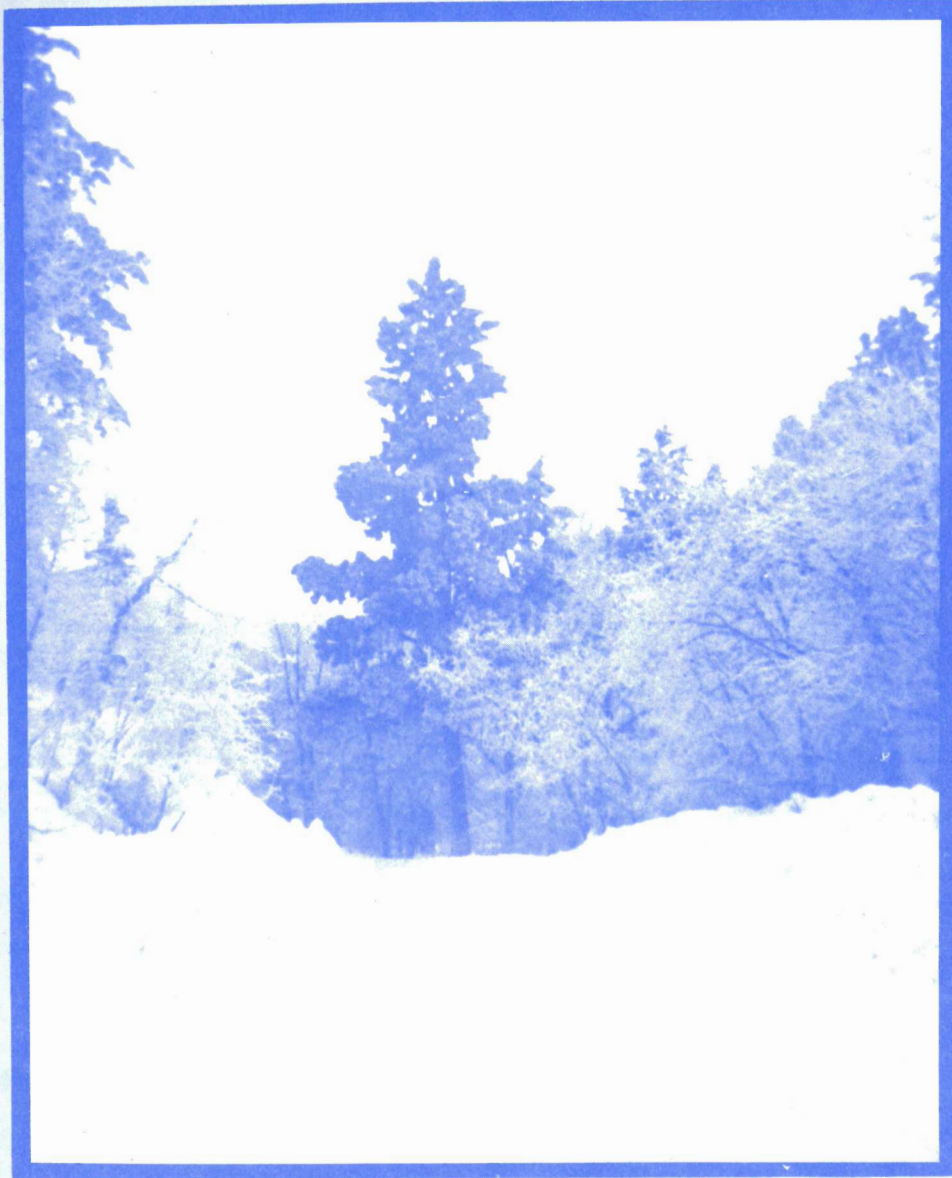


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## **Holiday Greetings**



## Growing up

# Teachers helping or hindering?

When do we grow up? Is it when we are 13? or 14? Maybe 15?

No, we do not become adults over night. It takes many years of learning, of good and bad experiences and just plain living. We mature more rapidly or more slowly depending on how the world treats and accepts us.

Probably the toughest time that any of us at Riggs has faced so far has been in the Sophomore year. Adjusting to Senior High and the resulting hassle from Juniors and Seniors is a growing experience itself.

If the teachers make us feel at ease, the adjustment period to Senior High School is over in a few weeks. If the teachers do not show respect or acknowledge our ability to take responsibilities for our behavior, we have trouble 'growing up'.

