

# RILEY REVIEW

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## PomPon girls earn many trophies

by Linda Makley

Eleven of Riley's Pom Pon girls went on a "Manhunt" this summer and came back with numerous ribbons, trophies, and special awards.

They attended camp at IU Bloomington from August 3-6. The routine to Flashdance's "Manhunt" won them their first trophy. They made up the routine before they went, and it was judged on originality and overall performance. Each of the girls also got a blue ribbon for this performance.

The girls that went were Co-Captains Sue Peters and Melinda Tetzlaff, Tonya Campanello, Elaine Lawson, Cindy Marshall, Carol Melcherska, Alison Monk, Amy Nauman, Megan Rarrick, Lisa Sibley, and Melanie Wells.

About 200 girls were at the camp, representing 14 schools. Besides high school pom squads, there were one university and five junior high squads.

Each squad was taught a routine to "Jackie's Theme" by the five NCA Pom Pon girls that were the leaders. The girls displayed their blue-ribbon winning performance of this routine at the East Chicago

Washington football game.

Junior Elaine Lawson received a medal and a certificate for being one of the four girls chosen as the best overall performers out of all 200 girls.

The girls received their other trophy for having a "4.0" point total. Since no one ever got less than a blue, they had a perfect score.

One of the most coveted awards is the Spirit Stick, which is given to the group which displays the best spirit and attitude. The girls got 3 Spirit Sticks (the most possible).

Another big honor is to receive the megaphone. All 200 girls vote for the squad who they thought was the best and had the most spirit. Once again, the girls' spirit shone through.

All the sweat and sore muscles were worth it. The captains presented their numerous honors to Riley and Mr. Oldham at the first pep assembly.

The girls that went also felt it was very helpful because it brought the group closer together and helped them learn to listen and co-operate better.

All 20 of the pom-pon girls are looking forward to this year. They want to help the school by spreading more spirit than ever.

## New assistant principal likes students' spirit

By Maureen Manuszak

"Riley is a great place. I was very impressed with the students' cooperativeness and friendliness. The faculty have also been friendly and competent," reflected Ms. Joann Fox, Riley's new assistant principal.

Student attendance at football games and school spirit and pride were some of the other qualities that Ms. Fox mentioned.

The one thing that Ms. Fox said she would like to change is the skipping problem that Riley has. She would like to accomplish having no one truant at all. "People wasting their lives and not getting an education is one thing I hate."

Before joining Riley's administrative staff Ms. Fox was a

math teacher at Clay. She enjoyed her duties as a teacher, but she felt that being in administration was what she desired the most. "I know that I'll miss teaching and all the students, but I'll enjoy being here."

Born and raised in South Bend, Ms. Fox graduated from St. Joe High School. She then earned her Masters Degree in mathematics at Notre Dame University. Ms. Fox went on to earn her administration degree from Indiana University at South Bend.

Besides her duties as Riley's assistant principal, Ms. Fox is also the treasurer of the League of Women's Voters. In her spare time she enjoys shopping and does a lot of yard work.



Photo by M. Manuszak

## Wildlife

### Band activities

"I would like the student body to be there at the annual Band Festival," said band director Mr. DeShone. "The band has been practicing hard for the Festival." All South Bend area high schools will be participating, including Mishawaka and Marion. Admission for the 7:30 shows will be \$1 at School Field.

The Air Show at Michiana Regional airport is October 8 and 9. Riley band members will be selling programs on the 8th. They are selling to help raise money for new equipment. For each program you buy the band gets 25c. "Make sure you buy from Riley band members," Mr. DeShone advises.

The seniors in the band will be honored at the last home football game. This night is also the annual Jr. High night. The seniors will feature the Showcase for the Bands October 18 during half time.

### Spirit Club

"We at Riley are a family, and like a family, we are going to uphold the tradition of wildcat pride and spirit," commented Spirit Club advisor, Mrs. Totten. According to Mrs. Totten the club had a terrific start last year.

Again this year the club will be sponsoring the spirit chain, making various signs for sports events, and offering assortive items for the promotion of school spirit. A dance is another tentative plan as a part of Spirit Week this year.

### Homecoming

Any Riley student or faculty member is welcome to become involved with the group. The Spirit Club meets once a week during volleyball, basketball, football, and wrestling seasons. After basketball season they meet once every two weeks. For more information contact Mrs. To ten in room 114.

