

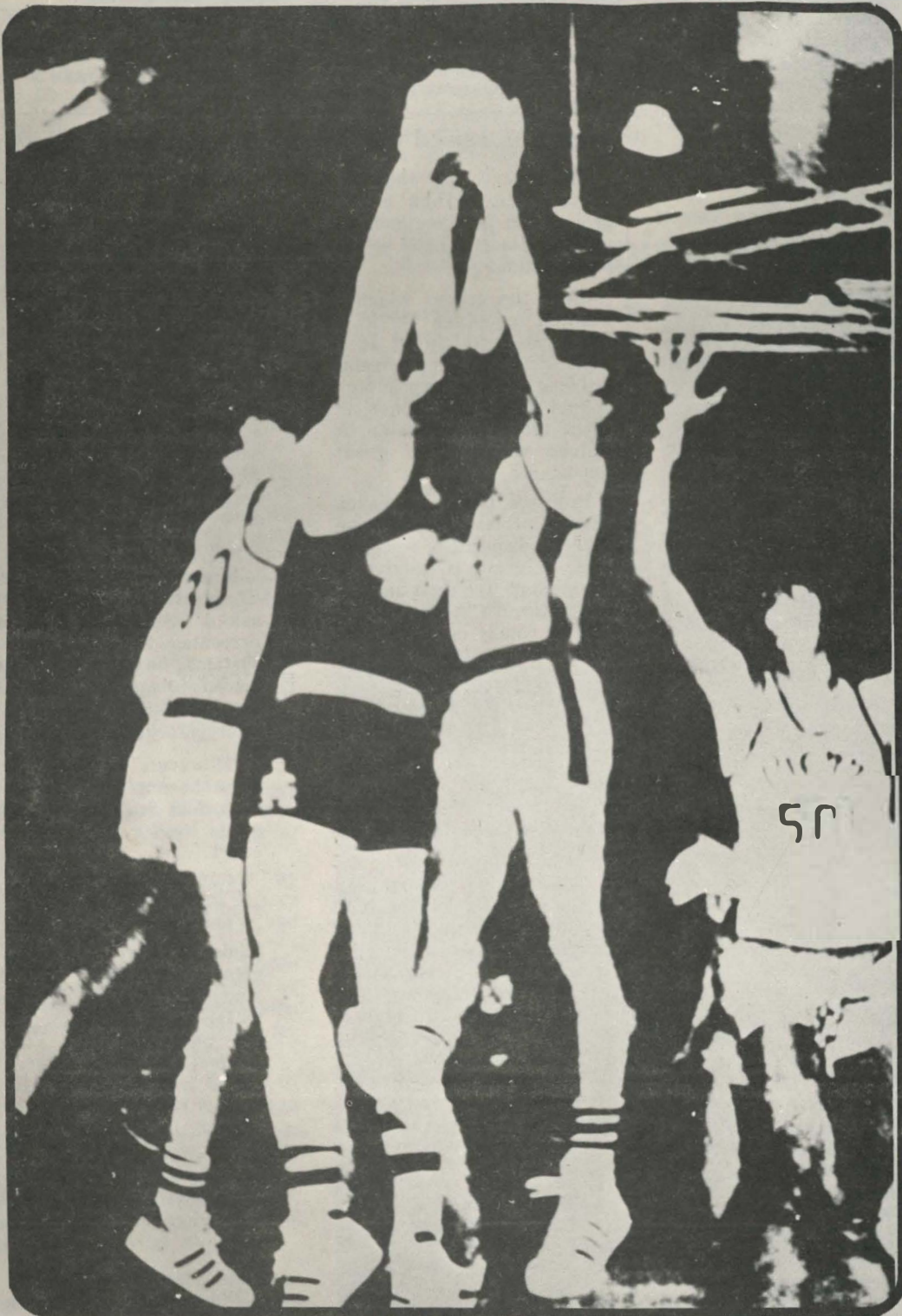
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Basketball takes on a new perspective, as players from Pierre and Aberdeen struggle for a rebound in this high contrast shot.

[photo by Terry Doran]



# Computer errors may reduce validity of standardized tests

Some day the world will be run by computers...that someday is today at Honeywell, IBM, Xerox and a dozen other companies.

George Orwell's "1984" told of a computer run, machine oriented society.

Well, George, 1984 is already here. A computer handles the money in your bank, your income tax, social security and almost everything dealing with money. The post office has been computerized along with retail stores. Pro football teams use computers to figure out how they should play the next game, and chain stores use them to predict consumer demands.

Riggs High School students, along with thousands of other

students, have their schedules set up each year by computers.

Students also deal with at least one other computer during their high school years...the computer that grades the standardized tests they take.

I have nothing against computers. That is not the point. My point concerns computer errors. In this computer oriented world, mistakes are commonplace. The mistakes in the post office are well known. Banks are notorious for errors, and a disturbing number of Riggs High students have had their schedules messed up at least once because of computer error.

What if the computer made a mistake correcting your ACT or SAT? TV shows used to make "Leave It To Beaver" and "Dennis

the Menace" into geniuses because of computer errors. How do we know that errors in test scoring aren't as commonplace as in student scheduling?

We don't!!!

For two months in the "Governor" I have pointed out the glaring weaknesses of standardized tests. Now I make a final point on the subject. Assuming they are necessary, my argument is this: SAT, PSAT, and ACT scores should not be taken too seriously.

A good PSAT score can mean a

big scholarship. A high ACT may mean acceptance into a tough University or financial aid at SDSU or USD. But should it?

I do not offer an alternative to standardized tests. There may be no way to compare students from all over the country, but perhaps it is not necessary to do so.

If the whole world looked at standardized test scores the same way they look at Reader's Digest Sweepstakes tickets, blackening little ovals would become a lost art for students.

