

Federalists and Nationalists Vie For Riggs Mayor

The Junior Class of 1970, in preparation for the duties that it will perform as next year's Senior Class held their first Convention for Mayor and Vice-Mayor of Riggs High for the 1st semester in the school gym Tuesday, May 20. Pat McLellan and Ken Dewell are the Nationalists candidates for Mayor and Vice-Mayor. Curt Mortenson is the Federalists candidate for Mayor with Brad Schiefelbein as his running mate. At the convention, each party's state delegates suggested ideas to establish their platform. This platform will be the beliefs each nominee will follow if elected. After much debating, both parties formulated their final platform drafts.

The Nationalists Party platform consists of:

1. Average Honor Roll: An average of ALL grades on a point basis equivalent to a "B" average thus eliminating the ONE "C" HANG-UP.
2. Student Representation: Students should be represented at School Board meetings and other group meetings involving students.
3. Semester Youthquakes: Including show afterwards.
4. "Grub Days": On days of home games to PEP UP school spirit.
5. Abolishment of Advisory Groups: Back to alphabetical homerooms.
6. Student Committee on Discipline: To assist and advise on matters of student discipline during

school hours.

7. Open Study Hall: Student Lounge available for all honor roll students.

The Federalists platform contains:

1. Stricter enforcement of all Senior privileges.
2. Honor Roll students will get out of some study halls.
3. Plan for Youthquake now.
4. Sr. Slave Day - Let Jrs. do what they want with Srs.
5. Slacken up dress code at dances.
6. Open prom for juniors and seniors.
7. Juniors can sell concessions at half-time of athletic events.
8. Abolish Advisory Period. Make a stronger homeroom.

The start of the Convention was last Friday, when the juniors were told in history class to which party

they belonged, Nationalists or Federalists. The members of the two parties are determined by a role of all the junior class members, with every other one being a Nationalist or Federalist.

Members of the respective parties then assembled in class to elect a state delegate chairman, draw up a tentative party platform, and nominate candidates to be suggested at the Convention.

The Convention was followed immediately by hard campaigning by each of the candidates. The school was plastered with campaign posters beginning Wednesday morning, with each poster trying to persuade students to vote for their "man". Monday there will be a special all-school assembly at which the candidates will give campaign speeches, with voting to follow all day Tuesday.



Left to Right: The Nationalists candidates for Mayor and Vice-Mayor are Pat McLellan and Ken Dewell. The Federalists candidate for Mayor is Curt Mortenson, and for Vice-Mayor is Brad Schiefelbein.

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Awards Night Is "Rewarding"

"Fire" opened the annual Riggs high school awards night Monday, May 19. The Burls captured the audience with the songs "Fire" and "The Crooked Little Man" as the program of recognition and appreciation got underway.

The rewarding evening was, according to Mr. Neiles, a chance to recognize the hard work done by many students in extra curricular activities as well as academic subjects. He also reiterated that many more

students deserved awards and that it was too bad that awards and scholarships could not be given to those who had come in second or third behind the winners.

The main feature of the evening's celebration was the announcement of scholarships to twenty seniors ranging from \$25 to full four year college scholarships.

Awards in the various activities included band and choir letters for seniors, letters for varsity debaters,

certificates for individual performances in the school dramatic productions, outstanding journalists awards, drill team certificates, declam awards, commercial awards in typing and shorthand, cheerleader letters, FHA homemaking awards, office and receptionists recognition, librarian certificates.

The 1969 Gumbo was dedicated to Mr. Ivers, band and choir director, and a copy of the annual was presented to him.

Connie Wise and Jim Hunt were awarded the DAR Good Citizenship awards. This selection had been made by vote of the senior class earlier in the week.

Art awards were presented by Mrs. Smith to those artists who had placed in the Prairie Fine Arts Competition.

The sophomore waiters and waitresses entertained during the evening with the "outerspace" dance which they had prepared for the senior banquet. They danced to Simon and Garfunkle's "Most Peculiar Man".

Students attending summer educational work camps and institutes were announced. Chris Hughes, Linda Edzards, Kim Kurvink, Renee McCaughey, Martha Nelson, David Fargen, Bruce Hagggar, Fred Carl, and Kim Krull will all be enrolled in summer education program ranging from one week to six weeks and including such special subjects as speech, art, music, conservation, journalism.

Sue Stevens and Pat Suiter have been chosen by this year's senior staff members and the advisor to be co-editors of this spring issue of the Governor.

Leslie Falk and Cindy Ball are to be the other page editors. Make-up editors are Kathy Sigle and Linda Hemminger who will help arrange the format for the paper.

Steve Schwellenbach and Tom Fortchner are to be photographers



At the annual Awards Night these eighteen students were recognized as scholarship winners. Left to Right, 1st row: Mary Walsh, Karen Brewre, Marsha Martin, Mary Wilcox; 2nd row: Connie Wise, Melinda Smith, Diane Gustafson, Gloria Schofield, Janet Iverson; 3rd row: Monty Bieber, Henry Mott, Damon Milner, Kim Krull; 4th row: George Ledbetter, Dennis Keith, Rhys Schmidt, Dave Jensen, and Bryan Ice.

