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Upper Photo: A number of underclassman familiarize themselves with their surroundings as they are faced with inheriting the school. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)

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Lower Photo: Student sentiment is best expressed by this reality sign. A picture is worth a thousand words. Have a happy summer. (Photo by Mark Schuler)



Mrs. Donlin to leave Riggs High School after six years of teaching

After six 'enjoyable' years of service as English teacher to Riggs High, Mrs. Donlin will no longer be here to give insight to her dedicated students. Because her husband has been transferred (by NW Bell), they will now be living in Spearfish, S.D.

Before coming to Pierre, Mrs. Donlin taught in Omaha and Rapid City. In Pierre, she put in time at St. Joseph's school before plunging herself wholeheartedly into Riggs High life as a faculty member.

She has made contemporary literature, novel, advanced grammar, and English literature all classes to be remembered by her pupils. Some of them said, "She really made the class fun".

"I think she was one of the best teachers I've ever had".

"I certainly learned a lot".

Mrs. Donlin, thinking back, said she did enjoy teaching at Riggs and watching the students mature from year to year. Of her experiences at the school, she felt it was nice to get Teacher-of-the-Year (1973) and to receive All-State for the Gumbo. With a chuckle she added, "I hope my girls get the Gumbo done this year".

As to what she will do in Spearfish, Mrs. Donlin does not yet know. She

Mayor introductory speech stirs controversy

Dear Editor:

As a spectator at the recent mayor candidate speeches, I feel that the Sophomores and Juniors were fooled by an introduction of one mayor candidate, namely John Smith. In his introduction of Smith, Larry Hartog said something like "the one person who helped me most in getting sophomore open study hall----."

For the information of the Sophomores and Juniors, it was our present mayor Clara Warne who really did the work of getting open campus for Sophomores. She talked to the Sophomore class, Mr. Lonbaken and Mr. Jaeger.

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I'm sure that Smith offered some good suggestions but to insinuate that he was the person who helped most to get open campus would be giving credit where credit isn't due.

Personally I have nothing against John Smith, but I do not think false representation has no place in high school elections or any place else.

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Mary Jo Rezac

Dear Editor:

A lot of people have asked me to clarify a statement I made during my introductory speech for Mayor Candidate John Smith and Vice-Mayor Candidate Eric Johnson. I stated, "One person helped me push it through." This was used in reference to the open campus privilege we attained this year. Many people took it to mean that John was the only one to help me. I didn't mean to create this image and would like to make the statement read, "One of the many people who helped me."

Larry Hartog

School Board position

Four people have filed petitions in an effort to be elected to one of the two Pierre Independent School Board positions to be filled in the June 15 election.

Bidding against Mr. William K. Sahr, incumbent, for one of the three year terms are Dietrah Hiatt, Rev. Charles Nail admits she'd like to work but is apprehensive of finding a job.

"I guess you might say I have senioritis. I have enjoyed Riggs, and I am melancholy about leaving, but the movers are coming May 27th so time is going quickly – And I will miss all this," she added. Anyone taking part in her classes knows of Mrs. Donlin's warm personality and ability to teach and provide interest.

You were appreciated, Mrs. Donlin – and we will miss you too.

Spray fluorocarbons issue facing students

The belief that the atmosphere of the earth, particularly the ozone layer of the stratosphere, is slowly being destroyed by the release of fluorocarbons into the air from aerosal spray cans in a subject that should be the concern of the people of the 20th century.

One might ask what the difference is if the earth has an ozone layer or not. The explanation is simple, the ozone has been scientifically proven to hold out certain ultra-violet rays from the sun that have also been scientifically proven to kill life as we know it, unless the ozone is around to protect that life.

Since 1970, the growth in use of aerosal spray cans that emit fluorocarbons has risen by 10% per year. This means that the destruction of the ozone has also risen by 10% per year and continues to mount since fluorocarbon atoms continue chemical reactions in the atmosphere for 50-100 years after they have been released.

