

senior

GOVERNOR

'77
Class of

RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA MAY 1977



"One step at a time but always forward"

T-minus 48 hours and counting

The countdown started nearly three years ago. . . approximately 584 school days have been whittled down to a measly 48 hours.

How many times has a student been heard to bemoan: "I can't wait to get out of here." Senioritis attacks have caused this to be flung through the "hallowed" halls of Riggs all the more in this final year of confinement.

Although this attitude is expressed frequently and vehemently, there is, as usual, another facet to the fable. Not only are 244 students reaching an ending, they must also attempt a new beginning. Simple as it sounds, it is one of the most significant steps in life, for it's here where the Senior crawls out of his comfortable cocoon and decides what he wants to do with his life.

So far, it's been education crammed in from all sides--it's been days, weeks, months and years of getting up and going to classes in Riggs Senior High.

But it's also been three years of living and learning with the same people in the same surroundings. Riggs has seen tragedy and comedy, disaster and success, tears and laughter, despair and hope. . . if walls could talk, what memories would be voiced?

The seniors are leaving all this to speed on to the not unknown entity--yet it will be unfamiliar. The question of whether the right decisions are being made leaves room for a bit of trepidation.

So the next time you catch yourself looking forward to that last day--think of what you're leaving--and where you're going.



Governor Kneip shows no mercy as he tells Senior Class President Bud Whitney to "get that animal outa here!" Bud seems to be pleading "But, it was an accident."



Who is this person with seniors Melanie Ramse and Sue Lee? Is it Winston Churchill, Richard M. Nixon or is it Ozzie Osbourne?



These four bandits make a "hit" on Mr. Lonbaken and Mr. Jaeger as senior Steve Howard looks on.



Shown above is the completed version of the new space age designed addition.

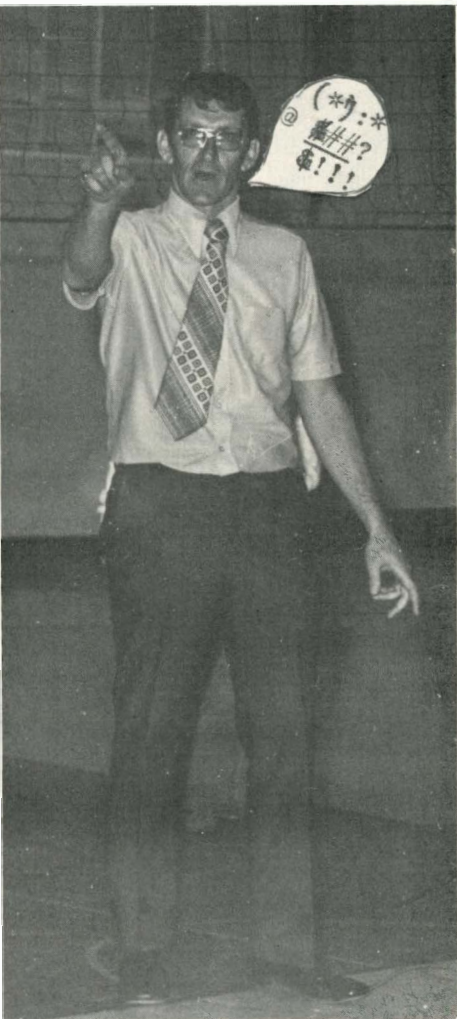
New Riggs School addition completed

The days of crowded classrooms are over. Although it has not been officially dedicated, the spacious new Riggs High addition, including two science laboratories and an expanded library has been completed.

The structure believed to be unique in this country, is both

modern in design and function. The space age styling was, in fact suggested by Principal Stodger Wrongbaken.

"The beautiful new addition reflects both the character and the attitude of our school", explained the designer.



With a warm gesture of sentiment, Principal Roger Lonbaken bids farewell to the Seniors.

Garbage & trash everywhere

NFL sets world litter record at contest here

The National Foundation for Litter (NFL) held their annual "all round litter" contest on the Riggs High School grounds recently. The organization, dedicated to the spread of litter, has held the event for several years and claims a membership of over four billion, or the approximate world census.