Students Cited For Excellence

At the Annual Awards Night, May 19, "many persons" received scholarships which will help them to further their education. Those receiving scholarships were: Damon Milner, Gambles Scholarship for \$350; Connie Wise, Pep Club Book Scholarship for \$50; Kim Krull, Ken Scurr Scholarship Award for \$300; Bryan Ice, Ron Reed Memorial for \$150; Henry Mott, Duplicate Bridge for \$100; Cliff Mason, University of South Dakota Presidential Scholarship for \$200; Diane Gustafson, Aberdeen Rotary Music Scholarship for \$200; Connie Wise, St. Catherine Scholarship for one half tuition; Sherry Kalesan, Huron College Presidential Scholarship for \$1,600; and Scholastic Scholarship for \$400; Mary Wilcox Elks

Leadership for \$50 and a full four year scholarship at Drake; Dave Jensen, South Dakota University Athletic Scholarship for tuition and books; Rhys Schmidt, Northern State athletic for \$400; Dennis Keith and Janet Iverson, Kiwanis Vocational Scholarship for \$100 each; George Lebetter, \$1000 scholarship from Denver University; Connie Wise and Mary Lou Walsh, Knights of Columbus; Marsha Martin, PEO; Karen Brewre, American Legion Auxiliary; with Lois Nickels as alternate; Marsha Martin, Beta Sigma Phi; Jim Hunt received \$25 for placing 2nd in the Voice of Democracy Contest; Monty Bieber, Michigan State University Scholarship; Gloria Schofield, the Elizabeth Trenchard Scholarship.

Senior Graduation Activities Near

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be given by Rev. Ernest H. Hirschhoff with Rev. Kenneth Newell presenting the prayer and Rev. M.F. Martin delivering the benediction on May 25 at 8:00 p.m. in Riggs High gym.

The pianist for both the processional and the recessional will be Misti Snow. "I May Never Pass This Way Again" and "The Lords Prayer" will be performed by the choir under the direction of Mr. Vernon Ivers.

The senior choir members will perform as a group for the last time in Riggs Auditorium, singing "I Believe" composed by Wilson.

Dr. Richard L. Bowen, President of the University of South Dakota, will give the Commencement address for the class of '69 during commencement exercises Thursday, May 29, at the high school gym. The program will begin at 7:40 p.m. with three selections by the

Riggs High Band; "Colonel Bogey", "Symphonic Overture" with Barb Andrews vocalist, and "America, The Beautiful." The choir, including seniors, will sing "The Halls of Ivy" with Diane Gustafson as soloist, and "You'll Never Walk Alone" as the featured musical entertainment for the evening.

Principal Neiles will present the honor roll of 51 students who have maintained a 3.5 or better average throughout high school. The class valedictorian and salutatorian will be given special recognition.

Each graduate will cross the stage and receive his diploma from Mr. Maynard Sommer, president of the Board of Education.

The seniors will be escorted in by the junior class officers as the band plays the traditional Pomp and Circumstance.

Rev. Edwin L. Bersagel will give the invocation and benediction.



There six girls were chosen as the 1969-1970 Football, Basketball Varsity cheerleaders. Left to Right are: Judy Wegner, Patti Wilcox, Pam Pugh, Judy Sonnenschein, Sheri Abbott and Jeanne Suiter.

CHEERLEADERS SELECTED

Sheri Abbott, Pam Pugh, Judy Sonnenschein, Jeanne Suiter, Judy Wegner, and Patti Wilcox will lead the student cheering section at the

Top Home Ec.

Student Named

Miss Christina Hughes, has been named top-ranking home economics student of Riggs High School.

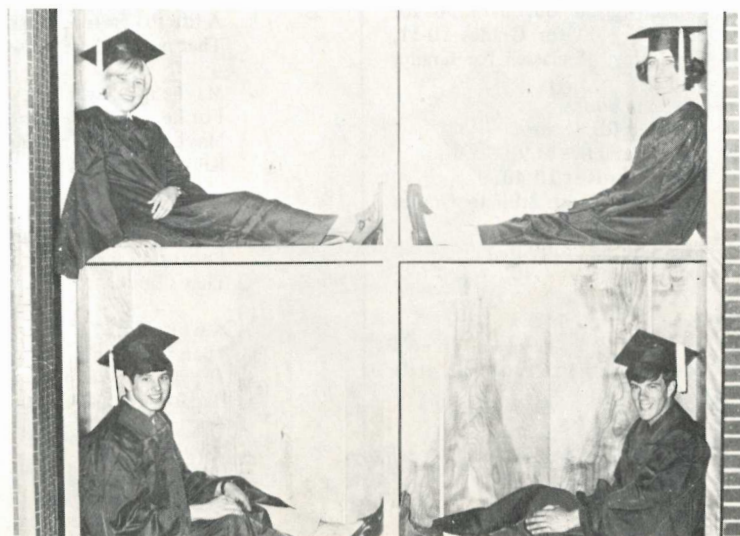
As the outstanding home economics senior, Miss Hughes, received the Sterling Silver Homemaking Award for 1969. The Award, a six-piece place setting of sterling flatware, was presented to Miss Hughes on May 19 by Mrs. Iverson, head of the Homemaking Department, at Riggs High School's Awards Night.

The pattern for the Award sterling, Chapel Rose by Gorham Sterling, was selected by the home economics students as part of a special project in consumer education. The silver has been on display throughout the year.

The Award is made available by the Sterling Silversmiths Guild of America in recognition of the fine work being done today in high school home economics education, and to stimulate student interest in the homemaking arts. The Award is given to the senior in home economics with the highest scholastic average. Miss Hughes previously received the Betty Crocker Award.

varsity football and basketball games next year. These girls were chosen by vote of the student body after twelve girls demonstrated before the student body at a special assembly. Sherri Abbot and Judy Sonnenschein were sophomore cheerleaders; Jeanne Suiter and Patti Wilcox were cheerleaders in their sophomore year; and Pam Pugh is the only "old-timer" on the "A" squad.

"B" squad cheerleaders and wrestling cheerleaders will be selected in the fall.



Senior Class officers show the dignity of their office in their cap and gowns. Mary Ihli, Connie Wise, Mark Larschied, and Tom Gardner, prepare for the formal baccalaureate and graduation exercises.

