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James Whitcomb Riley High School 405 E. Ewing

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SWEPT AWAY/ Shilo Thomas, sophomore and TREES member, sweeps debris during the Rum Village Neighborhood clean up project.

Clean up crew collects trucks full of trash

COURTNEY RUIZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"It was fun because we spent the day outdoors and accomplished something special. I learned there's a lot of trash in the Rum Vil-

lage park too," said Shilo Thomas, sophomore.

According to *clean up* sponsor Jim Fenters, about 110 students and 15 adults participated.

"There were trucks full of trash collected. There was

about a two to three foot high stack of leaves and trash all the way around the park," said Fenters.

"This project was very successful and good for the community. The kids had a good time too," said Fenters.

Anthony Byrd, assistant principal, helped, too.

The Key and TREES clubs, National Honor Society, ROTC, IGAW, DECA, and the ecology classes participated in the all day clean up. ■

The fallout from Calvin's plan

■ On April 8, the school board vetoed superintendent Virginia Calvin's massive reorganization plan which would have closed one high school and six elementaries. Here are the reactions:

Calvin doesn't want role of 'bad guy'

COURTNEY RUIZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"People think I'm anxious to close their school, I'm not. I have developed this plan because I was directed by the board to come up with a plan," said superintendent Virginia Calvin.

The board asked Calvin to address grade restructuring, redistricting, and the closing of buildings.

The five year educational and financial plan included 22 separate recommendations. The recommendations included the closing of seven schools and redistricting and new boundaries, converting Hamilton school in to an alternative placement for high school students, and the implementation of the *school-within-a-school* at Riley and Washington.

Calvin was given four parameters by the board: strate



NICK CHAMBERLAIN

ANOTHER MEETING/ Virginia Calvin, superintendent takes notes during another school board meeting about her plan. The board voted her plan down.

Race not a factor in board vote

MONICA SWINTZ
SPORTS EDITOR

While some may have thought the recent school board vote racially divided, it only appeared that way, according to board members.

On April 8 the school board voted down superintendent Virginia Calvin's proposed plan which included the closing of Adams.

The 5-2 vote was seen to be racially divided because the two board members who voted 'yes' to the proposed plan were black and the five who voted 'no' to the plan were white.

"None of the board members' decisions were racially motivated, but racial implications were thrust upon us by the community, it's somewhat unfortunate that the board divided seem

CONTINUED VOTE P8/FLIP

NEW BUILDING

Despite tax judge O.K., obstacles loom for building

MELISSA LODOEN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"There are still two obstacles to conquer before the new Riley can be built," said George McCullough, principal. He is referring to tax judge Thomas Fisher's recent approval of the new Riley plans.

These two obstacles are the lawsuit filed by Tom Brademas and an abandoned house still standing in the middle of the site.

Brademas believes that it makes no sense to spend \$65 million for a new high school. "The city already has five high schools when four would be enough," he said, in the *South Bend Tribune*, April 17, 1996.

According to McCullough, he doesn't think that this will stop the building of the new Riley. Lawyers from the S.B.C.S.C. (South Bend Community School Corporation) have filed a motion asking that Brademas be required to post a bond of \$1 million, or that his case be dismissed.

This project has already taken seven years due to opposing forces. "The Riley at Jackson people have been opposing building at the Ewing site. They filed a suit because they said that the proper procedures were not taken when the building plan was revised," said McCullough.

"The city already has five high schools when four would be enough."

Tom Brademas / Lawsuiter

The remonstrating group lost this suit on March 29 and has 30 days to appeal. If the Riley at Jackson people file an appeal the S.B.C.S.C. lawyers are expected to request Brademas post a \$1 million dollar bond.

Once the obstacles are conquered the building of the new school can begin. "I hope the ground breaking will start in the fall of '96," said McCullough.

Once the building is started it will take two and a half to three years to be completed, according to McCullough. ■



COURTESY OF LOUANN KENSINGER

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS/ Riley teachers and faculty couldn't wait to get the new Riley building, so they broke ground on their own. The official ground breaking should take place in the fall of 1996; and the building should be completed in the spring of 1998.

CONTINUED PLAN P8/FLIP

check it out

✓ APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Powerhouse summer apprentice program will take place at Vassar College June 14 through August 6.

✓ JOB FEST 1996

Find out about many different jobs at Job Fest 1996 in the IUSB (Indiana University at South Bend) cafeteria on May 18. For more information call 288-8336

✓ CELEBRATION

Celebrate unity in diversity. The walk for unity will take place Sunday, May 5, from 2:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 289-4467.

✓ DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Money and applications for drivers' education are being collected in the bookstore until May 31. Spots will be filled on a first come basis.

The first session will be June 10-July 5 and the second session will be July 8-August 2. Applications can be received in the guidance office.

✓ YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will be handed out on June 3 before the end of the day.

✓ MAD DASH FOR CANS

Student Council is sponsoring a *Mad Dash for Cans* on Saturday, May 18, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Anyone is welcome to participate. People will be divided up into cars and will go around to Riley neighborhoods collecting nonperishable items for the needy.

✓ PARENTS

Bring Your Parents to School Day is May 1. Parents are invited to come to school with their children and spend the day at Riley. Parents will receive a Riley spirit shirt when they come and will be eligible to win prizes throughout the day.

✓ AFTER PROM

This year's after prom will be taking place at the YMCA on May 11 from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. There will be games, prizes, *all you can eat* and much much more. Tickets are on sale in the bookstore for \$15.

✓ ANTI-SMOKING

Students in *Friends Inc.*, peer helpers went to area schools and taught the effects of smoking.

The students attended an hour long training program in which they learned how to present this program. *Friends* presented this 45 minute program to the Riley feeder schools.

The program was sponsored by the American Lung Association.

JROTC aims to increase enrollment



NICK CHAMBERLAIN

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS/ Another Thursday and the JROTC (junior reserve officer training corps) students are dressed for combat. Colonel Early stands in front of class to give the lesson. The JROTC students attend his class each day.

MELISSA LODOEN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This is the second year of the JROTC (Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps) program and the enrollment is not up to par.

"The goal was to have 100 students in the program, but instead we have around 50 students," said master sergeant Richard Mullins, teacher in the program.

The enrollment has been up and down.

There are several reasons why the goal of 100 students was not met.

"It takes a very dedicated person to be a

member of JROTC. We have lost a number of students due to inattendance because they are not dedicated," said Melissa Hedman, senior.

The rigorous early morning physical training also may have caused students to drop out.

"We only have early morning training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have had between 30 and 33 students who have been at every early morning practice in the past three weeks," said Mullins.

Getting up at 7 a.m. to be at school may be hard, but this is the only time that the

students can come to physical training.

"We have students who are involved in sports and other activities after school, so we voted to have physical training in the morning," said Mullins.

"Sometimes getting up early is overwhelming, but it is worth it. I have seen myself improve a lot since the beginning of the year," said Mike Cook, freshman.

Not only have the students improved physically, but they have benefited from the program in other ways.

"It has helped me to become a better person. Colonel Thomas Early has taught me to do what's right," said Hedman.

According to Mullins, JROTC has taught many things in the last two years.

"I think the students are more aware of commitment and responsibility. They were taught respect and they don't mind the simple things like taking out the trash," said Mullins.

JROTC students have also learned study skills.

"We have been taught skills, such as studying, and note taking, which have really helped to improve my grades," said Cook.

Even though the program has helped a number of students, it can't help everyone.

"We have gotten a lot of 'at risk' students into the program and have helped many of them, but we cannot help all of them. We can't reach those who do not want to be reached," said Hedman.

The JROTC is trying to attain 100 students through recruiting.

"We are recruiting through the P.E. (physical education) classes, Rotary Club, and *The Kids 'Adventure Zone*. We are having the second year students really talk it up," said Mullins.

OPINION

We need to fight for Riley

JASON MCFARLEY STAFF REPORTER

On March 21, superintendent Virginia Calvin made her restructuring plan public.

A walk through Riley the day afterwards around 9 a.m. would have revealed empty hallways. For the most part, students were in class. A walk through Adams's hallways at the same time would also have revealed no students. They were on the front lawn of the school staging a walk-out in opposition to Calvin's plan.

If you listen carefully, you can still hear the roar that went through the Adams community weeks ago. Adams seemed to be riding a wave of momentum and unity and community support for their school.

However surprising it was, Calvin's plan as a whole was voted down on April 8. And individual items of the plan wait to be voted on.

So the fact is the South Bend Community School Corporation is not quite out of trouble yet. But Adams is not the only high school that will shut down if certain items of the plan go through, so will we; even if we do receive our long-awaited new Riley.

Riley may not close, but in two years if a great part of our student body if redistricted to attend Washington, they will lose out. They will risk not being a part of the new school that so many of us here have fought to build, despite on-going lawsuits.

