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Senior Lady Govs Sparkle!



The Lady Governors Basketball team ended their season in fine style with a 7th place victory over Rapid City Stevens at the 4th annual Girls State "A" tournament in Rapid City December, 7, 8 and 9th.

The Ladies led by first string all tournament member Karen McDonald came up against a tough set of tournament teams. The close contest included losses to 2nd place winner Belle Fouche and 5th place victors Huron.

The game for 7th and 8th set several records for the Girls State "A" tourney, of which, one was 95 freethrows shot in one game.

"Each game the girls headed into with a positive attitude," said Sue Larson. "Playing possibly better than they have all year" the Ladies ended the tournament with a total of 157 points to their opponents 148 total.

Playing in their last high school basketball games were the six seniors; Susan Larson, Carrie Burke, Kathy Adam, Maxine Westall, Shari Jundt and Nancy Conway.

Making up the rest of the State A Tournament team were juniors: Karen McDonald, Carin Doyle, Jeri Thorne, Sheri Tiedi, Roxie Hanson, and sophomore Karla Trankle.

The victory over Rapid City Stevens gave the Lady Govs their first State A tournament win.



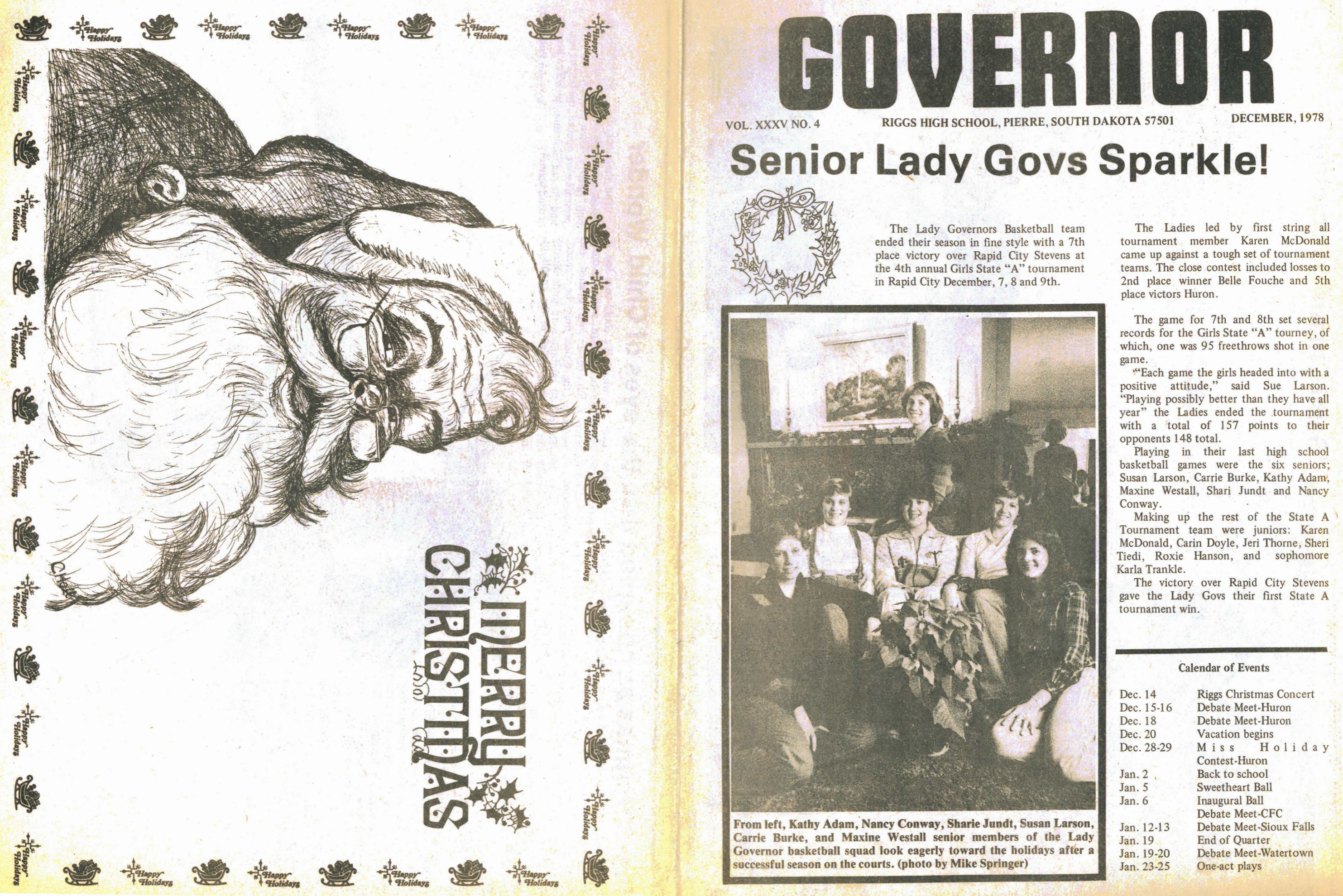
From left, Kathy Adam, Nancy Conway, Sharie Jundt, Susan Larson, Carrie Burke, and Maxine Westall senior members of the Lady Governor basketball squad look eagerly toward the holidays after a successful season on the courts. (photo by Mike Springer)

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 14 Riggs Christmas Concert
- Dec. 15-16 Debate Meet-Huron
- Dec. 18 Debate Meet-Huron
- Dec. 20 Vacation begins
- Dec. 28-29 Miss Holiday Contest-Huron
- Jan. 2 Back to school
- Jan. 5 Sweetheart Ball
- Jan. 6 Inaugural Ball Debate Meet-CFC
- Jan. 12-13 Debate Meet-Sioux Falls
- Jan. 19 End of Quarter
- Jan. 19-20 Debate Meet-Watertown
- Jan. 23-25 One-act plays



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas Concert features traditional music

Music adds an atmosphere of good cheer to the holiday season and the annual Riggs High Christmas concert offers that special kind of inspirational music.

The concert begins at 7:30 Thursday evening in the gym under the direction of Mr. Paul Upsahl and Miss Jeannie Campbell.

The full concert band will introduce the evening's entertainment with a trumpet fanfare. Their part of the program will include four traditional religious numbers, and the ever popular,

"Winter Wonderland."

The Jazz band will present two numbers "A Child is Born" and "The Christmas Song".

The Choir will sing six Christmas songs, mostly the traditional carols.

Kristi Wollman, Jill Lundeen, Anne Jones and Anita Fuoss will accompany the choir.

The Madrigal Chamber Singers, a group of 16 vocalists, will conclude the program with three numbers featuring soloists Darrell Hartmann and Kristine Wollman.



