

## Will the SBCSC have a new superintendent? Nominee declines offer amid charges of racism

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An anonymous, slanderous letter regarding the personal practices of superintendent candidate, James Easton Ed.D., was received by the South Bend Community School Corporation Board of Trustees during the week of April 25, prior to the final vote.

The letter stated that he had misappropriated school funds and that his son was involved with gangs. This has been one more obstacle in the corporation's search for superintendent which began last summer following the resignation of Monte Sriver Ed.D.

The school board elected to use the consulting firm of Plath, Nielson, and Rodgers to conduct the nationwide search.

"It was my opinion that without an outside firm the board could not come to a satisfactory

According to board member, Nancy King, the number of candidates was narrowed down to three: Richard Cross, Alaskan superintendent; Easton, deputy superintendent of Fort Wayne Schools, and Patricia Oldt, who withdrew her application following her acceptance of the position of superintendent of Grand Rapids schools.

Sweeney claimed that there is little credibility in an anonymous letter, and said that the letter, in and of itself, did not influence the board's decision.

"An anonymous letter is an attempt to assassinate a character. I don't like that," he said. "It doesn't have the same credence that signing one's name to the letter would have."

Easton has refuted the allegations in the letter as slander.

"That's ludicrous. Those things are easily checked," he said.

Despite the letter's uncertainty, the board voted to select Cross with four votes; two were cast in Easton's favor and there was one abstention.

Following the decision, protests erupted from community members and civic organizations, among them the National Association for the Advancement of

Colored People (NAACP) and the Urban League.

"Looking at the qualifications, I think the strongest candidate was Easton, basically because he has his doctorate, he has been a principal, and has served the SBCSC," said Mario Simms of the Urban League.

Simms and Reverend Timothy Rouse, director of the South Bend NAACP, feel that since Cross's only prior experience in the educational field has been that of a high school teacher, the vote was racially motivated.

"We can see no other factor that would cause the board not to select Easton," said Rouse. "We haven't heard a satisfactory explanation as to why they haven't appointed him."

Sweeney stated race did not become an issue until the public made it one. King agrees.

"Racial connotations have never been a motive for me. I don't believe that was the case here, either," she said.

"At this point, I don't want to believe that race was a factor. The primary function of the Urban League and the NAACP is to

look after such matters. I can understand their position," said Easton.

As a result of these protests and after receiving several pressuring letters, Cross refused the position, leaving the board to review Easton's credentials once again.

The situation prompted many to reassess PNR's performance.

"I question the process that does not treat all candidates fairly. Easton was asked questions about his personal life that the others were not," said Simms. "I would hope in the future the selection process will be fair and impartial."

On the other hand, Sweeney believes the task was completed successfully.

"The board didn't seem to have much problem [with PNR]

until it came down to them [the board] making decisions," he said.

Visitations to Easton's community are planned for the week of June 1; after which the board will decide whether or not to offer him the job.

"There is no question in my mind that I am qualified. I am honest, straightforward, and articulate," said Easton.

If the board once again rejects his application, PNR will either be reconsulted or internal candidates will be considered, according to Sweeney.

He added that he has no way of knowing whether or not Easton will be offered the job at this point.

"We're still committed to getting the best person for the position," said King.



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conclusion," said Robert Sweeney M.D., school board president and spokesperson.

Invitational brochures listing the qualifications for the position were distributed to interested candidates and applications were accepted for the position through March 25, 1993.



Good drawing, but I don't understand its connection to the article.



## An apple for the principal?

# McCullough wins Golden Apple award from local television station

*By* Tom Wilson  
Feature Editor

*very clever lead*

An apple for the principal? George McCullough, principal, won the Golden Apple award from WSJV making him one of the top five educators in the South Bend Community School Corporation in 1993 according to Larry Ford, news director of WSJV.

"It is a great honor to be chosen as a recipient of the Golden Apple award," said McCullough.

The award is given to someone who goes beyond the day to day chores of an educator; someone who has a vision, goals, and employs methods to attain those goals, according to Ford.

McCullough does not take sole credit for winning the award. He appreciates help from everyone at Riley.

"It takes more than one person to win an award," he said. "If not for the high quality and nature of my fellow administrators and faculty, this award could not have happened."

An editorial panel of three judges read through about fifteen letters, each was sent by faculty, students, and community patrons.

Through the process of elimination, the judges chose the nominees who best represented their schools, according to Ford.

The award is given to educators who have shown excellence in Michiana.

Normally, the Golden Apple is given to teachers, but McCullough was an exception, according to Amy Hesser, WSJV

reporter.

"I was surprised when Hesser called me on the phone to tell me the news," said McCullough.

Besides receiving the Golden Apple, McCullough was honored on WSJV with a ceremony of appreciation, where he received the trophy.

The Golden Apple was awarded to McCullough for a number of reasons.

"McCullough was selected for his outstanding efforts at making Riley the best it can be," said Hesser.

"The good things the community is hearing about Riley, our success, our experience and the excellent programs we offer make us unique. It is not a one-man job. Everyone at Riley has contributed to the award," said McCullough.

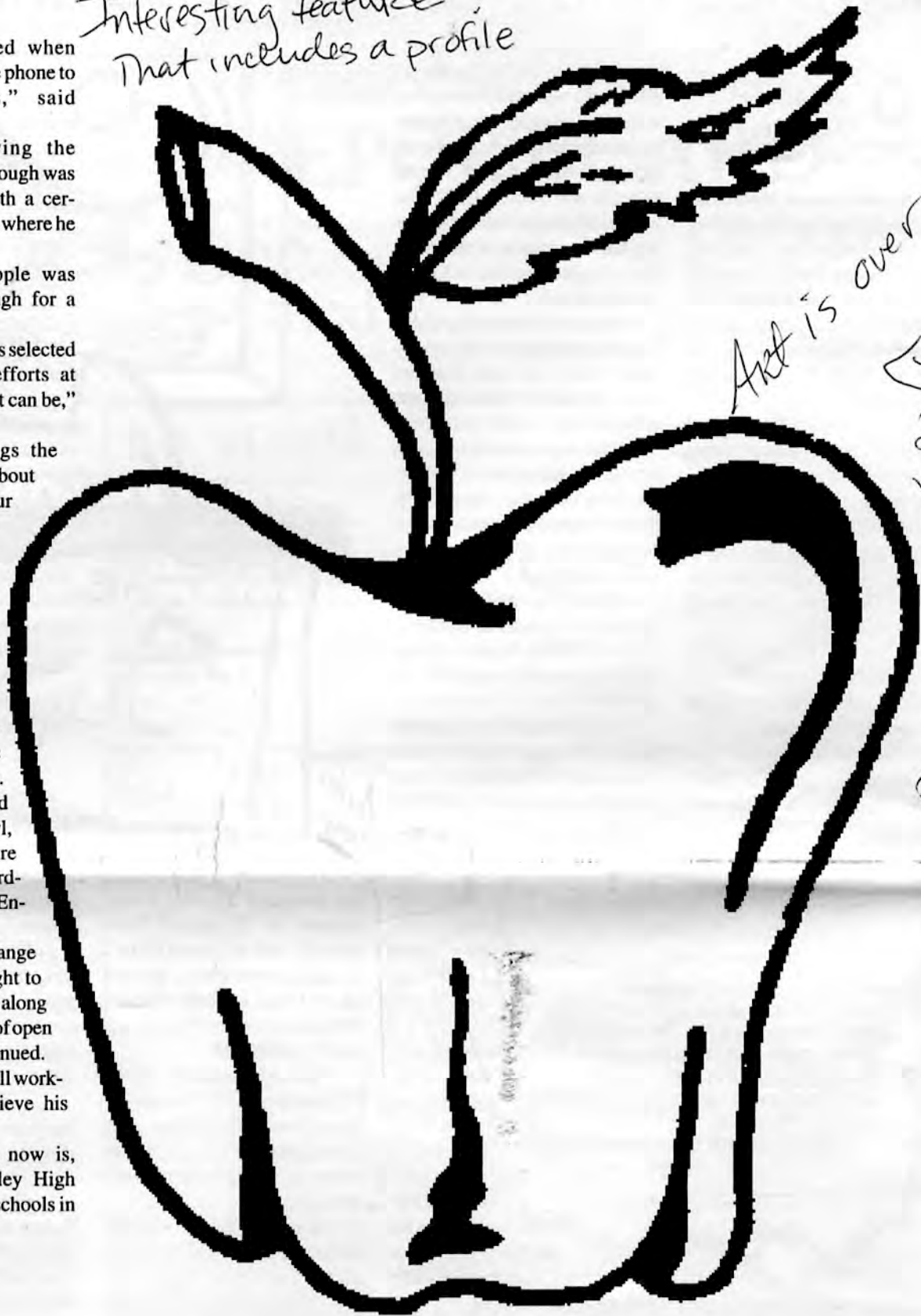
McCullough has backed up all academic and athletic programs. He has always supported things like Quiz Bowl, *The Review*, and Future Problem Solvers, according to Leona Johnston, English teacher.