Since the day it was made public, Calvin's plan has received much complaint from the community, but from Adams mainly. And

it seemed as though we just didn't care enough to fight. There was no school spirit or unity among us.

There was very little community input on our part as well.

The first community meeting offered to the public after the plan's release gave us a chance to direct our opinions specifically toward Calvin and school board members.

Riley student turnout was dismal; while scores of Adams students showed up. 10 to 15 Adams students spoke at the meeting, while one Riley freshman, Diane Syzmanski, expressed her views.

Syzmanski's speech ended: "Keep the pride of the south side alive."

But this pride has not been too evident as of late nor throughout the entire school year.

At pep assemblies, for example, members of the freshman class choose to sit and jeer while the other classes stand and cheer. Shouts of, 'Boo!' and 'Seniors suck!' drown out the class call, and sometimes the band.

The long, hard battle for our new school may be almost won, but the fight against one-sidedness and for unity serve as con-

stant reminders of Riley's lack of school spirit.

To the class of 1999 in particular, who would first be affected by items of Calvin's plan (especially redistricting), it is unfortunate that we did not show the public, or even ourselves, that Riley tradition is not to be tampered with; too bad we didn't remember that *Wildcats* are made to roar.

For now we'll have to await the further voting by the board.

It's not that Riley should be more like Adams or any other school. But Riley should be more like what Riley is supposed to be: a school, that in junior, P.A. announcer, Gregg Sims words, "Just can't hide that *Wildcat* pride!"



BOBBY BLACK

diverse ideas

James Whitcomb Riley High School

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PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Is there more than just playing a role?

BOBBY BLACK
STAFF ARTIST

Whenever I talk about role-playing games, 50 percent of the people I talk to respond, "What's a role-playing game?" The other 50 percent say something like, "Aren't those games satanic?"

The first half doesn't bother me. I mean, how can you know what a role-playing game is unless you've played one, right? It's the other half that gets to me. People are always stereotyping games like *Dungeons & Dragons* and *Vampire* to be demonic, just because an advertisement might feature a dragon or a wizard or a picture might show a little blood being spilled.

Take my parents for example: I asked my mom if I could play a certain role-playing game, and she said that she'd have to read one of the books that goes with the game. So I gave her the main rule book, and she instantly said no. She didn't even bother

to read it at all. She just saw a picture with blood in it, and refused.

This dates back to the old phrase 'you can't judge a book by its cover.' Just because something has an evil appearance, doesn't necessarily mean that it's evil.

Role-playing games were designed to be just that: a game. They were created so that people could have fun and use their imaginations. Players all sit around a table, and take some time to create a character, using the rules from the rule book. When they are done, the *Game Master* or *Storyteller* (the person running the game), who already has an adventure planned out, begins the game. He or she tells the characters what's going on when they start.

After that, the playing characters control

most of the action. They tell the *Game Master* what they want to do or where they want to go. If the GM feels their actions are appropriate, he lets them do what they want to. Players play through the adventure until they have completed the mission or the *Storyteller* decides to end the game session.

Sound satanic? I didn't think so. If anything, I believe that role-playing games are educational. They expand people's minds and allow them to be creative. They also help you to think and to learn to plan ahead.

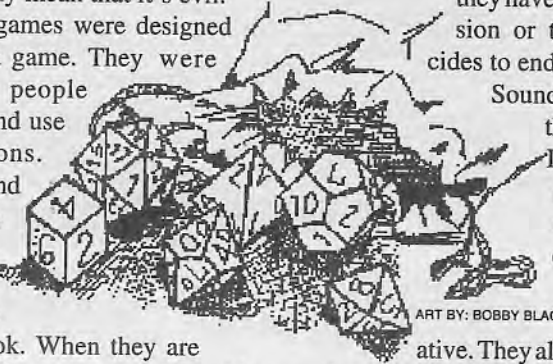
It's not the games that are demonic. If anything, it's the players. It is true that people have committed murder or suicide 'because of these games' as people say. But that was their own fault. It's what you force

yourself to do or believe that controls your actions.

Some people may turn to witch craft or satan worship because they get really involved in a certain game, but that is because they are weak minded and don't know what they are doing. The main thing is knowing when to quit.

These role-playing games were invented to create fantasy worlds for people to spend some time in, not their whole lives in. People who get too involved and wish to live in these fantasy realms all the time are foolish, and should not play these games to begin with (if you can't deal with the differences between a fantasy world and the real world. I suggest you don't even think about getting involved in an RPG).

So before you stereotype role-playing games to be evil or demonic, just remember - it's not the games that cause people to do sick and twisted things - their own minds. are responsible.



ART BY: BOBBY BLACK

MY VIEW / OPINION

PDA's: Disturbing the peace

MELISSA HUNSBERGER
STAFF REPORTER

Today, as I sat in the cafeteria trying to figure out what gives our school's chicken patties their distinctive flavor, I saw a sight which practically made me lose my lunch.

Once again, I was nearly blinded by an inappropriate display of affection on school grounds.

I'll spare you the nitty-gritty, but there was an overabundance of exposed flesh involved.

Needless to say, I spent the rest of the period with my eyes firmly glued to a suspicious green spot on my french fries.

Now don't get me wrong. I think it's great that there are so many blissfully happy couples here. I'm not condemning relationships as a whole, only those that unfold like an episode of *NYPD Blue* before me.

The problem arises when they decide to bring private moments into public view.

It's like Roseanne and Tom Arnold showing off their tattoos on national television: *We just don't want to see it.* They turn intensely personal moments into an absolutely repulsive show.

"The solution? Arrest them. I'm serious. If you can get prison time for indecent exposure, why not for indecent PDA."

Melissa Hunsberger / Junior

Eeww. Yuck. I think I'll be a nun.

So where do we draw the line? Here are some simple guidelines to follow: Handholding? Charming. Hugging and brief, closed-mouth kisses in the hallways? (a three-second decency rule would apply here). Passable.

But as for groping, pet-

name calling, and anything that involves a prolonged entangling of limbs? Nope.

You can do whatever you'd like to do when you're at home, but for God's sake, keep it there!

And while I'm on the subject, detailed verbal descriptions of what your boyfriend looks like naked are just as bad.

And proudly displayed hickeys aren't cool either. To the rest of the world they are just gross, purpling bruises.

The solution? Arrest them. I'm serious. If you can get

prison time for indecent exposure, why not for indecent PDA? Let Harry Hormone get comfortable with a 300-pound convict for a change. At least I won't have to see it.

It will be a great day when I can eat my lunch in relative peace. Until then, I'll be watching my french fries very closely.

Proof that hard work does pay off



NICK CHAMBERLAIN

TAKING A STEP UP / Marcus Barlow being acknowledged for his accomplishments at the SBCSC school board meeting.

ANNIE GUSTAFSON
STAFF REPORTER

"I was a punk," recalled senior Marcus Barlow of himself in the seventh grade. He isn't one now.

Barlow is vice president of the senior class and *Friends Inc.*, treasurer of *NHS*, historian of *Student Council*, member of the *jazz band* and of both the soccer and diversity teams. He has also become involved with the *ROTC* program this year.

"I wish I had taken it earlier; I have learned about leadership, self-confidence, and our country," said Barlow. He also earned a few more things to take away from the class, such as the full *Naval ROTC* scholarship to *Notre Dame*. While attend-

ing, he is going to study psychology and be an active member of *Naval ROTC*.

Barlow said, "I was interviewed by the *Marine Corps*, and had to pass a challenging physical fitness test; now I have more respect for runners!"

After college, Barlow is required to serve four years of active duty and four years reserves in the *Marine Corps*. After that, "I

"It's better to be respected than to be liked."

Marcus Barlow / Senior

plan to become the president of the United States," he said.

Presently, Barlow's typical day consists of early morning *ROTC*, six classes, a random after school meeting, the giving of private trombone lessons, and bi-weekly youth group meetings. Despite his busy schedule, Barlow's hard work has paid off.

Some of his greatest accomplishments are, "Making *All State Band* junior year and winning the *Northern Indiana Retired Officer Association's* 'cadet of the year' award in 1996," he said.

Barlow will continue to look to God and his family for support, but gives this advice to others, "It's better to be respected than to be liked."

WHEN WORDS HURT / OPINION

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but certain words can always hurt me

MELISSA HUNSBERGER
STAFF REPORTER

The women could have been anyone. A mother, an older sister, a teacher. I was walking out of the restroom as they were held the door for them and smiled.

"What a f***ing freak! What the f*** is she wearing?" The words grated my ears. I felt sick. I looked at my clothes. Clothes that I loved. Clothes that I wore every day. What was wrong with them?

I cried that day. I sat on the edge of my bed, where many years earlier my mother had laid color-coordinated jumpers and frilly

socks, and wondered why the way a person dresses is so important. 'It isn't fair,' I thought to myself, 'that people judge me based upon the way I look.'