The trumpet section of the Riggs concert band practices their opening fanfare for tonight's annual Christmas concert.

Grad of '26 honored with scholarship

Harriet Woodard Thomas is to be honored for her long career in education with a \$1000 annual scholarship to be awarded in her name.

Mrs. Thomas, a June 6, 1926 graduate of Pierre High School, taught in area schools for many years. At the time of her retirement in 1973, she was teaching in a Stanley County rural school. Her three children, all Pierre High graduates, Dr. Julianne Thomas, 1963, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Capt. Marilyn Elliston, 1964, Junction City, Kansas, and Herbie Thomas, 1953, Huron, have established the Harriet Woodard Thomas Memorial Scholarship at Riggs High School.

The recipient of the scholarship will be chosen on the basis of financial need and scholastic achievement. A selection committee, consisting of the High

School Principal and three faculty members, will choose the recipient each year.

A check for \$1000 will be delivered to any approved college or university the winner plans to attend.

This is the first time an alumni of the school has been named to such a substantial gift.

Six students chosen for Student-of-the-Month

Six students have been chosen Students-of-the-Month for September, October, and November.

Tim Flannery and Crystal Hall were selected for September after they reigned over the Homecoming festivities.

Julie Heim, DAR good citizen winner,

and Todd Schuetzle, all state football player, were chosen for October.

The achievements for November were with Troy Jones, Boys State and Boys Nation Delegate and varsity football player and Susan Larson who starred in girls basketball.

Students-of-the-Month are chosen for their extra-curricular activities and their scholastic achievements. All students must be seniors and must be on the honor roll to be eligible for the honor.

Five members of the faculty nominated by the Student Council choose the students for each month. They will also pick the over-all Student of the Year. The committee includes Mr. Lundeen, Mr. Hieb, Mr. Mickelson, Mrs. DeAntoni, and Mrs. MacNally.

January move into addition predicted

Pierre Public School is still shooting for the January 22 deadline to open the new science addition at Riggs.

Mr. Tessier explained, "They haven't told us they're not going to make it, yet."

"A lot of work can be done in a few days if they try." The construction inspector along with school officials "keep pushing" the work. But there are still "A lot of 'ifs' to a definite entrance date," Tessier commented.

One of the major hold ups has been electrical service.

If the wing isn't totally completed as scheduled, Tessier has doubts whether classes will be held in the new addition at all this year. "If it's at all possible, we'd like the science classes to get a chance to use the new science lab . . . A transition for the 4th nine weeks would be too hard."



Students-of-the-Month for Sept., Oct., and Nov. are from left, Crystal Hall, Julie Heim, Troy Jones, Susan Larson, Tim Flannery and Todd Schuetzle.

Riggs debate team captures 3rd place

The Riggs Debate team won third place in Varsity debate at the first Central Forensics Conference meet of the year in Parkston last weekend.

The team of Cara Snyder, Mark Tieszen, Glen Carr, Cesar Zahaki, and Kurt Bohn won third place losing to the second place team by 15 speaker points.

Cara Snyder and Kurt Bohn were first place in their individual events qualifying them for finals at the last CFC meet in February. Mark Tieszen and Mark Garrington won second place in their individual events also qualifying them for finals.

Students add to Inauguration

The 45th Inaugural Ball will be held Sat., Jan. 6 in the Riggs High gym honoring the installation of Governor William Janklow, the new South Dakota Governor.

The reception and ball, which is the first one since Richard Kneip was inaugurated eight years ago is hosted by the city of Pierre with the help of many organizations and groups.

The event has been held at the high school gym many times, but in 1970 the ball was held in the capitol rotunda

following the reception in the gym.

The home economics department has the honor of serving the reception. Mrs. Connie Bruhn's foods classes were asked to help with this part of the evening's festivities. Mrs. Bruhn was pleased to accept the assignment because it is "a good opportunity for the students". Lisa Brinkman, one of the girls who will be involved with the serving said, "It's an honor that I'm really looking forward to."

Drama department presents One-Acts

"Spreading the News", "The Veldt", and "The Dumbwaiter" are the one-act plays selected by the drama department to be presented Jan. 23 and 25 on the Riggs High stage.

"Spreading the News", a comedy written by Lady Gregory, will be under the direction of Anita Fuoss and assisted by Kristie Smalley. The cast includes Bill Mefford, Peter Hesse, Sam Gilkerson, Mark Obenauer, Greg Axtman, Linda Kern, Kathy Spencer, Craig Bump, Melodie Schwaderer and Jim Irvine.

A Ray Bradbury science fiction play, "The Veldt", will be directed by Andy Barden with Neal Thompson assisting. The cast is made up of Todd Meierhenry, Eileen Redden, Dana Eisnach, Sarah Gilkerson and Preston Long and Amy Converse from the Junior High.

Carla Bates will direct the final play, "The Dumbwaiter", written by Harold Pinter. She will be assisted by Dace Liepins. Tim Hanson and Tom Jorgenson make up the cast of the play.



Sophomore Wendy Sutton sorts through one of 1275 boxes of FFA fruit which club members have sold and delivered to Pierre area residents during the annual FFA fruit sale. --photo by Tim Stocking

Editorials

Religion in schools causes uproar

The Grinch is at it again -- trying to steal Christmas.

Six Sioux Falls residents, acting through the American Civil Liberties Union, have filed suit against the school system, contending that religious music in public schools is in violation of their First Amendment rights which guarantee separation between church and state.

Basically, it's a question of whether the schools are imposing religious beliefs on students or whether the ACLU is imposing its alien beliefs on the majority. The ACLU is right -- to a small extent. No one would deny that there are religious connotations in Christmas carols like "Silent Night," or "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

But clearly, it's a case of a small minority trying to impose its views on the vast majority. No one is forced to participate in Christmas programs. And if they do participate, will it really affect their religious views? One of the six plaintiffs says he is an atheist. We would assume that if he went to school at all, he was "threatened" by Christmas carols, but became an atheist anyway.

While the subject of Christmas carols may seem trite, some people opposing the ACLU are going as far as charging it with conspiracy to promote the infiltration of communism in America, citing the organization's past involvement with the Nazi party, and that atheism is a communist trait -- which is true.

Those charges are probably as far-fetched as those of the ACLU, but the federal court case does have nationwide implications. A great deal of classical art and literature revolve around the Christian faith. Would these works have to be removed from public schools or libraries? Should public Christmas decorations or vacations be abolished next? (Will pro-abortion groups insist we do away with Mother's Day?)

Where would it stop?

