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Riggs state officials elected for Governor's Day are from left: Susan Bauer, Secretary of State; Nan Williams, First Lady; Governor Mark Neller and Lieutenant Governor Mark Benson.

[Photo by Shelly Wooley]

**Inside: Governor's Cup series rests at 11-11 — Gobs earn skull  
Assessment of Co-Ed Boys/Girls State by former participant**



# Co-ed Boys and Girls State considered by Commission

Shelly Wooley

1976 Girls State Lt. Governor

There is a growing controversy about making Boys State and Girls State co-ed. The issue is before the South Dakota Human Rights Commission as a result of a complaint filed last summer by Sarah Alexander from Brookings High School who was trying to get a position as a Boys State Journalist. The South Dakota American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary are opposed to the change and are seeking an alternative. Other states are facing the same dilemma.

I believe the issue could be settled if the two organizations were equalized. Since their beginnings in South Dakota in 1930's, certain inequalities have persisted. Girls State has operated on a smaller scale and with a different emphasis than Boys State. It is this inequality that needs to be remedied rather than combining the two groups of making them co-ed.

Boys State has approximately 600 students while Girls State has only about 400. This means 200 more boys have the opportunity to

learn about South Dakota governmental processes every year.

Both organizations have a newspaper that provides the daily news. The Boys State paper uses a newspaper format including pictures. The Girls State newspaper is mimeographed, has no pictures, and has less serious news to cover.

The attitude of the two groups is vastly different. The girls sing songs such as "Six Foot Two, Eyes of Blue" whenever a male appears. Original chants are repeated in succession by various representatives as competition for the title of "liveliest city".

On the other hand, the boys are more serious. They participate in morning exercises for group activity. Other athletic participation is mandatory.

Even though both organizations have the same speakers from different levels of government, the attitudes toward a study of state government are different. Last year, the speakers included Dennis Decker, Mayor of Huron, Neal Strand, Executive Director of the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners, Alice Kun-

dert, State Auditor and Governor Richard Kneip. Even with the same speakers, the products of the two states are nearly opposite.

The Governor-elect of both organizations and his/her cabinet write a political platform of recommended legislation to be acted upon the following year. Last year, the Girls State platform consisted of a request for a Mr. America Contest, a Friday night curfew extension to midnight and a reorganization of the meal seating arrangement.

The planks of the Boys State platform included a moratorium on the Oahe Irrigation project, a resolution to outlaw corporate

farming in South Dakota, and a revision of the coastal fishing boundaries to 200 miles.

The counseling was different in both mythical states. The purpose of Girls State and Boys State is to teach the process of self government and also to apply actual state and national laws to what has been studied. Boys State officials succeed, but Girls State officials fail to produce the proper results.

If the programs for Girls State could come up to the standards of Boys State, and if the enrollment at Girls State could be increased to 600 there would be equality without forced integration.

## Editorial in Nature

### Board rejects milk shake machine

Riggs students should concern themselves with the rejection of the milk shake proposal by the school board.

The measure was struck down by a 3-2 vote with board members taking opposing sides on the issue.

Members siding against the shake machine cited the tight money situation caused by the drought and its low priority ranking as the main negative aspects.

Board Chairman Mrs. Ruth Karim commented that, "Other matters must carry a higher priority. We can't have all that we'd like to and milk shakes are easily obtainable to students with open campus."

Members voting against the machine stressed that they were not insensitive to the desires of the students.

Mrs. Pat Adam's statement was typical, "We're not a bunch of cold people trying to deprive the students, it is just that the shakes are a low priority item and the machine appears to be an undesirable compromise."

Mr. Bill Sahr feels that the shakes are a luxury item and other concerns such as the science addition take precedence over ice cream.

All was not negative however. Mr. Howard Hutchings and Mr. Richard Burke shared in the view that the program would have provided a tasty and nutritious alternative to the earlier considered pop machine, thus helping to satisfy the appetites of the students. Both also noted that while cost was a factor, projections supplied by the business manager, Mr. Jack Titus, indicated that the \$2500-\$3000 machine would

pay for itself within two years and then become a money making venture.

As it now stands the issue is dead. All of the board members admitted that if a delegation of students were to re-submit a proposal at a more appropriate time and shed some new light on the subject they might reconsider the matter.

Nearly the entire population of Riggs seems to be in favor of a malt machine.

It remains, then, for the students to help themselves if they wish to see the shakes succeed.

Opposition to the recommendation seemed to boil down to a lack of money. If the student body rallied to the defense of the machine and pitched in to earn at least a portion of the total cost, the malt machine could be a reality in another year.

Surely a student body numbering 700 should be able to come up with some plan for promoting the machine if they want to.

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## Valuable experience acquired from class

Sigrid Werthman

I came home one day to tell my mom and dad that I'd bought a car. To say the least, they weren't too enthralled. But that was nothing compared to the reaction I got when I came home the next day to notify them that I was pregnant...

I tried to tell them it wasn't my fault, but they couldn't find it possible to believe me when I blamed it all on Mr. Kennedy, (actually his Consumer Economics Course).

Perhaps I should backtrack with some background on why I found myself in this situation.

Last year, as I filled out my registration sheet for 1976-77, I had to juggle and rearrange quite often. We have quite a variety of classes from which to choose, and I have numerous interests so some classes conflicted.

