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This truckload of enthusiastic students is 'looking forward' to a year of car pooling to school as an energy conserving measure. See page 2.
[photo by Pat Springer]

See Inside: Save gas: car-pool to school
New science wing on the drawing board

Energy saving car pool plan proposed

Mark Leach

Not since the oil shortage of 1973 has energy, or the lack of it, been such a topic of concern in the United States..

"Conservation is the key", according to President Carter. Still, in a free society, it is often difficult for people to sacrifice without some incentive.

Young people as well as adults and businesses will be asked to conserve. In order to make conservation a realistic goal, young people must also be given some incentive.

The parking lots at Riggs are packed with cars throughout the year, and sadly, most cars transport one individual, the driver, to and from school. Conservation should start right there.

Car pools make sense and cents. Perhaps the school could provide the incentive to car pool. For example, an "energy Study Hall" could be created. Those students who car-pooled, walked, or cut down on gasoline consumption in some way, would be given an extra free period every day. This could be accomplished by waiving the five periods of involvement that is now required.

For those who consider this impractical, is it not just as impractical to give the athletes their own free period or the DECA and OE students two and one half free hours?

It is the school's responsibility to set an example and provide 'an incentive' for the students, the community and schools everywhere.

Music makes study hall bearable

With the introduction of a jukebox for music enjoyment, and the possibility of Sophomore open campus in the near future, study hall has become an obliging place.

In its second week of use, the jukebox "has made study hall a little more bearable" according to one Sophomore.

In order to gain a trial period for the jukebox, Mayor Pat Springer and Vice Mayor Mark Neller-moe met with the study hall faculty, all of whom were present but one, and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the jukebox. Unanimous approval among the faculty sent the decision to study hall students. The students voted overwhelmingly in favor of the jukebox.

The jukebox has a two fold purpose. Forty per cent of the profit will be presented to the Student Council, increasing its viability as a legislative body, and the music enjoyment of study hall students.

Ironically, as study hall has been made "bearable", at the request of

Principal Roger Lonbaken, the members of the Schoolboard and Superintendent Darwin Tessier are deciding if they should hand down a mutual agreement to release Sophomores from study hall for the last four to five weeks of the school year, as has become the tradition in the past two years.

Garbage cleared out

Riggs school grounds

An effort to "Keep Riggs High Beautiful" has been underway recently. Gym class students and Student Council members joined forces to clear the cluttered school block of trash.

The school grounds were divided into sections and cleared of debris one section per class period on Tuesday.

According to Mr. Trautner, Athletic Director at Riggs who did much to organize the campaign, "It was an effort by the students to improve the appearance of their school. The litter-strewn parking lots make a bad impression, and we see this as a meaningful way in which the students may help themselves."

The clean-up, which has become something of an annual event, produced barrels full of miscellaneous rubbish. The accumulated refuse range from crab legs to beer cans to automobile tires.

Earlier in the year, the Student Council, as part of its anti-litter campaign, made arrangements to add the additional trash cans which now dot the parking lot.

Riggs Vice Mayor Mark Neller-moe expressed his optimism in the manner in which all of the students enthusiastically "pitched-in to make the effort a success."

Editorial in nature

Prank creates poor impression

Riggs students have long prided themselves on their ability to play a practical joke, but formerly they have stayed within the confines of humor.

Fond recollections of previous practical jokes, such as the appearance of an outhouse near the marquee, ripping off the senior bench, or the competitive yell at a recent pep rally occasionally surface in normal discussion.

But one recent act is conspicuously absent from conversation. No mention is now being made of the latest addition to the "trophy tree". It had become customary to suspend a victim of a recent hunting expedition for all to see and although the practice was crude, it remained in the category of adolescent humor. Gradually though, the pranks began to transcend the standards of decency, even among students, as the incidents became increasingly tasteless.

The proverbial "straw that broke the camels back" and brought about the removal of the tree was the rope that broke the cat's neck. In a show of senseless retribution, a lynch mob of students savagely captured a child's pet cat for the sole purpose of cold-blooded execution to deliberately aggravate a faculty member. This final act was not within the realm of a joke but instead approached moronic degrees of sadism.

The incident was grossly inhumane and illogical to say the least. How a group of high school students can be so barbaric and insensitive is difficult to understand. No number of "I'm sorry's" will replace the child's cat or bring back the tree which was removed to discourage any future exhibits of this nature. Certainly what may have started as a twisted joke came off as the most deranged demonstration we have witnessed at Riggs.

We are confident that the individuals involved in this bizarre episode were carried away with mob enthusiasm and did not take the time to consider the consequences of this degenerate act. We are hopeful that senseless pranks like these will not be recurrent, as they benefit no one and reflect poorly upon all of us.

English teacher points out common spelling errors

Dear Editor:

I have spoken out many times about the urgent need for a law requiring an elementary spelling test for all sign painters before they display their products along highways, streets and in stores.

I urge the administration to seriously consider adding a requirement to the list of regulations for students attending the State 'A' basketball tournament. It should read like this: "Any student who attends the State 'A' basketball tournament must prove that he/she can spell the name of his / home team and must promise to spell it correctly on any

signs he/she displays at any of the games."