Several states have recognized this problem and have outlawed the manufacture and use of aerosal spray cans incorporating the use of fluorocarbons.

As yet South Dakota has passed no such law, but citizens can begin now, without law requirements, by personally boycotting the use of aerosal cans. Alternate products are available on the market, often more economical and just as effective.

sought by four

and R. J. (Rich) Burke. The board member not seeking reelection is Robert Nystrom.

Currently serving on the board besides Sahr and Nystrom, are Ruth Karim, Howard Hutchings and Dr. Robert Shay.

250 students honored with scholarships, letters, certificates

Over \$2400 in scholarships from 14 different clubs and organizations was presented to 16 seniors on Monday, May 17 at the annual awards ceremonies.

The top awards announced were the \$500 R. E. Rawlins Scholarship which went to Todd Barker and the \$500 Ken Scurr Engineering Scholarship won by Laura Pottratz.

Other scholarship winners who had been notified earlier this spring were also announced at the program. These scholarships added up to over \$8,400. Fifteen seniors received one or more scholarships to various colleges—some for tuition, some for partial tuition and some were cash awards.

Total scholarships given to 1976 Riggs High seniors up to this time amounts to over \$10,800 and others will probably be awarded during the summer.

Also on the program at awards night were the presentation of school letters to participants in extra curricular activities other than athletics. Cheerleaders, Gumbo staff, Governor staff, Drill team members and Declam members were recognized with certificates and letters for their work and loyalty.

Mr. Gerald Cutshaw presented the John Philip Sousa band award to Todd Barker, outstanding Senior band award to Robert Sandstrom, outstanding Junior award to Althea Fuoss, and outstanding Sophomore award to Clyde Linn.



Seniors who received scholarships on awards night are: from the left front row; Ann Gomez, Deb Kosters, Beth Schlueter, Jodi Badger, Carmen Corcoran, Laura Pottratz, Susan Parr, Barb Logan, Beth Popowski; second row, Doug Gullickson, Bob Sandstrom, Todd Barker, Gay Zimmerman, Cindy Stanek, Kevin Musgrove, Jeff Curry, Deb Hayes; back row, Mark Johnson, Tom Dickman, Mike Trautner and Doug Rounds.

Scholarship winners not pictured include Cindy Larson, Mike Trautner, Gary Sundahl and Mary Jo Pietrus. (Photo by Mark Krebs)

Mrs. Jeanne Dahlen presented the National Choir award to Mark Johnson for the senior with highest number of points accumulated in Vocal Music during 3 years. The outstanding class member choir award went to LeAnn Anderson, Senior; Althea Fuoss, Junior; Clyde Linn, Sophomore. Accompanist awards were given to Clyde Linn and Althea Fuoss.

USD President speaker at Riggs High Commencement

Dr. Richard Bowen, president of the University of South Dakota and recently appointed State Commissioner of Higher Education, will be the featured speaker at the Riggs High Commencement on Thursday, May 27th.

Commencement night (for 227 seniors) will begin at 7:40 p.m. with a band concert at Hollister Field. The ceremonies, also at Hollister Field, will begin at 8:00 p.m. The chorus will sing several numbers to begin the ceremonies. Rev. Kenneth H. Newell and Dr. Charles L. Nail will also participate.

The top two students, Valedictorian and Salutorian, will be recognized. This is the last year when top scholars will be honored. Honor graduates will also be recognized, those who have 3.5 or better grade average.

Baccalaurate services will be held at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 23rd at Riggs High School with Rev. LeRoy Iseminger, Minister at Resurrection Lutheran Church, speaking. The service will include two numbers by the Riggs High chorus.

Norwegian AFS Student announced for 76-77 school year

Two Riggs High seniors will be studying abroad next year and a girl from Norway will join the student body through the AFS program.

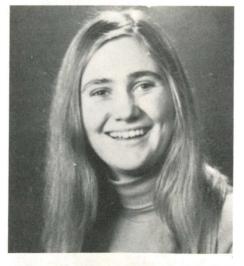
Else Marie Bernt, the Riggs High AFS student for next year, will be arriving from Bergen, Norway, early next fall. She will be staying with the Charles Martin family and will be enrolled in Riggs High as a senior.