Many Christians feel we've already lost sight of the real meaning of Christmas -- that it's too commercialized. The absence of Christmas carols in school would be a step further in that direction.

The atheist charges that Christmas carols in school are teaching his children the Christian faith against his will. But living in a predominantly Christian country, he will find that his children will grow up around Christians and they will discover what Christmas is all about, whether they sing about it or not.

So in time, like the Grinch, the atheist will find: "He hadn't stopped Christmas from coming! It came! Somehow or other, it came just the same!!!"

Musicals, activities, make headlines

Plays being presented by various schools in the state include 'The Music Man' at **Mobridge High School**, 'Oklahoma' at **Clark High School**, 'The Homecoming' at **Custer High School**, 'The Wizard of Oz' at **Rapid City Stevens**, and 'Annie Get Your Gun' by the junior class of **Lennox High School**--A Pierre resident from way back, **Jon Horning**, has been chosen class president for the third year in a row at **Willmar High School** in Minnesota. --**Miller High School's** Neil Stevens finished 4th in the nation in FFA mechanics. --**Aberdeen Central** girls also held a Powder-Puff football game. --An article from **The Bison Bellow** of **Hot Springs High School** states that the cheerleaders are not just for the team but also for the spirit of the whole school. They feel that more people should get involved in school spirit (Riggs cheerleaders agree with this.) --Articles on Snow Queen contests throughout South Dakota have been prominent in the majority of the school newspapers. What ever happened to Pierre's Snow Queen contest?! --**Custer High School's** chorus concert was postponed because classes were cancelled due to a bomb threat! --**Mr. Ron Borstad**, the drama coach and teacher at Riggs from 1975-1977, was honored in the November issue of the **Raider Generation** at Rapid City Stevens for his successful production

of "The Wizard of Oz" and for the variety show "Raider Rarities" which was presented Nov. 30 --Some senior guys at **Stevens** are working on details for a male cheerleading squad.

Student criticizes visiting fans

Dear Editor:

Has the word sportsmanship in high school athletics gone down the drain?

I, as an individual sitting next to Huron fans at Friday night's game, was shown that our rival, Huron, doesn't know the meaning of the word.

The game in my estimation proved to be a good one. It was close with both teams out to win. That's what made the game exciting and good. But what made the game bad was the poor sportsmanship exhibited by Huron. The foul language, not to mention, a coach bobbing up, down and all around on and off the court shows a prime example of unsportsmanlike conduct.

I could not figure out what was wrong with the Huron cheerleaders that they couldn't or wouldn't control their crowd. That is part of their job.

I'm befuddled for answers. It's easy and doesn't prove anything to yell obscenities at an opposing school.

I'm proud and happy to say that our fans showed Pierre Pride and courtesy to Huron in the face of losing. I'd be embarrassed to say I was from Huron. I'm proud of you Gobs, Hold your heads high!

Mary Monlux

Shorter school day considered

When the school schedule changes, the student body, the teachers, parents, in fact everyone in Pierre is affected in one way or another.

Next year, the Riggs High School time schedule and class periods may be reduced. The proposal is being considered by a committee of faculty, students, parents, and the administration. The suggested change would reduce the day to six periods and run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. instead of the present 7:50 to 3:09.

This change would affect the educational opportunities available at Riggs. Sophomores and Juniors would have to alter their long range educational plans.

One result might occur in the music department when fewer music members try out for band or chorus because the dropped hour could be used as a 'sleep-in'.

The athletes will have practice beginning after school and running an hour or so longer than it is now. Currently they alternate two shifts, one at night and the other after school. Scheduling practices will be more difficult or even impossible.

With one period dropped, many students will consider this as their study hall. Others will drop one class they might have taken. It may cause an extra work load for those who need the extra credit to graduate or they may have to go to school an extra quarter to complete their work.

Why the change? Many larger schools in

the state are run on the seven period day. Who's complaining? The school day is good the way it is now.

Over the years, people have looked at the difference of times among elementary junior high and high school and have asked, "Why does Riggs start at 7:50?"

The reason for the change eleven years ago was the lack of classrooms, so one period was added. This reduced the problem. Also, with the new addition, there are four extra rooms available each period. Perhaps a survey should be taken to find out how the majority of students feel about this change in their educational plans.

What is your opinion?

Michelle Schneider

Mr. Jaeger missed by students, faculty

We are all deeply upset by the sudden illness of our Assistant Principal Ed Jaeger.

Mr. Jaeger suffered a heart attack last Tuesday, Dec. 5 and is in St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre.

Mr. Charles Fjelstad has taken on the responsibilities of vice principal until Mr. Jaeger returns in about six weeks. Mrs. Carol Ree has been assigned to Mr. Fjelstad's business classes.

"E.J." has a special place in our hearts. We will miss going to his office to chat, confess or complain about important or trivial matters. We will miss having him there to listen to our problems.

We will miss his cheery face and good humor as he manages the lunchroom during noon hour.

We are waiting anxiously for Mr. Jaeger to return, so we can once again hear the familiar "Good Morning" over the intercom.

Governor Staff and
The Student Body

Safety Council gives tips on winter driving habits

1. TAKE CARE WHILE DRIVING
Auto accidents are the leading cause of death for young people under the age of 25.
2. TIPS FOR WINTER DRIVING
 - a. Winterize your car.
 - b. Know your stopping distances for different road conditions.
 - c. Keep windows clear and clean.
 - d. Dress for winter weather when driving long distances.
 - e. Accelerate slowly when slippery conditions exist.

Two-party system important

November 7, 1978, sounds to some as terrible as December 7, 1941, and others see it as the Battle at Gettysburg. The two camps had different feelings toward the outcome of the election; on one hand are the jubilant victors and on the other are the remorseful losers.

Although they were on opposite sides in this skirmish, they are allied in the war to solve the nation's problems. And could it be the preservation of a two party system was the biggest victory in 1978?

This election was very important to the Grand Old Party. They had been declining since the Presidency of Dwight Eisenhower. The slide was probably caused by the election of popular President Kennedy, the rebellious anti-establishment attitude of the young people of America and the Vietnam War that was blamed on the Republicans.

Then in 1974 disaster struck: Watergate came to full blossom causing the Republicans to be labeled as crooks and forcing Nixon to resign. With Nixon went

many respected members of his party. This gave the Democrats the chance to increase their influence on Capitol Hill and the White House.

With the same party controlling both branches of the government chosen by the electorate and only 29% of the population admitting they were members of the party of Honest Abe, Teddy, and Ike, talk began that this party was dead, never again to influence politics in the U.S.

