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Students suggest answers to school problems

By Susan Shaw

Although they agree that Riley has the best math, science, English, and fine arts departments in the city, 48 Riley students also cited flaws in the school's overall system and suggested solutions. These students, representing all four grade levels and all races and social groups at Riley, took a school-sponsored retreat to Epworth Forest last week.

Among the problems, teacher/faculty responsibilities ranked as the highest among the retreat participants. Teachers need to be more receptive and responsive to the students' needs, agreed the members.

Advance Placement classes, threatened by the school board's chopping block because of desegregation reasons, should be kept. More minorities will try more A.P. courses, the members believe, if teachers will encourage them to help push them to their potential. Teacher encouragement should also increase student productivity.

The retreat also would like to see more faculty. The retreat participants would like to see more faculty members get involved in Riley's extra-curricular activities. They encourage teachers to attend more school functions like athletic events and music concerts.

Another of the top issues discussed is the present lockout policy. The retreat members all believe that the lockout cheats sincere students out of an education. Irresponsible students abuse the system, also, because they use the lockout as an in-school type of skipping.

One solution to this problem is warning bells. The members also think that instead of a door slammed in the face, students that are only about a minute late should be allowed into the class, but be marked tardy.

The members want the lockout made so it will be difficult or impossible to use it as a truancy excuse. The "real" lockout, they say, should be for people who are consistently late or later than the time allowed.

Security also went under scrutiny by the retreat members. All agree that Riley lacks security, and what security there is to be found is unresponsive or unavailable at the needed time. They would like to see the security personnel as a budget priority, and no security guards "teaching" study hall.

Students can help the security guards by supporting each other against crime and discouraging theft. Retreat members also think that parent volunteers could help patrol the hallways or the parking lot.

Activities such as cheerleading and student council are considered as popularity contests by retreat members. Participants should be chosen by abilities, not by social acceptance. The members think that all students should have a fair chance of being admitted into a social activity group. Above all, every interested student should be given positive reinforcement.

Retreat members suggest that in squad try-outs, the judges should be impartial and socially and racially mixed. For student-elected groups,

candidates should give speeches of their qualifications in a general assembly.

Also mentioned was better advertising, of opportunities available in these groups. Members believe that some students should visit feeder schools to inform the younger pupils about the activities and their openings.

Most freshmen aren't mature enough to handle the discipline gap between Jackson and Riley, the members have decided. After experiencing the strict atmosphere at Jackson, when they get to Riley a lot of them think that they can do anything. To solve this, retreat members suggest that Jackson ease up on its regulations and Riley stiffen up its rules—in other words, bring the two schools to a more even level discipline-wise.

Retreat participants also think that Principal Phil Ell and the rest of the administration are too busy with attendance problems to actually socialize with and get to know the student body. They believe that if Riley could get one person to handle all attendance problems, the administrators will have more time for the students.

Riley students don't have enough school spirit, agree the retreaters. They believe that at pep assemblies everyone's spirit is stifled because they're not allowed to cheer the way they want to.

All of the members want to hold meetings with the faculty to express their concerns and concessions. Once a month they would like to meet with Mr. Ell to talk about new problems and proposals. A general assembly before the Riley student body to present concerns and findings also has been mentioned.

WILDCAT LIFE

Ski Club

Wildcats who join the new Ski Club will be flying down the slopes of a nearby ski resort this winter.

Sophomores Laura Amberg and Chance Cribbs are starting the club. Their parents will take turns chaperoning the trips.

Transportation will be by bus, which will leave the Scottsdale Mall on Fridays around 4:00 p.m. and return around 11:00 p.m.

Seven trips will be taken to Swiss Valley, in Jones, Michigan. A weekend trip to Boyne Mountain, which is located in Northern Michigan, is also possible.

The cost will be around '98 dollars for those who will need to rent equipment, and '76 dollars for those who have their own. This price will include the bus fare to Swiss Valley and back, three skiing lessons, and lift ticket costs.

To make the club a success, twenty-five to thirty-five members are needed. Anyone interested in joining, should contact Laura Amberg or ask in the main office.

New Assistant Principal

Mrs. Cindy Kujawski has been sent to replace Dr. Lynne Miller as assistant principal.

Mrs. Kujawski, formerly a speech clinician at Darden and Swanson Schools, is in her sixth year with the South Bend Community School Corporation. So far she likes Riley for its friendly atmosphere.