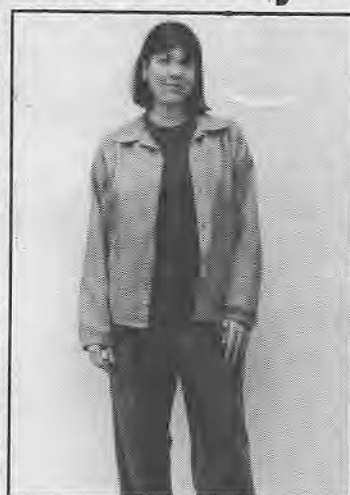
I know now that I was wrong. I put on my clothes every morning. I wear what I like, what I feel best in. I make a statement about myself. My physical identity is like an open letter to the world. 'This is who I am.' My clothing is my signature. If I were to fold to the pressure of society and change the way I act or dress, I would be wearing a costume.

Many people wear costumes. They do it to fit in with a certain group of people or to tailor themselves to blend in with one scene

or another. They make their cool retro shirts and trendy shoes the most important aspect of who they are.

The clothes that I wear are a part of me, but they are only one part. I would hope that the judgments people make about me are based upon my irresistible charm and inexhaustible wit.

I realize that the other 4 billion people in the world who don't know me will make assessments because of my physical appearance, but as long as they realize that there's more to me than a pair of thriftstore jeans, that's okay with me.



NICK CHAMBERLAIN

SIMPLY ME / Melissa Hunsberger shows who she is with her clothing style. Hunsberger has been stereotyped for wearing what she's comfortable in.

'I didn't get a license but I should have'



COURTNEY RUIZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As I drove back into the dreary license branch after completing my driver's test, I felt relieved but somewhat nervous. I was relieved because I thought I did a great job on my driving test.

I was cautious of the speed limit. I made sure that I stayed at least five miles below it. What more could you ask for? I was nervous though, my driving instructor seemed cold and distant. I was also uneasy because I thought that I would be taking the

infamous driver's license picture.

My thinking was totally wrong. When I finally found a parking spot and parked, my driving instructor proceeded to tell me I flunked the test. She harshly told me that Indiana law required licensed drivers to be able to parallel park.

I had totally blocked the parallel parking portion of the test out of my mind. I wasn't worried that I failed to parallel park the 'right way' as the instructor referred to my attempt at parallel parking. It seemed to me that none of my licensed friends had passed the parallel parking portion either, so I was not worried.

I remembered my friend's stories of how she persuaded the instructor to pass her by crying. So I started crying, well bawling. I soon realized that crying would get me nowhere. I realized that the instructor was not going to pass me.

When I finally came to terms that I had failed, I truly broke down. I felt so humiliated and embarrassed. How could I fail such a juvenile test? I asked the instruc-

tor to send my mother out to the car so I wouldn't have to face the world alone.

My mother tried to console me by telling me that it was just a test, not the end of the world. I couldn't be helped though. I went home and got a couple jeers from my older brother. This is the brother that needed my help to pass the computer test.

The only consolation to failing was that I only needed to wait fourteen days to retake my test. I decided to make things easier on myself by scheduling my retake driving test at the 'easier' Walkerton branch.

Everything seemed much calmer and easier at the Walkerton branch. The workers there were so much more cordial and civil.

I actually felt comfortable and confident about the test. I was ready to conquer the test and I did. I left the branch with a great big smile. Today, I can say that I earned my license honestly, unlike some of my friends who cried to get theirs. ■

'I got a license but I shouldn't have'



AUBREY EVANS
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

I had heard the horror stories of people flunking their driving tests, and after I ran four stop signs during my test and then couldn't parallel park, I thought I would be one of those people with my own horror story. But to my surprise I passed.

Anyone who has taken a driving test knows how scared you are when you go to take the test. I was about 15 minutes early, so as I waited I took my written test. You can only miss four questions without

flunking, I missed three. As I went out to take my driving test the driving instructor has you get in the car and press on the brake to make sure your brake lights work.

Well mine didn't, so the instructor gave me 15 minutes to go get them changed. Luckily there was a car dealership next door,

"She gave me another chance but I explained why I thought parallel parking was useless: most places have parking lots."

Aubrey Evans / Senior

so I got the brake lights changed and was ready to go.

As I was driving, I thought I would talk to the instructor so it would distract her and she wouldn't notice if I messed up. Well it worked. She didn't even notice when I ran

the first stop sign, the second, or third. She was way too busy talking about her son to see how I was driving.

Then it was time for me to parallel park. I had only tried to parallel park once and I wasn't very good at it. As I tried to parallel park, the instructor quickly realized I could not. She gave me another chance but I explained why I thought parallel parking was useless: most places have parking lots. I then promised her I would never go anywhere where I would have to parallel park.

As we pulled back into the Department of Motor Vehicles I was waiting for her to say how sorry she was that I didn't pass my test, but instead she said "Congratulations you are the privileged holder of an Indiana driver's license".

I was so surprised. I thought that there was no way I was going to get my license but I did. Since getting my license I've gotten one speeding ticket and have been in one accident. Maybe she shouldn't have given that license to me. ■

Four wheels: A ticket to popularity

ANNIE GUSTAFASON
STAFF REPORTER

We're all familiar with the everyday scenario of going out to lunch: everyone piles into cars to go eat. But do some of those drivers know they're being used for their license?

Sophomore Julie Brasseur explains, "I'm very particular about picking my friends, only if they have a car. If it's a good car, then we're good friends." People with both their license and a car can be used for rides out to lunch, weekend outings, or just as a simple means of transportation.

Frick's driving instructor, Bill Wagner said, "I'm sure that it's happened, kids get abused. Take the scenario of a kid who is old for his class and doesn't have many friends, after he gets his license and his own car he'll have lots of friends."

Junior Mike Kulik disagrees, "I'm old for my class, but don't consider myself a taxi cab. It's a give and take situation; I got rides when I couldn't drive, and now I give them."

Even Brasseur admits to becoming generous with her new license, "I will be more than happy to get my non-driving friends to places on time."

There are ways for drivers to avoid abuse. "I won't go more than five to ten minutes out of my way to give someone a ride. It also helps that my friends and I take turns driving, and alternate frequently," said Kulik.

Wagner suggests asking for or accepting gas money. "I'll give gas money when they ask for it or if we pull into a gas station," said sophomore Kylea Asher.

Brasseur advises nondrivers, "It's not someone's responsibility to drive you around just because they're your friend. Manners and politeness are always appreciated." ■

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VROOM VROOM Accidents

COLLEEN JURY
STAFF REPORTER

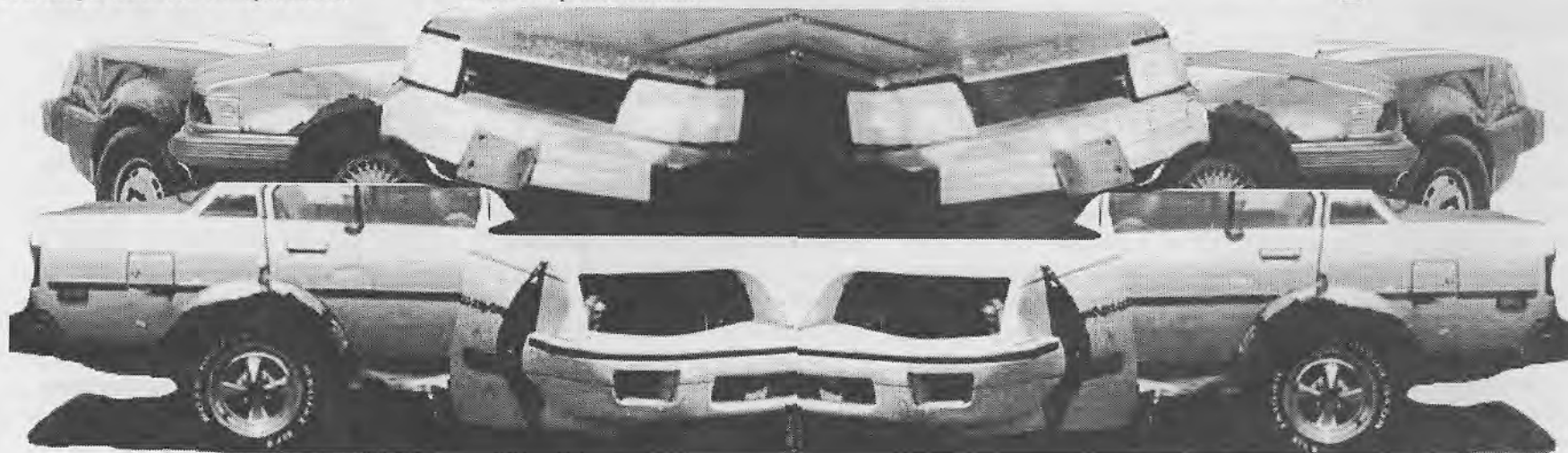
To most teens, driving is freedom. When they set out for the open roads, they live the lives of their passengers.

