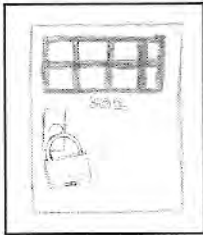


Success

What's the Review's perspective on the new attendance policy known as *Success*? Turn to the Viewpoints section to see this month's staff editorial.

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Boys' Basketball

Members of the boys' basketball team are looking to rebound after last year's disappointing season. Tom DeBaets also discusses his goals for his sophomore season.

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Garbage Pail Kids

Remember the *Garbage Pail Kids*, those trading cards which featured parodies of the popular *Cabbage Patch Kids*? Pull out Eye Candy to read about this '80's craze.

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New policy aims to put end to hallway wandering

AJAZ CHAUDHRY
News Editor

This fall the crackdown on hallway wanderers begins. In a cooperative effort among administrators and teachers, Riley will see the implementation of a lockout policy known as *Success*.

Success, which will be held in the senior cafeteria for the first, second, and fourth hour. During lunch, students will go to room 111.

According to principal George McCullough, *Success* is much different from the former lockout. "You can have a teacher tutor you, answer any questions, or

just get some homework done for your next class."

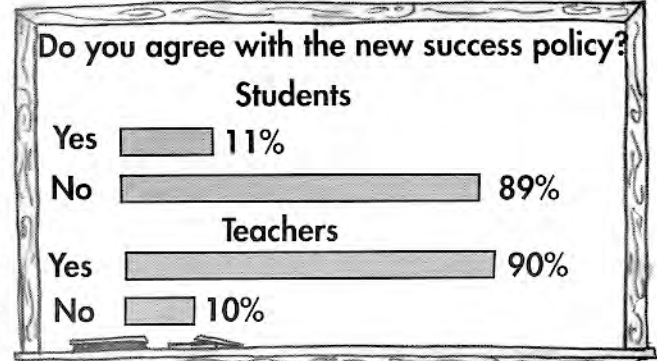
Irene Patterson will be the *Success* teacher, according to McCullough. "She will talk to students about why they were late to class, and try to motivate them to go to get to class on time."

Why the sudden change? "There are too many kids in the halls after the bell rings, too much disruption, and too much noise," said McCullough.

Most teachers, 12 of the 13 surveyed, share McCullough's view and support his decision.

What kind of effect will it have on the number of students leaving the campus? According to Elizabeth

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Old furniture for the new Riley?

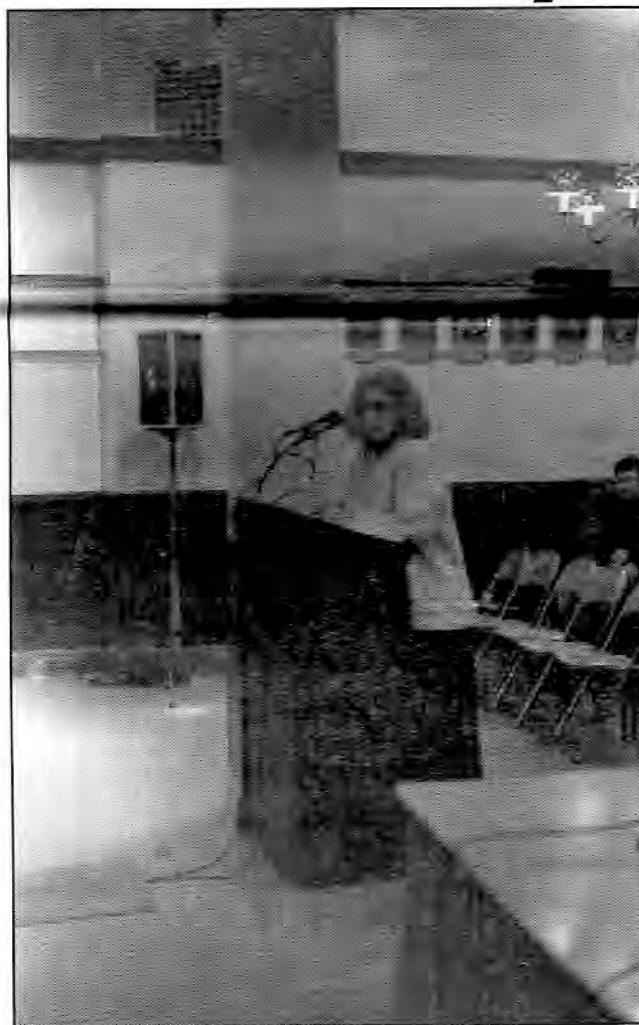
Calvin, school officials hold fate of furniture orders for new school in their hands



ABOVE/ South Bend Community School Corp. Superintendent Virginia Calvin and members of the school board may decide next month whether or not to cancel furniture orders for the new Riley.

RIGHT/ Addressing the South Bend school board at its November meeting, Riley math department chair Charlotte Totten spoke in favor of the new furniture.

PHOTOS BY BRYAN PROVEN



Student Council members attend state convention

JASON MCFARLEY
Editor-in-chief

Riley sent ten delegates to Penn in early November as more than 1400 teens convened for the Indiana Association of Student Council's annual state convention.

According to junior Melissa Wibbens, Riley's student council treasurer, the theme of this year's convention was leadership in the next millennium.

"Most of the activities and workshops dealt with leadership training for us to take back to our schools to carry out now and especially in the future," said Wibbens.

Council sponsor Michele Lodoen agrees, but says the convention's goal was twofold.

First, students were to gain insight into leadership skills.

Second, they were supposed to have a good time interacting and learning with the mass of other leaders.

"I think the entertainment and socializing was an important aspect of the convention. They (the host school, Penn) planned various activities, such as fun workshops and a dance, to keep us interested and motivated throughout the weekend," said Williams.

Lodoen also credits Penn's student council for its organization in hosting the convention. Lodoen, who has attended many state conventions in the past, says Penn's work on the project was excellent.

"I've attended some mediocre conventions before, but I can honestly say that this one was top-notch," said Lodoen.

Riley's student delegates share her opinion.

"Hosting anything of this size can't be easy, yet everything went smoothly. I commend Penn for putting on a very successful convention," said Wibbens.

