



Unemployment: Teens find help in job search

Jennifer Dolce
Associate Editor of Computers

Out of a job? You won't have far to go to look for one now that Riley has opened its own job placement office.

James Fenters, marketing teacher, had wanted to do something like this for a long time.

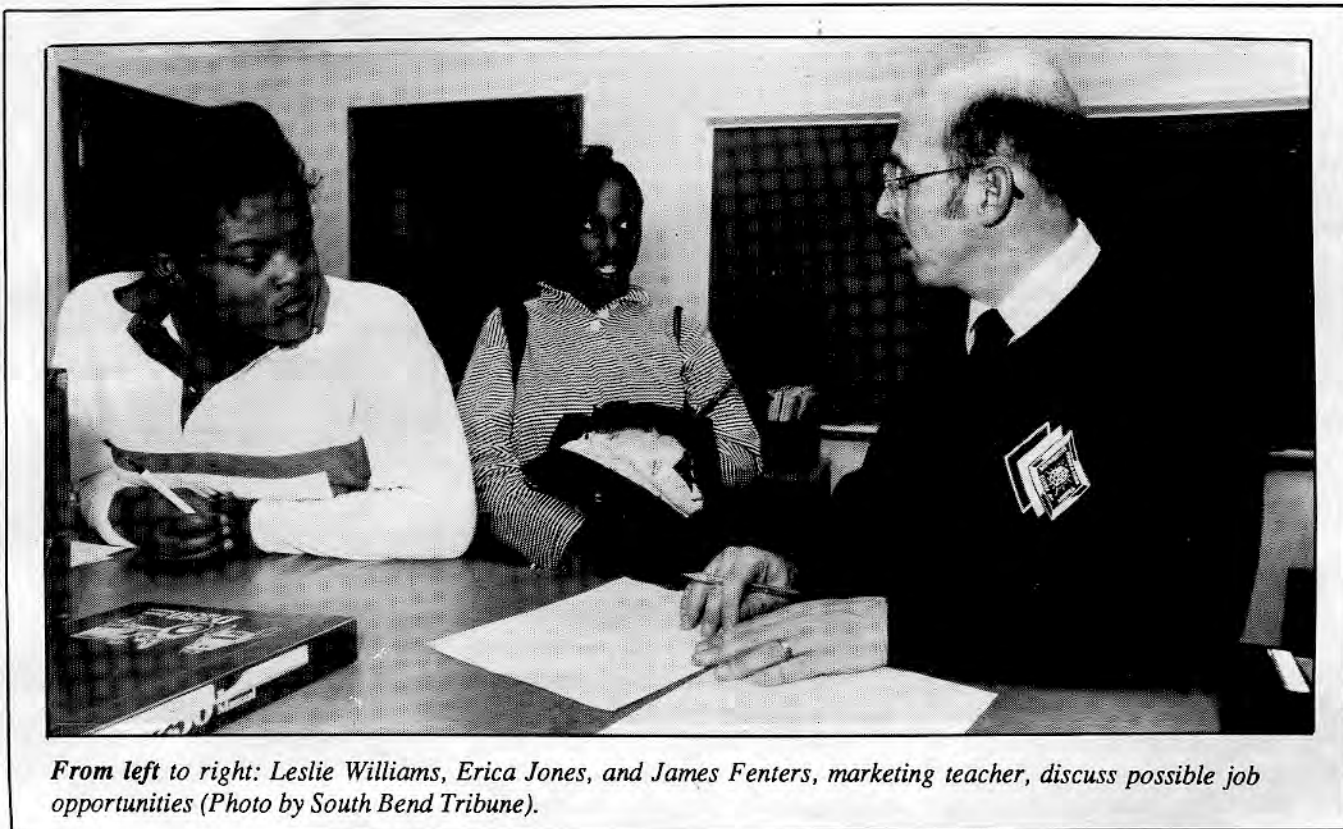
"I've seen it done in other cities where it has been successful, but there is nothing around here like it," said Fenters.

It is easy to apply. Any student who is seeking employment is eligible for this service. The student may be either already employed, but looking for a better opportunity for advancement, or never employed previously.

The student first must fill out a data sheet supplied by Fenters from room 323. He must specify the type of job he is looking for, his skills, previous employment, and whether he wants a full or part time job. Then what the business department tries to do is locate an applicable job to fit his needs.

Nancy Wiand, business teacher, said that there has been a good response from both students and businesses, but she has not gotten a handle yet on the actual number of students who have started jobs through the office.

"I went in one day after school looking for a job. Mr. Fenters asked me what type of job I was looking for, I told him, and he found a suitable position right away. I came back a week later after I had thought about it, and he set up an interview for me. I went in when he told



From left to right: Leslie Williams, Erica Jones, and James Fenters, marketing teacher, discuss possible job opportunities (Photo by South Bend Tribune).

me, and I was hired," said senior Brad Wolford.

According to Fenters, the business department sent out over 700 letters to businesses in the community to inform them of the service. Many have replied listing their positions which need to be filled. These are kept on file until a student requests that job. The jobs available range from mechanical, secretarial, and construction work to baggers, babysitters, and fast food positions.

"I heard the job placement P. A. announcement about Eli's Bridal Shoppe looking for people to model prom dresses. I called about it and told them I was from Riley and they set up an interview. This interview was with all the other prospective models. She explained to us that only one girl from each school would get the job," said senior Renee Lentine.

"I found out that junior Amy Dworecki got the job. The manager from Eli's was pleased to see the number of students

who turned out for the interview. I was pleased that the job placement office offered me a chance to get a modeling job. I will be using the job placement office again soon to get a good summer job," continued Lentine.

This service is absolutely free. It is also available for parents.

"Several of the positions that are available offer daytime hours that high school students cannot work. These are Continued on page 2

Vietnam vet's tragedy inspires teens



Veteran, David Roever, motivates students with past experiences (Photo by Wes Evard).

Nicole Szymanski
News Editor

His skin was scarred and bumpy, his eyes uneven, one off-center and outlined in red, and he had limp fingers that rested in awkward positions that did not function.

Vietnam veteran, David Roever, made a trip to Riley on February 5 to talk to students. He is one of the world's foremost youth speakers and speaks to over 250,000 students all over the United States each year.

Intertwined with a talk about how to avoid drugs, suicide, peer pressure, and the importance of equality, he recollected the experience in Vietnam that distorted his appearance and almost killed him.

In Vietnam, he was involved in a decoy, and was to throw a grenade into some bushes. It contained a white phosphorus which once it starts burning, it does not stop.

"I was holding the grenade six inches from my ear when a bullet hit it. (The grenade exploded spreading the chemical). I lost 60 pounds of flesh and 40 percent of my skin. I could see half of my face lying on the ground between my feet. The only reason I knew I was alive was because I could (literally) see my own heart beating. I went blind in my right eye and I now have a hair piece and a plastic ear. I jumped in some water and was literally beside myself," said Roever, which brought about laughter from the audience of freshmen and sophomores.

After this statement, he talked about the importance of laughter.

"Laughter can make you high and you can take it to school legally. Look at Cosby. He's a pusher's main enemy, he's making more money than them."

He then discussed decisions and used his most valued one as an example.

He said the hardest thing he ever had to do was kiss his wife goodbye when heading off for Vietnam. He

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New course

Next year a new science course, Human Genetics and Biotechnology will be offered at Riley.

The Human Genetics course explores genetic concepts and biotechnology as it applies to the personal lives of students.

The course will enhance the academic preparation of college bound students and encourages students interested in their heritage or uses of modern technology.

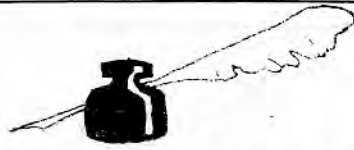
Because it is a pilot course it does not appear in the course description booklet. See John Wibbens for more information.

Teacher honored

Robert Kovach has been chosen the legislative liaison to the Indiana State Senate for Governor Evan Bayh for the 1990 regular session of the Indiana general Assembly. He will be responsible for the governor's legislative agenda. It's scheduled to run January 3 to March 15, 1990. Neil McLaughlin has taken over his classes until Kovach's return.

Essay contest

The Indiana Department of Transportation in conjunction with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is sponsoring an essay competition on "Tomorrow's Transportation- Key to America's Future."



In the state contest, the first prize winner will receive \$250 and his essay will be entered in the national competition. Two runners-up will win \$125.

In the national contest, the first place winner will receive \$1000 and a trip to Phoenix, Arizona in December to be awarded the prize at the AASHTO Annual Meeting. Two runners-up will receive \$750.

Deadline for submitting the essays is May 31, 1990. See your English teacher for more details.

Hoosier State

The American Legion, department of Indiana, is sponsoring the Hoosier Boys' and Girls' State Program.

The students will attend workshops on Indiana state government and politics, journalism, law, speech, broadcasting, and law enforcement. All costs are covered by the American Legion and students can also win scholarships.

It will be held on the Indiana State campus in Terre Haute. Boys will go from June 9-16 and girls from June 17-23.

See Jim Krider in room 217 if interested.

Ivy Tech class

Ivy Tech offers you to take a course for just \$.75. See the guidance bulletin board or your counselor for more details.

An Ivy Tech counselor is in the guidance area every Wednesday morning.

