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# Hurry! Hurry! The end is near

## Urgent Message to all Riggs Students

Word has been received directly from the 'top' that tomorrow is the final day for buying a 1976 "Gumbo". It is absolutely the last chance warns Mrs. Lorella Donlin, adviser.

Due to an increase in the cost of covers effective January 1, no extras will be ordered so the number of yearbooks will be determined by the sales made by the end of 7th period Friday.

"It only costs \$5 to have a permanent record of this high school year with the memories of all its fun, excitement and accomplishments," urged Mrs. Donlin.

As Editor Elizabeth Sahr says, "If you don't have \$5, borrow it from your mother or a kind friend. You won't regret it. We are trying a new format this year, and it should make for a fantastic contemporary "Gumbo."

Producing the 1976 publication is a staff of 11 section editors, five photographers, and two special feature writers led by Editor Sahr and Assistant Editor Nan Williams.

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Mrs. Donlin stated that several people have volunteered to help with the yearbook. She greatly appreciates their offers of service and will gladly put them to work.



## RHS Graduates Turn Towards Formal Education

	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Number of Graduates	226	228	233	209	239
Attending Colleges and University (2 Yr and 4 Yr Academic)	56.6%	55.1%	45.4%	44.9%	52.7%
Attending Other Post High School Education Institution	3.9%	5.6%	7.7%	9.0%	5.4%
Full Time Employment	24.3%	35.5%	33.9%	32.9%	29.7%
Entered Military Service	6.6%	1.7%	5.1%	4.7%	6.2%
Married Students	5.3%	5.7%	5.5%	5.2%	5.4%
No Information	3.9%	1.7%	2.0%	2.3%	1.6%

The trend toward formal education after high school among Riggs High Graduates has turned upward after a two year slump according to an on-going survey conducted each year by the guidance department.

Over half of the graduates of Riggs enter college or some post high school institutions according to the survey. One third of the graduates go directly to the job market and another ten percent enter the military service or get married and are not employed outside the home.

Another trend that is apparent is the renewed interest in military service. This figure goes from a low 7.1 percent in 1972 to 6.2 percent in 1975.

These figures are of use by the curriculum planners, teachers and administrations as they evaluate and change the course offerings and course of study each year.

## Cover Photo

Top Left: Susan Parr and Hyrma Zakahi display the acting which won them a Superior rating at the State Declam contest. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)

Top Right: Larry Hartog and Peggy Martin look for Thanksgiving fun around the cornstalks. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)

Bottom: Winnie the Pooh (LeAnn Anderson) and Piglet (Carleen Corcoran) survey the new addition to the forest, Roo (Jayne Barton). (Photo by Rick Maas)



# Variety show contest to display unique talent

A total of 13 acts will highlight the 5th Annual Riggs High Variety Show to be held tonight, being sponsored by the Riggs Music Department. The acts will display everything from comedians to dancing to vocal and instrumental selections.

Students auditioned their acts in front of Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Cutshaw last

## Elizabeth Sahr named DAR citizen

Elizabeth Sahr was chosen by her classmates and faculty as the Riggs High School 1975-76 DAR good citizen.

Dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism are the qualifications which enabled Elizabeth to be chosen by the school. She will now enter the district DAR good citizen competition. If she

wins the district she will be eligible for the state contest. The state winner receives a \$100 scholarship to the school of her choice. From the state winners, a national winner is elected.

Elizabeth has been active in Gumbo for three years and is the 1975-76 Gumbo editor. She is a member in National Honor Society and has been active in debate, pep club, theater, golf and German club. She was the Junior class secretary and is a representative to the Kiwanians club this year.



Elizabeth Sahr is Riggs High School's DAR good citizen for 1975-76.

week in order to confirm the validity of the act. Most acts are originally composed and performed so the talents of the students may come across clearly.

There have been rumors around Riggs that the inner person will come out of the people performing, such as weird poets, drunks, crazy dancers, and fantastic singers.

Adding their unbelievable talents to the evening, John Smith and Bill Voss will entertain with jokes and stunts as Masters of Ceremonies.

Students will not put their attempts to poor use as cash prizes totaling \$60 will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places by a panel of five judges.

The proceeds of the Variety Show will help in buying a public address system for the Music Department.

Admission prices are: adults, \$1.50; students \$1.00; and children under 8 years of age will be admitted free.

## 'Winnie-the-Pooh' draws large crowds

"Winnie the Pooh" finished a successful three day run Saturday Nov. 22.