The Pierre Chapter won first place and set a new world record in the category "Miscellaneous Rubbish gathered about Public Grounds."



The NFL [National Foundation for Litter] is shown scattering trash at a world record pace on their way to first place in the Miscellaneous Rubbish division.

Denial speech given

In a farewell address to the Seniors that was never delivered, Principal Roger Lonbaken announced publicly that he did, in fact, wear corrective lenses. This is Lonbaken's first public acknowledgement, although it is believed that he had known about his glasses on March 21 or even as far back as June 23.

Answering his critics, Lonbaken said, "A lot of people wear glasses," adding, "I have difficulty seeing without them."

Some had charged that Lonbaken had begun wearing the lenses as protection against angry glances.

Lonbaken refused further comment except to deny reports that he is seeking the U.S. Presidency in 1978.

PERSONALITY SURVEY

Class flirt	Patty Burke
runner-up	Barb Rezac
Class wolf	Steve Howard
runner-up	Kent Adney
Class redneck	Marty Lundeen
runner-up	Don Burgeson
Class radical	Mark Leach
runner-up	Kevin Disburg
Most conservative	Kent Kneip
runner-up	Pat Looby
Class tightwad	Steven E. Johnson
runner-up	Bill Voss
Most mischievous	Bud Whitney
runner-up	Craig Neuhauser
Best dressed male	Brent Adney
runner-up	Rick Maas
Best dressed female	Marsha Drummond
runner-up	Karen Lindbloom
Person most beneficial to Riggs	John Smith
runner-up	Pat Springer
Most likely to succeed	Cindy Lenners
runner-up	Randy Gullickson



By calling 223-5746, you can adopt this cute and cuddly football player. Or, by calling 223-7680, you can be in his place amongst all these cheerleaders.



"By the way, what's for lunch?"

PARTIES EVERY NIGHT

Nature's highlight

I LIKE PARTIES, TOO

Beautiful mountains covered with dew

GO-GO-GO

a fawn and a doe

THROW A PARTY

Preserving it partly

A HANG-OVER THE NEXT DAY

Ducks and geese in play

A GREAT KIND OF LIFE

Hunting with a knife

PIZZA AND BEER

Nature's young draw near

FREEDOM AND FUN

Extinct by white man's gun

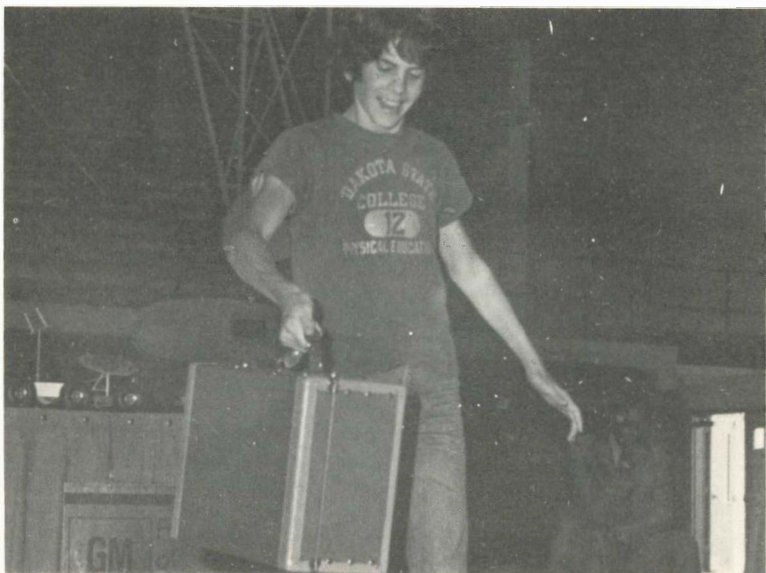
OUT OF A KEG LIQUID'S SERVED

Taking for granted, preserved

NOT FORGOTTEN, A CELEBRATION

Nature's angels elation!

WILD LIFE.



Dave Thompson running away from home.



"Hello, Mrs. Thompson. I think we've found your son Dave."

Meanwhile, in the office. . .