Teachers always play an important

part in the behavior patterns of the student body. One of their primary jobs is to help us grow toward maturity.

Recently, we have had the opportunity to speculate on the attitude of some teachers toward Sophomores, particularly the study hall teachers. As a result, are convinced that they can not only help us mature, but they can also slow up the process.

Is treating Sophomores like children going to turn them into adults? Does standing them in corners and making them put their head in the study hall book slots help them grow up?

How are these acts going to be reflected in their feelings toward other teachers and adults who influence their lives?

We can only guess.

**Sherrie Spilde**

## Mrs. Huber retires

Mrs. Ann Huber, who has served as office manager at Riggs High School for 14 years, retired on Dec. 1.

The faculty and administration honored her with a coffee party and presented her with a watch as a farewell gift.

Mrs. Huber had worked under Mr. Gilbert Neiles until his retirement last year, and had worked for Mr. Merton Reynolds before coming to Riggs High School in the fall of 1960.

There were 25 faculty members the year Mrs. Huber started, eight of which are still on the staff. This year there are 45 faculty members. 165 seniors graduated in the spring of 1961 as compared to 210 in 1974.

Mrs. Debra Wever, a 1971 graduate of RHS, has assumed the duties as secretary and office manager.

Mrs. Huber was always on duty in the office helping students and teachers with attendance, phone-calls, activity tickets, lost books, or just a friendly hello. We will all remember her efficient and cooperative service. Thank you Mrs. Huber.

"Merry Christmas" written in Japanese on the cover is one of four alphabets we use in Japan. It is called "KATAKANA". This lettering form is used primarily for translating foreign words.

Also, those letters on the cover were designed by my index finger,—finger painting.

Nori



The Governor editors and staff wish all of our readers a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year.

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## Senior commended for shorthand skills



**Pam Richards passed her 140 wpm for 5 minutes Gregg shorthand test.**

We, the Governor Staff, congratulate Pam Richards.

Pam has passed her 140 wpm for five minutes Gregg shorthand test with 96.75 percent accuracy.

This is a record which few high school students achieve so early in the school year according to her teacher Mr. Charlie Fjelstad.

Pam is enrolled in second year shorthand and is in the Office Education program. She is currently employed in the State Intern Program.

Her future plans include attending NSC, majoring in business in hopes of becoming a private secretary or a court reporter.

Hats off to the kind of achievement which makes Riggs High School the best in the state.

## 'Homemade Poems' includes writings of Riggs students

"Homemade Poems" published by Lane Johnny Press, Hermosa, S.D. is Daniel Lusk's most recent contribution to the literary world.

The small paperback handbook contains nearly 200 suggestions to inspire readers to write their own poetry at home, at school, in a field, park or recreation center.

There are some wonderful examples of each technique that was written by some young students that Mr. Lusk has come into contact with in his three years of travels as a poet-in-residence for the South Dakota Arts Council.

The book has four parts. The first part is aimed at beginning to make poems, the second part concentrates on our five

senses and on urging poets to pay closer attention to their words and to ways they can translate things into words. The third part focuses on people and things outside himself, and part four is problem-oriented. It offers some solutions to: for instance, how to help the poet seek out new experiences so she develops beyond the writing she does in workshops; and how to help people too old to wield a pencil, to find their potential as poets.

In this book there are selections written by Riggs High students Lee Miller, Ann Michael, John Hayes, Joni Clark, and a 1974 graduate Pam Forney.

The book is worth the \$3.95 whether you plan to read poetry or write it. Try it, you'll like it.

Deb Bessert





The Sophomore Mixed Chorus sang Yuletide carols under the direction of Mr. Tim Kahre at the annual Christmas Concert, Tuesday.

## Christmas melodies fill the air

The music department presented an evening of Christmas melodies for students, parents and music fans on Tuesday evening. Mr. Gerald Cutshaw led the Concert Band and the Brass Choir in the instrumental portion of the program. Mr. Tim Kahre directed the A Cappella Choir and the Sophomore Mixed Chorus.

The program featured the Concert Band, Brass Choir, Sophomore Mixed Chorus, and the Cappella Choir presenting traditional Christmas music.

The Concert Band performed first. They played a total of six selections, including **Sleigh Ride** by Anderson and **Carrillons** by Davis.

Following the Concert Band the Sophomore Mixed Chorus presented several numbers. Featured was **OH Bambino** by Capra-Velona. Brad Vieth is the accompanist for this group.

