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Former student tells of India adventure

A 1969 graduate of Riggs High school, who chose to spend a few years traveling around the world, is currently in Delhi, India, after spending eight months in Europe, six months in Iran, and three months in Afghanistan.

His visit to Rishikesh, India, where he observed the wise men, and visited their schools or ashrams is described in this account.

RISHIKESH-MEANING PLACE OF WISE MEN

Through the valley of Rishikesh flows the Ganges, India's river of faith. Fifteen miles past Rishikesh the river breaks out at least from the Himalayan foothills and on to the broad plains. There, at the City of Hardwar, the river, the bathing ghats, and numerous temples are visited by hundreds of thousands of pilgrims annually. But upstream, at Rishikesh, fewer pilgrims penetrate, and long ago the wise men found there a place to meditate and build their schools.

Rishikesh has little to distinguish it physically from other Indian villages of similar size (10,000). The Ganges dominates the scenery, running in a large bend around the town. Its beautiful blue green color and crystal clarity, the towering cliffs and roar of the water, make a beautiful setting. On its banks pilgrims bathe to cleanse their souls, men bathe to cleanse their bodies, and women wash to cleanse their clothes. As in many Indian towns, running water is still a luxury and the public water taps often have long lines. The river serves therefore as water supply and sewer. It also carries timber down from the high mountains to be gathered at Rishikesh and sent by train to other cities.

WISE MEN MEDITATE & SING

What does distinguish Rishikesh are the wise men, though in the West most of them could hardly exist. Most wear saffron robes (actually a brilliant orange color) which distinguish them from ordinary beggars, but some wear no clothes at all and rub their bodies with ash. Some live in ashrams and follow a schedule of work, meditation and singing. There they are fed, clothed, sheltered, and taught by a spiritual master. Others are beggars, living on what God provides, and spend their time smoking hashish, playing cards or waiting for alms. Some spend all of their time in the jungle and refuse any contact with civilization. They subsist on herbs and berries and usually live in caves. Many are Sadhu's-wandering seekers of wisdom with long beards and hair plaited with cow dung; others are students of yoga, adept at feats of physical dexterity and mental control. These types of wise men are as diverse as India herself, but through all runs a degree of tolerance of others which is hard to find in the West. Perhaps this tolerance, and the presence of so many spiritually developed people gives Rishikesh its uniquely peacefully feeling.

"Civilization" has penetrated however. The Beatle's Guru-Maharishi Mahesh Yogi-brought the first flood of foreigners and they are still coming. Some ashrams now cater to foreigners; the beggars know that hippies are soft touches, and the shopkeepers raise their prices when a Westerner wants to buy. But even this large flow of hippies, tourists, and students from the West hasn't spoiled the aura. They are accepted as other pilgrims-which many actually are. A few concessions are made for them; eggs are available on the black market. But no meat is sold anywhere.



One of the many holy men who live near the Ganges River outside of Rishikesh in northern India. (Photo by George Ledbetter)

Another Western institution which hasn't arrived yet is the "fixed price". The price of almost anything (except tea which is uniformly 25 paise - 3 cents) depends on what the purchaser is willing to pay and the seller is willing to accept. If bananas are 8 for 1 rupee you can probably get 9 or even 10 if the fruit man likes you. It only requires a little haggling. If the sum involved is larger-for example the 200 rupee bribe you must pay to get your visa extended - the bargaining session will last longer and at least one cup of tea must be consumed before the price is set (in this case at 135 rupees).

LIFE IN AN ASHRAM

Life in an ashram begins early - 4:00 A.M. with an hour or two of meditation and singing. 4:00 to 6:00 A.M. is the best time for the mind to concentrate and meditate. Tea is served at 7:00, perhaps with a piece of bread. The rest of the morning classes are held-but attendance at anything for the guests is strictly voluntary. At 11:30 dinner is served preceded by chanting and prayer. The usual fare is chappatti (round thin unleavened bread) and dahl (lentil soup) rice, vegetables, and yogurt given the menu regularly. We eat everything with our fingers-using the bread as a scoop with soup or other watery food. The only beverage is water. While such a diet sounds unappetizing and dull, it really isn't. If supplemented with a few fresh fruits daily it produces a wonderfully light and healthy feeling which stimulates mental activity.

After lunch classes for the guests and work (for the residents) lasts until supper at 5:30, then another hour of meditation, and finally an evening meeting with music and chanting. The only breaks in this orderly life come on religious holidays, with which the Indian calendar is studded.

Life in Rishikesh follows century old rhythm- for the common people as well as the religious seekers. Time as measured by clocks and calendars have little meaning. The seasons come and go, people are born and die and the holy Mother Ganges flows on. Here, one feels people are content. Hare Krishna! Hare Rama! Hare OM! March 3-Birthday of Lord Shiva.

