

RODNEY TAKES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



The triumphant Pierre wrestlers are presented with the second place trophy for participation in the State Wrestling tournament.



Rodney Stoeser, state champion wrestler.

The outstanding Governor wrestling squad captured second place honors and the runners-up trophy at the State Wrestling Tournament February 21 and 22 in Huron.

The Governors were nudged by only one point for the top spot by the Brookings Bobcats, with respective team totals of 49 and 50 points. Rapid City also made a strong bid with 47 points, followed by Watertown at 42, Gregory 40, Milbank 39, Huron 37, and Yankton 20.

Going into the final round Pierre led over Brookings 44-42 but the Bobcats pulled 2 champions and a 3rd place finisher to take the win. Pierre had 1 champion and a 3rd place winner while losing four other final-round matches.

The title was up for grabs clear into the championship round and was only cinched when Brookings' Jan Sanderson narrowly won the 145 lb. bout.

In one of the most exciting

matches of the tournament Pierre's Rod (Band-Aid) Stoeser won over Mike Nelson of Sisseton for the championship, 1-0. The match went scoreless until the final ten seconds when Stoeser gained an escape. Nelson came back with five seconds left and had Rod down, but not far enough to collect the two points intine.

The 138 lb. class saw Dale Hernandez of Pierre taking consolation honors. The "Governor of Mexico," competing in one of the toughest weight classes this year, defeated Milbrandt of Aberdeen 5-1 in his regular speedy fashion.

At 103, Kirby Hedman (only a sophomore) lost a real close match for 3rd place, 3-2, to last year's defending state champion at that weight.

In the 120 lb. championship match, Rod Distad decisioned Pat Suiter 6-0, getting an early takedown and a long ride. Earlier in the season they had tied in a match, 4-4.

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National Merit Picks Finalists

Monty Bieber, Chris Hughes, and George Ledbetter were announced National Merit Scholarship Finalists this month on the basis of scores achieved on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The three Riggs finalists are now eligible for any of 2800 Merit or Merit sponsored scholarships. They rank among the top 15,000 students in the nation.

To become a finalist, students must take the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in their junior year. The results are used to choose the semifinalists in this program. Findings are announced at the beginning of the students senior year. The semifinalists who are recommended by their schools, who fulfill all requirements, and who confirm their score on the NMSQT by their scores on SAT become Merit finalists. Finalists receive a Certificate of Merit, and hopefully a scholarship when the awards are announced on or by May 1, 1969.

Four Qualify For All-State

Among 145 musicians selected from 1600 who participated in statewide auditions for All-State Band, the highest state honor awarded high school band musicians, were Riggs students Marsha Herther, Kim Kurvink, Randy Schumacher, and Kathy Sigle. They were required to play solos and take sight-reading tests before a judge in addition to showing proficiency in a written test of musical terms. Marsha Herther and Randy Schumacher are seniors, Kim and Kathy, juniors, have both previously attended a session of All-State Band. They will leave March 20 for Sturgis, accompanied by Riggs band instructor, Mr. Sampson. Practices will be held March 21 and 22. A formal concert Saturday evening, March 22, conducted by Dr. Gene Braught, University of Oklahoma, will climax the two day musical event.

Spring Play Practice Starts

"The Madwoman of Chailot" has been chosen as the all school spring dramatic production to be presented April 15, 16 and 18. Tryouts were held Tuesday and Wednesday, and announcements of the cast will be made next week.

The cast consists of 15 men and 10 women including several madwomen, two young lovers, several promoters and a large group of vagabonds.

The play written by Jean Giraudous, is a kind of poetic and comic fable set in the twilight zone of the not quite true. It takes place in Paris, France, about the mid-18 hundreds. The conflict centers around the corruption of the earth, proving once again that the "good guy" wins over the "bad guy" all the time.

Today is "Esther Day"

We, the students of Riggs High, with the cooperation of KCCR, AFS, and the Spanish Club, have set aside this day, Friday, February 28, for recognizing Esther Piccione, our AFS student.

Esther has added a lot to the '68-'69 school year at Riggs. In addition to her friendly smile and cheery disposition, she was a candidate for Junior Miss and Snow Queen, is in drill team, chorus, AFS and Spanish Club.

She still finds time for dancing and piano lessons, not to mention the long nights of studying she has put in, and her regular correspondence to her friends and family in Spain.

"WE SALUTE YOU, ESTHER!"

Governor

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37 Indicted in Mock Trial

"These 37 people have been charged with possessing the qualities of leadership, scholarship, service and character. Has the jury reached a verdict?"

"Your Honor, we find all 37 guilty as charged."

So ended the February 3 assembly program in which 37 Riggs High juniors and seniors were announced as candidates for National Honor Society. The candidates were selected from among the upper third of the juniors and seniors scholastically. Those eligible were ranked on a point system for leadership and service to the school by the entire teaching staff. They were also rated for character by the teachers. A certain percentage of those with the highest ratings were accepted for membership.

The court room skit included a cast of all the old NHS members, featuring Kim Krull, NHS president, as the judge, and John Beekley as the bailiff. The jury was composed of Marsha Martin, Chris Hughes, and Al Slaathaugh. Assisting the bailiff were Mary Wilcox, Denise Torvik and Mary Ihli. Prosecutors, Monty Bieber and George Ledbetter called up witnesses Marsha Herther, Jean Sarvis, Connie Wise and Judy Pugh as

representatives of the four qualities of the society's members.

The 37 initiates included the following seniors: Barbara Andrews, Dean Balsiger, Marilee Cowan, Linda Gunderson, Jim Hunt, Janet Iverson, Patti Kjelland, Cliff Mason, Pam Neuharth, Jim Quinn, Gloria Schofield, Bonnie Sivage, Dane Snodgrass, Darrell Templeton, Mary Lou Walsh. The AFS student, Esther Piccione, was also accepted as an honorary member.

Juniors selected for membership were: Jim Ackerman, Fred Carl, Linda Edzards, Patty Englet, Marge Flannery, Sheryl Gitchell, Dennis Groff, Linda Hemminger, Tom Huber, Kathy Kelly, Kim Kurvink, Janet Lehecka, Jim Melstad, Martha Nelson, Steve Robinson, Linda Sampson, Kathy Sigle, Pat Suiter, Tim Thayer, Mary Warne, and Patty Wilcox.

Initiation week included a banquet Tuesday night, February 4, in the study hall.