Wasn't it more than a little humiliating to see the front page picture of the March issue of the Governor?

If I could get my hands on the person who painted that sign, I would make him write "Governor" correctly 100 times on each blackboard in school.

And if it happened to be a tenth grader, I would add the word "sophomore" because 4 out of 5 tenth graders don't know how to spell their grade.

an English teacher



'Governor' congratulates faculty parents

The Governor staff extends its congratulations to families of Mr. Jay Mickelson and Mr. Terry Peterson of the Riggs faculty.

On March 25, Mrs. Bev Mickelson gave birth to a 6 lb. 10 oz. baby girl Allison Janell Mickelson.

Mrs. Mickelson instructed her classes as usual the day of Allison's birth which was at 7:30 that evening.

Last Saturday, Mr. Peterson and his wife Sandie adopted an 8 lb. 5 oz. baby boy, Ryan Mikel Peterson, who was born April 6, 1977.

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Smith, Zeller named Students-of-the-Month

John Smith and Ellen Zeller have been selected as the April Students-of-the-Month.

They were chosen by a committee of teachers whose selections are based on scholastic achievement, involvement in extra-curricular activities, and outstanding citizenship.

John, besides being the first semester mayor, attended Boys State last spring. He has been an outstanding distance runner in track and cross-country throughout his junior and senior high school years. John was class president in both his sophomore and junior years.

Ellen recently won a state DECA Contest in the Apparel and

Accessories division. She is currently competing in the National DECA Competition in Anaheim, California.

Ellen is presently the secretary-treasurer of the second semester Student Council, and has been active in drill team and declam.

Both are members of the National Honor Society and are now eligible for Student-of-the-Year, who is selected from among the monthly recipients and is awarded a \$100 scholarship from the Student Council.

The five teacher selection committee includes Mr. Larry Lundeen, chairman, Mrs. Connie Bruhn, Mr. Don Shields, Mr. Joel Hieb and Mr. Tom Ball.



Ellen Zeller, left, and John Smith were chosen April Students-of-the-Month by a committee of teachers. They will now compete for a \$100 scholarship sponsored by the Students Council. [photo by Pat Springer]

'April in Paris' in gym Saturday

The Class of '77 moved one step closer to graduating Saturday evening as they gathered for the second big social event of the spring, the Senior-Parent party.

What exactly happens at a Parents' Party remains a mystery for underclassmen, but all clues point to a fun-filled entertaining evening with dancing, food, stage entertainment, give aways, a special edition of the Pierre Times and lots of French atmosphere.

"April in Paris" was the theme carried out in decorations, side walk cafes, the Eiffel Tower, the Cabaret, fresh flower stands, French girls and guys, as well as cops and artists.

Class officers' parents were in charge of the event. They included Mr. & Mrs. Wyman Whitney, Mr. & Mrs. Walt Flannery, Mrs. Bob Martin and Mr. & Mrs. Dick Howard.

NCB honors five

Five Riggs High students won awards in the National College of Business Skills Tournament in Rapid City on Friday, April 22.

At the awards ceremony Lori Beard was awarded first in Shorthand II; Janet Henderson first in Typing II; LeAnn Nafziger second and Lauri Benham third in Shorthand I; and Ruth Pottratz third in Typing I.

Along with the five award winner, Shelly Jones, Mary Weisgram, Randy Gullickson, Laura Sack, Cheryl Eggers, and Barb Quenzer, accompanied by Mr. Charles Fjelstad, OE adviser, competed in the their choice of two of these contests: Business English, Business Math, Book-keeping I & II, Shorthand I & II, Typing I & II and a speech contest. Over 200 students were entered in the competition.

The students devoted the morning to competition and in the afternoon enjoyed a style show and a panel discussion on interviews, before the awards ceremony.

Leon McCartney from The Beatles fame and even the popular song "Feelings."

Also included in the concert is material that won Riggs High a superior rating in the recent music spring music contest at Mobridge according to Mr. Upsahl.

Banquet caps fine debate season



Debaters honored at the NFL banquet are back row from left; Richard Schoessler, Trisha Thelen, Pat Looby, Mike Nail, Laura Leach, Todd Mortenson; front row; Kari Deyo, Carol Baker, Vicki Vottler, Anne Garry. [photo by Pat Springer]

Once again Pierre High debaters capped a successful season with the National Forensic League awards banquet on April 25.

A total of eight awards, plus major and minor letters, were awarded with the most prestigious award, "National Forensic League Member of the Year", going to Pat Looby.

"Debaters of the Year" were Vicki Vottler and Troy Jones on the novice level, Mike Nail and Trisha Thelen on the varsity level, and Carol Baker on the championship level. Because of his improvement this year, Mike Nail was also named "Most Improved Debater".

Named to the "A" All-Star Team were Carol Baker, Clyde Linn, Pat Looby and Trisha Thelen. The "B" All-Star Team included Kari Deyo, Troy Jones, Todd Mortenson, and Vicki Vottler.

Anne Garry, Trisha Thelen, and Richard Schoessler were chosen as members of the "Box Elder Club".