But what would it mean if the voice of the Republicans was not heard in the law making process? It would mean that the two party system is gone. Without this system we would have lost the compromise that democracy is built upon because there can be no democracy without two sides presenting two contrasting solutions to the same problem. And when a group is in total control with similar answers that go unquestioned, we are fearfully reminded of a communist regime -- not a government by the people, for the people, and of the people.

Democrats and Republicans are together in this fight to remedy this nation's woes. Democrats should not be bitter because their candidates didn't win. They should be grateful because Election 1978 showed that people felt that those in power haven't adequately answered their demands and hope those they have chosen will be more responsive.

Republicans, don't gloat over the victory. Take advantage of this chance because the voters can turn on you in 1980, and the defeat could finish the party, then nobody will have won.

Troy Jones

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We wish you a Merry Christmas

We remember back when you could send your friends a Christmas Card as a greeting for the holidays. Now this post-marked symbol, because of the spiraling cost, has become your Christmas gift.

The cost of the Christmas cards and holiday stationery plus the postage to mail them in unbelievable!

First you must make the trip to the store to find those perfect cards for those special friends. Adding the gas consumed to the average cost of 35 cents a card and a 15 cent postage stamp, the compiled cost is \$351.35. (This includes 750 cards, 750 stamps, and \$1.35 for gas.)

So, what we are trying to say is "We are able to get the \$351.35 message published in the "Governor" for FREE. -- WE WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

Solem places in FFA contest



Suzie Solem won honors for the Pierre FFA chapter at the state meet Monday.

Suzie Solem captured 6th place and a bronze award out of 17 competitors in job interview at the State FFA Leadership contest held in Pierre on Sunday and Monday. Don Schroer also competed for Pierre in the salesmanship category.

To qualify for the State Leadership contest, a student must have placed in the top three in an individual event at a district contest.

The District VI Leadership contest was held in Miller on Nov. 18. Competition was held in six categories including salesmanship, job interview, extemporaneous speaking, public speaking, creed speaking and parliamentary procedure.

Pierre captured two of the six district officers at the Nov. 18 meeting as Steve Venner was chosen president for the second year in a row and Melody Maher was elected secretary. These officers were selected by personal interviews.

In addition to these six, a test was given over knowledge of FFA. The top three scores from each chapter were compiled into a team score. Pierre's team of Steve

Andersen, Kim Cowan and Jeff Johnson came out on top in this event.

Thirteen FFA members traveled to Magness Livestock in Huron Nov. 4 for a livestock judging trip. The team scores placed third behind Highmore and Hoven. Pierre's team consisted of Sonny Harrowa, Holly Maher and Carmen Cowan.

Maybe Styx got started this way

"They're the best band the YMCA has ever gotten."

"They were fantastic," and "They played the kind of music you like to listen to" were a few of the reactions of high school students who heard "Brittania" at the YMCA Rock-on last month.

In the songs they play the group tries to reproduce the sound and style as close to the original as possible. Their interpretation of "Love Me Tonight" (Head East) and "Carry on Wayward Son" (Kansas) showed the precision the band has obtained.

The difference between a good and mediocre band is in the attitude the members take, Brittania's members feel. "Don't cheat when you're learning something", advises Leon, guitarist. "You can pick something off in 10 minutes, but if it takes you three hours to learn it, spend the three hours."

"Don't always play it the easy way", agrees Tim the drummer, who prefers to be called Timmy Loud. "Take the time to learn it the hardest way because you'll find out in the long run the hardest way becomes easier after you've learned it, and if you keep doing it the simpler way you just develop bad habits."

Those attitudes account for the success the band has earned. They were noted on the concert tour page of Circus magazine, a publication featuring outstanding musicians. Besides that, Brittania has had offers to play big time concerts and back-up for Head East.

With a light man who formerly worked for Kiss, the show is highlighted with special effects such as a strobe light, flash pots and colored blinker lights.

From tennis shoes to three-inch heels and from T-shirts to black capes, the performers change outfits during breaks. As one senior girl observed, "Not only do they play good music, but they're also a show band."

The reality of being on stage psyches the players up so they can get into their music. They find they don't need any artificial stimulants, just a bottle of 7-Up.

For most of the members, band music has been their chief interest since they were young. This desire led two of the present members to enter as part of a

group in a talent show in 1976. After winning the show they were encouraged enough to start a professional band.

After several changes, the band is currently composed of six musicians. The two original members are Rod Voss, keyboards, and Brian Hovey, guitarist. Leon Hanson, Mark Heine, and Greg Wollan were added along with a drummer, Tim Schuett. All of the members are vocalists.

Considering themselves a tri-state band they come from South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota, and have played from Chicago to Montana.

Brittania's favorite age group is 15-25 because this age can relate to the type of



The five musicians who won positions in the Augustana band festival are from the left, Anita Fuoss, Dana Eisnach, Julie Johnson, Tim Stocking and Kristine Wollman.

Top musicians attend band festival

Five members of the Riggs' High School band participated in the Augustana band festival last month.

The members who attended the two-day event were Tim Stocking, trumpet, Anita Fuoss, trumpet, Julie Johnson, flute, Kristine Wollman, flute, and Dana Eisnach, alto saxophone. These students were selected to attend, along

with musicians from the surrounding 5-state region, because of their musical achievements in band. Mr. Upsahl had submitted a list of each student's accomplishments and honors in their particular instrument.

The 160-piece bands were formed and both were directed by Dr. James Croft from the University of South Florida. The bands rehearsed and the musicians attended clinics given by specialists on their respective instruments. After some fun, learning, and hard work the two bands presented a grand finale concert open to the public in the Sioux Falls Coliseum.

Photographers take top honors

Mike Springer and Tim Stocking, took top honors in the annual SDHSPA photography contest during the High School Press Convention in Brookings this fall.

Mike won first prize and \$5 for his picture taken near the Administration building on the SDSU campus. He also won best overall roll of film which earned him a \$3 prize.

Tim Stocking won third place for his photograph of the sun slipping through the branches of a shade tree on the campus near the end of the convention day.

High School photographers from all over the state were given from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to shoot any pictures they chose on the campus and at the journalism workshops and general session. The individual pictures were judged on their quality as well as subject matter.

Latin department Shows abilities at humanities meet

Riggs High School took top honors at the Classical Humanities workshop in Huron last month.

Mr. E. Jay Mickelson, Latin teacher, was one of four authorities who spoke on classical language, and Perry Wilson and Callie Stenseth won 1st and 3rd place in the Arete (wisdom) test.

Mr. Mickelson discussed Shakespeare's use of Roman forms in his comedies during the morning session and demonstrated how to develop units on classical mythology and ancient theater during the afternoon program.

