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If ants could speak, they could love, hate, dream, and philosophize like humans. How would they react to the present state of the world? The fall play "Under the Sycamore Tree" had one answer.

The dancing ants in the play include from the left: Shelly Wooley, Jayne Barton, Hyrma Zakahi, LeAnn Anderson, [back], Nan Williams.

## **'Under The Sycamore Tree'**



# Lonbaken reflects on current issues affecting Riggs

"It's a little disappointing seeing the kind of response that we see at the games and pep rallies." commented Principal Roger Lonbaken when asked about school spirit at Riggs.

He went on to say, it's relevant that about half of the students at Riggs work, so it's harder for them to really become actively involved in school activities."

"If I were a student again and had it to do over, I would become more active in school affairs instead of working. You have all of your life to work, your high school years should be for participation and fun." emphasized the new principal.

Three **Governor** reporters interviewed Mr. Lonbaken last week on the progress that has evolved thus far in the new school year.

"Out of some 760 students, either Mr. Jaeger or myself will come in contact with about five per cent sometime during the school year." stated Lonbaken on disciplinary problems.

Eight students have been suspended or expelled for three reasons; smoking, drinking, and derogatory conduct towards a teacher. Overall, Pierre's discipline problems are no greater than other schools in the area, according to Mr. Lonbaken.

Concerning smoking in school Mr. Lonbaken reasoned that smoking violates the rights of a non smoker, and under the idea that there are more non smokers than smokers, the non smoker should not have to be in an area where smoking is going on. It's also against state law for students to smoke while on school grounds, according to the principal.

Rumors have been spreading through the halls of Riggs lately concerning yearly traditions. Lonbaken commented on these rumors:

"Homecoming is for kids," confessed Lonbaken, "I have no intention of making decisions for discontinuing any major activity. This year, there was a general lack of communication between

most people involved about how these activities were to be run, and I have received some complaints that homecoming was a prelude to Halloween, with the incidents of egg and tomato throwing," implying that students should now be able to look forward to having a good homecoming next year.

Another rumor which has been bothering some seniors concerned the last week of school. In previous years, seniors were released the last few days of school if their work was completed. Mr. Lonbaken assured the **Governor** staff reporters that this policy will not be changed this year.

"I don't know where all of these rumors came from, but I'm really not that bad of a guy," added Lonbaken with a grin.

"I'd like the students to feel free to come into my office at any time and discuss their problems. They don't necessarily have to be school problems either," noted the new Riggs High principal.

## Politics in Class?

Dear Editor,

Living in the capitol of South Dakota gives us a good, close view of politics in general. This view, however, need not be thrown at us in the classroom.

We can all benefit from a discussion of political issues so long as the discussion remains open, never partisan. Partisanship on the part of the instructor limits the response from students who hesitate to take a position not pleasing to the hand that holds the pencil and does the grade marking.

We are here to learn. But what are we learning? That "McGovern is a Communist, Nixon a mental case, and Watergate was all a bad dream?"

Let's be realistic, clean up your plate, plant a garden, and Gerry Ford will send you a real, autographed "WIN" button.

Sincerely,  
Martha Disburg

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## Student examines AIM accomplishments



AIM demonstrators rally on State Capitol steps on November 1.

Now that the AIM rally on the steps of the State House has come and gone I would like to share my ideas about AIM and our state with the "Governor" readers.

Is AIM right or wrong in its actions and demands? I feel this question is no longer important. The point is that AIM has accomplished exactly what it hoped to do. It provided a means of forcing the plight of the American Indian to be seen on the national level.

The Indian civil rights movement, including the development of AIM, was planned to begin at just the right time, when the civil rights front was basically quiet and ready for the emergence of the American Indian. Blacks had improved their lot and AIM decided to use the same basic tactics to achieve national recognition.

And so the real question should be: What will AIM do now that it has gained national attention?

The AIM rally held in Pierre earlier this month could be an indication. Hopefully AIM violence is over and a new era of peaceful tactic has begun.

I feel the decision is up to the people of South Dakota. If we continue to be unable to admit that the Indian deserves better treatment than he has been given, then we are forcing AIM to continue their past violence. But, if we can admit that racism is a very real part of South Dakota and work to combat it, then the result will be peace. It's up to us.

Beth Thomas



# Linda Bieber captures first at variety show

Linda Bieber singing "Killing Me Softly With His Song," and accompanied by her sister Wanda on the guitar, was the winner of the Riggs High 1974 Variety Show of Tuesday, November 19.

