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Keepsake caps, gowns bring strong student reactions

By Richard Silberman

"What am I supposed to do with it after graduation," says Vikki Georgi.

"Personally, I have no use for a graduation gown after graduating. I also see no sentimental value in it. But, I can see where some people might want to keep it; it's like keeping a wedding gown - you'll probably use it only once, but still keep it," believes Amy Hoeval.

"I would rather rent better quality caps and gowns than have cheap ones to keep," says Jeff Kilburn.

This is just a small sampling of the general consensus of many seniors on the subject of caps and gowns for this year's commencement.

This year, the senior class had the opportunity to look at gowns on display in the auditorium, says principal Mr. Phillip Ell. They had the choice between renting gowns, which are returned immediately after commencement, or buying a "keepsake cap and gown."

Mr. Ell knew of a variety of options, so he let the class vote. The keepsake gowns

are \$9.00 and the rentals \$7.95. The students voted on style and colors. Boys will be wearing blue keepsakes; girls gold keepsakes.

One of the main grievances of students is the quality of the gowns. Mr. Ell says the keepsakes are made of lighter weight material than the rentals, which are heavier and stronger only because they have to last for years.

"I don't see any thrill in keeping our caps and gowns, especially when the quality of the gowns is not as good as in previous years," says Rich Tittsworth.

"I would much rather rent the better quality gowns and have everyone look nice for our commencement than keep the thinner, cheap looking ones. It also seems pointless to keep our graduation gowns when we will already be keeping the tassels off of our caps," says Hope Sibley.

Although many students see some sentimental value in saving gowns, the feeling of poor quality, an "unfair" vote, and simply no need in keeping a gown outweighs it.

Benefit cuts force graduation

By Richard Silberman

The government has been on a budget cutting spree lately, and, among other things, high school students receiving Social Security are now getting hurt.

In order to continue receiving benefits, high school seniors must be enrolled in a college or other approved post-secondary school by May of 1982. Otherwise, their Social Security checks will be terminated.

Michele Patton and Sue Phillips are two Riley seniors caught in this situation. Each one has decided to go to college at IUSB for this spring semester.

According to Sue, "My first feelings were that I was being pushed out." Sue found out about the new ruling in November, giving her little planning time or choice but to go to college.

Michele says, "At first I didn't believe it. It didn't sound right. I felt it was unfairly

changing our lives."

Both girls, however, now see their situation as an advantage and feel positive about it. Michele claims that, in the long run having to go to college will help rather than hurt her, as she had planned on attending college after high school anyway.

Some students in the same situation are continuing high school, because their Social Security income isn't substantial enough or necessary for a college education. But, even though many across the nation will be going on to college a semester early, their Social Security will still be cut 25% annually until completely phased out.

"This is just more evidence of how hard money for post secondary education is to get," says counselor Mrs. Cassidy. Seniors should be working on financial aid forms to meet the March first deadline for federal and state loans, she says. Specific college financial forms should be done earlier.



This poor fellow spent his weekend like everyone else, shoveling snow. Heavy snowfall and sub-zero temperatures contributed to three snow days and a hectic schedule before semester exams.



A lot of people keep special collections at home--some save autographs. Signatures are preserved in yearbooks, autograph books, and programs, but perhaps the most original place for autographs is band director Tom DeShone's bathroom. Visitors who enter the bathroom are struck by the masses of signatures and doodles on the walls and ceiling. For some, the room would seem more like a library.

The autograph idea started about 14 years ago when the DeShones couldn't afford to wallpaper the bathroom; instead they painted it light blue. Mr. DeShone's children (three who were attending Jackson High School at the time) decided to "wallpaper" the bathroom in their own way--with graffiti and autographs. By inviting their friends over for "autograph parties," they eventually covered the walls and even the ceiling. Now Mrs. DeShone wants the room painted over, but Mr. DeShone still invites his students and friends over to "sign the bathroom."

Wildlife

New NHS members inducted

On Tuesday, Jan. 19th 18 seniors and 40 juniors were inducted into the National Honor Society. The induction ceremony was conducted by the NHS president Jon Shafer. The keynote speaker was Dr. Monte Sriver, assistant superintendent of the South Bend Community School Corporation.