As the 1977 school year draws to a close, there are 244 individuals who are a little more anxious than others. They are the Seniors.

The Governor staff thought it would be appropriate to find out what the class of '77 was like, after all they've been in the Pierre School system one, two or even as high as twelve years.

In a recent survey of Seniors picked at random, it was discovered that:

55% like to go to the Downtowner, Whales and/or Trails End.

21% like to watch submarine races, who knows where?

Approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of the people surveyed thought getting picked up was the greatest 'rip off'.

37% of the Seniors like to eat at Taco Johns, but Pizza lovers were not far behind.

THINGS TO DO

- 1 - Crash Downtowner, Whales, and/or Trails
- 2 - Watch submarine races
- 3 - Other

"RIP OFFS"

- 1 - Getting picked up
- 2 - King of Hearts
- 3 - First car

BEST FOOD PLACES

- 1 - Taco John's
- 2 - Pizza Hut
- 3 - A & W Drive-In

EXCITING TOWN

- 1 - Pierre/Hayes
- 2 - Sioux Falls
- 3 - Fort Pierre

ROCK GROUP

- 1 - Kiss
- 2 - Steve Miller Band
- 3 - Dr. Hook

TV SHOW

- 1 - Charlie's Angels
- 2 - Starsky & Hutch
- 3 - Other

FORMAL OCCASIONS

- 1 - Graduation
- 2 - Prom
- 3 - Other

MOST LIKED ABOUT SCHOOL

- 1 - Fact that it's the last year
- 2 - Senior picnic
- 3 - Other

THINGS TO SEE

- 1 - Dusk to Dawn
- 2 - Kiss concert
- 3 - King Kong

SPORTS

- 1 - Mooning
- 2 - Basketball
- 3 - Wrestling

FAVORITE SONGS

- 1 - Tonights the Night
- 2 - Beth
- 3 - Other

MEMORABLE EVENT

- 1 - Parent-Senior party
- 2 - State "A"
- 3 - Homecoming

SAYINGS

- 1 - "I'll drink to that"
- 2 - "Who me?"
- 3 - Other

FAVORITE STREET

- 1 - Euclid
- 2 - Highland
- 3 - Other

SUCCESSFUL WAY TO GET MONEY

- 1 - Con parents
- 2 - Ripping it off/work
- 3 - Con friends

Dusk to Dawns were favored over Kiss concerts, along with mooning, parent-senior parties, graduation, and Charlie's Angels.

The most exciting town appears to be Pierre or Hayes (a tie) with Sioux Falls trailing with a slim margin.

36% favored "Tonights the Night" for best song.

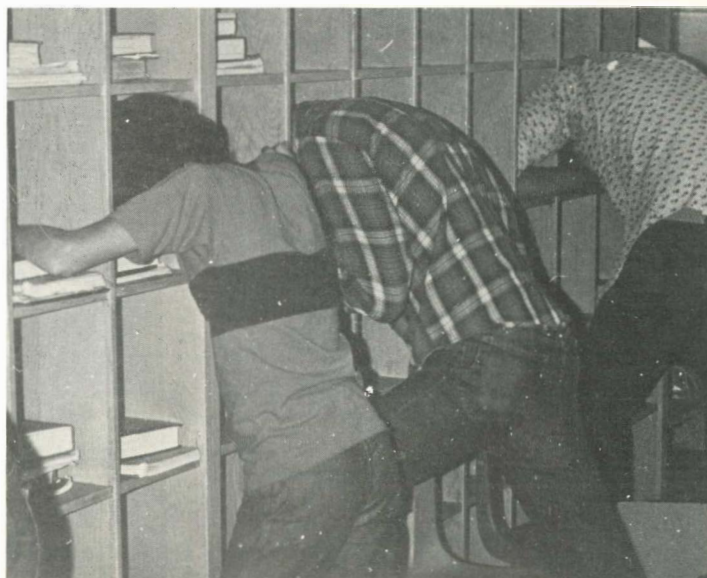
33% nominated Kiss over all rock groups.

As for the favorite sayings, "I'll drink to that" was undoubtedly the winner.

