



Friends Incorporated offers help and support

Jennifer Cripe
 Staff Photographer

"Feeling Bad? Feeling Sad? Don't Make a Fuss, You've got Us!" These words are from Friends Incorporated.

Friends Inc. is an organization that does several helpful projects. Friends Inc. was formed to prevent suicide, but that is not all that they plan to accomplish.

Dennis Kielton, counselor, chooses students for the program.

"Friends Inc. is a group of students at Riley who want to talk to students with any kind of problem," stated junior, Scott White.

If this is the first time that you have heard about Friends Inc., it may be because of the new co-sponsor Judith Hums, learning disabled teacher.

Kielton is very energetic in his efforts to get the program going.

"Even though Friends, Inc. has been established for three years, several students were unaware of this fact," said Kielton.

This year Kielton has big plans for Friends, Inc. The new members who were hand picked by Kielton commenced the program by attending the Lang Convention, the only training Friends, Inc. received.

The Lang Convention was created by Mr. and Mrs. Lang, whose son sadly took his own life. His parents established this convention as a memorial to educate people about suicide and also to

help prevent it.

The conference lasted for two days. It consisted of several discussion topics presented by professional speakers.

Some of the topics included; suicide, communication, relationships, choices and consequences, and how to deal with stress.

"When the Riley students returned,

ing with the help of Angie Perez. It began on November first and Kielton and Friends Inc. found tutors for each student in areas which they needed help.

Friends Inc. will give presentations on a variety of subjects to middle and grade school students

What will Friends Inc. do for us here at Riley? "Friends Inc. will help new

tance", remarked Judith Hums.

Friends Inc.'s last goal is to arrange for guest speakers to discuss important topics with the student body. These topics will be determined by the results of a survey which Kielton distributed to the student body.

Students will be able to sign up to hear the speakers of their choice in the same way that they sign up to see college representatives.

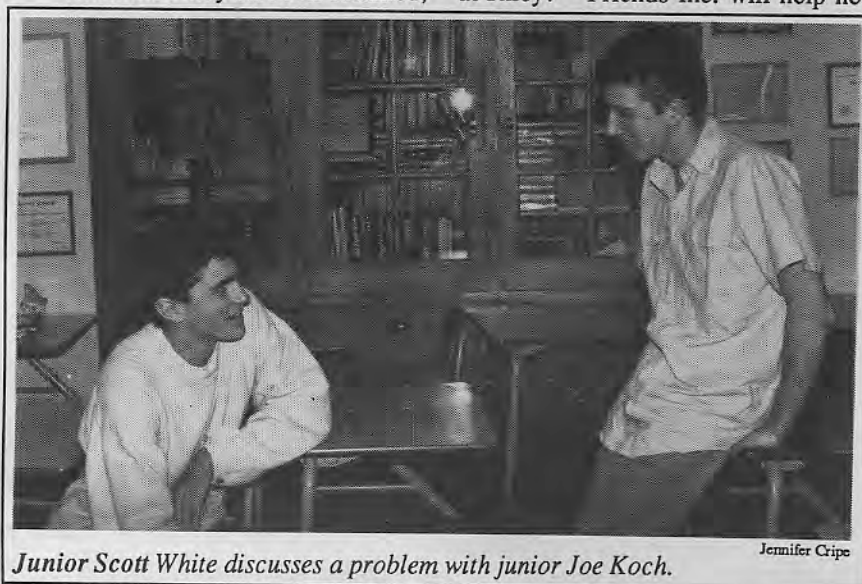
Friends Inc. has a full year planned.

"I just hope that we are able to recognize someone who is having problems and help that person to overcome them," said junior, Clark Hoover.

"I feel that Friends Inc. will be a great help to students. Most often it is easier for a student to talk to another student, or a friend, rather than to parents, adults, or teachers. One reason this is true is because they can relate to, or understand the problem better due to their age. They might even be in the same situation", said senior, Tammy Kozlowski.

"I think that when kids talk to kids they can open up better than with adults. Teenagers also wouldn't know who to talk to", said Judith Hums.

This year's new members are: Freshmen Stephanie Lubber, Brian Thornbury; Sophomores: Kim Heyse, Doug Blackburn, Paul Fisko; Juniors: Candy Collins, Scott White; Seniors: Kelly Strader, Marc Garrard. Last year's veterans are; Sophomores: Jennifer Dieter; Juniors: Clark Hoover, Tammy Moffitt, Sean Hatcher; Seniors: Chris Mesecar, Lisa Eckenberger.



Junior Scott White discusses a problem with junior Joe Koch.

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some enthusiasm was lost, but they started making things happen right away", said Kielton.

"I feel that as the program develops we will be able to do more for the student body", said sophomore, Doug Blackburn.

The first thing Friends Inc. did was to trick-or-treat to raise money, making 85 dollars in this way.

Friends Inc. also started peer-tutor-

students to find their way around, eat lunch with lonely students and talk with any student who seems to need someone to talk to", said Kielton.

"I feel that the students who are a part of Friends Inc. can handle most of the problems that students may have, but if it is a very serious problem like suicide, child abuse, or drugs then they are forced by law to refer that student to an adult, or help them to find professional assis-

SAT team:

Turning troubled teens around

Nicole Szymanski
 Staff Reporter

You may need the S.A.T., not the SAT you are thinking of, but the Student Assistance Team.

The SAT team consists of administrators, counselors, and teachers.

It was originally ACT which assisted students with drug and alcohol dependency, according to Joanne Ollman, the assistant principal and SAT team member at Riley.

"That was in operation for two years. This year it merged with the suicide prevention team which has been in existence for one year and the two function together," said Ollman.

"It also includes students that may have adjustment problems," said Charles Stallworth, an SAT member and Social Studies teacher at Clay High School.

According to Dennis Kielton, a counselor and SAT member at Riley, each staff member receives a referral form. If a student is suspected of any kind of substance abuse the teacher turns in the form. Then, an SAT member begins soliciting opinions from the students other teachers.

"If everyone agrees the team meets and discusses the student's options. Then

we decide whether or not to get parents involved. Then they may be sent to receive professional help," said Kielton.

A student may be referred by fellow students, or by themselves, according to Jeanne Ciuksza, an SAT member and science teacher at Washington High School.

"An SAT member interviews the student and then depending on the severity they may be sent to counseling," she said.

It helps kids get connected with outside help said Velma Rassi, a nurse

noticed and sudden physical change according to Ciuksza.

In an outline given out by Kielton, there are four steps to chemical abuse. The first is experimental use, which Kielton says is the stage most students are at. The second is more regular use while the third is daily preoccupation and fourth dependency. The results have been positive.

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Joanne Ollman

and SAT member.

"We also support them after care when they are back in school so they don't go back on drugs," said Ciuksza.

There are many signs of chemical and physical abuse.

"They may be absent more than in the past, they may begin to sleep more, or they may have dilated pupils. There could be any type of behavioral change," said Stallworth.

There may also be depression, severe change of personality or easily

situation," said Ollman.

Stallworth said, "We have been very active in referring and have had a number of sessions with students."

Stallworth feels it is a very worthwhile program and has been very successful.

"It's a very necessary and much needed program. You cannot fulfill the purpose of giving an education until the problems are solved. I feel kids on drugs are just not educable. They can't func-

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Bridge class fills the gap to success

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When Whitney Young, an alternative high school, closed its doors students who were not succeeding at their conventional high schools were placed back into their former high schools.

The following year the South Bend Community School Corporation had still not produced a replacement for Whitney Young.

This year a new department called At Risk has been established by the S.B.C.S.C.

This program is called Bridge, and it is available at five South Bend High Schools.

Bridge is available at Riley, Clay, LaSalle, Adams, and Washington.

The program coordinators are Mary Ward-Schafer, Wilma Gary, and Carolyn Kuester.

"I think the Bridge class is an alternative to Whitney Young," said Wilma Gary, curriculum coordinator for the At Risk program.

The Bridge class curriculum is based on three categories: job skills, life skills, and study skills.

For many years at South Bend High Schools, students have had problems concerning school for example, the danger of failing or dropping out, but there has never been a program to help students understand work that is difficult for them.

Norma J. Kronewitter, the Bridge teacher at Riley, says that the program is successful for Riley and she feels that it is making the students more responsible and dependable.

"Bridge has been a great influence



Mrs. Kronewitter teaches the students in the Bridge class.

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on the students, and it is making school work easier for them," says Kronewitter.

Kronewitter said the Bridge teachers look at the attendance records and grades of many freshmen and sophomores. They used this information to seek out students who might benefit from the class. The students were interviewed by Kronewitter and George McCullough, assistant principal, and asked if they wanted to take the class. The Bridge class is an elective. A student could also be recommended to take the class by a teacher or their parent.

Bridge is for ninth and tenth graders, once they are selected, they sign a contract in which they agree to attend all school sessions, participate in summer programming, and make good faith efforts to learn, perform well in the pro-

gram, and in school.

"We have had a problem with recruiting students," said Gary.

At Riley there are two ninth grade classes and two tenth grade classes in the Bridge program. There is a limit of fifteen students in each class, although this year there are approximately eight students in each class.

Gary said she would like to see information given to students in middle school about the Bridge program.

Whitney Young was a very different program from the Bridge class. Whitney Young was a high school with six classes that had lasted forty-five minutes long. Students learned about subjects on a more one to one basis than at a conventional high school.

It was decided by the corporation last summer to add the Bridge class (which is listed as a vocational course) to the curriculum at the five high schools. It was not until October that the class was open to students.

"Bridge class didn't start until October because we were so busy recruiting," said Kronewitter.

The main goal of the Bridge program is to change the student's attitude towards school and the real life of work.

"Most of what we do is geared toward the classroom. The students read, keep journals and have discussions. There's a lot of role playing," said Kronewitter.

The students also learn how to study for tests, take better notes, and learn things such as balancing a check book, and how to apply for a job.

"The Bridge class enhances what is being learned in other classes," said Kronewitter.

"I've learned how to keep up my study habits," said Andre Owens, sophomore.

"She (the Bridge teacher) is teaching us about how we should do our homework and ask questions if we don't understand," said Felicia Bowers.