The conclusion of the initiation procedure was the formal initiation ceremony held February 11 in the band room for all members, parents and teachers. A substantial number of parents and teachers looked on as the initiates were formally accepted



The honored journalists of Riggs High were announced at an all school assembly by the former Quill and Scroll members.

Journalists Hailed

Twelve students were chosen for membership into Quill & Scroll, honorary journalism society, at a special assembly Monday, February 17. Selected for their outstanding abilities in the field of journalism were: seniors - Mary Wilcox, Pam Neuharth, Lucy Canaday, Denise Torvik, Mary Ihli, Mary Walsh, Patty Kjelland, Gary Snow, Monty Bieber, and Jim Hunt; juniors - Mary Ann Drenkhahn, Sue Stevens.

According to the Constitution, members of Quill and Scroll must be chosen from the students in the high school who, at the time of their election, meet the following

qualifications: (1) They must be of at least junior or senior classification, (2) they must be in the upper third of their class in general scholastic standing, either for the year of their election, or for the cumulative total of all of their high school work, (3) they must have done superior work in some phase of journalism or school publications work, such as writing, editing, business management or production, (4) they must be recommended by the supervisor or by the committee governing publications, (5) they must be approved by the Executive Secretary of the Society.

Debaters Debunked

The Riggs Debate team has come close to winning several meets recently, but has fallen short each time. They have placed second in debate twice in the last month, and two debaters won third at a non-sponsored meet.

The second place award at the Black Hills College meet on Feb. 7-8 went to the team of Kerry Huft, Martha Nelson, Monty Bieber and Doug Beemer, with a record of 6-2. George Ledbetter and Jim Hunt participated in a meet at Denver that same weekend and took third in debate and fourth in sweepstakes overall.

At the Midwest Tournament in Sioux Falls on Feb. 14-15, Jim and George took second place in debate to a team from Blake school in Hopkins, Minnesota. The two Pierre debaters had beaten the winners once in the first round of debate, but in the final round they lost on a two to one decision. George also won second place in extemp and was awarded a trophy for top speaker in debate.

At the State NFL Tournament in Brookings Feb. 21-22, Pierre was eliminated early from the debate competition, but Ledbetter placed fourth in extemp.



Esther Piccione, the AFS foreign exchange student from Madrid, Spain, is being honored today in Riggs High School.



Mrs. Myers, newly selected Teacher-of-the-Year, shows National Honor Society president Kim Krull a few basic English teaching techniques.

PHS Salutes Mrs. Myers

Mrs. Florence Myers was chosen teacher of the year by the senior members of National Honor Society.

Mrs. Myers has taught at Riggs since 1960. She has always taught English and is currently teaching five classes of Junior English.

She stated that there haven't been many changes in the methods of teaching English in the nine years she has been in senior high. However, she believes contract teaching, which was introduced at the last teachers meeting, is an excellent idea for English classes.

When asked how she felt about receiving "Teacher of the Year" she smiled and said, "I can't explain it, but I was on the verge of tears."

Mrs. Myers has been the advisor of

the present senior class since they were sophomores, making them well qualified in selecting Mrs. Myers.

When asked what her gift was, she proudly exhibited a pen desk set, and, with a large smile, said "Oh! This."

Two long weekends instead of midweek holidays are in store for next year's students if the state legislature accepts the plan already passed by Congress to have five new Monday holidays. The two weekend holidays that would be days of legal discontinuance for school are Memorial Day on the last Monday in May and Veterans Day on the fourth Monday in October.

Pierre Boy Discovers Where The Girls Are

"Hi there! What are you doing after school?"

"Oh nothing, I think I'll just go home and sleep. Nothing else to do."

With my alibi safely planted in my friend's mind, I hurry from the school building and rush to the state capitol building. To watch the legislators? Heaven forbid! I do what any normal, red-blooded American boy would do, watch the pages!

Every fifteen days of the legislative session, Pierre is charmed by the presence of thirteen pages from across the state. Most of the high school students happen to be girls, and, as an unofficial host, I do my best to welcome them to the capitol city. My work is strenuous and involves many grinding details. For instance, I take it upon myself to entertain one or two of the girls every weekend. Although I realize

that it is definitely a burden to take out a beautiful girl, I also realize that it is the duty of a good citizen of South Dakota to entertain these government officials. So I do my best.

Finding entertainment is sometimes a chore, however. Do you realize how difficult it is to ask a beautiful girl if she would like to see the dam on Friday night and not let her know what you really have in mind? You can take my word it is down right difficult! But, I guess that it is all worth it when she thanks you on her final day and says, "Be sure to come to my hometown someday, and then I can entertain you!" I think I just might take her up on that.

Candidates for "King of Hearts", the honored senior picked by the Jobs Daughters at their annual King of Hearts dance, include: Bob Gunderson, Gary Snow, Bryan Ice, Tom Gardner, Al Slaathaug, Rod Stooser, Prentice Weaver, Mark Larscheid, Rhys Schmidt, Dave Jensen, Jim Hunt, Kim Krull and Fred Lillibridge. Kathy Kelley, honored queen, will conduct the coronation ceremony during intermission at the dance Saturday night at the Masonic Temple. The Lovin' Blue from the University of South Dakota will provide the entertainment.

U-ie Etiquette Standardized

The U-ie, also referred to as "shooting the loop" and "dragging main", is familiar to all of us. It stretches from the stop sign at the top of the hill to the U-ie at the bottom and back again. The average loop consists of two stop signs and two stop lights and takes somewhere around eight minutes.

For the benefit of the sophomores, rather new drivers and as yet unaccustomed to the ways of senior high, here are a few basic rules to remember.

Rule 1: When passing someone you know always use the horn. Girls always honk at the boys; it is not the other way around. Boys may return a honk for a honk but never first. This minimizes the chance of collision by bringing into effect the basic principle, "If a woman driver can't see or hear you, she can't hit you." (At least it is supposed to work that way.)

Rule 2: Signals - One honk means "Hi". Two honks mean "Well, hello there!" and three honks mean "I love you." If you meet someone coming down the hill as you're going up and they're waving their hands and blowing their horn and gritting their teeth take caution; these are emergency signals. They mean one of two things: 1) There is one or more of the establishment, (also known as cops, bluecoat, fuzz, wardens, etc.) up on the hill plying their trade. 2) This driver has diarrhea. Both of these situations are touchy. We repeat, take caution!

Rule 3: The speed limit - It is 30 mph all the way to the top of the hill, not just to the Corral, and the caution signs at the Church are there for a reason. Use 'em. Let's keep calling this "the loop" or "the U-ie" and not end up calling it Death Valley and Thunderroad.

