


A Merry Christmas



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# We Need You, Santa

Jolly old Saint Nick is almost ready to make his appearance on the Christmas scene, where Christmas lights, cards, decorations, and most of all the happy faces of little children reflect the Christmas spirit. I guess that is why I was so surprised the other evening as I watched a television talk show.

A child expert was featured, discussing reasons why children should be told Santa Claus is only make believe. The expert believed that children are bitterly disappointed when they find out Santa doesn't really exist. The rest of their lives they remember that their parents lied to them.

Not tell children about Santa Claus and his reindeer!! I remember my childhood Christmases when the wonder of a jolly man in a red suit, living in a distant toy factory brought all the Christmas happiness and joy to make it the best of the year.

The experts final reason for telling children that old Saint Nick was just a nice story was his belief that the whole reindeer-North Pole bit was insulting to children's intelligence.

Actually, Santa Claus does more than any other tale to stimulate young imaginations. Santa requires so much imagination, and brings so much happiness that he is believable. And aren't imagination and happiness what childhood is all about?

Jody Teske



## Sex, Sexuality And Human Feelings - RHS Hears Jim Merrill

Jim Merrill, Director of the Lutheran Social Services in North Dakota, came to Riggs High School, Wednesday, November 28, to speak openly and freely of sexual relationships among the young people today. He is a social worker, college instructor, and specially trained in the field of family relations.

Mr. Merrill was different from any speaker that had come to Riggs High as far as I can remember. This man had the courage to present himself to the student body, teachers, and later that evening, to the parents in the city auditorium, to give his ideas on sexuality and sex, masturbation, adultery and people's feelings. I rate Mr. Merrill qualified on the subject because of his background experiences with young people from Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

He pointed out that parents tend to draw away from any subject pertaining to sex. This is wrong, he stated. Sex education of any kind should start in the home. Clarity and honesty between young people and parents should develop a two way relationship of trust.

Adultery, another topic which he discussed, does not only pertain to married people, but to

any person who uses another person by lying or making false promises to gain his or her own sexual satisfaction, according to Mr. Merrill.

He used a paper butterfly to illustrate his point about human relationships. The butterfly represented people's feelings and what can happen to those feelings when stepped on or torn apart by other people. People's feelings are as fragile as a butterfly, and should be treated so.

I hope that this presentation has opened the hearts and minds to those who saw, heard, and understood what Mr. Merrill had to say. I feel that if any of the younger generation understands and believes in Mr. Merrill's teachings, their lives will be less burdened with hang ups.

Kathy Dewell

## The Burden Of A Tragedy We Ask Why?

Susan Jibben left school fourth period on Thursday, Dec. 7, and went home. There, she took her own life, leaving only a note which explained that this was the way she wanted things to be.

Most students at Riggs High didn't know Susan very well and most of those that did, did not realize that she was so unhappy. Perhaps

some of us feel we could have done more for her. Why didn't we say 'Hi' to her more often? Why didn't we invite her to more activities? Why didn't we try to understand her better? Always why, but always too late.

If we have learned anything from this tragedy in our school, it must be that each of us has an obligation to be more considerate of the feelings and needs of our fellow human beings. Seven hundred students and faculty failed miserably when one in our midst needed help. We all must accept the blame.

We must also accept the responsibility to take time for friendship. We don't want another tragedy on our conscience.

Governor editors



Artist Jim O'Donnell stands by one of his paintings, part of his exhibit of primitive Indian art which will be on display until January 8.

(photo by Pat Miller)

## Artwork a La Indian Style

Native Americans made use of roots, berries, cactus, and earthen colors for dyes and paints, and pieces of bone for paintbrushes, with animal hides as canvas. But now a white man has studied and learned the methods and media of the Indian's art traditions, and has successfully produced objects of art via Indian style.

Now on exhibit in the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building, Jim O'Donnell's works display such realism that even the most critical of viewers would be impressed. If, after viewing the paintings on bear, wolf, and buffalo hides you are not impressed, you certainly will take note when you examine the canvas tepee in the museum rotunda.

The more enthusiastic followers of art will recognize the artist's originality and imagination in capturing glimpses of the Indians' life styles of the past, such as hunting, transporting and moving camp, traditional dress, warring attacks on enemies such as the Union Pacific Railroad, and tribal dances.

Mr. O'Donnell has been interested in Indian art and crafts since his childhood. He has devoted much time to studying the Plains Indians on the Dakota and Montana reservations, where he has gathered first-hand information about the traditional use of Indian art symbols.

Mr. O'Donnell's display will be open to the public until January 8, admission free. He plans to open an exhibit in Midland called "Two Strike" on June 1st.

Patricia Miller

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# 'Unique' Tryouts Held

Tryouts for the one-act play, "The Bald Soprano," were distinctly unique and came as a surprise. Mr. Shelp, director, started tryouts with a game of "make-believe".

Each would-be-actor was asked to be a piece of bubble gum, a flower opening to the sun, bacon frying, popcorn popping, or a melting candle. Many sore bodies and heads resulted from attempts at head stands, another zany request of Mr. Shelp.