Job Search

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perfect opportunities for any parents looking for a part-time or daytime job," said Fenters.

George McCullough, principal, said, "I think this is really a great opportunity to help students who need a job or who are not going to college or to a technical school. 40 to 60 percent of the students at Riley do not go to college. It can also help parents who are looking for a job or who might be laid off."

Senior Andy Kreps mentioned, "It's a good idea. It gives more people chances to find a job. It also gives students the opportunity to gain experience in the working world."

Because this service has just recently been added, it is only in its trial period.

"We just want to see if we can do it. We've got nothing to lose and everything to gain," said Fenters.

"Since this job placement has just begun, people are only starting to get

involved. Once the word is really out, I'm sure everyone will see how beneficial this can be," stated junior Leslie Lawson.

Senior Scott Smith feels that it can help somebody get a head start in the profession they may want to pursue after graduation.

"I feel that even if we were to quit today, we would have been successful. The letters that we have sent out in the community have given Riley a good name and have been positive advertising for our students. We've also made everyone aware that we have a new principal this year. This has really had an impact on the community itself. We're taking things slow, but that's just the pace we want," said Fenters.

"Having a job placement center at Riley is great asset to the school and many people should utilize this privilege," commented senior Dana Feldman.



James Fenters advises student, Aimee Walling on proper interviewing (Photo by Robert Stewart).

Multi-Cultural Society: Forging ahead for progress



Chris Abigt

Kathi St. Germain
Keyboardist

Although Riley's multi-cultural society has been active two years, Tim Rouse, associate minister and pastor of the Colfax Cultural Center, said students still need to do more to create awareness of their black heritage.

"I think that blacks are not doing enough for black culture. We can do things ourselves. We need more people to get involved," he said.

Riley High School, along with other high schools and agencies, is striving to make all students aware of the values and achievements of black community leaders.

According to Tony Byrd, assistant principal at Riley, the newly renamed multi-cultural society is trying to make all students aware of black culture. He feels that if more students get involved, it will increase their understanding of community history.

"The multi-cultural society will have guest speakers come in from different organizations and give advice to the group as a whole to help them better relate to their ancestors and the traditions of the black community," said Tyrone Starling, president of the multi-cultural society at Riley.

Rouse is doing voluntary work at the Colfax Cultural Center. He is a member of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). He travels statewide to try to motivate

ment and equal access to education are also important. Some students go to very good universities. Usually these students have parents who can afford it. Many (blacks) never go because they don't have the money. People need jobs that aren't there. People in general need to become more civic minded when exercising their rights as citizens, such as voting," claims Byrd.

Starling feels that South Bend, as a community, is continuously growing in its awareness of minority issues and civic-mindedness.

"You can never do too much. I feel that every year the interest in black history has grown tremendously and it has made the world as a whole, a stepping stone toward true freedom," he said.

Perhaps, if black history became a part of every school's curriculum, it would better the students' knowledge of African Americans.

"We should do more. It should be part of our curriculum, not discussed just the one month each year dedicated to black history. There should be a true multi-cultural curriculum. We need this to create an atmosphere so that we can live together in harmony," said George McCullough, principal.

McCullough feels that in the past six and a half to seven and a half years, Riley has created a different atmosphere.

"I don't feel (racial) tension here at Riley. I see people making the effort to treat each other as an individual. Algie Oldham, (who was Riley's principal up until this past year,) set the stage eight

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Anthony Byrd

people to join the NAACP.

Although students' awareness of their black culture has come a long way, it still has a long way to go, Rouse said.

"If the last 50 years were put on a graph, there would be a tremendous increase (in community awareness overall), but in the last ten years, we've regressed. Racial tensions are increasing," claims Rouse.

Starling states, "There are a lot more people today who can relate to each other no matter what race they are without insulting each other. There are a lot more people who are not as afraid to blend in with opposite races comfortably. I've seen a lot of interracial relationships at Riley over the last few years, and I consider this a big stepping stone."

African Americans are facing many key issues in the world today, according to Rouse.

"A lot of things just need to be done. Education is important. Equal employ-

years ago. He deserves a lot of credit. For a long time, there was no black principal in South Bend. Oldham was the first or second black principal in South Bend. He opened a lot of doors."

Does black history month somehow tie in with Martin Luther King day?

"Yes, it does. By far, Martin Luther King Jr. is our most remembered and to be thanked black leader. Without him, the world would be very unsafe and unjust. We would not (today) be able to live among one another peacefully," claims Starling.

All in all many good changes have come about to enhance racial equality in the world, according to Starling.

"Many minorities are becoming aware of their responsibilities. Not many African Americans used to vote years ago. Now we are becoming a more politically vocal force. There are many, many more minorities politically running for offices," said Byrd.

Kent awarded 'Teacher of the Year':

Dedicated teacher motivates students

Kristen St. Germain
Keyboardist

Every year, the Indiana Department of Education recognizes outstanding teachers from across the state.

Riley's Teacher of the Year is English teacher Naomi Kent.

The staff nominated three candidates. Of the three candidates, Kent was chosen to represent Riley.

"I was very surprised, but I was very pleased. I took it as a vote of confidence and it was an extremely nice feeling," said Kent.

"There are so many good teachers on the faculty and she'll represent Riley well! She's an enthusiastic, involved, and dedicated," said George McCullough, principal.

Numerous criteria are used in evaluating the nominees, but the most important is the ability to inspire love of learning in students of all backgrounds and ability.

"I was delighted because she truly deserved it. She shows a great deal of professionalism and concern for each of her students. She is indeed exemplary," said Pat Moriarty, English teacher.

To fellow teachers, friends, and students, Kent is a very special person.

"She understands the needs of the students, and can easily cope with any of the problems we may have," said Chris Carroll, one of Kent's ACP (Advanced College Project) students.

"It's indeed an honor to be selected out of 86 teachers. She's a quality person and we're all very pleased with her," said McCullough.

"She really cares what the students think. She's got so much enthusiasm," said Chiquita Hollingsworth, a senior who has Kent for ACP English.

"Her excitement about teaching really promotes learning. She loves her students and we love her," said Tricia



Naomi Kent, Teacher of the Year, grades Advanced College Project papers (Photo by Santiago Flores).

Catalino, ACP student.

Outside of the classroom, Kent is a very busy person. Along with Moriarty, Kent is very involved in Project T.E.A.C.H., a program designed to promote interest in teaching as a career.

Kent explained that she and Moriarty work with students who do cadet teaching for Project T.E.A.C.H.

"We get marvelous results and the students are nice to work with. With the average age of the general staff, replacements will be needed," said Kent.

"The Project T.E.A.C.H. started four years ago, and we were selected by former principal Algie Oldham to represent Riley. Kent and I became co-sponsors. This year we were appointed the directors of the SBCSC," said Moriarty.

Kent's three senior classes showed spirit by defeating all other English

classes at Riley in the annual food drive held in November.

"The seniors this year have such a high level of energy and enthusiasm. I only needed to plant the seed, they took it from there," said Kent.

"They wanted to win- and we did. They are competitive and when they deal with each other, they want to surpass each other. I was the 'secret banker.' This makes it difficult for those keeping records but sure adds an incentive for those involved," finished Kent.

Kent will have to complete a portfolio which is due March 30 to compete for Teacher of the Year at the corporation level.

"The portfolio is a compilation of my life, philosophy of teaching, achievements, and successes in teaching with letters from colleagues, parents, students,

and administrators who believe that I have fulfilled some worthwhile accomplishments. These portfolios are submitted to a committee that will evaluate each one and then choose an elementary, middle school, and high school teacher who they believe best exemplifies all the attributes of an outstanding teacher. From these three, one will be chosen to represent the South Bend Community School Corporation at the state level," explained Kent.

"If she wins at the corporate level, she'll represent Riley well," said McCullough.

Kent always has new ideas and has taken on many challenges.

"My most challenging and rewarding moments in teaching go back only a few years when students had to pass Critical Skills tests to graduate. I volunteered to teach this class at Riley. I also taught assurance classes in summer school. None of students were denied graduating because they all passed the critical skills test. We had many celebrations, tears, and laughs when the results came in," said Kent.

For the future, Kent has set several goals.

"My immediate goal is to represent Riley High School as a representative of good teaching. There are so many dedicated, deserving teachers on our staff who should be recognized for their fine contributions to the teaching profession. In every department we are fortunate to say that Riley has the best.

Personally, I shall try in the next five years to continue to grow professionally, explore my field, and hopefully impart the knowledge that my students need to continue in their fields. I shall try to be flexible, understanding, more patient as I meet the demands of my profession," said Kent.

The candidate chosen Teacher of the Year from Indiana will then compete at a national level.

Tragedy

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stressed the fact that he was always faithful and kept his vows to his wife. He was made fun of by fellow soldiers for this because "everybody's doing it," they said. His response was "I'm not doing it so not everybody is."

He said the day of the explosion, he thought he was going to die and he was glad he had made the decision to keep his vows and he could die with that judgment.

"Every study I've seen says students would go to their peers before their parents. Brilliant. Your peers have been around for the same amount of time you have. Your parents have lived longer."

"Stay off of drugs and booze. You have the right to live a life free of it."

He backed this up with the story of Larry Mahoney who had an alcohol level twice the legal limit when he was driving. He crashed into a school bus and "killed 27 beautiful children."