Riley's council received some commendation of its own. For the third consecutive year the council was named to state Honor Council status by the I.A.S.C. In doing so, the council met very select criteria. The award recognizes the group for its 1997-98 work.

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"Don't cancel our orders!"

To students new school and new furniture go hand in hand



Adam Nevel, freshman

"I think it's unfortunate enough that we had to fight for the new school for so many years. But now we may have to fight to get new furniture also? That would be too bad."

"If we deserve to have a big, state-of-the-art school, then we deserve to have new furniture in it. We should hold on to the memories of the old school not the furniture."

Porschea Vines, junior



Eric Moore, sophomore

"It's logical; in a brand new school, you get brand new desks, tables, and other furniture. Old, broken-down furniture doesn't belong in a new building."

News Briefs

■ Honors Breakfast

Students with a G.P.A. of 3.5 and up were invited to J.W. Riley H.S. Annual Honors Breakfast. Which was held during first-hour on Tuesday, November 24, 1998.

■ Cap & Gown Day

Collegiate Cap & Gown will be here on Wednesday, Dec 9, to measure seniors and prospective graduates for their cap & gown. Students can go either before school or during lunch hour. The cost is \$26 and is due at the time of ordering.

■ Discover Card Scholarships

One million dollars in national and state scholarships will be awarded in 1999. Cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75, special talents, leadership and involvement are some of the requirements. Please see Mr. Weldy if you have any questions.

■ Senior College Scholarships

The following scholarships are available, Eisenhower Memorial, Washington Crossing Foundation, Ron Brown Minority Scholarship, St. Joseph County Foundation, Central Career Ctr. Building Corp. Scholars, Chopin Fine Arts Club, I.U.S.B. Alumni Scholar, Knights of Pythias Academic Award, Nurserymen Endowed Fund Scholar. If you have any questions, please see your counselor or the scholarship folder in the guidance office for more information.

■ H.O.P.E. Award

The Riley Student Council's H.O.P.E. (Helping others by providing effort) Award was given to the S.A.F.E. Club for the month of November. The award, which aims to honor those groups which otherwise go unnoticed for their community service activities, recognized, S.A.F.E. for its outstanding commitment to the local Boys' and Girls' Club.

■ Teacher of the Year

JoAnn Engles was selected as Riley's Teacher of the Year for 1998-1999. She will now compete against other South Bend teachers for Corporation Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to her for all of her hard work.

■ Washington, D.C. Trip

The trip will take place on April 2, 1999. If you are interested write your name and drop it in Mrs. Flint's box.

■ T.R.E.E.S.

On Sunday November 9, Members of T.R.E.E.S. painted the bridge on Miami Street. Approximately 15 students participated, and it was organized by John Wibbens, biology teacher.

■ D.A.R. Award

Jason McFarley was selected Riley's 1998 D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizenship Award winner by his classmates. He will now compete in the D.A.R. Good Citizenship contest with other winners around the state.

Each year members of the Riley faculty select three senior students who they feel embody the characteristics of leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. The three candidates are then voted on by the entire senior class, with the candidate receiving the most votes is named the D.A.R. Good Citizen.

■ Winter Vocal Concert

The winter vocal concert will take place in the on December 10, in the Riley Auditorium at 7 p.m.

■ Winter Break

Winter Break will be from December 18 to January 4th.

■ Multi-Cultural Dance

Multi-Cultural club will be held Friday, December 11, at Jackson Middle School following the basketball game.

■ Riley Quiz Bowl

The Riley Quiz Bowl team is 1-1 in its dual matches this year with a win over LaSalle and a loss to Adams. The team's next match is at home versus Penn is on December 4 in the library at 3:30 p.m.

This year's varsity team consists of seniors Adam Collins, Christina Henry, Jason McFarley, Laura Pippenger, Brian Reed and Greg Ruchti.

Mock trial is ready for another year

ELYSE CHUDZYNSKI
Staff Reporter

"It's like a blanket, we've got it covered," said Heather Hohulin, a senior in Mock trial. This motto was created by last year's seniors in Mock trial. Last year at a competition they gave every participant a piece of a blanket they cut up, symbolizing the success and togetherness of the group.

These skills are necessary to succeed in Mock Trial, but another necessity is money. This year Mock Trial students participated in a flower bulb sale. The fund raiser money is used for the registration of the teams. James Spears, the sponsor of the activity, says the registration costs more and more every year, and fund raisers are needed.

This year Mock Trial raised \$200 for registration fees. This money helps, but more is needed for things besides registration said Spears. RHS Mock Trial is partially funded by a local firm, *Sweeny, Pfeifer, and Morgan*.

Jeff Stesiak, an attorney from *Sweeny, Pfeifer, and Morgan*, has been advising and funding RHS Mock Trial for the last five years and even comes during Christmas break to help the Mock Trial students. I try to give high school students the advantage of learning a little about our legal system, said Stesiak.

Before helping with RHS's team, Stesiak worked with another group of students. He wanted to continue to help students, so he joined Spears in Riley's Mock Trial group. His law firm also helps fund Riley's Mock Trial. With Stesiak's help, the students look at their cases with a different point of view.

In Mock Trial practices the students learn the different concepts used by lawyers in court. Practices usually start as an informative presentation for the new people in the group. They are first taught the basics, the terminology, and the rules of the case, says Spears. Then the students read through the case and memorize and analyze it. The cases are made up, but usually have something to do with a real case, says Stesiak. The cases deal with all sorts of issues, including criminal and civil. The students can use these different techniques and systems, especially if they plan to go into law.

Mock Trial is very effective for future law students. "It really gives you an idea of what you're getting into," said Hohulin, about Mock Trial. The trials are set



up like real courtrooms, and the students have to dress in suits and dresses. Hohulin was a lawyer last year who cross-examined, various made-up characters. Mock Trial is effective for high school students because it helps them think, says Stesiak. Not only do future law students prosper from Mock Trial but it also helps students with public speaking.

Students in Mock Trial learn how to speak in front of large groups and be comfortable and meet new people says Hohulin. You must be committed if you want to succeed in Mock Trial, according to Spears. In the end, Mock Trial students are more experienced with public speaking, and have more maturity than before, says Spears. He

says the benefit he gets from sponsoring Mock Trial is watching the students do well at the competitions. Hohulin says her favorite part of Mock Trial is spending time with her teammates. "It's a lot of fun in the long run," says Spears.

