

Piercing problems

Diana Szymanski discusses the trials and tribulations of body piercing with senior Tylor McDonald. EYE CANDY/ Page 3



Drinking it up

Discussing the pros and cons of alcohol, from teens deciding not to go under the influence to a personal experience of losing three friends to the hands of alcohol. CENTERSPREAD/ Page 5



Girls basketball flies

Girls' Basketball standout Erin Miller looks to the season ahead. Read about her success and goals as well as the future of the entire team. Look inside to see their tough games down the road and the new and returning team members. SPORTS/ Page 6



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Dogs take a bite out of Riley crime

Monica Swintz
News editor

Parent contact, five days out-of-school suspension, possible police referral, possible due process, expulsion and restitution for damages are all possible consequences for a Riley student if found with drugs.

Principal George McCullough has started a complete open door policy with the *South Bend Police Department*, meaning zero tolerance when drugs are concerned.

"We have an open door policy with the police, we've volunteered our building to be searched by a canine unit at any time," said McCullough.

After already having one code red in which the dogs were present, McCullough is hoping it happens more often.

"We've asked about parking lot searches where the dogs sniff cars. We would like to have some parking lot searches done before the end of the semester or by the first real snow. Our goal is to have more

drug searches and at least two parking lot searches done by the end of the year. We wouldn't mind having a search once a week," said McCullough.

While the Riley students are confined to their classrooms with the lights out, the canine unit sniffs 500 lockers. These lockers are sniffed again if a dog detects an illegal substance. A dot is placed on the locker. Then another canine is brought in to sniff the same row of lockers.

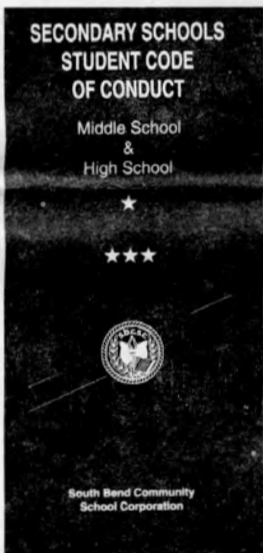
The first code red in October detected nothing.

McCullough feels that this policy will help the drug problem facing Riley.

"According to research, drug use is down and the use of alcohol is up. 50 per cent of high school students try either drugs or alcohol before graduation. Each year we

find around four or five students on average under the influence of drugs or alcohol during school time," said McCullough.

"If a student feels as though they need to use marijuana or another illegal substance they need help and guidance. This abuse is a problem," said McCullough.



Band toots its own horn at regionals

Riley band scores 60 points to earn a second division ranking

Rebecca Cripe
News editor

The Riley Marching Wildcats continue to climb up the ladder of success with big leaps and bounds. Marching band was faced with both bad and good times this year.

"My favorite part about this year was meeting new people," said Lindsey Harlin, sophomore trumpet player.

"My favorite part about this year was that they made it harder to go to District. The points needed to go to District this year increased by ten, and we made it to Regionals anyway when the odds were against us," said Terry Bettner, assistant band director.

"My least favorite part was getting up for zero hour," said Sarah Tyler, senior drum major. But according to most of the band members, the hard work was worth it. Just like a family, they spent a lot of time together.

"My favorite experience was getting to know the fellow members of the pit, and my worst was when one of the band members stuck my shoe up in a hole in the wall in the auditorium at Jackson," said Jill Baldwin, junior percussionist.

According to the band, laughter enriches the good times. Also, band members improve on individual skills with each successive year.

"My improvement from last year was that I now have a deeper respect for all of the instruments," said Baldwin.

"This year was more special for me than last year because of all the emotions I felt as a senior. I felt happiness because the band did so well, and the sadness towards my fellow seniors because I knew it was over for us. We will never do marching band together again," said Tyler.

The band's show was *Dawn's Early Light* this year which is a variation of the *Star Spangled Banner*. "The highlight of the show for me was when we formed the huge American flag at the end," said Amy Kaehr, sophomore flute player. The show seemed to take on a style of its own in the opinion of Erica Barlow, sophomore flute player.

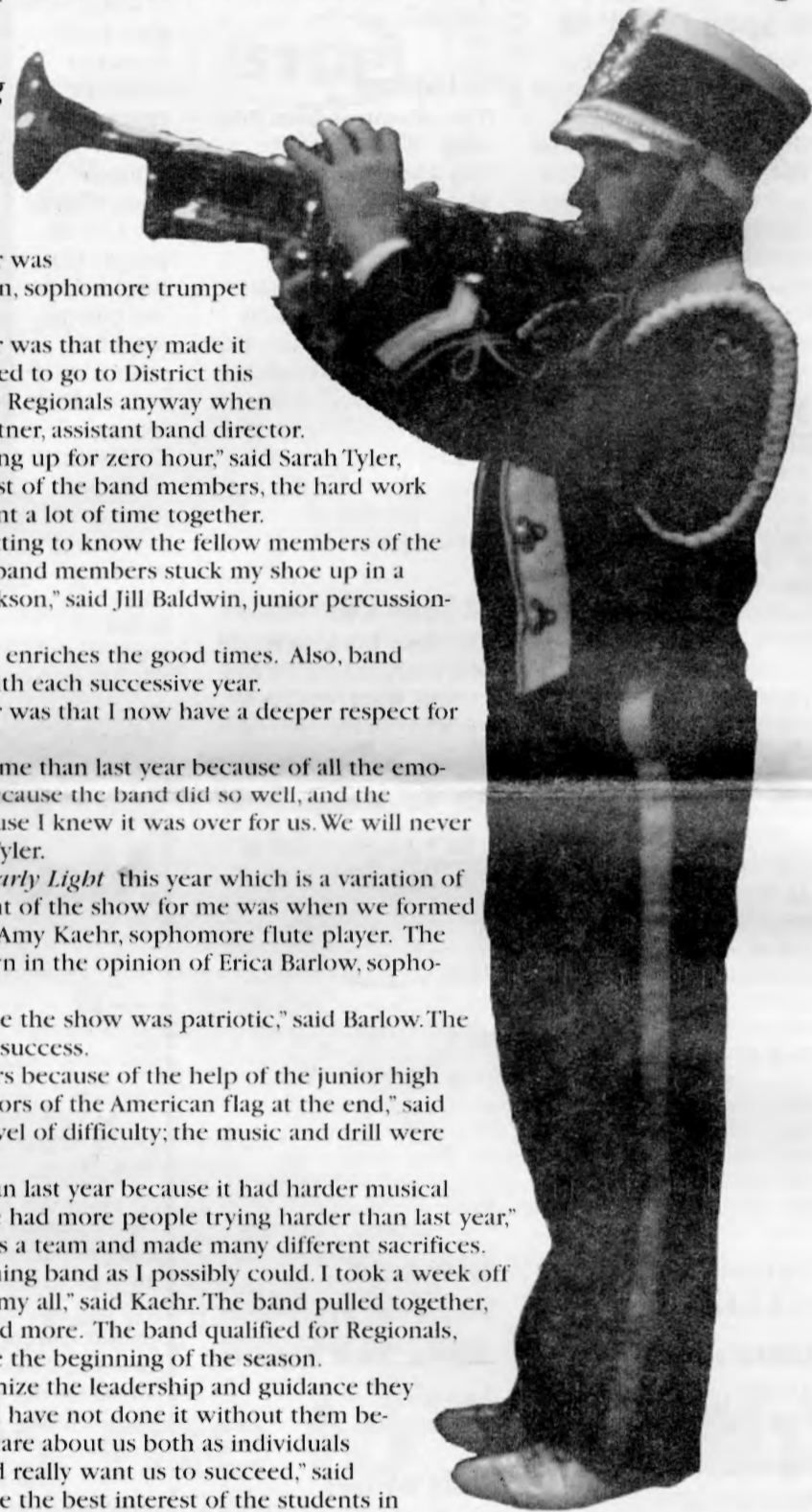
"I thought it was unique because the show was patriotic," said Barlow. The show's many qualities contributed to its success.

