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Coronation Has Crowning Touch

Thursday, on the 21st of September, it finally dawned on me that I AM A SENIOR.

The evening that this awakening occured was a little unusual but not a unique experience for me, because I have gone to homecoming coronation all through my high school years.

So, expecting an interesting evening, and, with a fair amount of curiosity, I found a seat in the Riggs auditorium, close to the back, of course, to get a better first look at the royalty.

Amidst cheers and music I spent some time talking to friends, speculating the results of the voting for Queen and Marshall. We admitted feeling odd using the names of members of our own class. But before the impact of this had time to hit us, the curtains parted and Kelly Mernaugh officially opened the coronation festivities.

The backdrop of the stage was not the usual silhouette of marshall and queen wearing headdresses, but rather a warrior on a horse. An



When seniors brought in this outhouse and labeled it the "sophomore bench" they didn't expect such a great personality to occupy it.

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active picture, symbolizing eagerness for the future and a glance at the past.

Hushed Audience

As the band began playing the traditional coronation march, all eyes turned to the back of the gym and a hush fell over us as we strained for a glimpse of the queen and marshall. The usual amount of exclamations travelled through the auditorium as Queen Jan Kayser and Marshall Les Howard, dressed in the traditional Indian garb made their entrance into the auditorium, followed by Princesses Jeri Milner and Liz Shaw. An arch formed by the cheer leader's arms created the threshold to the stage, where the other royalty, Susie Friman, Daisy Hickman, Vicki Olson, Tane Williams, Ray Davis, and John Hull, also took their places beside the queen, marshall and princesses.

It's difficult to remember in what order things happened after that, but at intervals throughout the evening Kelly Mernaugh, master of ceremonies, told a couple of jokes, the quality of which is debatable, and two Pierre High alumni, Mr. Eldon Russell and Mrs. Bernard Stoeser, congratulated the royalty, wished the students a successful homecoming, and reminisced about homecomings gone by. Jan and Les expressed their hopes for a good homecoming and win by the Governors in the homecoming game against Mitchell.

Our festive mood was boosted along when

Homecoming Is Not What It Should Be

Practically the only way students at Riggs High can be reached is to have conditions deteriorate around them. One of these conditions was the homecoming dance, which was barely held this year. Junior class officers were not elected in time to arrange for a band and the class advisor told the dance sponsors that there would not be a dance.

As soon as this news got around everyone was up in arms because there wouldn't be anything to do after the football game. It was funny how many people could find things to do on the night of the coronation. Finally the dance was organized and it was a great success, which it wasn't supposed to be.

Now there have been rumors that the parade may be discontinued. Lets not wait until next year to decide to have a good homecoming. The number of floats in the parade had decreased from 26 to 10. If that's not deterioration, what

Even though the coronation was not well attended by the students and the parade didn't have as many floats as it should have had, many people worked hard on the homecoming and had fun. If everyone else would get involved like these people they would be surprised at how much fun they could have.

Don't let conditions deteriorate so much around this school that your class will be known as the last class to have a homecoming.

Patrick Miller, editor

Cover Photo:

Homecoming royalty smile on ... And why shouldn't they? Queen Jan Kayser and Marshall Les Howard were excorted through the parade by Joni Boub. (Photo by Pat Miller)



A brave Sioux warrior gazes back at his past, looks forward to the future. This outstanding set design used in the Minneshosho Ceremony Thursday evening, was created by Kathy Kjar and Monica Erickson. Theatre Arts was responsible for the painting.

the chorus sang "Let There Be Peace" and "Football Hero."

Coronation seemed to go a lot faster this year; I'm not sure if it was just me, or if it really did. But somehow, the atmosphere seemed quicker; the doubletime clapping to the school song and the pep of the crowd made the evening move more quickly than before.

Over Too Soon

All too soon the football team had been introduced, the homecoming royalty had marched to the back of the gym, and everyone went outside for the burning of the letters by the marshall and queen.

I was exuberant and excited as I made my way to the side of the building, but my mood soon changed.

Seeing P.H.S. burning in the darkness has a quieting effect on people. It seemed to me that there was no other noise than the crackling of the flames and a few dieing claps as everyone watched the flaming orange letters.

In front of me I saw the flickering faces of my friends and I was suddenly overcome with the realization that this was the last time I would ever witness this event as a high school student. I accepted the fact that I am a senior. This Minneshosho Days is now a memory of my senior year. I became calm.

Kathy Musgrove



"Dip one, swirl two..." was the formula the Pep Club used in painting the giant white feet that began at Riggs and ended at the football field. (photo by Julie Ledbetter)

Parade Marred By Student Disinterest

A piece of paper is much like a parade-both have to be filled to hold anyone's attention. But to be a truly memorable piece of work, the quality and quantity of that work must be of such a caliber that it instills an undying flame of interest in the hearts of the people, with the result, a flaring interest in those same works in the future. How many people believe this is true of the 1972 Homecoming Parade?

