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Consider college in your future

I think I know how most of you graduating seniors feel right now. Spring is in the air, summer is just around the corner, and you are already making plans for the senior "canister" party on graduation night. You've got your job for the summer and your new swimming suit for the beach. Now, try to tell me that I don't know how you feel.

Okay, so I'm wrong in stereotyping all of you seniors, and maybe spring isn't in the air and summer isn't around the corner. Maybe you're not even a senior. Who do you think you are? If you're not a real bonafide senior you better quit reading this dispatch.

Anyway, I'm writing this to make you start thinking about something that you don't want to think about--college. I'm sure it doesn't make sense to some of you, to just get done with twelve boring years of school only to be cast back into four more years of school that you don't have to attend. Upon graduating from high school, the thought of entering college, where the competition is keen and the lunch lines are fierce, is enough to make you say "ecchh!"

Now I don't know who is telling you to go to college, but be it parent, guidance counselor, or ex-Governor staff editor, listen to them. True, they may be old and withered, feeble minded, and senile,

Seniors - We salute you!

"What we are to be, we are now becoming" are the words supporting this year's graduating class of 1974. Through their three years at Riggs we have seen that they are achieving their goals and we are sure they will continue to conquer new goals.

Their accomplishments have brought recognition and credit to Riggs High School.

WE SALUTE THE CLASS OF "74" AND WISH THEM WELL.

COVER PHOTO: Retiring with honors after 20 years as principal at Riggs High, Mr. Neiles receives a handshake and, a special recognition scroll from graduating senior and star basketball player Bob Ashley. [Don Jacobs Photo]

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but they have the jump on you in experience. Not even the quick reflex of the teenager can match the quickness that is captured in the mind of an experienced adult. Always remember that because I just made it up.

Another good thing about college is that you get to meet all kinds of interesting people. I don't mean that you will make new friends because anyone can do that, even if they don't go to college. What I mean is that you can meet people that you wouldn't normally meet at high school, such as the college president. You can meet musicians, writers, singers, jocks, generals, senators, governors, editors, photographers, dancers, lawyers, doctors, engineers, cowboys, farmers, geographers, logicians, and maybe an occasional bird watcher. These people are often some of the greatest professionals in their fields. They can give you a great deal of information in the career in which you are headed and if you're not headed for any special career, they might get you interested in one.

In all seriousness, college is a great experience that should not be passed up if he has the chance to attend it. High school graduates aren't treated like kids, so for the shortest route to adulthood (or is it adulthood?), attend the college of your choice.

Patrick Miller

Mr. Neiles symbol of spirit at Riggs

For 2 decades he has represented the spirit of Riggs High School. The tone, the philosophy, and the direction of change of this institution has largely been determined and always been influenced by the qualities that set Mr. Neiles apart as a person and as an educator.

His personal compass to guide himself and us has been his educational philosophy which is based upon the thought and logic of the great minds in the field of education. Frequent pertinent quotations are constant reminders that he has studied widely and well both the ancients and modern thinkers in the fields. This intellectual background has been combined with a "down-home" brand of common sense and a very strong personal belief in the dignity and worth of every individual.

Facing every changing situations and making decisions regarding the lives of young students has been his assigned duty in school.

We, as the Seniors, underclassmen and faculty are grateful for having shared a brief time span with Mr. Neiles.

Open Campus- - success or failure ? ?

Open campus -- a new tool for flexible scheduling and greater student responsibility, or a failed experiment?

Many administrators feel open campus hasn't succeeded, while many of the students and teachers contend that the alternative is a step backwards. Before you voice your opinion, consider the following points.

The administrators against the continuation of open campus have shown that the grade level for the school system has dropped and that several students have lost their spots on the honor roll during this trial period of open campus. Teachers state that the number of incomplete assignments has also increased. Students admit that schoolwork is often put aside and replaced by recreational activities during their free time, but then argue that little homework is completed in an uncomfortable study hall.