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council-sponsored projects, as well as those organized by the I.A.S.C. In addition, we had to submit a book outlining all of our activities," said Williams.

Joining Williams in accepting the award were freshman Kate Miller; sophomores Chris Horvath and Gretchen Lemmer; juniors Camille Johnson, Allison Nickle and Wibbens; and seniors Mike Cook, Kelly Johnson, and Jason McFarley.

As council sponsors, Lodoen and Luann Spore accompanied the students.

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Horban, Dean of Students, "We still have a closed campus, the students who are inclined to skip will do it with or without the *Success* program."

"I support the decision because I have many students abusing the tardy policy," said Lauren Wiand, English teacher.

She as well as many other teachers point out the fact that in a job situation you don't get many chances to be late.

According to the survey done by *The Review* most, 35 out of 39, students don't share the teachers' view.

"The majority of the students are being punished for the actions of just few people. It's not fair to people to have to miss 90 minutes of class for being five minutes late," said Matt Coleman, junior.

Sandy Archer, sophomore, agrees with Coleman. She said "If students want to go to class they should be able to; this is school, and the main purpose is learning."

When it comes to the question of students catching up after missing 90 minutes of class, McCullough has a very clear message, "Get to class on time and you won't have that problem."

Although some teachers are worried about students missing 90 minutes of class they feel that most of the students who are late to class don't ask to make up work anyway, but if they need any extra help the teachers are always there.

According to McCullough, the complaints from teachers were a major reason why he decided to implement the *Success* policy. "This year students have a six-minute passing period (opposed to last year's five); they have plenty of time to get to class," said McCullough.

Many students, however, disagree. "Sometimes you get caught in the halls and no matter how hard you try you can't get to class on time," said Marcus King, junior.

Students do have three opportunities to go to *Success* before they get marked absent from a class. Each time thereafter, counts as a full unexcused absence.

Some teachers don't like this. "I believe that each time they go to *Success* it should be counted as an absence since they are missing the entire class," said Susan Pantoja, English teacher.

Some students have offered an alternative to the current *Success* policy. "If students are late more than five minutes to a class then they should be sent to lockout, but otherwise they should be allowed to go to class," said Derek Madison, junior.

Horban responded to Madison's statement by



"If students are late more than five minutes to a class, then they should be sent to lockout, but otherwise they should be allowed to go to class."

saying, "We all want students to be in class on time, and we have already given them an extra minute compared to last year."

Bryan Focht, English teacher, also offered an alternative to lock out. "I personally think that using those we have already in the building as hall monitors to sweep the building would be more effective than lockout."

No one knows how well the new success period policy will work, but according to the administration it is here to stay.

Viewpoints

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Editorial

'Success' is not a good idea

The *Review* staff feels that starting success is not a good idea. Lazy students will take advantage of success. They'll see it as a place for people to go if they don't want to go to class, not if they are late to class. Success is not a deterrent to tardiness.

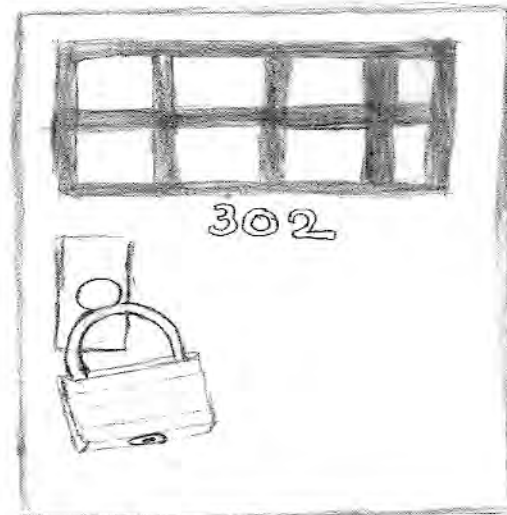
Moreover, a student misses an entire day of class when they go to success. How can a student do well if they aren't in class?

A good solution to the tardy problem would be to make two tardies equal an absence instead of three. This way, students would try harder to get to class to avoid more absences.

If they do happen to be tardy, then they wouldn't have to miss an entire day of class and get behind in their work.

Another good solution to the tardy problem would be to suspend people who get so many tardies; they've just proven that they don't want to be in class anyway. The people who do try to get to class won't get many tardies.

Ultimately, success will just be taken advantage of by students who don't feel like sitting in class. Success is just a euphemism for lockout.



Computers: Too much technology?



Bruce Duncan
Viewpoints/Diverse Ideas Editor

I think that computers can be great tools for the exchange of information, communication, and writing. Unfortunately, the rate at which the computer industry updates really worries me. Computer chip makers have to keep designing bigger and better computers. This causes almost immediate obsolescence - a very expensive loss and may lead to the inundation of technology in the world - perhaps to a point where computers - not people - are running everything.

One reason that I'm not a fan of the computer industry is the fact that there always has to be something new out. One minute you're sitting at home with your new *Pentium 300* and the next minute you're looking at the *Best Buy* ads only to realize that

to run any of the new games, operating systems, and office programs that were coming out. I think it's ridiculous to spend thousands of dollars on a machine that becomes obsolete within a year.

The amount of money spent on a machine that becomes outdated so fast really makes me mad, and it also makes me wonder - how much more will they keep developing technology? Will things keep getting better until computers finally think like a human being? The defeat of the world chess champion by *Big Blue* - the computer developed by IBM solely for playing chess - made the future of the human mind look even grimmer.

If a computer can already out-think a human being, then what's next? Will computers be doing all of the jobs? We've already got a good start down that path - things are becoming even more and more automated. I may sound like Theodore Kaczynski when I say this, but I'm getting pretty worried thinking about computers possibly totally replacing human beings in the future. The Unabomber wasn't all wrong. I think that

there needs to be a point when the computer industry says *enough is enough* and stops updating.