The next issue of the *Riley Review* will feature a full story on Mrs. Kujawski.

Multi-Cultural Society

"The purpose of the Multi-Cultural Society is to foster good personal relationships among all people," said this group's sponsor, Mrs. Wilma Harris.

This club will be studying the culture and history of ethnic groups. Soon they will be sponsoring "The Cultural Experience Series." This will be a group of mini-festivals presenting the foods, artifacts and history of a particular ethnic culture.

Other future events include food basket drives and activities during the observance of various ethnic weeks.

Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays every

month. All students are invited to become a part of this group.

Band Festival

Once again the Wildcat Marching Band outshined all other area bands at the South Bend Marching Band Festival on Oct. 5 at School Field.

Beating out LaSalle and Marian (who placed 2nd and 3rd respectively), the musicians moved to "King of the Road," "Duelin' Banjos," "Hound Dog," and "Tea for Two for Tubas."

At the festival, judges rated the bands but no awards were given.

Fire drills

No, the Fire Department is not trying to drive the Riley student body crazy by having as many fire drills as possible.

The numerous fire drills result from students pulling the alarms. The Fire Department has held only two official fire drills, one right after the other.

The second was held because the building was not cleared fast enough and the people didn't get far enough away from the building the first time.

Fire alarm pulling is a serious crime. Principal Phillip Ell said that a suspect was apprehended last week and turned over to the police.



The 1982-83 Homecoming Queen is Melanie Rowe, escorted by Danny Basker [pictured above]. Court members are Angie Boykins, Sheila Flint, Cheryl Gustin, Julie Johnson, Linda McClurg, Sue Rogers, Debbie Stroop, Donna Swoverland, Varena Townsend, and Kelly Woods.

EDITORIAL

Pep assemblies' success a good sign.



Last week's homecoming pep assembly may have been considered a dream come true for Riley's faculty... well almost. After all, for the first time in quite a long while Riley's student body had actually paid heed to the administration's warnings about conduct at assemblies. That is, they were paying heed, until about half way through the assembly when about twelve rolls of toilet paper came streaming out of the senior section of the bleachers. So ended Mr. Ell's dream.

But despite the one incident, the faculty will have to admit that it was one of the smoothest run pep assemblies in a number of years. In fact, both pep assemblies this year have gone unusually well. Why so?

The most likely reason would have to be the faculty's own involvement, and it's about time. For too long the faculty just watched the assemblies and didn't really get involved. It's actually inspiring to have a teacher on the floor leading a cheer or to have the principal and another teacher go at it with some whipped cream. It shows the students that the faculty does in fact, care about Riley.

Also, faculty involvement has had a direct effect on student interest in the speakers. Students now listen to the speaker simply because they feel the speakers have something to say.

But the student body also deserves a great deal of credit. It is their innovative imagination that has made the pep assemblies not only successful but within the administration's guidelines. When warned that the throwing of toilet paper, paper airplanes and students (students?) would not be

tolerated, Riley students came up with some clever substitutes that should keep the administration happy. After all, it's doubtful that there is any danger of a bubble putting someone's eye out and even the freshmen should be safe against balloons (or surgical gloves as the case may be).

Another ingredient to the assemblies' success is organization. In previous pep assemblies not too much has gone on other than having a speech or two from the coaches and few cheers from the cheerleaders. This year, however, the student body can get involved.

The idea of telling senior Donny Hatfield he was going to judge the cheerleaders' kissing ability and then blindfolding him and bringing his mom out to kiss him showed some ingenuity on someone's part. Riley now has a Spirit club also. It's certain that this too should help increase student involvement.

What it all boils down to is a little cooperation between the students and the faculty. By working together in different organizations and with a little communication both sides get along with each other. If the students conduct themselves properly at assemblies they can have more of them. It is a good sign that the students are respecting the administration's requests, and it all has a positive effect both in and out of the classroom.

"I was very pleased with the conduct at last week's pep assembly," Principal Phillip Ell stated, "but I was disappointed that we again had five percent of the students spoiling it for the rest. We'll have more pep assemblies -- as soon as we find out who threw that toilet paper."

Oh well, at least no students were thrown.