"Our show stood out from others because of the help of the junior high school students. They spread out the colors of the American flag at the end," said Baldwin. Other variations were in the level of difficulty; the music and drill were different.

"This year's show was better than last year because it had harder musical content, a better marching show, and we had more people trying harder than last year," said Baldwin. Everyone came together as a team and made many different sacrifices.

"I put as much effort into marching band as I possibly could. I took a week off work for sectional practices and gave it my all," said Kaehr. The band pulled together, and the end result was that they achieved more. The band qualified for Regionals, meeting one of the long term goals since the beginning of the season.

Many band members also recognize the leadership and guidance they received from their directors. "We could have not done it without them because Melissa Burton and Terry Bettner care about us both as individuals and as people. They are so dedicated and really want us to succeed," said Tyler. "The directors always seem to have the best interest of the students in mind; they make the effort to help everyone to have a positive band experience."



ALISON PIEKARSKI

'Be in the class when the bell rings'

Crackdown on security puts halt on hall wanderers

Annie Gustafson
Centerspread editor

"There are just too many people in the halls after the bell rings," said principal George McCullough.

According to the school bulletin during the week of November 4, hall security has been intensified. Students, administrators, and teachers have all noticed the change.

Senior Erin Wibbens said, "Teachers are being more aggressive in the hallways. It's been a topic of conversation around the school."

In McCullough's opinion, it just needed to be more structured. "It was a combination of faculty and administration saying there were simply too many students in the hall and being admitted to class late," he said.

Science department head John Clayton said there weren't any

specific incidents causing the increased security. He said, "We protect students the best we can. When there are shootings in the city, the school has to be extra careful."

Wibbens agrees, but she has never felt threatened or intimidated in the hallways. "I feel completely safe; I've never been afraid," she said.

The intent of the stricter hallway policy is ultimately to help the students. "Kids ought to support it because it's for

their own well-being. It's not something we do to persecute them, we do it in order to protect them," said Clayton.

McCullough outlined four basic results he hopes to see in the change of hallway atmosphere. "I would like to see students getting to class on time, more consistency in the idea that all teachers should expect the students to be where they are supposed to be, no students in the hall after the tardy bell,

and a decrease in the writing of passes for unimportant reasons," he said.

There has been a noticeable difference. Wibbens said, "I don't have a sixth hour and I've often been questioned as I'm leaving the building, but I think the administration and staff have their hearts in the right place."

According to Clayton, everyone seems to be making a better effort. McCullough said, "The halls are more quiet,

this makes it easier for the security guards to do their jobs."

McCullough seems to be satisfied with the results in the last two weeks. "Parents send their kids to school so they can learn. These students need to be in class and not walking around the halls in order for them to learn."

Flash Back

Sports Banquet

The annual fall sports banquet was held on Wednesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The meal was catered by *Fazoli's*. The meal was a sampler, two bread sticks, salad, and cake. The tickets were \$5.00 a piece. After the meal, the awards were given out in the auditorium.

Spell Bowl

The spell bowl team competed on October 20 at 6:30 p.m. at John Glenn elementary school. The team placed second in their division to Penn. The competition pitted against South Bend schools and the rest of the schools in Northern Indiana.

Senior Drive

The senior class sponsored a newspaper and can recycling drive on October 9 and 10 from 3-7 p.m. and October 11 and 12 from 9-3 p.m. at Jackson Middle School. The recyclables were either dropped off or picked up by the senior

class. The money earned will go toward prom.

Workshop

An SAT preparation and college decision making workshop was held on September 30, and October 7, 14, and 28 at 7:00-9:15 p.m. at the Newman Recreation Center. The instructor for the workshop was Joanne C. Bunnage. The workshop dealt with SAT test taking strategies, ways to evaluate you personal and academic strengths, and about resources to make your transition to college easier.

Dinner

The principals from Riley High, Jackson Middle, Hay Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Marshall Elementary, Monroe Elementary, and Studebaker Elementary School met on Tuesday, November 18, at the *MCL Cafeteria* in *Scottsdale Mall* for dinner from 6:30-7:30 p.m. They met with each other to ask questions and learn more about programs at the building level.

Seat Cushions

The Riley bookstore sold seat cushions for \$5 and college team hats for \$7.

A difference that matters

Kylea Asher
Copy Editor

"Kids today!" an adult says while rolling his eyes. More often than not, teenagers are criticized for their rude behavior, insensitivity and general lack of concern for others. Judy Hums' geography and government classes have been working hard to fight that brash stereotype. And although they meet at Riley, they have begun to make the community their campus.

"There are a lot of people that need help in our community and school," said senior Mindy Moore, government student. "This month, as part of my good deed, I am tutoring a fellow student so that he can stay eligible for his sport."

As part of Hums' curriculum, every grading period each student is required to commit one

good deed and write up a reaction paper about the deed.

"My students have done many different good deeds. From stopping to help change a flat tire to raking leaves for the elderly to returning a lost wallet. One student even reported someone who drove away from a gas station before paying," said Hums.



Hums' courses stretch beyond the classroom, and have been instrumental in various drives, volunteerism, and *United Way* fundraising.

"During the toiletry drive, we could barely walk into the room there was so much stuff," said Hums.

Hums encourages her students to volunteer beyond what is required for her class.

"I had a student that had never participated in a school activity or club, but became very motivated by the volunteering. Some students are planning to volunteer regularly at the *Center for the Homeless*," she said. Hums' students have not only learned valuable lessons about the community in which they live, but also valuable

lessons about themselves. "I think the volunteer work and good deeds have brought about better self-awareness; sometimes you are unaware of all of the good that you are accomplishing in your life. You begin to appreciate yourself more," said Moore.

Moore hopes that this positive initiative will increase adults' appreciation and admiration for the youth, as well. "It might show that not all teenagers are bad, and that some are doing good, worthwhile things. Hopefully it can help to change the image of *Generation X* that says that we are all slackers. Here, we are helping to fix problems rather than contributing to them," said Moore.

Hums began to incorporate volunteerism in her curriculum after her husband received a kidney transplant last year. "Giving the gift of life is the ultimate act of volunteering. I am trying to give back all that was given to me," said Hums.

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McGovern speaks at the Joyce ACC

His daughter's death provokes a response

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"Alcoholism is the most serious problem in the United States," said Senator George McGovern.

The focus of McGovern's speech at Notre Dame on October 30 was alcohol. Specifically, he talked about his daughter's addiction to alcohol which led to her eventual death.

Many Riley students attended the lecture. According to social studies teacher Mary Lawson, Gwen Stines (coordinator of substance abuse for the SBCSC) contacted all of the area high schools. Free tickets were offered to students.