## Editorial in Nature

### Distressing mediocre trend developing at Riggs

A distressing trend has been developing at Riggs in which mediocrity is becoming more acceptable and individuality is de-emphasized.

For example, outstanding students were, until recently, recognized for excellence in scholastic achievement and commendable citizenship. The selection of a candidate for the state Junior Miss contest was a major event. The Voice of Democracy contest drew a healthy number of competi-

tors. There was a keen interest in the honor roll. Good attendance records were a point of pride. Serving on the Student Council was a serious responsibility.

Diminished enthusiasm and prohibitive costs have eliminated the athletic banquet where athletes were recognized for their excellent performances in the various school sports.

The traditional valedictorian and salutatorian honors have given way to a mass honoring of the students with a 3.75 grade average. Although this is supposedly a move to cut down on those students taking 'slough' courses for easy A's, it also indicates a move toward conformity.

If students allow this 'ho-hum' attitude to continue, more honors and recognitions may fall by the wayside. Even now, because of lack of attendance and interest Awards Night may be discontinued and even some homecoming programs are facing possible retirement.

A number of factors seem to be involved. For one thing, it is becoming increasingly more acceptable to not get involved in school activities. The desire to be a contributing member to Riggs High School seems to be fading.

Then too, social convention and peer pressure are slanted toward "being a member of the group". No longer is individuality prized. It is through this attitude that all school activity is reduced to the lowest common denominator.

A reassessment and perhaps a "return to the good old days" are in order.

## Questions raised over accuracy of grading systems

An issue facing the students of Riggs High is the prospect of new methods of grading class work and school participation.

Since the grades which a student receives in high school are often used as a basis of finding employment, or being accepted in post high school educational institutions, the grading system is indeed an issue of great importance.

Principal Roger Lonbaken gave a professional view of grading disparities when he said, "A grade is relative to the student, the class and the instructor. An 'A' in one class may be totally different from an 'A' in another."

### A RELATIVE TERM

Since grading is a relative term, some of the advantages and disadvantages of the different forms of grading need to be examined more objectively.

The strict percentage grading scale is by far the most widely used method of grading in America today. In fact, as a rule, Pierre schools use the percentage grading system with 6% off for each grade point. Thus 100% to 94% is superior work, 93% to 87% is above average work, 86% to 80% is average, 79% to 73% is passing and below 72% is failing.

There are of course, variations in the percentage grading system, especially in work between superior work or above average work, depending on the instructor. It seems the policy of strict percentage grading has begun to lose popularity with teachers and students.

The curve grading system which is quite popular, can be

explained by saying that in this system, for a given number of students who do superior work, there is also the same number who fail, with the bulk of average works between.

### MAJOR FALLACIES

A major fallacy of this system is that a student who would have done superior work on a strict percentage grading scale could conceivably fail if a curve is established for the class.

When Mr. Lonbaken, also an experienced teacher, was asked about the strict percentage and curve grading systems, he replied, "There are advantages and disadvantages to each of these systems which are quite evident."

"However," he added, "too often the emphasis of grading a student is placed on the grade itself rather than the effort."

Among other forms of grading is the pass-fail system which is popular with students. There is perhaps, a greater probability of more students failing a given course by this method than by either the percentage or curve systems. So, the question is raised as to whether this is truly a better method.

Students might be more satisfied if a consolidation of grading systems could be instituted so that students are not graded by several methods in one academic year.

The greatest question which could be raised about a grading system is its accuracy. "Does the method by which a student is graded really reflect what that student has learned in a course?"

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The policy of the "Governor" is to attempt to report on all phases of curricular and extra-curricular school activities from an unbiased viewpoint.

Through editorial comments the "Governor" strives to represent the majority of the student body's views on pertinent issues.

Through features, columns and art work the "Governor" attempts to entertain and inform its readers.

The staff encourages the student body and administration to present their opinions through signed letters. They need not agree with the opinions of the "Governor" editors or of the school.

The editors reserve the right to accept or reject letters for publication. Signatures will be withheld upon request.



## No election held

## Springer second term Mayor

Pat Springer, mayor, and Mark Nellermoe, vice mayor, will head the Student Council for the second semester.

The victorious candidates took office at the beginning of the second semester after a unique election held the week of Jan. 17-21. The election of Springer and Nellermoe was proclaimed by the Student Council and retiring Mayor John Smith when no other petitions had been submitted by the deadline of Thursday noon, Jan. 20.

The Student Council constitution calls for candidates to present their political platform to the

student body at an assembly on the day before election. Since there was only one set of candidates, the assembly was canceled as was the election on Friday.

In the recent history of Riggs High School, this phenomena has not occurred before. Frequently there have been three sets of candidates as the constitution does not limit the number.

The major issues which Springer and Nellermoe were campaigning on were continuance of present Student Council projects and instituting certain reachable goals such as music in the student lounge.



Mayor Pat Springer and Vice-Mayor Mark Nellermoe, newly elected Student Body officers, discuss school politics with Tim Rounds. [photo by Shelly Wooley]

## Eighteen Riggs High Seniors graduate at semester

The last bell rang for the final time and 18 Riggs High Seniors became Riggs High graduates.

Receiving their diplomas at the semester or as soon as they complete some remaining requirements were: Dan Wagner, Ernest Williams, Gary Sherman, Randy Inman, Terry Gregg, Dawn Murphy, Tammy Winkler, Melanie Ramse, Roger Livermont, Mary Olson, Mary Barth, Mary Hartog, Sheri Boe, Cathy Cruse, Colleen Huntley, Sue Cole, Bernie Gates, and Punk Brasel.

Graduates had to first fulfill their credit requirements by the end of the first semester in order to graduate and then get their early graduation approved by the guidance office and the administration.

The reasons for early graduation are varied. Some plan to attend college; others plan on working; still others are looking forward to taking a vacation after almost twelve years of formal education.

