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HOMECOMING ROYALTY:

These seniors will reign over the homecoming activities, from the left, top row: Lucy Gilkerson, Jodi Heyd, Heidi Licht; second row, Mary Martin, Wanda Ness; third row, Sandra Simmons, Ralph Flannery, Tim Hofer; bottom row, Ron Mann, Mike Stroup.

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

Thursday

- 7:30 p.m. pep rally & coronation
- 8:30 p.m. burning the letters
- 9:00 p.m. work on floats

Friday

- 7:00 a.m. spirit breakfast
- 11:45 a.m. school dismissed
- 1:30 p.m. parade begins
- 7:30 p.m. football game
- 9:30 p.m. dance

HOMECOMING 1974

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Parades: Things of the past?

Small rumblings fill the halls of Riggs about the vital question of homecoming parades. The reasons for this threatening talk are the cost, time and considerable lack of student enthusiasm all of which plagued the '73 Homecoming.

Homecoming parades, a thing of the past? Yes, a definite thing of the past. Parades are a public march or procession honoring a particular occasion, originating as far back as 3000 B.C.

The first homecoming parade originated in Rome when the towns people held a joyous celebration to welcome back their soldiers of war. High school homecoming parades originated during the closing years of World War I and have been going strong ever since.

The word most closely associated with homecoming is "tradition", a tradition passed down by our parents and grandparents.

Homecoming, a thing of the past? Yes, but an important part of the present day high-school life.

Consider the question of homecoming parades carefully. It is up to the Riggs High students to make the vital decision that might destroy a part of High School culture forever.

Summer trip to Spain eventful

When in Rome do as the Romans do, and when in Spain do as the Spaniards do. Well, you can try anyway.

That's what the 20 Pierre people decided when they landed in Madrid, Spain, July 1 for a 16 day tour. But when you are served fish complete with tail, head and scales, it's a little hard to keep good resolutions. Some of the more brave travelers did make it past these delicacies to what we Americans consider appetizing. However, that was one of the more challenging meals served, and everyone seemed to like at least one of the other four courses.

The meals come with something to drink. In some towns the tap-water made us sick and we had to buy good water. This could be expensive and our only other choices were whole milk and wine. Many American city slickers didn't like unprocessed milk. That left only wine. A lot of the teenagers on our trip learned that warm wine and long, hot bus trips don't mix.

Altogether, there were 345 travelers including students and chaperones from the mid-western U.S. on the Intra-American Student Tour. Of all these people we got stuck with a man popularly referred to as "Mr. Spain," actually I don't remember his real name, but I will never forget hearing every 5 minutes "Oh Spain, beautiful, beautiful Spain." He was an authority on Spanish as many of our guides will admit. He had taught Spanish for years, but he had the worst accent in the entire crowd and that included people who could only say "gracias."

"I've never smelt so much booze before in my life," Mrs. Leach, our chaperone, declared of Spain. We could smell liquor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If we stopped at a lemonade stand on a street corner, there were rows of liquor bottles on the shelves.

There is no drinking age in Spain so some of us decided to be brave and order a drink. Have you ever tried to order a drink in Spanish? They didn't have the faintest idea what we were talking about. We noticed Mr. and Mrs. Leach didn't have any problems with their Spanish. "Cafe por favor" - "Coffee, please."

We had the youngest bus driver on the tour who was named Luis. He drove his bus like it was a little sports car. We always got everywhere first. The other drivers didn't appreciate him as we did. On the way from Madrid to Seville we made record time.

In Seville, Luis took us to a Flamenco Dance, (we pronounce it Flamingo) where he got drunk on the Sangria wine. He entertained us by singing and dancing. Fortunately for us the hotel was within walking distance.

With the time difference, we left Torremolinos, Spain, a little after noon on the seven hour flight home and, after an hour stop in Shannon, Ireland, landed in Minneapolis at 11:00 p.m.

It was a fun 16 days, but it was nice to be not so obviously American again.

HOLLY MYERS

Political parties class conducts survey

Mr. Ball's Political parties class is conducting this survey of Riggs High School students to find out how the majority of teenagers in Pierre feel about some national political issues.

All students are asked to fill out the questionnaire and turn it in to the special box in the office. You do not need to sign your name.

What party do you affiliate with?

Democrat Republican Other

Did you agree with President Ford's pardon of Nixon?

Yes No

Do you believe other Watergate defendants should receive a pardon?

Yes No

Do you favor unconditional amnesty for draft dodgers and army deserters?

Yes No

Do you favor conditional amnesty for draft dodgers and army deserters?

Yes No

Do you favor no amnesty?

Yes No

Riggs homecoming activities climax tomorrow night

Homecoming 1974, which will be climaxed tomorrow night with the ESD football game against the Yankton Bucks, has involved students from all classes and clubs in float building, window decorating, selecting royalty, arranging programs, painting sets and taking pictures during the past two weeks.

The organized festivities will begin with a pep rally and the coronation of Marshall and Queen tonight at 7:30 in the gym. Reproduction of an Oscar Howe painting will greet the crowd as Merrilee Miller and Jim Butler, MC's open the program. Monte Curry, Pierre High alumnus will be the guest speaker of the evening.