The play, directed by Mr. Ron Borstad, with Hyrma Zakahi as student director, drew a large crowd of youngsters and adults each night.

LeAnn Anderson, Carleen Corcoran, Kristi Solem, Pat Butler, Jackie Thompson, Janye Barton and Julie Jorgenson portrayed the woodland animals who had very human problems in their everyday living. The animals belong to Christopher Robin, portrayed by Bob Kleinsasser.

The crews of the play were: set, Colleen Hinkley, chairman, Althea Fuoss, Cheryl Bohn, Hyrma Zakahi, Shirlene



Two super heroes, Bill Voss and John Smith, practice their MC routines for the annual music department Variety Show Tuesday at Riggs Auditorium.

Knudtson, Deb Kusters, Tanya Brusseau, Sigrid Werthmann, Carleen Corcoran and Ed Lipetzky; plus Mr. Borstad's Theatre Arts Class.

The lighting crew consisted of Greg Boxa, Mike Gary, Daryl Person, Mike Zakahi and George Wilner.

The costume crew was under the direction of Linda Hughes, a member of Pierre Players, while Jackie Thompson, Hyrma Zakahi, Shirlene Knudtson, Tanya Brusseau, Cheri Peterson, Cheryl Bohn, and Cindy Beekley worked under her.

Publicity crew was headed by Brent Adney, with Sigrid Werthmann and Shelley Wooley helping him.

The make-up crew consisted of Kelly Irion and Jacque Gardner.

## Students win honors in Oral Interp

Hyrma Zakahi, Susan Parr and Deb Hayes competed in the state Oral Interpretation contest at the SDEA building in Pierre last weekend, Nov. 21-22, and brought home superior honors and an excellent rating.

Hyrma Zakahi and Susan Parr received the superior rating for their cutting from "Miracle Worker" by William Gibson in duet memorized interpretation.

Deb Hayes, with her interpretation of "In One Era and Out the Other" by Sam Levenson, earned an excellent rating in the humor division against 11 other

contestants. Mrs. Carol McNally is the coach for Oral Interpretation.

These girls had received superior ratings at the Regional contest in Watertown Nov. 4, becoming eligible for state competition.

Nearly 60 students competed in the State contest. Some schools were unable to attend because of the blizzard conditions in some parts of the state. Some contestants and judges did not arrive until the afternoon of the second day because travel was impossible until Saturday morning in the eastern part of the state.



# Peruvian to assist in Spanish classes

Nearly everyone has to make some sacrifices in life, but to leave the warm climate on the Pacific coast of Peru to spend a bitter cold winter in South Dakota might be too extreme for some.

Not for Maria Luisa Vich who has come from Lima, Peru to assist Mrs. Phyllis Leach in the Spanish classes as part of the Amity Aid Program. She will stay in Pierre for two quarters helping Spanish students master her native tongue as well as attending two high school classes.

She wants to improve her English and experience as many new things as possible while here.

"The people are very friendly here, and I like it very much. I'm not looking forward to the cold weather however," she noted.

Luisa, as she prefers to be called, is making her second trip to the United States, having visited her pen-pal in Virginia six years ago. Because of this experience and because she attended a private school with American teachers, she has had little trouble adjusting to

## Exchanges reveal interesting facts

The Governor staff carries on an exchange program with other high school newspaper staffs. Copies of the Governor are sent to nearly 50 schools in South Dakota and across the United States in return for copies of their high school papers.

Recent issues of these high school papers reveal many interesting news items.

A story about drama students attending the filming of "Return of a Man Called Horse" appeared in the October issue of "Raider Generation" of Rapid City Stevens High School. Portions of "Return" are being filmed in the Black Hills. Richard Harris, star of the movie, was not present at the time the drama students viewed the filming, but his double was. Italian Indians with rubber guns took away some of the glamor of the movie, according to the article.

A new class, horsemanship, is being offered at Willmar, Minnesota High School. According to "The Wilohi", actual trail rides will be a part of the course in addition to classroom instruction.

Becky Smith

American life. Luisa is very interested in sports and hopes to see and participate in some American sports during her stay here. The winter sports, ice skating in particular, intrigue her.

She has taken a trip to the Black Hills and was especially impressed with Mount Rushmore. Her most recent adventure was a Spanish Club hayride in her honor which she felt "was a really good time."

She is willing and happy to share her country and its culture with all who are interested, she says, not just language students.

"I think it is important for everyone to have a broader understanding of the whole world rather than just one country or part of one country."

## New music found in 'Dan Hill' album

Dan Hill is a brand new name to add to your music list, although many people, including myself, have probably never heard of him before.