## Students produce childrens Xmas plays

The Drama Club will be presenting two Christmas plays and a pantomime for the young children in Pierre on Sat., Dec. 21.

In past years, the Eastern Star has had a free children's movie just before Christmas, but this year they asked the Drama Club to give them some live entertainment.

The three plays will involve a cast of 30 students. The student directors are Hyrma Zakahi, Sue Wheeler, Gail Dunwoody and LeAnn Anderson. These girls have the complete responsibility for getting the show underway according to Mr. David Shelp, Drama Club adviser.

The plays, "Twas The Night Before Christmas", "The Little Angel Who Was Always Late" and "Charlie Brown's Christmas" will be presented in the City Auditorium at 2 p.m. on Dec. 21.

Another feature of this year's Christmas party will be the appearance of TV's Captain 11.

The Brass Choir entertained with "While By My Sheep" by Anderson. The concert was brought to an end by the Cappella Choir. The Choir sang ten carols. The list including the traditional carols, such as **Carol of the Bells** by Leontobich; and **Gloria in Excelsis** by Mozart; nationality carols, which are **Fum, Fum, Fum** a Spanish carol, and **The Cradle** an Austrian carol; and jazz prayer entitled **Peace on Earth**.

Randy Weischedel, Hillary Brady, Julie Perry, and Liza Gray sang solo sections in several of the carols. Accompaniments featured Linda Little, and Julie Perry on the piano, Mark Johnson playing the bass, Wanda Ness, percussion, and Tom Dickman and Suzanne DeZonnica with violins.

## Pep Club selects Miss Holiday contestant

Julie Sheppard, senior, has been chosen to represent Riggs High School in the annual Miss Holiday contest to be held in the Huron Arena on Dec. 26-27.

Julie was chosen by vote of the members of the Pep Club who sponsor the school contestant.

Julie, a pretty brunette, will be competing in several areas including evening gown competition in which she will wear a coral colored gown with ivory lace trim.

The contest is sponsored annually by the Huron Daily Plainsman and is open to all young girls in the Huron trade area. It is held in conjunction with the invitational basketball tournament in Huron.

The winner of the contest will receive a \$2000 scholarship to Huron college and other prizes. She will be crowned during the second night of the basketball tournament.

Previous Miss Holiday contestants from Riggs High School include Susan

## Wilson, Haggar team places 2-3 in Aberdeen

The Riggs High School debate team travelled to Aberdeen on Friday, Dec. 13, to compete in oral interpretation, mixed extemp, experienced debate and novice debate at the Ringneck tournament.

Mike Wilson competed in mixed extemp and was able to reach the final round, placing 5th in competition. Jim Butler competed in oral interp.

Varsity debaters were the two member team of Mike Wilson and Don Haggar. Their record was 2-3, with two of those losses coming from teams that competed in the final round.

Debate in the novice level was the four person team of Carl Gaarder and Pat Looby, negative, and Clyde Linn and Carol Baker, affirmative. Gaarder and Looby were 2-2. Linn and Baker went 1-3.

Novice debaters, consisting of Carl Gaarder, Pat Looby, Carol Baker and Clyde Linn, finished 3rd over all with a record of 6-2.

Also winning honors for Pierre was Clyde Linn as he qualified for the final round in novice extemp by taking first and will compete in conference competition.

The previous weekend, Dec. 7, the team competed in the Central Forensic Conference tournament at Huron High School where Mike Wilson took 2nd in men's extemp and qualified for conference competition which will be held Feb. 1, in Miller.

In the varsity debate at the CFC, Mike Wilson and Don Haggar were each awarded superior speaking honors. Jim Butler and Erwin Werthmann also competed in the varsity section. The team record was 5-3.

Saffel in 1973, Jewel Meleen who won the Miss Congeniality award in 1972, and Carolyn Gunderson in 1971.



Julie Sheppard was named as the Pierre area contestant for the Miss Holiday contest by the Riggs High Pep Club.



# RHS students reminisce about lost Santa fantasies

Does Santa Claus really exist?

When asked about the circumstances involved in their discovery that Santa isn't real, some Riggs students said they couldn't even remember when or how they found out. Others replied that they eventually figured it out by themselves, and a few never thought Santa was real at all.

However, many students do remember one specific incident that led them to the truth. While playing hide and seek as a kid, Jacque Bedsaul found presents with "From Santa" tags under her parents' bed. This way of discovery seems to have been common.

