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# the review

James Whitcomb Riley High School

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**AMERICAN PRIDE/** (left to right) sophomores Heather Friant, Michael Zonyk, and Nydia Karkiewicz, members of the JROTC, take down the American flag after school. Taking down the flag is done daily by members of JROTC.

## JROTC fights corporation's rifle ban

**MELISSA LODOEN**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The JROTC (junior reserve officer training corps) is fighting the corporation's ban on rifles.

Superintendent Virginia Calvin said that students may see us carrying them and think that they could bring a weapon in school," said Melissa Hedman, junior, cadet lieutenant, and JROTC student leader.

The JROTC is taking action to get rifles back into the program.

"We went to the student council for their support, we have had parents make phone calls and speak at school board meetings. But we still don't have any rifles," said Hedman.

Safety is one of the major concerns in the SBCSC (South Bend Community School Corporation) concerns, and it is also a main concern of the JROTC.

"Safety comes first. Lessons would be given in class to let them learn about the weapon. We would teach them safety and they would not even be able to pick up the gun until they knew the proper way to hold it," said master

sergeant Roy Mullins.

The rifles they would use could not be shot. The fire pins and bolts are removed and the barrels are filled with molten lead. Nothing can be passed through the rifles.

"I have seen the rifles that they would use and it would take even the most trained rifle expert months to undo what is done to the weapons (to keep them from firing)," said Walter Strickland, freshman, member of the student council who went with the JROTC to observe a competition.

According to Mullins, there is no danger using the rifles. "The only danger that the students may experience would be dropping the rifle on their foot," he said.

"Our bosses in Kansas are doing a lot of the negotiating and we are letting them deal with it. We took a member of the student council with us to watch a drill competition so that he could tell the student council about what a drill competition was like and this would make more people aware of what we want," said colonel Thomas Early.

"It was neat to watch the drills with rifles. Every one had rifles to use and you could hear the sharp clicking of the guns that made everything even more defined," said Strick-

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### FPS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

## Freshman team ranked second in state

**ERIN WIBBENS**  
STAFF REPORTER

It all started with a phone call from Indianapolis. We got an invitation to the *Future Problem Solving State Bowl*.

Being selected to participate in the state bowl is a great experience. It is both exciting and fun. Only the best of the best teams are chosen.

To get to the bowl we had to participate in a state qualifier. Our entry was sent to Indianapolis.

After the bowl, our team was number two out of over 100 teams in our division throughout Indiana.

The *Future Problem Solving* program is a program that teaches certain thought patterns, perfect brainstorming, idea organization, and tons of creativity.

"It was a surprise!" said Colleen Jurkaite, freshman and member of FPS team that placed second in the state. "The whole idea of winning something was really exciting!" she said.

Four team members are required to complete twenty possible problems to a "fuzzy" situation. An example of a problem might be: *In what ways might we decrease the amount of psychological abuse, as a re-*

*sult of prejudice, toward "different people" in Clarksburg (fictional city) in order to improve the living environment of all people in Clarksburg in the year 2019 and beyond?"*

Solutions, however, are never limited to only the

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**Natalie Garrett / Freshman**

serious or logically possible. Radiation waves, time machines, microchip implant, virtual reality, and super high tech counseling and recreation centers were among the most creative solutions.

The bowl day finally arrived, after about a month of research and anticipation.

"We were all really nervous, we didn't know what to expect," said Natalie Garrett, freshman.

But winning is not just that simple. Serious practice and researching, not to mention dedication, are involved. Preparation includes reviewing vocabulary lists, topic backgrounds, and preparing over one hundred pages of magazine article based research. A lot of work is involved. We

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## McCullough supporters gain in numbers due to rumors

**MELISSA LODOEN**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Riley teachers, students, faculty members, and community supporters went to the SBCSC (South Bend Community School Corporation) school board meeting recently to support principal, George McCullough.

Rumors had been circulating that McCullough would not be principal at Riley next year.

After waiting for about two hours, the group had a chance to speak.

Jennifer Hicks, David Kapson, juniors, and Jasmine Brown, were among the students who spoke. Teachers who spoke were, Judy Hums, L.D. (learning disabled) teacher and *Friends Incorporated* sponsor, Marcia Kovas, English teacher and journalism advisor, Eric Collins, business teacher.

Both student council sponsors, Michele Lodoen and Louann Spore spoke in his behalf.

Lucy Brown, and Bob Beutter, were among the parents who voiced support. And Ron Marciniak, chief of police, and Cleo Washington, lawyer and Riley graduate also spoke.

"At this point in time we have nothing to fear," according to Calvin, "McCullough is not being

transferred."

Those who went in support of McCullough don't feel that their time was wasted. They agree that it was important to let the board know how important McCullough is to Riley.

McCullough was touched and pleased by the grass roots effort in his behalf, and addressed the school to say so the following day.



**SHOWING SUPPORT/** McCullough supporters wait for a chance to speak to the SBCSC board.



## check it out

### ✓ SUMMER HONORS

Indiana State University is sponsoring a two week summer program for qualified high school students who have completed their junior year. See your counselor for more information.

### ✓ APPRENTICESHIP

The South Bend and Vicinity Electrical Joint apprenticeship and training committee will be accepting applications for Electrician Apprenticeships at 6365 Peppermint Rd. Sign-ups will close December 30, 1995.

### ✓ RIVER RUN

The 25th River Run will take place Saturday, May 13. There will be kayak and canoe races, a canoe fun float and a voyager canoe.

Races start at 10 a.m. at Leeper Park and finish at Paper Dam. in Niles, Michigan.

Day of the event registrations will be \$15 per person.

### ✓ TEEN : 2000

TEEN: 2000 is designed to help with job placement assistance.

There are no income requirements; age is the only requirement.

Youth interested can call or come into the Workforce Development Service Offices. Elkhart County: 430 Waterfall Drive, phone number: 295-0105. In Saint Joseph County: Marycrest Building room 430, 2015 Western Avenue, phone number 288-8336.

### ✓ YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale for \$35 dollars which includes your name. You can order a yearbook in room 104 or in the cafeteria during lunches.

### ✓ HEALTHY WALK

Walk for Healthy Youth will take place May 13. The 5K walk begins at 5 p.m. at Stanley Coveleski Stadium and will end at 6p.m. at the same site.

At 7p.m. the walkers will be admitted in to the Silver Hawks game for free and will also receive a free hot dog and pop.

Anyone may come and you can get a pledge envelope from Dennis Kielton in the guidance office.

### ✓ SUMMER CAMP HELP

Muscular Dystrophy Summer Camp needs help June 10-17 They need young men and women to serve as campers' arms and legs, as teachers, advisors, and friends.

For more information call 259-9912.

### ✓ YFU EXCHANGE

Take a new look at the world with Youth for Understanding International exchange. Choose a year, semester, summer or sports program in one of 30 countries. Call 1-800-TEENAGE for more information.

## PUBLIC OR PRIVATE:

# Which offers a better education?

COLLEEN JURKAITES  
STAFF REPORTER

Private schools. Do they really offer a better education?

This debate has been going on for many years, but according to George McCullough, principal, Riley has a lot to offer students.

