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Mr. Ron Borstad, Director, contemplating a scene from the play "The Night of January 16th", in which Sue Cole, as the DA questions prosecution witness Carleen Corcoran, while Mike Garry portrays Judge Heath. [photo by Terry Doran]

Inside: **Review of the production "The Night of January 16th"**
What impact will the drought leave on Riggs Students?

Citizens asked to support proposal

On Dec. 14, Pierre residents, will decide whether or not to accept the proposed YMCA-Civic Center to be built adjacent to Riggs High School, the city, the school district and the YMCA are all involved.

The \$2.6 million project will include an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,000, an unusually large facility for a city the size of Pierre. In addition, the YMCA center will include an olympic sized indoor swimming pool, 1 or 2 racquetball courts, exercise room, lockerrooms, etc.

It is encouraging to note that the city hopes to finance their portion (1.9 million) with the city sales tax. No additional tax will be levied at this time, according to the Mayor Clint Gregory.

The YMCA however is dependent upon the generosity of the local citizens. They hope to raise \$800,000 to finance their share of construction costs and to pay for current operating expenses. The YMCA fund drive has already begun.

Some people have expressed concern over the resulting loss of the practice field for high school athletics

and the loss of space for future expansion. However, the softball field located to the north of the school can be sodded and altered to serve as both a softball and football field. Proponents of the plan estimate that the school could be expanded one hundred fifty percent and still not be hampered by the civic center building on the west.

One of the reasons the YMCA Board of Directors supported the site is to make the facilities available to high school students.

Tom Beernsten, executive director of the YMCA praised the unprecedented cooperation of the school board, city, and YMCA in a capital project. "I think it is an indication of good economics and community spirit," Beernsten emphasized.

We feel a facility such as this will do much to establish Pierre as a leader in central South Dakota. The residents will be benefiting in increased social, physical and cultural opportunities.

We hope that Riggs students will vote and/or encourage their parents to vote for the proposal.

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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.

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

Standardized Tests — Is there a better way?

Every year high school students across the country sit down at some time to take the ACT, PSAT, SAT, ITED, ASVAD and a collection of other standardized tests.

Hundreds of colleges and other post high school institutions use these tests as a basis for admission.

But in recent years the students, the colleges, the media, and even the test makers themselves have been questioning the value of such tests.

Can a single test or even a series of tests really measure how much knowledge a given person has acquired? Can a blanket testing program fairly judge an individual's own progress in learning environments that may be completely different in South Dakota and Iowa or Kentucky and Alaska? Are these tests worth the money,

the time and the effort spent on them?

Many people say 'no'. In California, for example, colleges and universities will not refuse admission solely on the basis of low test scores.

On the other hand, there are those who feel there should be some kind of yardstick for colleges to go by. They argue that there is no better way to evaluate the development and potential of students.

It is a difficult and puzzling question which affects all high school students more than anyone else.

In the coming months, the "Governor" will try to examine the controversy in depth, and answer some of the questions that have been raised about standardized tests.

'Everyone else does it'...

Carol Baker

I've seen it with my own eyes!

No, it wasn't a beautiful sunset over the Missouri River bluffs. It was Riggs, good ole' Riggs High, and it was a mess.

Students convince themselves that when they throw a piece of paper on the grass, paking lot, sidewalk, hallway or lunch room, they aren't hurting anything.

"Everyone else does it!"

Any pollution is ugly, but when the area around the high school is the worst mess in town, we are earning a reputation we don't need.

What is your excuse? There are garbage cans in all the parking areas around school. Who do you expect to pick up after you? the

janitor? the wind? a magic fairy? your mother?

Last year when the school was being evaluated, we picked up the litter. But this year we don't have that motivation.

It's a matter of getting our minds where they belong. Who likes ugliness? Land pollution is not only ugly, but it is harmful. And consider the future—we are leaving a permanent memorial of our generation—a mess of cans, bottles, candy wrappers, sacks and junk.

This world will be yours in a few years, pollution and all. Classes of '77, '78, '79, within three years this ugliness will be your constant reminder of your irresponsible years. Do you want that?



Trash strewn at random on the school grounds is a monument to student apathy. A concerted student effort should be made to clean up the area surrounding Riggs.

Why no pop machines?

To The Editor:

I have known for some time now that the student council has passed a recommendation to have a pop machine installed in the student lounge. Since then I have also learned that Mr. Lonbaken says "no way". I ask why not? It seems to me the teachers have one in their lounge, why can't we?

Recently the football team played Brookings, and much to our surprise we found pop machines, (both Coca-Cola and Pepsi) in the halls of the school, not to mention a special student room called "De shop", where they sold all kinds of snacks, as well as records. There was even a stereo. The pop machines didn't seem to be problems.

I'm asking the "Governor" to please find the facts about the pop machine dilemma and write an in-depth report giving both sides a chance to voice their opinion.

