

Recollections of 'good old' '76

The way it was
at Riley High

By Doug Marsh

Well, we made it. Mission accomplished. Another year gone, another celebration in the past.

Trudging through the too often "plastic" and "make-a-fast-buck" Bicentennial pageantry of 1976 has not been an easy task. From patriotic red, white, and blue underwear to the Mickey Mouse Bicentennial Parade, Americans have been swamped with the misconception of "Buy-centennial."

However, for Riley students and staff, the past twelve months have offered opportunities to participate in, observe, and celebrate our nation's 200th birthday as well as the traditional school activities.

Last January, Riley received a Bicentennial gift when 17-year old Sylvia Codon from Argentina came to South Bend as a foreign exchange student to observe what America is all about.

The 1976 Human Relations Week theme of "To every man, regardless of birth, his

shining opportunity . . . is the promise of America," captured the gift that America has offered to visitors, immigrants, and refugees from many nations.

Senior class president Jim Greulich, then junior class president, was awarded a \$300 scholarship from the VFW for his speech entitled "What Our Bicentennial Means to Me." Also in January, the Riley chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 114 new members.

Along with its mid-winter thaw, February 1976 is remembered at Riley for the challenge basketball game between the Riley faculty and some Notre Dame football players. Mr. Cleo Kilgore led the "Wild-kittens" to a victory in a very physical game. Also, the Black Culture Society of Riley presented a show to the student body encapsulating black's contribution to America's history.

About 2,000 South Bend Community School Corporation students of all ages participated in "The Spirits of '76," a city-wide musical production held at Notre

Dame's Athletic and Convocation Center in March. General director of the show was Riley's own drama director, Mr. John H.B. Kauss. A 1950's day during Spirit Week, also last March, allowed students and faculty to dress in '50's attire. However, Latin teacher Mr. James Stebbins donned a Roman toga in celebration of 50 B.C.

With April, another Student Council-sponsored project was Mini-Course week: students and teachers instructing others how to dance, to fly a kite, and to scuba-dive. Riley extended the hand of fellowship to area senior citizens as they were brought to Riley for lunch and a visit in the building with students.

During the month of May, Riley's two wall murals were completed --- "Riley's Tribute to the Bicentennial" on the outside north wall and Mr. Todd Hoover's art classes' abstract geometric composition on the cafeteria's back wall. The cafeteria mural was adapted from a design by one of the art students, Tom Klopfenstein.

In June, seniors Tim Bettner and Tom

Colten were co-valedictorians while Matt Carrico was salutatorian for the 1976 Riley graduating class.

So ended the '75-'76 school year, giving way to three months of summer vacation offering students time to celebrate our nation's independency any way they desired.

The 1976 Hoosier Poet, distributed during the week of summer vacation, served as a lead-in to the next school year.

Indiana's Senator-elect Richard Lugar, then in his intense election campaign, visited Riley Sept. 10 to speak to social studies and debate classes. After addressing students, he put on a Riley T-shirt and a pair of shorts to run with Coach Larry Morningstar and the cross country squad.

Seven Riley seniors, more than ever before, named National Merit Semi-finalists for their performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

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What's Up Front ...

Greulich wins \$450

A \$450 scholarship was awarded to senior Jim Greulich recently when he took first place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars District "Voice of Democracy" speech contest. Jim's speech was entitled "What America Means to Me." He will compete in the state contest on Jan. 17. If he wins the state title he will go on to compete in the national finals in Washington D.C. for a possible \$10,000 prize.

Jazz Band prepares

Riley's jazz band is preparing for a busy spring season. It will be participating in the NISBOVA contest on April 22, and the annual spring "Soundsations" where all high school jazz bands give a concert. The band is also considering several other state contests. "A problem in participation at festivals is money," said director Mr. Willie Keyes. The band usually has to pay for an entry fee and transportation.

Latin goes to N.D.

Today, Mr. James Stebbins' Latin students will attend the third annual workshop-seminar for area high school Latin students at the University of Notre Dame. Students will be able to choose the lectures of their choice throughout the day. Topics ranging from archaeology to the arts will be offered.

Teachers at IUSB

Five Riley teachers are teaching a variety of courses in IUSB's Continuing Education program this semester. Mr. Charles T. Goodman is teaching Public Speaking and Effective Meetings; Mr. Eugene Hudson is teaching Basic Mathematics 1 and 2; Mr. Todd Hoover is teaching Creative Photography 1 and 2. Mrs. Bernice DeVries is teaching Bookkeeping and Ledger Maintenance 1; and Mr. Paul Swanson is teaching Business Mathematics.

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Area achievers win Golden Gavel

By Bill Jacobi

The South Bend Junior Achievement delegation returned from Chicago with the "Golden Gavel Award" after participating in the three-day Junior Achievement Midwestern Conference (JAMCO) during Christmas vacation.

South Bend's group, including three Rileyites, Nanette Jones, Laura Frick, and Bill Jacobi, competed against approximately 16 other delegations in the 21-50 person category. Twenty-two achievers were sent from the South Bend-Mishawaka area.

Senior Laura Frick said, "This conference was one of the best experiences of my life and I learned a lot too." Achievers from all over the midwest met at the Marriott Motor Inn and were judged on their enthusiasm, participation, and conduct. South Bend has won this award

four out of the past five years, the only area to do so.

Local achievers surprised everyone with their enthusiasm only nine days after a fire had gutted the J.A. meeting center at 947 Louise St. Fire inspectors reported that \$90,000 damage was done to the center. The fire, which was caused by an electrical short circuit, completely wiped out several companies and took a heavy toll on others. The South Bend J.A. board of directors took immediate action to locate another structure where the program could continue.

