



Janklow favors "realistic" marijuana legislation

"The time has come for lawmakers to be realistic about marijuana," according to William Janklow, S.D. Attorney General.

What may surprise many students is that Mr. Janklow's realism does not come in the form of harsh crack-downs, but rather in reduced penalties and decriminalization.

South Dakota recently joined states like California, Oregon, and Alaska in revising its marijuana laws by making possession of under an ounce of marijuana a simple misdemeanor subject to a small fine. This change was due in part to Mr. Janklow's strong support of a bill which will revise the entire S.D. criminal code including the existing marijuana laws. "I don't mean to sound egotistical," Janklow said, "but, had I opposed the bill, I doubt it would have passed."

A GENERATION OF FELONS

Asked why he favors decriminalization, Janklow was quick to respond, "We are raising a generation of felons, and that is definitely not a goal of law enforcement or anyone else. Decriminalization is society's way of

saying, 'We may not approve of marijuana, but we are realistic about it.'"

This extreme change from very harsh penalties for possession of marijuana to some of the softest in the country is justified according to the Attorney General. "The war against pot is lost. All the evil things it was supposed to do haven't happened. Medical evidence against it is inconclusive. Its use is so widespread it is time to direct all the resources in time, money, and people that was spent trying to enforce the law, on something more worthwhile."

It was pointed out to Mr. Janklow that in the eyes of many youths he represents the strong arm of the law, bent on busting everyone in sight. "There are some law enforcement agencies who spend a great deal of their time trying to bust someone for smoking pot, and there are others who frankly ignore it. As for the Attorney General's office, less than five percent of our time deals with all drug-related cases."

LAWS MUST BE ENFORCED

Janklow also pointed out that his drug policies are not the only policies which are unpopular.

"My job is to see that the laws are enforced and upheld. This is exactly what I've tried to do and will continue to do.

The same goes for marijuana until the law changes in April, 1977. And in regard to chemical drugs, which I feel are dangerous, I am still a very hard liner."

The bill which revises the marijuana laws does not take effect until April 1, 1977, largely due to the complexity of the 100 plus page bill.

"Many young people feel there was some hidden reason for the 1977 enactment. This relates back to the credibility gap that began when young people were told all the terrible things pot was going to do to them that they knew didn't happen. But it is the length and the complexity of the whole bill, of which the marijuana laws fill two pages only, which made April 1, 1977 the earliest practical date for enactment."

Mark Leach

School Happenings

March 29-30	DECA State Conference
March 30	Quill and Scroll Banquet
April 2	Report Cards Out
April 3	Senior Parent Party
April 4-6	North Central Evaluation
April 8-10	Spring Play
April 9-10	State Student Congress
April 16-19	Easter Vacation

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Academic recognition to honor more grads

It is natural that recognition and appreciation tend to enrich one's self-esteem and determination.

Such it is with academic achievement. Certainly more than two high school graduates deserve to be honored for their accomplishments. I commend the Board of Education and the faculty for their decision to discontinue the Valedictorian and Salutarian program after this year.

With the new system, students with grade point averages from 3.7500 to 4.0000 will receive highest honors. Those with averages between 3.5000 and 3.7400, and between 3.0000 and 3.4900 inclusive will also be honored.

Next year, there will be many students who can expect such recognition for their hard work. This, I believe, is an excellent program.

Kathy Bickett

Cover Photo

UPPER LEFT: Gordon Fosum, Marty Lundeen and Ahlene Stillwell listen intently as fellow student, Jim Bucholz, tries to explain that there IS a house over there. See story on page 4. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)

UPPER RIGHT: Don Gordon and Tim Rounds lend their assistance to sophomore speech class when a student used the prop in a demonstration speech entitled "Cleaning a Bathroom",

BOTTOM: Showing their varied talents, Riggs High drill team performs at half-time during the Section VI basketball tournament at Miller. See story on page 5.



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Riggs High Drama Dept. to present unusual theme

Chris Whalen and Jane Barton have the lead roles in the Riggs High spring play, "David and Lisa", which will be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 8, 9, 10 beginning at 8 o'clock.