Potpourri On Pot

In this edition of the Governor there are some opinions, expressed by the students in Mr. Glanzer's American History class, pertaining to drugs, Marijuana in particular. In reading through these remarks and others that were not published, this editor has come to the conclusion that there is definitely a threat of Pierre Riggs High being invaded by "Pot." Most of the opinions were not against the use of "Mary Jane" and some even advocated its use.

Because of this apathy toward breaking the law and using "reefers," this editor believes that either more realistic education is needed (like perhaps a good lyceum on just "grass.") or at least an awareness that a problem is starting. I believe that almost every student in Pierre knows that the "weed" has been and is in town and is likely to increase in the next several months. Because of the ease by which practically anyone can obtain it, I think that the individual has to look past himself. He has to, among many other things, think about his school. We all know that the reputation of Rapid City High School has gone down tremendously since marijuana has been used extensively by the students, and we all have to realize that Pierre's reputation will likewise diminish if people start using the drug.

If we are so self-centered and selfish that we think only of ourselves and not of our parents, friends, and school, than maybe we do need to take a good, look at ourselves—not with drugs, but with a psychiatrist.

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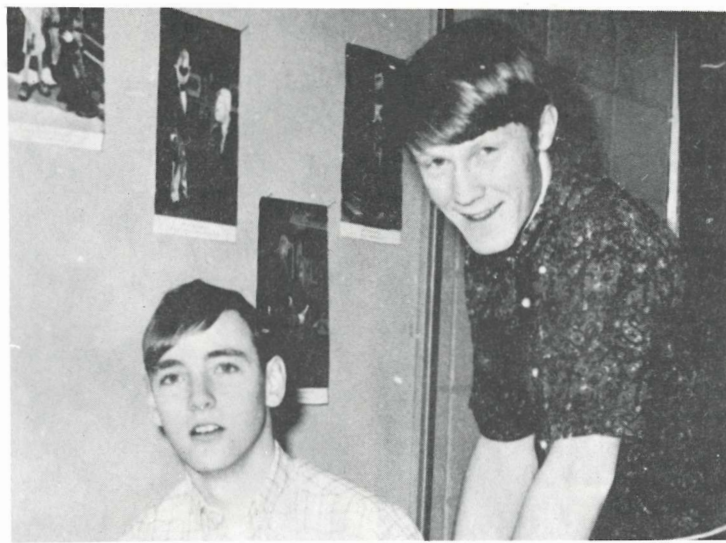
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Jim Hunt and George Ledbetter, A squad debate team members, have placed in all of the tournaments they have entered this season and they came home from the Rocky Mountain Debate tournament in Denver with third place honors.

Debaters Hit Big Time

Two Riggs debaters, Jim Hunt and George Ledbetter, traveled to Denver Feb. 7 and 8 for the 38th annual Rocky Mountain Debate Tournament and returned with the third place debate trophy. George also won the impromptu speaking contest and brought home a trophy for Best Speaker in debate.

The two attended the Denver University Summer Speech Institute and were issued the invitation to the tournament by Mr. Glen Strickland, Director of Forensics at the University. They were sponsored by the Riggs High debate department but they paid their own expenses for the out of state trip.

In debate George and Jim had a 5 to 1 record in the preliminary rounds and were matched against a team from Aurora Hinckley High School in Denver in the quarter final round. They won that debate on a 3 to 0 decision by the judges but lost in the semifinals on a 2 to 1 decision to two debaters from Denver East High.

Ledbetter was awarded the speaker trophy on the basis of speaker ratings for the six prelim debate rounds. He had 173 of 180 possible for the highest total of any student at the meet.

In the impromptu contest, George received a first and a second in the preliminary rounds which were also the first rounds of impromptu in which he had ever participated. He won the first place trophy for his speech in the final round.

Council Begins New Semester

The second semester student council had its first meeting February 12, 1969. Primary on the agenda was the election of new officers (the advisory council and the secretary-treasurer). The advisory council is a condensed student council which will take the brunt of this semester's work. It consists of two members from each class, plus the mayor and vice-mayor.

Linda Kannegieter, State Deca Club publicity reporter, traveled to Aberdeen on February 3 to attend the State Deca planning committee meeting. At their meeting in the Friendship Inn Hotel, the committee made plans for the State Deca Conference to be held on March 24 and 25 in Aberdeen.

Sophs Take Top Honors

In the second quarter of the year, the sophomores had the most students on the honor roll. There were 49 sophomores, 48 seniors, and 46 juniors on the honor roll. The juniors had the most students on the list the first quarter with 13 more than the seniors and one more than the sophomores.

The seniors making the honor roll are: Barb Andrews, John Beekley, Dean Balsiger, Don Beeman, Monty Bieber, Greg Brown, Marilee Cowan, Mike Denton, Kurtis Dixon, Renee Ellwein, Gaylon Flatau, Janice Gifford, Julie Gilkerson, Linda Gunderson, Barb Harding, Robert Huber, Christina Hughes, Mary Ihli, Janet Iversen, Sherry Kallsen, Patti Kjelland, George Ledbetter, Kim Krull, Fred Lillibridge, Bill Martin, Ken Mason, Damon Milner, Henry Mott, Mary Neiber, Doug Parkinson, Judy Pugh, James Quinn, Stan Rieger, Janet Osterkamp, Duane Roseth, Emma Jean Sarvis, Doug Schomer, Karen Singer, Bonnie Sivage, Bob Slocum, Gary Snow, Darrell Templeton, Denise Torvik, Deborah Wall, Mary Walsh, Mary Wilcox, Pam Neuharth, and Dan Monlux.

The juniors on the list are: Grace Abbott, Cynthia Ball, Diana Bergeson, Fred Carl, Maryann Drenkhahn, Sue Dryden, Linda Edzards, Kathy Ellwein, Patty Englet, Dennis Groff, Bruce Haggard, Mary Hedman, Lonn Hesla, Joel Huber, Tom Huber, Barb Jensen, Gayle Jirsa, Marilee Johnson, Kim Kurvink, Tom Lee, John McCollough, Pat McLellan, John Miller, Curt Mortenson, Martha Nelson, Marlin Nielsen, Sheryl Olson, Dave Parkinson, Everett Putnam, Bob Rychtarik, Patti Schaefer Pat Schumacher, Mary Schwalm, Nancy Shaw, Kathy Sigle, Sue Stevens, Matt Stevens, Dale Suiter, Donna Sundahl, Tim Thayer, Sidney Thompson, Steve Todd, Howard Uglund, Mary Warne, Patricia Wilcox, and Marlene Winckler.

