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## Mary and Al Reign Over Homecoming

The crowning of Queen Mary Wilcox and Marshall Al Slaathaug highlighted the busy Homecoming week for Riggs High students. In the traditional Minneshosho Day ceremony last night, thunderous applause acknowledged the approval of the crowd for the choices made by the student body.

The band signalled the entrance and exit of the Royalty with the traditional Indian rhythms. The who were followed by Princesses Marilee Cowan and Mary Neiber with the attendants Barbara Andrews,

Julie Gilkerson, Judy Pugh, Bryan Ice, Kim Krull and Mark Larscheid. They all were dressed in the traditional Indian costumes.

Mayor Jim Hunt emceed the program and introduced the speakers and the entertainment. Mr. Curtis Neuharth was the guest alumni speaker. Royalty were presented gifts from the pep club and the G club.

After the ceremony, the crowd moved to the area west of the gym where the traditional burning of the letters, PHS, dramatized the victory spirit of the student body.

## P.H.S. Welcomes New Teachers

Eight new teachers have joined the Riggs High School staff this fall replacing teachers who did not return to the system. There is no additional staff.

Mrs. Mary Fuhrman, the part-time instructor in the Business Education department, comes from Redfield. She attended college at Northern State and taught one year at Brentford.

Mr. Vern Miller, American History teacher and sophomore football coach taught in Gettysburg and Ft. Pierre before joining the Riggs High Staff.

Miss Beverly Holton is from LeMors, Iowa. In June of 1967 she graduated from the University of Iowa with a German major and minor in Italian. She traveled to Germany in September of 1967. There she had a job in a dry-cleaning factory part of the time while she stayed in a private home.

She joined the Riggs High staff this fall as the German instructor. She thinks Riggs is great and that all the people here are very friendly.

Mr. Robert Burrell, the new math teacher, comes from Aberdeen, but he attended high school in Dell Rapids. He attended college at Northern State, University of South Dakota, Creighton University, and School of Mines.

Mr. Burrell has had five years of teaching experience in Watertown. He is enthusiastic about the courses he teaches this year which include geometry, algebra I, and algebra II.

Mr. David Ferguson is the new sophomore English teacher and drama coach. He previously taught these subjects for two year in Watertown.

He graduated from Yankton College with a theater major in 1966. He is single. He has already started work on the dramatic productions for the year. Mr. Ferguson says he likes Pierre and the students at Riggs.

Mr. Vincent Johnson, civics and

economics teacher, graduated from O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls, and attended Northern State College with a major in economics and a minor in physical education. Mr. Johnson is coaching sophomore football besides his regular teaching assignment.

Mrs. Delores Jensen, new home Economics teacher at Riggs, previously taught for 5 years at Rapid City and Willow Lake. She earned her B.S. degree from South Dakota State University at Brookings.

Mr. Dick Johnson teaches four Sophomore speech classes and one Advanced Speech Class. He comes to us from Black Hills State College. Mr. Johnson will coach debate this year.

## Cheerleaders Begin Duties

Sherry Abbott, Robin Albertus, Becky Berguin, Nancy Kirley, and Judy Sonnenshein were chosen by the sophomore class as "B" squad cheerleaders for '68-69'. Their first duties were leading the cheers during Coronation Thursday evening. They will perform at the home Sophomore football and basketball games this year. Miss Pickering is the coach.

## Declam Begins

Declam practice started this year with twenty members, coached by Mrs. Leach. Members will choose selections from four areas: oratory, dramatics, humorous, and poetry. The local declam contest will be held in Pierre, November 4th. A college judge will choose the best presentation from each area to compete in the district contest in Mobridge on November 12.

Last year, Mary Wilcox won a superior rating in the humorous division at the district level and an excellent in the state contest.

## Band To Present Demonstration

Alarm clocks blared, sleepy musicians dragged their instruments up to Riggs High School, a quick drum cadence sounded, and 6:30 a.m. summer band practice had begun. Mr. Ivers directed a heavy schedule of morning, evening, and Saturday practices for the marching band so they would be ready for public performances in their new uniforms during the fall football season. Basic marching techniques, turns, corners, counter marches, and precision routines were included in the practice sessions. The drummers learned several new street cadences. Attendance, spirit, and enthusiasm was good in spite of the irregular hours according to Mr. Ivers.

64 members and 10 alternates were chosen from the Riggs High School to make up the marching band. This group will march in the South Dakota State University homecoming, Hobo Days parade on October 12 as well as entertain at half time for home games at Hollister field.