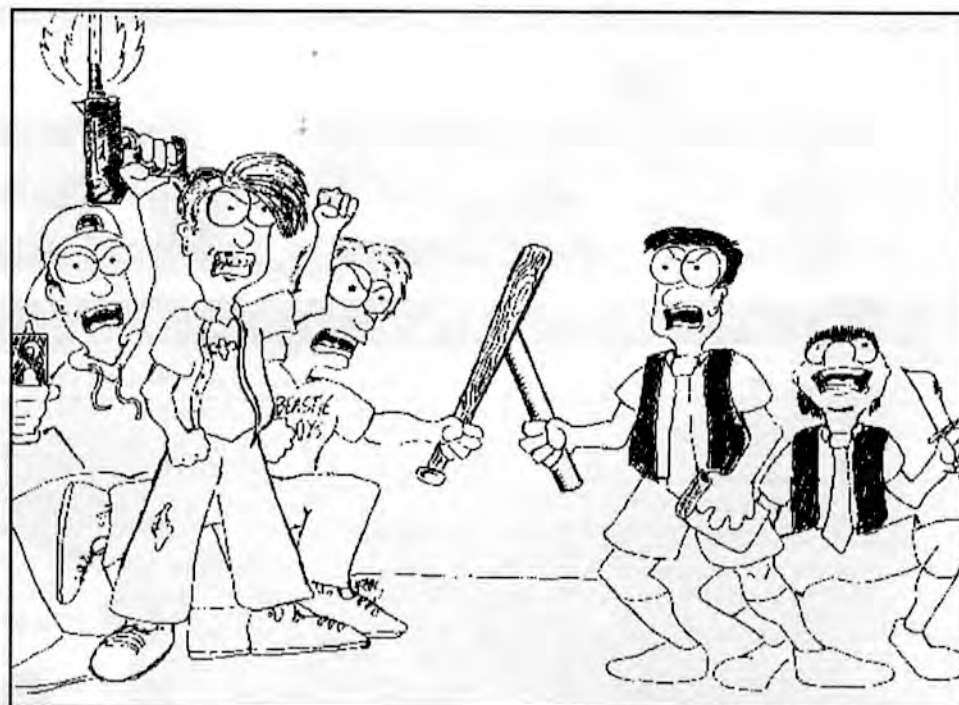
"I feel that we can offer students a caring learning environment, a quality teaching staff, regular to advanced placement course levels, a safe school environment, and a number of activities for students to be involved in. The more activities a student is involved in, the more successful he or she will be. Riley is a school where everyone works together for success," said McCullough.

Public schools aren't the only schools that have a lot to offer students, though, according to Jeanette Kam, the superintendent for the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese.

"Private Catholic schools provide a community of support for students. There is a focus on the student's Catholic faith and in this environment students learn more about their faith and sharing. Catholic schools offer good discipline and high academic expectations for students," said Kam.

Academic achievement is often a major factor parents look at when deciding where to send their children for high school.

"Our students perform well on the SAT's, ISTEPs, and other tests. They do



as well as they can," said Kam.

Test scores, though, sometimes do not paint a very accurate picture of a school's academic achievement.

"In the new school (to be built) we will have a media center. It will be online with many colleges, the library, and other vast sources of information."

George McCullough / Principal

"Even though private schools may appear to have higher test scores than public schools, the statistics don't give the whole picture. The statistics don't show who actually took the test. The (private schools)

scores may appear higher because private schools have student selectiveness. Public schools don't have this right," said Jan Putz, Executive Director of Instruction and Curriculum for South Bend Community School Corporation.

Another important factor to consider when choosing is technology available. With all the rapid technological advances being made, schools need to be able to keep up with the pace.

According to McCullough, Riley is keeping up with technology with two computer labs, a business computer lab, FAX machines, Internet (worldwide information), and offering computer training workshops for our teachers.

"In the new school (being built) we will have a media center. It will be on-line with many colleges, the library, and other vast sources of information," McCullough said.

On the other side, according to Kam, the private schools, which do not receive any state funding, remain up to date with technological advances by offering information, inservices, and workshops for faculty involving computers and other aspects of

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## Friends are there when help is needed

ERIN WIBBENS/MELISSA LODOEN  
STAFF REPORTER/ EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Feeling sad... Feeling bad... Don't make a fuss. You've got us. We remain, Friends Inc.... (Friends motto)

"I have prevented five students from committing suicide during the two year that I was a member of Friends," said Marcus Barlow, junior. "They each came to me and I wasn't really sure how to relate to them since they were females, so I referred them to the Dennis Kielton, Friends sponsor. He then found a female Friends Inc. member for the troubled girls to talk to."

Friends Inc. is based on the theory that peers are often the first finders. They are often aware of troubled students or problem situations before teachers, administrators, or counselors.

"I can tell when someone looks like they are having a bad day or they look like they have something on their minds. I just ask them if they have anything that they want to talk about, then I help them with what their problem is," said Barlow.

Friends Inc. is involved in many different activities. Some of these include spending time with new students at Riley, serving as role models to younger students through the D.A.R.E. (drug abuse resistance education) program, and to help Riley be a more caring atmosphere.

In the D.A.R.E. program the Friends Inc. members travel to all of the Riley feeder schools in groups. The Friends go into the front of the room and let the fifth graders ask them any questions that they have about life after elementary school.

"The fifth grade students who go through the D.A.R.E. program have strange ideas about what high school is like. One of the main questions that I get asked is, 'Do you get beat up all of the time?' It is then my job to explain to them

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PHOTO COURTESY OF KYM LUNGREN

UP IN SMOKES/ sophomore, Alexa Hilal, right lights a cigarette as Melissa Lodoen, junior presses on the sponge lungs so that the smoke is inhaled. This demonstration was used in the High School Heroes program to show the fifth grade students at Lincoln elementary what one cigarette does to your lungs.



# diverse ideas

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## Common stereotypes hurt

**KALIAH WADE/JASMINE BROWN**  
STAFF REPORTERS

*All blacks eat watermelon, fried chicken, chitterlings, and drink malt liquor.*

*All white people are prejudiced and have no rhythm.*

*All Hispanics have dark hair and dark eyes.*

*All Asians are extremely intelligent and know karate.*

*All Indians do rain dances and scalp white people.*

*All Jewish people are rich.*

*All Jamaicans can run fast.*

What is wrong with the picture that was just painted? It might have sounded funny to some until they read the stereotype that referred to them.

According to *Jet* magazine, "Young people have a gloomy view of the status of race relations in America."

So why do some people use stereotypes?

Senior Chris Arick, thinks that people use stereotypes to impress others.

"They might be mad at someone who is different than they are," says sophomore, Nathan LaVelle.

Sophomore Jill Carlton thinks people use stereotypes out of ignorance or fear.

Out of sixty surveyed Riley students, the majority said that stereotypes bother them, but only 25 admitted that they

correct a friend when they hear a false stereotype

Carlton comments that she corrects people for using stereotypes, especially if it conflicts with her beliefs.

But sophomore Salina Brown disagrees.

"No, let them talk. When other people talk about them they'll see," she said.

Are all stereotypes negative?

Arick thinks that stereotypes are negative only if they degrade people.

"Half and half. Some are negative and some are just jokes," comments Brown.

According to the survey, it is degrading when a person finds him or herself being prejudged.

"People look at the way I dress and my braids, and say *he's just like the rest of them thugs-n-harmony*," comments Damian Newhouse, junior.

But Jan Hill, senior, feels differently.

"It doesn't bother me if people classify me as something that I am. But if it's something bad, they must not know me for who I truly am."

Most people surveyed don't like to be stereotyped for whatever reason.

Brown feels everybody does it. She only stereotypes jokingly.

Marcia Furry, sophomore, summed up how many feel.

"No, I don't find it to be right and would not want them to do it to me."

*"People look at the way I dress and my braids and say he's just like the rest of them thugs-n-harmony."*

**Damian Newhouse / Junior**

## I Feel



No one is totally free from stereotypes. Everywhere you go you hear about races, how they act, or how they should act. I won't lie, I stereotype people but there isn't another person that doesn't. I hope you see that just because one person says something, it doesn't mean it's true. Don't make life so dull. By this, I mean, the world has so many colors, why must we make everything so black and white?

**Jasmine Brown**

I get upset when someone generalizes me with a whole group. I am a 15 year old African American with values and rights just like anyone. If I walked into *Hudson's* in a sweatshirt, baggy jeans, and sneakers with my hair done in a big ponytail on the top of my head, they might see me as just a black girl who can't afford to buy their clothes and who doesn't deserve to touch them. Sales people follow me around and ask me if I need help every five minutes. Is all that necessary? I can't be too mad, because when I see a white kid with green and blue hair, and dressed like they're stuck in the '70's, I think they're weird. And they think that black people are weird also. It's not all about color.

**Kaliah Wade**

## Move your hair Adam, I can't see

**CLAUDIA SALINAS**  
GUEST REPORTER

Afros are back! If you think you've seen them all, you're wrong: huge, blonde, puffy curls.

Adam Szalai, freshman, is just one student whose hair is this way.

"I think Adam's hair is really cute when it's really curly. It shows he likes to be his own person," said Deborah Szalai, Adam's mom.