George Ledbetter

Cover photo: The crazy, mixed-up class of '73 leaves Riggs High and shoves off into the sea of life!!!

(Photo by Dan Parker)

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Seniors - - - Pat Miller to be remembered

Since Pat's last editorial didn't seem to encourage students to send in their opinions and gripes, I've been spending long hours trying to think of an editorial to write.

The first thing that popped into my head was to write about the graduating seniors. But, what could I say that everyone doesn't already know?

I could say that they are great kids and will never be forgotten. And I could say that they have achieved more than any other class (female vice-mayor, two-term mayor, open campus, etc.). I could... but I won't.

Another thing I thought of was writing about how the 'Governor' will miss Pat Miller as editor. I could say how he won various awards for his pictures and news stories at state competition. I could say that he enlightens every Governor staff meeting. And I could say that he did a tremendous job changing the 'Governor' to a magazine type paper. I could, but I don't think I will.

I thought of writing about what kids will do when school is out. I could say how Farm Island, the Elk's pool and the Municipal pool will be swarming with kids of all sizes every day this summer. I could, but I won't.

I also thought of writing that I hope lots of kids send in their comments. I could say how I've been hoping for lots of 'Letters to the Editor'. I could say that I'm anxious to hear student comments and criticisms. I could, but...

Since I couldn't think of a suitable topic for an editorial, I think this issue of the 'Governor' will just have to go without one.

Corinne Engelhardt, Editor

P.S. In reply to Pat Miller's editorial in the April issue of the Governor, I promise not to beat up on anyone who criticizes any of my editorials.

Wilson - - - Denton win elections



Dave Wilson and Julie Denton are the new mayor and vice mayor for first semester 1974 school year. (Photo by Dan Parker)

The final day of student campaigning for mayor and vice-mayor closed Wednesday night with the announcement of the new Riggs officers. Receiving more than 50% of the votes cast in the three-way race was the team of David Wilson and Julie Denton. The duo will be assuming mayoral duties next September for the first semester of the 1973-74 school year.

Other candidates in the running were the teams of Doug Mortenson and Mike Finley, and the team, Dan Newell and Warren Ice.

The elections were different this year. In place of the traditional Nationalist and Federalist Parties, juniors wanting to run for Mayor could select a running mate, then file a petition with 5% of the voter's signatures in order to be on the ballot. There could be any number of teams running for office.

On Tuesday May 22 the candidates spoke to student body. The voting polls were open all day Wednesday.



Corinne Engelhardt, editor of next year's Governor won a position on the All-State Journalism Staff. (photo by Dan Parker)

New Governor editor - All-State Journalist

Corinne Engelhardt, next year's editor of the Governor, has been named to the 1973-74 All-State writing staff of the South Dakota High School Press Association.

As one of the twelve All-State staff, Corinne will contribute to the "High School Editor", handle special assignments during the school year, and will be recognized at the High School Press Convention Oct. 13, 1973.

She will also get free tuition at the Summer Publications Institute at SDSU.

Corinne received an honorable mention at state competition on one of her news stories.

She is a member of National Honor Society and Quill and Scroll, and she is vice-president of FNA.

Dr. Karl Wegner to speak for 1973 commencement

Juniors and Sophomores will bid their fare-wells to the 232 Seniors who will receive their diplomas in an outdoor ceremony scheduled for Thursday, May 31, at 7:45 on the football field.

Dr. Karl Wegner, 1948 graduate of Pierre High will be the speaker. He is a pathologist at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. As a student of Pierre High Dr. Wegner was mayor in his senior year, on the basketball team, and Governor of Boys' State in 1947.

Tane Williams the Senior Class President will address his class mates, another innovation in the traditional ceremony.

Commencement will open with a band concert directed by Gerald Cutshaw. Invocation and Benediction will be delivered by Rev. Fred Rosin.

Mr. Eugene Venner, President of the Board of Education, will present the diplomas.

The Senior class Motto is "We have but to toil awhile, endure awhile, believe always and never turn back." The Flower is the rose and the colors are royal blue and light blue.

Rev. Truman Sproles will preside at Baccalaureate which will be held Sunday, May 27, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. in the Riggs High School Auditorium.

Slaathaug acquires AFS appointment abroad

Eric Slaathaug has been chosen to be an American Foreign Exchange student for the 1973-74 school year.

He will be gone for the entire winter, taking his senior class work in some school abroad. He will live with a host family as AFS students do when they come to Pierre for a school year.

At the present time, Eric does not know where he will be sent, but he requested a country north of the equator.

Eric, a junior, has been involved in many sports and in music activities. In addition he has studied the German language for three years.