While early graduation is becoming acceptable among students, the administration has a different view.

"I'm for it, and I'm against it", says Principal Roger Lonbaken hinting at the complexity of the situation. "For some students early graduation is a very good thing. For others, it may be a step in the wrong direction. The problem so far has been that in many cases the wrong students are graduating early for the wrong reasons."

The administration plans to examine the early graduation situation in the coming months and may consider a change in the school policy.

"We may make some changes in respect to early graduation, but what kind of changes I don't know" Lonbaken said.

But while the administration is examining the issue in relation to future years, Principal Lonbaken did congratulate this year's graduates and wish them all "Good Luck!"

## 'General' honors Leslie Cheeseman

Leslie Cheeseman has been named Riggs High School's 1977 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow.

Leslie won the honor by competing with 15 other seniors here in a written knowledge and attitude test on Dec. 7.

She will receive a certificate from General Mills, sponsor of the annual educational scholarship program, and is now eligible for state and national honors.

The Betty Crocker Search is planned to help enhance the dignity and prestige of the American home, to help prepare students for family living and to emphasize the contributions to the home made by the high school teachers.

The State Family Leader of Tomorrow, will receive a \$500 grant. The state winner also earns for his or her school a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of Britannica" from Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation.



Riggs High seniors who chose early graduation and finished their high school class work at the end of the first semester all holler for joy on graduation day. From the left: back row, Dan Wagner, Ernest Williams, Gary Sherman, Randy Inman, Terry Gregg; center row, Dawn Murphy, Tammy Winkler, Melanie Ramse, Roger Livermont, Mary Olson, Mary Barth; front row, Mary Hartog, Sheri Boe, Cathy Cruse. Not pictured Colleen Huntley, Sue Cole, Bernie Gates, Punk Brasel. [photo by Shelly Wooley]



## Look out!

### It's fender bender season

This is the fender bender season, but it does not have to mean disaster for the alert driver, the Riggs High Safety Council says. Wise handling of a car on icy roads can mean the difference between a crushed car body and a clean driving record.

The generally accepted procedure in the event of a skid is to decelerate and steer into the skid. This procedure is effective on conventional drives as the engine braking effect on the rear wheels allows for them to trail. There is also a decrease in momentum at the rear of the car which does not affect the front.

But in the front wheel drive, the engine-braking is on the front wheels, decreasing the momentum at the front, not the rear. So the instruction for the normal kid recovery techniques will not

work on such 1975-76 automobiles as El Dorado, Toronado, Honda, Volkswagen's Rabbit, Dasher, Fiat, Subaru, and Ford's mini-car.

If regular skid techniques are followed with a front wheel drive a spin-out may result.

The proper procedure, if room allows, is to accelerate and steer into the skid. This is not natural for most drivers and needs to be learned.

If no room exists, disengage the clutch and steer into the skid. This can be accomplished with standard shift vehicles only.

A driver needs practice to make an effective recovery from a skid with a front wheel drive.

The Riggs High Safety Council urges students to drive intelligently on icy streets.

## Boys or girls--How can you tell?

What's the big difference? Girls cradle books in their arms, often supporting them with their hips. Boys tote texts at their sides, arms straight down.

How can you tell boys from girls as they walk down the halls?

By the way they carry their books!

This handling technique is due to physical build. Boys have greater shoulder strength for supporting weight. Copying adults also has something to do with it. Women tend to carry books as they do their babies, and early man carried his weapons the same way they presently carry their books.

Is that the only oddity? No!

## Minority class delves into racial study

Even with a world of prejudice and biased feelings toward minority races, there are some educational opportunities for awareness and study of the minority such is the American Minority class in Riggs High School.

American Minority teacher, Roger Pries, starts off early in the quarter by giving an overview of historical facts and the contributions of some of the minority races in America.

As the quarter progresses, so does the information on psychological aspects of the race actions toward themselves and other people around them.

Have students look at their fingernails. Girls will look at their whole hand, boys will make a fist and look at nails only.

Light a match and see if you strike it towards or away from your body. If you strike it away you behave like a boy, and if you strike it toward your body, you behave like a girl.

So now, if you meet someone who is not really easy to zero in on, offer him/her a cigarette or a book or ask him/her to look at his/her fingernails.

If you still can't tell, then you had better ask. Better to be safe than sorry.

By the end of the quarter, one can, with ever more information, have a new sense of respect for all races and the "desire" to help those who are not as fortunate as the people in the majority white race.

In helping students realize what the conditions, reasons, feelings, etc. within the minds and actions of the minority races, Mr. Pries has each student do a written and oral book report.

The simplest and most important device used in the class is the discussion sessions when opinions and solutions offered by students gives everyone an objective view of minority people.

## Decline in students going to college

In comparing the 228 graduates of both 1976 and 1972 we see a steady decline in students attending colleges and universities and an increase in graduates attending other post high schools.

Many more students are entering the military service, while less students are getting married.

These are the results of the guidance office telephone survey.

Fifty five percent of the graduates were attending college in 1972, but in 1976 only 44% of the high school graduates had enrolled in college. Students attending other post high school training schools (Vocational, business, nursing, beautician) have gone from 5.6% to 13%. This shows that more students are going into fields that do not require an academic degree.

One and seven tenths percent of the graduates in 1972 entered in

the military service while in 1976 the number of graduates entering in military service increased to 5%.

Five and seven tenths percent of the graduates in 1972 were married while only 2% in 1976 were.

Many more students were attending SD public colleges in 1972 with 43.8% compared to 36% in 1976.

Four and three tenths percent in 1972 were enrolled in SD private colleges with only 2% in 1976. Less students were enrolled in 1972 in out-of-state colleges with 5.2% compared to 6% in 1976.

The guidance department makes this survey in October of each year by personal telephone contact with each student who graduated the previous May.

