



# GOVERNOR

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## Staff member asks for student involvement

The students of this school have a very effective tool at their disposal. Unfortunately, it is rarely used and may, in fact, be unknown to many.

This school, like nearly all schools, has things that are good about it. There are actually several things which are exceptionally good. However, there isn't much point in patting each other on the back about them. What everyone should be concerned about are the BAD things, the things that need to be changed.

How can these changes come about? Only by everyone being made aware of the problems can they be solved. Therefore, the students need some way of expressing their grievances to their fellow students and to the faculty.

The "Governor" provides the ideal way of achieving this. I referred to a tool earlier, and the "Governor" is that tool. Perhaps it is old and rusted, but it is still effective.

Everywhere there are cries for "School spirit". This is a vague term. Student involvement is something everyone can understand and is equally good for the school and the students. Expressing your opinions in the school paper is an example of effective student involvement.

The "Governor" eagerly welcomes letters-to-the-editor and comments to the staff. Whether the "Governor" as a tool is as effective as a feather or as awesome as a whip depends on the readers.

Mark Leach

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## Poll stimulates ideas for 'Governor'

The Governor polled Riggs High students last week in an effort to get their views on several aspects of the school paper in order to serve the students more effectively this year.

In all 373 students responded to the poll, 60% of which are regular readers according to the poll. Another 30% read the Governor occasionally.

The largest response came from the sophomore class with 160 students out of a possible 290 filling out the poll. Some of their major criticisms included a belief held by many that the sophomores had not received the recognition in the Governor that they deserved. Others called for more photographs and humorous articles while still others indicated they preferred a serious, professional type of publication. Several readers indicated they felt that Girls Basketball hadn't received the publicity that football and cross country have.

118 of the 260 Juniors responded to the poll. Many criticized the Governor for being too sports minded. Some claimed it to be geared towards pleasing the faculty and some Juniors felt the Governor tends to be wishy-washy. A few persons called for the Governor to be more entertaining via fold-outs, cartoons.

Of the Senior class 95 of the 226 participated in the polling. Seniors feel

## Serious offense or harmless prank?

It is possible that there are students, members of the faculty and members of the administration in this school who may have some difficulty in distinguishing between a harmless prank and a serious offense.

Recently the "senior bench" was found missing and in its place toilet facilities and a sign pertaining to the incident was found.

Punishment for the offenders is expected to follow, according to Principal Roger Lonbaken, probably involving the loss of study hall privileges. The reason given for the punishment is to curb any further incidents possibly of a more serious nature.

Perhaps if the administration looked below the surface and saw the occurrence in the same light as did the "pranksters" they might recall similar incidents from their high school days with a chuckle.

Jim Martin  
Mark Leach

strongly that the Governor focuses too much on popular people as well as particular school activities. Some seniors felt the Governor should consider printing more national and state news along with that of the school. A few readers believe the Governor should work harder to revive school spirit.

Many of the students polled had good things to say about the paper. In general the compliments concerned the sports and editorial pages and the photography.

**COVER PHOTO:** Upper Left: Bobbi Shay gains height as she and her teammates try to rebound a shot. The rest of the team in the background gives them moral support. (Photo by Mark Krebs)

Upper Right: "Teach me to read. I want to be better than Snoopy!" says the "doggy" pupil to Dallas Vavra in Reading Class.

Bottom: When geese gather at Capitol Lake, their familiar winter rest stop, the people of Pierre know it is time to seek warmth from the winter months. (photo by Danny Forest)



# Fall play, 'Winnie The Pooh' rehearsals begin

Work on the Riggs High School fall play, Winnie-the-Pooh, under the direction of Mr. Ron Borstad is well under way. It will be presented in the Riggs auditorium on Nov. 20, 21, and 22.

A children's play was chosen by the Thespian club members because children's plays attract larger audiences, and also because children's play has not been done for Pierre audiences for several years. Just because it is a children's production, though, does not mean that it will not be enjoyed by young adults predicted Mr. Borstad.