"She wanted us to encourage our students to attend. For my classes, I gave extra credit," said Lawson.

Senior Julie Brasseur attended; she was given the opportunity through both Student Council and sociology class.

"I thought it would be a little more inspiring. I sympathized with him, but it didn't capture my heart," said Brasseur.

Kylea Asher, senior, found value in the speech. She said, "I thought what he had to say was valid and pertinent to the younger generations. It was a chance to see what the consequences of our actions might become."

In Asher's opinion, people without any background knowledge or familial ties to alcoholism probably didn't get a lot out of the speech. "If alcoholism hasn't touched your life in some way, you should consider yourself lucky, but if you have been exposed you realize what a major problem it is."

Other students seemed to have a hard time relating to the speech. When asking for reactions concerning the speech, Lawson received weak reviews.

"It was disappointing listening to the kids because they said he talked about politics," said Lawson.

McGovern did compare his political life

to his personal life. He admitted to feeling guilty about the fact he had never publicly mentioned alcoholism during his professional career.

"I don't think politics were a focus at all; I interpreted it as a public apology. He wished he had advocated the seriousness of alcoholism earlier," said Asher.

"Throughout my daughter's illness, I never fully understood the power of addiction," said McGovern. He learned from his daughter, in her own words, that the desire of an alcoholic to have a drink is ten times greater than the temptation to have sex.

Asher believes many teenagers have an immortal attitude about life. "Many people my age think they will never die. For example, *Did Terry McGovern think she would die from alcoholism when she took a drink for the first time at age 13?*"

McGovern said, "No parent can keep their kids safe from drugs." McGovern has come to accept this fact through writing a novel. Released in 1994, the book is titled *Terry: My Daughter's Life and Death Struggle with Alcohol*.

Lawson said, "I still feel that it was worthwhile for students to go, hopefully they were exposed to a few new things."

Senior, Eva Kalwitz left with the impression that alcohol should be treated like a medical disease. McGovern said, "Society needs to treat alcoholism like we treat cancer. There especially needs to be more funding for research."

The *McGovern Foundation* was founded strictly for this purpose; with a focus to investigate why millions of people relapse. Brasseur realizes the importance of the issue. "Alcoholism is a serious problem. Even if it doesn't affect every family, we can't ignore it," she said.

As for the social pressures to drink at Riley, Kalwitz feels it's everyone's personal choice.

"From hearing the kids talk, it sounds like there's a big party every weekend," said Lawson. "They think it's cool to go out and get wasted. They don't realize they have their whole lives ahead of them."

McGovern gives similar advice, "Life should be enjoyed without alcohol."

Viewpoints

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Editorial

Smokers beware: don't light up!

Smoking is a major issue facing teenagers today. Not only do many underage students smoke, the number has been steadily increasing. At Riley, the effects of smoking can be recognized from the smell in the bathrooms to the corner designated for smokers outside our school.

We of *the Review* respect people's right to smoke but hope that whoever does so will understand the consequences they are taking to their health as well as others.

If caught smoking, the punishment will be an automatic five day out-of-school suspension.

The U.S. Attorney General has recently found results that smoking tobacco can be habit forming as well as addictive. Since 1970, America has gone on a nationwide effort to stop teenagers from using tobacco products. We support the effort to stop smoking but believe that more should be done.

Smoking has been found as a cause of lung cancer and can complicate pregnancies. Second-hand smoke can also be linked to lung cancer. With so many consequences, why do teenagers still smoke? We need to be considerate of other people whose lives we may be endangering.



Listen Up Lang conference opens eyes

Listen Up Listen Up



Monica Swintz
News Editor

A magical experience. This is the feeling that most of us got after going to the Lang Youth Conference. Meeting new people, experiencing different cultures, and finding value in yourself and others is

what the conference was all about.

As soon as we ventured onto the small, secluded, and nun-filled Ancilla College, most of us knew we were in store for something we hadn't experienced before.

We were soon given rooms the size of my neighbor's dog house and showers that were clearly made for people the size of gnomes. This wasn't too much of a problem considering that we were in these rooms for only a fraction of the time we were at the conference. We spent most of our time emotionally and physically drained. I've never had a headache so big or that welcomed. By the time we had to go to bed, I

was still pumped and ready to go.

The first task was to pick up our group assignments and go to the opening session. Lou Nanni, director of the Center for the Homeless, was our first speaker. He gave us the gift of focus, the focus of knowing who we want to be. He began by having us imagine our funeral. This helped us realize how we would want to be remembered after we die.

After beginning to realize what kind of people we wanted to be, we began to learn our colors, not our races but our personality colors. This was done to help us once again know ourselves better so that we can better relate to others

in need. The blues were the people persons, yellows were the workers, orange were the ones into fun, and the greens were the idea makers. This helped us all realize that we don't all think or act alike.

Finding ourselves led to other subjects in the conference which were intended to enlighten us. Subjects like human relationships, diversity, and teen suicide were taught in small groups.

Each class offered a world of knowledge. The thing that I found the most unique about this conference was the counselors did not just bring in educational experiences, but world experiences that people

our age could relate to.

There was a lot of realistic role playing that demonstrated and taught us the realities of teen suicide. One demonstration involved a girl battling with the idea of a lesbian life. She felt as though she may not be able to go on with life if no one understood her. After listening to Dr. Richmond Calvin, education professor at I.U.S.B., we were able to handle situations such as this.

Coming back from this workshop, I began to see life from a more humanistic standpoint. My eyes, ears, and feelings seem to be much more open to the realities of human relationships. ■

Old age scares me to 'death'



Annie Gustafson
Centerspread Editor

I have a fear of growing old. I'm afraid of slowing down mentally and physically to the point of watching 'Wheel of Fortune' re-runs while wearing thick bi-focal lenses. I'm not trying to stereotype senior citizens; I just don't ever want to become one.

I have a hard time imagining what life would be like without deadlines and stress. I view old age as a restraint; I think of it as a brake pedal before the final stop. I can't imagine giving up my fast paced lifestyle.

The cause of my fears can be partially blamed on my grandparents. I have watched the aging process alter their lives, and have decided I definitely do not want the same thing happening to me. Old age changes lifestyles, and so far I haven't seen any changes for the better.

I have nightmares of becoming a conservative blue-haired lady who constantly drinks Ensure and wears pants with elastic waist bands. What

if someday I have to give up running in Nike's and wear orthopedic, black leather shoes instead? Or even worse, give up running entirely and start entering electric wheelchair races instead? I'm sure there are ways of leading a fulfilling life at the age of 80, but I just don't see it yet.

I know I shouldn't be worrying about this. Supposedly I'm living some of the best years of my life right now. So until I am forced to turn in my retainer for dentures, I'll be trying as hard as I can to live life in a frenzy. I'm most afraid of reaching old age and thinking, "Gee, I wish I had done that differently," or, "I should

have gone there." I have a lot of stuff I plan on doing and don't want to run out of time.

I guess no one is ever completely

comfortable with the aging process, but luckily it's a long time away for me. Maybe by the time I get there, I can look forward to watching the grass grow. ■



What's Brewing?

