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James Whitcomb Riley High School 405 E. Ewing Ave., South Bend, IN 46613

# Debaters compete in state

By Scott Dunham

"I consider our group the academic athletes of Riley," says Mr. Charles Goodman of his speakers and debaters.

Both the speech and debate teams have busy schedules in state and local competition. This year's topic is "Resolved that the federal government should initiate and enforce safety guarantees on consumer goods."

Five Riley debaters will compete in a State Debate today and tomorrow at Kokomo. The dual teams of Chuck Hecker and Beth Rowe and Casey Slott and Dan Hennessy will debate both the affirmative and the negative sides of the consumer goods issue.

Beth Rowe, Chuck Hecker, Janet Balok, Tony Joyner, and Steve Gardner will participate in a Rotary Speech contest at Hans Haus Restaurant on Feb. 10. The topic will be "The Constitution should be amended to limit the President to one six-year term."

There will also be a speech contest in Chesterton on Feb. 14. The speakers for this contest are Sigurd Saue, Trish Boyce, Beth Rowe, Lisa Leliaert, and Carol Gapinski in oratorical interpretation; Arturo Garcia, and Sally Kirwan in poetry; Tony Joyner and Sean O'Neill and James Ross in broadcasting; Steve Gardner in impromptu; Arturo Garcia in humorous interpretation; Beth Rowe and Beth Ferro, and Dirk Schatte in original oratory; Sue poetry reading; Steve Rosenberg in boys' extemporaneous: and Nick Eperjesi, Chuck Hecker, Casey Slott, and Dan Hennessy in disucssion.

The debate team also participates in the St. Joseph Valley Forensic League and once a month travels to IUSB for a debate. The next contest will be on Feb. 11.

Riley is also trying a new speech improvement program. The Toastmaster's program aims to improve speech craft techniques. The group held its first meeting on Jan. 28. There was a filmstrip presentation and a description of the Toastmaster's program. The group will hold seven more weekly meetings.

Mr. Goodman is pleased with the speech and debate teams this year. "We've done very well, considering this is a rebuilding year. We had only one returning senior with debating experience and only one returning senior with speaking experience."



NEW COUNSELOR Mr. Don Mann discusses scheduling with a student. Mr. Mann is temporarily replacing Mr. Robert Allison who is recovering from a heart attack. Photo by Jim Nering.

## Former Brademas aide joins counseling staff

A new counselor now sits among the filing cabinets, student records, and yellow program-change slips in the crowded counselors' offices. He is Mr. Don Mann, who is temporarily replacing Mr. Robert Allison. Mr. Allison suffered a heart attack during the Christmas vacation.

After 15 years as a guidance counselor at Mishawaka High School, Mr. Mann quit to become staff assistant to Congressman John Brademas in his South Bend office. The job included helping people with such problems as social security and financial aid and even "chauffeuring" visiting VIP's.

"Sometimes I got to drive officials to and from the airports," he explains. "I met

"Tip" O'Neill, Coretta Scott King and Edmund Muskie while I worked for John. And I even got to talk to Ted Kennedy on the phone!" After Mr. Brademas lost the election in November. Mr. Mann lost his job.

Mr. Mann likes Riley's Cadet Counseling . "It gives students a choice of persons to talk to about their problems." he says. "Sometimes they don't feel like talking with an adult."

"The biggest problem I've encountered so far is readjusting to working with students," he says, "but I love working with high school students."

Mr. Allison is planning to return when his health improves; but until he does, Mr. Mann is ready to "rap" with any student who might need help.

### Wild-life

Riley will be taking part in a WETL radio series, "High School Highlights 81" which presents the latest local high school news. News broadcasters for Riley are Tammy Michael, Tony Joyner and Dottie Dobbs. The first broadcast will be Feb. 19 at 8:15 a.m. and Feb. 20 at 8:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. This will continue every other week until May 21.

### **Bookstore** clearance

Have you ever wanted a Riley stocking hat or tam or even a Wildcat trash can, but you couldn't purchase one because the prices were too high? Riley's first annual Clearance Sale is going on now in the book store and will last one more week.

Mrs. Jane Vandewalle, bookstore supervisor, is hoping to sell all "Spirit" items at bargain prices to clean the shelves for summer.