The club is open to those who have demonstrated their loyalty to the Pierre debate team with heroic deeds.

"Although we are losing several seniors, these awards show we have a strong base for next year," commented adviser Paul Harens.

Kirley; academics, Barb Fischer, Esther Crawford, Suzie Solem; features, Micki Fennell and Shelley Martell.

A new addition to the section heads there will be three juniors, Nathan Westby, Ruth Pottratz and Andy Barden, who will be in charge of layouts, copy and photography.

Esther Park has been chosen as the 1978 assistant editor. Next year will be spent training and gaining experience so she can assume the position of 1979 editor.

Gumbo names new staff

Even though this school season hasn't ended, preparations for next year's yearbook are now being made including a new staff, announced Karen Likness, 1978 Gumbo editor.

Twenty juniors and seniors will tackle the job of designing layouts and writing copy to capture the highlights of 1978.

Heading the five sections are: classes, Yvette Hedman, Lauri Steffan, Julie Heim; clubs, Pam Bonrud, Kerry Johnson, Jody Rowen; sports, Paul Hagggar, Ted Lautenschlager, Jill Leheka, Sheri

Amity Aid departs

Miriam Avila, the Amity-Aid from Guatemala, left Pierre after 16 weeks helping the Senior and Junor High School Spanish classes.

One of her most rewarding experiences was to help Mrs. Leach in the Spanish class at Riggs.

"I never thought that there could be so many kids interested in the Spanish language and culture," she said.

Miriam left Pierre with the firm proposal to come back because, as she said a little before taking the plane, "there is no way I can forget Pierre and its people."

She enjoyed staying with the John Cavanaugh family and attending classes at Riggs as a teacher as well as a student.

Miriam's speaking English improved considerably and so did the Cavanaugh's Spanish.

After spending six more weeks in Wisconsin she will go back to Guatemala, where she expects to get her former job as secretary. she hopes to help some students with their English as a part time job.

Spring music concert to feature Beatles tunes

The Music department will perform their annual music concert May 10 in the Riggs auditorium under the direction of Mr. Paul Upsahl and Mrs. Jeanne Dahlin.

The concert will include melodies from Captain and Tennile,

School officials optimistic . . .

Plans progressing on schedule for new

Everything is progressing as scheduled for the new science addition to Riggs High according to school officials.

At the most recent meeting, the School Board authorized the architect to develop the final specifications and plans for the addition and to prepare for tentative bids in July.

"We are hoping for completion in September of 1978, but this projection may be a little ambitious," said Business Manager Jack Titus.

Mr. Titus continued, The preliminary bids will probably be in the neighborhood of \$650,000 to \$750,000."

The architectural firm employed to design the wing is Fritze-Kroeger-Griffin-Berg of Sioux Falls. This company has done extensive planning for the school in the past, including the gym area and Voc-Tech addition.

Superintendent of Schools Darwin Tessier, expressed his

optimism for low bidding by the contractors. "Hopefully the construction companies will be competitive for the job. Understandably, the lower the bid, the more that can be done on a pay as you go basis."

The new wing will replace the existing library and biology and chemistry rooms. The areas to be vacated will become classrooms.

Entrance to the two story structure will require the removal of the eastern wall just beyond the guidance office in the first floor and adjacent to the stairs on the second floor.

The new library will occupy the first floor, and the science rooms will comprise the upper level.

The 16,588 sq. ft. structure will be on the Jefferson street side of the present building and will be partially built on the existing faculty parking area to the north and east of the existing structure.

New chem room will make a world of difference

The new chemistry room to be included in the science wing "will make a world of difference," according to Mr. Sam Ruzick, chemistry instructor.

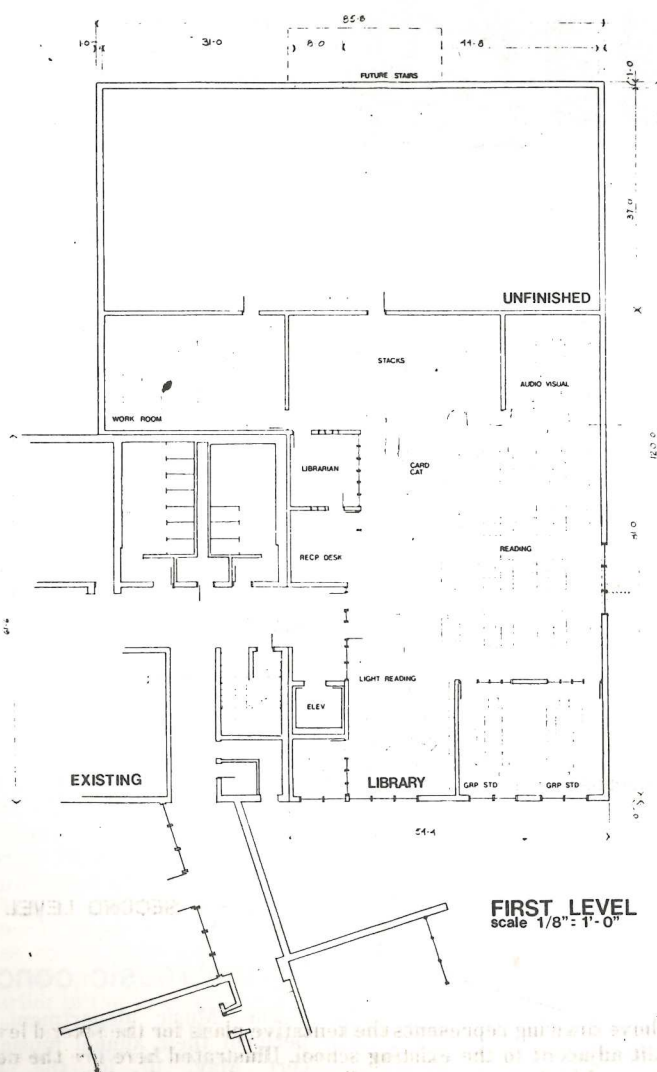
The existing chem room has an inadequate ventilation system and is exceedingly crowded. The new room will include separate areas for lecturing and performing experiments, which will greatly simplify the teaching process. In addition to the improved ventilation system, the new facility will feature two storage areas rather than the one currently in use.

