

Discrimination

Find out about teens who experience discrimination



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Here comes the judge

Brianne Stethem gives her personal experience on dating older men.



DIVERSE IDEAS

Boys' tennis

Jason McFarley describes the positive attitude that has brought the tennis team up when they were down.



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the Review

Does the cafeteria pose a fire hazard?

NEED FOR WORRY?

Fire official and Fleming say 'no,' students disagree

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Staff Reporter

What would happen if a fire broke loose in the cafeteria? The administration and the students disagree on the answer.

"These students have been trained since kindergarten that when the fire bell rings, they are to exit quickly and quietly.

I feel that if they follow this procedure with no foolishness, everyone could get out safely," said assistant principal, Cheryl Fleming.

However, when asked the same question, sophomore Jeff Cohn responded, "A lot of people would die. Everyone would panic and there would not be enough time or room to evacuate," said Cohn.

"I also do not feel that there are enough exits for this amount of students," he added.

The number of exits in and out of the cafeteria is also a major concern now that all students must eat in the cafeteria.

"I feel that the amount of exits is not enough," said a guard, who wished to withhold his names for fear of losing his position.

However, the amount of exits is completely within the limits of the fire code, according



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COULD THEY GET OUT? Every day students push and shove their way out of one exit.

to the administration.

The new security guards have not taken a fire safety course. But the guards that have been hired have a background in safety awareness.

When asked if he thought the cafeteria was a fire hazard, one security guard replied, "Absolutely".

"This cafeteria is definitely a fire hazard," he stated.

Some believe that the cafeteria is overcrowded and it is hard for the students to get in and out of.

They do not, however, consider it a fire

hazard.

What can be done to make the cafeteria safer?

According to Fleming, about \$100,000 dollars has already been spent on renovations for this year.

According to Bert Prawat, assistant to the fire chief, "The biggest fire hazards have to do with house-keeping and heaps of trash."

For the most part, the security guards keep the cafeteria clean by making sure the students throw away their trash.

Several students have noted that the trash cans are generally heaping and, in some cases,

jammed with trash at the end of each lunch hour.

"Probably the best thing for fire safety would be to put sprinklers all over the building," added Prawat.

"But with an old building that may not be cost efficient," said Prawat..

Also, Prawat concluded that the best training is the fire and exit drills involving the cafeteria during the lunch periods.

Assistant principal Anthony Byrd said that drills involving evacuating the cafeteria are a good idea. As of right now, however, none are planned for this school year. ♦

Lockout leaves students and faculty in limbo

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After a month and a half of being able to walk into classes late, students will now be sent to lockout.

"Lockout was reinstated because students were not being responsible, or getting to classes on time. The halls were also very crowded during classes," said Nancy Wiand, chairperson of the shared governance committee, which voted to reinstate this program.

Lockout is a 'holding room' where students must go if late to any class. Held in the cafeteria, and supervised by alternating in-house

staff, students must sign in or they will be counted absent. Students who receive more than three lockouts receive in-school suspension. The program was delayed this year due to lack of funding for a supervisor.

Lockout has its advantages.

"It's a tool to encourage students to become more responsible. It's not meant to be a punishment," said George McCullough, principal.

"I think it gives students a sense of punctuality that they'll need when they enter the workforce and later in life."

But students who go to lockout miss class time.

"I believe it's a crime when a student misses a chance to learn," said Laura Vanderheyden, teacher.

One major disadvantage of lockout is that it is not a class and students don't learn anything while they are there.

"I think it's better for them to be in a class learning something than to be in a room doing nothing," said Jennifer McQuery, senior.

But, without lockout, students can take advantage of a situation.

"When lockout was postponed, I had two guys that came late into one of my classes every day," said Alison Farrand, sophomore.

Lockout also gives students a reason to skip because students don't do work in lockout.

"I think that without lockout, students don't have an excuse to skip. It is harder to go to class than to sit in a room and do nothing," said McQuery.

Whether lockout is the perfect solution or not, it is now a procedure that needs to be followed. The shared governance committee agrees that a continuous policy must be followed to be fair. ♦

Lockout policy & rules

•All students late are sent to lockout.

•Students not in assigned seat and/or classroom are sent to lockout.

•Students CAN NOT be sent to lockout for disciplinary reasons etc...

•Students who are late to class report to large cafeteria (4th hour to room 105)

•Students who do not sign in for lockout are truant.

•Each lockout counts as one absence toward nine absences for credit redemption.

Flash Back

ECOLOGY CLASSES

The ecology classes have been doing their *Gallon Jar Eco-System* study for the past three weeks. It lasted through September. They completed daily studies with Louanne Kensinger in room 304.

T.R.E.E.S

The Riley Educational Environmental Society has been helping the community by painting over local graffiti. They have painted the Sunnyside Railroad Overpass and have completed their *Highway Clean-up Day*.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council has coordinated the *Cash Back for Schools* program, which is sponsored by Scottsdale Mall. It will last until May. Points are awarded for the dollar value of register receipts.

The local school with the most points will receive cash prizes. Receipts should be placed in the slots by the escalator on the lower level or the elevator on the upper level in *Scottsdale Mall*.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks can be purchased in room 105 before or after school. Prices are \$35 standard, or \$37 to have your name stamped in silver foil on the cover.

ISTEP TESTING

Sophomores took the ISTEP test during first through third hours on September 24-27 in both cafeterias.

PSAT

Juniors and sophomores took the PSAT from first through third hours on October 15 in the cafeteria.

PALS

Free tutoring is available for juniors and seniors. See June Bensley in the main office for more information.

DISTRICT CONTEST

For the first time in the history of Riley, the band received a first division at district contest on October 5, 1996.

BIOLOGY CAMPERS

Biology club campers visited Pokagan for their first annual camping trip on October 10, 11, 12. John Wibbens and Fred were chaperones.

HOMEcoming

Student Council hosted the annual homecoming. The parade was grand marshalled by Captain Ed Friend.

During the game, Alexa Hilal was named homecoming queen.

After the game, the annual homecoming dance was held. Earlier that day, a pep assembly was held to honor athletic teams and show the homecoming court to the school.

Students adjusting to lunches

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Last year, the school board made the decision to close lunches in an attempt to keep students off the street and out of trouble.

This means students remain in the school building from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m.

With an average of 450 students to serve each lunch period, the cafeteria is crowded.

Students feel there is a lack of time in the cafeteria and a lack of time to return to classes.

"The long line (at the exit) when lunch is over has been a problem," said freshman Jessica Marvel. "It has made me late to class a few times."

Chris Peden, senior, said, "I see people sitting so close together; it's like they're on top of each other. Not everyone has their own chair. I don't see why students have to

be so uncomfortable just to eat lunch."

Some students have found ways around closed lunches.

Many eat lunch in a classroom or in another teacher's room.

"I just wait and eat after school," said Peden. "I don't waste time waiting in line, and I get more time to talk to my friends."

"I don't think closed lunches are fair to the students. It is like a punishment, and we haven't done anything to deserve it," said Mary Patterson, sophomore.

Students aren't the only people who miss open lunches.

Some administrators also feel closing lunches was a mistake.

"I don't believe in closed lunches,"

said George McCullough, principal. "If I had more input in the decision, I would have kept lunches open. I want the students to have as many chances as possible to show their responsibility. Open lunches would be a good opportunity for that to happen."

Tony Byrd, assistant principal, also feels

closed lunches aren't the best option.

"I didn't want closed lunches for everyone, however, I do have to support the idea," Byrd said.

"Some students are responsible enough to go home or to a restaurant and come back to school, but others aren't. The problem is that you can't fairly separate the entire school body into those who are responsible and those who aren't," Byrd added.

Despite doubts, some students are beginning to see the beneficial side to closed lunches.

Sophomore Zach Sharpe feels closed lunches have "reduced skipping and given students a chance to get to know classmates better."

"I am happy with the new senior cafeteria," said Melissa Hunsberger, senior.

"We have a la carte food and we don't have long lines. It also makes the main cafeteria less crowded, so everyone benefits," she said.

Because closed lunches are an everyday occurrence, most students have adjusted and have accepted staying in the building for the entire school day.

