

The Review

James Whitcomb Riley High School
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NEWS Briefs

SHOOTINGS

Riley students were shocked when on September 13 three enrolled Riley students opened fire at a local restaurant.

The shooting left two people dead, and brought the tragedies seen on T.V. closer to home.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming festivities took place on September 24, at Jackson Field. Seniors got first place in the float contest.

This year nine people made the homecoming court; Camille Johnson, Kristy Andert, Mary Dang, Katy Whippo, Tonnis Philips, Porsha Vines, Carla Montgomery, Heidi Stouder, and Melissa Wibbens. Wibbens won the queen honors.

SAT RESULTS

Nation-wide scoring results for the SATs are in.

Students taking the PSATs did very well, beating national and state averages in both math and verbal.

Riley average for the SAT verbal was 493. The national average was 505 and the state was 496.

Average SAT math scores for Riley were 482 as compared with 511 nationally and 498 state wide.

SAT tests will be offered again on November 6, at LaSalle and St. Joseph High Schools.

High Tech High Technology ushers in millennium



Bryan Proven

CLIMBING MOUNT EVEREST / Students get a workout every morning, scaling the four story new Riley.

Beth Marshall

Centerspread editor

We all remember the old Riley High School; crumbling walls, cracking floors, cold winters, and hot summers. After nearly eleven years of waiting, the new James Whitcomb Riley High School has finally opened its doors.

"There were a number a reasons we needed to move into a new building," said Riley principal, George McCullough. "The old school was over 70 years old. It had poor heating, cooling, and ventilation. There were cracks in the floors, problems with the foundation, and other structural problems."

McCullough reports minor problems with electrical outlets and keys not being issued in a timely fashion, as well as water and flooring damage, but most of these situations have already been corrected.

"Our main concern," says McCullough, "is the auditorium, which won't be finished until the first of November."

John Koellner, Riley chemistry teacher, describes his new classroom as "paradise." Librarians, Shirley Jenkins and Juile Marcussen, are pleased with their spacious new library, which includes a television production studio and two conference rooms.

With over 600 computers, the new Riley has entered the age of technology. Students are quickly finding their way around the information super highway, according to McCullough.

Another new technology

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Calvin legacy ends, no contract extension

Ajaz Chaudhry

Editor-in-Chief

As Virginia Calvin prepares to leave the South Bend Community School Corporation the school board must now take up the difficult task of looking for a new superintendent.

If board meeting comments are any indication, the process of selecting the next superintendent will be as controversial as the decision to let Calvin go.

One of the retired school board members has already

stated that he wants the next superintendent to be *African American*.

"I don't agree with the statement made, and I feel it should have never been made," said Dr. Richard Sheehan, president of the school board.

Sheehan will play a key role in the process of selecting the new school board superintendent. His goals for the next superintendent include improving academic performance as well as improving the facilities.

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WORKING HARD/ Virginia Calvin is being interviewed by senior Kevin Brennemen.

Shootings

Students mourn,
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Students sound off
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Football

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Trends

Septum piercing,
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Vandals all wet

Cameras catch mischief on film

Chris Henry
News Editor

A couple of weeks ago, three young men were asked to transport some football equipment from their practice facility at Marshall elementary to their locker room at the new Riley High School.

Once they had reached the high school they were let into the building by a maintenance engineer.

"He let us into the building and told us that it would be fine to look around the school if we wanted to," said Kris Kroening, senior, who was involved in the incident.

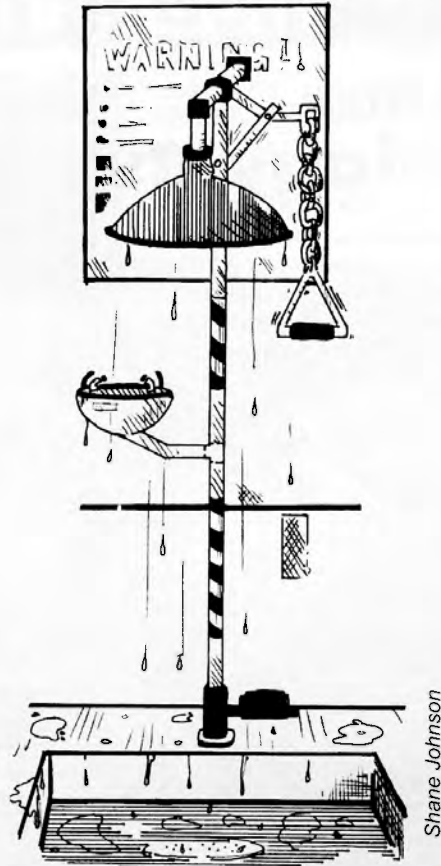
After doing as they were told by their football coach, they decided to take up the offer of the janitor and take a quick look around the school.

"I saw the kids wandering around the school, and I told them to get the heck out of here," said Frank Lizzi, the head maintenance engineer of the school.

However, the athletes apparently ignored the instructions and explored a third floor science room.

"I was checking out the new water faucets and bunsen burners when I heard the splashing of water on the floor. I turned around and to my amazement, Brent Lootens had somehow gotten the emergency shower to turn on," said Kroening.

"The turning on of the shower was totally unplanned. He pulled the handle, but it was not intended to cause damage," said Kroening.



The students proceeded to exit the school grounds.

The students left the school, but were

identified due to the installation of video cameras in the hallways. The spillage of water on the floor caused much damage.

"Ceiling tiles on the second floor were damaged, floor tiles were damaged in that third floor science room, and some computers got wet but we were able to save them," explained Kroening.

The students were suspended for one week then allowed to return to South Bend Schools. They will now have to perform ten hours of community service and pay \$800 each for the damage they caused.

"The punishment that was dealt to the kids was through the administration. I had nothing to do with that," commented head football coach Ted Crisman, when asked what he thought of the punishment.

When some students were asked if they thought that the punishment fit the crime, they replied, "I think the punishment fit the crime for the person that turned on the emergency shower, but not for the two bystanders who were punished out of guilt by association," said senior Marcus King.

"I think that the administration took it easy on them, and I wouldn't have been surprised if they had gotten expelled," said senior Robert Waite. Brian McConnell, one of the accomplices, would not comment on the subject but he did say, "It was a bad decision for us to even go into that classroom."

Calvin Contract

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The first step in the process took place on September 13, when the members of the school board were given a presentation from a representative of Indiana School Board Association. The representative talked about the legal implications and the process of hiring a superintendent.

"We will go out and look to recruit people rather than sit back and wait for applications to come in," indicated Sheehan.

The process is expected to take three to four months, with the finishing target date set for early spring.

"The race of the new superintendnet is sure to be a very hot and debated topic, and he or she will have to deal with it," said Erica Kramer, junior.

Many members of the community and school board agree with him, including Sheehan, who feels a need for unity.

"We must come together as a community to stand behind the new superintendent no matter what race she is," said Sheehan "If some people don't, then they will be doing the same thing they accuse me of, racism."

"I think very highly of Virginia Calvin, but now that she is gone, we must work together to support whomever comes in that position," said Kim Green, junior.

Other students feel that the only way to solve the situation is to revote and extend Calvin's contract.

"She did an excellent job for the school board and for us as students. She should be rewarded, not punished. School board should re-vote and give her the deserved contract extension," said Camille Johnson, senior.

WILDCATS

Respond

Virginia Calvin

1. Did you know that Virginia Calvin will not be returning as your superintendent after this year?

👍 56%
👎 8%

2. Do you think she should have stayed?

👍 15%
👎 44%

3. Do you feel she was discriminated against

👍 8%
👎 51%

This was a random survey of four different grade classes. Total of 100 surveys were given with 96 responses.

According to Sheehan, the chances of the board reconsidering the decision are very small.

"There is only one way to go forward. We have to go out and find the best person possible for the job," indicated Sheehan.

Some of the criteria he is looking for in a candidate include, having experience in an urban district and hiring someone who has improved the academic performance in his or her present school district.

The decision will be a majority vote, taken by all seven members of the board. Sheehan indicated that he hopes to have a strong majority vote on the hiring of the next superintendent. He would not feel comfortable with a 4-3 vote.

High Tech High

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now available at Riley is distance learning. With distance learning, teachers no longer need to be in the same classroom with their students. Teachers can teach via satellite or the Internet, and their image can be transmitted across the country.

According to McCullough, Riley is on its way to becoming a virtual high school.

Sports programs are also getting a big boost in the new school.

McCullough reports plans for seven lighted tennis courts, an outdoor track, a practice soccer field, and two practice football fields.

Additional sports facilities now in use include two gymnasiums, a weight room, a bi-level track, and an Olympic sized swimming pool that is scheduled to be the site of the boys and girls swimming sectionals and the boys' city

swim meet.

"This is the first time in the history of Riley High School that we've had a complete campus," said McCullough.

The community will also benefit from the athletic facilities. Steve Smith, Riley

activities director, is in charge of developing after hours fitness and wellness programs for the community.