Prom's Orbit Is Successful

Three, two, one, BLAST OFF! When you reached your destination you found you were "Lost in Space" at the junior-senior banquet and prom. Sparkling space creatures (waiters and waitresses) helped you from the space rocket. You knew you were in "another world". Over there in the middle was a steaming crater. In one corner the moon people had assembled an art gallery. Everywhere on the planet's surface the "rocks" cluttered the ground. When you explored the hidden cavern you discovered water and vegetation, an unexpected treat on this burned out planet.

The trip to outerspace was over much too soon. The return to reality came after a full night of fun followed by lots and lots of sleep.

There is probably some disagreement as to which was more difficult, the construction or the destruction, but you know the 1969 prom will be remembered as "smashing".

Just six days and the "Halls of Ivy" along with the teachers and administration, will be given a well deserved rest. Relax team! - Enjoy the summer sun! - Have fun!

The establishment is planning on operating school again next year. So, hang one on - and tune in again next August, (the 29th day in the year 1969) same place, same time, same channel!

Linda Tours UN For DECA

Linda Kannegeter, Riggs High School senior, attended the National Leadership Conference of Distributive Education Clubs of America in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

A visit to New York was also included in her trip. On tour in New York, she got to see such things as Chinatown, Greenwich Village, Wall Street, Fifth Avenue, Central Park, the United Nations, Rockefeller Center, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and many more sites.

The conference began May 5, and concluded May 8, drawing more than 3,000 young DECA leaders from throughout the country.



Picture Brings Back Memories

Reach into the backyard of your mind - climb on a swing and remember back when - when there weren't worries of graduation gowns, college transcripts and full time jobs. But those days were filled with trials and tribulations, too. Like the time your grape popsicle melted all over your white Easter dress, and the time you were caught fighting on the playground. When you were eight years old and your class picture was taken, you were a little self conscious but very pleased.

Here is the memory preserved in picture for the class of 1969. A simple memory to cherish and keep as time moves slowly on.

Check the top row in the picture - beginning on the left. Notice the dainty little girl with long hair and the deceiving expression. Nine years later, she still looks dainty and wears a quizzical look. Denise Torvick is the name. Can you find Doug Kaufman and Pat Colleran in the top row? Then on to the curly haired, dark eyed demon - need a hint. He is

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Students of Riggs High School for the way they behaved themselves at the Prom Show last Saturday night. We should all be proud of our local teenagers. Thank you again.

Best Regards,
s/Jerry Erbe, Mgr.
State Theater

the drummer for the Burls. Beside him is the pole-vaulter, Paul Marso. John Vogel is on that row too. Notice those two cupie dolls at the end of the back row. Nine years and they are still buddies. That's "friendship".

Next row from the left starting with Mike Denton, you might recognize several of the senior class notables - Gary Larsen, Dale Clellan, Connie Wise, Tom Disburg are all

Celebrated Coach Speaks At Banquet

The scene was the Riggs High Athletic Banquet and our attention was focused on Tony Dean, M.C. for the evening's program. He announced Phil Trautner who introduced this year's speaker, Myron Roderick, famous wrestling coach from Okla. University.

There he stood about 5'8" and built like a bulldog. His square shoulders and flat nose gave him the appearance of a boxer, but there was no mistaking those cauliflower ears. He had to be a wrestler.

He assumed a stance in back of the podium and set the microphone off to one side with a simple explanation. He didn't need it; we believed him.

We listened. We laughed. We watched his beaming face and expected another punch line.

"Now I'm going to take about 10 minutes of your time," he began, "to tell you what I look for in an athlete." His mood changed, and we absorbed some of his philosophy of coaching.

To be a good athlete, a person has to have self-discipline, some talent, and most of all, great desire. That is what Roderick looks for. He recruits boys by this criteria, and also by intelligence. His beliefs are very basic and very sound.

He concluded very suddenly. He thanked us, and we applauded. No pomp, no ceremony; he took his seat, the speech was done.

Where The Action Is

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES MAY

- 24 E.S.D. Track Meet, Madison.
- Parent-Senior Party in Gym, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Baccalaureate, 8:00 p.m. in Gym
- 26 Periods 1-2-3 Final tests in Grades 10-11. Seniors complete work and check in books.
- 27 Finals for Grades 10-11 in periods 4-5-6.
- Senior Picnic 10:00.
- Gumbo given out at 2:30 for Seniors, 3:00 for Grades 10-11.
- 28 Final day of classes for Grades 10-11.
- Check in books.
- Free day for Seniors.
- 29 Seniors practice at 9:00 a.m.
- Report cards at 10:40.
- Report cards at 2:00 to Grades 10-11.
- Graduation at 8:00 p.m.
- Band concert at 7:40.

JUNE

- 2 Summer Typing, Driver's Education, and Language Arts Courses.

JULY

- 14 Second session of Driver's Education

AUGUST

- 29 1969-1970 school year begins

Riggs Changes English Methods

Drastic changes are in sight for next year's English program. Because of these major innovations, students will be able to choose subjects within the English program which he feels will fulfill his needs and interests.

Required courses have been kept at a minimum, and the students may choose from a selection of 24 subjects to fulfill the required four units a year. A unit is nine weeks of work. Most subjects are set up to include seniors, juniors and sophomores. So, instead of signing up for sophomore English, each 10th grader will choose from the offerings in literature, composition or communication. Mrs. Ruzick, chairman of the English department, and the English staff have been working on the program since the beginning of the semester.

Some of the new subjects to be offered are mass media, developmental reading, theater arts, philosophy and mythology; the basic and traditional units offered include such subjects as American and English literature, short story, grammar, speech, journalism, composition.

Problems ahead include the scheduling of the some 700 students in their chosen courses and getting a teacher for every class. Mrs. Ledbetter and Mrs. Myers will be working on this during the summer in cooperation with the guidance department.