Tryouts to be held for play next week

"Under the Sycamore Tree" written by Samuel Spewack has been selected as the fall play to be directed by Mr. Shelp. It is scheduled for Nov. 14, 15, 16 at Riggs High Auditorium.

Tryouts will start the first week of October and all students are invited to try out. Posters will be put up later in reference to the times for tryouts.

The set for this play will be done by Jenny Jorgenson. Other technical staff members will be appointed soon.

Although Mr. Shelp does not want to reveal too much about the play, he said that it is a comedy involving rivalry between red and black ants living under a Sycamore tree.

Three named Semi-finalists

Jim Butler, Mary Kurvink, and Linda Little were named semi-finalists in the 1974 National Merit Scholarship program, according to Mr. Lonbachen, principal.

The three rank in the upper one percent of the graduating seniors in the United States scholastically.

Semi-finalists received the highest qualifying scores in their states on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test, given last October to over one million students across the nation from 16,600 schools.

Jim is active in declam and on the varsity debate team. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a Jr. Kiwanian.

Mary is a member of Future Nurses, JETS (Jr. Engineers Technological Society) and National Honor Society.

Linda is a member of Pep Club and Drama Club. She participates in choir, Capital Singers and is in All-State Chorus. She is also on the Gumbo staff.

Candidates for queen and marshall, nominated by the senior class and voted on by the entire student body, include: Lucy Gilkerson, Jodi Heyd, Heidi Licht, Mary Martin, Wanda Ness, Sandra Simmons, Ralph Flannery, Tim Hofer, Ron Mann and Mike Stroup.

Two new attractions have been added to this year's parade. Sully Buttes High School marching band, under the direction of Keith Weigant, will join the three Pierre bands in providing music for the crowd. The flag bearers of the Riggs High Marching band will be carrying a new American flag,

Spilde recognized at Press Convention

All-State Journalist Sherrie Spilde will be recognized as one of the 27 outstanding high school journalists in the state at the SDHSJA annual Press Convention on the SDSU campus on Sat., Oct. 5.

Gumbo and Governor staff members will be attending the all day meeting along with advisers Mrs. Donlin and Mrs. Ledbetter.

Both the yearbook and the newspaper will receive their ratings for 1973-74 during the morning assembly. The Gumbo has won First Class honors for the past two years and the governor has won First class honors for four years.

Tom Engleman, executive director of the Newspaper Fund, Inc., will be the keynote speaker for the convention. As director of this fund, Mr. Engleman has been responsible for encouraging and improving journalism training on the high school and college level.

presented to the band by the American Legion Auxillary Pierre Post No. 8

Homecoming Royalty will lead the parade which is scheduled to have ten floats. Prizes will be awarded for best-of-clubs and best-of-classes.

A spirit breakfast Friday morning in the lunch room for all students and faculty will honor the football players and get the day started. The first four periods will be shortened and the last three eliminated to make last minute preparations for the parade. Lunch will not be served, but the Drill Team will serve bar-b-q's.

The game against the Bucks will begin at 7:30.

Walden's from Sioux Falls, will play for the all school dance following the game.

Riggs band takes 1st in BHSC parade

The Riggs High Marching Band took first place honors in Parade Competition at BHSC "Swarm Days" in Spearfish, Saturday, Sept. 21.

There were 18 bands from South Dakota and Wyoming competing in parade competition. Lead-Deadwood High school was second with Sturgis taking third.

The 64-piece band, under the direction of Mr. Cutshaw, is led by drum majorettes Barb Biggs and Lori Snyder, plus the Flag Drill Team

The band will perform during the homecoming parade and the halftime of the football game.

On Oct. 5, they will travel to Huron College "Pow Wow Days" for field and parade competition.



The National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists are, from left, Linda Little, Jim Butler, and Mary Kurvink. [photo by Jeff Sugrue]

YMCA prepares youth activities

The Oahe YMCA opened its doors last week to serve youth in the Pierre area. Where the Y is located, the lower level of the Masonic Temple, went through some changes this summer under the guidance of the Hi-Y Youth Council and was transformed into a Youth Center.

Youth Council President Heidi Licht commented, "Our 24-person council has worked hard all summer raising money for the Y-Center. I certainly hope everyone stops down and gives the YMCA a chance to become part of their lives."