Second place winners included Eileen Walsh, Chris Schleuter, Nena Nelson, Beth Schlueter, Suzanne DeZonia, Kristi Briggs and Rhonda Thompson performing a song and dance routine entitled "Let Us Entertain You" accompanied by Mark Nelson on the drums. Effective use of light and red satin costumes added to the performance.

"#3 Part Invention in b minor" by Bach played by Brad Vieth was the third place winner.

The prize money was \$30 for first, \$15 for second, and \$5 for third.

The show was MC'ed by Rusty Butler and Doug Gullickson. The judges were Mrs. Keith Harner, Mrs. Rick Newman, and Mrs. John Askew.

The show featured ten acts and some between act entertainment. A vocal duet entitled "A' Soalin" was sung by Carmen Corcoran and LeAnn Anderson accompanied by Linda Little on the piano. A musical pantomime "No More Mister Nice Guy" was performed by Julie Jorgenson, Gail Dunwoody, Deb Richter, Carleen Corcoran and Coleen Huntley. Lee Miller gave a poetry recitation entitled "Where is it Written" and "It's True Love". Linda Little, Cary Cavanaugh, Mary Smith, Julie Sibson, LeAnn Anderson and Carmen Corcoran performed a musical cutting from the



The Flaming Mamies, who placed 2nd in the Variety Show, include from the left: Kristie Briggs, Suzanne DeZonia, Beth Schlueter and Nina Nelson. Mark Nelson, who accompanied their song and dance routine on the drums, is in the background.

[Photo by Dave Bassett]

"Wizard of Oz".

"Why do Fools Fall in Love", a song and dance pantomime was performed by Bobbie Shay, Sue Weisgram, Susan Jahraus, Clara Warne, Mary Jo Rezack, Cathy Conway, Cindy Larson, and Kathy Richter. Julie Sibson played a banjo solo

of "Red River Valley" and "Cupplo Creek".

Karen Berndt played a piano solo "The Exorcists".

All proceeds go toward buying new equipment for the musical department.

## Debate team travels to Sioux Falls Lincoln for tournament

In the pre-dawn hours of Friday, the 22nd, the Riggs debate team departed for Sioux Falls in hopes of another successful tournament showing at the Sioux Falls Lincoln Invitational.

Competing for Pierre was the four man team of Erwin Werthmann, Don Hagggar, Bob Neal, and Clyde Linn. Following the tournament in which Pierre failed to place, the debate Coach, Mr. Harens, said "Considering the fact that two of the debaters had never competed before Sioux Falls, the tourney could be considered successful."

Pierre was among the 25 schools competing in the tournament.

On the way back to Pierre, the debaters stopped to aid the victims of an accident due to the icy roads.

Previous tournaments which the Riggs

High School squad has entered are the one-day tournament at Brookings where Jim Butler, Erwin Werthmann, Mike Wilson, and Don Hagggar competed, and the Central Forensics Conference tournament at Chamberlain where several debaters received speaking awards.



Five members of the 1974-75 debate squad are from the left, back row: Clyde Linn, Bob Neal, Carol Baker [novice]; front row, Erwin Werthmann, Don Hagggar.



# Cheryl Wheeler

Swinging, sliding, playing tag, riding a teetertotter and other games long forgotten helped fill my SDEA vacation this year. Helping in the rural school at Hayes, a small town 30 miles west of Pierre, was my job for three days. Miss Audrey Ward teaches grades 1-4 with 20 children and Mr. Bill Stuart teaches grades 5-8 with 9 children.

I never attended a rural school. In fact I spent my grade school years in the Sioux Falls System where there were about 90 children in each grade school.

The rural kids are not as bell conscious as we were in grade school. In Sioux Falls almost everyone went home for lunch, and those who didn't, had cold sack lunches. Everyone out there stays for lunch bringing T.V. dinners, pizzas or other meals to be heated up. The teacher has a small gas stove that has to be turned on in time to have lunch ready by 12:00.

Having four grades in one class room works very well I observed. The younger children challenge themselves by taking higher grade spelling tests and by listening to other class discussions. Classes such as music, science, art and social behavior are taught by TV. The announcer comes across like she is in the room and the classes are very good.

While I was there I helped by listening to the students read. I worked with phonics, math, penmanship and spelling.