"We're planning a

scuba program for this spring, along with a lifesaving course, and various health screenings. We are also looking to establish intermural sports activities for non-varsity athletes.

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-George McCullough, principal of Riley

Terror strikes close to home

Katie Grembowicz

Viewpoints Editor

If there were a single word to describe the atmosphere at Riley on Monday, September 13, it would be shock. Students walking down the halls discussing the events of the previous evening were purely shocked.

The actions of their classmates caused complete bewilderment by friends and even people who didn't know the suspects.

That fateful night

On Sunday, September 12, Michael Malone, Terrell Harris, Bernard Irby, and Jaocuin Poindexter allegedly decided it was their night to rob a Wendy's. Malone and Harris were workers at the Wendy's and knew exactly where everything was and what time to be there.

"They were smart enough to know that the restaurant would be filled with money from churchgoers stopping to get a bite to eat," said Ernesto Starling, senior.

They swung by the Wendy's on Lincolnway East in South Bend and banged on the back door to be let in. Since the workers inside, Kris Smith and Pam Annarumo, knew the boys, they opened the door.

Immediately the boys rushed the door and began their plan. But something went terribly wrong.

They got scared of being monitored on the video cameras. They shot, they killed. They claim it was an accident, it wasn't planned. But shooting a person four times in the face doesn't really seem to be a minor slip-up. Riley students seem to agree.

Riley's reaction

David Jones, sophomore, said he's disgusted by the whole incident. He feels they should get a lot of therapy and spend their time from now on behind bars.

John Wibbens, Riley science teacher, feels the same.

"They should be incarcerated for the rest of their lives. I don't believe the death penalty is the answer, but neither is letting them back out onto the streets," he commented.

On the therapy, he feels differently.

"They don't need a psychological evaluation. They knew what they were doing. Those boys just had a complete disregard for human life."

Why did they do it?

But what could drive four boys, who were apparently trying to get their lives back on the high road, to rob and kill two innocent people?

Starling was friends with all of them and he has yet to figure it out.

"I never would've thought they would've done something like this. They just weren't using their heads," he said.

"They might have thought it would be easy since they worked there and they wouldn't get caught because it was so well planned," he said.

Dr. Edduyn Figueroa, psychologist at Charter Behavioral Health Center, agrees in some ways.

"Just like a predator, they weren't mentally stable," he said. "A lot of things can contribute to this: not enough family support, broken homes, and even the media sometimes," he said.

Lots of people like to blame the media (television, radio, etc...), but Dr. Figueroa may have a very good point.

"We watch violence on television and in ads. People watch these things and when it's over, the victim gets up and walks away," he said.

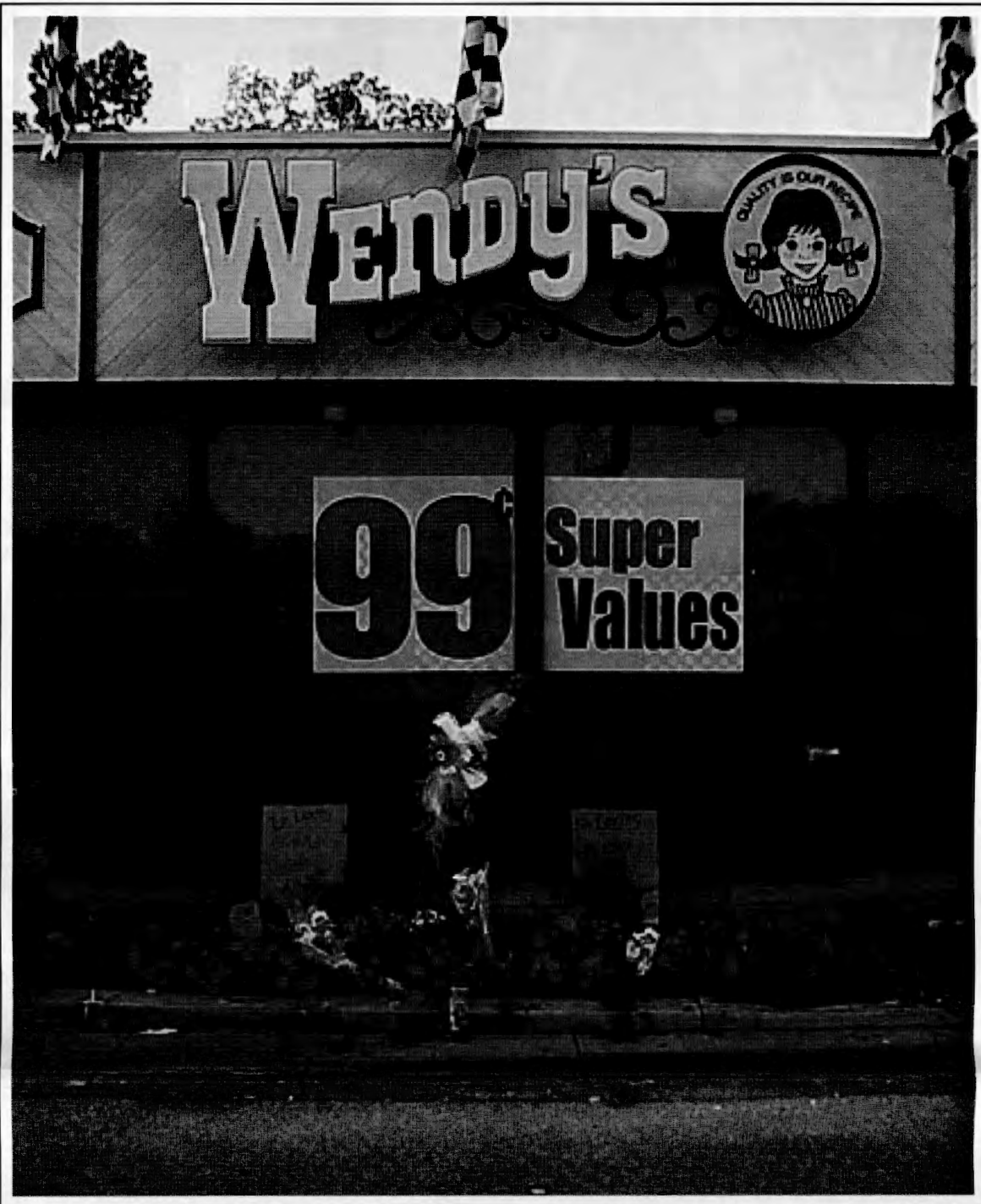
But these boys were almost adults. Surely they knew the difference between right and wrong. Wibbens feels there could be another explanation.

"This behavior (the robbery) is acceptable in their peer group and the people they associate themselves with," he said.

But he does agree with Dr. Figueroa about the shooting.

"There's no realism associated with actions today," he commented.

So, what will become of these boys who have thrown their whole lives away? Court dates have been set for January 10, and then a trial.



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MEMORIES REMAIN: Flowers and a candle were laid here in memory of Kris Smith and Pam Annarumo, the two Wendy's workers killed on September 12.

Preventing a tragedy

And even though we walked through this school every day for a long time with the alleged murderers, students and teachers still feel the security doesn't need to be stepped up.

They say we already have enough.

Dr. Figueroa says there are other ways of preventing this kind of tragedy. He says increased family support and development will help. People need to learn how to control their anger and they need positive role models in their lives.

"Many broken families don't have male or female role models, and not having that influence can damage children," he said.

And while George McCullough, Riley principal, commented to the *South Bend Tribune* that this is not a big deal about Riley, it is a big deal.

Should it be made a big deal at Riley and in the community? Dr. Figueroa says definitely.

"I think it should be made a big deal and be given importance. Not for political reasons, but so that people are made aware and safety can be ensured."

Wibbens says, however, that Riley is very safe.

"We are a great school for pro-active action already. The students and staff have been informed that the social worker is always open if anybody needs to talk about the situation," he said.

He doesn't look at his students any differently either.

"I know that kids in this school are capable of doing terrible things, but that doesn't make them all bad in my eyes," he said.

And he also agrees with the way McCullough handled the press. He thinks these things shouldn't be over-glorified.



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Banning guns won't stop shootings

OPINION

Beth Marshall

Centerspread Editor

First the shooting in Arkansas, and the nation was shocked. Everyone wondered: how could such a thing happen in our town, in our country, in our world?

As a country, we began to examine our lifestyles, our values, and our beliefs. What could be wrong with our children, why are they growing up angry and violent?

Teenagers in other countries don't behave this way. The entire nation agreed that something must be done. The press and the politicians had an idea: stop selling violent video games, stop producing violent movies, stop recording violent music.

While we're at it, they thought, why not boost up security? Demand more metal detectors, more security guards and armed police patrolling our halls.

Those kids aren't going to get away with anything. Every principal in the nation must make school safety his or her new priority.