Kronewitter also tutors the students who are having difficulties with their home work.

"Bridge gives me a good feeling about life, I really enjoy being in this program," says sophomore Ralph Dunlap, a Bridge student at Riley.

"If you have any problems I think it would be a good class that will help you with your attendance and to be a better student," said Owens.

Owens and Bowers agree that next year, when they are both juniors and will not be eligible for the Bridge class, they'll take what they have learned and apply it to the future.



Jared Baker, Scott Smith, Steve Cook, Kurt Sager, and Colette Schrok discuss upcoming events.

Chinda Inthalansy

Student council active

Kathy McNamara
Feature Editor

council, urges everyone to buy a Riley T-shirt in the bookstore. "They are only \$6.00, and would make an excellent Christmas gift for a friend."

The Riley High School student council has been sponsoring several useful activities during the holiday season.

The first of these was a successful can food drive during the week of Thanksgiving. This year they donated \$345.00 and 3,919 cans to St. Vincent DePaul. Also, they donated \$500.00 to Broadway Christian Parish. The winner of the can food drive was Mrs. Moriarty's third hour Honor's English class. For their efforts, they won a pizza party. They did very well, although last year 4,163 cans were collected, along with \$873.55 in cash.

Mrs. Mary Lawson, head of student

Other upcoming activities include working for the American Cancer Society's "Light's of Love" Christmas tree. This is where people donate money to the cancer society, and in return, an ornament in the name of someone you would like to remember will be placed on a large Christmas tree.

It will be taking place on December 17th thru the 23rd at Scottsdale Mall on the second floor between Osco's and Brown's.

President of Student Council, B. J. Geraci; vice-president, Chris Mesecar; secretary, Colette Schrock; treasurer, Clark Hoover.

SAT

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tion in a classroom," said Ollman.

Rassi feels it is a useful and important program if it is utilized, but everyone must be aware of it.

There are many goals for the future.

"We're primarily trying to develop

a healthy student population. In healthy I mean good positive mental health as well as physical," said Stallworth.

Helping everyone who needs it would be an unrealistic goal, according to Ciuksza, but she hopes the program succeeds where it can.

There are a few other support groups being started this year according

to Ollman.

"We're working on educating parents to the problems. The concerned parents program is also being started."

There have been two corporation wide meetings so far, she said. A support group for alcoholics and their families was also being put together the first week of December.

If you want help from SAT or any other support group, you can go to any of the SAT members at Riley: Judy Hums, Dennis Kielton, Joanne Ollman, Velma Rassi, or Lee Weldy.

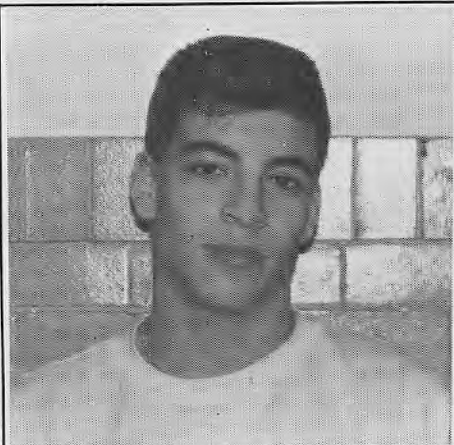
"I think it's unfortunate we have these problems in school, but school just reflects society. What's in the streets ends up in school," said Kielton.



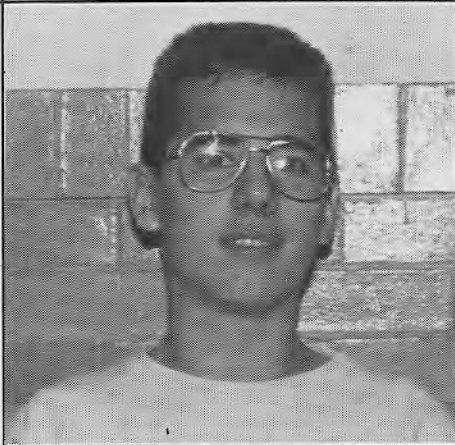
What do you want for Christmas?



Yakini Foster, freshman
"A basketball hoop, New Edition concert tickets and a new boyfriend."



Tony Butiste, sophomore
"A new stereo and a new catcher's mitt."



Brian Stankiewicz, junior
"A tennis racket, a stereo and an attack ardvark to protect me from my folks."



Colette Schrock, senior
"A new wardrobe, a huge 5 ct. diamond ring and for Chris Mesecar to stop beating me up."



Cat Chat

Hey, what is up with Christmas this year?! Doesn't it seem like this year it's just there? Even advertisers aren't in full swing this holiday season. Like, doesn't it seem that in Christmas' past that about the turn of October, EVERYTHING is "Christmas"? Y'know, the time of year that makes you hate Christmas music and the colors red and green (especially together-yuck!)

And what about the way X-mas has changed since you were little? Remember how every year, no matter what time of year it was, you had this big "Countdown to Christmas"? It could be the day after New Year's and you'd be like, "OK, only 360 more days left....."

And what about Hanukah? Does anyone know how to spell this?!? I had to look in three dictionaries and I still came up with four different spellings. Or how about the pronunciation of it? Don't you hate when they spell it with the C? How many of you would say the CH—and feel about DUMB? I know I did for about the first 15 years of my life. In any case, "HAPPY WHATEVER!" to all our Jewish friends.

How are those wish lists coming? That's another thing that changes as we get older. When we were little we'd put Santa's leg to sleep telling him all about that Big Wheel we wanted. Now that we're older it's just like "Clothes, money, car, clothes, money, car....." But do we ever get all these things we desire? Not a chance, since parents seem to think that since we are getting older, we don't need as many presents. NOT!!!!

Last, but not least, there's the little matter of the reduction of our X-mas break that needs to be addressed. We already have an extra week added on at the end of the year, why cut into our precious vacation? Well, Merry Christmas to you too, Mr. and Mrs. Administration. But we'll live, after all, we're Wildcats.

But even Wildcats need a few more days to rest.

In any event, Cat Chat and The Review wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HANUKAH!!!

And until we find something else to whine about.....

SEE YA NEXT YEAR!



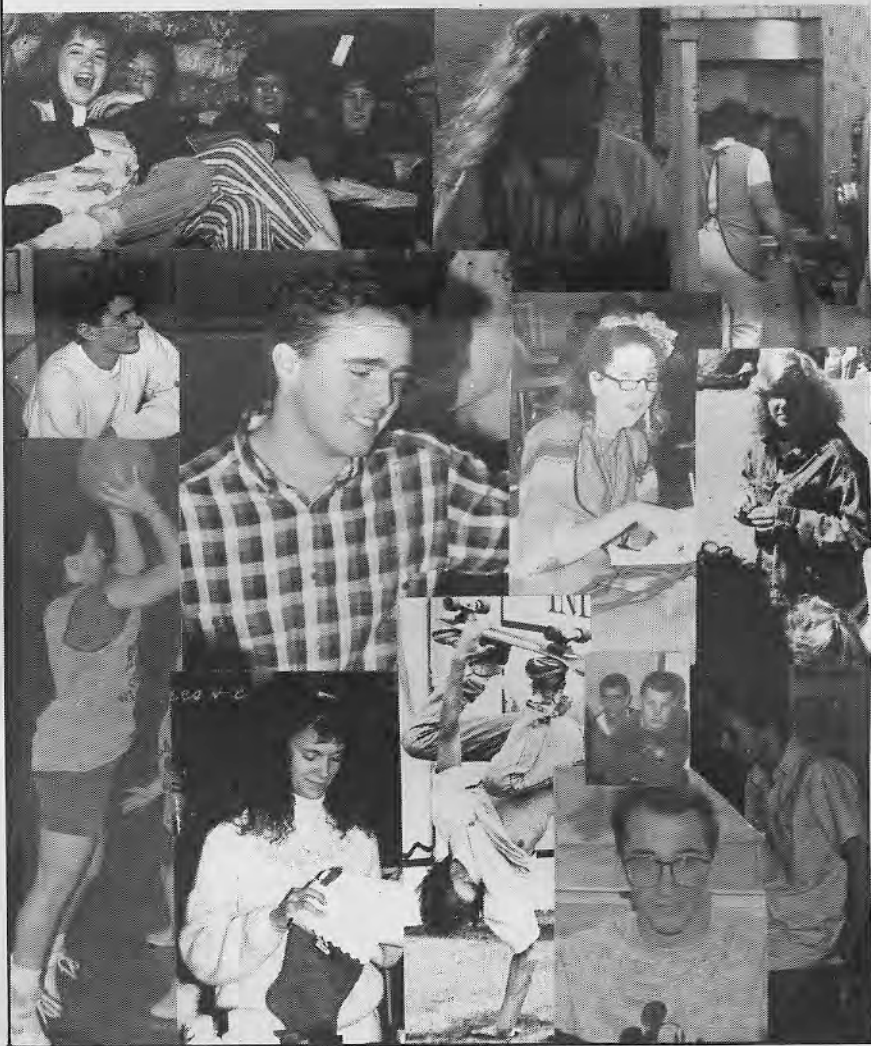
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David Smith

The exchanging of class rings is a symbol of love and commitment, a common practice among teens today.

Relationships: An individual decision

Kathy McNamara
Feature Editor

During the high school years, many teens set their sights on a popular goal: finding that one special person to start a serious relationship with.

In the process, many people come along, also searching for Mr. or Ms. "Right". Then the question pops up: what's better in the first place, going steady or staying casual?

In a poll taken of 50 Riley students, 30 students said they would rather have a steady relationship because it provides a feeling of security. The remaining 20 students said casual relationships are better because then it's possible to date more than one person.

"If two people really care about each other, they should go 'steady' because it shows they are willing to make a commitment," says Ryan Trammell, junior.

Betsy Lindenman, junior, states, "Personally, I'd rather go 'steady' because if a person stays casual, then they can date other people. In that case, you're no different than any other person, so what's the point of going out at all?"

Junior Christine Saviano comments, "If anything at all, people should go 'steady'. Staying casual can be lonely when you know you can have something as special as love."

However, not all students feel the same about relationships.

Jeff Laurita, states, "Staying casual in a relationship is better because you can date different people, and still have that one special person."