"The Bald Soprano", by Eugene Ionesco, expresses man's inability to communicate with man. People talk constantly, but seldom listen or try to understand. Man accuses natural phenomena for his problems, though it is mankind who invented these natural things such as "Mother Nature." In "theatre-of-the-absurd" the humor is based on

the action. Deep undercurrents run through the play.

Eugene Ionesco sums up his feelings in this quote: "Life" he says, "is a grotesque practical joke constantly pulling away chairs from under man's dignity and reason. Nothing is sane; reality is a hall of distorting mirrors reflecting the grimness of our own pretensions."

Students who received roles are Greg Anderson, Nancy Sutton, John Leach, Kathy Musgrove, Nancy Shelbourn, Bob McClellan, Patty Martin and Wes Cavanaugh. The latter two are understudies. Wes Cavanaugh will be the student director.

The regional one-act play contest will be held in Pierre in January at which time two schools will be chosen to enter the state contest.

## Davis Earns Washington Trip

Ray Davis, Riggs High Mayor, was chosen one of the 102 high school student body officers from across the nation to receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. February 3-10 to observe the U.S. Government in action. The U.S. Senate Youth Program sponsors this event each year.

Along with the week's trip, each student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the William Randolph Hearst Program.

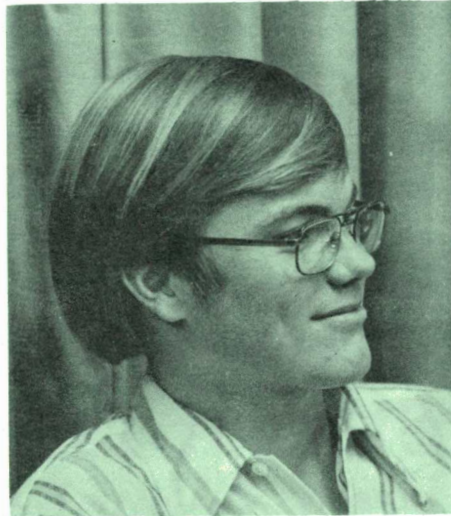
The U.S. Senate Youth Program selects 2 students from each state who will spend time in the offices of their respective Senators and will have briefing with leading cabinet members, Senators, Representatives, Supreme Court Justices, and other high government officials.

The group is also scheduled to meet President Nixon and Vice President Agnew.

Ray is first semester mayor at Riggs. He was a member of the South Dakota Students' Rights Workshop last summer. He has worked to implement his platform pledges including a spring break, a revision of the tardy system and improvement of the school parking lot. As Mayor he was responsible for homecoming activities and the Junior Miss contest.

"He has stimulated interest in student government and has made the student council a vital force in school affairs", commented Mr. Jaeger, student council adviser.

Besides his interest in student government, Ray was a member of the varsity football team,



Ray Davis will go to Washington D.C. as part of U.S. Senate Youth program.

(photo by Pat Miller)

a member of the All-State Chorus, is a Governor sports editor, a member of National Honor Society, a delegate to Boys' State, a Junior Rotarian, Senior Kiwanian, and most recently was selected student-of-the-month for September.

## Activities Outlined Concerning Election

With the semester coming to a close on January 19, it is time for Student Mayor elections.

As usual, the Senior Class will be divided by homerooms, into two political parties. Within this party structure hopeful Mayor candidates will be nominated.

Senior homerooms will each elect a State party chairman and vice chairman and will submit ideas for the improvement of the school. Party nominees will have five school days to file petitions. These petitions require signatures of 5% of the eligible voters.

The two political parties will hold a caucus consisting of homeroom chairmen and vice chairmen to select their National Party Chairmen. These two people will preside over their Party's Convention, and select National Party Secretaries.

After the National Chairmen have been

selected, each party will hold a convention for all its members.

It is at the convention that each party will decide its candidates for Mayor and Vice Mayor from the list of nominating petitions presented. The convention also has the responsibility of adopting a platform (ideas of improvement of the school).

After the conventions, the candidates for Mayor and Vice Mayor will be given about 3 days to campaign before the election.

The whole student body is eligible to vote in the general mayor election which will be held early in January.

Cover Photo:

Mr. Jaeger caught Santa Shlep parking his sleigh on the Canopy. He was dropping in to give everyone a big fat wish.

(photo by Pat Miller)



Jewell Meleen will represent PHS at the Miss Holiday contest in Huron.

## A "Gem" Chosen Miss Holiday Picked

Jewell Meleen, Riggs's Miss Holiday, chosen by Pep Club members, will go to the Miss Holiday Contest on Dec. 27 and 28 in Huron.

The Miss Holiday Contest is sponsored by the Huron Daily Plainsman and Huron College. There will be around 30 Central South Dakota girls participating.

During halftimes at the Huron Invitational Basketball games, all the contestants will be introduced.

Jewell is a member of the Pep Club. She was a contestant in the Snow Queen Contest and was most recently chosen as Citizen-of-The-Month for December. She sings with the chorus and the Madrigal singers and has served as an office girl.

## Going On The Air

Speech I classes will be on the air this week as the speech department starts a daily radio program over KCCR. News and happenings from the Pierre schools including grade schools, rural schools, Junior High and Riggs High will be covered in the five minute broadcasts which are scheduled for late afternoon five days a week.