Then came Oregon, obviously they weren't doing something right. More bans on games, movies, and music. More security. Maybe this time, they thought, we'll call for more gun control.

Students, we're begging you, report your friends to the police.

Your teachers and principals must know who brings guns and knives to school. Tell us who's different. Tell us who talks about death and killing. Tell us who's in therapy; tell us who's on medication. This is the last school house massacre, the very last.

Next came Littleton, Colorado. Fourteen students and one teacher dead. Then, Conyers, Georgia. Finally they were defeated. All of their efforts were worthless. 'We've failed,' they thought.

We let our youth down. How could this happen again? How could our plan fail?

It was so simple. Ban the guns. Ban the movies. Ask teenagers to "rat out" their friends. Increase school security. What could be simpler?

Well, if we can't solve it, why not glamorize it?

Fill the evening news and the pages of *Newsweek* and *Time* with as many accounts of the murders and shootings as possible.

Send reporters and camera crews to schools to interview survivors and friends and family. Plaster the names and faces of student killers on the front page of every major and small town paper in America. Commission doctors to psycho-analyze the minds of the student killers on national television. Publish journal entries

written by the killers. Alert parents of the warning signs. Warn everyone about "The Secret Life of Teens."

They thought that this would solve violence in schools. They were wrong! We don't need psychologists to tell us why teenagers kill. We all know why they do it. They want the attention; they want their names in print. Don't print their names.

They want someone to listen to their problems. They need help. They're crying out for acceptance. Don't wait until they kill to help them. Don't even wait until they ask.

We don't need psychologists to tell us how to prevent it, either. Any normal teenager can tell you how to prevent teen violence. It involves two steps. One, talk. Two, listen.

Instead of banning the videos, why not turn off the VCRs? UnPlug the radios and *Nintendos*. If you can't handle it, if your teenagers must watch television, why not watch it with them?

Listen to their music and learn to play their *Nintendo* games. Remind them it's only pretend. Supply them with alternatives to violence.

Leave work an hour early one day a week so you can watch their baseball and soccer games. Prepare family meals and eat together, even if it's only pizza on paper plates. Have family discussions. Ask your children about school. Help them with their homework.

Don't leave your children in the hands of the media. Don't rely on the government to pass laws to keep guns out of their hands. You're their parents, that's your job. Don't pretend everything is all right when it's really not. TALK.

Children need parents. Bans, laws, restrictions, and regulations can't stop violence. Teenagers aren't stupid. They'll find a way to get around the rule. Parents *can* stop violence. Parents that talk to their children *will* stop violence.

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Signs of school violence

- ✓ Lack of interest in school
- ✓ Persistent disregard or refusal to follow rules
- ✓ Cruelty to pets or animals
- ✓ History of bullying
- ✓ Isolation from family or friends
- ✓ Depression or mood swings
- ✓ Involved with or interested in gangs
- ✓ Obsession with violent video games and movies
- ✓ Always sees self as the victim
- ✓ Misplaced or unwarranted jealousy
- ✓ Constantly talking about weapons or violence
- ✓ Bringing a weapon to school

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Massacre leaves students fearful

Tara Stokes

Senior Staff Reporter

Not long ago the scariest thing that a student imagined could happen at school was dropping their tray full of food on the cafeteria floor in front of all their friends. Now students everywhere are worried about a gunman going on a shooting rampage in their classroom. Even students at Riley are afraid. The question now is, what can be done to calm Riley students' fears?

"We do all that we can to ensure student safety," said George McCullough, principal.

But is it enough? Virtually every student at Riley has turned on their TV and seen students racing out of high schools; hands above their heads and tears streaming down their faces. Although security at Riley is very good, there is a chance of a shooting, and many students are scared.

For some, fears of a schoolyard shooting have caused a lot of anxiety, because they feel it could happen to them. Others have taken a protective stance and joke around about the killings.

Deb Sheehan, family therapist, recommends, "If you wake up in the morning before school and you feel anxiety or panic, you should go to a therapist who can help you handle your feelings. If you ignore them, they can overwhelm you."

One of the reasons some students may be scared is because of the huge number of violent threats they hear at school.

"I hear people threatening other people all the time," says Michelle Ricketts, junior.

Many ignore the threats, but there are others who respond fearfully to them.

So when are administrators supposed to know when a threat is serious or not?

"The students have to learn to break the code of silence they have going on amongst themselves. As much as we [school officials] try to know all that is going on, the students are the ones who know everything. Nothing can be done unless they tell someone," says McCullough.

Students are not the only ones who are frightened of something happening in school. Teachers also have similar worries. They're as helpless as the students when it comes to a person snapping and pulling a gun on the class.

"A few years ago I had an argument occur in my classroom," said Marcia Kovas, journalism teacher.

"He [one of the students involved] grabbed a glass bottle from my desk and raised it above his head, threatening to hit anyone who came near him."

"I stepped forward to try to stop him, but he pushed me out of his way. Fortunately, no one was hurt but I was very scared."

Though there is no real guarantee something won't happen at school, McCullough is doing his best to prevent violence from coming to Riley. But he stresses that students must do their part to prevent violence at Riley.

When a student hears a classmate making threats, he or she should immediately tell someone. Telling the principal might seem like snitching at the time, but how would you feel if you hadn't told and one of your classmates ended up dead?

..... is Riley **SAFE?**

AJAZ'S Agenda



By
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SHOULD WE TIP THE SCALES WITH WEIGHTED GRADES?

As I start the process of filling out my college applications, the one question common to all the applications is *what is your class rank?*

That is a fair question, but a problem arises when some schools have a weighted grading system and others don't.

In a weighted grading system students taking honors classes are graded on a 5.0 scale rather than the normal 4.0 scale.

The weighted grading system is important to encourage students to challenge themselves rather than taking the easy way out. The rank of the students taking the more difficult course is bound to be higher than those taking the regular classes.

Our counselors do a good job of getting most of the kids to switch to honors classes if they are doing well. Many kids however, slip through and take regular classes all the way through their high school career. They could conceivably graduate with the honor of being ranked as the top person in their class, without having done the work.

On the other hand, there are people who challenge themselves and strive to take the toughest classes they can, but who don't get the straight A's. These students are ranked lower and get less recognition for their hard work.

It is true that the students with the tougher classes have learned more self-discipline and will be better off in college. However, as a student in high school, immediate gratification is important, plus colleges may not understand that a C in an A.P. class really did require more work than an A+ in a regular class.

"We will not go to weighted grades, because when you send your transcripts to the colleges, they know what classes you took," said Anthony Byrd, assistant principal.

His view is not shared by some students. "We should go to a weighted grading system. I am taking harder classes, I should be graded differently," said Aaron Balog, senior, ranked in the top ten of his class.

Penn High School's associate principal, Patrick Weil, shares Balog's sentiment. "Students should be rewarded for taking tougher courses, that's why we will be switching to a weighted grading system."

The fact that other area schools have switched to weighted grades makes the topic even more important.

Even if the sole purpose of weighted grades is just to get students more enthusiastic about classes, they are worth having.

I hope the administration will soon consider switching over to a weighted grading system, so we can encourage more students to challenge themselves rather than continue taking the easy road.

Shootings awaken Riley student



Bryan Proven

LOVING MEMORY : a candlelight vigil was constructed for Kris Smith, one of the victims in the Wendy's shooting

Elyse Chudzynski

Viewpoints Editor

I think something is terribly wrong with our high school.

The other night, as I sat in my brother's room and watched the news, there was a story on the shooting at Wendy's, and it really frightened

me.

It's not the fact that two people were killed that shocked me, it was the fact that it was three high school students who were accused of the crime. Two of these students were my classmates at Riley, and one of them used to be my neighbor.

Sure, I hear about all the shootings and "bad things," but it

never really hit me before, and now I'm stunned.

How can a community blame only the three people there? There has to be something that pushes these kids to do these terrible, yet real things. I am truly sick of hearing about the shootings occurring all over this country, not only in schools, but in churches, homes, and public places like Wendy's.

Pictures were shown of the three suspects, and I realized I knew one of them. He used to live across the street from me. I was his sisters' friend, and I had been in his house.

As the news story continued, his brother was interviewed.

He said he was sorry for what his brother did, but that he lost his brother to the criminal justice system in this tragedy also.

The next day when I went to school a few people talked on the subject, but there were no big class discussions. They are going to jail for the rest of their lives, and we have nothing to say?

I understand that bad things happen, but some things should be prevented. This issue seems to have been softened in our high school. Kids are saying stuff like, 'Oh yea, I knew him. That's sad, he killed someone, he's going to jail.' It sounds like it's no big deal, and things like this are always going to happen. Well they shouldn't be happening at all.

I was afraid and I think we all should be. We should be afraid for ourselves and for each other.

I'll miss those whose lives were lost through this incident and I pray something like this won't have to happen again. Because frankly, I'm sickened by it.