ETs and Pac men beware!
Communist plot afoot

By Sean O'Neill

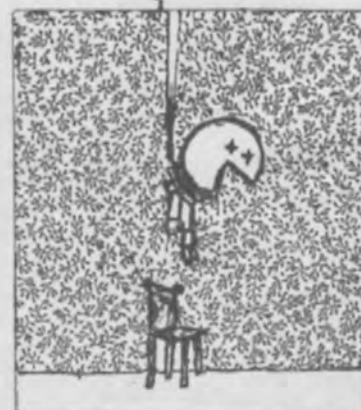
Halloween is coming, and soon the young ones will be banging on doors and demanding candy. If they want to stay healthy, though, they ought to read the sign that will be on my door; ET's and Pac men beware!

I have had just about all I can take of that long necked, bug eyed ET. The little creep makes some wilted flowers come to life and instantly all America is in love with him. Why? He couldn't even hold his beer.

Pac man, too, is taking America over. A cartoon show, jewelry, suckers, T-shirts, and now Halloween costumes--and all for a boring video game. Zaxxon is a much better video game, but can you watch it on Saturday mornings? I'm afraid not.

I have been doing heavy research to figure out the immense popularity of these two silly fads and have come up with an answer. It's all a communist plot. The infidel Ruskies have found the way to capture American attention. Create a character, make it cute, put it in *People* magazine, and over-saturate the market with it.

ET and Pac man are already great commie successes, and more are on the way, to slowly convert the American mind from



red, white, and blue to plain red. Next up is the movie *Russian Robbie*, about an immigrant who befriends a video game from outer space. The adorable video game enters Robbie's mind and by the end of the movie the White House is in ashes and President Reagan is skewered on a barbecue spit. Fun stuff.

I, for one, am not going to take this conspiracy lying down. On Halloween night I will be sitting and waiting for little communism spreaders in ET and Pac man costumes. I have the razor blade apples ready, and I am working on a batch of cyanide Tylenol disguised as jelly beans. I call for all freedom loving Americans to join in my crusade. Remember, the only good Pac man is a dead Pac man.

Your
Thoughts

Unemployment has hit 10.1 percent, the highest since the end of the depression, but inflation and interest rates are down. Do you think we are heading in the right direction for economic recovery?



STEVE LONGENECKER - Yes, but inflation rates would be meaningless if half the population were unemployed. The total economic recession cannot be solved through a decrease in unemployment or the inflation rate alone. The road to recovery must be realized as concomitant.



GIANA BUZOLICH - No, we're not heading in the right direction for the simple fact that it is increasingly difficult to find jobs. It looks as if we could be heading for something almost as bad as a depression.

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So what did you do during the NFL football strike?



By Neal Weber

You get up late on Saturday morning (usually because of the heavy amount of partying you did the night before.) It's autumn, the sky is blue, the air is crisp; it's football weather. You flip on the TV and check out some college football. If it's not a Notre Dame game, it's usually USC at UCLA or Indiana getting beaten by some other college. You watch a few quarters, then go out and get into a pickup football game at the school or the park.

But Sunday, ah Sunday. You get up late again (remember Saturday night?) It's cloudy, colder than it was yesterday -- and it feels like it's December rather than October. You anticipate watching the Bears get beat by some other team or Dallas at Pittsburgh -- or any other pro game. Now this is real football -- hard hitting and fun.

You turn on the TV waiting to see Brent and Irv give you the rundown on Payton's career rushing record, or Jimmy the Greek laying out the odds on the Packers and the Oilers.

But no. What's this? A bunch of guys in strange uniforms running around in a huge end zone on an even bigger field with two 50 yard lines. This isn't the NFL. Oh man, that's right, the NFL players are on strike. This is Canadian football. How stupid.

Did you ever try to watch an entire Canadian football game? You can't, it's impossible. First of all, there are 12 men on each team. They're too busy counting each other after each play to get anything done. Secondly, the field; it's huge, and it's got two 50-yard lines. The end zone is almost as big with the ends rounded so no one can do a quick corner out pattern. That bothers me.

The teams are stupid enough with idiotic names like; "The Montreal Concordes" or "The

Winnipeg Blue Bombers." What, do airline companies sponsor these guys? If you thought that the "airplane teams" were stupid, there are two teams with the same name. It's really confusing when Ottawa and Saskatchewan get together. They are both called the "Rough Riders." I don't know, I've got trouble with that.