### Riggs High School Guidance Department Fall Telephone Survey

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Number of Graduates	228	233	209	239	228
Attending Colleges and Universities (2 yr. and 4 yr. academic)	55.1%	45.4%	44.9%	52.7%	44%
Attending Other Post High School	5.6%	7.7½	9.0%	5.4%	13%
Full Time Employment	35.5%	33.9%	32.9%	29.7%	32%
Entered Military Service	1.7%	5.5%	5.2%	5.4%	5%
Married Students	5.7%	5.5%	5.2%	5.4%	2%
No Information	1.7%	2.9%	2.3%	1.6%	3%

## Girls top boys as TV viewers

Initial returns from a random survey of Riggs High students indicates that girls outnumber boys as television viewers.

The survey was conducted as part of Mr. Ron Borstad's Mass Media classes. The assignment was for each student to poll eight others on their television viewing habits.

According to the survey, of the students who watch television, 60 per cent are girls, and 90 per cent of the total viewing takes place after school, on Sundays, and on days of vacation.

"Starsky and Hutch," said by TV Guide to be one of the most violent of all television shows, appears to be the greatest favorite among students.

"Charley's Angels" was also given high marks by students. Evidence provided by the survey supports the theory that appearance and personality of characters

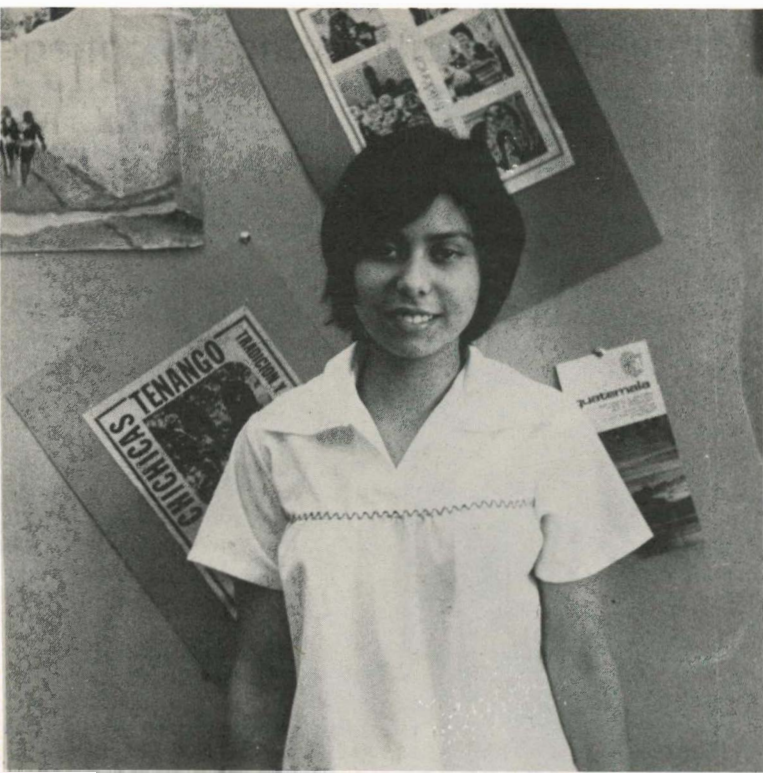
in a television series are the major reasons for popularity among student viewers.

Girls also stated their preference for comedy shows including "Happy Days," "M\*A\*S\*H," and "Rhoda". In addition, girls also indicated a strong attraction for soap operas and movies in general.

"Captain Kangaroo," long-time favorite among younger children, appears to be an extremely low-rated program among students surveyed, as evidenced by the fact that only one student in ten even bothers to watch television during early-morning hours when the "Captain" is on the air.

Five students in eight claim to dislike commercials. Of those who did admit to liking commercials, their major preference is the Life cereal ad which features the young boy "Mikey" and his two brothers.





Miriam Avila, Guatemala City, Guatemala, is serving as an Amity Aide in the Spanish Department this semester. [photo by Terry Doran]

## Jacque Gardner chosen Miss Congeniality

Jacque Gardner, Riggs High School representative in the Miss Holiday contest in Huron Dec. 29-30, brought home the Miss Congeniality Award.

Miss Julie Lamb from Willow Lake was chosen as Miss Holiday 1977.

The 27 contestants from towns in the Huron trade territory participated in two days of activities climaxed by a public appearance during the halftime at the Huron College basketball

tournament on Friday evening.

Before the final competition, the girls chose the one from among the group to win the honor of Miss Congeniality. Jacque received a sterling silver bracelet as a remembrance of the contest in her honor.

The Miss Holiday contest is sponsored annually by the Huron Daily Plainsman and Huron College. Riggs High's contestant is sponsored by the Pep Club.

## Riggs debaters making headway

The Riggs High debate team has been making some headway and scaring some opponents this season.

Two novice debate teams and the championship team participated in the Watertown Speech Fiesta last weekend, and because of very tough competition, they did not live up to their previous record, according to Carol Baker one of the championship team members.

Coach Paul Harens summed it up when he called it, "an educational experience".

The two novice teams came out with a 5-5 record and a 6-4 record, while the championship team had a very disappointing 3-9 record.

The teams will have a week of rest before they head for Wessington and the CFC finals on Feb. 5.

In earlier events, the championship and varsity teams had suffered through four cold hours in Brookings on Jan. 15 before they

got their bus back on the road with the aide of the 'good 'ole Apco man'. This did not stop Pat Looby and Trisha Thelen from trying for third place in the championship division. Clyde Linn and Carol Baker came out with a 3-2 record, and the varsity team of Brett Sampson, Glenn Gaardern, Ann Garry and Mike Nail ended with a record of 3-7.

The novice team had no better luck with the mechanics of their vehicle and ended up suffering through a flat tire on their way to Wessington. The way home was much nicer with four trophies to cradle.