The Arete contest covered ancient history, literature and mythology. Perry won a \$300 scholarship to Huron college and Callie won a \$150 scholarship. Both were awarded a book on the history of art.



Brittania not only plays good music, they are also a show band. --photo by Mike Springer

Grapplers look at season ahead

While the pounding of basketballs and the drumming of player's feet goes on overhead, one of the most highly rated wrestling teams in the state works out in the back of the shop area.

But the high ratings are not influencing the grapplers. Commented Head Coach Mike Engels, "We appreciate the high regards given to us by other coaches, but we don't store much faith in ratings this early in the season. People can get injured, things like that."

The wrestlers themselves realize what's ahead of them. As 105 pound junior Marty Venner put it, "We can be a pretty darn good team if everybody works hard. If we do work hard I know we can be one of the top five teams in the state."

Kevin Kusler, 138 pound senior, pointed out that, "We've got seven seniors just on Varsity and seven guys rated in the state. There's good senior leadership and the team works together."

Other members of the team looked at

the season from a different angle. "I think this year we've got good senior leadership and the carry over from a successful season in football. This year everybody has a good attitude, also," observed 185 pound senior John Schroer.

Todd Kelly, 145 pound senior, remarked, "I think we should have a tough team. We've got the man-power and the experience." Kelly listed Watertown and Huron as rivals for Pierre.

Assistant Coach Larry Lundeen summed things up for Pierre's wrestling squad by saying, "Experience counts. Early in the season we're emphasizing takedowns and pins, which is showing up in our early meets."

Junior Todd Padgett, 112 pounder, said, "We're good but we could use improvement. We can be No. 1 if we work hard. I think we're in better shape than anybody else we've seen this year."

In the words of Coach Lundeen, "Once you get towards the top you have to work twice as hard."

Sideline Views

by Mike Springer

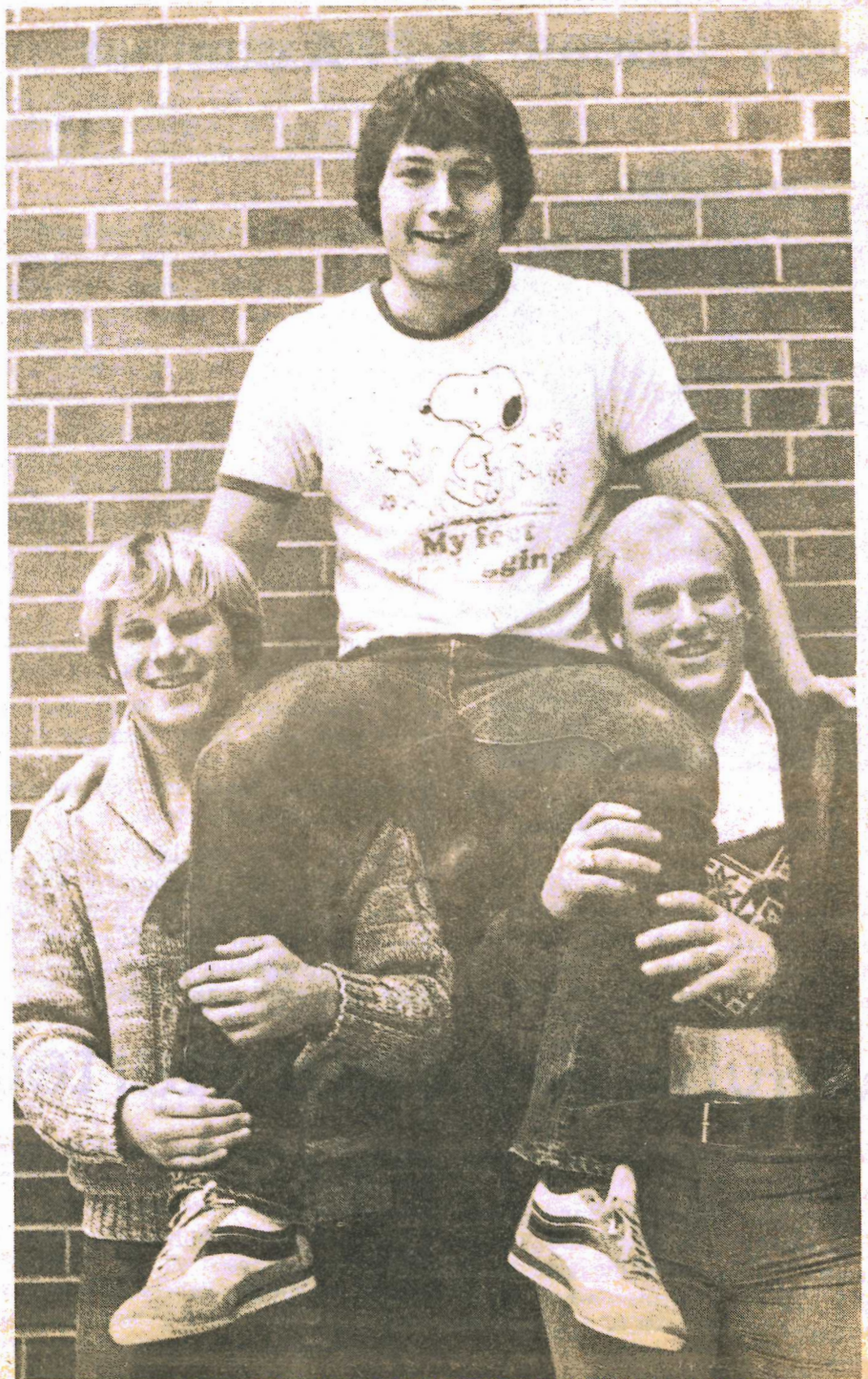
The Schools of the State voted down an amendment to expand the basketball program into three divisions, but we haven't heard the last of it.

Had it passed, basketball teams would be classified as "AA", "A", and "B". For some time, smaller "B" schools have charged that the present system is unfair because of the margin between enrollment of the larger and smaller "B" schools. The effort failed to get the needed 2/3 vote, but our guess is they'll try again next year.

Pierre voted against it. "We don't feel the state is big enough," said Athletic Director Phil Trautner. "The League Pierre's in would lose popularity because it would be cut from 32 to 16 schools." Pierre would become an "AA" school. "I don't think the size of the school has that much bearing," continued Mr. Trautner. "Teams like Sisseton, Milbank, and Miller have been State "A" Champs." That's true, but it's an exception rather than the rule. Teams from larger towns like Yankton, Huron or Pierre reach the state tournament year after year.

If there were three state tournaments, they would either be spread out or they would overlap. In either case, tournament season would lose some of its appeal.