Winnie-the-Pooh is a children's story dramatized from the stories of A.A. Milne. The narrator (Deb Hayes) tells Christopher Robin (Bob Kleinsasser) a story about his teddy bear, Winnie-the-Pooh (LeAnn Anderson). Other characters in the play are Piglet (Carleen Corcoran), Owl (Kristi Solem), Eeyore (Julie Jorgenson), Kanga (Jackie Thompson), Roo (Jayne Barton), Rabbit (Pat Butler), and four other animals (Kristi Weischedel, Shirlene Knudtson, Laurie Steffen, and Mary Barth). Hyrma Zakahi is the student director.

The plot of the play concerns Pooh, Christopher Robin's bear who likes to drift through life humming tunes. However, he finds himself involved in all sorts of frantic adventures such as rescuing Piglet and solving the problems of Kanga.

A.A. Milne, a British Author of the last century, wrote two books about the adventures of Winnie the Pooh which are probably the most widely read children's books in the English language. Christopher Robin was Milner's son.

## 12 musicians prepare for All-State Chorus-Orchestra



Members of the 1975-76 all-state chorus include, from left, Darrell Person, Dotta Trembly, LeAnn Anderson, Rick Maas, Carmen Corcoran, Krysia Newell, Mark Johnson, Les Traut, and Dan Sahr. Seated are Eileen Anton and Althea Fuoss.

## Seniors Chosen to Attend Economic Seminar

Four senior girls will be representing Riggs High School at the South Dakota Bankers Association Economic Seminar for Young Adults. This 14th annual workshop in banking and economics will be held during SDEA vacation Nov. 5-6 at the Kings Inn convention center in Pierre.

Beth Popowski, Barb Logan, Glea Krueger and Gwen Jibben are the four Pierre representatives. They are sponsored by the Pierre National Bank and the First National Bank.

The two day seminar features many prominent speakers addressing the group on such subjects as "The Role of Government in the American Economic System", "How to Plan Your Investments" and "It's Great to be a Banker."

All registrants are asked to submit an essay on "What a Bank Should Mean to My Community". A panel of judges will select four winners who will receive special recognition and a cash award at the end of the seminar.



Sponsors of the Economic Seminar in back, from the left: Mr. Al Kuzmal of the 1st National Bank and Mr. Bob Brancel of the Pierre National Bank. Attending the seminar from the left: Glea Krueger, Beth Popowski, Gwen Kibben and Barb Logan.

Twelve Riggs High students have been chosen to represent Pierre at the annual All-State Chorus and Orchestra in Watertown, Nov. 14-15, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, chorus director.

In addition, two students from Riggs, Tom and Karen Dickman, will be trying out for All-State Orchestra on Oct. 28-31. If Tom is accepted, this will be his fourth year in the violin section of All-State orchestra. Karen will be auditioning for the first time.

The chorus members, divided into quartets for the practice sessions are: Dotta Jo Trembly, LeAnn Anderson, Dan Sahr, and Clyde Linn, quartet one; Althea Fuoss, Krysia Newell, Rick Maas and Mark Johnson, quartet two; Eileen Anton, Carmen Corcoran, Daryl Person and Leslie Traut, quartet three.

The all State orchestra will be directed by Harry Lantz, professor of music at Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, Maryland.

This years guest conductor of the chorus is Don Moses, Associate professor, School of Music, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Chorus members will participate in a one day regional practice on Nov. 1 at Mobridge. Brad Vieth will be the accompanist for this practice session.



# Debater Cites School Team Activities

Debaters aren't a special, super intelligent, intellectual breed. They are concerned students on a team, trying to win for the school.

Last year the novice team came in second in the conference. You could just see the pride on their faces as they rode home. Three of them, sitting together, a girl with her partner on one side and a prominent football star on the other. Excitement was evident as they ate everything in sight. The football player worked off his feelings by beating on everyone.