"The auxilliary storage area will allow the 'yellow label' or extremely active and flammable chemicals to be separated from the more stable ones, resulting in greater safety," said Mr. Ruzick.

An area for advanced projects that are more time consuming and require special preparations will be provided, as well as an office for the instructor.

The present chem room will be remodeled and converted into a conventional class room. Most of the apparatus from the existing room will be used in the new one. No major purchases of additional equipment are planned in the immediate future.

"The new room will eliminate a lot of weaknesses that the old one had," commented Mr. Ruzick. "In addition to having more safety features, the new room will be a great improvement over the old one and will significantly aid in teaching chemistry," he concluded.



Shown here is the architects preliminary sketch of the first level of the new addition. The media center will feature larger reading, study, and audio-visual areas.



Three biology class

"Riggs is recognized for having one of the better biology programs in the state; the new classrooms will do much to improve this standing," commented Biology II instructor Mr. Jack Robinson concerning the future science addition.

The proposed biology rooms, of which there will be three, will furnish efficient and convenient space for the sophomore biology classes. The biology faculty has been forced to conduct classes in ill-equipped places such as the art and physics rooms for the past several years.

"The fact of the matter is," Mr. Robinson continued, "that the new biology rooms will be a vast improvement over the present facilities since the science instructors were consulted during

science, media center addition . . .

A total of 3,218 sq. ft. in the rear of the library will remain unfinished to allow for future expansion.

According to Principal Roger Lonbaken, the present enrollment at Riggs, which approaches 800, is the largest on record, and will remain at this level for at least the next two years. Based on population growth projections for the next 10-15 years, the facility will not be out-grown in that time.

An undetermined number of student lockers will be added in the halls supplying the new classrooms.

Mr. Lonbaken observed that "the addition is not intended to be glamorous, but functional. It will be educationally in the best interest of the students. Our goal is to provide a well-rounded education for our students, and we view this addition as beneficial to good teaching and learning," he added.

Mr. Tessier noted a number of inadequacies in the areas to

be replaced by the new wing.

"For a school the size of Riggs (750-800) the library should have sufficient capacity to hold 10% of its enrollment, or about 75-80 students. Presently our library has only enough room for about 30 students," said Mr. Tessier.

The Superintendent continued, "I have always regarded a school library as sort of a 'self-feeding' area for students where they can learn at their own rate and brush up on whatever they choose."

Mr. Tessier concluded, "Recently, when we were assessed by North Central Evaluation, our science and library facilities have received low marks. Despite this we have a reputation of producing highly competent students in these areas. What we are trying to do is to bring our facilities up to the level of competent instruction. We have been doing a remarkable job and hope we can do even better."

Spacious library will provide a 'fair shake'

One of the features of the new addition to Riggs High will be a larger, more functional library.

According to Mr. Bob Townsend, Riggs Librarian, a bigger facility with a seating capacity for 100 instead of 32 is badly needed by students.

"At the present time, our library seats only 32 students. This severely limits the usefulness of a library in a school with close to 800 students," he said.

The 100 student capacity is approximately 10 percent of the student body, the optimum figure for school libraries, Mr. Townsend said. The new area will be subdivided into groups. One area will be designed for light reading, such as magazines and newspapers. Another will be strictly a study area, with several rows of carrels. Additionally, there will be a large room that can be used for classes that need to work in the library. A divider will be available to partition the area into two smaller groups, if that is desirable.

"The new media center is going to serve three definite needs of the students. Adequate space will be provided for pupils with open campus, studyhall and those from a class. Presently we are forced to turn away students when a class is meeting in the library, but the addition will eliminate this and make it possible to give everybody a 'fair shake,'" said Mr. Townsend.