Perhaps the most valid point the students make concerns the study halls is this: if the study hall systems were reinstated, there would be over two hundred students at one time in a room. The resulting noise, over-crowding and confusion would make studying impossible.

But, the administration notes, this new found freedom results in an increasing number of tardies and one-period absences. More and more, high schoolers

are found downtown, with nothing to do, or out in the parking lot smoking and drinking. Students point out however, that problems like smoking and drinking have always been present. A return to the study hall system might well result in a relocation of the smokers and drinkers to the restrooms. That result would make those facilities unpleasant for all.

There is little question that those who are abusing the privileges of open campus are a small minority of the student body. While the majority of students are responsible enough, a few do cause some very real problems. The whole issue of open campus may well revolve around these few students. Will the benefits of open campus be lost to all because of these few? Can the administration be expected to measure who is responsible and who isn't? If so, on what standards?

Now, consider this final opinion. The major question of this issue, in my opinion, concerns the responsibility level of the Pierre Riggs High school students. Responsibility, although not purely academic, should be taught in the school system. The open campus system provides the opportunity, both to learn and exercise such responsibility. I feel the administration should not lightly pass up such an opportunity.

Debbie Hayes

23 scholarships awarded, students honored at Awards Night

The 1974 Gumbo was dedicated to principal Gilbert Neiles and scholars and participants in extra-curricular activities were honored Wednesday night, May 22, at the annual Awards Night at Riggs High School.

Twenty-three seniors were awarded scholarships in amounts varying from \$50 to \$1,000 from colleges, service clubs, private memorials and the National Merit Foundation.

Scholarship winners included: Patty Martin, Mary Converse, Michele Rounds, Kathy Huckins, Joann Sandstrom, Sharon Linn, David Timmons, Cynthia McCormack, Larry Davidson, David Wilson, Doreen McBride, Deb Fawcett, Bob Ashley, Craig Holden, Julie Ledbetter, Cammy Iseminger, Willa Smith, Leo Disburg, Donna Everson, Kim Berndt, Laurel Mikkelson, and Jean Lloyd.

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

The DAR good citizen award went to Desiree Darland and Bob Ashley.

The outstanding band award, given to a graduating senior, went to Mary Westlund. Music point awards were given to Ann Gomez, soph., Kent Saylor, jr., and Cammy Iseminger, sr.

Kathy Huckins and Randy Weischedel won the outstanding vocal student awards.

The Sore-Head-of-the-Year was divided into three divisions, Junior, Kim Beyer, Senior, Bob Hardwick, and Teacher, Miss Pickering.

The 1974-75 basketball and wrestling cheerleaders were announced and the new drill team members were named.

Three distinctive journalism awards were given to Jody Teske, Michele Rounds and Don Jacobs.



23 students received scholarships Wednesday, May 22, at Awards Night. Photo by Don Jacobs.

210 Seniors to graduate Thursday

The 1973-74 school year comes to a close this week with baccalaureate services for the seniors on Sunday evening at Riggs gym and the traditional graduation ceremony Thursday evening out at the football field.

Dr. Richard Gibb, commissioner of higher education of Indiana, formerly commissioner of high education of South Dakota, will be the main speaker at the RHS commencement exercises to be held at Hollister Field on Thursday, May 30, at 7:45 p.m. 210 seniors will be receiving their diplomas at the ceremony.

Darwin Tessier, will introduce the guest speaker. Rev. Kenneth Newell will deliver the Invocation and Benediction. G.W. Neiles will present the senior class, with Eugene Venner presenting the diplomas. Doug Mortenson, Senior class president will speak in behalf of the class of "74".

Musical entertainment will include a half hour band concert by the Riggs High Band before the processional, a vocal duet by Kathy Huckins and Cammy Iseminger, and two numbers by the senior ensemble.

The ceremony will be held at Riggs High Gym in case of rain. The Motto for the class of 1974 is: What we are to become, we are now becoming. The flower is the yellow rose and the colors are blue and silver.