For at least one of them, an accident became a reality.

Marcus Barlow, a senior, was in a car accident last month after getting his license.

"I couldn't believe it," he said until the police came.

According to



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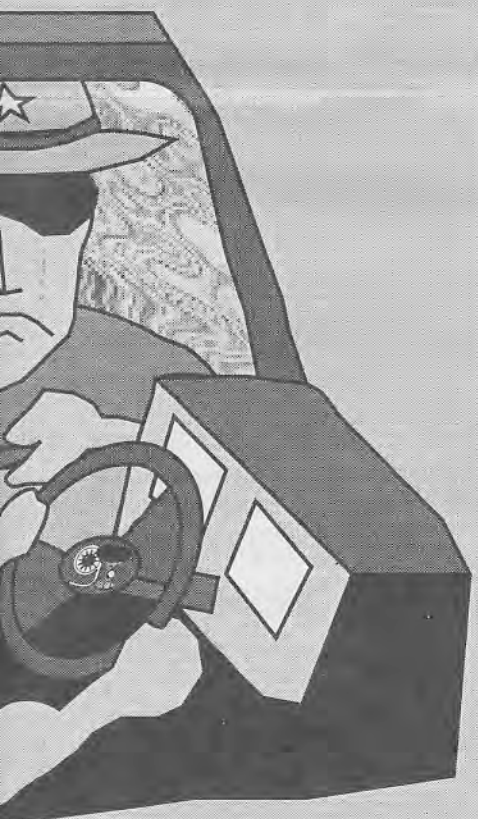
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It's not cheap to own a car

HEATHER THOMAS
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Why is it that many of the people who cannot remember events from one day to the next suddenly become very animated when it comes to telling every detail of their first new car? Whether the car was new off the factory line or just new-to-you, a first car is a big event in the lives of many.

This big event is often marked, however, by anxiety about the cost of the vehicle. Though every case is very personal and different, there are a few basic expenses to cover when shopping for an automobile.

First, there is the cost of the actual vehicle. Tim Havera, business manager at *Basney Ford, Hundayi, Isuzu*, says he rarely sees teens buy new vehicles. They tend to buy used.

When teens want to buy a car, Havera says that his dealership requires them to buy with a cosigner. Co-signing is a practice commonly used for people with little or no credit. If, for any reason, the person is unable to finish paying off the debt, the cosigner, who is generally someone with a good credit record, is required by the contract to pay off the rest of the debt.

This practice is beneficial because the person with little or no credit has a chance to establish credit with a sort of "safety net," and it also generally reduces the amount that has to be paid for the down payment.

Secondly, a teen will need car insurance. Calvin Johnson, insurance agent for *State Farm*, says that female drivers are always cheaper to insure than male drivers.

This is based on statistics that demonstrate that females, as a group, have safer driving histories than males. For instance, males are much more likely than females to be involved in fatal car accidents, and they also tend to accumulate more speeding tickets than females.

It is much more expensive for teens to insure their own car than to be the secondary driver on their parent's policy, especially if they don't have any driving history. Starting rates at *State Farm* for students with their own vehicles are \$500-

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Calvin Johnson / Insurance Agent, State Farm

\$600 bi-yearly for females and, for males, about \$800 bi-yearly. However, a student driver on his or her parents' policy generally begins at only \$350 for females and \$500 for males bi-yearly.

These rates are not, by any means, set in stone. One could get the good student discount if they have a GPA of 3.0 or above; this can knock as much as 30 percent off one's rates. Amy Frederick, senior, got the good student discount, but she feels her rates didn't decrease very much with it.

Safety devices (such as airbags and anti lock brakes) can also take down the rates. Of course, points against one's driver's license will increase the price of the policy. Tickets and accidents are major culprits of rate increases.

Rates automatically decrease when the driver turns 25, which is the age statistics show that drivers become safer.

How much insurance should the new driver have on his or her car? If the car is old, Johnson recommends liability coverage. Liability coverage covers the other driver in an accident for bodily injuries and property. It also covers any medical costs on the driver of the insured car and any passengers.

Johnson recommends full coverage for newer cars. Full coverage covers fire, theft, vandalism and glass breakage, in addition to collision coverage. Full coverage often comes with a deductible, however, of between \$100 to \$500.

A third major expense of car owners is repair. With regular maintenance, many of these costs can be reduced.

Kevin Stiles, the service advisor at *Don Meadow Pontiac, Jeep and Eagle*, says that drivers should be especially aware to maintain the computerized parts of the car, such as the "check engine" lights, fuel injection. Once broken, they prove to be some of the more costly repairs. The transmission should also be carefully maintained.

Much minor maintenance can be done at home with the proper equipment and knowledge. Stiles implores that when changing fluids, however, to be sure to dispose of them properly. Most dealerships and auto parts places will take care of this for you.

The thing to be most careful of when taking care of a vehicle is making sure that any problem one has is taken care of promptly. Even minor repairs can quickly turn ugly when left alone for too long.

Whether your expenses are tied up in the cost of vehicle, in insurance, or other things, owning a car is a very expensive investment.

Accident makes teen a more cautious driver

HAITES

gers, getting their license means just one most kids don't realize, though, is that when on roads they are taking their own life and the s into their own hands.

e student, the possible threat of getting into reality.

w, senior, got into a car accident only one driver's license. His car was totalled as a

lieve it. I felt numb. I just sat on the curb said Barlow.

Barlow, the accident occurred when he

attempted to turn left from a right-hand lane. He ran into a car that was turning left from the left-hand lane. Barlow said that the accident didn't have any affect on his driving record because he wasn't breaking any laws. It did, however, have a rather large effect on his insurance rates.

"My insurance rates have almost doubled because of the accident. Before I got into the accident my parents payed for the cost of my insurance, now I have to pay for half of it," said Barlow.

Barlow said that the accident has made him more aware as a driver.

"Now I always think twice about the cars around me. It only takes a few seconds to die," said Barlow.

Renee Beutel, sophomore, feels that she can decrease her chances of getting into an accident by being a safe driver. She said she considers herself a safe driver because she is cautious. She also said that she makes all of her passengers wear their seat belts- for

safety's sake.

Beutel said that she doesn't speed when driving, but she does keep up with the flow of traffic. She does not fear getting ticketed.

Wally Gartee, driver's education instructor, offers his help to drivers on how to stay safe.

"I tell students to aim high, put on their seatbelts, to not drink, and to watch their speed," said Gartee.

Even safe drivers can get into an accident. Barlow offers the following advice to drivers who get into an accident.

"Start driving again immediately after an accident. An accident could cause you to never want to drive again," said Barlow.

viewpoints

James Whitcomb Riley High School

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editorial

Race: The divide among us

Are we equal? Some say yes, some say no. It seems like in 1996 we are seeing more issues turned into black and white. No action can take place without someone saying the reason has to do with color.

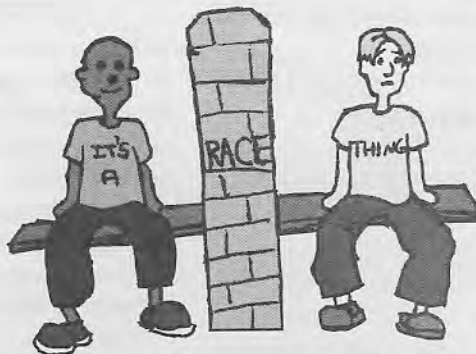
For example, on April 8, the community and the South Bend Community School Corporation had a meeting to discuss and vote on Virginia Calvin's proposal for the schools of South Bend. Throughout the meeting, there seemed to be a racial divide. All of the minorities seemed to have agreed with the plan, and most of the others who were there seemed to disagree. What began as a discussion over the reorganization proposal degenerated to name-calling and racial innuendos. Why is this?

Another example is affirmative action. Affirmative action is used to provide equal opportunity for admissions or employment for minority groups and women. We understand that it was set up to help all minorities, but we feel that a person should not be accepted to college, or get a job solely because of the color of their skin or gender.

People should be accepted because they are qualified not because they are a minority. If we want to be equal we must look at people equally and not worry about filling quotas.

We see prejudice every day. In and out of school. Color is brought into almost every situation. Why is this? Is this because parents have taught us to think in racial terms?

The world will not be equal until each and every person can be looked at for who they are and not because the color of their skin.



Where We Stand

Where We Stand reflects the number of people on The Review's Editorial Board who agree with the stand in the above editorial

YES:10

NO:1

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Get peppy for spring

Dear Editor,

I think that Riley should consider having a pep assembly for the spring sports. Last year we had a pep assembly for everything but spring sports. This year we have only had one for fall and winter sports.

