

Boys' Basketball

Sports Editor Steve Wiltfong reports on the boys' basketball team in this issue. Flip to the sports section to read about the team's quest to improve.

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The New Riley

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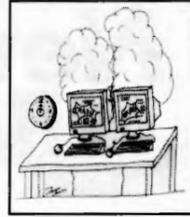
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The Eye Candy supplement of *The Review* features an article by staff reporter Jeff Skarski on the Y2K computer problem. He explores the seriousness of the issue.

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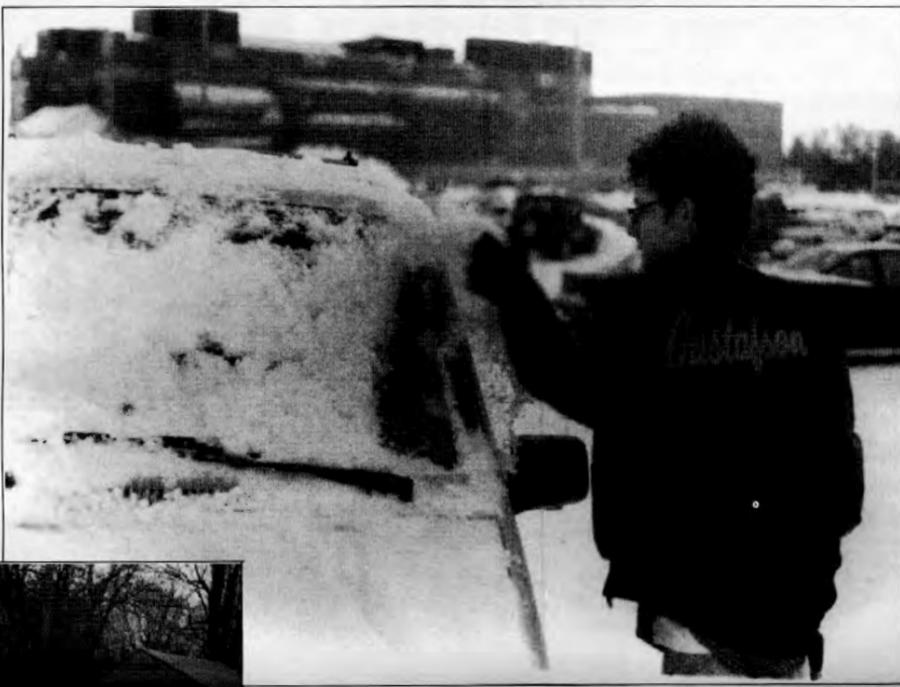
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Riley High School / 405 East Ewing

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Storm of 1999 closes SBCSC Bad weather shuts down school three days

Editor's Note: This month's severe snowstorms and bitter cold closed Riley and the rest of the South Bend Community School Corp. for three days the week of January 8. Corporation officials have recently announced that the missed days will have to be made up, and they have set up the schedule for the make up days. January 22 will serve as the first make-up day. In addition two days will be tacked on at the end of the school year: June 10 and 11.



BRYAN PROVEN

ABOVE/ Sophomore David Gustafson brushes snow from his car on a cold winter day. Such weather kept students out of school for three days this month.



LEFT/ Parking conditions were worsened by the winter storms of this month.

Council members plan workshops to make schools SAFE for students

Jason McFarley
Editor-in-chief

Plans for a series of schoolwide anti-violence, as well as other areas of concern which hit on the topic of school safety, workshops are currently in the works. Slated for early April, the workshops are a part of the Riley Student Council's kickoff to its SAFE Project.

SAFE (School Atmosphere Fostering Education) is a statewide project sponsored by the Indiana Association of Student Councils. According to a news release from the IASC, the goal of SAFE is to encourage schools, starting with their student councils, to take an active role in promoting a safe environment in which students can learn.

The IASC will run the project for the next two years.

Junior Melissa Wibbens, Riley's Student Council treasurer, said she and other council members first heard about SAFE at the IASC State Convention last November.

"We learned all the details about the project and obtained some ideas as to how we could apply SAFE at Riley," said Wibbens.

They also learned that in order to remain on IASC State Honor Council status, a distinction which places Riley's council among the best in Indiana, the SAFE Project is a requirement.



Michele Lodoen

But according to council sponsor Michele Lodoen, there was never any question of whether or not Riley would undertake the project.

"We knew that we had to do it to be an Honor Council, but SAFE was also an idea that sounded really neat at the time. We all believed it would be a worthwhile project to try at Riley," Lodoen said.

While many schools around the state have instituted pledges against gun violence to comply with SAFE requirements, there are many other ideas that can be used to achieve the project's goals.

As stated by the IASC report, "The SAFE Project wasn't meant to deal exclusively with gun violence. Schools should be creative and design their own safety projects."

Riley's council seems to have taken that advice to heart.

After establishing that they indeed wanted to pursue the SAFE Project, members set out to find exactly in what manner they wanted to do it.

"We wanted to do something unique, but we weren't sure what that would be," said Wibbens.

The group set up a meeting with principal George McCullough to receive his input on the SAFE Project and to gain any useful ideas he may have had.

"We like to talk to McCullough when something big such as SAFE arises. He always seems to have great ideas when it comes to these sort of things," said Lodoen.

This time proved no different.

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'Mad Dash for Cans' a success for council

Jason McFarley
Editor-in-chief

Riley Student Council members know the value of a few hours.

That's all it took to make their early-morning food collection project, the *Mad Dash for Cans*, a success.

This school year's *Mad Dash*, an effort sponsored annually by the council, was held on a Saturday morning in mid-December. Around 20 members as well as council advisor Michele Lodoen gathered to participate in the event.

According to junior council member Camille Johnson, it was a cold morning, but the group's spirits were not deterred.

"We were on a mission. We knew that we had come to do something, and we were going to do that," said Johnson.

Senior Jacinta Martin, Student Council secretary, explained exactly what that was.

"The *Mad Dash* works in conjunction with the annual food and clothing drive that the council organizes", Martin said.

"We (council members) go out into the local neighborhoods which are a part of the Riley community. We go knocking door-to-door and ask residents at the different households if they would like to donate any canned goods.

"All the cans we collect go to Riley families," said Martin.

"This year's *Mad Dash* was operated similarly to those in the past", Lodoen reported.

Food drive breaks records

The *Mad Dash for Cans*, as in years past, ran concurrently with the annual Student Council-sponsored food drive. This year's drive proved just as successful as its *Mad Dash* counterpart.

According to student council members, a record number of cans were collected.

"This year's drive ran very smoothly. It turned out to be very organized, and we were able to achieve widespread participation within the school," said junior Melissa Wibbens, who was in charge of the drive.