Supporting roles will be played by Todd Barker as Dr. Alan Swinford, Jackie Thompson as the Mother, and John Smith as the Father.

Adapted from the book by Theodore Isaac Rubin and the screen play by Eleanor Perry, the play is set in a mental institution in Connecticut during one term of the institution school.

The play tells a strange and fascinating story of two mentally disturbed adolescents, David and Lisa. David is a boy who has a fear of being touched and Lisa has developed a split personality, sometimes talking only in childish rhymes. They and their fellow classmates present a story of problems that will be unfamiliar to most of the audience.

Riggs High Junior-Senior prom to become capitol event

The Riggs High Junior-Senior banquet and prom is on its way with the date being set for Saturday, May 1.

The prom will be held in the Capitol Rotunda this year with "Starchild" the band. The banquet will be served at the Elks Club.

The theme, which is traditionally kept secret, was selected by the Junior class recently, and last week the class voted for waiters and waitresses.

Sophomores who will serve as waitresses are: Cathy Cowen, head



Chris Whalen, left, as David and Todd Barker as Dr. Swinford listen as director Ron Borstad shows them how to portray a conference scene from the spring play, "David and Lisa", which will be presented April 8-10 in Riggs High auditorium.

Rounding out the 22 member cast are Dotta Jo Trembly, Susan Parr, Brett Sampson, Althea Fuoss, Brad Vieth, Sylvia Mefford, Kathy Bickett, Mike

Garry, Scott Stabnow, Ahlene Stillwell, Cathy Kloiber, Julie Jorgenson, Ed Lipetzky, Rick Maas, Shelly Martell, Bob Nielson and Daryl Person.

Mr. Ron Borstad, director, will be assisted by Shirlene Knudtson, student director. The price will be \$1 for adults and \$.50 for students. Activity tickets will also be accepted.

Secrecy abounds in Seniors homes as parents plot THE wild party

Seniors, have you noticed any whispering when you entered your house?

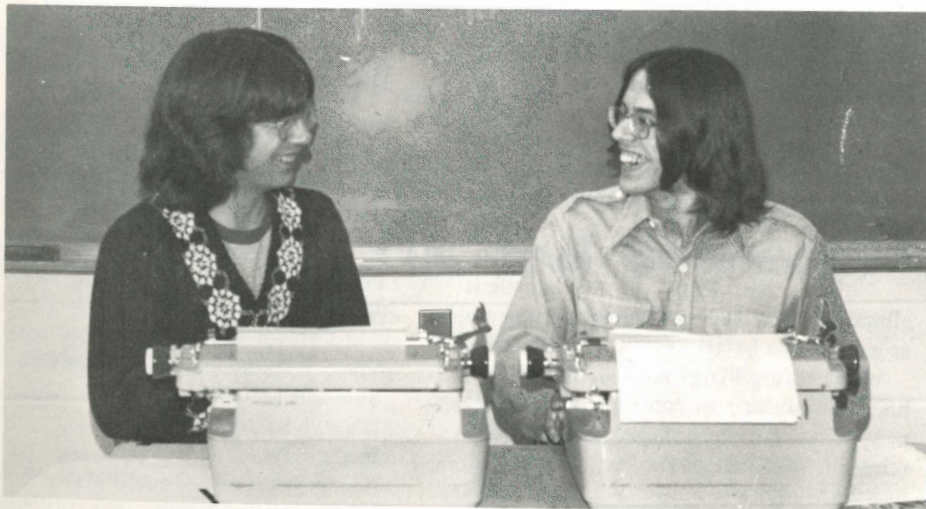
Has your mother been visiting the high school, without being called by the principal?

If you observed either of these symptoms, you can be sure that they've been struck by the Senior Parent Party bug.

Each year the parents of the senior class plan a party for their soon-to-be graduates. This year's party will be held at 8:00 p.m. on April 3 in the Riggs High gymnasium for all seniors attending Riggs High School.

The '76ers parents are sure to be dressed up in kooky costumes, and there are bound to be an abundance of baby pictures to chuckle about. Beyond this, nothing is known. Even the theme has been kept secret. Past parties have had such interesting themes as a Gay Nineties, a Country Fair, and a Mardi Gras.