Before I go to college, I'm a young man. I get a new computer - probably used - to take with me so my mom can keep the one we have currently. It will

be the last computer I buy for a very, very long time. No matter what I buy, it'll most likely be outdated within two years time. I guess that's just the tech-no-logic process creeping up on all of us. Technology has been used for

positive things - better medical care, learning, open exchange of information, etc., but at the same time it's been used to hurt and oppress just as much - worker layoffs, bombs, propaganda films, and much more comes to mind. Will technology ever slow down or stop? Probably not, as long as people can keep developing, and making money at it. ■

"This is the way of the computer industry - continue pushing the tech-no-logickill envelope."

The search for faster processors, bigger hard drives, and better graphics cards never seems to end. Case in point: my mom bought a computer three years ago. The machine is a *Pentium 90*, which was state-of-the-art at the time. I think I remember it costing over \$2000. That's a lot of money! An investment like that should last you for at least 10 years. It lasted us for about six months before it was getting pretty outdated. About a year later it was lucky

Religion and freedom clash



Anthony Cenkush
Staff Reporter

First off, this is my opinion on a very serious topic. This is not necessarily the opinion of the *Riley Review*. To those

For those of you out there who are involved seriously with a religion, I hope you made the right choice. I am not here to make anyone feel bad about their decision to join a religion. I hope you are truly happy with your decision.

of you who may be offended by this, I apologize.

Religion and freedom are two things that I can't understand when used in a sentence together. To join any religion you have to give up most of your normal life and then you have to follow rules that usually come from some ancient book.

With freedom you have the choices to do anything that you want to do within reason. With religion you have to change your lifestyle and have to watch what you do and say or risk losing the chance at going to a better place. Most religions give you the chance to ask for forgiveness if you do something that is considered wrong.

Who wants to live with the fact that if you mess up once and you don't know it that you could end up failing your religion or God? Still many people choose to join religions every year.

However, the one freedom that you do get is the freedom to choose which religion you want to join. Trying to follow rules that come from a book is something I'm not ready to do. If these *'holy books'*

are even true, they were written so long ago that they have very little usefulness now.

Many people claim to get great insight from reading a religious book. The kind of people who use books to lead their lives are the kind of people who need some serious help.

Another thing I can't seem to understand is the fact that if you don't follow all the rules that you're supposed to follow then you're going to a place usually called *'hell'* or something similar, depending on the religion.

The hardest part for me to understand is all the people who are very willing to put their faith into something that could easily be faked, for instance the *Bible*. Someone could have easily written the *Bible* and claimed it to be some great holy book that will send people to heaven as long as they believe in it.

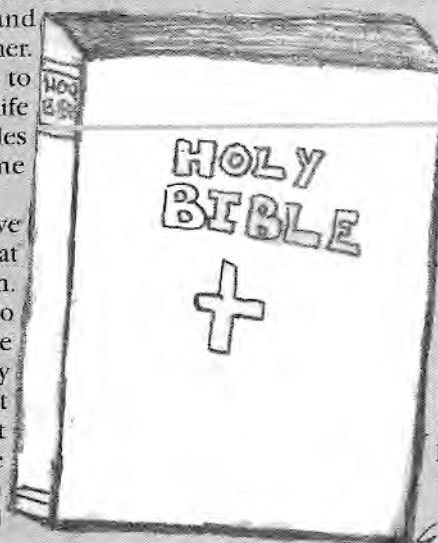
I may not understand a lot about religion but I do know that those people who wear clothes, necklaces, bracelets, and other apparel with the *WWJD* logo don't have a clue about what they are wearing. I feel sorry for you.

For those of you out there who are involved seriously with a religion, I hope you made the right choice. I am not here to make anyone feel bad about their decision to join a religion. I hope you are truly happy with your decision.

I will guarantee, however, that you won't see me join a religion where my freedom is limited to the point that I don't control my life as much as a book or a pastor does.

Without the freedom in a religion how can people decide to live their lives under strict rules? Many people think that if they join a religion they will be able to live a much better life. People that believe this are sadly mistaken.

Before joining any religion I strongly suggest that you check out the rules and restrictions that the religion has. If you don't, then you are going to be deceived into joining and then you will be involved in more than you can handle. ■



Sweet Dreams are

Foul trouble inspires dream

Dennis Miller
Head Artist

I've never seen any real meaning in my dreams, but there is one which I will always remember. When I was seven years old I went to a *Silver Hawks* game. At that time they were known as the *South Bend White Sox*. At the game all I really wanted was to catch a foul ball. But the fouls just kept flying away from me. My baseball mit stayed empty the entire night.

After the game and for the rest of the night I thought about catching a foul ball. It would be so cool to have caught one.

That night I had the weirdest dream. In the dream I was at the Silver Hawks game. I was sitting there watching the game, still hoping to catch a foul ball. When one came flying my way, I actually caught it. It just sort of fell into my mit. I was really excited about catching it. Then another ball came flying my way and I caught it. It was the most amazing thing in the world.

As the game went on I kept catching more and more baseballs. By the sixth inning I had caught 23 foul balls. I started to realize that this was no ordinary game.

It was the bottom of the ninth inning and so far I had caught 37 baseballs. The batter came up to the plate, nailed the ball straight to me, and I caught it.

The umpire reached into his pocket for another ball, but there

weren't any balls left; I had them all. So the umpire came up to me and asked me if he could borrow a ball. I gave him one, and the game continued. The batter smacked it out of the park, putting the other team ahead by one.

The umpire came over and got another ball from me. That score was followed by three outs. The Silver Hawks needed two runs to win, and they only had one ball left. I didn't want to give them any more balls.

My family decided to leave. On the way home we were listening to the radio and heard that the game was called off because lack of equipment. The batter that came up right after we left and knocked one foul out of the stadium.

This dream was weird because for the first time what I wanted to happen in real life happened in my dream. For me, that rarely ever happens. Usually my dreams are the opposite of what I want to happen.

I think it happened because I really wanted it to and because that was all I was thinking about.

If this dream would have happened at this point in my life, it would probably have a deeper meaning. Since I was only seven when it happened, however, it probably had no meaning at all.

I have never figured out exactly why I will always remember that dream of catching all the foul balls. Some day I'll try and find it's meaning, but for now, I guess I'll let it go.

What kinds of dreams do you usually have?