"The biggest change McCullough has brought to this school is that he gets along with everybody...a sort of open door policy," she continued.

McCullough is still working adamantly to achieve his goals.

His main focus now is, "striving to make Riley High School one of the best schools in the country," he said.

*Interesting feature that includes a profile*



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## Robert Sever: Presidential Scholar Student wins highest honor in country

*By* Jim Van Fleit  
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Editor-in-Chief

Robert Sever, senior, has won the highest honor a high school student can possibly get.

He is one of 141 students in the nation to be named a Presidential Scholar. Two students are named in each state, one male and one female.

To qualify for the award, Sever had to write numerous essays and submit his S.A.T. (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores. He said his essays were the key to his victory.

"I am sure that there were

several candidates with S.A.T. scores as high as mine. I feel my essay distinguished me from the others," said Sever.

Sever scored a 1510 out of a possible 1600 on the S.A.T.

Finalists were chosen by a commission of 30 people who were nominated by the president.

Sever learned he was a winner when he received a letter from President Bill Clinton.

"Through your hard work and pursuit of knowledge, you have set an example for Americans of all ages and walks of life. I am proud to be able to confer upon you this honor," said Clinton.

This is by far the most ful-

filling of all the awards Sever has won.

"I am extremely ecstatic. This was the first time I had really wanted an award and I am pleased that I was selected," he said.

He will visit Washington D.C. June 19 to 24 as a part of the Presidential Scholars National Recognition Week to be honored by Clinton, members of the administration and congress, educators and others in public life.

"I am truly looking forward to the possibility of meeting the president. That would be the singular highlight of my 18 years on this glorious earth," said Sever.



Robert Sever, senior, was one of 141 students in the nation to win the Presidential Scholar Award (Photo by Jason Deka)



# Dr. Martens combat boots most popular for students

*B* Katie Oklak  
Staff Reporter

Dr. Martens can do more than just cure aching feet. Dr.

“Dr. Martens shoes are one of the most popular items we sell.” — Jessica Flynn

Martens is a brand of shoes. They were actually invented by a doctor (true to the name, Marten) to cure a patient's back problem with the special air cushioned soles.

Dr. Martens are made of leather, with a very thick sole surrounded by yellow stitching. They come in many different colors, such as, black, green, blue, purple, and more. They also come in many different styles too. You can buy boots, or low shoes, the eyelet (holes for laces) number ranges. Dr. Martens were rarely heard of in the mainstream, but now they or they're style is very popular.

Before, Dr. Martens could only be bought in certain stores in bigger cities, or ordered. Today you can purchase them at your local shoe store.

Jessica Flynn, employee of Kinney's shoe store, said, "These shoes are one of the most popular items we sell."

Joel Szymanowski, senior, bought his black boots at the 99th Floor in Chicago three

years ago, for \$98.

The prices at Kinney's run from \$89 to \$109.99 for women's shoes, and \$109.99 to \$119.99 for men's shoes. There is such a price range due to the different styles.

"I think they cost too much here (America), I only paid \$70 in Germany for mine," said Ricarda Papst, senior.

There are many different reasons why students purchase these shoes. Style, durability, fashion, and comfort are all factors.

Carrie Milligan, senior, said, "I like mine because they go with basically everything."

"I heard they were good boots that lasted a

long time," said Lisa Miller, senior. She later admitted there was just something about them that simply caught her eye.

As far as these shoes being part of the "punk rock" image, many do disagree.

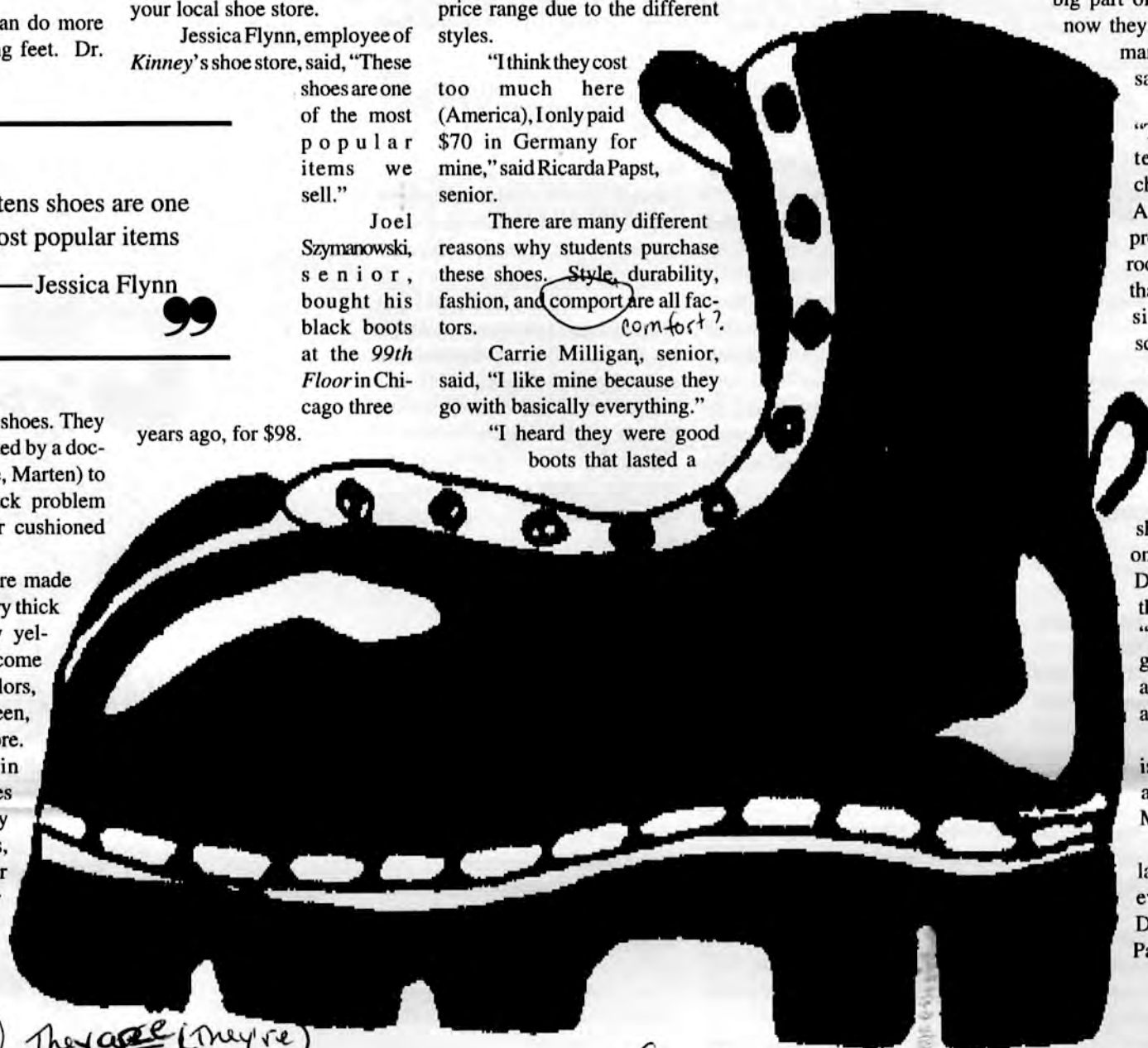
"I think they used to be a big part of the punk style, but now they've been adopted by many different cliques," said Szymanowski.