Social studies teacher Judy Hums' first hour government class collected the most cans. As the winners, principal George McCullough sponsored a breakfast for the class.

To begin the morning, Lodoen and the students met in the Riley parking lot. There, they broke into groups, each of which went by car to their designated neighborhoods.

"They returned to the parking lot three hours later to count and organize the cans," said Lodoen.

It was a successful morning for the council, as the members had collected nearly 800 canned food items.

"We tallied up the cans right there in the lot. It

was amazing to see the results of our efforts in such a short time," said Johnson.

Martin shares Johnson's enthusiasm.



Jacinta Martin

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News Briefs

Winter Homecoming

Riley students and faculty members participated in annual Winter Homecoming activities on January 15 and 16.

January 15 a pep assembly honoring winter sports and the Boys Homecoming court was held. The court, consisting of eight senior boys elected by vote of the senior class on January 8, included: Ben, Aronson, Ryan Brown, Mike Cook, Joe Green, Jason McFarley, Terrence Richey, Pat Ruth, and Tyler Warnock.

January 16 during halftime of the boys Homecoming basketball game versus Valparaiso, Ryan Brown was named the 1999 Homecoming King.

End of semester

Second semester ended on January 21.

Report cards Issued

Report cards will be issued on January 29, students may pick them up before or after school from their home room teachers.

New driving laws

Attention young drivers: Along with the new year, new driving laws are also here.

The new laws state: Drivers younger than 18 years old may not operate a motor vehicle during Indiana curfew hours, unless they are traveling to or from a job, school-sponsored event, church activity, or when driving with a parent or guardian.

The law also state that for the first 90 days after getting their license, drivers under 18 can't transport other people in the car unless someone at least 21 years old, with a drivers license, is riding in the front seat.

Finally, all of the passengers riding with a driver who is under 18 must wear a seat belt.

Furniture approved

The furniture order for the new Riley was approved by the school board.

The order met some resistance from few board members, but in the end it was approved by the majority.

Early release day

Thursday, January 28 and February 10 students will be released at 10:45.

Flower sale

NHS members will be selling flowers from the 1st to the 12th of January. See any NHS members to purchase a flower.

Scheduling for next year

Scheduling for next year's seniors begins on February 1 and continues through the week. Students will be called to their homerooms to schedule.

Senior Night

Senior night for Boys Basketball, Poms, and Cheer Leading, will be held on February 10 in the Jackson Gym.

Sweetheart Dance

The annual Sweetheart dance will be held on February 20, at Union Station. It will last from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am. Thickets are on sale in the first floor bookstore, for \$22.00 per couple.

President's Day

Monday, February 15 is president's day, all schools and offices will be closed. Schools will resume on Tuesday February 16.

Storm of 99' buries Riley parking lot

Chris Henry
Staff Reporter

I came to school on the first day of school and wanted to buy a tag for a parking spot in the parking lot. I asked the lady who was selling the spots if I could buy one. She politely stated, "There are none left."

I pondered this statement for a second and questioningly asked her, "How did you guys sell out on the first day?"

She stated, "We sold them over the summer." I then smiled and left.

I then thought to myself, how was I supposed to know about this situation? Maybe they sent out a news letter over the summer, and I just didn't get one. I then pursued this thought and asked some other students at Riley if they had heard about this news letter. All of them are sophomores and juniors who have to drive to school and do not have spots due to the fact that they were uninformed.

There are a lot of kids having to park their cars on neighboring streets, when there are many spaces that have been spotted open in the parking lot. "I parked my car in front of someone's house just like I usually do only this time I got a ticket," said junior Kris Kroening.

It was a great idea to number the spots, but this is a serious problem that has hit us. "I think it would have been a better idea if the administration had put a metal fender in front of the spots so you could still see them even when it snows," said senior Paul Lao.

"Even if the snow is removed every time, a significant amount of snow will be pushed to the back of the parking lot where it will be piled on my spot, pushing my parking spot into the passing aisle," said junior Bill Hamilton.

I talked to junior Brett Jones who said, "They (the administration) will have the snow removed, but it won't do any good."

I saw last year's parking lot right after a snowfall and it was a huge mess. There were cars double parked on both sides so bad that you could barely drive down the aisle.

Even after they plowed the parking lot, we still

can't see the numbers clearly. We either have to get out of our car and brush off the number which holds up traffic or have to park in someone else's spot which creates a huge mess.

I talked to a former Riley student named Kristy Wiseman about the past winters in Riley's parking lot and she commented by saying, "It was a huge mess that no one fixed."

I came to school on the Wednesday after winter break only to find that I didn't have a spot to park in, due to the huge piles of snow in the back row of the parking lot. This is another problem that will create a huge mess in the parking lot for a long time.

Let's put our heads together to come up with a way to make next winter a safer and more organized one for students who drive to school.



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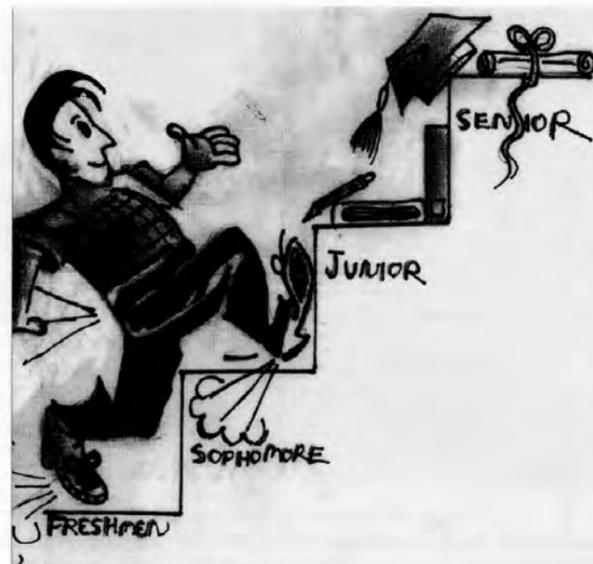
BAD PARKING JOBS/ This month's harsh winter storm and tremendous snowfalls made parking in the Riley lot difficult for some students.

Alternative school helps students

Katie Grembowicz
Staff Reporter

The School Within a School program, an alternative educational program housed in room 328, was started to give troubled teenagers a second chance in life, but it has done much more than that. It has given students an opportunity for higher education and to be in the company of their peers.

Teenagers come to the program from areas such as the Juvenile Justice Center, boys' and girls' schools, and from within the Riley student population. Some are on probation, parole, some face expulsion, and some are special education students.



ERICA FLEISCHER

But no matter where or why they came, they all work for the same goals and just as hard as everybody else.

Riley is the only school in the state of Indiana successfully using this program.

