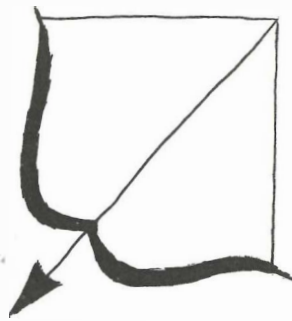
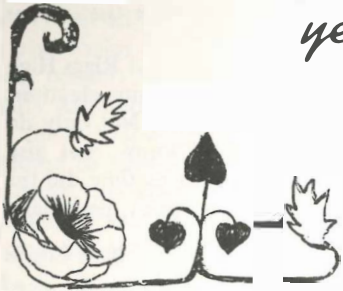


To My Valentine



*February's lonely on a white satin trail
yet trees never reign so fine.*

*I'll fare these miles 'till I come home
To My lovely Valentine.*



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Administration "lax" in making official announcements

Why is the school so lax in announcing to the student body the results of elections, awards, nominations, etc.?

Class officers, the senior DAR candidate, and the senior Junior Miss candidates were all voted on by the students of Riggs High. No official announcements of the winners of these elections were made by the office. Announcements have also not been made of the Senior Citizens-of-the-Month—recipients of the so-called Senior Car. All of these awards are of interest to the student body.

I recall asking various students who won the class officers' elections and

receiving answers like, "I heard. . . ." or "I think" I congratulated Debbie Hayes after hearing she was the Senior class vice-president. She answered that she didn't know whether or not she had won, and didn't want to get excited about it until she found out for sure. No official announcement was ever made of any of the officers.

I learned that Elizabeth Sahr was Riggs' DAR candidate because of my work on the GOVERNOR. The story about Elizabeth's nomination was on the page I was working on. No announcement of this had been made to the school.

The names of the Junior Miss candidates were listed in the student

announcements; but it only said that they were to see Mr. Ruzick. The announcement made no mention of their nominations.

None of the recipients of the Senior Car have been announced as yet. I usually discover who our Citizens-of-the-Month are when I read about it in the *Capitol Journal* a couple weeks after the car has changed hands.

I feel that the students of Riggs High have a right to know who wins elections and awards in their school. Not only do they have this right to know, but also they have a great interest as they did the voting and are, in some cases, personally involved.

Barb Logan

Random survey shows objection to US involvements in Angola

The United States should not become involved in the Angolan Civil War according to the majority of Riggs High Students polled on the issue.

A random survey of 40 Riggs students showed over 60% object to any involvement either militarily or diplomatically. Another 12% favor diplomatic intervention only.

Lisa Hickman was among several calling for the U.S. to "settle our domestic problems first." John Blackthunder opposes intervention because he feels "it could damage relations with other countries (especially in Africa) as well as create unrest here in America."

Carl and Lloyd Gaarder, both of whom lived on the African continent in Tanzania, oppose U.S. action because they feel it is unwise.

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"As unstable as African governments have proven to be, it seems pointless to invest millions of dollars in Angola," Lloyd said.

Those who object to intervention generally agreed that the Soviet backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (M.P.L.A.) may in fact seize control of Angola but feel it is not America's problem.

Shelly Wooley pointed out that "nearly every Soviet attempt at a foothold in Africa has failed so far, so there is not evidence that Angola will become a Soviet satellite or even an ally."

The U.S. has already sent \$32 million to the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (F.N.L.A.) and the National Union for Total Independence of Angola (U.N.I.T.A.), the two factions fighting the M.P.L.A.

'Everything's kinda all right' with Charlie Daniels' band

Everything is kinda' all right with the Charlie Daniels band. In fact, the quality of their new album, "Nightrider" indicates everything is very good.

Already one of the more popular and talented bands in the country, they have bolstered their image with still another grade A release.

The album is dedicated to the nightriders, truck stop breakfasts, late night poker games and early morning hangovers, Ten-Four.

The superb combination of guitars, mandolins, banjos, etc. has been labeled by some as "southern blooze-rock"! I doubt that their music should be labeled, anything but simply good.

"Everything is kind of All Right" is a very good song and "Birmingham Blues"

South Africa is also supporting the F.N.L.A. and U.N.I.T.A. Greg DuBois feels that this association is bad to the U.S.

"Other African nations will see the U.S. on the same side as their hated rivals, the white racists of South Africa, and more may see the Soviets as their friends."

Most students who favored some intervention feel the U.S. must make efforts to prevent the M.P.L.A. from seizing control to stop the "spread of communism".

Amy Benham called for financial aid first, and if that alone is unsuccessful in halting the M.P.L.A. then "I think we should send American troops."

John Smith, on the other hand, says the U.S. should use its influence in a peace-making capacity only."

is excellent. Many Charlie Daniels band fans may disagree, but "Birmingham Blues" is very reminiscent of some old Allman Brothers.