Stocking hats and tams with "Riley Wildcats" imprinted on them (regularly \$4.50) are now \$2.50. Riley T-shirts (regularly \$4 are now \$2, class shirts (regularly \$4 are now \$3, pennants .75, mugs \$2, and wastebaskets \$1. Cowboy spirit hats that were \$5 are now selling for \$3.

"You can't buy a shirt or hat with a Riley decal anywhere for less than our sale price," says Mrs. Vandewalle.

#### **Carnation sale**

Beginning Monday, Feb. 9, the National Honor Society will be taking orders for red Valentine carnations during all-three lunches. Anyone wishing, to order a carnation must fill out an index card, listing the recipient's name and second or third hour room number. The carnations will sell for one dollar each, and orders will be taken until Feb.11 Flowers will be distributed reb. 13.



JUNIOR TAMI HAPP Plays the role of a farm wife from the Great Plains in Mr. Burton Brenneman U.S. History class. Role playing is a frequent happening in Mr. Brenneman's class.

### Aid available in college scholarships

By Scott Dunham

A major task of every college-bound student is coming to grips with the problem of high college costs. One way to do this, suggests guidance counselor Mrs. Margaret Cassidy, is to apply for financial aid.

The first step to receiving financial aid is to fill out the Indiana Financial Aid Form (FAF). When filling out the form the student must enclose a check to cover the analysis cost and place a mark in Item 41, sub-point one. A copy of the Financial Aid application will then be sent from the FAF to any college the student is interested in.

The FAF determines financial need by figuring family income and the maximum amount the parents are able to pay toward college costs. The deadline for filing the FAF is Feb. 15.

Mrs. Cassidy also encourages any senior with honor grades and in need of financial assistance to apply for the St. Joseph County Scholarship. Code #0619 should be included on the FAF if a student wishes to apply for this scholarship.

Many other scholarships are offered that students may not be aware of. Each has its own requirements and deadlines, but all should be applied for very soon. Such scholarships include a \$500 Chopin Fine Arts Scholarship, two \$500 Central Polish-American Scholarships, a \$250 Indiana Manufactured Housing Association Scholarship, a House of James Beauty College Tuition Scholarship, and a \$500 Sylvester and Tessie Kaminski Scholarship.

Among the scholarships offered by local institutions are the Simon Scholarship, the Washington Crossing Foundation for the field of government service, and the Esther Singer Scholarship in home economics.

Other scholarships are tied down to one school. At Purdue, for example, are the Food Science and Food Technology Scholarships, the Dean's Freshman Scholarship, and Merit Awards for Women in Engineering.

Still other scholarships are offered under people's names (the Joan Burmeister Romine Scholarship for historic preservation or the Rolla M. Malpas Trust

Scholarship at DePauw).

Many scholarships are designated either for men or for women. Some of these include the American Business Women's Association (Potawatomi Chapter) Scholarship, the Panhellenic Association of South Bend Girls Scholarship, the Bryan Scholarship for college-bound boys, and the Bowsher Scholarship for college-bound boys.

The Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program (BEOG), sponsored by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, offers grants of up to \$2000 for students in need of financial assistance to attend college or trade school.

Student and parent loans also are available at reasonably low interest rates, and many times they can be paid back after the student leaves college or trade school.

Grants can be obtained for children of disabled veterans dependents of a Vietnam POW or a person missing in action, an orphan of a policeman or fireman or a person with a physical handicap. A cooperative education program is available at over 1000 colleges. This program alternates a student between a semester of full-time work and a semester of full-time school. Although the program takes a long time to complete, all college costs are covered because the student holds a full-time job.

Mrs. Cassidy warns students to beware of computerized college search services offered by commercial firms. "You could run into an operation that is an outright fraud," she says.

Any student interested in scholarship information should see his counselor and check the green scholarship folder each week in senior English and social studies classes.

"Check all the angles for scholarship possibilities," Mrs. Cassidy suggests, "Check where your parents work, your mother's college sorority, your church, your elementary school, and service clubs for any type of financial assistance offered."