Baccalaureate services will be held at the Riggs High gym on May 26, at 8:00 p.m.

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered by Rev. Raymond Schatz of the Congregational United Church of Christ. Rev. David Fenelon and Rev. Kenneth Newell will assist with the program.

Girls Glee Club with Jaelyn Hinkeldey directing, will sing. Brigitte Remund, Amity aide teacher from Switzerland, will play a violin solo: "Sarabanda" from Sonata No. 9. The Lords Prayer will be sung by Randy Weischedel.

The senior processional and recessional will be played by Beverly Allison.

Two Foreign students to attend Riggs next year

Pierre Riggs High will have two foreign students attending classes next school term under the American Field Service Program.

One of the students will be a boy from Japan, who will be residing at the Cecil B. Basset residence during this stay here.

The other student is as of yet, undetermined, but there will be 2 students from foreign countries attending Riggs next year.

The A.F.S. is an organization designed to create relations with other countries through an exchange of students.

3 teams run for Mayor-Vice Mayor position

A three way race for fall semester mayor and vice-mayor of Riggs High School will go into the final stretch Friday, May 24 with voting all day. Only sophomores and juniors are eligible to vote.

Merrilee Miller and Joyce Jansen will be running on the first all women's ticket to enter the political scene in recent years.

Pitted against them is the team of Ralph Flannery and Bernie Linn, who are recommending more student involvement.

The third team of candidates, Jim Butler and Don Hagggar, have been campaigning with the slogan "Put a Butler at your service."

The pre-election political rally which including the campaign speeches was held Thursday for the student body.

If one team does not receive a majority of the votes cast, a runoff election will be held Tuesday, May 28.



Three teams are running for mayor and vice-mayor for the fall semester 1974 including standing from the left: Merrilee Miller and her running mate Joyce Jansen; Jim Butler and Don Hagggar front, the team of Bernie Linn, vice mayor and Ralph Flannery, mayor candidates.

Gumbo selects new staff members

The nine section heads, two assistant editors, and seven other staff members for the **'Gumbo '75'** were chosen this month by next year's editor Heidi Licht and adviser Mrs. Donlin.

Heading up the sports section will be Julie Perry and Shari Yocom.

Mary Thelen and Sharon Mayer will be working on the classes division.

The features section will be put together by Deb Schuler and Kathleen Wold.

Lise Gray will be in charge of

academics and Wanda Ness and Hillary Brady will work out the activities section.

Elizabeth Sahr and Madeline Schafer were chosen co-assistant editors. They will co-edit **Gumbo '76'**.

Others on the staff include Don Haggar, Sue Wiesgram, Mary Martin, Joyce Jansen, Rhonda Thompson, Kristi Briggs and Linda Little.

Still needed are photographers and cover-design artists.

D. Wilson receives Merit Scholarship

Riggs High School has been honored this year to have a fifth \$1000 National Merit Scholarship winner in the 19 years of the program's existence in Pierre.

The scholarship recipient this year is David Wilson,

David plans to use his award next year at S.D. School of Mines where he plans to major in electrical engineering.

David follows Robert Rentto (57), Jack Robinson, Jr. (65), David Huft and Barbara Holst (68), George Ledbetter (69) and Dale Obenauer (71) as a scholarship winner from National Merit Foundation or from a corporation associated with NMS. These other scholarships were in varying amounts and for various lengths of time, from one to four years.

Over 10,000 cans collected by Pries' Ecology classes

Over 10,000 aluminum beverage cans were collected by the 60 students in Mr. Pries' Ecology classes. The one week project had three purposes, the pick up of litter, recycling a valuable resource, and the donation of over \$50 from the cans to a conservation organization for the preservation of wildlife habitat.

The cans, collected in the Hughes and Stanley County area, had to be crushed when turned in. It was quite a task for several students who had over 800.