Each of Mr. Bauder's and Mr. Shelp's Speech I, Advanced Speech and Debate classes will be participating in this project with the Debate class in charge the first semester and the Advance Speech running the show the second semester.

Students will take turns with the broadcast announcing. Any students outside of speech classes who want to participate may join.

A 15 minute TV show is planned for the near future also to be shown weekly over channel 5. This project is temporarily held up because of equipment difficulties.

## Gift Flags Presented

A new flag will be on the Riggs High stage as a result of a gift from the American Legion Auxiliary and the 8 et 40, subsidiary of the American Legion.

Each class room at Riggs now has on display a set of desk flags which were also a gift from the two Auxiliary organizations.

Mrs. Ann Huber, past president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. Esther Pettyjohn, representing 8 et 40, made the flag presentations at an assembly Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The set of desk flags, an American flag and a South Dakota flag, were presented to Mr. Stan Wahl, PEA president, to be put in every class room where there are no flags presently. Some of the flags will go to the other schools in Pierre.



# Clubs Bustling Before Holidays

## FFA FRUIT SALE

The Pierre-Oahe FFA chapter is finishing a very successful citrus fruit sale this month. Over 900 boxes of fruit were sold with profits expected to be more than \$1000.

Last year the chapter sold nearly 500 boxes for a profit of \$900.

The money is used throughout the year for various community and chapter projects.

Some of the money will go towards the "Building Our South Dakota Communities" project which in this area includes the sodding of the Junior High lawn, and the establishment and maintenance of shelterbelts for five area rural schools.

Delegates to the national FFA convention in Kansas City will receive some expense money from this fund. The boys who participated in the Day of Bread celebration in Minneapolis will also receive a share of their expenses. Other chapter projects which will be financed from the fruit sale profits include the trip to Oklahoma City for the National Land Judging contest, trips to state contests and judging schools, purchasing equipment and supplies for the chapter.

All the FFA members who sold fruit will receive a five percent commission. The top two salesmen will receive cash prizes and the top salesmen in each voc. ag. class will get a cash prize.

## DECA RAFFLE

"Help DECA Club students win prizes for selling the most tickets and buy yourself an opportunity to win a \$200 stereo at the same time," proclaimed DECA president, Barb Kindt.

Tickets are being sold for a chance on an AM-FM Magnavox stereo tape player. The drawing will be Friday, Dec. 22.

Last year the stereo was on display in the lobby. This year's equipment is considerably more valuable, and has not been entrusted to such an exhibit.

## FNA TOYS

Snow is flying in all directions, Christmas spirit is filling the hearts of people everywhere, and Santa Claus is finishing his toys for Christmas, but Santa is not the only one getting toys ready for Christmas. The Riggs Future Nurses club is also preparing toys and a tree which they will give to a needy family. The girls from FNA are either making or buying these gifts, which will be delivered just before Christmas.

The FNA club went caroling at the hospital, Maryhouse and Rivercrest Manor on December 13th. They will finish the season with a club Christmas party.

## Honors Earned By RHS Senior

Daisy Ann Hickman took first place honors in the Riggs High "Voice of Democracy" contest held on November 29. Marilee Fix placed second. The contest consists of radio speaking on the general topic "My Responsibility to Freedom."

Daisy Ann placed second in the area contest which was held on the same day.

The "Voice of Democracy" contest, held annually, is sponsored by the National V.F.W. and our local V.F.W. Post 2038.



Marion Curran won a position on the national SAE board.

# Curran Elected To SAE Board

Marian Curran was elected Upper Midwest Regional Representative to the National Student Action of Education (SAE) committee at the regional SAE meeting in St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 1-2.

As a national committee member, she will attend two or more National Education Association (NEA) workshops in Washington D.C. and Portland, Ore., as a representative of the SAE Midwest Region.

Marian, state SAE historian and Riggs High School SAE president, and Julie Denton, state SAE secretary, represented South Dakota at the St. Paul meeting.

# Debaters Begin Season

Marilee Fix and Daisy Ann Hickman captured fourth in varsity debate at the McCarty Invitational in Brookings December 8-9 with a perfect record of five wins. They tied with four other schools and ranked fourth on speaker points. This was the first out-of-town event for the debate squad this year.

Also notching a perfect record of four wins was the novice team of Ron Barness and Donald Haggar. In the individual events, Lynda Schuler picked up a first and third in Women's Extemp.

The 1972-73 debate season started with the

Fall Central Forensics conference in Pierre Dec. 2. The varsity team of Fix, Hickman, David Wilson and Schuler placed second with a 6-2 record in that meet.

Individual events found Lynda Schuler winning second in extemp, and John Lamster earned a third, both on experienced level. Inexperienced extempers Cary Cavanaugh and Meredith Meek captured thirds in their division.

Novice debate was represented by Meek, Cavanaugh, Mary Kurvink, Debra Schuler.

Superior debate certificates were awarded to Fix, Hickman, and Wilson.



# Student Teachers Invade High School Classrooms

Six college students from three state colleges are practice teaching at Riggs High School during the second quarter.

