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## Babes in Arms opens tonight

Sue Garbacz  
Staff Reporter

The award winning Riley Thespians will present Richard Rogers and Lorenz Hart's musical comedy Babes in Arms, at Century Center's Bendix Theater tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Under the direction of John H.B. Kauss and with musical direction by Tom DeShone, Babes In Arms contains colorful characters, and some memorable musical numbers, including, "The Lady is a Tramp" and "Johnny One-Note". The set design by Jeff Wilder, and choreography by Jackiejo Brewers contribute to a memorable show.

Babes In Arms is the story of a group of unsalaried young apprentices who work for playhouse owner Seymour Flemming, played by senior Dan Goldwin. The apprentices write a revue and Flemming promises them that they may perform the revue after current show The Deep North is finished.

Phylis Owen, played by sophomore Lisa Blye, a rich woman who lives out her dreams through her daughter, persuades Flemming to run The Deep North for two, instead of one week. This means that the apprentices cannot perform their revue.

Babes In Arms tells the story of the apprentice's fight to have their revue seen by a Broadway musical producer, Steve Edwards, played by senior Chris Mesecar.

"It's kind of a toned down Rocky," said Goldwin, "it's the kids fighting the adults."

"It keeps your attention, has a plot, lots of action, it's a really funny show," said junior Kerry Cripe. "Sometimes when we are doing a comedy, no one laughs at rehearsal, but this show is so funny, we laugh all the time."

Kauss feels that more students should plan to see the plays.

"It's as much of a part of Riley as anything," he said.

## Riley prevails in art contest

Bart Williams  
Staff Artist

The keys to success prove to be Gold Keys for Riley High School students, as once again Riley dominates the Northwestern Indiana Regional Scholastic Art Awards competition.

About 90 schools participated, producing approximately 3500 pieces of art. Only 500 were chosen for the show. Out of that 500, Riley had 111 winners.

Riley has dominated the art awards for close to sixteen years, and Ann Hamilton, Riley art teacher, feels confident that the tradition will continue for many more years to come.

"This year's students are more diverse and hard-working. There are more people on an even level," said Hamilton.

Riley received five of the 10 photo portfolio nominations, as well as five of the 10 art portfolio nominations. The portfolios compete nationally for college scholarships.

This year is the first that there has been a limit on the number of pieces that are allowed in the show. Therefore Riley actually did better this year because we got almost the same number of awards for less artwork, according to Hamilton.

Another first for this year is a \$500 award for the best high school photography department, which Riley photography teacher, Todd Hoover, expects to win.

Clay was the runner-up in the number of awards which was a record for them.

Colin Pier, freshman, received a Hallmark Nomination, (a type of "best of show award"), one of only five which were awarded.

Riley received 38 Gold Keys and 61 honorable mentions.

Debbie Obenchain, senior, has attained her personal goal by winning two Gold Keys.

Jeremy Neimann, senior, won three



This drawing by Alex Bishop was awarded a gold key.

Jennifer Cripe

Gold Keys, four honorable mentions, a photography portfolio nomination, and an art portfolio nomination.

Neimann said that he felt, "surprised and relieved," about winning.

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## B C S : A step forward at Riley

Jacquelyn Watkins  
News Editor

Riley's B.C.S. (Black Culture Society) will focus on the present while appreciating the culture of the past. "B.C.S. will not be a black history study group," said Dorothy Perkins, the sponsor of B.C.S., library aide.

"We will reflect on our culture, as well as other cultures, to broaden our knowledge in many areas such as art, music, education, and many other tools we can apply to everyday living."

"This is a social group but yet it's an educational experience. If people go back and view their cultures, there's something to be proud of. Exploring your culture can help you pattern yourself, and set goals. It also gives you something to give back to your community," said Marcia Kovas, co-sponsor.

Kovas likes the fact that B.C.S. will focus on life as it is now. "Students need to deal with real issues in today's soci-

ety," said Kovas.

Vice-President and junior Berthena Nabaa, hopes the club can plan such events as going on different field trips to colleges, museums, and other places to learn more about their culture. One main thing they would like to accomplish, is showing the positive accomplishments made by black people.

Tyrone Starling, Riley junior and the group's president, hopes the B.C.S. will be able to visit black colleges such as Central State, Wilberforce, Grambling, and other colleges to see how other black students relate to college socially, and how seriously they take their education.

Starling feels that black students need to know that they have more to look forward to than the pressure of drugs, alcohol, and having babies. He feels that students need to be shown more visually the positive things they can look forward to.

Nabaa feels that the club can give the

youths a chance to learn about their culture, in a way that will enable them to go out and share with other students and adults what they've learned. She also hopes that it will give them a chance to correct some of the myths they've heard. "We need to let other students and faculty know that black students are not just fun and games all of the time. We need to show them that we are able to be serious long enough to accomplish things," said Nabaa.

Shaunte Washington, a junior at Riley and one of the secretaries of B.C.S., says that some of the myths need to be changed. People often stereotype blacks as underachievers, that's not so and it needs to be clarified. We have many prosperous black role models in today's society, as well as in the past, and we need to know about them.

Kovas says that more black visible role models are needed, to help motivate

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# Riley C.O.E. wins big at competition

Robin Talcott  
Keyboardist

Riley's C.O.E. (Cooperative Office Education) and Office Lab classes conducted business as usual after successfully competing at Warsaw High School, in business-related events.

Chelsy Smith, senior, won first place in Data Applications and third place in Keyboarding. Tim Caprarotta and Steve Finn, seniors, tied for first place in Business Math. There were also several second place winners.

"The thing that stands out most in my mind was the response of the Riley crowd when they announced that I won first place. They blew all other schools away," said Smith.

While Riley was prepared and confident about the competition, Warsaw had an advantage over them and some other high schools.

Many of the C.O.E. and Office Lab students said that the Warsaw students were familiar with the surroundings and equipment.

Many of the business students were not able to enter the competition at Riley because it is open to only C.O.E. and Office Lab classes.

C.O.E. students must be seniors and Office Lab students can either be juniors or seniors. For this reason many of the students are only able to enter the competition one year and they may have to compete against a person who has competed for four years.

This is one of the reasons "Warsaw takes more awards than Riley," said Doris Klitzke, C.O.E. sponsor.

Second place winners were: The Emblem Building Team (Tim Caprarotta, Erin Eader, Tami Belliden, Missy Kozlowski, Eric Newcomer, and Alma

Salazar, all seniors ), Tracy Jodway, senior, for Economic Awareness, and Vanessa Love, senior, who won two second place awards for Banking Applications and Proof Reading/Editing.

According to Klitzke students had an outline of what they were to do each day to prepare for the contest and were given a month of free class periods to study.

"I felt the Emblem Building Team was prepared for competition. We didn't win first place, but we only lost by three points," said Salazar.

Representing Riley in state competitions in Indianapolis in March will be Smith, Love, and Emblem Building Team.

Also competing at Warsaw were: Tracey Fox, Sue Arick, and Graphics Team (Debbie Fissette, Jennifer Smock, and Angie Wynn) all seniors.

Riley competed in nine categories in Warsaw including: Office Support Assistant, Administrative Assistant, Data Entry, Financial Specialist, Computer Aided Graphics, Computer Accounting, Employment Skills, Keyboarding, and Emblem Building Ceremony Team.

If a competitor at state places first, second, or third place he will go on to the National Competitions in Dallas, Texas.

If a student wins first place in Nationals he is eligible for a scholarship. Anyone winning at the District, State, or National level can use the competition as a reference on his college application.

Chris Buczynski, Office Education Association Sponsor, and Klitzke took students to Warsaw for the district competitions.

The competition at Warsaw was sponsored by the Business Professionals of America Organization.

## Orchestra concert a smash hit

Julie Dworecki  
Copy Editor

The Riley orchestra gave its premiere concert for students during period one on January 26th.

Marilyn Fisher, orchestra director, said that the concert was voluntary. It was for teachers who signed their classes up to go.

The orchestra played a wide variety of music ranging from a Corelli concerto to a polka by Strauss to, "The Hustle" by Van McCoy.