Vicki Blake was selected as head majorette. Sherry Olofson, Diane Boswell and Cindy Warne are the other majorettes. They will lead the marching band at all their performances this year.

## School Royalty Leads Parade

The annual Homecoming parade begins today at 1:30 with 14 floats entered in competition. The Color Guard and royalty will lead the parade, followed by the Senior High marching band. Besides the 14 class floats eight clubs will have entries. The Junior High band and the sixth and seventh grade band will provide marching music at the middle and end of the parade. Political floats and cars will be at the end.

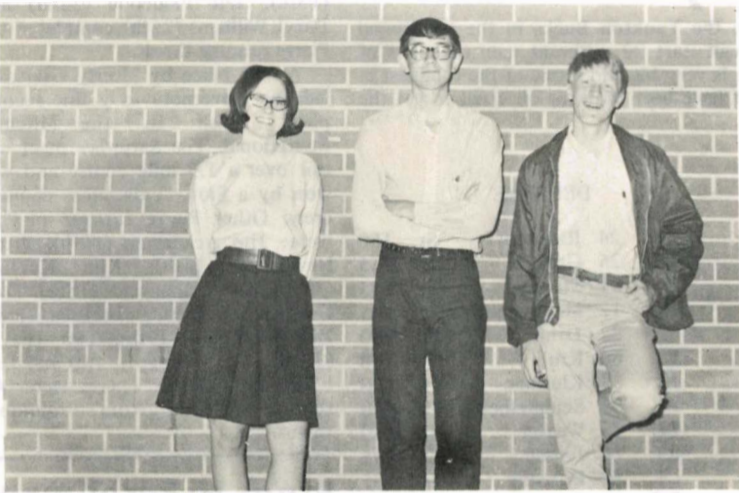
Prizes will be awarded in two categories, "Most Original" and "Spirit of the Day". There will also be a prize for "Best of Parade".

The parade will start on Jefferson, go down Capitol to Pierre Street—then south to the Legion cabin, east on Missouri and finally north to the school parking lot where the floats will be dismantled. Prize winners will be announced immediately after the parade.

## Year of Service Planned by SC

The Riggs High Student Council is preparing for another year of service to the school and to the student body. With many activities planned, Mr. Ruzick, the advisor, thinks it should be a great year. The first major activity after homecoming will be the Jr. Miss Pageant on November 13, which will be followed later by the annual Christmas program. The Council hopes to include three Youthquake's in the year's activities as well as the annual Senior High Talent Show.

Judy Pugh was elected secretary-treasurer, and commissioners were placed on committees to be in charge of Coronation.



Chris Hughes, Monte Beiber and George Ledbetter were notified this week that their test scores placed them as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

## NMS Semifinalists Selected

Three Riggs Seniors have been selected as semifinalists in the 1968 National Merit Scholarship program. Chris Hughes, George Ledbetter, and Monte Beiber have been chosen on the basis of their scores on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Each year the National Merit Scholarship Corporation administers to high school juniors throughout the nation a qualifying test, the scores of which are used to determine the top students in the country. The students are not notified of their status in the program until their senior year, and this year some 15,000 students have been rated as semifinalists. All semifinalists who are endorsed by their schools, who fulfill all requirements, and whose scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) confirm their high standing on the NMSQT, will automatically become

finalists. Each finalist will receive a Certificate of Merit and will be considered for the approximately 1000 one-time National Merit \$1000 scholarships and the approximately 2000 sponsored Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1969. (Sponsored scholarships are backed by corporations other than the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and are renewable annually.) Winners of Merit Scholarships will be announced by May 1, 1969.

Riggs has had from 1 to 5 semifinalists every year that it has had students participating in the program. Only four finalists have been awarded scholarships. Robert Rentto was the first, but his scholarship was not used. Jack Robinson, Jr., was next, and last year Barbara Holst and David Huft both received scholarships which they are using at this time.