It's easy to start a club

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It's not too hard to start your own club.

Principal George McCullough explains the process, "The first thing needed is to have a purpose with goals and objectives supported by a sponsor. Then a student representative and the sponsor should discuss the criteria with me."

Presently there are around 35 academic, community service, and sports related co-curricular and extra-curricular activities at Riley.

The most recently approved club is P.A.W.S. (*Pride Achieving Wildcat Spirit*).

Sponsor, and Riley teacher for 21 years, Carol Wallace, explains the double meaning of the title.

"The word 'pride' refers to us as a unit of cats, and also to a feeling of achievement. This adds extra flavor," said Wallace.

The organization's purpose is to offer verbal support to all clubs and athletics at Riley; enhancing the spirit of our community.

Wallace and the members plan to accomplish this by supplying a gallery, cheering block, or an audience at various extra-curricular activities. "Everyone needs to know they are supported, especially when there is a loss and members come home with their bones aching," said Wallace.

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Carol Wallace/Teacher

tainment which keeps us busy," said Gates.

The average meeting

She said, P.A.W.S. has a vision for the club. "We want to make the students and the community the proudest people ever to carry on the south side traditions. They should pop out their chest with pride knowing they are part of a great school," said Wallace.

However, not all clubs have such focused goals. The *'Saved By the Bell Club'* was unofficially started last year by Mike Gates, senior. "This is just for fun, an activity for our own en-

consists of 13 members watching reruns of their favorite episodes and discussing them. According to Gates, "Some people take the roles of the characters, and act out scenes."

So whether it's just for fun or with serious objectives, McCullough believes there are many benefits to clubs. "Statistics show that students who are involved in clubs and activities are more successful. Also, there are fewer behavioral problems at the school due to them," he said.

Gates said, "We're still looking for a sponsor." Any teacher interested in becoming a sponsor for *'The Saved By the Bell Club'* should talk to a member. Anyone interested in P.A.W.S. should listen to the announcements for the next meeting.

"As long as there is interest, the more clubs at Riley, the merrier," said McCullough.



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CLUBS IN SUPPORT/ Laura Pippenger, sophomore, shows school spirit while holding a Riley P. A. W. S. sign for the tennis team.

Committee aims to share power

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Imagine a school where all of the major decisions come from representatives of faculty, students, parents, and administration rather than just a few select individuals. That is the goal of the new shared governance committee designed to bring together ideas from everyone at Riley.

The committee consists of six parents, twenty students, 36 faculty members, and all of the administrators.

According to Judy Hums, (shared governance committee chairperson) this committee originated from strategic plan goals for all of the South Bend schools.

"The purpose of this goal is to provide input to administration on topics that involve students, staff, and community," Hums said.

Monica Swintz, junior, believes that the committee serves its purpose well.

"It really is a great idea. It truly brings faculty and students together and provides many good ideas. I really felt able to voice my opinion at the meeting," said Swintz. Others felt a little confused after the meeting.

"Being a parent who is unable to have day to day contact with the school, I have a lot of catching up to do. I did not understand many of the topics that were discussed. Until the meeting, I had never heard of lockout and *Project 2000*. I felt that a little more explanation on certain topics was necessary," said Charlie Asher, parent.

According to Hums, this year many

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Diverse Ideas

James Whitcomb Riley High School

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PERSONAL EXPERIENCE / OLDER 'MEN'

Here comes the judge

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If there were an award for being 'the biggest hypocrite' I can't decide if I or Bill Clinton would win.

Last year my best friend began dating a man who was 25. She was 17. I totally despised him and considered him a child molester. As I look back now, I realize that I was so jealous and selfish that she spent so much time with him.

Everyone in our little 'clique' thought their relationship was a bad idea, so I did, too. They met at work, and things started from there. They are still together and very much in love.

Now I'm the one who is 17, dating a 24 year old man. Yes, mom, a man. I know what you're thinking: the same thing that I did last year. But let me try and explain.

On August 4, Ronnie Ginter and a few people came over to my house. Ronnie introduced me to John Hoke. John lives across the street from the Ginter's. He walked in and I thought he had to be one of the most gorgeous guys I'd ever seen. He was funny and charming. I never questioned John's age. He didn't look a day over 20.

Later on in the evening, John and I went to sit on the

back porch to get away from everyone being loud, he asked me if he could kiss me. I tried to change the subject, but nothing worked.

Out of nowhere I asked him what year he graduated from Riley. He said 'how old do you think I am'? I guessed 19, and then stopped at 21. I was hoping that he

sions that we've made.

But now I believe differently. I know how I made MY best friend feel.

There are no words about how sorry I am for treating her that way. But now I wish certain people would just respect me and leave me alone if they don't have anything nice to say. Then again, I don't expect the people who give me the hardest time to be mature enough to apologize.

There is no excuse for being a hypocrite. I don't enjoy being one, but that's something I'll have to grow out of. I will mind my own business from now. I'm not anyone's parent so I can't tell them what to do.

I just hope we all will have the maturity to make our own decisions for ourselves. ♦

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Brianne Stethem/ Advanced Reporter

wasn't any older.

Then he told me he was 24. The problem was that I knew I wasn't doing anything wrong. But that isn't what everyone else thought.

Needless to say we are now a couple. I've gone through countless lectures, letters, and have come home crying at night, still I trust myself, John, and the deci-



PHOTO BY: BRIANNE STETHEM

A BACKBONE FOR SUPPORT / Brianne Stethem, Junior, poses with friends that supported her when others didn't.

MY VIEW / OPINION

Ban the troublemakers not their hairstyles

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PHOTO BY: ERICA COSTELLO

As children we always heard our parents say, 'Be yourself, don't worry about what others think or say.'

Now many students cannot do what their parents have told them to do because of the new rules.

All black males are prohibited from wearing braids, and everyone is banned from having unnaturally dyed hair.

Personally, I feel it is our self-expression that is being banned.

I do understand, though, that these rules were made to create a safer school atmosphere. It is actually reassuring and nice to know that George McCullough, principal, cares about the safety of the students. Maybe some students do wear these hair-do's because they belong to a gang or cult.

I just don't believe banning such hair-do's will make the school safer. In a way, it may make it more dangerous because of all the anger these rules have caused.

Honestly, I have always admired those who walk around with nine inch high spikes

or green and purple hair. They never worry about what others say. It's the same with braids. It seems so courageous when males wear braids and corn rows without caring that people may say, 'Only gangsters wear braids,' or, 'only girls wear braids.'

These students should not be stereotyped. Orange hair and corn rows don't tag someone as part of a cult or gang. They just help that person say, 'I'm an individual. I am expressing my need to be different from others.'

Racism is also a factor. If braids must be banned, then why not prohibit all males from wearing braids, not just black males? In fact, maybe the rules should apply to females, too. Why forbid the males only?

Another solution is to have an all school assembly. This way the administration would explain to all of the students that if there are fights or problems because of hairstyle, further action will be taken.

Perhaps, the students who are causing problems due to the braiding or dying of hair should be prohibited from wearing their hair that way. This way, students who do not cause problems would not be punished, also.

If no problems arise, then people could continue to wear their hair the way they please.

I hope these rules do not last much longer. Some students have already rebelled and they were sent home. But, they were welcomed back after they removed the braids or dye.

At this rate, if the rules do last, we'll probably be the only South Bend school with uniforms. ♦

"I'm an individual. I am expressing my need to be different."

Diana Szymanski/ Staff Reporter

A Mind of Their Own

What do you think about the new security guards?

They need to go. I don't like them and I think that they are stupid. There is no need for them.

Renee Fitzke
Senior



Ralph Flora
Junior



Security guards get paid to do absolutely nothing and yell at you for the same reason.

I don't think about them. They stand around and talk to each other. They don't do their job.

Brook Kealy
Sophomore



Bill Hamilton
Freshman



They don't do very much. They just stand around and don't do their jobs.

teens DISCRIMINATION

OPINION

Our harshest crit

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Diverse Ideas Editor

I see teen discrimination when I walk into department stores or when I sit down to eat at a restaurant.

I even have the security guards at my place of employment follow me around. But the worst case of discrimination comes from our peers.