It was started by Mr. McCullough Principal of Riley High School, with the help of a committee of distinguished individuals sitting down and trying to find a way to keep students in school. In 1996, a proposal was made and presented and a large grant was given by the special education department with the help and support of Mrs. Sue Sullivan. She worked extremely hard to help the program and the funds.

There are five phases in the system. Students begin on phase one and work their way up to phase five. Each phase requires students to exhibit higher levels of

appropriate behavior while earning additional privileges assigned to each level. Students spend approximately 15 days on each phase. They can work their way through the system and be back in a normal classroom within one semester, upon successful completion of the requirements.

Mr. McCullough thinks program is going extremely well and would like to see it continued. When asked if the program helped teenagers in their outside lives, he gave an enthusiastic, "Yes. Definitely!"

"The program was designed due to discipline problems, excess truancy, fighting, drug use, contraband and gang association.

Feedback from parents has been excellent. Parents have anticipated that the program will reduce Riley's drop-out rate, reduce the recidivism of court referrals, and intervene with "drift-outs", who often drop out of the traditional school environment at a later time.

The teacher for the program, Mr. Earl Harper along with paraprofessional Ms. Barbara Lewis post class room rules, daily schedules and activities and addresses inappropriate behavior with a behavioral management system. Mr. McCullough feels it's gratifying to see students who may have had trouble in the past reach their goals and succeed.

The program seems to be running smoothly, but Mr. McCullough would like to see a few changes. He'd like to see more classroom space, and more teaching personnel.

This successful program provides a gate of transition and reintegration for students back into mainstream curriculum.

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following was proposed:

Student Council would set up a series of 90-minute workshops over a four-week period for representatives from each grade level within the school. The first week freshmen would attend the workshop. Week two the sophomores would attend, and so on.

Representatives from each class would be chosen like so: each homeroom would pick a delegate to attend the workshop, and after attending it, he or she would act as a spokesperson, taking back and presenting to his homeroom the ideas and lessons brought forth in the workshop.

Wibbens said the council would like to enlist the help of Riley faculty members and influential adults in the community.

"Getting faculty support behind this project could only increase the effectiveness of what we are trying to do with our workshops. And acquiring the aid of outstanding citizens, such as school board members and elected city officials, could build a little student interest in the project," said Wibbens.

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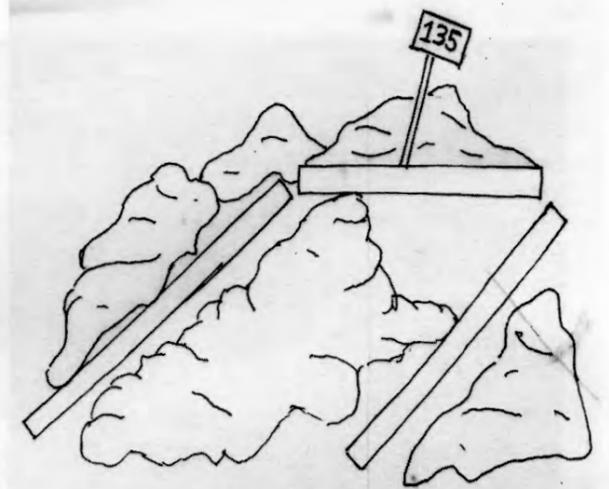
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Editorial

Snow is a problem in lot

The parking lot situation has now gotten ridiculous. Everybody is taking other people's spaces because nobody can see the numbers on any of the parking places. Basically, it's the early bird gets the worm with the parking spaces because if you show up late you'll often have to park way in the back because someone will most likely be in your space. People aren't to blame, though, it's the lack of adequate marking on parking spaces.

A simple remedy to this problem would be to put up some kind of signs with numbers on them so that the parking spaces are at least somewhat visible while snow is on the ground in the winter. People paid \$10 for a space at the beginning of the year, and some of this money could've gone towards some kind of a sign or a marker for all the parking spaces. If the parking lot is going to be used in the new school, it'd be a good idea for them to find some way to mark the parking spaces during the winter. ■



NHS could do more



Jason McFarley
Editor-in-chief

Call it creative differences or a conflict of interests, but either way, I'm going in one direction.

And Riley's chapter of the *National Honor Society* is going another.

I do not aim to make this a right or wrong issue. Certainly a gray area does exist. But as both a Riley student and a member of NHS, I am compelled to comment on the topic.

Here's the bottom line: the *National Honor Society's* noble intent and lofty ideals notwithstanding, I cannot help but feel somewhat disappointed in its organization and lack of activity within the school.

To its credit, a place in the *National Honor Society* is and always has been both one of high regard and privilege. Throughout its years of existence, the society has served as a testament to the greatest standard of academic excellence,

But as a group, NHS does little. Its most recent service excursion came when members volunteered at a local haunted woods, giving tours and acting out Halloween skits. No other projects, including one for the holiday season, were planned for the semester.

firm leadership, and dedicated service among high school students nationwide. And at Riley, the group's trademark qualities of scholarship, leadership, character, and service are surely well represented.

Moreover, Riley's Honor Society is overflowing with intelligent, giving student leaders—as it should be. And as it should be, the group is still one held in high esteem.

Unfortunately, that esteem is

grounded more in its past reputation and accomplishments rather than its current activities. That is, while the *National Honor Society* should be—could be—an involved participant in school affairs and a stellar example to the student body, it is instead a seemingly loose organization of high achievers joined together by a name in lieu of a common purpose.

This comes, first of all, because at the heart of the *National Honor Society* is the group's community service efforts. Sure enough, NHS does emphasize community service among its members on an individual basis. As of right now, members are expected to perform 11 hours of community service by the end of the first semester and four more by the year's end.

But as a group, NHS does little. Its most recent service excursion came when members volunteered at a local haunted woods, giving tours and acting out Halloween skits. No other projects, including one for the holiday season, were planned for the semester.

This comes in the face of other Riley organizations such as Key Club, whose members have donated countless hours at the *Center for the Homeless*. Also beating NHS to the punch, *Student Council* and *Student Athletes for Education* have recently organized a massive food drive and volunteered time at the *Boys' and Girls' Club*.

Not only would NHS do well to pursue larger and more serious projects, but also to recruit others outside its membership to do so.

To accomplish this, leaders within the group need to do two things. One: keep members informed. The random, ten-minute meetings which are called monthly before school do not work. Instead, officers should consider holding longer, more well-prepared, better-organized meetings at times which are most convenient for the majority of members. The president should consider typing up a monthly agenda and the officers and advisors together should, far in advance, plan long-term goals for the organization. To keep attendance at meetings high, members should be contacted on a regular basis either by phone or written message.