The top collectors were Deb Brasel, Roger Dulany, and Mark Williams with 2500 cans, Jim Hofer, 1500 cans, Tim Badger, 1000 cans, and Ray Hedman with 831 cans.



The Future Nurses of Riggs High made a two day field trip to Sioux Falls May 10th and 11th. The trip included tours of the V-A Hospital, the Laboratory of Clinical Medicine and the Sioux Valley Hospital.

Pictured from the left: Jean Lloyd, president, Katrina Kristensen, Mrs. Jack Robinson, Adviser, Mary Kurvink, Cindy McCormack, secretary, Patty Martin and Pam Fosnes.



This two stall garage is being built by members of the building construction class under the direction of instructor Glen Everson for one of the local lumber companies and is designed to give practical experience for members of the class.

"Sorehead-of-the-Year" award announced

Students try to keep their cool when they are around Mr. Sam Ruzick, chemistry teacher at Riggs High School, for fear of being named "Sorehead-of-the-Week."

Mr. Ruzick likes to joke and comment on the news he hears from the grapevine, a source of gossip. Students can become aggravated and/or embarrassed by his remarks. Then Mr. Ruzick singles out the person who blushes the most or displays the quickest temper and honors that student with the coveted title for the week.

The idea came from a small town in Nebraska where a plaque hung in a cafe which read "This town has 650 wonderful people and a few soreheads." The sorehead for that week was the town mayor. Mr. and Mrs. Ruzick decided to use what was formally the "driver of the month" trophy as the "sorehead-of-the-week" trophy to be hung in the chemistry room.

Vying for the unwanted title of 'Sorehead-of-the-Year' were nearly 50 happy contestants who had earned a



place on the weekly list.

Cindy McCormack ended her reign as 'Sorehead-of-the-Year-1973' at Awards Night when Kim Beyer, Bob Hardwick, and Miss Pickering, took over for 1974.

Spanish students sweep contest

Pierre Spanish students swept the 1974 State AATSP Spanish Contest. Of 183 entries in four divisions Pierre placed thirteen students in the top 20. This is the first time Pierre has entered students in the contest.

Jay Jones, Spanish I, Joni Clark, Spanish II, and Donna Everson, Spanish IV, placed first in their respective divisions and will receive a medal.

Other students placing for Pierre were Bradley Vieth, 2nd; Ellen Zeller, 3rd; and Cindy Mefford, 4th in Spanish I competition; Jeff Van Klompenburg, 5th in the Spanish II division, Holly Myers, 2nd; Debbie Toillion, 3rd; Cathy Doyle and Hyrma Zakahi, 4th in Spanish II competition and Doreen McBride, 2nd, and Mary Converse, 3rd, in Spanish IV.

Art students decorate downtown windows

The art classes under the direction of Mrs. Smith are finishing the year by creating some downtown window displays and winning art contests.

Students of the window dressing class have been spending time in local stores becoming familiar with merchandise props and other facilities.

The students spend time in the stores and then decorate the windows. Cooperating stores and the students working at them are Starla Newling, Allen's Jewelry; Sylvia Mefford, J.C. Penney's; Phil Looby, Boococks Clothing; Halona Hall, Londons; Joanne Taylor, Burlap and Baubles; Laurell Mikkelson, Feinstein's; Vicki Henley, W-Bar-S.

The Poster Contest for the Pierre National Bank "Outside Wall Display" found Karen Berndt winning second place and \$25. Joni Clark was given honorable mention.

'Gov' staff members place in contest

Three "Governor" staff members placed in the 1974 writing contest sponsored each year by the South Dakota High School Journalism association.

Michele Rounds won a third place award in sports writing, Julie Ledbetter received an honorable mention in news writing, and Tom Wilsey received an honorable mention in the general photo division.

Michele's story was on the State 'A' Wrestling tournament and was printed in the Feb. issue, Julie's prize winning news story on Mrs. Thompson's honor as Outstanding Young Woman of America was printed in the Dec. issue. Tom Wilsey's photo on the Child Care Aide class was published in the Jan. issue.

