



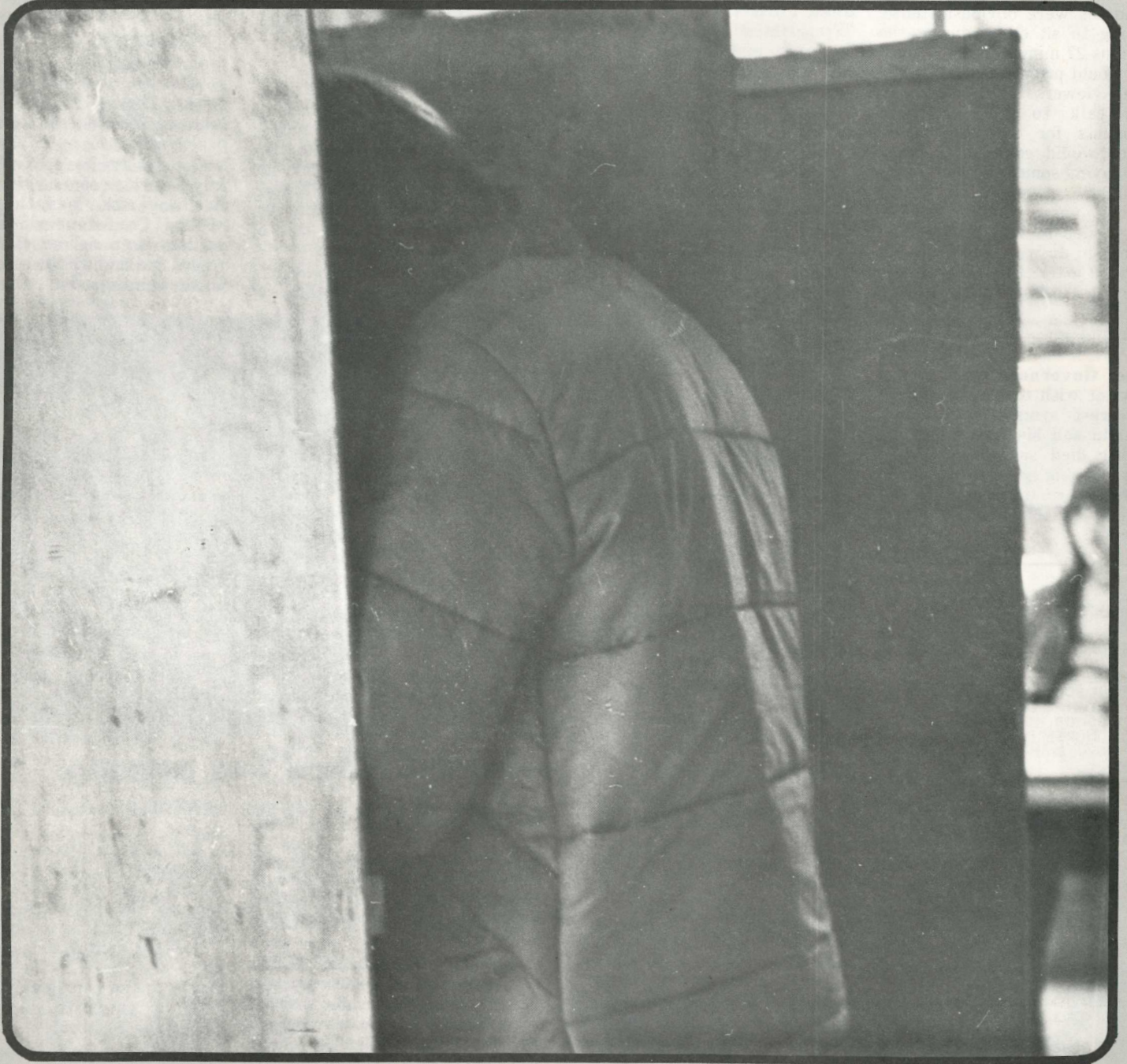
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Craig Oliver casts his vote in the privacy of a booth in Tuesday's mock election here at Riggs.

Inside: Students indicate their choices in 1976 political contests

Voters to determine impact of presidential debates on election day

Pat Springer

The impact, the presidential debates has had on voters, if any, will soon be determined.

The series of debates may be more accurately described as joint press conferences with the candidates responding to questions by the panel and refuting each other's answers.

27 minute delay

In the first debate, both candidates were obviously tense, refusing to sit down during the infamous 27 minute delay for fear they would project a weak image to the viewers. They would not even talk to the panel of journalists for fear the microphones would come on as they were saying something potentially damaging.

Ford's unprecedented willingness to debate was made in an attempt to draw support through forcing Carter to take specific stands on the issues. The debates

were to have generally favored Ford who is slightly behind in the polls.

Nothing new came out of the debates as both candidates relied on tested campaign rhetoric, except for Ford's flip-flop concerning the independence of Eastern European satellite countries of Soviet domination.

Image projection

Throughout the debates, President Ford tried to convey a "Presidential" image responding to certain questions as though he had access to information that his opponent did not.

Jimmy Carter continued his attacks on the poor leadership of President Ford, blaming him for the poor economic conditions plaguing the country.

At the conclusion of the first two debates, it was a draw between the candidates, a slight victory for each according to the judges and the polls.

Carter was to have had the advantage over Ford on domestic issues, while Ford was to have had the edge on foreign policy and defense due to his experience in the House and as President.

Veep confrontation

The stage was then set for the clash between the Vice Presidential candidates.

Consistent with his image as a hatchet man, Senator Dole lashed out at liberal 'nice guy' Mondale. He blamed the Democrats for US involvement in recent wars.

At first amusing, Dole's one liners grew old as Mondale criticized Dole's poor voting record for the consumer and the support of tax loopholes for the wealthy. The senator from Kansas countered by emphasizing his Minnesotan counterpart's lack of defense program support.