Else stated in her application that she wishes to get involved in many high school activities. Some of her favorite hobbies are dancing, singing and eating.

Else stated she is also interested in political views and activities.

Riggs AFS Chapter is sending two students abroad next year, Bob Klensasser and Tania Brusseau.

Bob has been accepted in a foreign country for the guaranteed full year placement. He has not been notified where as yet, but he will probably leave in August.



Else Marie Bernt, the 1976-77 AFS student from Bergen, Norway, awaits her arrival at Riggs High early next fall.

Tania Brusseau is a finalist on the waiting list for this year's summer program. She also has no word on where she will go.

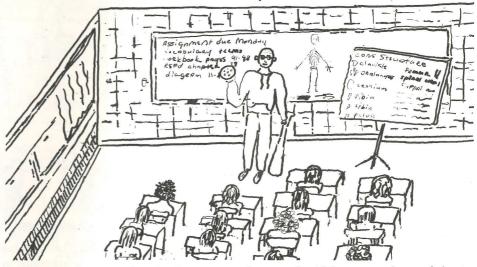
Biology class – from Mongoose to African Wiffleball

Everyone seems to have the same misconception, that Sophomores have it easy. They never have tough courses nor do they have any homework. However, if some of those misguided Juniors and Seniors would look back to the "good ole' days" they could probably remember the Sophomore problem.

The problem is Biology. If it weren't for Biology, the sophomores would have time to go to dances instead of sitting home drawing a picture of a mongoose's intestines. But if you care to ask any one of the Biology teachers, you would get the same response. "But it's fun to draw those things."

Go on to ask them what good all of this will do and they say, "Someday you may want to dissect something, this way you will know how."

Many Sophomores take Biology from a certain, somewhat unconventional teacher. His name is...oops... some students call him Kojak. He thinks he is called that because he is a super sleuth who knows exactly what is going on in the school. His students call him that because he is relatively bald. After a few hours of gym class and the repeated yells of "fire up!" he is even more observant than his title proclaims.



Have you ever heard about the reproduction of a baseball bat? Or maybe you have studied the anatomy of a basketball. It is all very nice, but I think he went a little too far the day we learned about the mysterious African Wiffleball Bat.

Biology teachers are the same. They are P.E. teachers who supervise Biology classes. This is obvious by the amount of confusion they cause the sophomores, constantly harassing them and forcing them to do 10 laps around a worksheet.

Indeed, Biology is a tough course, but sophomores soon find out that it is easy to get the teachers off the mating cycle of the monarch butterfly and onto the subject of basketball, track, baseball, the subject of basketball, track, baseball, football, hockey, tennis, softball

J.J. Cole offers new music, won't sell out for big bucks

Some musicians follow in the footsteps of others and excel. Others experiment in different styles, and still others play whatever will bring in the 'big bucks'.

J. J. Cale is a musician who does all and none of these things.

He plays a style that has been played before; he experiments somewhat and probably enjoys the money, but beyond that, he has established music which, more than most of his contemporaries, is strictly J. J. Cale.

He writes his own songs, plays the guitar and sings, with background music provided by several able musicians.

The music is bluesey but with a different touch. Cale's voice is so unique, low and raspy, it sounds as though he's singing every song to an audience rather than a microphone.

Two albums that you should consider buying before you buy anything else are "Okie," and "Naturally." Both albums contain a collection of superb music.

J. J. Cale is not well known. However, you have a chance to add an artist to your collection who may quickly become your favorite. Mark Leach

Mrs. Spitzer retires after 30 years at Riggs

Mrs. Helen Spitzer, who is retiring this month has seen the student body triple in size since she started teaching in the Pierre system 30 years ago.

Mrs. Spitzer has been teaching typing and shorthand for the past ten years at Riggs High School, but she was the vocal music instructor for 17 years and she also had charge of some Junior High and grade school music during her early years in Pierre.