Last week half of South Bend's 800 achievers met in the basement of the public library to plan a comeback and take stock of the fire's damage. Mr. Rolf Foster-Jorgensen, J.A. Executive Director, told of the extent of the damage. A witness described the heat as so intense that a phone at the opposite end from where the blaze

originated had completely melted.

Foster-Jorgensen outlined the general action that any large-scale company takes after a fire, including tallying the loss from predicted sales and materials. Many achievers were disheartened to learn that there may be only 50 percent insurance coverage for actual company losses; however, most took it as a challenge.

Junior Bill Jacobi, president of his company, I.N.O.C., pointed out, "We have lost the most of all companies, so we have the potential to rebound from this the best and win 'Company of the Year'!"

Junior Achievement's purpose is to teach high school students to run a business successfully on a learn-by-doing process. The determination of all the achievers to try to make the year a success, even after sustaining an almost complete loss, assures the community that the South Bend J.A. program is serving its purpose.

Riley chapter of NHS holds induction of 64

By Doug Marsh

Sixty-four Riley juniors and seniors will be inducted next Wednesday into the National Honor Society. The ceremony in which parents and immediate family members are invited to, will be held in the auditorium. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the cafeteria.

Inductees are: Ruth Abrams, Jane Axelberg, Dale Bauer, Jeanene Bettner, Julie Bonewitz, Matt Brokaw, Mary Cerny, Ron Clauser, Ann Donohue, Carol Downer, Colleen Doyle, Suzanne DuVall, Karen Ebbole, Patricia Farmer, and Nancy Gardner.

Also Maria Gassensmith, Beth Gavin, Jeff Gorman, Christopher Grande, Joe Hennessy, Steve Herczeg, Kathy Horvath,

Marina Hudson, Bill Jacobi, Tom Johnson, Kim Karkiewicz, Lynnel Keresztesi, and Lucinda Kil.

Julie Kwiecinski, Paula LaMar, Cindy Lockhart, Tammy Maione, John Marroni, Brian McEnany, Mike McGeath, Pam Melton, Rita Miller, Pam Miller, Sue Montgomery, Anne Oswald, Dan Peters, Lisa Petzke, and Kurt Pfothner, Sue Podemski, Andrea Popielski, and Judy Ratajczak.

Emily Rosenstock, Steve Saba, Roger Sisk, Elizabeth Slott, Robert Sproston, Vic Sulok, Karen Swedeen, Linda Vanderheyden, Kim Vanderall, Kathy Vandewalle, Rock Wagner, Mark Walker, Pat Watkins, Cathy Watts, Cynthia Whiteford, Gary

Williams, Barbara Witt, and Rebecca Zink.

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Student opinion: to shoot or not to shoot

By Sue Wells

Two men recently attempted to rob the Hans-Burkhart Pharmacy on S. Michigan St. One of these men was armed with a pistol. The hold-up was unsuccessful, however, because one of the customers in the store was an armed security guard. The owner also kept a gun behind the checkout counter. The attempted robbery became a gun battle in which both bandits were slain. This incident prompted students to review their thoughts on when and if they would use a gun.

Responses ranged from emphatic refusals to shoot to conditional, affirmative replies. Of those polled by the journalism class, opinion was evenly divided: half were against using guns for any reason and half favored using guns in specified situations.

Kelly Murphy's emphatic "No, never!" was echoed by others.

"I would never even own a gun," said Beth Harmon.

"It is never right," said Donna Boudreau, "to shoot anyone."

"I'd never keep a gun in my home or car," Marcia McClure said. "I would never want to use one, but in a matter of life and death, I'm not sure what I'd do."

Several students mentioned gun control in their responses. Tim Bennett thinks that gun control is a good idea and people with criminal records should not be able to possess guns.

"I myself don't care for them," said Vickie Dembinski, "but for businesses there are needs for them. I feel all guns should be sold only to business people and the police. People who hunt can use

stones! No, I wouldn't shoot anyone, no matter what the situation."

Lorri Joseph proposed eliminating guns completely. "I feel there would be a lot less murder committed if they were outlawed: other types of weapons can be used for protection."

Circumstances under which some students would use a gun varied. Catherine Connors stated that she would only use a gun in self-defense. A Riley patron, Mr. David Irwin, Sr., said that the time to use a gun is "when you've got a gun pointed at you!"

David Troeger said, "I would shoot a person after he shoots at me."

"Yes, if someone were going to kill me," said Mike Wirt. "I'd blow 'em down. I wouldn't like doing it, but I would shoot if I had to."

Some students mentioned burglary in their reasons for shooting or not shooting people. "If someone broke into my house," said Jack Dawson, "and they had a gun and I had a gun, I would shoot."

John Brehmer said, "If someone breaks into my house and steals some of my property, I would shoot them in order to get my property back."

"I would run if my house was broken into," said Mary Cerny.

One student distinguished between shooting to kill and shooting to injure. "I would shoot a person in the leg," Jack Dawson said, "or somewhere to injure or hamper his actions, but not to kill him intentionally."

Tim Grogan brought up a gun-less way to handle a person with a gun. "I wouldn't shoot him. I'd beat him up, but not shoot him."



Mike Wirt

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Lorri Joseph



Vickie Dembinski

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Student support necessary to keep newspaper afloat

STOP! Are you reading your own paper? If so, good for you. If not, you are failing to support the publications department and may not have a paper to read in the near future.

Riley High School has more than 1600 students. Of this number, less than half subscribe, or even buy, the newspaper.

In order to pay for itself, the **Review** must sell at least 400 single copies of each issue, at 25 cents each.