"I thought that the concert was wonderful. The students don't normally get a chance to hear the orchestra, and I thought it was a good experience," said Fisher.

Students seemed to enjoy the concert. "I really liked the concert. It was a nice break from the normal morning routine," stated senior, Erich Fillmore.

The orchestra had not given earlier concerts because of a lack of time, but Fisher hopes to do further concerts for the school, perhaps later in the spring, for other classes who didn't get a chance to hear the group.

The Riley Orchestra also went to the state music competition held in Indianapolis on February 18th.

Michele McCarthy, junior and winner of a first place award, had never been to the state competition before. She said, "I was really nervous. I practiced over the spots I had trouble with a lot."

Out of the three area high schools who entered the state competition for

large ensembles, Riley was the only one to win a gold medal, obtaining a perfect score.

The competition is not between the students themselves, but judged against standards. The orchestra is evaluated on many things, such as rhythm, tone quality, and overall general effect.

"It's possible for every student to get a gold medal since it is judged by standards," said Fisher.

Amy MacDonald, sophomore, thought that practice was a key to success.

"The orchestra practiced many times and went over things to get them perfect," said MacDonald.

The members of the large ensemble were: seniors, Kenny Little, Kevin Smith, Liz Bancroft, Joy Gosselin, Kim Bowen,

and Brian Kendall; juniors, Julie Dworecki, Felicia Forrest, and Michele McCarthy; sophomores, Heather Weeks, Amy MacDonald, Kathleen Bancroft, Cathleen McDaniel, and Shayne Moeller; freshmen, Natalie Garber, Amie Zusman, and Sarah Barrington.

Other competitors were: Kenny Little, Kevin Smith, Heather Weeks, and Natalie Garber in a gold winning quartet, Kevin Smith with a silver winning viola solo, and Natalie Garber with a silver winning cello solo.

Some orchestra members are also involved in providing the music, along with the band, for the school's production of "Babes in Arms" tonight and tomorrow. This is the first such production to include the school's music students.

## Black Culture Society

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black students to challenge themselves, and to show them that the achievements can be accomplished in their own lives right now and in their futures.

"I joined B.C.S. because I like to see blacks coming together to achieve something, and in the process taking one another seriously, supporting each other, and forming a bond of trust and respect," said Feleicia Wynn, a Riley sophomore.

By being in B.C.S., Wynn hopes to become more educated about her black culture, and she hopes to learn to be more positive about her race.

"I'm in Black Cultural Society to learn, which can help to improve my teaching by making me more familiar



Mrs Perkins conducts first B.C.S. meeting

Dave Smith

with the different types of students I teach, and also to represent the solidarity of Riley," said Kovas.

She also says we need to break away from the self-segregation we create, and learn as much as we can about one another, that's why she encourages white students and teachers as well as black students to join the club.

B.C.S. meets every Wednesday, from 2:50 to 3:30 p.m. in the Riley library, and it is open to everyone.

Officers

President: Tyrone Starling

Vice President: Berthena Nabaa

Treasurer: Thomas Reams

Secretaries: Sonya Woods

Shaunte Washington

## Art Awards

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The names of the award winners from Riley are as follows;

### Gold Key winners

Alex Bishop, Darcy Harbaugh, Laura Klein (2), Tina Cannady (4), Stephanie Cook, Doug Sorocco, Misti Borrer, Aaron Burgess, Aaron Divine, Wes Evard, Santiago Flores, Jason Fromm, Flo Garza, Shelley Heighway, Diane Miscewicz, Debbie Obenchain

(2), Thad Rice, Shane Richards, Thaddeus Schmidt, Abby Silverman, Lori Sirox, Anna Sisco (4), Jennifer Tuttle, April Weeks and Tim Wells.

### Honorable mentions

Jessie Underdonk, Alex Bishop, Misti Borrer, Aaron Burgess (5), Wes Evard, Jason Fromm, Thad Rice, Abby Silverman, Anna Sisco (5), Jennifer Tuttle (2), April Weeks (2), Tim Wells, Kim Arick, Michelle Barbour

(2), Michelle Beron, Brad Day, Corina Engressei, Michelle Harrison (3), Chris Hardy, Dawn Gorney, Carrie Divine, Carl Henry, Kathie Hoffman, Amy Hutchins, Keith Meyers, Shannon Overmeyer, Todd Rau, Christine Saviano, Barb Schosker, Matthew Sutton, Tracy Thompson, Christopher Wert, Bart Williams, Katya Zimmermann (2), Tina Cannady (2), Stephanie Cook (2), Doug Sorocco (2), Jeremy

Neimann (4), Dawn Tekler and Wes Carter (2).

### Photography portfolios

Tina Cannady, Stephanie Cook, Doug Sorocco, Jeremy Neimann and Dawn Tekler.

### Art Portfolios

Alex Bishop, Darcy Harbaugh, Laura Klein, Jeremy Neimann.



# Students help homeless after fire

Robin Talcott  
Keyboardist  
Rochelle Talcott  
Keyboardist

"Upon approaching the room where we were assigned to work, I recognized that it was very crowded, dirty, and noisy. The floor was piled high with clothes. I could tell that the people were trying to make the best of the situation."

This was the response from one of the students who volunteered her time at the homeless center. Students from LaSalle, Adams, Washington, Clay, and St. Joseph high schools were also involved in volunteering to help at the center for the homeless.

Assistant Superintendent, Ralph Komaskinski, contacted Riley with a request for 30 students that would volunteer to help at the center. The purpose of this was to supply immediate help to the center after the fire at the Morningside Hotel. Most of the students spent their time sorting clothing that had been donated by the community.

"It was concern for the unfortunate of the community that made me get involved," said senior Doug Sorocco.

"I felt that it was a perfect opportunity to get involved and help the community in its time of need," said senior Colette Schrock.

Most students felt that the center was well maintained.

"The surroundings weren't as bad as I had expected," said Schrock.

"It was very nice and clean. The staff seemed very concerned with keeping everything smooth and running," said Sorocco.

"When I saw how little these people had and how they seemed to try to make



Firemen look through the wreckage of the Morningside

The South Bend Tribune

the best of it, it made me appreciate what I have more," replied freshman Amie Zusman.

"Being around the homeless people made me realize how lucky I am to have a home and the security of my family," said senior Tammy McCarty.

All of the students said they enjoyed their experiences at the homeless center because it gave them a good feeling about themselves.

South Bend mayor, Joe Kernan, was at the center. He expressed his thanks to all those who donated their time and money to helping the homeless during the holiday season. According to Mary Lawson, Student Council Sponsor, Riley collected \$436.30.

"We depend on the community, both agencies and volunteers, to move people to a better core of life," said Sister Jeanine Jochman, who organizes volunteers at the center.

Some schools have held fundraisers for the Center for the Homeless. Clay High School's swim team held a marathon and proceeds were split between the team and the center.

"We depend on the community as an organization. We try to move people through hopelessness," said Jochman.

The center has two main purposes, the first is to meet the basic needs of the homeless. It provides a safe and warm place for people to stay. Each person is provided with an evening meal and a bed. Its second purpose is to provide services such as job training. The staff hopes to have the support of 15 social agencies, and to provide a medical clinic.

"We really try to offer hope," said Jochman.

## French department celebrates Mardi Gras

Jennifer Cripe  
Staff Photographer

Here at Riley, the French department celebrated Mardi Gras by holding a luncheon for all French students who made reservations and paid three dollars.

"It's only three dollars and it's a lot better than eating in the cafeteria," said Libby Gray, senior.

Mardi Gras was organized by Mary McMann, French teacher, and several students. It is a festive holiday before Lent and takes place on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

"Mardi Gras is a way of celebrating before the Lenten season, when people are supposed to do penance," said McMann.

When "Mardi Gras" is translated it means Fat Tuesday, but it is also sometimes referred to as Shrove Tuesday.

Mardi Gras is mostly a huge party that lasts for seven to ten days, this party consists of music, dancing, parades, costumes, and most of all, eating.