WHAT WE

Think

Brand new building; same old problems

First day at the new Riley: awesome computers, carpeted rooms, and cool athletic facilities. But as time went on, we started to notice that some key items were turning up missing such as: clocks, pencil sharpeners, soap and trash cans.

How are we supposed to take tests if we have no pencil sharpeners? The math department had to buy their own! Only a few teachers have them now, and how long, if ever, is going to take for everyone to get them?

How are we supposed to know what time it is if there are no clocks? George McCullough, Riley principal, said they're on



Shane Johnson

the way, but they were supposed to be here in August.

We like our new technology, but we also wish we could wash our hands when we go to the bathroom. It's disgusting to go to the bathroom with our new

state-of-the-art toilets and then not be able to use soap to wash our hands.

We don't even have trash cans in some places. Administrators don't want crud all over the floor, yet we don't always have a place to put it.

Education is the main reason for this school, and that doesn't seem to be happening for everybody. On top of all the small missing things, some classrooms like publications can not be taught because there are big important things missing, like a darkroom!

Don't get us wrong, we appreciate the new school. It is definitely a step up from the old Riley. We would, however, like some soap. ♦

Sign here

Katie Grembowicz
Viewpoints Editor

Could you imagine needing something so desperately that you couldn't live without it, literally. Well, thousands of people around the country have that same problem every day. They need organs.

Livers, kidneys, hearts. Many of those thousands die every day because they don't get what they need because somebody didn't sign the back of a drivers' license or forgot to change their will.

I feel it's selfish not to pick up a pen and write your name, but not everybody agrees.

Mike Tabler, junior, said, "I'd like to keep my body intact when I die. I don't feel that other people should have my stuff."

And many people share this opinion. There are tons of people all over the country that don't feel it's right to give somebody else a body part.

Giving yourself away

Nickie Myers, sophomore, feels differently.

"It just seems to be the right thing to do. And if you're dead, you don't really need organs anyway, so why not give them away," she said.

Why not? I mean, what good is an organ going to do while you're pushing up daisies?

People really need these things. There are articles and news programs almost every day about a child or mother or

grandfather who got to spend a little more time with their families because another person was selfless enough to give up a part of themselves.

First hand experience

Judy Hums, Riley counselor, has firsthand experience.

"My husband was given a kidney on June 25, 1996 by a man who had been killed in an accident."

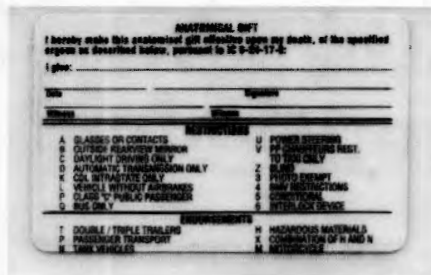
Paul Hums had been diagnosed with kidney failure three years prior because of his diabetes. He had been on dialysis (refilling the body with liquids and medicines) every day four times a day ever since. This process takes about an hour to complete.

"Our lives have changed dramatically since the transplant. He feels better, he has more energy, and his diet is not nearly as restricted," she said.

There is still a chance that the organ can be rejected. Even the slightest germs can make a rejection possible and recipients live the rest of their lives with that possibility.

The problem with finding donors today seems to be getting worse mainly because kids don't even think about it now. Indiana is one of the worst states to find a donor in because of the lack of knowledge by people.

Scott Parker, sophomore, didn't even know that he could



to save a life

sign the back of his license and automatically be a donor.

Laverne Barlow, Riley math teacher, thinks it should be brought up more often.

"I think it should be brought up in Health class and at home," she said.

Take the time

The Department of Transportation doesn't even seem to bring it up anymore. Parker was never asked to sign anything and Tom DeBaetes, Riley math teacher, was only given a brochure on the subject and sent along his merry way.

For some people, it's a moral decision. Myers says that she doesn't think it's right to keep something that you really don't need when somebody else does.

"I think about so many people that die and they could've been saved if there had been an organ for them," Barlow said.

Tabler says he just doesn't think it's normal.

"I might give it away if I had a spare or something," she said.

Barlow says she actually knows people that by this selfless act have saved somebody else.

"My friend's cousin was

given a liver and my niece gave her dad a kidney," she said.

I believe it's so important to know as much as possible about donation and that it's not talked about enough today. Parents don't sit down with their kids; the DMV doesn't tell a new driver to turn over their license and read; health classes don't discuss how much this helps.

You could be a hero

And the joy of hearing that phone call that they've found what you need and you're actually going to live to see your next birthday or Christmas, or you don't have to be on dialysis every day for the rest of your life is something that you one day might have to experience. Wouldn't you feel terrible if you died because there wasn't enough time to find someone with a will signed or a drivers' license?

Hundreds of people die in this country every day and these people could save hundreds more by just answering a simple question.

So, be selfless. Turn over your license and sign your name. You may not think so, but maybe someday you'll give another person life.

LETTERS TO THE

Editor

Workers in the way

Dear Editor: =

I would like to bring up the issue of the renovating still going on in the building.

The workers leave the sand paper on the stairs, which leads to people falling and tripping which is really embarrassing and dangerous.

When I was at the book store, the workers were right above me sanding the ceiling. This led to sawdust all over my shirt in my Mr. Pibb.

The most awful thing about standing by the book store on that day is that the worker almost dropped an electric screwdriver on my head, and it fell right past my body and almost broke the glass in the book store.

These issues are very important to me and my fellow classmates at the New Riley High School. Please try and get this problem solved ASAP!

Thank you,

Natasha Borer

Don't expand lot

Dear Editor:

Today a student approached me asking to sign a petition to make the student parking lot bigger, and expand Fellows street.

This idea disgusts me.

The new Riley has already torn down numerous houses. Why take any more down? For the sake of student comfort?

Why should tax dollars be spent on expanding the parking lot and road? Especially for people who already have the privilege to drive to school, as opposed to walking in the rain or snow, or taking the bus? We already have a 54 million dollar school. And more is wanted!

This is simply a case of being spoiled.

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Students speak out on: IDs

The ID plan is going to work

👍 Yes, IDs are a good idea. They help promote safety and security. Riley is now a safer place to go to school.



Scott Parker
Senior Staff Reporter

Ever since incidents like the Littleton, Colorado shooting occurred that shocked the nation, many schools now realize that their current security isn't enough to keep their students safe.

A high school in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, carried out an exercise that hoped to show students and others what to do in case of a gunman storming the school.

A fire alarm was pulled and a man in camouflage used a rifle to shoot blanks at the students and teachers. Afterwards they let the teachers and students go and told them it was only a drill and to be careful next time it happened.

In attempts to make students feel more at ease and keep everybody safe, Riley has decided to use student IDs. The IDs must be worn at all times to let administrators and faculty know who belongs here and who doesn't.

These IDs are to be worn in plain view of all security, and you can be issued a temporary one in case you misplace yours. After that a new one will be given to you at a cost of three dollars. This new system may prove to have many advantages for all.

"The IDs help us keep track of who's supposed to be in the building and who isn't. This helps keep people who may cause problems

out of the building," said principal George McCullough. He also added, "Once everyone has their IDs we will be enforcing them strictly. Why wouldn't a student want to wear an ID anyway?"

Any vagrants or unwanted individuals who come by and see everyone wearing the IDs may turn away in fear of being caught.

Freshman Chris Hunn said, "I like the IDs, they help you know who everyone is and they help keep track of people better."

Having school IDs isn't only beneficial for security reasons, but it has other uses around school.

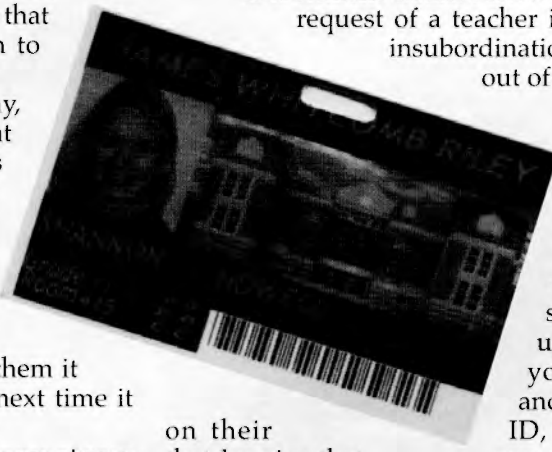
If a student doesn't show their ID on the request of a teacher it is considered insubordination and the kid is out of the school.

Sergeant John Floyd said, "If you're walking in the school and some student slaps you upside the head you can look up and see their name ID, and wouldn't you could tell us and

on their that be nice that we take care of it?"

It can also increase ease in using the school facilities in many ways. Applications that IDs can be used for are: keeping track of attendance, school lunch programs, computer and internet log-on time, computer printing, library, bookstore, and access to school buildings.

IDs may prove to be a big help in keeping this school safe and helping move things along. Now it's up to the students to take an active part in wearing their IDs and making sure that the ID idea works out.