Fifteen stories were entered in eight categories and five photos entered in the contest by "Governor" staff members

All students are currently taking Spanish from Mrs. Leach.

Examinations taken by these students have been forwarded to Madison, Wisconsin for national competition.

31 Pierre junior and senior high school students entered the contest. The test was administered the first week in March by the Guidance Dept. The 1½ hour examination included oral and written tests.

Dramatists initiated into Thespian Society

Twelve dramatists were initiated into Thespian society at the second annual Thespian banquet Monday, May 20 and four members of the club were given special recognition for their outstanding work in several phases of high school drama.

Cammy Iseminger and Randy Weischedel were named best Thespiars for their roles in the fall and spring productions. Julie Ledbetter and Doreen McBride won the Bea Lindberg award from Pierre Players for having done outstanding work in two or more areas of dramatic production.

The 12 students who earned the necessary ten Thespians points to be eligible for membership included: Cammy Iseminger, Lois Tlustos, Tom Murphy, Terri Hinkley, Earleen Boxa, John Lamster, Jenny Jorgenson, Barb Walters, LeAnn Anderson, Deb Hayes, Sue Parr and Colleen Hinkley. One point is earned for every 10 hours of excellent work in some area of theater.

Entertainment at the banquet was provided by LeAnn Anderson and Julie Ledbetter, doing a mime act, and Cammy Iseminger and Randy Weischedel singing a medley of songs. Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Shelp surprised the guests with special entertainment.

Finley presented Dekalb Award

Mike Finley was presented the DeKalb Award for the outstanding Senior for his supervised project and leadership, at the third annual parent and member FFA banquet, May 15.

Ed Briggs received the Star Chapter Farmer award for outstanding Junior and Bryan Hedman received the Star Greenhand award for outstanding Sophomore.

The Chapter selected Mr. Jack Titus, business manager, to receive the degree of Honorary Chapter member. This degree is given to the member of the community who has contributed invaluable service to the chapter and community.



Kevin Nafus and Bill Hayes stand by their work which helped Pierre place second in the Eighth Annual Auto Troubleshooting Contest in Mitchell.

Nafus, Hayes place in auto competition

Riggs High School placed second at the eighth Auto Trouble Shooting contest in Mitchell on April 27. Bill Hayes and Kevin Nafus represented Riggs. Their combined efforts and mechanical abilities earned Riggs a second place position at the contest sponsored by Plymouth Motor Corp.

The contest consisted of a written test of 50 technical questions and a mechanical test. The mechanics were then given a 90 minute maximum time to inspect and repair malfunctions already put into their car engines. This part of the test was judged and they lost points every time they missed something. Both technical and mechanical scores were combined. Out of nine schools and eighteen contestants, Hayes and Nafus placed second.

Mr. Clough, their instructor said, "It was a good contest and the winners were pleased with the results."

The FFA members also awarded a special plaque to the cooks of Riggs High School in recognition of the service those individuals have rendered to both the chapter and the community.

Mr. Warren Miller of the S.D. Wheat Commission was the guest speaker and gave a summary of the achievements of the past four years of the chapter since it came into existence.

Summer plans for the chapter consist of: members attending the State Leadership Camp, June 5-8 at Lake Herman, near Madison; Conservation Camp at Bob Marshall Camp near Custer, June 2-8; Youth Institute at Brookings, June 22-28; and the annual watermelon feed for members and incoming 8th graders in July.

Athletes recognized at awards ceremony

Six Riggs High athletes were given major awards at the banquet in which Billy Mills was the featured speaker.

Craig Holden was a triple winner as he received the scholar-athlete award and track achievement award. He also received the KCCR Paul Marschalk award.

Other achievement awards went to Cash Brooks for football, Warren Ice and Bob Ashley for basketball and Dave Riis for wrestling.

Steve Simet was awarded the coveted Obenauer Award.

Retiring principal Gilbert Neiles was presented a special award for his contribution to athletics.