This bus crash made national headlines in 1989.

Roever attended the funeral and said the caskets were lined from wall to wall. "I never want to see 27 caskets again."

At this point, he went back to his story.

"I burned longer than I've talked. When they opened me for surgery two weeks later, I burst into flames because the phosphorus from the grenade was exposed to oxygen which started the burning. The doctors ran out and left me. They put me on a stretcher and were taking me to a helicopter. I burned through the stretcher. (When in the helicopter) they wrapped me in wet blankets," he said.

He caught a sight of his mutilated face in the glass. He pulled out his (oxygen) tube and waited to die.

He said now he could not lead a happier life.

He said to forget the past. "The future's in your hands. The past has slipped through your fingers."

"Drugs damage your will and you cannot make your own decisions. Don't blow it (life). Don't treat temporary problems with permanent solutions."

Then Roever continued his story and went on to the topic of equality.

"I was sent to a hospital (Brook Air Force Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas). 13 people went in and 12 died. I was the only one to live."

He said there was a man in the bed next to him who had no skin and was charred.

"Let me tell you something. When someone has no skin, you can't tell what

color he is. When a man is suffering he doesn't care what color a person is."

Roever said racial discrimination disgusts him.

When he left the hospital, he left with his "suitcase in one hand and sweet-heart in the other." Others were not so lucky.

"The man next to me, with no skin, his wife came to see him. She walked up

you're worth more than that.

This got him into a talk about respect for women and relationships.

"You're worth more than another notch on a belt buckle."

He said next time you're out on a date with Handy Andy and he starts something, slap his zit face and say "Do you want to be the first pregnant boy in Indiana?"

"Stay off of drugs and booze. You have the right to live a life free of it."

David Roever

to the foot of the bed, took off her wedding ring, set it between his two charred feet, told him he was an embarrassment and walked out. He was the first to die."

Roever's wife came and checked his chart to make sure it was him, stepped up to the bed, kissed what was left of his face, and told him she still loved him and welcomed him home.

"I'm sorry I can't look good for you any more," he said.

"You never did," she responded.

"This was her way of telling me she loved me just the way I was. It's not what a person looks like, it's what they're like inside."

"Hollywood says a perfect body makes a beautiful woman, but ladies,

On the other hand, he said, "Boys, don't let her high pressure you into getting married. Look at her mother because that's how she'll be."

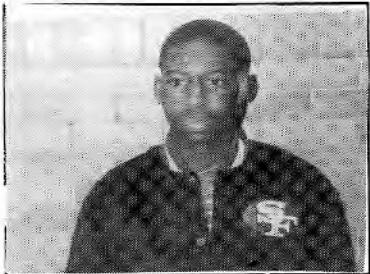
To end his presentation he played "Oh Danny Boy" on the piano. Because the majority of his fingers are non-functional, he played with his index finger and knuckles.

"I love you and I came here today to prove that to you. This song was written by a man for his son from World War One. This is dedicated to your parents and teachers who fought in the Vietnam War."

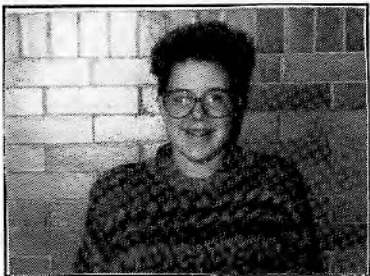
He concluded, "Learning to play the piano is the most difficult thing I've ever done."

Faces in the Crowd

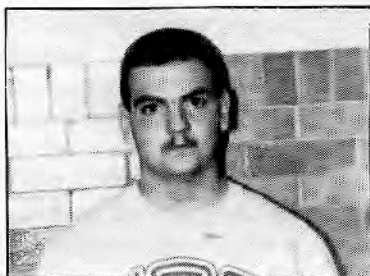
What is your Valentine's Day dream date?



"I would go to Hawaii to see all the pretty girls and sit in the sun," Corey McKinney, freshman.



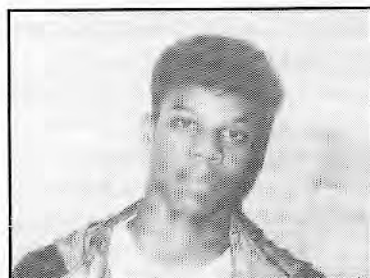
"I would go to France, see the Eiffle Tower, go to the most expensive restaurant, and take a ferry down the Champs-Elysses," Angie Caston, freshman.



"I would go to Emporium and then go to the mountains and camp around the campfire," Dan Raybuck, sophomore.



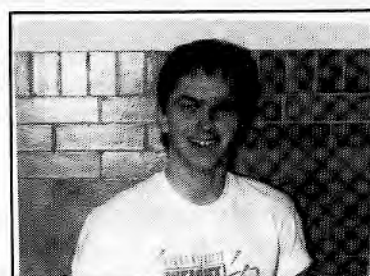
"I would go on a cruise to San Juan, explore the different cultures with my dream date," Caryn Gerber, sophomore.



"I would go to Florida and stay at the Embassy Suite with my lady," Javon Scruggs, junior.



"I would take a tour around the city in a limo, go out to eat, afterwards go dancing," Esther Salazar, junior.



"Walking along the shores of Panama dodging bullets with the girl of my dreams," Stan Wruble, senior.



"I would go to a dark restaurant where there are people playing violins," Betsy Lindenman, senior.

Photos by Wes Evard and Santiago Flores.

Editorial

McCullough preserves senior traditions

Already half of the school year is over and the second half has begun. It is this second half of the year that all seniors look forward to. The hardest part of the year is over with. It is the second semester that is regarded as "the most fun." The reason for this is because it is the second semester when all the past senior traditions start to be relived.

Such traditions are Ugly Couples week, the Prom, Senior Skip Day, English term paper (this activity is not considered to be fun by most), the week early release, and the shaving cream fight in the parking lot.

Being the class of 1990, we are the leaders of the new decade, but unfortunately, we are the class subjected to change. Two changes we're speaking of is the early week release and the shaving cream fight.

This year we will not be released a week early, but two days early. Originally, the seniors were going to be released at the same time as the underclassmen. The reason why, according to George McCullough, principal, is because the commencement ceremony will be held on June 10th. The underclassmen will be released on June 7th. If the seniors were released on the 7th, there wouldn't be enough time to get grades processed. Therefore, seniors will be released two days early.

We, as seniors, still believe that this is not fair. In years past, seniors have always been released a week prior to the underclassmen. We should commend the central office for giving us the two day early release, but why should we? They didn't give us this early release in order to uphold a tradition, but only to convenience themselves. Even though teachers will continue to teach that last week of school, many students won't learn anything because their minds will be on graduation and not the lesson at hand.

The only one who should be commended is McCullough for his idea to keep the tradition of the shaving cream fight. Since last year's fight got a little "hairy," McCullough has come up with an idea to still keep this tradition fun, but safe. His idea is to have the shaving cream fight out on the football field. This would keep cars in the parking lot from getting ruined (shaving cream takes off paint) and it would keep the fun contained so that it wouldn't get out of hand.

In addition to having the fight on the football field, each senior would be asked to donate about twenty-five cents to participate. This money would go to the administrators who would use this money to supply the shaving cream for the fight.

McCullough is one administrator who can relate to the idea of fun and tradition. How do you relate to his idea? Let us know!

Send in the ballot below to let us know and relay the attitude of the senior class to McCullough.

Ballot

Please fill out this ballot and return to the editor's box located on the right side of the cafeteria as you enter.

-Do you support this idea? _____

-How much money are you willing to donate in order to keep this tradition alive? _____

-Any other ideas? _____



Letters to editor

Library passes ridiculous

Dear Editor,

The policy that you need a pass during lunch to go to the library is ridiculous. First of all, what's the problem with going there and finishing some work that you didn't want to take home?

Secondly, is it a sin that one might want to go there and actually relax for a half hour during their own time, lunch? I mean if I was actually going to try to 'skip', I certainly wouldn't go to the library and do it. I mean, even South Bend has better hang-outs than the library!

What's the purpose of the library if students can't go there during their own time and do some work or even check out a book?

Consequently, the only places one is supposed to be in is the cafeteria or outside. Well, those are certainly limiting, I mean it's not like it's getting to be

a term of incarceration or anything! And the school doors are actually locked at 3:30 p.m. Well, I'm glad that my time served will be up in a semester!

Disgusted,
Senior

Increase class selection

Dear Editor,

The choice of history classes for sophomores needs to be increased. The only classes offered to sophomores are World History, which most students take their freshman year, World Geography, or Social Science Survey. There are two classes offered to juniors and six classes offered to seniors. I feel that these classes should be offered to tenth through 12th grade students.

Offering these classes to sophomores would give them a greater variety of

class choice. This would be especially beneficial to those students who plan on entering a social study-related career as well as those who are just interested in the class itself.

Even allowing sophomores to take U.S. History, a junior class which is required to graduate, would help lessen the problem; making it possible for a student to take four years of Social Studies. Students should be able to choose classes that interest them, not classes that are their only choice

Jennifer Garbacz
Freshman

Improve sound system

Dear Editor,

I have always felt that people should not promise to do something and then not do it. A good example, our elders.

The Review reserves the right to edit the content of any letter without altering its intent. All letters must be signed, but names will be withheld upon request and with good reason.