An incident which happened on a trip last year should go down in Riggs High history. One 1975 varsity debater often caused trouble, but this particular day he centered his attention on the trip to the District 2 Student Congress. (Student Congress is run like our real congress, with bills being proposed, debated on, and passed.) This young man happened to acquire, through a somewhat debated means, about 2,000 live boxelder bugs. He brought these along in a box and somehow the lid came off inside the

school station wagon, and you can imagine....

Even if debaters live through the strenuous trips they often wonder if they will live through all the work, this year especially, since the topic is very broad and may include many subjects. The topic chosen by the National Speech Conference for all high school debate competition is: "Resolved: that the development and allocation of scarce world resources should be controlled by an international organization." This might deal with nearly any subject if the speaker can prove it is scarce, like food, energy, money, people and even sex.

To form and prove arguments debaters need evidence. This consists of quotes from a reliable source that proves the case or shows weaknesses in the opponents case. These quotes are typed on separate cards which are all filed very carefully by topic and sub-topic in specially designed fileboxes.

Last year Jim Butler had his file box with about 2000 cards dropped by some

freshman "clutz". Cards were scattered everywhere, and one novice debater had the pleasure of re-filing that entire box that night.

Two teams, each consisting of two debaters, enter competition as varsity or novice. The affirmative team tries to prove that the present system could be improved. The negative team argues that the present system is best, and that any other plan will not improve the system.

Although most teams get along quite well, one team last year 'seemingly' did not. During rounds when one debater was speaking, his team mate was pulling at his hair and banging his head on the desk, apparently getting very excited! It was a good act and it unnerved the opponents.

No, debate isn't all fun. There is lots of work involved. But there is some fun. We learn and we get rewards. We improve our ability to prepare good school reports. We can even win trophies and scholarships. And we help prove that Riggs High School is the best in South Dakota.

Carol Baker

# Nine Riggs Students Attend Oktoberfest

"Hansel and Gretel" was the theme for the Oktoberfest at Augustana College Thursday Oct. 2, attended by nine Riggs High German students.

Also attending was the gingerbread house which German club members had prepared. Members had spent two evenings putting together the gingerbread, candy and frosting replica of the witches

house from "Hansel and Gretel".

It all started as the morning stars were beginning to fade. Nine sleep-fogged students met at Riggs High at 7 a.m. to travel to Sioux Falls, including Mary Jo Pietrus, Kim Tennyson, Barb Ellis, Sue Wheeler, Sigrid Werthman, Althea Fuoss, Jewel Bieber, Mike Nail, and Julie Richardson. Accompanying them were

two chaperones, Mrs. Charles Ellis and Mrs. Floyd Fuoss.

After four jouncing hours on the road, they arrived on the campus in time for registration and the Oktoberfest program presented by students from the college.

The assembly program, under the direction of Dr. Gerhard Schmutterer, head of the German Dept. at the college, consisted of skits, films and the German Roundsingers. Everyone was allowed time to observe the showcases containing German art and craft items. Also on display was Pierre's contribution, the gingerbread house.

Groups were formed during the morning so that students could attend the seminar sessions which included German cooking, dancing, singing, computer programming and soccer.

Hundreds of German students including Augie Collegiates joined together for sauerkraut, wurst, potatoes, milk and icecream at the picnic supper.

A polka dance at the Commons rounded out the day as drindled frauleins stepped time with their fancy-pantsed partners. And so a day of 'deutsching it' ended.

Sigrid Werthman



Kim Tennyson, Sigrid Werthman, Barb Ellis and Sue Cole are tempted to eat the witch's house just like Hansel and Gretel. The gingerbread house was Pierre's contribution to the Oktoberfest at Augustana College.



# Financial problems cancel Junior Miss

Riggs High School's entry in the 1975 South Dakota Junior Miss Pageant has been cancelled because of finances despite the fact that the preliminary candidates from Riggs had been chosen, according to Mr. Sam Ruzick, Junior Miss chairman.