Other ways of raising money could be used, of course, such as increased advertising, but who wants to read eight pages of ads?

If the students at Riley fail to buy a sufficient number of papers this Friday, we will be forced to cut the next paper to four pages or fill it with advertising.

Many school papers receive money from the school corporation to help fund their publications, but the **Review** does not. It has prided itself on being able to subsist strictly on the revenue obtained from advertising, subscriptions and single copy sales.

For only 25 cents, each of you can keep the paper in the black, so to speak. In this way, you can help us continue to uphold the standards of the **Riley Review**, and perhaps even contribute to its betterment.

This is your paper, and it needs your support to keep going. Twenty-five cents every two weeks is a pittance, compared to what it actually costs to publish one copy of the **Review**, but if each of you buys a paper, the **Review** will be able to continue, for you, its readers.

Gilmore's execution set for January 17

Gary Gilmore is sentenced to be executed at sunrise on Monday, January 17. His execution is for the murder of Bennie Bushnell, one of two people he killed on consecutive nights in July. Gilmore's execution has been stayed before, and many are doubtful that it will occur this Monday.

Although Gilmore's execution has been postponed twice, he wants to die. Gilmore does not want to spend the rest of his life behind bars (he has already spent 18 of his 35 years in prison). He also insists that his prompt execution will atone in blood for the two killings.

While Gilmore wants to die, people such as his mother and his lawyer have intervened for him, delaying his execution.

It was stayed by the U.S. Supreme Court on a last-minute motion by Gilmore's mother. Many other people oppose Gilmore's execution because they are strongly against capital punishment. Gilmore said at a pardon hearing, "To all the rabbis, priests, and ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union), I say butt out. It's my life and my death."

Gilmore's case has created such a furor because no one has been executed since Luis Jose Monge was asphyxiated on June 2, 1967. However, public opinion, once so anti-death sentence, is now swinging the other direction. Last spring, a Gallup poll found people favored the death sentence by 65 to 28 percent.

Iowa attorney general Richard Turner explained why public opinion has shifted. "People are sick to death," he said, "of the crime and violence that's occurring today. They've got to do something about it and they're going to. They're going to start executing people." Gary Gilmore might be the first one.

TV games: is the hand quicker than the screen?

By Sue Wells

People nowadays are using their TV sets with the sound turned off. No, they aren't watching Charlie's Angels; they're watching tennis balls or pucks zooming across their TV screens, and trying to hit these aforementioned objects with paddles or hockey sticks. In short, they are playing video games.

Video games have been around for a few years and are increasing in popularity. Currently, 15 different companies manufacture various versions of these games. Many companies bill video games as "space age" games and link their names to space: Magnavox's Odyssey is immediately connected to the sci-fi movie 2001: A Space-Connected Odyssey. Other companies name their products after the games that are played on them, such as Atari's Superpong (although when I first heard the name Atari I thought it was another imported Japanese car.)

All video game sets offer at least three different games to play. My Telestar has tennis, hockey, and handball. It also has three settings for each game: beginner (slow speed and regular-sized paddle), and pro (fast speed and regular-sized paddle). One would assume that the pro setting would be the most difficult, but it is the consensus of everyone I have played that the intermediate setting (with the paddle not much larger than the ball) is IMPOSSIBLE.



I have discovered two basic strategies for playing video games: the one I use and the one my opponents use. My opponents follow the movements of the ball or puck with their paddle or hockey stick. They manipulate their control knobs so that when the ball is moving downward, their paddle moves downward and vice versa. This is but an adaptation of baseball's "Keep your eye on the ball" dictum.

My approach to TV tennis and hockey involves geometry. I try to determine where the ball contacts my paddle by figuring its angle of ascent after the ball hits a side boundary. Since I get bogged down determining whether the angle of ascent is a 73 or 74 degree angle, my opponents usually win.

To (unsuccessfully) counterbalance this, I demand the advantage of serving at the

beginning of the game. In other words, my opponent is the one to whom the ball is zoned first. This advantage is a good thing, but it only works until I miss the ball, and then I have to be the receiver.

I have also discovered that, as in eating potato chips, it is impossible to play just one game of tennis or hockey, especially if I lose the first game. I end up playing at least five games a stint. After being creamed 15-0, 15-2, or 15-3 or edged out 15-14, I seek respite from my opponent and change the game to a handball match.

The object of handball is to prevent the machine from scoring points against you. The machine has scored 15 points against me in 23 seconds flat (In other words, I play against the machine about as well as I play against other people). Playing against the machine isn't as much fun as playing against other people because the machine lacks personality. Playing nimb on a programmable calculator is more fun, because the calculator displays 35071 if it loses, and 55178 if it wins (These numbers, when read upside down, spell "I lose" and "Bliss").

There is one sure-fire way for me to win a game of tennis or hockey: I play myself, left hand vs. right hand. However, this struck me as too easy, so I crossed my hands, having the left hand operate the right knob and paddle and the right hand operate the left knob and paddle. 15-5. Can't lose them all.

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NEED A STUDY PLAN?

Teachers, former Rileyites comment on finals

By Tery Hudson

With the semester's end approaching, students must once more perform that troublesome task of preparing for their tremendous tests. According to Assistant principal Joseph Kuharic, about 60 per cent of Riley's student body will have to take their finals. "Last year only 52 per cent took their finals, but I estimate more will have to take them this semester due to more absences because of the flu."

"I would like to do away with finals," said science teacher Mr. John Clayton. Although Mr. Clayton sees finals as good for college preparatory, he believes "if I didn't know how much one of my students has learned after 18 weeks, I'd stop teaching." He also thinks if a student can cram (learn the material the night before the test) the final is a bad one. "If you can learn everything that was taught in the course in two or three hours," he said, "why take the course?"