I learned a lot about young children in those three days at Hayes. When I asked a first grader if she was a Norwegian, she replied, "No, I'm a Catholic". This was the classic line of the week.

It was surprising at first how many little things about my appearance they noticed like hair, earrings, fingernails, watches and other jewelry. It was their way of being friendly, and I was a special visitor to their school.

After working with the classes and observing the children I have decided that all children should have their eyes, ears and speech checked before they



Lea Briggs, 4th grade, left; Cheryl Wheeler; Willy Stuart, 4th grade; and K.D. Sandal, 2nd grade, are enjoying themselves playing basketball during recess at their school in Hayes.

# gains experience during SDEA

start school. Much of their education is dependent on their ability to see, hear and talk.

Children whose parents help them at home get along better in all of their early school years, I concluded.

I am grateful to Miss Ward for giving me this opportunity to be a part of a rural school. I hope to become an elementary teacher.

By Cheryl Wheeler



Brita Bergeson, 1st grade, left, Maria Bergeson, 4th, Arlyn Prince, 3rd, Cheryl Wheeler, Warren Briggs, 3rd, Jeannell Premus, 2nd and Shavonne Hannum, 4th pose for a picture in the school play yard at Hayes.

## We Roll Along-Merrilee

Three years ago I was blessed by the hands of my orthodontist when I was presented with a mouth full of tin and turmoil.

I was also handed a dozen Oral B-30 tooth brushes, (B-30! I thought I'd B-40 by the time I was stripped of that metal), which I immediately shoved into my purse, my pockets and socks. Anywhere there was adequate space, I pushed in a brush with bitterness.

Since that time my life has changed drastically. Due to the tenderness of my teeth, I was forced to watch my brothers devour steaks, pork chops, and hamburger helpers while I sat before a bowl of split pea soup. My stomach and I had many a debate over the food I tried so desperately to appreciate.

I also discovered that my accident prone years were during this time. No longer could I play a tough game of football, basketball, or fight with my brother without getting a good smack in the mouth and a pain to the lip.

Lacking a smile I soon found that falling in love should have come before my braces. Did you ever try parking with braces? Neither did I. And three years seemed like an awful long time.

Brushing my teeth after everything I ate proved to be quite a headache when I went traveling. There are some people who know where every park, or every museum, or every store is from here to Rapid City. But I know the location of every restroom. I've been in them all - slipping in to brush my teeth, replace an elastic, or simply open my mouth to see if I still could. I even tried a smile or two in the privacy of those dingy little girls' room.

Besides the disadvantages, I soon found those braces had their advantages as well. For instance, in school I could wander through the halls and be tardy for my class after lunch with the simple excuse of having to brush my teeth. I also found that the glare of my braces from the bright sun would capture a point in a tennis game every time.

Despite these advantages I was quite excited to have them removed a month ago. I was afraid my orthodontist had forgotten how to take them out, and I was going to have to go into orthodontistry in order to extract them myself.

But now they are out, and I feel very lucky that after three years and three months I'm still alive to tell the remarkable story of braces:



# 2 girls from Switzerland and Chile come to Pierre

Giglia Barrios, from Amtofagasta, Chile and Rose Marie Mueller from Lucerne, Switzerland, have joined Riggs High as both students and teachers, made possible by the Amity Institute.

Giglia Barrios, has come to Pierre to be a teacher's aide in the Spanish classes.

In the morning, Giglia goes to the Junior High School to help with the students dialogue and vocabulary in Mrs. Leach's Spanish I classes.

She then goes to the High School in the afternoons to help teach the Spanish II, III, IV classes, and she's enrolled in the Indian Culture class.

Before coming to Pierre, Giglia practice taught in Chile and traveled a lot. Her travels include touring Argentina, Canada and all the cities in Chile. She would like to go to Spain in the future.

Giglia says she wasn't quite used to English at first but people in Pierre are nice and very helpful.

She is staying with the Leo Pietrus family until the middle of March when she leaves for home.

Rose Marie Mueller will stay until the end of the semester living with the Willard Lenner's family.

Assisting Mrs. Jay Mickelson in German classes by conversing with a group of students in German, Rose Marie feels she will help the students to gain more experience in using the German language.

As a student in American Indian Culture class and Recent American History, she hopes to learn more about the life style of the American people.

## Merrilee Miller selected as 74-75 DAR Good Citizen

Merrilee Miller was named the 1974-75 DAR Good Citizen at Riggs High School.