Her vocal music groups won many superior ratings at state music contests and they performed for innumerable clubs and conventions during those 17 years. Under her direction, the chorus gave four superior grand concerts by 1955.

She was voted Teacher-Of-The-Year in 1964 and the Gumbo was dedicated to her in 1955.

One of her most rewarding teaching experiences was when the high school choir presented the folk opera "Down In The Valley". It was done entirely by the members of the choir. Each member had a part either in the chorus, as an actor, or as a soloist. In addition they handled all the technical parts of the production and sold tickets also.

She also remembers especially the senior picnic a few years back when all of the seniors "fell" into Bad River fully clothed.



Mrs. Helen Spitzer, who retires this month after 30 years in the Pierre school system, gives Wanda Harrison a few pointers in typing.

Debate squad ends year with annual awards picnic

Ten debaters received one or more awards at the annual debate picnic on Farm Island this spring, which reflects an excellent season for the Riggs debate squad.

For his outstanding performances in debate and individual events, Pat Looby was named "Varsity Debater". Sophomores Clyde Linn and Carol Baker were voted "Outstanding Debaters". John Smith was voted "Junior-Varsity Debater" and Bernie Gates, Sue Cole, and Mike Nail tied for "Novice Debater".

The "Novice Team Of The Year" was unanimously acclaimed to be Sue Cole, Bernie Gates, Mike Nail and Trisha Thelen. Howard Hutchings was named by the debate team as "Most Improved".

Awards were based on the written yote of members of the debate squad and presented by Mr. Paul Harens, debate coach.

Five members of the debate team were elected to the prestigious "Box Elder Club". Membership in this honorary club is earned only by special feats of heroism for the Riggs debate team. Those chosen were Sue Cole, Clyde Linn, Glen Gaarder, Bernie Gates and Brett Sampson. These five initiates join Carol Baker and Shirlene Knudtson in the club.

This year three team trophies and many individual trophies were brought back from tournaments. Next year should be even better because only two debaters, Brett Sampson and Sylvia Mefford, will

Next years' first semester student body officers from the left. Erik vice-Johnson, mayor, and John Smith, mayor. The pair hope to improve the school through Student Council reorganization.



not be returning to the team according to Mr. Harens.

Victorious Candidates in the three way Student Officers Election was the team of John Smith and Erik Johnson. These two seniors will lead the Student Council for the first semester 1976-77 as Mayor and Vice-Mayor.

The three teams of Terry Kuehl and Shari Boe, Mark Flannery and Steve Howard, and John Smith and Erik Johnson entered their bids as Mayor-Vice -Mayor candidates and hit the campaign trail scraping for votes here and there.

The fight for votes finally culminated on election day, May 7, when Mayor-Vice-Mayor candidates had a chance to express their views on gut-level issueⁿ in front of the student body.



Hyrma Zakahi, left, and Susan Parr, right, were presented the Bea Lindberg award for outstanding work in all phases of dramatic production by Pierre Players President, Ron Lutz, center. The girls received the awards following a mime skit at the Thespian banquet.

Smith, Johnson win election; to rerise Student Council

John Smith and Erik Johnson focused concern also toward student apathy and offered constitutional remedies for this pressing problem.

The team of Terry Kuehl and Shari Boe pointed out that the '75-'76 school year has been the "year of the woman" and added that it should continue throughout the rest of 1976 expressing special concern for the welfare of girls' sports.

Mark Flannery and Steve Howard spoke for the continued efforts towards better Homecomings and more student involvement in school activities and Student Council.

"Governor" earns recognition in State wide competition

The Riggs High "Governor" received recognition in three out of nine categories in the annual South Dakota High School Activities Association writing contest.

Barb Logan received an honorable mention in the features category for her story from the November issue about the Pre-school Development class.

Laura Pottratz received an honorable mention for her sports photography. Her entry was a wrestling picture which appeared on the cover of the February issue of the "Governor".

The third award won by the "Governor" was for the paper itself, an honorable mention for front page make-up.