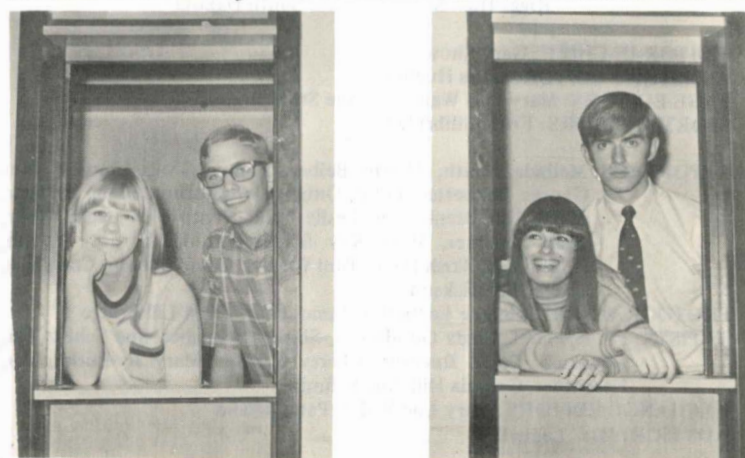
Officers for the class of 1969 are, Mark Larshied—president, Tom Gardner—vice-president, Mary Ihli—secretary, and Connie Wise—treasurer. When asked "What are you planning to do for the Senior Class?" They listed several ideas including senior parking lot, senior skip day, senior lunch line, respect for senior bells and respect for senior bench.

## Drama Club Picks Play

At the Drama Club meeting Thursday, September 12, Mr. Ferguson spoke to the group of nearly 50 students about the objectives and the work of the club. He asked for volunteers for a Drama Production Board which will oversee and implement drama activities throughout the year. The board will be made up of the chairman of the various departments of work with Terri Carson as General Chairman.

The fall dramatic production will feature three plays, "The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch", "The Bold Soprano", and "An Incident in the Park". Tryouts will be held Wednesday, September 25, at 3:15 and 7:00 and Thursday, September 26, at 3:15 in the Riggs High School Study Hall.

Included on the board will be Pat Hughes—make-up, Gordon Vance—lighting, Chris Hughes and Brian McGinty—design and construction, Cindy Larson—publicity, and Laura Karim—costumes.



The Junior Class officers are: President, Ward McCaughy; Vice President, Jim Ackerman; Secretary, Cindy Dirks; and Treasurer, Martha Nelson. The Junior class officers have the responsibility of making sure there is enough money to carry out a successful prom in the spring.



# Arrow Edge Riggs

The Pierre Governors dropped the first ESD game of the season to the Watertown arrows. The Arrows dominated the game from the start and came up with some impressive rushing statistics. The 13 - 6 score seems misleading compared to the statistics which show Pierre far behind the Watertown team. The Arrows had the ball 53 plays while the Governors had it for only 27 plays.

Pierre jumped off to an early lead when Woody Bunch blocked a punt, with the Watertown kicker standing inside his own ten yard strip. The touchdown came on a one yard run by Al Slaathaug. The extra point kick was good, also by Slaathaug. Watertown tied the score in the second period when Rick Jarboe scored from three yards out. The extra point kick was good. Watertown's Pat Murphy scored the winning touchdown on a one yard drive. The third quarter touchdown capped a 54-yard drive. Mark Larschied blocked the extra point attempt.

Watertown had 14 first downs compared to 3 for the Governors. The big edge came in the offensive rushing department. The Arrows gained 261 yards on the ground compared to 19 yards for the Pierre crew. Pierre did, however, lead in the passing phase of the game. They completed 3 of 6 passes for 31 yards. Watertown was 3 for 13 for 12 yards. The Governor defense played most of the contest and did a very fine job under the conditions. Coach

Glanzer cited Dave Jensen, Woody Bunch, and Kim Krull for their defensive work. Jensen led the team in tackles with 13 and was followed by Wade Dowling and Kim Krull with 10 tackles apiece. Woody Bunch and Mark Larschied had 7 tackles.

The offensive was led by Al Slaathaug who rushed for 27 yards in

11 carries. Dryan ice rushed for 7 yards in as many carries. Mike Ridgway had four yards and Dennis Groff had two yards.

## School? Yeah! School? Ugh!

As part of the governor's continuing effort to keep our readers abreast of public opinion, we offer this poll of the students of Riggs High School.

How do you feel about your senior year?

I'm glad it's here so that we can get it over with. N.J.

I was waiting for school to start, but now that it has, I find that it will be less than enjoyable. D.P.

I waited all summer for my senior year to start (oh yes)! Now that it started I find it is not much different than my junior year, except for senior privileges, I'M GONNA ENJOY THOSE PRIVILEGES! H.V.M.

How does anybody feel about their Senior year? It's just gotta be great even if it kills some of us. B.A.

I like being a senior because that means I'm just about through with high school. Also I don't have to look up to anyone any more. J.C.

When the juniors were asked how they like their junior year they smiled, then started blowing steam. They really do appreciate their junior year but they don't know it . . . yet!

"I think it's going to be a really fun year, but its going to be a lot of hard work too." B.J.

