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Beautiful, friendly, popular people - - -

Too few students selected for too many honors

I have nothing against cheerleaders. Some of my best friends are cheerleaders.

But why are all six homecoming queen candidates cheerleaders? I believe in passing around some of the high school honors.

One individual should not be a class officer, cheerleader, and homecoming queen. Let someone else have a turn!

Some schools use a point system for activities. Different offices and honors count as points, and one person can only have a certain number of points. For example, editor of the paper is 10 points, president of a club is 5 points, class treasurer is 5 points, and student council representative is 3 points. The number of points corresponds to the time and work involved for each position.

I'm not saying Riggs High School should use this system, but something is wrong when the same people are chosen over and over again.

Beautiful, friendly, popular people do make good homecoming royalty, but let's look a little farther next time we nominate someone for a position.

Elizabeth Sahr



Leon Etzkorn was one of the many handsome 'red necks' roaming the halls on Cowboy day. (Photo by Laura Pottratz)

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'Put everything into Homecoming!'

I think that Homecoming is moving along quite well this week. Only I wish more kids were involved and really taking part in the activities. It isn't going to kill anybody to show a little school spirit, especially at Homecoming time.

Homecoming is an over-all event concerning the total school -- faculty and students alike!

Do you understand what Homecoming really means? It is the coming home (or back) of our last year's

Riggs' Minneshosho Days Are Built on Traditions

Homecoming is the big word around Riggs these past few weeks and with the possibility of it all going down the drain, I wonder how many students know what Homecoming really is?

I was going to inform "Governor" readers about Minneshosho Days, but an old phrase keeps running through my mind, "Curiosity killed the cat".

As Seniors and Juniors know (and Sophomores are finding out) in high school nothing is handed to you on a silver platter. If we want to learn we have to work at it. This constant working is what gives us character and self confidence.

We show pride in our school by being concerned enough to ask about something we don't understand. So I give you the responsibility of finding out about Minneshosho Days. There are several teachers in the system who would gladly explain the tradition of Homecoming as they remember it from the past. Go ask them.

Don't worry about curiosity killing you, that only applies to cats.

Glea Krueger

graduates. They look forward to coming back, even though they may not always admit it. I think most of you will look forward to coming back after you have graduated, and you will want a special welcoming.

So, think about this and do something really great this year. PUT ALL YOUR HEART, MIND AND ENERGY INTO HOMECOMING.

Some of you disagree with some of the Homecoming plans this year. I wish I had the power to please everyone but I can't do that. So, please, in the meantime, work for, get involved in, support the 1975 Homecoming.

Minneshosho days can and/or will be a success. It's up to you, students of Riggs High School, to make it that way.

Mayor Beth Schleuter

COVER PHOTO:

Top picture: Homecoming royalty candidates 'hang around' the stage waiting for Coronation ceremonies.

This year's royalty includes: from the left first row, Kathy Richter, Rusty Butler, Doug Gullickson; second row, Mary Rezac, Susan Jahraus, Cindy Larson, Bill Bullard and Marty Finley; back row, Julie Sibson and Deb Hayes. (photo by Laura Pottratz)

Bottom left: Doug Dvorak gives his fellow teammates kind words of encouragement, \$%*-%. (photo by Laura Pottratz)

Bottom right: Nan Williams paints slogans on downtown store windows as part of Pep Club's contribution to Minneshosho days activities. (photo by Phil Coler)

Governors hope to tame Huron Tigers

Two traditional rivals, Pierre and Huron will clash tomorrow night at Hollister Field to climax Pierre's Homecoming activities.

Both teams are winless going into the game. Huron lost to Yankton 14-6 last Friday while Madison clipped Pierre 19-6.

The Governors outplayed Madison statistically, rolling up over 260 yards of offense but couldn't put enough points on the score board. Meanwhile, Huron gave ESD conference favorite Yankton a tough battle.