In the final debate, however, a little more of the personalities of

the contenders was reflected. For example, Jimmy Carter admitted he did not really know how to handle the "Playboy" interview and regretted having consented to give it.

It is regrettable that both candidates had to concern themselves with image projection as they did, having to respond to questions so cautiously that voters learned nothing.

Educational for voters

Perhaps American voters place too much emphasis on the way a person handles himself under stress. Though definitely important, it inhibits the candidates performance.

The debates may have served only to further confuse the voters. But, never-the-less, those four "Press Conferences" were a positive step in educating the voters and adding spice to a lack luster campaign.

The Governor staff and advisor wish to extend their sincerest sympathy to Jim Martin and his family. Jim's father died suddenly Saturday evening.

We share the sorrow of a fellow staff member and friend.

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GOVERNOR POLICY

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.

Editorial in Nature

Freedom of the press instrumental in maintaining democracy

Newspapers in the United States have historically served to keep government accountable to the people. A recent notable example of this was the undercover work done by now famous journalists Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein in bringing to light many of the Scandals of the Nixon administration.

At times, though reporters have abused the privilege granted them, as in the case of the release of the Pentagon Papers and more recently the publication of classified material by the CBS correspondent Daniel Schorr.

It is widely accepted though, that government agencies tend to use secrecy labels as a shield for embarrassing performances, so it becomes a matter of deciding whether or not it is in the nation's best interest to publish a controversial item.

The press is, at times, criticized for stressing only bad news

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, former US Ambassador to the UN once noted that, "It is the mark of a democracy that its press should be filled with bad news. When one comes to a country where the press is filled with good news, one can be pretty sure that the jails are filled with good men."

The high school press, too, strives to inform its readers on items of interest. It is limited, though, by its responsibility to promote the school, limited finances, lack of time for in-depth pursuit of many issues, and the threat of libel suits.

The high school press also enjoys freedoms, however, criticism of the school board and administration of the teachers and students, are valid topics for high school newspapers.

"Governor" survey is favorable to national voter percentage

Pat Springer

In light of the high rate of voter apathy nation wide, especially among young adults, it is encouraging to note that 80% of the Riggs student body indicated that they would exercise their right to vote if they were of age.

The "Governor" conducted a straw poll last week, questioning 400 students as to whether they would vote in the national election Nov. 2 if they were eligible.

Among the 18 year olds eligible, a discouraging 65% indicated they had not registered, however. Evidently it is one thing to say you are going to vote in answering a survey and quite another to bother to register and vote when the opportunity is available.

Citing a lack of knowledge of the issues was the reason 35 percent gave in not wanting to vote; while 33 percent felt that voting was

ineffective because of corrupt politicians.

If recent national polls are accurate, a record 50 percent of those eligible to vote in the United States will choose to stay home on election day.

Currently the United States, long a symbol of democracy, has the second lowest voter turnout record in the world. If projections are correct and the trend continues, the United States will soon replace Botswana, an African Republic, as the nation with the fewest voters, a dubious distinction.

Even more distressing is the fact that young voters, ages 18-25, form the biggest percentage of apathetic voters.

Different reasons for the situation have been offered. Among them is distrust. During the Watergate era, voters became

increasingly skeptical of politicians.

Also a large number of voters apparently feel their vote doesn't count; the electoral college chooses the president, therefore individual votes aren't significant.

Another contributing factor to voter disinterest is the fact that neither major candidate has been able to generate enthusiasm among the electorate.

Despite his anti-Washington appeal, support from labor, and toothy grin, Jimmy Carter evidently doesn't instill enough confidence to gain wide support.

Also President Ford, with his damaging pardon and connections to the Nixon administration, narrow nomination victory, and relatively bland campaign style has failed to arouse the voters.

Whatever the reason, a 50 percent voter apathy rate is inexcusable.

Ford defeats Carter; Republicans dominate in student mock election

Gerald Ford has been elected president by a sound margin over challenger Jimmy Carter in Tuesdays mock election at Riggs High.

The Ford-Dole team got a solid mandate capturing 59% of the vote, to Carter's 40%.

The Republican party is in good shape in Riggs High at least, the G.O.P. captured six of the eight political offices up for election including the Presidency.

In other races, James Abdnor defeated challenger Grace Mickelson by a 3-1 margin to retain his seat in the House of Representatives and incumbent Democrat Jack Weiland edged Charolette Fisher by 28 votes to retain his position as Public Utilities Commissioner. Homer Harding, another Republican, retained his seat in the South Dakota Senate by soundly defeating challenger Ernest R. Stephenson.

Incumbents Neil Clarke and Benny Gross fought back challengers Ann Van Lean and Kenneth Sutton to remain in the S.D. House of Representatives.

Ruth Hanigan was elected county treasurer over Helen Higgs and Thomas M. Mahar, the other victorious Democrat, was elected States Attorney over Charles P. Schroyer.

In a close race, Robert B. Hipple defeated Curtis Johnson for Director-at-Large representing Municipalities in the Oahe Conservancy Sub-District, a non-political office.

The election was conducted by the State Classes under the direction of Mr. Tom Ball and Mr. Dick Kennedy. Two days last week were designated as registration days. Only those students who registered (indicating party preference) were allowed to vote in the mock election.

Over 66% of the registered voters voted, which is above the national average. The sophomores had the largest voter turnout with 73 percent, followed closely by the Juniors with 71% of the class choosing to exercise their voting right. The seniors, those nearest to legal voting age, had the poorest turnout with only 49%.

Independent Candidates may play important role in election Tues.

As election day nears, with the race between Carter and Ford still very close, the role of the Independent candidates becomes increasingly important.

Although not a threat to actually gain office, these candidates have their own determined supporters and should the election be forced into the House of Representatives, they could have a definite effect on the outcome.

Several Independents on the South Dakota ballot include: Hall and Tynar, Communist; MacBride and Bergland, and Camejo and Reid. Gus Hall is the first member of the Communist party to appear on the South Dakota ballot.