So seniors, take notice of all the planning and plotting that is going on around you, for in the next couple of weeks it is bound to be increasing. And on April 3 come prepared for a wild Senior Parent Party.



Boys State Journalists, Mark Leach, left, and Jim Martin, prepare themselves for the week long session on the campus at NSC May 30 to June 5 where they will be involved in producing the "Sunshine Scribe", the Boys State daily newspaper. (Photo by Tinny Sahr)

S.D. National Guard will be adventuresome for Kristi Solem

I expected I'd get a lot of static from my peers when I decided to join the South Dakota National Guards but I was in for a surprise. Naturally people ask "Why", but the surprising thing is, they really want to know what I will be doing as a member of an almost all male group.

I first looked into the Guards when a friend who is a member mentioned that the Guards would pay half of my tuition if I attended a South Dakota college.

The guidance counselors, administration and especially Mr. Fjelstad were all really great. They encouraged me and gave me lots of information and advice. It was quite awhile before I made up my mind to sign up. I had many doubts about tying up my life for three years.

Finally, I was sworn in. As of March 5, 1976 I'm officially enlisted in the South Dakota National Guard.

As far as I know at the present time, I will leave Pierre, April 4, for Ft. McClelland, Ala., where I will spend four months of basic training. I will have completed my high school work at the end of the third quarter, so I will enter the Guards as a high school graduate.

I plan to enroll at USD in September but I will return to Pierre one week-end every month for guard meetings.

People ask me how I feel about the Guards now that it is getting so close to April 4. The only word to describe how I feel is excited. I'm looking forward to an adventure like I've never had before.

Kristi Solem



Kristi Solem has enlisted in the South Dakota National Guard and will report to duty April 9.

Drafting classes find house building expenses add up to \$ \$ \$

Riggs High School students are building two new houses, one in Cactus Heights and the other in Neltom Addition.

Well, not really. But Mr. Pat Hoing's Architectural Drafting Classes are doing the next closest thing; they are going through all the steps necessary to plan, finance, build, and finish a home.

The study is giving students an idea of what coordination is needed from designing all the way to building a Midwestern home.

The students have talked to professionals in the community who are responsible for real estate financing, contracting, and finishing homes.

The class, which was divided into

two groups, first designed their homes. They included every detail such as plumbing, heating, wiring, etc.

Secondly, the groups went out and picked their appropriate lot which complimented their house. One of the homes is located in Cactus Heights and the other in Neltom Addition. They talked to realtors to find out about prices of lots, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and utilities included with the lot.

Thirdly, they spoke with finance agents such as 1st Dakota Home Savings and Loan, 1st National Bank, and Pierre

National Bank about loans, interest, insurance, etc.

Next, the two groups spoke with contractors about prices. Those contacted include Pierre Development, Kelly Construction, and Lampco Construction.

And finally they talked with the material suppliers, P.V. Lumber Company, Lampert Construction, and Pierre Development.

According to Mr. Hoing the class is beginning to see why the price of a new home in Pierre will average \$35,000 on up to \$90,000 after financing, material, labor, realtor fees, etc. are added on to the basic cost of the lot and house plan.

Springsteen's music considered outstanding

After Bruce Springsteen made the cover of **Time**, **Newsweek** and **Rolling Stone** in the same week, an article about him in the **Governor** several months later may seem like somewhat of an anticlimax.

However his talents do justify an additional article for **Governor** readers.

Springsteen recently became famous, in part, because his latest album, "Born To Run", has been very popular.

"Born To Run" is an excellent album, but his two preceding albums are as good if not better.

"Greeting From Asbury Park, N.J.", his first album, is considered by some people to be one of the best albums released in recent years. If you find you like Springsteen's music, you may agree with those people.

"Greetings From Asbury Park, N.J." is indeed an excellent album. Like "Born To Run" and his other album "The Wild,

The Innocent And The E Street Shuffle", Springsteen puts a lot of emotion into his music.

His style is his own and most people seem to really like it or really dislike it.

His songs are about the city and the night mainly. Springsteen rivals Dylan in being able to convey the sweat and joy and mysteries of living in a city.