The luncheon at Riley was a success.

"It went great, I kept receiving wonderful comments about the food and what wonderful students I have," said McMann.

Mardi Gras was held on February seventh in room 317. There were 135 people served, including students and teachers.

The food served included: crois-

sants with ham, two different kinds of quiche and fresh vegetables with dip.

According to McMann the different kinds of food chosen for the luncheon were selected on the basis of what students like to eat.

"We just decided that students love croissants and quiche, and last year we tried French onion soup and the kids liked it, so we had it this year," said McMann.

Some of the food came from the cafeteria, said McMann.

"They (the cafeteria ladies) were super. They sliced ham and did a lot to help us," said McMann.

The food for the Mardi Gras luncheon cost approximately \$350, according to McMann. She added that because of the support shown by the students in donating many of the desserts which were served at the luncheon, almost \$100 was saved.

"But the best foods by far, were the delicious desserts," said Jennifer Dolce, junior.

Some of these desserts were: cheese and chocolate fondue, brownies, three different kinds of cheesecake, cookies, crepes, chocolate eclairs and an ice-cream pizza!

"All the food was so good. I ate so much I felt like a lead balloon that night at Pom practice," said Kyra Radomski, sophomore.

"I've never felt so fat in my life,"

said Melanie Myers, sophomore.

Several of the French students helped to clean up afterwards.

"I didn't go to the lunch, but during

my French class we helped clean up. We had ten minutes to eat whatever we wanted and the food was good!" said Laura Walsh, sophomore.



Top: Mary Finley, Pat Moriarty, Naomi Kent, English teachers, and Algie Oldham enjoy Mardi Gras. Below: Suzanne Detleff, Chris Mesecar, Kim Heyse, Lisa Beck, Jennifer Vanderweide, and Shannon Miller chat at lunch.



## Care facility provides safe place for teens

Stephanie Wigent

Associate Editor of Writing

Someplace warm, someplace safe, that's what Safe Place is. It is an outreach program of the Youth Bureau Safe Station. The Safe Place, according to Linda Grossnickle, Safe Place director, says that Safe Place is a temporary residential care facility for teens aged 12-17.

Grossnickle describes the Safe Station as, "a short term residential treatment facility, which means the people usually stay here a day or two and they can stay longer. We have to have their parents' permission for them to stay, and while they are here, they can get immediate help."

One may wonder what the difference is between these two besides a slight change in wording. The Safe Station is the actual "Runaway Shelter" where troubled teens actually go and stay. The Safe Place, on the other hand, according to Grossnickle is the outreach effort of the Safe Station.

What the Safe Place program does is, it has a familiar store, restaurant, etc., sponsor the program. Then the sponsoring store, becomes a Safe Place.

If a teen is in trouble and recognizes the Safe Place sign, signaling that the particular store is a Safe Place, the teen can go inside and ask for help.

Then a person at the Safe Place contacts the Safe Station and a volunteer is sent out. The volunteer shows up at the Safe Place and takes the teen back to the Safe Station.

From there, the Safe Station takes over and the counselors there talk to the teen, then go from there. Primarily, the

goal of the Safe Place is to get the teen to the Safe Station.

What other goals does the Safe Place have? Grossnickle explains, "What we're looking for is trying to get kids to recognize the sign and know what that means and when they see that sign at the store, they know they can go there when they're in trouble. They might not need help that particular day when they see it (the sign) but maybe they'll just know about it."

With such an involved operation, the Safe Place and Safe Station must be choosy about the volunteers they accept. According to Grossnickle, the volunteers are interviewed.

She says that a lot of volunteers are college students, because one must be 21 in order to be a volunteer.

She says students come from St. Mary's, Notre Dame, and other schools where students are working on internships in sociology.

Grossnickle says, "They can be other people that work in the community that have other full time jobs, but just want to do a weekend shift or an evening shift."

She continues, "They like working with kids and they'll come over and spend time with the kids and do projects with them. They help them figure out ways to get over their problems and just generally make their lives happier."

The address of the YSB Safe Station is 1322 Lincolnway East South Bend, Indiana 46617 Telephone: 284-9396

Grossnickle, regarding the institution says, "Safe Station and Safe Place are one of many alternatives. If you've got parents that are supporting and lov-

ing and you can talk to them, fine, do it. If you've got friends that are trustworthy can help you, do it.

She continues, "We're certainly not

encouraging anybody to not stick it out at home if they can, but if they (teens) need help, then that's what we're here for.



Poster shows Safe Place symbol

Dave Smith

## Concerned parents fight teen substance abuse

Pamela Williams

Staff Reporter

In the spring of 1988, a group of Riley district parents opposing the use of alcohol and drugs by minors, organized a network, and adopted the name "Riley Concerned Parents."

The group then attended an information session in the fall in which they received counseling on the issue.

Key coordinator, Joanne Ollman, Assistant Principal, explains that they learned that not only were high school students being affected, but that use of alcohol and drugs often begins with children as young as nine, ten and eleven years of age. This involved the concerned parents of elementary and middle school children as well, and the name was changed to "Riley District Concerned Parents," which includes the feeder schools.

In preparation for a recent meeting, Ollman told of how 15-20 parents got together at Teacher's Credit Union, making over 1000 phone calls, contacting parents of children attending schools, in the area.

"Responses from parents have been very good," she said.

The group then gathered at Riley's school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m., January 19th, with an overwhelmingly large turnout of parents.



Parent aims to stop teen drinking

Bart's art

The topic for discussion was "Underage Drinking and Parties."

The substance abuse coordinator for the school corporation, Gwen Steins, was in charge. There were four guest speakers: Joseph Nagy, St. Joseph County Sheriff Kieth Forsythe from Police Liaison, Kevin Kubsch, from the Indiana State Police, and Greg Pietchly of Indiana Excise Police, all of whom contrib-

uted to the meeting.

Former Riley student, Joseph Nagy, began by explaining why the police force chose to get involved, saying that by working together a lot could be accomplished.

"There were a lot of frustrations for the police force in spending a lot of time and money busting youngsters, so we decided to work together," he said.

Nagy went on to mention some of the programs already established, such as S.U.D.S. and the Task Force.

Kevin Kubsch explained about some of the biggest problems, such as motel parties and house parties, and the action, taken to eliminate them.

"Probably the biggest underage drinking bust we made in the area was the recent Hoffman Fest, at which there were about 14 kegs and over a hundred underage drinkers."

Later on during the meeting, segmented shows were shown which interviewed teenagers explaining their reasons for drinking and pamphlets and pin-ups were handed out.

Keith Forsythe, who works with elementary school children, told of how children needed the love and support of their parents which is especially important at this period of their young lives.

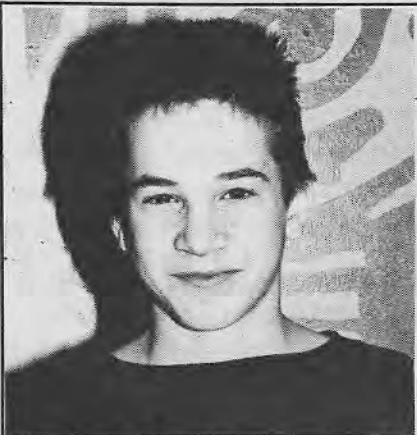
Two representatives from the Clay Concerned Parents, who have also initiated the program, were present. They explained how their program works with drug and alcohol abuse.

Mrs. Steins concluded the meeting by emphasizing the importance of the parents' involvement. "They are our future; we have to make sure that they remain our future."





# Who is your favorite TEACHER?



**Andrew Overmyer, Freshman**  
Mr. DeShone- he's a nice guy, at least to me he is.



**Stephanie Main, Sophomore**  
Mr. Warren- he always tells stupid jokes in the morning.



**Brian Powers, Junior**  
Ms. McMann-French is so boring and she always cracks jokes and makes it more fun.



**Sue Arick, Senior**  
Mrs. Garretson- she's nice and she cares about you individually as a person.



## Cat Chat

What in the world am I supposed to write on for the month of March? This month is dead! You have to admit it is pretty lame, I mean, there's no days off of school and most spring sports have just started practicing, so we won't see most of their games until later on.