Special Athletic Award winners and Billy Mills talk it over after the Athletic Awards Banquet. From left, Craig Holden, Cash Brooks, Warren Ice, Dave Riis, Bob Ashley and Steve Simet.

Legion Baseball start games June 1

Along with summer comes many good things, and one of which is baseball. Since the Basin League has been discontinued because of financial difficulties, the American Legion Baseball Team will run their program at Hyde Park. High school athletes will make up the bulk of the squad.

Coach Kerry Wenbourne's team will start full force June 1 at Brookings and June 5 at Watertown. Redfield will be here to open up Pierre's home season, June 7. Saturday, June 8, the squad will go to Huron for a double header.

On this summer's team is Jim Trimble, Ron Mann, Warren Ice, Tim and Dennis Krier, Bob Monlux, Terry Merwin, Dan and Rusty Snyder, Terry Robinson, Jeff Holden, Bill Hofer, Doug McClellan, Mike Finley and Bryan Fitch.

Cowan-Bender make it to State

John Cowan and Steve Bender took individual honors at the Region VII Golf Tournament in Mobridge, earning their way to the state tournament in Yankton, May 23-25. Cowan shot an 83 while Bender an 84.

Despite the fact that the Governor squad had a slow start because of the poor condition of the course, they finished their year out fairly well.

Duffers Bernie Linn, Jeff Holden and Pat Doyle also made the trip with coach Kennedy to regionals.

The Regional Tournament was to have been in Pierre. However, it was moved to Mobridge because of the poor greens condition. The course surely had to have some impact on the disappointing season Pierre had.

Pierre finished seventh in ESD. Huron, Yankton and Brookings took the first three spots.



John Cowan shows his golfing skills to other members of the PHS golf team, Steve Conway, Jeff Holden, and Scott Hipple. [Photo by Don Jacobs]

* Ymca *
Benefit Rodeo
Sunday May 26th
Monday May 27th
2 PM
Konkow Ranch
Canning



Cheerleaders for the 1974-75 school year announced at Awards Night are from left: Wanda Ness, basketball, Sandy Simmons, wrestling, Jodi Heyd, Mary Jo Rezac, both basketball, Kathy Conway, wrestling, Bobbi Shay, Kim Barnhart, Susan Jahraus, all basketball, and Cindy Larson, wrestling. Not pictured, Julie Sibson, wrestling. [Photo by Don Jacobs]

PHS girls take fourth at State

The Pierre Girls Track Team took fourth place in the Girls State Track meet in Watertown last weekend. The 880 yd. relay team (Sandy Simmons, Beth Popowski, Ahlene Stillwell and Tina Buechler) took first place. The 440 yd. relay team took 5th. Sandy Simmons was 2nd in the 220 and 3rd in the 100 yd. dash.

The Pierre girls won the regional title at Lemmon, May 11. In doing so, they qualified seven members for the state meet.

The ESD meet in Madison on May 14, found the PHS girls taking 5th. Sandy Simmons was a double winner, taking both the 100 yd. dash and the 220 yd. run. Madeline Schaefer was 6th in the discus. Pierre's mile relay, 440 yd. relay, and 880 yd. relay placed 5th, 3rd and 2nd, respectively.

Members of the Pierre team who made the trip last weekend to the state meet include Sandy Simmons, Ahlene Stillwell, Tina Buechler, Beth Popowski, Kristi Solem, Madeline Schaefer, and Joni Opbroek.

Fishing on river proves trying

The morning began as I made preparations for a day on the river trying to take a couple of limits of big walleye. Big plans and visions of big fish raced through my head as I loaded the big boat.

Right from the start the old Hipple luck was down on us and by the time the other two members of my party, Alex, "the fisherman" Falk and Ag. teacher, Mr. Grey, arrived, a slow rain had begun so we put the top up on the boat and were ready to go.