The new inductees are as follows:

Seniors: Doug Bishop, Heidi Crance, Patrick Dene, Karen DeWolf, Larry Dietl, Kim Dhuivetter, Geraldine Dunn, Susan Elek, Ed Filer, Jennifer Foegley, Laura Gizzi, Lisa Kurtz, Janet Magnuson, Kathleen McKee, Steve Megyese,

Kathy Snell, Richard Tittsworth, and Dana Winston.

Juniors: Mark Bauer, Adam Beatty, Amy Benko, Patricia Boyce, Eric Chapman, Deborah Dunlap, Greg Elin, Lisa Ervin,

Douglas Franson, Steve Gardner, Kristy Garretson, Dan Hennessy, Margaret Hines,

Joe Ihns, Sally Kirwan, Peter Kolettis, David Kosnoff, Lisa Leliart, Wendy Little, Steve Longenecker, Lori Melkey, Andrew Miller, Julie Mudrovich, Lisa Panzica, Scott Polsgrove, Scott Regina, Keri Roenfeldt, Susan Rogers, Michael Rosenberg, Melaine Rowe, Susan Shaw, Jennifer Showalter, Richard Silberman, Jennifer Steele, Wendy Stillson, Deborah Stroop, Deborah Truesdell, Theresa Walker, Rhonda Ziegert and Georgia Zorich.

'Carnival' coming this spring

The Carnival is coming. Riley Drama Club announced Thursday the musical comedy Carnival will be their spring production.

The play is about a young girl who runs off to join a carnival and falls in love with a young man.

The play consists of a very

large cast with numerous chorus parts available.

Tryouts will be held the first week in February, with the play being performed in Century Center's Bendix Theater on the evenings of April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and a matinee on Sunday, April 4th.

Early graduates

The list of the seven semester graduates are as follows: Pat Billisitz, Chris Crosiar, Paul DeWitt, Debra Hogle, Sandra Loutzenhiser, Karen Marsh, Marc McGowen, Michele Patton, Alan Stephan, David Vannamee, Tony Warner, Richard Warren, Ken Weathers, Lisa Weaver, Gary Westerhouse, Jon Whitmer, and Fernella Wigfall.

Calendar

President's Day - No School . . . Feb. 15

Spring Recess . . . April 12-19

Older Adults Day . . . April 29

Prom May 14

Commencement June 6

Your Thoughts

"Do you think U.S. economic sanctions against Poland and Russia, as a result of martial law in Poland, will prove effective?"



JEANETTE FRITSCH-
"No, Russia doesn't care what America does. Nothing worked with Afghanistan and nothing will work with Poland."



VICKY FLINT- "I hope so. The people of Poland deserve more freedom than they are getting. I hope something will work to help them get it."



JENNIFER FORBES-
"No, economic things don't change anything. Russia will do what they want to and there's not much we can do about it."

The 'Preppie' look brings Izod and Oxfords to school

by Mary Klosterman

These days, fashions leave as fast as they come. But one of these fashions seems to have been known since the sixties. It's the familiar look of "preppie."

With the many types of shirts, Izod (or alligator) tends to be the most popular. But yet J.C. Penney has the fox for \$5 less. And don't forget the most creative, the dragon, from Sears. These imposters seem to try and threaten the alligator, but yet, look around, that cute 'gator runs the show.

If not an Izod, maybe an Oxford. A variety of colors is available; so a different color can be worn every day. But what is most characteristic of these shirts is the button-down collar and pocket on the left side.

Last is the turtle-necks. Hearts, stars, and frogs along with many other designs are found all over these shirts.

Preppie means more this year than just classical clothes. The Preppie Handbook is a best seller with Preppies. If you live by the rules...you use only ivory soap, and use your preppie nick-names. Write only notes on

Izod note pads. Be sure you have on your Izod socks, underwear, jeans, belt, sweater, and while the alligator keychain is hanging from your pocket, make sure the gator shoestrings are tied. And always bring those Christmas presents with Izod wrapping paper.

These three preppies, Izod, Oxford, and turtle-neck, can also be worn all at the same time for the layered look.

Preppies have the reputation for being snobs or rich. This isn't always the case. Just as J.C. Penney and Sears copy the shirt, every shoe store in town has the "look-alike" topsider. While for some this is regular dress, some scrimp and save just to be seen with this popular look. Preppies are not all rich, but it can be admitted that the look can get out of hand.

Who really lives by the laws of preppie? Come on, who has time to sit and check the book before every move? Not many people. Even though preppie is a versatile dress, some of the characteristics that come with it must go. Preppie is a fashion that is comfortable, yet fashionable.