Two: networking is a good idea. One way to become more active is to work with other chapters and local community groups on large-scale activities. Such projects are good for public relations and pave the way for future opportunities down the road.

What's most important, however, is the experiences that members gain from

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Lunches aren't enough



Bruce Duncanson
Viewpoints Editor

I'm walking through the lunch line and looking at the menu ... We have a ham sandwich, a turkey sandwich, a cheeseburger, chicken sticks, a chicken sandwich ... Wait a second! Amidst all of these over-priced meat products there seems to be one thing missing: a decent vegetarian lunch!

It seems that in high school cafeterias, or at least in South Bend's high school cafeterias, vegetarians are not adequately provided for at lunch. I've been a vegetarian for over a year and have had absolutely no dietary problems except when it comes to lunch at school. It seems that vegetarian students are completely overlooked when it comes to lunch in school cafeterias. Do the people who provide lunches just not care, or not want to spend the little bit of extra money from the budget that may be required for vegetarian alternatives? I know for a fact that I'm not the only vegetarian at Riley. I know of at least three others and every one of them agrees that the choices for school lunch are completely inadequate for those with a vegetarian diet.

The lunch situations reminds me of an episode of *The Simpsons* where Lisa became a vegetarian and asked the lunch aid if there was anything without meat on the menu. The lunch aid replied "maybe the meat loaf" and then promptly tossed a hot dog out of a bun and threw the bun on Lisa's tray saying "there - it's rich in bunly goodness."

This makes me think of lunch at school because that's basically what vegetarians are expected to eat - bread or dessert products. One time I asked the lunch aid here at Riley whether or not there was anything besides bagels available for vegetarians. Of course the reply was, "not much."

I realize that this isn't the fault of the lunch aids, but instead is the fault of whoever is in charge of deciding what goes on school lunch menus. This problem, however, is easily fixed.

I'm not asking for a gourmet meal

here. Simple, reasonably-priced vegetarian alternatives on the menu would be great. Spaghetti without meat sauce once or twice a week, a salad bar, vegetarian subs, spanish rice-filled tacos, soy burgers, and soy hot dogs would be a great start and would also be incredibly easy to provide.

There are so many economical and simple alternatives that could be placed amidst the menu of meat products. I'm sorry, but selling overpriced bagels, small salads, and old fruit just doesn't come anywhere near to providing a vegetarian lunch. If they're going to have closed lunches, then they're going to have to do a little bit more than remodel cafeterias - they're going to have to think of students who may have different diets than the majority of people.

I'm sick and tired of having to bring my lunch from home and having to guess what will keep and still taste good after sitting in my locker for a couple hours every morning. It's ridiculous that I have to take lunch from home just to get a decent lunch. Taking my lunch isn't a choice I make - it's something that I have to do if I want to eat anything remotely healthy for lunch. I feel sick for the rest of the day if all I eat is a bagel or the ever healthy bag of chips or candy bar. Instead, I just bring pita bread with humice or peanut butter - not outstanding but definitely better than anything that is currently provided.

I remember seeing a bulletin a year or two ago that had an announcement about the lunch service wanting to try to provide better lunches for vegetarian students. I guess this has just all faded away now since it's been so long and I've still seen absolutely no change. Did the school lunch providers just give up and decide not to bother with finding alternatives for vegetarians?

I really would have liked to see some change come out of this announcement. I think I saw the bulletin before I was a vegetarian and didn't think

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MENU/ Riley's Cafeteria has little to offer for vegetarian students

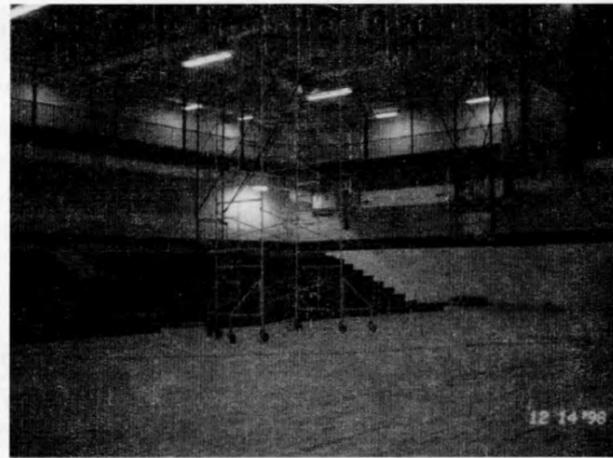
Out with the old . . . in

Finally! After years of anticipation, the new James Whitcomb Riley building

The Review staffers were allowed to get an inside look at the new Riley, just months before it's completion. This is what we found.



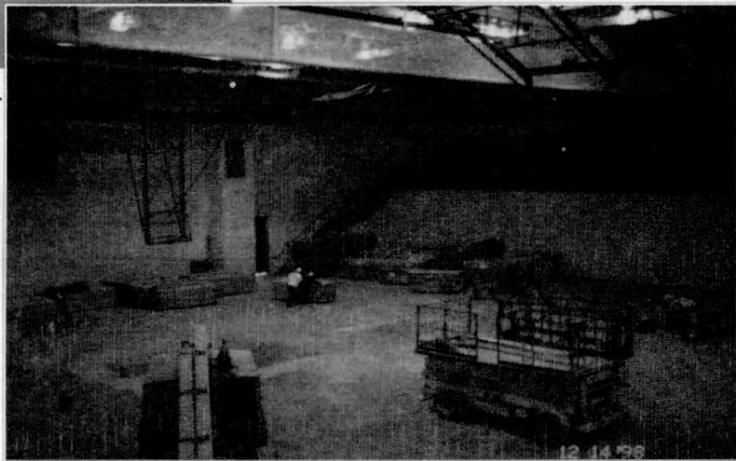
The main gym boasts a new scoreboard.