We got the boat launched without mishap and took off to find a spot to deplete the fish population. We figured we'd try the mouth of Bad River, which already looked as if it had been invaded by a fishing fleet. On the first pass both Alex and I had faint bites and were encouraged, despite the fact that none of us could spot a single stringer in the entire fleet.

During our next drift Alex's rod put on the deep bend so characteristic of Walleye fishing, and he began to reel furiously. When the spray finally cleared Alex had boated a nice one lb. rock! Before we decided to try a different spot, another larger rock had been boated by Alex. After this last fiasco we decided it was definitely time to move on.

We ran the boat downstream to a spot just off Farm Island that had been consistently producing fish. The wind had come up and was not churning up some 2 foot waves, just after we arrived it began to rain again. This time even the top didn't offer any protection as the wind blew the rain under and through it.

Our only company down there was a



Sandy Simmons, Pierre speedster, accepts a medal from Mr. Neiles, principal, at the Pierre Legion Relays. In the background are coaches Miss Walla and Miss Leeling.

small fishing crew who had been hard at it all day and had only landed one small fish.

Soon after this, we decided to try the tailrace below the powerhouse. After the long run up to the dam we were ready for a cup of warm coffee at the marina. We finally made our way up there and felt the soothing warmth of civilization. We got up the nerve to face the cold again after we had gotten some food in our bellies. We had been told how terrible the fishing was, but we decided to try it once more.

But when we stepped outside and found that it was snowing, we voted unanimously to return to the dock with nothing except 2 rocks and blue fingers.

I have heard it said that a fishing pole is a stick with a hook on one end and a fool on the other. Well, it was especially true that cold, wet, miserable Thursday morning with 20 boats full of fools freezing half to death trying to catch some slimy creatures that are a bother to clean and expensive to catch.

Kevin Hipple

Six Riggs trackmen

The trackmen have had a successful season thus far this spring. With only three seniors on the team, the Governors have set a good record.

They qualified six for the state meet to be held in Rapid City this weekend. Craig Holden placed first in the low hurdles in the regional meet where Pierre got third behind Winner and Miller. Warren Ice placed second in low hurdles and third in highs to qualify for state.

The two seniors then teamed with

Tennis team finishes dual season at 8-0

The Governor racquetmen have finished their dual season with an 8-0 record and captured second in ESD competition at Huron and also took second in the Pierre Invitational.

The Pierre squad lost to Aberdeen Central 79-71 at the ESD tournament with Pierre claiming two individual titles. In the number one position, Mike Trautner took the title over Bruce Mannes (HC) 10-7. The doubles team of Gene Miller and Jim Thielen captured Pierre's other title in the second flight doubles over Aberdeen 10-5.

Pierre hosted its' first tournament on May 18 where they again took second to Aberdeen Central and claimed only one individual title in the first flight.

The netmen will travel to Sioux Falls May 24 and 25 to compete in the State tournament, with Aberdeen and Vermillion top title contenders. Pierre will be represented by Mike Trautner, Denny Krier, Jim Thielen, and Jeff Larson in singles and by Trautner-Krier and Thielen-Miller in the doubles.



Dennis Krier, senior racqueteer, is one of the top contenders in the state and has been doing a lot of work in preparation for the big meet.

[Photo by Don Jacobs]

qualify for State meet

sophomores Russ Harrison and Bill Bullard to get first in the mile relay at regionals and qualify for state.

Harrison also got third in the 100 yard dash and 220 yard dash to make him eligible for the state meet in those events.

Ron Mann won the long jump with a leap of 19' 3" and took second in the triple jump to enter the state contest.

Pierre's other qualifier was freshman high jumper Tom Stalley who sailed 5' 7" to win.

Mr. Lonbaken steps in as next year's principal

Among the new faces at Riggs High next year will be the new principal Roger Lonbaken, making the move from Moberly.

Mr. Lonbaken who is replacing retiring principal Gilbert Neiles, plans on leaving regulations pretty much as they have been the first year so that he can get to know the faculty and students.