Sincerely
Scott Schuetzle

Performances Reviewed

'The Night of January 16th' called pure entertainment

Karen Likness

What does an intriguing plot plus a colorful array of characters, together with an unsuspecting audience, yield? Solution: an evening of pure entertainment.

Ayn Rand's play, "The Night of January 16th," presented by the Riggs Drama Department was just that, an evening of pure entertainment.

I must certainly commend Mr. Ron Borstad, director, on his casting the characters. Most cast members fit their part to the tee.

The play is about the trial of Karen Andre for the murder of her boss, the swindling business tycoon, Bjorn Falkner on the night of January 16th.

The play opened with the selection of jury members from the audience, followed by the entrance of Judge Heath, played by Mike Garry.

I do feel that Mike Garry should have studied his lines more carefully. Stumbling over lines is quite noticeable and makes the character unconvincing. In correct pronunciations were also noticeable, such as the difference between Bjorn Falkner and Barn Falkner. In any instance Garry's performance was adequate.

As the first witness was called, we met the Clerk of Courts, Alden Wilner. The tall lanky, wide eyed Alden, dressed in an ill-fitting jacket, pants far too short and a thin red bow tie was absolutely delightful. Although the part was small in dialogue, his portrayal of a prim dedicated clerk was commendable.

Five Riggs students attend band festival

Five students from Riggs High participated in the 19th annual Concert Band Festival at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, last weekend.

These students, selected from over 600 nominees from four states, include Althea Fuoss, flute, Tim Barker, alto saxophone, Mark Little, tenor saxophone, Terry Doran, trombone, Clyde Linn, tenor saxophone.

The group spent two days in small group clinics and rehearsals in preparation for the Grand Finale Concert which was presented at the Sioux Falls Coliseum Saturday evening, Nov. 20. Dr. Frank Benciscutto, University of Minnesota, was the guest conductor for the festival.

Mr. Paul Ushahl, band director, commended the students for their work and talent which earned them positions in the festival.

As the witnesses appeared, we were introduced to the two attorneys, Sue Cole, the district attorney, and Pat Looby, the defense counsel.

Sue's role was not an exciting character, but she tried to add some spice with her actions. At times she appeared to be nervous and not sure of her lines, however, and she often used her note pad as a crib sheet.

As for Pat Looby, his portrayal of the typical crusading defense attorney was superior. Pat does have some advantage with having a lawyer in the family.

The witnesses for the state included Mrs. John Hutchings, played by Carleen Corcoran, and Homer Van Fleet, played by Bill Magnusson. Carleen was utterly charming as the sweet giddy relief janitor, who witnessed Falkner's body being thrown from the 16th floor apartment balcony. Bill Magnusson was quite good as the "Columbo type" private investigator.

The widow of Bjorn Falkner, Nancy Lee, played by Tricia Hotchkiss, entered the scene with her father John Whitfield. She was attired in the proper widow's dress and gave her convincing testimony of her 'marriage made in heaven'. Tricia did a wonderful job of becoming the grieving widow.

Dan Sahr as John Whitfield, was perfect as the fast talking, big dealing banker. His makeup as a middle aged man should especially be commended.

The most memorable character certainly had to be Magda Svenson, the God-fearing, incorruptible housekeeper. Esle Brendt's performance was stupendous. I'm sure the audience agreed. Else's Swedish diction completed the character and her actions and remarks were tremendously amusing, such as kissing the Bible when taking the oath, and referring to Falkner as 'dat sinner'.

Tammy Winkler gave a stirring performance as Karen Andre, the

defendant pleading for her life. Tammy is a talented actress.

But when Miss Andre claimed she had lied at the inquest but was ready to tell the truth on the witness stand, I began to feel uneasy. To add to the confusion, in walked in Larry Regan, the notorious 'scum of the underworld' gangster. He professed his love for Karen Andres and provided more details to her testimony, which added to my confusion. I suppose this was the desired audience reaction.

Chris Whelen gave an excellent performance as the smooth talking, egotistical Regan. Deeked out in the finest from Mr. Dean's, Chris was a most enjoyable gangster.

Wes Cacus and Ahlene Stillwell did some fine character portrayals. Wes was delightful as the innocent, folksy cop who found the body thrown from the balcony. Ahlene was hilarious as the well endowed gum chewing flousy widow of the two bit ganster whose corpse was supposedly thrown out the window.

When the attorneys rested their cases, the jury left the room for a ten minute deliberation. The audience also had a chance to cast their vote for guilty or acquittal.

Friday night, the jury found the defendant, Karen Andre, guilty of murder in the first degree. Upon hearing the verdict Judge Heath scolded the jury for an uncalled for decision and moved that their names be struck from the jury duty roster for five years. I understand he gave a similar scolding when the verdict was 'not guilty.'