Did you know that you can score a single point in Canadian football if your punt goes into the end zone? That's like giving a player a pay increase if he trips when he comes out of the locker room. It's not easy watching this kind of football when your eyes and ears are tuned to the sound of Joe "Big Sky" Montana lofting those oh so perfect passes over the shoulder and into the arms of his favorite receiver.

When you're used to NFL football, this Canadian business just won't do. Besides, how can you respect a football league in which Vince Ferragamo of the Rams failed so terribly?

Well, the networks are doing their best to relieve the Sunday afternoon boredom generated by the strike. Why, just last week, I was able to enjoy a rough and tumble auto race. Whoo boy, more action than I, for one, can handle.

But, if you don't want to just sit around and watch dumb things on TV, like Canadian football, you can always try your hand at yard work. Yeah, remember your Dad's famous line of "There's plenty of things to be done around here" that you've heard every weekend? Well now you have no excuse not to do it because there are no good games on TV. What are you going to say, "No man, I can't today. Montreal and Ottawa are playing and it should be a pretty good game." Of course not.

When there are no NFL games on television, you catch yourself doing some pretty dumb things. Did you ever try to really get into a log rolling contest? Doesn't work. Or how many of you real men out there really watch figure skating for the competition, not just to see Tai Babolonia in a skimpy, tight little dress? I know I don't. Besides, people just watch those things to see an accident. And, have you ever noticed how sportscasters always describe rookie football players as giving 110 percent? What, isn't plain old 100 percent good enough anymore? It must have something to do with inflation. How about 97 1/2 percent?

What it all boils down to is this: The strike is wearing on so these players who make \$1 million plus a year can make a little more and those of us who are scratching out a living can feel sorry for Earl Campbell because we think that he's getting a raw deal with only a \$3 million dollar contract.

So while all this is going on, what do we do? Watch some more of the CFL? I'm sorry but Canadian football eats quiche.

Jobs of the future

By Chris Pickenpau

Recently, the predicted percentage rate of national unemployment reached a staggering 10.1 percent, its highest level in 42 years. More than 11 million Americans were out searching for jobs; 1.6 million more were so discouraged that they had stopped looking for work.

For a teenager just stepping out into the world opportunities may appear slim. Decisions have to be made deciding which direction is the best for one to succeed financially. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics new opportunities in high-tech and service sectors are opening while jobs in the smoke-stack industries are continuing to decline.

America is ever growing closer to the age of computers. As of this year, data processing has an estimated employment growth of plus 157.1 percent. Growth in computer systems analysis is estimated at plus 112.4 percent. Jobs in computer operating are up 91.7 percent and computer programming is up 77.2 percent.

Other occupations on the upswing are paralegal personnel, office machine servicers, tax preparers, aero-astronautic engineers, employment interviewers, fast-food restaurant workers, child-care attendants and veterinarians.

As we move into the era of high technology we find many of the domestic trades slowly dwindling. Farm laborers em-

ployment percentage is down 19.9 percent. Farm managing is down 17.7 percent. The percent decline in farm supervisors employment is 14.3 percent. Farm owners and tenants, along with the farmers themselves, have an employment percentage drop of 13.6 percent.

Private household occupations have also decreased in number. As of last year, housekeeping, child-care workers, and maid/servant jobs have slipped by more than 134 percent.

Other careers declining in employment are shoemaking (machine operators) at a 19.2 percent decline, railroad car repairers at 19.0 percent, graduate assistants at 16.7 percent, timber cutting and logging workers at 13.6 percent, and secondary school teachers at a 13.1 percent.

Not all job opportunities are looking down. The future is always opening up new possibilities. Industrial robot production, by 1990, is estimated to have an employment of up to 800,000. Geriatric social work is estimated to have up to 700,000 employed. Energy technicians are calculated to have an employment of over 600,000. Industrial laser processing is predicted to have an employment of up to 600,000.

Other careers predicted to have significantly large employment opportunities in the next 10 years are housing rehabilitation, and laser, holographic, and optical fiber maintenance.



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Riley draws Adams to open sectional

By Brendan Powers

There is an old coaches adage that says if you're going to be the best you've got to beat the best. For Riley's head volleyball coach Frank Nemeth nothing could be more fitting as he leads his team into one of the toughest Sectionals in the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC), Saturday at Adams high school. In fact, Nemeth, as well as many other coaches around the NIC, speculates that the winner of the South Bend Sectional may very well make it to the state tournament.