On the other hand, social studies teacher Mr. Joseph Callahan feels the final is necessary to summarize the course and "hit its highlights." He holds that the teacher should give the students a very definite idea of what will be on the exam so students can have an organized study. "If a teacher doesn't," he said, "the studying and perhaps the final is a waste of time."

"A student would study for all subjects differently," said chemistry teacher Mr. John Koellner. But Mr. Koellner has a method he recommends for studying for science tests. He suggests that a student

list all the topics covered in a course. "He should then study those he is lacking confidence in knowing," he said.

Two college students who graduated from Riley last May were asked how they studied for finals. Robin Whitmire is a freshman at IUSB, majoring in chemistry. Robin took all of her finals her senior year and said it helped her with her college exams. "High school finals make you realize you will have to retain knowledge," she said.

"There's more pressure in college finals," she said, "since you know it counts so much more on your grade." In high school a final is only a fifth of a semester grade, while in college it may be as much as a third.

In dealing with that pressure, Robin says confidence plays a big part. "You have to be certain that you know the material. You can never be too well prepared for a test." To help her study, Robin saves all her tests.

"You can cram-review, but you can't cram-study," she said. Since some classes are more difficult than others, you will have to spend more time studying for those tests. "Cramming (reviewing for several hours the night before) will work for some finals and not for others," she said, "and you have to know which."

Eric Diamond, last year's senior class president, is now studying business at Notre Dame. He said in an interview last week that he reviews a course's material two or three hours the night before the test. "Review, don't learn, the night before the test," he advised, "and don't



stay up late the night before the test cramming. If you haven't studied by then, it won't help you." Eric uses reviewing the material the night before the test as his chief way to study. "It seems no one in college has the time or desire to study thoroughly."

Miss June Waterman, English teacher, sees cramming as a "device for survival"

in college. She feels people should spend the time to study thoroughly and really retain the knowledge, but says, "In certain courses cramming is a necessity." She also encourages everyone who is planning on further education to take all the exams they can. "Taking an exam is a skill that needs to be learned just like any other - by practice," she said.

67 mid-year grads listed

Sixty-seven students have completed their credits and are considered mid-year graduates. These include the following:

Joan Annable, Christy Allen, Elizabeth Battles, Bill Blower, Mike Bobbitt, Craig Bolenbaugh, Julie Bonewitz, Michael Bowling, Kelly Burns, Tammy Bush, Brant Campanaro, Linda Candler, Susan Carrier, Rick Cox, Pati Crocker, Lisa DeFalco.

Tracy Drew, Dennis Elmerick, Joann Evans, Mike Everett, Rhonda Fairchild, Cindy Ferris, Edmund Gorka, Cheryl Griesinger, Cheryl Gurbick, Cindy Hall, Jan Hamilton, Debbie Harper, Therese Hemmelgarn, Kathy Heiter, Darlene Henderson, Carol Hepler, Brenda Hill, Lorri Joseph, Sharol Kayser, Richard Kimmel, Vickie Kitts, Tom Klopfenstein.

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Cathy Stancati, Elizabeth Stockton, Patty VanDePutte, Rebecca Vargo, Merry Lee Trump, Kim Weisser, Linda White, Peggy Williams, Steve Wruble, Kurt Youngs, Michael Zielinski, and Lori Zeltner.

Principals ponder assemblies

By Liz Woyton

In order to answer numerous student inquiries about what goes into planning assemblies at Riley, a Review reporter recently snuck into a meeting between the principal and one of the assistant principals about assemblies. Here is their unabridged conversation:

PRIN: Well, Joe, how did you like the last assembly?

AP: You mean the one in which those English people sang country-western songs with two-part harmony and electric guitars?

PRIN: Yeah! I really liked that one. But the students didn't seem to enjoy it much, did they?

AP: I noticed that too. They sure are hard to please. But I've been thinking lately that maybe we should have something more interesting to kids their age.

PRIN: Such as . . .

AP: Well, how about a karate assembly? I bet they'd really like that, and we wouldn't have to encourage participation . . .

PRIN: Sorry Joe, but ixnay on the karate assembly. I'll never forget last year's yoga assembly . . . the memory, ouch! lingers on and on . . .

AP: What do you mean?

PRIN: Let me put it this way, Joe. In the time it took to wrench me out of that 'lotus' position, my chiropractor made enough money to pay for his kids' orthodontistry and take a trip to Europe.

AP: Okay, okay, I understand. Hey, I know of a great new act we can get. She's booked up at Caesar's Palace through February but I'll bet we could get her this spring.

PRIN: Great! What's the name of her act?

AP: ERNESTINE ENCYCLOPAEDIA AND HER SINGING TOMES.

PRIN: Singing Tones?

AP: Yeah, and they can also tap dance and juggle flaming batons . . .

PRIN: Forget it Joe, fire isn't allowed in the building, and besides, it wasn't exactly what I had in mind.

AP: Okay, but don't say I didn't try.

PRIN: Thanks anyway, but I've just got to find something the kids are interested in.

AP: What about skiing? I hear Claudine Longet is offering a cut-rate course.

PRIN: No way, Joe, skiing is, ahem, too dangerous.

AP: What about something exotic, perhaps a taste of culture for their young minds?

PRIN: What did you have in mind?

AP: I hear Julia Child is on tour, demonstrating some of her favorite French cuisine.

PRIN: You've got to be kidding, Joe! Do you really think we could get away with having them watch Julia Child and then expect them to eat lunch in the cafeteria? What do you want to do, start a riot?

AP: Sorry, I lost my head.