Lonbaken also feels that there are negative and positive results to open campus, but Lonbaken doesn't plan to make any harsh changes with the open campus system, unless the administration calls for it.

"Frankly open campus offers an opportunity to study and for social activities during school."

This is the second move to Pierre for Mr. Lonbaken, as he was here four years ago as assistant principal and he taught in the social studies department before that.

Mr. Lonbaken also feels that the next years will be a challenge for him as he



Mr. Roger Lonbaken will replace Mr. Neiles as Principal of Riggs High next fall. [Photo by Don Jacobs]

said, "The challenges will be different than I had when I was in Moberly or here before. I'm looking forward to working in one of South Dakota's top fifteen schools."

Among the challenges for next year, Mr. Lonbaken includes is the organization of girls' athletics.

Mr. Lonbaken is of the belief that the teachers of Riggs are some of the best in the state.

"One of the most important factors of a strong staff is a distribution of age levels, and that's what Riggs has, a good set up," Lonbaken added.

Miss Hinkeldey joins 'Singing Sergeants'

Jaelyn Hinkeldey, the present vocal director at Riggs High School, is resigning from her job to further her vocal career in the United States Air Force Singing Sergeants.

On July 9th, Miss Hinkeldey will be leaving Pierre for San Antonio, Texas, where she will attend basic training at Lakland Air Force Base for a period of six weeks. She will then be stationed in Washington D.C. as a member of the Singing Sergeants, touring and performing at various functions in the U.S. and Europe.

Miss Hinkeldey has been vocal director at Riggs High School since January 1973. She directed the Chorus and Girls Glee along with many other small vocal ensembles.

Mr. Neiles plans for retirement

After 20 years as Riggs High School principal, Gilbert Neiles is retiring at the end of this school year.

When asked about how students have changed in the last 20 years at Riggs, Mr. Neiles replied, "Students have changed very little; they are basically the same. However, today's students have more opportunities than ever and they should try to fit their training into what they want to become in life."

With the ever increasing demand for

better educated people, Neiles feels that a high school education is a necessity, and student apathy toward school hurts both the student and the school.

After retirement, the Neileses plan a trip to Europe to see their son Jim who is in the armed services in Germany. They plan to make Pierre their home during retirement.

Mr. Neiles summed it up when he said, "If I had to do it all over gain, I would like my life just the same."

Brigitta Remund tells about school in Switzerland

Brigitta Remund, an exchange teacher who is staying at the Martin home, is from Bern, Switzerland with a population of 300,000. She will be leaving Pierre at the end of the school year, May 31.

Brigitta helps Miss Allison with her German classes and takes two courses, State and Indian Culture. In Switzerland, she teaches first and second grades, which she has done for four and one half years.

She is here under the Amity Aid program that places teachers in schools to work as teachers aids in their native languages and to improve their own English.

She has worked in Truman, Minnesota, Sioux Falls, and now Pierre. This summer she will visit the west coast and the southern part of the U.S. before returning home.

When asked about any notable differences in the U.S., Brigitta said that our winters are colder and summers warmer than those in Switzerland.

The school system in Switzerland is

quite different from ours. Until you are 16 you go to public schools. You then take a college entrance test before you can enroll in any college. Those who do not go to college take an apprenticeship for three or four years. College lasts four years and those who want can go on to a university after they have completed the college courses. University lasts from three to six years and is for professional training.

Apprenticeships are available in most of the skill trades including secretary, salesman, mechanics, carpentry and many others. The students work during the day and generally go to school at night or two days a week. They receive some pay for this work.

One thing she has noticed while here, is how expensive the colleges are as compared to those in her home-land.

Brigitta likes animals, but she does not have any pets at home. She enjoys the Martin dog. She plays the violin, and has been in many orchestras at home. She played in Sioux Falls, but not yet in Pierre.



Brigitta Remund, exchange teacher from Bern, Switzerland, has been working in the German Department this quarter.