But there is hope ahead. Two words that high school and college students live for, **SPRING BREAK!!** After a month of continuous education, we have an awesome week of freedom. For those of you that get to go away somewhere, it's filled with fun in the sun and times away from it all. But even if you have to stay home you get to sleep 'till noon, so it still rules.

At the time I'm writing this, it's about 10 below out and they're considering re-naming South Bend-SIBERIA. So I think we are all waiting around to see if this baby really does "go out like a lamb." I know I'm getting pretty sick of this lion stuff.

Hey, how are those application responses coming seniors? These are real ego boosters aren't they!?! Like, they don't just say, "There's no way you're going to our school..." but they have to go into detail about why you have been turned down.

Well, I think I've done pretty good coming up with stuff to write on, but if you can think of anything that I've forgotten and you want to bring it to my attention just dial 1-900-GOOD-4-U-! (\$2.00 the first minute, 45 cents each additional minute.)

See ya next time.....bye now for Cat Chat!



## Candid Cat



*L to R: Brian Stankiewicz, Jeremy Smith, Jason Wray; Paul Fisko; Mrs. Thornhill; Than Quach, Chris Mesecar; 5th hr. Govnt. class; Tony Bailey; Carrie Pugh, Mike Lang; Mrs. Moriarty.*

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# Prejudice must not rule

## Editorial

We, as students and a distinct part of society, are subject to many opinions about issues that concern our day. Because we are of young age, adults have seen and heard more than we of the real discrimination, especially during the days of Martin Luther King Jr., that even today affects us and our ways of life.

In past months, word of race riots stemming from one incident concerning the people and certain neighborhoods in Miami, Florida, as well as the new Supreme Court ruling concerning affirmative action, a ruling that now discourages employers to take actions to insure that there is a proportionate number of minority employees at their company or factory, have been brought to the attention of the American people.

Have America's discrimination problems and the proposed solutions to them canceled each other out? It is certainly possible. America has taken action against discrimination in the work force, now this action has been undermined by the highest court in the land.

## It can happen to you

### Commentary

Sara Danch  
Staff Reporter

It can't happen to me. Ever since we can remember we've been told not to get into strange cars and not to talk to strangers. But what happens when a strange man gets into your car in a dark parking lot?

Heather Holland and I left Hudson's at about 9:00 p.m. on a Tuesday night. As we got in the car we were discussing the scene of the shooting that we'd seen roped off by the police.

We drove through the parking lot. As we pulled towards a stop sign, Heather noticed a man on the curb. He was an older man, about seventy. He looked lost, and when he approached my car, I thought he was asking for directions.

Heather rolled her window down about an inch. The man slurred his words and he had been drinking, a lot. We couldn't understand him and as Heather was asking him to repeat himself, I noticed that the back door was unlocked. I reached to lock it when it opened and the man got in.

Frightened, we asked what we could do. He wanted us to take him home, but he didn't know where home was. He was intoxicated and confused. Thrusting \$5 at Heather he told us he lived off of "that busy street, McKinley." As we drove towards McKinley he started smoking and telling us stories. His name was Bill

Thomas. In the middle of a story he mentioned his house near Darden, Heather and I realized we were going the wrong direction. When I informed him of the change in direction I was polite and called him "Sir".

"My name isn't Sir!" he yelled. "It's

Bob Woods! I told you that!"

His curt remarks scared me and as I grabbed Heather's arm, she started to talk back to him.

"Now how are you going to be so rude when we're taking you home? Just be quiet," she said.

I thought for sure we were going to die. So imagine my surprise when he said, "Yeah, you're right. I'm sorry. Let me make it up to you - let's go and get some pizza or something."

Shocked, we declined, insisting that we had to get home soon.

After taking three wrong turns, we found the road. It was a dead end road out past University Park Mall. We found his house and he started to get out. Then he asked if he could go out with us again.

We drove away and both of us were shaking. I had ashes in my backseat and my car smelled of alcohol, but I didn't care, I was just glad we were alright.

Heather and I had an incredible experience. We were extremely lucky that this man wasn't dangerous. We may laugh at it now, but it's not really funny, it's actually scary, and very stupid. Thankfully nothing happened, except that we learned a valuable lesson. So, please be careful...it can happen to you.

In reality, the only solution is an about - change of attitude among people in our land. The key in creating more unified communities of blacks and whites is through education. We students can encourage programs in equal-rights education in hopes of creating communities whole and free of prejudice.

We must also encourage our government to continue actions that directly affect the people of this country and to counteract the overwhelming prejudice in it. We must organize discrimination education workshops in our school system and community church organizations.

Discrimination is wrong. There are no 'ifs,' 'ands,' or 'buts' to that. We cannot allow prejudice to influence our opinions and viewpoints but rather work to dispel prejudice in this country. We must work for solutions and attempt to distinguish between what is right and what is wrong in our lives. The teachings of Martin Luther King Jr. should continue to reverberate throughout our cities, minds, and most importantly, our hearts so that we may one day be "free at last".



## WAKE UP!

### Winter months seem (yawn) boring

Kathy McNamara  
Feature Editor

Unfortunately, everyone, that dreaded time of year is upon us once again. You know what I mean, the transition months - that long stretch from the end of January until the middle of March, where it isn't exactly winter, but it's not yet spring.

During this time of year, it's not unusual to find people who are tired, depressed, restless, irritable, or simply in a bad mood. Various reasons can account for this, however, the most common would have to be boredom from lack of activities, often due to the weather. I mean, let's face it, who wants to go out on a Saturday night and just sit in a movie theater, freezing because the heating system is broken and it's only two degrees outside? I could be wrong, but to me it doesn't sound too exciting!

There's not much more to do in the afternoon. Gray skies and sub-zero temperatures don't always provide the motivation necessary to get out and have a good time. This leaves a limited choice which include work, sleeping late, or watching Saturday morning cartoons. Not much to get a thrill over, at least not for most of us!

In a poll of 50 Riley students, 30 students said that they don't really look forward to the weekend because it's usually the same as the weekend before, or they just sit around.

The remaining 20 students said they do look forward to them, because the weekends are a relief considering that that's about the only time off school. (Besides Christmas, spring and summer breaks, of course!)

While it may seem that being bored and having a serious lack of activities isn't any big deal, it can have an impact on a student's productivity in the classroom.

Doing the same thing every day gets to be as tedious as it is routine. I think I can vouch for most when I say this is the most common time to see "burnout" in high school students. (By "burnout" I mean lack of interest, incomplete assignments and for some "senioritis"!)

Go to school, come home, do homework, talk on the phone, or go to practice or work - sound familiar?

Every normal person occasionally needs some kind of break in the routine to prevent lack of interest, falling grades and insanity!

Some illogical solutions to this problem would have to include moving to Florida or California and lying on a beach soaking up the sun.

Otherwise, options are limited. All I can suggest for those who share my boredom is to make your own fun, or continue going out with friends or reading that new book - something fun will come along, as long as everyone can keep waiting!



## Letters to the Editor



I want to thank all of the French students who participated in Mardi Gras. It's such a neat experience to work with students in an "out of the classroom" situation. It is interesting to see the students who immediately pitch in, who ask what they can do next and yes, the ones who needed to be prodded (sometimes more than once!) Thanks to my 1st hr. crew who peeled and chopped 25 lbs. of very large onions, to 2nd hr. who fixed 20 quiches and 2 big pots of onion soup, and to 3rd hr. who arranged, cut, set up and did anything I asked them to. Then there's my 4th hr. who got stuck with all the serving tasks - and last but not least, my 6th hr. who did many dishes and cleaned up the whole room. I really appreciate all your efforts! You make me very proud and glad to be a teacher!

Ms. McMann

Riley Review,

I think the girls' bathrooms should be replaced. They need a new coat of paint and need to be washed more often. I'm sure the boys' bathroom is as bad.