Vicki Vottler, Kari Deyo, Mark Tiezen and Linda Sack, won the first place trophy with a 7-1 record. Linda also won a first place trophy for extemp, and Mark Tiezen captured second.

They will end their regularly scheduled tournaments at the Black Hills State College tournaments on Feb. 11-12.

## Guatemalan braves Dakota chill

While the bitter January cold is chilling even the heartiest South Dakotan, Mariam Avila of Guatemala has found that even 'tres' sweaters are not enough to beat the sub-zero temperatures.

Miriam is this year's Amity Aide for Spanish classes at the Junior and Senior High schools. Since arriving from her home in Guatemala City, Guatemala, in December, Miriam has provided a native touch for the Spanish students in Pierre.

Cavanaugh family. She is the second Guatemalan to become a part of their home. Reina DeMarino was an AFS student at Riggs two years ago, and is also from Guatemala City. In addition, Carrie Cavanaugh recently returned from a visit to her 'sister's' (Reina's) home in Guatemala City.

The warm climate in Guatemala is in sharp contrast to the bitter chill of South Dakota, and Mariam gets quite a bit of teasing from the Cavanaughs for wearing three

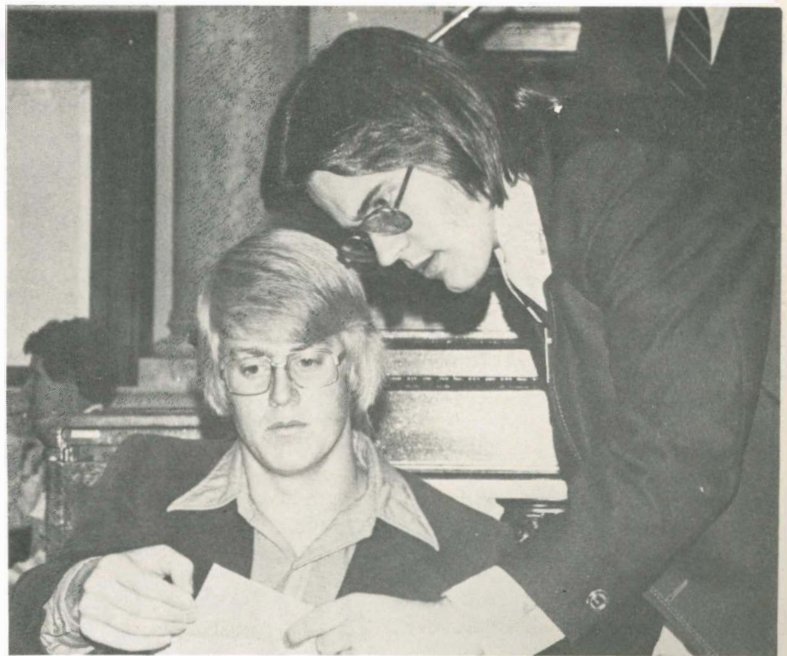
('tres') sweaters. Despite the cold, Miriam is learning to like South Dakota and is getting along very well with her host family.

Miriam hopes to improve her English during her 16 weeks stay in the United States. While she does understand some English, communication is still difficult for her.

She pointed out that while communication can be a problem, it can also be very humorous. As an example, Miriam has trouble pronouncing words like sun and soon, or butter and water. The Cavanaughs have the same trouble understanding her when she uses these and similar words. As a result, Miriam sounds like she is asking for a "drink of butter" or announcing she "will be there sun".

Miriam likes to cook, read and listen to modern music. She is looking forward to learning more about South Dakota.

## Looby 'runs' for State legislature



Pat Looby discusses his job as Legislative messenger with Mark Lee, Huron, in the Chambers of the State House of Representatives.

[photo by Shelly Wooley]

Senior Pat Looby was selected to serve as a messenger in the 1977 South Dakota legislature, for the first three weeks term which began Jan. 18.

Pat, one of 63 students from South Dakota accepted for the position, was sponsored by Senate Majority leader Homer Harding, Pierre.

As a messenger, Pat relays messages, sets out bills and runs a computer. He was also one of two

chosen to deliver bills to leadership offices.

"It is really an honor to serve in the Legislature," commented Pat. "It has its drawbacks, but essentially it is a workshop in State Government. Also, the friends and contacts I will make, will stay with me for life."

For his efforts, Pat is paid approximately \$20 a day. But, according to Pat, the money is not important; it is the experience which makes it a valuable three weeks.



## Close games add excitement to

With the season half over, the Pierre Governors have compiled a 5-6 season record including a 3-5 ESD record.

Since the holiday break, Pierre has played seven games, winning three and losing four.

In their latest action Friday, Jan. 21, the Governors were defeated by the Huron Tigers in a very close contest by a score of 51-50 on their home court. The Tigers maintained an extremely small lead throughout most of the game and hung on to pull out a victory. Leading scorers for Pierre were Joe Ashley and Bob Dermer, each with 13, and Mark Flannery with 12.

In the game at Madison, Dec. 17, the Govs defeated the Bulldogs by a score of 57-44. The Governors made 53% of their shots from the floor compared to Madison's 36%. Tim Washechek was the game's leading scorer with 21 points. Pierre also out-rebounded Madison 29-26. Jim Ashley had 7 rebounds and Washechek had 5.