Papst added, "The image of Dr. Martens has definitely changed over the years. Actually the story is pretty deep. Major punk rockers prefer the boots that go up to their butts, since the alternative scene stays with the flat eight-eyed ones."

Many people agree that \$100 is too much to pay for a pair of shoes. Generic (imitation) shoes can be bought for only \$50 to \$60. True Dr. Martens fans feel that the quality of the "look alikes" isn't as good as the real thing, and that Dr. Martens are being cheated.

Miller said it isn't cool that people are buying the fake Dr. Martens.

"They're lame, and they don't even look like the real Dr. Martens," argued Papst.



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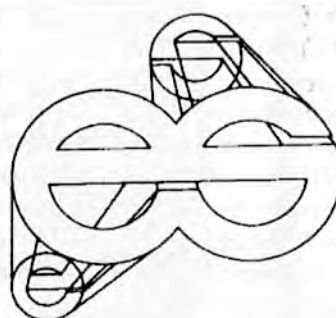
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# Everybody

## Commentary:

### Student holds firm to defy pressure

By

Krista Van Fleit  
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"Come on man, everybody's doing it!"

"I had to drink, all of my friends were doing it and I felt left out."

"My friends said I'd be cool if I stole candy for them, I wanted them to like me."

Sorry, I don't buy this. Everyone is his or her own person and is free to make his or her own decisions.

I have been in many situations in which I have resisted peer pressure. Fortunately, I have very rarely chosen to do something simply because other people wanted me to.

I have been to many parties where people are drinking. This does not bother me, because although I choose not to drink, if other people do, that is their decision.

I've heard things like, "Krista, you've never been drunk before? Why don't you just try it? It's no big deal," and "This is so good, you have to try some. I'd love to see you get drunk!"

On one occasion, three people were determined to get me to drink beer. I had told them I did not like it and I didn't want any, but that was not a good enough reason for them.

They pinned me down, and one of them held my nose shut so I would have to open my mouth to breathe. When I did, the other one poured some beer in my mouth.

I swallowed it, and said, "Yuk I hate it! Are you satisfied?"

They just laughed and said that was good enough for them; they just wanted me to try it.

I was not upset by the incident, however, because I knew that they were just playing around, and they dropped the issue.

Many people know that I do not do drugs or drink. Some criticize me for this, and some accept my decision.

One time when I was with a lot of people we started talking about marijuana. One of my friends was just joking around with a guy and she told him that I smoke pot.

He was surprised at this and said, "You do? I didn't know that, now we can be friends!" Then he shook my hand.

I told him my friend had been kidding, and he said, "Oh, I guess we can't be friends then."

I said, "So you can't be friends with me just because I don't do drugs? Because I don't have a problem with you doing it."

He realized that I was not going to lecture him and decided that we could strike up a friendship after all.

I have never felt threatened when someone has pressured me. However, I talk to him or her and explain my views, and we usually end up understanding one another.

Although I am usually very strong, there have been times when I did something that I probably would not have done if my friends had not asked me to.

For example, I always used to drive below the speed limit, but my friends started complaining about

it when we went out to lunch. Now I always drive the speed limit, if not a few miles over. While I felt safer driving slower, I sped up to appease my friends.

When I was a freshman I had "B" lunch and I went out to eat with my friends. They all decided that they wanted to skip "C" lunch and just go back to school for fifth hour, so they told me to go with them. I wasn't really sure if I should do that, but it was a really nice spring day. Since they were all going to do it, I decided I would go with them.

That was the only time I ever skipped school in my four years at Riley.

But I must take responsibility for these decisions myself. I really do not think that peer pressure can make people do things they do not want to do. When people claim peer pressure as an excuse for doing something foolish, they are trying to avoid the guilt that comes with the action.

Peer pressure is used as a justification for many people's poor decisions. I could say that I would never have skipped school if my friends had not pressured me to do so, but that is not really true. They simply gave me the means to do it. I made the final decision to skip.

There have been times when I thought about doing something I do not agree with because other people said it was "cool" or "fun." Each time I just thought about what I really believed in, and realized that if I did what they did, I would be letting myself down; not because the action was wrong, but because it was something I would not feel comfortable doing.



## To drink or not to drink? That is

By

Lindsey Cohn  
News Editor

It's easier to say no than you might think.

A majority of 80 students surveyed claim to have resisted peer pressure to drink.

Some people are strong enough to refuse a drink when pressured.

"I was at a friend's house when he offered me a beer. I said no because I had to go home soon, I didn't want my mom to find out, and I don't really believe in drinking anyway," said Matt Hoff, senior, who was pressured to drink.

"Despite what I said, my

friend said, 'Come on, it really doesn't matter, just have a drink.' I said no again, and he backed off," he continued.

On the other hand, some people do get talked into drinking.

"I was at a party and my boyfriend was pressuring me to drink. He said, 'Come on, this isn't strong, and I wouldn't let you do anything that would hurt you.' So I drank and ended up really drunk," said \*Tanya (alias), freshman.

In a crowd there is usually one person with a drinking problem. That person tries to get others to drink so he/she isn't noticed as having a problem, according to Gwen Stines, substance abuse prevention coordinator for the South Bend Community School Corpora-

tion.

\*Wade (alias), sophomore, said that most people are pressured when they're at a party or with a few friends who are drinking.

"If they haven't been drunk before, they are probably going to feel pressured into it," said Wade.

According to Stines, teenage boys often succumb to the pressure because they don't want to be considered a "wimp."

"Teens feel that they are invincible. They like to take risks and take on the challenge of drinking," said Stines.

"It depends on who you ask. I know many people who don't really agree with drinking, but when in a high-pressure situation, they abandon their principles and get

completely smashed just to be part of the crowd," said Hoff.

"On the other hand, many of

ered by people pressuring them and they don't care to be cool," continued Hoff.

“Teens feel that they are invincible. They like to take risks and take on the challenge of drinking.”

— Gwen Stines

my friends really don't have any desire to drink, and they don't care who knows it. They aren't both-

said that I didn't want any because I was going to be driving them home later and I didn't need to

Sometimes, teens will refuse to drink when they know they have other responsibilities.

"Some of my friends were drinking. We were just sitting around, so my friends asked me if I wanted some of their alcohol. I



# 's doing it!

## Sexual pressure: Being the last virgin on earth

By Kathy Van Dusen  
Viewpoints Editor



Sally: "So did you and Jack do it yet?"  
Lisa: "Uh, no not really."  
Sally: "Are you joking? He's going to leave you soon if you don't give it up."  
Lisa: "No he won't, he loves me."  
Sally: "That's what Jim said to Mary but after a month when she still wouldn't have sex with him, he left her."  
Lisa: "Do you really think Jack would do that?"  
Sally: "Sure, you know guys suffer all this tension and pain if they don't do it at least once a week."  
Lisa: "Are you serious?"  
Sally: "Yea, it's the truth."  
Sally: "You know everyone is talking about how strait you are, they're calling you a prude."  
Lisa: "Oh my gosh, I better have sex soon."  
Sally: "You better. Anyway, it's no big deal you know."

