . . ."

"No, no! I need the plates for a luncheon tomorrow. Run it anyway! Could you take the tablecloth that is in the washing machine and put it in the dryer, too? Set it for an hour and turn it on. Thanks, dear."

John shuffled over to the dishwasher and turned it on. Then he started the dryer and shuffled back to his chair. He resumed his work by candlelight.

During this time, the fifth episode of the T.V. program ended. The news was on next. The lead story was on President Carter's energy outlook. It appeared bleak. Following the news was the late movie, then the late, late movie. John's mother watched until the test pattern came on the air. Then she dragged herself to bed--but listened to the radio all night. John blew out the candle and felt his way along into his room.

The next morning came quickly. Inadvertantly, the gas fireplace was left

burning all night. Fortunately, no harm done. The dishes and tablecloth were clean and dry--all ready to use. John walked to school. Just after he left, his mother, in her gas-guzzling, full-sized car, drove across town to buy a special cake-mix--it was on sale.

Days similar to this went on for several weeks. Nearly a month later, the mailman brought a storehouse of bills to the residence. One was for electricity. Another for natural gas, and a third for the gasoline credit card. John's mother was flabbergasted. She had tried so diligently to follow Carter's good examples. Her thermostat was set at 65 degrees. She ran electrical appliances only when absolutely essential. She never used the car except in an emergency situation. Still, bills totaled an arm and a leg. Before her attempt to economize, the bills were half of what they were now. She vowed to keep her old cheaper habits instead of the recommended, energy-conscious, energy-wasting ones.

Nancy Gardner

## What's Up Front . . .

### Latin over German, 22-1

The Latin Club sponsored by Mr. James Stebbins thoroughly defeated the German Club in the first annual Latin Invitational Softball Championship, 22-1. The game was played at Bendix Woods County Park last Sunday afternoon. It was preceded by a picnic of both clubs. The Latin Club President, Doug Waddell, presented the championship trophy to Mr. Stebbins at their victory breakfast last Monday.

### Band ranked as superior

The Symphonic Band received a first place Superior Rating at state contest last Saturday at Elkhart Central High School.

Riley was the only Class A entry (classes are based on school enrollment) from South Bend to receive a first place rating.

The band played three selections which were critiqued by three judges and given number evaluations (7-10 first; 11-15 second). Riley received 7-point perfect ratings from two of the judges, and a 10-point rating from the third judge.

Along with these three prepared pieces, each band sight-read one piece. Riley received an 8-point sight-reading score.

### Two juniors in YFU

Juniors Julie Kwiecinski and Suzanne DuVall will become members of two separate foreign households over summer vacation through The Youth for Understanding (YFU) program.

Julie will go to Colombia, South America where she will be accepted into a family that has agreed to love, discipline, and provide for her just as if she were a member of the family. Suzanne will go to France.

YFU students are required to have at least a 3.0 grade average and at least two years of the language of their choice.

An orientation May 14 in Plymouth will let the YFU students know what kind of experiences they will be facing.

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# TV auction helps fund Channel 34

By Matt Brokaw

Nine years ago, a small group of local residents had a vision of a Public Broadcasting Station and after six years of raising funds, Channel 34 was on the air in February, 1974. To help ease the costs of running a television station, each year the station holds an auction.

This year's auction, which was held last week, had a goal of making \$105,000. The auction for this year was started soon after last year's was over. The Auction Chairman, Joseph E. Hickey, and Co-Chairman Karl G. King III set up the cabinet soon after the warehouse was closed down.

In October they got together to discuss problems and changes. During late winter, bumper stickers and posters started to appear in the area promoting the auction.

Early in February each volunteer called on five to ten businesses to attempt to get donations. The volunteers gathered all the items donated to the auction and stored them in a warehouse. The items are then recorded, coded as to retail price, and sorted as to when they will be sold. Some of the donated items have caused

a storing problem in the warehouse, like a live calf sold the first year.

Items that do not fit into any special category and for which no retail price can be established are called "priceless gifts." Last year some of the more memorable priceless gifts included four basketballs autographed by last year's undefeated national championship team from Indiana University (netted over \$1,000 total) and llama and tiger manure from the Potawatomi Park Zoo. This year's collection included such items as the pen that Governor Bowen used to sign the ERA amendment and a chance to be manager at any Notre Dame basketball home game.

The auction is just one of five ways Channel 34 has to raise non-federal funds to run the station. The auction profits make up 25 percent of the total non-federal budget and the membership makes up another 25 percent. Corporate members, Underwriters, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting make up the other half of the budget.