"Had me a fine woman
Back in Birmingham town,
She took care of my money
And she didn't play around.
Days are all right
Can't take these L.A. Nights
This place is a jungle
When man's on his own
Wish I could go home."

Everything is kinda' all right with this album from the music to the artwork on the cover.

Mark Leach

Ralf Schaeffer brings music to German Classes

The curiosity of students was aroused as sounds of music attacked unsuspecting ears during second and third periods at Riggs High from the foreign language room. This curiosity did indeed grow as did the volume, for such volume is rarely obtained from a class of nine students.

To set all minds at ease, it is no plan to overwhelm the school with a German vocal concert but merely the doings of Amity Aid Ralf Schaeffer.

Since January 5 we have been honored to have Ralf Schaeffer musician, teacher, student, from Hannover, Germany here through the California Amity Aid Institute.

Clara Warne—Mary Jo Rezac to lead Riggs Student Council

Clara Warne and Mary Jo Rezac have been elected as the second women team in the history of Riggs to hold the position of mayor-vice mayor.

Riggs had three teams of candidates running for the second semester mayor-vice mayor. They were Doug Gullickson-Charlie Jansen, Pat Madigan-Terry Merwin, and Clara Warne-Mary Jo Rezac.

Election was held on January 20, but a majority vote was not reached. A run-off election was held between Gullickson-Jansen and Warne-Rezac on January 23.

Clara and Mary Jo want to provide the students of Riggs with a variety of assemblies and school spirited activities. They will be working with the Student Council in orientating these ideas.

Clara and Mary Jo were preceded by Beth Schlueter and Julie Sibson who made history as the first women student body leaders at Riggs High. The new mayor feels that this will not be the end of women in politics at Riggs.

Student-directed plays to open February 17

Three one-act plays have been cast, student directors selected and separate rehearsals are now underway. All these will be presented February 17 and 19 on the Riggs High stage for the public.

Student director Hyrma Zakahi cast 10 individuals for "A Brick and a Rose", a short life story of a dope addict. Leading parts are played by Jayne Barton and Alan Thomas.

LeAnn Anderson is student director for "Alice in Wonderland", or rather a short take of the original story. Dotta-Jo

He admits he likes the music field the best. He is a Professor of Flute and Music Education at Hannover College with English sandwiched between them. Although his work in the Pierre system is primarily teaching the German language and culture, he uses his musical background in many of his language lessons. He is assisting Mrs. Bev Mickelson with her two Junior High and two Senior High German classes.

And assist he does, although schools are quite different here compared to what they are in Germany. Ralf pointed out one basic difference. In Germany the students stay together all day even though they change courses.

The educational policy in Germany seems quite different also. In the past few years in Germany, all students were urged to get teaching degrees. This over education resulted in too many degrees and not enough jobs.

The average teacher in Germany spends 25 hours at school during a regular work week. Because the school day is shorter, he uses 48 hours more a week at home for school work. The average teacher in America spends more time in the classroom, he says.

In reviewing his musical career in Germany, Ralf told about his experience playing the guitar with a rock band which toured Europe. He enjoyed this but had to quit because discotheques (juke boxes) replaced most live bands in Europe.

He also plays classic and folk music and plays the flute regularly in a symphony orchestra in Hannover.

Ralf emphasized that he appreciated the friendliness of the people in Pierre, especially the hospitality of his host family Mr. and Mrs. Clair Ledbetter.

Before he returns to Hannover, he hopes to tour parts of the Southwest with some other Amity Aides. He will leave

Trembly captured the lead part as Alice.

"I Never Saw Another Butterfly", is being directed by Bob Kleinsasser. Holding the lead is Susan Parr, portraying a Jewish girl living during WW II. This play has the smallest cast of just six people.

They will also be presented at a One-Act Festival at SDSU on February 21. Mr. Ron Borstad is in charge of the drama department and Thespians who are producing this winter's theatrical entertainment.



Ralf Schaeffer, Mrs. Mickelson's Amity Aide, is assisting in German classes at Junior and Senior High School this quarter.

Pierre on March 17.

He did say he wished his students weren't so 'timid'. Does that sound like Riggs High students?

He hopes to interest more students in guitar, and he is interested in giving private lessons.

Soph Lori Obenaur nominated for seminar

Lori Obenauer, a sophomore, has been chosen as Pierre's nominee for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar.

Using a bicentennial theme, the seminar is to be held April 3-10, 1976 at Washington, D.C. It is designed to bring out and develop the young people's leadership ability. The students must be sophomores so that they can bring the experience gained back to their school.

Schools from all over South Dakota send a nominee's name and references into the State JC President to be considered for the position of the representative from South Dakota. The state winner will be announced in March, 1976.

Lori was chosen by a committee of seven teachers with Carol Pickering acting as chairman. This committee was appointed by the Guidance Department at Riggs.

Governors looking for pins in upcoming matches

The most recent endeavor of the Governors wrestling squad was at home against 4th rated Brookings on Sat. Jan. 31.