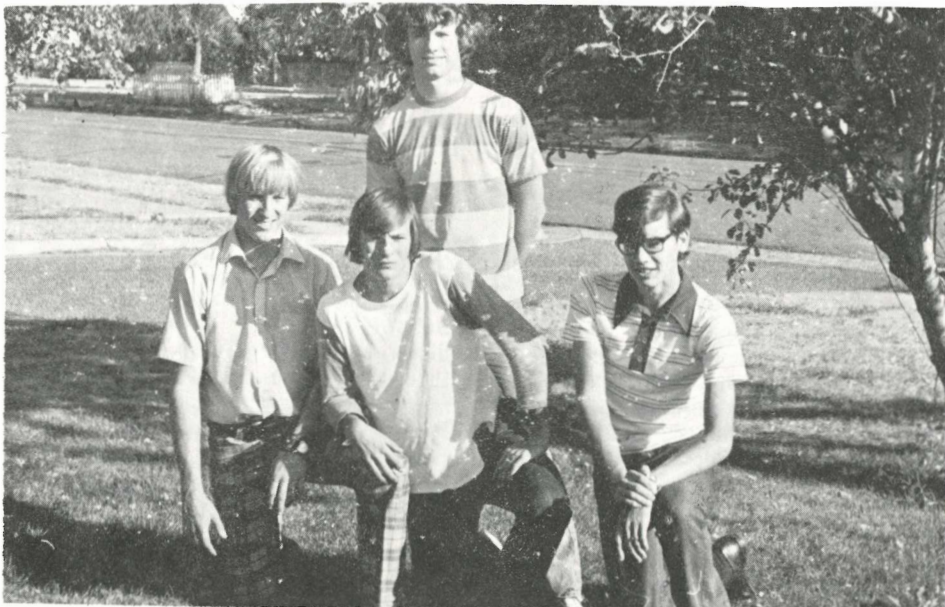
Table tennis, billiards and fussball accompany many table games which are featured at the youth center.

The majority of the Y activities are restricted to Y members. Y Director Tom Beernstein explained, "It should be understood that any individual is welcome to join the Y, and on no occasion will we close our doors to anyone who has a Y membership, but the YMCA has found through experience that the feeling of belonging to a membership organization gives students a mutual respect for our purpose, program and facilities"

Seven high school seniors have been hired to help supervise activities on both Jr. High and Senior High nights. These students are Phil Thomas, Kirk Simet, Mike Stroup, Ron Barness, Julie Perry, Don Haggar, and Denis Rounds.

Y membership week began with open house Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8, and finished Friday September 13 with about 500 members.

A high school membership is \$10.



The 1974-75 senior Kiwanins, chosen by the student council, are kneeling from the left, Ron Mann, Jim Trimble, Jim Butler; standing, Jeff Holden. These seniors will attend the weekly Kiwanis noon meeting and report Riggs High activities to the Pierre business men who are members of the club. Riggs High Mayor Ralph Flannery will also serve for a month as a senior Kiwanian. [Photo by Jackie Bedsaul]

Monday and Thursday, Wed., and Sat. afternoons have been designated for high school members. If the high school students indicate an interest, Saturday evenings will be reserved for them beginning in Mid-October.

Youth Council members are Ron Barness, Ralph Flannery, President Heidi Licht, Lee Miller, Sandra Simmons, Jim Trimble, Kathy Conway, Deb Hayes, Charley Jansen, Mark Johnson, Tom Kelley, Elizabeth Sahr, Lou Beard, Mark Flannery, Molly Jahraus, Erik Johnson, Jim Martin and Carolyn Porter.

Pep Club ready for Friday

The Pep Club members, under the direction of Mrs. Mickelson, have been working on five projects to assure a successful 1974 homecoming.

The downtown store windows were decorated under Pattie Marso's direction: Joan Metzinger was in charge of getting today's skit at the pep assembly together. Lee Miller and her crew created the banners strung along the hallways. Sherrie Yocum is in charge of whitewashing the familiar feet on the street leading from Riggs to the football field. This project will get underway about 11:00 tonight.

Early tomorrow morning (6 o'clock, to be exact) Pep Club members will be at school preparing for the Spirit Breakfast scheduled for 7 a.m. in the lunch room. Tania Brusseau is in charge.

Supervising these activities are the new officers of Pep Club, Joyce Jansen, president; Shari Yocum, vice-president; Madeline Schafer, secretary; and Patty Marso, treasurer.

Club plans underway

"The Drama Club this year has some great plans," according to Mr. Shelp club adviser. The club will have a float in tomorrow's homecoming parade. "After winning the best-of-club trophy last year they are eager to repeat their record," said Mr. Shelp.

Some other things planned for this school year are a night of one-acts and a possible trip to a state college where the club members will view other students at work in dramatic productions.

Hymra Zakahi is president of drama club other officers are Susan Parr, vice-president, Gail Dunwoody, treasurer and Debbie Hayes, secretary.



Doug Gullickson, left, Charles Jansen, Bill Bullard and Rusty Butler, right, are the junior Rotarians for the school year. They will keep the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Rotary club informed of school events and achievements by reporting at the club's noon meetings every week. Each boy will attend meetings for a month. Girls will also attend as student reporters. [photo by Jackie Bedsaul]

You are like a child with a master race of teachers

The Governor Staff recently conducted a survey among the Riggs High sophomores to find out their ideas and comments on study halls.

The questionnaire was divided into three sections. The first section explained the action by the school board.

The school board's decision to require study hall attendance for all sophomores was made on the basis of poor attendance records, lower grades, and poor assignment make-up records, demonstrated by the previous 10th grade classes. Teacher and parent requests were also in the deciding factors.

The survey also contained a multiple choice opinion test.

() 1. I feel that study hall is a definite benefit to my study habits.

() 2. I feel that study hall is necessary, but I often do not make good use of my time.