The media director concluded, "We are trying to live within the budget, and make it as functional as possible. We've done pretty well up to now and hope to do even better with the help of the new building."



rooms anticipated

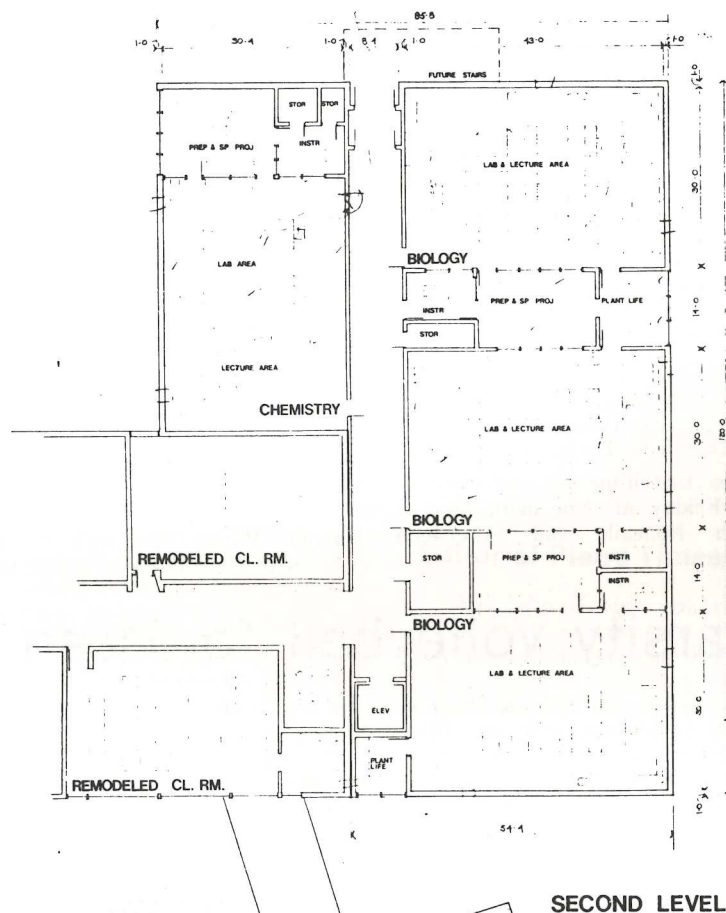
the planning stages."

The major fallacies of the old classroom will be the strong points of the new facilities. A larger amount of storage and lab space was the main concern doing the initial planning.

Individual office space and improved facilities will create a situation advantageous to faculty and students alike.

Although no definite plans have been made, the present biology room, 213, is expected to be used for aeronautics and mathematics courses.

Mr. Robinson concluded by speaking on behalf of himself and other instructors, "After years of contending with undesirable conditions, we are quite happy with the expected outcome of the new science addition."



The above drawing represents the tentative plans for the second level to be built adjacent to the existing school. Illustrated here are the new chemistry and biology rooms as well as several remodeled classrooms.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes gives spiritual preparation for life

HOWARD HUTCHINGS

Athletes are now participating in an organization to help prepare for everyday life, not only physically and mentally, but spiritually as well.

This active involvement is within an organization called the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). The FCA confronts athletes and coaches with the challenge of accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in their lives, and at the same time, build enthusiasm and desire for participation in His church and in

service to Him in their vocations.

Contrary to some beliefs, the FCA is not a fellowship of Saints but only a fellowship in which ordinary people can help each other become better individuals and examples of what God can do with a person.

One evening each week the group meets, with the boys and girls meeting separately for better open discussions. The meeting places are the private homes of members who volunteer their residences. Approximately 35-40 students attend the meeting each

week.

Responses from the students themselves have been very positive. One student commented that he enjoys talking with friends about personal problems. Also, he has gotten closer to God through the FCA.

It's commonly known among students that there is a lack of true identity. One girl commented, "In FCA everything is out front, not a

fake. My problems are understood."

Coach Robert Bozied is the coordinator of the FCA and is largely responsible for starting this organization in Riggs High School. Commented Coach Bozied, "I really didn't have a hand in this — it was more of the Lord's doing. My wife and I have been praying for this to come about in Riggs High School."

Racquetmen in full swing

Legs, Legs, and more Legs are seen on the tennis courts now that boys' varsity tennis is underway.

After losing their opener to Huron, on April 14, the boys are ready to tackle Aberdeen, Friday, April 29.

They are going to have a hard time matching the past three seasons when Pierre won the ESD Championships as well as State Championship in 1975 and 3rd and 4th in State in 1974 and 1976.

Pierre lost two fine players when they lost Mike Trautner and Mike Hemmelman, but they are making up for it with their younger players.

Returning letterman, Mark Flannery, will move into No. 1 position followed by Chad Anderson, No. 2, Mark Parrott No. 3, Tom Burchill No. 4. A tough race is going on for positions 5 and 6 by Derek Hazeltine, Barry Tibbetts, Tim Flannery and Greg Axtman. Doubles teams will be strong with M. Flannery and Parrott matching up for No. 1 positions and Anderson and Burchill taking No. 2.

Girls' golf begins

Twenty-seven junior and senior high girls headed out to the municipal golf course on April 4 to start the 1977 Girl's Golf season.

When asked about the team this year, coach Terry Hofer said that there were a lot of beginning golfers and he would just have to wait until after the first couple of tournaments to see how everyone was doing before he could decide how good it would be, but he was hoping for a good year.