The auxillary gym has plenty of room for gym, v practices, and has an indoor track suspended from the c



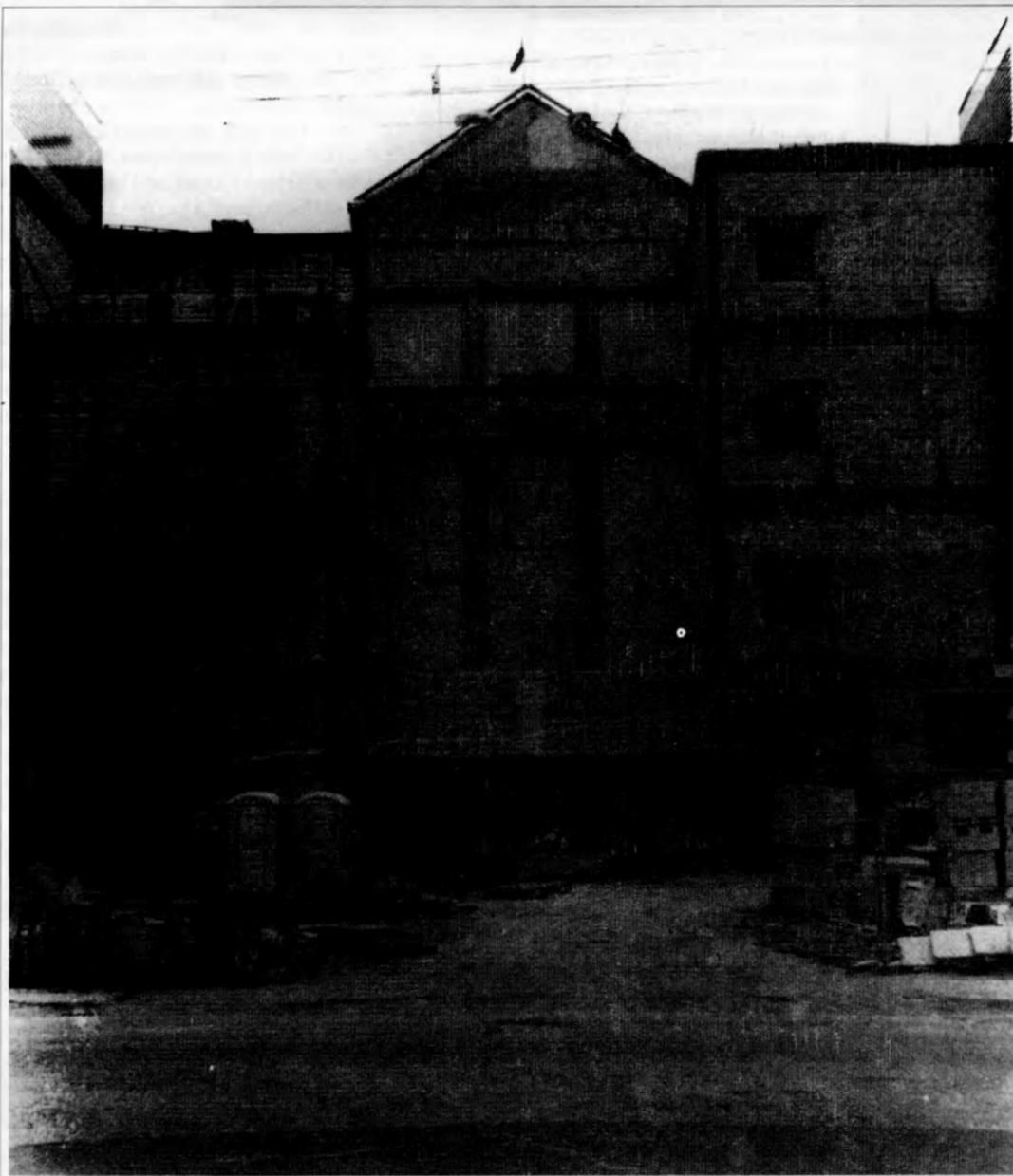
The new publications room is a step above the rest. This picture is overlooking a lab that will have thirty computers for the newspaper and yearbook to share.



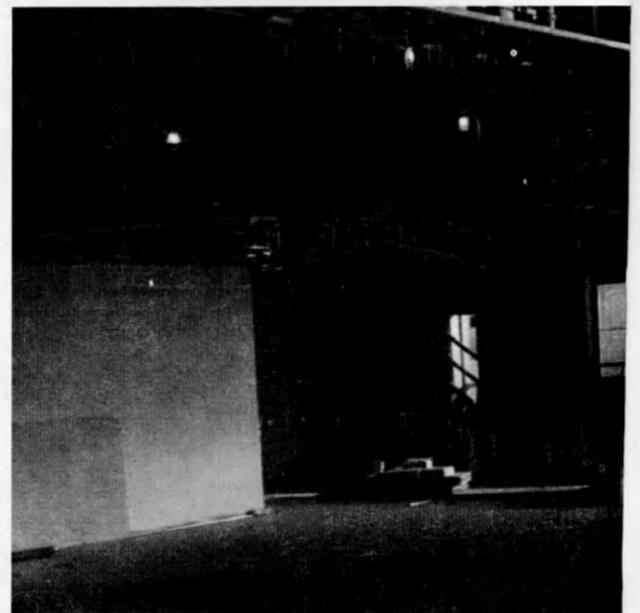
The main gym is exciting for Riley basketball fans, because they no longer have to travel to Jackson!



The entrance to the new Riley is impressive, giving a full view of all



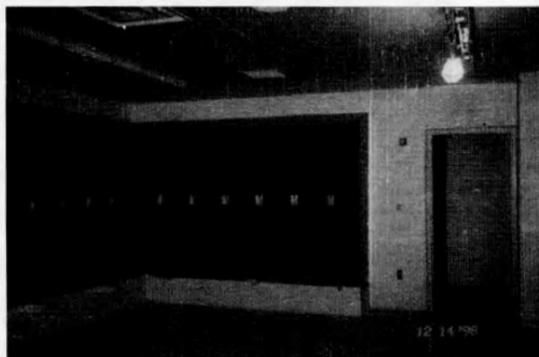
It is apparent from the front of the building that it still needs some work, but Mr. McCullough assured us that it will be done by next fall.



The main cafeteria will make lunch more enjoyable. A

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ing is underway, and it promises to live up to everyone's expectations.



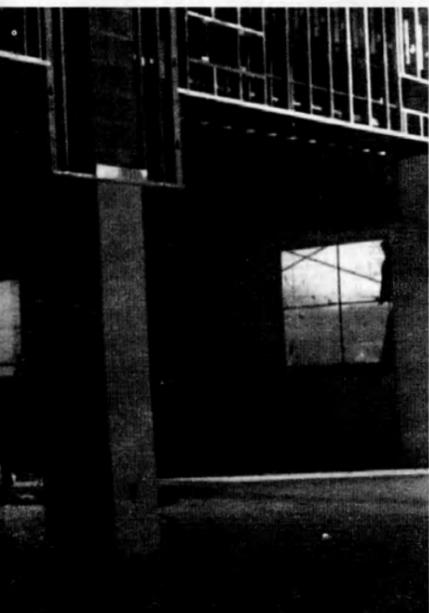
The new building boasts a separate set of locker rooms for athletes and gym students. The picture above is the new football locker room.



The new Riley features two pools; an eight lane pool for Riley swimmers and divers shown above, and a smaller therapy pool shown below for the handicapped and young children.



our levels and a skylight which makes the room look massive.