Szalai feels his hair is an illustration of his personality because his hair is funny and it's not normal.

Ryan Leader, freshman and a friend, likes Adam's hair because it's really different. He feels Adam is a person who can be himself and not care what others think.

"Adam is more a leader than a follower,

*"I couldn't believe I saw a huge flame coming from my hair!"*

**Adam Szalai / Freshman**



**SEE MY AFRO/** Adam Szalai, freshman, shows off his huge, puffy, blonde curls.

"I was in shock, I couldn't believe I saw a huge flame coming from my hair! I wasn't upset only because my hair wasn't ruined," said Szalai.

Szalai remembers that the fire was put out by some of his friends, he said everyone was just hitting him on the head to put it off.

"The look on Adam's face was so funny, I was going to cry because I was laughing so hard," said Jessica Stoner, a freshman, and a friend of Adam's.

No matter what opinions other people have, Adam's hair means the world to him.

"Last year, Adam got in trouble and his parents made him cut his hair. You couldn't really tell he even cared about his hair, until you talked to him. This year I think his hair means more to him," added Stoner, freshman.

Will his hair follow him through life?

"I think my hair will probably stay the way it is now for awhile I am letting it grow out but I am sure it will change," said Szalai.

"My plans for the future are to have fun and to be successful," said Szalai.

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

### Being an interracial child has made me stronger

**JASMINE BROWN**  
STAFF REPORTER

What's up breed?

Girl, are you white or black?

Is your mom white or is your dad black?

These are the kinds of questions I have been asked every single day since I was in kindergarten. I've grown up with the question, am I white or black?

Ever since I can remember I've heard that it is not good to raise a child who is two different races.

"That child will have it harder," or "People will make fun of them," were some of my favorite comments.

Let me give these people a small clue. What child in any generation doesn't have it harder than a child of the last generation? Or better yet, what child or adult whom you know of hasn't ever been made fun of.

My mother has raised two children instilling the same values in both of our minds. I was taught right from wrong just like everyone else, but my mom made it a point

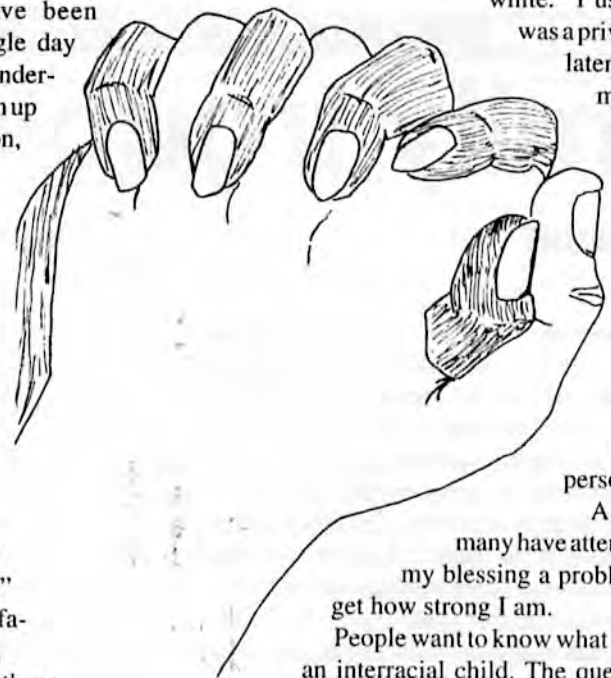
to teach us about prejudice. She told us what it was, how to avoid it, and how to overcome it. She wanted us to be prepared. This made our family stronger. It wasn't just one of us dealing with the problem, it was all of us.

Another comment I've heard is, "I think it is a privilege to be mixed with black and white." I used to think it was a privilege also, but later changed my mind to think it was God who blessed me. He looked at me and said that I could handle whatever people threw at me. In that he made me a stronger person.

All the same, many have attempted to make my blessing a problem. They forget how strong I am.

People want to know what it is like being an interracial child. The question and the problem is theirs to deal with. You see, I know who I am. I am a human being. I am Jasmine Brown. I don't perceive myself as a color. The perception is in the mind of others.

I feel that we shouldn't use color codes to identify different people as we use zip codes to identify different cities.



ART BY KEITH AICHLE



## OPINION

# My lonely life as an only child

DEIRDRE BASKIN  
NEWS BUREAU

## What's so great about being an only child anyway?

I know I may sound like a whiny brat to all of you with brothers and sisters whom you would give anything to get rid of. But just *listen* to my side of the issue.

First of all, I have time to myself. *A lot of time to myself.* To most of you that may sound like heaven on earth, but you get tired of it after a while. During the school week it's not as bad, considering I have all that time to study (and get good grades too).

But think about the boring weekends. Since I personally don't have many kids my age in my neighborhood it's kind of hard to do the things I like to do. It's difficult to play competitive sports like softball or basketball by yourself, or even with one of your parents all the time. I have a lot of friends that love to do things with their older siblings or like teaching younger siblings all kinds of things, and it makes me feel sort of left out.

And shopping at the mall! How many of you get embarrassed when you have to go to the mall with your mom or your dad? Well, with no brother or sister to drive you anywhere, and when all of your friends are busy, you end up shopping an awful lot with your parents. Nothing against my parents, but I'd rather shop with someone closer to my own age more often, or someone who was in school recently, instead of with someone thirty-something years older than me.

I'm sure you know how it is: *'This would look great on you!'* for some outfit that died with the century change (of course your friends can pull that line on you too). And sometimes they make you feel guilty for saying you don't like something, so you end up stuck with some outfit that you never wear because you're afraid your friends will never shut up about it, but you only got it to keep your parents happy.

Not particularly in my home, but some onlies get pressured into being the perfect person: *the star athlete, National Honor Society president, Mr./Miss Popularity, A+ student, etc.* some things that the parents couldn't do. Or even that 'follow in your mother's/father's footsteps' deal. (The girl has to be a cheerleader because her mom was a cheerleader.)

At least with more than one kid, it's more like *"well maybe the next one will be captain of the football team or on Honor Roll like I was,"* leaving less pressure on one kid.

And even that birth order thing plays a part in an only's life. Not only is the only child the thinker, but also the mediator, the leader, the follower, the helper, and the baby of the family. They play every role instead of just one. There are pros and cons to that too.

One thing, I guess, that is good is that I have a lot of time to reflect. Of course, reflecting on your good qualities often can also make you think of your bad qualities, or maybe things you want to change in your life. Though that can be good too, it can also get you depressed. It makes you feel alone and bored and like something's missing in your life.

With a bigger family you also might get a bigger house. I know in my family we really have no reason to get a bigger house because there are only three of us, and three people really don't take up much room.

Only children sometimes have to mature a lot faster. Since there

weren't that many kids around me, I mostly went places with my parents and hung out with adults and kids much older than me. So I matured faster. There weren't any babies in my life for me to talk dumb to (cootchie cootchie cool!) or anyone that spoke any kind of kid language, so I pretty much spoke proper English. I also had

Sometimes I'd like not to be noticed, because my parents worry a lot. Parents seem to worry more if they have one of you, and they're a little more cautious about what they let you do or who they let you hang out with.

to be on my "best behavior" when I went out all the time.

And I became very polite and mannerly like a mature person. I didn't have time to be immature.

The last of the drawbacks is probably leftovers. Lots of families with lots of kids go through lots of food and barely have leftovers. I, on the other hand, have a lot of leftovers. My mom loves to cook, and cook a lot, which means a lot of leftovers. Who wants meatloaf for an extra week or two? (I hope I didn't offend any meatloaf lovers.)

It's really only good to me if there's some favorite stuff in there: pizza, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, chicken, or something like that.

So how many of you out there with siblings still want to be an only child? It's not a big deal. I just personally prefer a close family environment with siblings (the good and the bad parts that come with it too) instead of just being alone. *The only one.*

## PERSONAL STORY

# Family troubles lead to jail time

WORRIED AUNT  
GUEST WRITER

He was a beautiful baby. The first time I ever saw him, he was wrapped in a baby blanket. His eyes were so dark they looked black, his creamy cheeks made his eyes look even darker than they really were, and he had a whole head full of black curly hair. He was so small, so vulnerable. A baby is a precious gift from God, you know. He gives them to us to love, care for and protect.