She will now be entered in the area contest. The area winners vie for the state Good Citizen award. The state winner receives a \$100 scholarship to the school of her choice. From the state winners, a national winner is selected.

Merrilee has been involved in girls' athletics, music, speech and student government at Riggs High School as well as community activities. She was on the first girls' tennis team at Riggs High School this year. She advanced to the divisional declam contest in the poetry division. She was a candidate for student mayor last spring in a run off election and has served on the student council. She plays saxophone in the school bands and is band president. She participated in the Junior Miss Contest, reading some of her original poetry for the talent portion of the contest. She is a Junior Rotarian, a member of the Governor staff and a member of National Honor Society.



Two Amity Aids who are teaching at Riggs until the end of March are, from the left, Rose Marie Mueller, from Lucerne, Switzerland, Giglia Barrios from Amtofagasta, Chile; shown with them on the right is Mary Pietrus, Giglia's hostess.

Although she has been a teacher in the language department in Switzerland, Rose Marie said she finds the Riggs school system completely new to her. "Because we have a course system the pupils just have to take the courses for the year they are in."

Rose Marie stated that she liked our system of choice because the pupil who came to a class are mostly interested in what they are studying.

"Personally," she said, "I would see the ideal type of school in the middle, certain materials should be taken by all pupils."

Switzerland schools are different from American schools, Rose Marie said. She

attended primary school for six years, secondary school, which is similar to high school, for two years, and then teacher's college for five years. She taught at the primary level for a year, then decided to attend the University for two years to receive a secondary teachers license.

To discover the "hows" of teaching in South Dakota, Rose Marie attended SDEA with Mr. and Mrs. Mickelson.

The German Club, along with Mr. & Mrs. Mickelson, held a pot luck dinner for Rose Marie when she arrived. All of the club members brought a different American dish for her to try.

She says she likes all American foods but turkey is "very good".

After the semester is over, Rose Marie plans to tour the U.S. until her visa expires, then return to Switzerland and put some of her new experiences to work.

## Weischedel places in Declam Contests

Randy Weischedel received an excellent rating at the State Oral Interpretation contest Friday, Nov. 15 in Pierre.

Randy took second place in the oratory division at the District Contest in Huron Oct. 31 to win his chance to participate in the State competition. His reading was Patrick Henry's Address.

Also representing Riggs High at the District Tournament were: Deb Hayes in the dramatic division, Karen Berndt in the humorous division and Merrilee Miller in the poetry division.



Merrilee Miller has been selected 1974-75 Riggs High DAR Good Citizen.



## AFS to raise money in week long drive

Riggs High School AFS Club is sponsoring a week long drive, Dec. 2-6, to raise money to buy class rings for the two foreign exchange students.

To-start the drive, a record sale will begin Monday at the High School and the Junior High. The records will be sold in bundles of ten for a dollar with prizes included in some of the packages.

A blanket will be passed during the halftime at the Pierre-Brookings basketball game, on Dec. 6, to collect donations from the audience.

After the Brookings game the AFS Club is sponsoring a sock hop at Riggs High School.

## Beth Thomas wins 2nd in writing contest

Beth Thomas, Governor staff member, was awarded second place in the SDHSPA convention writing contest in Brookings, October 5.

Entrants were required to write a news story on the keynote speaker Tom Engleman, executive director of Newspaper Fund Inc. The completed story had to be filed before the convention closed that afternoon.

The contest was open to all journalists attending the convention. Ron Barness and Sherrie Spilde were the other contestants from Pierre.

## 'High school students should have the right to write'— Engelman

Encouraging students to realize and use their right to freedom of the press was the main concern of Thomas E. Engleman, executive director of the Newspaper Fund, Inc., as he presented the keynote address at the South Dakota High School Press Convention, at SDSU, Oct. 15.

"High school students should have the right to write in a responsible way about the same problems that professionals write about," stated Engleman. He urged students to determine their freedoms by reading and by contacting local professionals in journalism.

Engleman hoped that more high school journalists with the journalism "bug" would be willing to "roll up their sleeves" and work at the many new jobs opening up each year.

Engleman began his career in high school as sports editor. He went on to graduate with a B.A. degree at Emory & Henry College, Emory, Va., and obtained his M.A. in journalism at the University of South Carolina. After holding the positions of assistant director and acting director of the Newspaper fund, Inc., Engleman was named executive director in May 1969.