The team is only entered in five tournaments this year with the Pierre Invitation Thursday, April 28.

ESD is scheduled for May 16 at Madison, and the State Tournament at Aberdeen May 23-24. The other two tournaments are the Rapid City Invitational May 5, and the Aberdeen Dual May 10.

Coach Trautner feels that with a little more playing experience all members, should develop into excellent players. "This is the youngest squad we have ever had at Riggs, but there appears to be a lot of potential, and we hope to be very competitive."

The team upped their season's record to 2 and 1 by sweeping a pair of matches against Rapid City Central and Stevens at Rapid City, Friday, April 22. In the first match

against Central, Mark Flannery, Chad Anderson, Tom Burchill and Derek Hazeltine all won in singles with Anderson and Burchill taking the No. 2 doubles to give the Gobs a 5 to 4 team win. In the second match with Stevens, Flannery, Anderson, Mark Parrott and Hazeltine won singles matches with Flannery and Parrott winning the No. 1 doubles to make it another 5 to 4 win.

Next match for the Governors will be Friday at Aberdeen against both Roncalli and Aberdeen Central.

Varsity volleyball foreseen

Very soon girls' volleyball may be in the spotlight as an interscholastic sport due to increasing interest in girls' athletics. Already some schools in the northeastern part of the state are experimenting with it in a league format.

The South Dakota High Schools Activities Association is considering making it available to girls as another interscholastic winter sport. At present girls have only

gymnastics while boys have basketball and wrestling, according to Phil Trautner, Pierre Athletics Director, "We're all for it, but we just don't know where we'll put it. Between basketball

Riggs tracksters tackle '77 season

With a good group of hurdlers and distance men, boys' track is open for the season. Starting out with a 1-1 record, Coaches Miller and Lundeen anticipate a good year.

"There is talent returning to the team after a loss of five good "trackers" from last year," said Coach Lundeen. With John Smith leading the field, there will be 10 men returning for the long haul of a tough season. Some of them include: Paul Mernaugh, Dan Frost, Steve Johnson, Keith

McGruder, Bob Tinker, Kurt Woodard, Tim Rounds, Darrell Hartman, Terry Hipple and Brett Sampson.

Pierre won their opener by zipping past Winner 100-33 in April. Their second meet wasn't so lucky, as they lost to a good Huron team. As for ESD standings, Pierre is about in the middle, behind a favored Yankton.

The Rapid City Track-O-Rama was a tough meet. Competition was strong with teams from Nebraska, Wyoming and South

Dakota. Pierre ran well in a number of races but was unable to

place in the top five. In some cases they missed placing by a few seconds. Pierre did come away with four placers, though: John Smith 2nd in the two-mile and one-mile; Kurt Kuehl, 4th in the long jump; and the two-mile relay team placed second.

The State Meet is a little far off to predict, but Coach Lundeen stated, "It will be a close race between Sioux Falls Lincoln and Rapid City Stevens. Pierre has one sure hope with senior John Smith. He is an extremely strong runner in both the 1-mile and 2-mile runs. John is expected to take first at State in these events."

Girls' track

Under the guidance of Carol Kendall, Barb Felderman and Don Shields, the girls track squad is boasting approximately 60 members with 14 high school members.

The relay teams are bringing home the most awards so far this season and three school records have been broken.

For their fourth contest this spring, the squad went to the Watertown relays on Saturday April 23 where Cindy Brabander took 1st place in the high jump. The 440 relay team took a 1st; the 880 relay took 2nd and the mile relay squad won 4th.

At the Corn Palace relays in Mitchell on April 16, Cindy Lenners took 4th in long jump. The 440 relay team took 1st; the 880 took 2nd, and the medley relay took 2nd. Rhonda Pier broke the school record at that meet in the mile run.

In the dual with Huron here at Pierre on April 14, Debbie Nellermoe broke school records in both the 110 and the 180 hurdles. All relay teams took 1st places at that event.

The girls have three meets left this spring before the ESD, Regionals and State meets which will be held the same time as the boys track on May 13, May 20 and May 27-28, respectively.

If competition were to be ESD based, Pierre would play Mitchell, Madison, Yankton, Aberdeen, Brookings, Watertown and Miller, our fellow members of the ESD.

Boys Staters



Junior boys selected to attend Boys State are from the left: back row, Dan Sahr, Dave Park, Mark Benson, Keith Kneip, alternate; middle row, Mark Schuler, Boys State Journalist; Brett Sampson, Randy Sugrue, Todd Thompson, Larry Hartog, alternate; front row, Derek Hazeltine, Tim Barker, Clyde Linn, Mark Little [Photo by Les Traut].

Fifteen Riggs High students have been chosen by the Pierre American Legion and Legion Auxiliary to attend the 1977 sessions of Boys and Girls State. Also chosen were two alternates for each of the respective States. The Girls will be assembled with the 400 Girls Staters on the campus of Dakota Wesleyan University the

week of May 29 to June 4.

As Girls State is convened in Mitchell, the boys will be at their State on the campus of Northern State College in Aberdeen.