Music will be presented by the Girls Glee Club, which will perform "Let There Be Music" by Frances Williams and by Riggs High Concert Choir which will sing "Man and His World" by Robert J. Hughes and "The Lords Prayer," Albert Hay Malotte, composer.

Beverly Allison will play during the Senior Processional and Recessional.

Invocation and Benediction will be given by Rev. Robert Vinslauskis. Rev. Kenneth Newell will give the prayer.

25 Seniors awarded scholarships

Scholars and participants in extra-curricular activities were honored Wednesday night, May 23, at the annual Awards night at Riggs High School. The special 1973 Gumbo salute went to Mr. A. A. Thompson, retiring superintendent of the Pierre Public Schools.

Twenty-five seniors were awarded scholarships in amounts varying from \$50 to \$1,200 from colleges, service clubs, private memorials and National Honor Society.

Scholarship winners included: Robert Townsend, Steve Sheppard, Jennie Brady, Connie Everts, Larry Plank, Wes Cavanaugh, Kathy Musgrove, Nancy Pottratz, Kathy Flannery, Wes De Younge, Marles Myers, Mike Rounds, Lori Krier, Ki Karim, Tane Williams, Paul Weiland, Jewel Meleen, Ron Gunderson, Gary Dettman, Barb Kindt, Sue Allen, Pam Beekley, Ray Davis, Daisy Ann Hickman and Patrick Miller.

Certificates, and letters were awarded in publications, band, chorus, debate, declam, library, cheerleaders and drill team.

Ken Harris and Bill Porter received the John Philip Sousa award, the highest honor given in band. Alan Olson, Mary Westlund and Wes Cavanaugh were named outstanding band member for their classes. Judy Mott was named outstanding choir member.

Citizenship awards given by DAR went to Jeri Milner, Daisy Ann Hickman and Ray Davis. The star Thespian award, newly established

this year, went to Bill Thielen for his participation in all phases of dramatic production. Nancy Sutton was the recipient of the best Thespian award.

Riggs students to tour Mexico

Thirteen Riggs High students will go on a 10 day tour of Mexico this August.

While in Mexico City, the students will follow a carefully planned itinerary.

They will see such things as museums and Aztec ruins. They will tour the University of Mexico campus and will attend a ballet and some horse races. Besides these things, they will also have lectures and go on other tours of Mexico City and the surrounding area.

Nine juniors: Doreen McBride, Mary Converse, Corinne Engelhardt, Donna Everson, Earleen Boxa, Terri Hinkley, Gloria Albertus, Joni Boub, and Laurie Tidball, and four sophomores: Joni Clark, Wanda Ness, Julie Perry, and Kathy Zander will leave from Minneapolis by jet on the morning of August 13th and return to Minneapolis August 24th.

Two Aberdeen students, Debbie de Dianous and Dena Ronayne, will also go with these Riggs students.

Tom Peterka, former practice teacher for Mrs. Leach's Spanish classes, and Miss Debbie Jefferies of Ft. Pierre, will accompany them as counselors.

K. Musgrove among journalism winners

The journalists of Riggs have won honors in three areas of news production this spring. Kathy Musgrove placed first in the 1973 Youth Editorial Writing Contest. Pierre placed first in the state photo contest and fourth in the South Dakota High School Journalism Association (SDHSJA) Writing Contest.

Kathy Musgrove, assistant editor of the Governor, received first place in the state with her editorial about the current situation at Wounded Knee. Her editorial will be entered in the national 1973 Youth Editorial Writing Contest.

In the photography division Pierre outranked other schools, receiving first, third and honorable mention for Patrick Miller's basketball and wrestling pictures and an honorable mention for his picture of the train bridge which appeared on the cover of the November "Governor."

In the writing division of the contest this spring, Pierre tied with Britton and Rapid City Central for fourth place. Pierre was among the 26 schools placing in the SDHSJA annual writing contest. Those from Pierre receiving awards include: Ray Davis, third place, sports story on the JV Basketball; Patricia Miller, second place news story on the Indian art exhibit at the Museum; Corinne Engelhardt, honorable mention news story on the new Rawlin's City library; Patrick Miller, second place, interview with Freya Manfred; and Julie Ledbetter, honorable mention interview with the Japanese teachers.



Following the example set last summer by Miss Hess, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Horning, Jewel Meleen and Mike Stroup experienced a shattering spring.

Their all-purpose, heavy-duty, full-length leg casts (plus wheel chairs) are results of knee operations. Jewell's was a result of a car accident in which she tore the ligaments and Mike's is the result of knee problems which were aggravated by his wrestling career.



Susan McKee shows that the sophomore demonstration speeches can be anything, even showing how to make a 5 decker sandwich.

German chocolate tops German meal

Along with the jocks and language festival people, the German Club was also excused from classes on Friday 11. Fifteen former and present German students and three drivers left at 7:30 a.m. from Riggs for a German dinner in Mitchell.