Students tag IDs trouble

👎 No, IDs are not a good idea. The administration is not enforcing its own policy. Riley is still has the same security problems as in the past.



Brian Cherry
Sports Editor

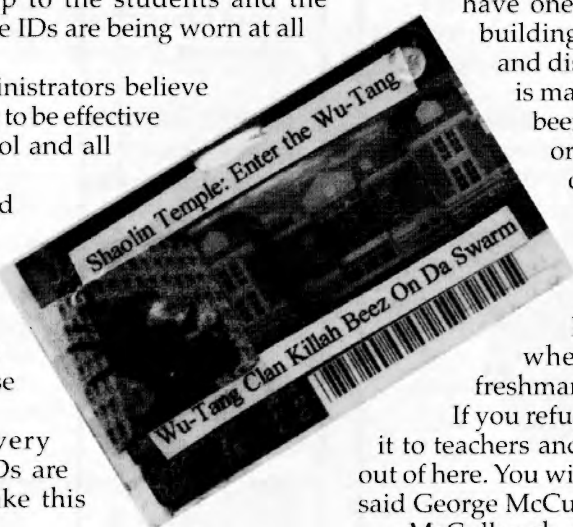
Now that the new ID badge system has been implemented it's up to the students and the faculty make sure the IDs are being worn at all times.

The school administrators believe that the IDs are going to be effective in keeping this school and all its students safe.

Having required school IDs can make the students feel less independent. It sends a message that if we don't wear these we won't be safe.

Not every student feels that IDs are the best idea to make this school more secure.

"They're stupid, they probably won't enforce them enough and the policy will be forgotten," said sophomore Kris Gundrum. Some other students don't feel that this procedure will work either.



Do school IDs really make schools safer from danger or are they just a slight deterrent that keeps strangers out of the building? Many students don't feel that the IDs really do anything, they just give us a false sense of security.

Senior Michelle Alexy said, "The IDs are useless. In the Columbine shooting it wouldn't have mattered if the students had IDs on or not," Alexy added, "Even if you have an ID that doesn't mean you might not have a gun."

Enforcement is another issue that concerns many students. The whole concept and basis of security for IDs is that whoever doesn't have one shouldn't be allowed in the building. For this to work the visibility and displaying of IDs while in school is mandatory. Not all students have been issued their IDs yet. In a week or so though, when everyone has one, will security be paying close attention to who has them on?

"No one really enforces them and I know a lot of kids who don't even wear them where you can see them," said freshman Doug Shook.

If you refuse to wear your ID and present it to teachers and faculty upon request, you're out of here. You will be kicked out of this school," said George McCullough, principal.

McCullough said, "We will begin to really enforce the IDs once everyone has one, and we hope that everyone will participate in wearing theirs at all times."

WHAT YOU

Think

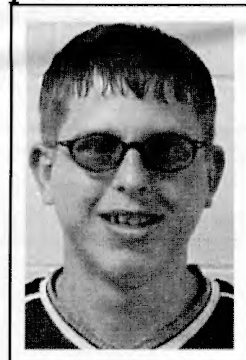
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Jessica Baynard
Junior



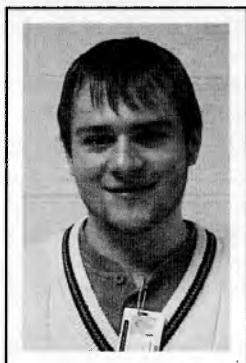
"It's a good thing, but the staff is not enforcing the rule. They check them at the front door, but not in the classrooms. The students are confused."

Brandon Laskowski
Sophomore



"IDs will decrease the chance of violence in school and it will make school safer for students."

Marek Nowakowski
Senior



"We don't have them in Poland, but I don't care. I don't like them. I don't know if they'll work."

Procon

Lusk qualifies for regionals

Girls' golf tees off first season

AIMING FOR STATE: Riley Girls' golfer, Sara Lusk, prepares for regional competition. This year marked the Riley's first girls' golf team. Riley is the second South Bend area school, besides Penn to make girls' golf an official sport. The team ended their year with a 6 and 5 record and brought home the city championship.

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Steve Wiltfong

Senior Staff Reporter

The girls' golf team hit the links in their inaugural season with a record of six wins and five losses. The team also brought home the first trophy in the new Riley, a city championship.

Girls' golf on the high-school level is not a new thing. Riley women have participated on the men's team until now. Other schools like Clay have had girls on their guys team before also. There has been a girls' golf sectional in the area

for quite some time now. In fact, senior Kristy Andert and junior Sara Lusk played in the girls' golf sectional last year on an individual basis.

"I played in the sectional last year and it was fun, but I was hoping that I could play for a team," stated Andert.

There has never been a girl's team at Riley or anywhere else in the area except for Penn. If a girl wanted to play on a team she would have had to play with the guys, or her other option would have been to play solo and try to make it out of the sectional alone. There has always been a lack of interest or just lack of effort in forming a

team.

Last school year, teacher Mike Megeysi brought up the idea of forming a team to athletic director John Berta.

"Mike approached me and informed me that there is interest in starting a girls' golf program amongst some students," explained Berta. "So we had a meeting inviting girls who were interested, and we had about 12 show up."

Other programs like those at Adams, Clay, Washington, LaSalle, St Joe, and Mishawaka all tried to put a team together. Mishawaka just couldn't get it done. They will have a team next year. The other four schools and Riley got a program started and entered in golf meets.

The golf schedule this year is a pick-up game type deal. Berta has to find out about other teams playing matches and then ask if Riley can join.

The wildcats started the season in impressive fashion with three wins in a row (Northwood, Clay, New Prairie). After a tough loss to Michigan City, victories over Adams and Washington put the team at 5-1.

"Starting out 5-1 gave us good momentum as we entered the tough part of our schedule," stated Frushour.

The last half of the schedule proved to be as tough as predicted. The team dropped five of six managing a victory over Culver. Losses came to grade-A teams such as John Glenn, Marian, Lavelle, Concord and Michigan City Marquette.

This year there is no conference for Riley to participate in. Since all the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) schools don't have teams, a conference could not be organized.

"At the next NIC athletic directors meeting we will be discussing an addition of girl's golf to the conference. From there we will make a schedule," commented Berta.

The team consisted of five girls. Lusk is the team's number one player and is amongst the area's best golfers. Lusk finished second in the city. Seniors Andert, Lindsay Frushour, and Rochelle Chapman and freshman Ashley Fragomeni complete the team.

Picked to lead this group of girls is boys' coach Chris Jurkaite. Jurkaite has credentials. He has guided the boys' team to many winning seasons and a sectional championship in 1998.

"I didn't know what to expect out of the girls. I just hoped they could hit the ball off the ground. The girls by far surpassed my expectations," stated a pleased Jurkaite.

Another bright spot in the teams first season was Lusk qualifying for regionals. Lusk finished amongst the top individuals at the South Bend sectional.

"It's cool being on the first team ever. It makes me wonder what kind of golf program Riley is going to have ten years from now. This could be the start of something great," said Frushour. ♦

Allen, cross country wins city championship

Steve Wiltfong

Senior Staff Reporter

For the last ten years Riley cross country has been more like a club. The team suffered through many losing seasons. The Riley cross country program received no respect from the *South Bend Tribune* earlier this fall by not even being mentioned in the cross country preview.

All of those ingredients made victory much sweeter at Erskine golf course Thursday night October 7 at the *South Bend City Championships*. The wildcats blazed the field with the closest competitor (St Joe) of the six team field 26 points behind.

Sophomore first team all-conference runner Ben Allen set the pace with a fast time of 16:46. Allen led the race from the opening gun and held off teammate, sophomore Chris

Delgado to win the race. Delgado was also selected the conference's top team.

"Winning the race was nice. Chris challenged me a couple of times and we both had great runs. I was happy that I won the race, but happier my team won the whole thing," commented Allen.

Junior Harley Zielinski had the performance needed for a Riley victory. Running in fifth position for three miles Zielinski passed an Adams runner to finish fourth and ice the meet.

"I didn't think I had a chance to catch that Adams runner because we were on his course and I thought he would finish strong," explained Zielinski.

Strong performances from sophomore Josh Drake and Dan Dietz were also key to victory. Drake finished 12 and Dietz finished 16. ♦



HURDLER STRETCH: Sophomore cross country runners, Ben Allen and Chris Delgado stretch before a run. Both runners achieved first team all conference honors.

Phillips shows team the winning way

Cameron Stouder

News Editor

The volleyball team seems to like their new home. They are off to their best start in recent history. The team is 26-5 with their only losses being a tough three game loss to Marian and losses to Elkhart Memorial, Central, Mishawaka, and Penn. The team also won the city championship beating St. Joseph for the title.

The team is led by two senior captains, middle blocker Lisa Sienicki and outside hitter Adria Phillips.