Last year, the Gavs fell to Huron 19-7 and will seek to avenge the loss. Pierre's contests with Huron are almost

always close regardless of how the teams compare in ability. This year the teams are very even so the game should be especially close.

The Governors will rely on Roger Mesteth, the ESD's third leading rusher, to spark the offense. Huron must also watch out for Russ Harrison who leads the league in punt returns. Spearheading the Governor defense is Brad Fawcett, who leads the team in tackles this season.

The Governors have steadily improved this year, but victory has so far eluded them. However, Pierre is coming off a strong offense showing and combined with the added incentive of Homecoming, the Gavs may be tough to beat..

Kaleidoscope of activities climaxes with Homecoming game

Homecoming 1975 has been gathering momentum all week as more students get involved in building floats, planning the coronation, dressing in the theme of the day and painting windows and signs. The climax will come Friday evening when the Governors take on the Huron Tigers at Hollister Field.

Pep Club is busy making preparations to ensure a successful homecoming celebration.

The club's artist has already painted the display windows of several of Pierre's downtown businesses with witty slogans proclaiming Pierre's hopeful victory over Huron tomorrow night.

Tuesday the school was invaded by cowboys, cowgirls, and/or cowpersons as students donned boots and hats and sauntered bow-leggedly down the halls.

Wednesday was Slicker Day, as Riggs High experienced a return to the 50's. Ponytails, bobby socks, and greased back hair added to the fun of Homecoming Week.

Today is Legs Day. Boys and girls alike are wearing shorts and nylons to show off their beautiful legs.

Coronation ceremonies will be held tonight following the girl's A basketball game. The B game starts at 5:45 p.m. and the A game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Candidates dressed in leather Indian costumes before a painted setting of Native American artwork will maintain the tradition at the crowning of the 1975 Riggs High Homecoming royalty,

Deb Hayes, Susan Jahraus, Cindy Larson, Mary Jo Rezac, Kathy Richter and Julie Sibson are candidates for

Queen and Marty Finley, Doug Gullickson, Rusty Butler, and Bill Bullard for Marshal.

The coronation program will begin with selections played by the school band. Also featured will be Riggs High alumnus Dr. Robert Shay, who will speak to the crowd on the old school spirit. Coach Don Shields will give a pep talk for Friday's big game and introduce the varsity football players. The chorus will sing two short pieces to expand the entertainment for the evening.

Masters of ceremonies Beth Schlueter and Mitch Norman will reveal the royalty winners as Pep Club and 'G' Club present flowers to the new Homecoming Queen and Marshal.

After coronation, the burning of the letters will be held outside by the school's football field.

Tonight at 11 p.m., the wide-awake pep club members will again whitewash the familiar feet on the street from the high school to the football field.

Friday morning at 7 a.m., the Pep Club will host a Spirit Breakfast honoring Coach Shields, his assistants, and the football team. All Riggs High students are invited for a breakfast of milk, juice, and a roll for 35¢.

On Friday, Riggs students will be dismissed early to permit them to put the finishing touches on their floats. The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Since the junior high and grade schools will not be dismissed, the parade route has been changed. This year the parade lines up on Broadway. Moving west the parade turns south on Highland for one block. At the corner of Highland and Prospect it turns to the west for



If slogans help win a game, the Great Gavs should have no trouble trouncing the Huron Tigers Friday night. Melanie Ramse and Deb Gordon get the message from the window at the Trading Post. (photo by Shelly Wooley)

another block, then on Euclid for another block south. At the corner of Euclid and Capital the route turns west again to end with the traditional trek down Pierre street.

The Marching band, along with the two Junior High bands will set the tempo for the 11 floats that are scheduled for the parade. The procession will be headed by the Homecoming Queen, Marshal, Princesses and their attendants. Following the band will come the drill team showing their precision marching skills.

Each class has entered a bi-centennial float and a spirit float, and six clubs will be represented.