I regret to say in my three years of Senior High, I have signed up for a few classes just because they came at the right hour. My excuse was that I needed to fill my schedule. Last spring I did that.

Not knowing what I was getting into, I checked off Consumer Economics. But after the first few weeks in that class I began thinking of how important such information will be to me after I graduate, and how I had nearly missed the course because I hadn't bothered to find out about it ahead of time.

That class made me realize how important it is to know what you

are getting into when you graduate. I had never taken any money management classes, and I had only a vague idea about the cost of living. In this class students are placed in a simulated situation of being out of high school, married and working. Each student pays bills, has a checking account, must buy a house and have a child—all within one year.

Classes like this can be invaluable to your future, but the important thing is that each one should take the right classes. Know what you are getting into, then you will be able to present a positive attitude toward learning. Talk to teachers, fellow students and counselors. Find out about the courses before sign up time.

Each class you take is a rock added to the castle you will live in. Make sure it is worthwhile. Make a choice because you see something in it for you, not because a lot of buddies are taking the course.

Pretty soon it won't be Riggs High anymore. You won't be able to settle into the 'Riggs Routine' another year. You will have to be using what you learned in high school as you go to work, go to college or make your own home. Your high school is the basis of your future. You will have to make the best of what you've got, so get the best you can.

Take a lot of time when those registration forms have to be filled out. It will be worth it!



## Musical 'Godspell' to be enacted

Chris Whelen and Andy Barden have been cast in the lead roles for the spring musical "Godspell" to be presented the last week in March by the drama and music departments.

Chris will portray Stephen-Christ, and Andy has the part of David-John-Judas. Others in the cast of this well-known Broadway musical are Leslie Cheeseman, Kriste Smalley, Rick Maas, Shirlene Knudtson, Brad Vieth, Vicki Vottler, Bridgette Pfeiffer and Clyde Linn.

Two alternates, Althea Fuoss and Ahlene Stillwell, were chosen to replace any members unable to

carry out their parts.

The play, written by John-Michael Tebelak, is a musical story of the Gospel of St. Mathew. The theme Tebelak conveys in the play is that the passion of Jesus was to teach love and joy to people rather than hate and sadness.

Pantomime, puppetry, dancing and singing are held together with a story line which presents a humorous and exciting view of the Scriptures.

The production, under the direction of Mr. Ron Borstad and Mrs. Jeanne Dahlin, is scheduled for March 31 through April 3, in the Riggs Auditorium.

## Governors day officials selected

Mark Nellerroe and Nan Williams, seniors, presided over the 22nd Annual Governor's Day activities last week end at Riggs. Mark Benson and Susan Bauer, juniors, were also in the official party as hosts to the Bismarck visitors and basketball team.

These four were chosen by the student body for the honorary positions of Governor, first lady, Lt. Governor and Secretary of State, titles which are used to designate the occasion for the event. Governor's Day celebrates the friendly rivalry between the North Dakota and South Dakota capitol cities' basketball teams.

## Mark Schuler chosen for photo/journalistic ability

Mark Schuler has been accepted as a Boys State Journalist for the 35th annual Boys State week in Aberdeen on May 29 - June 4.

Mark, a reporter and photographer for the "Governor", will be a member of Journalism City at the 1977 Boys State on the campus of NSC.

He is one of 16 boys who will be in charge of the daily newspaper, "The Sunshine Scribe", published for the 600 Boys Staters. They will be preparing AP and UPI news stories.

Mark has been especially active in sports photography during his two years at Riggs High.



Mark Schuler will be a 1977 Boys State journalist.

Pierre came out on the short end at the game this year and received the buffalo skull trophy from Governor Richard Kneip, while Bismarck took home the winner's trophy for the 11th time in the 22 year history of the event.

Mark Nellerroe is the Vice Mayor of Riggs; Nan is the editor of the 'Gumbo'; Mark Benson is on the varsity basketball team, and Susan is a basketball cheerleader.

## Twelve countries to be represented at AFS banquet

The annual state-wide AFS get together will be held Sunday and Monday, March 6-7, ending with a banquet in the Pierre Junior High cafeteria on Monday evening.

Fourteen students from 12 different countries, including Brazil, El Salvador, Germany, England, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Australia, South Africa, Bolivia, Jordan, and Finland, will arrive in Pierre Sunday afternoon for the two day weekend.

The students and their American brothers or sisters will have a busy day Monday beginning with a tour of the capitol, a meeting with the Governor and other state officials, and a visit to the Legislature.

Mr. Jay Mickelson, AFS Student Advisor, will MC the evening banquet with special entertainment presented by the foreign students.

Following the banquet the group is invited to a coke party with the local AFS club members at the Charles Martin home.

All students are welcome at the banquet; tickets are available from Mr. Mickelson or Mr. John Cavanaugh, AFS president.

AFS Club members are looking for host families for Sunday and Monday and a family to host an AFS student during the 1977-78 school year.



Mr. E.J. Mickelson NHS Teacher-of-the-Year, relaxes at home with his wife Bev.  
[Photo by Shelly Wooley]

## Jay Mickelson bestowed with honor

Mr. Jay Mickelson, Riggs Latin and Mythology instructor, was announced as Teacher of the Year by the National Honor Society at the annual Tag Day assembly on Monday, February 7.