Senior cafeteria will also be available.



The library boasts a window with a picturesque fourth-floor view.

Sports

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Defense is the cat's strong suit

Steve Wiltfong
Sports Editor

Coach Tom DeBaets in his sophomore season at the helm of the Wildcat boys' basketball team appears to have his rebuilding process pointing in the right direction. With a team that does not have a senior, he will look forward to having another season with this squad.

After eight games the Cat's are off to a 4-4 start. Defense has been the key for the Cats this season. The defense has held the opposition to 55.3 points per game. Controlling the paint has been shot blocking perfectionist center Ron Dokes. Dokes leads the team in shots blocked with 26 and Washington has the team lead in steals at 19 registered.

"I have been ecstatic with our defensive effort so far this season," said a pleased DeBaets.



BRYAN PROVEN

COACH'S WORDS OF WISDOM/ Head coach Tom DeBaets instructs his players on what he wants done. Junior forward Darrel Foster, and sophomore guards Reggie Swanson and Mike Pryzgoda listen carefully to the helpful criticism.

"Every conference game throughout the rest of the season is big. We need to win every contest to have a shot at the conference crown."

On the offensive end of the floor the team has gotten its scoring from Dokes 11.6 points per game (PPG), junior forwards Mike Washington 9.9 PPG, John Fissette 6.1 PPG, Courtney Dixon 5.9 PPG Mike Mays 5.3 PPG and sophomore guard Mike Pryzgoda 5.0 PPG. On offense the boy ballers have struggled. Shooting percentage and turnovers are cramps in the teams' side.

"After eight games our shooting percentage is under 40 percent, a good team will shoot 40 to 50 percent. We also have more team turnovers than assists," explained DeBaets.

The Cats' have shown signs of life on offense in a fourth quarter come from behind victory over Wawasee led by junior Courtney Dixon and Dokes. Then the team laid down the smack against Twin Lakes with a twenty-seven point shacking.

"We definitely need to turn things around on offense. Keeping turnovers down and running the offense effectively will have to be accomplished to go somewhere this season," commented Washington.

The inside game is where the Cats excel. Dokes and Fissette along with assistance from junior Darrel Foster cause some problems for other teams.

"We are the core of this team. We score, rebound, and open up things for our shooters," said Fissette.

Shooting has been a slight glitch for the Wildcats this season. The team only has one shooter over 50 percent (Dixon) from down town and three over 30 percent (Pryzgoda, Mays, and Washington).

Three point shooting has to improve from our guard play to spread the defense and make it easier on the big guys in the middle," stated Washington.

Conference play has jumped out to a 0-2 start with tough losses to Penn and Elkhart Memorial. Those two losses make games against Clay, LaSalle, Mishawaka, Adams, Elkhart Central, and Washington critical.

"Every conference game throughout the rest of the season is big. We need to win every contest to have a shot at the conference crown," analyzed DeBaets.

How does the Riley basketball team match up with the rest of their sectional?

"On paper we don't look that impressive, but guarantee you no coach wants to draw us in the sectional," exclaimed DeBaets.

WILDCAT BOYS BASKETBALL ROSTER

Mike Washington	Mike Mays
Ron Dokes	Mike Pryzgoda
John Fissette	Mark Woodmore
Courtney Dixon	Mark Wilson
Darrel Foster	Reggie Swanson
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BRYAN PROVEN

CRASHING THE BOARDS/ Junior forward Mike Washington goes up with Mark Wilson for a rebound at practice.

Wildcat hockey steadily skating to the top

With last year's record of 3-37-1 the Riley Hockey Team will be looking to regain the title of State Champions that they once held in 1997.

"Obviously we want to be more successful in wins vs. losses than last year, and I believe we will," said head coach Kent Ullery. "When we look at what we have so far, at this early date in the season, we want to be in a position at the end of the season to have an automatic bid in the state tournament."

The Cats will be looking to take revenge against established adversaries, such as, St. Joe, Marian, Adams, and Clay.

Already Riley has conquered the challenge of defeating their rival the Marian Knights. In an exciting win the Cats skated to a 7-2 victory over the Knights. Standard strategies did not play a large role in this victory. Coach Ullery used two basic elements: intensity and hustle.

"Bottom line! If each Riley Wildcat Hockey player comes off the ice at the end of each game and can say they gave it 110 percent win or lose then we gave it our best shot, throw out strategies, intensity and hustle equals wins!" said Coach Ullery

With experience of returning players in addition to underclassmen talent Riley appears to be in the rebuilding stage. Senior captains Tyler Back, Nick Vanholsbeke, and Mike Greenawald, a student at Valparaiso, bring leadership and obvious proficiency to the team. Sophomore Brandon Rigby works on the offensive attack to help the Cats put numbers on the board, and Matt Parker, sophomore, keeps the defense tight. Freshmen Steve Brown, Charlie Greenawald, both students at Valparaiso, and Bobby Ullery all bring a fresh playing style to the ice.

"Our players are really starting to come together as a team," said Vanholsbeke, "I can already notice an improvement from last year."

The player's size is a main problem for the Wildcats.

"Size can be intimidating, but speed kills, and if we can beat the larger teams to the puck, we'll control the game; 9 times out of 10 the team that controls the puck controls the game. We hope!" said Coach Ullery.

"Everyone needs to be more aggressive, grow about six inches, and gain about 50 pounds," humorously Back explained.

As of January 15th the team's record was 10-17-1. But with 6 games the Wildcats have plenty of time to reach their goals.

"I hope that the team qualifies for the A/A division of the state tournament and prove that we can beat anyone in the city," said Back.

"We would like to improve team play offensively and defensively, intensity, team speed, passing, etc... We need to improve in every facet of the game, in order to



BRYAN PROVEN

HE SHOOTS HE SCORES/ Senior Mike Cook fires a shot into the net at a practice. These shooting drills keep the Cat's skills sharp and accurate.



improve from last year, and I think all of the kids are," added Coach Ullery. "We're also looking to enhance skill as each game is played, to build on our successes, and correct our mistakes."

In addition to the expertise of Coach Ullery, Tim Tahnz and Alan Ullery return from last year to assist from the coaches box. New to the team of assistant coaches this year are Andy Trost, Scott McDonald, and Nick Prikosovich, who graduated from Riley in '97 and was the top scorer in Riley history.

"The additions of assistant coaches Prikosovich, Trost, and McDonald have made a significant impact on the play of this year's team, and the program is better because of them. I thank them for their time and efforts. As well as two coaches, who have returned from last year Tahnz and Alan Ullery I also thank them for their time and effort."

With an already enhanced record from last year and an increasing level of play picking up with every game, the Cats appear to be steadily skating their way to success.