Nevertheless, his album, titled simply "Dan Hill," is a fine effort and a good album if you like his style.

He is definitely from a Jackson Browne mold with hints of Cat Stevens and perhaps Don McClean thrown in. Like Stevens, he is preoccupied with love and beauty and that sort of thing, and, like Browne, his songs dwell on sadness.

All 11 songs in his album are originals by Hill. He plays acoustic guitar along with his vocals on nearly every one. The background music is excellent and compliments his fine singing voice.

Most of the songs are basically the same, that is, you won't find any electronics or hard driving vocals thrown in. The key words to describe the album are soft and melodious. Some may feel Hill has carried these to extremes.



A Dan Hill photo from the album "Dan Hill." (Photo by Mark Schuler)



Maria Luisa Vich from Lima, Peru, is the Amity Aide assisting in Spanish classes for two quarters this year. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)

As for the songs themselves, there are several love songs, a couple of flashbacks, and one drinking song.

In "Looking Back" he sings about the various stages of love.

Looking back at high school getting drunk for the local dance lonely boys--ner.ous girls grappling with romance.

There is some very nice sound on several songs. However, he got carried away with making at least one song sound pretty. "You make me want to be" sounds like a sound track from a movie.

But for the most part the album appears to be very well thought out and very carefully recorded.

It is good music--very nice music, but I wouldn't call it dynamic. It won't engulf you like Dylan or the Grateful Dead; you will have to lean forward a little, but you will probably find yourself liking it.

If his style appeals to you, I strongly recommend buying it. It is on sale at Good Time Music downtown.

Or take a chance on getting it free. Just sign your name in the space below, cut it out and drop it in the box in the office. A drawing for this album will be held at the next pep assembly.

Mark Leach

I want my name entered for the drawing for the record album "Dan Hill"--to be given free courtesy of Good Time Music.

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# 'Spin Off', student poetry-art anthology goes on sale

"Spinoff," a poetry and art anthology published by the Riggs High students has arrived from the printers and is on sale for \$1.00 in the office.

Fifty five students have original poetry and art work published in the book. Nearly half of the creative work done was by last year's Seniors. The rest of the poems and line drawings were done by last year's Juniors and Sophomores.

The poems range from three line Hiakus and four line limericks to concrete poems and free verse. The subjects range from icicles, to memories, to kisses.

A few first lines show the variety of thoughts and feelings expressed:

"She flew in on the northwest wind---"

"Having a boxing match with your mattress---"

"I don't want to live to be an empty tube of toothpaste"

"Words of God in the sand slowly melt away---"

"The hawk circles high, flying round and round---"

The art work which accompanies each poem illustrates the thought and feelings expressed and adds to the pleasure of the writing.

Mrs. Alice Smith and Mrs. Karen DeAntoni were responsible for the publication. The book was financed by a mini-grant from Title III. Most of the

## Debate team begins strenuous schedule

Riggs High debate team is looking forward to a good year after their encouraging performance at the discussion tournament at Parkston on Nov. 1 when they brought home six superior ratings.

In order to get a superior speaking award, each contestant needed two superior rounds of discussion. John Smith, a first year debater, Shirlene Knutson and Carol Baker all received superiors. In the special events, John Smith showed Pierre's best when he got a superior in extemp. Shirlene Knutson and Denise Duenwald both won superiors in oration.

The Riggs team has nine more contests scheduled for the year. They will host a tournament on Sat. Jan. 3, 1976 and are planning to attend tournaments in Aberdeen, Mitchell, Huron, Watertown, Brookings, and Madison.



Six talented writers whose poetry appears in "Spin Off" get their first look at the new publication. They are from the left: Bob Juntunen, Susan Parr, Todd Barker, Sigrid Werthmann, Jeri Erbe and Gene Meleen. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)

poetry was written by students who attended the week-long poetry workshop conducted by Miss Margaret Hasse, the 1975 Rent-A-Poet. Students in poetry and creative writing classes also contributed their work.

The art work was done in Mrs. Smith's

## Faculty starts first phase of Comprehensive evaluation

Riggs High School faculty and administration have started the first phase of a comprehensive school evaluation under the direction of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

This evaluation is made to determine how well the school is accomplishing its objectives. Students, teachers, administration and parents will get

drawing classes and by other student artists. Beth Thomas, '75, was responsible for much of the layout and graphics.

The art and English departments hope that the sales from this edition will earn enough so that a 1976 edition will be possible.

involved at various stages in the project.