() 3. I do not need study hall because I can get my school work done on time. I would not cut classes, and I would take the time to get my make-up work completed.

Out of 320 sophomores who completed the survey 18 chose the number 1; 17 chose number 2; 180 chose number 3; and 15 were undecided.

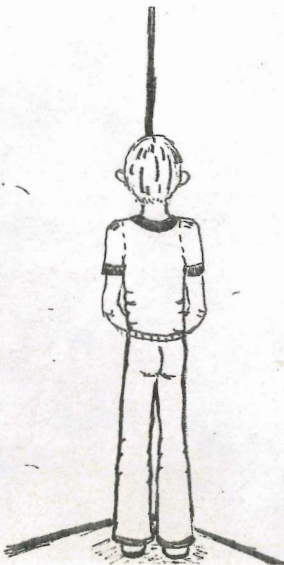
At the end of the survey was a request for comments.

They should take it out on the Juniors because they messed it up, not us.

Study hall is OK but I think they should make it so we didn't have to sit in the balcony, in the gym with no tables, etc. It's really hard to study in there or accomplish any assignments.

All I do is sleep.

I have fifth period study hall and have to sit in the balcony which is uncomfortable and makes it almost impossible for good study habits.



Most of my time in study hall has been used by sitting and staring into space.

I don't think it is right to have complete freedom one year and then the next to have very few freedoms, not even talking.

It's noisy in both of my study halls so that I probably wouldn't get anymore school work done in study halls than if I wasn't in them. Besides, since we are the only people in study hall, teachers shouldn't go crazy when we talk to the person sitting two feet to the right or left of you.

I would like to try an open study hall and see if it would work out for me. If it didn't, I could always get into a study hall which the school should have for people who want it.

I feel that if juniors and seniors get to roam free and we have to stay in the study hall, we should at least get speaking privileges. If we're going to work, we'll work, if it's noisy or not--and if we're going to talk we'll do that anyway.

Usually it is easy to study in study hall. However, sometimes I noticed there is a lot of distraction and noise especially when the teacher in charge leaves the room, then it is hard for almost anyone to try to get anything done.

I don't have study hall this quarter, and I am making a B average anyway. If I did have open campus, I would no doubt not stay in school during that period, and still be getting a B average.

Study hall wouldn't be bad if you had sometime to talk. It's really boring to sit for 2 hours and have nothing to do and then, you can't talk to anyone unless it's about school work. So you sit for 2 hours and don't say a word. I think if you're an honor roll student then you should get open study hall. The students might try harder if they knew they could have open study hall.

When I found out that we had to have study hall, I thought it was unfair and I hated the idea. But then, there's really not anywhere you can go to do anything for an hour, so it's kinda dumb anyway! Besides, if I didn't have study hall, I'd end up lugging home 50 books every night and at night you don't want to sit home doing homework, so I usually neglect it and hope I had time to do it before class. Or, sometimes I'd come home and stay up until 1 o'clock or so doing homework, and be an absolute mess and a crab the next day.

Our last comment is from one of the school faculty:

I feel that study hall for the sophs has been a big improvement over the 1973-74 school year. This gives the soph. students time to adjust to Sr. high and to an entirely new group of teachers. To this point it has been very satisfactory.

GOD KNOWS WE'RE GOOD

As the new school year progresses we of the class of '77 have at length established the fact that we are in slightly changed surroundings.

We are no longer kings (or queens) of the men, but servants once again.

Going thru the halls, we, the super sophomores, are examining the upmost corners of the multiple cells of our brains in search of any passing reason to explain our presence in this vast and threatening school.

We hear the answer again and again. "To learn." This is the ultimate purpose of school".

Is this not degrading, I ask you? After weeks of strolling into the wrong cell (room), and having our lunches splat over our heads and at our feet, guffaws, belches, jeers etc. still echo in the halls. It will follow us till the last of our endless days, dear, sweet, everloving SOPHOMORES.

Perhaps we shall sometime, in the far future, be relieved of our roles as the schools underclassmen; if so, we must somehow survive the long days of getting fingers stuck in typewriters, conjugating foreign verbs upside down and inside out, continually contacting Mother Earth face first in 'Go-Get-Em' football, "oh", "ah", and "anding" in speech, juggling algebra terms.

Rise Up, Sophomores,
WE SHALL OVERCOME
(someday)

Sigrid Werthmann





Leading the class of '75 at Riggs High School is [from left] President Tim Hofer, Vice President Kirk Simet, Secretary Sandy Simmons, and Treasurer Joyce Jansen.

[Photo by Jackie Berdsaul]



Leading the class of '77 at Riggs High School is [from left] Randy Gullickson, Vice-President; Sue Lee, Treasurer; Bud Whitney, Secretary; and John Smith, President.

[photo by Jeff Sugrue.]

Officers of the Junior class of Riggs High School look ahead to a long year. Building homecoming floats, selling concessions at Governor games and sponsoring the Jr. - Sr. Prom are some of the Junior class activities.

From left: President, Rusty Butler; Secretary, Elizabeth Sahr; Vice-President, Doug Gullickson; Treasurer, Kim Barnhart.