Riley needs to acknowledge the baseball, girls' tennis, and track teams. We work hard to represent Riley and we want to be recognized. I know many other athletes who share my opinion, but no one has done anything about it.

I urge the administration and faculty to organize a spring pep assembly because we athletes should get the recognition we deserve!

Sincerely,

Erica Fualhaber

Erica Fualhaber

Embarrassing situation

Dear Editor,

I am very angry with Riley for not having any doors on the bathroom stalls in the men's bathroom. I think that if someone wanted to use the bathroom, they should be able to do it in peace.

There should be doors so that people do not have to be ashamed to use the bathroom. All I know is that if I had to use the bathroom I would want to know that people could not come in and stare and gawk at me.

Sincerely,

Matt Waldron

Matt Waldron
Freshman

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ListenUp



Recycling buys us more time

HEATHER THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

Recycling.

It became the fad a few years ago.

Earth-friendly products were suddenly popular. Aerosol spray cans became practically illegal. People who previously could barely pronounce the word *ozone* all claimed to be experts on the subject. Products everywhere had one of those recycle symbols on it. It didn't mean that the product was recycled—it was just there to point out that the product *could* be recycled.

All of the media hype about the environ-

ment eventually turned into backlash. Al Gore became the *owl lover* because he was an activist for the preservation of spotted owls. News that recycled products were not being bought caused people to question the wisdom of recycling in the first place. Some began to question the very existence of the hole in the ozone layer.

The movement to save the environment seems to have lost its initial steam. People are upset now that they see how much their lifestyle actually has to change for recycling to work. Because of this, there is increasing animosity between environmentalists and the average Joe.

What is recycling? It is reusing materials that would otherwise go to waste. Recycling doesn't necessarily mean going to the nearby recycling center and dropping off the week's newspapers. One recycles when one reuses old paper for scrap. One recycles when one wears his brother's used jeans as opposed to buying a new pair of his own. One recycles when one uses the same cup to get refills at the local fast-food joint instead of insisting on a new one.

Recycling is merely putting off the inevitable, but perhaps the act of recycling could buy humans enough time to figure out how better to dispose of waste.

Is recycling worth it? A few years back, it seemed that the answer to this question was *no*. Recycled products are coming into

"More people are recycling, but too many people are taking this upswing for granted."

Heather Thomas / Senior

vogue. According to the July 17, 1995 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, there are "surging demands for recyclables." The article, entitled *Turning Trash Into Cash*, also told of how curbside recycling programs have quadrupled in volume between 1988 and 1992, and of how recycling centers have finally developed the technology to keep up with the surging demand.

Besides the monetary rewards of recycling, we are rewarded by the increase in natural resources such as coal, trees, and oil. For example, when we reuse newspapers, we save many trees that would otherwise be felled. Recycling helps to ease the pressure put on the earth by humans who use up its resources before they can be replenished.

More people are recycling, but too many people are taking this upswing for granted. We need to begin to take the future a little more seriously. Recycling takes a little more time to do, and it may be a headache at times, but think of the headache that would result from the disappearance of trees from the earth.

Besides the commercial value of recyclables, the value to generations to come is priceless. Don't treat recycling as a fad. We all need to take strides to make a future for our children, and recycling is just one way we can make sure this happens. ■

Hey You



Is arguing an artform?

KYLEA ASHER
AD MANAGER

"No, I'm right, you're wrong!"

"Let me tell you what I think."

"Oh, yeah, as if you'd know!"

Sound like the average conversation at the third grade playground?

Unfortunately, those phrases and others similar to it are not just spoken on the teeter-totter; they are often heard in offices, restaurants, homes, and most recently between the community and the South Bend Community School Corporation.

If you have ever witnessed an argument it usually follows the same pattern. Both sides state their opinions and become so enraptured with their own opinions that they believe they must be right.

As a result, they never really listen to the other's point of view, and thus, the whole concept of arguing and debating perishes. It becomes an issue of who's right and who's wrong, and the debate is never settled.

We all watched the school board meeting on April 8. Eleven people spoke out to represent the community. Half of those people brought up irrelevant topics that did nothing more than waste the half hour that the community was given to speak. No one

seemed to want to listen to others, they only wanted to be heard.

In Stephen Covey's book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, he has a chapter and step entitled, "*Seek first to understand, and then to be understood.*" Imagine how productive the world would be if this philosophy was used!

I firmly believe that if the community and school corporation stepped back and truly listened to one another, they would see that they each share the same overall goal: to prepare and educate the next generation for successful lives in a safe environment.

Why don't we work together to find a path that's suitable for all of us? After all, we are all trying to reach the same destination, aren't we?

If the school corporation and community remember that they are in search of the same outcome, then I'm confident that they will find a solution to our budget crisis that satisfies everyone. ■

"I believe that if the community and the school board take a step back and truly listen to each other, they will find that they share the same goal."

Kylea Asher / Sophomore

cheers and jeers

-To spring sports.

-To the yearbook coming out on time.

-To prom.

-To not cutting sports.

-To warmer weather.

-To the Rum Village crew

-To the car grafitti in the parking lot.

-To the bathing suit season after a winter of eating Otis Spunkmeyer cookies.

-To final exams.

-To no parking spots when you're running late

FACES IN THE CROWD

What was your worst car experience?



"All in one day I got stuck in the mud, got an \$80 ticket, and paint started chipping on the car."

Jennifer Negron
Senior

"When I flipped and rolled my dad's new Mercedes but returned it unscratched."

Brad Milovich
Senior

"The time I went down a one way street the wrong way."

Leah Chamberg
Junior

"My sister was driving like a bat out of hell!"

Jerome Smith
Junior

"I was with my dad, and we hit a guard rail."

Deirdre Baskin
Sophomore

"Driving with my sister who sang the entire nine hour trip."

Dylan Chudzynski
Sophomore

"We went on a two week vacation and our truck kept breaking down."

Briana Betz
Freshman

"Puking all over myself and having to ride like that for an hour and a half!"

Trevor Battles
Freshman



COURTESY OF JAMES SPEARS

TOKEN OF GRATITUDE/ (Left to Right) James Spears, Jeff Stesiak, Richard Morgan, and George McCullough stand outside of the offices of Sweeney, Peiffer, Anderson, and Morgan, attorney at law. McCullough presented Morgan and Stesiak with Riley t-shirts for having sponsored the mock trial team. The firm paid for all expenses of the weekend long contest at Purdue University.

Local firm sponsors team

MELISSA HUNSBERGER
STAFF REPORTER

In mock trial, each team consists of six to eight members and is given a comprehensive book of case materials which includes witness statements, case facts, and any other pertinent details.

It is up to each team to be able to present either side of the case on the flip of a coin in competition. This entails writing

direct and cross-examinations, opening and closing statements, and witness testimony.

The mock trial team consisting of, juniors Sheryl Overmeyer, Mike McNoll, Heather Horvath, Meredith Wolfarth, Jill Carlson, Carrie Lamkin, and Matt Foley, worked for months to perfect their case for competition. They placed 10th statewide in a pool of 46 teams. ■

VOTE /CONTINUED FROM P1

ingly on racial lines," said board member, Robert Sweeney.

"The vote was a difficult one, but the vote was not determined by race. The board members voted on what they thought was the best for the community and students," said board member Marcia Jasiewicz.

"Though the true racial roots may lie within the community, the media has had a field day with the racial issue," said Richard Morrison, board member.

"The media has contributed to the racial issue by extensive headlines. As long as they continue, it will keep the issue alive," said Sweeney.

"The news media reports what it sees, but they seemed to play up the topic (of racism)," said Jasiewicz.

"Yes the media took advantage of the situation to sell newspapers, but one of the Sunday editions of the *South Bend Tribune* was helpful in showing the mayor's position and board's position," said Morrison.

To the naked eye, the community also appeared to be split down racial lines. Some say the racial feelings in the community stem from issues deeper than just the Calvin plan.

"I think we're a progressive community, but feelings about busing and state required integration are still disliked. Being open to the public allowed community members to make remarks that started a trend,

even though some were distasteful they brought out in the open the good and bad," said Morrison.

"Often times key phrases such as 'stop the bus' or 'none of our kids are in jail' contributed to racial feelings," said Calvin.

"It disturbed me to see that some people in the community felt that the plan was a racial issue. I've always felt South Bend

"The news media reports what it sees, but they seemed to play up the topic (of racism)."

Marcia Jasiewicz / Board Member

was a close knit and fair community. The vote simply reflected that a group of people saw good in the plan, and other groups of people did not want their buildings closed," said principal George McCullough.

Parents and community members may be instilling racism in their children, according to Calvin.

"The kids are fine when it comes to the race issue, it's the parents that start saying the words. A while ago I had a few white students in my office wondering what the parents' problem was," said Calvin.

"Racial wise the students are better acting than the adults, this is a real compliment to the students," said Jasiewicz. ■

PLAN /CONTINUED FROM P1

gic planning, what's best for children, financial stability, and the consent degree (busing for integration).