North Dakota had three leagues, but changed back to one. Minnesota was content with one league until just a few years ago when they divided into two leagues. The twin cities alone have a higher population than North and South Dakota combined.



All-Staters

Dan Rounds, Todd Schuetzle, and Tim Smith (right to left) were named to the Class AA all-state football team by the South Dakota Sportswriters Association. Rounds and Schuetzle were also selected for the Sioux Falls Argus Leader all-state team.

--photo by Mike Springer



Coach Bob Bozied has guided the Governors football team through good times and bad for the past three years.

--photo by Mike Springer.

Players reveal gratitude for Coach of the Year

More than anyone else, the Pierre Governors football players can appreciate Mr. Bozied's Coach of the Year award.

"It was his faith in us and our faith in him that made us successful," said Bob Stalley. The importance of faith is apparent in comments from other players, also.

"I thought he had a lot of faith and determination," said Dan Rounds. "The difference between our record this year and last year proves it."

"Besides the records and honors," said Troy Jones, "one thing he and the other coaches allowed to prosper, through their encouragement of team work, was the development of a deep friendship with other players I otherwise wouldn't have gotten so close to," Jones continued. "Part of the success of our offensive line was that he and the other coaches made it an honor to be a blocker."

"He gave each person a nickname," said Bob "Deadeye" Stalley. "It helped me become more enthusiastic."

Lonnie Badger said, "It was a great honor to play under Coach Bozied. Not very many high school athletes get the chance to play for a coach of the year. I was sure at the end of the season that he would receive the honor. His precision coaching should keep next years football team and many teams to come of equal quality and success as this year's team."

"He's had an influence on me since he first got here," said Jim Ness. "I had him for ninth grade baseball, when he was assistant coach. I came to respect him that year. He expects the best out of his players and he works with what he has." Ness also values his membership in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which was brought about mostly through the work of Mr. Bozied. "FCA gives you a chance to talk to kids your age about practically anything."

"It was great that we had a winning season," said Todd Schuetzle. "But I think we learned something more important than just winning. Mr. Bozied gave us confidence and faith in each other to play as a team, and it paid off," Schuetzle continued. "But he also taught us something we will always be able to use throughout our lives -- the discipline and faith needed to solve problems."

Governors prepare for Madison game

Basketball Coach Roger Pries expects his team to be faced with many of the same problems in Friday night's home game with Madison as they had in their first two games.

"They've got two good guards and that's what has hurt us in our other games," said Pries. "They've got two starters back, same as we have. It should be an evenly matched game."

The coach said defense has been the team's primary weakness this season. "We just haven't been moving our feet. We're just reaching and fouling. This past week we've worked on fundamentals of defense. We feel we're a little more prepared."

The Gobs dropped their first two games to Huron, 63-52 and Mitchell, 67-66.

"The Mitchell game showed a lot of improvement over the Huron game," continued Coach Pries. "We had 12 turnovers, compared to about 30 in the Huron game. It really boiled down to us not playing enough defense. Their last eight points were made on free throws."

The Governors beat Rapid City Stevens, 63-54, Tuesday.

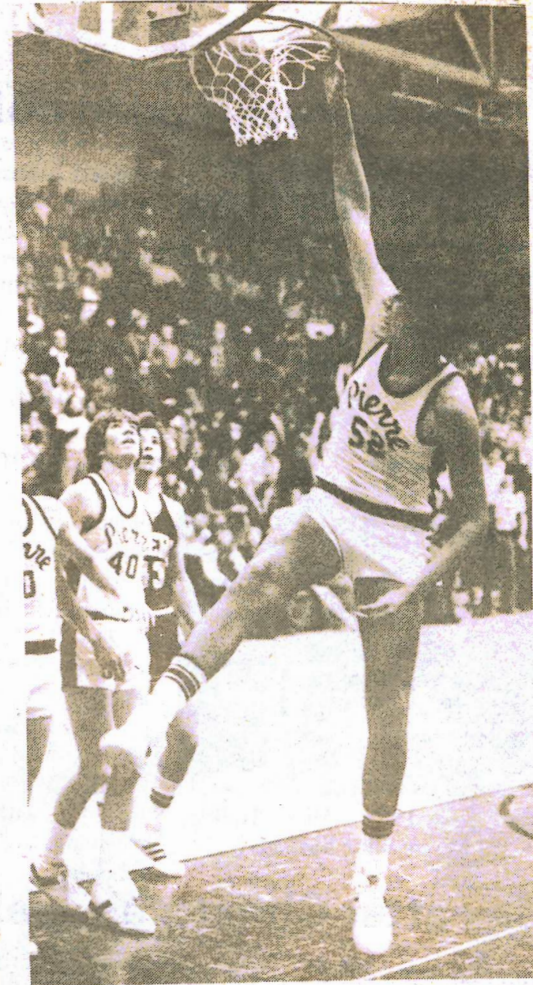
Leading scorers for the Gobs were: Tom Burchill, 15; Bob Tinker, 13; Tim Flannery and Joe Ashley, 10; and Bob Stalley and Todd Schuetzle, 5.



'Dr. Joe'

Joe Ashley, Pierre's 6-11 answer to Julius "Dr. J" Irving of the Philadelphia 76'ers, only dunked the ball in a game once last year. This year he's done it in every game. "I'm going to do it every chance I get," he said.

--photos by Mike Springer



Sports

New gymnastics coach pleased with Pierre's 1st performance

Determination is what it is all about for Pierre's new gymnastics coach Mrs. Stephanie Manson.

As a former gymnast from SDSU and USD, and as the former assistant gymnastics coach in Fort Pierre, Mrs. Manson has high hopes for this year's Varsity, Junior Varsity and Junior High gymnastics teams. There are seven young athletes on the Varsity team and five on the Junior Varsity, but Coach Manson hopes to add to this from the Junior High girls.

Mrs. Manson feels that their strongest event is the beam, with many girls also excelling in the floor exercise.

The returning Varsity contenders are progressing well on the uneven bars commented their coach. "This event and the vault still have some polishing up to be done," she added.

The girls have put in a lot of hard work and practice according to Mrs. Manson, who accredits much of their success to assistant coach Larry Joy, volunteering his help, and assistant coach Bill Ellwanger.

Mrs. Manson is very pleased with the techniques which former coach Tom Ball helped the girls master. She plans only to add more difficult routines and to work toward improvement in their skills.

As coach Manson says, "The talent is there, and nothing should stop the girls from performing like any other large school team."

At the first meet of the year, Monday Dec. 11, the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams captured first place over Miller.