There were 485 entries from South Dakota school newspapers so the competition was more difficult than it has been in previous years according to Mrs. Mary Jewel Ledbetter, "Governor" adviser.

Jr. jockettes jolt Srs.

The annual Junior-Senior Pep Club Powder Puff event took the form of a softball game this year. With the absence of a Powder Puff football game, something had to be done to settle the ever present question, "Who's tops?"

The celebrated event took place on Thursday, May 6th and the Juniors defeated the Seniors with a score of 15-8 with homerun sluggers for the victorious Juniors being Melanie Ramse, Sue Lee and Pam Welch.

"A great time was had by all," players and spectators alike. Commented one exuberant player, "It was really fun."

Spectators paid a nominal fee of twenty-five cents each, the proceeds of which went to the Pep Club.



Pam Welch displays fierce determination at the bat while an exuberant cheering section looks on.



After five and one-half years of coaching wrestling and teaching Biology I, Dean Johnson will be leaving Riggs High School. Coach Johnson will be taking a position at a Watertown radio station.

1974 was probably the most notable of those five and one-half years. In that year Pierre took first place in the State "A" Wrestling meet with approximately eight wrestlers placing at the top of their respective classes.

We, of the Governor staff, salute a great coach and teacher.



The cheerleaders choosen by the student body for the 1976-77 school year are: back row, from the left, Peggy Martin, Melda Blake, Kim Markwed, wrestling; Pam Welch, Shelly Martell, Susan Bauer, basketball; middle row, Deb Gordon, wrestling; Kelly Irion, Mary Weisgram, basketball; front row, Debbie Manning, Nancy Stoeser, Rene Stoeser, Barb Rezac, Jackie Briggs, football. (Photo by Mark Krebs)

Gov thinclads capture Regional Meet

The Governor Track team emerged victorious in the Regional Meet held at Miller May 14.

The boys defeated Winner's boys' team, 102 to 91 with Doug Rounds taking both the pole vault and the high jump.

The girls were also victorious, defeating Winner's girls 113 to 62. Double winners for the girls were Roberta Barnes, shot and discus, Cindy Lenners, long jump and 220, and Laurie Nelson, 880 and mile run.

Coach Vern Miller commented on the team, "I am pleased with the efforts and performances shown thus far. I am looking forward to State, which will have some strong competition."

The team is also looking towards State, which is being held this year at Rapid City May 21-23.

The senior boys who qualified for State are: Russ Harrison, 100 yd. dash, 880 relay, and mile relay; Bryan Hedman, 2-mile relay, 2-mile run; Bob Sandstrom in the long jump and triple jump; Gary Sundahl, 2-mile relay and mile relay; and Tim Axtman in the mile relay.

Juniors: John Smith, mile and 2-mile runs; Steve Johnson and Dan Frost in the 880 relay; Paul Mernaugh in the 2-mile run; and Bryan Schnathorst in the 440 yd. dash.

Sophs: Keith McGruder, mile relay and mile run; Brett Sampson in the 2-mile relay; and Kurt Woodard in the 880 relay.

Bob Tinker, a freshman, qualified in the high hurdles, low hurdles, and the mile relay.

The girls who qualified for State are: Jackie Ivers, 440 relay, 880 relay, 440 dash, and the mile relay; Paula Kellar, 440 relay, 220 dash, medley relay, and the high jump; Laurie Nelson, 880 relay, 1- and 2-mile relays; Cindy Lenners, 880 relay, 220 dash, and long jump.

Melda Blake, 100 yd. dash, 440 and medley relays; Beth Clarke, the 440, 880, and mile relays; Kristi Hoenschied, mile, 2-mile, and medley relays; Roberta Barnes in the shot and discus; Teri Latenslager in the mile run and 2-mile relay; Ahlene Stillwell in the 880 and medley relays; Nancy Conway in the mile run; Cheryl Hoenschied in the shot; and Rhonda Pier in the 2-mile relay.