Linda Vroman, Home Economics major from South Dakota State University is helping in the Home Economics department at Riggs.

Linda, whose hometown is Buffalo, South Dakota, believes that more should be done to teach high school students about the change of life style when entering college. According to Linda, students have more freedom in college than in high school, and they must be able to cope with the resulting responsibilities.

Linda's hobby is rodeoing, in which she has been very successful. In college, she majored in Home Economics, but gained a general knowledge of all the basic courses.

"I'm really enjoying myself," was the comment made by Miss Carol Ebert, when asked how she liked teaching at Riggs.

Miss Ebert, originally from Onida, has been attending the University of South Dakota, and will soon graduate. After graduation, she will look for a teaching position.

While at Riggs, Miss Ebert has assisted and taught for Mrs. Spitzer in her Typing classes and Mr. Burrell in his Math classes.

Finding it a challenge and enjoying the work is what Judy Flagstad had to say about teaching German in the Pierre School System.

Miss Flagstad, of Webster, South Dakota, will graduate from Northern State College next May and plans to teach for a living.

Judy is majoring in German and has a minor in History. She is now under the supervision of Miss Allison, German teacher at Senior and Junior High.

Another new face around the school is Donna Duenwald who is practice teaching Library Science under the direction of Mr. Townsend, Riggs librarian.

Miss Duenwald has a major in German, and a minor in Library Science. She will put her knowledge to use when she seeks a teaching job after she graduates in December.

Miss Duenwald remarked that she liked the many different courses that were offered at Riggs. She also added that everyone she has met has been friendly . . . so far.

Mr. Peterka has been helping Mrs. Leach in her Spanish classes for this nine weeks.

Mr. Peterka is majoring in French, and has a minor in Spanish. He plays the guitar, and enjoys classical music.

He enjoys eating French foods, especially French Croquemonsieurs. According to Mr. Peterka, these are pieces of toasted bread that are soaked in butter and covered with cheese and ham. Then they are baked.

Mr. Rick Werner, Huron, is teaching in the social studies department under Mr. Thomas and in the English department with Mrs. Myers. He is a senior at USD.

All of the cadet teachers will finish their work at Riggs by Christmas vacation.



Merry Christmas from your camera totin', hockey lovin', cliché writin' editor.



# Chrith-Myth?

There is a tree in the far away city of Athens that is the only one of its kind in all of Greece. And every year, around Christmas time, people come from all over to see its beautiful trim and shining jewels.

Long ago, there was a beautiful youth named Ornare. He was king and ruled much of the countryside. Ornare was rich and had everything a man could ever want... But he was unhappy, for although there were many lovely princesses, they were rich and did not appreciate the beautiful trinkets he gave to them as tokens of his love.

One day, while Ornare was hunting, he shot and wounded a wild pig who, in its pain, attacked Ornare. As he lay on the ground seriously injured, a young and very beautiful girl named Cristes came upon him. She hurriedly fetched her father and together they carried Ornare to their small hut.

Now Cristes was a very poor girl, but she and her father tended to him carefully. As Ornare healed, he came to know the girl, and soon they were deeply in love.

Ornare took Cristes back to the castle where they were married and lived very happily. One day, as Cristes was picking flowers with her maidens, she accidentally pricked her finger on a poisonous bush and fell to the ground.

Cristes' maidens rushed back and told Ornare what had happened. He hurried to her side and there she died in the arms of her husband. Ornare was so stricken with grief that he, too, pricked his finger on the same bush, and he died there next to his love.

Seeing this, the Goddess of Love took pity on the couple and turned Cristes into a pine tree and Ornare, who had always shown his love by giving his wife jewels and emeralds, was changed into beautiful trinkets so that he could always cover her with beauty and love.

Nancy Towne

## All I Really Want This Christmas . . .

Dear Santa:

Christmas draws nigh and we have been ruminating, reflecting, and meditating upon it all. As a result, here are a few goodies, luxuries, absolute necessities and "Things" we would like for you to bring us (if at all possible).

Here are my requests:  
Cement Waffle stompers  
Silk lined sousaphone  
Dehydrated water (all you add is water!)  
White magic markers  
Pickled pladypus eggs  
Martha's guide for Malicious Mischief  
A new spring wardrobe made of chicken wire (including a pullet proof vest)  
Brass bathtub for my fried chicken collection  
Electric firehydrant  
1473 Edsel  
A water bed filled with jello  
Overwear  
A box of Fannie Farmers  
A box of Farmers Fannies  
Noah's Ark complete with animals (plus sanitary engineer)  
A sticky slide rule

Thanks globs Santa Dear. We hope you can bring all of these things because if you don't we won't clean the chimney next year. (you're worried- aren't you?)

We love you Santa,

## Carols For Christmas Filled The Air

Carols of Christmas rang out in the clear cold December night as the Riggs High Music Department presented "An Evening of Christmas Music" Wednesday, December 6.

A-Cappella Choir set the mood with "Choral Fanfare for Christmas", accompanied by the Brass Choir, "Angels We Have Heard On High", and "Carol of the Drum". Nancy Sutton soloed a poignant version of "O Holy Night" with the choir backing her. "Hallelujah Chorus" proved an effective finale for their section of the program.