## Seniors take powder puff football game

A home game on November 5 at Hollister Field ended the 1974 football season where the Senior girls defeated the Junior girls 22-12.

The game matched the Senior girls against the Junior girls, with the Seniors ending up on top. This is the second year the class of '75 has won, the only team in Riggs history to do so.

Scoring the points for the Seniors were Sandy Simmons who ran in two touchdowns, with Mary Eisenbeisz bringing in the other six points. Junior Cindy Larson scored both touchdowns for her team.

One week of practice preceded the game under the direction of coaches Tom Ball and Larry Lundeen.

Keeping Senior team spirits up were co-captains, Kathy "dog-face" Zander and Mean Merrilee Miller, while male cheerleaders sparked enthusiasm from the bleachers.

The Juniors were led by five beautiful boys, Rusty Butler, Leon Etzkorn, Marty Finley, Charlie Jansen and Tom Kelley.

Keeping the crowd alive for the Seniors were Mike Donahue, Jeff Holden, John Lehecka, Doug McLellan, Ron Mann, Wayne Merwin and Larry Steffen.



Senior Lucy Gilkerson [34] lunges for Junior Cindy Larson [55] as she tries to score in the Powder Puff football game Nov. 5 at Hollister Field. [Photo by Jim Hunt.]

## Gymnasts prosper at Sioux Falls Lincoln

The Governor gymnasts opened the season against Sioux Falls Lincoln, Saturday, November 23, and brought home an impressive record.

The boys won the varsity, with Rolf Anderson first all round. Doug Rounds placed third and Dennis Rounds fourth. Cindy Lenner took all round in the girls novice.

Competing in the boys varsity events

were Rolf Anderson, Dennis and Doug Rounds.

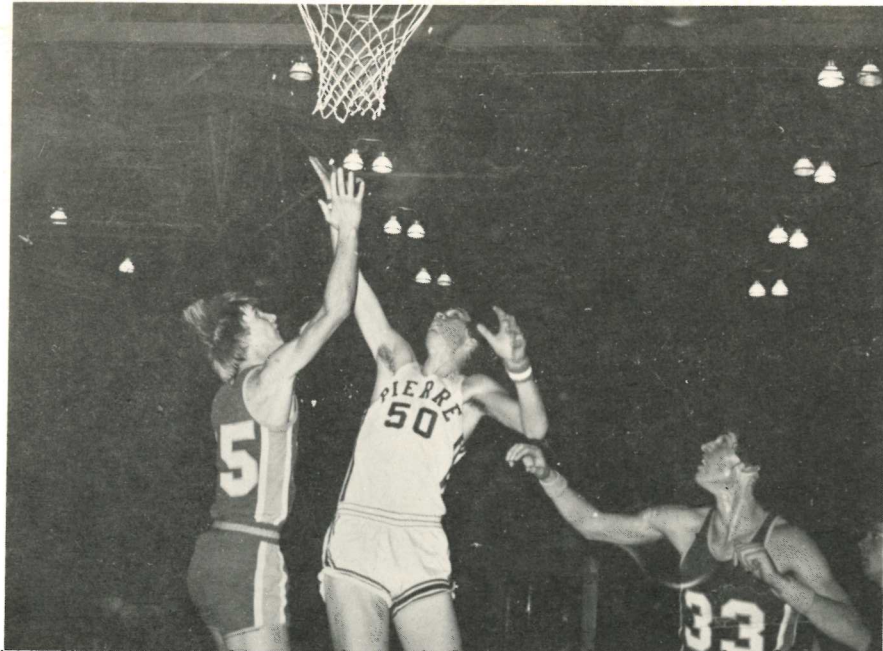
The girls competed in varsity and jr. varsity divisions. Comprising the varsity were Julie Perry, Deb Hayes, and Billie Kielhorn.

The junior varsity consists of Cindy Lenner, Sue Solem, Sarah Pries, Becky Neal, Jacky Jansen, Hyrma Zakahi, Colleen Hinkley, Nancy Teske, Brenda Sherrill and Leann Nafsinger.



The Governors football award winners for the 1974 season are from the left: Dave Tillman, Mike Stroup, Mike Donahue, Jeff Brusseau, Doug McClellan and Dave Tillman. Taking All-State honors was Jeff Brusseau.





Pierre center Brad Robinson [50], goes in for a layup during the Nov. 22 home game against Miller. [Photo by Dave Bassett]

## Cagers play first conference game Friday

The Governors will take on the Yankton Bucks, the 1974 state basketball champs, Friday in Yankton, for the first Conference game of the season.