A lack of money is the main problem facing the Independent candidates. The Federal Election Commission controls funding with the major party candidates first in line to receive the allotted money for the respective campaigns.

This may explain why none of the major Independents like Gene McCarthy and Lester Maddox are on the South Dakota ballot. As South Dakota has only four electoral votes, these candidates have felt it a waste of effort to spend precious money to get on the ballot and conduct a campaign.

Voters, dissatisfied with the major party candidates may choose to select one of the Independents or do, as many Americans predicted to do, simply not vote at all.

S.D., small states, could decide winner

The outcome of Tuesday's election will decide who the next president of the United States will be, maybe.

With the race between Carter and Ford "too close to call" according to many leading authorities, it is interesting to note what could happen.

If neither candidate receives a majority of at least 270 of the 538 electoral votes, the election is thrown into the House of Representatives.

If this should happen (it has happened twice, in 1800 and 1824) the situation becomes drastically changed.

In the House, each State has one vote, giving South Dakota, with only two electoral votes, the same voting power as New York with 43.

Theoretically, a majority of sparsely populated states could decide the winner regardless of how many millions of voters favored the other candidate.

RESULTS OF THE STUDENT / MOCK ELECTION

Presidential Candidate	Member of the House of Representatives
Ford-Dole (Rep.) 288	Neil Clarke (Rep.) 264
Carter-Mondale (Dem.) . . . 197	Benny G. Gross (Rep.) . . . 217
Camejo-Reid 3	Kenneth A. Sutton (Dem.) . 165
Macbride-Bergland 2	Ann VanLoan (Dem.) . . . 119
Hall Tynar 1	
U.S. Representative Congress	County Treasurer
James Abdnor (Rep.) . . . 359	Ruth Hanigan (Rep.) . . . 291
Grace Mickelson (Dem.) . . 111	Helen M. Higgs (Dem.) . . . 165
Public Utilities Commissioner	States Attorney
Jack Weiland (Dem.) 256	Thomas M. Maher (Dem.) . . 289
Charolotte Fischer (Rep.) . 228	Charles P. Schroyer (Rep.) . 183
Member of the Senate	Director Oahe Conservancy Sub-District
G. Homer Harding (Rep.) . 340	Robert B. Hipple 240
E. R. Stephenson (Dem.) . 131	Curtis Johnson 220



Esther Crawford and Barb Fischer register Kathy Tiollion and Barb Saffel for Tuesday's mock election at Riggs High. 86% of the student body registered.

12 vocalists, one instrumentalist in All-State Chorus & Orchestra

Thirteen Riggs High musicians are preparing for the All-State Chorus and Orchestra to be held in Huron Nov. 5-6.

Brad Vieth has won a position as 2nd chair oboe in the orchestra and 12 vocalists will sing in the chorus.

Individuals competing in this year's chorus are: sopranos, Althea Fuoss, Kathy Feldsien, Else Bernt; altos, Kristi Smalley, Anita Fuoss, Susanna Nielson; tenors, Andy Barden, Dan Sahr, Rick Maas; bass, Clyde Linn, Les Traut and Darrell Hartmann.

Mr. Rodney Eichenberger, director of choral activities at the University of Seattle, Washington, will conduct the two day event.

The final concert features 1000 voices presenting eight numbers which range from Handel to a noise piece by Folk Rabe.

The All-State Orchestra and Chorus combine for three numbers as a climax to the concert.

Four of the Riggs High All-Staters were also in the group last year, Althea Fuoss, Clyde Linn, Les Traut and Rick Maas.



Members of the All-State Chorus are back row; Rick Maas, Les Traut, Darrell Hartman, Clyde Linn; front row, Else Bernt, Althea Fuoss, Kathy Feldsien, Dan Sahr, Andy Barden, Anita Fuoss, Kristie Smalley and Susanna Nielson. [photo by Terry Doran]

Governor, Gumbo Rate First Class

First class, excellent ratings were presented to both the Riggs high yearbook and newspaper for 1975-76 from the South Dakota High School Journalism Association Contest at the annual State High School Journalism Convention in Brookings on October 1.

Out of a possible 200 points, the "Gumbo" received 172, scoring highest in layout design, writing-editing, and typography-work. Judge, Mrs. Liz Williams, Brookings, commented on the writing and editing, "very thorough and very 'newsy', you deal with the contraversial as well as the routine."

Out of a possible 500 points, the "Governor" received 408 points. Strong points included opinion polls, good sports coverage, good photography, good sports coverage, good headlines and good graphic design.

The paper was criticized for having no in-depth or interpreta-

tive news stories. The stories did not completely cover the news, and editorials did not show evidence of research, were other criticisms listed by the judges.

Music Department again sponsors all school variety show

The annual Riggs High variety show, sponsored by the music department is scheduled for Nov. 26, the Monday before Thanksgiving, in the Riggs High gym.

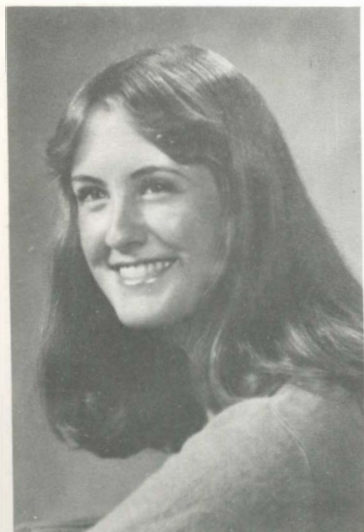
Any student or group who would like to perform and be a part of the show should contact Mrs. Jeanne Dahlin, vocal instructor, or Mr. Paul Upsahl, band instructor, by Nov. 8.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the best performances.

Some acts that could be used according to Mrs. Dahlin are singing, dancing, comedy, instrumental solos and groups.

Nan Williams DAR Good Citizen

Nan Williams has been chosen as Riggs High School's DAR good citizen for 1976-77 by the senior class and faculty.



Nan Williams is the 1976-77 DAR good citizen.

The DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) conducts the Good Citizen contest each year for boys and girls in the senior class of all approved public, private and parochial schools in the United States.

The senior class nominated four girls and four boys who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. From these eight students, the faculty elected the Good Citizen of the year.

Nan's name will now be entered in the Regional contest. If she wins that she will go the the State and then possibly to National competition. The state winner receives a \$50 bond. Second and third place winners each receive a \$25 bond.

Nan is the editor of the 1977 Gumbo. She was assistant editor last year. She is active in Drill Team and in National Honor Society. She was chosen for Girls State last spring.

Adam nominated to attend seminar

A trip to Chicago for the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar may be in the making for Riggs High Sophomore Kathy Adam.

The seminar is sponsored by the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation, an organization established in 1958 by actor Hugh O'Brien. Its purpose is to recognize young people with leadership capabilities.

One student from each state is chosen to attend the week-long seminar on America's Incentive system to be held April 16-23. Expenses are paid by the Hugh O'Brien Foundation.

Kathy was chosen from the sophomore class on the basis of her scholastic record, activities within the school and church participation.

76-77 declam contestants to be judged Monday

The Riggs High School 1976 Oral Interpretation contestants are "Energetic and eager to perform" according to Mrs. Carol MacNally, declam advisor.

Twenty one students will compete in the local contest Monday night in Room 101 with Mrs. Pally Pinney as judge. There are two teams competing in dual acting, five in the dramatic division, four in oratory, three in poetry and five in the humorous division.

Winners of the local contest will advance to Watertown for the regional contest Nov. 9. The division winners compete on the state level in Pierre Nov. 19-20.

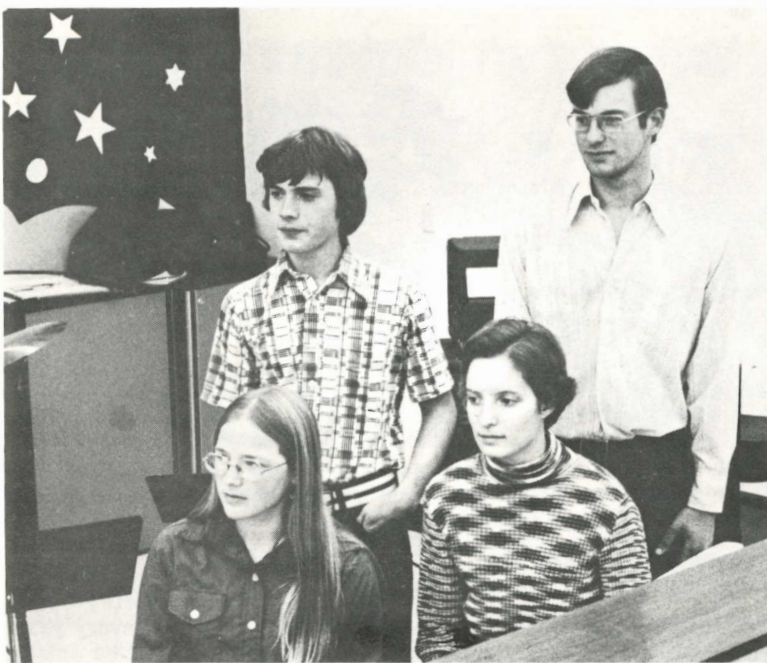
Kathy is active in the YMCA program and has helped coach basketball to grade school girls at the "Y". She is active in the Teen Age Republicans. She was nominated for DAR Citizenship for her class for two years. She is actively involved in Girl Scouts and has recently joined the "Friends of the Library" organization. She is in the school band and the city band. She has been on the girls varsity basketball team. She is also very active in her church's young people's group.

Mr. Paul Harens-teacher varsity debate coach--and now CFC president

Mr. Paul A. Harens has two more duties to tend to besides teaching speech and coaching the varsity debate team this year. He has been elected president of the Central Forensics Conference (CFC) and President of Pierre Players for 1977.

The CFC is made up of the schools who sponsor debate teams in Central South Dakota. As president of CFC, Mr. Harens duties will be to administer tournaments, and to coordinate the dates of the tournaments as well as conduct the CFC meetings.

As president of Pierre Players, Mr. Harens is in charge of lining up the 1976-77 season. Three plays will be presented this year including "Play It Again Sam" a comedy by Woody Allen which is set for Nov. 8-12 at the Elks Club.



National Merit Scholarship commendation winners for 1976 pose in the room where two of them spend much of their time, the music room. Althea Fuoss front left and Brad Vieth, back left, are both accomplished musicians. Cindy Lenner, front right, and Jack Holden have outstanding records in athletics. [photo by Les Traut]

Four students named to Merit Program

Four Riggs High seniors have been named Commended students in the Merit Program by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Letters of Commendation were presented to Althea Fuoss, Jack Holden, Cindy Lenner, and Brad Vieth.

These four students were among 35,000 Commended students nationwide who are being recognized for their outstanding performance on the 1975 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Commended students represent less than two percent of the nation's secondary school senior class.

Althea has been in choir and band since ninth grade, and last year she was selected for All-State Choir. Also involved in drama, Althea is a member of Thespians and has participated in three plays. She is also a member of German Club and National Honor Society. She is an accompanist for

the vocal music department and plays the flute in the band.

Jack is very active in sports. He has participated in basketball, football, and track. He is on the varsity basketball and football teams. He is a member of the Monogram Club and has served on the student council.

Also active in sports, Cindy has been involved in basketball, track, gymnastics, and intramural sports. She is on the girls' varsity basketball team and the varsity gymnastics team. She is also a member of German Club, pep club, Thespians, Monogram Club and National Honor Society.

Brad, also a member of National Honor Society, has been in the All-State Choir and All-State Band. He is a member of Spanish Club and has participated in Declam. He is an accompanist for the vocal music department and was an accompanist for last year's All-State Chorus.