David Gustafson

Erin Wigent

"I don't remember most of my dreams, but the ones I do remember seem pretty normal."



David Gustafson

Erin Miller

"I dreamt that I had long hair down to my knees. I looked up the meaning in my dream book, and it meant good fortune."



David Gustafson

Chris Plank

"I always end up killing people and blowing stuff up, and I take out my aggression on anything that I can."



David Gustafson

Tonya Bogunia

"I usually dream about curvy roads or waterfalls."

By Anthony Cenkush



Daydream believer

Chris Henry
Senior Staff Reporter

Many people dream of good things, but when I dream, I usually dream of bad things. Falling is a very common bad dream to have, and I have had it several times.

In this dream, I am walking near a cliff or something, and I soon begin hurtling towards the far ends of the planet.

People say that they have had dreams where they are either in space or on an airplane, someone opens the door, and they are sucked right out of the plane or spacecraft.

Another common type of bad dream is the one in which you are at school, walking down the hallway, and someone comments that the school must be cold today.

You look down to see what they are staring at, and you realize that you came to school

with no clothes on.

You are obviously very embarrassed, but at this point in the dream, you usually wake up. "This personally is my worst dream," said freshman Andres Salinas.

Another kind of dream is the psychic dream. An example of this would be you dream of a plane crashing and the very next day a TWA crashes into the ocean.

People who have this dream on a more regular basis might be considered a psychic.

Some people experience fantasy dreams. Some guys have

said that, "When dreams they are with a supermodel best kind of dream if you're a guy."

"When I have fantasy dreams, they are usually of me with a supermodel. These are the best kind of dreams to have if you're a guy."

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Traumatic dreams

Laura Pippenger
Centerspread Editor

Dreaming is often considered to be one of the most mysterious functions of the human brain. Many people have dreams that they believe cannot be explained. Some are bothered by recurring dreams that have plagued them for years. Fortunately, psychologists have been helping patients to interpret their dreams for years.

Ruth A. Yarger, a licensed clinical social worker at *Madison Center*, has used dream therapy to help patients. She claims that helping people to understand their dreams can help them to get past traumatic events.

"People are most likely to dream about recent events or significant events of the past," Yarger said.

According to Yarger, significant events of the past can make up recurring dreams.

"When something traumatic happens, people can develop intrusive nightmares," Yarger said.

According to Yarger, the reason recurring dreams are remembered is because they are the most significant dream of the night. It is suggested that sleeping people will experience several dreams per hour of sleep, and although the dreams seem to be hours long, they last only a few seconds.

"A second type of dream is when people dream of experiences they wish they had," Yarger said.

Yarger mostly helps people with frightening dreams to stop having them.

"If a dream is frightening, I ask patients to tell me all the details of the dream, and tell me how they would like to

dream to end. Talking about the dream and changing the ending can help stop the dream, or at least change the outcome during actual sleep," Yarger said.

According to Yarger, some dreams can be programmed to stop or end differently, but since dreaming is part of the unconscious mind, you can't control it all. Several ideas can go into one image, so sometimes only a few of these ideas can be programmed out of the dream.

Some recurring dreams are very common, according to Yarger, and they represent certain emotions.

"A dream in which the person is falling is very common. People also commonly dream of being chased. These dreams can carry into adulthood. Children often dream of monsters or ghosts. These dreams usually go away with age. All of these dreams represent fearfulness," said Yarger.

Symbols have been assigned for the meaning of certain aspects of dreams.

"Sigmund Freud and Carl Young assigned symbols to dreams, such as the horse representing power, etc. I don't think that these symbols are necessarily accurate, but it's interesting to study," Yarger said.

According to Yarger, bad dreams are an outgrowth of a lot of anxiety or sadness, but there are plenty of good dreams that are worth remembering.

"Many people journal their dreams and find it interesting to interpret them," said Yarger.

Journaling may be fun, and although some dreams are easy to interpret, Yarger points out that many dreams remain a mystery. ■

Explains it all

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this is why I only remember the bad ones.

The most popular kind of dreaming done at Riley is daydreaming. Daydreaming occurs during long lectures by teachers. "You are sitting there trying to pay attention when you suddenly think of something exciting and you slowly stare off into space," said freshman Adam Nevel.

You then hear a distracting noise outside your dream and realize that you have missed the lecture.

Daydreaming is certainly the most detrimental to your grades of the types of dreams mentioned above. If you are having difficulty daydreaming, perhaps you should keep in mind that eventually your days of boring lectures will be over. ■



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STEVE MLITONG
Sports Editor

Young Wildcat hoopers on the verge of success

The boys' basketball team comes into the season looking to improve upon the one the past year. The team this year is a young one with a virtually new roster that consists of only six varsity returners.

Coach Tom DeBaets has a positive outlook on this year's squad.

"I think this year the team was better picked than last year. This team has a good chemistry. They are unselfish and will be fun to watch," said DeBaets.

The goal for the team at the moment is to make overall improvement. The road to a successful season this year may begin on improving upon the weaknesses from last season.

"To improve at practice the team is working on fundamentals. All we, the coaches, ask for is for a strong effort from the team to practice hard," added DeBaets.

With the lack of varsity returners there are a lot of players from the junior varsity and freshman teams on varsity this year. The team's strength looks to be inside. With juniors Ron Dokes, John Fissette, and Darrell Foster inside the Wildcats look solid in the post. Letter winner junior Mike Mays also looks to contribute.

"With our size and abilities in the post we will be tough to guard. There are teams that will be able to match up with two big men, but our big three with Dokes, Fissette, and Foster will be tough to contain.

Guard play is shaky for the Cats' this season.

"Our guard play this season is not as strong as our inside game. We do not have a consistent three

point shooter. I am looking to see a lot of good things out of juniors Mike Washington and Courtney Dixon," commented DeBaets.

Other new players that will try to make an impact are juniors Brian Cherry, David Oberlin, Ernesto Starling, and sophomores Mark Woodmore, Mark Wilson, and Mike Przygoda.

The coach player relationship on this team strong one. The players have a lot of respect for coach DeBaets.

"We have had a full season under the coaching of coach DeBaets. He has instilled a great work ethic into this team to strive to be better," Washington explained.