"I did what they told me to do," said Calvin.

Critics have argued that the public had no input in the plan. Calvin disputes this, "We had many public meetings and work sessions. We also had several write in proposals. We met with all principals, athletic directors, community, and parents.

"We wanted to address education and financial needs and to redesign the system,"

"A vocational technical school, staff development and retraining, alternative schools and lead schools were lost. We also did not balance the budget."

Virginia Calvin / Superintendent

said Calvin.

Because the board voted against the plan 5-2, innovative programs have been lost, she said.

"A vocational technical school, staff

development and retraining, an alternative school and lead schools were lost. We also did not balance the budget," said Calvin.

Since the superintendent is directed by the school board; she says that since the plan was rejected, she is at a standstill.

"I'm waiting for them to direct me. My goals are determined by what they want done," said Calvin.

"The board could come back and say cut programs. I do it and look like the bad guy," said Calvin.

Public sentiment for the plan is mixed. According to Calvin she was sent flowers with cards that say 'thanks for doing a marvelous job'. She adds the personal attacks are disappointing.

"What can I do? I try to lead by example. The way I've acted is how I want students to react," said Calvin.

"We wanted to do some creative things and get on financial solid footage; we have no money," said Calvin. ■



Final Thoughts

Clean Up

T.R.E.E.S (The Riley Environmental Education Society) is sponsoring a neighborhood clean up on May 16. Anyone is welcome to help.

Student Council

The new student council officers for the 1996-97 school year are president,

Alexa Hilal, senior; vice president; Julie Brasseur, junior; secretary, Monica Lodoen, senior; treasurer; Kristy Wiseman, senior, sergeant-at-arms, Tommy McCullend, senior, historian, Kylea Asher, junior.

Fees

Seniors cannot graduate until all fees have been paid. Library

and bookstore fees have been sent to all seniors. Checks will only be accepted until May 1.

Name of Cafeteria

All students had the opportunity to name the cafeteria. A committee of faculty and students reviewed the entries. The name is *The Golden Corral*.



New coaches boost track team morale



OVERCOMING HURDLES/ Ryan Brown, freshman, and Tom Adamson, senior, race neck and neck to the finish line.

DAN JANCHA
STAFF REPORTER

With many new faces the season is under way for the defending city co-champ boys' track team.

They began the season indoors in early

"Our first win showed that the hard work was starting to pay off and gave us a good taste of victory early in the season."

Pete Seal / Senior

April with the Penn Invitational finishing third. The season then moved outdoors in which they lost again to Penn at home, 101 to 31, on a bitter cold day.

"I was fairly pleased with our performance, we had some people become sick and one person suffered a hamstring pull. Also, the team we had to face had two competitive meets under its belt," said head coach Anthony Williams.

The team also felt they were at a disad-

vantage having to compete against teams with prior meet experience.

"We did as well as I expected, but we weren't used to running meet style, and had some people running and throwing for the first time ever," said senior/mid distance runner, captain Ron Ward.

The team then won its first meet of the year against Adams at home 75-45. The hard work was starting to pay off and gave us a good taste of victory early in the season," said Pete Seal senior/ and sprinter, captain.

The team then suffered a hard loss to Elkhart Central 11-21, but avenged it with a close win against Washington, 69-60.

"I am pleased with the work ethics so far, and especially with the hard work of the seniors," said Williams.

Even though some athletes are working harder, they have all tried to help out for a victory.

"The team has some stronger athletes but overall I think the team is evenly balanced and everyone has tried to contribute to win," said Seal.

This is Williams' first year coaching at Riley, after coaching Washington's boys' track team last year, and the girls' track team for nine years. Roger Frepan is an assistant coach, and will bring experience to throwers, he was a former thrower at Riley.

"I have nothing but respect for coach Williams and coach Frepan. They are always at practice and look out for us at school, and we have grown closer to them as the season has progressed. This bond should help us as we try to move ahead in the post-season, said Ward.

According to Williams, coming in as a new coach has not been hard because he is in the school building and has contact with the athletes through the day, which he believes gives him a better relationship with his players and gives the players easier access to him if they have a problem.

Although the team has only two coaches, Williams believes the captains make up for the lack of coaching assistance.

"The captains were chosen by their peers and they have been very valuable and central to our program. I feel very comfortable with their important roles," said Williams.

According to Seal, he and the other captains have done a fine job trying to lead and pass on their experience and knowledge of track to future captains.

"Many people have been working hard and are trying to step-up and fill in where the team needs them."

Pete Seal / Senior

The team plans to succeed with hard work and leadership, and hopes their season reflects it.

"Many people have been working hard and are trying to step-up and fill in where the team needs them," said Seal.

The team was five points away from winning sectionals last year, and would like to be victorious this year.

"The main goal is to do well towards the end of the season to where we can become a contender for the Northern Indiana Conference. Our ultimate goal is to win the sectional and be able to take a strong group away from this area to the state finals," said Williams.

and was out of practice for about a week.

Though he is still recovering, Tutson said, "I'll be all right because I do not have a big head and I do not slack off."

Once again, though, Tutson has bumped into another problem. On Thursday, April 18, he pulled his hamstring. Coach Williams is keeping him on a light workout and has him icing his leg. He has currently missed at least two track meets.

Experience gives Tutson an edge. Tutson thinks he is better prepared and more competitive this year. 'Bo' Poindexter, sophomore, thinks his friend should do better this year because he has a bit more experience. Poindexter thinks Tutson deserves a lot of praise.

Tutson also brings in first places in long jump. He believes he is a natural because he could do it the first time he tried it.

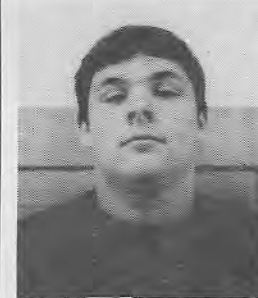
player spotlight



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Ricardo Swanson
Year:
Senior

Strengths: Good leader, strong determination

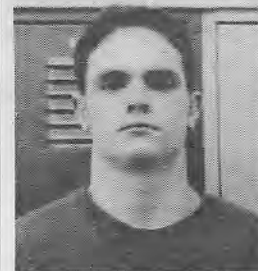
Events: Shot Put, and Discus.



Name:
Ryan Hedye
Year:
Senior

Strengths: Works hard, good competitor.

Events: Shot Put, and Discus.

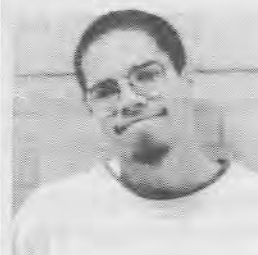


Name:
Andy O'Hara

Year:
Senior

Strengths: Winning desire.

Events: 400 Meters, 4x400 Relay, Long jump, and High jump.



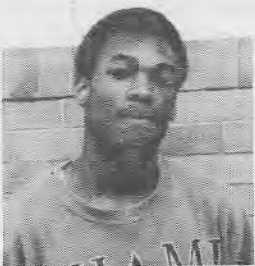
Name:
Ron Ward
Year:
Senior

Strengths: Organized, leadership qualities.

Events: 4x400 Relay, 800-3200 Relays

TRACK STAR

Natural ability makes Tutson state contender



PAMELA BOONE
STAFF REPORTER

State the ultimate goal. Intense competition among the best in the state. Going against more experienced athletes, Robert Tutson, sophomore, was one of the few privileged to compete at state last year as a freshman.

When Tutson arrived at state as a rookie track runner he had a scare. When the coach

asked him where his shoes were, he discovered he had left them in the car. Together he and his coach got the shoes. He was ready to run by the middle of the meet. Though he was nervous, Tutson got second in his heat and eleventh in the entire meet.

To describe himself in track, Tutson says he's "the best."

"He has a real God given talent," says teammate Terrance Richey.

He has set some high goals for himself this year. He wants to win city, sectional, and regional in the 400 meter run and in long jump. Tutson has plans to go down state and place third or fourth.

How did he get so good?

"He's just blessed to have the talent he has," said coach Williams.

Tutson is working hard to reach his goals. In the midst of his training he had a minor set back. In February, he sprained his ankle playing in a basketball tournament. He had to miss the team's first track meet

Attitude key to baseball's success

DANA VARNER
STAFF REPORTER

As a new baseball season starts the team is looking to improve their past record of 21-9 and second place finish in the 1995 sectionals.

"This year we are hoping to win sectionals, become regional champs, and if we pass that go on to state," said head coach John Nadolny.

To achieve this goal the team plans on working harder than ever and maintaining their positive attitudes, said senior and tri-captain Marc Baker.

"We won our Elkhart Central game 10-2 because we worked together and had almost no errors and no walks," said Baker.

With the loss of five seniors and practice just starting, the team is still uncertain of their strengths.