Mr. Mickelson has taught all Latin classes and some Mythology classes at Riggs aside from his U.S. History classes at the Jr. High since he began his teaching career in Pierre six years ago.

"Since I was a first grader in Mobridge, South Dakota, my greatest dream was to become a teacher," commented Mr. Mickelson on his career as an instructor. "Now that my dream has been realized, I know I could not exist

without my teaching."

Mr. Mickelson has acquired a large background educationally, beginning with his trip to Germany as an A.F.S. student during his senior year of high school in 1965-66. Upon returning to the United States he attended the University of South Dakota with a double major in German and Latin and minors in Education and Ancient History. Mr. Mickelson just recently received his Master's Degree in the Classics.

Here at Riggs, Mr. Mickelson is the advisor for both the Latin Club and the A.F.S. Club and has brought prosperity and respect to those organizations.

## Brad Vieth represents Band at All-State



Brad Vieth has been selected to perform with the 1977 All-State Band. This will be Brad's second year as a member of the All-State band.

Brad, an oboe player, was chosen after a formal audition in Winner, where he was judged on his performance in a solo, sight reading and scales. He was also tested on musical terms. Approximately 1000 students from 200 South Dakota high schools tried out for positions.

Brad played second chair oboe in the 1976 All-State Orchestra in November.

The band will perform March 24-26 in Huron under the direction of Major Allen C. Crowell, Associate Bandmaster, Director, U.S. Army Chorus. Spec. Jeff Arwood, a Huron native will be featured tuba soloist.

Oboist Brad Vieth practices for the 1977 All-State Band.



House Speaker speaks--

Student spends hectic fifteenth legislative day with House Speaker

**Pat Springer**

"There are just not enough hours in the day," said Speaker of the South Dakota House, Lowell C. Hansen II, as he reflected on the hectic fifteenth legislative day.

"Communication is a problem," continued Mr. Hansen, "People are so spread out that it becomes difficult to coordinate everything."

I found it easy to understand the parliamentarian's dilemma after I had spent a day covering his affairs as an All-State Journalist.

The Speaker's typical day began in informal conferences with various legislative leaders as they stopped in his office to talk about the fate of pending legislation and other concerns of the lawmakers.

While Speaker Hansen was conferring, I had the opportunity to attend several committee meetings--the grass roots level where most of the legislative work is accomplished.

The 'hot' issues of the day included the bill before the Taxation Committee calling for the abatement of property tax for ranchers. The State Affairs Committee heard testimony favoring the adaption of a zero-based budgeting proposal. Further action on both bills was deferred to a later date.

Following the committee meetings, a joint party caucus with Republicans from both Houses congregated behind closed doors in a formal policy-making session to discuss which fork of the road they would take on pressing matters.

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"Normally the house caucuses are open to the public, but this one is closed because it is a joint caucus and the Senate has a closed door policy," apologized the legislator.

At 2:00 the House general assembly convened, beginning with the standard motions, resolutions and considerations of committee reports. Among them was a resolution disapproving Governor Kneip's executive order to create a single university system.

The measure to disapprove carried with a lopsided tally; 53 in favor and 16 opposing.

"The single university proposal is dead, probably for at least the next two years. The resolution had widespread bi-partisan support. I am opposed to the Governor's proposal because there is nothing about the Board of Regents can't already do," explained Speaker Hansen.

Other bills gaining the approval of the solidly Republican legislature included one to revise the state unemployment compensation law and an act calling for the removal of the Livestock Sanitary Board from the control of the political Department of Agriculture.

But all was not tedious legislation, and the representatives moved for a 15 minute recess to break for coffee and cookies, courtesy of a special interest group. After the recess, the Speaker gave the reigns to the Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative Mickelson from Brookings and viewed the final proceedings with me from the floor.

*"We must ask ourselves what jobs we can create to retain valuable youth."*

After adjournment Mr. Hansen rushed to his office to tape a daily

radio broadcast to be aired in Sioux Falls, informing his constituents on the progress of the legislature.

In between last minute meetings with floor leaders seeking support on measures, Hansen talked about his role as a policy maker for the state.

According to Mr. Hansen, the most urgent long range problem facing South Dakota is the retention of young people. "We must ask ourselves what jobs we can create to retain valuable youth. In the future the state could become an agricultural mecca for the midwest if proper utilization of young adults can be achieved."

Additionally, the speaker feels that the problems relative to water resources and taxation should be met head on. He recognizes the traditional Republican theme of reduction of centralized government as a strong force in policy making.

"Through eliminating unnecessary programs and localizing government we hope to achieve a 'happy medium', in which the

people will benefit the most," he explained.

Mr. Hansen is one of the youngest members of the legislature, and I wondered what effect his age had in dealing with other officials.

"At first, five years ago, my age was a hindrance. I had never been involved in politics on even the precinct level, and I guess you could say I was somewhat naive. But now people respect me for what I am, and age is not a factor," responded the Speaker.

It was now approaching 6:00 p.m. and Mr. Hansen had a dinner engagement, but I had to ask the inevitable question politicians must answer--"Do you have any further political aspirations?"