Pressure to have sex is reality for many teenagers. But we're not talking about the kind of pressure you get from your boyfriend or girlfriend, we're talking about pressure from your friends.

"My best friend, Jennifer,\* and I were like twins. One summer she met this guy Don,\* and started having sex with him all the time. Neither one of us were virgins, but Jennifer made these flings with him sound so fun.

One day she mentioned how funny it would be if I had a fling with Don's best friend Doug.\* We thought it was such a cute idea since they were best friends and we were best friends."

"I went to a party with Jen, Don, and Doug. While we were there, I had sex with Doug. I guess I didn't really want to, but I thought it might be fun to do the same thing as Jen. Well, I saw Doug a couple more times that summer, but then lost touch with him when he went back to school."

"Jen and Don continued to see each other and their flings turned into a relationship."

"Jen confronted me about Doug a few months later, and when I told her I had slept with him she got very upset. She said she felt terrible about what she had encouraged me to do. I told her that I also felt terrible about having the sexual fling with him."

This story from a Riley senior, who wishes to remain anonymous, is typical of the sexual pressure that can come from your friends and peers.

In a survey of 40 randomly chosen Riley students, 18 said their friends had pressured them to have sex, and 22 said they had not.

Psychologist, Warren Purkel, Ph.D., from Madison Center said, "Teens pressure their peers because of the false idea that being sexual means being adult." He said that teens push to hurry up and become adults, and they think that means pushing to hurry up and have sex.

Of the 18 students that said their friends had pressured them to have sex, nine said they gave into the pressure.

Some of the reasons given for falling to the pressure were, to be cool, to fit in, and because it sounded fun. One junior who

wishes to remain anonymous said, "I gave into the pressure because all my friends were doing it, so I thought it was no big deal."

Purkel said friends pressure each other about sex in many different ways. "One way could be bragging, it's not direct pressure, but it is pressure," he said. He also said his kind of pressure can make you feel left out, and when you're a teenager, fitting in is terribly important.

Purkel said that some teens pretend to be sexually active when they're not. "Pretending to be sexually active is not a good situation. You can end up feeling bad about lying on top of feeling bad about not being sexually active. You shouldn't feel like you have to hide your lack of sexual activity."

Not everyone who is pressured by their friends to have sex gives into the pressure.

Matt Stumph, junior, said he didn't give in to the pressure to have sex from his friends. "I don't make my decisions based on my friends' opinions."

Another student who wishes to remain anonymous said she didn't give into the pressure because she was saving herself for someone special.

"It's not easy to deal with sexual pressure. Some people may be able to say, 'Hey it's great for you to have sex, but it's not for me'. Others just keep quiet and keep their sexual activity to themselves," said Purkel.

Purkel said the best advice is to speak directly and truthfully to your friends about your sexuality. Sexual pressure: See Flip Side

## the question

drink to do that," said \*Charlie (alias).

"If a person is secure with himself or herself, then he or she will not succumb to the pressure. But, if a person is in a situation in which he or she is trying to impress others, or feels intimidated by others, he or she will be more likely to give in," said Kristin Streebel, junior.

In order to deal with peer pressure, teens need to spend time thinking about what they want to do, according to Stines.

"If people practice saying no, then they are better off. Being honest also works, and so does giving alternative ideas, such as 'Instead of drinking, let's go play volleyball.' The strongest argument

against peer pressure is facing the problem head on and saying that you do not choose to drink," said Stines.

Self-esteem or will power may be a contributing factor in a student's decision to drink.

"In the United States, the people that are generally more successful are the ones who have a goal in mind, are able to stand up for themselves, and don't let pressure detour them from their goal," said Stines.

"I think the majority of teenagers I know do drink, or at least talk like they do. They may have been pressured to drink at one time, but once they do, it is their decision to do it again," said Heather Kapson, junior.

Out of 80 students...



34 say they have been pressured 46 have not

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Out of 51 students...



30 feel most pressured at parties 8 said to fit in  
...13 did not respond



# Editorial

## Salute to Review editor-in-chief

Krista Van Fleit is a hard working journalist who has been on the staff for three years. This is her final year, her final issue. So let's all just pat her on the back for what she has done for the *Review* and you.

Krista has won many awards in her high school career, such as winning \$3000 in journalism scholarships. She also has received a plethora of over twenty journalism awards in Indiana.

Krista has smiled and cheered other staff members on, both those who are beginning or wrapping up their journalism career. She has enlightened the staff and brought smiles when we were on the break of giving up, by either telling a joke, a funny story, or even dancing. She has kept us going with her pop-ices and her Kool Aid.

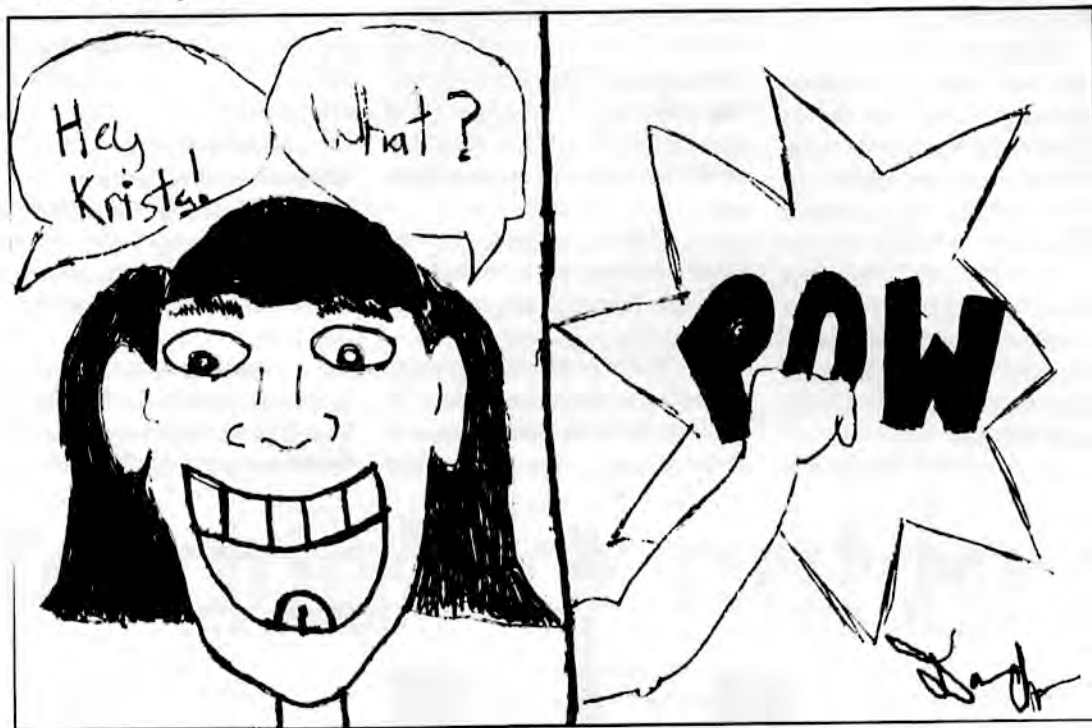
Krista has enlightened us in many subjects we knew nothing about until we met her. Many of you might not know that she is an amazing dancer, even in the car, and an avid connoisseur of the *Jackson Five*.