PRIN: You know Joe, I think the best assemblies are those in which the students participate.

AP: You're absolutely right! I heard about this school that got their entire student council to play "God Bless America" with spoons and water glasses. The kids loved it.

PRIN: Hmm, doesn't sound like such a bad idea, but maybe we could have them play "Wave the Flag for Dear Old Riley" instead.

AP: Okay, I'll start working on it.

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Riley loses a friend in 'Sam' Wegner



"Sam Wegner was a good friend, who assisted me in the first few years at Jackson in football, not as a coach, but with his philosophy," commented Human Relations Director Wally Gartee last week on the life of Riley's former athletic director and teacher, Irwin "Sam" Wenger, who died on Dec. 26 after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Wegner spent 35 years working in the South Bend Community School Corporation as an administrator, teacher, coach and athletic director. He taught at Adams, Washington, Central, Jackson, and Riley.

He was Jackson's only athletic director for the ten years it was a high school. His last year of teaching was at Riley last year, where he also served as athletic director. He retired last June at the age of 63.

Mr. Wegner had three children, Patrick, Pamela, and Michael, all of whom graduated from Riley. The Riley Review extends deepest sympathy to Mr. Wegner's wife, Margaret, and his family.

Athlete of the Month



Junior Monice Thomas is January's Athlete of the Month. Monice is leading the undefeated girls' basketball team in rebounding and scoring. Coach Don Coddens commented that "Monice realizes her weak points and works hard to improve them. She is well liked by her teammates and her attitude is just super."

Swimmers in last part of season

The big meets are coming up from now on for Coach Dave Dunlap's 'Cat-fish, starting next Saturday afternoon with the dual meet here against city rival Adams.

Then will come the city and conference meets on successive Saturdays at the Washington pool. Riley will be battling the Seagulls of Coach Steve Smith for the title in each of these.

Last year, Riley swimmers won every time they faced Adams, but the 'Cat-fish were hurt by graduation more than the Seagulls were. Last year's versatile co-captains Rick Rosenbaum, Ben Ledley, and Evan Petty, plus two state-caliber divers Bill Butterworth and Kevin McColley, are not easily replaced, but the young '77 'Cat-fish have developed enough strength and poise, Coach Dunlap believes, to be a threat to any team in the state.

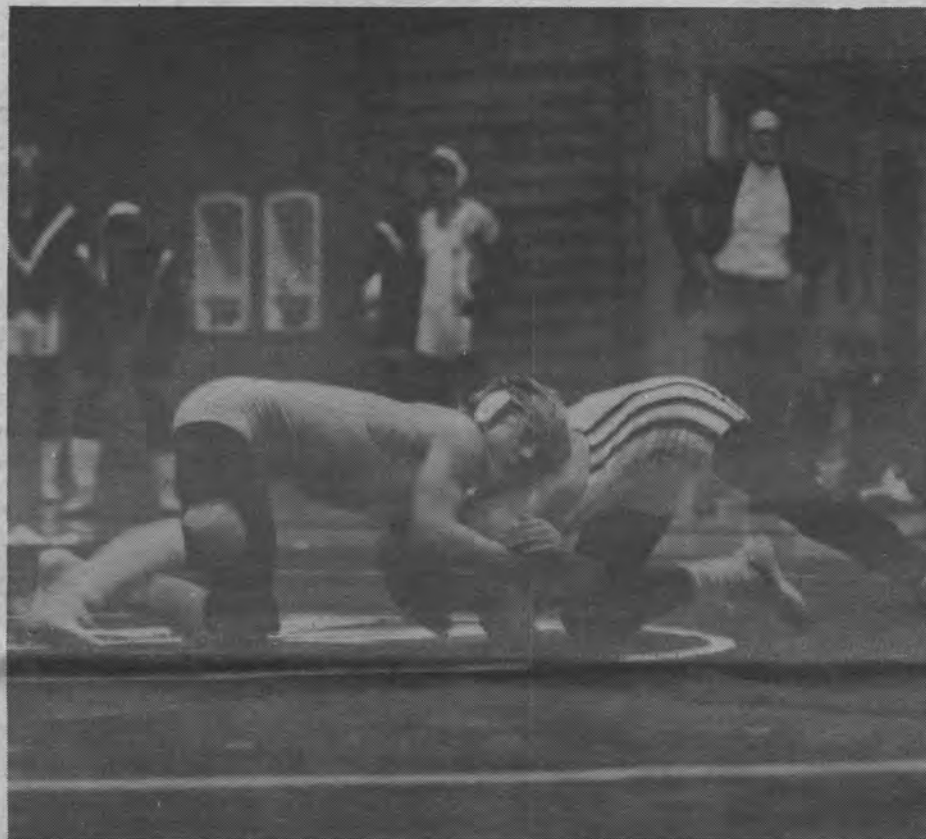
This was evidenced in the close dual meet last month against state champion Munster, who is rated number one again

this year. The 'Cat-fish lost, but the result depended on the last relay where Riley was barely touched out. And the Riley team, the coach was surprised to note, included not one member who swam against Munster last year.

The team had a bad day against Kokomo Haworth there right after vacation but bounced back to defeat Penn last week to bring their record to 8-2.

The 'Cats face a trio of state-ranked central Indiana foes in a quad meet tomorrow at Columbus North High School, and according to Dunlap, "they will be working very hard from here on in."

From the Riley team who placed second in the state last year, only four state qualifiers are back: captain Tim Gladura, diver Rick Bohnsack, and Bill Fahey, seniors; and sophomore John Weissner. These four are strong contenders again this year. How well the team places in "the big ones" will depend largely on how fast the younger members of the team develop.