The girls on the street sigh,
"Now don't that man look pretty?"
Beggar on the street cries out
"Nickels for your pity",
Them gasoline boys down town
Sure talk gritty.

It's so hard to be a saint in
In the city.

If you want to take a chance on an artist who may become one of your favorites, the next album you buy should be a Bruce Springsteen.

Mark Leach

Riggs play casts prepare for two-day festival

The cast of the one-act play "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" and part of the cast of "Winnie-the-Pooh", Riggs fall production, will be going to Brookings on March 27-28 for the Brookings Theatre Festival.

A portion of "Winnie-the-Pooh" will be done to display the use of specialized costuming. The foam layered, duvteen costumes were designed and constructed by Ron Borstad, director, and Linda Hughes from Pierre Players.

The cast will be joining students from high schools around the state for two days of theatre activities including various programs on different phases of theatre. Other plays will also be performed by visiting towns.

Amity Aides offer criticisms before leaving

Riggs High has bade farewell to Maria Luisa Vich, Spanish Amity Aide from Lima, Peru. Luisa departed from Pierre Thursday, March 18, after a five month stay.

"People are very friendly here. That's what I really like. I feel like I'm in a family here. I was homesick for Peru, and now I'll be homesick for Pierre," she said.

Luisa was impressed with the Pierre school system, especially with the teachers. However, she did offer some useful criticism. Luisa feels that allowing students to go out during free periods encourages skipping and poor study habits. In Peru, she said, students are "always doing something." Luisa also said that, in Peru, there is much more competition for grades and honors between students. This, she feels, encourages better study habits. However, she commented that, competition or no competition, "if you want to learn, you'll learn."

Luisa also offered criticism on the national level. She was bothered by the restrictions on drinking in America. In Peru, people are allowed to drink at any age. Here, she was slightly offended when families sometimes did not offer her drinks because she was not yet 21.

Luisa especially enjoyed the Mardi Gras in Pierre. She took a strong liking for western dances and music, and would like to learn more about them.

One regret Luisa has about being in Pierre is that she "gained too much weight" during her stay. She feels she didn't get enough exercises.

But, no matter how much weight she's gained, Luisa is coming back. This summer she plans to visit Pierre again. "That's how much I like it here," she said.

She has a three months assignment at a school in Hartford, Connecticut this spring.



Amity Aides Maria Luisa Vich from Lima, Peru and Ralf Schafer from Hannover, Germany left Pierre last week after teaching in the foreign language departments at Junior and Senior High for the past several months.

Ralf Schafer from Hannover, Germany has left Pierre in search of something he found abundant in America.

"I think the openness and friendliness here has impressed me more than anything else," Ralf commented.

Ralf visited Pierre through the Amity Aid Program and assisted the German classes at Riggs High and Junior High for the third quarter.

"I am very grateful to everyone, this has been an interesting and enjoyable experience," he said.

Ralf said he was especially grateful to the Ledbetters with whom he lived during his stay in Pierre.

In Germany, Ralf is an English teacher, but he agreed that he had learned some new things about English during his seven months stay in America. "I has learned some 'stuff' I ain't likely to forget," he laughingly added to prove his point.

When asked to relate some of his

impressions of the school and his stay here, Ralf warned that he would be completely truthful in his analysis.

"If I am to answer I will be totally honest and objective," he asserted.

"I think your school has many good things. Teachers are supplied with modern equipment and books, and the students have an excellent library and athletic facilities. Basically, I think the education offered is good for the average student," Ralf noted.

"However," he continued, "this is the criticism I have, the school is geared toward the masses rather than the individual, the average rather than the exceptional."

"I was disappointed by the students' and teachers' lack of interest in Germany and German schools. Many people also seemed afraid to discuss problems of the world and the United States. There is a strong feeling of isolationism not found in my country," he concluded.

"Furthermore," Ralf said, "regardless of the lack of interest in my country, my view of Americans in general is very high."

"I have continually encountered a genuine friendliness and welcome feeling, especially here in South Dakota. I plan to see more of your country, and I hope everyone I encounter in this country will be as friendly as the people I have met so far."

Ralf is making a two week tour of the South East before returning to Germany and his teaching duties at Hannover University.