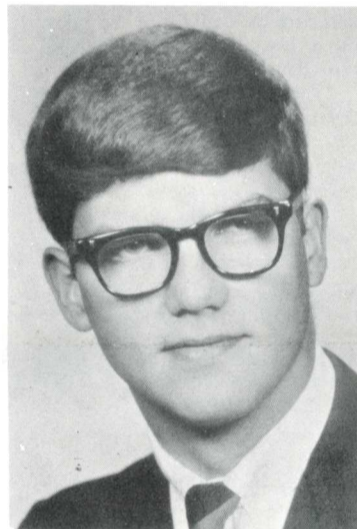
The neighboring high schools of Rapid City, Douglas, and Harmony Hill at Watertown will be making this major transition along with Riggs High next fall.

Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Ledbetter have just returned from their trip to Denver, Colorado, where they observed the next English program in action. Tuesday and Wednesday of this week they visited the Ivor Ranum High School which has about 2000 students. The next program has been operating in this school for four years.

THE OUTCAST

A man is walking on the glade,
His secret mind embracing the gloom
As he gazes through his wasted life,
The turmoil and confusion are
illum'd.
The flowers of life never found him,
As he followed that pariah stream.
(No gaiety, no kicks, no parties, no
laughs,
Only books, poetry, records, and
dreams).

-Clif Mason



"Heaven Vows To Keep"

Ricky Lee Cunningham
Born September 25, 1951
Died May 7, 1969

Graduation won't be the same this year. One smiling face won't be there as the seniors in their caps and gowns march to "Pomp and Circumstance". This is the second great loss the class of '69 has suffered since the beginning of their high school days.

There isn't any way we can express our deep feelings for Ricky. Each friend has his own special appreciation of him. Each friend has his own special memories of the happy times they shared with Ricky. These memories will be many and varied because when he was alive he made himself known.

Consolation, we hope, can be found in this thought, "But being so much too good for Earth, Heaven vows to keep him." Even thinking on this we know he is going to be missed very much.

Friends

Memorial to: Ricky Lee Cunningham

Why do we question what we know not -
Why can't what's done be forever forgot?
Why does unhappiness always find a way in
To ruin the great way our lives might have been?

Is it unfair to question or ponder
The cruel way a life has been taken asunder -
A life so carefree, so gentle, so kind -
That never a harsh thought would enter his mind.

Maybe not "ever" a harsh thought provoked.
For he was human, and humans revoke
Maybe unfair to say human, for those that knew
Know much was instilled in his eyes so blue.

A voice always cheerful, oh never forlorn!
A smile that could calm the roughest of storms
Boots that were faded and tattered and torn -
That surely gave blisters to feet when worn.

A white '62 Cutlass, that probably meant more -
Than anything he stocked at Sooper Dooper Store
The dream of a Mustang, that might have come true
Had he not been driving one of metallic blue.

No ones to blame, God's will be done
He lived life to the fullest and made his own fun
God's plan accepted, through pain and tears
And memories recalled of all the great years.

"The Right To Speak"

This Tuesday the juniors assembled at the traditional Nationalist and Federalist conventions in order to select candidates and platforms for their respective parties.

Nomination of Nationalist candidates proceeded without undue strain. The Federalists somehow managed to provoke dissension among themselves, and students became tense and nerves frazzled. Some things were said that were later regretted by supporters of every side.

The ultimate result was a proposed Independent party with its own candidates and platform. This development follows a precedent set last election when the USSR was organized and run independently.

The right of others to disagree with the majority should be upheld with tenacity. Who is to determine whether someone's opinions are right or wrong? Certainly they may be wrong for another, but that should only open the nonconformists to criticism, not ridicule.

If a person merely refuses to accept a majority decision because it isn't his choice of a candidate, he is a rebel, and a petty and brattish one, too.

BUT, if this person's selfish interests are supplemented or replaced by a concern for the school, or even more important, a belief that his ideas are as good, even better, than the other candidates', what should his course of action be?

This question is hard to resolve for general situations, for special conditions exist in every cast considered. What IS important is that the majority recognize the rights of the minority, even while disagreeing with their policies.

If in a Mayor election a third party candidate decides to seek office independently, consider that he may honestly believe he has better ideas.

If a trend is started of splitting from the old for any provocation, we can expect three or four party election every time. This would be a repulsive situation. For this reason we would urged all dissidents to weigh the merit in their disagreements, and try to resolve them within their own party. Then (and only if they believe a definite go should come of it) an independent party should be formed.

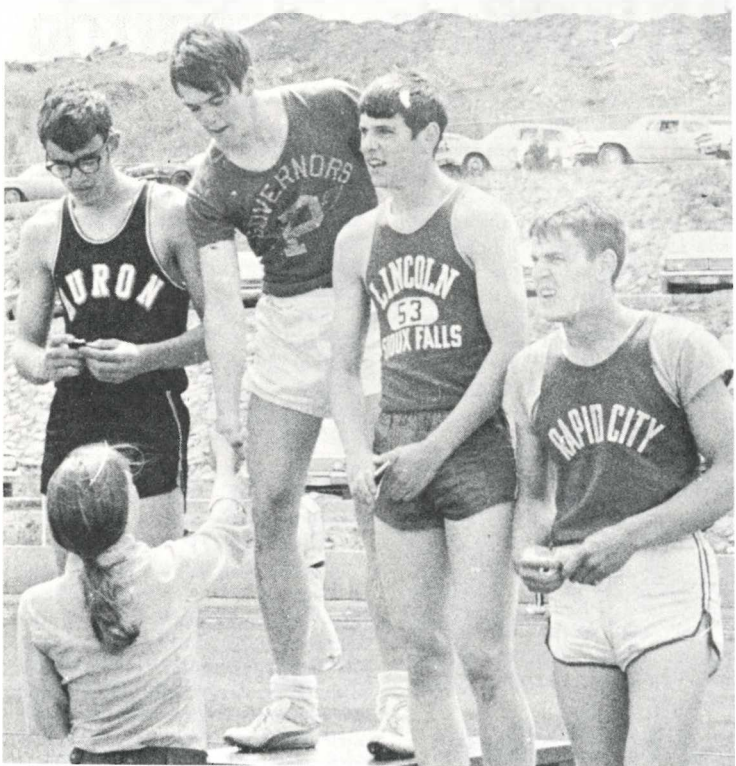
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Mark Larschied is shown receiving the first place award for his state record run in the high hurdles at the State Track Meet.