Back around the time my mother

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

'I'm a victim of age discrimination'

KYLEA ASHER
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Imagine being sixteen and working at a place where absolutely everyone knew what they were doing when Kennedy was shot and some could even recall when Pearl Harbor was bombed. That was me this summer when I began my first summer job at a designer clothing store in New Buffalo, Michigan.

The first indication that I was somewhat of an outcast due to my age was on my first day of orientation. My manager asked me to select a code that I could use as my identification for payroll; I chose 1980. She smiled and asked how I

came up with that number. I told her it was the year I was born and she began to laugh hysterically. By the time that she had somewhat recovered, she managed to mumble that I was the only person she had ever met who was born in the eighties! It was going to be a long summer.

Overcoming my coworkers' initial stereotypes took a few weeks. They were first hesitant to give me certain jobs and the first week I spent most of my time in the back room steaming blouses. Little by little, though, my

workload became heavier and I soon began to work with customers.

I did absolutely everything

"I tried to make customers think I was older by switching my sixteenth birthday ring to my wedding ring finger,"

Kylea Asher / Junior

I could to make the customers think I was older and wiser than I truly was, including switching my sixteenth birthday ring to my wedding ring finger. I was sure that if they knew how old I was, they wouldn't trust me

nor would they seek my opinion.

Soon, though, after they visited the store a few times, they began to look at me as an equal. They trusted me and valued my

opinion, especially when looking for an outfit that would make them appear younger.

I learned a lot from my summer experience. I learned the power of people's views on you and how difficult changing stereotypes can be. I also learned how as the next generation emerges from childhood, we are forced to do what every generation preceding us has done and what every generation will eventually have to do....prove ourselves.

"I learned the power of people's views,"

Kylea Asher / Junior

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The great clothing store caper

This displays how retailers treated Annie Gustafson when browsing through stores

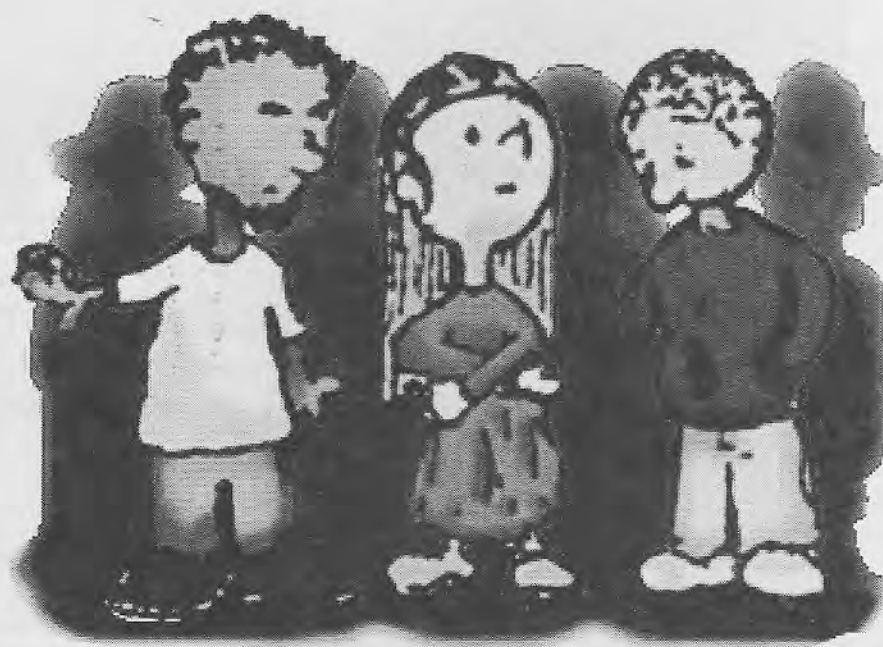
I was ignored at these stores

- GAP
- Gantos
- 9West
- Express
- Limited
- The Buckle
- Aeropostle
- Eddie Bauer
- Pacific Sunwear
- American Eagle
- Victoria's Secret



I was recognized at these stores

- Lerner's
- Bath&Body Works



(see story upper right)

ics are our peers

er was in high school things were totally different. Females and males could walk down the hall without being threatened by rude comments from their peers.

Females could walk down the hall and have a conversation with a guy without being called out of her name, and without being judged by the clothes she was wearing.

These days, at Riley, students don't have anything better to do with their time but to judge others and put them down. Students even choose to be late to class or even to go to lockout because they would rather stay in the hall and start problems.

Just the other day I saw a girl turn and run in tears to the bathroom.

She was being criticized for the clothes that she was wearing.

I looked up to see why she was running and these guys were laughing at her.

Then they turned and wanted to step into class, but the bell rang and they were sent to lockout.

What was the purpose for this cruelty?

As a student here for four years, I've had a chance to sit back and observe the way people at this school treat each other. I've also heard the way people judge others on their accomplishments, on the classes that they take, and on the opinions that they have.

I, personally, come to school to actually learn and get the

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Jasmine Brown / Senior

best out of school that I can. Sure I socialize and have fun every once in a while just like everyone else. But, I certainly do not make it my job to disrespect others when I come to school.

Students wonder why they call us the 'lost generation.' Maybe it is because we can't get along with each other. We certainly don't show respect for each other and we continue to wonder why others don't have respect for us.

Why would we expect so much out of others, but, so little out of ourselves?

We must learn to let everyone be themselves, even if they are different from us. We are given freedom of speech, but we cannot use this right to violate others. ♦

OPINION

'We're not all thieves!'

ANNIE GUSTAFSON
Centerspread Editor

We all go to the mall.

Whether we admit it or not, we are all familiar with the environment:

there are always too many people and there's never enough of your own money to spend.

Despite these factors, I braved a trip to *University Park Mall* in search of an answer to the question, 'Are teenage shoppers discriminated against?'

"Probably," laughs Randi Tidey, co-manager of *Lerner's*, "the older shoppers buy more and that's what helps get the figures." But this doesn't necessarily mean that teenagers are treated any differently.

"We don't focus our attention on one type of customer; our employees are trained to be well-rounded," said Tidey.

While *Lerner's* attracts some teenagers, they don't seem to be as dependent as *The Limited* on the purchases of adolescent shoppers. "Half of our sales are probably from teens," said Tricia Richey, *Limited* employee.

However important teenagers are to the income of *The Limited*, not one word was spoken to me when I browsed through the store as part of this investigative report.

"I can't say we do a 100 percent job of greeting everyone who walks in the door, but we try very hard," said Richey. It seems that communication between a sales person and a customer conveys mutual respect.

Amanda Cooper, junior, who also shops at this mall believes

some stores are nicer than others.

"It makes me mad when I'm ignored. It's unfair because if I walked in a store at the same time as a parent, they would say 'Hi' to the parent and not me," said Cooper.

Richey says she would greet whoever reached her first, but eventually would try to give each customer recognition.

Teenagers are often accused of shoplifting, but the retail workers deny watching teenage customers more closely than adults. "Teenagers are the least likely customers to shoplift because they don't have the same stresses; such as home payments and credit card bills as adults," said Richey.

General security manager of *Scottsdale Mall*, Randy Zimmerman agrees. "Although shoplifting is our most frequent incident, I wouldn't say that teens are stereotyped as the most frequent shoplifters," he said.

Most stores take precautions such as locking dressing rooms, or using tags which can only be removed with a magnetic key.

Zimmerman said, A few retailers have a perception problem with teens. When some older customers see a group of teens, they automatically think of gangs."

Gangs are not a major security problem at the mall. "Adults, over the age of 18 are the main group of people who get in fights while teenagers just act up. For example,

they'll be the ones throwing candy from the second level onto the first," said Zimmerman.

It takes a lot to get kicked out of the mall. *Scottsdale Mall's Code of Conduct* has to be broken. It basically outlines guidelines such as don't shout or use foul language, and don't interrupt business in themall.

There are minor problems teenagers can cause. I personally took it upon myself to go into *The Sunglasses Hut* and try on many expensive pairs of eyewear. The sales person was irritated. She seemed to be thinking, 'Why are you asking me to exert the energy to unlock this glass case when I can foresee that you are not going to buy anything?' Well I guess she was right because I didn't buy anything; maybe she can go back to talking on the phone with her boyfriend instead of doing the job she is paid for.