Not only does she just sit behind the computer putting the paper out for you, she gives advice to us when we need it as well. Whenever there is a problem she was the one we went to. Krista knows every answer to every newspaper question you could ever ask. She has made those four purple and green polka-dotted walls of the newspaper room her home so you can read this. And if you've ever been in the newspaper room you would know that it is not a very pleasant place.

She eats here, she sleeps here, she even gets her exercise by roller blading here. She has even eaten four day old *Papa Johns* pizza in desperation when she had to work through dinner all in the name of informing the student body on the issues that affect them.

As the editor-in-chief this year Krista has been a fearless leader having to face our beast-like, eyebrow pulling advisor and her screaming child on many late deadline nights.

So let's all just give her a hug, a smile, a pat on the back, a slap in the face, or just a simple thank you. She has kept the staff running, and she's done it for you.



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## Warning to students who think it's cool to skip school

This is a letter to all the underclassmen from a hopefully graduating senior.

I just wanted to let you know that all the time you're wasting will catch up with you. Everyone knows that you can pretty much get away with anything here at old Riley High School. Some of us who have taken advantage of it are now facing the consequences.

I have skipped school here at Riley and wasted the last four years of my life. I just wanted to let the little skippers know that even though you think you're slick because you can dodge the security guards and haven't gotten C.O.R.E. yet, it all will catch up with you, and you'll be sorry you wasted your four years, too.

*Jenna Hill*

Jenna Hill

## Thanks to Wilson for his concern

I would just like to extend a special thanks to Don Wilson for all of the work he puts in this school. He shows great concern for all of the students here, and tries to help whenever he can.

*Raquel Gooden*

Raquel Gooden

## Thanks for reading the Viewpoints section

I have been the Viewpoints Editor of the newspaper for two years and it has been the most rewarding experience of my high school life.

The rest of the graduating editors, the *Review* staff, and I would like to wish next year's staff the best of luck. And we also hope that the student body will continue to read and support the *Review* next year.

*Kathy Van Dusen*

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## The Mouth



### White race can feel prejudice

**By** Amanda Abigt  
Sports Editor

I am white. I'm in the majority. I never feel prejudice, right? Hardly.

I, too, am slighted when it comes to receiving scholarships and, on a lesser scale, I notice glares and hostility from some groups of people every day. Granted, I have not been subjected to severe oppression, as many other minority groups have

throughout time, but I have been discriminated against simply because I am white.

Even in the school halls, you can hear strains of "Stankin' white hoe" and other such racial slurs whispered. This simply is not right.

When I see shirts with the saying, "I am black and proud" I have no problem. However, I can't help but to stop and wonder what the reaction would be if I were to don a shirt proclaiming "White and Proud." If I were to do this, I believe that I would immediately be classified as a racist. However, I have no desire to do such a thing. I feel that just by the way I act, people can tell that I am proud of my race.

Racism and prejudice is not just a "black thing." It exists on all levels and is demonstrated towards all types of people by all types of people. It is not confined to minorities and the handicapped, though that is where it seems to be most prevalent.

By simply making an effort not to use racial slurs or tell

offensive racially based jokes, you can help curb stereotypes, and eventually defeat the problem of prejudice as a whole.

In a recent *Review* article, a black writer talked of how the black race needs to band together and stop being prejudiced towards one another. I agree with the advice that was given, however, more steps need to be taken to eradicate this problem in its entirety.

By confining the fight to end racism to your specific minority group, you are doing nothing more than adding to the problem. If people are serious about abolishing prejudice and racism forever, all races need to work together.

You can start by trying to be more receptive to all people, not just minority groups or people who are different than you. It must start with each and every individual. If one person starts making an honest effort to be more accepting, soon others will. If we can all do this, the world will be a better place.



What is the most disgusting thing you have ever eaten?



"Pork and beans."

**Jeff Musgrave**  
freshman

"Mixture of chocolate milk, cheerios, pineapple, mashed potatoes, and Strawberry Quick on a dare."

**Kelly Keener**  
freshman



"Okra. It's slimy and nasty looking like worms."

**Barry Chandler**  
sophomore



"The school's french fries. They're so nasty and they have them every day."

**Mary Smallwood**  
sophomore



"Sauerkraut. It has a foul smell and taste."

**Matt Stumpf**  
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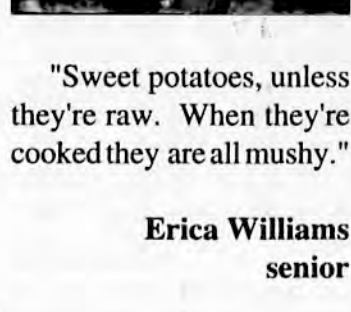
"Alligator legs."

**Ana Williams**  
junior



"Liver. I hate liver, it has a disgusting texture and taste."

**Jeremiah Clapper**  
senior



"Sweet potatoes, unless they're raw. When they're cooked they are all mushy."

**Erica Williams**  
senior



## My View



### Grounding not useful

**By** Katie Oklak  
Staff Reporter

Many parents use grounding as a form of punishment. Do teenagers really learn a lesson from not being able to go out on weekends, watch television, or talk on the telephone?

Kids get grounded for many different reasons, such as, coming home late, neglecting chores, or being rude to their parents. Do parents actually think they can make their children do exactly what they want?

I'm not trying to say if someone does something wrong they should not be punished, but parents should use their knowledge to find a fitting punishment.

For example, if their child comes home late, instead of grounding him or her completely, parents could make their child come home early for a given number of days.

What is important to a teenager may not at all seem important to a parent, but if time is taken to discuss, and negotiate certain subjects, punishment might be a topic that will never have to be faced.

We're living in a society today that puts a lot of pressure on teenagers. There are many things that go through an adolescent's mind in one day. How can we act like adults when we are being treated like children all the time?

I thought that a person's high school years were supposed to be the best time of their lives, but there are so many things to worry about, such as grades, friends, social life, family life,

jobs, money, and how to find something to do on Friday night.

When a parent grounds a child I think it just frustrates the parent and the child even more, and creates a barrier. Both will benefit even more if the problem is discussed, and then they can each get a general idea of how each other feels.

Beverly Donati, social worker, said, "The parents do not wish to create a barrier between the child and them, but between the child and his or her friends."

I don't see how this helps adolescents pick their own friends. And although parents try to discourage their children from certain people and certain things, this tactic of strong arming often backfires and makes the teen more insistent than ever on breaking the rules.

Donati said, "Talking and listening are important. Kids need to be heard. Families need to start with mutual respect. You need to talk out anger. When fighting starts it is hard to get back to normal," she said.



David Finn '93



# Final decision reached on No Grades issue

*Racquel Gooden*  
Staff Reporter

The vote is in. After two years of discussion the faculty has finally come to a consensus on incorporating "NG's" (No Grades) officially into the grading system at Riley. Modeled after reform educator William Glasser's Quality School plan being piloted at Riley, the faculty has voted to eliminate "F's" in favor of giving "NG" grades; a plan which Glasser claims will be less demoralizing to students' self-esteem.

However, the faculty has also agreed on a compromise to Glasser's ideal which it feels will better serve the needs of the school.

The new grading scale consists of the standard A, B, C, and D grades with pluses and minuses. NG will be an acceptable alternative to giving F's. However, the adopted plan will allow teachers to still give the F.

Jackie Vanderweide, English teacher who served on the NG

committee, supports allowing this option, "Some of the students don't like the NG option," she said. Other teachers feel that some students need the threat of an F to take the coursework seriously.

However, the NG option has received wide support. George McCullough, principal, said, "The major problem we have is that some students learn faster than others, and should not be punished for needing more time." He also added, "When a student receives an F, it lowers his or her self esteem and makes him or her doubt himself or herself."