The importance of alcohol in Riley's social scene

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Drunk-driving deaths trigger teens plea

Robyn Harridge
Guest writer

As I look through an old yearbook, I see a picture of an old friend on skis. He is wearing the goofiest hat and trench coat. Then I think of how he knew about every concert coming to town from Jimmy Buffet to Puff Daddy. I think of his show on our school's radio station. The only time anyone ever paid attention to the radio was when he was on.

I see a picture of another friend at a club meeting. Then I think of our run to *McDonalds* to pick up dinner for the entire newspaper staff and how we struggled to get all of the food up two flights of stairs in one trip.

Then I turn the page of my yearbook and a different friend is smiling up at me. This time, a fun memory isn't the first thing that comes to mind. Instead my heart turns upside down and my stomach starts to do flips. I think, "I can't believe she is gone. I wish she was still here. Why did she have to die?"

From there I think of the two other girls that were also in the car, and I become very angry after the sadness and disbelief subside a little bit. I can't believe that one man could murder three young girls just because he thought the alcohol in his system wouldn't impair his driving. Many people would say that when someone dies in a

car accident, it is not murder, but I believe this man is a murderer because he got into his car knowing he had alcohol in his system.

Those three girls were juniors. It makes me so mad to think what this man so brutally took away from them. My friends were all very involved. They were in student council and many other clubs. They played sports, and were always fun to be around. They never made it to Homecoming. It was the next day. At the school they attended, you could only go to Prom during your junior and senior years. They won't get to go to Prom or graduation, or college. They won't get to have careers or families.

One of the hardest things for me right now is on weekend nights when I know there is a party. I try to stay away from alcohol because I have seen it ruin many lives, inside and outside of my family. But, I do know that many of my friends and other Riley students drink and are out when there are many drunk drivers on the roads. Every time I hear sirens, I pray they aren't trying to save someone from Riley. I always check headlines on Saturday and Sunday mornings, just to make sure everyone is okay. I know this may seem morbid, but to me, it is necessary. I wish alcohol wasn't such a big factor every weekend, but it is. I wish people would realize you don't need alcohol to have fun. Most people are even nicer and funnier without having any alcohol at all.

The one thing I can do is make a plea to Riley students. My plea is this: Be

careful. I can't stop people from drinking, but I do ask that you think.

Have a designated driver or call a cab. If you are a designated driver, watch out for others. There will always be those that insist on driving drunk, no matter what happens, or where you go. I can't imagine anyone at Riley dying this year. I don't even want to think about watching people's faces as they hear the news the next morning, and later on at the funeral.

Please take these things into consideration so we can all make it through the year together. ■

To drink or

Nick Schafer
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"The law doesn't mean a thing to me," said senior Erin Wibbens, "if I really wanted to know why some of my friends drink, I would try it."

Growing up in the United States, teenagers are faced time and again with this decision: To drink or not to drink.

Many teens make the choice to drink at parties and with their friends, but what happens to the teens who refuse to drink with the rest of the crowd?

Do they have fewer friends? Do they "fit-in?" Accord-



ALISON PIEKARSKI

NINETY-NINE BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE FLOOR/ A Riley student pretends to pass out due to intoxication after a night of partying. Surrounded by bottles of alcohol, this is an exaggerated example of the typical weekend of an alcoholic.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

'The devil made me do it' is m

Anonymous
Guest Writer

My conscience consists of an angel and a devil. Every weekend there's usually a fight between the two, with varying results. What is the topic of this internal strife? Drinking.

On the nights that I am wearing a halo, I am the epitome of a good little girl. After all, good grades and school involvement should reflect good morals. It's nights like these that I live up to the stereotype. I'm making the right choice because a girl like me wouldn't do things like that.

I look at the people around me and ask the angel perched on my shoulder, "Why do my friends think it's fun to poison themselves? Don't they realize how utterly idiotic they look? When did throwing up be-

come cute?" It's frustrating to be at a party of 40-50 people and be able to count the sober teenagers on two hands.

People shouldn't have to use alcohol for a good time, they should use their imaginations. Once I had someone say to me, "Maybe you'll have a better time if you have a drink?" In my mind I accused this person of being ignorant, ignorant of other things to do. There's more to Friday and Saturday nights than finding someone to buy beer, waiting for the beer, drinking the beer, and then going home.

All of these thoughts make the angel really happy and he even begins to play hymns on his harp as I go home and go to bed. But in the back of my mind I often wonder, "Am I missing something?"

On the next weekend the devil wins my conscience battle; this is when all hell breaks loose. I am not a casual drinker, I drink with the purpose; to feel its effects.

Alcohol is the fast forward button. It's like the difference between a 2-D movie and a 3-D movie. It's not necessarily glamorous, but it's fun. Alcohol is a double-edged sword. It's unpredictable. It's the difference between when I go on a ride without a seatbelt; I know it's unsafe, but if I get away with it, it's liberating and energizing.

In this aspect, it's a dice game against people who don't drink alcohol. They can't handle the risks. They are afraid of what they don't do it.

I'm not trying to scare teenagers from being the same. I'm also not trying to encourage them to drink. However, I often witness the effects of constantly trying to have made some bad

Not to drink . . . is a very debated question

ing to Wibbens, a large majority of her friends drink alcohol. This is not uncommon considering that alcohol is the most widely used drug among both teens and adults, and nearly 15 per cent of U.S. high school students may have a serious drinking problem.* But why is it exactly that so many teens use alcohol?

"We've all been taught since the fifth grade about the evils of peer pressure," said Wibbens, "so I think that my friends make their own personal decisions about drinking."

Senior non-drinker Mindy Moore agreed with Wibbens that most of her friends were curious about alcohol and not pressured into using it. But ironically, peer pressure tops the list of reasons to start drinking no matter how much teens refuse to admit it.

"I'm lucky because my friends have never pressured me to drink," said Wibbens, "they understand that it's a moral decision that I re-

main alcohol-free."

However, Janet Michaels,** who is a friend of both Wibbens and Moore believes that everyone needs to let loose every once in awhile and take some risks.

"I personally feel that they (non-drinkers in general) are missing out on a potentially fun-filled experience," she said.

One of the reasons Wibbens thinks she doesn't drink (and maybe others as well) is that she is a self-described realist. "To go out and get drunk isn't a respectable or responsible thing to do," she said. "I've always been the mom figure who thinks of every consequence."

Moore, on the other hand, doesn't drink because of the examples set by some of her friends. "I've watched some of my friends when they're drunk and they can be very funny. However, the fun stops when the alcohol

takes full control and they become obnoxious and start vomiting," she said.

Matt Smith,** a non-drinker and friend of Wibbens and Moore, decided not to drink because of fear. "I think most of my friends started to drink out of curiosity and it slowly became a habit. I used to think my friends didn't need alcohol to have fun, but unfortunately, more and more I do," he said.

Smith continued by talking about the irresponsibility of some of his friends' parents. "Many parents say that there will be no drinking or smoking in their house, but often times they let it slide," he said. "They are not only being bad role models but they are also committing a crime."

For now, Wibbens, Moore and Smith know that neither curiosity nor peer pressure will affect their decision on alcohol. All three agreed that the possibility of drinking later on in life is still open but that

each will never be more than a social drinker. As a bit of advice Wibbens added, "The act of drinking is not bad but it goes hand in hand with responsibility. I just hope that everyone who makes the decision to drink knows their limit and is careful," she said.