Riggs Drill Team gives final performance

In the last performance of the year the First Ladies Drill Team performed last Friday at the State "A" basketball tournament at Sioux Falls.

The appearance consisted of a high stepping entrance to the drums of Dave Thompson and two routines that pointed out a 200 year difference in dancing and music. The first was a modern jazz to "Superstrut Jazz" and the second a military march to "Yankee Doodle". The

girls wore a white sailor outfit over tights and leotards. Adviser Karen DeAntoni was very pleased with the girls final performance.

Seniors performing for the last time were Gwen Jibben, Susan Johnson, Billie Kielhorn, Barb Logan, Krysia Newell, Susan Parr, Beth Popowski, Beth Schlueter, Dotta Jo Trembly, LouAnn Wallenstrom, Clara Warne and Hyrma Zakahi.

Survey screens public awareness

'I demand my rights! . . . what are they?'

"But Officer, I was only going 55! My speedometer must be off! . . . What?! I demand my rights!"

Americans are often vocal about demanding their rights as U.S. citizens. But what exactly are their rights? The answer lies clearly stated in the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution — the Bill of Rights. But how many people are actually aware of these guaranteed rights? Mr. Dick Kennedy, Riggs High Government teacher, and six volunteer students were determined to find out.

Perhaps a lot of students and teachers recall being approached with the following petition: "We, the undersigned, feel that we should not be compelled, in any criminal case, to be a witness against ourselves.", earlier this week. Mr. Kennedy and his workers also circulated this petition at the Statehouse and at the Pierre downtown district. They requested the respondents to comment as to why they did or did not sign the petition. This is where the tricky part comes in. Certainly the petition need not have been signed since the right not to incriminate oneself in the court of law is guaranteed by the fifth amendment.

Mike Garry, Bill Thelen, Lynnette Parsons, Bob Marone, Tim Jones, and

Roger Voss gathered 97 respondents at the Statehouse last Monday. Forty-six of these indicated no knowledge of the fifth amendment.

"One person that I stopped asked me 'What case are you up against?' I found out that he was a prosecuting attorney for the Attorney General," observed Mike Garry.

That evening, Mike Garry, Bill Thelen, and Roger Voss gathered respondents on the west side of Pierre street, while Lynnette Parsons, Bob Marone, and Tim Jones gathered respondents on the east side. Out of 46 shoppers, 35 indicated no knowledge of the fifth amendment. "The people downtown thought we had a good project going. They were more relaxed and had more time to talk about the petition and understand it more fully," commented Lynnette.

Students and teachers at Riggs faced the same petition. Sixty-three out of 133 students were not aware of the fifth amendment, while three teachers were not. "It surprised me that many don't know their fifth amendment," said Bob Marone.

Public awareness was not the only information evaluated by this experiment. Mr. Kennedy and his team also concluded that professional people were more informed about the fifth amendment than non-professional people.

It was also established that the petition circulators on the east side, who were dressed very neatly, received more respondents than those on the west side, who staged a more rugged, sloppy apparel. "Quite a few people wouldn't even come up to me because I was shabbily dressed, while the well-dressed people had no trouble contacting people on the street," said Roger Voss.

"It was surprising to find people who not only didn't know it was in the Constitution, but a few disagreed with the statement," said Tim Jones. "We got some strange reactions!"

Summing up the results, Mr. Kennedy said, "I'm amazed. The best reactions should have come from the teachers and the Statehouse workers. We did get the reaction from the teachers; most of them did know the fifth amendment. But I was flat amazed at the number of people, percentage-wise, that were working at the State building who didn't know the fifth amendment."

PERCENTAGE OF PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT

Petition Respondents	Did not sign because of 5th amendment	Did not sign for other reasons	Were not aware of 5th amendment
State Employees	48%	5%	47%
Shoppers	20%	4%	76%
Teachers	88%	0%	12%
Students	53%	1%	46%

NCA to make final evaluation of Riggs April 4-6

By sending a team of educators to survey and make recommendations for improvements on April 4-6, the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary schools will begin the last step in the evaluation of Riggs High School.