The band joined in the program playing "Christmas Music for Winds." With the audience's attention caught, they proceeded with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Carillons at Christmastide," and "Christmas Fugue."

## Vocal Groups Sing For City

The sound of Christmas carols has been heard all over this month as the merry members of the Riggs High Choir, Glee Club, Capitol Singers, Girls Glee, Mixed Octette, and Sophomore and Varsity Triple Trios entertain city clubs.

Among the places that were filled with the sound of music were the Pierre National Bank, Falcon Cafe, the Capitol Building, and the 1st National Bank. The merry carolers also appeared before the Kiwanis, at Maryhouse, Rivercrest, the Hospital, and the Pierre Indian School.

The Band does not have any small groups prepared for Christmas entertainment, but will play for the Governor's Christmas Party at the Capitol on December 21st.

Girls Glee appeared even better than in previous years. They began with "Cantatae Domino" in Latin. A commendable job was

done with the performance of "The Christmas Song," with a solo by Hillary Brady. Girls Glee concluded with "What Child is This?" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

"Three Carols For Christmas" by the combined band, choir and Glee Club concluded the evening of Christmas music.



Part of the varsity triple trio is shown here entertaining with Christmas music in the State capitol rotunda, from the left: Julie Inman, Ginger Kleinschmidt, Pam Smith and director Miss Hess with her back to the camera.

(photo by Pat Miller)



## Stroup Whips Undeclared Jansen

# Governor Matmen Win Tourney



Mike Stroup rises above the crowd at the Pierre Invitational when he defeated Watertown's Rick Jansen, two-year state champ. This was Jansen's first loss in 51 matches.

(photo by Pat Miller)



"Come back Here!" yells Pierre's Steve Simet as he pulls his opponent back on the mat. Simet won 4-3 in the Pierre Invitational, Dec. 1-2.

(photo by Pat Miller)

Twelve wrestlers make up a team, and it takes 12 excellent wrestlers to beat number one ranked Watertown, but it happened as the Riggs High School varsity team beat out Watertown 27 to 18 to win the Pierre Invitational Tournament December 1 and 2.

Placing 3rd was Rapid City Central edging out Huron by a score of 22-21.

Fifth place went to Rapid City Stevens as they defeated Sioux Falls O'Gorman 36-18. Todd County crumbled Sturgis for 7th place.

Trophies were given for the fastest pin, outstanding wrestler and undefeated wrestler during the tournament.

Winning the fastest pin trophy was Glen Crabtree of Todd County. He pinned Roger Anderson, Sturgis, in 17 seconds.

Mike Stroup, Pierre's 126 pounder, won outstanding wrestler award, as he defeated Watertown's two year state champ Rick Jansen. This was Jansen's first loss in 51 matches.

Also winning trophies from Pierre were Kirk Simet, 119; Mike Stroup, 126, Steve Simet, 145, and Terry Beastron 155, all were undefeated during the tournament.

first place results:

98	Johnson (W)	dec	Riis	10-0
105	Erbe (P)	dec	Olson	1-0
112	Pira (W)	pin	Laird	3:29
119	K. Simet (P)	pin	Marquart	4:55
126	M. Stroup (P)	dec	Jansen	7-5
132	Pudwill (P)	draw	Foster	5-5
138	N. Olson (W)	dec	Stoeser	9-0
145	S. Simet (P)	dec	Burns	4-3
155	Bastron (P)	dec	Walkins	10-0
167	Cordell (W)	dec	Gunderson	3-0
185	Warne (P)	dec	De Ville	7-6
Hwt.	J. Madigan (P)	dec	Kumm	8-6

## Vacation Time Is Fun Time But Not For The Grapplers

While Christmas vacation for most students means sleeping late, eating and having fun, it's going to be two weeks of hard work and dieting for the PHS matmen.

The Governors will be battling with two of the top rated ESD teams, Yankton and Brookings. They will also see some non-conference action against the Winner Warriors.

Dec. 29 finds the Govs traveling to Yankton. The Bucks will be boosted by returning standouts Souga and Burly. Yankton also has one of the better HWTS in the ESD.

Powered by Ishol at 98, Hougues at 126, and Sanderson at 132, the Brookings Bobcats should prove to be quite a match for the Riggs Grapplers. They will tangle in the Riggs High gym on January 5. Coach Horning thinks that crowd response could play an important part in this match. If the spirit is present like it was for previous home matches, Mr. Horning feels it would help tremendously.

The Governors, who stand 4-0 for the season thus far, will go to Winner the following night, January 6. Coach Horning feels that the Warriors are "sitting pretty good" with Johnson wrestling at 126, and Hasket at 155.

## Hockey Team On Its Way

Goals with nets (link fence), lighting (street lights), and a place with ice (but no boards), just to play hockey. It's no Madison Square Gardens, but those "puckers" can call it home.

This describes the new hockey rink which the city has built for Pierre's fledgling high school hockey team. Thanks to the Pierre City Commission, who listened to the plea for a hockey rink, the team will have a place to play games and hold practices.

At first the players were pessimistic when the rink (which was to be built by the Griffin Park tennis courts for lighting purposes) was built just to the east of the Griffin Park softball

field. This put it far away from any lighting facility and apparently far away from any water facility (except the river).