Also attending will be Mark Schuler as a member of Journalism City, the segment of Boys State which prints the daily newspaper "The Sunshine Scribe."

Job Hunting Made Easy With Rent-A-Kid Program

You shouldn't have trouble finding a job this summer, at least the YMCA will help you through the Rent-a-Kid program.

Rent-a-Kid is a non-profit organization nationally recognized, sponsored by the YMCA and developed to help young people find full or part-time jobs.

Rent-a-Kid has been tested in Aberdeen, and due to the overwhelming success of the operation, the program will be offered to the Pierre-Ft. Pierre community.

The Program will be held April through August when the demand for jobs from college and high school students is highest. The program is open to people between

the ages of 13 and 21.

The Rent-A-Kid officials expect more than 700 job openings during those months.

"With this program a chance for a valuable experience is introduced to our community youth," said Rob Huntley of Job Service.

The Rent-a-Kid offices are located in Pierre at the Oahe YMCA Fitness Center (224-2980) and Ft. Pierre (223-2980), where students can get more information about possible job openings.

Students win awards

Shelly Wooley and Sigrid Werthmann, Riggs High School seniors, have won second and third places, respectively, in the 1977 South Dakota Press Women High School editorial writing contest.

Miss Wooley's editorial, appearing in the February issue of The "Governor", concerned the controversy over Girls' State and Boys' State segregation.

A strong appeal to students to give careful consideration to choosing their high school courses was Miss Werthmann's theme. Her editorial also appeared in the February issue of the "Governor". She also won an honorable mention in the feature writing division of the contest. There were 23 editorials from nine schools in the editorial contest and 40 entries from 15 schools in the feature contest.

Girls Staters



Girls Staters for 1977 are from left standing: Kim Tennyson, alternate; Karen Likness, alternate; Vickie Votteler; seated Shelly Martell and Peggy Martin. Not pictured, Trisha Thelen.

Latin banquet held April 30.

"Ollus Quiris Leto datus. Exsequios, quibus est commodum ire jam tempus est, ollus ex aedibus effertur."

"For those who find it convenient, it is now time to attend the funeral. He is being brought from his house."

The band of musicians, buffoons and jesters are at the end of the procession. Actors with wax masks of their deceased ancestors follow, and in their wake is carried the dead man. His grieving family and friends follow behind him, accompanied by torchbearers.

Slowly, solemnly, they march to the tomb. The body is lowered and lit with a torch. As the flames rise, those present call a last farewell and the glowing embers are extinguished. The ashes are

collected in a cloth to be dried.

The procession then heads for the feast. Upon entering the dining hall, water of purification is sprinkled over the guests.

A pig is sacrificed and all join to consume an eight course meal.

A May Pole dance is performed by youths bedecked in tunics & pallas. The Vestal Virgins perform gracefully, and the funeral is forgotten in the gala affair of the rich feast. Adding to the gaiety is a song by elder citizens of the group.

What may this be? Corners of the past? Indeed — it is a reenactment of typical Roman ceremonies, done by the Latin Club.

Adviser Jay Michelson with his Latin students, has produced this Roman extravaganza for four years to show that Latin is a living language.

Editor of Pierre Times, Receives Appreciation certificate

Mr. John Wooley, editor of the Pierre Times, was honored with a special appreciation certificate for his advise and assistance to the journalists at Riggs High at the annual Quill and Scroll banquet April 5.

In addition, Karen Likness was presented a certificate recognizing her as the outstanding English student and contestant in the 1977 National Council of Teachers of English writing contest.

Senior initiates are Brent Adney, Carol Baker, Lori Beard, Leslie Cheeseman, Brenda Friman, Janet Henderson, Lisa Hickman, Molly Jahraus, Julie Jorgenson, Joe Krogman, Karen Lindbloom, Cheryl Plank and Shelly Wooley. Juniors initiates are Mike Johnson, Karen Likness and Mark Schuler.

Parents of the initiates and old members were special guests.

The "Governor" staff presented

a plaque of appreciation to Mrs. Mary Jewel Ledbetter, adviser.



John Wooley of the Pierre Times receives an appreciation award from Pat Springer, Governor editor, at the Quill and Scroll banquet.

Ellen Zeller Wins Honor

The home of Disneyland, California, is the site of this year's 1977 DECA Career Development Conference where Ellen Zeller will be representing Riggs High in the Apparel and Accessories Competition. The conference will be held April 27 to May 1 using the theme "The Wonderful World of DECA".

Ellen won this honor by placing first in the State Contest held in Aberdeen last month. She will be competing in salesmanship, ad layout and written tests concerning clothing merchandising. Her job as a DECA student this year is at Mr. Dean's Clothing.

Ellen will leave for Anaheim on Monday, April 25.

Data processing teletype machines, newest equipment at State Library

If you want to travel around the world or find out how to make a king size banana split, check into the South Dakota State Library and ask for Kerry Dilly.

Administrative Services Officer Kerry Dilly, wearing a simple sweater and dress jeans leaned back with a gentle smile and told me how to find information in a library.

Besides the routine card catalogue, vertical file, and magazine section, he told about the two newer ways of obtaining information through data processing teletype machines and interstate loans.