There are some games on the schedule that are key to the Wildcats success.

"We have big games this year against Washington and Adams. These games are late in the season, and if we win them they are big momentum boosters going into the sectional," said Washington.

In the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) there is no clear cut favorite. All the teams have their highs and lows.

"One thing we lack that every other team has is a consistent outside shooter," said DeBaets. "The top team looks to be

LaSalle."

The team that the 'Cats put on the floor will be an exciting one. The players on the floor will make the extra pass, and do what they have to do to earn a win.

"Winning is what we care about this season. To win this year we need to exercise what we do in practice on game night. That means play fundamentally sound basketball and play tough defense," stated Washington.

The sky is the limit for what this year's team can accomplish.

"I want us to show up on game day and play so well that the opposing coach thinks about Riley basketball and not want to play us again," ended Washington.



BRYAN PROVEN

DUNKING/ Junior Ronald Dokes slams the ball home during a practice at Jackson Middle School. Dokes will be a key offensive player for the 'Cats this year. His size and post game will make him tough to match up with.

Girls' swimming considered conference force

ERIN WARD
Staff Reporter

The Riley girls' swimming and diving team knows that it is in the midst of its competitive season when they can't see the daylight until Sundays.

The sun has yet to rise when they file in sleepily to early-morning practices. And it has long since set by the time the team lugs out of tiring afternoon practices. Essentially, they're left in the dark.

The future of the team, however, shines very brightly.

With a load of returning varsity talent, the girls are looking to be a serious threat in the area and potentially the state.

Among that talent are senior star Katie Cavadini and sophomore diver Laura Dobslaw, both state qualifiers last year. Head coach Jeanne Troyer looks for them to be big point contributors this year. Seniors Becky Dobslaw, Abigail House and Krissy Wells; junior Erin Beutter; and sophomores Laura Horvath, Ashley House and Maureen Warter should also be key.

"We have the potential to be the best team I have ever seen in all my years at Riley," said Troyer.

Cavadini, a captain, agrees.

"Our team has talent. But more than that, we have girls who are willing to work hard," said Cavadini.

The team's conditioning workouts are a testament to that. According to Dobslaw, a typical practice consists of a quick warm-up. The remainder is broken into distance training, strokes of shorter sets and sprint freestyles. The girls cool down with a few exercises to reduce their heart rates.

The majority of the time of diving practices is allotted to individuals for working on their personal strengths and weaknesses.

"Practices are challenging, yet fun.

They're a time to improve our abilities and to bond with each other," said Dobslaw.

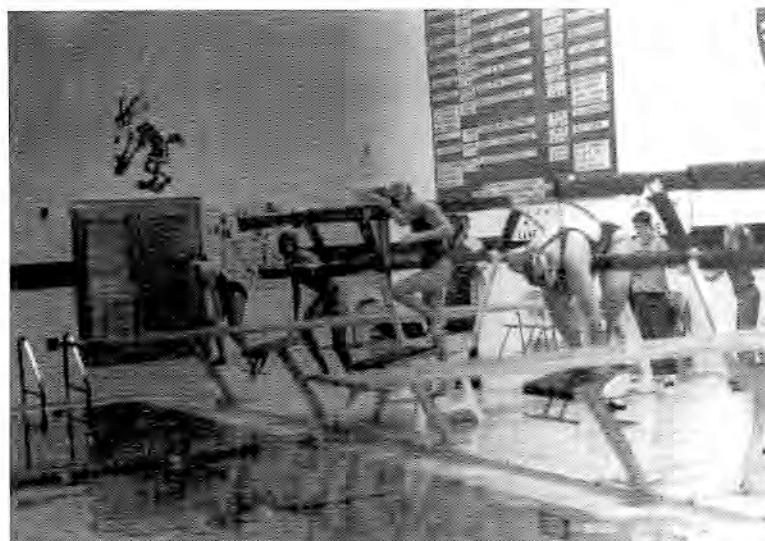
Cavadini said that bonding is important to the team's success.

"Optimistic definitely describes our team. We're full of enthusiasm and team spirit. These girls are ready to plunge into this season," said Cavadini.

Competition in the area won't be lacking. According to Troyer, Penn and St. Joe (both state-ranked squads) should post strong teams again this year. In the city, Clay could pose an additional threat.

To begin the season, Riley recorded a notch in the winner's column in its big win over conference rival Adams.

"Upcoming meets against other conference rivals and sectionals will be our biggest competitions. Depending on our performances there, we're hoping to send individuals, as well as our entire team, to state," said Cavadini.



BRYAN PROVEN

AT THE BLOCKS/ Members of the girls' swim team get set for a fast start to their upcoming race against Adams.

Awards Banquet

Cross Country

Most Valuable
Ben Allen
Laura Horvath

Most Improved
Dan Dietz
Nikki Myers

Soccer

Most Valuable
Eric Vandewalle
Sally Skodinski

Most Improved
Tyler Back
Gretchen Lemmer

Volleyball

Most Valuable
Adria Phillips

Most Improved
Vanessa Vories

Tennis

Most Valuable
Pat Ruth
Jeff Cohn

Most Improved
Marcus King

Kiwanis

Rick Stephens
Erin Miller
Joe Botich
Jason McFarley
Amy Carr
Jason Binder

Cross Country
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Volleyball
Football

Veteran team is on the way to success

GRETCHENLEMMER
Senior Staff Reporter

Looking to rebound off of last year's 6-16 record, the Riley girls' basketball team is coming out strong this season. With returning players such as captains Sally Skodinski and Erin Miller the lineup will be overflowing with skill and experience.

Other returning varsity players include senior Kelly Johnson, junior Nicole Marbley, and sophomore Lisa Cowper. New additions to the squad are senior Jenny Kramer, juniors Tonniss Phillips, Beth Lasar, and Rachelle Chapman, and sophomore Kelly Czarnecki. Sophomore Christina Ragukonis, also on varsity, is new to Riley and presents both dexterity and talent to the court.

"We didn't play with composure last year," said Miller, "This year we have smarter players and are clicking as a team."

Although the season is looking bright, it will not be easy, according to head coach Mike Megyesi.