"I would rather keep a relationship casual because then if things don't work out, it's easier to avoid hurting feelings," says Carl Henry, junior.

Jennifer Hansen, junior, states, "I think it's an advantage to stay casual in a relationship, if you can, because when you're young, you need to enjoy life. It's all just what makes you happy."

But while trying to make this decision, certain things need to be taken into

consideration. There are both advantages and disadvantages that exist in every dating relationship.

According to Renee Driskell, junior, one advantage of going 'steady' is that you always have someone special to talk to and be with. "It can make you feel really good about yourself. As time goes on, it becomes evident that no matter what, you're assured a special feeling of love."

However, along with its advantages a serious relationship also has its disadvantages.

According to Belinda Hoffman, junior, these include not being able to date other people, jealousy and possessiveness, and trying to divide your time equally among your friends and your boyfriend.

Mary Dunn, a psychotherapist at the Alternatives Counseling and Consulting Center states, "Sexual pressure is

various personality types and traits different people have. That way you, yourself, can define the particular qualities you think are important for yourself, as well as those whom you want to be close to, she said.

"It seems to me that teenagers today don't think carefully enough about the kinds of relationships they have. When I was in high school, steady relationships consisted of holding hands all the time, and going out with the same person more than once in a weekend. Nowadays, teenage relationships are almost as complicated as a marriage is," stated Ruth Gray, parent.

Regardless of whatever kind of relationship, complicated and serious, light and casual, it's a decision that can't be made for another person. It all depends on personal preference, and the individuals involved. Too many people worry about their reputations and what

"If two people really like each other, they should go 'steady' because it shows they are willing to make a commitment."

Ryan Trammell, junior.

also a disadvantage. It exists in both serious and casual relationships, but seems to be pursued much more in a serious relationship, as it is more accepted than in a casual one."

When choosing to maintain a casual relationship, the main advantage could be that you have a chance to meet and get to know many different people, while at the same time, building a feeling of trust. There's no better test of love's strength than to permit it some time and space to grow, according to Dunn.

"In a casual relationship, a person has a better opportunity to get to know oneself, and really learn their own wants and needs out of life. Until a teenager has various relationships and experiences, they are not in a position to be able to say, 'That's the person I want to marry,'" continued Dunn.

Allowing each other to get to know different people acquaints you with the

other people think.

Dr. Gray Emery, Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Southern California, has done in-depth research on relationships. In the May, 1987 issue of *Teen Magazine* he stated, "I think the solution for teenagers is to be true to themselves and to decide what they really want on their own." Emery continues, "It's a time when you really have to learn to be less pressured by what other people think. Stop and ask yourself what you really want."

Everyone has to make their own guidelines on dating. While some teens don't feel ready to dive into the deep end of romance, others aren't comfortable dipping into a series of shallow dating relationships. To decide what's right for you takes a lot of thought and personal insight. As long as a person does what's comfortable for himself, things will work out right in the end.

A nice ratio: 2 to 1

Chinda Inthalansy
Co-head Photographer

He's perfect, cute, funny and smart. But he's not your boyfriend. He's your boyfriend's best friend.

A few years ago, I'm embarrassed to say, I was seeing two guys at once. I never thought I could like anyone but Rick until his best friend, Mark, started helping my family with our fireplace. He came over every Saturday and Sunday. He helped my father chop wood for the stove. I started to notice things about Mark, that I had never noticed before. I found out that Mark loved children. He got along with my brother and sisters very well. He made my brother and sisters laugh. Rick thought my little brother and sisters were spoiled. It was weird. After I noticed that about him, I suddenly started finding faults with Rick. I started to compare Rick with Mark. I always found that Rick came short. His style was out, his manner was snobby, and his attitude toward life was negative. All these traits that drew me to him in the first place were the very traits that now repelled me. I used to think he was easy going, but now he just seemed lazy. The star athlete of the soccer team was now a complainer of too many injuries that he had.

Commentary

One night, after an especially nasty fight I had with Rick, I looked over at Mark talking to my brother and sisters. I looked at him. I saw his big brown eyes, his smile. I'd known him since grade school. Why didn't I notice how great looking he was? I was staring at him in a half daze when he caught my eye and gave me a big smile. I started blushing. Right then I knew I had a crush on Mark. Every night, I went out with Rick and Mark. I found out that I paid more attention to the way I dressed, to my manner and paid more attention to Mark than Rick. I did all this for Mark. I never did all this for Rick. Mark liked girls with good manners and those who dressed well. That is what I tried to be, so that Mark would like me.

In the beginning, I wished that Mark would find a girlfriend so Rick and I could be alone. Now I was secretly celebrating Mark's bad luck with girls. I could have been giving him all kinds of advice to improve his skills. I didn't. He'd complain of yet another girl who turned him down, and I'd think, "hooray!" I thoroughly enjoy being the only girl among two boys. I occasionally fantasized that Mark was my boyfriend and it was Rick who tagged along. But Mark was just a dream. I was stuck with Rick. I was stuck with his negative attitudes, and his annoying habits.

The feeling I've come to realize is normal. It's the first of the many things that may happen when you have a major crush on your boyfriend's best friend.

Changes throughout the phases of a relationship

Jennifer Dolce
News Editor

The perfect couple: you always see them together holding hands walking down the hallways with huge smiles glued on their faces. They seem like they are made for each other and have been this way forever. Has it always been like this?

No, unfortunately, not according to the couples interviewed. A relationship has its ups and downs and includes many changes along the way. From beginning to end there are several adjustments to be made.

The start of a relationship can be the hardest, but also the most exciting. In most cases it is a new experience and a time to get to know one another better.

Mary Dunn, psychotherapist at Alternatives Counseling and Consulting Center, describes this as the "honeymoon stage".

"At first everything is romantic and both are on their best behavior. It's all new and fun and there is excitement of falling in love," says Dunn.

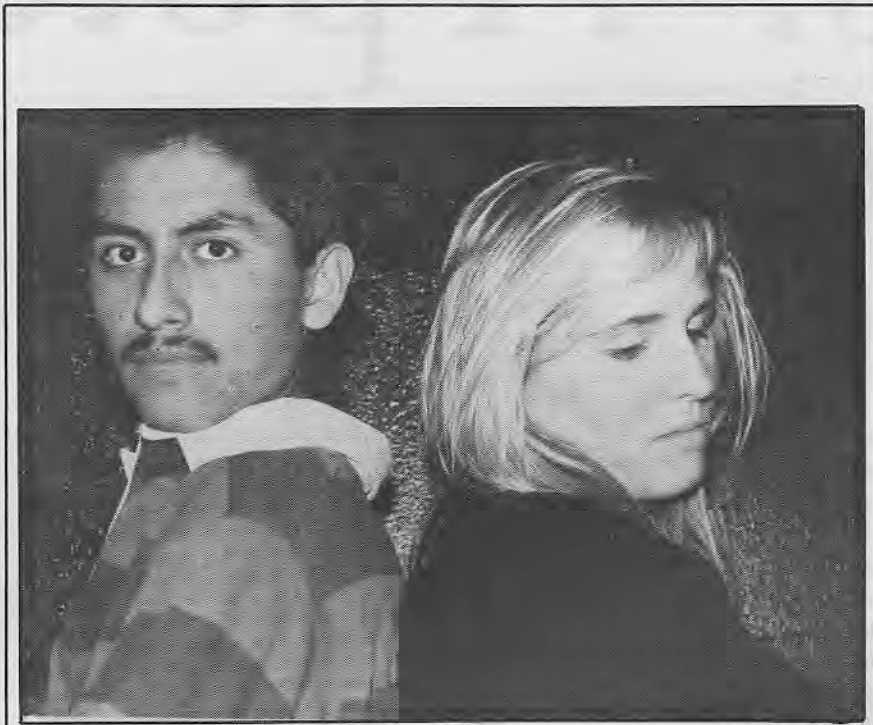
Senior, Amy Hutchins, (dating Jeff Kelley) stated, "At first we were both really scared because we liked each other so much, we didn't want to mess things up. So we both were afraid to say what we really meant and had a hard time with communication."

"In the beginning it was kind of hard knowing what to do, but it got easier," said freshman, Nancy Green, (dating James Riley).

"I think our first month together we were trying to impress each other and show our best qualities," commented junior, Renee Driskell (seeing Brian King).

Junior, Heather Leippert, (dating Matt Sniadecki) stated, "The beginning was kind of shaky. Neither one of us was very sure of our feelings, so when we went out, we both were very quiet."

"Learning about another person is a two way process evolving over time. You should have your turn to be on the receiving end of the give-and-take in any



This picture shows what can happen during the disintegration stage of a relationship. Models are Miguel Salazar and Candy Hanback.

healthy relationship," says Gail North, Ph.D, interviewed in Glamour Magazine.

Once the 'ice is broken' and the couple learns to communicate, things seem to fall in place. Changes occur throughout the relationship at different times in various ways.

The next stage of a relationship is known as the intimate phase. "The couples begin telling each other their hopes and dreams. They really get to know each other and love is declared. The couple could be involved in sex at this time," said Dunn.

"My relationship has changed drastically. The first couple of weeks I just got to know him. Now, it's beginning to be more meaningful. I've realized we have a lot more in common," said freshman, Leslie Sorocco (dating Tim Papp).

"Things haven't really changed for us. Our relationship is doing fine with-

out any changing. What's most important isn't where we go or what we do- just as long as we are together," said junior, Jason Heyse (dating Ericka Eddy). One senior girl responded, "I've learned to trust him more and we get along better now."

The third phase of a relationship is known as the 'stable stage.' "This is the start of all of the problems. Things become routine and the couple gets on each other's nerves. More things are taken for granted also," stated Dunn.

The final phase of a relationship is known as the "disintegration stage." Dunn describes this as when two people realize they are not really compatible after all. The couple has doubts and even some regrets (most of the couples interviewed have successfully not made it to this stage).

Parents get into the picture when it comes to dating also. They see changes in their own child and sometimes can see

the direction that the relationship is headed.

"I'm glad my daughter is happy and she knows I'm always here to help her or give advice," stated Patti Cowan, parent.