### **Opinion**

### New policy focuses on learning

"Learning is our top priority." These words were he explanation given on the first day of the second semester when all students were asked to read and sign the "contract" for Riley's "new and enforced" attendance policy.

Among other things, the policy cracks down on tardiness. In an attempt to cut the number of students roaming the halls during classes, a detention system has been devised for those students who are late to class two or more times. Teachers are being encouraged to n onitor the halls and hurry students to class, even excerting them there if necessary.

Although complaints have been voiced that the policy is silly, it is really not that different from the tardy and truant policy Riley has always had. The only difference is that it will now be enforced, so students may as well accept it.

Learning is our top priority at Riley, and good attendance is a necessity for learning. For those students who are rarely late or absent without a legal excuse, the policy really has no bad effects. For the students who come to class 45 minutes late

rather than be counted absent, the administration is trying to make a statement--"It matters."

"We aren't trying to harass students," says Vice-principal Lynne Miller. "We're trying to show that we care that they're in class, and that it makes a difference." And it does make a difference, not only in high school, but also out of school and in the future. If an employee is late to his job, he has his pay docked or he is reprimanded. Why shouldn't school be the same situation in order to accustom students to the right habits of responsibility and self-discipline?

The policy takes the teachers and administrators out of the role of official record-keepers and into the role of professional educators who are involved in caring about students' attendance as it affects their learning.

Learning is the top priority at Riley. The attendance policy is a united effort towards that priority on the part of the teachers, administration, and students. It can work only as a united effort.

Editorial Vote: For the policy-5 against-2

### FORUM

I wasn't impressed by Richard Silberman's article on a photography class in the Jan. 16 issue. He was confused about the basic terminology of photography. We do not use red flourescent lights and we do not use enlarging "machines."

As for the content, the flavor of the article makes us sound like a bunch of 1960's rejects. Most of us are serious artists concerned with creating the best possible works we can.

Furthermore, the quotes he received were ridiculous.

#### A PHOTOGRAPHER

Sean O'Neill should be fired as album critic. He has cut down ACDC twice. ACDC is the best heavy metal band there is. No group has more power and rock and roll ability. Sean O'Neill is crazy to say they are bad.

AN ACDC FAN

Your Thoughts

It seems to me and to some other students that school spirit is lacking at Riley. A good example of students without spirit are at boys' basketball games. It seems that if some students would just wake up and realize that they are a part of these basketball games just as much as the players, we will have a good, competitive team, and the team might play better and win more games.

The end of the boys' basketball season is upon us and they are still playing well and have a chance to win the South Bend sectional. Let's show other teams that we have school spirit also.

#### A SPIRITED STUDENT

In the Dec. 5 issue of the Riley Review a letter was printed in the Forum column on which I would like to comment. "Driven to walking" complained about the security of our parking lot. Are,

we so very bad that we need to be watched over so closely? Is each student in this school going to be treated as if he were a criminal?

I don't feel that the entire blame should be put on the security people, particularly Mr. Shepard. Some blame lies on the very people whom we would probably trust with the keys to our cars. HELP! Help protect the property we cherish! Don't just blame someone else. JUST ANOTHER TRUSTING SOUL

Hey Sean, I don't know how you can compare two different types of music in one classification. You must know very little about rock music to compare Bruce with ACDC; unjust to both of them. You should keep heavy metal rock separate from Pop rock.

ANONYMOUS

Do you feel the tough, new attendance policy will be any more effective than the previous policies that have been so greatly ignored?



SHEILA FLINT- No, it is going to make a lot of people mad because it makes us feel like we are at Jackson. The people that do not come to learn will not be affected because they don't care anyway.

TONY ROSBACK- No, if someone doesn't want an education, he is not going to strive to get one, no matter what the rules. Every new policy is supposed to be more strict, but they never work.



MARY IHNS- Yes, it may not necessarily cut down on the number of absences, but it will cut down on the number of tardies. Nobody wants to serve detention for tardies, because it is hard to come in before and after school.

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#### TROUBLED WATERS

#### No jokes about Reagan

By Dan Waters

I was ice skating in the Arctic with Jennifer O'Neill. I was doing a figure eight around a walrus, when I noticed a tranquilizer dart shoot into Jennifer's neck. From behind a snow drift. Marlin Perkins shuffled out and roped and tagged Miss O'Neill.