Well, the people I am talking about are not teachers, but they are leaders at Riley. This issue deals primarily with the Varsity pom pon squad.

The Varsity squad has been unable to perform twice because of a faulty sound system. This may not sound like a big deal, but it is considering there are a mere seven home games this season, five of which poms perform at. The squad practices very hard three, and usually more, days a week. We are beginning to wonder why we should bother.

I sincerely hope that the people, they know who they are, who promised to fix the problem, get it together. Something had better be done to improve the sound system soon or there won't be any half-time entertainment. Or maybe that will be what it takes to make them realize just what they're missing!!!

A Po'ed Pom,
Senior



Cat Chat

Red, lacy hearts, flowers, candy... Ahh, the month of "I'amour". While some of you are still on cloud nine after your wonderful Valentine's Day date, most of us are still trying to find one! Nothing can depress you like a romantic holiday when you find yourself dateless. It's bad enough sitting home every Saturday night, but on Valentine's Day? That's the ultimate bummer.

Don't worry, there's still hope, start planning ahead for next year. If you still find yourself dateless, here are a few suggestions: You can always call one of those great 800 numbers. Or put on those old, sappy love songs and cuddle up with your favorite teddy bear.

Better yet, grab that box of Valentine's Day chocolates (no one has to know you bought it for yourself), curl up on the sofa, and cry your eyes out with your favorite soap opera stars.

Invite all your boy/girlfriendless friends, sit around and exchange pity stories. There's always someone who is worse off than you. If none of this is enough inspiration to get a move on finding a date for next year, then I don't know what is!!!



Candid Cat



From left to right: Jenny Ihns, Bobby Goldwin, Veronica Flores, Becky Hansen, Misti Buti, Tony Bell, Shelley Hitchcock, Emily Schafer, Melanie Meyers, Lorena Chavez, Becky Hoover, Kathleen Bancroft.

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Can Cupid always hit on the target? : Teens speak from ♥



Sue Garbacz
Viewpoints Editor

"Valentine's Day means love and affection for your sweetie pie," says junior Lisa Beck.

"It means spending time with the person you love," says sophomore Rochelle Dunnuck.

One sophomore describes it as, "a time when everyone is kind and loving to each other."

Valentine's Day holds different meanings for different people. It is usually associated with flowers, candy, cards, and is thought of as a day to express one's love for another. Originally, however, it served an entirely different purpose.

The feast of St. Valentine was held to commemorate the death of a Roman priest who was martyred around 271 A.D. By the 14th century, the religious aspect of the celebration was covered by today's commercial traditions.

Although today's Valentine's Day celebrations have become quite commercial, several students created ideas for a celebration on a budget.

"Valentine's Day means love and affection for your sweetie pie."

Lisa Beck

"Stay home, use the phone," says freshman Matt Blacketer.

Senior Shannon Daniels says he would make his girlfriend a candlelight dinner at home.

"Send them [your Valentine] a homemade card or gift," says freshman Charles Marcussen.

Sophomore Megan McAdams says, "Rent a movie and spend a quiet evening at home."

Some students, exhibiting higher expectations, describe their dream dates.

"My dream date is a candlelight

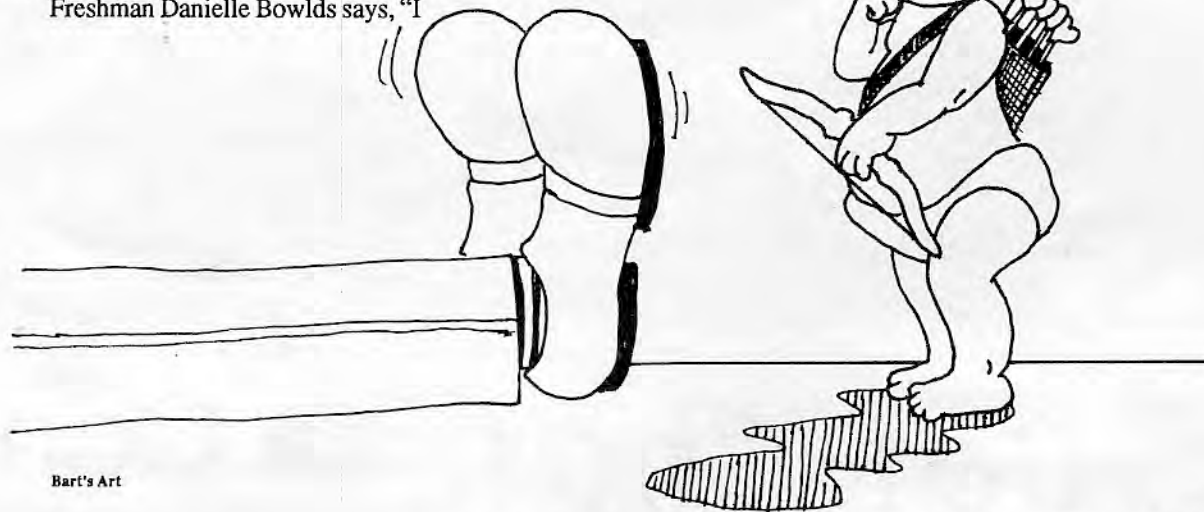
dinner by a roaring fire," says junior Eric Newman.

Senior Tony Walker describes his as a day in the Bahamas, sipping a drink and watching the sunset.

"Mr. Wonderful would pick me up in his BMW, sweep me off my feet, and we'd drive off into the sunset," said Beck.

Other students describe their most memorable Valentine's Day.

Freshman Danielle Bowlds says, "I



stayed home and watched movies with my family."

"In eighth grade, my boyfriend took me to Rum Village where he had a little picnic set up," recalls junior Stephanie Reitz. "Actually he was my best friend. He bought me a yellow rose for every year he'd known me, which was eight."

But some people are doomed to disaster dates.

Freshman Sharon Boone reports, "I attended a party at school, and the guy I liked kissed my best friend!"

The origin of sending Valentine's

Day cards was believed to have originated in London in 1415. While the Duke of Orleans was jailed there, he often wrote love poems to his wife in France. The idea caught on quickly.

Eleven out of 50 surveyed students buy someone a gift. The money they spend ranges from none to 300 dollars. The majority of these students spent from five dollars to \$25.

"I just want to be with my girlfriend so I can give her the present I bought her," said senior Jeffery Gish. "I only spent \$13, but it's a special one."

All but two of the surveyed students who have boy or girlfriends are spending Valentine's Day together.

Valentine's Day can be a hard day to celebrate if you have recently broken up with someone.

"I will probably find someone to

bum around with who doesn't have a boyfriend either, like my best friend Julie," says freshman, Kiley McKee.

Sophomore Melissa Dawson states her hypothetical cure, "I would sit home and mope around the house and watch 'Endless Love' a million times."

Most students don't find it a depressing holiday to spend alone.

"If I didn't have a girlfriend, it wouldn't bother me," says senior Aaron Burgess.

"It would be depressing, but I would probably just do something with my good friend Kiley," says freshman Julie Andrysiak.

Says junior Tami Lee, "It's sort of depressing. What you should do is call up someone you like and ask them out. If you're shy, just do it. Valentine's Day only comes once a year!"

Valentines Day:

A time for Great - Aunt Mildred and red hearts



Jessica Ross
Computer Editor

Commentary

Valentine's Day!!!! It reared its ugly red head before we were even back from winter break. Red, pink, and white that's all you ever see. Yuck!!

It was the perfect holiday for the 25 percent of us who are in love. For the rest of us, the majority, it was awful. The media is full of love, and for those of us who are part of a couple, life is peachy. I say putooty to all of it.

Valentine's Day started out as something religious but no one remembers what.

Tell me honestly have you ever been given a heart that said "be my valentine" by someone you weren't going with? Maybe in your dreams but that's all.

As always your Great Aunt Mildred was a part of the holidays. She loves Valentine's Day. She thinks it's so cute that you have a boyfriend. You

don't bother to tell her that you pay him to give you a ride to school. So as a present for having a boyfriend during Valentine's Day she gave you a little red

"It was the perfect holiday for the 25 percent of us who are in love."

Jessica Ross

heart shaped box full of candy that made you throw up.

Then there was the Valentine's dance, what could you have done????? You had to go or else you would have faced being a social reject the Monday morning afterwards. But who would have even consented to go with you?? Going stag wasn't a solution either be-

cause then you look like a nerd. Again, if you are in love it's awesome, but if you aren't, what's to do?

Then Valentine's Day arrived. You sat in your classes all day long hoping to get a card or flower. The girl sitting next to you got a dozen roses in every class all day long. You almost

barfed from the smell. All you wanted was one measly card.

So you decided to write an anonymous love letter to the guy who sits in front of you. Just as you were about to fold it your teacher walked by and said, "I'll take that." She then proceeded to read it out loud. The whole class laughed at you, you turned bright red, and wished

the earth had swallowed you up. Then you knew you would never have a chance with him. When the bell rang you were the first one out of the room.

Finally at the end of sixth hour, five minutes before the bell rang you opened your chemistry book to start your homework. Inside you found a

Valentine's Day card. Your heart flipped. The day wasn't ruined; you could still be happy. You thought the card would be from the guy that you have had a crush on all year long. You called all your friends over to watch you

open it, bad mistake. You opened the card and it was signed love, MOM. You should have just stayed in bed.