Pat Springer tells of determining the truth indirectly by using a little logic. After losing a tooth and receiving nothing from the Tooth Fairy, Pat decided that the Fairy must be a fake. His conclusion was that if there is not a Tooth Fairy, then the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus must be fake too.

One inquisitive kid waited up all night for Santa only to see his dad with the presents instead.

Older brothers and sisters also played a part in convincing kids that there is no Santa. Kathy Zander's brothers even went so far as to tell her that Santa had a wreck with a helicopter and died. This news had an extreme effect on her.

While most of the Riggs students polled stated that they were convinced of the truth by other kids, Mary Ridgeway recounts this "harrowing experience."

Mary: "There is too a Santa Claus!"

Neighbor: "There is not!"

Mary: "Yes there is!"

Neighbor: "No there isn't!"

After a heated argument that left Mary crying, she asked her sister who soon reassured her that there definitely is a Santa.

Barb Rezac said that her mother adopted an approach commonly used in telling the story of the birds and the bees when explaining the truth:

"Barb, I'd like you to come here. I want

to talk to you about something..."

Unquestionably, the people who had the most traumatic experiences learning

the truth were those whose parents had gone to great pains in proving there is a Santa.

One father is reported to have thrown things on the roof in substitution for the pawing of the reindeer. Another parent put a blue light outside and told her kids that Rudolf got so cold that his nose turned blue.

Mark Leach remembers one Christmas when he forgot to write Santa but received a phone call from him.

"Hello, Mark. What do you want for Christmas? You didn't write me this year..."

Santa, who turned out to be Mark's grandfather, asked him not to tell anyone because they might feel bad for not getting a call from Santa too. When Mark learned the truth he confided that it made him "feel rotten."

All of the students interviewed alleged that the truth was made known to them by fourth grade except two. After all this time, maybe it would be better if Rusty and Erwin never find out.

Beth Thomas

## Ice fisherman catches several unusual ice cubes at Christmas

Ice fishing at the North Pole is a very unusual experience. You just never know what you're going to catch when you drop your line under the ice up there.

Last year when I went there for a little December vacation, I immediately got lost in a blinding snow storm. When the storm diminished, I found myself in a white, cold desert, standing near a barber pole. This was an obvious marking for a good ice fishing spot.

### Hippies spread cheer like good ole' Santa

A guy told me the other day that this fella we call Santa Claus used'ta be a real person. Can ya believe that?

Anyway, that was about 300 years before we started counting time. He said that Santa would go truckin' around at night and leave gifts and vittles for all those unfortunate squares.

After ole Santa dropped dead, his fame spread all over the place. Schools made a big fuss over the creep and they would have some poor sucker dress up in these real cool robes. Then they would have him lead a parade thru town in his fairy way.

After a few hundred years they got tired of that jive, so they just dropped the whole thing.

A few centuries later all us freaked-out long haired hippies and gieks started going around giving goodies to them ole' fogies, schools and to homes.

So now when Christmas time rolls around each year, remember ole Saint Nick in your spaced-out mind, while we happy people fly around town spreading good cheer!

Kathy Baars

I took off my spud bar and started chipping at the ice. I chopped for hours and hours, until the hole was so deep that I had to make five steps to get out.

I just had to take a rest after that. I was a little depressed too, for I knew it was the day before Christmas and Santa and his crew had been lost earlier in the week in an ice quake.

The popcicle I was going to have for lunch was as hard as a rock, so I threw it away and started working again.

After chipping at the ice for another hour, I finally hit the cold, dark water. I found it impossible to cast my line into the water, so I decided to drop a line in instead.

Soon a jerk on my pole notified me of a bite. But attempting to reel it in was another story. Either the oil on the reel had frozen or I had hooked a mighty big fish.

Finally, I saw the thing I had caught.

First the head popped thru the hole, then the rest of it appeared, completely encased in ice. Following this ice cube were about a dozen small ice cubes and then eight four legged ice cubes.

By now the hole I was fishing in was getting a little crowded and the whole bunch sat there shivering while I chipped off their ice coating.

Then with a shudder and a "ho ho ho" the biggest ice cube greeted me, "We are very grateful to you for rescuing us before Christmas. Would you like to come to our Secondary Industrial Center here at the North Pole and warm up a while?"