Sandy Hojnacki, another committee member, claims that the NG option actually puts more pressure on students.

"Students will continue to feel pressure to complete a course if they receive an NG; however an F is final," said Hojnacki. She also added that, "people look at an 'F' and see evil."

With the new NG policy, students won't graduate with anything less than a 1.0 grade point average, because no F's will be included in their averages. An F now counts as a zero. Instead, students will have to retake the

## N Grades REPORT CARD

CLASS	GRADE
yes voted 67	A
no voted 15	F
abstention voted 1	N

classes they receive NG's in, or meet with the teacher at the teacher's discretion, to make up needed work to pass.

Upon a student's graduation, all NG's not made up will be erased from a student's transcript. Also, no student can make honor

roll status with NG grades on their report cards. They must also maintain a B average for all coursework completed.

### Sexual pressure: Continued from page 4

"If cool means fitting in, it may not be possible in every situation to do what is right for you and be cool. What is important is to be able to say 'I need to do what's right for me,'" said Purkel.

Sarah Tezich, freshman, said, "You should always do what you feel is right, not just go along with what everyone else does."

One senior who wishes to remain anonymous said, "I

will make my own choices about my sexuality. This is my life not my friends."

Not all friends pressure each other to have sex. Several students surveyed said that their friends thought it was none of their business whether they were sexually active or not.

Raquel Tate, senior summed it up in saying, "If someone is a real friend they won't pressure you at all."



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**Test Dates**  
The A.C.T. will be on June 12. Registration forms can be

picked up in the guidance office.

**Commencement**  
Commencement ceremonies will be held on June 13 at the Century Center. It will start at 1 p.m.

**Teen 2000**  
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vices Building, 203 S. William Street, South Bend. Students can apply to become a part of Training, Education, and Employment Network.

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tours will be June 13-18 and August 1-6. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

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# Sports

## Softball team captures NIC crown

**By** Ryan Van Holsebeke  
Staff Reporter

Overthrowing the crown.  
For the first time in three years, the Wildcat softball team defeated the Mishawaka Cavemen

in order to claim the NIC (Northern Indiana Conference) trophy.

"Winning the NIC was a great experience. The girls really deserved it. The hard work really paid off. It was especially nice to defeat Mishawaka. They were a ranked team and

we had never beaten them before," said Lisa Suter, head coach.

"It felt really good. The work really paid off," said Butiste.

By doing so, the team fulfilled one of its season goals.

"Our original goal was to

win sectionals, NIC, and to improve last year's record," said Butiste.

"So far, we've managed to achieve winning the conference. We're working on the rest," said Kelly Stoner, junior.

Last year, the 'Cats had a

record of eight wins and 15 losses overall, and four wins and five losses in the conference. They currently are 7-3 in the conference.

"We came out focused on winning sectionals and NIC. We're working on the second part," said Suter.

There are several team strengths.

"I attribute a lot of our success to teamwork and leadership. The girls rally together and pull through when it's needed," said Suter.

"We are very strong in pitching and defense. Both areas come through when we need them," said Stoner.

Despite having many strengths, the team does list a few weaknesses.

"We tend to let up when we are up against weaker teams. We need to remain intense at all times, no matter who we are playing," said Butiste.

The outlook for sectional and regional play is bright.

"We really do have a good chance of taking it all," said Stoner.

"We have an excellent chance. We just need to continue to play well," said Butiste.

"As long as we're positive and confident, we should do well. We are just going to just take one game at a time," said Suter.

Opinions on next season seem optimistic.

"We're only losing a few girls, and those returning are experienced. We will definitely be a contender," said Suter. *Amanda Abigt contributed to this story.*



Sabrina Sloane, freshman, practices her swing in preparation for first round sectional play against Clay (photo by Ryan Hoskins).

## Tennis team finishes out *historic* season

**By** Christy Allen  
Staff Reporter

They made history.  
For the first time ever, the

Riley girls' tennis team made it to the final round of sectional play.

"The girls showed that hard work and commitment leads to success," said head

coach KaRon Kirkland.

"We have improved non-stop. We have proven to be an obstacle to every team. We have given every team we've played a tough match," said Lindsey Barton, junior and co-captain.

Last year, the team ended its season with five wins and ten losses. Through dedication and sweat, the girls have they have boosted their performance to eight wins and six losses this year.

"We have improved immensely since last year," said Lindsey Cohn, junior.

Effort and a goal to have a "team" atmosphere seem to be two important factors to this year's success.

"The whole team puts in a lot of effort. We sacrifice for practices and matches. We really put everything into it and that is what has made the season a success," said Erin Mc Nulty, junior.

The leadership also seems

to be a strong point.

"The captains, Barton and Kristin Graf, junior, had the responsibilities thrust upon them overnight, but they have handled it very well," said Kirkland.

"They set a good example for the team. They always demonstrated good sportsmanship, whether or not they won or lost. They always supported the team-win or lose," said Mc Nulty.

There have been several close matches for the 'Cats.

"We've lost some tough matches. We were unable to pull it out against Marian because our number one doubles team split the last set. But, they never stopped trying," said Cohn.

"We nearly beat Clay. It came down to our doubles team, and they split, too, the last set. It was always close, though," said Mc Nulty.

"All of the girls put forth a tremendous effort against some of the tougher opponents. Several times, such as against Clay

and Marian, the win or loss was decided by one match," said Kirkland.

Team support is also strong. "We, as captains, try to make it more of a team. It's hard to accomplish," said Barton.

"The support within the team is really good. We almost always cheer each other on, as a team, until the last match is finished. Even those players who didn't get to play very much showed a lot of support," said Beth Vanderputten, junior.

The outlook for next season is bright.

"It's hard to forecast so far away. It will be easier with the experience that was gained this season. Many have become seasoned veterans," said Kirkland.

"Everyone's returning next year, so we'll know our strengths and weaknesses. We'll also know what we need to work in order to improve," said Mc Nulty. *Amanda Abigt contributed to this story.*



Becky Bankoff, freshman, puts all of her might into the serve (photo by Jason Deka).



# Replays....

## Softball

The girls' softball team captured the city title for the first time in school history. They currently post a record of 7-3 in the NIC (Northern Indiana Conference). The losses came from Concord (twice) and Penn.

## Boys' Soccer

The boys' soccer team currently posts a record of 7-7-2. Wins have been over LaSalle, Washington, Mishawaka, Plymouth, Concord, Northridge, and Fort Wayne Luers. Losses have been from Adams, St. Joe, Clay, Central (twice), Marian, and Warsaw. Ties were Trinity and Memorial.

## Girls' Tennis

The girls' tennis team qualified for sectional finals for the first time in school history. They have a record of 8-5. Wins have been over Rochester, LaSalle, Mishawaka, Elkhart Memorial, Goshen, Adams, Washington, and Marian. The losses came from Michigan City Elston, St. Joe, Penn, Elkhart Central, and Clay.

## Girls' Track

The girls' track team ended its season with a 5-2 record. They also won the city meet. Wins were over Concord, LaSalle, Washington, Michigan City Elston, and Elkhart Central. Losses were from Penn and Memorial.

## Golfers setting high goals for sectional play

**By Amanda Abigt**  
Sports Editor

Optimism is the main focus for the golf team as it prepares for sectional play.

"We set our goals high for sectionals, but they are not out of reach," said Jeremy Thompson, junior.

"We're confident that we'll make it out of sectionals," said Sam Toth, sophomore.

The 'Cats finished the season with a 12-6 overall record. Their record currently is 8-1 in the NIC (Northern Indiana Conference).