Other experiences include that of junior Kylea Asher. I've been given the watchful eye," said Asher. Cooper has been in a similar situation; both find it aggravating.

"When looking at clothes people ask me, 'Are you done with that?'" said Cooper. "I don't feel like I am treated the same as adults," she said.

Tidey explained why employees should respect teens, "Teenagers are good clientele, they wear their clothes to school and that's advertisement; they should be respected." ♦

Size shouldn't matter when it comes to friendship

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Head Photographer

'Look at that girl, she is so fat. She must weigh over 300 pounds.'

How many times have you heard comments like this one? Cutting remarks can easily hurt feelings and damage self-esteem, according to Gwen Stines, substance abuse coordinator.

Sophomore, Corliss Harris feels people make sly remarks about her and her mother's weight. "It makes me feel uncomfortable, but I don't particularly watch my weight because playing sports keeps it down," said Harris.

"It's a bit of a problem. You'll find someone making fun of someone else's weight because it makes them feel good about themselves and others," said junior, Brian Piechocki.

"People who are overweight tend to be criticized by people who are average because of the way they look, eat and wear their clothes," said Anna Uhan, a registered dietician at *Health Steps*.

Piechocki feels he's "not too fat and not too skinny. I'm just

fine the way I am," he said.

Beverly Donati, Riley social worker, believes there is a major emphasis on people who want to look and feel healthy. "Good fitness is an aspiration of many people in our culture. More people are trying to prolong their lives and the quality of life."

"If you look around, no one is perfect," said junior, Rayne Howard. "I don't judge anyone because of their weight, but by what I see."

Harris agrees. "Some are really stereotyped because they are a little large," said Harris. "They are really conscious about it."

"We perceive that other people are more concerned with the way we look than they really are," said Donati. "When people are no longer able to control themselves, it makes them feel inferior to meet the guidelines set by society."

"Some of my friends are overweight, but they have such good personalities that no one wants to

make fun of them," said Howard.

Sophomore Sara Burdue feels differently about the treatment of her friends' size.

"My friends are upset when people make fun of their weight," said Burdue. "One of my friends even began crying because someone made fun of how big she is."

"My friends don't feel attractive because of their weight, but they try not to let it interfere with their lives," said Piechocki.

Howard thinks that there is a lot of weight discrimination in America.

"Every magazine has a skinny person. America only sees outer beauty, not the inner beauty," said

Howard. "Some people have problems with bulimia and anorexia."

"If no one wanted to be skinny, they wouldn't make fat free foods and health spas," replied Howard.

Most of the negativism is directed towards women.

"We as the public expect girls to be athletic and thin because

of the media," said Uhan. "Girls who are overweight tend to be more ridiculed than boys who are overweight."

"It's bad when the typical woman is seen as thin," said junior, Charisse Johnson. "They starve themselves to fit the image of what the perfect woman should be."

"Models think you have to be really skinny to be a model," said Harris. "That's not right."

"Girls need to feel good about themselves and about who they are," said Anne Holt, assistant director at *Jenny Craig*.

Johnson believes America is more set on looks instead of personality. "It would be a real shock to see a *Miss America* who wasn't a skinny person because most of America doesn't think even their typical homecoming queen should be heavy," said Johnson.

"For girls, it's more self-imposed than males tend to be," said Donati. "They are more preoccupied with the way they look, especially as teenagers."

Although weight discrimination may never go away, some people are strong enough to overcome people's criticism.

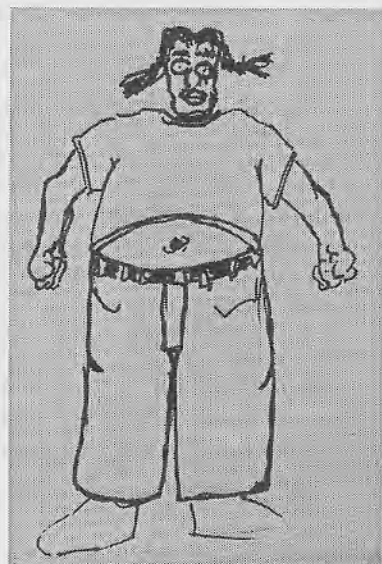
"I think girls need to show their other talents like writing, or pi-

ano playing so other people see their other talents and can be more respected," said Uhan.

Holt agrees. "Girls need to feel good about themselves and who they are."

"People can try to achieve good health both physically and mentally," said Donati. "Mind, body and spirit should be a goal instead of sexy bodies."

"I accept myself for who I am," said Johnson. "I will not change myself to be society's perfect woman." ♦



Viewpoints

James Whitcomb Riley High School

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Letters to the Editor

Stop car break-ins!

Dear Editor,

I am very displeased with all the car break-ins as of late. I know many friends who have had their cars broken into while they were parked in the Riley parking lot.

With all of the extra security around here, would it be that hard to stick some of the security guards in the parking lot?

Sincerely,

Ryan Gibson
Junior

I just love stinky bathrooms!

Dear Editor,

It really disturbs me that both the girls' and boys' bathrooms are not in better condition. The sanitary conditions are in great need of improvement. They literally stink! And the fact that the girls bathroom on the third floor cannot be used is a great inconvenience for everyone concerned.

The SBCSC should put a little effort into making the 'old' Riley a good school while it is still here, and not concentrate so much on the future Riley.

Sincerely,

Erin Harridge
Sophomore

Getting pushed around

Dear Editor,

When I walk down the hallways, it is very crowded and cluttered. There is barely no room to walk, and some people are rude enough to stand in the middle of the walkway and carry on a conversation.

I run into at least four people every passing period, and it takes too much precious time. People not only scream in your ear, but they also push you into lockers, and push you down the stairs.

This rudeness has got to stop! We all need to be a little more mature.

Sincerely,

Kim Flesher
Junior

Editorial

Bathrooms up in smoke

Ahh, the smell of smoke.

Just a short time ago, there was a fire in the girls' bathroom on the third floor. This act was not only immature, but it could also be very dangerous for the rest of the student body.

Because of this, the bathroom has been closed, which causes problems for everyone involved.

The fact stands: there was not a single alarm that went off when this happened.

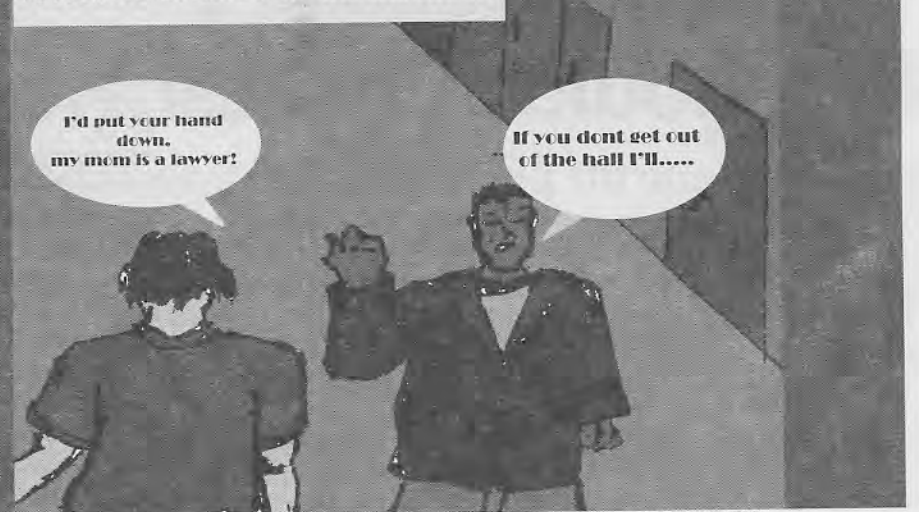
We here on the *Review* staff feel that this problem should never have occurred. We appreciate George McCullough trying to make this school safe for all, but we think it might be an even better idea if the school board took a little money and spent it on smoke detectors.

The simple fact that the alarms did not go off is a violation of the safety codes that all schools must follow. To us, there seems to be no need for this ever to happen again. Maybe this serves as a warning, so that they will stand up and take action.