Opinion

EDITORIAL

Lunch hours are improved by changes

Welcome back regular lunch hours! At last, we will no longer be subjected to the "torture" of interweaving lunch hours. No longer will we suffer not knowing when the lunch hour begins and ends. No longer will the cafeteria be filled when the next group of students enter. And hopefully, we won't be subjected to loitering students in the corridors around the cafeteria.

Interweaving lunch hours, as they are called because of the time overlap, were introduced to Riley at the beginning of this year. However, as the year progressed several flaws were discovered in the arrangement. With no bells, many students found it difficult to keep track of the lunch hour times. The lack of specific lunch hour passing periods seemed to increase the cases of loitering students also.

According to Vice Principal Dr. Lynne Miller, the intertwining lunch hours made it difficult "to make sure everyone was where they were supposed to be." Dr. Miller also cited the loitering in the hallways as one of the reasons that Principal Phillip Ell decided to return to the conventional lunch hour organization.

"The halls seem to be more orderly."

commented Vice Principal Algie Oldham. "With the new schedule there is more control; students control themselves better and that makes it easier for the teachers." Mr. Oldham pointed out that although we don't need to live by bells, in this situation it helps.

Students, however, seem to be generally displeased with the new arrangement. Most of the dissatisfaction seems to stem from the loss of five minutes from the lunch time. Hopefully, the five-minute decrease will deter some of the loitering that has been causing problems since the beginning of the 1981-82 school year.

The change was definitely necessary. Seating space in the cafeteria was often close to impossible to find. Allowing students to wander the halls is, in effect, inviting troublemakers and vandalism. The new lunch hours give the workers in the cafeteria a break between lunch hour rushes. All points considered the new schedule has more advantages.

And to those who grumble about losing five minutes of lunch time, just remember that dismissal now comes five minutes earlier as well.

'Neighbors'

It's a nightmare but not very comic

By Scott Dunham

Yes moviegoers, John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd are together again. The two comedians, both products of Saturday Night Live, are starring in the Christmas release "Neighbors." But wait, don't rush off to the theatre just yet; true fans of the duo may be disappointed with the movie.

"Neighbors" was based on a novel written by Thomas Berger. The story had great potential. Earl Keese (John Belushi) and his wife Enid (Kathryn Walker) are typical suburbanites who have fallen into the pattern of commuting to work, commuting back home, having a drink, eating a TV dinner, and sitting in front of the tube for the remainder of the evening. The only other house in the vicinity of the Keeses is the deserted house next door.

The Keeses' mediocre life-style is shattered late one night when the wild Vic (Dan Aykroyd) and his beautiful companion Ramona (Kathy Moriarty) move into the vacant house. The entire movie records that evening and the following day.

During this evening, Earl and Enid find their home invaded by Vic, the swinging partier and Ramona, the sinister temptress. In a matter of minutes Enid is feeding steaks to Vic's dog, Ed is surrendering his money and car to Vic, and Ramona has propositioned Earl.

The lunacy continues throughout the first hour with such craziness as Earl sinking Vic's car and model airplane in the swamp (how many suburbanites live next to a swamp?).

Vic sinking Earl in the swamp. Earl's daughter getting kicked out of college, and an old service station mechanic cussing out and beating up Earl (the old mechanic, played by Tim Kazurinsky, is one of the few bright spots in the film).

The second hour of the movie is, at best, predictable. Director John G. Avildsen does a poor job of presenting the "moral" of the movie. One scene has Earl staring at a painting of a father, mother, and daughter; later in the movie Earl smashes the painting over his head, supposedly symbolizing the breakdown of the family. Avildsen could use a lesson in subtlety.

The reversal of roles between Belushi and Aykroyd could have been handled better than it was. Belushi, who is best remembered for his crazy, beer-drinking role in the hit movie "Animal House," is very subdued in his portrayal of Earl. Aykroyd, on the other hand, had his hair dyed blond, his tooth capped, and his arm tattooed to play the wildman, Vic. The reversal was a great idea and the Belushi-Aykroyd combination works in a few very funny scenes but overall the two are not on the screen together enough to make the movie click.

Another flaw in the movie is the lack of development of the characters of Enid and the Keeses' daughter. Enid spends the entire movie urging Earl to be kind to the creeps who are invading their home. That's carrying neighborliness a little too far. As for their daughter; well, she arrives home, meets the neighbors, and heads back



JOHN BELUSHI PORTRAYS a typical suburbanite in his latest movie entitled "Neighbors." The movie co-stars Dan Aykroyd, Kathy Moriarty, and Kathryn Walker.

to college.