"The seniors on this team provide leadership as good as it gets. The two seniors have become very close to me and my family. I am very proud of both of them. I don't think I'm going to miss them because they will both be in my heart, however the team is really going to miss them," said varsity volleyball coach Vince Strefling.

"They're both really excellent role models," said sophomore Tara Stokes, of this year's seniors. "They're willing to help the younger more inexperienced players."

The seniors are assisted by a couple of juniors, outside hitter Vanessa Vories and middle blocker Laura Obenchain. There are also some important underclassmen with sophomore defensive specialist Heather Huffman, sophomore outside hitter Cassie Koldyke, and freshman setter Megan Lesar. The future looks bright with 10 of 12 varsity players returning next year.

"Our future looks very bright. The younger players understand the importance of offseason play (club). This will definitely be to our advantage," said Strefling.

"The team has a little more confidence since winning the city championship however we are ready for the big schools," said Phillips.

Coach Strefling agrees, "The more we play the more confidence we get."



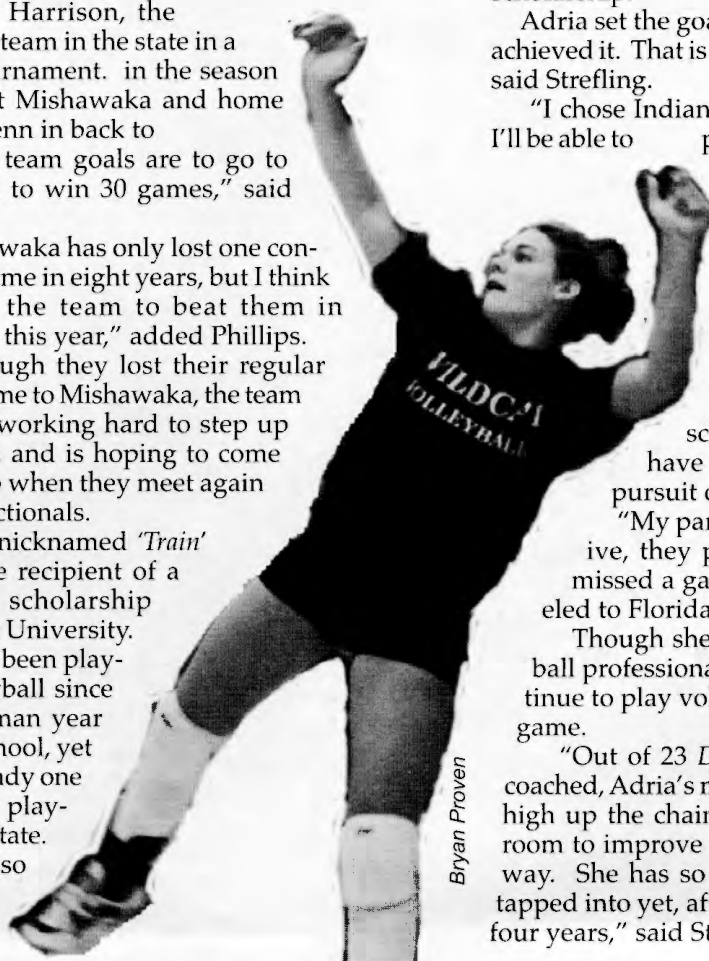
The team proved that by beating Lafayette Harrison, the number 7 team in the state in a recent tournament. In the season playing at Mishawaka and home against Penn in back to

"Our team goals are to go to state, and to win 30 games," said Phillips.

"Mishawaka has only lost one conference game in eight years, but I think we have the team to beat them in sectionals this year," added Phillips.

Although they lost their regular season game to Mishawaka, the team has been working hard to step up their play, and is hoping to come out on top when they meet again during sectionals.

Adria nicknamed 'Train' is also the recipient of a four-year scholarship to Indiana University. Adria has been playing volleyball since her freshman year in high school, yet she is already one of the top players in the state. She has also



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gone to two volleyball camps, the Nike High Performance Camp at the University of Illinois last year and to the Indiana University camp this summer.

"I was talking to other schools, but Indiana gave me an offer right off," said Phillips. "Their coach saw me at a tournament and then I went to their camp. That is when they offered me a scholarship."

Adria set the goal and through hard work she achieved it. That is what I am most proud about," said Strefling.

"I chose Indiana because it's a school where I'll be able to play right away and it's Big Ten school so there is good competition," said Phillips.

"I want to go in as a freshman and contribute and help lead team to the top three in the Big Ten, then go to the NCAA tournament," Phillips.

As it is with most high school athletes Adria's parents have been very supportive in her pursuit of volleyball excellence.

"My parents have been very supportive, they paid for traveling and never missed a game even when my club traveled to Florida and Texas," said Phillips.

Though she probably won't play volleyball professionally after college she will continue to play volleyball because she loves the game.

"Out of 23 Division 1 players that I have coached, Adria's mental capacity ranks her very high up the chain, physically she has a lot of room to improve and I mean this in a positive way. She has so much talent that she hasn't tapped into yet, after all she has only played for four years," said Strefling. ♦

Hey, it could happen

After 22 years Riley defeats Penn in sectionals

WILTFONG'S

Words



By

Steve Wiltfong

Not since 1977, has a Riley football team beaten Penn.

Riley had a six point lead late in the fourth quarter in jeopardy. Penn was moving the ball effectively late in the quarter, and looked like they were going to score. Then just when Penn looked like they were going to get a touchdown their back fumbled the ball and a Riley player named Andy Horvath fell on the ball. Riley ran out the clock and beat Penn for the last time in 22 years.

Riley is going to beat Penn this year. I truly believe that the 22nd time is the charm. Sure it doesn't seem likely, Penn is ranked four in the state. It will happen though, let me explain to you how I think it will.

It is Friday at about 6:40 p.m. and Riley has just entered the locker room before they trot onto the field of battle for the sectional final.

Coach Ted Crisman is standing on a stool in the middle of the locker room. He is giving a speech somewhat like Knute Rockne's, but instead of saying let's win this one for the Gipper he wants to win it for Richey, that is Terrell Richey an injured cornerback for the team.

Then Crisman makes them change their jerseys from blue to a nice looking yellow jersey with blue numbering.

Riley takes the field to a full house at Jackson field. The coin toss is won by Penn and they elect to receive.

Senior kicker Jonah Horral kicks the ball out of bounds taking the illegal procedure penalty over a returned touchdown and Penn starts on their own 35. Five plays later with a couple of big runs, Penn finds themselves with first and goal from the eight.

Penn runs a play action pass and their quarterback rolls out and makes a beautiful pass to Leonard Swedarsky, who plays for us and downs the ball in the endzone for a touchback.

The Riley wing-t was on fire in the first quarter. Junior fullback Micah Horral carried the ball five of the first seven plays from scrimmage for 41 yards. A 22 yard run by senior Ramon Lenoir put Riley in the redzone. Crisman calls a play action pass of his own and senior quarterback Mike Mays throws a strike to junior Reggie Swanson for a touchdown.

Each defense plays well the rest of the quarter and at the end of one quarter, Riley 7 Penn 0.

The second quarter starts out with Penn marching the length of the field to knot the score at 7. After Riley goes three and out Penn finds the endzone again to go up 14-7. By halftime Riley is down 21-7.

Crisman storms into the locker room furious. He eyeballs the team and asks how can we be losing after my great speech and the yellow jerseys. This is horrible. Senior lineman Aaron Bogonia looks around the room stands up and says: "These jerseys are real nice. Let's go out there and kick some a**."

The team comes out of the locker room fired up. On the kickoff to start the half senior Dwight Fulce finds a seam and takes the kick out to mid-field. The first play from scrimmage is a screen pass from Mays to senior Daryl Smith (yes he caught it) out of the backfield for a big gain of 25 yards. Horral carried the ball the next three plays to the 12 yard line. Then Lenoir trots into the end zone to put Riley back into the game. After senior Allison Nickle puts in the extra point the score becomes 21-14.

Penn, trying to deflate the Riley momentum drives down the field in a slow pound -it-in-your-face-fashion. After eight running plays in a row

Penn has the ball on the Riley 24 yard line. Senior Troy Anderson put an end to the drive by sacking the quarterback twice in a row for big losses. Penn goes on to miss the 44 yard field goal.

Great defense by both teams the rest of the quarter makes the score 21-14 for the final quarter. After two defensive stops by both teams Riley has the ball with six minutes left from their own 34 yard line.

Runs by Horral and Lenoir of 23 and 22 yards put Riley in position to score. To mix it up Mays completes a pass to Swanson who runs all the way to the four yard line. On the next play, Mays takes the quarterback sneak into the end zone for a touchdown. The score is now 21-20 with 2:25 to go.

Crisman decides to go for two and as the offense runs onto the field Jackson Field is going nuts. Mays calls the signals and pitches the ball to Lenoir who sweeps to the outside. There is one man standing between him and the end zone. Penn is represented by former Riley linebacker Dan Phillips. Lenoir lowers his shoulder and they collide. Lenoir drives Phillips into the end zone for the conversion. Riley 22 Penn 21.