On the varsity beam Sarah Pries (P) took top honors with Wendy Buechler (P)

2nd, L. Tarr (M) 3rd, L. Nissen (M) 4th, and Peggy Friman (P) 5th.

Pries also remained in first place on the bars, L. Tarr (M) 2nd, Cathy Green (P) 3rd, Friman (P) 4th and Simmons (M) 5th.

Floor exercise concluded with Green (P) as top placer, Pries (P) 2nd, L. Tarr (M) 3rd, M. Tarr (M) 4th and Angel Oscarson (P) 5th.

Green headed the vault competition with Pries (P) 3rd, Angie Herron (P) 3rd, P. Koeck and L. Tarr (M) 4th and 5th places.

All Around finishers were Pries (P) 1st, Green (P) 2nd, L. Tarr (M) 3rd, and Buechler (P) 4th.

Mat Maids chosen

Baking goodies, running Cokes, hanging streamers, and keeping score will keep the mat maids busy during the wrestling season. The girls who take on this job promote wrestling matches by performing traditional duties at home matches and by inspiring the wrestlers with locker adornments and words of encouragement.

Twelve girls were chosen as mat maids by a written test on their knowledge of wrestling. Two girls, Suzi Solem and Kim Cowan, were chosen co-captains by tying for the highest score with perfect papers.

The other matmaids are Patty McNeil, Kim Paulson, Kenda Harrowa, Becky Dryden, Kristi Hoenseid, Kristi Herman, Lisa Sack, Cindy Arch, Maxine Westall, and Candy Beastron.



Sarah Pries was the all-around gymnast in Pierre's victory over Miller on Monday.

--photo by Mike Springer.

RHS to be represented in holiday contest



Greta Hesse - 1978 Miss Holiday contestant. -photo by Mike Springer

Greta Hesse has been chosen to represent Riggs in the 18th annual Miss Holiday Contest.

The contest sponsored by the Huron Daily Plainsman will be held in Huron, Dec. 28-29.

Greta most recently appeared as Cecily Cardew in "The Importance of Being Earnest." She also played the lead role in "Oklahoma," was one of the marching band majorettes this fall, and is in chorus.

Each Miss Holiday contestant will be judged on physical appearance, poise and personality. They will appear at the halftime of both Huron Holiday Tournament Basketball games.

The 1978 Miss Holiday will be awarded a \$2,000 Scholarship to Huron College and a trophy.

A cash award will also be given to the activity fund of her sponsoring school.

All five finalists will be presented trophies with the top two runners-up receiving activity fund prizes for their schools.

The day after Christmas spells disaster

December 26, what a day!

The day after Christmas. The day which evokes that "trying to clean up after Christmas" feeling.

As traditional as Christmas trees and Santa Claus, the day after Christmas means total disaster in the living room.

Christmas wrapping paper, Christmas cards, Christmas stick-ons, tapes, bows, ribbons . . . All are scattered across the floor. Reds, blues, greens, and yellows now decorate the once spotless carpet. Investigating this mess further you just might want to get down on hands and knees and take a closer look. Santa Claus along with 8 reindeer, elves, wreaths, mistletoe, snow and sleighs all take shape in the clutter.

Then there are the food and the dirty dishes. Mom's turkey and ham, half eaten, is stuffed in the refrigerator. Left

over potatoes, cranberries, bread and corn are all pushed aside on the counter. There are the fudge and divinity along with all the other sweets. And between all of this food is the endless amount of dirty dishes that never seem to get done.

Moving along you will find the boxes. Oh, so many boxes -- filled ones holding Christmas ornaments, and empty ones that had guarded secret gifts.

You find the gifts themselves. There are kid toys, jump ropes, walking and talking dolls, screeching fire trucks, miniature stove sets, balls of all kinds, and games. Then there are the bottles of perfume, clothes, radios, hand made quilts, and albums.

Yes, all of these things you find on December 26. Usually you still find them in the living room on December 27 and 28 and 29 . . .

Christmas Puzzle

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Janet Chu prepared this word puzzle to help you catch the Christmas spirit.

Circle the 44 holiday words hidden horizontally, vertically and diagonally in the puzzle. The list of words is posted on the front hall bulletin board. The key to the puzzle is posted in room 104. There will be a prize for the first correct puzzle turned in to room 104.



With mistletoe in hand and kisses in mind, Becky Weber, Jackie Ivers, Julie Heim, Debbie Nellermoe and Lisa Brinkman prepare to launch their attack on their handsome biology teacher Mr. Robinson. (photo by Tim Stocking)

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

A Christmas season without snow would be a disaster.

No snow on the ground when Christmas comes? No "White Christmas"? No sloppy, slippery streets to slosh through on shopping excursions?

No magical glitter would cover the ugly, bare trees and sift over the sidewalk. The days would be dull and grey and the outside world just wouldn't seem as festive as it should be for Christmas.

There would be nothing to use for snowball fights or to stuff down the back of an unsuspecting bystander. You

could not make an "angel" on a fresh patch of snow. You couldn't even build a snowman if you wanted to.

No fluffy white stuff would be around to track into school to become puddles under your desk in first period class. Even worse, you couldn't use "snow-blocked driveway" or "bad roads" as an excuse for being tardy. Mr. Jaeger would catch that phony tale.

Without snow and ice to add thrills and chills, driving around town wouldn't be as exciting.

Aren't you glad that we don't have to just dream of a "White Christmas"?



Students find time to take advantage of what's remaining of the November snowfall. (photo by Tim Stocking)

Sexism stabbed with student selection

Chad Anderson has been proclaimed Mr. Holiday at the first Annual Mr. Holiday contest sponsored by the Governor staff.

Anderson, a senior, was elected by secret ballot of a cross section of the student body and faculty. He competed against several other senior guys at the annual contest.

Chad is involved in many school activities including football and tennis. Some hobbies include chasing girls and catching up on his sleep in Biology II.

The runners-up included Joe Ashley, Joe Kelly and Keith Hughes.

Mr. Anderson will reign over Christmas vacation festivities.

'Sami Chlaus' is coming

Governor reporter Linda Kern interviewed Susanne Trauffer, AFS student from Switzerland to discover how a Swiss Christmas differs from that of Christmas in the United States.

What is Santa Claus called in Switzerland?

He is called Sami Chlaus and Christmas is Weinachten.

Do Swiss children have Christmas vacation as we do? How do you spend your time during vacation?

Our vacation is much the same as in Pierre, two weeks. Most kids ski and skate. Skiing is the most popular.