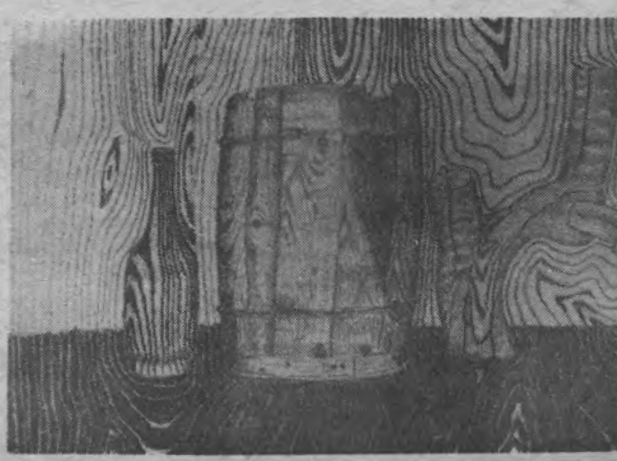
This year Channel 34 has put aside four weeks for membership drives. In the first year only 52 people were

members, but at the end of last year the total was over 4,000. According to Mr. Tom Brubaker, director and general manager for Channel 34, it hopes to have 5,000 members by the summer and sometime reach 10,000.

As the membership has increased over the past three years, so has the number of hours of programming per week. At the present time, Channel 34 is shown 90 hours, seven days a week from the Elkhart Career Center.

Public Broadcasting Stations do not have commercials to help pay expenses, so the government donates one dollar for every \$2.50 of non-federal contributions to the public station. Back in 1953, the Ford Foundation helped fund educational T.V. and start underwriters, who help to pay for a complete show. For example, the First Bank and Trust Company underwrites NOVA.

Mr. Brubaker attributes the success of Public Broadcasting Stations to the type of programming and shows. "Commercial broadcasting is based on mass audience," stated Mr. Brubaker, "while public broadcasting is based on total man."



AMONG THE WORKS exhibited, from left, are these by Brenda Vande Velde, Mary Belez, and Mark Wilson. Photographed by Kevin Knepp

## Art Briefs

The next showing of the art department's art exhibit will be Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 in the Riley cafeteria. A vocal concert, directed by Mr. Dan Miller will also be performed Thursday in the auditorium at 7:30. Tickets are available from art students and teachers for \$1.25. The exhibit will be open after school until the building closes through Thursday, May 19.

Exhibiting art classes vary from fundamentals to sculpture, ceramics, photography, and print making. Some artwork will be on sale at the price set by each student. The money will go to the artist. During the week the artwork will be judged for an award in each class. Another award will be presented as voted for by the public. Also, a non-art teacher jury will vote for the grand award winner. The awards will be with the piece of artwork by May 19.

Taking a giant step for Riley in the 50th annual National Scholastic Art Awards competition were six Rileyites.

Seniors Brian Forsberg, Dean Miltenberger and Larry Snyder were recipients of a gold medal and two honorable mention certificates respectively.

Juniors were equally represented with Josef Szaday receiving a gold medal in mixed media, and Karol Hemig and Terry Waddell each winning two honorable mention certificates.

Gold medal winners Forsberg and Szaday were two of the 390 winners in the whole country.

Riley photographers Kevin Knepp, Carl Henry and Wade Groetsch excelled in the Kodak National Photography awards. Kevin received awards in two categories; Wade and Carl each won one, giving Riley more winners in Art and Photography than any other school in South Bend.

Junior Karol Hemig is this week's artist of the week. Karol won two honorable mentions in the National Scholastic Art Contest for her ink drawings which are on display outside the art rooms on first floor. The next artist of the week will be Wade Groetsch, a senior.

The art classes are sponsoring a bus trip to Cedar Point Saturday, May 28. The cost is \$17.80 which includes \$7.50 admission and access to all rides. There are less than five seats left and a reservation can be made with a \$10 deposit. The trip is open to all students.



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# Records set by trackmen in dual meets and relays

By Jim Miller

Coach Larry Morningstar's runners are continuing to run down their opponents as the 'Cats won dual meets against Mishawaka (86-41), LaSalle (94½-32½), Michigan City Elston (73-54), and Washington (80-47). The trackmen also displayed record-breaking talent in the Goshen, Gary Andean, and Niles relays.

Riley came out of the Goshen Relays with a 45-point performance on April 23. Jon Clay set a school record in the long jump at 22 feet 4 1/2 inches. Vince Shelton placed third in the 100, with Ralph Kletka finishing third in the 440 low hurdles. The mile relay of Dietl, Johnson, Clay, and Sill, and the sprint relay of Shelton, Henry, Johnson, and Wilson finished second and third respectively. Tom Vandewalle placed a third in the shot.

Riley scored 72 points for a second place

finish in the Gary Andean Relays on April 18. Riley's field event teams scored 42 of the 72 points and all Wildcat relay teams placed in the Gary meet.

A 48-point performance earned Riley fourth place in the Niles Relays on April 30. The two-mile relay team of Clay, Butterworth, Walker, and Sill set a new Niles field record at 8:06.6. The mile relay of Dietl, Johnson, Sill, and Clay tied for first place with Niles with a time of 3:27.22. Riley's sprint relay team of Wilson, Johnson, Shelton, and Clay finished first and set a Niles field record in 1:36.0.