I explained to the old geezer that she was a woman and not some sort of mutant polar bear. He smiled, nodded his head, and shot me in the neck with a tranquilizer dart. When we woke, we were in the Mutual of Omaha office of Canton, Ohio.

I was mad; we went to the North Pole and didn't even visit Santa. Jennifer came out of her tranquilized frenzy, and whispered. "Dan, tell me about your school." It was a question that most people ask after being tranquilized, but I had trouble answering for in the corner of the office were Santa and a couple of elves with tranquilizer darts in their necks.

Many people think James Whitcomb Riley High School was named after the poet. In reality, it was named after the actor who played Yoga Technician #3 in the film, Quaaludes for Bonzo. Quite a legend.

There are a lot of things people don't know about their school, like what class do you have third hour, what are the names of at least two of our teachers, and when was the last time we had a pep assembly?

One thing everybody knows about is the new attendance policy. I don't like to say the new policy is a little harsh, but I think dismemberment of your arms for five tardies is a bit much, and the fact that if you're absent more than one day in a row, you are confined to a monastery in Brazil for the rest of your life.



Another interesting note about the attendance policy is the fact that to keep the students out of the halls, twenty deranged killers will be given axes and chainsaws, and permission to roam the halls during class periods.

Mr. Ell has announced that students will now have more classes to choose from. The new classes added to the schedule include Feeding Bausch and Lomb Contact Lenses to Penguins, the Wit and Wisdom of Charles Manson (two years of chemistry and typing is a prerequisite for this one) and Hockey with Transvestites I.

Moving back to the subject, I would like to close for this week by saying that one of the reasons our school is great is because they would never censor anything I would say.

Since I have such a freedom, I'm not afraid to announce the connection between the assassination of JFK, certain members of the Riley faculty, and twelve truck drivers named Madge, Here are the disgusting details and don't read if you're squeamish:

I'm sorry if that account offended anybody but the shocking truth must be known.

#### Few good shows from new season

By Arturo Garcia

The 1980-81 television season got off to a slow start, with the unexpectedly long actors' strike this summer moving the new series openings to October.

The three major networks have still managed to introduce a number of new shows into their weekly line-ups. Some are outstanding, while others are of questionable quality. The 70's were the years of the half-hour sitcom. The 80's seem to be ushering in a trend toward reality shows such as REAL PEOPLE, and prime time soap operas like CBS's smash hit DALLAS.

In the DALLAS tradition, both ABC and NBC have come up with hour-long dramas. DYNASTY from ABC is by far the best of the series. John Forsythe gives a strong performance as the tyrannical corporate tycoon whose manipulations of the people around him provide for the main story-line.

The fine cast of characters and the outstanding writing give this ABC brainchild all the ingredients necessary for success. It is a well-wrought series worth watching, but its 9 p.m. Monday time slot opposite CBS blockbuster M\*A\*S\*H is making it suffer in the ratings race.

NBC's entry FLAMINGO ROAD does not live up to either of the other networks' series. The action again centers around the rich family society. It contains the usual intertwined love conflicts and political power plays, but in this case, instead of enthralling the viewer; it illustrates what a cliche this type of plot is on today's television. Characterizations are weak at times, due more to the writers than the actors. Included in the cast of characters is the proverbial crooked small town sheriff (Howard Duff) who just happens to dress all in white. FLAMINGO ROAD, aired on Tuesdays at 10 p.m., is produced by the same people who masterminded DALLAS, but unless changes are made in the basic format of the series, it is not destined to be as big a success.

Notable additions to the weekly schedule in the situation comedy category are LADIES' MAN and BOSOM BUDDIES. This series follows the antics of a pair of advertising men, whose apartment building has been torn down around them. The two move into an all-female apartment building because of the incredibly low rent. Of course, they have to leave and enter their new home in drag. The stars Tom Hanks and Peter Scolare turn in excellent comic performances, which further enhance the show's already funny flavor.

### **Feature**

### Survey reveals the 'ideal' date

By Jenny Miller

The "Ideal Date." Many people are either searching for one or trying to figure out how to be one! A recent survey of 75 Riley students indicated the characteristics they most admire in the opposite sex, and what their ideas of the "Ideal Date" are.