[photo by Jackie Bedsaul]





Mr. Tim Kahre, left, is the new vocal music instructor at Riggs High, and Mrs. Carol MacNally is new in the English department teaching writing and literature classes.

Riggs adds two new teachers

Along with a new principal, Riggs High School gained two new teachers this fall, one in the English department, and one in music.

Mrs. Carol MacNally succeeded Mrs. Thompson in the English department. Mrs. MacNally is from Aberdeen, and graduated from Groton High School. She received her BA in English at the University of S.D. before teaching English in Omaha.

Mrs. MacNally has two sons, Robert in elementary school and Jason in pre school. Water sports and bowling are Mrs. MacNally's hobbies. She has been a substitute teacher in Pierre the past two years.

VICA elects officers

Leroy Uhrig was elected president of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) at their organizational meeting.

Other officers elected were Bob Lipetzky, vice-president; Greg Malsom, treasurer, and Ray Abbot, secretary-reporter.

Dave Bonde, State Supervisor of VICA, showed slides to the members on Sept. 13th, on the Trouble Shooting Contest from last year, when Pierre took second place. He also discussed with the VICA members some of the events coming up this year. Pierre will host the State Delegates Assembly October 13th and 14th, when the electing of officers for the coming year will be held. The big event of the year is the Skill Olympics Contest to be held in the spring.

Replacing Miss Hinkeldey in the chorus room is Tim Kahre who just moved to Pierre from Redfield. Besides having charge of the vocal music department, Kahre is also interested in theatre. He spent some time on Broadway in New York City.

Kahre is from Wolsey, and went to Huron College before spending some time at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Kahre has taught for 5 years in Wolsey and Redfield.

FFA Chapter constructing outdoor classroom

South Dakota Native grasses and wild flowers will be the featured attraction at the outdoor classroom which Pierre-Oahe Chapter of FFA is constructing near the base of Oahe dam. They are working in cooperation with the Corp of Engineers in building nature trails, planting native grasses and flowers, and constructing a lecture area along the river banks adjacent to the campgrounds, according to Mr. Grey, FFA adviser.

The outdoor trails and lecture areas are designed to inform visitors to the area about native vegetation which is "a forgotten natural resource of South Dakota" according to Mr. Venner, chairman of the Vocational Agriculture department.

Some of the grass beds have already been prepared and seeded. This work will be continued by club members as time and money allows over a period of two or three years. The nature trails will be marked and plants identified. The lecture area will consist of log seats in a

Sophs to cast weekly radio show

Sophomore broadcasters will be featured in the Riggs High radio show airing next month.

Tentatively planned for Monday or Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., the five minute news cast will be aired on KCCR weekly for the school season.

The program is planned to cover all activities at Riggs from athletics, to debate to club and class activities.

Sophomore speech teachers Mr. Harens and Mr. Shelp are in charge of the programming, and all speech students will be involved with news gathering and production.

Gov editor earns all-state position

Sherrie Spilde was selected as a member of the All-State Journalism Staff for 1974-75 as a result of her work at the Journalism Institute at SDSU

The honor was presented on the basis of quality of work and participation at the institute.

"Being on the All-State staff is both an honor and a job," according to D.J. Cline, director of the All-State program. During the year, All-Staters will receive recognition at the High School Press Convention in October. They will be hosted for a day with a local newspaper, and they will write for the High School Journalism Association's newsletter.

Sherrie is co-editor of the school newspaper, "The Governor" and served as a page editor last year. She is a member of Quill and Scroll, FHA, and Pep Club.

semi-circle facing a speakers platform.

The FFA members are hopeful that the project will become an important part of the local bi-centennial activities. They also hope that it will win a place in national FFA project competition.

The club was also active during the summer with other ongoing projects. Activities included sending five members to FFA leadership camp, building a float for Oahe Days, sponsoring an agricultural mechanics exhibit at the State Fair, distributing safety material during National Farm Safety Week. Galen Kellar and Steve Lehrkamp entered shop projects in State Fair competition and both received first place.

Galen Kellar and Ed Briggs won scholarships from the Dept. of Agriculture to attend the States' first Agriculture Youth Institute in Brookings. Galen was also selected as one of the South Dakota members to attend the National Youth Institute in Lincoln, Neb. in July.

Governors cross country team progressing well

The Governors cross country team has set up a good record on their first 4 meets, placing first in a dual meet with Huron, second in the sophomore division at the Huron Invitational, sixth at the Mitchell Invitational meet but losing to Rapid City Stevens in their first meet of the season.

The team opened the season by hosting Rapid City Stevens in a dual meet August 30, at Farm Island. Rapid City came out on top 41 to 20.

The 2.1 mile asphalt surfaced course was level and curving. Weather conditions were less than ideal, with strong head winds hampering the runners' performances.

John Smith, placing third, turned in Perre's best time of 11.55 followed by Paul Mernaugh, fifth, with 12.27, and Tim Axtman placing eighth with a time of 12.38.

The team traveled to the Mitchell

Invitational September 7, placing sixth. Yankton was first followed by Sioux Falls Washington second, Rapid City Stevens third, Huron fourth, Winner fifth, Mitchell seventh, Chamberlain eighth and Redfield ninth.