I hope you survived Valentine's Day without killing your mom, sending the girl next to you a dead rat, planting a bomb in the teacher's desk, or offering your Great Aunt Mildred a piece of the candy she gave you.



Yoder Street explosion: Tragedy has impact on Riley student



Above, Nicole Szymanski, junior, stands in front of the ruins that resulted from the explosion. To the left, are the destruction of the neighboring houses (Photos by Wes Evard).

Nicole Szymanski
News Editor

December 27 started out like any other day on Yoder Street. We had dinner and afterwards I went into my room to listen to some music and get ready to go to a movie. All of a sudden there was a CRACK-BOOM! It was the loudest sound I had ever heard in my life. I thought my head was caving in. The electricity went off and I heard my Dad yelling.

At first, I thought it was thunder, but then I realized it was too loud. I knew it was some kind of explosion and thought my oven blew up and my Dad had been hurt. This was all in a matter of seconds. I ran and groped my way into the living room. My family was screaming in a panic. The first thing that I heard was my Dad yelling, "Jack just blew himself up!"

I looked into the kitchen towards his "house" (now just shards) and all I saw was an orange color. My mom was screaming at us to get our shoes and coats and get out. My Dad was screaming at the neighbors to call 911. I ran into my room, grabbed my jambox and money and took off. When I got outside, I looked back and saw my roof on fire (we found out later it was only his mattress, which had gotten blown there).

His yard, the street, our yard, and three other neighbors' yards were covered with his house. All I could think was, what if I see parts of him laying around?

My two sisters, my brother, and I ran over to the house across the street. The police and firemen had just arrived and my Dad started screaming at the sheriff telling him it was the system's fault. I was in hysterics and couldn't believe what had just happened. Then the firemen started yelling at everyone to evacuate because there was a gas leak.

We headed off to a friend's house a couple of doors down. We got there and my 14 year old sister was totally traumatized. My other younger sister who is nine was crying and kept asking if she was going to die. My brother, who is five, was crying, confused, and clutching a stuffed animal. I had calmed down and decided to take a good look at the mess and find out what was going on. There were neighbors and other

people all over the place. I found my Dad and I went up our driveway and we were watching them search through the pile that had been Jack's house. We found out that part of his roof had flown over our house, spun around on the roof of our other neighbors, and landed in their yard.

His front door and part of the front of his house were across the street in that person's yard. His van was blown on top of his other neighbors' garage and had smashed it, and the side of his house facing ours had slammed onto the side of

our house and landed in our driveway. By this time my two uncles, my aunt, and my grandmother were there and we were allowed to go into the house and collect what valuables we could.

I couldn't believe it. The kitchen floor was coated with glass, our side door was completely blown out, there were gaping holes in the walls, all of our pots and pans and kitchenware were laying in the center of the kitchen, where my sister had been just seconds before it happened. The cabinets, the sink, and the

counter were all detached from the wall and all of the windows and frames were blown out.

Next was the bathroom. The floor was covered with glass and things out of the cupboards, the sink was detached from the wall, the window and frame was blown out, and there was a hole where the toilet paper roll used to be.

Our living room floor was all glass and our picture window was disconnected, but still hanging on the tiniest bit, and our

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Was it suicide? Only Jack knows

Nicole Szymanski
News Editor

Jack was my neighbor on Yoder Street and he was a very gentle man. As you may be aware from the coverage by local T.V. stations and the South Bend Tribune, he may have committed suicide by instigating an explosion in his own home. He was a drinker, and was suicidal when under the influence.

When he was sober he wanted help. I believe he wanted to commit suicide, but did not mean to cause the explosion which traumatized and endangered the neighborhood.

All his life, he lived with and took care of his mother. He had lost contact with the few distant relatives he had. He was 58, had many medical problems, and because he spent all of his time and money taking care of his mother, he never got the proper medical treatment. Last year, his mother died. Jack became extremely lonely and was in such physical pain he could only shuffle when he walked.

This past October 2, another neighbor, Gary, cut Jack's grass and knocked on his door to check on him. Jack came to the door and started crying and telling Gary that this would be the last time that Gary would see him because he was going to kill himself. He had had his gun cocked for three days and was trying to get enough nerve to use it.

Gary called the sheriff, who came and tried talking to Jack. Jack kept call-

ing for my mother (because she had helped his mother) so they came and got her. She was there all day talking with him. The sheriff's department got a court order to put him under protective custody and transported him to Marion Veteran's Hospital in Marion, Indiana.

He stayed there for two weeks and then signed himself out against medical advice. My mother called the suicidal hotline and helpline because he was starting to go downhill again. Both said that they don't take second party calls.

Then she contacted the Outreach program and a social worker came out. The social worker talked to Jack, tried to get him financial assistance (he had an income of \$130 a month), and told my mother to get him a counselor at Madison Center, which my mom did.

My mother started calling him every day to make sure he was all right.

"Jack was my neighbor on Yoder Street and he was a very gentle man."

Nicole Szymanski

On November 7, she noticed his lights weren't on so she tried calling him, but there was no answer. She and my Dad tried the door and there was still no answer. His van was there, so he was. They called the sheriff and he went in. It turned out he had had an epileptic seizure and it was so violent he was all bashed up.

He was put into Michiana Com-

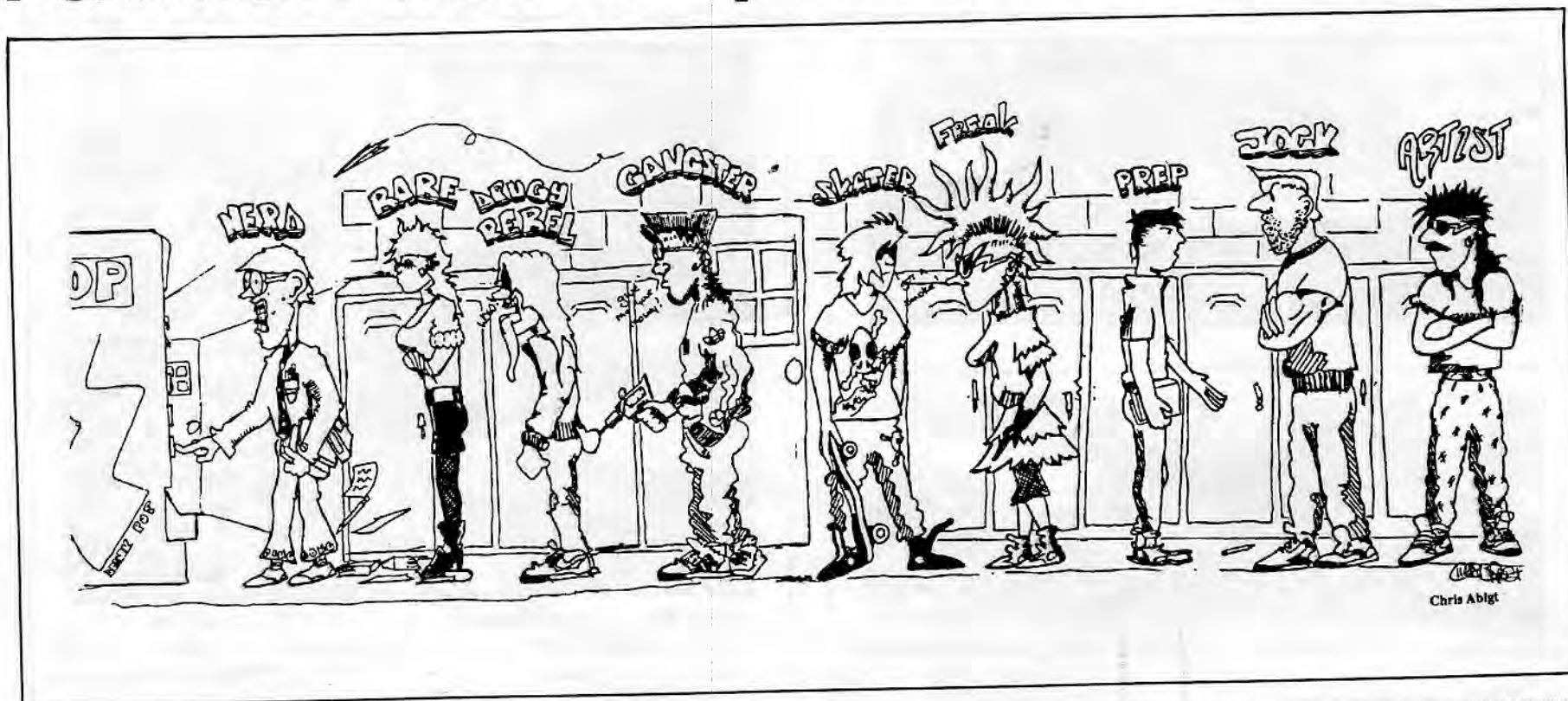
munity Hospital until November 11. My mother contacted a social worker at Michiana Community and they said they weren't able to do anything, so she called Adult Protective Services. They said, "If he knows drinking affects him and he wants to die, then that's his right and you'll have to accept that." Basically, they told my mom to let him die.