This year's Homecoming Parade sparked my attention. I was curious to see the creative

talents of my fellow school mates.

My boss graciously allowed me an hour off work to watch the parade as it passed the Capitol. At 1:30 I was situated on a step with a coke in one hand and a candy bar in the other. Both had disappeared before I heard the strains of music, indicating the parade was near.

The Color Guard led the way, bearing flags. People stood up making it difficult for me to see. It took a few seconds to realize that they

were standing for the flag.

I envied the talented bicycle stunt riders wheeling by on back wheels only. I'm lucky to stay on two wheels.

The State employees applauded the homecoming royalty as they passed. Applause also broke out, along with chuckles, at the originality of the humorous float, "Make Those Passes Count." The ingenious slogan of "Kernel Flakes, Breakfast of Champs" also drew well-deserved applause as well as the fat Governor of "I Can't Believe I Ate The Whole Team", and "America Loves What Cooks the Kernels" with its sophisticated white-clad Colonel Sanders rocking comfortably.

The Senior High band looked striking in their high-stepping uniforms; the hobo outfits added immensely to the appearance of the 6th graders as a marching band.

The commission and district

The campaigning politicians, bringing up the rear, spoiled some of the spirit of the parade.

This parade did hold my attention, but somehow I returned to work disillusioned because my high expectations of Riggs' creativity and imagination were shattered. I had expected more. The increasing decline of student participating and interest in making such a parade a memorable one was certainly evidenced by the lack of work done and the length and quality of the Holmecoming Parade this year.

Patricia Miller

Pep Club Steps To Football Field

Pep Club took Giant Steps from Riggs High to the football field Thursday night. But this was only one of the team booster activities which the girls sponsored for the Riggs High School 1972 Homecoming.

Painting victory signs and slogans on the store windows in downtown Pierre was the beginning of the club's activities Sunday afternoon. The streets got a little paint that day

Thursday night was the big thing. After cheering their way through coronation and adding the finishing touches to floats, Pep Club members gathered in the Riggs "Uee" at midnight. All were equipped with a bucket and a paintbrush. After getting a bucket of water and some whitewash, they were off to paint the "Monster tracks". Along with a lot of horsin-around, the tracks got placed. Then the artists made their appearance at Ray's Town and Country for an early breakfast.



Receiving "Spirit of the Day," in the homecoming parade was Kernel Sander's float, "America loves who cooks the Kernels".



"I can't believe I ate the whole team" was the "Best of Parade" winner in the 1972 homecoming parade.

Marching-Morning, Noon And Night

The whole thing started with some innocent-looking charts handed to us from Mr. Cutshaw. Little did we know we'd be out marching-around on the practice field at 7:30 A.M.! The practices weren't very exciting. It got to be the same old thing - start at the end zone, march out, make mistake, run back.

Finally, after two weeks of practicing, came the big event. First came the Minneshosho activities Thursday evening. Then, after the Spirit Breakfast on Friday, it was time for street marching practice. Next, a period of relaxation while we went to classes. Moving right along, at a fast pace, we found ourselves marching down Main Street in the parade. Overjoyed at our 15 minute break to change clothes, we rushed home and were back at the practice field at 3:00 P,M., and later to Hollister Field for the final touch. Incidentally, we did the step-two diamond drill flawlessly at practice!

Of course, you all saw the precision marching at halftime.

Well, back to the drawing board . . .

Gary Fitsimmons

7 o'clock Friday morning, coming too early for most, was the time for Pep Club member's second meal — the Spirit Breakfast. Lots of rolls, juice, and conversation made the hour a good beginning for a great Homecoming celebration.

Despite the hardships suffered at the game, the Pep Club led the way in school spirit and team loyalty.



"And The Band Played On ..."

After many hours on the practice field and the streets, the Marching Band was in good shape for their appearances on Friday in the parade and at halftime of the game. (photo by Pat Miller)

Govs Continue To Strive For ESD Conference Title

With the 1972 football season half over, the Governors have posted a 4-1 record, with the Gov's latest victory over the tough Watertown Arrows.

The Governor-Arrow game was vitally important to both teams, and the result has made the ESD title into a five way tie, for the moment at least. With the Govs victory the RHS football team is back on top (or at least tied for the top) of the Conference with an excellent chance to take the crown.

The question is now can the Govs win their next four games and win the ESD Football Crown?

In my opinion, there is no team that really can defeat the Pierre Governors Football squad except the Pierre Governors.

This was very evident in the Homecoming game last Friday against the Mitchell Kernals, which the Govs lost 21-6.