John Smith captured ninth, completing the race in 10.25, Tim Axtman was twentieth with Paul Mernaugh twenty-third with 11.12, and Brian Hedman forty-eighth turning in an 11.22.

Coach Lundeen described his team as young and inexperienced, with no seniors, but he is confident that they will improve by conference time.

Lundeen went on to say, Juniors Tim Axtman, Alan Pederson and Brian Hedman combined with Sophomores John Smith, Paul Mernaugh and Pat Springer appear to be the nucleus of the team.

Saturday, Sept. 14, the team traveled to the Huron Invitation. The course was

a 2.1 mile snake around the local golf course. The sophomore team narrowly missed first place with a score of 46-44, losing to Sioux Falls Washington. John Smith placed 5th (after having his shoe torn off). Paul Mernaugh placed 7th, Pat Springer came in 15th, Kent Kneip, 20th and Tom Stalley was 37th. One hundred twenty-three runners competed.

The Governors hosted Huron Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Farm Island and beat them with a reassuring score of 24 to 34. Pierre placed 10 runners ahead of their fifth runner. Tim Sexton of Huron led the pack with Tim Axtman placing second, John Smith third, Paul Mernaugh fourth, Brian Hedman seventh, Gary Sandahl eighth and Pat Springer ninth.

Hunters prepare for fall season

As the hunting season opens, the lives of many students at Riggs has changed.

Day-time fun fades as hunting time is needed. The urge to display man's power leads him into the fields to kill wild game. Going hunting can take him from the pressures and social burdens at home, into a different, more exciting world.

The thrill of consistently being able to shoot down a moving target gives the hunter an overwhelming feeling of excitement.

Girls, for most hunters, (except J. Hayes and P. Brown) are secondary to hunting. These two figure its good to have girls hunting with you. Of course this depends on what you are hunting for.

School work, according to Mr. Burrell's lectures to J. Hayes, drops in quality, and homework is left incomplete. This is not true in all cases, for there are some hunters that have time to do both.

The season looks like a good one, go out and have a good time.

Girls tennis squad to compete for titles

The girls tennis team, coached by Miss Pickering, is preparing for the up coming and final tournaments.

A team of four will be traveling to Brookings for the ESD tournament this weekend, and the girls will also be playing in the state tournament hosted here next Friday, Oct. 4.

The tennis team has already completed seven dual matches winning three and losing four.

They have chalked up wins against R.C. Central and Redfield, an have lost to R.C. Stevens, Vermillion and Huron.

Girls on the team include: Merrilee Miller, Carmen Corcoran, Julie Sibson, Jody Badger, Carolyn Porter, Sue Lee, Madeline Schafer, Cindy Beekely, Cathy Cowan, Dedra Stewart, Nancy Teske, Trisha Thelen.

Trautner represents section at Nationals

Mike Trautner, Pierre High School junior, represented the Northwest Lawn Tennis Association at the Junior National Championships held the last week of August.

Mike earned the privilege by taking the 16 year-old division title in the Northwest Sectional Tennis Tournament in Minneapolis. He defeated top-seated Mike Hollback in the semi-finals and defeated the second seed, Mark Wheaton in three sets for the title.

Mike also captured the doubles title, teaming with Gary Carlson of Madison, Minn.

At the nationals in Kalamazoo, Mich., Mike won one out of three matches. He lost his first round match 6-2, 6-4 to Peter McDonald of Virginia, Minn.

In first round consolation he defeated

Chris O'Neill of Puerto Rico 7-5, 2-6, 6-0 and then lost to Humberto Costa of South America 6-3, 6-1.

In the doubles competition Mike teamed with the other finalist representing the Northwest, Mark Wheaton. They were defeated by the team of Jim Hodges and Neil Carl of Maryland 6-2, 6-0.

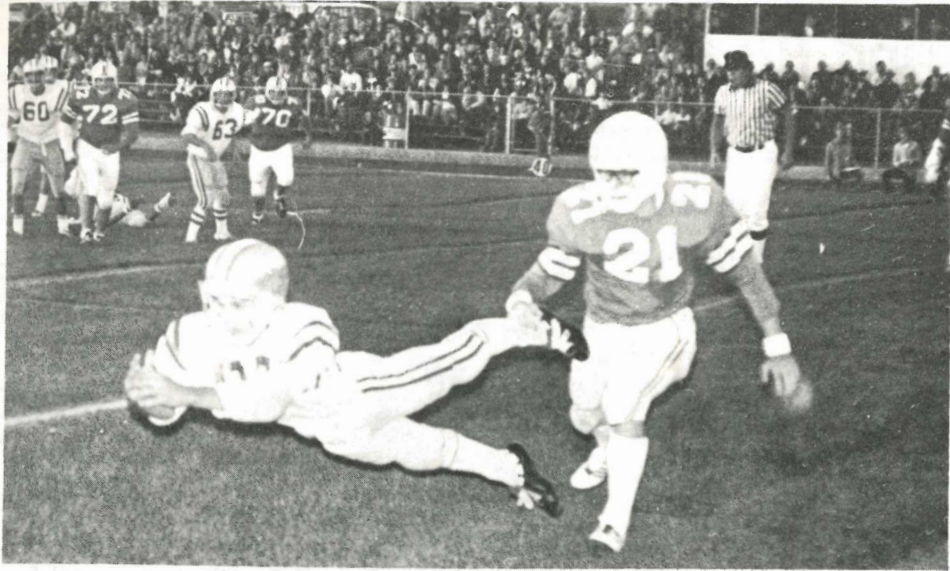
The Nationals is made up of 128 players from all around the U.S. and different foreign countries representing the different sections of the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Although Mike did not advance beyond the second-round consolation, he had the experience of watching and competing with some of the nation's top junior stars such as Billy Martin, winner of the Wimbledon 18-and-under title.