Sophomores making the honor roll are Robin Albertus, Ervin Anderson, Jeanne Argenian, Hugh Bartels, Pam Barth, Doug Beemer, Becky Berguin, Dean Borth, Mary Joe Burke, Cheryl Chandler, Patricia Davis, Betty Deyo, Laretta Dimmick, Teresa Disburg, Daniel Driscoll, Susan Edzards, Nancy Fix, Paula Forney, Gail Goodrich, Robert Gray, Bill Hanson, Karla Hedman, Dawn Henriksen, Laurel Hieb, Georgia Hill, Carol Iversen, Scott Jones, Laura Karim, Craig Kjar, Tom Krier, Cynthia Larson, Marshall McNickle, Robert Martin, Robert Miller, Earl Osterkamp, Mary Lou Palmer, Mary Porter, Chris Roberts, LeAnn Roth, Loretta Schultz, Lonny Severson, Mike Smith, Misti Snow, Linda Stroup, Amy Weibel, Kerry Wenbourne, Bob West, Joyce Winkler, and Becky Bersagel.

Box lunches were the feature of the annual F.H.A. Daddy Date night held February 10 in the Home Economics rooms. Each FHA'er brought her father or a substitute to the party.

Students Request Assembly Change

DEAR EDITOR:

We are all happy to be granted reprieves from our regular classes in order that we might attend those noteworthy activities presented for us by performers, speakers, etc., in lyceums. Some of these presentations are pretty bad, but they generally are acceptable and are enjoyed by most of the students.

Recently a problem has arisen which calls for immediate action by the administration. That problem is one of seating, and it is most acutely felt by the seniors who get to assembly last. The senior class needs a sizeable amount of room to be comfortably seated (if comfortable seating is possible on those wooden planks). The junior class, of course, also requires considerable space, and has been allotted such space at the west end of the bleachers, theoretically leaving at least 1/2 of the bleachers to the seniors.

A nice theory, but hardly a practical one. The juniors fill their section starting in the middle, and moving toward the senior section. The seniors are forced into an ever smaller space, causing discomfort and unrest, particularly if the assembly is a long one.

The reasonable solution, then, is for the juniors to begin at the far end of the bleachers and work toward the middle, so that ample seating can be provided for all. When seniors must sit in the balcony with the sophomores, and if this practice continues to be necessary, dissatisfaction, lack of spirit, and bad behavior can be expected.

Since the solution is so simple, why has nothing been done?

Crowdedly,
Monty Bieber

DEAR EDITOR:

We would like to take this opportunity to express our malcontent with school policy regarding pep assemblies. It appears that certain members of the faculty and administration feel that compulsory attendance at pep assemblies is absolutely necessary for the complete and proper development of a socially acceptable individual. Yes, it is manifest that many pupils of Riggs High receive the ultimate in satisfaction from the adolescent idolatry of the pubescent deity - THE ATHLETE.

The masses scream for their heroes in a manner bordering on hysteria and flail their arms in a paroxysm of worship. (Shades of the Nazi Youth

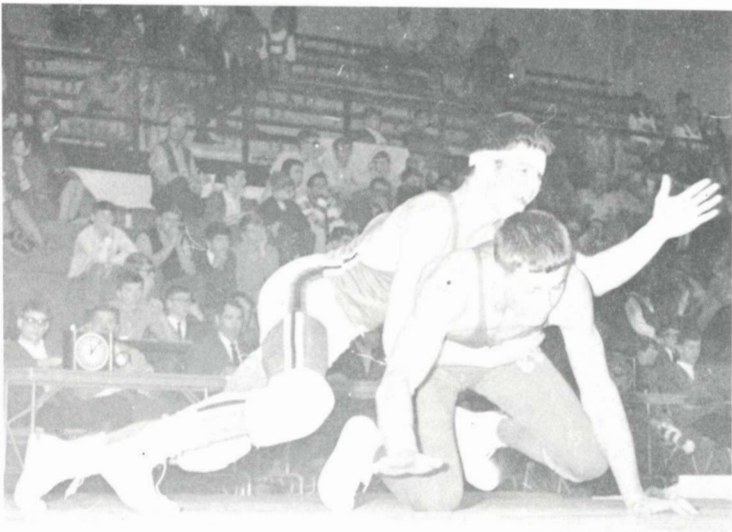
Party?) This tumultuous sea of young hotbloods is led by their duly elected purveyors of school spirit, the queens of the high school clique - the cheerleaders.

Although this type of emotional release is popular with many of our students, there are others, just as validly disposed, who would rather detach themselves from this absurd world of fantasy and engage themselves in a more intellectual form of expression.

Let's not become so overbearing as to coerce dissenting students into attending pep assemblies. We request that this archaic and barbaric tradition of intimidation be absolved, and a place of study be provided for those students not desiring to attend pep assemblies.

Signed,
Doug Parkinson
Cliff Mason
Greg Brown

The Buffalo Reporter of Ft. Pierre had an article on Tim Thayer's visit to their Biology Club. Tim spoke to the future biologists on his fossil findings in and around the Pierre area.



State wrestling champ at the 133 pound class, Rodney Stoesser, uses his wrestling skills against a District VII foe. Stoesser went on to place second in the District and first in both the Region and State Tourneys.

Governors Just Nipped by Yankton Bucks

The Pierre Governors have played five basketball games in recent weeks, four of which were in the Eastern South Dakota conference. The fifth game was a non-conference clash involving the Bismarck Demons in the 14th annual Governor's Day classic. They beat Bismarck and Madison and lost to Huron, Mitchell and Yankton. The Governors have carried their record to 9-8 for the season and 6-7 in the ESD. The Yankton and Madison games were delayed because of poor traveling conditions and had to be played on Mondays. Both games were played away.