Outlooks

The Review's monthly editorial cartoon

A student getting pop during lunch



SCOTT RICHARDS

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Hey YOU!
Listen UP!

Let's go cow tipping!



ANNIE GUSTAFSON
Centerspread Editor

You said you're from Indiana! What are you, some kind of hick?

This summer I attended an educational enrichment program in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan.

The participants in this program are from all over the world, and many had never met a Hoo-

sier. I had the pleasure of being their first.

Aviel Selkovitz of New Jersey had lots of fun teasing me. *'Do you walk barefoot in fields with overalls on?'* she quipped.

My first reaction to this mockery was to retaliate. I defended myself by saying, *'No, I'm a normal person. I live in a town with over 100,000 other people; not in desolate farm country.'*

I prepared for another attack as the verbal war continued. *'O.K. then, what do you do for fun on a typical Friday night, go cow tipping?'* she taunted.

After awhile I began to catch on to her little game. *'Yeah first we milk the cows and then tip them after they've fallen asleep,'* I said sarcastically.

The joking continued. Selkovitz asked, *'I suppose you drink the milk without pasteurizing it too, don't you?'*

'Aviel you're such a genius! You figured that since we don't have electricity we obviously haven't mastered pasteurization techniques,' I retorted.

I began to wonder why peo-

ple have such misconceptions of Indiana: Why do we give others the impressions we're all farmers in corn fields anyway? More than likely, lack of exposure is the problem.

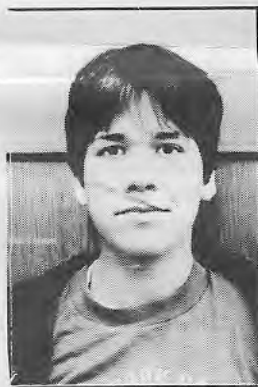
Junior Julie Brasseur explains her experience at Indiana University, Bloomington, soccer camp. *"It made me feel kind of silly because I didn't feel any different from them, and yet they made fun of the way I talked. They're the ones who sounded strange to me,"* said Brasseur.

If you are ridiculed, don't let it get to you. Brasseur said, *"I wasn't offended I thought it was funny when they asked me if I lived on a farm."*

We must prove to our neighbors we are average people simply from a different state, not a different planet.

In order to preserve Hoosier heritage, just remember the phrase, *'If you can't beat them, join them.'* I guess this means I should put away my straw hat the next time I travel. ■

What's your cause?



MELISSA HUNSBERGER
Eye Candy Editor

What's your cause? Everyone seems to have one these days, whether it be saving the spotted owl, lobbying for victims' rights, or declaring *Taco Bell* a national monument.

Young people across America sling bookbags across their

shoulders every morning, colorfully adorned with political messages. We protest at rallies, drink pure mountain water and wear fake fur.

What accounts for this new awareness? Are we more politically aware than our parents were? Do we have an increased sense of responsibility for improving our world or are we responding to a trend? I mean, it's good to support causes that we truly believe in, but we have to choose wisely.

MTV's attempts to make politics and social consciousness cool has also devalued them. Good for them in their efforts to increase votership among young adults, but draping Madonna with an American flag while she urges us to *'choose or lose'* has less to do with an actual desire for change and more to do with a cool commercial. Besides, Madonna didn't even vote.

I'm guilty of it too, though. *(I'm not talking about draping my body with a flag and mugging for the camera, so get your mind out of the gutter, will you?)*

I have a *World Wildlife Fund* sticker on my window because I think that the panda bear is cute. My *POW/MIA* bracelets match my red *'Save the Children'* t-shirt.

Don't get me wrong. In the grand scheme of things this isn't a major problem. It doesn't cause lung cancer or rainforest depletion or another gaping hole in our ozone layer.

What it does cause is a trivialization of our beliefs. It makes concrete humanitarian effort a little less important. I'm not preaching.

My humble suggestion is that we start a new trend and really support just one cause. After all, everyone keeps telling us it's our world. ■

Cheers & Jeers

To the crowded lunch rooms, not to mention long lunch lines.

To the fall weather ahead, and no more bees!

To the bathrooms that they will not fix, it's always nice to wait in line.

To all of the band students who made it to *Regional* competition.

To all of the new drivers, there *are* lines included in parking spots!

To the football team for having a winning season at the end.

Faces in the crowd

What do you think about the closed lunches so far?

Beth Lesar
Freshman



"It's what I am used to, we never had open lunches at my old school."

"I don't like it, because there is not enough time to eat, and there is not enough room."



Ricky Vass
Sophomore

"I believe that closed lunches are more of a problem than a solution."



Monica Latimore
Junior

Armando Williams
Senior



"I love it, it does not bother me anymore!"

OPINION/PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Seeing President gave her thrills

MONICA SWINTZ
Editor-in-chief/Sports editor

The experience of a lifetime is what I had. I've always had this dream of seeing a president up close. All through my life I've been mesmerized by presidents and royalty, sort of wondering if they were real.

On Wednesday, August 24, I realized that President Bill Clinton was not just a cardboard cut out that someone placed in front of a camera. He was actually real and seemed to care, but that wasn't the only thing I realized.

I arrived at Washington Park, in Michigan City, early because I wanted to absorb the atmosphere and of course to get a good seat. Well I didn't sit; I stood for a total of 5 1/2 hours. If you can imagine being one of 800 sardines in one can, in an oven, that was me.

But to tell you the truth, the day was so mesmerizing I really didn't notice.

Many things happened that day, that will like no other day, change me. The president's speech was not the only great and astounding thing that happened; I was impressed by the people. Each person had

their story, one a lawyer, one a bus driver, one a grandmother, one a father of a small child, one a student: but each had unmistakable character. Each of us had one thing in common: we came with only one thought, a simple thought, to see our president.

The most memorable part: a ten foot tall, solid steel speaker stand fell on a group of people only five feet away from me. The scariest thing about this incident wasn't the blood, the screams, or the frantic looks that all of the people around were giving each other, it was the fact that my grandmother and I were standing in the exact same place only ten minutes before.

Though it hurt my heart to see these people and their families in pain emotion-

ally and physically it was amazing to see the human spirit at work. Even though we were all crushed by the hordes of people, we were able to move back and help as much as we could. I was amazed to see

how fast the medics arrived with the help of the on-lookers.

After the horrific accident, people still showed humanity. A standing next to me with her little girl who was six, allowed her little girl and her friend to wander off to try to get closer to the front to see the president.

"I realized that the President is just some cardboard cut-out that someone placed in front of a camera."

Monica Swintz / Junior



PHOTO COURTESY OF MONICA SWINTZ

A WALK IN THE PARK / President Clinton walks among the massive crowd that arrived to see him at Washington Park in Michigan City.

Somehow the little girl and boy were turned around the wrong way and ended up moving toward the back of the park, they were completely lost. After an hour the little girl was delivered back to her mother's arms only because of the help and heart of the people.

His speech was great. It was almost amusing to see so many people love one person. He talked about issues that concerned and hit the hearts of everyone that was there. I was awed and inspired by his speech and the man himself. He has to be the most eloquent speaker I've ever heard.

I left the park thinking, "Great I can tell my children that I saw the president." But I ended my day thinking about the greatest things in this world: humanity and life.

Ten years from now I probably won't remember the president's speech, nor will I remember that I was only twenty feet away from him, nor will I probably remember the sniper shooters on top of the buildings. What I will remember, though, and take with me is the fact that we were all one people, and one person for one day, brought us together.

Security guards take to halls, cafeteria

MICHELE LEE
Staff reporter

Along with closed lunches, came six new security guards to monitor lunches.

The South Bend Community School Corporation assumed that bad things would happen. Other schools were having problems at lunch time, so the corporation elected to send security to Riley and to other schools in the area.

"Their responsibilities are supervising, disciplining the students, and keeping the cafeteria clean," said principal George McCullough, "but it's too early to really tell if they've fulfilled those responsibilities."

The security guards feel they have lived up to their responsibilities to the best of their ability, especially when they have to patrol through the three lunch hours.

"We've kept the building safer by observing and securing...making it safe for others," said Karrie Ann Weymon, a security guard, "but keeping the halls clean is not our job, securing is."