The city solved the water problem with a fire hose and recently solved the lighting problem with two well-placed streetlights. They also included goals for the rink, made from iron poles and link fence (something the team planned to build for themselves but didn't quite get around to doing).

As far as being in an out-of-the-way place, this proved to be an advantage because there are no school children tramping across the partially frozen ice and no small skaters flying around in the middle of a fierce hockey game.

The Pierre hockey team greatly appreciated the efforts of the Pierre City Commission and wishes to thank them for the time and effort put into preparing the hockey rink.

The rink still doesn't have any side boards, but it is regulation size. Maybe next year the city commission will come through again.



# Green Clads To Clash With Bucks

If things go as they appear now, the ESD basketball conference will be determined by the Yankton-Pierre game.

The question is, can the Govs stop the team which is picked by almost all coaches to take the ESD crown? My answer to the question is a definite yes, and for several reasons.

First, we have coach Pries, and let's face it, he is a great coach. When the Govs played Aberdeen, Dec. 1, we only scored 30 plus points, but somehow, with coach Pries' know-how, one week later against the Huron Tigers, the green clads pumped in 73 scores.

But that's not all; coach Pries always seems to know when to use the full court press, and when to stall, and when to fast break like firetrucks on a 5 alarm fire. Against Huron, Pries' full court press tactics caused 29 Huron turnovers while the Govs only had 10.

So, while we have coach Pries, we also have a talent loaded bunch who clamour for teamwork and a pressing defense. They like to score once in a while too, like against Huron. The Govs took a commanding 11-0 lead in the first quarter. In fact the lead was so commanding that Huron called time out so the net on the Govs goal would have a chance to cool.

The Yankton Bucks will make their way to Pierre on Dec. 29 and the nightmare which Yankton Coach Bob Winters will be witnessing is Haroldson rebounding, Hull and Anderson dribbling circles around Big Chad, Matson sizzling the nets, Ashley stuffing pumpkins down the throats of little Bucks and Pawlovich playing a commanding defense.

Ray Davis

## JV's Look For Improvement

Riggs High JVs now stand with a 1-3 record. They have had a rough season so far.

They're first game on November 28th at Draper was a 53-45 loss against the Bulldogs. Mark Washechek led the scoring for Pierre with 19 points.

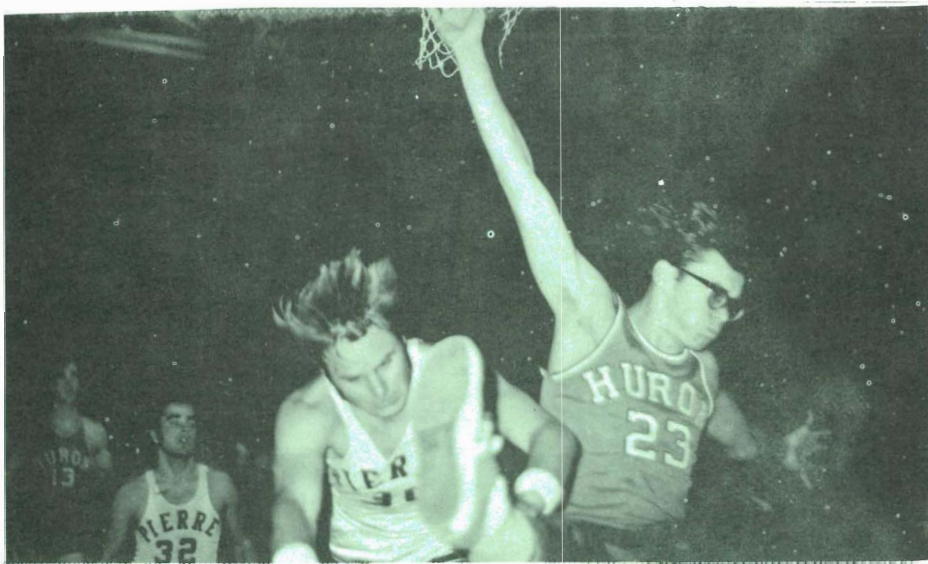
On Dec. 6, the JVs edged out the Sully Buttes Chargers with a narrow margin of 43-40. The JVs led in three of the four quarters. Todd Nelsen was the high point man for Pierre.

Monday, Dec. 11th, the JVs faced the Gettysburg Battlers in Pierre's 1st home game. Gettysburg, who dominated most of the game, came out on top 59-48. Washechek again had top honors for Pierre with 24 points.

Dec. 13th, the JVs went up against the Stanley County Buffalos. This was a hard fought game. Pierre trailed by five at the half and had the game tied up in the 3rd quarter.

In order for the Buffalos to come out on top, they had to use their starting five on their "A" team and still they won by five, 60-55. Mike Finley kept the ball going through the hoop when Mark Washechek fouled out, then scoring 13 big ones.

Mr. Kennedy feels that his team was a little "green" at the start of the season and he has seen many improvements in the team. The Pierre JVs will face each team twice, so they will "get back" at the other teams in the second round of the season.