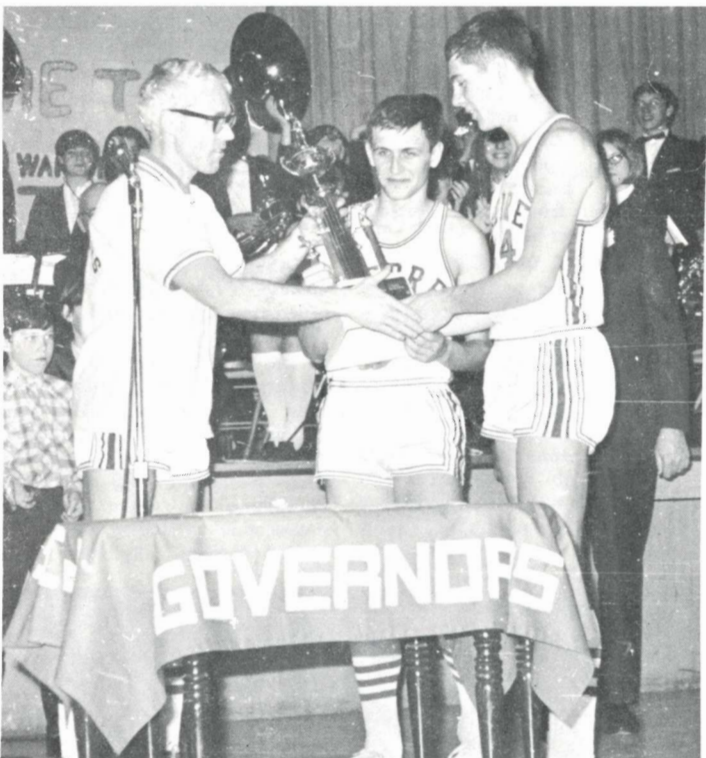
The final ESD game was played at

13 Seniors In Century Club

The following boys have scored 100 points or more in the Jr. - Sr. Intramural basketball league.

NAME	GRADE	TOTAL POINTS	GAMES PLAYED	AVE.
1. Dale Clelland	Sr.	313	10	31.3
2. Terry Burge	Sr.	306	10	30.6
3. Terry Erickson	Sr.	215	11	19.5
4. Marvin Waitman	Sr.	161	9	17.8
5. Mike Kirley	Sr.	156	8	19.5
6. Terry Shangreaux	Sr.	141	8	17.6
7. Al Slaathaug	Sr.	138	9	15.3
8. Fred Lillibridge	Sr.	138	11	12.5
9. Butch Huebner	Sr.	127	5	25.4
10. Steve Long	Sr.	122	10	12.2
11. Bill Kliensasser	Jr.	120	6	20
12. Paul Marso	Sr.	117	10	11.7
13. Henry Mott	Sr.	114	10	11.4
14. John Beekley	Sr.	105	9	11.6

Pierre Regains Governors Cup



South Dakota Governor Frank Farrar presents the Governor's cup to the victorious Pierre basketball squad. Accepting the cup for Pierre are the captains Rhys Schmidt and Bryan Ice.

The Pierre Governors defeated the Bismarck Demons in the 14th annual Governors day game. The series now stands at 7-7 with the 70-69 win of the Governors. South Dakota Governor Frank Farrar was on hand to present the Governors Cup to the victorious Pierre team. North Dakota Governor Guy presented the buffalo skull to the Demons. Bismarck lead during the opening

minutes, but Pierre surged ahead 19-16 by the time the first quarter ended. Pierre led by 6 points with the score 35-29. The Governors added to their score and led 52-45 as the third period closed. Bismarck put on a scoring comeback which fell short during the fourth period and Pierre hung on to win 69-70.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

PIERRE	19	16	17	18-70
BISMARCK	16	13	16	24-69

Wrestlers Triumph At Region B

The Pierre Governors Wrestling team finished in first place in both District and Regional tournaments held Feb. 7 and 8 and Feb. 15 on successive weekends.

In District action at Pierre, teams from Gregory, Mobridge, Pierre and seven other towns vied for the championship trophy while trying to qualify individual grapplers for the Regional tournament held at Rapid City. To be eligible, a wrestler had to place in the top 4 in his weight class. Ten Governors qualified for the Region tournament, racking up a team total of 111 points. The closest contender was Gregory with 83.

In Region wrestling Pierre outdistanced Rapid City and Gregory for another first place trophy with a team total of 86 points to 79 for Rapid City and 69 for Gregory. The competition was stronger than in District VII action and two Governors fell victims to it. Steve Todd 112, was beat out in the

wrestlebacks and Rick Gloe, 145, lost a very close first match and didn't get a wrestleback as his man was defeated.

Kirby Hedman, at 103 placed 3rd; Pat Suiter, 120, placed second; Rod Stoesser took 1st at 133; Dale Hernandez took second in the 138 lb. class, Mark Larsheid placed 3rd at 154; Prentice Weaver took second at 165; and Dave Jensen, Pierre Hwt., took the championship in his weight class.



The Pierre Governors Wrestling squad has compiled a great number of "firsts" and "mosts" this year.

This is the first year Pierre has won the Region title while also qualifying a record 8 men for the State Tournament.

More wrestlers placed in the tournament (6) than ever before, and

2nd is the highest the Governors have ever finished in the Classic.

If all goes well perhaps next year will see a complete rewriting of records and another great season of wrestling.



The Mobridge School paper has carried conflicting stories as to the number of lights in the Pierre Gymnasium. These reports, come from reputable sources who spent much time in observation gazing upward from a rather precarious position on a wrestling mat.

Few students at Riggs could profess to know exactly how many lights are in the gym, so we can only hope that eventually they'll get it correct. At any rate, I hope things are "looking up" for the Mobridge wrestlers in the future

The Governor lead had been cut to 58-56 with less than a minute to play, when Rodney Loecker scored on a 3-point play to put the Bucks ahead, the game ended 59-58.

Section VII basketball tourney will be played in the Capital City next Thursday, March 6-7. Tickets should be brought in advance as supply is limited. First round action will match Pierre against Rapid City and Hot Springs against Douglas.

The Pierre Sophomores were defeated by the Huron Sophomores 55-58 in a real close game at Huron. Pierre led 11-10 at the first quarter break but trailed 22-21 at half time. The little Tigers led 42-40 as the third quarter ended, and went on to win 55-58.

Monte Granados had 16 for the Pierre sophs; and Dave Schiefelbein and Scott Fisher added 14 and 12 respectively.

The Little Governors defeated the Mitchell sophomores 50-59. The game was close all the way except for the final period. Mitchell trailed 12-15 at the first quarter break but led 27-26 at half time. The score was tied 42 all as the third quarter ended. Pierre went on the win 50-59.

Monte Granados had 20 points for Pierre. Dave Schiefelbein had 14 and Scott Fisher added 12 points.

The Governor sophomores had another close game with the Madison sophomores. The final score was 41-36 in a real low scoring game. Madison led 10-9 at the first quarter break. The little Governors led by the score of 24-21. Pierre had a two point lead as the third quarter closed and went on the win 41-36.