Seven Records Fall To Trackmen In '69

Mark Larschied smashed the all-time prep record in the 120 yd. high hurdles at the state track meet at Rapid City Friday and Saturday of last week, and set another school record in the 180 yd. low hurdles. Seven school records in all fell prey to 1969's talented squad under new coach Vern Miller.

Larschied's time of :14.1 snapped .3 of a second from the previous state record and .7 of a second from the school mark. His time in the 180 yd. low hurdles was clocked at :19.9, another school record.

Jim Melstad, junior high jumper, replaced a mark of 6' 1/8" set in 1958 by Terry Woodward. His leap of 6' 1" in the high jump bettered that record by 7/8 inch.

The 880 relay team composed of Mark Larschied, Bob Miller, Brian Ice, and Rhys Schmidt cracked the record of 1:33.2 by running the half mile in 1:32.9. The old record had held since 1947.

Sports Shorts

Pat Suiter

I think Mr. Miller proved himself to be a most able coach this track season; how many first year coaches replace seven all-time school records?

★★★★

I've seen some good frizbee shooters before, but over 211 ft. in the discus is truly amazing... George Amundson must have really been turned on.

★★★★

With no intent to criticize Miss Pickering or Miss Holton, as I realize they are very busy this time of the year, I think it would be more equitable to select all the cheerleaders at the end of the year, rather than just the football-basketball cheerleaders. Maybe in the future this could be arranged far enough in advance to allow ample time for both tryouts.

★★★★

All you wrestlers can quit worrying about your weight... new weight classes for next year will allow for a 185 lb. additional class and will add about three pounds to the lower classes.

★★★★

Sophomore Verle Prochaska has been heaving the shot consistently well and has thrown it within a foot of Greg Walpole's mark.

★★★★

The hottest going sport this summer will probably be baseball, through no desire of either fans or players. Prospects for this year's Legion and Teener teams look promising, and players are beginning to dust off the gloves and swing the bats.

The new discus record stands at 163' 3" held now by Dale Clelland. His heave bettered Greg Walpole's mark by over three feet.

The mile-relay team of Bob Miller, Brian Ice, Gil Hedman, and Rhys Schmidt set an all-time school mark of 3:27.5 in that event, clipping :04.2 off the record.

Riggs Golfers Swing String

The Pierre clubmen tried harder this year, and consequently ended up second in most of their outings. When you are only number two, you do try harder, and this year's golf team is probably one of the most balanced Riggs has had.

The five man first team of Dave Parkinson, Bob West, Doug Beemer, Wayne Nelson and Henry Mott led the Governors to four second places in Invitational matches, and a 1-1 won-loss record in dual meets.

The Pierre Invitational, the first competition for the squad this year, resulted in a second place tie with Huron behind Rapid City. Pierre placed second to Rapid City both at the Mission Invitational and at the Regionals held in Rapid.. The squad finished second to Winner at the Winner Invitational.

In dual matches the Governors romped over Mission in a home contest and lost one to Huron on the road.

Boxing Tournament Scheduled Tonight

Tonight is the big night for Pierre's newest sport... boxing. The first amateur boxing tournament ever held in Pierre is slated to start at 8:45 p.m. this evening.

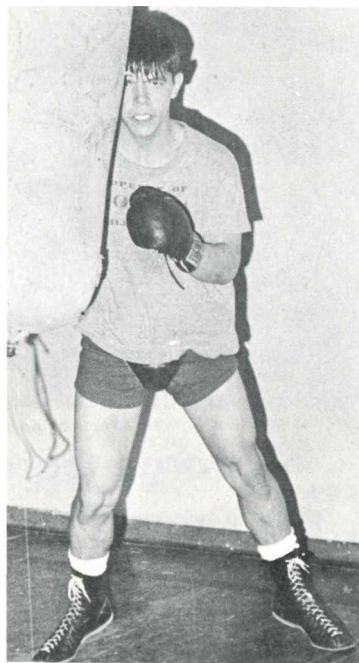
Eight boxers from Riggs high school will participate in individual matches and approximately 15 bouts are scheduled. Boxers from all over the state have been selected, with pairs being determined on the basis of experience.

This means that inexperienced boxers will fight only other inexperienced boxers and vice versa. For many of the Pierre group this will be the first fight.

The boxing club was initiated and is coached by Perfecto Hernandez. His son Chuck serves as team trainer. The main event of the evening will be the bout between Dale Hernandez and Pedro B. from Nebraska in the Middle-weight division. Pedro has been the Nebraska state Golden Gloves Champ for 4 years running. The semi-main event pits Steve Baker of Pierre against Hunter of Sioux Falls in the heavyweight class. Hunter has plenty of experience and skill.

Entered in the upper division is Joe Bateman who will take on Sharkey from Winner. Fighting welterweight is Rich Gloe who will "duke" with Frosty Dalton from Highmore. At middleweight is Jim Gustafson versus a Sioux Falls boxer. Talon Trove will probably fight at middleweight, also. At lightweight is Pat Suiter who will go against

Castoreno from Nebraska. These contenders may be changed before the fight.