Wrestling team hits the mats and begins to rebuild

Steve Wiltfong
Sports Editor

Rebuilding seems to be the theme for the wrestling team here at Riley. The team lost a lot of weapons due to graduation. There are 13 varsity wrestlers missing from the previous season.

The core of the team are regional qualifiers, senior captain Trevor Battles and junior Aaron Bogunia. These two grapplers look to cause some havoc in their respective weight divisions.

"This will be a tough season for me because I moved up a weight class, but I still plan to be successful," said a confident Bogunia.

Coach Mike Smorin has a tough job trying to rebuild the program that he had sizzling in the past. Battles and Bogunia are the only two wrestlers with two or more years experience. The rest of the table is set with a few second year grapplers, freshmen, and newcomers.

Battles and Bogunia will get assistance from senior Robert Aldridge and junior Aaron Balog. These guys are solid in every department. They both are strong and show good wrestling fundamentals. Aldridge and Balog could be regional qualifier prospects, according to Smorin.

The lighter weights of the team will be supported by sophomore letter winners Bryan Proven

and Brad Weston, with junior newcomer Ryan Main. With hard work this tandem of three could be well respected in their weight classes.

"Weston, Main, and myself need to score points down in the lighterweights to set things up for our heavyweights," explained Proven.

The preseason practices were a mix between running and lifting. Running was done to prepare the wrestler for long grueling matches. Lifting is done to get stronger to be able to overpower the opponent.

"As the season has been coming along I feel like I have been better conditioned and stronger than my opponent," added Bogunia.

As the days and practices went by the team worked on their mat skills. The wrestlers were taught moves and did situational wrestling. Each wrestler was prepared for the real deal at the meets.

"Working on situations in practice keeps me aware of things that could happen in a match. If something happens I am usually prepared to handle it," said Proven.

The season got off to a rocky start. The team took a few tough losses, and they had to try to find a way to change the momentum quickly. The team earned their first win in a meet with Marian at home. It was a good team effort by the Cats' who got key performances from Weston, Proven, Battles, Balog, Aldridge and Bogunia as the exclamation point.

Presently the team's record is 2-12. The team also was victorious over Hammond. That record doesn't look impressive on paper, but this group of wrestlers is showing improvement. For instance Proven's season got off on the wrong foot with multiple losses, but he to beat eight of his last ten opponents.

The sectional seems to be the Cats' focus. All records are thrown out the window and the best wrestler on that day will move on. Everything the grapplers of Riley have worked on this season will gear them up for sectionals.

"What ever happened during the season is out the door in sectionals. The worst wrestler in the tournament could beat the best one and end his season," stated Bogunia.

Looking past this year, next year's team will not be a young one. Young wrestlers that look to help out in the long run is junior Dan Malone and freshmen Brandon Sandefur. These two, with the sophomores and juniors returning next year, could prove that there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for Riley wrestling.

Jock Talk



Name
Erin Miller
Sport
Girls' Basketball
Year
Senior

What three words best describe your playing style?

Aggressive, determined, dedicated

Who is your sports hero?

All athletes who continue to compete and participate throughout their lives.

What is the best part about being an athlete?

Being a part of a team.

What is the worst part about being an athlete?

The major time commitment.

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

Mia Hamm

What is your proudest moment as an athlete?

Every time my team emerges victorious.



Name
Tyler Back
Sport
Hockey
Year
Senior

What are three words that best describe your playing style?

I can't score

Who is your sports hero?

Wayne Gretzky

What is the best part about being an athlete?

Winning

What is the worst part about being an athlete?

Losing sleep

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

Michael Jordan

What is your proudest moment as an athlete?

Getting to play in the state championship game in 1996 and winning



BRYAN PROVEN

PINNED/ Aaron Bogunia pins an opponent from Elkhart Memorial. Bogunia is one of the best wrestlers at Riley and is a major asset to the team.

Girls' swim team ends an exceptional season

Steve Wiltfong/Gretchen Lemmer
Sports Editors

Girls' swimming dove into the season with a remarkable record of 8-2. The team has stacked up victories against quality swimming programs such as Elkhart Memorial, Elkhart Central, and Marian. The team suffered two disappointing defeats against LaPorte and defending conference champions, the Penn Kingsmen.

The swim team is anchored by a strong core of returning talent. Senior captain, Katie Cavadini, guides the way in the 200 and 500 freestyle events. Sophomore diver, Laura Dobslaw, heads the group of young divers. Versatile swimmers such as Laura Horvath, Maureen Warter, Ashley House, sophomores, and senior Abigail House all have supported wins with their abilities to score points in their respected events.

"We're lead by an incredible senior class which is followed by a lot of promising sophomore swimmers and divers," said coach Jeanne Troyer.

In an attempt to avenge an earlier 10 point loss against the Clay Colonials at the city meet, the girls prepared for one of their most recent battle with the Colonials that took place on January 19th. This critical matchup will be a good foreshadowing for the outcome of sectionals. In an amazing defeat, the Wildcats ended the meet victorious. This win gave the team a Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) runnerup title.

"Clay is a really important meet, but we're pumped up and ready to beat them," explained Troyer. "This crazy weather has set us back a bit, but after we get some good, consistent training under our belt I think that we'll be well prepared for this meet and ready to claim our victory."

The Cats are optimistic about going into sectionals as a team. Their goal of becoming sectional champs may become a reality. Top notch performances from each individual will be necessary to accomplish this feat.

"There are three vines for the sectional title this year: St. Joe, Clay, and Riley. We're going in with high hopes and expecting great results," said coach Troyer. "We have as much strength as last year, but now we've added more depth which is a dangerous combination for our sectional competition."

There are several individuals who are expected to make their marks at this year's sectional match. Defending her title as sectional champion in diving, Dobslaw is a favorite in a pool of tough contenders. Sophomore Nina Kauffman and freshmen Andrea Gartece are possible diving point contributors for the crew as

well.

"There is a lot of pressure that comes along with defending a sectional title, but my expectations remain high. I have confidence that all the hard work that the divers have done as a team will really come out during sectionals and reflect all the talent that we have," commented Dobslaw.

Other valuable point makers in the sectional include swimmers Cavadini and Horvath, who swim the 50 and 100 freestyle. Warter swims the 100 breaststroke, and Abigail House swims the 500 and 200 freestyle. Katie Coucure swims the backstroke, and senior Krissy Wells swims the 200 individual medley and 100 freestyle. The combined efforts of Cavadini, Abby House, Horvath, and Wells bring an invisible 400 free relay.

When asked about predicted results, Cavadini replied, "Pretty wonderful. We always do fairly well in sectionals. We've already tapered off times, and shown vast improvement. I'm really excited."