Sue Lee demonstrates her winning form during a dual meet in Pierre.

[photo by Jacque Bedsual]



Female linksters further athletics

Riggs High now has a five member girls golf team consisting of Mary Thielan, Brenda Dettman, Cindy Larsen, Cathy Doyle and Lise Gray. Mr. Kennedy is girls golf coach.

The girls play as a team, using the four lowest scores to determine the winners of the inter-school competition. The matches so far have been with Huron, Sept 3 which Pierre lost 241-246; Rapid City Stevens, Aug. 20, Pierre lost 226-245; A four school tournament at Rapid City on Sept. 13 in which Pierre took second behind R. C. Stevens; Rapid City Central Sept. 20 which Pierre won by 6 strokes 231-237; and a loss to Mobridge on Sept. 23, by a score of 146-162.

There are three matches left. ESD Conference in Brooking on Sept. 27, Todd County on Sept. 30, and the state tournament in Pierre on Oct. 4th.

Pierre swimmers take state trophy

Congratulations to the ten Riggs students who contributed their talents to the excellent past season of the Pierre Swim Team. They helped the Pierre team capture the State Summer Division Championship.

In addition, these swimmers won many individual awards. Patti Burke was the high point 13-14 girl while Brian Huckins was the high pointer of 13-14 boys. Ahlene Stillwell gained the high points of 15-17 girls. Ahlene also placed 5th in 100 meter backstroke and 8th in 100 meter breaststroke at the state meet. Also at the state meet Deb Hayes took 2nd in the 100 meter breaststroke and 8th in the 200 meter breaststroke. Carl Gaardner was named Most Improved Swimmer by the Pierre Swim Team.

The Governors racked up 254 total yards compared with 204 yards for the Stevens Raiders.

Ron Mann was singled out by the Sioux Falls Argus Leader as "Ace of the Week" for his field goal against Stevens. The field goal was 47 yards, plus 7 behind the line of scrimmage, for a total distance of 54 yards.

The Winner Warriors defeated the Governors here on September 6, 35-8 by playing ball that got them ranked third in the state.

Pierre's lone score came on a 35 yard touch down pass from Jeff "White Shoes" Holden to Carl Mathews. The Governors had one touch down called back, the third in two games.

The Govs travelled to Huron for their first ESD conference game Sept. 13, but lost 19-7 even though they outplayed the Tigers statistically

Tim Wilsey scored the Pierre touch down on a sweep for the Govs. The Govs rolled up 211 yards on the ground but couldn't get their strong passing game rolling.

Riggs bicycling quartet tour Black Hills

The first annual Black Hills bike tour of the Riggs High Kangaroo Bike Club officers Steve Likness, Phil Thomas, Mike Shaw and Dennis Rounds proved successful until Mike encountered broken glass near Kadoka. The result was 3 flat tires.

Temperature soaring well above freezing didn't slow the determined quartet until they arrived at Cactus Flats (immediately doubling the population). After sorting out five different stories about how to get to Wall, they decided to go by way of uncompleted I-90. "D--n the gravel!!!" Full speed ahead! They pulled into Wall as the sun was setting. After traveling 137 miles, these heroes of the road treated their

sun-burns and saddle rash, then hit the hay.

They left Wall around noon the next day to cruise 60 miles to Rapid City. Except for an incident with a bike eating mobile home, the people on the road were kind and friendly.

Reaching Rapid around 8 o'clock at night the hungry bikers decided to chow down at the local McDonald's.

After touring the Hills and taking in the Days of "76" for three days they returned to Rapid City to prepare for pedaling back to Pierre. Once again they decided to chow down at McDonalds, and there they ran into Brad Nystrom traveling in a green chevy pickup with a topper that would hold four tired bikes. . figure the rest out for yourself!

Russ "genius" Snyder shows the type of pass defense that Pierre has been proud of this year. [Photo by Jacque Bedsual]

Govs even record in ESD

Last weekend the Governor's football team defeated a strong Aberdeen club 25-18 at Aberdeen to put their season record at 1-1 in ESD Conference play and 2-2 overall.

Scoring for Pierre were Carl Mathews with plunges of 1 and 2 yards, Jeff Holden with a 1 yard score and Ron Mann with a 43 yard field goal.

Pierre rolled up 175 yards on the ground and 149 yards through the air for a balanced attack. Their total yardage was 324 yards compared with 303 yards for Aberdeen.