WRESTLER MARTY MERSICH works for a takedown by holding his Mishawaka opponent in a headlock. Photo by Kevin Knepp.

Wrestlers go to Brandywine next

By Nick Simeri

With a win over Elkhart Central on Jan. 6, the Riley wrestlers improved their record to 3-2. The only losses have come on the road to Mishawaka and LaSalle. The mat-men travel to Brandywine tomorrow to take part in the Brandywine Invitational.

Coach George Jones says the team's main concern is still on the higher weight classes. Jim Stoller is a new addition to the team, filling the previously vacant heavyweight position. Jim Berger, a co-captain, will be out of action with a

shoulder injury for about three weeks. Homer Frison is expected to fill in for Berger.

Co-captain Mike Cox has been the team's outstanding wrestler with a 5-0 record. Coach Jones believes the team is "a determined bunch of guys, who should improve with each upcoming match." The wrestlers have four of their last six matches on the road. The NIC meet will be their first post-season action on Jan. 29. The sectional is set for Feb. 5.

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Girls win own tournament, undefeated in eight games

By Jim Miller

Basketball spectators, hold on to those season tickets! If you haven't noticed, the girls' basketball team has, thus far, achieved an undefeated record of 8-0 and has won its own Holiday Tournament, Dec. 21.

"The girls feel very confident, but they also realize that they must still play the second half of their schedule," says Coach Don Coddens.

Coach Don Coddens can see a lot of improvement in all the girls, including those not starting. "Our attitude is great, which has made this a pleasant experience for me," he said. "I am also very pleased to see how quickly the girls have picked up what we have been working on."

The girls hosted three teams in the holiday Tourney: St. Joe, Mishawaka, and Penn. In the first round, good rebounding led Riley to a 57-33 victory over St. Joe. The St. Joe victory advanced the Riley netters to the championship game against Penn.

BASKETBALL

Wildcats meet LaSalle tonight

By Dave Irwin

Tonight the Riley basketball team will take a two game losing streak and a 4-6 record against the third rated LaSalle in a Northern Indiana Conference match-up. LaSalle defeated Riley in the first round of the Holiday Tourney 74-49. Coach Joe Kreitzman commented on their return match with LaSalle. "We played a half a game last time," he said, "this time we will play a full game. This time we must play better defensively."

In the Washington game on Dec. 17, Riley lost 68-63. Riley jumped to a quick 8-4 lead before Washington's offense took over. Riley was outscored in the first two quarters but cut a nine point disadvantage to one in the third quarter. But Washington scored five straight points and never relinquished the lead. The Riley B-team lost 51-45. Dave Middleton had 11 points.

Andre Strong's two free throws with six seconds left on the clock gave Riley a 84-81 victory over LaPorte on Dec. 23.

Greg Williams was high scorer for Riley with 20 points and Jon Clay scored 18. Strong and Ted Uzelac had 13 and 12 points respectively. In the LaSalle game in the Holiday Tourney, the Wildcats stayed with LaSalle for a half. In the third period though, Riley made only one of

Riley's 57-41 win over Penn was described by Coach Coddens as "another example of why rebounding is so important in basketball." All five Riley starters played key rebounding roles. Pulling down a total of 50 rebounds for Riley were Monica Thomas with 19, Mary Hoff 12, Cindy Alvear 8, Linda LaMar 8, and Cindy Miller 3.

"We didn't shoot as well as we normally do," said Coach Coddens, "but those rebounds made the difference."

"Most of the teams lay a zone defense but we prefer to play man to man. We are working hard, however, on some zone presses," he said. Coach Coddens described the girls as having good overall height. The shortest girl on Riley's starting lineup is 5'7".

There is no girls' basketball conference in South Bend but Riley remains the only unbeaten team in the area. "We will try to win the rest of our games and the sectional first," said Coddens. "If we can do that, then we will start looking ahead."

twelve shots and made only 28% of their shots for the game. Greg Williams had 16 points for Riley.

Last week Riley dropped their second in a row with a 65-56 loss to East Chicago Roosevelt. Riley started fast holding an early 8-2 lead in the first quarter. Roosevelt failed to score until 5:21 in the quarter. Riley maintained their lead to take a 17-10 advantaged at the first quarters end. Riley's largest lead of the night came in the second quarter, when they spurred out to a 26-19 lead. Roosevelt then started to make a comeback, and took the lead on a jumpshot with 51 seconds remaining in the first half. Roosevelt took a 31-28 lead with them into the intermission. Roosevelt started the second half with 12 unanswered points. Greg Williams finally scored for Riley with 4:13 left in the third quarter. The Wildcats made 5 out of 18 shots in the third quarter. Riley closed a Roosevelt lead to seven points 59-52 in the last quarter. With the score 61-54 and 2:05 left in the game, Roosevelt went into a stall game and preserved a 65-56 victory. Gerald Harris led Riley with 17 points. David Scott had 11 points and Greg Williams scored 10 points.

Staff involved with officiating

By Brian Wantuch

Seven members of the Riley staff are involved in something very important to sports - officiating. They are teachers Bert Brenneman and Larry Morningstar (basketball), Wally Garte and Mike Mondovics (wrestling), custodian Ron Pershing, assistant principal Joe Kuharic and athletic director Paul Frazier (basketball and football).

Mr. Frazier officiated the important football game earlier this year between Penn and Clay, and Mr. Brenneman and Mr. Pershing officiated the game last year between the Riley faculty and Notre Dame football players.

Mr. Kuharic started officiating in football and basketball in 1964 and continued until 1967. Things were different then than they are today. Payment for officiating has gone up. "We made from \$10 to \$17.50 a game," said Mr. Kuharic, "and sometimes we were assigned to both B-team and varsity games."