"Pat, everybody asks me that; I don't plan to run for Governor at this time. I have a family and a business that keep me busy, and there are a number of other Republicans amply qualified to run. The only reason I would run would be in the event someone didn't meet the standards as I see them."

DECA students acquire aspects of merchandising, salesmanship on the job



Employed at Montgomery Ward, DECA student Anna VanAsh cheerfully writes out an order for a customer. (Photo by Shelly Wooley)

How many times have you wondered where "everybody" is on those nights when you're looking for excitement.

More often then not they are probably working. Over three-fourths of the Riggs High student body have some kind of part-time job.

Jobs range from secretary to disc-jockey, from carry-out to computer operators.

Approximately 52 students leave school at one o'clock to go to various businesses and offices for DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America).

Distributive Education classes are in class for 25 minutes learning about advertising, displays, general merchandising, add

layout, salesmanship and other aspects of retailing. Office Education classes are in class for 25 minutes, also learning such things as how to use adding machines, typewriters, dictaphones, and learning other office practices.

The combined classes, which make up the DECA club, have several money making projects such as the raffle for a stereo and the selling of Pizza Hut calenders. With the proceeds, DECA is able to send several students to the DECA contests in March and to hold the annual Employer's Appreciation Banquet.

Some students who hold interesting jobs are Terry Kuehl, who works for a law office during the day, while Phil Coler goes to

work at night for KCCR radio station as a disc-jockey.

Bob Miller is a shelf stocker at Red Owl.

Four Riggs students are computer operators. Scott Yocom, Brent Adney, and Joe Krogman all work for CDP (Central Data Processing) on weekends, and Mark Zickrick is Western States Wholesale's student computer operator in Pierre.

When asked about the working situation of high school students, Mr. Stan Wahl, DECA adviser replied, "I think students who work have a good idea of what the working world is all about. It enables students to get good on-the-job training as well as spending money."



Monte Kramer prepares a "thin 'n' crispy" at the Pizza Hut. [Photo by Shelly Wooley]



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## Students oppose Carter's pardon

The first official act of President Carter, not 24 hours after he had taken the oath of office, was to pardon the Vietnam draft evaders.

This act allowed 15,000 men to either return to the United States or be released from legal actions and terms in prison. The pardon was carefully limited however, excluding draft dodgers who had used force and violence, and most importantly, the pardon excluded the 4,500 deserters and the 88,700 servicemen who received less than honorable discharges.

President Carter's pardon of the draft evaders has received criticism, most particularly from the people who were opposed to the pardon and also from those who believe he should have included deserters in his decision.

The "Governor" conducted a school poll to get student's opinions on the controversial pardon.

Of the 150 students polled on the questions, an overwhelming 58 percent were opposed to Carter's decision to pardon draft evaders.

Statements such as, "It (Car-

ter's pardon) is unfair to those who served and were wounded in the war," were representative of the reaction of those students opposing the pardon.

On the other hand, however, those who were in favor of the decision reacted in this fashion, "It's high time someone took a step like this so America can get on the road to healing the wounds of the Vietnam war."

The Governor poll in addition asked whether or not Riggs Students believe President Carter should have included the deserters in his pardon. The reaction to this question was an emphatic 65 percent against and a few - 41 percent - in favor of an all-inclusive pardon.

Finally, the response to the poll questioning the power of the President to grant pardons was a whole-hearted 63 percent in favor of his power and the other 37 percent opposed.

What can be concluded from this response is that a majority of Riggs students are opposed to leniency for those who expressed strong opposition to the Vietnam war.

## Thirty-three musicians dazzle Regional Judges

Sixty-six Riggs High music students received 22 first ratings and 11 second ratings at Mobridge on Feb. 9 in the Regional Solo-Small Ensemble Music Contest.

Judges, rating on a scale of one through five, gave marks and comments on tone, notation, technique, interpretation and general appearance.

Vocal ratings included: Solos: Else Bernt-II, Althea Fuoss-I, Becky Ricketts-II, Robert Miller-I, Anita Fuoss-I, Kathy Feldsien-II,

Dace Liepins-I, Clyde Linn-I, Brad Vieth-I; groups: Triple Quartet-II, Triple Trio-II, Mixed Vocal Ensemble-I, Swing Choir-I plus, Boys Vocal Ensemble-I.

Band ratings were: solos: piano—Brad Vieth-I, Andy Barden-I, Anita Fuoss-II, Anne Jones-I; flute—Althea Fuoss-I, Maureen Fix-II, Esther Crawford-II, Brad Vieth-I; trumpet—Anita Fuoss-II; oboe—Brad Vieth-I; tenor sax—Mark Little-I; alto sax—Tim Barker-I; groups: Clarinet Choir-I, Woodwind Ensemble-I,

Cornet Quartet-II, Brass Sextet-II, Clarinet Quartet-I, Sax Ensemble-I, Flute Quartet-I.

The instrumental contestants are directed by Mr. Paul Upsahl, and the vocal musicians are directed by Mrs. Jeanne Dahlin.

Chorus and band students will now begin preparing for the Large Group Contest on April 1 in Mobridge and the Spring Concert in May.

## 'Summer' is coming.

**Summer**, a sequel to **Sourcebook** and a magazine designed to provide seniors with an overview of their summer education and entertainment opportunities, will soon be given free to seniors compliments of the U.S. Army.