Dave Schiefelbein had 19 points and Scott Fisher added 10 in the winning cause.

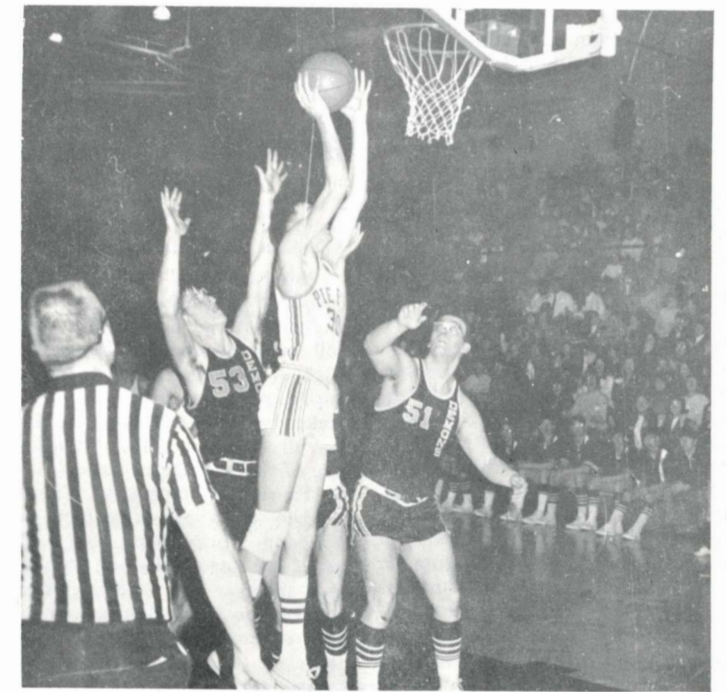
Gymnastics Started At Riggs High

Robin Albertus placed 4th in the intermediate floor exercises, and Pam Barth placed 4th in novice balance beam in the fourth annual high school gymnastic meet in Brookings the weekend of February 7.

This is the first time Pierre had entered in a girl's gymnastic meet for this is the first year Pierre Riggs has had a program in this field. Instructor Mrs. Luidahl said, "The girls did quite well for the first time in competition. It gives the girls a chance to show their skills, and I hope that this will continue in the future."

Other girls who were entered in events in Brookings were: Uneven parallel bars: Sherri Abbot, Karla Hedman, Lorie Schultz, Peggy Whitney, and Judy Wegner. Intermediate floor exercise: Robin Albertus and Mary Porter. Novice floor exercise: Becky Berguin, Pam Barth, Judy Wegner. Novice balance beam: Pam Barth, Paula Forney, Sue Niele, and Mary Porter. Novice vaulting: Nancy Neuharth, Roxi Hedman, and Becky Bersagel.

The gymnastic team plans to perform at the Brookings game and at the sectional tournament at Riggs High next month.



6'5" junior, Rollie Borth goes up high over Bismarck Defenders to score a basket for the Governors. Pierre came out on top 70-69.

Ball Bouncers Lose Twice

HURON 81 PIERRE 66
JANUARY 31

The Pierre Govenors traveled to Huron, and were defeated by the Tigers 66-81. Pierre jumped out to a quick lead in the first quarter but before the quarter was done the Tigers had overtaken them and went ahead to stay. Huron led by 5 at the end of the first quarter, had a 28-41 lead at half time. The score was 58-43 at the third quarter break and the final score was once again, 66-81. Rollie Borth had 13 points to lead the Governors, followed by Bryan Ice with 12. Rhys Schmidt was also in double figures with 10. Jim Drake had 21 points for Huron.

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Mark Larsheid was narrowly defeated in the consolation by Gordon Larson of Yankton, 7-6. Mark had lost to him once before this year by just one point.

Prentice Weaver, Pierre's underweight 165 pounder, met a familiar foe when he met Craig Knock of Brookings in the fight for 3rd place.

He lost 4-3 on a few seconds time advantage. This marks the second time this year Prentice has lost to him on riding time, but Weaver has also beaten him at still another of their three confrontations.

The Pierre coaches, Jon Horning and Tom Hirschoff, were extremely pleased at the efforts of the team and the eventual outcome.

MITCHELL 69 PIERRE 59
FEBRUARY 7

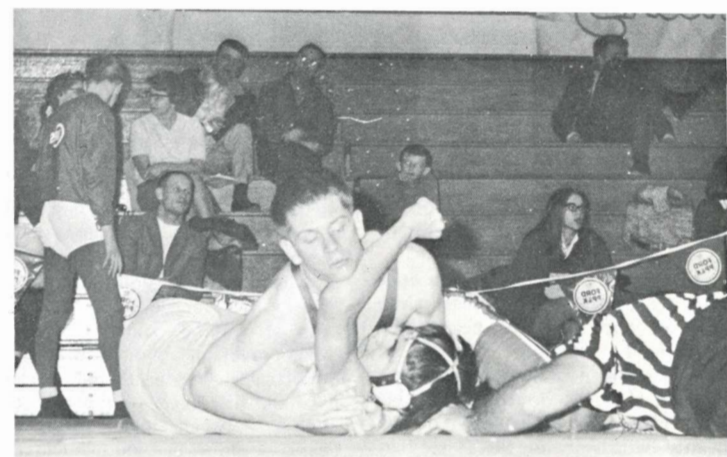
Mitchell took charge early in the game and went on to win in an ESD conference game at Pierre. Mitchell lead 22-13 by the time the first quarter ended. Pierre fought back to only trail by 4 by the half when the score stood at 31-27. The third period closed with the score 39-51 and the final score was 59-69.

Bryan Ice lead Pierre with 16 and Brad Schiefelbein added 11. Steve Robinson was also in double figures with 10 points. Dan Wilson had 22 for the Mitchell Kernels.

PIERRE 62 MADISON 60
FEBRUARY 17

Pierre got back on the winning track with a 62-60 victory over the Madison Bulldogs in a game postponed until Monday because of the weather. The Govenors jumped out to a 14-9 lead by the time the first quarter ended. Madison narrowed the lead to 30-27 by the half time stop, but the Governors lengthened the lead to 8 points, 47-39 as the third quarter stopped. Pierre shut off a last quarter rally to win 60-62.

Rhys Schmidt had 18 for Pierre and Brad Schiefelbein picked up 12. Rollie Borth and Bryan Ice were also in double figures with 11 each. Bill Meehan had 24 for the Bulldogs.