Huron's Jeff Stroup fouls Tom Anderson while making a fast break on the court during the home game Dec. 8.  
(photo by Pat Miller)

## Jock's Corner

To make the All State Football team was only a dream for all the Riggs High football players. But somehow this dream came true for seniors Tom Zander and Mike Thelen.

They were chosen by coaches from Class AA schools to be members of the All State offensive unit. They were selected from all the football players in 12 Class AA schools.

Tom has played center and has been a starter since his sophomore year; while Mike has completed his second year as a first string tackle for the Govs.

Both are tagged as very aggressive and strong blockers by their coach Don Shields.

I would like to congratulate Kirk Simet, Steve Simet, Terry Beastrum, ESD champs, for making a great performance during the ESD Tournament Saturday, Dec. 15. I would also like to congratulate Ron Gunderson for capturing 2nd and Mike Erbe for third.

People have asked me what happened to Mike Stroup in the weekend tournament. It was

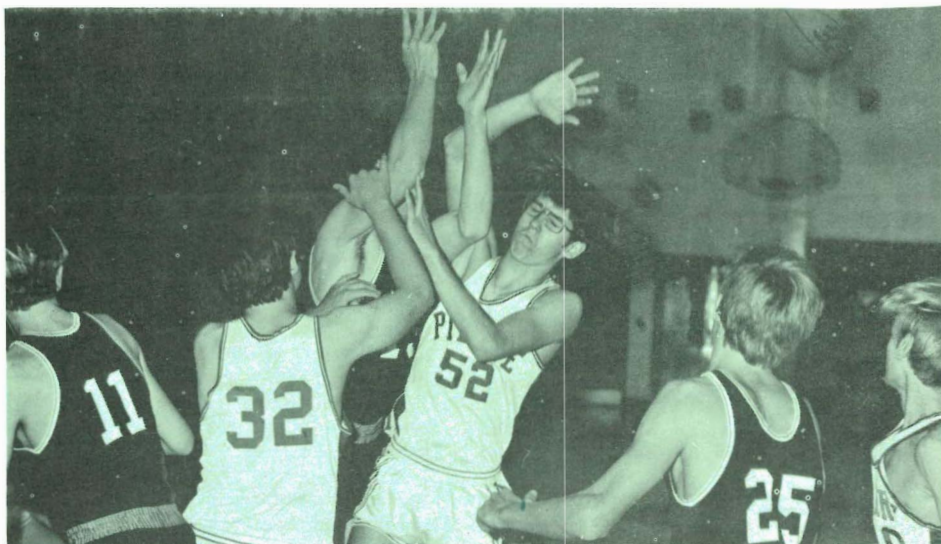
an unfortunate accident. Stroup pulled some leg ligaments while wrestling Jensen from Watertown. I was surprised to see that Pierre captured only 4th with three ESD champs.

While on the subject of wrestling we might also add that the Governors have really done a great job this year. Presently they are 4-0 on the season with impressive wins over Chamberlain 41-9, Todd County 38-9, and Miller 33-17.

After the heart-breaking 57-54 loss to Mitchell, Friday Dec. 15, the Govs ESD basketball conference record is 2-1. Larry Matson has done his usual job of scoring in the double figures. He has 25 & 24 points against Huron & Mitchell. Randy Pawlovich has been coming on especially on defense.

The Yankton-Pierre game on Dec. 29 should be a super treat for the Governor fans. The big problem for the Govs will be containing Yankton's Chad Nelson who stands at 6'11".

Ray Davis, Mark Simet



Battling it out for the ball are the Pierre and Huron Sophs. Pierre ended up defeating the Huron Sophs by a score, 62 to 41.

Pictured are Don Timbleton No. 52 and Jeff Holden No. 32.

(photo by Pat Miller)



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# Differences Not Vast Merchants Open Season

Stores begin the "open til 9:00" season... customers drift in to buy Christmas cards early to avoid the mail rush, and those who never got to the Card Counter, regretfully, but hurriedly, choose from the leftovers... department stores set up artificial Christmas tree displays... Santa makes miraculous appearances in various lucky establishments... eventually people begin to grasp the spirit... and so begins another Christmas season in America. Right?

Right and wrong. Before I had the opportunity to speak with Cesar La Torre, RHS's AFS student from Peru, about Christmas customs in his country, it had never occurred to me that Christmas hits the marketing area first in other countries besides the United States. Businessmen in Peru are just as eager for increased sales as those in South Dakota.

For some reason, I expected vast differences in Christmas customs in Peru. But the more Cesar and I talked, the more I began to feel as though I were discussing Christmas customs with someone from San Antonio, Texas.

Peruvians, at least those in Piura and surrounding cities, send Christmas cards, decorate their homes with artificial Christmas trees (from lack of the real thing), take their little ones to see Santa Claus (better known as Papa Noel), and students anxiously await the first day of Christmas vacation.

Cesar also informed me that the beginning of Christmas vacation (around December 22) is also the beginning of summer and the three months summer vacation from school.

Lack of snow prevents Santa Claus from riding a sleigh when he visits Peru; Papa Noel

makes his Christmas eve journey on foot without the help of reindeer and snow sled.