Mr. Ruzick explained that the Junior Miss contest in past years has been a money raising project for the Student Council. But this year it appeared that the Council might go in debt if they sponsor a local contest and then send the winner to the state competition.

It would cost about \$300 for one entry in the state contest including entry fees, advertising and other expenses. Previously the cost was about \$125. The cost to the individual contestants would be considerably more this year also, as each girl must have three complete outfits, and the winner must provide her own transportation to the state contest.

The candidates, Mr. Ruzick, and Mr. Ed Jaeger discussed the problems of the contest and decided that cancelling it was the most logical solution.

Besides financial difficulties, Sylvia Mefford, a candidate, said that the two weeks allowed for preparation was "ridiculous...not enough time to get

## Governor-Gumbo receive All-State

The South Dakota High School Press Association has announced that the Riggs high publications, the "Governor" and the "Gumbo" have received All-State Journalism awards for their 1974-75 editions.

These two publications were judged in class A which includes all schools with an enrollment of 450 students or more.

Editors of the "Governor" were Sherrie Spilde and Lori Snyder. Editor of the "Gumbo" was Heidi Licht.

The "Gumbo" received high ratings in writing, editing, coverage, photography and art work. The judge commented especially on the theme of the yearbook, bridges.

The "Governor", being judged in six areas, received its highest rating in editorial and news writing.

The judge for the "Governor" was particularly impressed with the Bi-Centennial issue.

This is the 4th consecutive All-State award for the "Gumbo" and the 2nd All-State for the "Governor".

together a talent and a dress." Sylvia also thought that some of the cheerleaders who were candidates didn't want to be accused of getting too much attention.

Julie Sibson, vice-mayor and candidate, agreed that the preparation period was too short and pointed out that a "lack of interest" also influenced the decision.

Student Council is now considering a new, less expensive contest in the future. This would be on a local level, cutting out the cost of state competition, according to Julie. The contestants would be on a volunteer basis, so only interested girls would participate.

Sylvia feels that this idea is "fantastic. The girls who want to do it get a chance."

This is only the second time in the 15 years of the state Junior Miss pageant that Pierre has not attended, according to Mr. Ruzick.

Riggs High is one of three schools which has dropped out of the contest this year.

## Students criticize Art Club mural

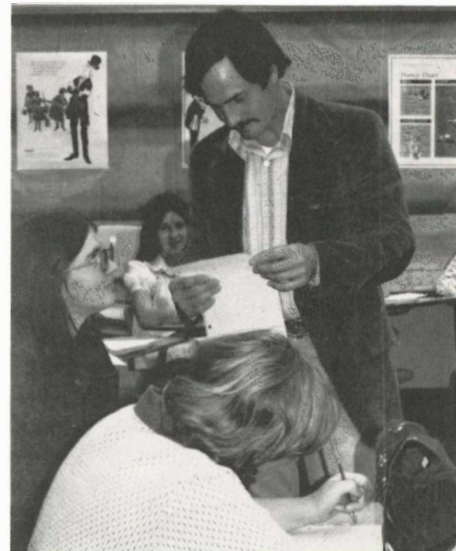
Controversy struck the halls of Riggs High this month when the Art Club designed and started to paint a mural of athletic caricatures on the north wall of the lobby.

What started out to be a fun, humorous project for the Art Club, meant to entertain, turned into a headache for Mrs. Cindy Thies, Art Club

advisor, when she realized some students had taken offense at the drawings. The critics have failed to see the humor in the pictures and fear they may lower the dignity of athletics in Riggs.

The Art Club defends its position by saying that they still think their pictures of a golfer playing with a crooked club or a tennis net with a hole in it are humorous and in no way ridicule the athletes.

The 8'x16' mural, made of sheet rock, depicting both girl's and boy's basketball, tennis, gymnastics, wrestling, golf and hopefully track and football, will be finished, despite the criticisms, by the end of the quarter and remain in the lobby for the rest of the year, according to Mrs. Thies.