Junior Pat Suiter, 120 pounder, takes the mat against his opponent in District action at Pierre. Suiter finished second in that tourney and also second in both the Region and State tournaments.

March 17 Is Green Monday

Ay yes, Saint Patrick's Day is all Irish. For, you see, Patrick was born Irish and that is how he died. Many an Irish lad and lassie has heard many a tale of our Saint Patrick. I remember when I, a wee one too, would sit by my father's knee to hear the legends of our goodly Saint. I grew to be quite a young man before I knew of the real Saint Patrick. Ah yes, what a man Patrick was. He brought some peace to our war-stricken land; he brought a new understandin' of our native land. He made us all Christian too. Every battle Patrick took on he won. Yes, Patrick was aul Irish, even his heart.

30 MUSICIANS RATESUPERIOR

Riggs High music department won thirty superior ratings at the annual Region 6 Music Contest in Moberge, February 12. They also received twenty-one excellent ratings. Contestants were entered in solo and group events in both the vocal and instrumental divisions. In spite of the icy streets and below zero temperature in Moberge that day, the sixty-seven junior and senior high students who participated in the nine hours of competition made a good showing in all the events entered according to Mr. Sampson and Mr. Ivers, music teachers who coached the musicians.

Superior ratings from the Vocal Department were: soloists - D. Gustafson, soprano, M. Wilcox - M. Palmer - mezzo-soprano, R. Schumacher - baritone, D. Jensen, M. Bieber - bass. The girls vocal group and the miscellaneous group each received a superior-plus rating. Those with excellent ratings were: soloists - P. Englet - soprano, M. Herther - mezzo-soprano, B. Andrews - Alto; boys vocal and mixed vocal groups. Mezzo-soprano - J. Pugh received an excellent-plus rating.

Band students receiving superior ratings were: soloists - C. Roberts, M. Snow - flute; M. Wilcox, K. Kurvink - B flat clarinet; M. Holst, K. Sigle - Bass Clarinet; D. Balsiger - french horn; R. Schumacher, B. Graves - trombone; D. Gustafson - tympani drum; K. Kurvink, M. Snow, M. Holst, S. Schooler; piano; brass ensemble, trombone ensemble, flute quartet, clarinet quartet, and woodwind choir. The standard clarinet quartet received a superior-plus rating. M. Wilcox received a superior-minus rating. Those receiving excellent ratings were: soloists - S. Gitchell - B flat clarinet, M. Herther - alto clarinet, N. Fix - bassoon, M. Porter - alto sax, K. Sigle - tenor sax, K. Dewell - cornet, T. Huber - trombone, E. Gifford - tuba, J. Ledbetter, L. Edzards; piano, percussion ensemble, brass choir, sax ensemble, cornet ensemble, and the brass sextet.

Yellow Submarine- A Sinking Ship ?

"Once upon a time, or maybe twice," there was a movie created by young people, for young people, but not attended by young people. For some reason the movie was too clean, honest, and beautiful to attract or excite the bulk of high school movie goers.

Yellow Submarine by the Beatles presents a unique experience in animated films, sort of a psychedelic Donald Duck. The simple tale is one of a land of color, beauty, love and truth (Pepperland), which is over run by the evil Blue Meanies who despise all of the afore mentioned virtues. Old Fred, a central figure, flies to Liverpool and enlists the aid of Ringo and his friends. They fly back (a hazardous trip) and rout the Meanies with melody, and even win them over to the Pepperland way of life.

The simple plot is enhanced 1) with fantastic color schemes and changes and 2) with music, some new, some old. On top of all this, the film contains symbolic undercurrents and overcurrents, which most students of Shakespeare have learned to expect. It is these symbolisms which mean the most to the eyes of this non-critic

Early in the movie we see a little brown boy playing with a little white girl in the luscious beauty of a Pepperland meadow with no objection and no parental reprimand. We see how an irrational outside force causes the destruction of the beauty which is no threat to that outside force. We see the obvious lesson of music and beauty and truth conquering gloom and evil.



John Beekley and Greg Brown, Pierre's mad scientists, are shown assembling the apparatus with which they hope to create ameno acids, organic compounds essential to life. Their independent research project is being conducted in the physics room, and represents a cooperative effort by the chemistry and physics departments.

The "U" Visits Riggs

Preceding the cast and company of "Molly Brown" to Pierre, various members of the faculty of University of South Dakota came to Riggs High School. One visited a drama class, two criticized the music department, and about five guided the curious about a U.S.D. art exhibit. This hoard of natives of the University

"Molly Brown" came to Pierre, February 6, 1969 for a one night engagement. She and her cast drew a full house in the inadequate Riggs High gym, but, since it was the largest stage in town, they had it make do. Although they could not use all their props, they turned out one of the best shows that has come to Pierre in a long time. The cast worked hard, although they were suffering from hoarse voices, the result of three weeks on the road. One member was suffering from a broken toe. The choreography was superb even on the small stage where there was the ever present danger of falling into the orchestra pit. The costumes fit the period and the mood of the play. A few last minute repairs had to be made for the inevitable split seams and small rips. Molly made all changes and was ready on time which was strenuous with about five changes in the first act and six in the second.

The audience agreed that "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" was well done. When the final curtain fell, the entire cast cheered for this was their last performance and "Molly was no more".

- Nancy Fix.

The Junior Class is starting work on a prom that will be remembered as the social highlight of the school year. May 3rd has been set as the date. The budget has been established and the theme has been picked.

symbolic critter in the whole show in Jeremy Hilary Boob, Ph. D., a learned expert in everything, who lives in the middle of a vast waste. He is, as he says,

"Currently writing
Two dozen books
On some three dozen subjects
No one has heard of."

For this reason he is musically referred to as a "Nowhere man", and in daily life his counterparts are abundant, wasting their valuable knowledge on irrelevant work. He is not totally alienated though; he laments the futile brevity of human existence:

"Ad hoc, ad loc
And quid pro quo;
So little time
So much to know."

Why then, is **Yellow Submarine** left to effervesce in solitude? Why do its youth-oriented hues and strains fail to draw the capacity crowds of "Candy" or "The Fox"? I can think of only two factors: 1) young people who laud psychedelia and acid-rock are, for the most part, pseudo-intellectuals who only go to things like **Yellow Submarine** if the crowd goes, and 2) to draw big crowds these days, you must present at least one murder, one rape, one nude scene, and your choice of 37 other perversions. Not otherwise can box-office success be assured. I leave it to the discretion of the reader to choose between love, truth, and beauty, or hate, lies and ugliness. If it means anything, I'd like to go on record as having chosen the former.