The victories were over Plymouth, Mishawaka, Wawasee, Fairfield, Elkhart Memorial, Clay, LaSalle, Washington, Goshen, Michigan City Elston, Michigan City Rogers, and Marquette. The losses have come from Penn, Elkhart Central, Clay, Adams, St. Joe, and Marian.

"I'm happy with the way things have worked out. At the LaPorte Invitational, we played really well against the schools that we will come up against in sectionals," said Ron Lindsey, head coach.

The team cited Penn, Adams, and St. Joe as their main rivals.

"Penn is always good. We lost to Penn and Adams on the same course. It was just really tough," said Lindsey.

"Penn really is our main rival. Their lower ranked guys usually play better than ours," said Toth, claiming that Penn's depth is their biggest weapon.

"We have several rivals, but we want to beat St. Joe in sectionals. They are a ranked team. They are very consistent," said Thompson.

Playing to potential seems to be a challenge.

"We have the potential to do well. We really haven't played

great this year, but we're gearing up and we'll be ready for sectional play," said Thompson.

"I'm happy with the way we have been playing, but we are going to have to shoot better in order to qualify for regionals," said Lindsey.

The team also has been able to accomplish its goals.

"We wanted to improve last year's record, which was 6-3. We managed to do that. We also want to qualify in sectionals. We'll see about that," said Lindsey. Sectional qualifications are June 7.

The outlook for next season seems bright.

"We have everyone returning, so we should fare well. We will have a lot of experience coming back, and that should help ease the inexperienced players in. I'm optimistic," said Lindsey.

*Jenny Lyzinski contributed to this story.*

## Boys' Track

The boys' track team finished their season with a record of 0-6. The losses came from Washington, Penn, LaSalle, Michigan City Elston, Elkhart Memorial, and Elkhart Central.

## Baseball

The baseball team currently posts a record of 16-9. Victories have been over Elkhart Memorial, LaSalle (twice), Mishawaka (twice), Michigan City Elston, Culver Military Academy (twice), Adams (twice), St. Joe, Washington, Clay, Elkhart Central, and Bremen (twice). The losses have come from Elkhart Memorial, Michigan City Elston, Penn (twice), Washington, Clay, Elkhart Central, Plymouth, and Marian.

## Golf

The Wildcat golf team currently posts a record of 10-6. Victories have been over Plymouth, Mishawaka, Fairfield, Clay, LaSalle, Adams, Michigan City Elston, Wawasee, Elkhart Memorial, and Washington. Losses have come from Penn, Elkhart Central, Clay, Marian, St. Joe, and Adams.



- 1) Name: Amanda Marie Abigt, soccer
- 2) Birthdate: December 27, 1974
- 3) Birth place: South Bend
- 4) Favorite color: Green
- 5) Favorite book: *Cows Of Our Planet*, Gary Larson
- 6) Favorite saying: That's okay, it didn't hurt.
- 7) Favorite food: Cheese ravioli
- 8) Favorite t.v. show: *Blossom*
- 9) Favorite childhood memory: Winning the city soccer championship when she was nine
- 10) Hobbies: Going to the doctor and rollerblading on the third floor hallway
- 11) Personal secret: She could tell you but she'd have to kill you
- 12) Fantasy: To become a writer for *Sports Illustrated*
- 13) Personal heroes: Anyone who has accomplished something against the odds
- 14) Embarrassing moment: Getting her ponytail caught in the net when she was a freshman
- 15) Self Improvements: Be less critical and smile more
- 16) Major accomplishments: Coming back to play soccer after having knee surgery
- 17) Person I'd meet in time: Albert Einstein, to see if he was really as weird as people say
- 18) Future plans: Go to college and become a physical therapist
- 19) Advice to youngsters: Be what you want to be and never give up



- 1) Name: Maggie May Soos, volleyball
- 2) Birthdate: July 29, 1975
- 3) Birth place: South Bend
- 4) Favorite color: Navy Blue
- 5) Favorite book: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee
- 6) Favorite saying: The true essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.
- 7) Favorite food: Barbecue ribs
- 8) Favorite t.v. show: *Inside Stuff*
- 9) Favorite childhood memory: Being involved in gymnastics
- 10) Hobbies: Supporting other Riley sports and spending time with her friends and boyfriend
- 11) Personal secret: None given
- 12) Fantasy: To swing through the vines on the Listerine commercial
- 13) Personal heroes: None given
- 14) Embarrassing moment: Tripping in front of all the middle schools at Achievers All in eighth grade
- 15) Self improvements: Her temper
- 16) Major accomplishments: Maintaining an A average and being most improved on the volleyball team
- 17) Person I'd meet in time: Martin Luther King, Jr. because he wanted integration peacefully
- 18) Future plans: Go to Indiana University
- 19) Advice to youngsters: Keep your head up and be strong in your decisions