Sister-brother duo wins top prize; \$30 in Riggs High Variety Show Mon.

Kristi McDorman and brother Jeff, captured the \$30 first prize in Monday's variety show.

Last years variety show winners, Polaris, grabbed second place this year and the prize of \$20.

Third prize and \$10 went to Kathy Feldsein, singing her version of "I'm Sorry".

The winning song was "Thinking of You" an original tune by Carrie Burke with Kristi Mc

Dorman providing the vocals and Jeff on the Guitar.

In all, thirteen acts, of true variety, competed for the top cash prizes.

Between acts M.C.'s Paul Mernaugh and Rick Maas entertained the crowd, and during the intermission music was provided by the Riggs High Chorus.

The proceeds from the annual event will go to the music departments.



Masters of ceremony for the Variety Show, Rich Maas and Paul Mernaugh providing between act entertainment.

[photo by Terry Doran]

Butler wins Excellent in State Oral Interp

Pat Butler won a high excellent rating in the State Oral Interpretation contest in Pierre on Nov. 19.

She competed in the poetry division, interpreting several selections from Ogden Nash.

Competition was especially keen in the poetry division this year according to Mrs. Carol McNally, adviser.

Other students who had competed in the divisional meet at Watertown Nov. 9 included Mary Monlux, Clyde Linn, Jane Barton, Chris Whelen and Jackie Thompson. They each earned top excellent ratings. Only superior ratings advanced to the state competition.\$

Government officials speculate

Drought to have significant impact on state economy

"Things are in worse shape than many people care to admit. South Dakotans have traditionally been optimistic and they are having a hard time realizing how serious the drought really is," said Mr. Larry Tennyson, public information officer of the State Department of Agriculture.

Apologizing for being pessimistic, Mr. Tennyson added "We haven't reached the end. According to charts by the state climatologist, things will continue to get worse through the next year before they can improve."

"I hate to sound gloomy, but the outlook [economic] doesn't look good."

Here in Hughes county things are no more encouraging. According to Hughes County Agricultural Agent James Likness, "Trouble is ahead."

"I hate to sound gloomy but the outlook (economic) doesn't look good," said Mr. Likness.

According to Mr. Likness 80% of the total crop yield in the county was lost to the drought. In addition, at least 75% of the livestock have been shipped out of the county to preserve herds.

"There is no question. Potentially some school districts will be hit hard by the drought."

These conditions could have a severe impact on the budget of school districts, as they are dependent on property taxes, a large percentage of which is cattle.

Dr. Henry Kusters of the Office of Elementary & Secondary Education speculated, "There is no question. Potentially some school districts will be hit hard by the drought."

Dr. Kusters continued, "When crops have failed, and taxes are due, there will be nothing to pay."

If the drought continues, as many predictions indicate, some school districts may find it necessary to eliminate programs.

The severity of the drought is not really visible yet, as farmers are in fairly good temporary financial shape, having sold their livestock etc.

"The family farmer hasn't felt the impact, because of the income from selling livestock, but next year, almost certainly, some small farmers will be eliminated," said Mr. Tennyson.

According to Mr. Likness the current business activity may be deceptive due to the farmers purchasing fertilizer & equipment in the present fiscal year to establish an additional tax loss.

Already farmers, "unemployed" due to the drought are searching for jobs previously held exclusively by the nonfarmer, thus compounding the situation by crowding the already competitive job market.

Financial institutions are feeling the pinch too, as many banks in the smaller communities have reduced their staffs to compensate for the decrease in loan activity.

Large retailers, such as farm implement & auto dealers have had to solicit business that was previously "walk-in".

The situation is perhaps worse in South Dakota than any other state in the midwest farm belt because of the prolonged lack of moisture, not from just a few months but the last couple of years.

To date, Washington has been reluctant to act, apparently unsympathetic to a state with only four electoral votes."

Hoping to receive massive federal aid, Governor Kneip has asked that 57 of the 64 counties and all nine Indian reservations be declared disaster areas. To date, Washington has been reluctant to act, however, apparently unsympathetic to the needs of a state with only 4 electoral votes.

Mr. Tennyson stressed that as public information director his opinions were not official, though based on facts, as he criticized the Ford administration for its failure to act.

"A lot depends on the new Secretary of agriculture."

"It's interesting to note that the Federal Department of Agriculture didn't even come up with a study plan until four days before the election, where the drought has been severe for six months," Mr. Tennyson expressed.