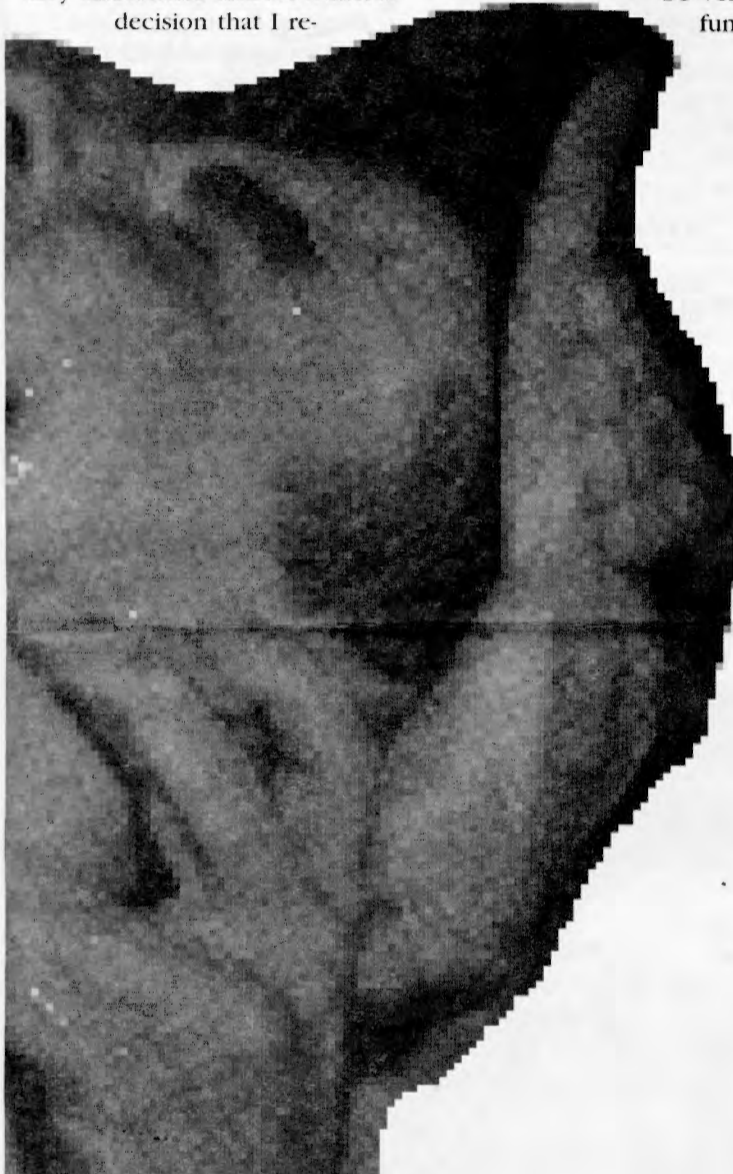
As for Michaels, she knows her limits and doesn't worry about what other people think. "I like to drink but it doesn't affect the other areas of my life such as school, my job and sports. If drinking could make you happy, you should do it because you can't rely on others to make you happy," she said.

Whether you are a drinker or not, social acceptance probably revolves around more than just alcohol. And for those of you who have had a little more than you should have, Wibbens and Moore always have room in their car for one more.

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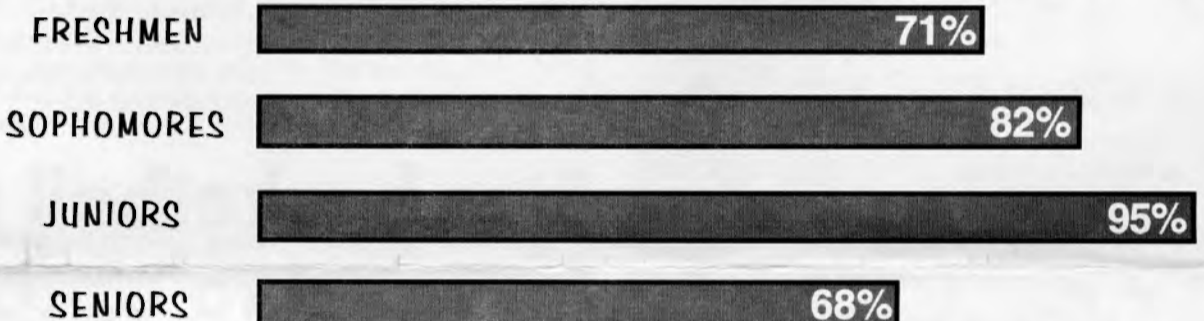
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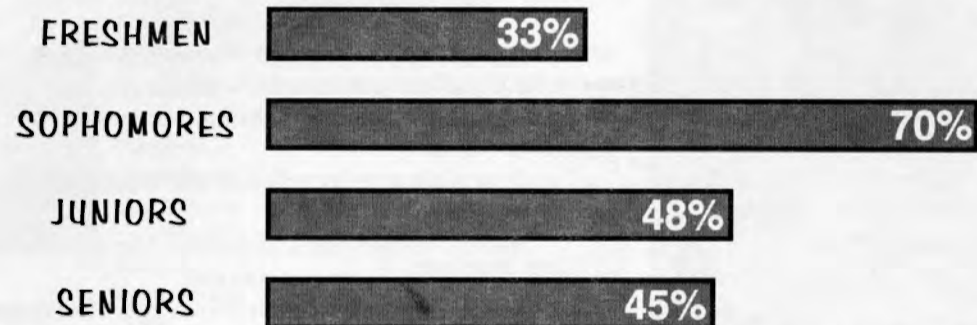
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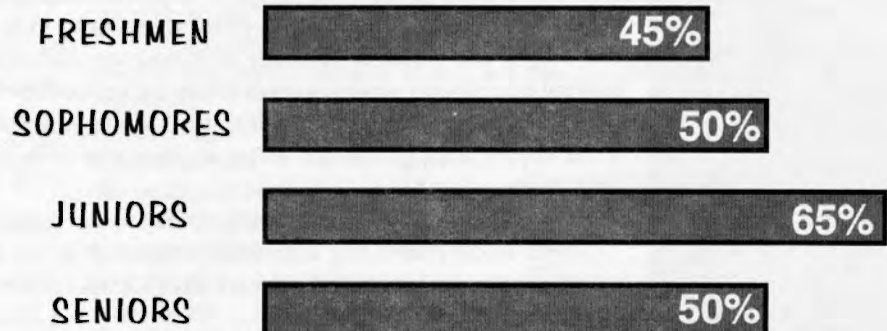
HAVE YOU EVER HAD A DRINK AT A PARTY?



DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW THAT YOU DRINK?



HAVE YOU EVER RIDDEN WITH A DRUNK DRIVER?



ANNIE GUSTAFSON, NICK SCHAFER AND DAVID GUSTAFSON

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and will probably make a few more in the future, but I don't think that I'm an immoral person.

And yes, I'm going to be completely honest in saying that it was peer pressure that initiated my drinking. I wanted to fit in with upperclassmen and figured I'd look better doing it with a beer in my hand. At the time, I justified my actions by thinking I was experiencing something new. I thought I was living life to the fullest. Luckily I wasn't sucked into the void of constant partying. I've learned how to maintain social acceptability through achieving a balance.