"Thank you, I will. I'm lost and this is the first offer I've had!" Well, we all climbed up the five steps and out of the hole. When we got to the Industrial Center Santa promised to drop me down my chimney on Christmas eve.

What a trip that was!!

John Hayes





## We Roll Along

# Giving gifts to Lee proves futile

Christmas is time for sharing, time for gift giving and gift receiving. But along with gift giving is that frustrating problem of finding a present to satisfy the receiver.

For years my parents, and grandparents, tried desperately to purchase presents that I would enjoy. Every year they would buy a gift that would hopefully match my interests.

One Christmas I was given a silver, shiny pistol, which I immediately put to use clubbing my brothers.

The next year I received a baton and a twirling outfit. It took no time for me to discover that I could club my brothers using that baton with as much precision as my gun. And I was able to discard the cute twirling costume when some grape juice mysteriously appeared all over the front of it.

Following that memorable year my grandparents stepped in, to the aid of my parents, and gave me a present which every little girl should have.

I carefully opened the beautifully wrapped gift and lifted the top of the box. There laid a baby doll wrapped in velvet. I gently removed her from the box while my grandmother told me all the wonderful things the baby could accomplish. Amazed at the doll's

talents, I cuddled and comforted her for almost ten minutes, after which I clutched her leg and began using her for self-defense against my ever aggravating brothers.

My parents were now a little afraid of giving me any present at all because of that eventful Christmas, but, decided to try one more time. After three weeks of shopping and the addition of a dozen or more gray hairs for each, they bought a Raggedy Ann doll for me.

They were very proud of their accomplishment. Not once did they see me whack my brothers with that Raggedy Ann. It didn't matter to them that I didn't like the present. And besides, who would use a Raggedy Ann to club brothers with anyway? No one, at least to my knowledge, has

ever used anything soft and squishy to beat off obnoxious brothers, and I certainly did not want to make a fool of myself trying.

Well, anyway, my parents went around patting themselves on the back and congratulating themselves on their great gift selection until they found the doll with a rope around its neck hanging from the swing poles two days later.

# Fatty pays unexpected visit to typing class

by Tinny Sahr

As I pounded away at the keys in Typing I, a familiar figure waddled into the room. Principal Lonbaken followed and asked Mrs. Spitzer, "Have you a typewriter for the new fat student?"

Typing I burst into laughter. Embarrassed, I wondered why people made fun of her. Can she help it if she has a weight problem?

"Elizabeth, do you know who this is?" demanded Mrs. Spitzer.

I nodded.

Mrs. Spitzer ordered me to take her away.

We walked in silence down the hall to the front door. I pleaded with her not to return.

No sooner had I started to type, when she reappeared beside my machine. The girls in the corner giggled.

"She may stay if she doesn't cause trouble," Mrs. Spitzer conceded.

Fatty examined each student as she patrolled the class. I whizzed through 43C so I could take her away.

"Come on," I commanded, "Let's go."

I quizzed her in the hall. "Why did you follow me?"

Did you hear them laughing?"

"Don't you see you're not like them?" She just stared at me with mournful eyes.

I almost had her out the door when Mr. Jaeger spotted her. "What is that fat thing?", he roared.

"The beagle?--She's 'Hulk', my dog."

# Two students to attend seminar in Washington, D.C.

Don Haggar and Ron Barness have been chosen to attend the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C., March 22-29.

They will be a part of a week long seminar on government, along with 250 other high school students from around the country.

The location of the class seminars and

# One more time!

Tom Dickman

'Twas the morning before X-mas vacation  
As we hustled down the halls  
With dreams that 17 free days  
Would be here for us all.

We entered the bandroom  
With compassionate hate;  
It was the last time this year,  
That we could be late.

I didn't set down  
till everyone came in  
And here came the instructor  
With the grinchiest of grins.

It wasn't a grin  
But more like a smirk  
As he yelled "Take home your horn  
You stupid jerk."

And guess who it was  
screaming from above?  
Ebenezer Cutshaw,  
The one we all love.

There was the bell,  
We left like a flash,  
Hoping the rest of the day  
Would go fast.

Then the last bell rang  
With a joyful buzz,  
As we left the door  
With shouts and shoves.

The shouts you could hear  
Throughout the nation,  
'Twas the last day of school  
Before X-mas vacation.



Hulk Sahr relaxes after a series of strenuous events at school.

[photo by Tinny Sahr]

residency for the students is the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washinton.