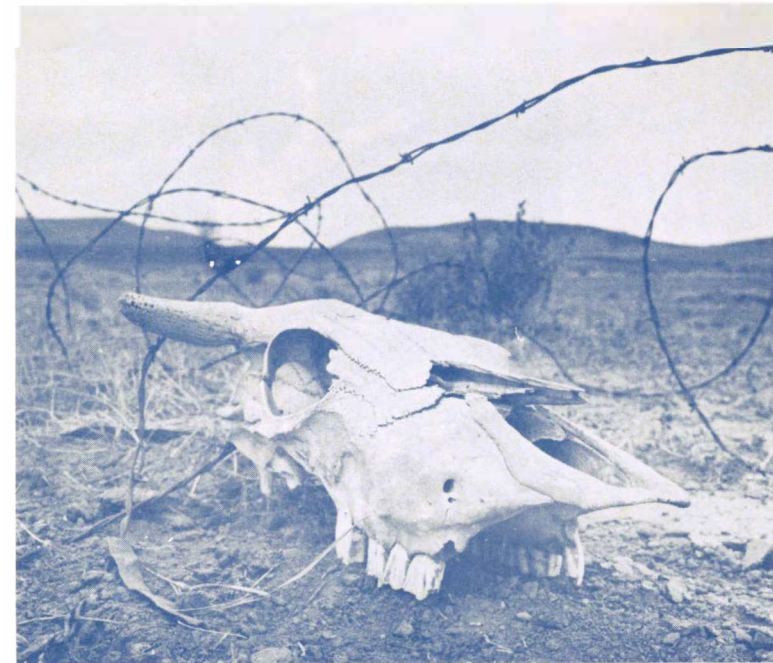
When asked whether he thought the Carter administration would be more responsive, he answered, "A lot depends upon the new Secretary of Agriculture. If he appoints a family farmer rather than a college professor economist we will probably be able to expect more."

Only time will tell the full impact of the drought on the economy of Pierre and the state. In the meantime a little rain wouldn't hurt.



Taken in the "dustbowl" section of Kansas, this photo depicts the 1936 drought at its worst. Conditions have not reached these proportions in the '70's, but there is speculation that the drought could take its toll in another year. [document photo aid courtesy of South Dakota State Library]

'Governor' students' interviews reveal bleak outlook for local agralogists



This skull found lying outside of Pierre is symbolic of the prevailing drought conditions in Central South Dakota. Hopefully, things won't get as bad as they did for this critter. [photo by Shelley Wooley].

Hard time ahead for students seeking jobs

because of the drought, students looking for jobs will have a harder time than in the past, according to Maynard Deuter of Job Service.

Mr. Deuter went on to explain that high school students are usually hired for unskilled jobs. Today those jobs are going to unemployed adults in search of work.

As an example of the job decline, Mr. Deuter pointed out that in the summer of 1975 Job

Service placed over 100 people in farm jobs. This summer they placed under ten.

Another example was cleanup crews. In the past, three or four teen-agers have been hired to do cleanup work. This year only one would be hired for the same amount of work.

According to Mr. Deuter, Pierre employers are already hiring fewer people, and unless the drought breaks it could get worse across the entire state.

Amid mounting speculation about the impact which the drought may have on local farmers and ranchers, the "Governor" gathered a sampling of student opinions.

Interviews with several students of Riggs High who are involved in agriculture revealed that all believe a monetary or property loss of some kind is inevitable for the ranchers and farmers in Hughes & Stanley counties.

The students agree that the drought will take its toll on the South Dakota farmers and ranchers. Comments the students made are serious and often a frightening view of the conditions that now prevail in agriculture.

"We've been forced to sell our cattle. All of our dams and wells are dry," said one senior whose

parents live on a ranch in Stanley County. This is not an unusual statement to hear when listening to those students whose parents are in agriculture.

Some say it is the worst year for farming after 25 years in the business.

As for summer wheat, few farmers harvested any at all. Winter wheat, even though it did make a showing, was too short to combine.

Conditions are bad, possibly as bad as the years of the Great Depression. And, unfortunately there are no signs that the conditions will improve.

Not surprisingly, it is the small farmer that is most severely affected. As one student put it, "It's gotten to the point where you have to own a big operation to make a profit," and that implies to survive a drought also.

Drought's effect on Riggs expected to be small

The Pierre schools will not be seriously affected by the drought according to Jack Titus, Pierre Independent School District business manager.

"As long as it is not a prolonged situation, the school system will not be drastically affected," Titus said.

Titus explained that the school is funded in part by property tax and, as there has been a lot of real estate expansion in Pierre, the money situation is relatively stable.

"If, however, the drought condition persists, it may force some changes," he admitted.

When asked to specify what type of changes, Titus replied, "We will have to establish priorities, account for our present expenses and limit expansion."

Titus acknowledged that plans were being made to build an addition to Riggs High in the near future but those plans will most likely be unaffected by the drought conditions.

"We have the money in our outlay fund and will not have to go to a bond issue to build the new addition," he disclosed.

"As for the future, Titus said, "the whole economy in South Dakota, as well as the schools, will suffer if the drought continues."