Poet Dan O'Brien discusses poetry writing with Vicki Mendenhae, one of the students in the poetry workshops which Mr. O'Brien conducted at Riggs this month. (Photo by Shelly Wooley)

## Dan O'Brien acknowledges misconception of poetry

Dan O'Brien, the Rent-A-Poet who taught in the American Literature and Poetry classes last month has a great sympathy for poetry-haters. He has found this to be a very common feeling among high school students. Basically, he feels, this is summed up to two things, a misunderstanding of poetry and an embarrassment due to people's reactions.

Student cooperation in the classroom at Riggs was exceptional, and the friendly atmosphere convinced him that he would like to return for a poetry workshop next year.

## Four RHS seniors earn NMS honors

Charles Jansen has been named a semi-finalist in the 1976 National Merit Scholarship program.

He is one of the 59 students from 30 schools in South Dakota who will continue in the program to compete for nearly 3800 Merit scholarships.

In the same scholarship competition, Brad Fawcett, Laura Pottratz and Becky Smith were cited for their excellent scores and received letters of commendation. Although they are not eligible for National Merit scholarships, commendation winners often receive scholarships from the college of their choice. 52 South Dakota scholars from 30 schools have qualified as commendation winners.



# Riggs cross country team prepares for State AA Meet

Pierre's Cross Country Team will culminate the 1975 season at the State AA meet in Brookings this Friday, hoping to better last year's 10th place performance.

The Harriers placed 2nd with 57 team points behind the group running of a strong Yankton club at the Regionals held in Mitchell October 24. John Smith lead the Pierre effort placing 4th, followed by Bryan Hedman, 8th, Tim Axtman, 9th, and Paul Mernaugh, 12th.

The squad placed 5th in the ESD meet at Brookings on October 17. Pierre had 106 points and Watertown earned 1st place with 57 points. The weather was beautiful for running on the curving 2.2 mile course.

## Girls Tennis Team Takes 6th at State

The Riggs High girls tennis team wound up its season for this year with a hard fight and eventual sixth place in the State Tournament at Brookings on Oct. 10-11.

Pierre's team had a hard time at the state meet according to Coach Carol Pickering because there was no seeding set up for them other than for the no. 2 doubles team. Seeding is the scheduling of players so that superior players will not meet in early rounds.

Julie Sibson, the no. 1 champion for Riggs, played Jeanne Craney, the singles winner from Sioux Falls Washington, in the first round. Carmen Corcoran, the no. 2 player for Riggs made it to the semi-final round, while Cindy Larson and Carolyn Porter both lost in first round action.

The no. 1 doubles team of Corcoran and Sibson made it to the quarter-final round where they met with a loss to Aberdeen Roncalli.

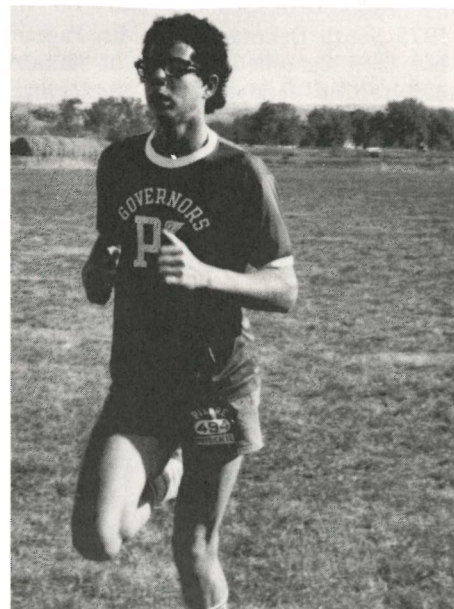
In the no. 2 doubles, Cindy Larson and Sue Lee teamed up for a fine effort, but were defeated in the final round by Sioux Falls Washington.