The students were guests of the Mitchell area Vocational School where Mr. Ernst Wirt, who is originally from Germany and presently head chef at the school, prepared a fabulous German banquet. The meal started with saurkraut meatballs as the appetizer; next came the Chicken Einlauf soup. The soup is made with chicken broth and scrambled eggs added just before serving. The salad was a tossed salad with choice of dressing. Beef Roladen with gravy and potato pancakes made up the entree. Rotkraut (red Saurkraut) was the vegetable served with the entree. German Chocolate Cake topped off the delicious meal.

Poetry students work published

Five girls from Creative Writing class will have their poetry published in the NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL POETRY PRESS.

Judy Mott, Kathy Huckins, Connie Blair, Shane Karim and Darcy Glum submitted nine poems for consideration to be included in the anthology of High School poetry. All of the Creative Writing class members submitted at least one poem. They had to be original and were done under classroom supervision before being submitted.



Thirteen Pierre students and two Aberdeen students will spend ten days in Mexico this summer. They are top row from left: Gloria Albertus, Corinne Engelhardt, Donna Everson, Mary Converse; middle row, Dena Ronayne, Debbie deDianous, both of Aberdeen, Wanda Ness, Julie Perry, Kathy Zander, and Joni Clark. Front row, Debbie Jeffries and Tom Peterka, counselors. Not pictured: Doreen Mc Bride, Earleen Boxa, Joni Boub, Laurie Tidball, and Terri Hinkley.

Myers leaves Teaching after nineteen years



Mrs. Florence Myers, English teacher, will retire at the end of this month after 13 years at Riggs High School.

(Photo by Dan Parker)

After nineteen and one-half years of dedicated service, Mrs. Florence Myers is leaving the teaching profession to go on to other work. Although she has no definite plans she would like to first visit her children in different parts of the United States and then "play it by ear." With hobbies of reading and sewing she is sure she will be able to keep busy.

Mrs. Myers began college as a physical education major at Northern State College. After changing her major to English she transferred to Bemidji State College, Minn. and finally graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arizona.

To keep in touch with new ideas and advancements in the field of English, she has attended summer institutes at Dickinson State College, N. D., and Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn.

She taught two years each in Orient and Argonne, both small South Dakota schools. In Pierre, she spent two years at St. Joseph Elementary school, one-half year at Junior High

and is completing her 13th year at Riggs. Preferring high school English to other areas, Mrs. Myers says that American Literature is her favorite subject to teach.

During two of her years at Riggs, she was adviser for the school newspaper, after taking a short course in journalism at SDSU. While in this capacity she was able to organize the first printed editions of the "Governor".

In an interview, Mrs. Myers commented: "My association with a lot of young people has kept me young. I have really enjoyed it." Certainly many of her students and fellow faculty members have also enjoyed their association with this devoted member of the teaching profession.

Drama workshop held for Junior High

"I feel like an idiot."

Junior High students interested in theater arts voiced their uneasiness often while attending a drama workshop put on for 7th, 8th and 9th graders on Monday and Tuesday last week.

In an effort to stimulate enthusiasm for theater arts, Mr. Shelp and Mrs. Thompson, along with members of the Drama Club, led Jr. Higher's in exercises assigned to help them get rid of their shyness.

Participants chased each other through imaginary lakes and over imaginary fences, and then performed original circus acts, juggling imaginary bowling pins.

The "grand finale" of the day was a vaudeville song and dance routine, taught by Julie Ledbetter and Randy Weischedel, with Julie Inman on the piano. Junior High Students not participating became the audience after half an hour of rehearsal.

Other Senior High students who helped out were: Greg Anderson, Wes Cavanaugh, Bill Thielen, Nancy Sutton, Cindy McCarty, Patty Martin, Tom Murphy, Tory Lund, Vicki Kusler and Meredith Mcek.



Silently roaring like a lion, Patty Martin adds to one of the circus acts in the Jr. High drama workshop. After several warm-up exercises the students divided into groups of six, made-up a circus act and performed for the other participants.

(Photo by Patrick Miller)

Mrs. Baumgart drops kettles

Mrs. Delores Baumgart, who has been employed at the Riggs school lunch program since it began seven years ago, is going to retire at the conclusion of this school year.

She has been the manager of the program for three of her seven years with Riggs. Her main duties include preparing the main dish, overseeing and supervising other staff members, and ordering supplies. Students see her most often when they get their meal tickets punched at the end of the food line.

Mrs. Baumgart feels students have cooperated quite well with the program and don't cause any real problems. However, since students have received more freedom with open campus the number of students eating lunch varies noticeably according to the meal being served. This also accounts for the fact that sometimes students must stand in line a little longer. But she pointed out that they can usually estimate pretty close. This is important because if there is a large surplus most of the food can't be kept.