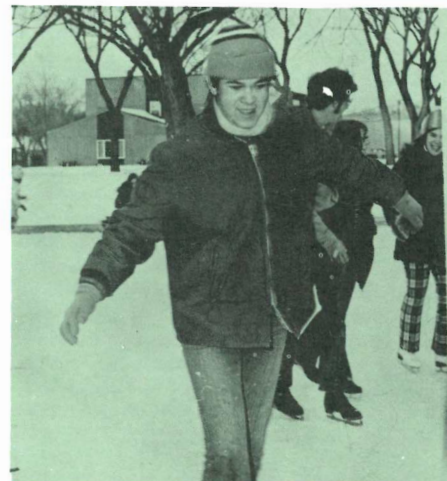
There is much less emphasis on Santa Claus in Peru than in the U.S. He is mostly known as commercial propaganda.

Like the U.S., Peru has institutions or groups of concerned individuals that organized activities before Christmas to earn money which is used to buy gifts for poor children.

According to Cesar, one of the most beautiful parts of Christmas is the Christmas Eve candlelight service. Piura has a large Catholic church and many adults and high school students attend the Misa del Gallo (Mass of the Chicken) on Christmas Eve. This mass earned its unusual name because it begins around 11:00 p.m. and lasts until around 1:00 a.m. after which the sun rises and roosters crow greetings to the new day. After the Misa del Gallo bands play in the streets and families that attended mass enjoy a large meal of turkey (like our Thanksgiving) and usually go to bed around 3:00 a.m. Of course, their children who have usually slept through the night, wake up early Christmas morning, anxious to see the results of Papa Noel's nocturnal visit. Needless to say, Mom and Dad are often tempted to sleep until the afternoon, but the power of persuasion triumphs over sleep.

While we are celebrating the birth of Christ in the below zero temperatures in South Dakota, Cesar's classmates are doing the same in the heat of summer. But many of our Christmas customs are the same. We have a lot in common, and that's a good thing to know.

Kathy Musgrove



Cesar La Torre, Piura, Peru, finds skating a new Christmas sport. (photo by Pat Miller)

## If You Lived In The South

On the day before Christmas we would cook and bake and as evening came we would go caroling or just sit on the front porch and wonder what it would be like if it snowed this year. We kind of wished it would get down past 40 degrees, and we often wished we would at least have a heavy frost.

We would get Christmas cards with beautiful snow-covered homes or winter snow scenes, and we wondered how it would feel to wake up Christmas morning with the ground and house covered in beautiful white snow.

Christmas in the South is gaily decorated homes, candles, Christmas trees and church services. People loaded down with packages, and Southern Christmas Spirit is found everywhere. In fact, Christmas is just about the same everywhere; it's just the temperature that changes.

This Christmas will be like living in one of the pictures on Christmas cards we receive each year.

This year we won't be able to cut down our own tree, or get bunches of mistletoe from the woods, or bake pecan pies from the fallen pecans we picked up in our backyard. It will be different; I think I'll like it.

Pat Feltman

## Merry Birthday; Happy Christmas

Picture Christmas as birthday cakes and candles rather than jolly red and white Santas and sparkling candy canes.

This is the situation for all of the unfortunate people born during the Christmas season, or probably a more accurate account would be that they wish this were the situation. However, when one tries to compete with the Christmas celebration there is little hope for victory.

I was born December 24, Christmas Eve, and I would be perfectly happy to leave Santa and his elves alone performing their duties if they would allow me at least one birthday card. Then of course friends and relatives hustling and bustling in preparation for the holidays become quite absorbed in their activities. But if reminded, they might hurriedly wish me a "oh, by the way, happy birthday."

Another logical development-presents with dual purposes. When everyone is swamped with Christmas lists, they can not see giving one person two presents, so gifts arrive with the greeting, "Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday".

Besides that, a birthday cake with green and red frosting is basically pretty, if nothing else different!

So, as my birthday candles are blown out this year, even though they are shaped like Christmas trees, I will remember that people are celebrating all over the world, even if it is not specifically for my birthday.

Daisy Ann Hickman



## Christ's Mass Explained

The rituals of Christmas are repeated year after year. We decorate Christmas trees. We light candles at church. We hasten downtown to catch a glimpse of "Santa", and search for a particular gift for a special person. We take advantage of mistletoe customs. We attend inspirational church services.

Each flickering candle, every solitary evergreen, even the star adorning the tree has a special meaning.

Candles signify Christ as the Light of the world. Light denotes goodness, truth, life, love and wisdom. Because Christ is the Light of all lights, we associate candles particularly with Christmas (meaning Christ's Mass).

The long-lasting evergreen has come to

symbolize eternal life. The star topping the traditional tree reminds us of the Star in the East.

When the early Christians met for worship they sealed their love for each other with a "holy kiss". This led to a Christmas favorite--the mistletoe. The sprigs of mistletoe represent Christ the Healer and are said to possess healing power.

When we were younger presents and Christmas were synonymous, as adults we seldom reflect on the gifts baby Jesus acquired from the Wise-Men.

My Christmas gift to you is not material, and is held only in your heart. May this message help you celebrate a more meaningful Christmas this year.

Lois Tlustos