Amity Aid Maddi Frochlich speaks three languages fluently



Maddie Frohlich from Herisua, Switzerland, expresses her pleasure at being an Amity Aid in Pierre. [photo by Mark Schuler]

Among French, English and Spanish, Magdalena Frohlich says that English is her favorite language, which supports the reason why she came to America to be an Amity Aid.

Magdalena, who prefers to be called Maddi, is from Herisua, Switzerland. She will be in Pierre for two quarters, assisting in Mrs.

Beverly Mickelson's junior and senior high German classes as well as attending two high school classes.

After 18 weeks in Pierre, Maddi will go to Camel, near San Francisco, California, to be a teacher's aid in French.

Before coming to the states, Maddi attended the University in Zurich, Switzerland, for three years, where she studied to be a

language teacher. She taught for one year in Switzerland, teaching 12-15 year old students English, French, German, history, drawing, and physical education.

Maddi, who is staying with the Willard Lenners family until in January (she will live with the Robert Jahraus family after Christmas), likes the people in

Pierre and thinks it is a nice place. She said it was the nice Americans who she met in Switzerland that influenced her to come to the United States.

This isn't Maddi's first visit to the United States, having visited a friend in Washington three years ago. Besides traveling, Maddi likes to snow ski, swim, listen to music, play her flute, cook, knit and read in her spare time.

Cagers prepare for '76-'77 season

The Pierre Governors under the guidance of Roger Pries will be starting the 1976-77 basketball season on Nov. 26 against Chamberlain at Chamberlain.

Of the 18 players making the first cut, eight are seniors. These include Mark Flannery, Bob Dermer, Jim Ashley, Tim Washechek, Tom Stalley, Steve E. Johnson, Dennis Gran and Victor Piccione. Rick Maas, another senior, will again be undertaking the duties of student manager. The traveling team will consist of 12 players.

When asked about the strong points of this year's team, Coach Pries cited that shooting and speed should be fairly good and that the guards are stronger which means that the pressing defense of the opponents shouldn't cause much of a problem.

Coach Pries also remarked that the team will not have much depth due to a lack of experience beyond four or five guys. Because there will probably be only one big man in at a time, rebounding will also be a disadvantage.

The Governors will again be faced with two tough region opponents in Chamberlain and Miller, and Coach Pries feels that the team that improves the most during the season will probably go to State.

'76-'77 Pierre Boosters boasting 71 members

The 1976-1977 Pierre Booster club boasts 71 members, and this year's president is Mr. Vern Schuetzle.

Millie Schneider, vice president, and Myrna Dermer, secretary-treasurer, help head this organization of parents, coaches, and other Pierre citizens interested in Riggs' athletics.

The Booster Club, made up of approximately 80% parents, promotes Riggs High athletics. New football warm-up jackets are a good example of one of the Booster Club's many projects that was completed last year. Each year the Booster Club gives \$400 in scholarships to one deserving boy and one girl athlete.

Meetings of the club are held once a week and game films are viewed, especially after out-of-town games. Home games are viewed and discussed as well. Coaches attend the meeting to discuss the game films as well as take part in club business.

Meetings, which are held every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Kneip building, are open to all who are interested in Riggs High athletics. Club membership is not required to attend the meetings.

The season's schedule includes six games before Christmas and one during the holidays.

A glance at the Eastern South Dakota Conference shows Aberdeen and Mitchell to be two of the toughest teams with Pierre somewhere in the middle.

Gymnastics anyone?

"The nucleus of this year's Varsity Gymnastics Team is Nancy Teske, Nancy Stoesser, co-captains, Susan Solem, Sarah Pries and Cindy Lenners," according to Coach Tom Ball.

Practice for the 1976-77 Girls Gymnastics Team, began on Nov. 15, at the old Junior High Gym.

According to Mr. Ball, Sioux Falls looks to be the toughest team throughout their season of 11 meets plus Regionals and State. Their first meet is set for December 10, and Regionals set for February 24, both of which will be in Pierre.

A Junior Varsity program is also planned for this year under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Webb and Mr. Larry Joy. They have six meets planned for their season.

"The girls are progressing better than last year at this time," explained Mr. Ball.

Female harriers finish 2nd at State

This is the first year Pierre has had a girls Cross Country team, but they placed second at the State Cross Country meet at the Edgebrook golf course in Brookings Nov. 1.