This baby never had a chance. You see, that beautiful baby was born into a home when the father drank too much and the mother hadn't made a commitment to the marriage. She was only 17 and the father was only 20 when they were married. They were just too young.

That beautiful baby was the middle child of three. He had an older sister and a younger brother. His parents thought that each new baby would surely make the marriage better. Of course, that didn't happen.

Money was in short supply and unhappy words were in abundance. This beautiful baby grew to be a really neat kid. He was funny, loving, good in sports and had many, many friends. I liked him alot.

You see, I'm his aunt. I watched him grow. I watched

the unhappiness increase with each year. I watched the promise of the "good life" fade from his eyes. I watched anger swell up inside him and spill out in fights and finally, in truancy.

He began using drugs in the seventh grade. By ninth grade, he was expelled from school because of drug and gun possession. He was a runaway and began to live with a family that sold drugs, and was allegedly involved with home burglaries.

On April 10, 1995, he was sentenced to a term of between 8 and 12 months at a state school. He will be tested for drug use after each home visitation. I know that he is scared at where he is now. It must be terrible to have people who don't know you or love you be in complete control of your life.

It must also be terrifying to be locked up with other kids who have broken the law (some of whom may be violent) and never know when they will go off on you.

Is he not smart? Does he stand out in a crowd because he is so homely? Does he not have any friends? No to all of the above.

He "tests" in the 96 percent nationally. Considering the number of telephone calls he gets from girls, he would probably be thought of as a Babe or a 'hottie' and

really is quite popular with other guys as well. His problems with truancy, weapons, drugs and authority are due to the rage that seems to fill his very being.

As his aunt, I am afraid for him. I want him to have a successful and happy life. He's really a neat kid! I have gone to his school to talk with his teachers. I have cried many tears for him. I have picked him up at the police station in the middle of the night when neither his mother or father could be found. I have hunted for him when he ran away. I have taken him on vacation with me. I don't deserve any special "thanks." I only did what families are supposed to do—stick together, help one another, love one another. It wasn't enough. He's in jail.

What responsibility did he have to help himself? Lots. He just never seemed to be able to stop his downward slide. The school, *Parkview* and many of his friends tried to help him change the direction of his life. It didn't help. He's in jail.

I'm not going to sign my name. You see, this article could be written by any number of family members from any number of families.

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ANONYMOUS  
GUEST WRITER

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...always be able to look up to his parent. They should not  
...eyes to them at any point in their lives. I want my  
...to look at me at all times and not have to close their eyes  
...es.

...omise to myself and to the children that I will some day  
...set an example like my father did.



### PERSONAL STORY

## Life after my mother

**ERICA COSTELLO**  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

When I was two and a half years old my mother Donna Costello, died. Her death shocked everyone! It was so tragic that it seemed like it just couldn't happen to anyone, especially her. I really couldn't understand what was going on at that time. It wasn't until weeks later that I knew my mother wasn't going to come home anymore. That's when I finally realized that death can be a really lonely phase in life.

After my mom died, some changes were made. My dad got a new job and we moved to an entirely different town. I still got to do all the stuff any regular kid got to do, and I continued to live a regular life. The absence of my mother didn't seem to matter.

My father, though, did take it harder than I did. But no matter how much grieving he was going through, he always took the time to be good father. He often did tell me that I was one of his reasons to keep on living. He held down a job as an assistant principal (which he later became principal). My grandma and grandpa from my mother's side often took care of me whenever they could. My dad did not start dating until a year after my mother's death. And when he did start dating, he always told me about who the person was and made sure that I met her.

Since I was so young when she died, I really don't have too many memories of her. Her friends do, and often tell me things that make me feel closer to her. I do remember an occasion in which she was saying prayers with me before I went to bed. It's a time in which I reflect on as being happy.

My dad brought me up as best he could. Even though he was a single parent, he was always there at every single school function and gymnastic event that I was into when I was a kid.

When I was four years old I started preschool and met my best friend, Krisha. Since my dad had to work, he arranged for me to spend afternoons with the same babysitter who babysat Krisha (Krisha's mom worked in same school corporation my dad did). I think that it was the best thing that could've happened to me, because I needed to spend time with people my own age.

There are times when I think about my mother and wish that I could just see her one more time. I know that will never happen though. It is my belief that everything happens for a specific purpose. I believe that my mother was chosen to look after my sister, Tami, who died a year before I was born.

My mother will be remembered by everyone who knew her as a loving wife, mother, friend and teacher. And though she is not here I will always love my mother.



# viewpoints

James Whitcomb Riley High School

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## editorial

### We want you all to be safe

There's a new exciting thing going on this year for prom. After the prom, which is being held at the Century Center, couples will be able to get on a bus, travel to Chicago and board a ship on which after-promers will be floated around Lake Michigan. There will be music, dancing, play gambling, and karaoke.

After that, there will be another bus to take after-promers to *Great America*.

We, the *Review* staff, hope that everyone going will have a great time. However, our utmost concern is safety. The only way to be safe, we feel, is to not drink and drive. We've all heard the cliché, "*Stay alive, Don't Drink and Drive.*"

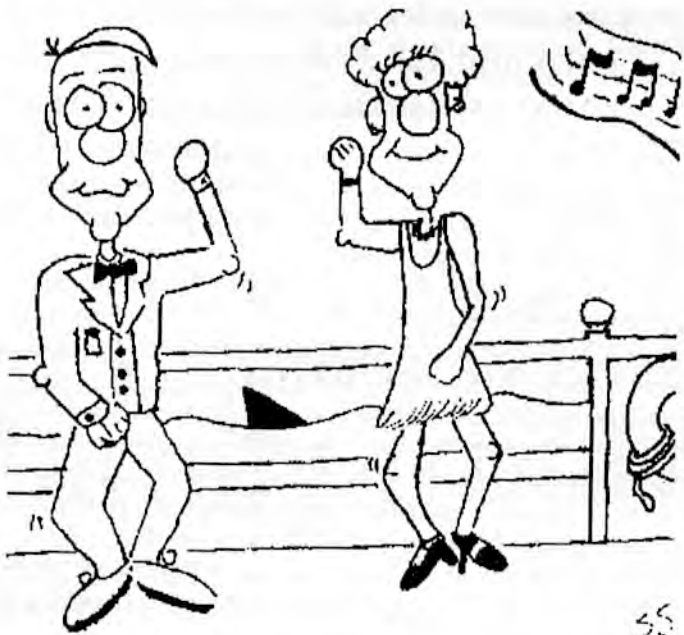
We strongly applaud the efforts of prom organizers who have tried to make the prom as safe as possible. Prom organizers realize that students will be tired and in no condition to drive to Chicago and *Great America*.

We must take this subject seriously. Prom-goers need to take a look at their lives, especially seniors, and realize that they want to cherish these memories and remember them fondly.

How would you like it if your children asked you about your prom but you couldn't remember it because you spent the night wander-

ing around in a drunken stupor?

*The Review* strongly urges prom-goers to think before you drive all the time. But, especially on this memorable occasion, we'd like to hear about your wonderful prom memories, instead of bringing a casserole to your viewing. And remember HAVE FUN!



## Letters to the editor

### Why didn't we give respect?

Dear Editor,

During the announcements on April 26, 1995, a moment of silence was given to the victims of the Oklahoma bombing incident, declared by President Clinton.

This moment of silence was to last one minute to mourn for the dead, dying or the families thereof. It was supposed to be respected.

However, after moments into the ceremony, discussions were heard in the office through the announcement's intercom. This alone was very disrespectful, but to have it come from the administrators headquarters was just unbelievable. I was angered that people that we are supposed to give respect to, didn't even give respect or enforce the respect of a tragedy that occurred in our nation.

Dan Charles  
Student Council  
president, senior

Dan Charles

### S.A.D.D. wishes prom-goers well

Dear Editor,

The Riley S.A.D.D. chapter would like to wish all of those going to prom to have a good time. We also want to make sure that everyone knows that fun could be made without alcohol. So please, if you have been drinking or someone you know has been drinking, hand over the keys! Save the lives of others and your own. "*Keep the pride of the South Side, Don't Drink and Drive!*"

Thank you,  
From the 94'-95'  
Riley S.A.D.D. Chapter

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## Listen Up



### Never mind, you're a jock

**BRIANNE STETHEM**  
STAFF REPORTER

Congratulations! You just scored the tie breaking goal, made the last shot, or maybe you just broke a twenty year old pool record.