"My parents have to be happy. I'm gone more, which leaves them alone, and I always have a smile on my face," stated junior Rick Coddens (dating Jennifer Dolce).

Junior Betsy Lindenman (dating Chris Kuell), commented that since her parents like her boyfriend, it makes things a lot easier because she doesn't feel she has to sneak around to see him.

Elaine Hoffman, parent, stated, "When my daughter first started a serious relationship, I was concerned because it was new to her and I hoped she would make the right decisions."

"I think my mom was most concerned that I was spending too much time with my boyfriend, and not enough with my friends. I wish I would have listened because I lost a lot of close friends," said junior Belinda Hoffman.

One difficulty in a serious relationship is how to divide and spend your time, with who, and when. This might cause some trouble and turmoil between your friends and boy/girl friend.

"Sometimes handling the time with a boyfriend and friends can be one of the hardest parts of a relationship. I know because I lost a lot of close friendships over a past relationship. I regret that very much!" commented Lindenman.

Senior Nicole Nusbaum stated, "I hardly ever go out with my friends anymore, but I think they understand. They all know how miserable I was before Billy (Redman)."

"No matter how many problems we ever had to go through, believe me, it's all worth it," said Driskell.

Of all the girls interviewed from a poll of 50 Riley students, the majority said that the hardest change to get used to was trying to divide their time between friends and their boyfriend. Second was being able to communicate their feelings.

Datelessness: A lonely disease

Stephanie Squared
Editors

Commentary

It's Saturday night, you're sitting at home, snuggled up on the sofa, popcorn in hand, getting ready to watch the Saturday Night Special on TV...all alone...again!

Does this sound like a typical Saturday night? If it does then you could be suffering from an illness known as datelessness. This strange, but common illness was researched by a team of two confident experts from The Review.

The causes of this all-too-common illness are many. They range from bad breath to a laundry basket full of dirty clothes. The effects can be immediate and serious. Some effects from datelessness can be dramatic weight gain (due to all the eating one may do due to depression) low self image, and total boredom amongst others.

Having been diagnosed as suffer-

ing from datelessness, you may want to know if there is a cure. The answer is 'Yes'. If you are interested in being cured, follow these steps:

- 1) Stop feeling sorry for yourself.
- 2) Acquire a positive attitude towards the opposite sex.
- 3) Consider plastic surgery.
- 4) This step was invented for those

of you who aren't outgoing enough (or rich enough for that matter) to complete step 3. First, take a look in the mirror and see if you're living up to your full potential. If not, take a trip to the local salon and local mall, acquire mom or dad's Mastercard and then blitz the limit (in other words, double Ayres' profits for the year). Then check below for further beauty tips.

After your make over at the mall and salon, you are ready to hit the dating scene. Continue with step 5.

- 5) Look around at the opposite sex and choose a target, or a victim in some cases.
- 6) Sneakily, find out everything

you can about the person and their interests.

7) Get the courage up and write the person a note, subtly letting the person know that you would like to get to know him or her. For example, "...I would like to get to know you..."

8) Find the phone book, and the phone, and try calling the person.

9) Psych yourself up to pop the question, drive your friends crazy by constantly talking about this certain person and completely decide to try again. If you find yourself constantly going through steps 1 through 10 without success, you may want to consider joining a religious order.

Beauty tips to insure dating:

- 1) Use personal hygiene (take a shower once in a while and maybe brush your teeth).
- 2) Don't wear clothes that your parents probably wore as teenagers.
- 3) Wear bright socks- they distract attention from your face.
- 4) Always wear baggy clothes-

they disguise your curves-or lack of curves.

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Cults: A potent lure

Pagan explains witchcraft

Mindy Fall
Staff Artist

Many people get the wrong idea about witches and the religion of the Wicce {feminine}. I got interested in witchcraft through a friend of mine who is a witch and also through plain curiosity. What I found out about this religion interested me so much, that I am studying to be a witch. I am what you would call a pagan.

It takes five to ten years to grasp what is necessary to know and understand the Old Religion, as it is sometimes called. I have been studying off and on for two or three years. It's hard finding good books on the subject because most are written by Judeo-Christian authors and tend to be very biased.

After you study for a long period of time you can become a witch, but you have to be initiated by another witch.

"To me, it (Wicce) has a more pure basis, there are no inhibitions or falsehoods. Love, life, and happiness are sacred." Mindy Fall

You can be an independent witch or you can belong to a coven. A coven is a sect of witches, it includes the High Priestess, the High Priest (two of one, two of the other, or one of each), the virgin, or an uninitiated witch. The virgin is not necessary but preferable if you know of one who is interested (male or female), and ten students.

Witches worship the Goddess and Horned God. The Goddess doesn't have a true name but is usually called Diana or Mother Earth. The Horned God is a male symbol of fertility, he is not the Devil. There is no devil, no heaven or hell in this religion. There is only after life and

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in some variations there is reincarnation in which you are born and reborn until your purpose in life is fulfilled.

The Religion itself originated in Northwestern Europe and is older than recorded history. The Celtic people were the first to actually write it down although it does date back to before the Greek Empire.

My friend and I are happy with the way we are, although teens and people outside the school make fun of us and do not take it seriously. They are very condescending and sometimes cruel in the way they tear us. Religion extremists threaten us and tell us that we'll go to hell

although it is preferred today due to clothing laws, and myths about necessities for a 'proper' ritual or religion.

Many of the pagan holidays were stolen. Your Halloween is our Feast of Saimhain, which lasts a week. Your Christmas celebrating the birth of Christ, who was actually born in June, was put in December to overshadow the birth of the Goddess's daughter. They even have remnants of paganism in parts of Italy where some supposed statues of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus were found to have female infants, not male. St. Valentine's Day is actually the day before the Feast of Luperacal. Valentine's Day was put there to overshadow St. Luperacal which is a celebration of love and happiness.

I find it amazing what the founders of Christianity did to abolish all evidence of the Old Religion. To me, it has a more pure basis, there are no inhibitions or falsehoods. Love, life, and happiness are sacred. Despite what many have heard, there are no sexual orgies, because love is sacred. There are no animal sacrifices, because life is sacred. The only way you can sin in this religion, to my knowledge, is to murder or rape someone.

I feel that you must have a 'gift' to become a witch. I'm not saying what religion is best for everyone because everyone has a different way of looking at something. I mean, no religion is perfect.

When I become an initiated witch, I plan to use what power I have to protect my family and friends. I can perform some spells now, but I believe I will have more power when I become a witch. If people come to me and are seriously interested in it, I would answer their questions to the best of my abilities.

Witchcraft will be my future.

there is a god up there, but I see him as just another god, like Satan."

Many students don't feel that Satanism is a justifiable religion. Michelle Maxey, sophomore, stated, "When I think of Satanism, I think of evil."

Most students thought of sacrifices, mostly human ones. But according to Wyne and white pagan, (witch) Mindy Fall, "Human life is too precious to destroy."

Cozort told of an animal sacrifice, "In

"He's there, just a force. I believe there is a god up there, but I see him as just another god, like Satan."

Kevin Cozort

the beginning I killed a squirrel, but that's the only one."

For some cults their animal sacrifices eventually led to human ones. As in the case stated in Women's Day, "A young boy, who belonged to a cult, was beaten to death by other members. They told him to 'sacrifice for Satan', he asked 'Why?' they said because it's fun."

Wyne told of the set-up of the altar,

was cool, even though I got scared at times."

There is a number that some believe is "Satan's" number, that number is 666. 666 is the number of the "Beast".

In the book *Satanic Rituals*, by LaVey, it says that, "Despite others' attempts to identify a certain number with Satan, it will be known that the number is 9."



The photo above is the symbol

Teens
speak
on

Satan

Sherri Schumaker
Staff Reporter

"It is a popular misconception that Satanists don't believe in God", quoted from the *Satanic Bible* by Anton Szandor Lavey. Many students here at Riley said that they do believe in God.

A lot of people wonder who is most likely to fall into the "Satan trap." *Women's Day Magazine*, November 22, 1988 issue describes a typical Satanist.

"Boys are more vulnerable than girls. He's bored, restless, an under-achiever, and lacking in self-confidence."

Kevin Cozort, sophomore, stated that, "The Devil is the church's best friend." Cozort used to practice Satanism on a regular basis until recently.

So how does it happen? "At first it was something to do," said junior, Todd Wyne.

"I just began looking into magic," Cozort stated. Whether it be for interest or recreation, cults are growing fast.

Satanists view Satanism as a "religion of the flesh," quoted from the *Satanic Bible*. Cozort simply believes, "Satan helps those who need it."

Cozort was then asked to describe Satan, "He's there, just a force..I believe

... for restless teens



Staff photo

(Eddie) for Iron Maiden's heavy metal group, which some may consider Satanic.

In 1957-1971 the "Jersey Rapist" attacks on women and children. This bizarre man would put a rope around a victim's neck and drag them into a car and commit sexual acts with the victim, whether male or female. On July 10, 1971 the man was arrested. When the police caught him they found a mask and rope in his pocket. At that point they knew they had the "Jersey Rapist" after a decade of terror. His name was Edward John Louis LaVey, he was now in his 50's. He told the police that he was connected with black magic. Satanism has achieved great popularity in America. A lot of this is due to LaVey. He is the most notable black witch in America. On April 30, 1966 LaVey initiated the "First Church of Satan" on California Street in San Francisco. The church is dedicated to the worship of the Devil and the glorification of carnal pleasures. LaVey, known as the "High Priest of Satanism," or the "Black Pope of America," went out of his way to look satanic by wearing a painted black beard. LaVey stated, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the Earth.