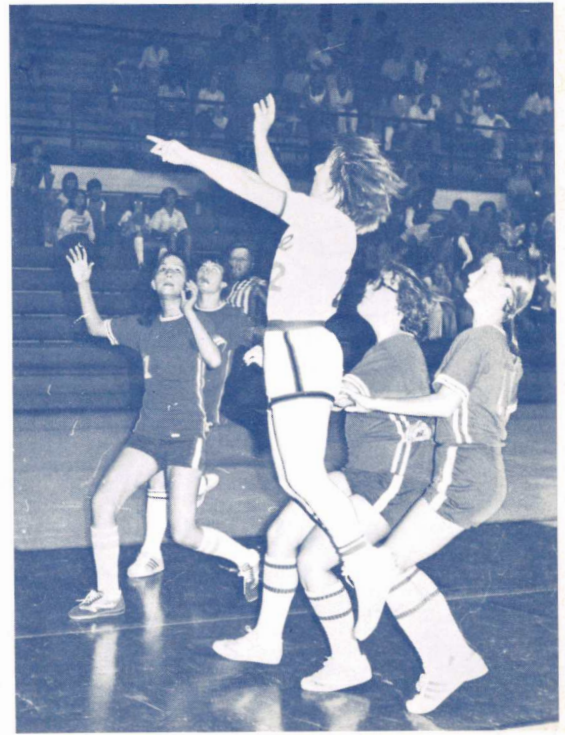
The boys class 'AA' had a little more difficulty, placing 7th out of 17 teams.

There were 14 teams competing for the Girls State title with 78 runners. The girls ran 3000 meter (about 1.8 miles) finishing: Rhonda Pier, 4th, with a time of 11:53; LaRie Nelson 5th, Teri Lautenslauger 7th, Jacque Gardner 35th, Ahlene Stillwell, 43rd, Kristie Hoenshied 44th and Kim Paulson 72nd.

The boys ran 5000 meters (about 3.1 miles) finishing: Keith Mc Gruder 12th with a time of 16:43; Paul Mernaugh 23rd, John Smith 37th, Damon Hartman 51st, Darrell Hartman, 61st, Larry Hartog 67th and Matt Poposki 82nd.

Next year's girls team will be missing two seniors, Ahlene

Doreen Lehrekamp goes up for two against a strong defense.
[photo by Shana Flinginger]



Lady Govs go to Sectionals Nov.29

With a 10-6 season backing them the Lady Govs will face Todd Co. for their final game before the sectionals contest Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

There will be 4 teams competing for the Section 6 title which gives the honor of traveling to State.

Among the teams trying for the title are: Miller, Winner, Chamberlain, and Pierre. The first night will see Miller vs. Winner and Chamberlain facing the Lady

Govs. The finals will be held the following night.

The Lady Govs will have two tough rivals facing them. Miller and Chamberlain edged them out in two close games during the season.

"What the girls really need is support," says coach Barb Felderman. "The Winner and Chamberlain girls both have a big cheering group."

When asked if she was optimistic about sectionals, she stated, "Whoever can get two good games together will win. We can play well and we have the same chances as anyone else."

League bowling begins

Three strikes do not necessarily mean you are out...not in bowling. Strikes earn you the title of Bowler-Of-The-Month in the Junior Bowling League.

Rhonda Ramse and Joe Krogman earned this honor for November for their good scores.

There are now 73 students participating in the senior division, those from 15 to 18 years old.

There are eight teams of four each with one roving substitute, and eight teams with five members each.

The bowlers pour into the alley every Saturday to play their three games. Each team is sponsored by a merchant who supplies them with T shirts and pays registration fees.

Helen Brazel and Julie Richardson are the secretaries for the leagues. They figure the scores and weekly averages.

Stillwell and Jacque Gardner. They both had a successful season and came through with much improvement.

Kim Paulson, junior, with dedication and desire, is looking forward to next year's competition.

Paul Mernaugh, senior, has improved greatly, and the team will miss him next year.

John Smith, senior, one of the States' top runners, suffered a pulled tendon during the second half of the season, but determination kept him running.

Kent Kneip, senior, was the 7th runner in the two previous State meets. Unfortunately he was defeated by Matt Poposki at the regionals in Huron this year.

Keith McGruder, junior, has the ability to start off at a good pace, speed up during the race and then sprint at the end of the race. He will be next year's leader of the pack.

Two more promising runners are the Hartman brothers, they are both sophomores.

Does anyone know who that new Engels guy is?

Paul Mernaugh

If you were to walk down main street and ask the average citizen, "Who is Mike Engels?", you would probably get responses like this.

"He played on Jeopardy last week."

"He helped write the Communist Manifesto."

"He's got the world's record for eating live bullfrogs."

But probably the most common answer would be, "Who?"

The best way to answer the question, would be to tell you. He is presently the head wrestling coach for the Pierre schools and is the cute Biology teacher all the sophomore girls swoon over. Besides that he wasn't too bad as a high school and college wrestler.

In 1968, Engels, a sophomore in high school, placed second in the state wrestling tournament at 133. The following year, he repeated his performance and once again placed second.

In his senior year at Watertown High School, he won the state title. Engels' name is enshrined over the entrance of Watertown High School gymnasium with other state athletic winners for the school.