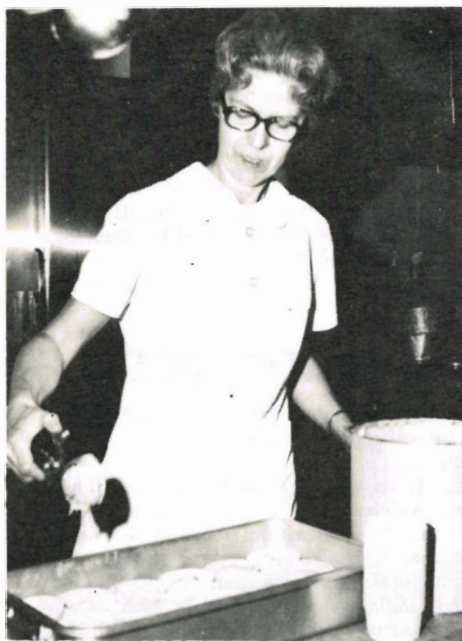
Mrs. Baumgart thinks the major advantage of a hot lunch program is that the opportunity is available for students to receive a completely balanced meal. She noted that this is especially beneficial in high schools as teenagers are one of the most undernourished groups in the United States and a lot of students don't eat breakfast.

The cooks have been serving snacks during the day for five and ten cents since the open campus was adopted this past winter.

This has not created problems for the staff nor put an extra burden on them, according to Mrs. Baumgart. She also noted that students seem to prefer paying directly for this service rather than purchasing the one dollar tickets that have nickel and dime punches.

Mrs. Baumgart attended high school in Pierre so she has had an opportunity to observe the many changes in students. She thought the most noticeable difference was the more relaxed attitude and the great freedom given to pupils.

She plans to spend full time as a housewife on the family farm beginning June 1st. Mrs. Baumgart said she has enjoyed working at Riggs and will miss the people and students.



Mrs. Delores Baumgart prepares some dishes of ice cream for the cafeteria lunches. This is just part of her routine as manager of Riggs Cafeteria. Mrs. Baumgart will be retiring this spring after 7 years in the hot lunch kitchen.

Gumbo editors chosen

With the selection of her staff, next year's "Gumbo" editor, Jodi Teske, has gotten things started for the 1974 yearbook.

Helping to put things together in the various sections will be, Deb Fawcett and Abbie Burke on Activities, Marva Lee Norman and Pam Smith with Sports, Jenny Wegner and Colleen Pugh taking care of Classes, Sue Hieberger and Jane Kelley doing the features, and Tanya Schmitt with Dave Wilson doing the faculty section.

Looking even farther ahead, is Heidi Licht, who will be next year's Assistant Editor, and the Editor of "Gumbo 1975".

Tennis takes 2nd



The Pierre Governor racketeers take a break from their workout. IN the back row from the left: Bill Porter, Dennis Krier, Gene Miller and Jeff Larson. Front row: Steve Likness, Mike Trautner, Steve Sheppard, Jim Thielen, and Ralph Flannery.

In case you haven't noticed, the Riggs High Tennis Team has something to brag about. This has been a real successful season for the Govs as shown by their 8 and 2 record, their only 2 losses being to Aberdeen Central and Huron.

In the ESD Conference tournament held in Aberdeen, Pierre placed second with Aberdeen taking first. The team of Mike Trautner and Bill Porter went on to capture first place in the doubles championship.

The next big challenge is the State Tournament to be held in Sioux Falls, May 25 and 26. Coach Phil Trautner is expecting quite a battle from Aberdeen and Vermillion but he remarked that Pierre is planning on being one of the top contenders for the championship.

Members of the team who will be playing at the state meet are Bill Porter, Mike Trautner, Dennis Krier, and Steve Sheppard.

Mr. Lundeen given special award Athletes honored at banquet

The annual Athletic Banquet held on May 16 and sponsored by the Pierre Jaycees, was attended by all students who have participated in the sports program, their parents and other sports boosters.

Athletes, coaches and two men who have given outstanding support to the teams were recognized. The guest speaker was Jim Marking, basketball coach at USD.

Marshall Miller was named honorary vice-president of the boys G-club as a tribute to his support of the athletic program thru his complete picture coverage of events.

The Elda Hall award went to Mr. Al Steffen for his support of high school athletics for many years.

One event not scheduled in the program was a special award presented to Larry Lundeen for his Cross Country team. Dennis Dubois and

Mark Simet presented a plaque to Mr. Lundeen for his outstanding work as a cross country coach.

Ray Davis was awarded the Scholar-Athlete trophy which goes to the outstanding athlete of the year. Terry Beastro received the Keith Obenauer wrestling award for his accomplishments as a wrestler.