But does the letter on your jacket give you the right to have an attitude or be given an 'A'?

Maybe it's just me, but *athletes* get

special treatment. For instance: a certain 6'7" basketball star gets up to throw a wad of paper away, shoots and misses. Does he get yelled at? Not likely.

A senior mid-fielder for the boys' soccer team kicks a wad of paper down

"Just remember that you're not special. Talented maybe, but your arms and legs won't get you as far as your knowledge."

**Brianne Stethem / Staff Reporter**

the hall. How much do you want to bet he's not told to pick it up?

Or Riley's ever famous sprinter is jetting down the hall (late for class.) Not one "slow down son" is heard.

The small but very powerful state wrestling champ shows off his in the middle of English class. Who cares?

This school is run by athletes.

They don't need passes in the halls, just lettermen's jackets. They always pass a class even if they only turn in one paper.

I'm writing this article because in my first hour class last semester, a football player passed with a higher grade than mine. I know that I turned in close to all my work.

He, well, let's just say he was not paying attention.

This football player would always talk about how he got good grades and not have to do anything.

Even if I try my best, the star athletes always seem to do better. They are given extensions to finish twenty year old assignments.

Maybe the thought of wearing a state championship ring, or the nice Indiana-shaped patch on your jacket is tempting, but, if you really love the sport, you'll play fair on the field and in school.

Next time you're on the bench or taking a final, don't think of rings, patches or medals.

Just remember that you're not special. Talented maybe, but your legs and arms won't get you as far as your knowledge.

## Hey You



### Go Ricki, go home!

**MONICA SWINTZ**  
STAFF REPORTER

I'm sure you've all watched her show, read about her, and have probably tried to act just like her. Her name is *Ricki Lake*, and if you're like me you're sick of her.

I have to admit I have a tendency to watch her. The only reason I am admitting that is because I'm truthful and there is nothing else on at 3:30 p.m.

There are some good points about Ricki: she's an inspiration to women who wish to lose weight, although she went about it all wrong, by starving

herself. She always asks what the audience wants to know. Finally someone has tried to develop a talk show for our generation.

But all she seems to cover on her show is sex, profanity, and unhealthy life styles. She got arrested for protesting fur wearers and sellers. Her flea bitten mutt can't hold a candle to Oprah's dog, Solomon.

Violence is a problem. A *Jenny Jones* guest was killed because another guest didn't like his secret admirer, (which was another guy.) She allows guests to yell and disrupt. I can recall one episode when she said, "I don't know about your house, but I don't allow that kind of language here."

Ever since, she seems to allow any kind of language or taunting. I wouldn't be surprised if she ends up with a riot and she gets trampled over by one of her annoying guests. I just saw one of the most disgusting displays of immaturity the other day on *'Ricki'*. There was a whole panel of homosexuals who wanted to be parents.

That's not what I've got a problem with: it was how they kept on screaming at one another.

It just seems that she recruits the most ignorant people to be a part of her show. It gets so loud that I had to turn the T.V. off. You couldn't understand any of them and Ricki was not helping.

In a *Y.M.* issue, Ricki was quoted as saying, "Ours was the first one to really stand out from the pack. Not only because I'm a younger host, but because of the music, the gimmicks and the quizzes."

I agree with her about the younger host thing, but she's going a little too far with the music. The music on her show sounds like all the other elevator trash on talk shows.

She's also quoted as saying, "I'm really into comfort and looking different from everybody else." Though she doesn't look any different than any of the other talk show hosts.

During every one of Ricki's shows there seems to be some kind of argument, whether it's between a guest and Ricki or an audience member and a guest, there's always at least one.

No matter what the situation is, it's always the man's fault. I believe in women's liberation but she takes it too far. My message is this: please settle down Ricki. And ditto to those Ricki fanatics who never stop saying "oh my gosh did you see Ricki yesterday, a gay guy proposed to another guy," or "Oh my gosh, did you see that cat fight on Ricki?" We don't care. Keep it to yourself.

## FACES IN THE CROWD

### How do you feel about McCullough's staying at Riley?

"He does good things here, he shouldn't leave."



**David Jauregui**  
Senior

"He is a good principal. We need him."



**Kim Hanes**  
Senior

"Mr. McCullough's home is here, he is Riley."



**Claudio Bueno**  
Junior

"He should stay principal because he does a good job."



**Sabrina Phillips**  
Junior

"It'll be different, I like the way he is."



**Josh Weaver**  
Sophomore

"Why mess with a good thing? We are happy with him."

**Nydia Karkiewicz**  
Sophomore



"I think the school might go through a lot of crap."

**Kanie Arias**  
Freshman

"He's a good guy. We like him."



**Jessica Gay**  
Freshman

## cheers and jeers

-To Powder Puff football players.

-To the Junior class car washes.

-To wearing KEDS and sandals without socks.

-To songs from movie sound tracks you can identify and know where it was in the movie.

-To being visited by the Dwarfs of weather: Cloudy, Windy, Rainy and Jed.

-To walking over hot coals for excitement on weekends.

-To low walkman batteries on long family vacation car rides.



## EDUCATION/CONTINUED FROM P2

technology.

There are pros and cons to both types of schools.

According to Putz, one of the good things about public schools is that they offer students the opportunity to interact with a diverse student population. She believes that one of the keys to success is one's ability to get along and relate to different individuals.

Renee Beutel, freshman, who graduated from St. Matthew's school, she believes one

of the good things about Riley is that with a large student population, everyone has the ability to fit in somewhere.

"I think that some of the pros to going to a public school are the longer classes, bigger student population, and the fact that there is no dress code," said Jason Horvath seventh grader at St. Jude's who visited Riley and is planning on attending Riley.

According to Horvath at this point he really sees no cons to going to a public school.

"Going to a private school it is almost like you are not in the real world," said Becky Bankoff, junior who attended Stanley Clark elementary.

Christie Banahum, the director of communication for the diocese of Ft. Wayne, South Bend, believes that private schools don't only offer students religion, but also a valued based education and preparation for higher education.

Bankoff feels that private schools tend to

have smaller classes, therefore you are able to receive more individual help.

Overall school choice really comes down to what the parents and students want to get out of a school.

"Choice is good for students. For the most part, students get out of a school (public or private) as much as they want to get out of it. Success depends on what the child brings to the school, and how hard they are willing to work to achieve their goals," said Putz. ■

## JROTC/CONTINUED FROM P1

land.

Early feels that in order to make a difference, more people have to be aware of the JROTC program and how they could benefit from use of rifles in drills.

"As of now we don't have a chance of winning at a drill competition because we start out behind. All of the other schools that we would compete against have rifles," said Hedman.

According to Hedman, she would like to be able to compete and bring trophies back to Riley.

"We could fill our trophy cases if we had the rifles so that we could compete," she said.

The students would also learn responsibilities because the

would have to take care of the rifles.

"There is a cleaning requirement that the students would have to learn, because there are parts that with time could get rusty," said Mullins.

The students would only be able to use the rifles if they were being supervised.

"We would watch them every time they were using the weapons," said Early.

If the weapons were not in use they would be stored in a locked room within the JROTC room. The room would have iron bars on the door and shelves with cables on them to secure each rifle down.

If the JROTC had rifles, they could compete with the other

drill teams in Indiana that have the JROTC program.

"All of the schools that were at the competition that we went to (over spring break) had rifles. We would need to have them to even stand a chance," said Hedman.

According to Hedman they are missing out on good portion of the class. "I would not give up the class for anything. It has taught me good moral qualities, but I do think that we are missing out on something that is 100 percent safe," she said.

Having rifles would not cost the SBCSC any money.

"The Marines pay for everything we have now, the uniforms and other equipments. They would pay for the rifles and the security room," said Mullins. ■

## FPS/CONTINUED FROM P1



**PROUD TO WIN/** (left to right), freshmen, Colleen Jurkaites, Jed Ross, Erin Wibbens, and Natalie Garrett, hold the SBCSC banner that was carried in the State Bowl parade.

of work is involved. We spent time at each others' houses and researched all the way to Indy.