Maybe I haven't learned the "right" lessons concerning my trials with and without alcohol, but at least I have come to some personal conclusions on the subject. Until the day I am diagnosed with split personalities, I'm going to blame all of my reasoning on the influences of the angel and the devil.

Wrestling team has great expectations



TONYA BOGUNIA

ON THE MAT/ Senior Seth Gilbert practices his wrestling technique. Seth is thought to be one of the major performers on this year's team.

Dan Jancha
Copy Editor

"This year's wrestling team could potentially be the best team

Riley has ever had," said head coach Mike Smorin regarding the 97-98 season.

Smorin believes the team's success lies in the hands of seniors.

"The seniors have talked about how good they are going to be, and now they have to go out on the mat and show it," said Smorin.

Last year the team's record was 11-9 overall and 4-4 in the *Northern Indiana Conference*, but the team and Smorin have loftier goals for this season.

"My goal for the team is for us to win sectionals and qualify as a team for semistate. Our ultimate goal would be to get the team to the state championship, which is not an impossibility with the

potential we have," said Smorin.

"The team really wants to go down state; we also want to have six individual sectional champions, and beat Penn, which is one of our main rivals," said senior Eric Kimmel.

To meet these goals, Smorin believes the team must improve on techniques, and be solid and competitive in every weight class. However, some wrestlers believe the team needs to improve in the mental aspect of the sport to be successful.

"We need to improve mentally from last season and the team needs to show it has heart. Last year, many people were focusing ahead to this season, which hurt our performance last season. That cannot happen again," said Kimmel.

"The team needs to have strong mental determination to eat the right food, and to keep in good physical shape,

which mentally is hard to do," said senior Chris Slagle.

According to Smorin, the team's tougher meets will be against Penn, Mishawaka, Elkhart Memorial, and the large invitationals. Smorin is looking for key performances by seniors to add up the wins.

"Our major performers are Kimmel, Slagle, Clarence Wigfall, Chris Dawson, Ryan Gibson, Nick Hintz, and Seth Gilbert. These seven seniors have to come through for us to be good," said Smorin.

Captains are not named until the end of the season, this gives Smorin a chance to see who are the real leaders over the course of the season.

"I am just working hard right now and showing the team I am a leader, and I must keep on doing these things through the season to become a captain," said senior Clarence Wigfall.

Practice has just begun and Smorin is working on fundamentals and conditioning. They are preparing for the first meet which is the *Northwood Invitational* on November 22.

"Other than technique and conditioning, we have to work on staying on our feet and being much better in the neutral position," said Smorin.

"We have been doing physical things to prepare for the season, such as weight lifting and running. Also, we have been thinking about the season and focusing mentally on its challenges," said Kimmel.

The team has twelve meets before they reach sectionals and can prove to Smorin, "They are the best Riley wrestling team ever."

"We could be awfully good or awfully average, they have the talent, they just need to have the want and desire to be good," said Smorin. ■



COURTESY OF TOM DEBAETS

Q & A With Coach Debaets

Tom Debaets, Riley boys' basketball coach, discusses his return to Riley and his goals for the future.

Q What does your team make-up look like this year?

A "We have mostly seniors and sophomores. We have a little experience combined with a lot of inexperience. We are still waiting for football players to come, so we can put the final roster together."

Q How do you plan to develop Riley basketball over the years?

A "Coach Berger set the groundwork for this team. What we are trying to do is build a basketball culture that goes way beyond tradition."

Q What are your goals for this year's team?

A "Our goals are always to win the sectional and to win state."

Q Who are your biggest opponents?

A "It's hard to say at this point, but the Elkhart schools are looking tough, and Penn is the team to beat."

Q How have things changed since your former days at Riley?

A "I don't know the students yet. It would be nice to go to some of the events and get to know people."

Q How do you feel being back at Riley?

A "I am thrilled to be back at Riley."

Jason McFarley
Diverse Ideas Editor/ Copy Editor

The beginning of each school year finds junior Erin Miller anxiously awaiting the arrival of basketball season.

Miller is entering her third consecutive year as a starting forward for the team.

Besides being named the team's *M.V.P.* two years running, area coaches honored Miller last year as the *N.I.C.'s* (Northern Indiana Conference) top player. Miller also led the team in scoring her freshman and sophomore years.

This season Miller will lead the team in another way: as a captain.

Miller believes her coach Mike Megyesi should be given partial credit for her success.

"Coach Megyesi is much more experienced now after having coached a full year. Above all, he has instilled a great work ethic in me and added discipline to my play," said Miller.

Already this year Miller looks to be off to another strong start.

At the jamboree hosted by Washington High School on November 8, the Riley team played one quarter each against LaVille and Concord high schools. The girls lost a close game to LaVille, but rallied to beat Concord 17-15 behind a dominant 11-point showing by Miller.

"I was pleased with our performance, but only playing one quarter against a team doesn't give you a clear perspective on their game. So it's still hard to tell how some of the area teams are going to play this season," said Miller.

Miller is, however, focusing on important games. "I don't have any individual rivals, but as far as teams go, Marian and Adams always provide an exciting challenge," Miller said.

The girls will open their regular season against another tough team: John Glenn.

From there, they will play their first home game versus cross-town foe Marian.

According to Miller, these are especially important games.

In practices leading up to the games, the girls concentrated on offensive plays and defensive strategies.

"I try to stay positive for the team's sake. I have a good outlook. If we play cooperatively as a team and work hard, we'll win games," said Miller.

The road to a successful season this year may begin with improving upon weaknesses from last season.

"Everyone has more experience this year, and if we build upon our skills from last year, we can be a tough team to beat," Miller said.

Among the more experienced players joining Miller on the varsity roster will be senior returnees Tammi Dokes, Melissa Elliott, Selena Floyd, and Tara Knabenshue.

Other returning varsity members include juniors Mary Patterson and Sally Skodinski.

New to the varsity squad are junior Kelly Johnson and sophomores Nicole Frison and Jackie Rollins.

As far as the *N.I.C.* goes, Miller said there's no clear favorite.

"The conference seems really evenly matched. Hopefully, we can come out on top," said Miller.

Miller's goals for the team, however, don't focus on winning the conference or any other tournament titles. She sets her goals in a realistic way so as to make them a challenge yet still attainable.

"I just want us to play as hard as we can, and we'll see where we go from there," she said. ■



Hit the slopes with the ski club



ERICA FLEISCHER

Adria Phillips
Staff Reporter

If you like going down a mountain at a rate of fast speeds, you should take a look at the ski club.

"The ski club has anywhere from 20 to 30 members per year but, we are always looking for more people," said Janice Horrall, ski sponsor.

Joining the ski club will cost around \$125 which includes seven trips to ski and the bus fee. This payment also includes ski rentals as "Swiss Valley," which makes it easier than renting from a store.

"This is a great price considering it usually costs \$55 just to ski once," said Hannah Horrall, senior.

All the students and parents of students involved are satisfied with the club and think that it is a great opportunity to ski. Elisia McCallister, sophomore, recommends joining to all kids. Ones that have some experience skiing, or ones that do not.

"Three separate lessons are offered as 'Swiss Valley,' starting at beginner through advanced. These lessons are included in the package," said Linda Benthon, 'Swiss Valley's' instructor.

So, even if you have no idea of how to ski, look into joining. All you will need to know is how to stay warm. There are many articles of clothing especially made for skiing that you may buy. *Outpost Sports* or any other sporting goods store will have the necessities.