"We play one of the hardest non-conference schedules in northern Indiana," said Megyesi, "We play Fort Wayne Snider (who lost in the finals of the semi-state and had a record of 20-4), Highland (19-3), and Glenn (17-4 last year). There are only three teams on our non-conference schedule that had losing records last year, and the holiday tournament we play in at Twin Lakes attracts many of the state's top teams. The Northern Indiana Conference is very good again this year as well."

There are some other must win games on the schedule for the Cats' this year.

"We definitely need to come out strong and play hard against teams like Adams and Clay. These wins will be vital to show all our competition that Riley is a team to be worried about," said Skodinski.

The team has high expectations for themselves this season, but captains say it will take a lot of hard work.

"We are a short team this year,

so we need to work on our quickness and getting rebounds. We also need to be more focused," said Skodinski.

"We are planning on going into every game with respect for our competition and the confidence that we can win," Miller added.

With last year's record there is plenty of room for improvement. This season the team will be focusing on eliminating turnovers, and making free throws, according to Megyesi. The team also feels that the support from fans will help immensely.

"Student fan support at our games, home and away, will be a tremendous asset to our program. Our players feed off the positive energy given off by the supportive student body and the atmosphere provided by the pep band at home games. The players on our team appreciate the support of the students, and hope that the number of students attending increases each game," said Megyesi.

In a game, aggressiveness and staying focused are necessary for success. Those are the main things that the team is concentrating on this season. At

practice the team works on positioning for out of bounds plays, defensive composure, and offensive runs.

To sharpen their overall skill the team includes ball handling, various shooting and dribbling drills, free throws, 5 vs. 2 scrimmages, and running in their everyday workout.

This season Megyesi looked for players that showed dedication, skill, the willingness to make sacrifices, and the sign that they were in shape and had kept a touch on the ball in the off season.

"It is extremely important that everyone stays in shape during the off season," said Skodinski, "Many of us either play another sport or play recreational ball. This really helps our game and shows a lot when we get on the court."

With the combination of returning players and new varsity players the Wildcats are jumping into the season with enthusiasm and confidence.

"We've all been working extremely hard and are ready to play this season. I think that we're starting to come together as a team and we'll be taking our competition by surprise," ended Skodinski. ■



BRYAN PROVEN

IN THE HUDDLE/ The girls basketball team meets with Coach Mike Megyesi before their game versus the Marian Knights.

Swim team climbs the conference ladder to the top

MARCUS KING
Senior Staff Reporter

This year the slate has been wiped clean for the Riley boys' swim team. Last season the team's remarkable streak of 172 straight Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) victories and 18 consecutive conference titles was snapped by arch rival Penn.

"Losing to Penn last season was obviously disappointing," said head coach Steve Smith, "but overall,

we had an excellent season."

The team ended the season with an overall record of 11-3, while etching a 7-1 standing in the NIC. Not to mention, they earned their 23rd straight city championship and 14th sectional championship in a row.

"To have another successful season, we need to focus on our goals now," said

Smith. "I believe that we have a good opportunity to reclaim our NIC title."

Headed by a strong group of leaders, the Wildcats are looking to bounce back in the '98-'99 season. They are lead by seniors: co-captains Ryan Brown and Matt Dubois, and NIC first-teamer A.D. Stackhouse. Dubois was a 1998 state finalist, and earned eighth place in the 100 yard breaststroke. Other seniors leading the tidal wave of talent are Eric Vandewalle, Keith Henry, and diver Paul Lao.

The leading representatives from the junior class on the team are Ryan Jesswein, Marcus King, and Jimmy McKey.

The sophomores that hope to add heavy contributions in their second season of swimming, are Peter Cavadini, Shane Johnson, and diver Lamont Barlow. Newcomers to the squad this year are freshman Mark Dubois, sophomore Sam Peete, and junior diver Jeff Price.

"We are going to have to depend on our upperclassmen to achieve our goals this season," stated Matt Dubois, "we're also going to have to rely on some success from the younger guys."

Along with all the new faces, the team would like to welcome a few new additions to the coaching staff. Smith and assistant coach Tim Gray are joined by assistant coach John VanDriessche, who is a former Riley swimmer who coached last season at Knox High School.

Another former standout from Riley, Michael Luber, has taken over the position of diving coach after the departure of Michael White. Luber was a 1997 graduate, and participated in the state diving finals twice.

Some of the major meets ahead for the guys include homestands against Indiana powerhouse Munster, and the Kokomo Wildkats. But the most important meet of all is the revenge factor match-up between our Wildcats and nemesis Penn, for the NIC crown.

"These young men work extremely hard, and strive to do well, but they need as much fan support as they can get," said coach Smith.

Ryan Brown summed it all up by saying, "In the end, all the effort and pain is well worth it." ■



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GETTING PREPARED/ Junior Marcus King gets ready for his upcoming race at last year's Kokomo meet.

Jock Talk



Name

Katie Cavadini

Sport

Girls' Swimming

Year

Senior

What three words best describe your playing style?

Determined, "wonder-full" competitive

Who is your sports hero?

Haley Scott

What is the best part about being an athlete?

The fun, excitement, and self satisfaction

What is the worst part about being an athlete?

Never seeing daylight during the week

If you could watch any athlete perform who would it be?

Janet Evans

What is your proudest moment as an athlete?

Whenever I achieve any of my goals



Name

A.D. Stackhouse

Sport

Boys' Swimming

Year

Senior

What are three words that best describe your playing style?

Competitive, dedication, determined

Who is your sports hero?

Micheal Jordan

What is the best part about being an athlete?

Staying in shape, special treatment

What is the worst part about being an athlete?

Early morning practices

If you could watch any athlete perform who would it be?

Roy Jones Jr

What is your proudest moment as an athlete?

Winning sectionals in the 50 yard freestyle my sophomore year

Diverse Ideas

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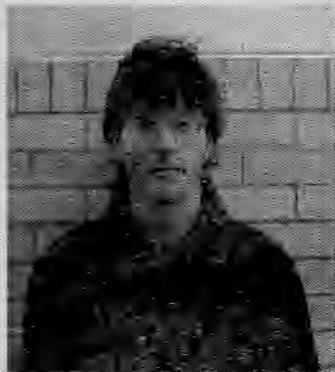
Faces in the crowd

What do you think of the new success?