Awards will be given for the best Spirit-of-the Day, best Bi-Centennial and Best-of-Parade.

The homecoming football game against the Huron Tigers will begin at 7:30. The homecoming dance will begin shortly after the game.

Steve Bender, the Homecoming Dance chairman, thinks that this year's dance will be fantastic and many are looking forward to it.

Steve says that the band, "Bold Lightning", from Rapid City, is a good band. "Bold Lightning" has been together for eight years. They have played all over the mid-west and are not new to Pierre, since they played at the Teen Dance over Oahe Days. This band plays all types of music, anything from Black Sabbath to the Doobie Brothers.

"Bold Lightning" will strike in the gym at 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 10 and will end at 12:30. All high school students and alumni are welcome. The dance is sponsored by the Junior class and the Student Council.

Alumni Reminisce About Homecoming Days

Minneshosho days is a big event with a lot of tradition behind it. Parades, floats, Homecoming Queens, coronation ceremonies, the football games all add up to pleasant memories for PHS graduates.

But, has homecoming changed much over the years?

The Governor staff asked some old grads to recall their memories of homecoming and compare their experiences with the homecomings of today.

Some had vivid memories while others had only vague impressions but all considered Homecoming to be, at the very least, a BIG DAY.

1938

Pete Myer, a 1938 graduate, looks back on the Homecoming game in which the Governors beat a tough Rapid City team as his fondest memory. He thinks that perhaps there was more participation by the students 37 years ago. He noted that classes were smaller and kids walked much more which might have some influence on their interest in Homecoming.

1943

Homecoming is bigger now says '43 graduate Don Gerlach, but not necessarily better. He remembers the afternoon football game well in which Pierre beat Huron 6-0. Pierre had no lighted field and Huron did so the Tigers were used to playing in the cool evening while the Gobs were used to the afternoon heat.

In 1942 Homecoming Queen Lois Sommer (now Mrs. Paul Ellsworth) and her attendants, Marcella Colman (now Mrs. Pete Myer) and Mary Bowen, led the Minneshosho parade down Pierre Street on a warm afternoon in October. (photo from 1943 Gumbo)

1944

Coronation was the big event of the 1944 Minneshosho days for June Thorpe Riis who was chosen as Homecoming queen that year. Although there was no parade during war time, (shortage of gas and tires) she has happy recollections of the whole event. She also remembers the competitive paper and scrap metal drives which were fun.

1947

Two traditions that were very popular in past Homecomings, the snake dance and the bonfire, were recalled by Jerry Doyle of the class of '47. The snake dance was a huge 'crack the whip' type of ceremony in which all students joined hands and snaked through town, coiling and uncoiling at street intersections, stopping for some school yells each time. The bonfire was made from wood and weeds gathered by students and usually ended up as a really huge blaze.

1948

Buron Lindbloom, 1948 PHS graduate, thinks Homecoming is bigger and better now. He also remembers the snake dance and the bonfire, but the afternoon football game in warm weather sticks out the most in his mind.

1949

Mary Werckman Rezac remembers very cold weather the following year,

1949. The game was again in the afternoon and the floats were brought to the field at half time along with the Homecoming royalty.

1960

The marching band was fondly remembered by Fione Emde in the 1960 homecoming.

Mary Roberts Crow remembers whitewashing the streets that year as the most memorable event. Mary believes that students were allowed to do more things in the past than today.

1969

In 1969 Minneshosho days was really a big deal according to Jean Milner Denton. She remembers a new cheer, "We've got Soul", being added for the homecoming game. Building floats was a problem because her group was short on napkins and couldn't find enough staples. She also recalled fond memories of the dance and the slumber party which concluded the event.

1971

A 1971 graduate, Vern Larson said he thought Homecoming is pretty much the same now as then. He recalls losing the game but agreed that it was a big day.

Homecoming, built on tradition, is a highlight in the lives of most high school students. The joys of working and playing as a unified group make that time as a BIG DEAL.