The 56-page handbook is designed for all seniors, including those going to college, those who plan to go to work, and those who are undecided about what they want to do after high school.

The magazine opens with the accounts of 10 recent graduates who discuss what they actually did during the summer after graduation. Their activities vary from participating in an African Outward Bound program to working at Disney World.

For those seniors who are having doubts about future plans, "Those Last-Minute-Have-I-Made-The-Right-Decision-Jitters" looks at the problem and suggests ways to cope with such anxieties.

**Summer** also features summer learning opportunities ranging from photography workshops to archeological digs in "Summer Electives: Adventures in Learning."

For those who are interested in making some money during the summer, "In Search of a Summer Job" reports on employment opportunities and job-hunting procedures.

## Parent Conference days scheduled March 10-11

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Thursday and Friday, March 10-11, according to the administration. This will include all high school, junior high and grade schools.

Students will be excused from school during the conferences. Students are asked to encourage their parents to attend the sessions as the continuance of the program depends on parental participation.

Conferences will be held from 9 to 12 a.m. on Thursday and again Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Sessions will be held all day Friday. All teachers will be available during those two days.

## National Honor Society initiates members

Forty-one juniors and seniors were initiated into the National Honor Society, a Teacher of the Year was named, and two members were chosen to compete for NHS scholarships during the past two weeks.

Formal initiation was held Tuesday, Feb. 15, for the new members chosen by a point system based on scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Mr. Jay Mickelson, Latin and Mythology teacher, was voted Teacher of the Year by the old members of the society.

Jim Martin and Randy Gullickson were chosen by fellow members of NHS to compete for the \$1,000 national scholarships.

Only those students who rank in the upper one third of the class scholastically are eligible for

membership. From this group, the students who have accumulated the most points for participating in extra-curricular activities and for high character based on prescribed rules are chosen.

At the initiation ceremony, Mr. Lloyd Jorgenson, a native of Haiti, South Dakota, and a recognized South Dakota poet, was the guest speaker.



N.H.S. members, initiated at a formal ceremony last week are from the left: back row, Brent Adney, Jayne Barton, Leslie Cheeseman, Pam Johnson, Steve Johnson, Mark Leach, Colleen Rogge, Bill Smith, Dennis Snyder, Pat Springer, Dedra Stewart, Sigrid Werthmann, Chris Whelen; middle row, Mark Zickrick, Else Bernt, Tim Barker, Pat Butler, Esther Crawford, Barb Ellis, Cheryl Hoenscheid, Karen Likness, Clyde Linn, Mark Little, Shelly Martell, Peggy Martin; front row, Mary Weisgram, Vicki Vottler, Trisha Thelen, Nancy Teske, Kim Tennyson, Linda Sack, Tammy Peterson, Dave Park, and Lori Obenauer.

[Photo by Shelly Wooley]



# Junior Varsity and Sophomore basketball doing well

For the third year in a row, the Pierre Governor Junior Varsity basketball squad has gone undefeated. This year's team, under the guidance of Coach Bob Judson, has compiled a 10-0 record with two of the victories coming by a one point margin.

The junior varsity, consisting of the juniors and sophomores on the varsity squad, do not hold special JV practices but do everything with the varsity squad including running the same plays that the varsity uses. They play mainly the varsity squads of neighboring class B schools. The reason for the

outstanding success of the JV team has probably been the difference in the quality of the school basketball programs.

When asked the purpose of a junior varsity basketball team, Coach Judson replied, "The main reason for having a JV team is to give the members, who for the

most part get little or no playing time on the varsity team, a chance to develop their basketball skills using varsity plays. Their return to the team as seniors is also much easier because of their experience with running these plays."

This year's junior varsity team consisted of seven juniors: Victor Piccone, Derek Hazeltine, Larry Hartog, Mark Benson, Tim Barker, Dave Gates, and Pat Mitchell. Two sophomores, Joe Ashley and Bob Tinker were also seated on the team. Mark Little was the team's student manager.

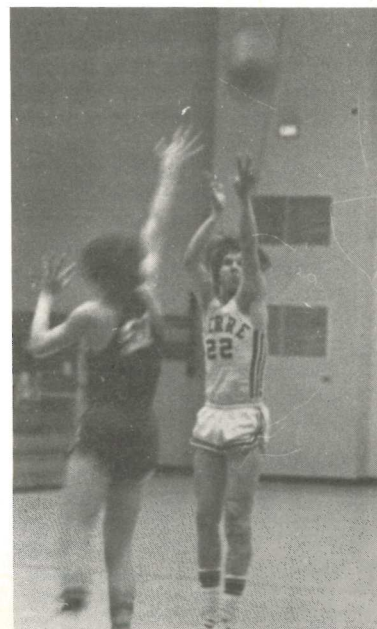
Season statistical leaders for the team include Joe Ashley with 106 points and 84 rebounds, Pat Mitchell with 91 points and 76 rebounds, Derek Hazeltine with 91 points, and Mark Benson and Dave Gates with 88 points each. Gates sank 56% of his shots from the floor and Mitchell sank 65% of his free throw attempts.

The Pierre sophomores basketball team, under the guidance of Coach Vern Miller, has compiled a 9-7 record with only two games remaining in the season. After a slow start, the sophs have won five of their last seven games.