44% of the Seniors found it easy to con parents out of money.

The most popular street is Euclid Avenue with 55% of the seniors voting their approval.

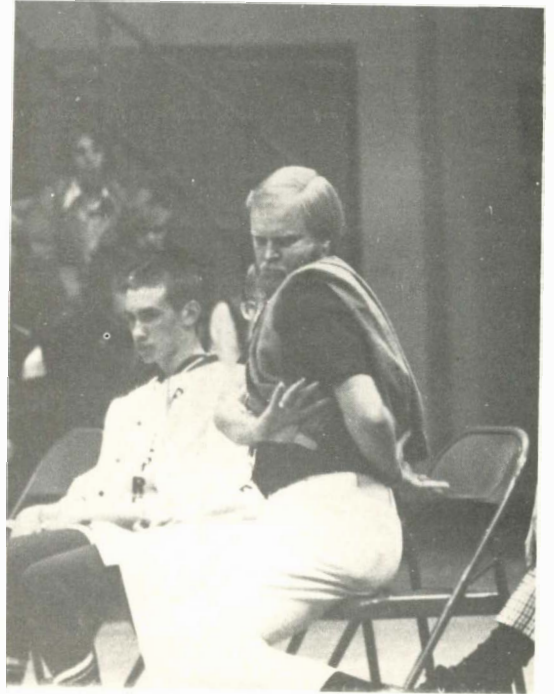
And finally when asked what Seniors like most about school, an amazing 59% said "the fact that it is the last year".



"And they call us young adults."



One senior's mother screams in fright as "the beast that invaded Riggs" begins its reign of terror.



Coach Lundeen strains to examine his nails but Pat Rose is not impressed.



Have these dancers forgotten their routine?



Mark Flannery, Homecoming Marshall, feels out of place among these beautiful girls.

SCHOOL INTERCOM

Good

Old

Office

Device

Many

Only

Regard It as

Noise

Instant

Nerve

Grater

"Excuse me, ah, will you please excuse me?"

I'm just looking for the bridge-

"Will we all come to the office, please?"

"Ah, God, you don't have to come."

"Thank You"

Thank You

Thank You

Thank You

Thank You

Thank You

Thank You.....

The designated place. . . .

The Senior Bench, stalwart
sits in its designated place

As a high position of importance
it—

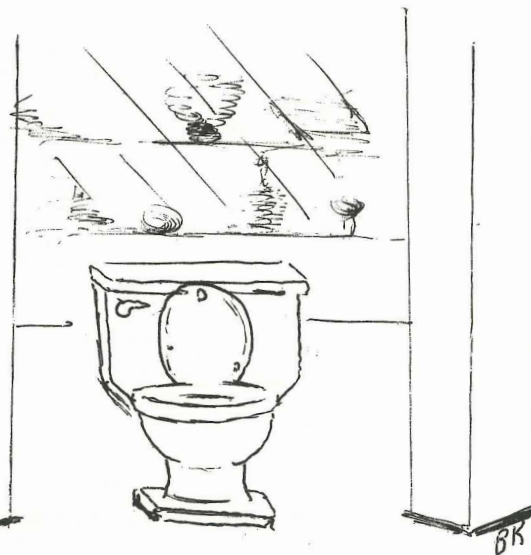
Is the first thing you notice upon
walking in the front door—

Is used to hold up the poles on
either end so the school might
remain erect—

Is where all the old tired bodies
that have been walking the halls
all day come to recuperate—
Is where girls meet to share the
latest gossip and rumors—

ould be the senior throne, the
place of honor awarded them for
making it that far

But-many people consider it a
joke for it—



SENIOR BENCH

Is supposedly off limits to
sophomores and juniors

Yet-rarely (sadly) are these
underclassmen restricted from
it.

Alas, this prized antique is not
large enough to accommodate

the number of students wanting to
use it at any given time—

So-half hearted attempts to
improve this sad condition (such
as replacing the relic bench with
a toilet) failed miserably—

It has thus been traditionally
preserved (as wood) for the
senior keg—

An honorable position in itself.
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the number of students wanting
to use it at any given time—



We left our mark