Besides viewing many attractions of the nation's capital, they will observe the federal government at work first hand.

Senators, Congressmen, Administration officials, foreign diplomats, and military and news media officials will assist in teaching the classes.



# Matmen sweep ESD tournament

The undefeated Governor matmen captured the ESD tournament title Saturday, at Madison, by compiling an impressive 99 points and claiming five individual titles.

The Governors were followed by Watertown with 71 points and Yankton with 60.

Pierre's individual champions were Paul Mernaugh at 105, Mike Stroup at 132, Mike Larson at 138, Kirk Simet at 145 and Bob Lipetzky at 167.

Pierre also had five other team members finish high in the competition. In the 112 division, Pat Rose nabbed the second spot, as did Carl Mathews at 155. Ray Long, Reggio Olson and Mark Bryan all captured fourth in their respective weight classes.

In dual competition, Pierre remains undefeated with wins over Miller, Rapid City Stevens, Chamberlain and taking first in the Sturgis Invitational.

In the first round of the Sturgis Invitational, Pierre swept over Rapid City Stevens 37 to 26. the Rapid City squad couldn't overcome the four pins by Kirk Simet, Bob Lipetsky, Mike Donahue, and Gary Cromwell. The Steven's team was the number one rated team in the state before the meet.

In the second round Pierre took on Huron and smashed them 35 to 20.

Pierre wrestled Watertown in the Championship match and narrowly defeated the tough team at 27 to 25.

## Governors second in ESD conference play

The varsity basketball team upped its season record the past weekend to three wins and two losses. The Govs are 2 and 1 in ESD play. They are in second place trailing the undefeated Mitchell Kernals.

The Govs have posted wins over Brookings and Yankton in the ESD while losing to Watertown and Rapid City Stevens.

Against Yankton, on Nov. 29, Pierre used a control type game and came out on top 36 to 32. Ron Mann and Jeff Holden led Pierre with 13 and 15 points respectively.

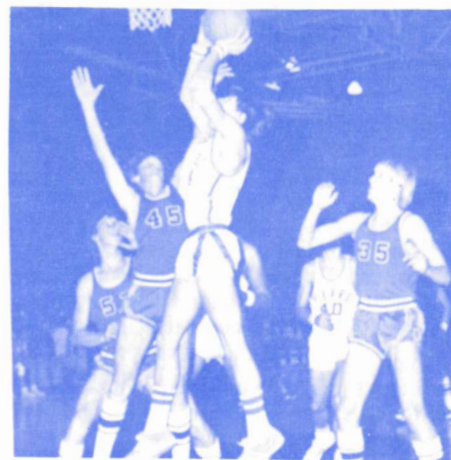
Pierre then upended the taller Brookings Bobcats by a score of 46 to 42 in a home game on Dec. 6. The Govs had a hot third quarter scoring 21 points. Jeff Holden hit on some long outside shots and ended up with 14 points. Ron Mann added 15 and Jim Trimble with 13.

The following night they traveled to Rapid City Stevens and came up short by a score of 49 to 28.

Last Friday night Pierre visited Watertown and couldn't seem to get their offense going. They came home losing 48 to 30.

Pierre had trouble in the first quarter and managed only 2 points. Mann led with 8 points followed by junior reserve Roger Mesteth with 7.

Mann has been the leading scorer so far this season with a 14 point average followed by Holden with 13.



Jeff Brusseau [44] shoots for two, as the Miller defense puts a third arm in, during the season's first game.

### VACATION SPORT SCHEDULE

#### Basketball

December 20	Aberdeen (H)
December 28	Huron (T)
January 3	Mitchell (H)
January 4	Winner (T)

#### Wrestling

December 19	Huron (H)
January 3	Mitchell (T)
January 4	Winner (H)

## Girl gymnasts place third at Mitchell meet

Pierre's girls gymnastics team participated in two meets in December bringing home a few ribbons and a lot of good experience.

In the first of these meets, a triangular, Dec. 7 at Mitchell, they were nosed out by Sioux Falls O'Gorman for 2nd place. This was an open meet in which routines are made up by each gymnast. The girls placing for Pierre were Cindy Lenners with a 4th on the balance beam and Deb Hayes with 2nds on the uneven bars and vault.

The girls traveled to Rapid City on Dec. 14 for the Central High Girls Gymnastics meet where they met very

tough competition from Rapid City Stevens, the winner, Douglas, and two teams from Casper, Wyo. in particular.