Four days later, the Govs were defeated by a tough Yankton ball club by a score of 73-62. The

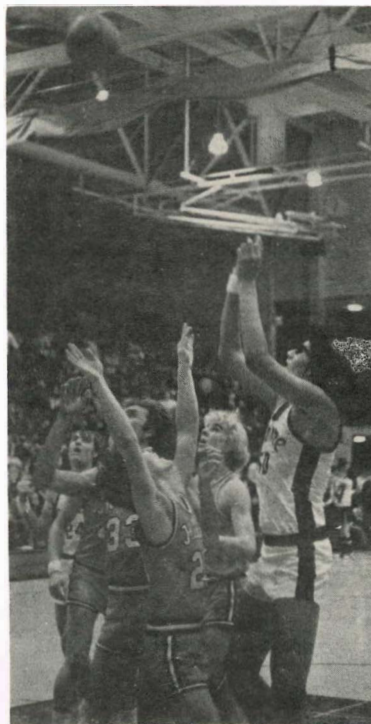
Governors shot 47% from the field with Washechek scoring 17 points and Dermer adding 11. Dermer and Washechek also led the Governors in rebounding, grabbing 6 and 5 respectively.

In their only home contest during the holidays, the Governors outscored the Brookings Bobcats 54-47. The Govs held a slim lead for most of the game. The final outcome was due mainly to the fact that Pierre committed only 8 turnovers compared to 16 for Brookings. Tom Stalley led the Governors with 15 points.

The Watertown Arrows, having the home-court advantage, soundly defeated Pierre by a score of 65-41 in the first game of 1977 on Jan. 7. The Arrows maintained a fairly large lead throughout the game by shooting a hot 60% in the first half. The Arrows, probably playing their best game of the season, also out-rebounded the Govs 25-22. Statistical leaders for Pierre were Dermer with 11 points and Washechek with 6 rebounds.

In the next game, Jan. 11, the Govs rolled over the Winner

## Governor basketball season



**Joe Ashley discourages any Aberdeen attempts at getting to the ball during the Jan. 14 home game. [photo by Shana Flizinger]**

Warriors 81-42 in a game where widespread substitution took place. The Governors completed 52% of their shots and out-rebounded the Warriors 39-24. Washechek and Dermer had 16 points apiece while pulled down 9 rebounds. Joe Ashley had 8 rebounds and 7 blocked shots.

The Governors fell to the No. 1 rated Aberdeen Golden Eagles in home-court action Jan. 14. Aberdeen won by a score of 76-60 by completing 60% of their field goal attempts which is why they are No. 1. Pierre won the rebounding contest 31-23 but could not score as consistently, sinking a respectable 48% of their shots. Stalley had 16 points for the Governors and Joe Ashley added 13. Ashley also had 7 rebounds with Flannery adding 6.

The Sophomore basketball team, under the guidance of coach Vern Miller, have thus far compiled a six and five season record. Traveling with the varsity squad and meeting the opponent's sophomore team in the preliminary game, they have played some of the top teams in the state.

## First Ladies build spirit : characterized as best example of a 'team'



**The four First Ladies drill team members elected to represent Riggs High at the State "A" basketball tourney exhibition are; from the left, Ellen Zeller, Carolyn Porter, Karen Lindbloom, and Brenda Friman. [photo by Terry Doran]**

## Drill team to help celebrate ESD's anniversary

1977 marks the 50th anniversary of ESD in South Dakota high school sports, and drill team members from each of eight ESD schools will do a special performance to commemorate the ESD golden Anniversary at the

State A tourney in Sioux Falls on March 17-19. Four girls from each school will be selected for this special event. The Pierre First Ladies elected by their teammates are Carolyn Porter, Ellen Zeller, Karen Lindbloom and Brenda Friman.

"I feel the drill team is the best example of 'team' there is," said Mrs. Karen DeAntoni speaking of the First Ladies and drill teams in general.

"Other teams have visible leaders or stars such as the quarterback or the center. In a drill team, the girls have to function as a team and thus appear as a team, or they aren't doing it right."

With the right combination of dance, marching, and poise, the First Ladies function as a team and do an excellent job of displaying the exuberance and school pride.

This is where the First Ladies, perhaps even more than the cheerleaders, carry out their main objective, building spirit. More often than is realized, the drill team is the major influence affecting the spirit of a basketball or football game.

Dance, marching, and poise are the three points that those competing for the 25 drill team positions are judged on. A panel of judges composed of the previous year's officers, Mrs. DeAntoni, and two other faculty members rate each girl on a scale of one to four in the three different talents. This year approximately 40 girls tried out for the 25 positions on the team. This is a drop from last year's 60 contestants.

Team leadership is administered by the captain and co-captain. The team members elect their leaders,

and this year's officers are Molly Jahraus, captain, and Carolyn Porter and Nan Williams, co-captains.

The First Ladies get new routines each summer when some of them attend the American Drill Team camp in Brookings. In the past few years, four or five girls have attended the camp each summer.

Last summer, the girls representing the First Ladies took two first place awards, one in Pom-Pom and one in Dance. This is a fine achievement according to Mrs. DeAntoni, as the competition is stiff!

Mrs. DeAntoni has instructed the First Ladies for three years and she is very proud of them. Riggs High students and Pierre fans are, too.

The girls performed at two football games and will be on the floor at half time during six basketball games.