After Horral boots the ball out of bounds Penn starts on their own 35 yard line. A couple quick passes and Penn is now five yards out of great field goal range. There is 1:05 left on the clock when Penn uses their second timeout. They call a sweep and the Penn running back bounces outside only to get hit by Anderson who jars the ball loose. A big pile falls on the ball and it takes thirty seconds to clear up who has the ball. When the pile is separated junior Chris Horvath stands up and holds the ball in the air. Jackson field is going nuts. Players are jumping around all over the place.

Quarterback Mike Mays downs the ball twice and that is the game. The students storm the field. Crisman and coach Jim Berger are crying. Not one body leaves Jackson field for an hour.

Hey it could happen. ♦

Disaster strikes on defense

Brian Cherry
Sports Editor

Football head coach, Ted Crisman, looks for a better post season performance.

"I know more of what to expect and of the things that are required to be a head coach," he said, "also the team has great chemistry."

"The staff is excellent, we have people who are 100 percent football. Coaches are willing to take responsibility to prepare for sectionals later this month, he said."

"For instance, throughout the season the coaches went to games and got scouting reports on opposing schools to find out: who their key players are, what plays they execute well, and where their weaknesses are. Last year that just did not happen," he said.

The team lost its back-up quarter back.

"Tom Coughlin's (the number two quarterback) injury was tragic. Coughlin brought some talents to the team that the other quarterbacks did not. Tom was a pure passer. But,

as you can see, senior quarterback Mike Mays has responded very well," said Crisman.

Coughlin broke his ankle after receiving a hard hit in practice and has begun rehabilitation. "Whether or not he

"I like the new defense and feel that it's easier and more effective than last year's. Coach Smith has made a major impact on our defensive presence."

-Leonard Swedarsky
senior

returns before the sectionals is over is up to him and the doctors," said Crisman.

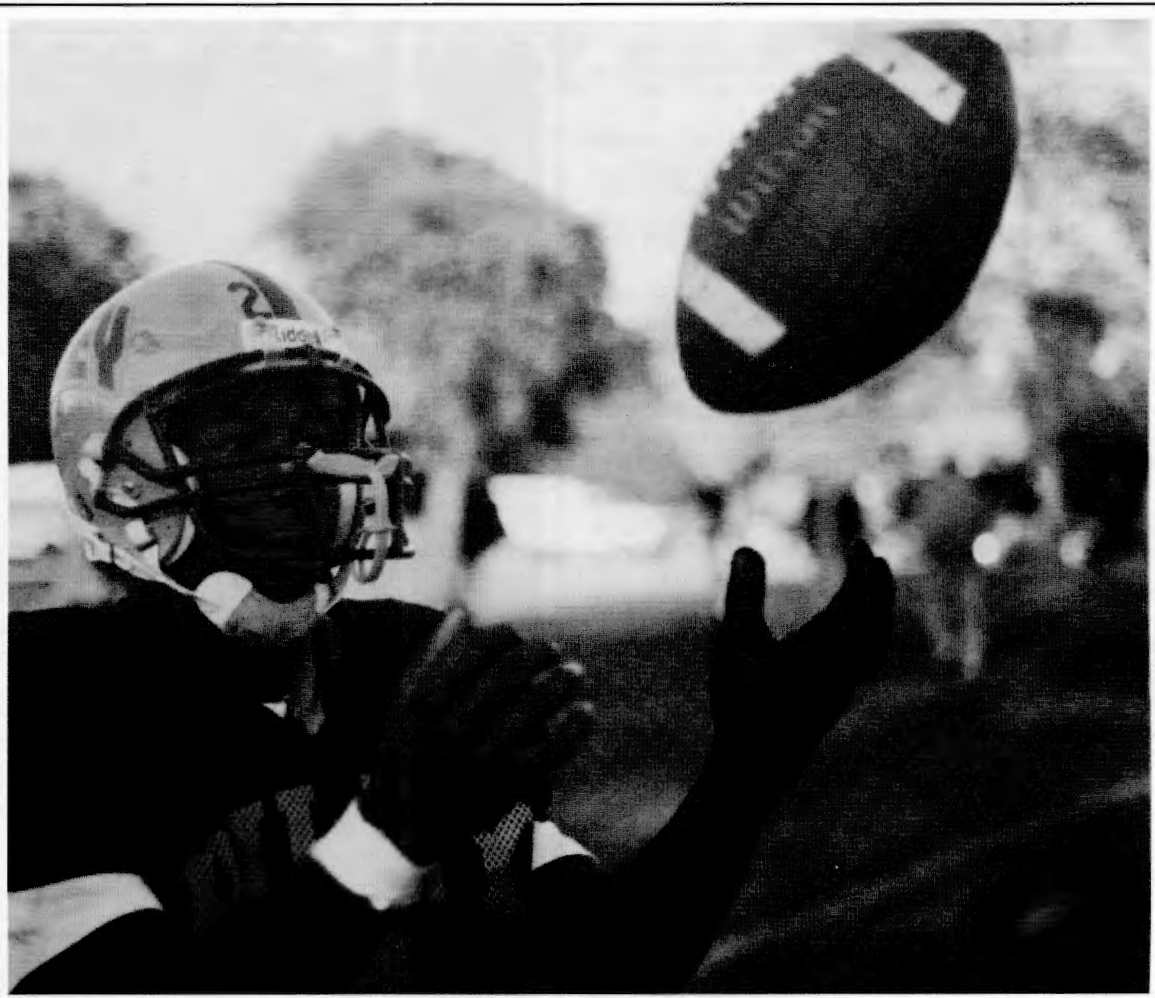
All the players and coaches feel that the new weight room has helped the team tremendously. Senior, Leonard Swedarsky, strong safety/tight end, said, "Now the players want to lift more often because it's inside and has new equipment. This will make it much more pleasurable than the shed which was the previous weight room."

This year the Cats have a new defense which changes its strategy to fit the opponent's strengths.

"If an opponent is a strong passing team then we will have more people in the back field; if they are strong runners then we tend to concentrate more on their running game," Crisman said.

"Last year we played a zone, which left gaps that other teams took advantage of," said Swedarsky.

"I feel that it is working really well, especially with the help from our new defensive coordinator,



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THE GREAT SWANDINI: In preparation for the sectionals, junior wide receiver Reggie Swanson works on catching passes.

Dave Smith. He is all football, 100 percent," said Crisman. Assistant coach, Jim Berger, feels that the new defense is also much more effective than last year's.

Berger said, "Some of the players had a hard time adjusting to the defense. But we saw improvement from the players in the second half of the Michigan City game."

Swedarsky, said, "I like the new defense and feel that it's easier and more effective than last year's. Coach Smith has made a major impact on our defensive presence."

Senior Ramon Lenoir, running back/outside linebacker, feels the same way. He believes the defensive team has shown improvement adjusting to the defense. Senior, Dwight Fulce, running back/corner back, believes that the new defensive coach brings a much needed element to the defense.

"Coach Smith gives us an aggressive attitude," said Fulce.

To reduce turnovers, fumbles in specific, the players have to carry a football to class. If for some

reason, another student can knock the ball out of the player's hand, then the ball carrier has extra running to do at practice. Crisman said, "This theory will install mental toughness."

Will it work?

The staff sure hopes so. The reason they lost to Michigan City, Clay, and Mishawaka is because of turnovers.

Lenoir, said, "We're gonna take it to the dome, brick by brick, down by down." He means that the team has the talent to win the state championship, but has to keep working day to day, week to week.

Although there are no captains for the team this year, there are leaders, and those players are: Mike Mays, Ramon Lenoir, Troy Anderson, and Leonard Swedarsky.

Penn was the team that the players and coaches were concerned with, especially with that game being the last one before sectionals. ♦

WHERE WE

Stand

Boys' Soccer

Penn-7-0-1	Riley-3-5
Clay-6-1-1	Mishawaka-2-6-1
Memorial-5-2-1	LaSalle-1-7
Adams-5-3	Washington-0-8
Central-3-3-2	

Girls' Soccer

Penn-6-2	Central-3-5
Adams-5-2	Mishawaka-2-7
Clay-5-2-1	Memorial-1-7
Riley-5-3	LaSalle-0-8
Washington-3-5	

Boys' Cross Country

Penn-8-0	Adams-3-5
Riley-6-2	Clay-2-6
Central-6-2	Washington-1-7
Mishawaka-6-2	LaSalle-0-8
Memorial-4-4	

Volleyball

Penn-7-0	Clay-3-4
Central-6-1	LaSalle-2-6
Mishawaka-6-1	Washington-2-6
Memorial-4-3	Adams-0-6
Riley-4-4	

Girls' Cross Country

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Adams-7-1	Riley-2-6
Clay-6-2	LaSalle-0-7-1
Memorial-5-3	Washington-0-7-1
Central-4-4	

Football

Penn-6-0	Memorial-2-3
Riley-4-2	Adams-1-4
Central-4-2	Washington-1-4
Clay-3-2	LaSalle-0-5
Mishawaka-2-3	

New coach, new season

Shannon Howell
Sports Editor

Riley girls' soccer team did not only lose seniors at the end of last year's season, but they also lost coach Ken Benich.