The Pierre Governors opened the 1974 season August 30 with a victory over a big Rapid City Stevens team by a score of 9-8.

Making up the scoring for Pierre was Ron Mann with a 47 yard field goal and a Jeff Holden to Jim Trimble scoring strike covering seven yards.

Governors to host Yankton tomorrow

"Yankton promises to be as tough of an opponent this year as in the past," stated Governor coach, Don Shields. They play a good passing game and also have strong special teams."

The Governors will take on the Yankton Bucks in Pierre's annual homecoming game tomorrow night to climax the week's activities.

The Pierre team will probably be emphasizing a running game with special attention being given to kicking this week in practice.

Coach Shields is looking for a large, and hopefully enthusiastic turnout for the game with many 1974 seniors and older alumni returning.

"While it's important to get involved in all the homecoming activities," Shields pointed out, "it's also important to remember the football game is the most important event."

Two AFS Students find Riggs High School intriguing

"Among my favorite foods are raw fish, and rice cakes topped with seaweed," says Nori Isogai, Riggs High AFS student from Japan. "I also had a hard time getting used to American bread, but I like it now."

Nori lives in Hekinan, Aicchi, a small city with a population of 60,000 located 250 miles west of Tokyo. It is an all day journey to Tokyo from Hekinan because cars are limited to 30 mph.

Nori visited the U.S. for the first time last March, when he visited the girl in California who had been his AFS sister the year before in Japan.

When he came to the U.S., one of the worst problems he had was in the use of the English language. The English he learned didn't include all the slang and idioms which the Americans use. He brought along a slang dictionary, but that doesn't contain enough of the current slang expressions to help him understand American.

Students are required to start learning English in the 7th grade in Japan. He said English is hard to learn because the sentence structure is the opposite of Japanese.

Japanese students must take very hard entrance exams for both junior and senior high schools. These would probably be like our college entrance exams, just as hard or even harder. The higher the grades on the exams, the more chance of entering better schools.

Their daily class schedule includes a study period from 7:50 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for the examinations the students must take. First period runs from 8:50 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. and there is a 10 minute relaxation break between all classes. He says the students here rush around a lot more because of our 4 minute break. Their 10 minutes is for the teachers to move to their next classes, and for the students to relax. The teachers also have

the privilege of lecturing the whole hour if they want, but the students don't like them to.

He says classes at Riggs High School are much easier than at home, except possibly math. In math, they use the metric system which makes American math a little harder for him.

Most of the schools in Japan have swimming pools, and swimming is an important sport for all people. However, rivers aren't suited for this activity. Nori was surprised that we use the river for most all of our recreational swimming.

His favorite hobby is reading, but now that he is in the U.S., it is hard for him to comprehend the American books that he reads. He hasn't done as much pleasure reading as he wanted because his studies take most of his time. He has also brought math books to study, because when he gets back home, he will be taking college entrance exams. When Nori finishes college in Japan, he hopes to come back to the United States to further his education.

Nori plays some musical instruments, but just on his own. He used to play the organ, piano, and mandolin.

Japanese political parties are slightly different from those in the U.S., too. In Japan, there are 6 different political parties. When Nori talked about politicians, he always referred to them as "stupid" politicians. The reason for this is because anything the U.S. politicians do affects Japan in some way or another. Comparing the U.S. to Japan and how we get along, Nori was saying that they listen to the news from the U.S. and are sensitive about what happens here. There are many critics who speak out against the U. S. politics and economic conditions.

Nori is staying with the Bassett family. His host brother is David Bassett.

Nori has a younger sister and an older brother who is attending college in Dayton, Ohio. His father owns a factory that manufactures automobile parts for Toyota.

"In general, the air is fresh and the land is clean here and very spread out. In Japan the area is not so clean and it is difficult to find any clean nature."



Reina DeMariano, from Guatemala, is one of the Riggs High AFS students this year. [photo by Jeff Sugrue]

Reina DeMariano joins Seniors

Riggs High School has the pleasure this year to have two students attending under the American Field Service program.

One of these students is Thelma De Mariano. Reina, as she prefers to be called, is from Guatemala City, Guatemala and is taking her senior year of high school in the Pierre school system.

She is living with the John Cavanaughs, 903 N. Grand. Her host sister is Cary Cavanaugh, also a senior.

Reina is enjoying Riggs and getting involved in organizations such as Pep Club and of course, Spanish Club. She is looking forward to the Homecoming festivities.

The school Thelma was attending in Guatemala before this year was an all-girls school.

The subjects a student takes in her school in Guatemala are picked by the school officials and not by the student.

Thelma is involved in many of the same subjects in Pierre. She is taking Typing II and Shorthand II, along with Knitting and Crocheting (in which she is very proficient) and P.E.

Thelma stands about 5'2" and has dark brown hair and dark eyes. But most of all, she's just like us--A typical kid going to high school. Only she has an advantage. She has the opportunity to experience this in two different places. It will be interesting which one she will prefer.



Nori Isogai, AFS student from Hekinan, Aichi, Japan with his American "brother" Dave Bassett, pose for a picture outside the Bassett home. [photo by Bob Pottratz]