The girl's swim team has had an unbelievable season. Winning a sectional championship will be the perfect ending to a great year.



BRYAN PROVEN

READY, SET, GO/ Katie Cavadini prepares for her upcoming race in a meet against Penn.

Diverse Ideas

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors,

About a week ago I picked up the school newspaper and came across the article "Religion and Freedom Clash." It made me think "what do people really believe out there? What are pastors teaching the congregation?"

The article was an opinion, but I want to give you the facts.

The Bible is very true. The people who wrote it are real people. They were disciples of God. If you have ever read the Bible, you can see that the things written in it go on today. Although the Bible was written a long time ago, it is still very useful today.

Freedom of Religion is being able to choose to or not to have a religion. You aren't really under a religion, it is a relationship. Being Christian is having a relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; 3-in-1.

When someone becomes a believer/Christian, their sins are automatically forgiven. You don't change your lifestyle, the Lord works in you and changes you.

Everybody deserves to go to hell, but as John 3:16 says "for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus died on a cross for our sins, he shed blood for us. We sin every day. If we got punished today like people did back then for sinning, over half of us wouldn't be here.

Please rethink your beliefs. I hope that you will one day accept Christ as your savior and live for him.

-KB

Dear Editors,

I thought the story by Anthony Cenkush, "Religion and Freedom Clash," was very well written. I do believe in God and try very hard to follow the rules of the Bible, but I respect his opinion and I feel it was very well-expressed. I agree that nobody really knows if you're going to a better place if you miss a mistake you made and don't repent. I have the same fear. I think his opinion was educated and well thought-out.

I would like to say that not all people who have joined religions are taking on too much to handle. They join because they feel it will help guide them in life, sometimes it really does.

I hope Anthony finds something to believe in because I don't know what I would do without my God. I hope that he will find something that he won't feel so restricted in, but will also help him in his life.

Sincerely,
Katie Grembowicz

Boys' bathrooms have absolutely no privacy at Riley

Chris Henry
Staff Reporter

What is the problem with the bathrooms today?

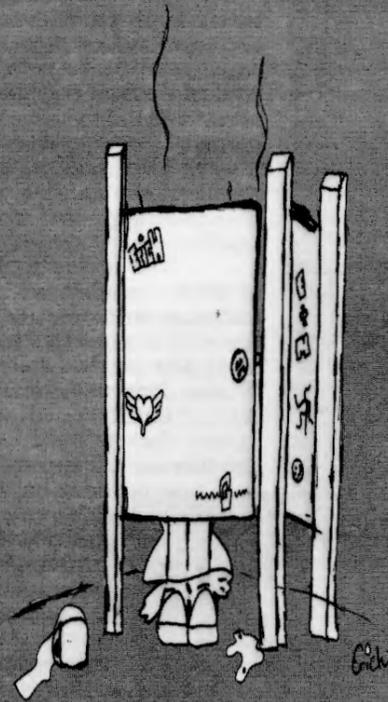
Why is it that all the boys bathrooms stalls don't have stall doors on them? I mean come on. I am sure that all the teachers have doors on their stalls. They get all the privacy, and we get to be laughed at.

Many times I have had to do my business and the school couldn't provide me with the necessary privacy.

Sometimes I have given in to either going down to the varsity lockerroom, where there again is no door, but has a little more privacy. However there is the chance of being caught by a gym teacher and being counted truant.

Another thing I have done is acted sick, and got a pass to go home and defecate in the privacy of my own home.

I once walked into the bathroom and saw a freshman sitting on the toilet trying to do his business, while three or four other students were sitting there laughing at him. Kids laughing at me and then telling others is one reason that I do



not do my business at school.

Personally, I think that we used to have doors on our stalls but we don't any more because the faculty decided to take them down. Even if we didn't have stall doors I think they should have put them up a long time ago. A possible reason for not having doors would be that they thought that we might skip or smoke in the stalls.

Another part of the bathroom situation that a lot of people hate is the fact that the three boys bathrooms are on one side of the building and the girls bathrooms are on the other side of the building.

Let's say that you are enjoying a chemistry lecture from Mr. Koellner and he says, "O.K. you can go to the bathroom but you only have three minutes." There is no way that you are going to go, do your business, and get back in time if you are a guy.

The designer of this school should have at least alternated them on different floors so you don't have to walk a mile just to get to one.

I personally think that this school has some problems, and hopefully the new school will have fixed these problems. ■

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the activities as well as the benefits they provide to the community.

Thus, it is simply not enough for the National Honor society to be good. With its talented pool of members and service goals, it should be one of the most active and established bodies within the school. Being anything less means sacrificing years of precious tradition.

And it means that NHS members and the community alike are shortchanged.

If leaders within NHS are willing to carry on the symbolic torch which characterizes the spirit of the organization, then they must be willing to undertake meaningful projects, increase community and school involvement and garner more support within its membership.

NHS by default has been given a strong voice, and it is its responsibility, if not its obligation, to use it to the best of its ability to help itself, and more importantly, to help others.

To make a difference. ■

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a whole lot of it at the time, but now I wish that the attempt to provide a better menu had been a success.

As a vegetarian, I feel completely neglected by the current menu in the cafeteria. Providing adequate lunches for vegetarians to eat at school is something that definitely has to be done, especially if students are unable to leave the school at lunch. All I want is to be able to buy a decent lunch at school. ■

People shouldn't be judged by clothes

Anthony Cenkush
Staff Reporter

I am tired of all the people here at Riley who judge others by the people that they hang out with and the clothes that they wear. Because of the way I dress, I am supposedly a "skater." This is what really makes me mad. The clothes that I wear doesn't change the person that I am. Whether or not I skateboard should not give me special privileges to wear certain clothes.

The clothes that I wear are usually big baggy jeans and some kind of T-shirt. The odder the shirt, the better. For you people out there who wear certain clothes because you think that you are cooler or that you become a better person just because of your clothes, you have some serious problems. If you need to wear certain clothes to make yourself feel better, then I feel sorry for you.

I also think that those people who wear clothes because they are supposed gang colors are really pathetic. If you are caught wearing something that the gang members don't approve of, then you can risk a lot, such as your gang rank and even the lives of you and your family members all because you wore an article of clothing that someone didn't like.

What about the people who do not understand the rules of clothing for a gang? Let's say that you go into an area that they claim as their territory and you are wearing an opposite color. You could be beaten up, or worse, killed, all over some

clothing.

I also understand that some people like to dress decently, but if you are obsessed with a certain style or name brand of clothing because it is a prestige item or that everyone likes it, then you should try to change your friends. If they are your true friends, the clothes that you wear should not even matter. ■



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