After graduating from high school, Mr. Engels attended SDSU. There, he placed second in the North Central Conference tournament. Engels repeated his performance, placing second in the tournament the following year. He then went to the NCAA wrestling tournament and placed an outstanding second among the



Always willing to guide a prospective wrestler, head wrestling coach Mike Engels, instructs his young son Jason, age 17 months. [Photo by Shelly Wooley]

nations top wrestlers.

In '73 he won the NCC tournament and again in '74. He attended the NCAA tournament in '74 also and won another second place trophy.

So, if by some chance, an

inquiring reporter comes up to you and asks about Mike Engels, you'll know what to say. And, as soon as the wrestling season starts, everyone in Pierre will know who is leading the Riggs High squad to the championship.

Grapplers hold first wrestle-offs

Competition was fierce Saturday night as Riggs wrestlers competed for the 12 varsity positions in the team's final wrestle-offs.

Wrestle-offs began Thursday for the 40 wrestlers who have been out for practices since Nov. 1. Everyone in each weight class competes against all others in that class in the wrestle-offs.

The winners in each class who earned varsity positions for the first match from 98 pounders to heavy weight are: Todd Padgett, Kirby Welch, Ed Peterson, Erik Johnson, Ray O'Day, Pat Rose, Redgie Olson, Bob Truax, Jeff Putzier, Rick Kelly, Terry Cromwell and Ron Schnabel.

The first match of the '76-'77 season is a dual team tourney in Rapid City on Nov. 26 with schools from Rapid City, Madison, Mitchell, Sturgis, Huron, Watertown and Pierre competing.

Coach Engels feels the team has progressed significantly since practice began, and he is pleased with their attitudes and hard work.

He added that the nucleus of the team is the 105 and 145 weight classes as each have returning letterman or experienced personnell.

After talking to coaches around the state, Engels looks for Huron, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Watertown (where he went to school under coach Marv Sherril), to be the main competition for the Governors.

Matmaids chosen for this wrestling season

"Wrestlers are no. 1", claim the 12 girls who were chosen to make up the matmaid team for the '76-'77 wrestling season.

Duties that the girls carry out involve keeping scores, mimeographing programs, running scores to and from officials and generating school spirit with trinkets and signs put up around school and in the lockers of the wrestlers. They also aid the cheerleaders by giving vocal support at home matches as well as those away.

Coach Larry Lundeen commented, "The girls are organized to aid the wrestlers and to encourage enthusiasm. They are looking forward to the season."

He also pointed out that becoming a mat maid is no easy job. The girls go to classes where they learn about the sport. Then they take a written test. The girls who score best on the test win positions at mat maids for the season. Captains are the girls who have the highest scores on the test.



Taking a good wrestling position, the '76-'77 matmaids are; bottom row, from the left: Roxy Smith, Patsy Olson, Lisa Yocom, Pat Butler, Sue Wheeler; top row Vicki Vottler, Barb Ellis, Yvette Hedman, Pam Johnson, Lori Young; standing Lisa Sack. Not pictured Laura Sack. [photo by Shelley Wooley]

Gluttons rejoice as Fat Day nears

Sigrid

Because this is the era of crash dieting, weight watching and ounce ogling, not many people know this holiday by its most meaningful title, yet it's a fact - Thanksgiving is one day when it is officially A-OK (in fact, it is encouraged) to gorge one's normally under-nourished, starving and suffering body with all the naughty no-no's in the food world.

Gone are those dreadful diets, stashed are the bathroom scales... out come forgotten kitchen utensils, cooking pans, and the big turkey to be stuffed.

Twinges of conscience become past history. 'Calories' flee the vocabulary as fast as 'slurp' enters. A family feast is in the making-and it's legal!

Imagine what would happen if George Washington hadn't changed this custom from the 3 day chow-down event it used to be?