Led by senior co-captains Angie Boykins and Lori Bonk the now 15-6 Wildcats will open the 1982 Sectional competition against top ranked Adams who beat Riley earlier in the season. But despite the previous defeat to the hands of the now 21-6 Eagles, Nemeth feels this game will be different. "The first time the teams met we were missing some key people because of injuries," he explained. "Also, the girls were a little nervous in our first meeting, but now they know what they're facing and they know they can win."

But once again Nemeth, as well as the rest of the team, will have to contend with a key injury. In last Saturday's Riley Invitational, which Riley won for the first time in its history, freshman Lori Jackwiak went down with a broken foot that put an abrupt end to her season. "Lisa is really going to be missed," Nemeth commented, "but I think the girls are completely undaunted by the loss."

Like any other good coach Nemeth has studied up on the competition and spent the past week planning some surprises. "I've arranged our rotation and am making some key adjustments in both the offense and the defense," he

explained. "I want our good blockers up front when Adams has their power hitters up. All in all, it's a much different game plan than the one we've been using for most of the season. The main idea is to confuse them and catch them off balance."

But Nemeth feels the key to success will not be in his strategy nor will it be in Riley's awesome offense, but rather it will be found in the Cats' defensive play. Sparked by the front line defensive play of Boykins and Bonk and the back line defense of seniors Rhonda Zeigart and Theresa Walker, Nemeth is looking to his Wildcats to shut down any offense of the opposing teams. "Rhonda Zeigart has really come into her own these past weeks," Nemeth cited, "I can't see any offense getting much off her."

Improved is another quality Nemeth sees as one of the Wildcats' attributes. "The girls are just starting to peak now, especially in our passes. The centers aren't just passing the ball to the spikers—they're setting the ball for the spikers. Also, the defense is now able to read the hitters; they can anticipate where the ball is going to be," Nemeth stated. "All of these little things that they've been working on are starting to fall into place and that's important if we are going to be any kind of contender to the Sectional title."

But one has to wonder if Riley's Wildcats can overcome previous defeats to both Adams and St. Joe, now 21-4. "Like I said before," Nemeth concluded, "We've got one of the toughest Sectionals in the area, but the team is the best it's going to be; the girls know they can win this tournament and they're very confident. I just hope I hold out."

Sputtering Cats drop fourth straight

By Charlie Pankow

Losing is bad. Losing by 20 points is worse; but Riley has averaged it over the past four football games, with big losses to Washington and Elkhart Memorial being major contributors.

From the opening kickoff on Oct. 8, it was all Washington, which took its first possession from the 28 and promptly drove 72 yards for the game's first score, and a quick 7-0 lead. They were the only points in the opening period, but the Panther offensive line continually forced Riley's defense back the rest of the game, and although the Wildcats were holding Washington to a total of just 20 yards passing, Panther running backs were gaining big on the ground.

They stung Riley for three more touchdowns, and a 27-0

lead, before Fred Medich and Tony Woods teamed up to block a Panther punt and give the Cats a golden opportunity at the Washington 22. Whereupon it took just one play until sophomore Melvin Winston raced 12 yards to give the Cats their first points and slice the Panther lead to 20.

But Washington capped off the game's scoring with a 45 yard interception return, and despite a missed extra point, the Panthers claimed a 33-7 verdict that had seen the Riley offense held to just 72 total yards, while Washington picked up 249.

Things didn't change against Elkhart Memorial, which had Riley down 21-0 midway through the second period before Wildcat quarterback Tony Simeri broke out of a throwing slump with a 65 yard touchdown pass to multi-

talented Jimmy Scales that put the Cats on the scoreboard. Just before halftime, it was Scales again who was on the receiving end of a TD pass. This one a 38 yarder by Dave Dunlap, who connected with Mike Cseh for a two point conversion that narrowed the gap to 21-14.

In the second half though, momentum swung Memorial's way, as the Chargers spoiled homecoming night with three more touchdowns that buried any Wildcat victory hopes. Riley's only consolation was a Tony Simeri to Mike Riddle TD pass which made the final 42-21 Memorial.