Outstanding team members in each of the major sports went to Ron Gunderson for football, Terry Beastro for wrestling, Ray Davis for track, Larry Matson for basketball, and Mark Simet for cross country.

The cheerleaders for basketball, football, wrestling and sophomore sports were recognized.

The current president of Gclub announced the new officers for 1973-74 including: Warren Ice, president, Doug Mortenson, vice-president, and Gene Miller, secretary-treasurer.

head for state tournament Pierre wins Region VII Golf

Mike Saffel took individual honors as Pierre won the Regional VII golf title at the Pierre Elks Club on May 16.

Saffel shot a 76 while John Cowan placed fourth with an 83.

The Governors had a total of 333 points and were followed closely by Onida with 338 and

Winner with 344.

The winning team and top 6 individual finishers from each region will compete in the state tournament this weekend in Aberdeen.

John Lehecka and Mark Rezac round out the Pierre squad making the trip to the State tournament.

Underwater diving gaining popularity

Because physical frontiers are rapidly vanishing, today's youth is turning towards a new frontier, the underwater.

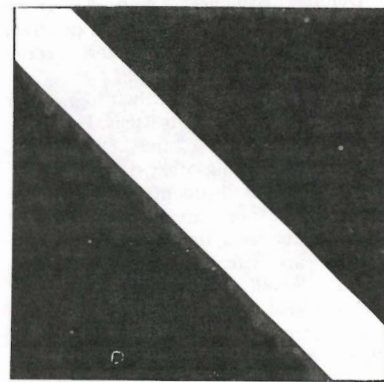
The face of the Oahe dam, as well as numerous other water bodies in Central S. Dak., provide adventure-seeking young people with just the challenge they are looking for.

Several Riggs High students have felt this challenge and plan to spend a good deal of their summer underwater. Dennis Rounds, Don Haggar, Phil Thomas and Bill Harding are presently taking a "Skin and Scuba" course, taught by Mr. Tom Bowers.

According to Mr. Bowers, a certified diving instructor, the 34 hour course includes first aid, water safety, knowledge of underwater equipment, medical aspects and physics of diving. Fifteen hours are spent in classroom study, 15 in a swimming pool, and 4 hours in open water.

Spearfishing, artifact recovery, underwater photography, and just plain "nosing" around are a few of the many underwater activities that draw interest to this sport.

After completing this course, students will be certified divers, recognized by YMCA and Padi, and will join the ranks of Greg Anderson and Kelly Mernaugh who have already earned their certification.



THIS IS A DIVERS FLAG

If you see it flying from a float or boat it means there is a diver underwater within 100 feet of the flag.



Teeing off is Mike Saffel who won the Regional golf title held May 16 at the Elks Club.

(Photo by Dan Parker)

Abbott sets high jump record

Clads qualify eleven for State Meet

Twenty-two gold medals were brought home by the Pierre track men when they returned from the Regional Meet in Mitchell on Friday, May 16.

The Governors took second place with 96½ points, being topped only by Mitchell with 104 points. Eleven of Vern Miller's thin clads qualified for state competition to be held this weekend in Mitchell.

Reed Abbott won the high jump competition, setting new regional and school records of 6'1½".

Other individual gold medalists were: Ray Davis, 100 yd dash; Mike Brown, 220 yd. dash; Mike Rounds, 880 yd. run; Brian Knox, mile run; and Ken Harris, 440 yd. run.

All of the Pierre relays captured first in their particular events. These included the mile relay (Rounds, Quenzer, Davis, Simet), 880 yd. relay (Howard, Brown, Quenzer, Davis), sprint medley (Brown, Simet, Davis, Howard), and the two-mile relay (Simet, Harris, Mathews, Rounds).

Friday and Saturday May 25-26 the runners will take part in the state meet at Mitchell.



Reed Abbott breaks the old Riggs High high jump record of 6 feet 1 inch. Abbott jumps 6 feet 1½ inches.
(Photo by Patrick Miller)

Trackmen shatter records

Simmons leads girls at State Track Meet

The Pierre track team has proven their strength around the state this year as they have broken two school records. The team of Rounds, Mathews, Harris, and Simet placed first in the two mile relay, breaking the school record at the Aberdeen meet on April 28.

Winning another first place was the mile relay team of Rounds, Davis, Quenzer, and Simet, running in 3:31.8.

The 880 and 440 relay team (Howard, Davis, Quenzer, and Brown) captured second.

Gold medal winners for Pierre were the two mile relay team (Rounds, Mathews, Harris, Simet) and the sprint medley team (Howard, Brown, Quenzer, Simet). Silver medal winners were Ray Davis (100 yard dash and broad jump), the mile relay team (Rounds, Davis, Simet, Harris), and the 880 relay team (Brown,

Quenzer, Davis, Howard).