The doors need to be replaced and have latches on them. Some don't even have doors and people can always see you. I also know for a fact that the boys' room has no doors at all, and I think that is wrong.

In addition to these things, the bathrooms are ice cold, and most of the faucets don't work.

Please try to do something about this because it is really bad.

Maria Trujillo





# Change of season creates listlessness

Jennifer Dolce  
News Editor

January...February...March...they all seem to go on forever. The cold weather brings gray skies and "blah" moods, not to mention that there aren't many activities going on anyway. So what do teenagers do to occupy themselves on weekends?

"During this time of the year it's too cold to be outside and there is not much to do inside. It's hard to find an activity that is exciting for teenagers," commented junior Jennifer Cripe.

"The weather makes weekends boring. When it's warmer it will be great. More people will go out and stay out. If there isn't anything going on you can just 'hang out'. It is hard to do that in the winter because you have to be inside so you won't freeze," stated junior Sara Danch.

Junior Rick Coddens stated, "I doubt my weekends will change, but in the spring there will be more things to do. It just seems that there is a lot more to choose from then."

In a poll taken among various Riley students, the most common weekend activities included going to games, going out to eat, having friends over at someone's house, or just driving around. The unanimous decision seems to be that almost everyone is tired of the same boring winter weekends.

"I used to look forward to weekends because there always used to be something going on like a bonfire or a party. Now there is nothing. We need a definite change," remarked senior Bryan Holland.

This downfall of boredom has brought on a lack of school spirit also. Many students commented that they are not enthused anymore at games because there is nothing to do afterwards.

Freshman Kristie McLane explains, "A lack of school spirit occurs because if you are always worried about having nothing to do, then you'll probably be bored with school activities too."

"Sometimes after a game you want the fun to continue, but if there isn't anything to do, you kind of get disappointed. What's the use of working yourself up for nothing," stated sophomore Jody Bonk.

Along with all of the negative aspects of winter, there are also some positive things that were thought of.

"Winter only comes once a year, so kids should enjoy it. I'm sure teenagers can use their creative minds to think of something exciting to do-in or out of the



*This person illustrates how many students tend to become preoccupied at this time of year.*

snow," commented Elaine Hoffman, parent.

"I think that Riley should consider having more dances after games or whenever," said junior Gretchen Hile.

Senior Amy Hutchins replied, "Riley

Although it seems as if there is nothing to do, many students have thought of various ways to fight boredom.

"What I usually do when I'm really bored is just try to get a bunch of people together and think of something to do.

*"...In the spring there will be more things to do. It just seems that there is a lot more to choose from then."*

*Rick Coddens*

should provide more trips because people should get out more and see what kind of fun things they can do instead of staying home."

Sophomore Laura Walsh commented that there are plenty of things to do in the winter, it's just no one is taking any initiative to plan parties or make any fun.

Even if we just go out to eat or watch a movie, we can usually have some fun," stated senior Sue Arick.

Junior Yolonda Gilliam remarked, "Usually I don't have a boring weekend, but if I do I always start rearranging my room, baking sweets, or I find a good book to read."

"If I get really bored, I prank people

randomly from the phone book or I wash the windows," said junior Pamela Sorenson.

Junior Melanie Carter commented, "To fight boredom on weekends there are plenty of things to do. I sometimes play Nintendo, read old letters that were written to me, or I pick a fight with my brother to keep myself entertained. The key is just not to let yourself get down."

In *Teen* magazine's October 1988 issue, some ideas to cure those boring weekends were mentioned.

1. Go to a movie or rent one with some friends.
2. Go iceskating.
3. Go bowling.
4. Go on a scavenger hunt.
5. Plan a party and have a few friends over.

Gilliam explained, "It's only boring if you make it boring. I don't!"

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## Freshman year brings surprises for graduate

Pam Williams  
Staff Reporter

Earleen Carter, a recent graduate of Riley's class of "1988" and now a freshman at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, shared some of the ups and downs she faced upon entering and adjusting to her new surroundings.

Earleen said she was both excited and scared upon receiving her acceptance letter from Indiana State.

"I'd never really left home for more than a week and I didn't know what to expect," she said.

Earleen admitted that she didn't really count on attending college last fall, thinking that she would have to sit a

said.

Since starting college, Earleen has managed to maintain a 2.0 grade point average, and she explained that her reasons for not participating in any sports are because she wants to concentrate on her books. She felt that although a 2.0 is just an average grade point, it was a stepping stone for her.

She confided that during her first week of college, she was very homesick and seldom left her dorm room.

"College was just not what I'd expected, my professors were overbearing (one of her teachers told the entire class that no one would pass her course) my schedule was all screwed up, and to top it off I hated my roommate, who was a

room and introduce themselves or invite me over. I was surprised by their friendliness, I met someone new everyday," she said.

She commented on how college

with the crowd," she said.

Earleen said that hanging out finally caught up with her when progress reports came out. After realizing how far her grades had slipped she took her stud-

*"I just hope she does well and keeps it up, she has a lot of potential..."*

*Earl Carter*

*"In the beginning, I didn't take school seriously; it felt like being at summer camp..."* Earleen Carter

semester of school out. She added that because of the way she slacked off on grades during her senior year in high school, a lot of people doubted her abilities and were surprised when she left.

"I was glad to prove them wrong and prove to myself that I could do it," she

slob. All I could think of was calling my mom and telling her to come and pick me up."

Earleen later explained that the students turned out to be very friendly and her attitude soon changed.

"Students would just walk up to my

grading differs from high school grading, also mentioning that the size of classes can range from anywhere between 30 to 100 students per class.

"One thing I took for granted in high school was the one on one teacher/student relationship you have in classes, unlike college professors to whom you are nothing more than a social security number."

Earleen explained that not being able to type really hurt her, because a typed report was almost always required from one of her classes every week.

She admitted that getting used to so much freedom all at once was probably the most difficult for her to adjust to.

"In the beginning I didn't take school seriously; it just felt like being at summer camp, I went to parties and hung out

ies a lot more seriously, pushing herself to work harder and also to budget and consume her study time wisely, which was hard for her because of her poor study habits.

Earleen's father, Earl Carter, is very proud of Earleen for going on to college.

"I just hope she does well and keeps it up, she has a lot of potential I just hope she applies herself," he said.

Earleen felt that going away to college has so far been a positive experience in her life. She presently hopes to continue with her studies at Indiana State. Her main goal at this point is to major in psychology, which is the study of the mind. She may possibly be a psychologist. Earleen has found out that it takes much hard work in order to achieve one's goals. Her goals are high.

## Pethe works hard at Poms

Kindra Smith  
Staff Reporter

Junior, Megan Pethe has been a member of the Riley Pom team for two years. She describes it as stressful and time consuming and it involves many hours of work. The team practices on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays regularly from three to five. They also practice on Fridays if needed.

Pethe agrees to it being a challenge because it is frustrating and it takes time to get the routine right. Her grades are sometimes affected by poms since the rule is that it comes first and everything else follows. She admits though, that Poms wouldn't interfere with homework and grades if she wouldn't let it.

Pethe works at Ayres mostly on weekends and on vacation days, yet because they are flexible with her hours it doesn't affect poms too badly.

Pethe prefers to pom at basketball games over football games because the team to her is more on their own and they don't get rained out. Pethe said to show spirit you must want spirit, have a positive attitude and smile. She admits to getting extremely nervous because she's afraid she's going to blank out during her formations but she said it's worth it all because it gives her self-satisfaction and it's what she enjoys the most.

Pethe's most embarrassing moment was getting ready to perform a five minute routine for the first time and yelling out, "YOU GUYS!" because the tape didn't get rewound and it threw everyone off.

Pethe describes herself as one who gets easily stressed out, picky, one who needs confidence from time to time, and she has to be close with her friends.

Sarah Fisko, senior and one of Pethe's

close friends says, "Megan and I always talk on the phone about boyfriends, clothes, and our jobs. She always makes me laugh and sometimes I forget that she needs the same attention that she gives me."



Chinda Inthalarasy

Megan Pethe, junior, is up to something again.