Greg Ash, the security supervisor, agreed. "Our main concern was about the students. Now that there is closed lunches, boyfriends or girlfriends from other schools would want to visit the students here, and if they brought a weapon every one would be in danger," he said.

McCullough believes that the security guards

should be called 'supervisors'. "Now that lunches are closed, the students need supervision, not security," he said.

Irene Horvath, a cafeteria worker for six years, said, "I think the students will abide by the rules and really enjoy the closed lunches."

Many wonder if all these security guards were really necessary.

Erin Wibbens, junior, doesn't feel the same way.

"I don't think the security guards will improve the school system," she said, "they give me this kind of prison feeling." But many students feel differently.

Beth Lesar, a freshman, said, "I think the security will help improve the school by limiting the number of fights."

Jennifer Krol, also a freshman, agreed with Lesar. "They could definitely improve things by making school a safer environment."

The security also have to make sure fights do not break out in the cafeteria.

"If they do," said Weymon, "we must approach the problem as a group. All the security guards have to secure the problem as a group."

No big fights have broken out in the cafeteria, yet, but if one does, the security guards have enough training to handle it.

The students should not be a behavioral problem, McCullough believes.

"They are disciplined and know how to behave," McCullough said.

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decisions will be made about how the committee will be operated.

"This is basically a process of refining. We are going to begin to have training to help narrow down the focus and figure out what our responsibilities are. We will decide if subcommittees for certain issues will be necessary."

Hopefully this will eliminate some of the confusion. Amidst this beginning turmoil is a lot of enthusiasm.

"I am really excited about this committee. The biggest difference of this committee than other teacher committees that I am on is the fact that it is designed to empower students, teachers, and parents. On other committees, I would carry out plans and

ideas that were given to me, but on shared governance I am allowed to bring about ideas," said Marcia Kovas, English teacher and sponsor of *The Review*.

"I feel honored to be a part of this shared governance committee. It makes me feel that I am somewhat of a leader for other students," said Swintz.

"A unified voice is much stronger than one voice. Even George McCullough who has brilliant ideas needs other people's voices so that they can feel a part of the decisions," said Kovas.

This is truly a dynamic situation.

The shared governance committee will meet monthly to make future plans.

Coming Attractions

GROUNDBREAKING

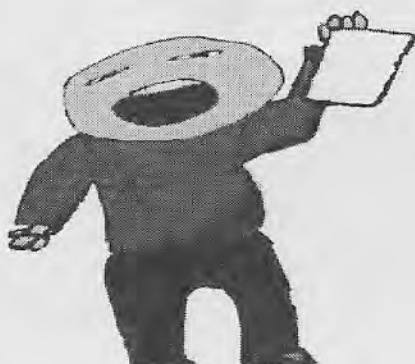
The band played and the choir sang to ring in the start of the groundbreaking ceremony which took place on the September 20, 1996.

Superintendent of schools Virginia Calvin and

school board president, Robert Sweeney, attended the ceremony. Officers from each class and student council members presented items to be placed in a remembrance capsule.

The freshman class of

2000 will be the first class to graduate from the new Riley, making the class of '99 the last graduating class of the old Riley. The new facility is scheduled to be done in 30 months.



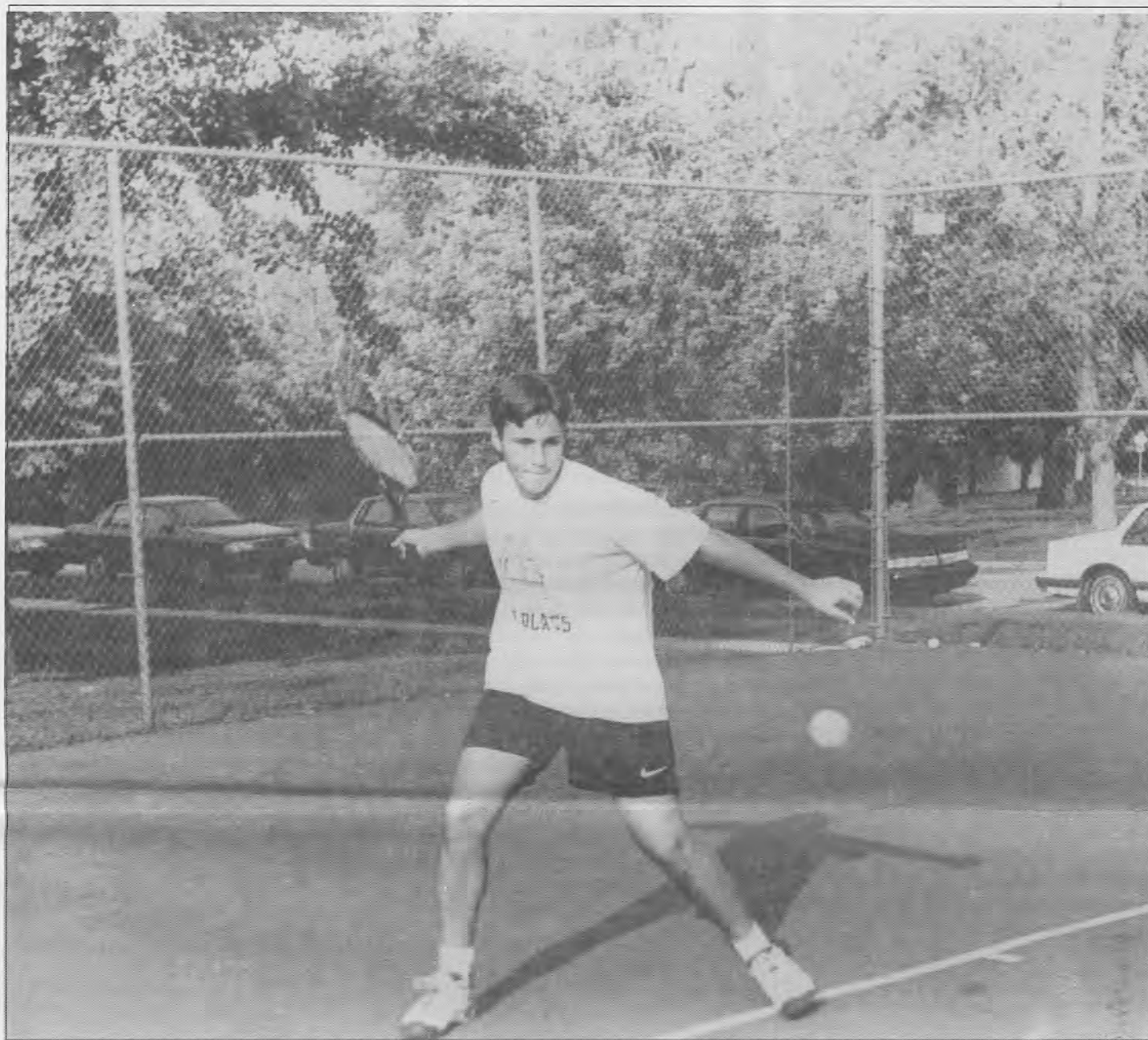
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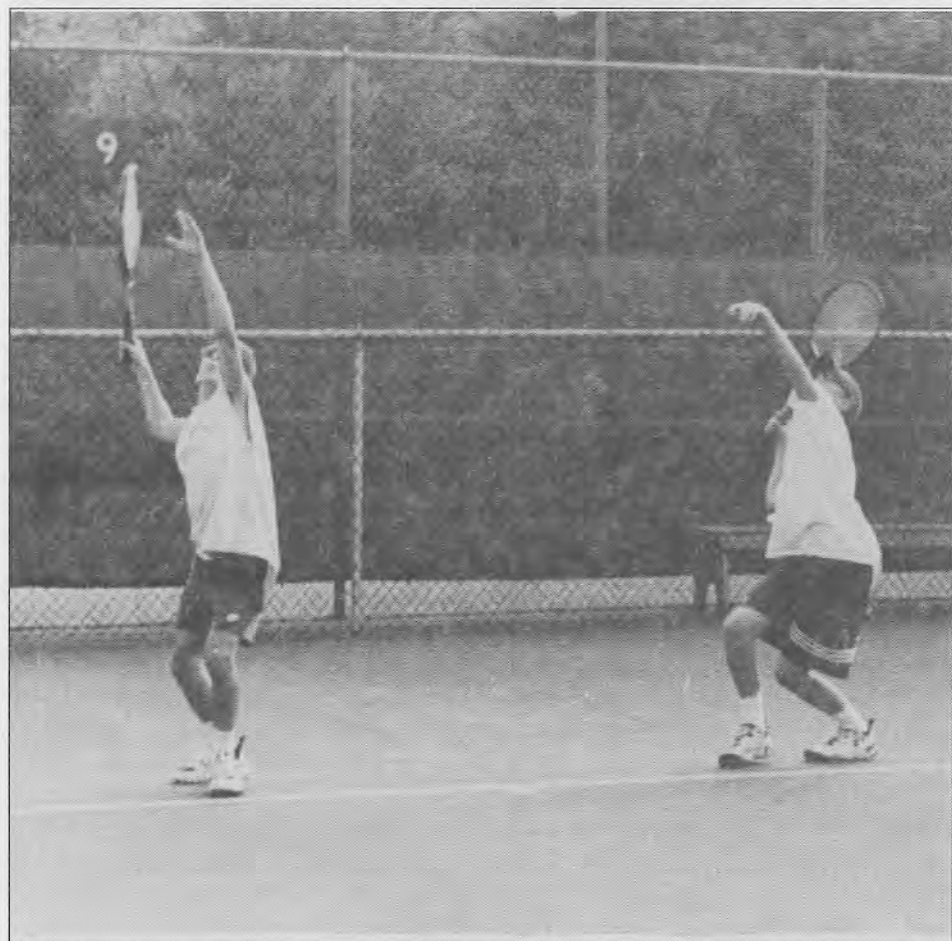
BOYS' TENNIS