"It's OK. I'm not a really big fan of it, but I can tolerate it. I'm not late very often.

-Wardell Brown, freshman



"I don't like it because even if you're two seconds late, you can miss an entire day of class."

-Beau Brogdon, senior



"It's a waste of time because instead of being in class, you sit in a room and do nothing.

-Mike Hutchinson, junior



"I don't like Success at all. I think it's a candy-coated name for Lockout. It's definitely better to miss three minutes of a class instead of the entire hour and a half-long class."

-Bill Hamilton, junior

Students gather at pole for prayer

Chelsea Steele
Staff Reporter

23 Riley students joined over 3 million students from around the world at their school flagpoles in September for the eighth annual *See You At the Pole* gathering.

See You At the Pole is a once a year event that is completely student run. Dan Schmidt, Youth Pastor at Trinity Evangelical Free Church, says that any adult leadership is merely to guide students on how they are planning to organize the event. In fact, both the *Bible Study* and *Prayer Group* meetings at Riley are student led. Tom Morgan, Biology teacher and sponsor of the *Prayer Group*, has no part in leading or organizing the meetings. He just supplies the room (room 317).

"That is my role in the *Prayer*

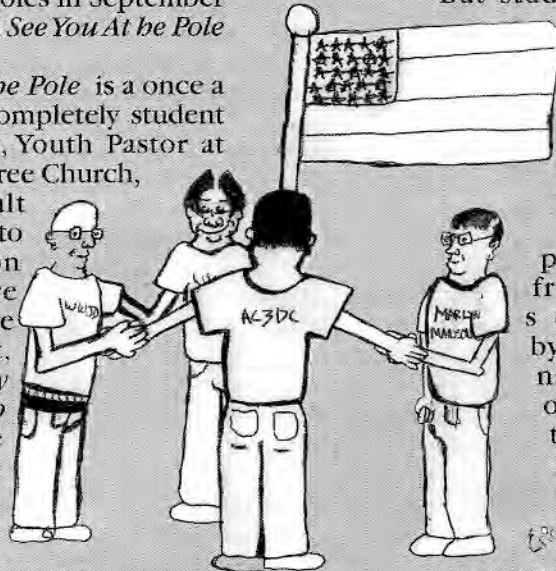
Group," said Morgan.

The *Prayer Group* also has a new name this year, the *Riley Wildcat CUBS* (*Christ Ultimately Beats Satan*).

But students do not only pray during *CUBS* meetings, they pray at *See You At the Pole* as well.

"We prayed for friends, the school, bystanders, the nation, and other various things," said Ashleigh Coker, freshman and participant.

The *See You At the Pole* gathering also served as a "kick-off" for the *Bible Study* and *CUBS*.



Coker says that *CUBS* is to continue what was started at *See You At the Pole*.

Those who attend *CUBS* meetings held every Wednesday from 7:15 to 7:35 a.m. have the opportunity to discuss personal, school, community, or national problems and request prayer for them.

Dyante Reddick, senior and participant, thinks that having others pray for you can relieve the burden of daily problems. Stephanie Onax, sophomore and *CUBS* leader, also assents that the *CUBS* can help others overcome their trials.

A lot of the students go to have fellowship with other Christians and "to support others and also to be supported," said Patricia Boone, junior and participant in the *Bible Study* which is held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Gloria Murphy's room after school (room 227).

The purpose of *See You At the Pole* is very similar: to unify believers in Jesus Christ.

Music not the cause of teen trouble



Diana Szymanski
Eye Candy Editor

Music among teens is like candy on Halloween: there is so much variety, and whatever we don't enjoy, we pass on to others who will enjoy it. Unfortunately, the added baggage of parental opinion is dragging behind.

Not all, but many parents blame musicians such as shockrocker, *Marilyn Manson*, for their children's behavioral transformations. In some cases it may be true, and I do not condone that. If your music influences you in a bad way, then it is your own pathetic problem. There are tons of teens who drink, use drugs, have sex, and commit suicide each year. What does society blame it all on? Music.

I feel that some parents totally contradict themselves. A lot of teens, including myself, were musically encouraged while being raised. Some grew up in a family of musicians or were encouraged to play a musical instrument or sing.

As the child grew older, they discovered their musical preference,

whether it was rap, industrial, classical, punk, or what have you. Suddenly, the parent talks down on music. I have actually heard some parents say, "If it weren't for that Marilyn Manson person, my child would not be such a freak."

I am sorry, but if kids are changing their way of life because of their music, then they obviously have other problems that they cannot handle. Society cannot blame music for troubled teens. If we were to throw their music back in their face and say that the music of the 60's and 70's encouraged them

If anything, musicians have helped encourage teens of the 90's. From the great Jimi Hendrix to the more recent beloved Kurt Cobain, these musicians have opened up teens' eyes to the reality of this sad world.

From the great Jimi Hendrix to the more recent beloved Kurt Cobain, these musicians have opened up teens' eyes to the reality of this sad world. Yes, these specific musicians died because of drugs and suicide, but that's beside the point. Again, if people claim they do drugs because of Hendrix, or commit suicide because of Cobain, then they are just a poor excuse for a human being.

My favorite music groups which include *Jane's Addiction*, *Porno For Pyros*, and *Rage Against the Machine*, are what encouraged me to start playing guitar. I consider that doing something good. I love to sit and practice my guitar for hours. Is that not better than going out and doing drugs?

I have a lot of friends who are involved in singing, guitar, or other musical interests rather than doing drugs. Our music has influenced us to appreciate and take advantage of whatever musical talents we may possess. I consider this a positive influence from our music.

Abusive parents, gangs, unbearable stress, drugs, and alcohol are some of the reasons that teens today are so troubled. What leads teens to become involved in drugs, alcohol, and gangs can range from troubles at home to depression. Teens then find comfort in listening to music, and society begins to think

that the music is what is changing the child's life. It's a pathetic excuse for not wanting to take responsibility for their mistakes in raising their children.

Perhaps society needs to take a look in a very big mirror, because a lot of what influences *Generation X* is our parents.

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