Dale Hernandez "works over" a boxing bag in preparation for tonight's tournament.

The Pierre Jaycees have contracted the boxing fever and have promoted this tournament in hopes of establishing a permanent boxing team in Pierre. Proceeds from the

will be used to purchase new equipment for the team.

Ringside tickets have been on sale in advance of the tournament for \$3.00. General admission tickets have been listed as 75 cents for students and \$1.50 for adults. The first row of chairs around the ring have been designated as V.I.P. seats and priced at \$4.00.

The city auditorium has been converted to a boxing ring, and a seating arrangement will allow for around 1000 spectators.

Bouts will vary in length from 3 to 5 rounds with decisions being determined by a group of Ring Officials.

Track Participants Show Impressive Statistical Record

The Pierre Governors track team has completed a very successful season of dual meets and relays, complete with seven new school records and an eighth place finish in the state.

The squad opened the year on April 19, at the Todd County Relays in Mission. The Governors ran away with top honors, amassing 85 points to 45 and 44 for Winner and Platte.

The highlight of the meet was the breaking of the 440 yd. dash record by Rhys Schmidt. He ran the race in 51.7 which broke the former school mark held by Larry Hoffman.

On April 23, in a dual meet with the Huron Tigers, the thinclads were edged by the score of 72-62. The winner was determined by the mile relay which was won by Huron.

The Pierre squad squeezed by the Winner Warriors at the annual White River Relays May 2, at White River. Pierre had 51, Winner 46½, Mission 42.

Jim Melstad broke the school high jump record at the Relays. Jim jumped 6' 1" which eclipsed the mark of 6' 1/8" by Terry Woodward.

A Two-Night Invitational held here at Pierre May 6, was dominated by the Governors. They scored 137 points with Onida a distant second with 66.

The 880 yd. relay team of the Governors set both a meet and school record with a clocking of 1:32.9. The relay runners were M. Larschied, Bob Miller, Brian Ice, and Rhys Schmidt. The old school record had been in existence since 1947. Verle Prochaska, outstanding Sophomore weightman, threw the shot 50' 2". Dale Clelland won the discus with a throw of 148' 7/8".

The Region 7 class AA title was won by Rapid City with 107 points. Pierre followed with 70 while Douglas and Hot Springs were a distant 3rd and 4th.

Mark Larschied once again won the hurdles and Rhys Schmidt ran an outstanding 50.6 in the 440 yd. dash. Thirteen Governors in all qualified for the state track meet. At the state meeting Pierre finished 8th with 13 points.

Racketeers End Season

The snappy trio of George Ledbetter, Jim Hunt, and Bob Gray, journeyed to Rapid City Friday and Saturday of last week to attend the state prep tennis tournament.

The three didn't advance far enough to gain a place in the team standings, but both Ledbetter and Gray beat their first round opponents. In the doubles, the team of Hunt and Ledbetter were defeated 10-6 by the Sioux Falls Lincoln team, that went clear to the finals.

Gray's first round opponent was Tom Nelson of Sioux Falls Lincoln whom he beat 11-9. Ledbetter's win was over Shulz from Sioux Falls O'Gorman.

The team will travel to Madison this Saturday for an ESD conference meet. This will be their last competition for the year.

The team commenced the season with 4 straight wins over such highly touted teams as Rapid City, Huron, and Bismark. Huron and Rapid each avenged their earlier defeats with a victory in the second confrontation, which adds up to a season of 4 wins and 2 losses.

The mainstays of the team of five members that play in dual matches are Keith Norman, George Ledbetter, Jim Hunt, Bob Gray, and Dan Driscoll.

Staff Salutes Coaches For Their Achievements

"Behind every athlete there is a coach," and the Governor staff wants to commend this year's grizzly group of toughskinned coaches. It is to their perseverance and ability that much of Riggs' success must be credited.

We know for a fact that on the gridiron of life, many tasks must be tackled. If anyone wants to be a success, he must always be on his guard and rebound from failures. Life is not a bowl of "gatorade". People may meet many hurdles in the course of a lifetime, and any number may get hit by a shotput.

Fortunately (and no spoofing) Riggs has been endowed with some exceptional coaches and to them we dedicate this poem.

The most affectionate term used by the members of "The Team!"
When they are low or defeat is near— or so it may seem—
They find this term appropriate and the man always able —
To bolster their courage and make the team stable.
To show them again the correct method, the right advance —
The only way to tackle — just the right stance.

They are a little depressed and feeling rather low;
The take-down isn't coming — the 440 is slow.
But they aren't really worried — they know just who to see —
The man with the pep talk who will set their worries free.
The most affectionate team — and the one you'll hear most
When the team is in trouble, they turn to — "The Coach".

Cindy Ball

Track Team Claims 8th In State

Thirteen Governor thinclads traveled to Rapid City last weekend for the state track classic; Pierre finished 8th overall in class AA competition with 13 points.

Sioux Falls Lincoln nudged Aberdeen Central 41 to 38 for its 3rd consecutive title. Del Rapids copped the class A crown and Jefferson nabbed its second straight class B title. The Governors racked up their points by placing in four events.

Mark Larschied finished 1st in the high hurdles and 4th in the low hurdles. Dale Clelland took a 5th in the discus and the mile relay team of Bob Miller, Brian Ice, Gil Hedman, and Rhys Schmidt placed 3rd in that event.

Other trackmen who attended the state meet by qualifying in their individual events were: Verle Prochaska, Kerry Wenbourne, Dave Jensen, Prentice Weaver, Jim Ackerman, Jeff Mortenson, and Randy Neuhauser.

Nelson Only State Entry

Wayne Nelson, junior transfer from Rapid City, traveled "back home" Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, where he competed in the state golf tournament at the Arrowhead Country Club.