"Wonderful garbage." M.A.D.

"I lived through it so far." P.A.

"Well, as long as Mr. Ruzick keeps us informed on the parties in Tommie Joe's darkroom it'll probably be a great year." J.E.

"Too many teachers - too many kids . . . too many assignments . . . too many bells . . . too many halls . . . too many doors . . . not enough exits . . . not enough girls." A. D.

"Hours too early, hours too long, lunch time too short. But I like being

a JUNIOR." D.N.

"The greatest year of them all."

"Great." B.C.

The sophs would like to have these few words quoted as only a beginning to their everlasting greatness. When asked what they thought of senior high school they said:

"It's a pretty new experience but it's okay." - M.C.

"It's great. It's better than being a 9th grader but it's worse than being a junior." - K.H.

"Really neat! It's a lot better than junior high but I hate being treated like 'sevs' again." - P.V.

"I don't know, it's fun, I guess." - L.D.

## Sophs Win

The Pierre Sophomore football team defeated a never-say-die Gettysburg J.V. team in a close scoring 19-14 game. The soph.'s led all the way. Kerry Wenbourne proved to be the main factor in the Pierre win. His great runs scored all the touchdowns for the winners. Wenbourne ran 35 yards in the first quarter to set up a 15 yard touchdown run. The extra point attempt failed. Once again it was Wenbourne in the second quarter. He ran around end for 30 yards and a Pierre touchdown. The extra point again failed. Gettysburg was next to score in the third period. The score with the extra point made the score 12-7 with one quarter to play. Wenbourne made it three in a row when he went around end for the TD. The extra point was good. Gettysburg scored their final touchdown with 45 seconds left to play. Gettysburg broke lose to score from the 45 yard line. The extra point made the score 19-14 in favor of Pierre.

# Gov's Ready for Bucks

The Pierre Governors will take on the Yankton Bucks in the traditional Homecoming game. The Governors will start 22 different men in hopes of stopping the Yankton team. Yankton is very big and is one of the toughest in the ESD. Coach Glanzer and his staff have been working all week to get the boys up for the contest.

Starters will be:

OFFENSE				DEFENSE			
QB	11	McLellan	Jr. 160	S	24	Ridgway	Sr. 150
FB	33	Slaathaug	Sr. 180	RC	25	Groff	Jr. 165
LH	23	Larschied	Sr. 175		21	Stoeser	Sr. 145
RH	26	Ice	Sr. 160	LC	12	McCaughy or	Jr. 145
LE	84	Hedman	Sr. 145		22	Long	Sr. 160
RE	80	Melstad	Jr. 165	RL	60	Krull	Sr. 170
RT	73	Victor	Jr. 170	LL	32	Klusman	Jr. 170
LT	75	Prochaska	So. 200	RE	82	Schiefelbein	So. 190
RG	66	Dirksen	Jr. 205	LE	86	Weaver	Sr. 160
LG	54	Suiter	Jr. 130	RT	71	Jensen	Sr. 205
C	53	Clelland	Sr. 190	LT	74	Dowling	Jr. 185
				RG	65	Bateman	Jr. 180
				LG	70	Beekley	Sr. 185

# CLUB NEWS

The Art Club will be headed by Chris Hughes this year with Jeff Fladeboe serving as Vice-President, Gloria Ray as Secretary, and Mary Ann Drenkhahn as Treasurer. The club will meet the second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month.

Pat Beck was elected president of the Library Club at the organizational meeting September 10. Others elected were Debbie Gould, secretary; Dawn Henricksen, treasurer; and reporter, Eileen Killian.

The club meets once a month to discuss and learn more about Librarian Science as a career.

Six representatives from our "First Ladies" attended a drill team camp at Bozeman, Montana, held on the campus of Montana State University from Aug. 14-18. The girls danced nine hours a day and learned 3 new dances, which they are now teaching to the drill team. Those who attended are Dee McCarroll, Linda Kannegieter, Kayleen Barge, Colleen Burke, and Kristi Bennett. Girls from all over the northwest attended the camp.

Mary Neiber and Judy Pugh, "A" cheer leaders, attended the cheerleading camp at Gustavus Adolphus College, in St. Peter, Minnesota, August 19 to 23.

Teachers from the University of Texas, Brigham Young, and the University of Oklahoma instructed the 350 girls from a five-state area in the techniques of teaching a crowd new cheers and chants. Spirit was one of the reasons for the camp and Judy and Mary brought it back with them.