However, the Bucks won't be as tough this year, as all of their starting five graduated last year, so they have a young, inexperienced team. But they will be aided by a 6'8" center. The Bucks lost their first game to Sioux City West, where their center scored 24 points.

On December 6, the Governors will play host to Brookings, one of the top ESD teams; then on the 7th they will travel to Rapid City to play a non-conference game with Stevens.

The Governors basketball squad started their season with a loss to Miller (53-40) on Friday and a win over Chamberlain (62-51) on Saturday.

The Chamberlain game was a non-conference battle, with Jeff Holden leading the scoring with 18 points. Newcomer Brad Robinson followed with

17 points, seconded by Ron Mann with 14. The Pierre rebounding was led by Ron Mann with 18; and Brad Robinson with 10.

The Governors played host to the non-conference Miller Rustlers on Friday for the first game of the season, but it was significant since Miller will be Pierre's competition at the sectional tournament in March.

From midway in the first quarter, Miller's superior rebounding and experience showed when they scored eight unanswered goals and kept this margin for the remainder of the game.

The Governors offense was led by Mike Trautner with 9 points followed by Ron Mann with 8, and Jeff Holden with 6. Pierre was out rebounded (43-30) and shot 25 percent from the field.

Mr. Pries feels the entire ESD Conference will be tough this year with Brookings, Watertown and Aberdeen top contenders.

## Sophomore breaks cross country record

John Smith, a sophomore, set the new school record for 2.2 miles in 11:29 competing in the State AA Cross-Country meet at Brookings, October 30.

The record was previously held by Jan Fladaboe in a time of 11:44, on the same course in the State AA meet in 1966 which he incidently won. Jan was a 1966 Riggs graduate.

Cross Country Coach Larry Lundeen said, "His run was an outstanding effort, especially because of injuries he had sustained earlier in the season."

Lundeen also went on to say, "Smith, and the rest of the team, though young, have a bright future."



John Smith broke the South Dakota State AA Cross Country record this fall.

## Governor wrestlers picked as contenders

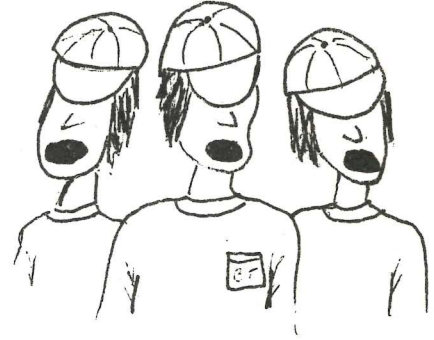
The Pierre Governors opened their wrestling season last night with Chamberlain there.

Wrestling was Ray Long (98), Paul Mernaugh (105), Reggie Olson (112), Mike Bryan (119), Daryl Sturm (126), Gene Blake (132), Mike Larson (138), Kirk Simet (145), Mike Ward (155), Bob Lipetzky (167), Pat Madigan or Jim Antrim (185), and Scott Stabnow (Hwt.).

The Sunday Rapid City Journal predicted Pierre to take state again. Coach Johnson said referring to that, "I think we have a good chance in winning, but so do three or four other teams."

Johnson also pointed out that the tough ESD rivals will be Huron and Watertown, and non-conference teams Vermillion, Stevens and Sisseton.

The returning lettermen are: Gene Blake, Mike Larson, Kirk Simet, Mike Ward, Bob Lipetzky (transfer student from Huron), Carl Matthews, Gary Cromwell, Mike Donahue, Mike Stroup, Scott Stabnow, Mike Bryan, Del Padgett.



## "Bleacher Bums" lend vocal support

If you attended last Friday's basketball game with Miller you undoubtedly either heard or saw Riggs High's version of the "Bleacher Bums".

This group of about 40 senior, junior and sophomore boys were distinguishable by their various styles of billed caps and 'white 'tee' shirts. The cheering section used several of their own cheers and added their "vocal" support to the regular cheering.

These "bums" were recruited by senior John Lehecka, with the support of Coach Don Shields, to promote and improve school spirit. Any male RHS student interested in joining their select group need only possess a white tee-shirt and a cap.

**Note:** (Pierre and Ft. Pierre Grain Elevators are for some reason out of caps.)



# Thanksgiving

## 'Giving thanks or the thanks for giving'

What is Thanksgiving? Is it the giving of thanks or the thanks for giving?