A successful team is not only one that can

do the process, but one who's team members get along well. Experience is also a factor.

Although the process sounds like no fun at all, there are definitely plusses to being involved in the *Future Problem Solving Program*. You learn a system for theoretical solutions which could solve practically any problem you may face in your life. Through FPS, problems may be solved in ways never imagined, the problems are real in our world today.

This year, three hundred teams from all across Indiana tackled situations such as kids and violence, homelessness, and prejudice.

"It is interesting that we are solving the major problems of today," said Jurkaites.

It is a competition, though, like any sport.

The fact that we were even invited to participate in the bowl was truly an honor. We were one of only fifteen teams in our division to get to compete at state.

Opening ceremonies on bowl day began at 8:30 a.m. The actual written competition took place from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Each team must also compose a skit which illustrates the main solution to the problem. The skit had to be under five minutes. Teams were given certain materials and limits to use, such as, one bucket, 25 feet of aluminum foil, one bed sheet, and a box. There were a lot of both to watch and to act in.

The skits were judged on creativity, completeness, the relationship to the "fuzzy" situation, and individual main solution.

Our skit included several songs, gymnastics, humor, and conversation. We felt it was pretty good; unfortunately, the judges didn't think the same.

The awards ceremony began with a banner parade. Each school corporation was invited

to create a banner representing their school. This traditionally followed with an enlightening speech from the program director about how wonderful we all are. Each division receives awards for the skit competition and the writing part of the competition.

Winning a second place position was definitely a great accomplishment. Of course we all screamed, ran up to the stage and accepted our ribbons and trophy.

"It was really great!" said Jurkaites.

We learned something important every time we competed. Just think, we the future doctors, lawyers, teachers, senators, or service workers are learning about the problems of today and are already beginning solutions for the future! What a concept! I can hardly wait until next year!

1995 FPS state runners-up: freshmen: Natalie Garrett, Colleen Jurkaites, Jed Ross, and Erin Wibbens. Skit participants: sophomore, Brian Piechocki and senior, Adam Turner. Coach: Leona Johnston. ■

## FRIENDS/CONTINUED FROM P2

that Riley is not a scary place where you get beat up all of the time," said Christina Nelson, junior.

"I have been asked things like, 'Have you ever been shot or do a lot of people carry guns to school?' I simply them know that Riley is not a dangerous place and they do not need to worry about getting shot and they don't need to carry a gun to school to be safe," said Barlow.

*Friends* was also involved in a program called *High School Heroes*, an anti-smoking program. To get the best results from the program, it is

designed under the impression that whether teens know it or not, kids look up to them.

It was a one day, 45 minute lecture. The *Friends* use transparencies, a video, and smoked through sponge lungs.

"I enjoy being in *Friends* because it's great to see we are helping kids understand things like smoking. When we were teaching the students I could tell that they were really looking up to us and paying attention to what we were saying about the dangers of smoking," said Alexa Hilal, sophomore.

*Friends Inc.* is also involved with other school activities and clubs.

They had a float in the homecoming parade with the *Latin Club*, assisted S.A.D.D. (students Against Drunk Driving), and helped T.R.E.E.S. (The Riley Environmental Education Society) with various projects.

"Anyone can come to *Friends Inc.* for help," said Kielton, "that's what we are here for!"

To make an appointment with a *Friends Inc.* member, just contact your counselor.

The students are qualified

and more than willing to help.

"I enjoy being in the program because we help people and that is important, I am always ready to help," said Hilal.

*Friends Inc.* is planning the upcoming *Friends Week*.

Activities which *Friends Inc.* are planning to include in that week are a daily mental health tip along with morning announcements and the publicizing of *Friends Inc.*

Judy Hums, *Friends Inc.* sponsor said, "We are planning to hang up posters to tell the students what we do. We want to make everyone aware

of the *Friends* group."

According to Hums, the goal of *Friends Week* is to make Riley more aware of our peer counseling program.

*Friend Inc.* is a peer-helper group composed of hand picked Riley students. This group of students is trained in suicide-awareness and prevention, communication skills, and relationships.

The members are trained at the Fall Youth Conference. This is a two-day workshop sponsored by the Mental Health Association and St. Joseph's medical center.

Anyone can be a member

of *Friends*, but only one freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior get to attend the Fall Youth Conference every year.

According to George McCullough, principal, *Friends Inc.* along with others has helped to make Riley a successful school.

"Peer counseling, the social workers, the counseling staff, and student involvement help to make Riley successful," said McCullough, "Peer counseling offers students another way to get help. *Friends* provides students with another opportunity to succeed" ■



## F i n a l T h o u g h t s

## Prayer Group

The prayer group meets every Tuesday and Friday. Everyone is invited and welcome to come to the meetings in room 213 (Ed Fahlhaber's room).

## Last Review

The next issue of the *Riley Review* will be the last issue of the *Riley Review*. It will

feature the results of the senior survey.

## Final Exams

Final exams for first, second, and third hour finals will be given on June 6 and fourth, fifth, and sixth hour finals will be given on June 7.

## Seniors

The senior awards assembly will

be on Friday, June 9. Tests to receive awards have already been administered. Many seniors were eligible to take these tests.

## Boys' Volley Ball

The junior class is sponsoring a boys' volleyball tournament. The tournament will be played on May 27. Listen for sign-ups.



## Line-up changes to achieve goals

**BECKY BANKOFF**  
SPORTS EDITOR

"We have gotten off to a rough start, but now we are all a little more focused," senior and co-captain Amanda Dueringer said about the varsity girls' tennis team.

"Our team has not peaked yet, and hopefully won't until sectionals. We beat two respectable teams, however we should have beaten three. So far the team is doing well, and we seem to be on target," said varsity coach KaRon Kirkland.

Junior, Amy Frederick, added, "We have had some of our toughest matches already. Although we did not win all of them, I feel we will continue to improve and go on to be a winning team."

The team's overall record is 3-2, and their conference record is 2-0. The non-conference win was over Rochester, and the conference wins were over LaSalle and Clay.

"Our win over Rochester was decent. We just showed up and took care of business. The win over Clay was very pleasing because we have beaten them two years in a row. Last year we beat them 3-2, but this year we beat them even worse. This was the first time we have beaten them 5-0 in my coaching career at Riley," said Kirkland.

Dueringer commented, "In our win over Clay, each and every one of us played very well."

The team's two losses were to 16th ranked St. Joe, and unranked Goshen.

"The team did not play as well as a whole against Goshen as we would have liked to," said Frederick.

"Our loss to Goshen could have gone either way. We were tied with them 2-2 with a chance to win. But we fell just short," explained Kirkland.

Thus far the team is undefeated in the conference, although they have only played two conference matches. Kirkland really stresses the conference matches, and feels they are the most important. He believes the conference matches against Penn and Elkhart Central will be the most difficult.

"I really believe we can win the conference this year," said Kirkland.

In order to achieve this, the team has recently undergone some line up changes. Junior, Becky Bankoff, and senior, Amy Freid, will remain at their number one and two singles spots. Senior, Alison Waddy, who played the first four matches at the number three singles position, will be



COURTNEY RUIZ

**CONCENTRATING/** Senior and co-captain, Amanda Dueringer, puts all of her might into a backhand return during an afternoon practice at Leeper Park.

switched to play number one doubles with senior, Jan Hill. Dueringer, who played her first four matches at the number one doubles position, will now play number three singles. The number two doubles team of Frederick and freshman, Whitney Dueringer, will remain the same.

This adjustment in the lineup was made because Kirkland feels the team has a better chance of winning more matches this way.

Kirkland and the team feels they can now defeat Elkhart Central, Marian, Penn, and St. Joe.

Kirkland feels the singles players are right where they should be with singles.

"Bankoff and Freid have been winning whenever it is possible, and doing a fine job. Dueringer will have to adjust to a singles strategy, but she is gaining confidence with every match."

The doubles teams are also on course, explained Kirkland. "Both teams have great skills and good athletic ability. They are all working to become more compatible with one another, and it is beginning to show. I have very high hopes for both doubles teams," said Kirkland.