The Riggs High girls went to State tournament with the ESD conference title and a near perfect record of 9 wins and 1 loss. The wins included Huron, Yankton, Mitchell, Bismarck, Aberdeen Roncalli, Aberdeen Central, Rapid City Stevens and two wins over Rapid City Central. The girls attributed their one loss to a strong Bismarck team.

Scoring for the Gobs were John Smith in 13th place, Bryan Hedman in 14th, Tim Axtman in 25th, Keith Magruder in 26th, and Paul Mernaugh in 28th place.

On Oct. 10 the Gobs won a Gettysburg invitational with 11 other teams attending. The 5 scoring runners for Pierre were John Smith in 4th place, Tim Axtman in a close 5th, Bryan Hedman 7th, Paul Mernaugh 10th, and Keith Magruder in 11th.

Commenting on the team's efforts this season, Coach Larry Lundeen remarked that, "John Smith and Paul Mernaugh are rapidly getting back into shape. John is almost running at his best. However, the team travels with about 15 runners at a time and a strong team effort is needed to win, just as in all sports. In cross country a strong team effort means 5-8 runners placing in a tight grouping at the top. Hopefully we can accomplish this in Brookings at State."



Varsity Cross Country runner Paul Mernaugh paces himself during a recent meet.

## Governors take losing season in stride

Inexperience and offensive mistakes such as fumbles, have seen the Pierre Governor football team suffer a disappointingly losing season.

Last Friday when the Governors traveled to Yankton to tangle with the Bucks who are ranked no. 1 in the state, Pierre was shut out by the Bucks 36-0 in a hard fought battle.

The last game of the season will see the Governors at home against the Brookings Bobcats, an equal opponent according to Coach Shields. Brookings is at the bottom of the league in offense

and in defense. Ullrich is the leading rusher for the Bobcats.

Coach Don Shields said, "It's been disappointing that we haven't won, but the players' enthusiasm and attitude have been very good, which in a losing season, tests everyone's character."

Following Friday's defeat and the losing homegame against the Aberdeen Eagles the week before, the Governor's record stands at 0-7.

The Yankton Bucks are ranked highest in total offense and defense in the ESD.

## Golfers complete new fall season

The Riggs High Golfers finished a fair season, taking a second place to Rapid City Stevens in the Regional Tournament in Pierre on Oct. 8 at the Pierre Municipal Golf Course.

Brady Marone came within one stroke of qualifying for the State meet, and Bob Mayer missed by only 2 strokes.

Switching the golf season from spring to fall made for a short season. It was a rushed 7 weeks to be exact.

Coach Terry Hofer had this to say regarding the shortened season, "We didn't have enough days for straight practice. We were over-scheduled, so we were always qualifying for, or playing in meets."

He went on to say, "The team did not do too bad until the end. I was disappointed in the results of the Regionals."

The team will remain intact next year for the most part except for the addition of some freshmen. "We won't lose any seniors," commented Coach Hofer. There are no seniors on the team. "All the golfers are about the same," says Mr. Hofer "and we're going to improve alot. The younger golfers, sophomores and freshmen, will push the upper classmen." This will make for lower scores and consequently a better team.



# Sophomores completing excellent record

The Sophomore football team has been improving with each successive game compiling a record of 5 wins - 1 loss under the coaching of Dean Johnson and Bob Judson.

In the upcoming away game against their traditional rivals, the Highmore JV's, the Sophs will be going to the air, combining their effective passing and their highly successful defense, which has given only 26 points to their opponents thus far this season.

The Sophs blanked a strong Onida club last Monday with an impressive tally of 36-0.

Top offensive players were Mark Gunderson at running back, Dave Park at slot position and Mark Benson at quarterback. Defensive standouts include Pat Mitchell, Rich Manfrada and Tim Rounds.