NCA requires that every school in the association conduct this study once every seven years. Accreditation by North Central Association is the highest recommendation a school can have. Only about 40 percent of the secondary schools in this region are accredited by the organization since many high schools can not meet the criteria for membership.

## Reporter impressed with 'Winnie the Pooh'

What do you get when you combine captain and crew with long hard hours of strain and toil??

Teamwork...that's what makes the boat sail straight. This wasn't any ordinary boat, a yacht or a cruiser—it was "Winnie-The-Pooh," the Riggs High School drama production which played for three nights last week.

Director Ron Borstad, Student Director Hyrma Zakahi, and students put in a lot of hard work and effort to come up with talented acting, good costuming, believable makeup, scenery, and a great show all around.

Although planned for children, the play was attended by many adults and Junior and Senior High Students. The

audience's reaction showed their enjoyment of the antics onstage.

The plot was light but not ridiculous. Each actor conveyed his character's personality and mannerisms well. The

animals, attired in their precisely detailed costumes which made them look their part and makeup, achieved a complete look for an overall all-together effective production.

In the years before, no one play has been done with children in mind. This year's has been one and succeeded. If children didn't like the play the candy thrown to them by the cast convinced them it was worth going to!!!



# Governor Wrestlers Setting Season Goals

It takes great strength to maintain the tradition of victory which the Pierre wrestling team has established.

Over the past years, great victories at the State "A" wrestling tournament has been a tradition of the Governors. However, the team may have to work harder this year to uphold that tradition, for they have had to part with such outstanding senior wrestlers of last year as Bob Lipetsky, Kirk Simet, Mike Larson and Mike Stroup.

Coach Larry Lundeen has this to say about those wrestlers who are returning, "We do have a strong, experienced nucleus composed of returning Juniors and Seniors. Scott Stabnow, Bill Rose, Del Padgett and Mike Bryan make up the senior lettermen."

The Junior lettermen consist of Paul Mernaugh, Pat Rose, Redgie Olson, Eric Johnson and Bob Truax.

"The strength as well as experience of these wrestlers will make them good leaders for less-experienced wrestlers especially those who have never wrestled before," said the Coach.

"We have a team of around 46 this year; a few more will be out a little later. This is a little more than in previous years. Of these, nearly 15 are in their first year."

Fortunately, the team has not been plagued by injuries going into practice this season. However, one Junior, Ed Lipetsky, is unable to participate due to a collarbone injury.

With a month's practice behind them, the team's first chance at competition will be a dual tourney in Mitchell on Friday Nov. 28.

## Girls to compete in Class A tournament

The girls Basketball 'A' team will enter the Section VI Class A tournament in Chamberlain on Dec. 1 and 3 for their first try at a State Basketball Championship.

The girls play against Winner on the first evening at 7 p.m. If they win this game then will play against the winner of the Chamberlain-Miller dual on Wed. Dec. 3 at 8:30. Then hopefully they will continue to State 'A' in Aberdeen Dec. 11-13.

If the girls loose, the first sectional game against Winner they will play the loser of the Chamberlain-Miller game in a consolation match at 7:00 on Wed.



Coach Dean Johnson holds the 'Greco Roman knuckle lock' on Leon Etzkorn as he demonstrates a take down technique during wrestling workouts. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)

## Gymnasts begin workouts for new season

After attending a workshop in Dickinson, North Dakota last weekend, gymnasts are limbering up their bodies in preparation for the upcoming season.

"Gymnastics is a sport that taxes the athlete's muscular coordination and mental concentration," according to Mr. Tom Ball, gymnastics coach.

Ball anticipates the top contenders in the state to be the squads from Rapid City and Sioux Falls, with Brookings also posing a threat.

Workouts on the bars and mats begin December 1, with the season opener on December 18, against an awesome Rapid City squad.

Ball notes that the girls' squad is strong with the entire varsity returning.

## Pumpkin beaters prepare for season

The air is getting colder and the ball is getting rounder. As the winter sports scene rolls around, Pierre basketball fans once again look forward to the big green machine eating up opponents on the long road to State 'A'.

According to coach Roger Pries, the nucleus of this year's team will be formed around Senior lettermen Roger Mesteth, Mike Trautner, Charles Jansen, Kurt Oleson, Terry Robinson and Rick Rowan.

Senior girls supplying the leadership are Deb Hayes, Hyrma Zahahi, Colleen Hinkley, Billie Kielhorn, and Kathy Kloiber.

Nancy Teske, Nancy Stoeser, Brenda Sherrill and Karla Aplan will be adding depth to the team, as will some junior high girls.