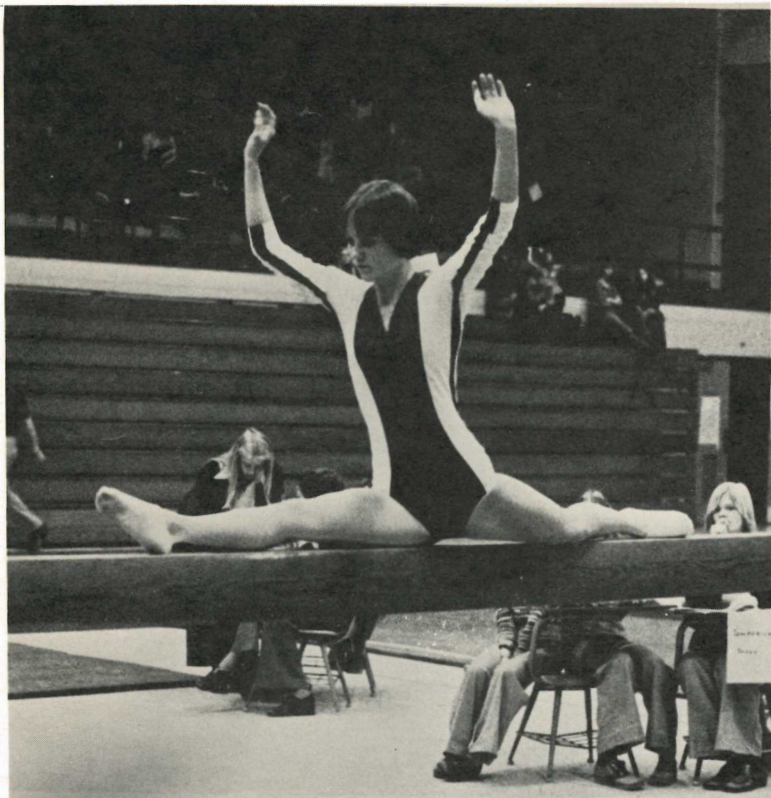
## Teachers victorious over Spanish students

The Riggs High School faculty were victorious again at the second annual Spanish Club student-faculty volley ball game held Tuesday Jan. 25 in the gym.

Through this money making project the Amity Aid Teachers will receive \$10 a week for spending money while staying in Pierre, according to Mrs. Phyllis Leach.



## Indications are bright as gymnasts vault to victory



Nancy Stoesser gives total concentration to her beam routine in the eight-team Invitational here on Jan. 15.

Pierre Varsity Gymnasts have brought home a first from a dual meet, and a third and a fourth from invitational meets so far this season.

They won the dual meet at Aberdeen on Sat., Jan. 22 with a score of 76-66.

Cindy Lenners won first place in 'all Around'; Nancy Teske placed second, and Sarah Pries placed third.

Lenners scored first on the floor and the vault, Teske placed second on the beam, bars and vault.

Nancy Stoesser placed third on

the bars. Pries was the winner on the beam, and Lori Ackerman placed third on the vault.

The Junior Varsity team won their match also by a score of 54-48.

Pierre hosted an invitational meet Sat., Jan. 15, in Riggs Gym with seven teams participating.

Pierre came in fourth in that meet with Rapid City Stevens placing first, Mitchell second, Sioux Falls Lincoln, third. Other teams competing were Douglas, Dolan, Watertown and Rapid City Central.

The first meet of the season was at Rapid City Central on Thursday, Dec. 16, where Pierre placed third.

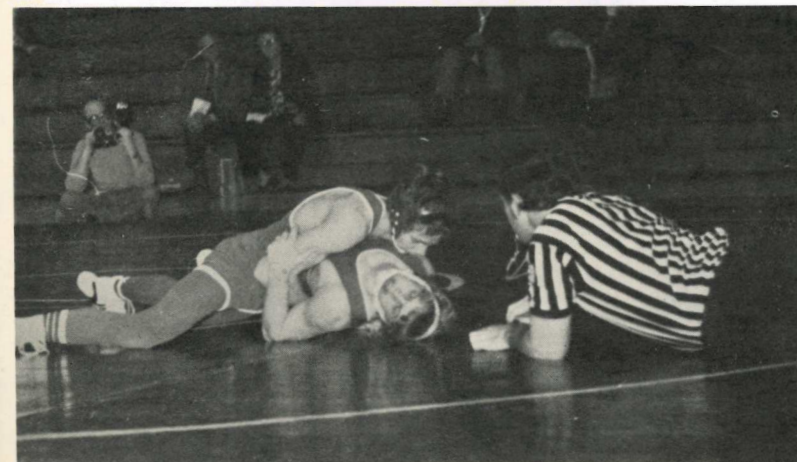
Training for the 1976-77 season started Nov. 15 in the old Junior High gym, with more than 40 junior varsity girls and seven varsity girls signing up for the teams.

This year's varsity team includes Cindy Lenners, Nancy Teske, Nancy Stoesser, Jeannie Long, Sarah Pries, Nancy Simmons, and Lori Ackerman.

Scoring for individual events are decided by two judges. Each judge rates the gymnast on a scale of 10-0. They add their scores and divide by two to get a final point score.

Team scoring is figured by the top three scores in each event by each team. All-around honors is a combination of the floors, bars, beam and vault.

## Governor Matmen devastate Huron and Aberdeen



The referee watches Robert Truax as he attempts to pin his opponent in the Aberdeen wrestling match, Jan. 13. [photo by Mark Schuler]

Two is the Governor wrestlers lucky number this week after rolling over Huron last Friday 34-18 and Aberdeen two weeks ago, Jan. 6 with a 39-12 victory.

It could also lead to more luck as their next opponent, Mitchell, is rated third in the state poll and a victory would be the Gov's third in a row.

Coaches Mike Engel and Larry

Lundeen attribute increased aggressiveness, something lacking in the earlier losses to Watertown and Brookings, as the main reason for the Govs good showings.

"Against Aberdeen, we had ten of the 12 varsity wrestlers scoring check points in their matches," Engel remarked.

"Watertown beat us by only eight points. If we had had some

extra points in several key matches it would have made the difference."

"We had three pins in varsity," he continued. "Earlier in the year our ratio of pins to times being pinned was very bad, but since Christmas it has improved along with the team's overall performance."

Besides the three varsity pins, the B team scored seven more in their defeat of Huron 45-16.

"We're improving every week," observed Lundeen. "some of our younger wrestlers have been turning in very good performances every week, and we are looking for them to be valuable varsity wrestlers in future years."

Engel added, "Our B team wrestlers, who wrestle varsity when we have injuries or are shuffling lineups, take the change in stride and do a good job when we need them."

As the teams head into their last five matches, with a 5-5 record on varsity and 5-2 on prelims, the coaches are preparing the teams for the end of the season tournaments.