"I am very confident that with our new line up, we could finish first in the conference," said Dueringer.

"I remain very optimistic still. We are already a good team, but we still need to work hard at practice to improve. The harder the girls

work now, the better we will do," Kirkland said.

The team is continuing to practice hard because in the upcoming month, they have several matches a week. This is due to the several cancellations because of poor weather conditions.

Kirkland feels that practices have been going fairly well thus far. He commented, "I am pleased with practices, however, I would like to see a little more concentration. Concentration leads to less unforced errors, and this will help us to win some important matches."

Frederick added, "We had some problems at the beginning of the year because not everyone was coming to practice. But now practices are going much better with everyone present."

The team's greatest weakness is that they do not have a true sense of team unity or camaraderie.

Frederick explained, "There is a lack of unity especially between the junior varsity and varsity players. I also see a few problems between the doubles and singles players."

To overcome these problems, both the varsity and junior varsity teams have been having dinner together once a week. Also before each conference match, the varsity girls take turns giving each other special gifts to get each other pumped up before they play.

Kirkland hopes the team will continue well on into June. He said, "We want to go as far as possible. We hope to win the sectionals and then take it from there. There is no doubt in my mind that this team is by far the best varsity girls' tennis team in Riley history."

## player spotlight



**Name:**  
Whitney  
Dueringer

**Year:**  
Fresh-  
man

**Strengths:** Her composure and skill level.

**Weaknesses:** Her lack of experience.



**Name:**  
Amy  
Frederick

**Year:**  
Junior

**Strengths:** Her relaxed demeanor on the court.

**Weaknesses:** Her lack of experience.



**Name:**  
Alison  
Waddy

**Year:**  
Senior

**Strengths:** Her absolute determination.

**Weaknesses:** Her lack of experience.



**Name:**  
Amy  
Freid

**Year:**  
Senior

**Strengths:** Her endurance.

**Weaknesses:** Her lack of overall power.

### SPORTS ROSTER

- ❖ Becky Bankoff
- ❖ Amanda Dueringer
- ❖ Whitney Dueringer
- ❖ Amy Freid
- ❖ Amy Frederick
- ❖ Jan Hill
- ❖ Alison Waddy



# Bright future for Vinegar in track

**JASMINE BROWN**  
STAFF WRITER

After lighting it up on the football field and being named Northern Indiana Conference honorable mention wide receiver, he is now training for the 1995 track season: senior, Bryan Vinegar.

Although competition keeps Vinegar interested in both football and track, he does have a favorite. "I enjoy track more than football because I am so used to it. I have been running since I was seven years old. Running became natural. But football was harder. It had to be taught to me plus there is too much wear and tear," explained Vinegar.

Vinegar's natural ability is obvious. After qualifying for state in track as a sophomore and breaking the 100 yard dash record as a junior he's prepared to run the 100, 200, and four by one relay. "I want to win state," Vinegar said.

Vinegar has many loyal fans in his family and close friends. He has his mother, his brother, Keyon, Keyon's girlfriend, Mindy,

nephew Jalen, and close friends supporting him. Vinegar is closest to Keyon whom he admires most.

He says that Keyon has taught him self-control

and to think before he speaks or reacts.

"What Keyon says goes. He is a big guy so I just let him run me for a minute," Vinegar explained with a wide smile.

Vinegar also admitted that it is hard to carry different attitudes for sports. "If I have a bad day at school or something goes wrong, I have a bad day running. Some

times my head isn't always in it," states Vinegar.

Vinegar isn't always involved in sports. He likes to "kick

it" with friends or go to his brother's house for fun. But Vinegar didn't mention fun when he discussed his most embarrassing moments. He gave a quick laugh and finally admitted that when he was a freshman, he was initiated naked while he was in the shower by juniors during gym class. Another embarrassing memory for Vinegar was when he had to sing the school song in front of the whole school at a pep assembly.

Vinegar feels that people who don't know him think he has a bad attitude, but the people who do know him think of

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**Bryan Vinegar / Senior**

him as a nice person.

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Vinegar thinks the future is bright for the track team, the coach, Ty Lax, and for himself.

Vinegar thinks there are a lot of natural athletes on the track team that can do a variety of events. They are running for rank in the NIC and hope to place in the top three.

Vinegar also likes the new coach. "He's fresh out of school, young, and can relate to the team. He doesn't expect you to be the same everyday, but to perform to the best of your ability. He also understands our mood swings," said Vinegar.


Vinegar would like to go on to college and participate in track. Vinegar is still undecided as to where he will go.

## up and coming

- ❖ Friday, May 5, the varsity boys' track team has a meet against Valparaiso at 4:30 p.m. at Valparaiso.
- ❖ Saturday, May 6, the varsity girls' tennis team has a match against Marian at 2:30 p.m. at Leeper Park.
- ❖ Saturday, May 6, the varsity girls' track team will participate in the Goshen relays at 9:30 a.m. at Goshen.
- ❖ Wednesday, May 10, the varsity baseball team has a game against Penn at 5 p.m. at Penn.
- ❖ Tuesday, May 16, the varsity golf team has a match against St. Joe and Marian at 4:15 p.m. at Erskine Golf Course.
- ❖ Friday, May 19, the varsity softball team has a game against Culver at 4:30 p.m. at O'Brien.
- ❖ Saturday, May 20, the boys' soccer team is having a car wash from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jackson Middle School. The rain date is Saturday, June 3.

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## Senior leadership is strength of boy's track

**MONICA SWINTZ**  
STAFF WRITER

This year the boys' track team has been struggling due to the lack of facilities.

"It is time for Riley to get an indoor track. Other schools have better conditioning because of their facilities," said coach Ty Lax.

Even though they are struggling with their facilities, the track team is still ranked among the top in the city.

They have been ranked at the top because they have beaten Penn, Adams, and Mishawaka. So far they have only lost to Clay and Elkhart Memorial. They also came in second at the Highland track and field invitational. And they are the 1995 co-city meet champions along with city Clay.

Their most thrilling challenge and win was against Penn. This is because last time the team beat Penn was in 1987 when coach Lax was running for the wildcats.

The main focus this year has mostly been on seniors Mike Pflugner, Bryan Vinegar, and Pat Shelton. "Their strengths come from their attitudes. They associate themselves with winners," explained Lax. Their attitudes especially show through with their strong senior leadership," he said.

This track team shows many strengths, especially their four by one relay. This relay is special because three of the four runners



WILL BERNHARDT

**COOL DOWN/** Junior, Jamal Gaines is flanked by fellow track runners as they cool down after an excruciating practice.

were varsity runners on last years track team.

This team credits much much of their success to their coach. "I like him because he is young and can relate to us easily. Also, he does not expect us to be the same person at practice each day," said Vinegar.

"This track team is always positive and seems to always keep each others spirits up. The whole practice is funny. We make fun of each other and are always joking," said

Pflugner, co-captain.

The boys' track team has depth because of their returning seniors and strong freshmen, according to Lax.

The team feels as though they can match up with anyone else in the area.

"After beating Penn, I now feel confident that we can win sectionals," stated Pflugner.

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**Name:**  
*Sam Toth*

**Position:**  
*Co-captain of  
golf team*

**Year:**  
*Senior*

**What are three words that best describe your athletic playing style?**

*Ugly, lucky, and gritty.*

**Who is your sports hero?** *O.J. Simpson*

**What is the best part about being an athlete?** *Being in top physical condition.*

**What is the worst part about being an athlete?** *You have to go to three classes on the days of your matches.*

**If you could watch any athlete perform, who would it be?** *Michael Jordan*

**What is your proudest moment as an athlete?** *When I went to regionals as a sophomore.*

**What is the most memorable thing you heard your coach say?** *"Sam, if you try hard enough you can achieve all of your goals."*



**Name:**  
*Alison Waddy*

**Position:**  
*Number one  
doubles for  
tennis*

**Year:**  
*Senior*

**What are three words that best describe your athletic playing style?**

*Hard-working, powerful, intense.*

**Who is your sports hero?** *I prefer my heroes to be people who have done something more meaningful with their lives than just a sport.*

**What is the best part about being an athlete?** *The feeling of accomplishment and the support you get from friends and teammates.*

**What is the worst part about being an athlete?** *The amount of time it takes away from academics.*

**If you could watch any athlete perform, who would it be?** *Pete Sampras or Steffi Graf.*

**What is your proudest moment as an athlete?** *Winning the most improved award last year.*

**What is the most memorable thing you have heard you coach say?** *"The way you practice is how you are going to perform in the game."*

## New coach is an asset

**AARON YOUNG**  
STAFF WRITER

Starting with a new coach can be difficult, but the softball team has adjusted very well to the change.