The surveys were pretty evenly divided between boys and girls, and the two groups differed in preferences. Physical appearance was first on most of the guys' lists, while personality ranked first with the girls.

The girls prefer guys who are tall, and the favorite hair and eye combination is dark hair and brown or blue eyes. The males prefer girls of medium height, and the favorite hair and eye combination is blonde hair and blue

When asked what they first notice about a girl, most of the boys said her appearance. Some notice a girl's figure first. Others said that her face or her friendliness are things that first attract them. Girls also said that they first notice a guy's appearance. Many said that his eyes are the first things they see.

What personality traits do they find most appealing in members of the opposite sex. The girls all like guys with a sense of humor. Kindness, politeness, and sincerity also ranked high on their lists. Other traits mentioned were gentleness, punctuality, assertiveness, and charm.

More than one said that she really admired guys who act themselves and who treat her with respect. One girl said the thing that most appeals to her is "his ability to make even the most boring things fun."

Their male counterparts also found a girl with a sense of humor appealing, followed closely by someone easy to talk to. Other qualities mentioned were self-confidence, happiness, intelligence, and openmindedness.

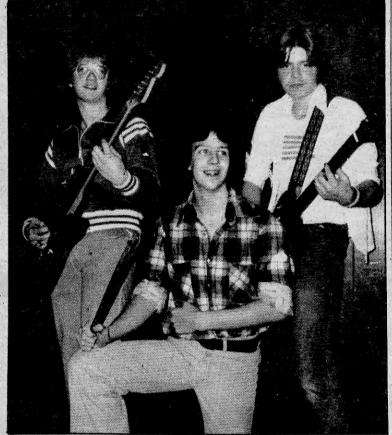
Both boys and girls said that they prefer someone who is more like them, but as one boy pointed out, "She should be a little different. A carbon copy would not be enjoyable for a date."

When asked what traits they most look for in a date, nearly all those surveyed ranked good personality high on the list. Physical appearance was high on the guys' list, but only appeared on 10 per cent of the girls' lists. Good manners, originality, and things in common were often-mentioned traits. One senior boy is looking for a girl who is "overall perfect." Another is merely looking for "someone who thinks like I do." Still another said he wants someone "like me, but not quite perfect."

Once they've gone out with a person once, what is it that will most make them want to see that person again. The obvious and most common response from both males and females was, "If I had a good time." To the girls, the way the boy treated them is a big factor in deciding whether or not they will go out with him again. The boy's personality is also something that they rated as important in making that decision.

To the boys, compatibility, ease of conversation, and the way the girl acted on the date are all important in deciding if they will ask her out again. One boy said, "It depends on the way she thanked me for the date," while a girl noted, "If the date was fun enough to make me think about the person afterwards, I would go out with him again." Another girl said she would go out again, "if I honestly had a good time and came home more awake and alive than when I left."

While they all attempted to classify certain traits they find ideal in members of the opposite sex, many students felt as one senior girl did--"I find it hard to say what certain traits I like about a person. More often I think of a person as a whole, not in different parts." And, as one senior boy put it, "There's not such a thing as an ideal date--there's always something . . .



JUNIORS DAN MELKEY [LEFT] Paul Duda [RIGHT], and Rick Gary [KNEELING] make up Renegade. Photo by Jim Noring

#### Juniors form rock band

By Neal Weber

With Disco quickly fading into the neon lights, and country and western even more quickly taking its place, there just isn't much room for good old rock-n-roll

bands any more. Right?
"Wrong!" say the members of
"Renegade," a three-man band whose unique style of music makes them one of the best local bands around. "Renegade" is Paul Duda, who plays guitar, Dan Melkey, also a guitarist, and Rick Gary, who plays the drums.

Paul, Dan and Rick, all Riley juniors, got their start two years ago in the summer after eighth grade. Dan's brother, Fred, played in a band called 'Nightmare' and this prompted Dan to want to get into the music world. Dan then teamed up with Paul Duda, who Dan knew from Jackson. One day, Paul and Dan were practicing in Dan's basement, where Dan's brother's band had left their equipment. Rick Gary, a long-time friend of

Dan's, stopped by and sat down and began to play the drums that were left by from's Dan's brother's band. "He was pretty good." Dan remembers, "Rick's an excellent drummer."