Another one of Pethe's close friends, Stephanie Wigent, junior, says, "Megan is such a riot to be around. She's always joking about one thing or another. For a nickname, we call her the L.S. Airhead."

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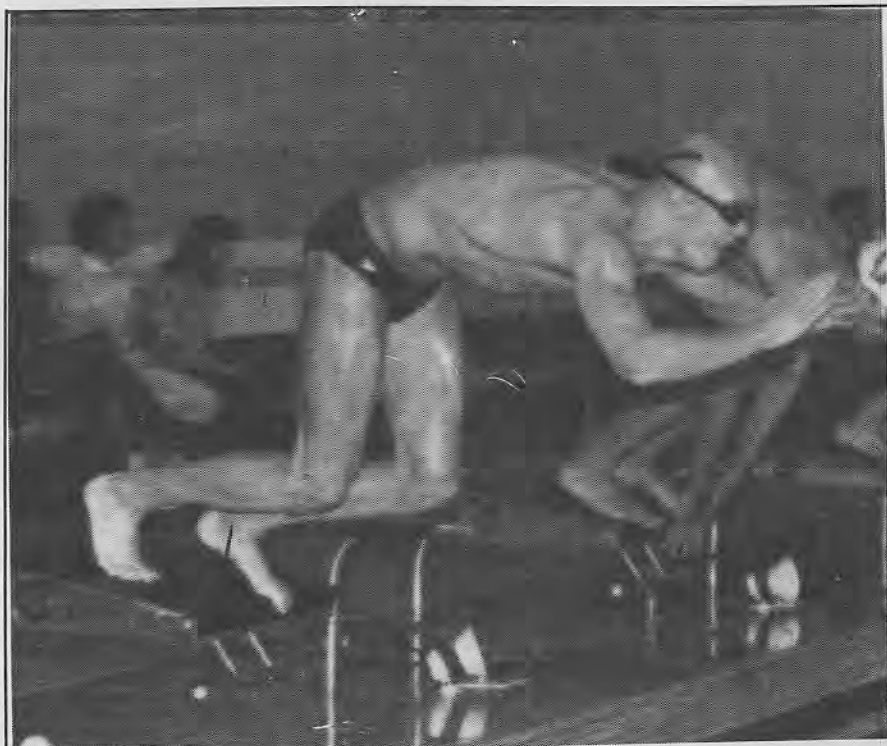
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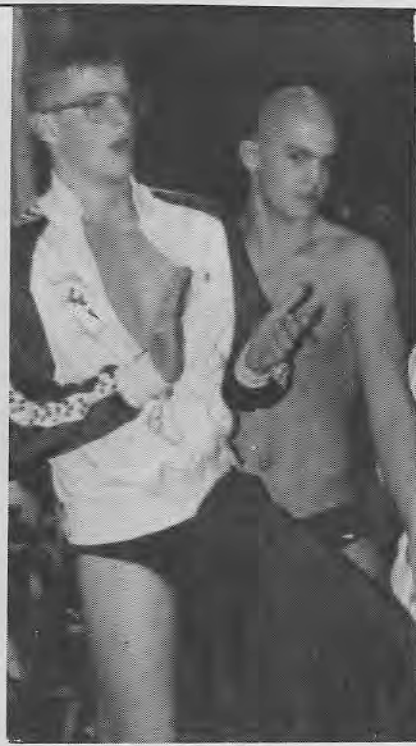
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# Riley finishes fifteenth in State



Craig Kilgore at the start



Ryan Kelly and Craig Kilgore



Swimmer looks on

Chinda Inthalarasy

**Hayden Fisher**  
Athletics Editor

The 1988-89 boys' swim team capped off the year by winning the Northern Indiana Conference and the sectional for the fourth consecutive year. Junior Chris Overmeyer said, "The season went pretty good. Coach's style worked well for us."

"This was one of my proudest years because of the improvements the guys made and with the preseason uncertainties," said coach David Dunlap.

With an undefeated N.I.C. record and a record of 13-2 overall (the losses came to Kokomo and Munster - third and fourth in the state) the Riley squad was

expected to do well in the sectional. "We thought if we swam to our potential we could win," said junior Steve Wosick. Culver Military Academy which placed second, was a strong favorite as well.

Victory was reached on a balanced finish and good placement in the trials mentioned junior, Clark Hoover. "We won the meet as a team because of our depth. The trials set us up for the win."

In front of a capacity crowd at the Mishawaka Natatorium the team took a convincing victory with 299 points followed by C.M.A. with 245. First place winners were sophomore Craig Kilgore, Hoover, Wosick, and senior Craig Fox in the 200 medley relay, Wosick in the 200

and 500 freestyle, and Hoover in the 100 butterfly.

Strong showings also turned in from juniors Joe Koch, Ryan Kelly, Carl Landon, and Overmeyer, and senior Joel Sumner. In the diving competition juniors Scott White, Steve Berebitsky, and Mike Drake finished second, third, and fourth respectively.

The following week the team traveled to Indianapolis and Indiana University - Purdue University Natatorium in front of another large crowd for the I.H.S.A.A. state finals. The team finished a respectable 15th place with 38 points. Wosick paced the squad with a ninth place finish in the 200 freestyle and

second in the 500 freestyle. The 200 medley relay came in 13th and Scott White place 13th in the diving.

"We did pretty well. We were sort of overwhelmed by how much some of the other teams improved on their times though," added Craig Kilgore.

Dunlap said, "I'm pleased everyone improved and had their best times of the year. That's what we hoped for going in."

The team is happy with its good performance and with the amount of experience gained from this season and looks to a good year next year with the loss of only three seniors, according to the team.

## Coaching vacancy at Riley filled

**Mike Bonham**  
Athletics Editor

"I'm very excited about coming to Riley, I have high aspirations. We want to challenge as quickly as possible for the Northern Indiana Conference championship, and sectionals." These are the goals new coach Phil Teegarden has set for Riley's football team.

After 19 seasons and a 148-49-1 record, Teegarden will leave St. Joe for Riley.

Under Teegarden, St. Joe produced five undefeated regular seasons, and from 1979-81 won a state-high 31 games in a row.

Teegarden was chosen out of 18 candidates, eight of whom were former head coaches in Indiana, and one who had won the state championship before. Athletic Director at Riley, John Berta said, "Teegarden already has made an impact on the team, at the team meeting he seemed to bring a positive attitude in and the players seemed to like him."

Teegarden said, "I'm pretty sentimental about leaving St. Joe, I had great kids and loyal assistants."

Stated Berta, "It may be tough for Teegarden here at first because he hasn't switched jobs in 19 years. He's a very demanding coach, he expects a lot from the team, he is a team oriented coach."

Sophomore Tom Franko said, "He seems like a really nice guy and a good coach, he has told us to show up for



Phil Teegarden being announced new Riley football coach at press conference

practice and have a big heart."

"One of the challenges he relishes is competing against Penn and Elkhart Central, I believe," said Berta.

"Being an independent coach at a place like St. Joe, you have problems scheduling games but now that he's at Riley I think some of the pressure will be off him, and he will be able to coach and not have other things to distract him," said Berta.

Sophomore Ed Bliler said, "I feel the

team needs help in our attitude, and our working capabilities, I feel Teegarden will push us to the limit. I also feel that he has a love for the game so much that we are just going to keep improving from the first day that Teegarden arrives here."

Teegarden said, "Riley has a good tradition. It's a good school and a class place. They've always had good numbers for football and even in hard times when South Bend was struggling, they

were able to keep even."

Berta said, "Under Teegarden the kids will get pointed in the right direction and will get disciplined under the way he coaches."

Teegarden started his coaching at Greene Township, then North Liberty, and hopes his success will continue at Riley.

Junior Todd Stammich said, "I'm looking forward to next season and am anxious to see what we can do under him because I feel he really knows what he is doing."

Teegarden said two of his thrills in coaching were the winning streak at St. Joe, and the win over Carmel in two overtimes at the Hoosier Dome.