Coach Miller feels that the team has done very well this year especially since the two tallest members were lost to the varsity squad. For this reason, Todd Schutze has had to carry most of the rebounding load. According to Coach Miller, "Our main reason for success has been our ability to play well as a team."

Jim Ness, Kevin Merrill, Todd Scheutze, Bob Stalley, Tim Flannery, Scott Gullickson, and Chad Anderson were cited as being the leading players on the team with Perry Trautner, Mark Parrot, and Tim Young filling in very capably as reserves.

Kevin Samis, Les Walker, and D.J. Drew are the team's student managers.



Sophomore Bob Stalley soars for two in the prelim Madison game, Feb. 4. [Photo by Bob Tinker]

## Ten Riggs students participate in St. Valentine's Day racquetball ladder

What better way is there to observe St. Valentine's Day than to play racquetball? Ten Riggs students evidently felt that taking part in the boys' high school St. Valentine's Day Racquetball Ladder was as good a way as any and better than most.

Competition was steep, with the first three finishers each holding the number one position at least twice until play concluded Feb. 14. Predictably many of the matches

were played during the last few days and the first three finishers, who are to receive trophies, were not decided until the very last.

Finally coming out on top was Randy Gullickson, followed by Joe Krogman, Scott Schuetzle, John Peta, and Dan Sahr.

A 'ladder' differs from a conventional tournament in that players, after having drawn their positions, may challenge at their own convenience players up to two

rungs ahead of them to better their position.

The 'ladder' was chosen in preference to the standard tournament because the 'luck of the draw' is less a factor and it gives the players more freedom in deciding their own matches at a time convenient, with no limitation on the number of times challenges may be issued.

An enthusiastic player, Scott Schuetzle was the first to suggest such a contest, "It was designed to stimulate action and get more people involved in the game," he said.

Dave Douglas, program director

at the YMCA, which hosted the event, thought all went well and commented that, "The ladder participants are among the most ardent racquetball players in town."

He added that, "all of the players progressed a great deal as a result and made new acquaintances while thoroughly enjoying a sport which is fast becoming one of the nation's favorites."

More racquetball action is planned at the 'Y'. The spring men's doubles open invitational is being organized and will be open to high school players.

## Wrestlers place second in Section II

The high-spirited Governor grapplers came home Friday evening with a 2nd place overall finish in the Section II wrestling tourney held in Mitchell Feb. 17-18. Of the 12 team members, 8 qualified for the State A Tournament to be held in Watertown on Feb. 25-26.

Ed Peterson at 112, Redgie Olson at 138, and Bob Truax at 145 nabbed 1st place finishes for Pierre in their respective weight classes. Kirby Welch at 105, Pat Rose at 126, and Todd Kelley at 132 won 3rds while Todd Padgett at 98 and Rock Kelley at 167 snatched 4ths. Those not qualifying for State A were Eric Johnson at 119, Paul Mernaugh at 155. Terry Cromwell at 185, and John Schroer, the Heavyweight. Mernaugh and Johnson both received 5ths but only the 1st four finishers in each class qualify for State.

Eight teams competed in the event; they were Chamberlain, Flandreau, Madison, Miller, Mitchell, Parkston, Pierre, and Winner.

The first place trophy went to Mitchell.



Erik Johnson seems to feel that the home march with the Rapid City Cobblers Feb. 5 is going well. However, Coach Engel and his carnation disagree. The match ended with a Rapid City victory. [Photo by Shana Fliginger]

## ESD Conference celebrates 59th year

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Eastern South Dakota Conference (ESD).

Roots of the ESD lie in the South Dakota Big Eight Basketball Conference formed in 1924 by Aberdeen, Brookings, Huron, Madison, Mitchell, Sioux Falls, Watertown, and Yankton. In 1927 a new constitution and by-laws were adopted and the ESD was born.

In 1927 Redfield joined the organization, followed by Vermillion in 1928. Redfield withdrew in 1931 as did Vermillion in 1932. Madison withdrew in 1935 but rejoined in 1939. In 1953 Sioux Falls requested to compete in all sports but football, and then formally withdrew in 1965. Pierre had applied for membership in 1960 but was not admitted until 1966.

Basketball was the only sport

played in the conference until 1928 when football and track were added, both sports having championships. In 1962 golf was added followed by tennis in 1963 and wrestling and cross country in 1964. Due to an interest in girls athletics girls track was added in 1974 and gymnastics in 1975 as well as golf, tennis, and basketball. Girls cross country was added in 1976.

Phil Trautner, Pierre athletics director, commented, "Since joining the ESD in 1966, Pierre has enjoyed the highly competitive relationship with the other members in all programs. The administration feels these programs have been of great value to our athletes and student body in general by providing opportunities for developing school moral, providing sportsmanlike hospitality and exercising the qualities of fair play and courtesy."



# Trackster relates history of girls' track at RHS

## Ahlene Stillwell

In 1972, when I was a seventh grader, Mrs. Luidahl, the P.E. teacher asked some girls if we would like to run a dual track meet against Fort Pierre the next day. We did, and there was so much enthusiasm that a girls' track program was started the next year. That was the beginning.