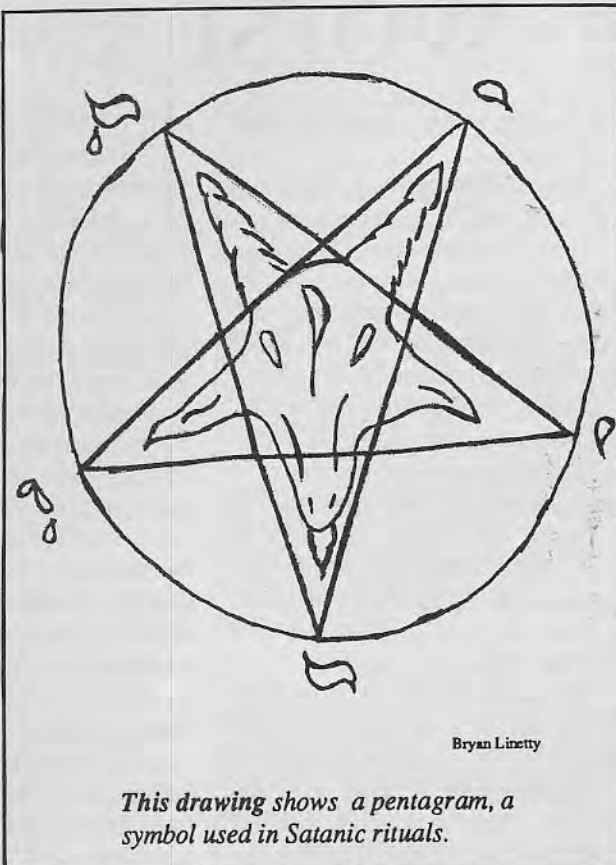
Cursed are the feeble, for they shall be blotted out," quoted from *Witches and Witchcraft*.

How do Riley students who participate or had participated in Satanic worshipping view their future? Cozort said, "I'll probably look back on it as something stupid. Though I'll always view Satanism as a Religion."

Cozort said Satanism gave him, "The ability to change things that otherwise I couldn't. I used it as a last resort to make a change."

Many questions arise when you speak of Satanism, like how their lives changed. Cozort stated, "I opened up more, whether or not Satanism had anything to do with it, I don't know. I have more self-confidence and bravery. Rituals are used to focus your energy on something specific."

Cozort told of why he changed, "I listened to a religious program and they were talking about the types of Christians: devoted, intermediate, and those on the quest of finding God. They took a survey and found out that devoted Christians tend to live longer, and are healthier. I finally got the chance to see myself through someone else's eyes."



Bryan Linetty

This drawing shows a pentagram, a symbol used in Satanic rituals.

How is Satanic music affecting teens?

Jon Spagnolo
Staff Reporter

Satanic music is alive and well at Riley, according to Riley students.

According to Tim Metcalf of Camelot Music at University Park Mall, Satanic groups are Megadeth, Ozzy Osborne, Iron Maiden, and Death.

Frank Ketchum of Zipp 104 FM said that heavy metal music is music that "controls your mind," and that is why it is not played on the radio, where as hard rock groups are, "groups that sing loud and sometimes annoying, but not gruesome songs."

Metcalf feels that Megadeth and other really hard rock groups are not played on the radio because they are vulgar and "not in demand."

Georgia Sheetz, of the Madison Center, feels that teenagers listen to Satanic music because it gives them a feeling of "revolution". Sheetz says that in some cases Satanic music was being played when violent freak accidents occurred. Sheetz says that for some, the "Satanism" is just passed off as fun, but in some cases, people do keep listening and become obsessed with it and it just gets worse instead of better.

Sheetz said that teens can avoid being "brainwashed" by the music by just not listening to it.

Metcalf feels that not only Satan worshippers buy their cassettes, but just regular looking teenagers. Heather Paage, senior, feels the same way.

Paage said, "I like various hard rock groups, but I really don't get into Satanic groups."

Paage did say that her favorite hard rock groups were Whitesnake, and Def Leppard.

Todd Wyne, junior and heavy metal listener, likes the music and lyrics because it makes him feel aggressive. He likes to listen to it to help vent his emotions and likes the beat of the music.

Wyne says some of the Satanic groups are Metallica, Megadeth, and King Diamond.

Bryan Linetty, senior and heavy metal listener, said he enjoys listening to such groups as Onslaught, Slayer, and Death.

Sheri Schumaker, senior, likes Iron Maiden and Guns 'N Roses. Schumaker said, "These groups can only have an effect on you if you let it." Where as Mitch Thibodeau, senior, says that Van Halen, Motley Crue, and Gun's 'N Roses make real music, Devil worshipping groups like Metallica, Slayer, and Anthrax play complete garbage. Thibodeau likes the "driving beat" of the music and says what Eddie Van Halen of Van Halen says, "If it sounds good, it must be good."

According to one senior the group 'KISS', stands for "KNIGHTS IN SATAN SERVICE"

Heavy metal rock stars say that their Satanism is only show business, and "just an act", according to Chuck Schuldiner of the group called Death. But unfortunately, to some people it is all too real.

One "worst ever" date...

Megan Pethe
Staff Reporter

Most everyone can think of at least one date they've been on that has been a disaster.

Well mine was just that. Not only was my date a disaster, but it almost ruined my relationship.

My boyfriend was a great guy. He's friendly, smart and has a great sense of humor. We usually got along pretty well, but at the time, our relationship was not exactly one that could be said as 'perfect'.

We started out by going to a party. As soon as we arrived things already started to go wrong.

A good majority of the people who attended the party were his age. Although I recognized many of my friends there, I didn't talk much with them. Some of them were too drunk to even do that much. Most of them were either dancing or involved in their own little activities.

During all of this my ex-boyfriend was engaged in a conversation with two of his friends. In other words, he was ignoring me. He later told me that he didn't mean to, but that his friends had more to talk about than I did. Which was true. I wanted to be talked to, but had nothing to talk about.

I had nothing to say, therefore, nothing to do. I wanted to leave and I asked him many times if we could. But every time I did he'd say, "Where are we supposed to go?" Well I didn't know, but any place else would have been better than this.

We went bowling. I don't know who suggested it and, at the time, I didn't care. It wasn't the best choice, but it sounded better than the party.

Well, it wasn't. There were no lanes open so we sat and watched others bowl. I got mad again when he quickly deserted me.

I was tired and bored so I put my head down. In a way, I did this to ignore everyone. Why did I have to talk to anyone if they wouldn't talk to me? After all, out of sight is out of mind, isn't it?

Well that's exactly what they weren't. The whole time I was sitting there I was thinking up a plan to get out of this situation.

I sat up, only to find him over talking with a bunch of girls farther down the bowling alley. I was steaming! How could he be so crude?! I know I wasn't the best company, but I surely didn't deserve this!

I was so mad at him. As I walked over to him I became enraged with anger. And it became greater with each step I took.

"Will you take me home?!" I shouted. "What right now?!" he yelled. "No, I

surprisingly.

His friends and mine were standing right there and they were shocked. He was too, but then found it humorous that I would become angry over such a petty matter.

Everyone scattered to get away from us as fast as they could. They must have thought we'd start yelling and they didn't want to be around when we did.

But I rode home in silence. When we stopped at my house, I quickly got out. I slammed the door on his face as he started to say something to me.

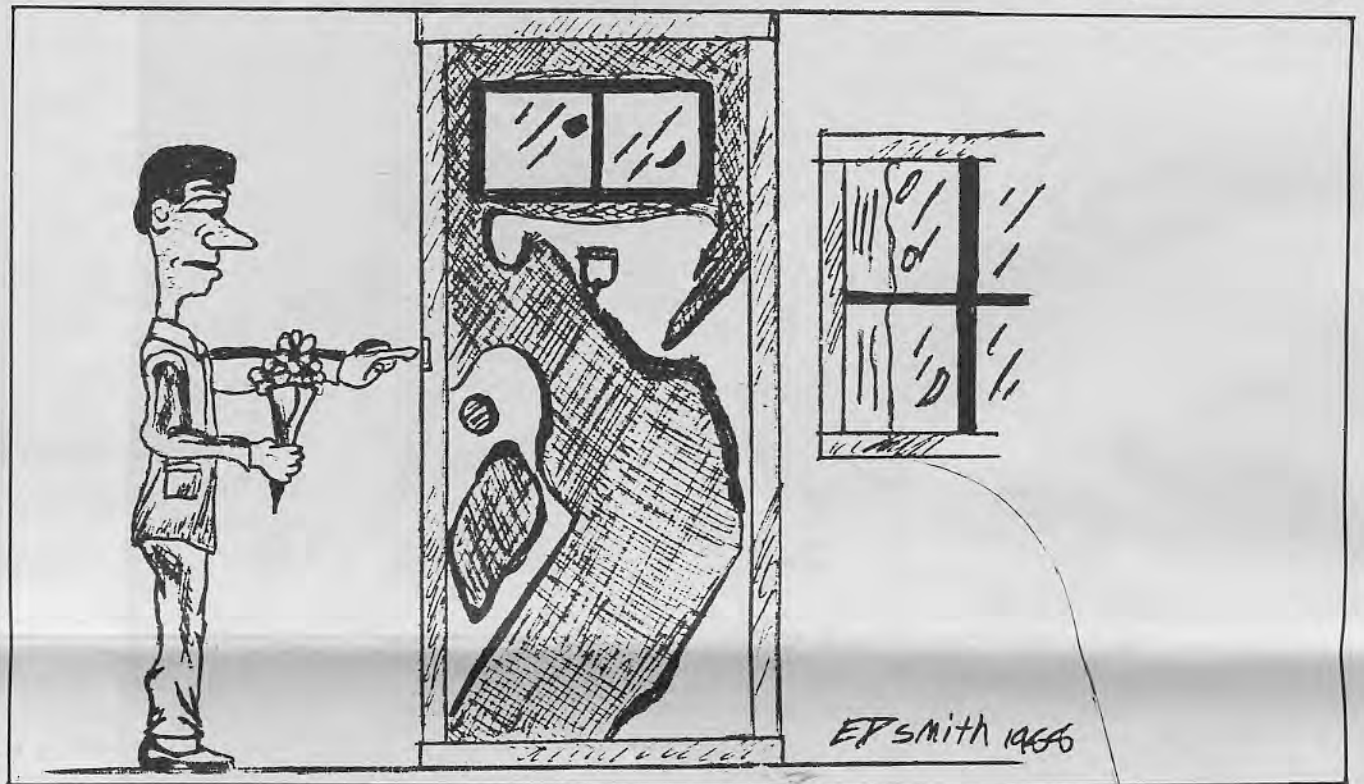
He ended up calling me at one in the morning. "I'm not mad," he said. Now

pick your ring up tomorrow because I don't want to be with you anymore!"