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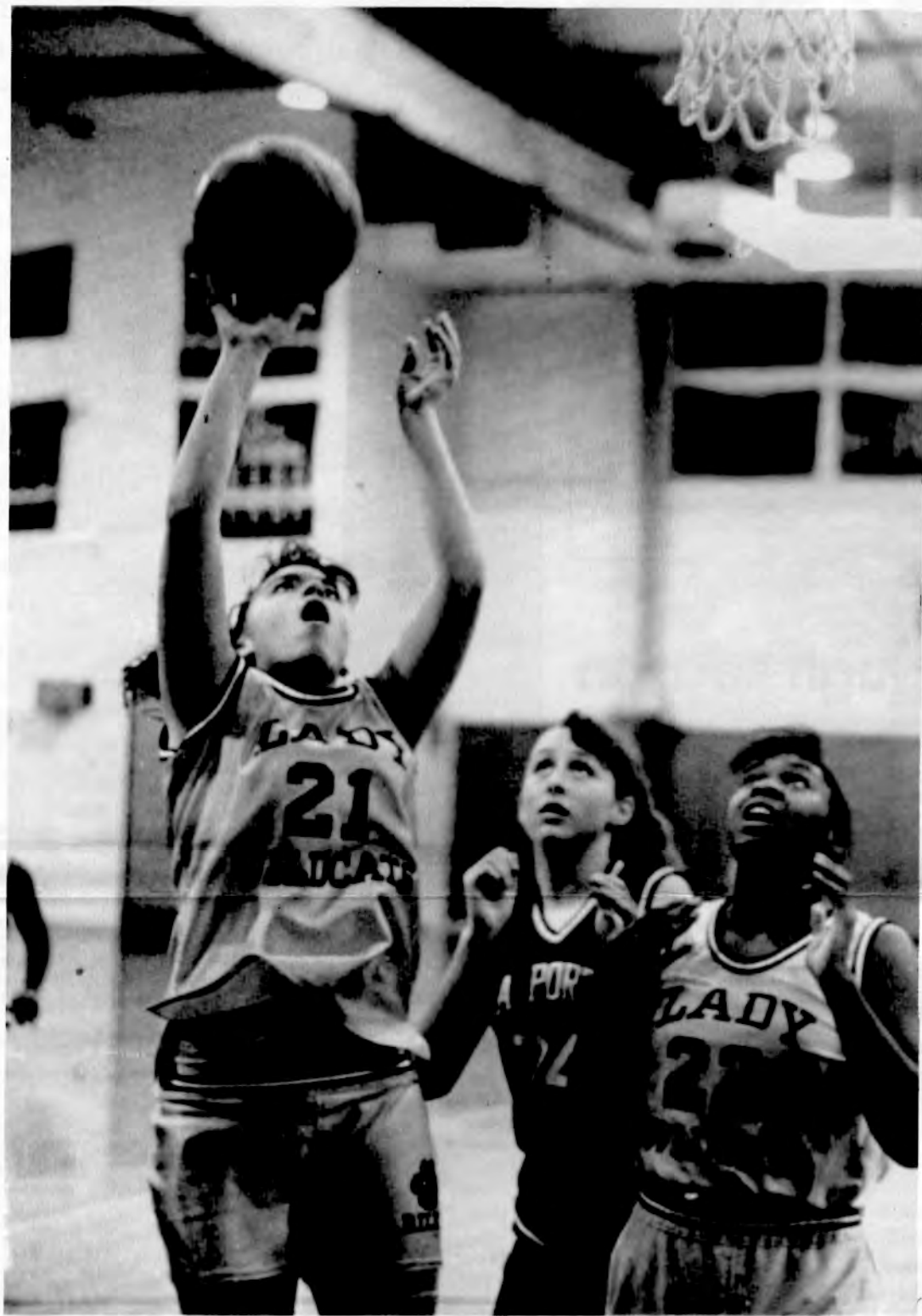
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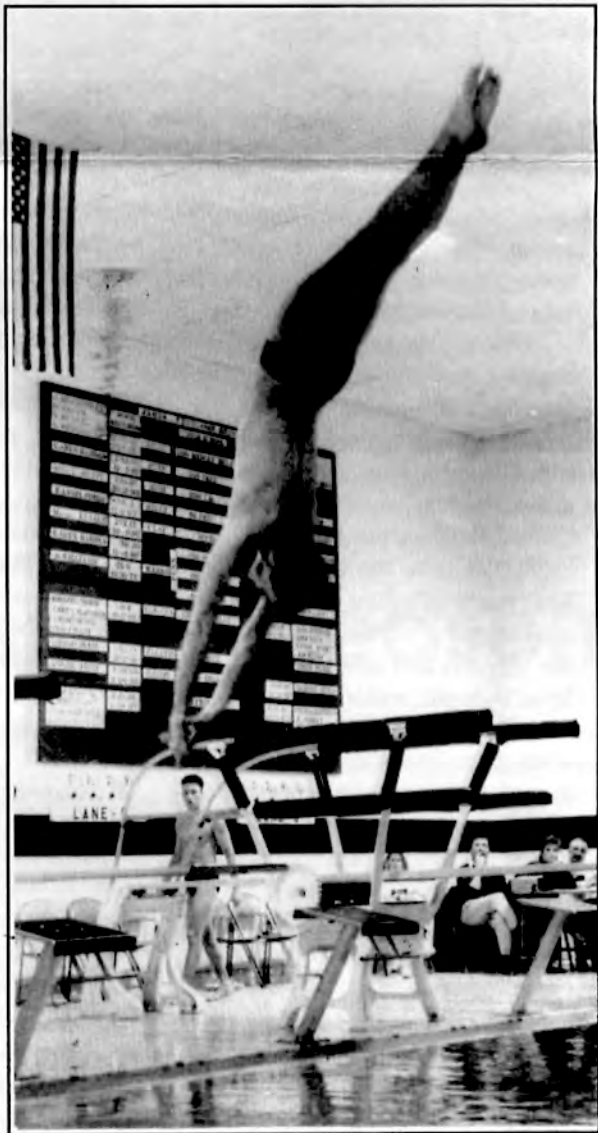
## Retrospect:

# A look back at the year's sports



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Amanda Abigt  
Sports Editor



Clockwise, starting at the top left corner are Kelly Stoner, junior, concentrates on making the lay-up against the LaPorte Slicers, as Theresa Boone, junior, comes in for the possible rebound. The Wildcat basketball team finished its season with a record of 3-15. Pat Shelton, sophomore, practices coming out of the blocks with the relay team, in preparation for regional contest, while Tony Brooke, senior, looks on. The boys' track team posted a record of 0-6. Jack Ross, junior, perfects his diving against Elkhart Central. The Wildcat swim team ended with a record of 13-1.







**M**att Basll, senior, practices heading the ball in preparation for playoffs. The Wildcats were defeated by Adams 3-1 (photo by Ryan Hoskins).

## Boys' soccer:

# Winding down from tough season

*By* Amanda Abigt  
Sports Editor

Tough and frustrating are two words used to describe the end to the boys' soccer season.

"It really had been a tough season. We've had some very frustrating times," said head coach Gilbert Clark.

"We started out really shaky, but we managed to pull together mid-season. We lost morale towards the end, and we haven't really been able to recover. It's very frustrating," said Clint Tallman, sophomore.

"We have the talent, it's just a matter of pulling it together and making it work by the time the playoffs roll around," said Ryan Horvath, senior.

With a record of seven wins, seven losses, and two ties, the team seems to be concentrating on simply getting by.

"We basically are just concentrating on going from one game to the next," said Clark. "We only look ahead as far as our next opponent."

The team's goals have evolved since the start of the season.

"We wanted to do better than last year, but I guess that's not going to happen. We started

out focused on beating St. Joe, like last year, but we fell short on that, too," said Tim Gray, senior.

"We originally just wanted to improve last year's record. Now, we are looking more at boosting team unity and keeping morale up. It's tough to lose such close games and then go back out on the field with your head up," said Zielasko.

Despite having several different weaknesses, there are some strong points.

"Our defense is very strong. The defensive players have helped to lead the team," said Clark.

"Our (goal)keepers are a big plus. Tim is doing very well, but it is also reassuring to know we do have back up in case there is a problem," said Zielasko.

The addition of many young players seems to be a "catch 22".

"We have some young guys out there, and that's strange. They are gaining playing time, and that's good to build on, but they still lack experience," said Clark.

The team seems to be very optimistic about playoffs.

"We really should do well. We have the talent, now we just need to put it together," said Tallman.

"I guess it just will depend on which Riley team shows up.

If the team that wants to play and do well shows up, we'll be okay," said Gray.

"Win or lose, we will do well. We have gotten this far, and as long as the attitude is up, we will consider it a victory," said Clark.

The team fell at the hands of their key rivals this year.

"I was disappointed against Marian. We lost 1-0, but we played a man down (Brandon Shifflett, sophomore, was ejected from the game in the first five minutes)," said Gray.

"Marian was tough, but so was St. Joe and Warsaw. But, there's always next year," said Tallman.

"I look at every team as a rival. Sure, you look at the powerhouse teams, like Adams, St. Joe, Clay, and Warsaw, and see strong competition, but you can't go into any game with a "we'll win" attitude," said Zielasko.

The outlook for next season is good.

"We have a good core returning. The young players are gaining skill and some greatly needed experience," said Clark.

"I'm really excited about next year. We have great potential," said Zielasko.

"Next year should be great. We'll be young, but we'll be rad," said Tallman.

## Letter from the editor

To all athletes, coaches, and sports fans:

I would like to thank all of you for the cooperation and consideration that was shown throughout the past three years. Without all of your help with granting interviews and completing surveys, the sports section could and would not be all that it is.

I would especially like to commend all of the athletes, especially those in the class of 1993. The leadership that you have shown has truly made Riley the "Pride of the South Side." You have led our school to its numerous victories and helped to turn the losses into learning experiences. You have been able to take the obstacles in stride and succeed at the tasks at hand. The underclassmen have looked to you for guidance and for goals. It will be hard for them to fill your shoes, however, using the examples that you have set, they will try to follow in your footsteps.

Without the fans, nothing would be the same. The fans are there to give support and boost team spirit and morale when needed. You are the backbone of the athletic programs. You have shown much support throughout the years, and this is much appreciated.

I would also like to express my utmost gratitude to the coaching staff. You all have promptly granted interviews and have willingly given last minute information. You also have provided the athletes with the fundamentals to play their game. Without you, there would be no sports program.

I would like to express my extreme gratitude towards everyone. Have a safe and healthy summer, and I wish you all the best of luck in the future.

**Thank you!**  
**Amanda Abigt**  
**Sports Editor**

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