Despite the weather, the track team went to Aberdeen May 12 to take part in the ESD conference meet.

Pierre's only gold medal winner was Ray Davis, who won the 100 yard dash in 10.2. Mark Simet grabbed a silver medal in the 880 yard run, running it in 2:01.1.

The relay team of Mathews, Harris, Rounds, and Simet placed second in the two mile relay. Running in the 880 relay were Mathews, Ice, Howard and Davis placing second.

In the medley relay, Mathews, Howard, Harris and Rounds grabbed fifth. Placing third in the mile relay were Rounds, Davis, Simet and Howard.

Cheerleaders elected by student body 73-74

The cheerleaders for the 73-74 season were announced at Awards Night, Wednesday. Leading cheers for the wrestlers will be Marva Lee Norman, Deb Fawcett, Sandy Simmons and Lucky Gilkerson.

The girls elected for basketball are Lori Stoeser, Joni Boub, Lois Tlustos, Peggy Olson, Vicki Barnhart and Jodi Heyd.

This will be the first year of varsity cheerleading for Sandy, Lucy, Vicki, and Jodi.

The drill team members for 1973-74 were also revealed at the Awards Night program Wednesday. The 11 new members who will join the 14 seniors are: Colleen Pugh, Tracy Caraway, Julie Perry, Wanda Ness, Roberta Parsons, Cindy Kleinschmidt, Heidi Licht, Carla Kelley, Susan Sheppard, Lisa Gray and Mary Thelen.

The drill team performs for at least one football game intermission entertainment as well as two or more basketball games.



Sandy Simmons runs the 220 ahead of all her competitors in Girl's Track.
(Photo by Patrick Miller)

Sandy Simmons took 3rd place in the 220 at the girl's state track meet at Watertown, Saturday May 19. This is the first time a Pierre girl has taken such honors and only the 2nd year that Pierre has had a girl's track team.

Also at the state meet Pierre's 880 Relay team (Sue Heiberger, Beth Popowski, Tina Buechler, Sandy Simmons) took 6th place out of 16 entries. The Mile Relay team didn't place.

The Girls Track team entered two other meets this month including the Redfield Pheasant Invitational and the Region 6 meet at Mobridge.

Sandy Simmons was a triple winner at the Redfield Invitational on May 2, placing 1st in the 100 yard dash, the 220 and the long jump.

Pierre placed fourth with 22 points. Redfield won the event with 61½ points. Northwestern was 2nd and Watertown 3rd. Mitchell, Huron, Aberdeen Central, Faulkton, Aberdeen Roncalli, Miller and Groton also took part in the meet.

The mile relay team of Sandy Simmons, Sue Heiberger, Arlene Stillwell, Tina Buechler placed 4th. In the 220 dash, Sandy Simmons was first with 26.8 and Sue Heiberger was 4th. Sandy Simmons also won the 100 yard dash with 12.0 and the long jump with 16' 5¼".

Placing at the Regional meet in Mobridge May 12 were Sandy Simmons, first in 220 dash with 26.6, the 880 relay team (Sue Heiberger, Beth Popowski, Tina Buechler, Sandy Simmons) first with 1:57.2, and the mile relay (Cindy Larsen, Shelly Wooley, Vicki Stertz, Deb Hayes) second with 4:42.7. First and second place winners were eligible for the state meet.

Others who placed but did not go to State were Sue Heiberger, 220 dash, 5th, Cindy Huff, Long jump, 3rd, 440 relay, 5th, Medley relay 4th, Tanya Brusseau, shot put, tied for 5th.

Lemmon was first at the Regional meet. Miller was second. The Pierre team won 5th.

'Pierre schools abreast with the times,' says A.A.

Above average in ability, social attitudes, and achievement is Mr. A. A. Thompson's general opinion of Riggs High School students.

Mr. Thompson, Superintendent of Pierre Public schools, has been involved in the educational field for 42 years, and is retiring this year.

During an interview he commented on students, schools, education and the entire educational process.

When expanding on the changes in educational theories, Mr. Thompson mentioned the change in the authoritative approach, evidenced by students obtaining and dealing with more responsibility. Mr. Thompson felt that corresponding with the increase in responsibility is a greater freedom of choice. He cited the changes in academic structures, such as the quarter system adopted at Riggs three years ago.

When considering the development of students and the more obvious outward changes Mr. Thompson noted the lack of concern for appearance in general. In reflecting on traditions he pointed out that the dress-up days, which a few years ago were common to both Junior and Senior high, are now missing.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that when he was a student in Redfield the academic requirements were much more rigid, and only 50% of the eligible young people attended school. The variety of extra-curricular activities were also very limited 45 years ago.