The 1983 Homecoming court consists of Valerie Fritsch, Sue Herczeg, Dawn Medich, Carol Mincy, Kandis Perry, Sue Peters, Valerie Ross, Stefanie Sandefur, Michele Stepanek, Chris Vanderheyden, and Valerie Pieniazkiewicz. The queen will be announced at tonight's game.

### Semi-Finalists named

The Class of '84 has three National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists to be proud of. Jill Maza, Patti Murphy, and Kim Voreis placed in the top one percent of all Indiana students who took the PSAT last October.

Kim and Jill would both like to become doctors. Kim would like to go to Notre Dame, while Jill prefers Yale. Being either a math teacher or a psychologist is Patti's future goal. She would like to attend either Oberlin or Purdue.

### JA Scholarships

The Junior Achievement Corporation of South Bend is offering a scholarship for high school seniors this year. According to Mike Devine, the amounts of the scholarships

hinges on the amount of money gained by the adult bowl-a-thon. J.A. hopes to offer a full, four year scholarship within the next two years.

Junior Achievement gives high school students the chance to run their own business, but, as Devine says, "It's important that your heart is in it and that you want to be involved."

### Hoosier Poet: "the best"

The staff of the 1983 Hoosier Poet has just received two awards from the American Scholastic Press Association. The First Place with Special Merit award was given to the Hoosier Poet because 940 out of 1000 was the grand total of the points earned for content presentation, general page design, general photography, publication structure, and creativity. The second award was given for An Outstanding Overall Book.

According to the judge, last year's yearbook staff had produced "a superior yearbook." The judge also commented that the staff and new advisor, Mr. Todd Hoover, have done exceptionally well.



## Judy Cantu reigns as 1983 LULAC Queen

by Georgiana Burks

"I felt very excited. The feeling inside of me was indescribable," said sophomore Judity (Judy) Cantu who was chosen as the '84 LULAC queen (League of United Latin America Citizens) on September 9th for Hispanic Week, Sept. 10-17. "It took a day or two to sink in!" she further commented.

Judy is the third in her family to reign as LULAC queen. The first was her aunt in 1968 who was the very first queen ever crowned. A few years later, another aunt was also crowned as queen. "The red cape that I wear was only worn three times by my two aunts, and now me. So that made this year's contest a little special," said Judy.

She later explained all the preparations and procedures she went through before the final decision was made. One of these decisions was that she had to attend three dances given by the LULAC committee with two other girls. "There we were presented to everyone and they were allowed to make their decision during the dance. And also boxes with our names, school grade, age, along with our pictures were put at Senor Kelly's Restaurant was a vote." she continued.

In Judy's spare time, she likes to listen to music, dance, participate in sports and draw pictures. When asked how she feels now she said "Full of excitement and joy. My eyes still hurt a little from the flashes on the cameras."



## Editorial

"We're proud of Algie!" shout students at pep assemblies and games. We certainly should be. When Mr. Oldham took over as principal in January, after seven years of being vice principal, he announced that his goal was to change Riley's image with the public.

His goal is getting closer and closer to being accomplished. The reason Riley's image was bad was because of unfair negative press coverage that was blown out to proportion. However, Riley has had no negative media coverage since Mr. Oldham became principal.

The Tribune did print the results of last spring's California Basic Skills Test and for Riley, that was great. Last year's freshmen through senior classes had a higher average in the total battery section than any other SBCSC (South Bend Community School Corporation) high school. This year's senior class scored the highest in every category (including math, science, reference skills, and social studies). All the other classes did quite well also. Every score was in the top three of the six high schools (Adams, Clay, LaSalle, Riley, Washington, and Young Alternative) in every subject.

People who have heard Riley students talking about how much they like their principal should certainly have a positive attitude about Riley. Question: Why do so many students like Mr. Oldham? Answer: How many principals have you heard of who know more than half of their students by name? Or who sit and talk with students in the cafeteria during all three lunch periods? Or who are referred to as "our Head Cheerleader"?

Having a lot less fights (especially ones termed "riots" by overzealous reporters and put on the six o'clock news) has certainly helped Riley's reputation. When someone asks what school one is from and his or her reply is "Riley", the person's next question is no longer "Oh, so how many times have you been beaten up?"

Riley's image has also been helped by several new rules. Since smoking in front of the building and smoking between classes are both extinct, people driving by can no longer think that students are skipping classes to smoke (how did they know it was between classes?)