Does that inquisitive question tickle your brain cells enough to give rise to curiosity?

We could easily forget the reason for this holiday because the word most closely associated with Thanksgiving is a common, everyday four letter word.

Come, come now, the word is looming on the horizon of your mind. Put on those precious (Polaroid) sunglasses and open those tired blood shot eyes a little wider.

Of course! FOOD is the word. All of our lives we see squash and turkey, grapes and cranberries when Thanksgiv-

ing is mentioned. In kindergarten, we artistically scribbled all kinds of colorful blobs resembling food.....

The teacher forgave us if we forgot to capitalize the T. but oh!, for shame if we made the turkey green, and the pumpkin pie blue with red polka-dots.

Theorize upon the circumstances of Thanksgiving. Somehow it seems unbelievable that 353 years ago it was the Pilgrims and the Indians who offered thanks, gave speeches, and prayed together. This came about when Gov. Wm. Bradford proclaimed it a day of Thanksgiving.

Now take these circumstances, and imagine what it would be like if some of

Pierre's honorable citizens were fetching water from the town well, saddling horses and preparing muskets in readiness for rabbit and squirrel hunting.

Is the image slightly hazy? Understand, the times are different but does that excuse our gasoline shortage, the hiked prices on meat, our possible sugar shortage? What about US's increasing crime rates, drugs, booze, etc.?

And our country has a long way to go. Therefore, the reality of Dennis Banks, Gov. Kneip, Pres. Ford, Mao Tse Tung, Breshnev and Kissinger, to name a few feasting in the middle of the wilderness has yet to materialize.

## Survey reveals Riggs students heavy drinkers

Public opinion is a determining force in any system and Riggs High School is no different.

A public opinion survey was conducted to determine the behavior and opinions of R.H.S. students concerning the use of drugs and alcohol in the high school. This was conducted on November 17 in the homerooms where 75% of each class completed the survey which is tabulated below.

The findings of this Drug-Alcohol Survey (DAS) were quite interesting in that one-third of the seniors and juniors have tried marijuana, while approximately 25% of the senior class regularly uses

marajuana, and 18% of the junior class answered affirmatively. It was also found that senior girls smoke more marajuana than senior boys, but senior boys are heavier drinkers.

The student use of alcohol is by far the heaviest as 78% of the senior males polled use alcohol once a week or more. 68% of the senior females, 69% of junior males, and 62% of junior females claim to be regular drinkers.

It's quite apparent that heavy use of hard drugs isn't a big problem in R.H.S. The findings of the DAS concluded that 15% of the senior girls have tried hard

drugs, the biggest group percentage.

The question concerning the use of marijuana conducted in the DAS showed that there would not be much more use of marijuana if it were legalized, as about 45% of the students in the three classes said they would never use it. The fact that marijuana is illegal does not seem to be the determining factor.

The students are definitely not as concerned about what alcohol will do to their health as they are about the bodily damage resulting from the use of drugs, but several students checked both as being equally harmful.

	201 Senior		182 Junior		217 Sophs	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
How often do you drink alcoholic beverages?						
never.....	15%	26%	11%	23%	21%	37%
less than once a month.....	7	13	20	16	28	20
once a month.....	13	29	32	25	25	19
once a week.....	30	21	26	22	9	15
twice a week.....	20	14	5	11	6	7
more often.....	15	2	6	4	11	2
Have you ever tried marijuana?						
yes.....	34	33	33	32	24	16
no.....	62	65	67	68	76	84
If you still use marijuana, how often do you use it?						
less than once a month.....	5	13	5	10	8	7
once a month.....	6	4	4	5	2	0
once a week.....	5	6	1	0	4	0
more often.....	8	3	4	4	3	3
If you have never tried marijuana, would you try it if it was legal?						
never.....	38	46	44	36	47	56
maybe.....	23	23	31	25	29	33
sure.....	22	15	14	17	8	6
Have you ever tried speed, LSD, heroin or some other hard drug?						
yes.....	13	15	5	10	4	7
no.....	80	80	9	86	80	92
Which do you feel is more harmful to your body, alcohol or marijuana?						
alcohol.....	28	31	36	31	28	35
marijuana.....	57	51	54	53	56	51
If you're using drugs do you think your parents know?						
yes.....	8	12	10	4	4	3
no.....	25	22	20	22	2	19
not sure.....	11	10	1	1	5	10