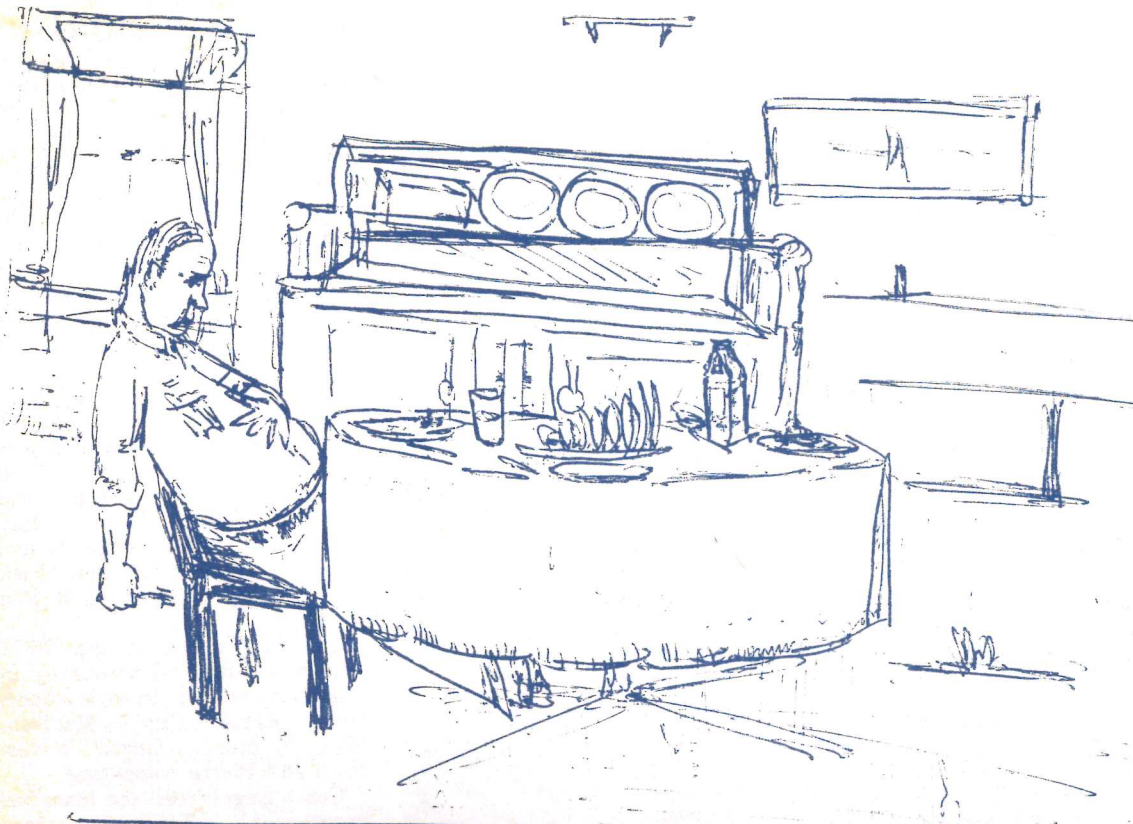
Of course, the praise and thanksgiving has to come in somewhere. This portion of the holiday comes a little late. After the roast turkey, cranberries, dumplings, squash, biscuits, etc. have been digested and people are saying "Thank God, I'm not bouncing off the walls anymore!"

And then, someone expounds, "How did the Pilgrims do it?"

Soon after, someone inquires, "Who were the Pilgrims?"

And so the story unfolds-from the rebellion of our forefathers against Great Britain, to the hardships of starting a new country in the midst of a cold winter, illness, starvation and inexperience.

The survivors celebrated surviving and that is what started it. We're still surviving because National Fat Day is only once a year.



THE DAMAGE DONE!!!

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Student strives for self improvement in reading

by Dee Stewart

In an effort to improve herself, Lori Beard, a senior, is taking a self-study speed reading course in the library during her free periods each day.

She became interested in the course last spring when the American Reading Lab presented a program on the subject. Lori thought it would be fun and a great help in college, so she attended classes in June three hours every week.

One thing Lori learned during the class was to just look at each word when reading instead of

saying it in her mind.

In July, she met the requirement for the course: to read 12 paperback books in four weeks. The books she selected were not complicated or long.

After this, Lori sent for the self-study packet containing tapes and booklets. This part of the course lasts for six months and consists of drills and lessons in speed-reading newspapers and novels. Lori works at this every day in the school library where she has access to a tape recorder and she can concentrate on reading.

By the end of the course, Lori hopes to be able to read 3000 to 4000 words a minute with 75% comprehension. She feels this will be a great asset to her in college. "When I write term papers, I'll be able to digest a whole book for information while most students won't have time."

Lori believes that anyone can benefit by learning speed reading. The American Reading Lab suggests that the person not be a mediocre reader. But as Lori said, "If a person believes he can do it, he will."

Riggs graduate discusses career at Mayo Clinic

"Most people think shorthand is not used anymore, but they are wrong, I have to take shorthand directly from doctors, and I don't mean tapes either. I think any secretarial major should learn and practice shorthand seriously," said Joan Sandstrom, a 1974 Riggs High graduate, who works as a medical secretary at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Joan graduated with honors from National College of Business, Rapid City, in the spring of '76. She is in the obstetrics and gynecology department at Mayo Clinic and is especially interested in chemo therapy records.

"Chemo therapy relates to the treatment of cancer patients. I do

statistics on how many people have a certain type of cancer," Joan said to explain one part of her new career. Her job also consists of confirming patient appointments, scheduling and working with patient records and the general duties of a medical secretary.

Last spring she earned three awards as a graduating senior from NCB including the Dr. Gregg award, the Outstanding Achievement in Shorthand Award with 160 wpm.

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Lori Beard works on her self study reading course for an hour every day in the library. [photo by Mark Schuler]