As I slammed down the phone, I could hardly believe that I had actually ended our relationship. (And most of all, I could hardly believe the phone was still in one piece!)

I was so angry at him that breaking up was the only solution I could find. But it didn't make me feel any better. All I could think about was not being with him anymore, and that's what really hurt.

The next day, I called him and asked him to come over so we could talk. He did and we straightened out our problems. We both agreed that we were



just felt like practicing so when we really get into a fight, I'll know how to ask you!" I felt like saying that but I didn't. One dumb comment deserves another.

I went back to the phone and tried calling home again. Then he walked by. "Don't waste your quarter," he said, "we're leaving."

You are such a f—ing a—hole!" I said. It came out loud and fast and

that right there set me off, but I waited and listened to him. He told me a story about how some girl was 'ditched' by her friends and asked him to give her a ride home. "Sure," I thought. "I bet you asked her if she wanted a ride home!" I said. I hung up quickly.

"This is it!" I thought. "It's over!" We just don't get along. I called him again, he answered and I said, "You can

unfair to each other.

We apologized to each other later that night. I told him, "Maybe we should stop worrying about our friends so much." Which was right, because we let our friends come between us.

Now our relationship is much stronger. We are not together anymore, but we are friends. Being honest with ourselves, we solved our problems.

Another "worst ever" date?!



Sarah Fisko
Editor-in-Chief

Dating is great, and usually quite fun, but my experience with one young man was not so fun.

To protect my date's identity I am calling him Tony, simply because this infor-

mation is quite embarrassing. Our date was a disaster!

Tony told me that we were going to go out to eat, and to dress my best.

Tony picked me up at 7:00p.m.... on schedule. He came to my door dressed in a black suit, white collared shirt, and a red tie. At first I thought he was going to try to sell me something, but after a few seconds, I recognized him as my date. I invited him in to meet my parents. He looked a little nervous, but managed to introduce himself with ease. My father looked as though he were in pain...having to introduce himself. My father proceeded in playing 20 questions with Tony but I managed to get in a quick, "We better get going."

We started out for Tony's car, my father fogging the front window with his breath and watching our every move.

Tony seemed to have our date preplanned. As soon as we got into the car, he turned on the radio. The dial was set to a slow-moving station, one that plays Lionel Richie and Kenny Rogers

every chance they get.

I had no idea where we were going. We were moving toward the downtown area. Recalling Tony's words, "Dress your best, we're going all out!", I believed we were going to the Marriott for dinner or one of those places with real class. But we turned into a drive and as I looked up to see the restaurant sign...yes the golden arches. I wanted to scream, my body shaking with anger. Here I was, dressed my best and turning into McDonald's.

We got out of the car and walked to the entrance. He politely opened the door for me and as we stepped inside it seemed as though 40 eyes with looks of confusion were looking right at me as if to tell me, "I think you're in the wrong place." This I already knew.

We walked to the counter and the cashier asked, "May I help you?", as she looked me up and down. I began to say something when Tony rudely interrupted saying, "Yes I'd like to order, please," and proceeded in ordering. "I'd like two

happy meals with two orange drinks please." As soon as he said this, I was sure the ground from underneath me would fall through and somehow take me with it. In fact I was praying it would.

At this time, the cashier was practically in tears from laughing so hard. Tony put his arm around me and said, "Nothing's too good for my gal."

It was official. I was going to faint. Besides the fact of being publicly humiliated, I was sitting with a sadistic person, slowly eating at a happy meal, and contemplating my escape.

Nothing seemed to faze Tony. It was as though to him, this was in fact, the perfect date.

After eating, we went to the car. Tony asked me where I wanted to go. All I could say was "Home."

Looking back, the whole incident is quite humorous, and I actually think I learned from it. I don't know how I survived the date without laughing or crying, but I do know that I never want that to happen again.

Editorial

Holidays call for giving

In our society, much emphasis is placed upon concern for others' well being, especially during this holiday season. Although there is a special need to help the poor, homeless, and lonely when it is cold outside, our community must realize the need for year round care.

Everyone pulls at their pockets once in a while for spare change to donate to a worthy cause. Though monetary contributions are important, it is also important that we give of ourselves by taking time to research problems in society and see where help is needed.

Students and especially adults can take part in helping the homeless of our streets and the plain and simply poor. The United Religious Community (URC), is always in need of help from the community to take part in the services and programs they offer. The Center for the Homeless, located at 813 South Michigan, and sponsored by the URC is in need of contributions such as socks, gloves, scarves, clothing,

blankets, and underclothing. The Center is also in need of soup in large 46 ounce cans. Students may also entertain the homeless at the Center by volunteering to do a song or dance routine.

Students may contribute clothing and mittens to the URC's Refugee Day Care Program. In addition, students may consider organizing walk-a-thons and other fundraisers to raise money to contribute to any charities.

There is plenty of opportunity for action and help in our communities of South Bend and Mishawaka. With organization and the will to help we can help those in need.

Students and adults alike should offer their services to the community to fulfill an ever so neglected obligation: to serve the deprived of our society every day of the year.

Future: Students aren't looking ahead

Erich Fillmore

Associate Editor of Computers

Do today's students really think about their future? Something that high school students don't seem to understand is that the future is now, not four years from now during college, or even your junior and senior years of school.

Throughout high school, teens have a tendency to take classes they don't need because it's an easy grade. Or they will only take the basics, just enough to pass.

That is not the way to prepare for the here and now. Whether you have any idea about what you would like to do or not, students need to start planning. Many students simply don't care, but now is the time to think ahead.

If more students cared about what they did and where they were going, students wouldn't have so many problems with their future. 30.2 percent of the students in today's high schools don't attend a college of any sort. The other 69.8 percent attend either a four year, two year, or vocational tech college according to the Riley High School Profile.

Here in South Bend the counseling department and the South Bend City School Corporation have formed several career and college planning classes to help the high school students.

Some classes train students in their chosen field. Others teach technical skills that will help you if you wish to be an engineer. And there are many varieties of COOP and internship programs available to high school students that begin advancing students in these fields before college.

Many students are planning to be writers, engineers, business personnel, computer programmers, and they are starting their training right now.

Many schools that offer outstanding medical, engineering, journalism, pre-law, and other majors demand certain requirements before admittance into the school.

Many colleges such as Notre Dame select their students on a basis of what curriculum they've taken, their scores on that curriculum, their SAT scores, teacher evaluations, and other select items. Notre Dame requires at least 16 academic units (credits).

Technical schools such as Ivy Tech require you take as many core courses as

possible. Their admissions are based on an assessment exam given to the students when they apply. They put special emphasis on subjects like reading comprehension, English, math skills.

Extracurricular classes show you what a career is about and many times spark unknown interest in that field. Learn for the sake of knowledge, not just grades. If you approach school with this attitude, you can put forth your best.

Commentary

It helps to know what direction you're heading in, but if you don't you can still try some of these different classes. Explore your choices, get as wide an education as you can, you may learn more about yourself than you thought. We have unlimited potential, but you can't perform to the best of yours, if you don't find what you're best at. Try these classes, they are for everyone.



Some such classes are: Graphic Arts (involving printing, rubber stamp making, and other types of printing skills), Journalism and Publications (writing and publishing news, sports, and feature articles in the school newspaper), Auto Shop (repairing and general knowledge about cars and motor vehicles), Electronics (The designing of circuit boards, and operation and repair of electronic equipment), Robotics (the building and operation of robots), Computer Applications (using computers to handle financing, inventory and other production status for shops), Computer Programming (learning the basic computer languages and how to apply them), and many more.

Thespians prove successful

Stephanie Wigent

Associate Editor of Writing

"Makin' It", the recent play by Cynthia Mercati, which was performed by the Riley Thespians on December 1st and 2nd, turned out well. The play had a nice hallway setting with posters pinned up everywhere announcing certain activities that were supposed to occur at "Dwight D. Eisenhower High". The costumes were simple and very much what high school students wear.

Each character in the play was unique and acted out very well. There may have been some typecasting because I know some of the characters in the play played characters who were similar to themselves in reality.

The standard of the acting was excellent and every character contributed directly to the success of the play.

Overall I would say that the Riley drama club can pat themselves on the back for all the time and effort they put into the play to make it a success.

For those of you who didn't see the play, the storyline went something like this: A girl named Brooke Benedict wants to be popular and go out with the most popular boy, Hunter Dunbar. She goes from a drab dull person to instant popularity, after she puts on some make-up, gets her hair done and acquires a new miniskirt.

She goes out with Hunter, but is eventually dropped at the end. These were the main characters. There were other characters who had separate problems of their own to deal with. In the play, all scenes were good, but the two scenes I thought were the best were two monologue scenes. These monologues

were given by Karl (Chris Mesecar) and Hunter (Paul Fisko). Karl, in his monologue, told how his father beat him and his family. This monologue was full of anger and hatred.

In Hunter's monologue, he told of how his father was rich, but left him and his mother. Then how his mother started doing drugs in order to relieve the emotional pain. This monologue was full of sadness and pain.

I thought these two scenes were the best because the actors really threw themselves into their roles. It must be hard to play an emotional scene when some people in the audience are rude and yell out words to those on stage.

Congratulations Mr. Kauss and the Riley Thespians. I hope all other plays in the future turn out as good as this one did.

Here are the characters and the problems they had:

Jen (Lisa Blye) - a friend who got left out when Brooke decided to become popular

Howie (Kerry Foley) - a typical "nerd" who always got picked on

Monica (Stacey Hoffman Qualls) - a girl who wanted to fit in with the popular crowd, so she tried out for cheerleading, etc.