To illustrate the data processing teletype, he told about one junior high school boy who wanted to know "everything" about South Dakota. By requesting information on the data machine, the librarian received a list of all material ever printed about South Dakota in the

U.S. The librarian gave the boy a mountain of material from the State Library and suggested other places to go for more material.

"With interstate loans," Mr. Dilly explained, "It is easier to find information which our library does not have."

To start this search for material, the library personnel checks the ten state organizations to see if anything is available in any of those libraries. If he finds what he wants, he asks to borrow the materials. "In the junior high boy's case, he not only knows about more material, but the availability of such materials is assured."

Just as there are many ways to obtain information, so there are many obstacles. "The potential is unlimited, but money is the biggest obstacle in getting materials," Kerry stated.

"Our budget for 1977 is \$738,000. but, it probably will

raise from \$60,000 to almost \$100,000 in the next four years because of inflation," claimed Dilly.

He quickly added another idea about costs, "75 to 85 percent of the citizens of South Dakota do not realize that they can borrow a film or a book from the library, and that the service and materials are free."

In the operation of the South Dakota State Library, Dilly is but a small part. There are three other staff categories, "to provide and serve the needs of the people." First are the professional librarians who are highly trained. They run various programs, determine what is needed for the library, etc.

Second are the library technicians who work as aides, and developing library skills for two to four years. At the end of that time they become professionals.

Third, are the library clerks

who do the filing, typing and book work to keep things organized.

Working in a library demands certain skills, including a good comprehension of written work, ability to communicate orally and skills to use technical equipment.

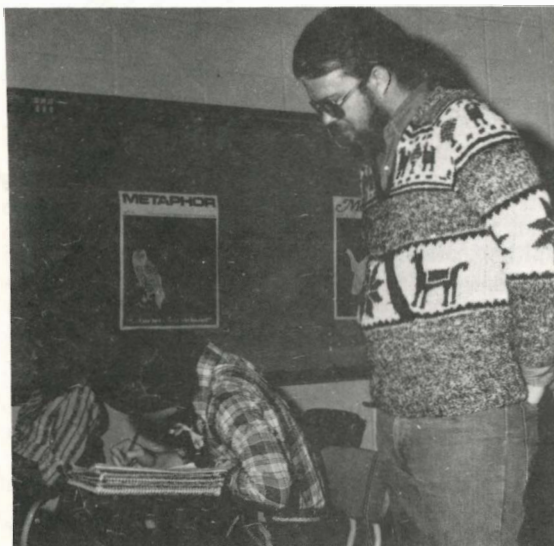
The library is not only for adults, but also for high school and grade school students, "If nothing else students can learn more about their hobbies from our vast collections," urged Dilly.

Asked what satisfaction he gets out of working in a library, Kerry Dilly smiled and answered in a quiet tone:

"It is a challenge. South Dakota is one of the few states to loan technical materials free, so I am amazed and happy at the position I'm in to provide and serve the people."

He will indeed give information on traveling around the world or how to make a banana split.

Jack Kreitzer leads poetry sessions



Poet Jack Kreitzer observes Melda Blake as she creates a poetic masterpiece in poetry class during the writer in the schools week.

Poet Jack Kreitzer enjoys going to schools, reading students writings and occasionally finding a very promising student.

He feels that a person gets set in his ways, but visiting the schools keeps him from getting too set.

How did the students feel toward the poet?

"He is really Intriguing. He does things that open your mind. Being in a class with a professional poet is a unique experience".

He has the students do what he calls 'calisthenics for your mind' but the class called them mind benders because they really make you think.

He told them to compare things in the room to things on Mars. He also had them think of what things would be if they weren't what they are.

His only rule was: don't use rhyme. He feels that beginning poets concentrate too much on rhyming, and they don't express their real meaning.

Jack Kreitzer, sponsored by the South Dakota Art Council and the Pierre Schools, was here teaching for a week in the poetry, writing, and literature classes.

As a special gift he presented the library with a copy of his first book, just published last fall, "Through Fire and Deep Water". It is a collection of poems he has written over the past years.

Several of his poems have appeared in literary magazines. He has also written a couple of poems that have been set to music and recorded by the Red Willow Band of Sioux Falls.

Thoughts explored through poetry

TANKA

Green swimming vision
depth-protected walleye pike
elusive man bait
out of reach, interest, wonder
fish line catches illusion

Mark Nellermoe

Shoes are to wet sand
as cookie cutters are to dough.
Smells of the kitchen
are like fingers of a small child;
always in your nose

Terry Kuehl

An eraser is like the words
"I'm sorry"
it never completely wipes out the
mistake

Yvette Hedman

Thoughts are like a speeding
express train,
the sound beats against your head
as it passes
but you can never quite read
the letters on the side

Randy Sugrue

poetry is like trying to read
your own death sermon

Bryan Welk

My hand is like America
even though it is very young
it has many scars
the fingers are the arrows pointing
on,
and if I want I can close it off
from the rest of the world
for I am the President of my hand

Skip Fossum

HAIKU

My heart feels like a
cracked egg. All that is left now
is the broken shell

Shelly Martell