The Cats, (2-6), hope to end their four game losing streak tonight against Adams, and will host Michigan City Elston on Oct. 27 to conclude the '82 season.

Cubs must make trades for '83

By Charlie Pankow

Spring's arrival brings with it many things; warm weather, vacations, and baseball. But with the coming of baseball, it also must be accepted that the Chicago Cubs come too.

As the 1982 major league baseball year came to a close this week, I recalled the Cubs' season. Their 73-89 record didn't disappoint me; I was expecting far worse. But many inaccuracies were present, pitching for one.

Good teams get by with their hitting, the Cubs don't. Of the season long starters, only Ferguson (Fergie) Jenkins (won 14 lost 15 3.15 earned run average) was consistent. The others were very erratic. Randy Martz, Dickie Noles, and Doug Bird were all capable of giving up runs in bunches, and Bird had a special talent in serving up the homerun ball.

Relief pitching was actually pretty good, but it wasn't much help since the Cubs usually trailed. Lee Smith (2.72 ERA) had an outstanding season via an excellent fastball and great control, (he'd have probably been the Cy Young winner with a good team), but any powerful

pitching performances were buried under the offense's inability to score runs.

Beyond centerfielder Leon Durham (.312 AVG., 22 HR's) and first-baseman Bill Buckner, (.306, 15 HR's, 105 RBI's) there weren't many bright spots. Thirdbase rookie Ryne Sandberg hit .271, and stole 30 bases, while secondbaseman Bump Wills hit .275 and stole 34, but neither hit for power. Steve Henderson, Jay Johnston, and Keith Moreland split left and rightfield duties, but by no means were proven starters. Finally catcher Jodi Davis was a surprising addition with his ability to throw out base stealers, and all around smart play behind the plate, but he tended to strike out a lot.

Still, it's obvious the Cubs must improve, and improvement starts by making trades. Deals must be made with other clubs for pitching, two solid outfielders, and a steady hitting, smooth fielding shortstop to replace the aging Larry Bowa. Unless these changes are made before next season, expect the 1983 Cubs to flounder at, or near the bottom of the National League East.

Elston defeats Riley despite, Vakkur, Perry

Preparations for last Monday's Central Invitational began as the girls' swim team dropped a close meet to Goshen, and ended with a 71-55 loss to Michigan City Elston.

In the Goshen contest, Kandis Perry continued her brilliant swimming by setting a pool, and school record in the 200 freestyle with a time of 5:00 free. Junior Val Pieniazkiewicz dominated the 50 and 100 freestyle competition, placing first in both, while senior Vikki Carr captured the 200 individual medley plus 100 butterfly categories with times of 2:28 and 1:10 respectively. Still, Goshen was prevailing in team relay and backstroke competition, and despite Mary Zimmer's first place finish in diving action, plus Stefanie Sandefur's in the 100 breaststroke, the Redskins held on for a 65-61 victory.

Against the Red Devils, sophomore Sarah Vakkur turned in an outstanding performance with first place finishes in the 200 and 500 free, while Pieniazkiewicz took the top spot in 50 and 100 freestyle action. Finally, Kandis Perry rounded out the Riley firsts by taking number one spots in 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley competition.

Boys advance to regionals, Girls run sectional today

By Denise Jozwiak

The boys' cross-country team advances to regionals today after placing fifth in sectionals last Friday at Erskine.

Riley's overall team score was 125, with a third place finish by sophomore Kurt Frazier, who set a new school record with a time of 16:10.9. Frazier was followed by seniors Kenny Humphrey, 24th, Scott Polsgrove 29th, Kent Taylor 23rd, Adam Beatty 36th, and junior Tom Florkowski 39th.

If the Cats place in the top five at regionals they will move on to semi-state at Laporte. Regionals will be run this afternoon, after the girls' sectional race at Erskine.

By Susan Shaw

This afternoon's Sectional meet determines whether or not the Riley girls' cross country squad ends their season. Starting at 4 p.m. at Erskine Golf Course, the girls need to defeat Mishawaka for a fourth place team finish (after Michigan City Elston, Penn, and St. Joseph's). The top four teams advance to next week's LaPorte Regional.

The top 10 individuals, regardless of team standing, also continue to LaPorte. Riley sees potential in junior powerhouse Cheryl Walker, who whose present school record stands at 11:24.3.