"Most stores will have what the kids need at a reasonable cost, you can go anywhere. My daughter just wears layers of warm winter clothes. The kind of stuff you might wear to go sledding or just to play in the snow," said Valerie Phillips, mother.

Horrall tells that the kids usually meet other kids on outings.

"The ski club is more of a social club than anything else," said Horrall.

The social aspect of it is that since there are so many other schools going, one can't help from bumping into kids from other schools. Many of the kids end up getting phone numbers and meeting the other students on Saturdays to ski.

A usual outing lasts from around 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. which gives the skiers a couple hours to enjoy.

"A normal outing consists of skiing for the most part but, if you get cold or hungry there is always a lodge with food and a cozy fire to rest by," said Cami Thurston, sophomore.

While we at Riley are getting more students involved, 'Swiss Valley' is constantly upgrading their resort. "New snow is always being made. We just got a new water pump, and painted the buildings for the upcoming 97-98 season," says Benthon.

"Sign-ups for the ski club will begin around the first of November," said Horrall. You can go up to room 313 for more information. This season is expected to be a good one.

Rising above the rest

Wildcats' defeated by Penn but are still number one in South Side eyes

Montica Swintz
News editor

Although the losing score was 13-24, the team felt victorious after losing to the Penn Kingsmen on the cool, brisk night of November 7.

Coach Ron Metcalfe's faith and a devoted group of seniors showed the south side fans at Jackson Field that they could not only survive a battle with the Kingsmen, but come inches away from beating them.

Metcalfe had a vision for his players, one that they clearly recognized and embraced.

"He had a vision of us putting in all we had and doing the best we could," said junior, Tyler Warnock.

According to senior Ryan Gibson, "Metcalfe wanted us to go out there and play our hearts out."

Before their normal 'parade of spirit' running onto Jackson Field, the team had something more important on their minds: *What were their chances against the Knights?*

"There was a special feeling that night in the air. We were all hyped up and knew they weren't our superiors. We could beat them by playing hard through the whole game, but only if we put our minds to it," said senior Nate Van Laere.

The regular season 56-9 rampage over the Wildcats by Penn was not the only motivation for the team to succeed.

"We wanted to show everyone that the 56-9 game was just a fluke. The freshman team's win over Penn a few days before our game was another inspiration," said Gibson.

Van Laere felt that Metcalfe's halftime speech provided the team with motivation. "He talked about superstitions, and one thing that stuck out was when he said that anyone could be beaten on any given day," said Van Laere.

"The seniors were great leaders this year because they loved the game, and they were dedicated to it," said Warnock.

Van Laere believes unity made the team strong. "We did everything together; breakfast, baseball, everything," said Van Laere.

The players' relationship with Metcalfe may be why the team had such a positive season.

"Our relationships with him weren't coach-to-player but person-to-person, he ended the season with us as just another one of the guys" said Gibson.

Van Laere views Metcalfe as a father figure. "He's always there and would do anything for us. I like to think that we would do anything for him too," said Van Laere.

The south side community purchased an ad in the *Pennysaver*. It showed a picture of the players accompanied by the message, "Congratulations Wildcats!" The community's rally behind the Wildcats meant a lot to the team.

"The fans at the game knew we were playing at Penn's level. I think they began to realize that with even more support next year, we could be on top," said Van Laere.

Gibson believes the team not only proved something to their fans and Penn, but also to other area schools.

"We disproved the myth that the *South Bend Community School Corporation* can't compete with other area schools like Penn. We gave them a good game and everyone knows it; we gave other schools in our corporation something to build on," said Gibson.

Trainer all wrapped up in athletics



ADAM COLLINS

THE TRAINER IN ACTION/ New Riley trainer Kevin Campbell goes to work on the knee of sophomore basketball player Beth Lesar.

Laura Pippenger
Co-Sports editor

If you are an athlete at Riley and are injured, chances are good that your coach will send you to Riley's athletic trainer, Kevin Campbell.

Although he has only resided in South Bend for two months, Campbell is practically an old pro in his field.

Campbell began his career in athletic training by assisting the trainer at North Central High School in Indianapolis, where he was raised. He then attended Ball State University for four years of undergraduate school. Campbell finished his schooling with one year of graduate

school at the University of Wisconsin at Lacrosse. Just a few short months

ago, Campbell found himself back in high school, only this time at Riley.

"I enjoy working in the high school setting," said Campbell, "the coaching staff understands what I do. I am here to help the athletes."

And that he does. According to Campbell, his job entails the prevention, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries.

"I cover the

games of varsity, contact sports, which are classified as high risk. These sports include football, soccer, and basketball," said Campbell.

Campbell spends his afternoons treating Riley athletes.

From 8 a.m. to noon, Campbell works at 'Health South,' which is an

outpatient rehabilitation and sports medicine center. He assists the

physical therapists at 'Health South.'

Campbell is currently the trainer at LaSalle High School as well. He is, however, used to this busy schedule.

Last year, he worked for Gunderson Lutheran Sports Medicine in Wisconsin, where he covered a wide range of schools and sports.

Campbell has also taken an active interest in students who want to

become athletic trainers. He worked with the *Indiana Pacers* two years ago and assisted in a workshop for high school students interested in athletic training.

Campbell has also taken on Liz Schreiber, Riley sophomore, as his assistant.

"Kevin has helped me learn. Every time someone comes in with a problem, he brings me over and explains the treatment needed," said Schreiber.

Schreiber also feels that Campbell does an excellent job of meeting the needs of all sports.

"His medical attention is more evenly distributed among the sports than in the past," said Schreiber.

Campbell does, however, have his favorites.

"Soccer is my favorite sport. It's the first sport I played, and it's the one I'm best at. Soccer most closely resembles life," said Campbell.

Campbell often reiterates how much he likes his job.

"I get lots of hands-on experience on the field," said Campbell, "and I enjoy helping students excel. I enjoy playing a role in their success."

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Riley thespians are taking it to the stage

But for these student-actors drama is more than 'playing' around

Erica Fleischer
Head Artist

"Drama club is a bunch of crazed individuals, consisting of students and club members," said Cindy Nemeth, sophomore.

The club meets after school almost every other Thursday in teacher John Kauss' room. Kauss teaches the drama class and is the club sponsor.

The club offers a lot of activities and opportunities.

Last summer, members of the club and class acted in the *Firefly Festival's* production of *'Fiddler on the Roof'*.

The drama club and class have been without long-time leadership of Kauss, who has suffered from back and leg problems. He was hospitalized for a time but has returned to Riley.

"Christine Phillips, who filled in for him, handled the club and class well on such short notice," said Nemeth.

There are a lot of differences between the drama club and the drama class. To be in the club you must pay \$10 for dues and you receive club privileges such as one free ticket to a play, newsletters, and the privilege to

attend club trips and parties.

The class focuses more on the history of theater and uses class time to work on plays. The class and club each produce their own plays.

However, the club is not producing any plays for the time being. Drama club plays are open casted and are offered to anyone at Riley, drama class plays are only open to the class' members.

The drama class will be performing a play called *'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'*. This play is about a group of troubled kids who take over an annual Christmas pageant.

"It's full of Christmas spirit," said Nemeth, who is acting in this play.