Coaches Judson and Johnson feel that they have a good chance against the Highmore JV squad and will continue their passing offense in an attempt to be 6-1 for the season. Johnson and Judson are also pleased with their reserve strength of back up players Derek Haxeltine, Jim Cruse, Barry Tibbets, Jeff Clelland, and Mike Arch.

## Mat maids chosen for wrestling season

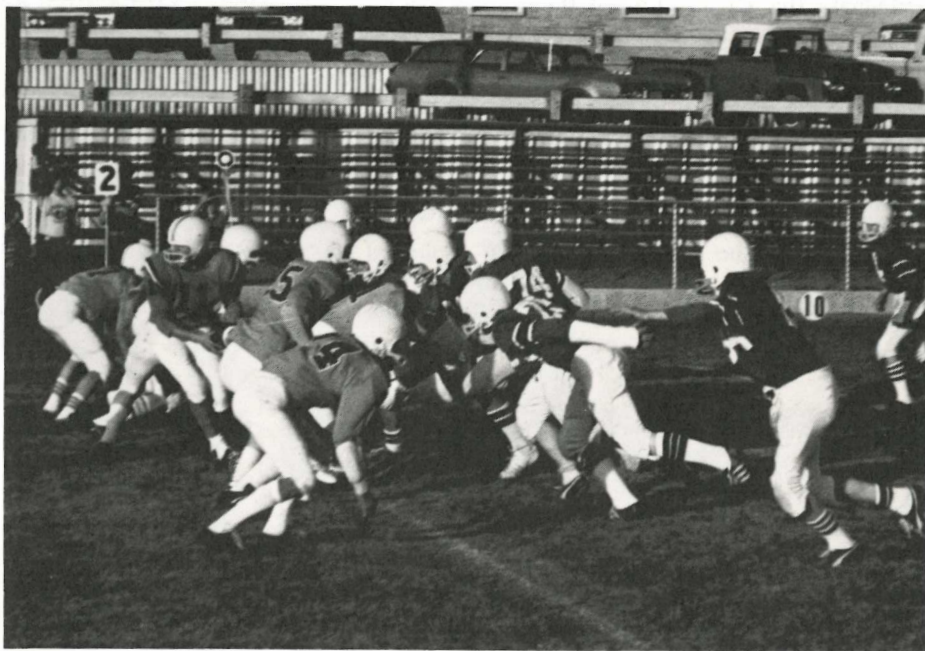
Matmaids for the 1975-76 wrestling season were chosen Tuesday, Oct. 21, by Mr. Dean Johnson and Mr. Larry Lundeen, wrestling coaches, on the basis of scores on a written test on wrestling meet procedures.

Instead of the usual 12 matmaids, 14 girls will do the duties this year. The coaches made this decision because of a three-way tie on the written test.

The matmaids for this year are: Laura Pottratz-pres., Sue Lipetzky, Tania Brusseau, Paula Fratzke, Cathy Kloiber, Cathy Ryan, Lori Everts, Mona Warne, Lori Young, Lisa Yocum, Yvette Hedman, Peggy Martin, Sue Wheeler and Kristi Fawcett.

These girls will be helping the wrestling coaches during the matches by keeping score boards and records.

They will also use their ingenuity in devising ways to keep up the morale of the wrestlers with treats, decorated lockers and notes of encouragement.



The Sophomore defense display their superiority over their adversaries in one of their victorious home games.

## Girls first season reviewed objectively

Despite six losses, with two of them being very crushing and embarrassing, the girls basketball team is still on their way to improvement and hopefully to some well deserved victories.

Now, with nearly two months gone by, and having played the four toughest teams in the ESD, Miss Barb Felderman remarked quite surely that the girls "are improving". The girls did face bad times when they ran into some teams that used the same play over and over.

The main thing that still hurts is the experience which teams like Mitchell, Aberdeen and Watertown have. Some girls on those teams have been playing together since seventh grade, especially the Mitchell team.