The mile relay team of Dietl, Johnson, Clay, and Sill set a Riley field record in the Mishawaka meet with a time of 3:27.0. In the same meet Jon Clay set a field record in the long jump at 21 feet 11 inches. Riley is now 7-1 overall and 5-1 in conference competition.

## GIRLS 5-0

# Track team carries depth; 11 qualify for sectional

Three straight victories over Memorial (70-35), Clay (88-17), and St. Joe (66-39) has given the girls' track team a perfect 5-0 record.

Teri Carlton's 10.9 time in the 100-yard dash at Clay was a new track record at Clay.

Ten Riley girls competed in the Southwestern Michigan College Road-runner Invitational on April 30. Runners bringing back medals were Teri Carlton-2nd in hurdles, Jane Lemanski-5th in the 100 dash, and the 440 and 880 relay teams both finishing 5th.

Riley will host a South Bend School Corporation track meet on May 7. Field events will start at 1:30 p.m. and running events begin at 2.

Eleven Riley runners have thus far qualified for the sectional to be held May 17. Events and qualifiers are (cut-off times in parentheses):

80 hurdles (12.6)-Laurie Doyle, Teri Carlton; 100-yard dash (12.2)-Debbie Blount, Teri Carlton, Kelly DeShone, Jane Lemanski, Mile (6:03.0)-Karen Swedeen; 880 yard run (2:40.0)-Pam Swedeen.

Shot put (32 feet 6 inches)-Jane Miller; Long jump (15 feet 3 inches)-Beth Gavin, Pam Swedeen; Softball throw (181 feet 0 inches)-Jane Miller; High jump (4 feet 8 inches)-Jane Miller; 880 relay (1:56.0)-Teri Carlton, Lauri Doyle, Beth Gavin, Kathy Tschida; 440 relay (54.0)-Debbie Blount, Teri Carlton, Kelly DeShone, Kathy Tschida.

## Tennis team faces Culver

Losses to Mishawaka, Washington, Penn, Elkhart Central, and LaPorte has extended the girls' tennis team's losing streak to seven games. On April 30 the girls finished last in the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) tournament with 3 points.

"Even though we lost to Elkhart Central," said Coach Dave Dunlap, "I feel we played one of our best matches." The girls were to have played Elston last Tuesday and St. Joe yesterday. Culver will be their next opponent on May 12.

## Tough schedule ahead for golfers

The Riley golf team defeated Goshen on April 26, 320-336. Tim Sacheck was medalist with a 76 score at the Erskine course. Mark Infalt and Mitch Hall each shot 81's. Ron Kurlowicz had an 82 and Ken Vargo shot an 88.

The golfers will be moving into a mass schedule of matches starting next week. The team will play two tri-meet matches in three days, starting with matches against Central and Mishawaka on May 10 and Memorial and Adams on May 12.

The golfers will then have two straight invitationals, one at LaPorte on May 13 and the other at Culver on May 14.



SHOWING GOOD FORM, Mike McGeath follows through after taking a good rip at the baseball. Photo by Kevin Knepp.

# Riley bats cool in losses

The Riley baseball team, after compiling a 2-2 record over the first two weeks of the season, have now dipped to a 2-6 record.

Riley bats cooled in a 6-3 loss to LaSalle on April 19. The team traveled to Elkhart for games against Memorial on April 27 and Central on April 29. Wildcat pitching was pounded for 14 runs in the Memorial game, and a suicide squeeze play by Central proved to be fatal in a 3-2 loss to Central. Jerry Jud helped his own cause in

the Central game with a solo home run in the second inning.

Ed Brunton is still out with a broken nose and it is not clear when he will be back. Errors continue to plague the team, with an average of three per game.

Bob Leonard and Jerry Jud lead the team in hitting, with .500 and .429 batting averages respectively. Leonard also leads in hits with 12. Don McColley leads in RBI's with 6.

## Girls hold perfect 4-0 record

The girls' softball team ran their record to 4-0 by defeating St. Joe 14-8 in extra innings on April 19 and Elkhart Central 8-4 on April 21.

A single by Mary Freitag tied the game 8-8, in the seventh inning of the St. Joe contest. Lucy Sears, the team's leading run producer so far this season, knocked in four runs with a triple while Cindy Miller batted in three runs with a bases-loaded double in the extra inning. Karen Ebbole, Linda

Jackowiak, and Linda LaMar each had two hits. Nancy Sears picked up the win in relief.

Riley's eight runs in the Elkhart Central game were all scored in the third inning. Lucy Sears picked up four more RBI's and contributed a home run. Good defensive efforts were turned in by sophomore catcher Gloria Stickley and winning pitcher Mary Freitag.

The girls' next game will be against Michigan City Elston at home on Tuesday.

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