Other actors in the play include senior Kathleen Lane, who is playing mother; senior Mike Perez (father); senior Tara and junior Chris Knabenshuc (Beth and Charlie), who are brother and sister in both the play and real life; junior Stuart Orr (Leroy); senior David Carter (Ralph); sophomore Rachel Carter (Ollie); sophomore Chelsea Hay (Claudia); junior Angela Heinke (Gladys); and senior Tony Zarate (Imogene).

As for the drama club, they are trying to



encourage more social events and activities with the club members.

"Acting is wonderful; you can't describe the feeling that you get on stage; it's just you and the audience," said president of the drama club, Chris Knabenshuc.

If you want to join, you are free to do so.

"We have an excellent group this year. If all goes well, we'll have a great year," said Knabenshuc. ■

Knabenshuc finds time to play many roles on stage and off

Cindy Nemeth
Senior Staff Reporter

I used to think there was no one busier than me. That is, until I met junior Chris Knabenshuc.

Chris has served as president of the drama club since last year.

This past summer Chris played in the production of *'Podbugs and Theater in the Round'* at area libraries. He also co-directed the play. Later this year Chris will assist the directing in the first full-length play at St. Matthew's Catholic school.

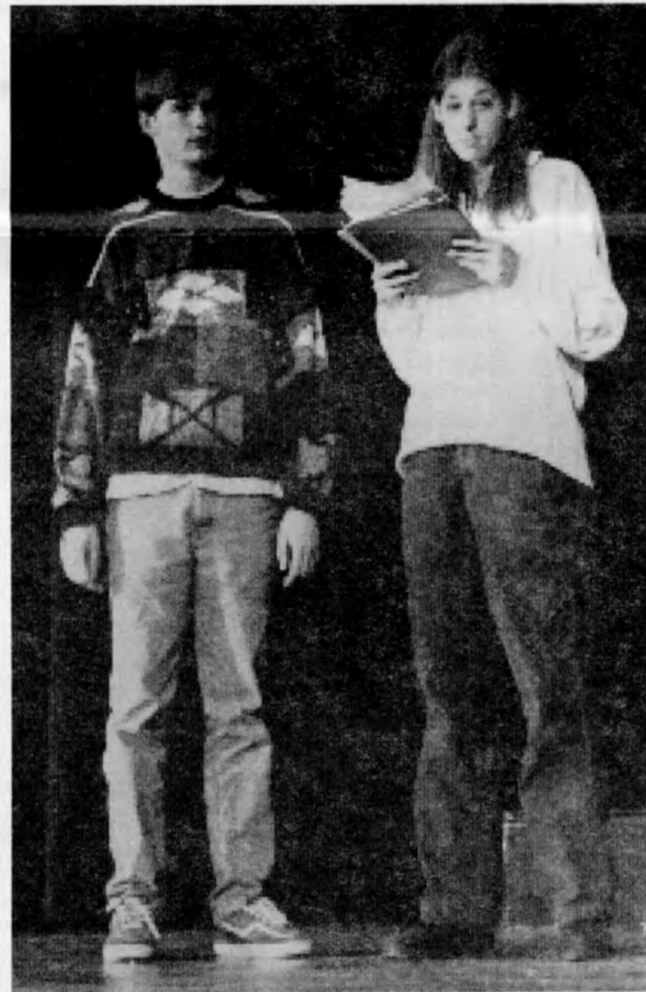
"Acting allows me to express my emotions in many different ways," he said.

He also does much of the lighting for Riley shows. Chris is also an active member in T.R.E.E.S., P.A.W.S., News Bureau, and the Latin club. He serves as treasurer of the Key Club, and he plays percussion in the concert, marching, and jazz bands. Chris also holds a part-time job at *Chick-fil-A*.

With so many positions to hold down, how does Chris manage his time so well? "The people around me are nice; they understand my need for flexibility. I also try not to overschedule anything. But there have been times when I've had to attend half of one meeting and half of another," he said.

Chris says he does the many things as he does because he wants to help people and show them that he cares.

Rarely do you run across a person like Chris Knabenshuc. So if you ever get the chance to talk to him, take it... that is, if you can catch him. ■



ADAM COLLINS

ACTING UP/ Junior Chris Knabenshuc practices his lines for the upcoming drama production of *'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'* with his older sister Tara. Coincidentally, Chris and Tara play the brother and sister starring roles in the play.

New award is sincere gesture

Jason McFarley
Diverse Ideas/ Copy Editor

OPINION

For every good deed that is noticed, at least three go unrecognized. Armed with a new service award program, however, Student Council aims to change that this year.

And if the council holds fast to its goal of honoring those clubs which go unrecognized in their attempt to serve others, the program will publicize the work of those organizations while encouraging others to take action.

Careful procedures, however, should be followed in selecting and announcing recipients of the award.

In the selection process, the emphasis must be placed on service. The type of service and time commitment should carry some weight as well.

Ideally, the most qualified recipients of the award would be those clubs that share a genuine desire to improve the world around them beginning with the Riley community.

The factor that should weigh in less heavily in choosing an apt recipient should be the club's recognition or status. Although it is Student Council's

aim to honor the lesser-known organizations, it is far more important to recognize those making the biggest difference in the community.

Special care must also be taken in announcing winners of the service awards. It won't be enough to say the recipients' names on the announcements, which often go unheard in first and sixth hour classes.

On the positive side, the recipients' certificates of merit will be placed in the main office. Only a small fraction of

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Riley students visit the office, though, making it a less than perfect place to hang the award.

Perhaps something could be worked out with the administrators, allowing for a special assembly at which service award winners can be properly honored and put in the spotlight.

Whatever the outcome, it's important to remember that this new program has very good intentions.

It is a noble and sincere attempt to honor service and make it everyone's concern. ■

Student Council honor attempts to spur students to action

Jason McFarley
Diverse Ideas Editor/ Copy Editor

From organizing the annual homecoming to sponsoring holiday food drives, Student Council has always been an organization dedicated to improving the Riley community. This year's council is taking an even greater step toward bettering the school and recognizing others with the same goal.

"This year we are planning to give a monthly award to a club that demonstrates outstanding service," said Kylea Asher, Student Council President.

"The aim of the award," Asher

STUDENT CONCERNS

explained, "is to focus on clubs that don't always receive the recognition that they deserve."

She believes that there are many hard-working, worthwhile groups at Riley that would be excellent candidates for the award.

The first award will be given by the end of November.

"Our Student Concerns Committee will be submitting a list of clubs that they feel deserve the service award based on their recent work. From

there, a ballot will be drawn up, and the whole council will vote," Asher said.

The award, according to Asher, will entail publicity over the announcements, including a proclamation stating specifically what makes the group significant, and a certificate of merit which will be displayed in the main office.

Although Asher would like to take the credit, she admits that the service award idea is not her own. In fact, she and other members came across the idea while attending the *District 2 Student Council Workshop* in October at LaSalle High School, whose council does a similar project.

While the Riley council could have undertaken other ventures, the purpose of the service award is twofold.

First, it fulfills a Y.E.S. (You are Extra Special) requirement, which keeps the council on statewide *Honor Council* status.

Second, and most importantly, the award is incentive to every group to give their time and effort for the benefit of the school.

In effect, this leads others to strive toward bettering their community and the lives of those around them.

And that makes everyone feel extra special. ■