The group hopes to qualify in the regionals and then climax the season at the state meet in Sioux Falls, which coincides with the State "A" basketball tournament.

Reflecting upon individuals of the boys team, Ball noted that as of now senior Doug Rounds is the only boy out, and it is questionable whether Pierre will have a competitive boys' varsity squad.

Along with these seniors a good junior group will provide added depth at certain positions.

"Although we are lacking size and experience, we hope to make up for them with our fierce desire to play and win," stated coach Pries.

The first game will be at home during the Thanksgiving vacation Nov. 28 against their long time rival Chamberlain.



# Football Honors Awarded at Banquet

Six Riggs High athletes were recognized Thursday Nov 13 at the annual Football Banquet held in the school lunch room.

Roger Mesteth, who was presented with two awards, won Best Offensive Performer and most valuable player. Brad Fawcett was voted Best Defensive Performer. Tim Wilsey and Glen Kane were recognized as co-captains. Mike Norman was Most Improved player and Russ Harrison was honored with the Governor award.

All the winners were chosen by their fellow teammates with the exception of the Governor award which is decided by the coaches.



1975 football award winners display their trophies as Coach Don Shields looks on. From the left they are: Roger Mesteth, Glen Kane, Tim Wilsey, Mike Norman, Russ Harrison and Brad Fawcett. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)

## JOCK TALK

The Riggs Varsity Cross Country team would like to express our thanks and deep appreciation for our coach Larry Lundeen. Because of him this cross country season was both fun and rewarding.

Even though some strange incidents have taken place like when the fire extinguisher was set off and when the bus had a blow out, Mr. Lundeen has always taken things in stride.

We have a deep respect and admiration for his ability as a coach. His understanding of each of us as individuals will leave a lasting impression. Thank you coach.

The Governor Cross Country Team

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The volleyball season at Riggs is starting out with a twist this year. The Spanish Club is sponsoring a Student-Teacher volleyball game to raise money for Amity Aide Maria Luisa Vich from Peru.

The students must be taking Spanish and will be under the coaching of Maria Luisa. The teachers and their coach have not yet been picked.

Everyone is welcome to come and watch. Admission will be charged and concessions will be sold between games.

The date has not yet been determined.



We all missed the annual Powder Puff football game between the Junior and Senior girls that Pep Club usually sponsors — but this year didn't!!

Now we will never know if the girls of the class of '76 really are superior to the class of '77.

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The basketball season is upon us and with it will be the boisterous bleacher bums todd spice to the games-just don't get too salty.

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All of the wrestlers are working to lose pounds for the season beginning Nov. 28 in a dual against Mitchell. "I can't believe I ate the whole thing."

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"Girls Basketball is a great experience," "We love it," "Even though we don't win, it's the way we play that counts."

The girls say that they're looking forward to the rest of this year and hope that next year will be even better. They agree that "Next year we're gonna win them all."

## Bleacher Bums Add Pizzazz to Games

Many members of the community, adults and students alike, have expressed concern over the growth and power of a influential organization in Riggs High.

The group appears to have gathered new strength since its formation one year ago. We are, of course, referring to that band of boisterous boys, the Bleacher Bums. Although the group (a sexist organization which prohibits females from joining) claims simply to be fervent athletic super-enthusiasts who pose no threat to anyone, there are indications that this is not the case. Ever present at home Governor sports events, their deafening chants and cantankerous incantations have confused every opponent that walks onto the court to face Pierre. What is worse, it looks as though they are gathering momentum and strength as is evidenced by the following quotes.

Bob Gordon, who is suspected to be one of the leaders of the powerful group had this to say, "this could be a great season for us, I pity our opponents."

Tim Wilsey, another fanatical leader of the squad, was not as optimistic. "We've got quite a few inexperienced guys, but if we can develop the proper frame of mind, and continue to improve throughout the course of the season, we should do all right."



# Pilgrims on the Shore

As once the brave from bondage did free,  
And cast their futures upon the sea,  
May we, the followers, have faith to be  
Natives of the heart and humble before  
Hallowed land — as Pilgrims on the shore.

May we our truths forever prize,  
Psalms of our souls may we sing to the skies,  
The earthly treasures may not harmonize,  
Let us to peace and serenity soar,  
And become as Pilgrims on the shore.

And upon beholding this blissful abode,  
May we, too, give thanks to whom grace is owed,  
To us our blessed beings he hath bestowed,  
And fall to the ground, our homage pour  
And praise as Pilgrims on the shore.



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