The student's high scores probably didn't surprise many teachers because they know how good each department is. The excellence in the science and math departments is demonstrated in the contests entered and frequently won by Riley students. For example, Steve Longnecker and his NASA projects won two years in a row. Riley beat Adams in the Quiz Bowl last year and proved that Rileyites can excel in English also.

Many of Riley's activities should make good impressions on the public. How many high school bands had the honor of performing at Walt Disney World last year? The 1983 Hoosier Poet was rated "superior" by a national yearbook judging committee. What other art departments consecutively win the most gold keys in art contests? The Riley Thespians have won numerous awards and special honors at the last three Indiana State Thespian Conferences.

Another big plus is the new Parent Community Network. The active parent group helps out with dances and listens to requests and concerns of parents and students.

Of course, everything is not as perfect as it may sound. No school will ever be 100 percent problem free. However, when the students, faculty, and administrators all work together, Riley becomes a better place for everyone.

For example, many students expressed wishes for more dances. The students showed that they know how to behave at dances, so the fifth dance of the school year is tonight and it's only the third full week of school.

## Letters to the editor

It appears to me these days that we're losing our freedom--freedom of going to the photo studio of our choice to take our senior pictures. This year's yearbook will lose its "drama" in the senior picture section due to a "generic" photo company coming in and snapping are pictures. It seems to be somewhat a "tradition" to have senior pictures taken at DeGroff, but the choice seems to have demolished. In the 1983 Hoosier Poet the company that took our pictures, Root, did a rather tasteless job in producing our pictures. The pictures were dull, a drag, and also very plain. And when it was said that your senior picture won't be accepted from any other company other than Root, that is what we may say...discrimination?

In the 1982 pictures of both underclassmen and seniors were excellent, filled with drama, very different than any other schools and who took the pictures?...DeGroff.

Some seniors I have spoken to said that it is ratherly low for them to take their senior pictures from some place that is unknown to us. This company, Root, is somewhere in Illinois and where is DeGroff?...just down the street, with much less hassle and worry.

By the time I am a senior I hope that DeGroff will be taking the senior pictures instead of Root because in 1985 the senior section just might be blank because like me, I don't want to face "picture discrimination"

## Riley's earring policy; a violation of student rights

by Chris Pickenpaugh

Here at Riley, we are constantly confronted with daily rules and regulations restricting individual freedom. The majority of these rules hold very substantial purposes. They aid in maintaining privacy and security for both students and teachers alike.

But, unfortunately, not all rules are instated for this purpose. Some rules are made merely to suit the preferences of the governing few. Often, when this occurs, the rights of the people are harshly infringed upon. A situation as this is wrong; seriously wrong.

At the beginning of this school year the students were notified by Riley's administration that the wearing of earrings by male students is illegal. Such a rule directly infringes upon the rights of our male student body. A person reserves and deserves the right to choose to wear earrings to school.

The school system's dress code clearly states that articles of clothing should not be worn if they act as a distraction to the teachers or students, or act as a physical hazard to the possessor or others around. An object as minute as an earring can hardly



be referred to as a distraction to the teachers or their classes. In the early 1970's, during the infamous hey-day of the ever-popular mini-skirt, young women were gallivanting merrily through the halls of ol' Riley High. Even though such promiscuous thigh flashing can be quite distracting (take this writer's word for it), mini-skirt wearing was, eventually, proclaimed legal. Now that mini-skirts are again in style,

girls are once again tip-toe-ing, bare-kneed and bobby-socked, up and down our illustrious halls and not a single rule has been instated against them regardless of the multitudes of male heads that they turn. Yet, an object that is as diminutive as a pencil eraser is designated as illegal.

Can an earring become a hazard to those who wear them or others about them? Certainly it may. Clear proof of this is

shown by the virtually countless numbers of male earring-related accidents that occurred at Riley over the past five years.

It has become socially acceptable in our country for young women to wear two, three, even four earrings. Yet, it is taboo for a male to wear one earring. This is sexual discrimination. If a female is allowed to wear earrings, so should a male. In such highly respected countries as England, earrings worn by males are considered to be quite vogue. In fact, the wearing of earrings is a very popular custom of some African tribes. Still, here at Riley it is considered illegal.

An argument that may be upheld by the anti-earring administration is that earrings

worn by males may tend to defame the reputation of Riley because such actions infer an advocacy of "drugs, sex, and rock n' roll", or (dare I say it) homosexuality. It is the decision of the student to wear earrings not the decision of the school.