The Mitchell game was unbelievable—a whole big mistake, while Watertown, a significant rival for the coach and team, was especially good with Kay Stormo as their ace shooter.

The Pierre team just didn't have it together in those games as the girls were scared, doing dumb things and fouling. Oh yes, fouling, Berd Barnes, Pierre's best center proved this so as she fouled three times during a very short period of the first quarter of the game and then fouled out of the game when she went back in the last quarter.

By playing these games, the girls have not only gained the experience they needed, but they now should be able to think more during the game.

When asked about going against Yankton, Miss Felderman looked skeptical and grimaced. That probably meant that she knew the team was in for some surprises which it turned out was correct. Even though Pierre held a 33-17 lead at halftime, they finished with a disappointing 67-34 loss.

Even though Pierre doesn't have a very good offense, their defense is hanging tight. In four games, the A team out rebounded their foes, and the B team out rebounded their opponents in every game. Quick, fast-acting Paula Kellar adds a lot to the team scoring with her fast breaks. For three consecutive games Pierre gained 10 or more points. So far they've forced 17 or more turnovers from every opposing team. Not to mention that every game there seems to be less fouling which pleases Miss Felderman. She remarked that she likes to play a clean honest game.

To prove how well the team is doing, Cindy Lenner recently was on the ESD statistics list for rebounds. Hopefully, there will be more girls from Pierre on the list.

Ahlene Stillwell



Picture books, play dough and water play . . .

## Students relive their childhood while learning

Reading picture books, making play-dough, blowing straws to see who can make the biggest bubble in soapy water, and crawling on the floor — activities for a high school class??? Sure! Why not?

In this class, making play-dough really tested the students' culinary abilities. Following the recipe, using the proper ingredients, and frying the glop to just the right consistency proved very

difficult for some of the students. For some reason, when you use  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup baking powder and 2 tablespoons salt instead of visa versa, the results just aren't the same. Eventually, however, everyone came up with the desired product.

Then came food coloring time. Calls sounded across the room, "Do red and green make blue?...Oh, then how about red and purple?" "Let's put some of each color in...Oops, I poured in the whole

bottle!" Well, somehow it all worked out and everyone had a nice little chunk of play-dough. (As long as you disregarded the color.)

A favorite activity was water play. Students were given a large pan full of soapy water along with a variety of kitchen utensils and set free to do their own thing. They churned, splashed, blew bubbles, sifted, poured — and got wet. They also re-learned some long-forgotten properties of water. For example, when you take a deep breath in the midst of blowing through a straw, you're liable to get a mouthful of soapy water.

The class that does all these strange things is officially titled Pre-School Development and Practicum I (there is also a Pre-School Development II class, and commonly called Pre-School. Mrs. Dee Jensen instructs the 21-member class.

The purpose of the class is to teach students about young children and give them practical experience.

Twice weekly the students visit local kindergartens and nursery schools to help in the classrooms.

The activities are designed to help the student see things from the child's point of view. Besides that, they are a lot of fun.

If you would like to learn more about small children, work with them, and have fun consider taking Pre-School next year.



Barb Logan, a member of the Pre-School Development class, takes part in some puppet play at the McKinley Kindergarten field sits.

### Poetic Reflections--

## 'We are all our own individual beings'

We are all  
our own  
individual  
beings.  
But, with no  
antennae  
for feelers,  
we often  
venture  
where we  
shouldn't.

Martha Disburg

Life is like a Ferris wheel  
It goes round and round  
until your time is up,  
to get off.

Sue Lipetzky

Who Am I?  
Person, place, thing or idea?  
Vowel, noun, verb or consonant?  
School just gets me confused.  
Who I am and what I should be  
are two different thoughts that  
keep me from being me.

Doug Dvorak

You were there  
when I needed  
someone to listen,  
when my tears  
needed somewhere to fall,  
and my feelings  
needed somewhere to pour.  
I owe you  
much,  
but what I  
can give in  
return  
is only  
my friendship.

Kathy Richter