Today officials make anywhere from \$27.50 for a boys' varsity basketball game to \$35 for a college wrestling match. Separate teams of officials are now assigned to B-team and varsity games.

Some officials go through a basic in-service course and all must apply to the

state and take a written exam to become a registered or certified official. In basketball, coaches rate officials on their knowledge of rules and their officiating. Coaches and athletic directors hire officials for games with the ratings in mind.

Officials usually have weekly meetings to go over rules and play situations. Mr. Wally Garte is the rules interpreter in the South Bend area for wrestling and he is in charge of the St. Joe Valley Athletic Officials Association for wrestling. Wrestling officials also have meetings and clinics to go over rules.

In addition to keeping a match or game under control, officials are on the job as a hobby or to have fun. Mr. Kuharic recalled a situation he was in when "a basketball player got his hand caught in the netting of the hoop when the ball was in flight and he just dangled there by his arm. It took about a half hour to get the game restarted because everyone was laughing so hard."



HOLIDAY TOURNEY CHAMPIONS Front row: Lisa Kovatch, Cindy Alvear, Karen Ebbale, Colleen Doyle, Cindy Miller, Mary Leliaert. Back Row: Mr. Morrical, Monice Thomas, Marilou Marosz, Gwen Beans, Kelly Marchbank, Linda LaMar, Mary Hoff, Jean Huffman, Mr. Coddens. Photo by DeGross Studio.

Sports Calendar

Boys' Basketball

1-14 LaSalle T
1-21 Memorial T
1-28 Adams T
2-1 Gary Wallace T
2-4 Central H
2-8 LaVille T
2-12 St. Joe T

Hockey [not school sponsored]

1-18 Marian
1-20 St. Joe
1-23 Washington
2-3 LaPorte
2-10 Niles

Wrestling

1-15 Brandywine Invitational
1-18 Memorial H
1-20 Elston H
1-22 Culver Invitational
1-29 NIC Meet
2-5 Sectional

Boys' Swimming

1-15 Columbus North Quad. T
1-20 Elston T
1-22 Adams H
1-27 City Meet
2-3&5 NIC Meet

Girls' Basketball

1-17 Fairfield H
1-19 Clay T
1-26 Washington T
2-5 Sectional

Hockey team record stands at 5-5

By Jim Miller

The Riley hockey team has boosted its record to 5-5. The community-sponsored Ice Cats defeated Penn 11-3 and Elkhart 8-6 in recent Michiana Prep Hockey action.

Highlighted by Ron Goloubow's first career hat trick and two goals by John MacInnes, the Ice Cats skated by Penn on Dec. 28. Other Riley goal scorers included Kurt Linster, John Herczeg, Bob Verbanac, Jeff Simon, and Dave Horvath.

Riley's 8-6 victory over Elkhart in a penalty-free contest was described by Riley Coach John Sychalski as "a good lesson that the team learned."

"Whenever we get a goal that ties the game or puts us ahead, we always seem to relax as if we have locked up the game," Coach Sychalski commented. "In the Elkhart game we took the lead many times but Elkhart always came back and tied us. I think this taught the guys that you can't relax, no matter how big your lead is. When you start to relax, you start to let down as a team."

Led by Jay Lerman's two goals, Riley was able to hang on to win against a determined Elkhart team. Other Riley skaters that netted goals were Simon (assisted by Tim Galloway), John MacInnes (Dave Horvath), Gary Woodworth (Dan Lerman), Goloubow (Verbanac), Herczeg (unassisted), and Dan Lerman (unassisted).

Riley goalie Ken Vargo was pressured all night by Elkhart but still turned out a good performance. Riley's senior goaltender, Rick Spitaels, was under the weather for

the Penn game but was able to help out Ken Vargo with the goaltending duties during the 9-0 loss to Adams on Jan. 6. The Cats were without the services of two starting skaters in the Adams game. Riley was charged with six penalties in the game.

"Adams scored during every one of our penalties," said Coach Sychalski. "Also the absence of our two starting skaters caused our starting line to be somewhat unbalanced."

Riley plays a make-up game against Michigan City (combined Elston and Rogers) at the Ice Box tomorrow.

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Cleaning up the mess is only half the fun

By Barbara Witt

Planning bulletin boards, wading through and sorting out teachers' filing systems and mixing chemical solutions are just a few of the everyday jobs of a teacher's aid.

Many teacher aids work in the science department and are known as lab assistants. Each assistant earns a half a credit per semester and receives a grade for his or her work.

Sally McCandless, senior, prepares solutions and lays out equipment for lab experiments for one of Mr. John Koellner's first year chemistry classes. She also cleans up after the labs are completed. Sally believes she will benefit from her work as a lab assistant. "I like the work, and it gives me a chance to do things that I wouldn't do in a regular chemistry class," she said.

Senior Jill Goshert is a lab assistant for Mr. Feliks Wiatrowski. Her duties include grading papers, preparing chemicals for experiments, cleaning lab work areas and straightening out filing systems. Jill also feels the experience will help her in the future, since she plans on becoming a dietician.

Teacher assistants are not limited to the science department. Sue Wells, also a senior, assists Mr. Thomas Hoyer, social studies teacher. Every month she plans a different bulletin board in Mr. Hoyer's room. Occasionally Sue transforms the bulletin board into a "joke board."



"As a lab assistant, I'm able to see the practical side of an experiment instead of only the theoretical part."