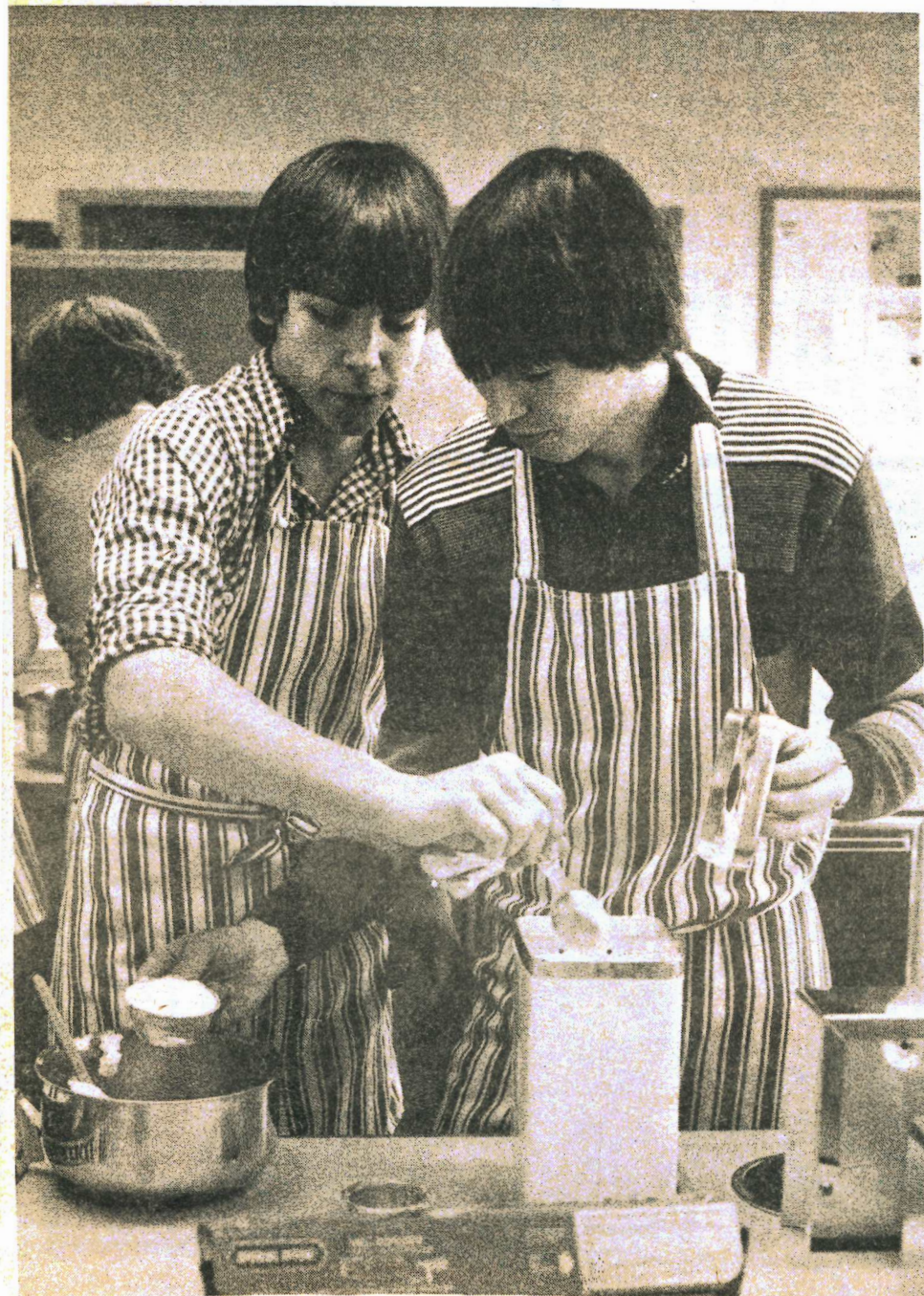
What will you miss most from your country this Christmas?

I'll miss my family and having a real tree with candles. I'll miss also getting together for Forest Christmas.

Susanne will be staying in Pierre for Christmas with her host family, the Eisnachs.

In What ways do Christmas customs differ in Switzerland from the U.S.?

On Dec. 6th Santa Claus comes to the home to alert the children to what they've done wrong over the previous year. The Christmas trees are put up -- always real trees -- and decorated with candles. On Christmas Eve friends get together and go into the forest to decorate a tree with candles for the Forest Christmas. These are traditions throughout Switzerland.



Seniors Sam Gilkerson and Mark "Buck" Perry make a serious attempt to produce Christmas goodies which would prove safe to eat. --photo by Mike Springer



The Christmas dream of Carrie Burke and Ruth Pottratz is decorating the "perfect" tree. --photo by Tim Stocking

Pre-Christmas as observed thru the eyes of Child Wonder

As I reflect upon a childhood buried but a few short years, the thought of pre-Christmas past fills a wound in my soul that my teenage ways have left open to a salt-throwing world.

Pre-Christmas is actually the month before Christmas, the real Celebration of Christmas, the time when memories are made.

First among these events was the annual arrival of the toy catalogues. Rarely a year went by without each of us ordering a well deserved \$6,597 worth of playthings or our "What I NEED for Christmas" lists. Also, rarely a year went by without my father reprimanding us upon our "greed" by reminding us of the starving beggar children who ate mush and never saw "Captain 11".

Two weeks or so before the 25th, our clan would trek into the raging snowstorm attempting to locate the proverbial "perfect tree." The "perfect tree" was always squashed, frozen, and in a constant state of molting. Its stump would never fit our stand, and my father spent endless hours angrily sawing away at the tree, muttering about the tree we should have bought at that other place.

Of course, there was the opening of the unwrapped presents. Our mother would bring the presents from the catalogue stores home in a big box and admonish my brother and me, "Don't look in those packages!"

"We won't," we would answer cheerfully. Then we wait until she took a nap and was down for the count, peer into the mysterious crate and look at our goodies to be. What did she think we were, Iron willed wonders or something?

The virtues of the aforementioned act may be dubious to some, but it was wonderful for us. For days we would

delight in the neat junk we were going to get, while our buddies developed ulcers wondering whether or not they'd get a Japanese G.I. Joe with real nylon hair.

Ending pre-Christmas every year was the washing of the dishes. Our family always opens presents on Christmas

Eve (So what? We could care less if everyone else has to wait 12 more hours.) but before we opened the packages, the dishes must be cleaned. These 5-10 minutes were undoubtedly the longest recorded in the annals of modern man.

"Did the clock die?" we frantically yelled, our hands clutched tightly about our gifts. Then . . . BANG . . . the presents were opened, the laughs began, and the pre-Christmas activities became a fond memory.

by John Pohlman



Christmas falls upon this quiet setting among the snowy peaks and pines.