Sioux Falls Oktoberfest attracts 100 students

A unique celebration at Sioux Falls, Oct. 13, attracted over 100 students from North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota.

The event, the Oktoberfest, drew 14 Riggs High students - all German club members - to Augustana College Campus for a day of panel discussions - singing, and other entertainment in the German tradition.

The event was staged as a salute to the American Bicentennial with a focus on the German heritage of many South Dakotans.

Fall play to be presented in Nov.

Riggs High School's first play this season, "The Night of January 16th", will be presented November 16, 18, 19 and 20 in the Junior High auditorium.

Major speaking parts are held by Chris Whelen, Carleen Corcoran, Dan Sahr, Wes Cacas, Shirlene Knudtson, Tammy Winkler, Sue Cole, Phil Coler, Rick Maas, Brad Vieth, Bill Magnusson, Ahlene Stillwell, and Tricia Hodgekiss. Because of the approximate equality of these parts, there is no leading actor or actress.

Rehearsals for the cast of 24 began October 12. Director Ron

Borstad revealed "The complete play is a courtroom trial in which Karen Adre (a secretary) is tried for murdering her boss, Bjorn Faulkner."

He also commented on the audience involvement required for the play. The audience will be asked to "act" the roles of the jury. Students in the play will also sit in the audience and come forward when it is their turn to "testify".

Because the entire setting is the courtroom, a permanent set will be used, with Pat Butler working the lights.

Admission will be \$1.00 for adults, 50c for children.

Mark Leach named national writing finalist

Mark Leach, "Governor" news editor, has been cited for outstanding performance in writing. The National Council of Teachers of English has named him a national finalist of a 1976 NCTE Achievement Award in Writing.

This is the first time a Riggs High student has won the honor.

Over 6,500 students were nominated last February by their English teachers for NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing. Each nominee submitted a sample of his/her best writing and an impromptu essay. These compositions were evaluated by state judging teams of both high school

and college English teachers. The approximately 850 finalists selected each year represent high schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and American schools abroad. The number of possible winners for each state is keyed to state population.

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The Council recommends the award finalists for college scholarships in 1976 by submitting the names of the students to admissions officers and English department chairmen at U.S. two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Erik Johnson attends state VICA assembly

Erik Johnson, newly elected president of VICA Club was Riggs High's delegate at the state VICA assembly in Pierre October 24-25.

VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) is a national high school organization devoted to the improvement of vocational and industrial training on the high school level. The 15 members in the auto mechanics class at Riggs are all members of VICA.

There are about 600 members in the state mostly from the larger schools where there are other vocational subjects in the curriculum. The state organization sponsors skill contests every spring.

Other VICA club officers elected for the coming year are Dave Schramm, vice president; Gary Sherman, secretary; and Tim Vallandingham, treasurer.



VICA Officers for 1976-77 are from the left; Gary Sherman, Tim Vallandingham, Erik Johnson, and front Dave Schramm.

Senior Pictures

Seniors who want their picture in the 1977 "Gumbo" must have them taken by Dec. 21, according to Mr. Terry Peterson, yearbook adviser.

This is the absolute deadline set by the studios in Pierre. Any senior who has his picture taken at the three studios in Pierre will not have to furnish a copy to the yearbook, but anyone who has his picture taken out of town must bring a copy to Mr. Peterson by Dec. 21.

Girls Cross Country Team Wins Regional Title In Huron Oct. 23

The girls cross country team ran away with the regional title on Friday, Oct. 22 having a 12 point lead over the nearest contender, Huron.

Other teams in Region III are Mitchell, Yankton and Winner.

The girls placed were Teri Lautenschlager 1st, Rhonda Pier 2nd, LaRie Nelson 3rd, Kristi Hoenscheid 10th, Ahlene Stillwell 13th, Jacque Gardner 15th, and Kim Paulson 20th. All seven girls qualify for State "AA" meet Nov. 1, at Brookings. Coach Lundeen said "I think we can finish in the top five."

"Most of the meets have been at the new distance of 3,000 meters (or over 1½ miles). The girls have placed 3rd or better at all the meets this season. They have been beaten in "AA" competition by only Rapid City Stevens and Watertown."

In the ESD meet at Brookings Saturday, Oct. 15, they ran in strong and chilly temperatures. Lundeen added, "This meet gave us the best showing of the season and brightened up the picture for the Regional and State meets. I believe that LaRie Nelson, Rhonda

Pier and Teri Lautenschlager are among three of the best girls cross country runners in the state. Teri holds the school record for 3,000 meters at 11:35 minutes and LaRie Nelson second at 11:36.

"The key to the success of the girls team has been the strong showing recently of Ahlene Stillwell. Most of the titles are decided by the fifth runner.

"In cross country, you enter seven runners, with the top five from each school figuring in the team scoring. The other two runners can add points by beating on of the opponents first five runners.

"The most exciting meets of the year are the last three—ESD, Regionals and State. Even though it would have been nice to win the ESD title, we might still surprise the favorites at the State meet." (Top teams at State are Rapid City Stevens, Watertown, Brookings, and Pierre).

"Cross country is a self-disciplined sport in that you must do more work on your own and push yourself beyond your expectations if you are to be a winner.



The gun goes off as cross country runners Ahlene Stillwell and LaRie Nelson start the race at farm island followed closely by Jacque Gardner and Dianne Bullard.

"Some of the girls have been coming up at 6 a.m. and running when the boys do and with this determination, they deserve to be tops."

"This year, having to be the first, was a dry run for girls cross country. And as all sports go, they get bigger and better every year. With this, Pierre will be among the best."

Cross Country boys run to victory

The Pierre Governor boys Cross-Country team ran away with the Region 3 title at Huron, Saturday, Oct. 23.

Pierre finished with 27 points compared to second place Yankton with 61 points. Mitchell trailed Yankton with 65, followed by Winner with 91 and Huron 94.