The girls track program officially started in 1973, with Miss Cheryl Walla, and Miss Trish Leeling as the coaches. We thought the work-outs were hard, but now they would seem like nothing. We would run behind Miss Walla's car as she drove along drinking coke. Then she would make us run up and down the hills behind the Rawlins Library. Girls dropped the program like fleas.

We didn't really have much for uniforms, as a matter-of-fact, we didn't have any. We usually ran in our P.E. uniforms and silly old tennis shoes that didn't have any grips whatsoever. We didn't have any warm-ups, so we froze and there were lots of pulled muscles. That first year, we didn't expect miracles, but we did have some real good girls. We usually placed near the bottom at the meets we entered. We sent a few girls and relays to State meet that spring. Sandy Simmons won 2nd and 3rd in the 100 and 220, and the relays didn't place. There were also some events that aren't on the schedule today, like the 50-yard dash. It was our first year.

The next year, 1974, picked up a little and the season

looked much brighter. There were considerably more meets scheduled that year and we started placing high when we competed. Our goal that year was to win Regionals, as send as many girls to State as we could.

We got some yellow and green wafer-thin "sweats", and we bought our own spikes. But we still had to eat sack lunches that were soggy after six hours.

Many girls dropped out during the season, but there were four regular girls for the relays. We went to Lemmon for Regionals and we won, despite the rain and hail, sending seven girls to state at Watertown.

The highlight of State meet was our first place win in the 880 relay, our 5th place in 440, and Sandy Simmons won 2nd in both 100 and 220 dash. Our 880 won by one tenth of a second with the time of 1:51.2. The medals we got were nickel sized.

The year of 1975 started out with new coaches, as Miss Carol Kendall and Miss Barb Felderman joined the staff, and Mr. Shields joined as the sprinting and relay coach. We finally got the track uniforms we had asked for the year before and some heavier sweats. The "bananas" (the yellow sweats) were given to the "sebies". We finally got spikes thru the local stores and we were getting hot meals paid for by the school. Besides that, we were going to bigger and more meets in chartered buses, sometimes with the boys.

We looked great, being a semi-whole team, meaning we



This 1976 photo shows the tracksters in full uniform.

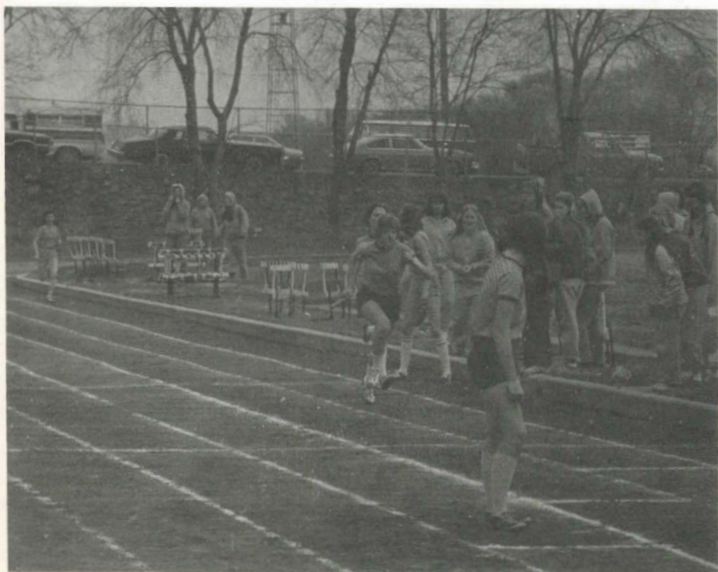
[Photo by Laura Pottratz]

had more girls in more areas, helping in every way. There were bigger meets like ESD, and Invationals. State meet that year really grew. The Medley Relay of Cindy Lenner, Melda Blake, Beth Clark, and Sandy Simmons took first, and Sandy made a State and school record in the 440 with a 57.

Last year was the best so far. We had a whole team and were tough. We placed high in all meets and we were respected by other teams. We won Regionals, which we had not done since '74, and we missed ESD title by one little point. We sent 17 girls to state--the most ever.

One of our greatest assets were the relays. Mr. Dor. Shields helped us a great deal by introducing a hand-off known as "the Olympic Stagger" which cut our times by 10 or more seconds.

As I ponder back, I am amazed at all the drastic changes that have occurred in four years. From gym suits to 'sweats', from dingy tenny runners to Nike's, Adidas, and spikes, from soggy sack lunches to hot meals, from broken down school cars to chartered buses, from one day to three day State Track meets, and more interest by both runners and the public, which was the biggest change.



A rare glimpse of the early days of the Girls' track showing the gym suits and the crude footwear which made up the original team uniform.

## Govs get skulled on Governors' Day

With two games remaining in the regular season, the Pierre Governors basketball team has compiled a 5-7 ESD record and 7-9 overall record.

In the latest action, Pierre was narrowly defeated by the Bismarck Demons by a score of 40-36 in the 22nd annual Governor's Day basketball game. Joe Ashley led the Govs with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

The two capitols are now tied in the 22-game series with eleven victories each. However, Pierre still remains in the lead with 1259 total points to Bismarck's 1250.

In other games this past month, the Governors defeated Mitchell by a score of 67-63, lost to Madison 61-58, lost to Yankton 59-55, and downed Brookings 67-64.