The worst aspect of the movie is the friendship that grows between Vic and Earl. After all the torture Vic put him through, Earl gives Vic his car. How stupid can this Earl fellow be? This movie is supposed to be a satirical comedy about ordinary people; but how can anybody identify with a man who gives his car to a jerk who shoots at him, ruins his relationship with his wife, and almost lets him drown in quicksand? It's so inconceivable that it's not funny.

The promotion for "Neighbors" says "Lock the doors... here come the neighbors." A better idea would be to lock your doors and watch the TV commercials for "Neighbors"; it's an easy way to save \$4. Jake and Elwood, where are you?!

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Feature

Twisting, tumbling, and turning are all in a gymnast's day

By Linda Makley

Gymnastics is a time-consuming, challenging, and expensive sport, yet three Riley girls are members of the YMCA gymnastic team. Junior Dawn Jones and sophomore Kathy Doerr are members of the A-team. Sophomore Judy Kline is glad to be a B-team member because they go to fewer meets.

The gymnasts work out about 10-12 hours a week. They practice for two hours after school three to four times a

week. Dawn is at the gym every day because she teaches classes and helps the B-team. They

travel all over Indiana and once they made it to the YMCA Nationals in Lakeland, Florida. A-team meets are about every other week and B-team meets are monthly.

Gymnastics costs \$75 to \$100 a month. Its expenses are team uniforms (leotards and warm-up suits), team fees (\$50 or \$60 about four times a year), travel expenses (motels, food) and

entry fees for meets.

Girls' gymnastics involves four events: the balance beam, vault, uneven parallel bars, and floor exercise. Dawn and Judy enjoy the floor exercise most. Dawn said, "It's fun because you aren't limited to a certain area and you're free to do what you want."

"I like the floor best because I get my best scores in it," said Judy. Kathy prefers the bars because, "it's fun to do different tricks." Kathy and Dawn both agree that trying to

perform flips and maneuvers on a 4-inch wide beam is extremely difficult. Kathy said, "The beam makes me nervous because it's so hard to stay on."

"I enjoy being a gymnast," explains Dawn, "because it keeps me in good shape, and I get to travel a lot and meet new people." Kathy enjoys it because it's interesting and challenging. Judy enjoys trying new things.

They all agree that one of the main disadvantages is all the time it requires. Dawn said,

"Sometimes you have to make a decision between going out or going to bed for sleep." Injury is another disadvantage. Dawn had to be out of gymnastics for two years because of an injury. Judy dislikes the parallel bars the most because they seem to cause the most bruises.

Adams has a gymnastic team of its own but Riley does not because of lack of room and money for the equipment and no coaching staff. The gymnasts really don't think the school needs one. They are happy competing for the YMCA.

It's all sax for Danny Rodenbach

By Neal Weber

Versatility. That's one thing that most musicians strive to achieve. For junior Danny Rodenbach, versatility is only part of his musical abilities.

In Danny's fifth year at Marshall elementary school, he studied and played the clarinet. Then, in the summer of his seventh grade year, Danny switched to playing the saxophone. "I switched to the sax," Danny said, "because it's more of a jazz-related instrument than the clarinet."

Today, Danny plays the alto sax, the tenor sax, and the baritone. Danny played the baritone in eighth grade, took lessons for the alto sax, and plays the tenor sax in school.

The number of school-related bands that Danny participates in is as varied as the different kinds of saxophones he plays. Dan plays in the Riley marching band, in pep band before, during, and after basketball games, in Riley's orchestra, and is a praised soloist in Riley's jazz band.

In his private lessons, Dan has studied improvisation and chords. "I like jazz band the best because I have a chance to stand out more and practice my improvisation. Marching Band is equally as much fun, but there's not as much chance to stand out as there is in jazz band," Dan said.



JUNIOR DANNY Rodenbach plays his sax during first hour band class.

Beside his band activities, Danny works part-time at Topsfield Terrace Retirement Community in the kitchen as a dietary aide. "I like the fact that I'm working with people instead of being cooped up in an office somewhere."

