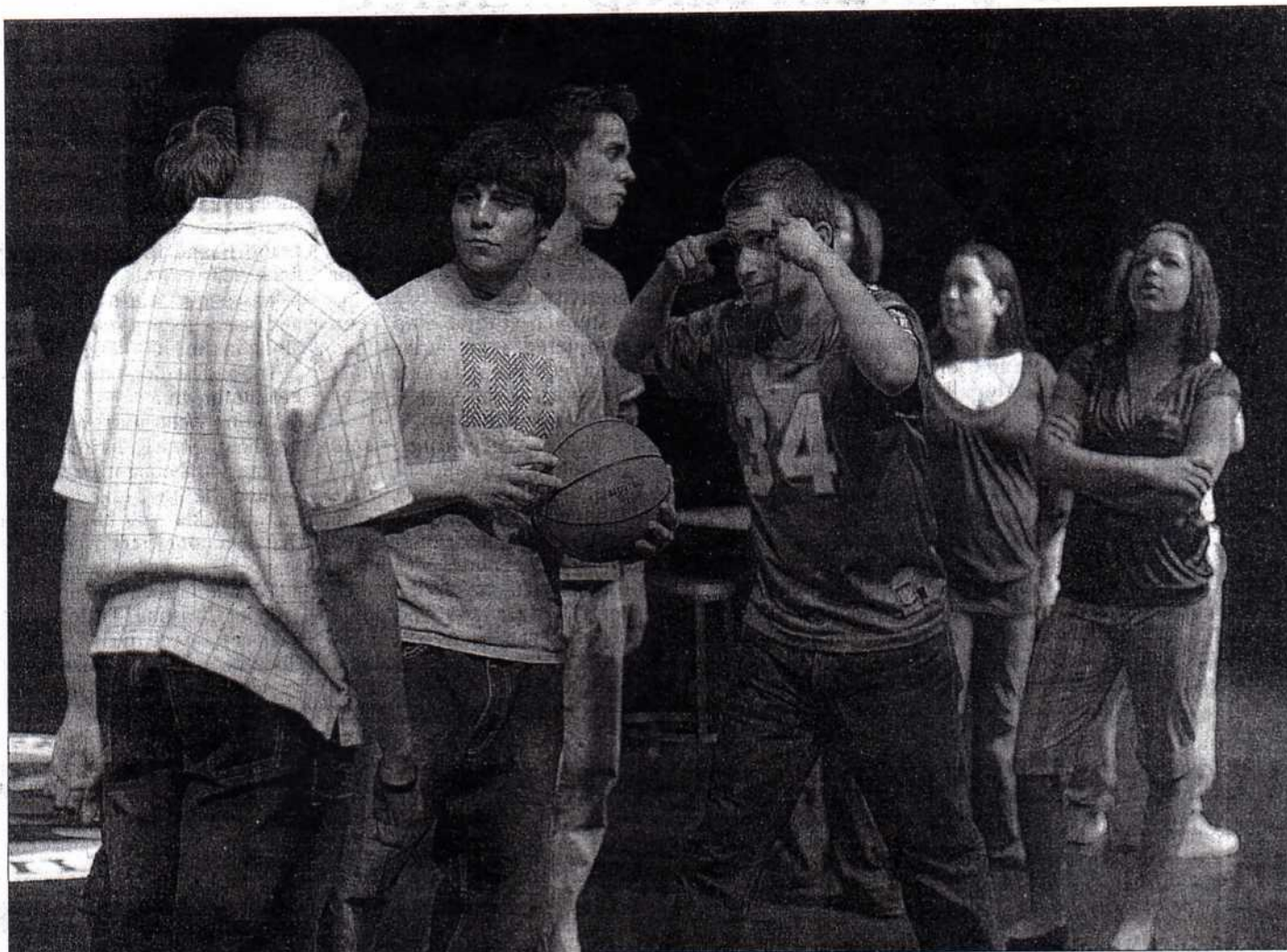


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## Athlete trades field for theater



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River Ridge High junior Jordan Kronen plays Troy, a jock who tries out for theater, in the school's production of "High School Musical" on Thursday evening at the River Ridge theater.

### River Ridge junior lands lead in 'High School Musical'

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Life is imitating art for River Ridge High School junior Jordan Kronen, a self-proclaimed jock who plays a jock-turned-actor in the play "High School Musical."

Kronen had never acted be-

fore when he decided to try out for a part in "High School Musical" on a day when his power-lifting class had been canceled.

He landed the lead role.

"I decided to give up power lifting to do this," Kronen said. "My character, Troy, is me because he is going through the same things I am going through."

The play, taken from the Disney movie of the same name, is a "Romeo and Juliet" story in which two high school juniors from rival cliques develop a crush and try out for a high

school musical together. The message is to resist peer pressure by being true to oneself. Kronen's character is the lead jock who breaks away from his stereotype to sing and dance.

"High School Musical" will be performed at River Ridge High School Theater by Kronen and a cast of 33 students and two teachers at 7:30 p.m. daily until Saturday. The actors performed last weekend to an enthusiastic crowd of about 400, they said.

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### If you go

- **What:** River Ridge High School theater's production of "High School Musical"
- **When:** 7:30 p.m. daily through Saturday
- **Where:** 350 River Ridge Drive S.E., Lacey
- **Cost:** Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$6 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at door or at [www.seatyourself.biz/riveridge](http://www.seatyourself.biz/riveridge).