Bob Juntenen clears the bar as his team mates watch in the most recent track meet.

13 Senior athletes receive awards

Thirteen Seniors, one radio sportscaster, and one very special coach received honors in the annual Athletic Awards Ceremony before the student body Wednesday, May 13th.

These award recipients were chosen by the coaches for their various sports on the basis of hard work, determination, improvement and dedication. A substantial amount of time and consideration by the coaches went into choosing of the recipients.

Seniors and their awards were: Brad Fawcett, a two-year letter winner, football; Bryan Hedman, a three-year letter winner, cross country; Roberta Barnes, girls' basketball and girls' track; Julie Sibson, a two-year letter winner, girls' tennis; Pat Madigan, a one-year letter winner, wrestling; Charley Jansen, a two-year letter winner, boys' basketball.

Debbie Hayes, three-year letter winner, was presented the gymnastics award; Doug Rounds, a two-year letter winner and Russ Harrison, a three-year letter winner, were voted first in boys' track. Mike Hemmelman, a two-year letter winner, boys' tennis; and Cindy Larson, a one-year letter winner, girls' golf.

Two special awards presented were the Scholar Athlete Award or Geoff Garrett Award which went to Mike Trautner, and the Paul Marschalk Book Scholarship Award, which went to Gary Sundahl.

A special Recognition Award was presented to "Gentleman" Jim Thompson from the Monogram Club, Coaching Staff, and the Administration. Thompson, a KCCR sportscaster, who has given much moral and physical support to Riggs High Athletics, is leaving Pierre this summer to become sportscaster at Watertown.

A very special Appreciation Award was given to Phil Trautner in recognition of his coaching, guidance, support, and supervision of Riggs' Athletics. Mr. Trautner recently received the District 7 Tennis Coach Award and will be honored nationally in Portland, Oregon this summer.



The Drill Team members for 1976-77 announced on awards night from left, back row: Brenda Sherrill, Brenda Friman, Pam Johnson, Karen Likness, Julie Schlichenmayer, Jacque Gardner, Jackie Thompson; middle row: Terry Kuehl, Sue Kurvink, Sue Wheeler, Leslie Cheeseman, Julie Gould, Mary McIlravy, Mary Burtts, Nancy Davis; front row: Roxie Smith, Nan Williams, Karen Lindbloom, Carolyn Porter, Molly Jahraus, Ellen Zeller, Brigette Pfeiffer, Dave Thompson, drummer accompanist; and Lisa Yocum.

Not Pictured: Jackie Kolbo, Lisa Hickman, and Brenda Westall. (Photo by Mark Schuler)

School Racquetmen seek steeper competition at State

The Riggs racquetmen are gathering momentum as they are nearing the State meet, May 21 and 22.

Seasonal accomplishments include a 10-0 dual record, their most current efforts producing their second consecutive ESD Conference victory with a score of 63 to second place Brookings with 45 and Aberdeen with 43.

"Competition in the ESD was steeper this season, as the score indicated," according to Coach Phil Trautner, "There were a number of upsets in the singles flights."

Continued Coach Trautner, "A good showing in the doubles was essential to winning the tournament, as Mark Flannery was upset in the semi-final round of the singles competition and Chad Anderson suffered a first round defeat at the fourth flight."

"In anticipation of this we refined our doubles play in practice sessions, and it seems to have been productive, as we nabbed both the first and second flight doubles."

With the stunning upsets in the singles brackets, the Govs held an insecure one-point lead over Brookings and Aberdeen—so there was a great deal of pressure going into the doubles, where a series of "do or die" victories finally secured a team victory.

Mike Trautner continued his domination at the first flight singles slot, sweeping the tournament and allowing only three games to his opponents on his way to his third consecutive ESD singles championship.

Earlier, May 1, the Govs wrapped up the dual season with a margin of 8-1 against a comparatively weak Rapid City Central squad, nabbing five of the six singles slots while monopolizing the three doubles flights.