Nelson tied for 15th place individually out of a field of 61 contestants. His scores for the course included three 41's and a 44, for a total of 167.

Brookings took the team title followed by Sioux Falls Lincoln, then Aberdeen Central. Pierre wasn't eligible in the team scores because they didn't qualify enough golfers.

This Saturday the team will travel to Madison for an ESD School Tournament. This will be their final action for the season.



Brian Ice Strains to break the tape in this award-winning photograph submitted in the Sigma Delta Chi writing contest by Steve Schwellenbach.

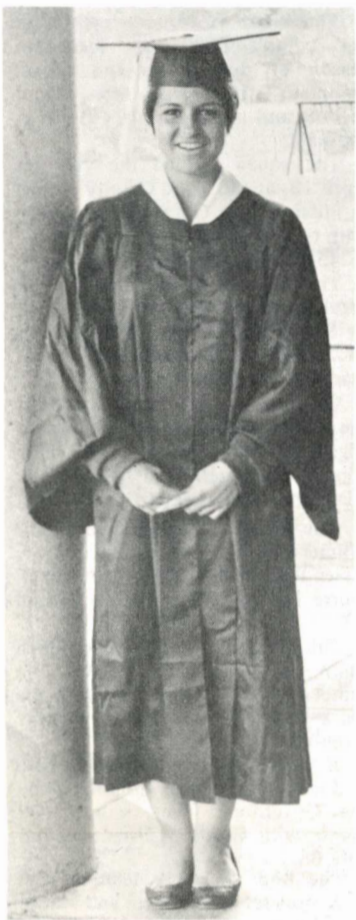
Esther Caps A Memorable School Year

On August 13, 1968, Esther Piccione, foreign exchange student from Madrid, Spain, stepped off the airplane into a new world of Pierre, South Dakota. "It was a small town."

She has learned the American way of life and her wish is for her brother to learn it, too, in the way he would learn to do dishes, make beds, etc. . . Boys in Spain don't do this type of "manual labor".

Esther has participated in every extra curricular activity under the sun. She listed some of the highlights as Esther Day, homecoming, prom, Snow Queen contest, and Junior Miss. She is looking forward to graduation and Girls State for a "great time."

When asked if she was having any trouble with her Spanish, Esther said,



"Maybe you wouldn't believe, but I can't say a word in Spanish and my accent has changed, too!" Esther is anticipating a difficult first day in Spain!

Leaving Pierre on June 28, Esther will then tour the United States with the other A.F.S. students throughout the state. She will be flying back to Madrid July 23. Once in Madrid she will have two months with her family and friends. After her vacation she will enter college.

"First to enjoy the best possible the month that I have left in Pierre," she exclaimed.

I think everyone will agree Esther has made the 1968-1969 school year a year we will never forget. Thanks, Esther for coming!

Fine Arts Displayed

Models ranging from small tots to high school girls descended from a space ship unto a cleverly decorated stage to give "Your Fashion Horoscope" for this year. The outfits included many pantdresses and simply tailored dresses made by the Home Economics classes. The fashion show on May 8 was one feature of the two day Annual Industrial and Fine Arts festival that has been held in the Riggs High School gym for several years.

Each of the industrial or fine arts classes contributed by showing some of the projects they had completed during the year.

Some of the larger, more detailed projects exhibited by the woods classes this year were two stereo consoles and a poker table (completed during class this year). Among the smaller projects were a variety of exhibits such as bowls, tables, bookcases, and lamps.

The art classes have been dabbling their fingers in a little bit of

Jerry Parkinson was the featured speaker at the annual DECA Club employers banquet on Tuesday, May 13 at the VFW Club. Each year the club members honor their bosses who have helped them learn while they earn as part of the school program.



Up, up and away! George Ledbetter, merit scholarship winner, pauses a moment beside the plane which he pilots.

George Earns Scholarship

Scholarship winners under the National Merit Program are determined on the basis of scores received on tests, as well as on academic and extracurricular achievement. This year there are about 3,000 recipients throughout the U.S., out of 800,000 who took the qualifying test.

George Ledbetter has been chosen as one of the 13 outstanding South Dakota high school seniors who will be awarded National Merit Scholarships. His scholarship, financed by IBM, will help cover a year of college study. George will attend Denver University, where he plans to major in math.

Senior Students Honored

Kim Krull was announced February Student of the Month, Mary Ihli, March, and Judy Pugh, April by Mr. Gary Wetzel, Jaycee President at an all-school assembly last week. After a short interview Barb Andrews was given the award for the month of May.

The nine students chosen this year and who were eligible for the Student of the Year are: Fred Lillibridge - September, Denise Torvik - October, Pam Neuharth - November, Connie Wise - December, George Ledbetter - January, Kim Krull - February, Mary Ihli - March, Judy Pugh - April, and Barb Andrews - May.

Kim Krull is the outgoing president of National Honor Society, a member of Student Council, a former Homecoming Marshall candidate, winner of the Elks Youth Leadership Contest, a Demolay member, a Junior Kiwanian, and G Club member.

Mary Ihli is also an active student. She is a Gumbo Staff section head, treasurer for the senior class, team captain for Girl's Basketball, Pep Club vice-president, A choir member, 1968 Governor's Day secretary of state, a Junior Catholic Daughter, a National Honor Society member, and a Quill and Scroll member.

Along with being an active cheerleader, Judy Pugh is a member of Pep Club, choir, band, All-State Choir, Homeroom commissioner, National Honor Society, Homecoming Queen candidate, and was a Junior Miss candidate.

Barb Andrews, who is also active in school and community activities, was a Homecoming Queen candidate, Junior Miss candidate, chosen as Demolay Sweetheart, a member of the "Burls", an active member of choir and pep club, a member of Future Teachers, Gumbo Staff, National Honor Society, Safety Council, and a homeroom vice-president. She is also active in cheerleading, Job's Daughters, church choir, and her church youth group.