"Renegade" has played for a number of occassions, including graduation parties, Logan School, and Mayor Roger Parent's employee picnic. Paul's mother, who works for Parent, was talking to the Mayor on the phone during one of "Renegade's" practices. He apparently overheard "Renegade" playing and liked what he heard.

"Renegade's" music is a cross between Rock and Roll and hard rock. "It's kind of a Rick Derrenger type of music," says Dan. "Renegade's songs are a mutual 'effort,'' says Dan. "Either Paul and I will get together and write songs, or Rick and Paul will or Rick and I."

"Renegade" is another reminder that Rock and Roll may be here to stay.

#### 'Mirage' --- here to stay

By Arturo Garcia

The thought of starting their own band is a dream shared by thousands of rock fans all over the world. It is a dream that has been realized by Riley junior Mark McCullough.

In August, 1979, Mark decided he would mix his love for rock music and his ability to play the bass guitar by being in or forming a band. He expressed his desire to one of his neighbors. She introduced him to her cousin, LaSalle junior David Hans, a drummer; and those two became the nucleus of the band that would eventually be called "Mirage."

Together, with a third member who played the rhythm guitar, they set out to break into the world of music. Throughout the year and a half since the band was

conceived, it has lost and gained many members; but its two founders have remained. "We had to recruit from many sources before we found the right mixture," said Mark.

"Mirages" membership now includes Ed Kyte, a junior from Baldwin High School in Michigan on lead guitar, Bob Boston, a 1980 Riley graduate, on rhythm guitar, Mark on bass, and David on drums. Even though Ed lives almost 200 miles away, his position at lead guitar is secure. "Ed was pretty much always a part of the band" explained Mark. "David had known him for years and was familiar with how talented he was.'

The distance Ed has to travel creates many problems for the group in terms of rehearsing time and playing dates. Over Christ-

mas vacation he came down to South Bend, and the band managed to get some rehearsal in almost every day. Ed will move to South Bend permanently in the

"In order to create a really good band all the members have to be mentally in tune with each other," said Mark. "Rock music basically happens when a band is jamming, and at a certain point they all do exactly the right thing at the right time. It's something very special and unique."

MEN-WOMEN

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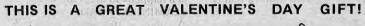
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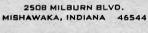
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### Cats seek revenge

By Mark Stuck

In the Cats' last six games, Riley has lost four and won only two, evening; its record at 8-8 entering tonight's NIC battle at Clay. The pair of Cat victories came against Penn and Michigan City Elston, two teams with less than respectable records, battling it out for the cellar of the NIC, while the Cat losses have come against important opponents.

Last Friday, the 1980-81 Wildcat team played their last game at Jackson, defeating a rag-tag bunch of Elston Red Devils, 92-90 in double overtime. Riley, up by 14 points at the half, 51-37, was outscored 25-9 in the third quarter to fall behind 62-60 at the start of the final period. In the fourth period, Elston rushed to a 70-64 lead but the Cats pounded back, tying the score at 70 with 1:13 left in the game.

After each team scored again, Elston stole a Wildcat pass and called time out with 10 seconds left in the game. Elston inbounded the ball and managed a five-foot shot that rolled off the rim, sending the game into the first overtime.

Riley rattled off the first six points of the overtime period, but could manage only two points after that, allowing Elston to come back and tie the game with three seconds remaining. The Cats again took command in the second overtime period and put the game away with free throws by Steve Reygaert and finally by Rufus Parker with 14 seconds left.

Eric Redmon, playing with an injured left hand, again led the Cats with 23 points, followed by Sam Henderson with 15 points.

A week ago last Tuesday, the

Cats were true to form, losing on the road, 53-45 to Gary West. Senior Ulysses Jones led the Cats with 12 points in his last game as a Wildcat due to ineligibility.