On the 16th, my mom made her daily call and Jack was drunk, crying, and threatening to shoot himself. He told her if he saw the sheriff he'd do it, so she called his counselor who came to talk to Jack. The police got him under 72 hour custody again and took away his guns. That night, my parents drove him to Michiana Community Hospital. The next day he was again taken to Marion VA Hospital and was released on November 22. My parents drove him home and he spent Thanksgiving dinner with us.

The police gave him back his guns on December 11. The next day was a repeat of the 16th. The sheriff came out and Jack became violent and fought with the police. They arrested him and got a court order to destroy his guns.

On Christmas Eve, Jack decided not to join us for dinner because of his health. Three days later his life ended in the fatal explosion.

Fashion flair is up to the individual



Chris Abigt

Susannah Detlef
Staff Reporter

"Oh yuck! Did you see what he was wearing?"

"Yeah, what a dork. He must have dug that out of a 1970's archive!"

Let the wearer beware. Since the beginning of time, people have characterized themselves and others according to the way they dress.

At times, the labels people give each other based on style of dress are less than flattering, and even go so far as to be offensive.

According to a poll given in junior English classes, several labels were given. A few of the most common were 'nerd', 'scum', 'prep', 'jock', 'skater', 'air-head', 'dork', 'slut', 'hood', 'snob', 'geek', 'tardo', 'brown-noser', 'wimp', 'putz', and 'new wave'.

Some may wonder if there is any basis to these labels aside from outward appear-

ance. Most students feel there is not.

"They laugh at people who wear shoes that aren't real leather, like 'Pleathers' and stuff," said sophomore George Hankins.

"You can't judge a book by its cover: I dress in different ways..."

Troy Woods

"A lot of people like me wear different kinds of stuff because of the way they feel. Attitudes change everyday. You can't judge," said junior Jeremiah McMillin.

Brian Myers, counselor at Madison Center, feels that a person's personality can be tied to the image.

"Often the way people dress can tell you a lot about what they are like," Myers says.

According to junior Gabe Huseman, a 'scum' is someone with long, stringy, greasy hair who never bathes.

Possibly the most common are the 'preps'. But what exactly is a 'prep'? "Someone who is rich or well-off, hangs around friends in groups of five or more at a time and dresses only in brand name

clothing of the day," said junior Amy MacDonald.

Myers believes that clothing can be either a help or a hindrance when trying to fit in.

Myers also believes that there is a subculture in which people make an obvious effort to dress differently from what is considered normal or accepted, perhaps to avoid stereotypes or to find a group in which they fit.

Connie Franklin, senior, believes that the reason some of these students dress

differently, such as wearing all black, is "either because they are into Satanism, or because their minds are different. They think about different things."

Troy Woods, sophomore, said, "You can't judge a book by the cover: I dress in different ways, like a prep, like a hood, but I'm always me."

So the next time you are at the mall, and find yourself staring at the girl with the six inch mohawk who is wearing enough leather to clothe a herd of cattle, remember that underneath all the make-up and designer labels, she is a person, just like you.

Yoder Street explosion:

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front door and frame were warped. My parents' bedroom window had been shattered and there were cracks in the walls and ceiling throughout the house. Other than that the bedrooms were OK.

While we were inside they had uncovered Jack. They found him in the basement (the floor had collapsed underneath him) sitting in a chair holding his legal papers. As they pulled Jack from the wreckage he kept yelling, "Just let me die! I want to die!" He had severe internal injuries and second and third degree burns. He died right before 11 p.m.

My parents and I started packing clothes for the night and next day and hauled everything to the neighbors. We spent the night at my grandmother's and decided not to worry about the rest until the next day.

Early the next morning my mom, dad, and I went to see what we could do with the house and what we missed in the dark.

The street was blocked off so we had to park and walk. At the end of our street we found a letter of Jack's from when he was in Korea in 1952, and all of the snow on the block was speckled with black soot and insulation.

When we got to his yard we were

looking around. I could see his clothes, a snoopy phone (but his head was gone), cigarettes, a gun and, later on, a friend found some false teeth. Nothing from his house had burned except his mattress.

The firemen were still investigating and finally came to the conclusion that his house was filled with natural gas from a line in the basement, something sparked, and it went. All of the oxygen was sucked out during the explosion which is why nothing burned.

We went into our house, but were not allowed to clean up until insurance checked out the place. Some friends two doors down, who are in Florida, offered their house to us. After the insurance came, we started hauling everything we could up to our "new home." There were so many gawkers it took twice as long to move.

Then we listed everything that needed replacing. After we had moved out, the construction company started. They are working on it at the present time. Everything in the kitchen and bathroom was ripped down to the studs. My parents have picked out new carpet, tiles, and furniture for our new living room, kitchen, and bathroom. All of the walls will be replastered and painted, and the outside of

our house will get new siding and be repainted.

The remains of his house are still laying around in his yard and will not be cleaned up until March. Hopefully, we will be back in our new home by March.

Our neighbors, friends, and family were very supportive and helpful and demonstrated their genuine goodwill. They invited us into their homes and offered us places to stay until we got our feet back on the ground. My grandmother had us stay with her for three days and watched the little ones until we had moved. Other friends invited us to dinner and everyone kept up our spirits. This strengthened our faith in the need for friends and family.

Now our family has regained a sense of normality, however, we value each other more and are a little bit stronger in unity.

"I'll always wonder what Jack was thinking right before it happened," said my mother, who added she still lays awake many nights and goes over it in her mind.

We will always be affected by the incident and the sadness and horror that surrounded it, and also the fact that it could have been prevented had someone gotten to Jack in time.

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Brazier: Modest junior excels in piano



Latonia Mosby
Staff Reporter

Pianist Marlena Brazier, a 16 year-old junior, reveals an uncommon modesty about her many talents.

"I don't think I'm the best, but I also don't feel I'm the worst," Marlena confidentially stated. "I like what I am."

The pampered youngest of 15 siblings claims, "I love it!"

Marlena remembers what it was like living with most of her brothers and sisters.

"It was a lot of fun. Everybody loved me to death. Psyche...!!! But I got spoiled."

She added, "It was very crowded, I

Personal profile

Brazier is musically gifted.

A pianist of 12 years, she's spent her last three studying at Riley under choir director Dan Miller.

Miller, stated, "She's considerably progressed since her first year. She is more relaxed and even able to flash her beautiful smile on occasion."

What types of music does a pianist like Brazier seem best suited to?

Juniors Quitina Smith and Lisa Wynn, friends of Brazier, agreed, "Gospel!"

Miller took a different route and stated, "She may prefer one type over another, but she appears to be comfortable with

"She's considerably progressed since her first year. She is more relaxed and even able to flash her beautiful smile on occasion."

Dan Miller

didn't have a bedroom. I was just moved from room to room. I didn't have my own bedroom until everyone started getting older and moving out. We were always together all the time."

She recollects that being the baby didn't stop her from quarrelling with her older siblings.

"I remember Harold and I got into it," continued Brazier.

Harold Brazier is the nationally acclaimed Boxer who graduated from Riley.

"I was punching him my hardest, of course, I don't think it hurt him. He just kept throwing me back. Of course, I was in the right!"

Aside from being an honor student,

everything set before her."

Wynn remembers an incident that happened this year, one Friday night, after a football game.

"We were all riding around. I had one car and Sonya Woods was driving the other. We both stopped at Burger King and everybody got out and started talking. Then Sonya left with the girls that were driving with her. And I thought Marlena had got a ride with Sonya, so I eventually left with the others. Marlena was left behind, with no ride!"

Brazier remembers that night well, "I was so embarrassed!" But true to form she kept her cool under pressure.

"Luckily, I rode back by Burger King on my way home and saw her," Wynn

added. "But I did get a punishment for missing my curfew."

Marlena describes her scariest moment while playing the piano, "When I was six-years-old, I played for the lay club at my church. And I just stopped and started to cry because I wasn't used to playing around kids my own age." She recalls sometimes already knowing the information her piano teacher was trying to teach her.

"My mom taught me ahead of time some of the stuff my piano teacher tried to teach me. I just played it off and let her teach me though," said Brazier.

Aside from her academic studies and

music lessons, Marlena's involved with Project Teach and is a member of the multi-cultural society. She wants a job, but is often too busy for one.

Marlena's plans after graduation are to attend Bethel College for two years and then Central Michigan University for four. "I want to be an accountant or maybe a teacher," said Brazier.

She adds, "I love working with kids, and I wouldn't mind teaching honors junior English," in reference to her own enjoyable class.

What lies in store for Marlena's future? She said that in the future she would like to be rich.



Marlena Brazier, junior, practices piano (Photo by Wes Evard).

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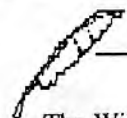
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Wildcats clinch NIC title: First time in 45 years



Tim Firestone
Staff Reporter

The Wildcats beat the Mishawaka Cavemen 78-76 Friday, February 9 to win their first Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) since 1945.

"It's a great feeling to win the NIC. We deserved it," said junior forward Eric Ford.

Riley was led by 6'5" all-state candidate Jeermal Sylvester scoring 30 points and 11 rebounds.

"I give all the credit to Boedy (senior Charles Adams) and Andre (Owens, junior) for getting me the ball when I was open," said Sylvester, senior.

Riley played without Adams in the

On the following night, the Cats journeyed to the dreaded McCuen Gym in Elkhart to take on the top-ranked Minutemen of Concord. Concord had a 45 game winning streak going into that game.