The only Pierre girl placing was Colleen Hinkley with a 3rd on the uneven bars in the novice division.

Pierre's team is comprised mainly of Junior High girls with six Riggs High Juniors and Sophomores. Mr. Tom Ball, gymnast coach is optimistic about the season.

Pierre will host its first gymnastic meet on Jan. 18 which could include teams from Sioux Falls, Mitchell, and the Rapid City area. Both boys and girls teams will participate.

Bob Lipetzky



Kirk Simet



Paul Mernaugh



Mike Stroup



Mike Larson



The five ESC champions of last weekend's tournament at Madison. [photos by Jim Hunt]



# Soph Cagers win three out of five

The sophomore basketball team has done well in their first five games of the season winning three of them.

Coach Vern Miller's team has been drilling intently in preparation for the four holiday season games coming up. His leading scorers thus far have been; forwards, Tom Stalley and Tim Washechek, and guard, Mark Flannery.

The Soph's journeyed to Rapid City on Dec. 7 where they met the Stevens Cagers and lost, 37-53. Mark Flannery and Tim Washechek secured 13 points apiece to lead the Pierre scoring drive.

On their home floor Dec. 6, the Soph's bombed Brookings 68-49. Although tied 17-17 in the 1st quarter, they led the contest from there on. Forward Tim Washechek sunk 17 points, followed by Mark Flannery and Tom Stalley with 14 points each.

It was at Yankton where the Soph's suffered their first defeat of the season by a margin of 60-65. The Sophs were 10 points behind in the second quarter but came back to lose by only five. Again Tom Stalley was the top point man with 24 points followed by Steven E. Johnson with 9 points and Bob Dermer with 7 points.

## Mat Maids promote wrestler's morale

Thirteen Mat Maids have been chosen by the wrestling Coaches Dean Johnson and Larry Lundeen and have begun their duties for the wrestling season. This is the fourth year that Mat Maids have helped at all home matches at Riggs High School.

Selection was made on the basis of a written test taken after a few hours of instruction on wrestling rules and procedures. This year, due to a five way tie on the test, 13 girls were named instead of the usual 12.

Their duties include keeping score, announcing, running errands, posting scores, helping at the door and other jobs that help keep the home matches running smoothly.

They also have the obligation to keep up the morale of the team. Each girl draws the name of two team members who become her "secret" wrestlers for the season. She encourages them to do their best by decorating their lockers before every match and by showing concern for their achievements on the mat. The two student managers have been added to the "secret" list this year.

The 1974-75 Mat Maids include three senior girls who were in the group last year--Lori Snyder, Eileen Walsh and Shari Yocum. Juniors in the group this year are Tanya Brusseau, Paula Fratzke, Susan Lipetzky, Barb Logan, Laura Pottratz and Madeline Schaefer; the Sophomores are Deb Gordon and Pam Johnson.

Their first match was Sat., Dec. 7.

The Soph's traveled to Chamberlain on Nov. 2 for their second game where they uprooted their opponents with a score of 69-31. The head scorer for the Soph's was forward Tom Stalley with 18 points, followed by Tim Washechek with 17.

In their first game of the season on Nov. 22 at Pierre they defeated Miller with a seven point spread, a score of 51-44. Tom Stalley led the Soph's in their scoring drive with 18 points, followed by Tim Washechek with 8.

## Bowlers participate in ESD meets

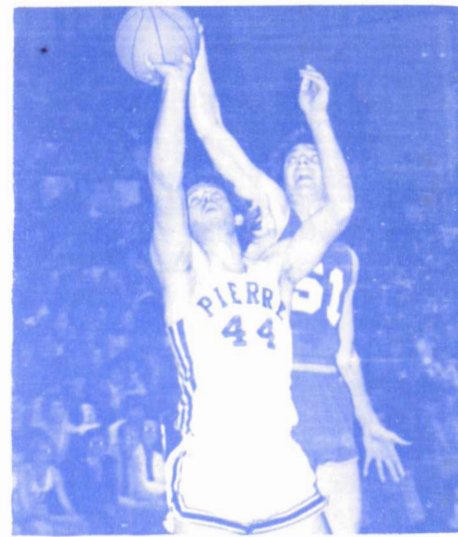
ESD bowling is into full swing now with Mrs. Pat Hofer as coach for the team.