"We have the ability to win close ball games and offensively drive in runs, but some areas that still need a little work are hitting more consistently and scoring more runs," said Nadolny.

"We won our Elkhart Central game 10-2 because we worked together and had almost no errors and no walks."

Marc Baker / Senior

According to Nadolny, several of the players already know what they need to improve.

"I have improved a lot on my hitting by practice, but I still need to work on it some more," said junior Tim Ruth.

Senior Brian Milovich said that while he has improved a lot on the mental aspect of his game, he still needs to work on his



CHRIS VEST

TAKING THE PITCH/ Junior, Brian Milovich, passes on a pitch at Jackson field.

defensive skills at first base. With the help of his coach he has done this by taking grounders and learning the position.

"Mentally though, to play baseball, one needs to have a lot of confidence, a positive attitude and the ability to keep your head in the game," said Milovich.

"One thing that is a positive for the team is the fact that they are a very experienced group and that will help them adjust to the new members joining the team this year," said Nadolny. "Making the newcomers feel like part of the team is one of the most important ways to help them adjust," said Stultz.

As for where the leadership on the team falls, it is up to the nine remaining seniors to step up and take over where they left off, especially the newly voted tri-captains seniors Baker, Brian Stultz, and James Webster.

"The seniors this year will have to take over the leadership role that last year's seniors lost," said Nadolny.

This means that the new seniors will have to step up and earn the respect of the underclassmen by being a positive influence for the entire team.

"We plan on setting a good example for

the others and working as hard in the preseason as we do in the regular season," said Baker.

Also with the loss of the seniors, there were five vacant positions on the varsity team that were filled by Ryan Coughlin, Tim Ruth, Dan Budda, Casey Martin, and Adrian Clayton.

With all the conditioning that the team has done (which consists of weight training, stretching, throwing, sprints, and various other types of drills) they are hoping to remain as injury free as possible.

"All the conditioning that we did in the preseason has made their arms and shoulders stronger and it has helped to keep them focused," said Nadolny.

"The seniors this year will have to take over the leadership role that last year's seniors lost."

John Nadolny / Coach

All that positive thinking was put to the test during their game against Washington on April 16. With a loss of 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning, this was one of the team's toughest games of their entire season.

"We give ourselves chances, but as a group no one drives in the runs," said Nadolny.

They were also trying to stay mentally focused for their game against Penn on April 19 in which they won 4-3. ■

up and coming

❖ Friday, May 3, the varsity baseball team will play Clay at 4:30 p.m. at Jackson Field.

❖ Friday, May 3, the boys' track team will travel to Valparaiso to take part in the Valparaiso relays at 4:30 p.m.

❖ Saturday, May 4, the girls' track team will participate in the Goshen relays at 5 p.m. at Goshen.

❖ Tuesday, May 7, the varsity girls' tennis team will have a match against Adams at 4:30 p.m. at Leeper Park.

❖ Thursday, May 9, the varsity girls' softball team will play host to Elkhart Central at 4:30 p.m.

❖ Wednesday May 15, the baseball team meets Mishawaka at *South East Side Little League* at 5 p.m.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

State ranking helps team focus

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Focused and determined describes the softball team.

"We started our season off hitting the ball slowly, but right now we're improving everyday. Improvement will be the key to our success," said coach, Mike Megesse.

"We began the season with a lot of mental mistakes which cost us our losses. Now

we have gotten everything in perspective," said Sabrina Slone, tri-captain.

Some of the mental mistakes are not knowing where the ball is and not knowing how to react to certain plays, especially the bases loaded scenario.

"Our senior leadership makes us strong. It has been shown through more team spirit. We've had a lot more team spirit than in the past."

Candace Mangus / Senior

An honor that has turned into a problem for the team is their ranking of number 20 in the state from the *Associated Press's* coaches statewide poll.

"The ranking showed we were being noticed but it might have created pressure for our team, but now we're just having fun," said Megesse.

The team has set their goals high.

"We've set high standards and goals because we have the ability and talent. First off we want to win sectionals, then our main goal will be winning state. But we look at every game as championship game," said Slone.

"Our main goal is to do the best we can and work as hard as we can. First, we have to win our conference and then go as far as we can in the state tourney. We have a good chance as to get to semi-state," said Megesse.

The team camaraderie and unity has been a major strong point according to both Slone and Megesse.

"Our unity has been excellent. We had a summer league and we traveled to Indianapolis for a three day tournament. This unity spills over to the regular season. We have no choice but to get to know each other better," said Megesse.

Strong upperclass contributions have also sparked the team's victories.

"We have a great junior and senior class. Junior, Kiley Mahoney is one of the best pitchers in the state. Sara Szalai, and

Rachel Ruiz, juniors, have stepped up," said Megesse.

"Our senior leadership makes us strong. It has been shown through more team spirit. We've had a lot more team spirit than in the past," said Candace Mangus, senior.

Megesse adds that junior and first year varsity player, Stacey Wilder, has filled her varsity spot nicely.

According to Slone and Megesse the best game so far has been the game against 18 ranked Penn.

"The Penn game was a team effort. Our coach went down our team roster and listed a contribution from every player," said Slone.

"In the two years I've been here at Riley, the Penn game is the best game we've played as a team. Mahoney pitched a masterful shutout," said Megesse.

Megesse also complimented the team for its toughness.

"Our catcher Andi Goepfrich got hurt by a foul tip but she stuck the in the game and played hurt," said Megesse. ■

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doubles tennis
Year:
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What has inspired you to do so well?
Personal goals.

What are you aspiring to be? *Orthopedic surgeon.*

What is your most memorable moment as an athlete? *Winning the volleyball sectional (95-96 season).*

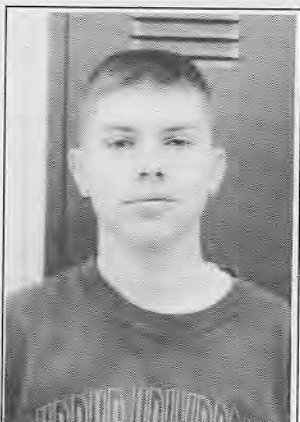
What is your favorite cartoon? *The Care Bears.*

Who's your favorite opponent and why? *Penn, because they always are challenging.*

Who's your favorite person and why? *No one person specifically.*

If you could see any athlete perform who would it be? *Gabriel Reece*

What was your most embarrassing moment? *During basketball when I shot in the wrong basket.*



Name:
John
Stankiewicz

Position:
Number 2
golfer
Year:
Senior

What has inspired you to do so well?

My dad and the people that have supported me throughout my golfing career.

What are you aspiring to be? *A successful business man.*

What was your most memorable moment as an athlete? *Shooting the best score in my first varsity match.*

What is your favorite cartoon? *Tom and Jerry*

Who's your favorite opponent and why? *Penn, because they are rich and stuck up snobs.*

Who's your favorite person and why? *Tom Berry "dude" because he teaches me the finer points of solitaire.*

If you could see any athlete perform who would it be? *John Daly*

What was your most embarrassing moment as an athlete? *Being told by the opposing team that my fly was down.*

BOWLING

Teens try bowling for a change

HEATHER THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

If you catch junior Jenny Motz on a bad bowling day, you may end up with injuries. She's been guilty of running over somebody's toe with the bowling ball. Of course, standing behind her will not insure your safety, either. She's hurled the ball there, too.

Yes, bowling can be hazardous, but it can also be fun. Many bowlers, including Motz, bowl to relieve stress and to be with friends. It's also good exercise.

As Ray Hess, general manager at *Chippewa Bowl* says, one has to roll a 16 pound ball down a 30 foot lane. It takes some strength to do that. Though strength is required, bowling involves more timing and rhythm than anything, according to Randy Harvey, president and co-owner of *Randy Harvey's Pro Shop*.

Bowlers have the option of bowling strictly for recreation or for competition. There are many who join bowling leagues. For example, Motz gets up at 9 a.m. every Saturday morning to bowl in the *Majors* league at *Chippewa Bowl*.

Hess says that 52 leagues are run from *Chippewa*, and anyone from the ages of 5 to 93 can join. Most of the leagues charge about \$10 per week per person for membership and are run every day of the week from September to March.

Of course, not everyone joins a league. Most recreational bowlers bowl on Friday and Saturday nights. "It's something to do," says Christy Gardini, junior. It's an inexpensive option for teens. Though prices around vary, at *Chippewa* it costs \$2.50 per game and \$1.75 for shoes.

Those who do not bowl that often may benefit from the help of a more experienced person. At *Chippewa*, Hess says that staffers are available at any time for personal instruction. No appointments are necessary. Instructional video tapes are also available.

With all this talk of tournaments and playoffs, one may think that bowling competitively is a very serious thing. Though bowlers take their sport seriously, they, too, can have their off moments. Sophomore Alison Piekarski

recalled the time when her mom taught her a new way to hold the ball. When Piekarski tried this new technique, she threw the ball about 20 feet in the air. No one was hurt, though. "I just warped the lane or something," she laughed.