Super Bowl weekend was less than super to the Wildcats and their fans. On Jan. 23, the Wildcats dropped their last chance for an NIC title, losing to league-leading Elkhart Memorial 78-70. Jones led the Cats in scoring with 20 points, while Eric Redmon sat out the first quarter as a disciplinary measure for a rule infraction.

Jones opened the fourth quarter with four quick points that brought the Cats within two, 60-58. The Cats repeatedly tried to come back, but were again and again repelled by Memorial, who will play LaSalle tonight in a big NIC battle.

The day after the loss to Memorial, Riley invaded St. Joseph's gym and came up short of a victory, 65-60, as they fell apart in the final period. The Cats led going into the fourth period, 48-44, but they couldn't find the range in the final period.

Redmon tossed in 20 points for Riley, followed by Chris Walker with 10 points. The key factor was rebounding, St. Joe hauling down 30 rebounds to Riley's 22, as Sam Henderson, Riley's leading rebounder, had an off night.

In Riley's last game before finals, the Wildcats upended Penn 59-52. Redmon had yet another 20-point game, pumping in 22 points for the winners.

Tonight, Riley will try to avenge a one-point holiday tournament loss to Clay at Clay's gym at 8 p.m.

### LaSalle ends girls' season

By Charlie Pankow

After a blazing 4-0 start, the girls' basketball team ended their season at 6-12, dropping 12 of their last 14 games, including a 26-18 loss to LaSalle in the Mishawaka Sectional Jan. 28.

"I'm disappointed we didn't win more games," stated assistant coach Guy Morrical. The Cats constantly played under pressure situations, as injuries severely hampered them all season.

"We had so many injuries, the girls weren't able to play together much," he said. "Paulette Steele missed the sectional because of illness, and Lisa Engdahl missed a few games with an injured thumb." Also seeing limited action because of injuries were Andrea Harrison and Maria Lemanski.

Still, Coach Don Coddens brought out the high scoring capabilities from his talented players. Most of these points came from the strength of senior Cindy DeWolfe and sophomores Angie Boykins and Julie Konkle, as each frequently scored in double figures. Together, the three helped lead their team to an average of nearly 40 points per game, as opposed to 44 for its opponents.

In late season action, Riley prepared for sectional play with three final home games against Washington, Penn, and LaSalle. Following a 72-34 laugher over the Panthers. The girls ended the regular season by losing to Penn 53-44, and LaSalle 44-39. Paulette Steele led Riley in the win over the Panthers with 16 points, while Ruth O'Brien added 14. In the loss to Penn, Steele again paced the Cats with 14 points, while Julie Konkle connected for 10 in the LaSalle defeat.

Next year the Cats will look to improve upon their 6-12 mark, but must do it without the help of seniors Maria Lemanski and Ruth O'Brien, as well as veteran player Andrea Harrison and scoring leader Cindy DeWolfe.



SENIOR SLAMMER Sam Henderson sprints to the basket for a layup against Michigan City Elston. The Cats won, 92-90 in double overtime.

Photo by Ben Feferman

# Wrestling team third in rugged Sectional By Brendan Powers

Riley wrestlers headed into the Sectional tournament with high hopes of upsetting both Penn and Mishawaka. "We've got the toughest sectional in the area," Coach Chris Clarke commented. "We had beaten every team in the Washington Sectional during the season. I think if we had been in the other sectional we could have won quite easily." But the Cats were not in the other sectional. Even so, they placed third behind Mishawaka and Penn and sent five wrestlers to Regionals.

Heavyweight Bill Grenert highlighted both the sectional and regional this year. After winning Riley's only first place in the Mishawaka sectional, Grenert moved on to the LaPorte regionals. In his first match Grenert and his opponent battled to a 4-4 tie, when time ran out in the last period. In overtime Grenert used a takedown he has been famous for all season. He threw the man on his back and pinned him.

Then came his second match. Again Grenert was up against a tough opponent; and with 2 seconds left he reversed the man and again the match went into overtime. The second overtime was a repeat of the first. With his special move Grenert took the man down and pinned him. All that was left was for Grenert to outdo his third opponent 3-1 and gain the Regional title. "I was really impressed by Bill's performance," Coach Clarke remarked. "Bill wrestled as well as I've ever seen him wrestle."