But Mr. Thompson also pointed out that one of the most outstanding features of Riggs is the teaching staff, their concern for students, and their dedication. This fact becomes obvious when one considers our scholastic achievement in National Merit, and our standing in state-wide music, debate, drama, athletics, declam, and publication activities.

The one change which Mr. Thompson felt would be advantageous for Riggs students would be an increase in school spirit. He emphasized that this requires that students support their school and its activities. It is up to the students to decide what kind of a high



Supt. A. A. Thompson will retire July 1 after serving as Supt. of the Pierre schools for 12 years.
—Photo by Patrick Miller

school, with what type of a reputation, they want to graduate from.

As far as general advice for high school students goes, Mr. Thompson thought three areas should be considered seriously by students. "First of all," he advised, "become as proficient as possible in the academic areas. Secondly, be concerned with social development, know how to get along with

people. Thirdly, select the occupation which best meets your interests."

Mr. Thompson's interest in education is easily evidenced by his many years of service to this area. He felt his interest was sparked by his enjoyment of school, teacher encouragement, and a basic enjoyment of people. Mr. Thompson's plans for the future are indefinite at this time.

Daisy Ann Hickman

Stevens family to ranch in Australia

My family and I will be moving on June 15. We are selling our ranch in Stanley County and are looking forward to a unique and different way of living in the grasslands of Australia.

The particular place that we are moving to is in the Queensland in the northeast portion of the country.

Rockhampton, with a population of about 48,000, is the largest city in our area. It is 180 miles from our new ranch home. There are some smaller cities closer by, Eidsvold and Theodore. These will be our main trade centers.

The 95,000 acre ranch runs about 4000 head of cattle now, but we plan to increase the number of cattle on the ranch. The area is partly covered with forest which we will clear. The government requires us to keep so much forest land in a ratio to our total acreage.

The climate in this area is about the same as Florida. The temperatures range from about 100 degrees to about 35 degrees. It hardly ever freezes in this area. It is hot in winter and cold in summer as the seasons in the southern hemisphere are opposite from the U.S.

They do not do a lot of farming in this area because they don't need feed for their cattle. The grass is green all year long. We plan to farm some to save up a supply of feed in case of a drought.

It will be quite a different life to go into. I hope you will all try to come down and visit our ranch and country.

Brian Stevens



Capitol to dam and back—Walk-a-thon

"Wait, Kathy, wait, I can't make it another step!" I wailed. "Be quiet, we're not even to the road yet!" Kathy informed me. Thus began the May 12, 1973 walk-a-thon for the March of Dimes.

While joining approximately 55 walkers (and one dog) I looked at the task ahead of me. To be able to walk 20 miles to the Oahe Dam and back up to the capitol was my mission.

Several of the walkers began at a fast jog because the wind was cooler than they had expected, and they were dressed in shorts and light jackets.

The first group was going at my speed, for the first block, (if I was lucky) but then I fell back into a group that suited me better. As we walked along, we broke into a merry chorus of popular songs.

Next came joke time with long-time famous knock-knock jokes.

A few walkers decided to cross a big field instead of keeping to the road. This was fine except I kept getting lost in the weeds. I pulled myself out to the ditch and headed for the first stop and our first treat. We rested for about a minute and grabbed an apple to munch upon on the way.

I continued hiking with Kathy Huckins. We took the wrong turn and had to slide clumsily down the hill. At the end of this next stretch we received hamburgers and orange drink.

We were beginning to run low on conversation until a merry group of two girls came up behind us. They had a problem which only the next public facility could solve, which was three miles away. We discussed possible solutions.

Last stop, capitol, both shoes off, jacket in hand and pants rolled up, we had made our 20 miles.

Tory Lund

Seniors honored for outstanding citizenship

Mike Rounds was named Student-of-the-Year and was awarded a \$100 scholarship from the Jaycees.

Sue Allen, Paula Peters, Paul Weiland and Tane Williams were chosen as the Student-of-the-Month and Jaycette-of-the-Month for April and May and received certificates from the Jaycees and Jaycettes.

Each month during the school term the Jaycees and Jaycettes have been honoring two students selected by a faculty committee. In order to obtain these awards the students must be worthy to represent the school to the community and have a record of promoting the best interests of the school.

Other Riggs students to earn the honor this year include: Janet Hayes, Terry Johnson, Daisy Ann Hickman, Connie Baumgart, Kathy Flannery, Sheila Dodge and Michelle Murphy, all named Jaycettes-of-the-Month. The student-of-the-Month award has gone to Mike Rounds, Ray Davis, Gary Dettman, David Neuharth, Robert McLellan, Doug Quenzer, Ki Karim.



Wanda Ness, who won a superior at the instrumental music contest in Mobridge, was one of the band members who performed at the Spring Band Concert May 6.