Other teacher assistants include seniors Liz Woyton and Tim Grogan, and junior Jeanene Bettner, who are assistants to Mr. Robert Smith, biology teacher. Mr. John Clayton has two assistants in earth science classes. They are seniors Cathy Kocsis and Lori Haefner. Mr. Koellner's physical science assistant is Cathy Shane, also a senior.

Carter invites Amber to attend inauguration

By Anne Oswald

"The Inaugural Committee requests the honor of your presence and participation in the Inauguration of Jimmy Carter as President of the United States of America . . ." was the inscription on the eleven by eight inch invitation received by Bob Amber, a Riley senior. Bob is one of the 300,000 invited to Washington, D.C., Thursday, Jan. 20.

Bob's contact with president-elect Carter began during Carter's presidential campaign. Mrs. Ruth Hammond, home

economics teacher, suggested that Bob write a letter to Carter asking where he could get raw peanuts for peanut brittle. He got a response thanking him for his interest and telling him where Carter's campaign headquarters were in South Bend (no mention of the peanuts, however). Evidently Bob was then placed on a mailing list and sent an invitation.

Bob said he's not really a Carter fan and does not plan to attend the inauguration, although he is going to save the invitation in case it becomes valuable some day.

Year ends with 'Sneaky Fitch' and cold

(Continued from page 1)

While leaves were turning and dropping from the trees in October, a national candidate visited South Bend. Yes, President-elect Jimmy Carter was in town to speak at the University of Notre Dame. He didn't campaign at Riley which may have resulted in his defeat in the poll taken of over 1,000 Riley students.

Unusually bone-chilling cold ushered in November. During this month, the Riley Drama Players presented "The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch," a comedy directed by Mr. Kauss. Kelly Murphy was voted "Riley's Good Citizen" for the school year by her fellow seniors. Parents followed their children's class schedules on the annual Open House night.

The school-wide Christmas and Hanukkah Card delivery was sponsored by the Student Council. The speech team's success at a Purdue conference also highlighted December at Riley. Holiday parties were held by many organizations.

Thus, while school was not in session, 1976 expired. By trimming away all the hoopla, thoughtful Americans noticed that 1976 was not just another year bloated with false celebrations. 1976 was a crucial year in which problems were encountered by our government, some solved, some not. However, Americans freely and indepen-

From the Editor's Desk



Dear Readers,

This is the first in a series of columns designed for you, about you. It is my hope that you will, throughout the year, come to contribute items for this column. They can be about anything, the more unusual the better, happening around Riley, to students and faculty members.

For example:

GRANDPA GARTEE. Congratulations to Mr. Wally Garte, who recently became a grandfather. His son Mike and daughter-in-law Debbie became the parents of a seven-pound two-ounce baby boy named Daniel James Garte on Jan. 5 at 3:31 p.m.

Mr. Garte was at a wrestling match at Jackson Middle School when he heard the news. "I got so excited I shouted YIPPEE!" Mr. Garte said, continuing, "It was one of the most thrilling experiences I've ever had in wrestling."

A PICTURE SAYS A THOUSAND WORDS. When senior Lisa DeFalco was ticketed for allegedly running a stop sign at the corner of Ridgedale and York Roads, she was filled with righteous indignation. Though advised against it, she was determined to "fight city hall."

Photographer Kevin Knepp came to the rescue when he photographed the corner in question, thus proving that cars stopping at that intersection couldn't be seen from where the police car had been situated. She won her case.

CASTING ONE'S BREAD UPON THE WATER SOMETIMES CAUSES IT TO FLOAT BACK. When junior Shaun

Beck was in junior high, her mother used to write her name on the dollar bills she used for lunch money.

Recently, Shaun received one of the same bills back in change at a local store, although the bill had passed through her hands nearly three years before and she hadn't seen it since! **COACHING GIRLS' ATHLETICS HAS CERTAIN FRINGE BENEFITS.** Although Mr. Don Coddens coached boys for 19 years, it wasn't until he coached the girls' basketball team that he was presented with flowers. Both he and assistant coach Guy Morrical received boutonnieres from the girls to wear to the sectional.

ANYONE FOR CHEX PARTY MIX? So far, only 200 Chex proof-of-purchase seals have been collected toward the 2,020 needed for the home economics department's microwave oven. Continue chomping Chex . . .

BEST WISHES to Mr. Kenneth Hanig and his bride, the former Sherry Lynn Kalwitz, who were married on Dec. 18. The couple honeymooned in London over the Christmas holidays.

-Elizabeth Woyton

International dinner planned

Spicy tacos, sausaged pizza, hot dogs with sauerkraut, and cherry-filled crepes with whip cream on top are just a few of the many foreign foods that will be eaten by Riley foreign language students and teachers tomorrow evening at Riley's first International Dinner. The event is being planned by the foreign language department, including the Latin, French, German, and Spanish classes.

The six-course meal will consist of soup, salad, hors d'oeuvres, entree, cheese, and dessert. Each student will prepare a dish for the buffet, label it and tell what country it represents. Department head and Latin teacher Mr. James Stebbins said, "Besides having the food from the countries that each class is studying, we plan on having dishes from Russia, Poland, and other countries. The foreign language teachers will provide beverages."

Approximately 200 people will attend the dinner at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Guests invited to this affair are Principal Warren Seaborg, Vice-principals Joseph Kuharic and Algie Oldham, Riley counselors, foreign language teachers at Jackson Middle School and School Superintendent Donald Dake.

German Club sponsors party

The German Club is sponsoring a roller skating party on Jan. 17 from 8:15 to 10:15 p.m. at Rainbow Roller Rink. Tickets cost \$1 and may be purchased from club members in the lunch room or in room 110. Proceeds from the party will help pay for the bus for the club's trip to Frankenmuth, Mich.

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