The Governors have been led, throughout the season, by Tim Washechek who has averaged just under 14 points per game and by Bob Dermer who has pulled down an average of 5.5 rebounds per game.

This year the Section VI Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8-9, in Chamberlain. Pierre will play Winner and Miller will play Chamberlain on Tuesday night. On Wednesday night, the losers of

these two games will square off in the preliminary game and the two winners will meet in the championship game to decide who will represent Section VI at State "A". State "A" will be held on March 17-19 in Sioux Falls.



# Hang-hungry mob begins tradition of 'Lynch Derek Day'

Pat Springer

The rope came to its end on Feb. 16 for Derek Hazeltine as the First Annual Lynch Derek Day began. Hang-hungry mobs roamed the halls in search of their prey while carrying on an ominously rhythmic chant, "Lynch Derek, Lynch Derek..."

How did this sadistic event originate?

In the Spring of last year an enthusiastic group of vigilantes determined to clean up the school, was attempting to get its daily 'lynch quota'. When they came to Derek, he steadfastly refused. They asked when it would be possible to carry out an 'execution', and he responded, off the top of his head, "You can lynch me on Feb. 16 of next year."

Not to be denied, the concerned students marked the calendar and waited in joyful anticipation.

The big day finally arrived and not surprisingly Derek was making himself scarce, but any attempt to avoid the contentious crowd was in vain, Derek was to suffer innumerable lynchings on that tragic date.

Pat Butler and Janet Bedsaul earned the distinction of being the only members of the 'fairer sex' to lay their hands on Hazeltine's prized throat.

Even members of the faculty seemed to be behind the event, as Mr. Ruzick was heard to call for an

assembly to facilitate the procedure.

Things became too much for even mild mannered Derek, and he was forced to speed off in a futile escape attempt. The mob, now riled beyond control followed in hot pursuit and succeeded in drenching his car with mud.

At the end of the long day, Derek's vocal cords had recovered sufficiently to comment on the ordeal. He described the predicament as a "pain in the neck" and added ruefully that the event had won such widespread popularity it would probably become an annual occurrence.

Dan Sahr, a main perpetrator of the incident, was reached for comment, "Participation was such that we see this as a potential yearly tradition. It was an opportunity for the entire student body to get involved in the 'lynching' of a student body."

Senior Dennis Gran expressed his satisfaction at the smooth manner in which things were hung, and Tim Rounds was busy formulating plans for the imminent 'Lynch Deb Manning Day' to satisfy the demands for equal rights by girls.

The hanging horde sauntered off in splendid satisfaction of the event, making suggestions for a bigger and better 'Lynch Derek Day' in 1978.



One of the many lynchings which occurred on Lynch Derek Day is depicted here. The lynchers are: from the left, Dave Gates, Pat Mitchell and Tim Rounds with Victor Picione in front. The Lynchee is of course Derek Hazeltine.  
[Photo by Bob Tinker]

## Riggs students' model train hobby preserves legend of American railroad

Howard Hutchings

Ever since America was founded, trains have been the backbone in the growth of the country. But as technology has grown, faster methods of transportation have outstripped the train locomotive. So the railroad is becoming a legend in the United States.

However, one high school student at Riggs, George Wilner, is very much interested in keeping the subject of trains alive. He is an avid model train buff, and he has a large collection of engines, cars and track systems. Ask him any question about which railroad company was operating in some part of the country at a certain date and he will be able to give you the answer without hesitation. He says that model trains are a way of studying railroads in depth.

George's first contact with trains occurred soon after he was born. His father and grandfather were both avid railroad fans. He has ridden on all kinds of trains in every state where he has lived including South Dakota where there is no passenger train service.

When he was ten and living in Superior, Wisconsin, his father bought him a 6x8 foot track layout

system. After moving to Pierre in 1975, he acquired other model train layouts. He presently owns an N type rail track system. One layout is 2x2 feet and the other is 4x4 feet, both being yard and loop shape.

The largest passenger car he owns is the 6 feet by 1/2 inch, whereas the smallest is 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches long.

Being a model railroader, George shares his love for trains through a club called the Pierre Model Railroad Club which meets weekly at Les Childers' home. Neal O'Day and Glenn Gaarder are two other active members from Riggs High. Most of the other members are Pierre businessmen. Some of these hobbyists own engines valued at over \$800. An investment of \$2000 is not unusual for any serious model train fancier.

Some of the goals of the club are to solve layout building problems and increase their membership.

By seeing slides, movies and visiting towns where trains are in operation, the members observe details and use their information to improve their own scale models.

On the first floor of the statehouse, a display has been set

up during legislative session where an H0 scale railroad model layout built by Mr. Mike Sougstad shows the businesses which railroads serve in South Dakota. Everything in the display is scaled to the trains.

Possibly, as trains are dying out in the 20th century, the model train set will be the only reminder that railroads played a major role in the growth of America. George will be one of those people who will preserve the legends of trains.



The model railroad engines in the foreground include from the back, a standard gauge, an O gauge, an S gauge, an H0 gauge. The small ones in the front are the longest and shortest N scale models, and the Z scale which is about one inch in length is farthest right in front.

The background is part of the layout in Mr. Les Childers basement. The train is a Burlington Northern H0 gauge. The Model Railroad club members in the background are from the left, George Wilner, Les Childers and Neal O'Day.