-Monty Bieber

Pierre Pupils Protest Pot

Mr. Glanzer's American History classes recently viewed a film on the use of narcotic drugs, particularly LSD and pot. Forthcoming are some thoughts of the students on their feeling of pot. Maybe it would be well if the people who say, "Pot will never come to Pierre," take a good look at some of these thoughts and re-evaluate their ideas. The ideas are in approximately the same ration as the total thoughts that were written. Here are those remarks:

I personally don't need these drugs for I have other interests more readily available, but if someone should offer me some pot or marijuana I don't think I would turn him down.

If you need to get "high" to discover your inner being, your inner being ought to be in the funny farm. . . . that showing a film on marijuana would raise curiosity.

Grass should be legal. My boyfriend used to sniff gas when he was younger and it was alright until he started going on bummers. He's quit now and hasn't touched the stuff for about two years. He's also tried pot and it scares him. Anyway, I've had enough trouble trying to hide my drinking and smoking from my parents -- I couldn't even imagine their reaction to drugs.

I have tried pot or grass and I tell you it is nothing. You just feel like you are drunk. I'm not proud of the fact that I've tried pot. I do smoke cigarettes but that is just one of my little hang-ups.

I would like to try pot. I'd like to see what kind of an experience awaits me on a trip. But I wouldn't like to become a steady user.

I'm sick of having pot no-no's shoved down my throat. I've seen and heard so much about it that I'm tempted to try it.

Funny that they never mention use of marijuana seriously in trying to find yourself. Everyone is too hung up on being cool.

I think that if I see about one more film on drugs and alcoholics, I'm going to quit drinking beer on Saturday nights.

Marijuana isn't any worse than drinking. It isn't habit forming to the majority of those taking it.

I think if a person wants to take marijuana, he should be able to. I think a person should try it once and if he likes it, well, let him use it.

I think it is halfway O.K. to use marijuana.

I have the same thoughts about marijuana as I do LSD. It is wrong and it has no purpose at all.

I'd never use drugs except for an occasional aspirin.

It would be good if every teenage could try it, but I wouldn't because if you need a crutch now, in later life there won't be a big enough crutch for you to lean on.

Pot movies don't do me any good, although they might be of help to others. I don't intend to become a pot head or a weed head. Times are changing. I think teenagers should learn through their own experiences.

I think that anyone is that damn dumb to take this drug is really dumb. All it is doing is screwing your mind and body up.

Pot is bad, but it isn't as bad as they try and make us think it is. Cigarettes are just as bad, but like marijuana they try to keep us from using it, but it doesn't work.

served not only to excite interest in "Molly Brown", but also to excite interest in the University. Members of Drama Club drooled over the sets, sighed about costumes, and itched for lighting equipment. In other words this trip served as a publicity tour for the U., more effective than all the circulars in the world. Probably more seniors will go to the U. than if "Molly Brown" had not come to Pierre. It seems a pity that there is not more of this kind of advertising, publicity and competition among South Dakota colleges and universities; this state would be a better and more entertaining place.

-Chris Hughes.



Shop teachers Clough and Schumacher examine the new shop area into which their overcrowded classes will soon be moving. The badly needed classrooms under the gym are scheduled for completion in March.

Mechanics Get Added Space

Everything from tuning-up engines to disassembling and rebuilding them keeps the vocational Auto Mechanics classes very busy and crowded this time of year, according to Mr. Clough, the instructor.

The morning class of 11 students is very busy studying carburetion and engine tune-up during their lab hours.

3 Selected for Summer Travels

Melinda Smith, Connie Wulff and Lesley Falk, three Girl Scouts, will be traveling to different parts of the United States to attend National Girl Scout Opportunities this summer. Melinda will be going to Eveleth, Minnesota to participate in the Canadian Boundary Water Canoe Trip. This will include twelve days of backpacking, canoeing and portaging from a base camp at Half Moon Lake near Eveleth.

Connie will live at a seaside campsite in Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, Maine, and will participate in field trips to gain knowledge of marine life and natural geological formations. This will include a sea cruise on Frenchman's Bay and a cave exploration at low tide.

Lesley's activities, called "Reach out", include two weeks of conferences and round table discussions for planning service projects in the community. She will also be receiving concentrated training in leadership skills. The 500 Senior Girl Scouts participating in this event will be living in a camp near Pinckey, Michigan.

These three girls were chosen from among many from South Dakota who applied for the various Senior Opportunities made available to Girl Scouts in 1969.

They have cars going in and out all morning, while the 12 afternoon students have torn down engines and are completely rebuilding them.

In all, the 23 students do work on their personal cars and on those of the general public when the opportunity presents itself. The work, ranging from minor tune-ups to major over-hauls, keeps the mechanics room very crowded, but they are moving into additional space provided by the area under the gym and will have more working space for handling the cars.

The new area, which is under construction, will give the auto mechanic classes double the space they have presently, plus extra facilities they do not have. The new area should be completed in the first week of March, which will not be too soon for the crowded mechanics.



Kim Krull submits to his fate-decapitation by Phillipine spear.

Jan Fladaboe, former Riggs High School athlete, now attending the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, will be guest speaker at a special assembly at 3 p.m. Friday, March 21. Jan will be talking to the Junior and Senior boys about Naval careers and the Naval Academy as a training center. He will be on a two weeks tour of the state. This address will be one of a series which he will be giving to high school boys around the state.

Head-Hunting May Become New Pastime

Killing 'ex-boyfriends' and head-hunting are an everyday occurrence in Philippine life, Riggs High students were told at the lyceum program Thursday, Feb. 13.

Roberto, a handsome 28-year-old head-hunter, modeled the native costume of his tribe then chose his future wife Barb Harding, from the student body. Afterwards he explained his tribal custom of killing the 'ex-boyfriend', in this case, Kim Krull. However, Barb suggested that he be spared so she could do it herself.

An amusing moment was provided when Mary Ashley, 5' 11" and Rolly Borth 6' 5", compared their height to little Pesita's who was only half as tall.

Other features of the lyceum included a few songs by the group of four women and Roberto and a short general history of the Philippines.

The Philippines are on an education tour of America, spending time in schools and homes, attempting to learn more about the American way of life. When the tour is completed they will return to the Philippines to combat Communist propaganda by telling their people what America is really like.