The Cats were in the game all the way to the end.

Riley was down 39-36 at the half but Concord stretched their lead to 10 midway through the third quarter.

A 16-2 spurt in the final minutes of the third quarter and into the fourth put Riley ahead 60-56, but Concord answered with a five point spurt of their own.

Riley was led by Ford with 18 points and Owens with 17 points. Adams chipped in 15 points.



Seniors, Jeermal Sylvester and Eric Ford, along with manager, Steve Balint, watch the remainder of the Concord game with a look of despair (Photo by Santiago Flores).

"We have completed one of our two goals this season; we won the NIC and now we have to win the sectional."

Eric Ford

first quarter and most of the second because he was suffering from a back ache.

He returned to play a key role in the second half.

"When Adams came in he cranked it up a notch," according to Mishawaka coach Bill Davidson in the February 1 issue of the *South Bend Tribune*.

With that win, the Wildcats go 8-0 in the NIC with one conference game remaining with Michigan City Elston tonight.

Elston is 1-8 in the conference after having to forfeit 16 games because of a player not having enough credits.

Riley lost Sylvester with 5:11 to play in the fourth quarter after five fouls. It was the first time in Sylvester's career that he didn't score in double figures.

Riley was whistled for 27 fouls compared to the Minutemen's 11. Concord went to the free-throw line 36 times compared to the Wildcats' meager eight times.

"We were in the game until the very end without one of the best players in the state (Sylvester)," said Riley coach Bob Berger.

This season Riley has been led by the talented threesome of Sylvester, Owens and Ford.

Sylvester leads the Cats in scoring with a 22.4 scoring average. Ford is second with a 17.3 points a game.

Owens is averaging 15.3 points a game but, scoring isn't his strong suit.

"Andre keeps the team clicking, he is like a floor general, he is definitely our most valuable player," said senior Todd Berger.

Riley is now 16-3 and as of February 6, ranked 14th in the state.

"We have to bounce back and get

ready for Elston and the sectionals," said Sylvester.

"We have completed one of our two goals this season; we won the NIC and now we have to win the sectional," said Ford.

The sectional pairings will be drawn on Sunday.

The sectional teams consist of Riley, St. Joe, Clay, Mishawaka, Washington, Mishawaka, Marian, Adams, and La-Salle.

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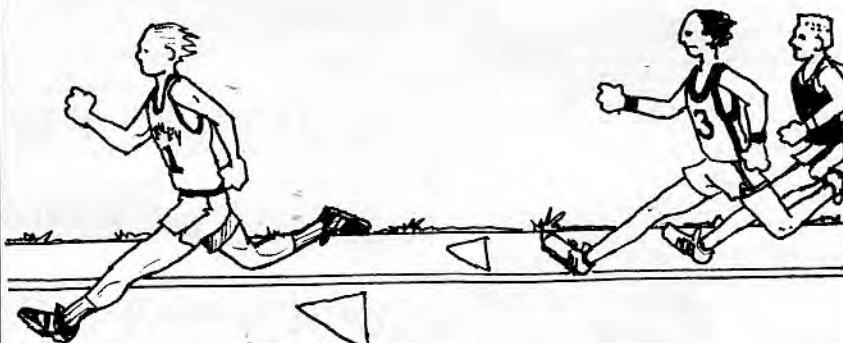
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Girls' Basketball

Lady Wildcats reflect on mediocre season



Greg Carroll
Staff Reporter

The 1989-90 Lady Wildcats are looking to the future with a more experienced and a stronger group that will be returning next season.

"This year we didn't have a lot of experience. Next year, with a year behind our younger players, especially at the guard position, we should be able to handle the pressures that come along with the varsity," said coach Gordon Polsgrove.

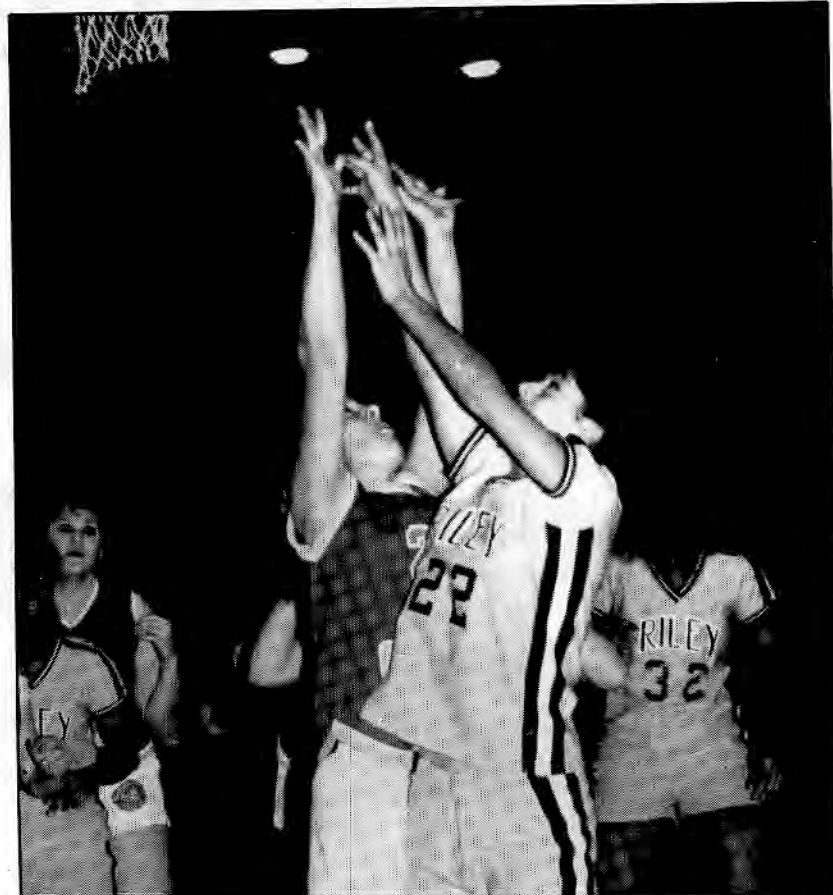
"We are already looking towards next year. This summer we're really going to work hard and try to become a better team unit," stated junior, Jennifer Mielke.

On Tuesday, January 30, the Lady Cats ended their season with a loss to the St. Joe Indians at Mishawaka, 48-39. Despite a late surge by the girls, they still lost.

"Everything seemed to go wrong—there was a lot of pressure on our team and I guess we kind of panicked. We put them to the line too much and that really hurt us," said senior, Yolanda Gilliam.

The Cats were out-rebounded 42-28 by a stronger and more experienced St. Joe squad. "We definitely didn't play up to our potential. Our shots weren't dropping at all," said Mielke.

"This year we really have stressed tough team defense," said Polsgrove.



Junior, Jennifer Mielke, attempts to make a basket as an opponent blocks (Photo by Root).

They held a Concord team which averaged over 50 points a game to 33. The Lady Cats also played a very tough and ranked Michigan City Elston team, and

played them well. Other victories during the season include such teams as Mishawaka, Elkhart Central, Marian, and Washington.

"This year we have made pretty good strides in improvement as a team. We have a senior who really didn't get enough recognition, and that was Melanie "Crash" Carter. She did a lot with the rebounding part of our game. We call her "Crash" because she crashes through everyone, even through her own teammates," stated Polsgrove.

"I don't think we ended overall like we thought we would. Most of all, I think we tried our hardest and had fun at the same time," said Gilliam. "Our strength this year was our defense. We probably need more experience in the back court but that will all come in due time," said Mielke.

"I guess you could say that we were short on numbers this year. We didn't have much of a bench to lean on like other teams did. Next year, we will be a lot more experienced," stated Polsgrove.

Gilliam, who was selected to second team all Northern Indiana Conference, led the team in rebounding and scoring. She averaged 13.2 points a game. Junior, Mielke was right behind her with a 10.6 average. Sophomore guard, Stephanie Luber led the team in the assist category. The team's overall record was 9-10.

The 1989-1990 Lady Wildcat Varsity basketball team included: seniors, Yolanda Gilliam and Melanie Carter; junior Jennifer Mielke; sophomores, Carrie Maurer and Stephanie Luber.

Sports Update

Boys Swimming

The boys' varsity swim team won the Northern Indiana Conference title for the ninth consecutive year. For the senior swimmers on the team, this was their fourth straight conference title.

"As seniors we are very proud of our accomplishments, and are looking forward to the trial round of sectionals," said senior and team captain Clark Hoover.

This is only the second group of boys swimmers to accomplish winning the NIC for all four years.

"Winning the conference title was a total team effort. The guys that placed fifth are just as important as the ones that placed first," said coach David Dunlap.