How far will this sudden oppressive dress code go? How do we know that the privilege of, let us say, wearing shorts to school will not be done away with next? As students of this school it is our obligation to stand behind the principles that

we so firmly believe in. A person's right to wear what he or she chooses must not be infringed upon by the personal preferences of the administration.

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## Drama Club members explore New York City

by Linda Makley

"You sure were calm for someone who just talked to Mark Hamill."

"That was MARK HAMILL?" exclaimed senior Melanie Wells. Running into a celebrity, like Star War's Mark Hamill, in a novelty store isn't very unusual in a city as exciting as New York. Not recognizing a star is a bit more unusual. "He had on dark glasses and seemed so short," explained Melanie.

Nine Drama Club members and two chaperones went to the Big Apple from June 16-20 along with about 90 other students and chaperones involved in drama in Indiana.

Seniors Pam Warren and Melanie Wells, Juniors Chance Cribbs, Debbie Flanders, Bart Goldberg, Gary Kresca, and Janet Kurupka and Sophomores Jim Craddock and Debbie Warren are the Riley students who went. Drama Club sponsor Mr. John H.B. Kauss and Melanie's mom, Elizabeth Wells, chaperoned.

The group saw many Broadway plays. Sandy Duncan and the Rockettes were featured in "Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Dance!" at the Radio City Music Hall.

They also saw "The Fantastiks", one of the longest running off-broadway plays. Diahann Carroll was featured in "Agnes of God", a drama about a nun who gives birth.

Those who could afford it saw "Joseph and His Technicolor Dreamcoat" starring David Cassidy. "Merlin", a musical featuring Doug Henning and Chita Rivera, was also viewed by some.

Debbie Flanders got the autographs of Twiggy and Tommy Tune after seeing their musical, "My One and Only".

The group did many of the usual tourist activities. These include taking a 3-hour boat tour around Manhattan Island, visiting the Lincoln Center, Metropolitan Opera, the Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island and going to the top of the Empire State Building.

They enjoyed a buggy ride around Central Park and shopping (mostly looking) in many of the extravagant stores, like Bloomingdale's and Macy's. The hotel they stayed in is located in Theatre Row near where Dustin Hoffman filmed "Tootsie".

Everyone felt that a week isn't enough time to do everything. "The whole town sparkles," said Melanie. "It was bizarre because it seemed like the town never ended or rested".

On many street corners, there would be musicians, dancers, or even mimes. On the walls of practically all the restaurants were pictures of the stars that had eaten there.

Everybody wished that they had more free time to explore. Bart liked seeing all the plays. "It was neat to think that one day I might be up there."

Bart also enjoyed getting to know the other people on the trip. "We met people with the same interest and compared things like how school plays are done", said Bart.

Practically everyone wished they lived closer so they could spend more time in NYC.

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## Medich leads Cats to victory against Roosevelt

By Denise Jozwiak

The Riley varsity football team owns a 2-4 overall record and 1-1 cluster record after a 12-8 win over Gary Roosevelt last Friday night.

Senior receiver Fred Medich ran for Riley's two touchdowns after catching passes from senior quarterback Tony Simeri on the Riley 7 and 13 yard lines.

Medich also caught five passes for more than 70 yards and junior Tom O'Neill caught five passes for more than 50 yards.

The Wildcat defense headed by seniors Jeff Katona and Craig West, sacked the Roosevelt quarterback eight times.

The Cats opened their season with a 13-0 loss to South Bend Washington, coached by former Riley assistant Larry Szczechowski.

The Cats bounced back the next week to win an exciting victory over East Chicago Washington 42-6. Senior Dan Bytner started the action with a 90 yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Junior Tom O'Neill continued the Cats winning ways with a 31 yard touchdown pass from Simeri. Other Riley touchdowns were made by junior Brent Woodard, two yard run, senior Tony Ross, two yard run, junior Dave Dunlap, sixteen yard run, and junior Richard Taylor, 21 yard run.

In the third game of the season Riley lost to Adams 16-0. Simeri was 7 out of 15 for 91 yards and was intercepted once.

The Cats lost their first cluster game to Clay 14-13 in overtime. Junior Brent Woodard scored a touchdown on a three yard run to start Riley with a 7-0 lead early in the first

period. The Colonials didn't waste any time getting their own touchdown to make the score 7-7.

Senior Craig West led the Riley overtime effort carrying the ball eight yards on the second play and then he punched the ball over with a one yard plunge on the final snap of the series.