Though on the surface, bowling may seem like a straightforward sport, it's becoming more and more high-tech. Harvey, who has owned his store for 16 years, has said that nothing is the same in bowling anymore except for the dimensions. Lanes are finished with formica and balls are no longer made of rubber. Now, materials such as resin are used in balls in order to control the friction between ball and lane and the angle at which the ball rolls. In fact, it's becoming common for bowlers to have multiple balls for multiple lane conditions.

Not only are the lanes and balls more efficient, the way the game is played is changing, too. Many bowling lanes have adopted computer technology to enable the bowler to keep track of scores electronically.

Despite all of the new things that are going into the sport, there are still basic fundamentals to adhere to. Harvey says that one of the most important things a bowler needs to keep

in mind is the quality and the fit of the actual ball. A lot of craftsmanship and skill goes into the making of every single ball. Cutting corners may save money in the short run, but it can really hinder one's game in the end.

Though bowlers should keep this in mind, Hess says that the type of equipment to use changes with the skill level of the bowler. One can try the more exotic stuff as one improves.

Bowling, even with all of its technology and recent improvements, continues to be a game that almost anyone can play at almost any time.

Motz says bowling "keeps you out of trouble." Hess himself enjoys the sporting aspect and camaraderie of the lanes. All would probably just agree with Piekarski when she says, "It's fun."

Harvey says the sport sometimes gets a bad rap. Bowling alleys are not necessarily the smoke-filled alleys of years ago. They are becoming bigger, brighter, and are slowly gaining respect. He says that, "It's a great game."

"Keeps you out of trouble."

Jenny Motz / Junior

OPINION/FACILITIES

Don't run over me in the hallways



MONICA SWINTZ
SPORTS EDITOR

You'd think that at 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon I wouldn't have to dodge

people in the hallways.

Wrong! During the winter months most of the sports teams practice indoors, who could blame them?

I really wouldn't want to spend my time outdoors bundled up in below zero weather hitting or running after a ball.

The problem occurs when the members of the baseball, softball, and the boys' and girls' track teams are all practicing in the three hallways at the same time. It's not their fault that they have to practice in the hallway since there is no other place to practice.

The unfortunate side to this story is that those of us who have other extracurricular activities on these floors such as yearbook, journalism, quiz bowl, multicultural society, DECA, or key club can never go up or down the steps or walk in these small hallways without being bombarded or run over by a sports member.

Even though I say 'pardon me' or 'excuse me,' I really don't know what to say to those who run over me with the force and speed of lightning. I feel as though it's my hallway too and I should be able to walk down the steps whenever I darn well please, but I also feel sorry for our school sports heroes because they have nowhere to practice their craft.

But what about those darn coaches who yell at you when your friends say 'hi' to you while they're supposed to be practicing and you're harmlessly walking down the hall? Now I'm not accusing all of the coaches, but most of us

after school kids will tell you that a majority of our coaches give us the 'evil eye' as if it's not our hallway too. We have to share guys!

Are there any alternatives to having every single sports team practicing at Riley? Could we maybe conjure up a schedule with Jackson or another facility like the varsity basketball team has done?

Perhaps someone could find a way for the Riley sports teams to run laps at Scottsdale Mall with the senior citizens, or maybe they could find a way to hold practices at Notre Dame during their off hours.

Hopefully this problem will soon be a thought of the past, with the new building in the works. But for now, somehow I hope we can find a suitable way to let all the teams practice without disturbing the rest of us.

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Love of practice prepares tennis team

TOP LEFT/ Becky Bankoff, senior, concentrates completely on hitting a backhand in tennis practice at Leeper Park. Bankoff plays the number one singles spot.

BOTTOM/ Coach KaRon Kirkland discusses the previous tennis match with the number one and two varsity doubles teams.



TOP RIGHT/ Samantha Kull, senior watches the tennis ball as it approaches her racket. Kull plays number two varsity singles.



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PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

An inside look at joining a health club

MELISSA HUNSBERGER
STAFF REPORTER

When you think about a health club you probably imagine neon spandex-clad, perky fitness instructors and intimidating equipment.

Almost everyone has thought about joining one now and then, but fear of the unknown and unwillingness to appear scantily clad in front of perfect strangers with perfect bodies may deter some of us. I decided to infiltrate one such health club and find out what it is really like.

I made a preliminary phone call to make sure that I would be a welcome visitor. The secretary sounded like she was twelve years old. "Why don't you just pay the money down now?" she asked me. I tried to explain that I was shopping around and wasn't ready to sign up quite yet.

She sounded truly wounded. I almost signed up right then and there just to cheer her up. She agreed to let me tour the facilities. The only real question I had was whether or not I could use the spa. She said that I would have unlimited use of the entire wet area.

I agonized over my attire. Well, actually I threw on a pair of sweatpants and t-shirt, but I did glance in the mirror on my way out the door and wonder if I looked okay. When I arrived, I was relieved that the majority of the members were older, overweight women. This particular club isn't co-ed; men and women alternate

days. My personal tour guide was practically waiting at the door to greet me (hmm...could it be commission?) She was genuinely nice, and her hair wasn't nearly as big nor her vocabulary as limited as I might have expected.

"Welcome, Melissa. Ready to get started? Just a few questions first. You are eighteen, aren't you?"

Uh-oh. Hadn't thought about that. I swallowed hard, then remembered that I had the upper hand here; I doubted that she would throw me out of the place for "forgetting" my license. I was right.

Humiliating procedure #1: Having my measurements taken in front of everybody in the club. Hard bodies or not, I really don't want a bunch of people looking at a lady I just met wraps a measuring tape around my thigh. Then she asked my weight, how much I intended to lose, and exactly how many inches I wanted to lose from specific parts of my body. This procedure made me feel as though my space had been invaded.

The equipment itself was very nice—lots to choose from and it seemed to be expensive. My personal favorite was a machine that sent massaging rollers down my back. I laid there and

watched an aerobics class toil to the tune of obnoxious, upbeat, rock. Imagine, if you will, singer Anne Murray on speed. One entire wall of the club was a mirror, so you couldn't help but be constantly faced with the image of yourself sweating and hacking up your lungs. What a motivator.

After my "workout," I was whisked into a sparse cubicle for the part of my visit that I dreaded the most: the sales pitch. I was shown a drawing of a fat, unfit woman in bikini and another, (presumably the same woman), as lean and fit as you could imagine.

The *"THIS COULD BE YOU"* message practically jumped off the page. It was easy to see how someone who was absolutely desperate to lose weight would empty their bank account at the promise of a bathing-suit perfect body.

The payment plan goes something like this: you pay x dollars down and then 24 monthly increments of about \$25-40 dollars, depending if there is a discount. That doesn't sound so bad on paper, but do the math...that's at the very *LEAST* \$635 dollars, not to mention yearly maintenance fees after that.

Whew, that's a lot of money. I couldn't tell my nice instructor that I hadn't intended to sign up, so I used the excuse that I would be off to college soon and it would be a waste of money.

College? No problem. She whipped out a brochure listing 400 worldwide health spas that I could use with my membership.

Man, was she prepared. I couldn't take the pressure. I tried a few more lame excuses...and she went in for the kill. Missy embodied the gum smacking, blonde-from-the-bottle, health nut that has become the universal icon for fitness clubs. She walked into the cubicle (pranced may be a better term) in her red, white, and blue, jogging suit, put one leg up on the desk, and began doing lunges right then and there.

Honest.

"So, are you going with the executive or

the year-long membership today?"

"Well," I said, desperately looking to my instructor for support, "I don't think I'm signing up today."

Missy gave me a frightening look. I tried to explain that I was just visiting health clubs, trying to figure out which one to join. "Which ones have you visited?"

She was tough. "Actually, I'm new in town". That seemed to satisfy her for the moment.

In the next ten minutes, I used every excuse I could think of to get out of purchasing a membership. I was sweating bullets. I told her I didn't have any money; she actually suggested that I hit up my mother for a loan, get her to postdate a check, and she would send someone to my house to pick it up. Finally, my web of lies paid off; I think I confused her and she left.

When she was gone, the instructor who had pulled this dirty trick said to me in a whisper.

"Don't believe her."

What? I was getting inside information.

"I don't lie to customers, the amount of money down that you pay doesn't increase by \$40 dollars tomorrow. That's just a sales pitch."

I was utterly stunned. I knew that Missy was ruthless, but this pushed the limits.

My newest confidante told me that she understood that I couldn't make the decision right away. I could call whenever I had made my choice. I thanked her and she said that I could use the sauna and hot tub for as long as I wanted to.

"And by the way," she said, "When you call about the membership, ask for me and not Missy. You see, we work on commission."