The team, led by Mark E. Cogswell, supervisor of student teachers, Northern State College, consists of 17 teachers and administrators from different schools across South Dakota.

order to get an overall view of Riggs High.

Beginning the three day evaluation, the educator team, the Board of Education, the faculty and administration will meet for dinner Sunday evening, April 4.

During Monday and Tuesday the team will visit classrooms, and hold committee meetings. Different committees will meet with teachers in their study area. Students will also be contacted for interviews with the team both days.

When the team completes its review on Tuesday, Mr. Cogswell, the team chairman, will meet with the faculty and administration to discuss ways of improvement and development.

The NCA evaluates schools to make sure the diploma gained from a school will be acceptable for college entrance requirements. Many schools in the 19 state region of the NCA are unable to meet the requirements for membership; only 40 percent of all schools qualify.

Riggs High's spring sports program underway

Spring has arrived and the Riggs athletes have been earnestly preparing for all the spring sports.

Prospects are bright for the boys tennis team, which is the defending State Champ and has two returning State A and ESD winners. More athletes are trying out for tennis than in previous years.

The team is hampered, however, as Mike Trautner, who plays the No. 1 singles slot, is hampered with the flu.

The varsity track squad has been working out "informally" since mid-February with workouts three days a

week. Practice sessions progressed to five days a week the first of March in preparation for the first meet of the season, April 1, against Redfield.

According to head coach, Mr. Vern Miller, "Indications are bright, as we have a number of lettermen returning especially in the distance events, which look to provide the nucleus of the team."

The girls track team is also undergoing vigorous preparation, as they have been running for two weeks to ready themselves for their seasonal debut against their traditional rivals, Redfield,

also April 1.

The girls golf team, under the direction of Mr. Terry Hofer have just begun workouts on the Municipal course in preparation for the upcoming spring season. This is a switch for golf which has been a fall sport in past years.

Govs end satisfying season; earn consolation at Miller

The Governors concluded a "mediocre" season bringing home an unexpected and disappointing third place from the Sectionals tournament in Miller and Chamberlain on the evenings of March 9 and 10.

The first round of the Sectional Tournament was especially disappointing but exceptionally exciting when Pierre lost by only a narrow margin after two over-time periods.

First place honors in that event went to the Miller Rustlers who took 3rd place in the State A tournament in Sioux Falls last weekend.

The Govs compiled a 9 and II record for the season. A severe deficit in height and an abundance of tough competition proved to be the two major obstacles to the team.

Experience is expected to play a major part in next year's basketball season when Tom Stalley, Bob Dermer, Mark Flannery, and Tim Washecheck, who all were a major part in this year's play will probably be returning.

Wrestling squad concludes season at Tournament

The Pierre wrestlers ended their season on February 27 at the State A wrestling tournament in Rapid City. The Govs took 11th place in that contest. Even though the results of the State A were not as great as hoped, "For an inexperienced team, Riggs had an impressive season ending with an 8 and 7 record," according to Coach Dean Johnson.

Inexperience proved no problem in the final results of the season, however, as Pierre placed 4th in the ESD Conference. Mr. Johnson was quite satisfied and couldn't emphasize enough that inexperience was the main problem with the outcome of the State A match.

Individual wrestlers ended their season at State A with these standings:

Kevin Kusler at 105 lbs. lost both of his matches but was up against tough competition as he wrestled the State champion of his weight class.

Erik Johnson wrestled 3 matches but was unable to place in the 112 lbs. spot.

Pat Rose at 119 lbs. came within one match of placing and came out with some good showings.

Redgie Olson got fourth place in the 126 division.

Mike Bryan came up with 3rd place in the 132 lbs. weight class.

Bill Rose at 138 lbs. was unable to place.

Bob Truax at 145 lbs. didn't place but during the regular season he had beat the two wrestlers who took 3rd and 4th spots at State.

Pat Madigan didn't place in the State tourney.

The Hwt., Scott Stabnow, was also unable to place.

Girls intramurals ends in championship game

The Riggs girls intramurals squads have turned their attention from basketball to volleyball and have 17 teams actively participating. Culminating the basketball activity, which began in November, was the tournament which featured the Senior Number 3 squad squaring off against squad Number 8.