Alex (Archie Manning) - a boy whose problem was that he was too conceited about his appearance

Buzzard Fishbeck (Jared Baker) - a joker who didn't take life or school seriously

Brooke Benedict (Danielle Piper) - a girl who went to almost all lengths to be popular

Sharon (Melissa Quade) - a popular snob who was suffering from bulimia

Barb (Kerry Pickenpaugh) - a popular snob who used to be obese

Hunter Dunbar (Paul Fisko) - a popular rich boy whose father had left him and his mother, thus causing Hunter's mother to do drugs

Pat (Joanne Ujdak) - Hunter's girlfriend before Brooke

Mrs. Cozlowe (Jennifer Vaughn) - a teacher who couldn't motivate her students

Karl Swanson (Chris Mesecar) - a dumb jock whose father beats him and his family

Travis (Dan Goldwin) - a boy with low self esteem, so he had to pick on others to feel good about himself

Scott Barrows (Kerry Cripe) - a poor kid who likes Brooke and is constantly being picked on by the popular kids

Vince Carnelli (Mike Martinez) - the principal who tries to help some of the kids out

Ed Barrows (Don Stordahl) - was a plumber (Scott's father) who was obsessed with his son going to college

Bev Barrows (Michelle Thompson) - Scott's mom who knows Scott's secret aspiration to be an artist

Corly Barrows (Hillary Tetzlaff) - Scott's little sister who is obsessed with health

Libby (April Magdalinski) - a smart girl who tutored Karl and had a crush on him

Ms. Healy (Nancy Zimmer) - gym teacher

Len (George Leaver) - a hippy kid who didn't care about life

Burnout (Deirdre Barksdale) - a punk who had to be different from everyone else

Sybil (Libby Gray) - the mother of Hunter who got involved in drugs

Icers aiming for goal

Mike Bonham
Athletics Editor

The boys' hockey team entered the '88-'89 season coming off last year's fifth place finish in the class 4A state championships looking for bigger and better things.

First year head coach, Joe DiBaggio, said, "We're looking to play tough and play as a team throughout the season."

Junior Brian Bucher said, "I know we are capable of winning a lot of games this year, as long as we play together."

The team is playing at a 9-4 record

support has been great this year, and I hope we can give them a great year."

In a recent game against Culver Military, Riley was beaten 7-1.

"We played up to our capabilities, but they were just too good. That was, so far, the toughest game of the year. They practiced so much and had so much talent it was hard to beat them," said Jim Brown, junior defense man.

The high scorers on the team so far this year have been Chris Wentland and Jeff DeGroot.

Coach DiBaggio said, "Our goals are to win city and win state.

Freshman Andy Blackburn said,



as of December seventh.

Jeff Yergler, the freshman goalie for Riley said, "I hope that if I accomplish my goal that it will get us more wins."

Freshman Clayton Woolridge said, "I know I haven't scored a goal yet, but when I do I hope that it is a game winner."

Sophomore Chad Freid, a wing and a center said, "I started hockey when I was five years old at Notre Dame. I think playing that long has helped me to score eight goals this year."

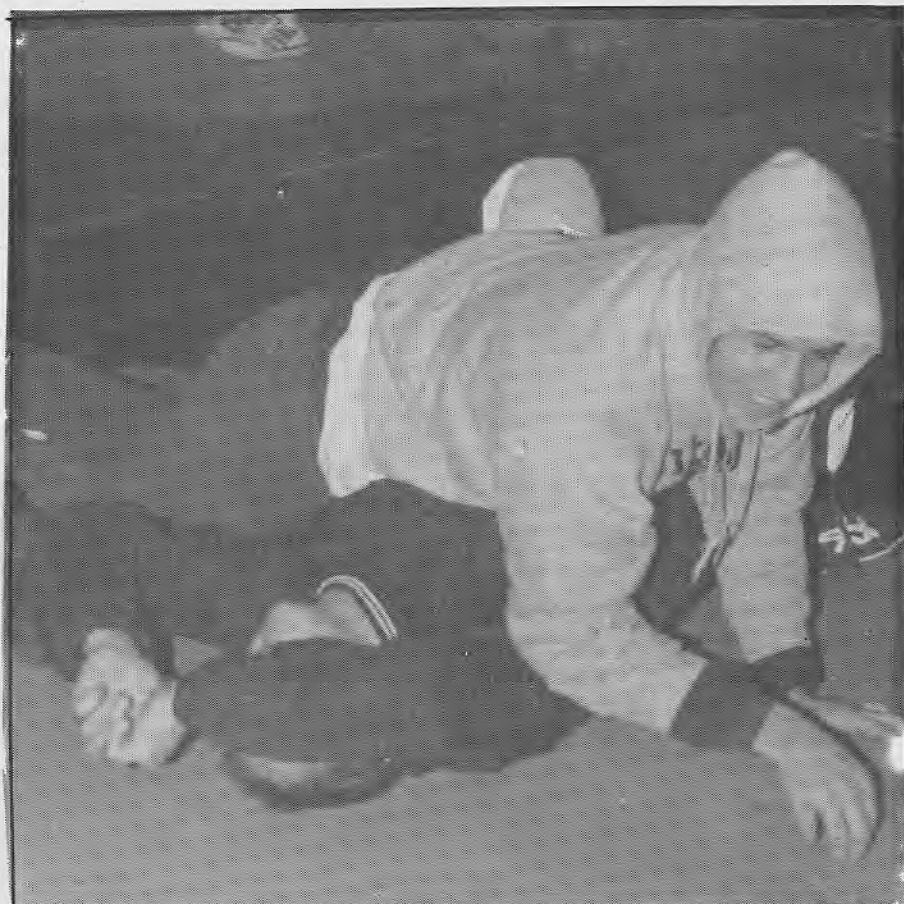
Senior Chris Wentland, who is the captain of the team, said, "We are putting it all on the line this year."

Junior Jeff Laurita said, "The fan

"Since I'm only a freshman, I know I won't play much, but I at least hope I score some goals and get some assists before the year is over, and I hope I improve a lot."

Coach DiBaggio said, "If we pass we'll succeed, if we don't, we won't!"

The team roster consists of; (R) Adam Thomas, (R) Jeff Stone, (R) Jeff Laurita, (L) Jeff DeGroot, (EM) Jeff Lafferty, (R) Jeff Yergler, (R) Clayton Woolridge, (R) Brian Bucher, (R) Jim Brown, (R) Chris Wentland, (R) Eric Newman, (R) Andy Blackburn, (R) Ben Lerman, (EM) Brian Hudson, (M) Matt Waltz.



Junior, Tony Pink pins Tony Bailey in a recent practice

Wrestlers feel strong

Heather Holland
Staff Reporter

Kindra Smith
Staff Reporter

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Staff Reporter

Coach Larry Gooden, graduate from De Pauw University, has been Riley's wrestling coach for 5 years now. Gooden said "These past 3 years have been the most successful. Last year we were 8-5 and won 2 championships. The year before last we were 7-6 and also won 2 championships. And now this year right now we are 3-3."

It is early but Gooden anticipates a very successful year. The team has defeated Munster, Gary Horace Mann, and Gary Lew Wallace. They lost to Elkhart Central. Gooden said it was an "upset". The score was 39-25. They also lost to Penn, 36-23 and Washington, 36-28.

But they've learned from it, they'll grow from it, and get better." He said the team looks pretty good, and since the loss, the team is working much harder. "Although it is an intense, tough, grueling sport, and there's the challenge of losing weight, the team is dedicated, says Gooden. He added, "We have an excellent core of kids and they have good attitudes." We go to the Niles Tournament Saturday December 17.

Gooden is confident they'll do well. His main goal is to qualify as many people possible for state tournament, and to win sectionals.

According to the team, "They seem to be off to a great start." Junior Tony Bailey says, "We look much better than last year," sophomore Matt Wills says, "The team works very hard, and we all work together." Many of the wrestlers goals are to make it down state.

Varsity wrestlers this year are Jason Smith 103, Cory Richards 112, Larry Jones 119, Carlton Dozier 119, Tom Franko 125, Damon Williams 135, Todd Stammich 130, Brian Powers 135, Tony Bailey 140, Chris Mesecar 145, Tony Pink 152, Andy Michalak 160, Jeff Franko 160, Ryan Beck 171, Cedric Banks 189 and heavyweight- Matt Wills.

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Girls' basketball strives for excellence



Senior Judy Penn launches a jump shot in practice.

Chinda Inthalsansy

Jennifer Dolce
Feature Editor

The 1988 Lady Wildcats' varsity basketball team is off to a good start. With a 5 and 3 record, they are doing better than expected.

The team lost all of last year's five senior starters, leaving only three seniors, five juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman this year.

Senior Darcy Harbaugh commented, "With such an inexperienced ball-club, we are achieving so much more than we thought we would. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication, but it pays off."

"The team as a whole is very interested in improving and working to be a better team in general. Every day I see something that has come together a little better than yesterday," said senior Judy Penn, captain.

Coach Gordon Polsgrove commented that handling ball pressure better is what needs to be improved the most.

"We need to get our mental game going first and then our physical game will come automatically," stated freshman Yakini Foster.

"Right now we're playing outstanding defense, we're very much a team in the true sense. We're relying on each other both on offense and defense. We always say, there's no letter 'I' in the word team," said Polsgrove.

"I think we are a real team this year. We work together and it's like we are one big family. I think being a young team has worked to our advantage because we all try harder," stated senior Amanda Crowe.

Coach Colleen Doyle, junior varsity and assistant varsity coach, commented, "Varsity has to try to get better and mature with each game. If we do that we'll come out on top."

Junior Tammy Moffit said that the team's strongest points are defense and hustling to get the job done. She also commented that working as a team helps tremendously.

Polsgrove's goals for the season are to progress in sectionals and do well in the conference.

Junior Yolonda Gilliam stated, "My goals are to improve greatly and make a name for the team and myself. I also hope to defeat LaSalle."

"I just want to improve in everything overall. I want to do my best this year and prepare myself for next year as a senior," said junior Melanie Carter.

"My goal right now is to not only win, but to win feeling good with minimum mistakes," stated sophomore Sonya Woods.

The team's wins thus far were against Marian, La Porte, Jimtown, Michigan City Elston, and Washington. Losses were to Concord, Elkhart Central, and Penn.

Sophomore Jennifer Mielke stated, "I think if we put our minds to it and work hard, we can accomplish anything."

Team members include: senior Darcy Harbaugh, senior captains Judy Penn and Amanda Crowe; juniors Yolonda Gilliam, Tammy Moffit, Chris Olinger, Dawn Roe, Jennifer Dolce and Melanie Carter; sophomores Jennifer Mielke and Sonya Woods; freshman Yakini Foster.