Positive attitude brings progress



WHITNEY DUERINGER

Practicing singles/ Nick Schafer, junior, first team all conference member, practices his forehand return before his important meet against LaSalle which he went on to win, 6-0,6-1. Schafer also went 11-3 for the season and was seeded No. 1 singles during the season.



WHITNEY DUERINGER

Practicing doubles/ Left, Chris Wodrich, junior, and right, Pat Ruth, sophomore practice their doubles at Leeper before the LaSalle meet that they went on to win.

The season began in a negative manner when two veteran varsity players, seniors Brandon Frick and Sean Wodrich, were declared ineligible. Junior Chris Wodrich and sophomore Jason McFarley then were forced to step up and fill their positions.

Two victories over Michigan City Marquette and John Glenn got the team off to a fast start. Losses soon began to chip away at team morale, "but we didn't get caught up in winning and losing," said the other senior co-captain, Mike Tulchinsky.

Overall, the captains agree it was an up and down season, which may have been better had Frick and S. Wodrich played. "The loss hurt us, but we recovered as best we could," remarked Tulchinsky.

C. Wodrich and McFarley, however, stepped up greatly and did a good job considering their experience, agree Young and Tulchinsky.

Besides the captains, junior Nick Schafer stood out as a team leader.

Schafer had an 11-3 record at the No. 1 singles position and was selected to *first team all-conference*.

"Being selected to the *all-conference* team is a great ending to a terrific season," said Schafer.

It was, in fact, a season that ended as it begun, with two wins (over conference rivals Elkhart Memorial and LaSalle). The team's Northern Indiana Conference (N.I.C.) record, though, was 4-6, including losses to powerhouses St. Joe and Penn.

Key match-ups during the season came against Clay, Adams, Mishawaka, and Marian; the team lost them all.

On the tournament scene, Riley hosted an invitational and walked away with fifth place out of eight teams. They were more successful at the East Noble Tourney, where they captured third place.

In sectional action, the team defeated LaSalle in the first round, but lost to the eventual champs, St. Joe, in the next round.

The captains' general impression of the season was one of fun, enthusiasm, and devotion.

"There was so much team togetherness and optimism; that made it my best year here," said Young.

Next year coach KaRon Kirkland looks to Schafer to lead the team. Present sophomores will also step up to varsity positions and become team leaders. ♦

Jason McFarley
News editor/ Copy editor

A 6-8 season didn't discourage the boys' tennis team, which now looks forward to a more promising record next year.

"We had high hopes going into every match and for everyone; the whole team seemed very devoted," said senior co-captain Mark Young.

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Up and coming

✓ The night of Tuesday, November 12, the girls' basketball jamboree will be held at Clay at 6:15 p.m.

✓ Wednesday, November 13, the fall sports banquet will be held in the Riley cafeteria at 6 p.m. The banquet will be catered by *Fazoli's*.

✓ The boys' basketball team starts off their season with their jamboree on Saturday, November 16, at Clay at 6:30 p.m.

✓ On Tuesday, November 19, the girls' swim team and basketball team start off regular season play. Pool play starts at 6:30 p.m. and court play starts at 6 p.m.

NICK SHAFFER
Staff writer

The members of the girls' volleyball team know much more about their sport than just how to play.

According to coach Vince Strefling, the team knows about the sacrifices and dedication it takes to be successful.

The team has been conditioning for volleyball since spring. At conditioning, the team mainly ran and lifted weights.

The dress code for the volleyball team is strict, because, according to the coach, a disciplined team is a successful team. At practice, only short, unpainted nails, tucked in shirts, dark colored spandex shorts, and no make-up whatsoever are allowed.

Volleyball practice is from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily and also on Saturday mornings. It consists of stretching, drills, building skills and gearing up for future opponents.

"It is really intense, but well worth it in the end," said junior Sarah Tyler.

According to Strefling, one of the most important characteristics of a successful team is unity between its players.

The volleyball team has many rituals that encourage winning. Their traditional *Sigma Gamma Oy* cheer accompanied by the hang-ten hand sign is a team favorite.

In Greek letters, *Sigma Gamma* means *sisters of the court* while *Oy* is the team's special way of supporting one another.

Also, before each game, the girls say a volleyball prayer and remain absolutely silent in the locker room. Their pre-game warm-up which includes walking on their hands for strength, balance, and coordination, is always exactly the same.

Girls spike to success



WHITN DUERINGER

Practice/ Amy Druelinger, junior varsity setter, practices her technique against the wall outside the Riley gym.

"These rituals help me to concentrate on my volleyball and prepare for the game," said junior Whitney Dueringer.

Although volleyball is a team sport, junior team captains Amy Druelinger and Dueringer really stand out.

"Amy is a leader because she is the setter and controls the game," said junior Kimber Brenneman, "while Whitney is probably our best all around player."

Tyler added, "Even though last year's captains were a big loss, Amy and Whitney have taken their place just as well."

The volleyball team has eight varsity players returning for this season. "We have a lot of seniors but somehow it turned into a rebuilding year," said Dueringer.

Along with the eight returning varsity

members, there are five new members on the team this year.

"The new varsity players are adjusting just as well as the returning players," said sophomore Kristin Strychalski.

In major matches this year, the volleyball team lost to rival Mishawaka but defeated Washington in a tough three game match.

Last year the volleyball team finished 11-13 and was sectional champions. This year their goals are to serve 88 per cent or above, repeat as sectional champions and to make it to regionals. However, Dueringer added, "No matter what our record is this year, we will take with us memories that will never be forgotten." ♦

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BOYS' SOCCER

Unexpected rebuilding year for soccer team

Amanda Winn
Staff Reporter

The soccer team didn't plan on this being a rebuilding year, but it went a little different than they expected.

"I don't feel we have the talent we've had in the past," said Joe Zielasko, boys' soccer coach.

The team's captains for this season are seniors Eric Varner and Blake Nickle.

"The seniors together have done a good job this season," said Zielasko.

The team got along well on and off the field, but just couldn't come together as a team, according to senior John Carroll.

"We have a lot of talent in every position, we just never come together as a team," explained Nick Kole-siak, junior defensemen.

"Our record is misleading because we're better than what we show on the field,"

said Chris Vest, senior half-back.

The team ended the season with a 4-10 record.

"I hoped we would go 500 this year," said senior goalie, Todd Poynter.

Even though the boys don't have a great record, they are still looking to rebound in the post season.