Focusing on the future State Tournament, Mr. Trautner displayed reserved optimism as he pointed out that the squad has had an excellent dual season, but Sioux Falls O'Gorman, and Lincoln present an obstacle as they have a number of strong players returning and a great deal of depth to choose from.

Commenting on the future of the squad, Trautner noted that Mark Flannery should lead out those returning, followed by Pat Springer, Chad Anderson, Mark Parrot, Tom Burchill, Derek Hazeltine and Mike Springer.

'It will be pretty boring . . .' Underclassmen feelings expressed over loss of Seniors

Those illustrious people, the ones who add a little to each day, are leaving and with them go some memories. When we think of their leaving we remember only the good, and we wish for more times together. As a tribute to those people, the underclassmen at Riggs want to tell them goodbye and good luck.

"Overall I feel the Seniors played a major roll in our transformation to High School life. I only hope when we are Seniors we can give those sophomores the same thing these Seniors gave to us."

"It's going to be weird not getting kicked off the Senior bench."

"We will miss seeing the people that we looked up to all this year."

Riggs suffers another loss; Six teachers not returning

Six teachers will not be returning to their positions at Riggs High next year.

Mrs. Helen Spitzer will be retiring after 36 years of teaching in Pierre. She has taught commercial and business courses for the past nine years. For 17 years she was the Vocal Music instructor at Riggs and Junior High.

Mrs. Delores Jensen who has taught for six years will be leaving the teaching field. Besides teaching Pre-school Development and Vocational Food Services at Riggs, Mrs. Jensen also taught Home Economics at the Junior High and was in charge of setting up the new Home Economics Department when the Junior High building was constructed.

Mrs. Lorella Donlin will be moving to Spearfish after seven years at Riggs High School. She has taught various English courses and is the "Gumbo" adviser.

Mr. Dean Johnson will be leaving the education profession. Besides teaching Biology I, he has also been the wrestling coach. He has taught at Riggs for five and a half years. He plans to go into radio work at Watertown.

Also leaving will be Mr. Gerald Cutshaw. He has directed the Riggs band, stage band, pep band, and marching band for five years.

Mrs. Cindy Theis, who has been teaching art this year, will not be returning. She and her husband are leaving Pierre. "I will miss the people who made it possible to get through the good times and the bad times. Thank you."

"Actually, after two years with them it will seem very different. But it will also be nice to get some new faces around here."

"I suppose it will be pretty boring once they are gone. It will be hard being the upperclassmen."

"The rumor that all Seniors are over-weight is not true, though a good share of them are."

"I'm not sure I can take over the load of being a Senior."

"Cheer up! Lots of people are short. Just kidding, campers. But it's about time we get to be topdogs."

"I'm going to miss the people who I looked up to for leadership and advice, when those times came."

"It will be nice not to be pushed around by the 'big-wig "76" Seniors'. But we will miss them. Now we have the responsibility of being TOPS! See ya' guys. Good luck in all that you do." "Seniors are a replaceable commodity, who come and go at yearly intervals."

"Just when we get them civilized they leave us. How can any teacher be jolly about a 'rip-off' like that?"

"Like many other faculty members l have two distinct reactions – tremendous regret over the majority's absence – tremendous delight at the loss of a few."

"I hope you all are as crazy and go just as far as possible. Go far to get gone."

"I will miss my old teammates."

Farewell to the Seniors with a feeling of envy, hope and relief.

It makes me laugh to think of some of the kooks this school is letting loose on the world.

It's odd to look back and remember how much I despised the seniors when I first came to Riggs. Now I'll really miss them.

I'd like to make two simple comments, "Goodbye" and "Good Luck".

Don't forget Riggs!

Carol Baker



The six music students who received recognition at Awards Night for outstanding contributions to the band and chorus during the school year with their music teachers are: from the left back row, Mrs. Jeanne Dahlin, vocal instructor, Todd Barker, Mark Johnson, Clyde Linn, Bob Sandstrom, Mr. Gerald Cutshaw, band instructor; seated, LeAnn Anderson and Althea Fuoss. (Photo by Mark Schuler)