Pierre's outstanding number one runner, John Smith out-kicked Mitchell's Brad Brane in the final 200 yards of the 3.1 mile course in a time of 16 minutes and 20.9 seconds. Pierre's Paul Mernaugh was 3rd followed, by Keith Magruder 4th; Darrell Hartman, 9th; Damon Hartman, 10th; Matt Popowski, 20th; and Kent Kneip, 31st.

In Junior Varsity competition, it was Larry Hartog, Brett Sampson, and Tony Hillmer sweeping 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Todd Nortenson placed 10th.

A week earlier, the Govs traveled to Brookings for the ESD Conference meet. The Governors ended with second place, falling to a healthy Watertown team.

"Pierre's performance in ESD was the best ever," stated head Coach Larry Lundeen.

Next Monday, Nov. 1, is the state meet at Brookings, and Pierre should be a strong contender.

"I think we're capable of finishing in the top five teams in both girls and boys division," predicted Lundeen.

Lady Governors Over Eagles 59-50

The Lady Gov's really showed action as they beat seventh-ranked Aberdeen Eagles, 59-50 Saturday, Oct. 16 at home.

There were 66 rebounds compared to Aberdeen's 30-some. They also made over 12 points in fastbreaks. Coach Barb Felderman says "desire" was a factor in winning "the girls really wanted it. The team as a whole, played extremely well."

Aberdeen was keen on Paula Kellar as she is the leader in scoring, so the other girls got a chance to do real well. Felderman remarked that Cindy Lenner played a real outstanding game and Tami Peterson helped.

The next toughie for the Lady Gov's will be Brookings, Oct. 29. Felderman feels they will run into some trouble for "Brookings have two girls 6 feet and they are ranked 8th in the state. They were good last year and they are good

this year." She feels they might have difficulty with rebounding.

The day after Brookings, they have a tournament in Winner. Ft. Pierre and Winner play the first game and Pierre and Chamberlain play the second.

The team faces 8 more games including Sectionals at Miller, Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. The State A tournament will be held at Mitchell Dec. 9-11.

Felderman remarks of the girls as "energetic" and "The one basic goal is to get to 'state' this year."

Friday, Oct. 22, the Ladies traveled to first-rated Yankton only to face a bad defeat of 66-34. But the girls probably were "pushed" out mainly because Yankton is top-rated. "The offense was not very good; they had trouble running plays and had trouble rebounding" quoted Felderman.



The tennis season is over, but the girls on the '76 tennis team were willing to grab a racquet and pose. The team members are from the left bottom row: Lisa Brinkman, Colleen Huntley, Sigrid Werthmann; top row, Carleen Corcoran, Sue Lee, Carolyn Porter, Cathy Cowan and Cindy Beekley.

[Photo by Rick Maas]

Girls Tennis Team Finishes Season

Another sport season has wound up and all the girls have hung up their tennis "star" clothes. The girls tennis team finished their season at the State Tournament in Brookings on Oct. 8.

The tournament was scheduled so preliminary play was on October 8th and semifinals and finals on October 9th. "All the girls lost in first round singles and doubles through the cold weather factor, some pretty tough draws, and probably a little nerves," according to Coach Pickering.

"Although we didn't place in the final competition we had a good year and placed high in ESD competition," said Carol Pickering.

Riggs seniors finishing their high school tennis career are Cindy Beekley, Sue Lee, Sigrid Werthmann, Carleen Corcoran, and Colleen Huntley.

Returning for next year's team will be letter person Cathy Cowan backed by Nancy Teske, Trisha Thelen, Lisa Brinkman, Cindy Brabander, Lori Badger and Liz Miller.

Stir over '76 season

Pheasants struggle for survival as the drought destroys habitat

Bob Crance

Due to this year's drought, most of what was once prime pheasant habitat in South Dakota is now barren wasteland, all but void of pheasants. For this reason, hunters have begun to wonder about the future of the pheasants and high school nimrods are asking for facts.

South Dakota, once the pheasant capital of the world, may now be facing one of its poorest seasons ever. Of the top 11 pheasant-producing Midwestern States, South Dakota was tied for 5th place with Nebraska. In 1975, South Dakota harvested 490,000 birds with a 30-day season and a two-bird bag limit. Iowa, the leader, had a 1,150,000 bird

harvest with a 58-day season and a three-bird bag limit.

The drought and the spring blizzard of two years ago have taken their toll on the pheasant. Many birds did not survive the blizzard and those that did have had to face the continuing destruction of habitat by the drought.

Farmers have had to put more and more of their land each year into production because of the dry weather. Most of the idle land of the now extinct soil bank program has been put back into production. This land once provided thousands of acres of prime habitat for the birds.

Pheasants have also had to

compete with other wildlife for food and cover. Shelterbelts, once filled with tall grass and weeds, are now being grazed by livestock looking for the little vegetation that survived the lack of moisture. In some areas the only wildlife showing increase are raccoons and skunks, both of which prey heavily on pheasant eggs and young birds each Spring.

All of these factors have combined to decrease the pheasant population by 33% and to cause quite a stir over the 1976 pheasant season, especially in the northeastern corner of the state.

Many people in the northeastern counties had requested the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission to

shorten or close the season. The Commission considered these requests but stood by its original 30-day season.

The main reason for the Department's decision was that the pheasant population must be thinned of roosters so more of the hens will have a chance to survive the winter. The hen, being the smaller and weaker, would have a tough time competing with the rooster for food and protection. Many game departments have proven that the controlled harvest of rooster pheasants will not deplete the population but rather cause an increase in bird numbers by allowing more hens to survive.

Despite the odds against them, pheasants this year will have two things going for them, the hunting season to harvest excessive roosters and the newly founded Pheasant Congress. The Pheasant Congress is an organization devoted to increasing the pheasant population by any practical method such as predator control, habitat enhancement, and restocking.

Govs strive for final improvement

The Governors suffered their fifth defeat of the season Friday night, Oct. 22 as Yankton outpointed them 38-12 in an ESD conference game on the homefield.