This will be the last time you will see the 1969 senior Governor staff members at work! The 1970 staff has moved in as of this issue. The 1968-69 staff include left to right, seated: Chris Hughes, assistant editor; Gary Snow, editor. Standing: Monty Bieber, George Ledbetter, Mary Lou Walsh, Fred Lillibridge.

Service Clubs Catch Election Fever

Connie Neuhauser was elected President of the American Field Service Club for 1969-1970. At the Club's last business meeting of this year. Kathy Sigle was elected as vice president with Sherry Olafson secretary-treasurer.

An AFS picnic was held Monday, May 12, at Riverside Park. The picnic was held to encourage new members to join. The organization is tentatively planning for a new foreign exchange student for next year who will stay with the Curt Neuharth family. There has been no information released so far as to whom this student will be.

GUMBO assistant editor and section heads have been named, according to Maryann Drenkhahn, editor. Renee McCaughey will be assistant editor. Section heads include: Janet Lehecka and Kathy Sigle, Classes; Linda Hemminger, Administration; Patty Englet and Paulette Schultz, Activities; Matt Stevens, Sports; Nancy Shaw and Mary Warne, Features.

Renee plans to attend an institute for high school yearbooks at South Dakota State University, June 22 through 27.

Next year's GUMBO staff consists of more than eighty Riggs students. A list of those selected for the staff will be posted next fall.

Art Club has elected its officers for the next year; Nancy Shaw, president; Colleen Cooley, vice president; Donna Hall, secretary; and Jeff Fladaboe, treasurer.

Art Instructor Plans Trip

Mrs. Alice Smith, art instructor, will be acting as chaperone for a European tour in the summer of 1970 for six weeks through the sponsorship of the Foreign Study League. Students between the ages of 15 and 19 are eligible to join this art history and appreciation tour.

Those attending this tour will spend two weeks in Rome, two weeks in Florence, and two weeks in Paris. In Rome the tour will visit the Forum, Palatine Palace, Colosseum, Triumphal Arches and the Basilica, as well as St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican museum. In Florence the students will visit Uffizi Gallery, Medici Chapel, Bargello Palace Museum and the Pirri Palace, seeing works of such artists as Michealangelo, Da Vinci, Donatello, Bottidelli, and Cellini. In Paris they will see the works of Ingres, Delacroix, Degas, Renoir, Monet, Manet, Van Gogh, Cezanne, Bargeue and Picasso.

F.N.C. Gives Mother's Tea

Mother's Day was celebrated Sunday, May 11, by the Future Nurse's Club with a tea honoring the mothers and grandmothers of the club members. This year's graduating senior members were also honored at the program. Mrs. Colleen Burchill, R.N., spoke to the group about her training as a nurse and her career in medicine. Barbara Harding was chosen by the members to receive the honorary title of "Miss Future Nurse". She was presented a gift by Miss Patti Wilcox, next year's FNC president.

Mrs. Robinson, advisor of the club, was honored by the club at their final meeting on Tuesday, May 13.

The curriculum will include Gothic, Baroque, Romantic, Impressionistic, and Modern Art at Paris; Etruscan, Roman, Early Christian, and Baroque in Rome; and Greek, Byzantine, Medieval, and Renaissance in Florence. One class a day will deal with Italian and French culture.

The cost of the tour includes a program of excursions and activities such as shopping, sightseeing, opera, picnics, ocean swimming, and dancing. Housing will be in very good hotels, universities and schools.

Water Flies At Balloon Bust

A low flying balloon hit the back of Gary Snow. In revenge, Gary threw his famous curve balloon at the unknown sniper. This wasn't a riot - just the junior-senior water balloon fight at the Riggs High practice field the evening of May 9th. The smart ones like Harry Freeman wore heavy coats; Pat Schumacher was outfitted in complete water proof gear. Everyone was dressed casually.

Balloons flew in all directions. Even the sophomore spectators were victims of a few misguided balloons. One stray balloon hit the car Cindy Ball's mother was driving. Quite a splashing experience for Cindy's mother.

Wallowing in ankle deep mud, the seniors took the offensive position determined to wash out the juniors. The juniors replenished their dwindling ammunition supply and rallied a strong defense.

No one was sure of the victor, but each side claimed to have won long before the other team was organized. The junior-senior water balloon fight ended as it had begun, all in fun.



Mrs. R. J. Zakahi performed the Mexican Hat Dance and Mary Ann Drenkhahn and Nancy Shaw sang at the annual Spanish Club Supper held May 13 in the Congregational Church basement. The main dish of tacos was supplemented by other Spanish foods, lemonade and homemade ice cream.

New officers, President Marilee Johnson, Vice-President Sheryl Gitchell, and Secretary-Treasurer Georgia Hill, were installed. It was decided that the balance of the club treasury will be given to the AFS fund.



Pep Club officers for the coming 1969-70 school year are: Mary Warne, president; Marge Flannery, vice-president; Pam Barth, secretary; Nancy Shaw, treasurer; and Mary Ann Drenkhahn, publicity chairman.



Linda Hemminger has received word that she has been accepted to attend the Junior Medical Technicians Institute in Beaumont, Texas, at Lamar State College of Technology from July 27 through August 9. Physical therapy, dental hygiene, medical technology, and other fields of medicine will be studied by students who are interested in medical careers. The institute is sponsored by Scientists of Tomorrow and will be under the direction of Prof. William T. Fitzgerald, who is in charge of the Department of Biology at Lamar State.



A brief mement during the hectic conventions when delegates have a chance to break for pictures for the press. Members of the Federalist party pictured are Jeff Fladaboe, Gerry Berg and Rollie Titus as they determine political policies.