During Teegarden's final season at St. Joe, his team went into the sectionals ranked number one but was beaten in the first game by Washington.

Teegarden said he took the job of Riley head coach because Riley is the biggest school in the city and year in and year out is a competitive school.

Teegarden, a native of Mishawaka, said, "I'm really excited about coaching in the Northern Indiana Conference, it's where I have always wanted to coach." The NIC is the area conference.

"The tradition at Riley is very strong and it seems that over the past several years that Riley has probably won more games than any other city school, and I want to help continue that tradition."



## Season ends in first round of sectionals

**Mike Bonham**  
Athletics Editor

The Riley boys' basketball team ended its season on February 27th when they fell to one of the top teams in the county, St. Joseph's.

The team was beaten for the second time this year by St. Joseph's but each time by six points.

Coach Bob Berger said, "We were very pleased by how the kids played, the guys didn't quit, they went at them with one of their best efforts. It was a game of good seniors (from St. Joe) against good sophomores, and when it came to crunch time the seniors prevailed."

"Jeermal Sylvester, I feel, played one of those games that rarely comes around.

but you can slow him down, and that's what Owens did," continues Berger.

"I felt throughout the year we made tremendous progress. It took us a while but I think we grew mentally. These guys are going to be veteran ball players next year, even though they're still going to be juniors," said Berger.

Junior Jeermal Sylvester, forward for Riley said, "I felt we played one of our best games of the year, I think next year we are going to be very tough and have a very good chance at the sectional crown."

Sylvester finished up his season by scoring 29 points and grabbing 16 rebounds.

"I feel that the way we played against Michigan City Rogers, and St.

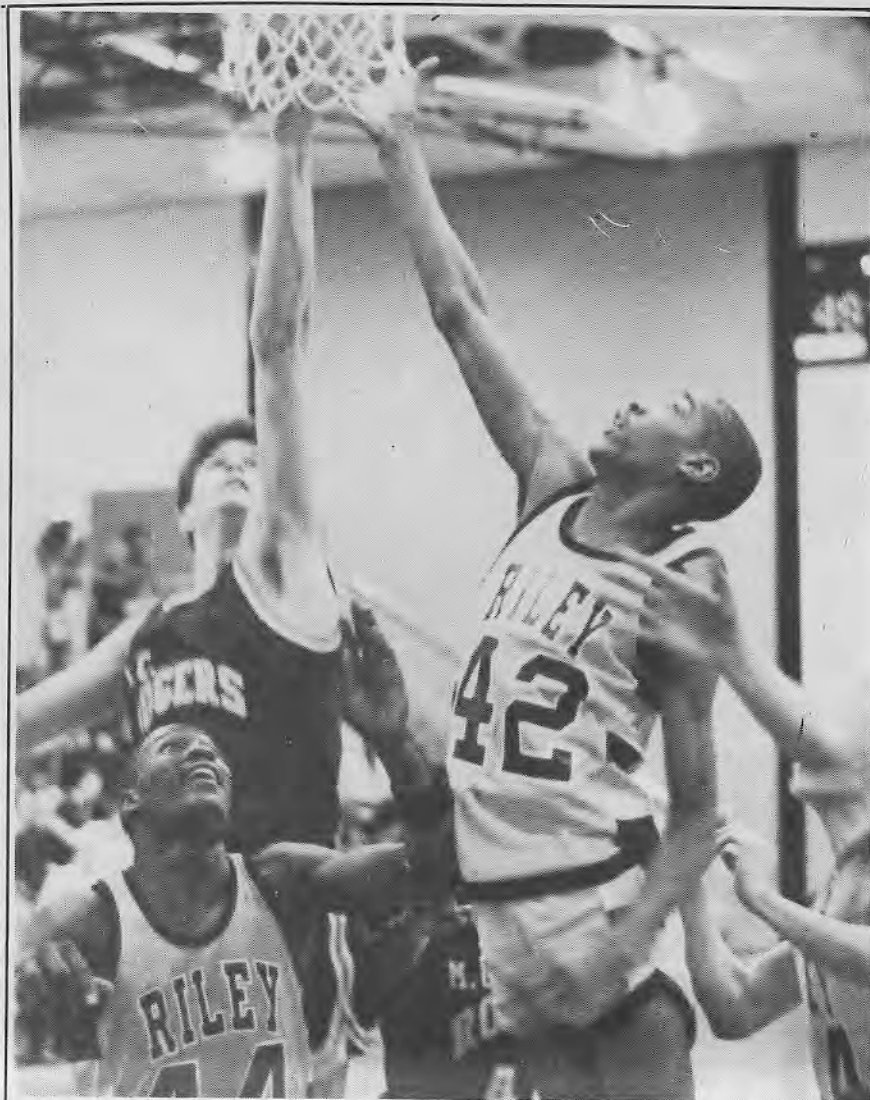
*"I felt throughout the year we made tremendous progress. It took us a while, but I think we grew mentally."*

**Bob Berger**

I feel Andre Owens did a great job on slowing down Mr. Basketball candidate Rodney Holmes," said Berger.

"I don't think you can stop Holmes

Joseph's that we have something to look forward to during the next few years," he said.



Junior Jeermal Sylvester goes up for a rebound against Michigan City Rogers. Chinda Inthasany

## Brazier is honored at half-time of game

**Tina Habel**  
Senior Staff Reporter

*"We're like mirrors. If your face shows a smile then a smile will come back to you. If you put out brutality then brutality will come back to you."*

**Harold Brazier**

Harold Brazier, junior welter weight champion of the North America Federation and Riley graduate, was recognized for his outstanding record in boxing, at the last Riley home game of the basketball season.

"He is a deserving individual that has not received the kind of recognition a person of his stature should get," said John Berta, Riley Athletics Director.

An average day for Brazier is spent preparing for the future.

Brazier wakes up early in the morning goes to Dreisbach-Cadillac, where he works full time. At noon he leaves work to run five or six miles, which takes him about forty-five minutes to an hour. Then it's back to work. After work, he goes to a local gym where he spends anywhere from two to five hours jumping rope, doing calisthenics, and boxing.

Brazier hopes to be ready to defend his North American Boxing Federation title in April. From there the fight ratings should indicate who he will fight next. Ratings come out each month, according to Brazier. If he has dropped in the ratings he will have to fight three champions: Roger Mayweather WCB champion, Meldrick Taylor IBF champion, and Juan Coggi WBA champion, who he lost to in a split decision in January, 1988, in Italy. Brazier bruised his shoul-

der in that fight and says the healing process has been gradual.

Sugar Ray Leonard and Mike Tyson, two famous boxing champions, began their boxing careers as teenagers. Brazier started boxing professionally on

art; a beautiful spectacle.

"Every once in a while you can find men like (Mohammed) Ali or Sugar Ray who can explore the art of boxing. The object of the game is to punch and not be hit," said Brazier.



Harold Brazier receives his plaque at basketball game. Dave Smith

May 18, 1982, at the age of twenty-six.

"My first fight that catapulted me into world ratings was with Joey Ruiz (in 1985 who was ranked number nine in the ratings)," said Brazier.

Brazier beat Brian Barenett for the North American title in 1986.

He has had sixty wins, nine losses, one draw, and forty-four knock-outs.

Brazier views boxing as a form of

Brazier said he doesn't have a nickname, nor does he want one.

Boxing is a tough sport and there are risks, as in any sport. There is always the possibility that a blow to the head, or too many blows, could cause brain damage or death.

"One punch can hurt a person for life-if he's not prepared to take the punch," said Brazier, who claims boxing

is one the safest sports there is.

"I don't like to see him fight. We just leave it up to the Lord. We don't want to see him get hurt," said Irene Brazier, Harold's mother.

Mrs. Brazier said she did ask him to quit boxing, but he said he still had a few more years left to box.

"I hope he reaches his goal. Should he win the title (world title) we'll go from there," said Mrs. Brazier.

Brazier comes from a family of fourteen children. He said he never had to worry about having a lot of friends because he had so many siblings that he was never alone. He has four children, two boys and two girls, who look up to him like superman.