Stephanie Sommers is the student manager this year. Nancy Stoesser and Nancy Teske are the team co-captains. There are seven meets left including the state meet in Brookings March 4-5.

## Snowmobiles becoming more popular sport

Zooming along at 50 mph on your machine with the crisp air whipping in your face is exciting and exhilarating. But in the middle of winter?

Most people associate open-air machines with motorcycles, but snowmobiling is fast becoming a major winter sport. In many cases, it is closely related to a motorcycle. You just use it in a different season.

You can travel cross country with it on some of the most rugged terrain at speeds up to 80 mph (the world's record is just a tad bit above 140 mph). It will climb hills, go most anywhere you want; and, like cycles, it will occasionally tip over.

Snowmobiles are also used extensively in the northern regions of the country in search and rescue operations. Snowmobiles can cover in 20 minutes what it would take nearly three days to walk. And when attempting to rescue someone, time is one of the greatest factors.

Many towns in South Dakota have snowmobile clubs. Pierre's club is the Capitol Sno-Cruisers, with a membership of around 40. They organize trail rides, make plans and improvements, set down regulations, and hold social get togethers.

Races are an exciting avenue of snowmobiling. They may be small, organized by a local club, or large, like the St. Paul to Winnipeg Race held annually. They are governed by rules set down by the USSA (United States Snowmobile Association).

Races can be fun for amateurs, as people thrive on competition in any sport. Ditch-racing, an impromptu race between a couple of machines, is probably the most common.

Snowmobiles have a negative side, though. Conservationists complain that the noise caused by snowmobiles is damaging the environment, and that drivers are harassing and killing small game animals. True, some people should not be let near a snowmobile, but there is a federal law protecting small game, and anybody breaking this law is guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to prosecution.

This whole article is meaningless, of course, if there is no snow. And this is one snowmobiler praying for it right now.



# Drama students delight audiences with one-act plays

Laughter and applause filled the gym Saturday as drama students presented their one-act children plays to a matinee audience of mostly children and an evening audience of adults and high school students.

The afternoon matinee captured an audience of over 150 children delighted by the antics of the Prince, Linda Reed, in "The Prince Who Wouldn't Grow". The hopeless problem of the rest of the King's Court as they tried to find a way to make the prince get taller gave the characters a chance to show their talents. Julie Schlichenmayer played the King; Jacques Gardner the queen and Tim Barker the fool. The fairy tale play was rich in costuming and characters alike.

Audience appreciation grew as "Bumbo, Scrumbo and Blinko" was presented as the second play of the afternoon. Chuckles and screams of delight echoed thru the gym as Blinko, Cheryl Bohn, got her nose stung by many needles. All ended well as Bumbo, Jacki Briggs, and Scrumbo, Sue Wheeler, danced off to a party evading Blinko, who was seeking revenge.

"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", a familiar favorite, also had its share of comedy. The headless horseman was a favored topic over Master Crane's endless lectures on music and song. Sound effects by Gary Crosby and Perry Barth heightened the atmosphere from light to eerie as the play progressed.

Student directors of the plays were pleased with the performances put in by the more than 35 students who were involved in one or more characterization. As Carleen Corcoran, co-director for "Bumbo, Scrumbo and Blinko" said, "It was a lot harder than I thought (to direct) but I think we did a pretty good job."

"The dress rehearsal did not go well, but that is a good sign", Pat Butler, co-director of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" admitted. She also summed up the feelings of the directors, cast and advisor Mr. Ron Borstad, by saying "All three



Three one-act children's plays, presented last Saturday, featured large casts and elaborate costumes. Top left picture; a scene from "Bumbo, Scrumbo and Blinko" in which Blinko, Cheryl Bohn, discusses his evil deeds with the hornets: from the left, Anita Fuoss, Sandy Kloiber, Lisa Yocum and to his right, Anne Burchill.

Top right picture; the hero of the same play, Scrumbo, Sue Wheeler, left, warns Blinko, Cheryl Bohn, against further trickery.

Bottom picture; a scene from "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" with Ichabod Crane, left, Bill Mefford, having a picnic with Hilda, Laurie Stephen, and her mother, Lori Argenian. [photos by Shelly Wooley]

one-acts were real good; every one involved did a good job."

Althea Fuoss directed "The

Prince Who Wouldn't Grow".

Julie Jorgenson was co-director of "Bumbo, Scrumbo and Blinko",

and Jackie Thompson was co-director with Pat for "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow".

## Attorney General discusses problems, solutions for juvenile delinquency

"Juveniles are good most of the time. They just need someone to tell them they have gone far enough," commented South Dakota Attorney General William Janklow when he was interviewed recently on the subject of juvenile delinquency.

Janklow described a juvenile delinquent as "a kid who acts outside the law." This includes everything from skipping school to auto theft or murder.

Juvenile delinquents in South Dakota, who have been convicted

of breaking the law, can be sent to the Training School at Plankinton, the State Penitentiary at Yankton or to the Job Corp at Custer. The judge who hears the case has that decision to make. At these places, the young offenders are counseled, punished and hopefully rehabilitated.

Although these institutions are currently doing their job and successfully rehabilitating a majority of those who are put under their supervision, the Attorney

General believes that community programs like half way houses or Big Brothers would be better. He explains his reasoning, "Juveniles would rather stay near home than be uprooted."

Cost is a large factor when discussing community programs, and Janklow feels that it would be too costly to have extensive programs in most South Dakota communities.

When asked if the juvenile crime rate in South Dakota was

increasing, he would not make a positive statement.

It's not that he does not know the statistics, but more and better records as well as increasing population could distort the facts, he explained.

The Attorney General concluded that he does not believe every kid who commits one crime needs a psychiatrist. He just needs someone to tell him when enough is enough, and "the best one for that job is the family."