The Pierre B Squad laid open the door by winning their match by the narrow margin of 27-25.

The varsity squad also had their hands full, and it was apparent that the decisive match would be the HWT round. Going into the HWT match, it was Pierre 23, Brookings 21. Both Scott Stabnow and his opponent were penalized two points for stalling making the final score 25-23. A takedown in favor of Stabnow's opponent raised some controversy but was ruled after the match time had run out.

On Jan. 30, the Gov's travelled to Mitchell where they were beaten 27-20. In the opinion of the coaches, the Gov's were wrestling well enough to win, but didn't obtain enough pins. Wrestling aggressively for the the Pierre squad were Reggie Olson and Erik Johnson.

Govs height deficit proves no problem

Glancing at a program, it's obvious that Pierre does not have a "tall" basketball team. Height ranges from 5'8" to 6'4". One knows right from the start that this lack of height is going to affect one's game plan.

Coach Pries had these comments about some of the players:

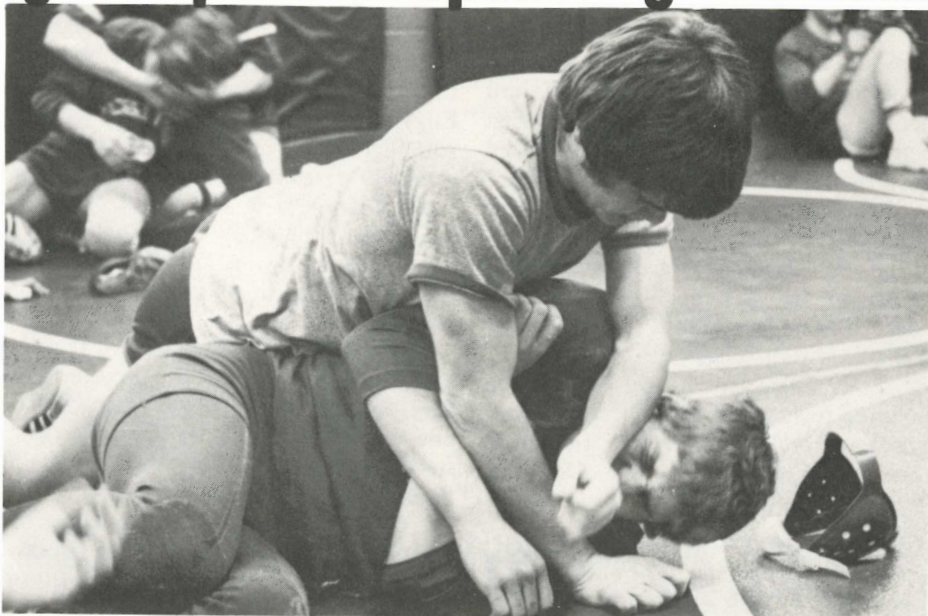
Mike Trautner—"Trautner is a team leader and tends to be the top scorer. He is probably getting in the most playing time." Trautner is currently leading the ESD conference in free throw percentage.

Rick Rowan—"Rick is a good defensive player but does his best offensively on a man to man type offense. When a team is playing a zone defense on us, and this happens alot, Rick usually comes out because he is not strong at the outside."

Roger Mesteth—"Roger tries hard but he's got a low shooting percentage and that bothers a player. He's around 30% at both freethrows and field goals."

Kurt Oleson—"Oleson's probably made the most progress since last year. He's our leading rebounder and is still improving."

Terry Robinson—"Terry does not always start but he is usually the first substitute to go in. Terry plays an aggressive game and is getting to play alot."



Brad Fawcett teaches Del Padgett the expert techniques of wrestling during a recent practice. (photo by Laura Pottratz)

Pierre gymnasts host invitational meet

Deb Hayes came in first in the floor exercise division while her teammate Cindy Lenner was third. These were the only Pierre girls to place in the Second Annual Pierre Invitational Gymnastics Meet, Saturday, January 17.

Rapid City Stevens won the meet with 84.4, Douglas was second with 76.7, Mitchell third with 76.1, Lincoln fourth 75.7, Central fifth 68, Pierre sixth with 66 and Watertown was seventh with 51.9.

Mitchell was the scene for a novice and open meet between Mitchell, Madison, Pierre and Aberdeen, Saturday, January 24.

In novice division Sarah Pries, Pierre, was first in vaulting and Brenda Sherrill and Nancy Stoesser tied for fifth. Brenda Sherrill came in second on the beam.

Cindy Lenner captured the title of third all-round gymnast with a fourth on the beam and a fifth on the bars and floor. Deb Hayes was fourth on the bars.

The team scores for novice were Mitchell 57.9, Pierre 47, Madison 20, and Aberdeen 4.35. In open division Mitchell finished with 76.25, Pierre 54.05, Madison 48.25 and Aberdeen 40.75.



Sarah Pries, a novice gymnast, displays her outstanding abilities of balance and coordination on the beam. (Photo by Shawna Fliginger)