He is a role model in the community.

"I was impressed by his maturity and ability to portray the kind of individual we want our young people to aspire to be," said Berta.

"He always jokes around with the kids," said Tashika Carlton, a freshman at Riley.

Brazier is a devoted Christian and an usher at his church.

"He looks at boxing as a sport, without personal feeling," said Marlena Brazier, Harold's sister and a sophomore at Riley.

In the beginning, his mother said, he started fighting without wanting to hurt his opponent.

Since winning the North American title a broader level of people want their name associated with Brazier.

"My home town is just starting to come around," said Brazier.



## Boys' hockey team wins city championship



Clay defender attempts to steal the puck from Riley's Adam Thomas

The South Bend Tribune

Bryan Holland  
Managing Editor

The Riley boys' hockey team finished the year with a record of 19-11-1 and were named city champions. In the city tournament Riley beat Clay, then Adams, but lost to Clay in the second round. In the championship match against Clay, Riley again won 5-1 as Jeff Degroote scored two goals to lead the Wildcats.

First year coach Joe DiBaggio said, "Our main goal was to win the city championship and we now are number one in South Bend."

According to junior, Jeff Laurita who has played hockey since he was five years old, "Defense was our strong point all year long. When we played good defense we usually won."

Riley then went on to the state tournament in which they lost their first two matches. They lost the first to Fort Wayne North Side by a score of 5-2. They lost their next match to Clay by a score of 4-2 and were eliminated from the state tournament.

Junior Brian Bucher said, "We beat Clay pretty easily in the city tournament and we just overlooked them in the state tournament."

Junior Jim Brown said, "We wanted to do better in the state tournament but we all are happy to be the champs of South Bend."

Team Roster: Adam Thomas, Jeff Stone, Chad Freid, Jeff Laurita, Brian Bucher, Jim Brown, Jeff Yergler, Clayton Woolridge, Chris Wentland, Eric Newman, Andy Blackburn, and Ben Lerman, all from Riley. Brian Hudson and Jeff Lafferty from Elkhart Memorial, Jeff Degroote from LaPorte and Matt Waltz from Marian.

## Recognition important for hockey team

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Staff Reporter

"I love hockey and I'll probably be playing till I'm 90!" exclaims junior Jeff Laurita. "The crowd can really pump you up for the game!"

Hockey has become a very popular spectator sport. In past years fans for Riley included mostly parents and a few students. Recently, a variety of people showed up in great abundance to cheer the Wildcats on to their victories.

"It's (hockey) a great sport!" says senior Marc Garrard. "It's exciting to watch and a lot of fun to cheer for the team."

Hockey is not a school sponsored sport and although this may have something to do with why it isn't promoted throughout the school as much as other sports, it hasn't diminished the fans' enthusiasm.

"The hockey team is a really nice bunch of guys, they are a team working together the way they do," says senior Amanda Crowe.

"Being an athlete myself," Crowe continues, "I understand that things can be expensive, and it's nice when transportation and things are provided. But I also know how important your school's support is."

According to Athletic Director John Berta expense is the biggest problem with the school sponsoring hockey.

Parents usually pay for their adolescent's fees. To join the team is \$600 and insurance is included in this. The cost of equipment can range anywhere from \$1200 to \$2000. Parents also pay for overnight lodging when the team travels out of town.

Says the father of one Riley hockey player, "It doesn't matter what it costs hockey is a family sport. It's worth it when you see your kid doing his best out on the ice."

Maybe this is why the hockey team is so dedicated to their sport.

The dedication goes further than just the money. Most of the players started hockey when they were five and six years old. Much time has been put in for practices and games. Four of Riley's team members do not attend Riley High School. Jeff DeGroote, senior, goes to LaPorte, senior Matt Waltz goes to Mishawaka, while both junior Jeff Lafferty and senior Brian Hudson attend Elkhart Central. They travel to South Bend for practices and games.

"Their dedication deserves recognition," states Crowe. "The members are mostly from Riley and they wear the Riley name. I think we should make the student body aware of how great a season they've had."

Juniors, Brian Bucher and Jim Brown say that they are very happy that the school presented them with their trophy at a recent pep assembly

Berta says that hockey is a good, healthy activity, but since it is an aggressive sport, it should be well-coached and well-supervised.

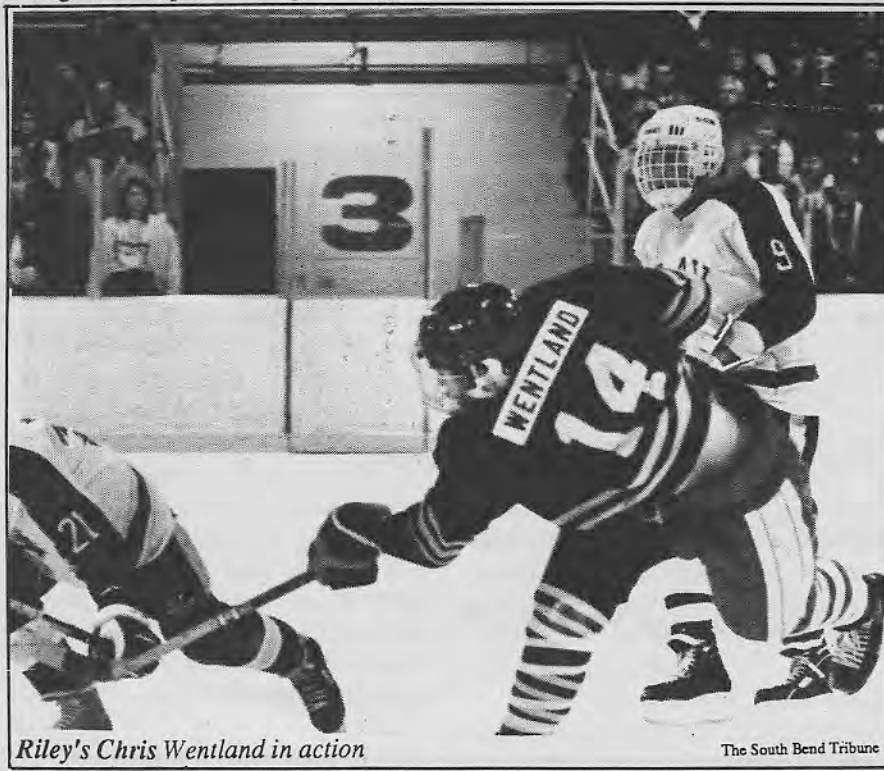
Berta continues to say that obviously the team has been well-coached and since Riley's team won the City Championship, they deserve recognition from the school and students.

Brown comments about fans, "We need support. When the crowd gets wild, we get fired-up and we fight. It's great

when the fans start getting crazy and screaming, we eat it up."

Bucher says, "The best is when fans sing 'Happy Birthday' to us when we score a goal."

Laurita agrees and adds, "When we win a game, it feels great. It's even better when there's a big crowd supporting you, and your school stands behind you, too."

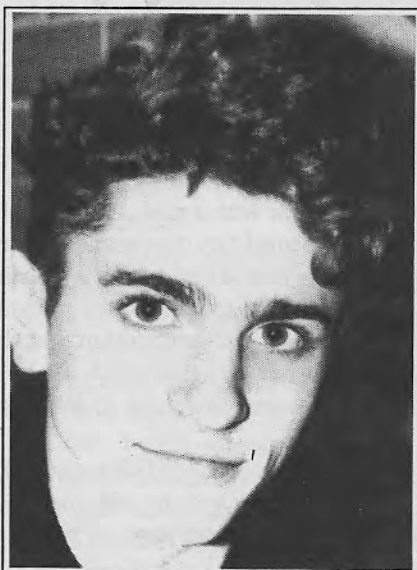


Riley's Chris Wentland in action

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## The March Athletes of the Month



SWIMMING - Junior Scott White was on the N.I.C. second team as a diver. He finished second in the sectional and 13th in the state finals.



WRESTLING - Junior Tony Pink won the sectional and placed second in the regional while qualifying for the semi-state at 152 lbs.



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