The girls formed their own teams for the season's playing. They were not divided by class unless they chose to be divided that way. Eight teams competed with Coach Carol Pickering juggling the schedules between Monday and Tuesday nights because of conflicting activities in the gym.



The champions of the girls intramural basketball tournament celebrate their victory by executing the inverted triple I victory stance for the Governor photographer. From the left, top: Cindy Larson, Julie Sibson, Glea Krueger; bottom row, Cathy Conway, Carmen Corcoran and Jody Badger. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)

Class gains insight into separate world of old age

"Aged"

When you hear the word, what comes to mind? Are there visions of grey hair, wrinkles and missing teeth? An old lady stumping down the street, bowed over her cane?

And what is your response? Averted eyes or a pitying smile?

Everyone, at one time or another, has thought about getting old, but Mr. Ball's Sociology classes have been doing more than that. Once a week, students from those classes have spent an hour or so with the residents at Rivercrest Manor. The purpose — to talk with the people there, listen to them, help them and learn from them.

The stereotyped rest home resident sits in a wheelchair and gazes out the window all day without seeing.

So it was with trepidation that the students stepped through the double glass doors at Rivercrest with a fixed picture of what to expect.

Coming back out of those doors, every student was a little more acquainted each time, and each time he carried a warmer feeling. The stereotyped picture faded and changed to one of reality — the world of old people. These students discovered that a brain of 80 can still go as strong as one of 40.

Together the separate generations journeyed to yet another time, one of the 1900's, through an elderly man's tale, the mellowed memories of a great-grandmother, the past experiences freely recounted with chuckles, grimaces, and face pulling. Threads of life are tied together among fond and sad recollections. Age falls away to reveal the interesting individual inside.



Cindy Stanek, left, will compete in advertising and Ann Gomez in job interview at the State Career Development Conference in Pierre on Monday and Tuesday.

They earned their positions in the state contest by winning at the regional DECA contest in Chamberlain last week.

The Pierre chapter of DECA will be host to the 20 schools that will attend the state conference.



Sociology students have gotten a first hand look at the problems and joys of old age by making friends with some of the people at Rivercrest Manor. Three of the regular visitors and their hostesses from the left, seated: Mrs. Della Werden, Julie Sibson, Mrs. Clara Brine, Gary Sundahl; standing, Paul Mernaugh.

For the people at Rivercrest there is more to life than sitting by the window. There are morning exercises, bingo, parties, group talks and now, visiting with interested sociology students.

All of these people are elderly, but they have their hobbies, their favorite mementoes and a fund of memories. Several have kept their old habits, for instance, 4:30 p.m. finds them in bed,

not to rise until 5:00 a.m. For their convenience, two breakfasts are served. Their lunch is served at noon and supper is at 4:30 p.m. with a snack later on.

Meanwhile, back in the Sociology classroom, two ladies, Mrs. Nail and Mrs. Connie Disbrow, of Rivercrest, placed themselves at the disposal of the students to answer questions and give information.

The main points brought up were the benefits for students and the advantages for the elderly from these weekly visits. One student pointed out that it was a good way to learn history. Another mentioned gaining insight into how it is to be old.

The project has been completed for class but some of the students keep up their weekly visits.

Sigrid Werthmann

Riggs High debate teams end commendable season

The Riggs High Debate squad ended the season on a high note last week-end.

The novice team of Mike Nail, Trisha Thelen, John Smith and Bret Sampson did especially well when they received a first place trophy at the Central Forensic Conference meet in Huron on March 13.

This meet was the sight of the CFC finals in individual events with Clyde Linn qualifying for oratory and Carol Baker qualifying for both oratory and extemp.

The squad has finished the year with a commendable record. The novice team

has placed and won trophies at three tournaments. In individual events, Pat Looby qualified for State competition in extemp, and Clyde Linn, Carol Baker, Brett Sampson, Laura Sack and Shirleen Knudtson have consistently placed.

Debate coach Paul Harens asserted, "The entire novice and varsity teams should be commended on their hard work and good results for the season."

With that in mind, the team will start their long hours of research on next year's topic, according to Carol Baker, varsity debater.