The Govs outplayed the Kernels in every aspect of the game except thescoring. The defense was superb, and though the offense was a little erratic, it still gained six times as much rushing yardage as Mitchell's offense. We could stop Mitchell, and we could move the ball against them. The problem was we were beating

ourselves. The Govs would start what seemed to be a touchdown drive, and then we would fumble. Once we were only one trivial yard short of a TD when the dreadful disease of "drop-the-ball" hit. We also defeated ourselves when we threw two interceptions, one of which set up a touchdown for Mitchell.

Only three earned touchdowns have been scored against our rugged defense. The other six touchdowns which have been scored on us were because: (1) we had the last string defense in, or (2) the Gov's offense fumbled or threw interceptions where the opponents had only a few yards to score.

The Pierre team has the toughest defense in the conference, if not the state.

Not only do we have a super defense, but we have a good offense, too. The Govs offense has done a lot of scoring this year. So if the backs can hang on to the ball there should not be anyone scoring more points than the Govs.

Another facet of the game where the Govs are tops, is the specialty team. This is the team which runs back kick-offs, punts, etc. Their ability was proven when Mitchell was purposely kicking the ball short or out of bounds to keep it from being returned.

Ray Davis



Ron Gunderson trucks for yardage against the Mitchell Kernals on homecoming night. However, the Govs lost to the Kernals 21 to 6.



The traditional slaughter-the-sophs begins at Homecoming. These upperclassmen dubbed a weatherbeaten outhouse as the "sophomore bench" and entered their insult in Friday's parade.

Cross Country Has Bad Day

From one side of the state to the other in two days! The Riggs High Cross Country team competed at Rapid City on Friday and then at Brookings on Saturday.

"It just wasn't one of our days," stated Coach Lundeen, reviewing the Cross Country run at Rapid City over Homecoming, Friday, September 22. Pierre grabbed sixth out of 13 teams.

Leading the Pierre Harriers with 8th place was Mark Simet setting a new Riggs High Record of 12 minutes 5 seconds. Doug Mortenson captured 17th with a clocking of 12 minutes, 20 seconds. Taking 30th was Dennis DuBois with a time of 12 minutes 51 seconds.

Ki Karim placed 39th running the course in 13 minutes, 5 seconds. Finishing 42nd was Mike Rounds. The others came in as follows: Steve Simet 53rd; Brad Ibach 55th; Mark Erickson 62nd; Reed Abbott 78th; and Phil Thomas 93rd.

The team captured 3rd out of 25 teams on Saturday, September 23, at Brookings SDSU Invitational. Pierre had three runners in the top

Doug Mortensen came in 9th in that contest; Dennis DuBois was 10th; and Mark Simet 11th. Other Riggs runners were: Keith Krull, 37; Ki Karim 41: Brad Ibach, 55; Mark Erickson 83; Steve Simet 90.



Dennis DuBois kicks it in high gear as he approaches the finish line in a cross country meet against the Huron Tigers.

CC Makes Fine Showing

Despite the heat, the Riggs High Harriers raced over the burning 2.1 mile asphalt to sweep first spot away from Huron at the Pierre-Huron Dual held Tuesday, September 19, at Farm Island.

Pierre captured first with 25 points while Huron had 30.

Huron's Brian Peck won the race in 11 minutes, 27 seconds. Doug Mortenson took honors for Pierre with 2nd, followed by Mark Simet 3rd. Dennis DuBois placed 5th, while Keith Krull and Ki Karum were 7th and 8th respectively. The other Pierre runners came in as follows: Mike Rounds 11th; Brad Ibach 13th; Doug Quenzer 14th; Mark Erickson 17th; Larry Plank 18th; Mike Wilson 19th; Phil Thomas 20th; and John Hayes 21st.

On Saturday, September 9, the Cross Country team went to Mitchell for the Mitchell Invitational. Pierre captured 4th out of 12 teams. Leading for Pierre was Mark Simet 9th, 33 seconds. Dennis DuBois was 12th, followed

breaking the Riggs High Record with 9 minutes by Doug Mortenson with 21st. The other runners finished as follows: Keith Krull 34th; Ki Karim 35th; Mark Erickson 42nd; Mike Rounds 43rd; Brad Ibach 57th; Doug Quenzer 76th; Dennis Rounds 95th; Larry Plank 107th; Mike Wilson 109th; and John Hayes 111th.

The Cross Country team traveled to Huron on September 16th, placing 3rd out of 8 teams. Pierre had three runners in the top 12. They were: Mark Simet 5th, Doug Mortenson 8th, and Dennis DuBois 11th. Keith Krull grabbed 30th, while Ki Karim was 35th. Mark Erickson was 38th; Doug Quenzer 42nd; and Brad Ibach 52nd.

In the Sophomore division Dennis Rounds led Pierre with 15th. Close behind was Phil Thomas taking 24th. John Hayes placed 36th, while Mike Wilson was 47th.

The Sophomores placed 6th out of 13 teams.