The team follows the ESD basketball conference schedule, bowling all ESD schools except for Madison. All matches begin at 4:30 in the town's bowling alley. Home matches take place at Lariat Lanes.

Comprising the ESD girls' bowling team this year are Trina Egger, Debbie Gordon, Terry Kuehl, Marcia Drummond, Jodi Badger, Carmen Corcoran and Pam Kortum. The boys team includes Brad Huck, Bob DeZonia, Bill Hofer, Don Juntunen, David Bassett, Kevin Berndt and Don Fry.

The team is composed of seven boys and seven girls. The five who bowl each week in competition is determined by the scores at previous Saturday's practice.

Because ESD bowling is not sponsored by the S.D. Activities Association, the parents have to furnish transportation and all the other costs of the sport.



Tom Stalley [40] skies for a two pointer against the Brookings squad in Pierre, December 6.

## Thomas, Lehecka, McLellan tied for first in intramurals

Boys Intramurals is underway with the games being played on Thursday nights under the supervision of Mr. Trautner, athletic director.

In the sophomore division, after playing one game, the Theilan team and the Howard team lead the scoring with a 1-0 record. Leach's team and Hanson's team are at the bottom of the ladder with a 0-1 record.

In the senior-junior division, after completing two games, the standings show McLellan, Lehecka, Thomas are tied for first place with perfect records of 2-0. Brown and Templeton are pushing hard with a 1-1 record, and Flannery, Merwin and Hillman are in the cellar at 0-2.



The 1974-75 matmaids who will be assisting at all home wrestling matches are: back row--Cary Cavanaugh, Deb Gordon, Madeline Schaefer, Linda Little, Tanya Brusseau and Asst. Wrestling coach, Larry Lundeen. 2nd row--Barb Logan, Shari Yocum, Pam Johnson, Susan Lipetzky. 3rd row kneeling--Eileen Walsh, Paula Fratzke, Laura Pottratz. Front Kneeling--Lori Snyder.



## Firecrackers and Pinatas

# Reina DeMarino Describes Guatamala Christmas

We begin to feel Christmas time in my home country, Guatemala, when all the radio stations play those well-known songs of Christmas; some in Spanish, some in English or both languages mixed.

Then comes the 7th of December called "The Day to Burn the Devil". This is a tradition which consists of burning the dry grass so the Devil will run away from the house before Jesus arrives. We begin to burn the grass mountain at 6:00 p.m. Sometimes we put a pinata with the Devil's figure full of firecrackers inside the bonfire, and it is really funny to see how he explodes. We also throw firecrackers and Roman candles into the fire. After it is finished we go to eat typical little cakes with honey and drink "ponche" which contains a little rum and other things.



Reina DeMarino stands beside the Christmas tree in the Cavanaugh home where she is staying.

taking the figures of Mary and Joseph to a house where we are expected, and we sing a song asking for "posada" (shelter for one night) to the persons who open the door. We take the figures in and pray for a while and after that we eat a typical "tamal" (tamale). Then we dance or play games. The next day we go to pick up the figures and take them to the second house, and like that successively until the ninth house. Then we return the figures to the church.

All the houses are decorated with Christmas things like here in the United States. Also we have Christmas trees and under the tree we arrange a creche. Santa Claus gets home at 12:00 p.m. or earlier, when Jesus was born. We pray and then we open our presents. We go to eat turkey, tamales, candies, and we wish happiness to each other with a glass of champagne. The kids go from house to house looking

at their friends' presents. All night we hear a few firecrackers, but at 12 p.m. we can hear all the excitement because everybody lights them. On the 25th, most of the families get together and eat turkey and at noon we pray and light firecrackers again. I think we hear them all December until January comes.

We go to a dance to wait for the new year, and when it is midnight we show our excitement by throwing streamers, blowing whistles, and playing noise-makers, and wishing a 'happy year' to everybody.

I wonder how it will be here in the United States, but I am sure it will not be so noisy without the firecrackers.

I hope it snows because I always wanted to have a white Christmas. We always have to use soap to decorate our Christmas trees to pretend that there is snow on it.



On the 5th or 6th of December all the boys and girls from the age of six to 20, go to the big fields or camps to collect dry grass which we tie with a lasso, and then everybody pulls the bundles to the front of their houses. Everybody tries to have the biggest mountain of dry grass in the neighborhood.

From the 15th to the 23rd of December we make "Posadas" which are Christmas festivities lasting nine days. It consists of

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