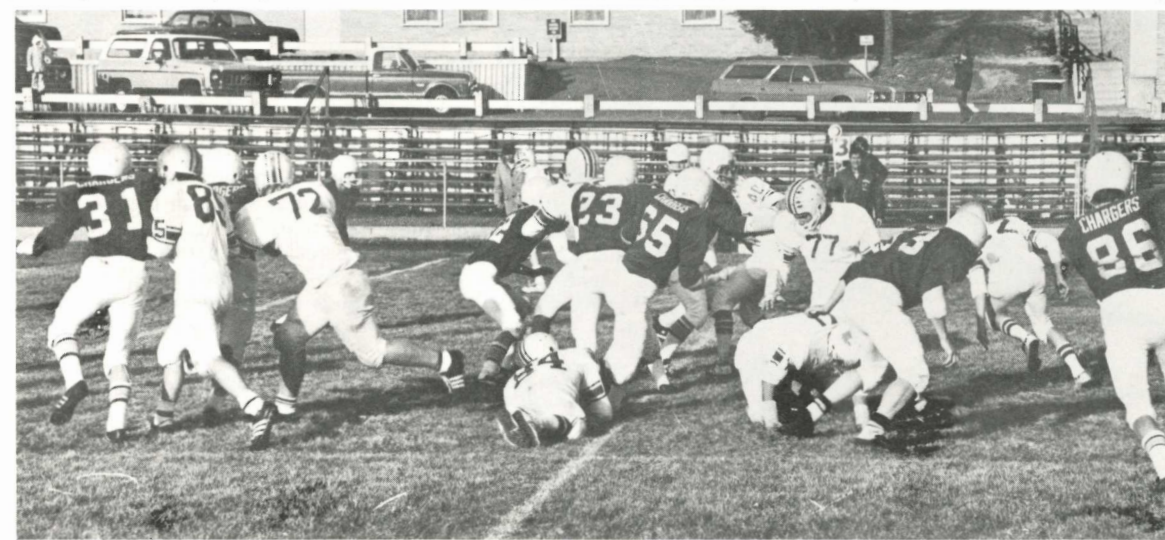
The Govs will try to improve their 3-5 season record when they travel to Brookings Friday for the final game of the season where Coach Bob Bozied predicts a victory over the winless Bobcats.

After let downs the past weeks against Aberdeen and Huron, Coach Bozied had had high hope of his Governors upsetting the no. 1 rated Yankton.

Yankton, led by runningback Jeff Satke, and undefeated in eight games, started with 16 points in the first half. The Governors scored on their first possession of the second half and again on a 72 yard run by Steve Howard. Yankton then scored two fourth quarter touchdowns to end the game 38-12.

In the Huron game Oct. 8, the Govs were hampered by the loss of quarterback Mark Flannery which severely hurt their passing attack.

Flannery was also out of the Aberdeen game, but Coach Bozied feels that mental errors such as missed blocking and defensive assignments caused the team's demise. The game ended 28-0 for Aberdeen, with Steve Howard making 18 yards in 15 carries, and Mark Benson making 38 yards in 11 carries.



The Pierre Sophs, in white, mix it up with the Sully Buttes JV's on Oct. 18 while the ball once again eludes the camera.

Sophomores look forward to varsity action next year

"The idea behind Sophomore football," according to Coach Bob Judson, "is to develop players that will go on to play Varsity football. We have 26 out this year and usually about 18 or 19 will go on to be good Varsity players. If there's some that play Varsity while they're Sophomores, well that's great.

The Sophomore's record stands at three and three. "Competition has been good - good enough to beat us three games," commented Coach Judson.

The Sophomore team does not

see ESD or any conference action. They play either other Sophomore teams or Junior Varsity teams. Winner and Chamberlain are examples of their Sophomore teams played but most other games are against J.V. teams.

"It's taken us awhile to get organized this year. We lost two out of our three runningbacks in three days so we had to jumble around a bit there." One of these runningbacks, Dan Rounds, is playing Varsity and Kevin Merrill got blood poisoning "but we think he'll be back."

Coach Judson pointed out four players making good performances this year. "Chad Anderson is doing a fine job at runningback. Lonnie Badger is doing well quarterbacking. He's a good passer and he's playing some Varsity. We've also got Todd Schuetzle who's doing a good job on the line and Kirby Welch is doing well for us on both offense and defense. Of course these are only a few of the fellows that are going to go on to play good Varsity ball and that's our purpose, to develop good Varsity players."

Linksters win regionals, finish 7th place at state tournament Oct. 11-12

Riggs High Boys Golf season ended with a 7th place in the state tournament in Aberdeen on Oct. 11-12. Although somewhat disappointed with the team's finish because they had a very good season, Coach Terry Hofer felt that the team's inexperience in competition was a big factor that can be overcome next year.

The squad wound up the season with four 1sts including the region

6 tournament at Chamberlain Oct. 4 where they defeated two tough competitors, Miller and Winner and qualified all five for the state meet.

Brady Marone was low scorer for the Governors with a 170 total. Others participating at the State meet were Don Sheppard, 174, Joe Linn 184, Pat Doyle 185 and Joe Krogman 191.

In ESD conference competition

they chalked up two 2nds and a 6th and at the ESD meet in Pierre on Sept. 27 they came out 6th.

Major letters winners for the season include: Seniors, Joe Krogman and Don Sheppard; Juniors, Pay Doyle, Brady Marone, Derik Hazeltine and Mark Schuler; Sophomores, Trent Thompson and Joe Linn; 9th grade, Todd Fettig and 8th grade Penn Williams.

Another first established at Riggs as girl joins welding class

Riggs High has established another First - Doreen Lehrkamp has become the first girl in the school's history to participate in Welding - a class instructed by Mr. Pat Hoeing.

Why? Not because she is a Women's Lib advocate, but because she is planning for her future and needs such skills to teach agriculture which she intends to do upon completing her education.