With the money saved from working at Topsfield, Danny

plans to attend Purdue Band Camp this summer. "Purdue has an excellent musical

program," says Dan. He would like to attend Purdue at the end of his senior year and major in computer science. "And," Dan continued, "if possible, I'd like to become a part of the Purdue marching band."

Guardian Angels help promote extra spirit

By Susan Shaw

Is that girl breaking into that boy's locker? Is she a thief? No—she's a guardian angel!

What is a guardian angel? Guardian Angels (G.A.s) help spread school spirit for athletes in such sports as football, swimming, and basketball. Each girl secretly decorates her favorite athlete's locker the night before a game, covering the door with balloons and streamers and lining the walls with candy, cookies, and other goodies.

The G.A.s originated at the former Jackson High School in the late 1960's when a group of fans decided to decorate a coach's classroom before a big game. The practice expanded to lockers and then spread to other sports. It became a tradition that spread to Riley after Jackson became a middle school in 1975.

"I wanted to do something for one of the guys on the (football) team," says junior Laurie Butts, "and it was fun. I talked to other girls and they said they liked doing it, so I got involved."

The football G.A.s were headed by seniors Debby Medich and Mary Claire Morse. "We knew the guys needed spirit since they weren't getting it from the pep assemblies," claims Debby. Riley has had only two assemblies so far this year, compared to five at this time last year.

This year, however, some complications arose. Because of rising locker thefts, the office would not release the football

players' combinations. The girls compensated by secretly sending decorated boxes to each players' second hour class. "Once I made it (the decorated box) into a football field," recalls Laurie. "It was really cute."

After the season is over, the guys thank their G.A.s in different ways. Some girls get candy and small gifts, while others get taken out to dinner. Junior Lynne Franklin, who was G.A. for junior Scott Vinson in football, claims that a closer friendship developed between Scott and her because she was his G.A. Laurie received a kiss and a thank-you from her football players. "It has its benefits, you know!" says Laurie.

"It was really nice to have someone who gave me candy," claims Mark Olson. "It was fun to find out what I got each week and eat it. I really appreciate all the stuff my G.A. gave me."

Girls aren't the only ones who decorate lockers. The male equivalent to G.A.s, called guardian devils, decorate for the girls' basketball team.

Senior Phil Parelius started decorating lockers as a freshman after getting a G.A. in swimming. "Being a fan of the girl's basketball team, I decided it would be nice for the girls to get their lockers decorated for games, too," says Phil. Basketball is the only girls' sport that has G.D.s since no one else has taken the initiative to organize them.

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Cats try to establish win streak tonight at Penn

By Charlie Pankow

Entering the Christmas holidays, the Wildcat basketball team found itself at 3-3, and seemingly in the midst of a hot streak after a gutsy performance in a 90-78 loss to third-ranked LaSalle. However, following a strong showing in the annual South Bend Holiday Basketball Tournament, the Cats appeared to lull back into a state of inconsistency.

In the Holiday Tournament's first round, the Cats overcame a 10-2 deficit and trailed Clay 45-43 when forward Jerry Foor stole the show, and the game, for Riley. He canned a short jumper for a 45-45 tie with 3:05 left in the contest. Ten seconds later it was Foor who intercepted a Colonial pass at midcourt and worked open for a 10-foot jumper that put Riley up for good. Forced to stop the clock with time running out, Clay, to its misfortune, intentionally fouled Brian Jacobs, who sank six of six from the line in the final minute to give Riley a 53-49 victory.

The semi-finals saw Riley pitted against top-20 rival Plymouth.

Plymouth fans outnumbered Wildcat backers by far, but it was Riley who jumped to an early 10-2 lead, and started some Cat supporters looking ahead to a revenge match with LaSalle in the final. In addition, Plymouth's Scott Skiles, a "Street and Smith's" magazine All-America candidate, who had stung St. Joe for 36 points, had a dismal 4-of-12 shooting start.

Then Skiles ended his opening-minute jitters, and backed by a rejuvenated Plymouth team, pushed the Pilgrims to a 26-25 lead before Riley center Steve Schmok hit an inside shot for a one-point halftime advantage.

Plymouth began the third quarter by promptly hitting the first hour buckets to dash to a 34-27 lead. Still, Riley kept its cool and tied the game at 51 with just under two minutes left in the final stanza. It was 55-55 when Skiles hit both ends of a one-and-one with nine seconds remaining to put the Cats at a disadvantage.