Captains make their teams tick

Bryan Holland
Managing Editor

Captains are an integral part of the Riley sports teams. Leadership is a key to winning.

Jeff Nowakowski, boys' tennis captain, said, "Last year we lost seniors and the captains this year needed to provide the leadership to the young and inexperienced team."

"Being a good captain requires some characteristics like pride, discipline, leadership and hustle. You have to teach by example and hope your enthusiasm is contagious," stated Judy Penn, girls' basketball captain.

"The captains need to show us the way and need to provide support and leadership when we don't perform to our abilities," said Pam Sorensen, member of the varsity poms.

Captain of the poms, Nicole Nusbbaum, said, "Some of the things we do are take attendance and keep the squad in control for practice. Practice ends at 4:45 p.m. but the captains stay until 5:15 p.m. and provide extra support and help for each individual."

Calvin Maefield, captain of the football team, said, "Some things we do are give speeches and motivate the team for the game. I and the other captains, Marc Miller and Jim Meese, had meetings with the team about every Thursday

to do these things."

Selecting captains can also be difficult. Fran Kiene, boys' golf coach, said, "When selecting a captain, I look for three characteristics. The first is an upperclassman, the second is that he be a pretty good golfer. The third and final characteristic is that he be a team leader."

Baseball coach, Ralph Pieniazkiewicz, said, "I've selected captains before and after the season. I've even let the kids vote for the captains. That just turns into a popularity contest. Some kids hustle at the beginning of the year to earn the captain spot. When they get it, they slack-off. So captains can be good and bad."

"Some difficult decisions captains have made are things like choosing the coach's gift at the end of the year," stated Susan Allison, girls' soccer captain.

Dave Hecht, boys' golf captain, said, "Last year when I didn't perform to my capabilities the captain spot gave me some added pressure."

Tony Bailey, wrestling captain, stated, "As captain we have to show leadership and keep practices intense and lead the team in exercises."

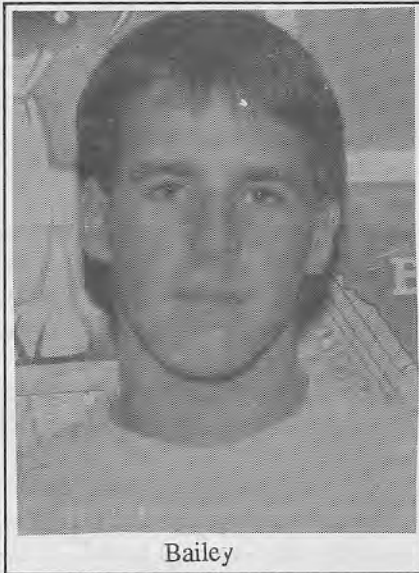
Chad Stanton, boys' soccer captain said, "It's a real privilege and honor just to represent the pride of the South Side."



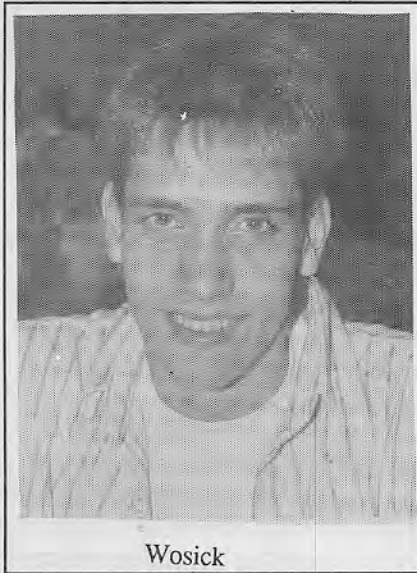
Captains set the example at Riley.

Ed Smith

The Review December Athletes of the month



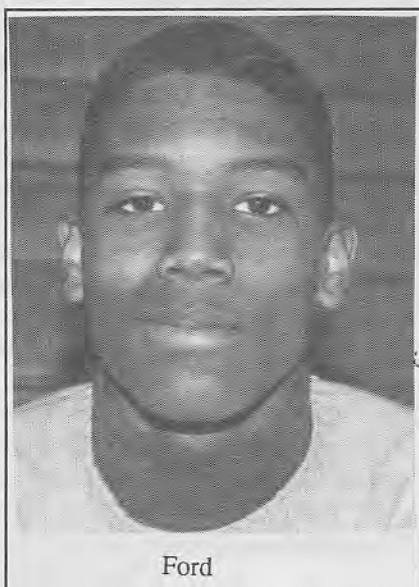
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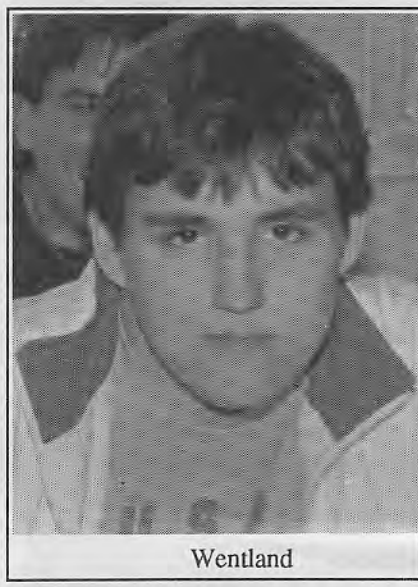
Boys' Basketball - **ERIC FORD** - is averaging 16.5 points per game and scored a season high of 23 points against Elkhart Central.

Wrestling - **TONY BAILEY** - is undefeated in the 140 lb. weight class and won the Munster Invitational.

Boys' Swimming - **STEVE WOSICK** - has started well in the 200 Individual Medley and 100 backstroke.

Girls' Basketball - **JUDY PENN** - is averaging 10 points per game and has a season high of 13.

Hockey - **CHRIS WENTLAND** - is averaging three points a game. He has 20 goals and 25 assists. Against Penn he had a goal and four assists.



Wentland

Mike McCoy Fighting to stop drugs

Tina Habel
Senior Staff Reporter

"We can march, run or crawl to freedom, but we cannot stagger to freedom," said Reverend Jesse Jackson

The first time Mike McCoy, former pro-football player, used alcohol he got drunk. He also nearly died.

Each year, for the last 11 years, McCoy has been traveling around the country with ten other former pro-football players talking to teenagers about their addiction to drugs.

Recently the group, sponsored by World Sports Ministries, was in the South Bend public middle and high schools.

McCoy began talking to the audience at Riley High School, only one of the schools he visited, about his background and childhood.

He described himself as being big and at times awkward. McCoy is 6'2" and weighs over 200 pounds. It wasn't until high school that he began to have more confidence. It was there he began playing football.

He grew up in a small town near Erie, Pennsylvania. His father was an alcoholic and would spend most of his money on alcohol, according to McCoy. His mother had to get a job to help support her family. At that time few jobs were available to women, said McCoy.

It wasn't until college that he was offered drugs after a football game.

"We're being told a lie in society. We're told we can do anything we want, read anything we want, and it won't hurt us," he said.

McCoy also said that he doesn't think his father would have made the decision to start drinking if he had the information we have today. At some of the high schools visited, juniors and seniors were excluded from the presentation because the facilities were not large enough to seat the entire student body.

However, because the age of first use of a drug has dropped the program is very beneficial to freshmen and sophomores, according to Gwen Stines, substance abuse coordinator for the South Bend Community School Corporation.

"In the 1960's, the age of first use of a drug was 16 1/2 years old. In the '70's, the age of first use was 14 1/2. In the 80's, it is 11 1/2. We're really afraid that the age will continue to drop," said Stines.

The message the group presentation gives is not to try or start using drugs.

"I thought the presentation was excellent, the student reaction was very positive," said Joann Ollman, assistant principal.

For some students the program provided vital information.

"It (the presentation) opened my eyes to the other drugs. It made me aware that small drugs (like alcohol) can lead to hard drugs like cocaine," said Cedric Banks, junior.

"It (the presentation) did help me. It will help a lot of athletes stay away from drugs," said Matt Wills, sophomore.

It was announced before the presentation that the religious beliefs might be mentioned and it was advised that students who might be offended should not attend.

"I don't think there was anything that might have been offending. A person can take the message and apply it to their own religious beliefs," said Amy Arch, sophomore.

Winter Sports Update Boys' Swimming

Hayden Fisher
Athletics Editor

Coach David Dunlap said that the boys' swim team is slowly improving with each meet as it nears the midpoint of the 1988-89 season.

As of the LaPorte-Crown Point meet, the team had an unblemished record of 8-0 and placed fourth at the Walatis Relays and second at the Munster Invitational. Dunlap said, "Times are the keys, not so much the victories. Of course I'd rather be 8-0 than 0-8, but we still have a long way to go and we hope to continue to improve."

Dunlap expects the key NIC opponents to be Elkhart Central, Michigan City Elston, and Penn, who have started with commendable records as well, he added. "Any of these teams could win the conference," said junior Clark Hoover.

Expectations for the year are still on track said Dunlap, "Nothing's happened to change our outlook. The program still stresses hard work and reaching your potential. That is what we hope to do."

Team	Score
LaSalle	99-73
Walatis Relays	tied 4th
Adams	106-66
Bellmont	66-17
Jay County	69-13
Clay	117-55
Munster Relays	2nd
Washington	115-57
LaPorte	63-20
Crown Point	59-24



Sophomore Craig Kilgore strives for a victory.

Chinda Inthalsany

SPORTS CALENDAR

WRESTLING

12/31	Brandywine Tourney	A	8:30A
1/05	M.C. Elston	H	6:30P
1/10	Adams	H	6:30P
1/12	Clay	A	6:30P

SWIMMING

12/21	Munster	H	2:00P
12/29	Highland Invt.	A	9:00A
1/12	Mishawaka	A	6:30P
1/19	M.C. Elston	H	6:30P

BOYS' BASKETBALL

12/21	Marian	H	6:30P
12/27	Holiday Tourney	A	TBA
1/06	Adams	H	8:00A
1/07	Logansport	H	6:30P

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

12/27	Holiday Tourney	A	TBA
1/06	Adams	A	6:00P
1/11	Elkhart Memorial	A	6:15P
1/21	Northwood Tourney	A	10:00A