Doreen explained it quite easily by telling me the four groups in ag, with which one must be familiar 1. livestock 2. crops 3. machinery and 4. repair, which is where welding comes in.

Welding, she informed me, is merely working with a torch to fuse metals together to make or repair tools - farm tools in her case. I asked for several examples or class projects and was overwhelmed by such foreign words as braze-welding, arc welding, and gas welding, cap-joints and T-joints.

Trying for more familiar ground, I hesitantly asked how such a class was graded. "Well, Mr. Hoeing grades by your projects, and by your participation. If you take notes, read the

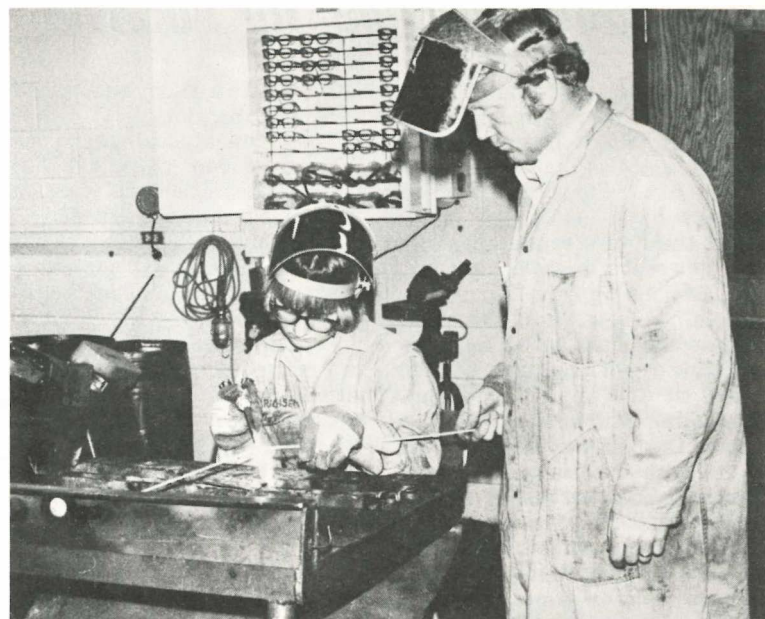
book and do the questions, it's certainly not hard to get a good grade."

As to how she gets along in the class, that is not hard to tell, "I enjoy the class and the boys are willing to help. I didn't have any problem getting in (signing up for) the class."

Doreen also mentioned that she hopes more girls take the class, "It requires skill but it's not hard and Mr. Hoeing is a good teacher. He demonstrates to give us an idea of what is going on."

Speaking of Mr. Hoeing...One of the first things he said when I quizzed him about this record first was "She's different. No, really she's doing well, there are no problems," he stressed. "I'd really like to see more girls in Welding. It takes dexterity, like typing but with two years of college education and passing a welder test a person can earn as much as \$15-\$25 per hour."

As we talked of the boy-girl ratio, Mr. Hoeing also mentioned the fact that several girls were now in drafting classes with promise... "if they'd just quit messing around with the boys..."



Doreen Lehrkamp, the first girl to enroll in welding class at Riggs High, shows Mr. Pat Hoing, instructor, how it's done!

[photo by Mark Schuler]

Doreen couldn't by-pass such a challenge. She insisted it was the other way around! Now we know!

Aside from Welding (which she is taking for one semester) Doreen also takes Irrigation, Farm Buildings, Horse Production, and Small Engines, all supervised by

the general class called Occupational Experiences in Agriculture. Active as she is in her studies she also takes part in 4-H, Rodeo Club, basketball and track.

So when does she have time to mess around with the boys??

Visit Welding sometime...

Individual voice lessons offered

Your voice squeaks when you answer a teachers request, it cracks when you're called upon to recite romantic lines from a classic and you keep hitting the wrong pitch when attempting to sing "The Star Spangled Banner."

You may rest in peace, help is not as far from the horizon as you may think. It is right here in school.

Mrs. Jeanne Dahlin, chorus teacher, has recently started individual and group voice lessons for any student (not just for chorus members). Lessons may be scheduled during free periods or after school. This is not for credit, but will be to one's personal benefit. All that is required for these classes are voice and breath.

Mrs. Dahlin believes that voice and breathing go hand in hand.

One of the personal benefits of such a class is building confidence. One is much more prepared to sing in front of a group after having some training.

There is in average of 19 students from each class (soph., jr., and sr.). Out of the 9 boys in chorus, there are only 5 taking these lessons. Mrs. Dahlin would like to see more boys joining in. She emphasized that both her boys and girls are doing very well, and there is no problem with attendance.

Voice lessons are also advantageous to those who wish to take part in Ensemble singing. Your voice will not be just "one of the crowd."

If you take these lessons, you will not have to sing in special groups, enjoy it as you will, who knows, maybe it'll help win the next pep assembly?! Can't you just hear the sophomore class chanting - one...breath two...Yell three... Breath four...Yell...

We all have a special gift coming Sunday. That hour of sleep we lost the end of April is now being returned. Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday.

Halloween Night

Up, far up,
Shining in the sky
The crescent moon
Slowly floats by.

On this night
Witches brew is cast
In devils havens
Over cauldrons so vast.

The phantoms return
On the eerie eve
To haunt their killers
Never to leave.

The goblins and ghosts
Run about graveyard plots
Seeking their prey
To rent holocaust.

Gargoles come to life
During these hours
Acting under the forces
Of evil powers.

The devil holds meetings
Members enter his lair
They sacrifice innocents
Enter who dares.

The jack-o-lanterns grimace
With their idiotic lips
At the children who come
And play small quips.

So this ends
The Halloween night
Goblins and devils
Witches in flight.

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Yearbook sales

Advanced sales for the 1977 "Gumbo" begin on Monday, Nov. 1 in the lobby.

Yearbooks must be ordered now. None will be available in the spring or when they are distributed in August.

Nan Williams, "Gumbo" editor, commented, "the book will be better than ever, and everyone should hurry and still only \$5."