"He has fit in really well," said junior co-captain, Andi Goepfrich, about the new head coach, Mike Megyese. "He's an asset to the team. He has done a lot of work with us and we've learned a lot," she said.

Sophomore Kiley Mahoney said, "He practices with us hard. We try to have batting practice before each game. We never did that last year."

Shannon Mahoney, senior and co-captain, agrees that Megyese is doing really well since his start as head coach.

"Practices this year have been going well, better than last year. Last year was just a social hour," said K. Mahoney.

Goepfrich said, "We work really hard to prepare for our games at practice. Practice is very important in order to win our games."

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**Andi Goepfrich / Junior**

Both co-captains agree that one of the team's strengths is defense.

K. Mahoney says, "Our infield is doing really well, they don't make very many errors. But our outfield is still a little shaky. In the Elston game, they hit a

bloop to the outfield and they scored."

Goepfrich also believes that another strength is that the team hits well off of faster pitchers.

As for weaknesses, overall hitting seems to be a problem.

"Our weakness is hitting. We are not a good hitting team at all," said K. Mahoney.

K. Mahoney says, "We leave too many runners on base. In the game against Niles, we left 11 runners on base that could have scored."

Goepfrich adds, "We have trouble hitting off of slower pitchers. We lost to Michigan City Elston 1-0 because if you can't hit the ball and get on the base runners to score, then you can't win games."

The team plays many tough competitors in the conference. Goepfrich says that now that the team has beaten both Mishawaka and Penn, (who are perennial powers), one of the toughest competitors is LaSalle.

S. Mahoney said, "We've played and will play against some really good teams, so every game counts, each one is hard."

K. Mahoney says, "Before big games, we always try to have batting practice. We start at 3:00 p.m. because the most of the games start at 4:30 p.m."

The team has set high goals and standards for themselves this season.

"We would definitely like to win the NIC title, that's very important to us. We'd also like to win sectionals, at least, and the regionals as well. We'd really like to go to state. We want to do our best as a team," said Goepfrich.

K. Mahoney said, "We want to win NIC and sectionals."

"Our goals are to win NIC and sectionals and to go to regionals, and to just improve game by game," said S. Mahoney.

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**Shannon Mahoney / Senior**

## Underclassmen add bonus to girl's track

**BLAKE NICKLE**  
STAFF REPORTER

Youth is one of the main reasons for the success of girls' track team this year.

One of the young stars is Tina Johnson, sophomore, who last year broke the school record in the long jump and also finished seventh in state competition last year. The team also has four freshman running varsity this year. They are Dana Varner, Anne Gustafson, Julie Brasseur, and Pamela Boone.

"Our strengths this year will be our field events, and our relays, although we will be weak in the high jump (due to the injury of senior, Dawn Barker), distance, and our hurdles," said Sara Skodinski, sophomore.

"Our goals this year are to have more than one person go down to state, break school records, and to break our own personal records. We also want to improve as a team as a whole," said Johnson. "We want to become closer as a team and work together better than we did last year."

"If we concentrate and work hard this year our team could go to regionals and maybe even to state," added Skodinski. "With our senior leadership and our talented freshmen we should have a really good chance to go far this year."

One of the teams' highlights so far this season was placing second at in the city meet.

"In the city meet we got all firsts in the field events and the four by one relay beating out a tough LaSalle relay team. Our distance runners also gave it their all," said Johnson.

The girls credit some of their success to their strong captain leadership. Captains for the team this year are Jaime Thomas, junior, Jenny Lyzinski, senior, Barker, senior, and Kizzy Jones, junior. The team will especially need the leadership against a good Penn team this year.

"Penn will be our toughest meet this year," said Barker. "They have more depth, better experience at each event, and more coaches."



**HUSTLING/** (from left to right) Juniors, Lakisha Rodgers and Lisa Jones, and freshman, Tina Johnson, sprint to the finish line during afternoon practice.

To prepare for the meets, the team practices everyday after school until 5 p.m. During the practices, the girls work on their events and practice their form.

Although the team has a good outlook for this season they have had their disappointments. The biggest came against Adams.

"Our worst meet this year was against Adams. We could have easily beaten them but we had a let down and performed poorly," said Johnson.

"Even though we have a losing record, we are having a good season and hope to improve as the season progresses," added Barker.

With a positive outlook and disappointments behind them, the team hopes to be a main contender this year in the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC).





**VARSITY BASEBALL**/This pitching sequence of senior, Josh Glenn, was taken during warmups at the LaSalle game that was postponed due to bad weather.

**Top left:** Glenn winds up to throw his famous curve ball.

**Top right:** Glenn's determination shows on his face as he concentrates on the catcher's glove.

**Bottom:** Glenn shows off his correct pitching form on the release of the baseball.

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## Dunlap resigns with a splash

**WILL BERNHARDT**  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It was just the right time.

Dave Dunlap, the head coach of the swimming and diving team, has resigned as head coach.

Coach Dunlap said, "Logically it isn't the right time."

But around December, he said he had a gut feeling that, "It was just time."

Dunlap was the head coach for 29 years at Riley and for one year an assistant coach at Jackson.

Dunlap's first experience in coaching a swim team was at Jackson. The head coach had asked him to be his assistant coach, and Dunlap said yes. After the head coach quit the next year, they asked Dunlap to be head coach and he accepted. The rest is history.

While head coach at Riley, he compiled a dual meet, which is a meet between two teams, record of 379-38. While at Riley he has had two state championship teams, five state-runner up teams, sixteen sectional champion teams, and has won the NIC sixteen times.

Before his career as a swim coach began, he swam for South Bend Central in high school.

Swimming wasn't the only sport he participated in. Tennis was his major sport in high school, and he went on to play at Indiana University. At Indiana University he majored in Zoology for two years and then changed his major to Social Science Comprehensive.

While in the swim season, Coach Dunlap would have to get up around 4 a.m. and wouldn't get home until 6:30 - 7 p.m. On nights that the team had meets he would get home much later, but still had to get up in the morning for practice.

"I'm happy with the way my career went and if I had a chance to change anything I wouldn't."

**Dave Dunlap / Coach**

This schedule could be hard on his family, but he says that his family was behind him one hundred percent all the way through his career.

One incident that sticks out in his mind the most would be what the 1992 team and all of his other swimmers from past years did for him. They had *The Silver Swim*, which was a tribute to him for his 25th year as coach. They held an inter-squad meet in which a lot of the swimmers from past teams swam against each other in the events.

Now that he has retired from coaching, he will have a lot more time on his hands. In this time he said that he will still teach and probably do more house chores. As for the swim team he said he will still come to meets and if he is asked, he will help out with the team.

Dunlap said, "I'm happy with the way my career went and if I had a chance to change anything I wouldn't."

Dunlap said that he will miss the most would be the relationship between himself and the swimmers. Over the years, Dunlap has had a caring and almost family-like relationship with his swimmers.

Mike Luber, sophomore diver, said, "He was like Papa Smurf."

He demands a lot from the swimmers, and in return he gets their respect. The swimmers also feel that Dunlap helps them to achieve their best.

A.J. Brausser, senior, said, "A few intangibles that coach Dunlap instills to each member of the team are dedication, tenacity, and keeping a focus. He made sure (for me) that Riley swimming wasn't just a sport, but a learning experience that I'll have for the rest of my life."

Dunlap would like to say to the teams of the future would be to "Keep the Tradition."

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**A.J. Brausser / Senior**

## athletes of the month

### Golf



**Sam Toth**

He is competitive and works hard.



**Jim VanFleit**

He has experience.

### Baseball



**Brian Stultz**

He bats .447, has had 2 home runs, and 13 RBI's.



**Marc Baker**

He has had 4 wins and 1 loss, a .109 ERA, 30 strikeouts, and 8 walks.