Riley's tough defense led by junior Juan Ramirez, Katona, and West sacked Clay quarterback Chris Cason for a eleven yard loss on the second play of the Colonial overtime series.

Riley's other loss came on September 16th when the Cats lost to the Mishawaka Cavemen 14-

Cluster action continues for Riley tonight with their homecoming game played against LaSalle at Jackson Field, kickoff is at 7:30.



Photo by R. Koch

Riley's offense plans strategy against Mishawaka

## Swimmer Kandis Perry: Riley's Olympic Hopeful

By Helen Hillman



Riley has an athlete that we can all be proud of, and she is Kandis Perry. Kandis was chosen to swim in the Olympic Trials this June.

She began swimming when she was six years old. It was during the summer, and she was staying with her Aunt and Uncle. Her two cousins were taking swimming lessons, and were on a local swim team. Because she didn't have anything else to do, Kandis joined them in their lessons. The instructor thought she had potential, and signed her up for the team. Kandis enjoyed swimming, and the competition of being on the team, so she decided to keep it up.

Since then, Kandis has swum for many coaches and many teams, including Riley. Her favorite stroke is butterfly. Her best time is 55.5 for 100 yard butterfly. Kandis also swims freestyle. Her best times for this stroke are: 200 yards 1:51.9, and 500 yards, 4:59, both of which have broken school and pool records at Riley.

Kandis is very proud of every award she has won. "I feel if something is won and there is well known hard work behind it, then the award is important," Kandis says. "The award that I am most proud of is the third place medal I received

from the National Sports Festival in Colorado for 100 yard butterfly."

Kandis feels very honored to be chosen for the Olympic Trials. "Being an Olympian has always been a dream," she says. "I imagine it is a dream of many athletes."

Being picked for the Olympic Trials is Kandis' biggest achievement. In order to be chosen, Kandis had to meet a certain time standard: 103.00 for 100 meters butterfly. She beat that standard last summer, when she swam a time of 102.2 for the event. Kandis will go to Indianapolis for the trials this June and swim at a new Olympic size facility there. The best few swimmers from each event will go on to the Olympics.

## Walker and Frazier lead cross country teams

by Ron Koch

The girls cross country team started off their season by placing 5th at the Penn-Hokum-Karem relays. The team of Patti Murphy and Cheryl Walker placed 9th. The girls next ran

against Watervliet, Three Rivers, and Niles. They came out of that meet with a 2-1 record. They then ran Clay, Memorial, and St. Joe. Despite Cheryl Walker's first place in the meet the girls weren't able to defeat any of the teams.

At the first home meet, the girls beat both Washington and LaSalle. Going into the New Prairie Invitational with a record of 4-1, the girls placed 16th.

There are three letter winners returning to the team this year. They are senior co-captains Cheryl Walker and Patti Murphy and sophomore Amy

Badger. Other team members are, sophomores Wanda Abergg, Sharolyn Blacketer, and freshman Mary Weber.

"Cheryl Walker is our school record holder and is a definite threat at the state meet," said Coach Morningstar. "The team has already won more than last year. Our goal is to be the first Riley girls team to qualify for regionals," stated Morningstar.

The boys cross country team opened up their season by placing 7th at the Penn-Hokum-Karem relays. The team of Mitch Hastings and Kurt Frazier placed 3rd.

At their second meet the team ran against Brandywine, Watervliet, Three Rivers, and Niles, Riley came out of that meet with a 2-2 record beating Brandywine and Watervliet. Next, they ran against Clay, Memorial and St. Joe. Riley beat Clay, but lost to Memorial and St. Joe.

For their first home meet, Riley ran against Washington and LaSalle. The Wildcats topped Washington by five points but lost to LaSalle by one point. At the New Prairie Invitational the team placed 14th overall.

This year there is only one returning letterman and that is junior Kurt Frazier. Other members are, seniors Steve Billheimer, Steve Elek, Jack Hanks, Jeff Humphrey, and

Putebaugh, Todd Regina, Peter Vitale, Mitch Hastings and captain Mike Weber. Also junior Rob McChesney, sophomores Mike Cook, Todd Shriver, Eugene Shafer, Ron Lemanski, Ron Koch, and Scott Easton.

Kurt has to be ranked as one of the top runners in the state, said Coach Larry Morningstar, "our lack of varsity experience is hurting us but we are working hard to be ready for sectionals."

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