Riggs High School, Rapid City Central and Mitchell Notre Dame were the three South Dakota high school represented at the camp. Mary and Judy agreed that they learned a lot to bring back to Riggs and they had fun doing it.

Mary Wilcox was elected Governor of the 1968 session of Girls State, the first girl from Pierre to receive this honor. As part of her duties as Governor she will return to officiate at the 1969 Girls State assembly.

IN Mary's words, "Girls State was a 'riot'; everyone became very close. When it came time for goodbyes, tears came."

Others in attendance from Pierre were Chris Hughes (journalism), Julie Gilkerson, Connie Wise, and Denise Torvik.



The photographer caught Mark Larschied preparing for tonight's game against Yankton.

# Journalists Win Contest Honors

Three members of last year's Governor staff won Certificates of Recognition for their stories in the Signa Delta Chi high school journalism contest. Nels Nelson received honorable mention for his feature story on term papers which was illustrated with a cartoon by Chris Hughes. Kay Sarvis' editorial entitled "We Do Care" won her the recognition. George Ledbetter's news story on the school political Conventions won honorable mention.

## CC Season Opens

The Pierre Governor cross country team opened the 1968 season with two fine showings. They placed third at Redfield behind Huron and Faulkton on a 1.7 mile course. Leading the Governors were Bruce Neuharth with 4th and Kim Kurvink with a 6th. Dale Obenhauer and Rhys Schmidt were not far behind as they came in 10th and 13th. Bob Miller (15th), Jeff Fladeboe (22nd) and Daryl Williams (25th) completed the Pierre running threat.

A 7th place by Monty Granados led the Governors to a fine second place finish in the Mitchell Invitational. The Saturday meet was run over a 1.9 mile course and was won by a Sioux Falls cross country crew. Other Pierre runners playing were: Jim Ackerman (10th), Bruce Neuharth (14th), Kim Kurvink (17th), Kurt Hoagland (18th), Dale Govenauer (20th), Bob Miller (23rd), Rhys Schmidt (29th), Tim Thayer (32nd), Terry Burge (34th) and Jeff Fladeboe (37th). There were 46 runners in the meet from surrounding towns.

# Riggs Hi Enrollment Increased to 702

Enrollment in Riggs High School has reached a new peak with a record 702 students reporting for classes as of September 13. This figure is forty more than last year with the biggest increase in the sophomore class.

The Senior class has a total of 227, while last year there were 202 seniors. The Junior class has 219, fifteen less than last year's junior class. The sophomores have a total of 256 or thirty more than the sophomores in '68.

The class of '69 has seven less students than they had as juniors. The class of '70 had an enrollment of 226 last year as compared to 219 this fall.

Junior High has total of 718, fourteen more than last year; elementary schools have an enrollment in of 1538, ninety five more than last year. The total enrollment in the Pierre schools on September 13 was 2958, compared to 2809 the previous year.

Don't miss the dance after the game tonight in Riggs High gym sponsored by the Junior class.

# A Word to the Wise

The Seniors of Pierre Riggs High are starting their final year in high school and deserve extra privileges. Most Seniors are very impatient to get out of high school. There should be some way to ease the tension and make school more enjoyable. The best way to do this is to grant two privileges to seniors only - an early dismissal of seniors at lunch and after school, and the senior bench. Although some say that we have these privileges at the present time, I would beg to differ. We have them in writing, but, unless we get all the underclass to abide by the rules and faculty to enforce these privileges, we have gained nothing. The underclassmen are, generally, understanding toward the senior's views, because, if they stop think, they see that if they want these privileges in future years, they must allow the Class of '69 to have them now.

Take heed before the Class of '69 takes action.

Senior bench for SENIORS only!  
First dismissal bell for Seniors only!

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# SOCK IT TO 'EM - - - -

Pep and enthusiasm are the key words to School Spirit. The 1968-69 school year promises to be a great one, because we have the key to school spirit, a tremendous tide of that same pep and enthusiasm which has been the trademark of Riggs in the past year. School spirit is the pride that the student body takes in all the phases of activities sponsored by Riggs High. If a student body has pride, it generates excitement which gives the players on the field the extra push they need to go out there and win. Let's keep the reputation Pierre has for great school loyalty. We will cheer our Governors to the best ever HOMECOMING VICTORY.



Serving as Sophomore Class officers for this year are: Bruce Venner-President, Susan Schmidt-Vice President, Mary Porter-Secretary, and as Treasurer, Dean Borth.

Bruce Venner, President of the Sophomore Class said, "when I find out what the kids want, I'll do my best to get it done."