Plymouth prevailed 57-55 when Larry King's final shot rolled around and out. Despite the miss King led Riley with 18 points, and as it turned out, the Wildcats gave Plymouth a lot better game than LaSalle, as the Pilgrims humiliated the favored Lions 73-57 for the tournament title.

Riley's play in the tournament left some fans with the thought that the Cats were beginning to gell as a team. The thought was quickly extinguished after a 77-59 loss to Elkhart Central. Down 40-27 at the half, the Cats continued their lackluster performance in the second half as Central pounded the Cats on the boards.

The Cats continued their disappointing play at Washington where they let a 13-point second half lead slip away en route to a 59-58 loss. The Cats had bolted to an early lead, which they held late into the third period, with the help of 91 per cent free-throw shooting effort, before Washington took the lead via a 70 per cent shooting average from the floor. That lead was 59-58 when a Brian Jacobs jumper missed in the closing seconds to insure a Panther triumph. Forward Steve Reygaert was the Cats' leading scorer with 12, while Jacobs and King added 11 each.

A scheduled game with St. Joe last Saturday was snowed out, but the Cats will be in action tonight at Penn and tomorrow at Marian.

Swim team at 6-0

By Susan Shaw

The Wildcat swimmers, on the way to a conference title, outswam Elkhart Central 105-64 Thursday, Jan. 14. This victory increased Riley's record to 12-1 (6-0 in the NIC), with their only loss to Munster.

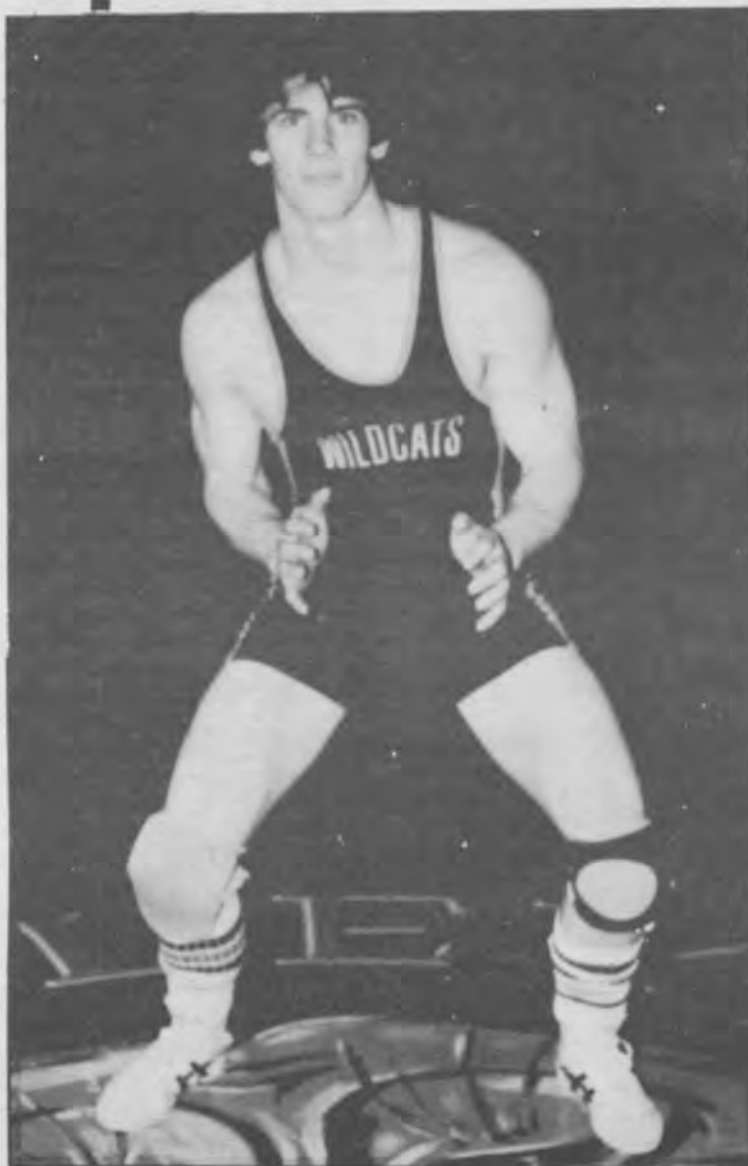
Riley also saw a win against LaSalle, defeating the Lions 116-53. Wildcat winners were Pieniazkiewicz, Wimmer, and sophomore Dave Stout (two wins each); Smith, Chapman, Parelus, Lambert, juniors Greg Andrews, diver Greg Fredenburg, and sophomore Al Hay (one win each).