Senior Dan Shane (98 lb.) also went to the regional. Dan lost a tough match to an undefeated opponent and finished the season with an impressive 16-7 record. He placed third in the Brandywine Invitational and second in the Culver Military Academy Invitational.

Senior Dan Floran, who wrestled at 119 lb., placed fourth in the regional. He too had an excellent season, with a 17-7 record which included a fourth in the Mishawaka Invitational, third in the CMA Invitational and first in the Brandywine Invitational.

Senior Andy Keszei also made it to the regionals. At 167 lbs. he placed fourth and finished the season with a 13-14 record. Andy placed fourth in the Mishawaka Invitational and second in the CMA Tournament.

Junior Pat Powers at 155 lb. finished with an 18-5 record. Pat was asked to fill in for an injured wrestler during the regionals. Unfortunately, Pat was not informed until the night before the regional tournament and despite a tremendous attempt, he did not make the required weight. Pat's record included a third in the Mishawaka Invitational, a third in the CMA Invitational and a first-place finish in the Brandywine Tournament.

Junior Rob Wise (105 lb.) placed fourth in the sectional and finished with a 66-9 record. Rob came down with the flu during the season and missed both the Mishawaka and the Brandywine Invitationals but came back and placed fourth in the CMA Invitational.

Sophomore Mike Armey wrestled 105 when Rob Wise was out. Armey also wrestled in the sectional where he placed third and finished with a varsity record of 5-5.

Rich Warren, a 112-lb. junior, had an overall 9-6 record. He was unable to wrestle in the sectional because he was out with the flu. Rich also placed fourth in the CMA Invitational.

Co-captain Steve Warner wrestled 126 lb. most of the year. His final record was 14-9 and he placed third in the sectionals where he wrestled 132 lb. Steve also placed third in the CMA tourney.

Co-captain Marc Mersich had a 14-5-2 record when he suffered a separated shoulder and a broken collar bone in the CMA tournament. The injury ended Marc's season which included a fourth in the Mishawaka Invitational, a fourth in the Brandywine tourney and a first in the CMA Tournament.

# Swimmers ready for Sectional

By Susan Shaw

The boys' swim team heads into the Sectional next weekend at Clay, with the main goal of qualifying as many team members as possible for the State Meet Feb. 21 and 22 at Ball State University.

"We've got a lot of hard work ahead of us," remarked junior Phil Parelius. "We're going in (the sectionals) as underdogs, but with our determination, I think we can win it."

Senior co-captain Mark Appenzeller feels confident that the team's times will improve because of the times they're swimming now. "It'll be decided between us and Clay in the last relay," said Mark.

"Clay would be a decided favorite for sectional title, but hopefully we could push them," says Coach Dave Dunlap. In state we could crack up ten."

The swim team finished off their regular season Saturday by defeating Adams 99-68, extending the season record to 13-4 (8-1 in the conference).

Coach Dunlap was pleased with the Adams meet. The 'Cats were presented with the Dave Mennucci trophy, which, to Coach Dunlap, is a very meaningful award. "The Adams meet is traditional," he said. "A lot goes with that award that can't be verbalized." The Mennucci trophy goes to the winner of the annual Riley-Adams meet.

Earlier the Wildcat swimmers beat Washington 114-45 and Penn 44-38.

#### **Hockey rebounds**

By Steve Rosenberg

Increasing the chances of having a winning record, the Riley hockey team slaughtered Niles 6-0. This puts the Cats' record at 8 wins, 7 losses and 1 tie. Leading the scoring were Ed Friend with 2 goals, followed by Tom Graham. Jerry Sheets, Tony Rosback and John Gordon with one goal each.

The Cats also enjoyed recent wins against Penn 8-6, LaPorte 7-5, Adams-Washington 7-4. They lost to Clay 11-5.

Co-Captain Scott Lehman commented that the team is much better than it was in the beginning of the season and that they should do well in their final games.

In recent rankings of the top players of the Michiana High School Hockey League, Cocaptains Scott Lehman and Tony Rosback ranked first and second respectively in most goals and assists so far this season.

The final two hockey games will be against Culver tomorrow at 1:45 p.m. at the ACC and Sunday at 5 p.m. against Elkhart at the Ice Box.

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