Rick Lavers, varsity coach, will be leading this year's Wildcat season.

Junior Kelly Czarnecki captain said, "Coach Lavers knows what he's doing and helped us to get into better condition by having us practice in the summer. He has also given us a better attitude by encouraging us to give it all we've got. Since we are going to be varsity seniors next year, we should try our best and not slack off."

While coach Lavers is just getting to know the team, he will be losing six seniors: Abby Toth, Katie Whippo, Alison Nickel, Elizabeth Schreiber, Lindsey Harlin, and Renee Garfin this year.

The seniors have nothing but good things to say about their new coach.

"Lavers has a different style of coaching, but he gets the job done. He fits in well and knows how to relate to the team," said senior Nickel captain who plays defense, and has been on the team since freshman year.

Having the veteran seniors on the team and showing persistence in the game is one of the reasons for the team's win against Westview 2-0, according to the coach.

In the tough fight against St. Joe, the team lost 1-0.

Whippo says, "We have improved a lot. I like

"We have improved a lot. I like being a senior and being the top dog. It gets easier as you get older. You benefit from previous experience, and we have benefited from Lavers."

-Katie Whippo
Senior

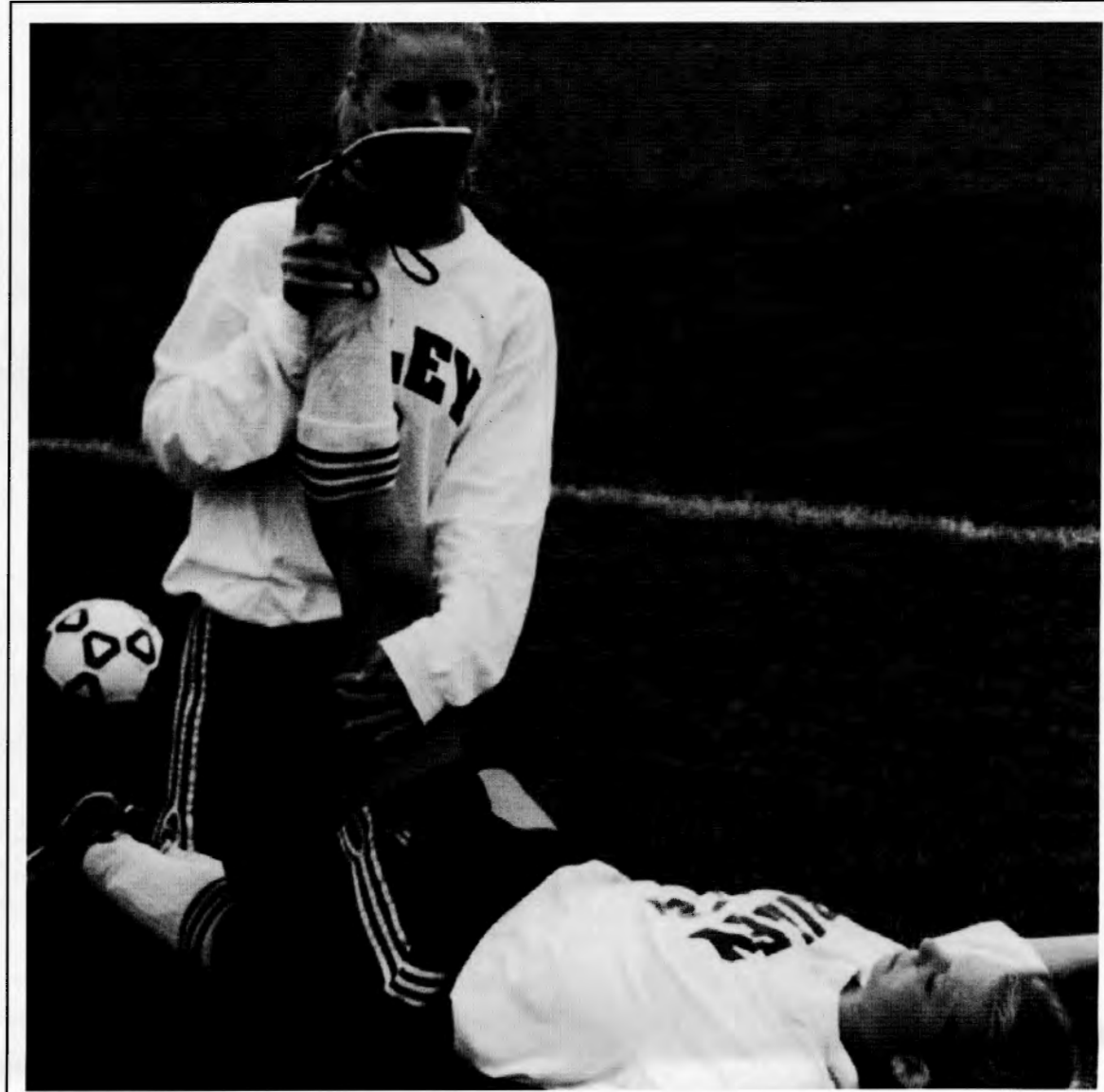
an excellent season. He cited the game against Riley and Marian which ended up a tie 2-2, as an example of the improved ability of the team.

Lavers said, "The girls know they are going to be moved up when the seniors leave, so they are expected to work hard and try their best."

"While the girls are with me, I will treat them as equals and as friends, but I know when to step

being a senior and being the top dog. It gets easier as you get older. You benefit from previous experience, and we have benefitted from Lavers."

Lavers feels that this is going to be



Miranda Porte

PRE-GAME / Maureen Warter junior and Missy King, sophomore, stretch out before the James Whitcomb Riley Invitational.

up and be the adult," said Lavers.

Respect is necessary for a successful season, according to Lavers, who thinks he has accomplished that. This respect helped defeat Washington with a 2-0 score.

"I watch the girls during practice and games so I can get the feel of how each girl plays; I know how to position them in the game. You're not always right, but you're not always wrong," said Lavers.

Lavers also said, "It was easier having practice in the summer so I could find out the girls' playing techniques, but the girls should have some free time and not have to practice soccer

nine months out of the year. When school is out I suggest they take a month off to relax and then go to a soccer summer camp. It is really exciting and the girls learn something while having fun."

The team has also defeated Concord 2-0 and Washington 2-0.

Junior Cassie Bell says, "Coach has a different style of coaching but it works. I haven't adjusted completely, but it's only the beginning."

"I enjoy working with the girls. I have a lot of fun and I am looking forward to this great season with a great bunch of girls," said Lavers. ♦

Inexperience/lack of depth hurts team

Seniors lead players through a tough season

Chris Henry
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HARD WORK / Kevin Brenneman, senior, practices dribbling for a upcoming game. Brenneman and the team practice everyday after school at Hamilton Elementary.



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Coming off a tough season, the boys' soccer team is looking to improve from a subpar year.

Led by seniors Jeremy Wade, forward, Chris Henry, midfielder, and Kevin Brenneman, defender/midfielder, the team is trying to work with the loss of some All-Conference performers.

"One of the key strategies for our team is to get the ball to Chris Henry so he can distribute the ball to the forwards and create scoring opportunities," commented varsity soccer coach Jim Zielasko.

"The team has a starting varsity that is second to none, but due to the lack of depth on our team we are having to play inexperienced freshmen and sophomores just to give our starters a break," said Zielasko.

"Our defense is what is holding our team together. We just need our goalie, senior Phil Nowak to step up and direct traffic on the field," said Zielasko.

The team is off to a slow start with a 3-6-1 record. Due to the fact of players not having enough practices and some key injuries, like Kevin Brenneman's recently sprained ankle, the team's record is showing the effects. Senior Chad

Tallman was out most of the season due to a pulled hip flexor.

"He is one of the leaders on the team, but could only help coach from the sidelines until he was at full strength," said Zielasko.

The soccer team has already played well, and in the beginning were making the Kingsmen struggle just to find a rhythm.

"I thought we had a real chance to beat them in the beginning," said Zielasko.

"The guys played great against Mishawaka. We had many kids step up and take charge on the field. Paulo San Juan, a foreign exchange student from Brazil, really stepped up in his first game since becoming eligible and handed out a goal and an assist," said coach Zielasko.

"Paulo is really going to open up our offense and spread the field," commented junior midfielder Eric Purkey.

"Clay, and Adams are tremendous teams that we played really tough recently. These were some of our greatest tests, and determined the outcome of our season," said senior captain Jeremy Wade.

The men lost to Adams 3-1 last Wednesday, October 12, 1999 ending their season. ♦