The Munster Seahorses dealt Riley their first loss by defeating the 'Cats 115-57. Riley was "over-worked" and the team's performance was

"not good," said Coach Dunlap, even though Weisser beat the state cut-off times in both the 200 and 500 freestyle events.

The Cats traveled to Troy, Mich., on Dec. 19 and placed 7th out of 12 teams in the Troy Relays. Over the holiday break Riley went to the Merrillville (Ind.) Invitational and made 6th place out of ten. "It was good experience, but the boys had a lack of rest," said Coach Dunlap. "The traveling caught up with us."

The meets against Hammond Bishop Noll and Kokomo Haworth were cancelled due to weather conditions. The Bishop Noll meet is being held tomorrow at Hammond. Yesterday the Cats swam against Washington.



SENIOR WRESTLING Co-captain Pat Powers [pictured above] now sports an 18-1 record, which includes two invitational titles. Powers is considered by many people, including Mishawaka's famed wrestling coach Al Smith, one of the top wrestlers in the state, and he is favored to win his sectional.

Powers, Sanders lead team into Sectional

By Brendan Powers

Not once in Riley's 25-year wrestling history has it captured a sectional title. This year, with sectionals just a week away, head coach Chris Clarke and his wrestlers' chances of winning a sectional again look to be minimal.

"After jumping out to a 5-0 start, we fell into a slump we've been having trouble getting out of," Coach Clarke stated. "We're struggling now and a sectional title would mean beating both Mishawaka and Penn."

It was the Cavemen, now ranked eighth in the state, who first defeated the Cats; routing them 57-9. Penn, who is also state-ranked at fourteen, is scheduled to face Riley next Thursday.

Over the winter break Riley took part in two wrestling tournaments. The first was the Wawasee Invitational in which the Cats placed a disappointing 5th place. Sanders was awarded a plaque for "outstanding wrestler of the tournament" as he claimed the 138-lb. title.

Overcoming a pulled ligament in his right knee that almost kept him out, Powers took first place in the 167-lb. class. Also

They then took part in the twenty-team Mishawaka Invita-

tional in which seven teams

Pat Powers made it to the championship round but this time was turned away with a tough 7-5 loss. Also placing was senior James Ross with a sixth place in the HWT class.

The grapplers' return from winter break, however, was a disappointing one as they dropped two in a row, first to the LaSalle Lions (52-18) and then to Elkhart Central (39-28). The one bright spot in the Cats' return was a third-place finish in the Brandywine Invitational. Powers captured a championship victory and received the outstanding wrestler of the tournament award.

Sanders also captured a first place, as did junior Darren Fisher in the HWT class. Brendan Powers made it to the championship round but fell short and placed second in the 155-lb. class. James Ross, who took part in the tournament as an extra from Riley, battled teammate Fisher in the HWT bout but lost and took second.

Tomorrow Riley is scheduled to wrestle in the Culver Military Academy Invitational.

The Sectional will be held Saturday, Jan. 30, at Mishawaka High School at 10 a.m. Regionals will be the following Saturday at LaPorte High School.

Girls' team ends season next week

By Scott Dunham

The 1981-82 season is quickly drawing to an end for the girls' basketball team. The team had compiled a 3-2 conference record and a 8-6 overall record before traveling to Penn last Wednesday.

The team suffered two losses in the Warsaw Tournament during the Christmas break including a 25 point trampling by a strong LaPorte squad. Coach Guy Morrical was not completely disheartened by the two losses. "I knew we were better than we played in Warsaw," he says.

Indeed, the team rebounded to convincingly defeat St. Joe 47-34. Their next opponent was the very team that buried them in Warsaw; LaPorte. Riley lost again but only by 12 points.

The Michigan City Elston and Washington games were postponed because of the severe weather. This put the team in the tough situation where they had to play three games, all of them conference, in a span of four days. The team edged Elkhart Central 41-40 on a last-minute rally on Jan. 13. Riley never lead in that game until Lisa Engdahl hit a field goal at :23 left in the fourth. The Penn contest was to be played on Wednesday.

Elston visits the Riley gym tomorrow. Riley travels to Adams on Monday, and closes the season on Friday, Jan. 29 at Washington. The girls' basketball Sectionals will begin during the first week of February.

MEN WOMEN

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