"Despite our record we haven't given up," said Zielasko.

The team is going to work on shutting off the other team's offense during sectionals this year, according to Zielasko.

"We always get scored on in the first 5-10 minutes," said Poynter.

Many seniors will miss the team now that the season is almost over.

"I'll miss playing with my friends," said Carroll.

"Not playing with the team anymore will be a disappointment to me," said Poynter. ♦

Runners' times improve over season

DAN JANCHA
Sports editor

As the leaves are starting to drop this fall, so are the times of the boys' and girls' cross country teams. With the season only about half over, almost everyone has hit a personal best time, according to head coach Scott Haugh.

"I attribute a lot of the improved times to the leadership of the captains over the summer, making the team come to practice and put in miles," said Haugh.

Also for the first time in many years two a day practices were added during the summer to prepare for the season.

"We had a good group of people running this summer, which at times was hard, but it is now starting to pay off," said captain Casey Martin.

The boys' team has an improved record of 4-5 and 3-3 in the Northern Indiana

Conference (N.I.C.), while the girls continue the regional qualifying success of last season with a 4-5 record and 2-4 in the N.I.C.

"Our record is a little worse than last season right now, but by city and sectionals I believe we can be stronger than last season," said junior Annie Gustafson.

This is Haugh's second season as head coach, and he seems to be more comfortable.

"Last season I was just trying to get a feel for the job, but now I am more comfortable with the administrative side of coaching. Now I can spend more time working out and communicating with the team," said Haugh.

With the coach and the team putting in hard work, they believe it is time to start accomplishing their goals.

"Our main goal at this point is to have both teams advance out of the sectionals to the regionals at Culver," said Haugh.

The girls' team advanced to regionals last season and Haugh believes they have the runners to do it again.

"Gustafson and sophomore Jenny Segner have been the key runners, along with junior Carrie Talboom who is coming along," said Haugh.

The boys' season ended at sectionals last season, but Haugh is hopeful that this is their year to advance.

"We have our strong senior captains back, John Kaehr and Martin, but newcomer junior Adam Turner and freshman Grant Clark have stepped up big," said Haugh.



ERICA COSTELLO

Practice/ Leading the pack at cross country practice John Kaehr, senior, Adam Turner, junior, and Grant Clarke, freshman, are trying to keep the pace and improve their times before sectionals.

Running between five to seven miles a day, and some ten mile Saturday practices have meant competition within the team.

"People are competing within the ranks as well as against other teams, that creates an environment which demands faster times," said Haugh.

"What is good about our team is that we can go at each other hard during practice, but when it is over we are good friends,"

said Martin.

According to Haugh, last season was more of a rebuilding year, but this year he would like to see the team capitalize on the experience gained from last season.

"We have put in a lot of hard work and I believe by the end of the season Riley cross country will have gained respect within the city and sectional," said Kaehr. ♦

On the Ball Opinion of the sports editor

Thumbs up to P. A. W. S.



MONICA SWINTZ
Editor-in-chief/Sports editor

I would like to begin this new year and new edition of the *Review* on a positive note.

This column is devoted to the new and positive club named P.A.W.S. It stands for *Pride* (pack of cats) *Achieving Wildcat Spirit*.

It was developed this year by Gregg Sims, senior, to build the spirit and morale of Riley. It is a way to bring students to events that aren't always the center of attention for Wildcat fans.

This brings about two positive effects, one to the athlete or club by way of support, and one to the students by way of new experiences.

A way for the club to get pumped and ready for these events is its meeting each Tuesday. At their weekly

meetings they decide what the game and event of the week is.

They do not pick football every week. Instead, they make sure to attend each activity and sport at least once. They also make banners for the student body to sign to wish teams and activities good luck.

Though the club hasn't gained immense amounts of popularity, it has really made a difference in attendance and awareness. Each week at football games and other events I've seen a steady increase at home and away games. These students aren't all P.A.W.S. members.

For example, on the night of the Mishawaka vs. Riley football game, it was pouring rain and around 40 degrees outside. Yet there were about 40 Riley students there to support the team.

Though the club only has 15 members, it is sure to get bigger and stronger as the year goes on.

The club wants to become more established before they dive into helping more with pep assemblies, but they are planning to make it a point to be involved during the basketball season. ♦

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ATHLETIC DRUG TESTING

Athletes may soon face random drug testing

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Drug testing may be coming for athletes. Already schools such as Plymouth and Concord have been experimenting with drug testing, and each school has conducted random drug tests.

"I believe we will have drug testing; our current code of conduct is ineffective in controlling drug use," said John Berta, athletic director.

By some standards, drugs and alcohol are a problem. "Last year a couple of players came to practice high; I lost trust in them," said Nick Hintz, junior.

"The papers seem to be saying that all drug use is on the rise, I guess sometimes even the parents help the students obtain alcohol," said Berta.

With things such as this occurring, drug testing may not be a distant thought.

We won't see it this year, but we're not ruling it out for next year," said Jan Putz, executive director of instruction and curriculum.

Berta is being asked to gather information on drug testing. "We've talked about this within the school corporation. I'm putting together a survey on how parents and athletes feel about the issue. We're surveying people at the fall, winter, and spring banquets," said Berta.

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Bob Berger / Basketball coach

Drug testing has both its pros and cons. "I don't like that with drug testing you're guilty until proven innocent," said Bob Berger, basketball coach. "If I found out that a player was using drugs, I'd lose trust in him," said Hintz.

Drug testing may give students a reason to say 'no' to drugs, students may realize it's not worth the risk. The people who are using illegal substances could get help," said Putz.

John Berta / Athletic director

There is a cost factor to drug testing. "The cost is \$15 per person. We will probably have to start testing monthly," said Berta.

There is no set agenda on how drug testing would be implemented and enforced but there are some ideas.

"I assume a positive drug test would mean automatic removal from competition for a period of time but not necessarily suspension from school," said Putz.

"I would support random drug testing to try to keep people on their toes. But if possible, I'd like to see everyone tested in band, choir, and other activities, not just athletes," said Berger.

"Maybe drug testing would help, but the bottom line point blank, is drugs are illegal," said Berger. ♦

Girls kick off soccer season



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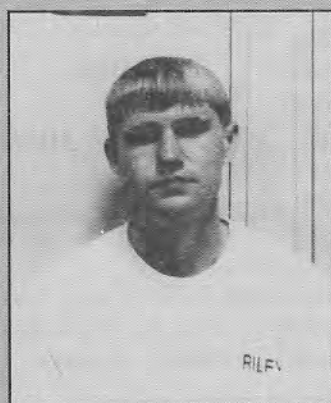
Top left Photo/ Tired after a long practice at Hamilton, the varsity team gathers to cool down and discuss the practice

Bottom Left Photo/ Ashley Bell, junior and Katy Kulik, sophomore, practice their defense and offense during a practice scrimmage

Right Photo/ Varsity soccer goalie, Liz Schrieber, freshman, practices her kicking maneuvers for the up coming sectional game against Marian.

Jock Talk

How do athletes feel about drug testing?



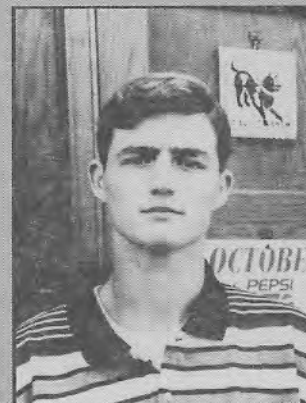
Name:
Christopher Vest
Position:
Forward, varsity soccer
Year:
Senior

"I believe that an athlete has an obligation to his team and school and shouldn't become involved in drug or alcohol abuse. But if they are going to do the tests they shouldn't be random they should be given to everyone."



Name:
Whitney Dueringer
Position:
Middle hitter, varsity volleyball
Year:
Junior

"I think something needs to be done about athletes who are taking drugs during their season. However, if I was forced to take a drug test I would feel a lack of trust and that my rights were abused."



Name:
Nate VanLaere
Position:
Running back varsity football
Year:
Junior

"I think there should be drug testing at some schools because I have a friend who said that some athletes use steroids. I don't think that we need it at Riley because coach Metcalfe drills it into our heads not to use drugs."