The team record, as of February 6 held at 11-2, with their only two losses coming from Kokomo and Munster. The swimmers swam at the first round of sectionals on Feb. 15. After advancing through the final round of the sectionals on Feb. 17, they will go to the state playoffs on February 23 at Indiana-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

Wrestling

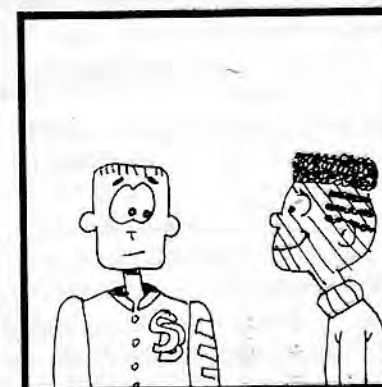
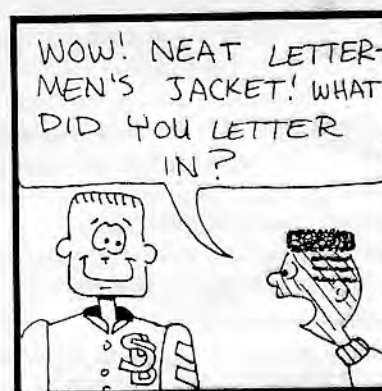
The varsity wrestling team ended their season with a record of 11-6. Rival teams such as Plymouth, LaPorte, Marian, Elkhart Central, LaSalle, Bremen, Washington, Michigan City Elston, Adams, and Clay were defeated. The Wildcats also defeated Penn for the first time since 1973. According to Todd Stammich, senior, no other South Bend school has accomplished this in over 17 years.

Other victories for the team overall include placing second in the Niles Invitational, being seven and two in the Northern Indiana Conference, and runner-up in sectionals.

I was disappointed when we lost the conference because I thought we had enough talent to win," said Stammich.

Individually, four wrestlers advanced to the semi-state playoffs. Senior, Tony Bailey placed first at the LaPorte Regionals, senior, Tony Pink and junior, Tom Franko made runners-up in their separate weight classes, and junior, Matt Wills placed third in the heavy weight class.

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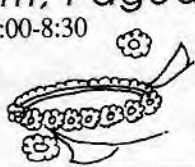


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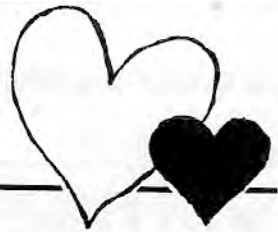
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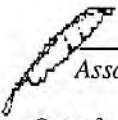
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Unemployment: Teens find help in job search



Jennifer Dolce
Associate Editor of Computers

Out of a job? You won't have far to go to look for one now that Riley has opened its own job placement office.

James Fenters, marketing teacher, had wanted to do something like this for a long time.

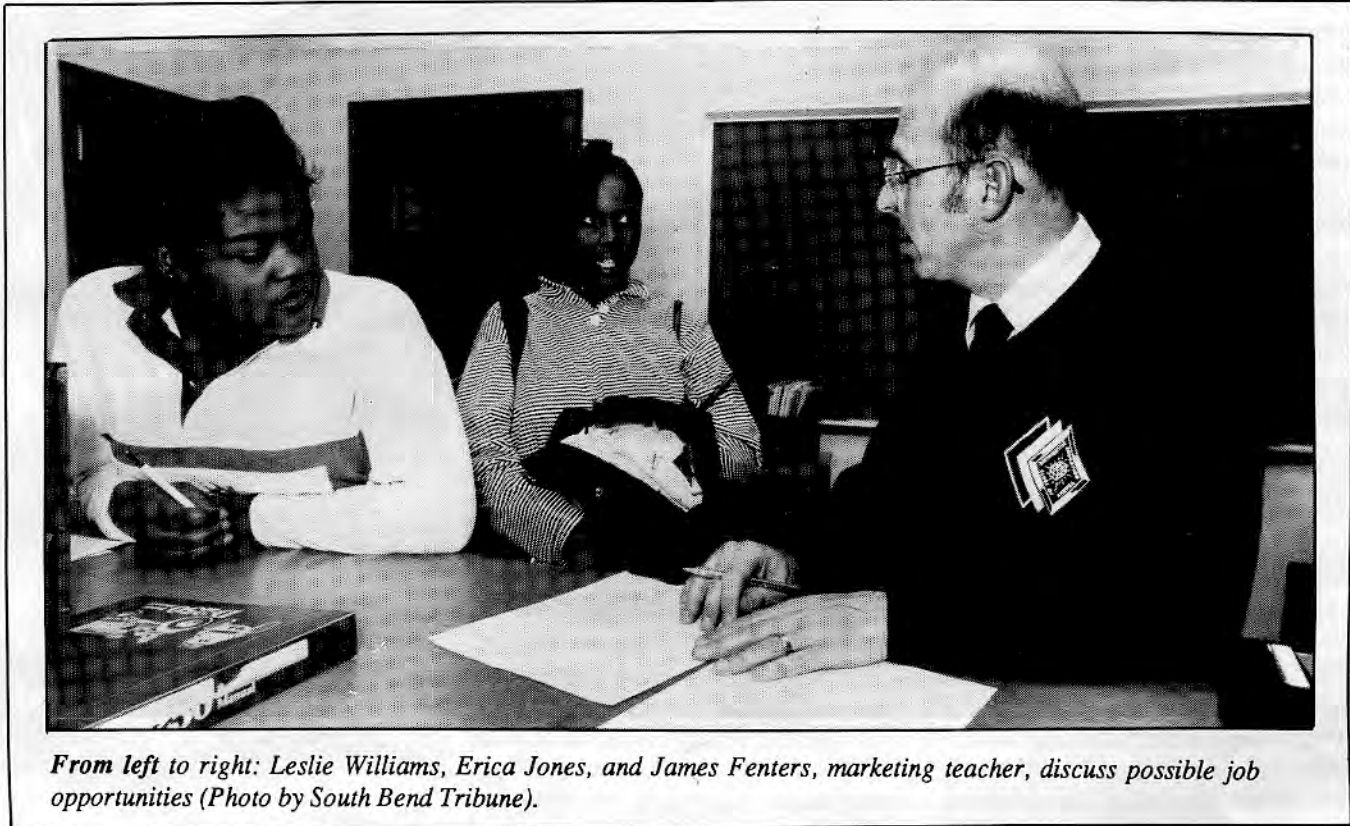
"I've seen it done in other cities where it has been successful, but there is nothing around here like it," said Fenters.

It is easy to apply. Any student who is seeking employment is eligible for this service. The student may be either already employed, but looking for a better opportunity for advancement, or never employed previously.

The student first must fill out a data sheet supplied by Fenters from room 323. He must specify the type of job he is looking for, his skills, previous employment, and whether he wants a full or part time job. Then what the business department tries to do is locate an applicable job to fit his needs.

Nancy Wiand, business teacher, said that there has been a good response from both students and businesses, but she has not gotten a handle yet on the actual number of students who have started jobs through the office.

"I went in one day after school looking for a job. Mr. Fenters asked me what type of job I was looking for, I told him, and he found a suitable position right away. I came back a week later after I had thought about it, and he set up an interview for me. I went in when he told



From left to right: Leslie Williams, Erica Jones, and James Fenters, marketing teacher, discuss possible job opportunities (Photo by South Bend Tribune).

me, and I was hired," said senior Brad Wolford.

According to Fenters, the business department sent out over 700 letters to businesses in the community to inform them of the service. Many have replied listing their positions which need to be filled. These are kept on file until a student requests that job. The jobs available range from mechanical, secretarial, and construction work to baggers, babysitters, and fast food positions.

"I heard the job placement P. A. announcement about Eli's Bridal Shoppe looking for people to model prom dresses. I called about it and told them I was from Riley and they set up an interview. This interview was with all the other prospective models. She explained to us that only one girl from each school would get the job," said senior Renee Lentine.

"I found out that junior Amy Dworecki got the job. The manager from Eli's was pleased to see the number of students

who turned out for the interview. I was pleased that the job placement office offered me a chance to get a modeling job. I will be using the job placement office again soon to get a good summer job," continued Lentine.

This service is absolutely free. It is also available for parents.

"Several of the positions that are available offer daytime hours that high school students cannot work. These are Continued on page 2

Vietnam vet's tragedy inspires teens



Veteran, David Roever, motivates students with past experiences (Photo by Wes Evard).



Nicole Szymanski
News Editor

His skin was scarred and bumpy, his eyes uneven, one off-center and outlined in red, and he had limp fingers that rested in awkward positions that did not function.

Vietnam veteran, David Roever, made a trip to Riley on February 5 to talk to students. He is one of the world's foremost youth speakers and speaks to over 250,000 students all over the United States each year.

Intertwined with a talk about how to avoid drugs, suicide, peer pressure, and the importance of equality, he recollected the experience in Vietnam that distorted his appearance and almost killed him.

In Vietnam, he was involved in a decoy, and was to throw a grenade into some bushes. It contained a white phosphorus which once it starts burning, it does not stop.

"I was holding the grenade six inches from my ear when a bullet hit it. (The grenade exploded spreading the chemical). I lost 60 pounds of flesh and 40 percent of my skin. I could see half of my face lying on the ground between my feet. The only reason I knew I was alive was because I could (literally) see my own heart beating. I went blind in my right eye and I now have a hair piece and a plastic ear. I jumped in some water and was literally beside myself," said Roever, which brought about laughter from the audience of freshmen and sophomores.

After this statement, he talked about the importance of laughter.

"Laughter can make you high and you can take it to school legally. Look at Cosby. He's a pusher's main enemy, he's making more money than them."

He then discussed decisions and used his most valued one as an example.

He said the hardest thing he ever had to do was kiss his wife goodbye when heading off for Vietnam. He

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