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First Ladies add State 'A' rhythm

"Le Freak" by Chic was the State "A" disco dance previewed by the First Ladies drill team as they entertained the Governors Day basketball crowd Feb. 3.

The 24 members of the Riggs drill team under advisor Karen DeAntoni will head to Sioux Falls for State "A" March 15. This is the third time the First Ladies have performed for this state wide audience -- 1975, 1976 and now in 1979.

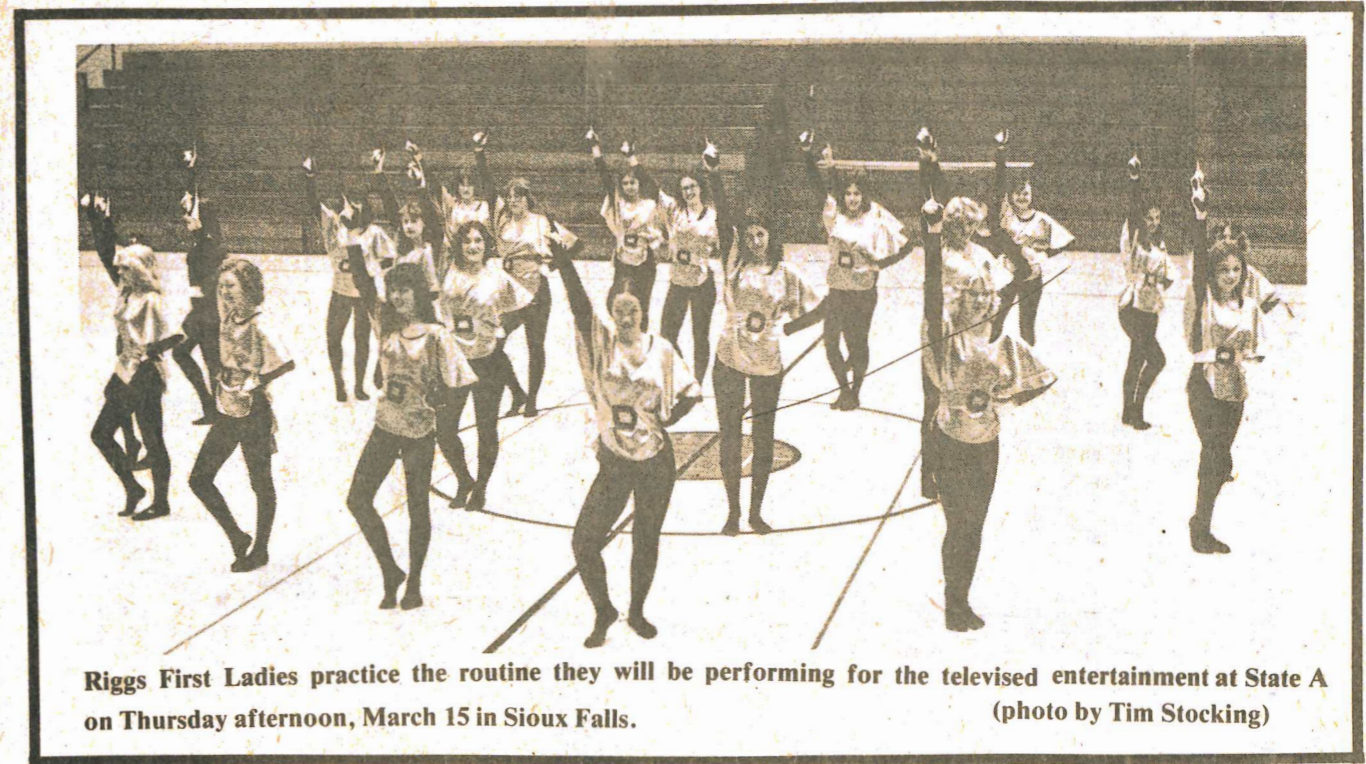
The ladies will gather at the Sioux Falls Arena for their television debut during the second game Thursday afternoon.

Since the first "First Ladies" were organized in 1966-67 as the Governors' counterpart, they have performed for football and basketball contests, and marched with the band in several parades. During the past 12 years the ladies have entertained hometown crowds as well as

Winner, Mission, Brookings, and even as far north as Bismarck.

The idea of a school sponsored drill team was initiated by the Bismarck Demonettes. Some time in the early 1960's. The girls didn't want Bismarck to out-do Pierre so the Lady Govs drill team was organized.

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Riggs First Ladies practice the routine they will be performing for the televised entertainment at State A on Thursday afternoon, March 15 in Sioux Falls. (photo by Tim Stocking)

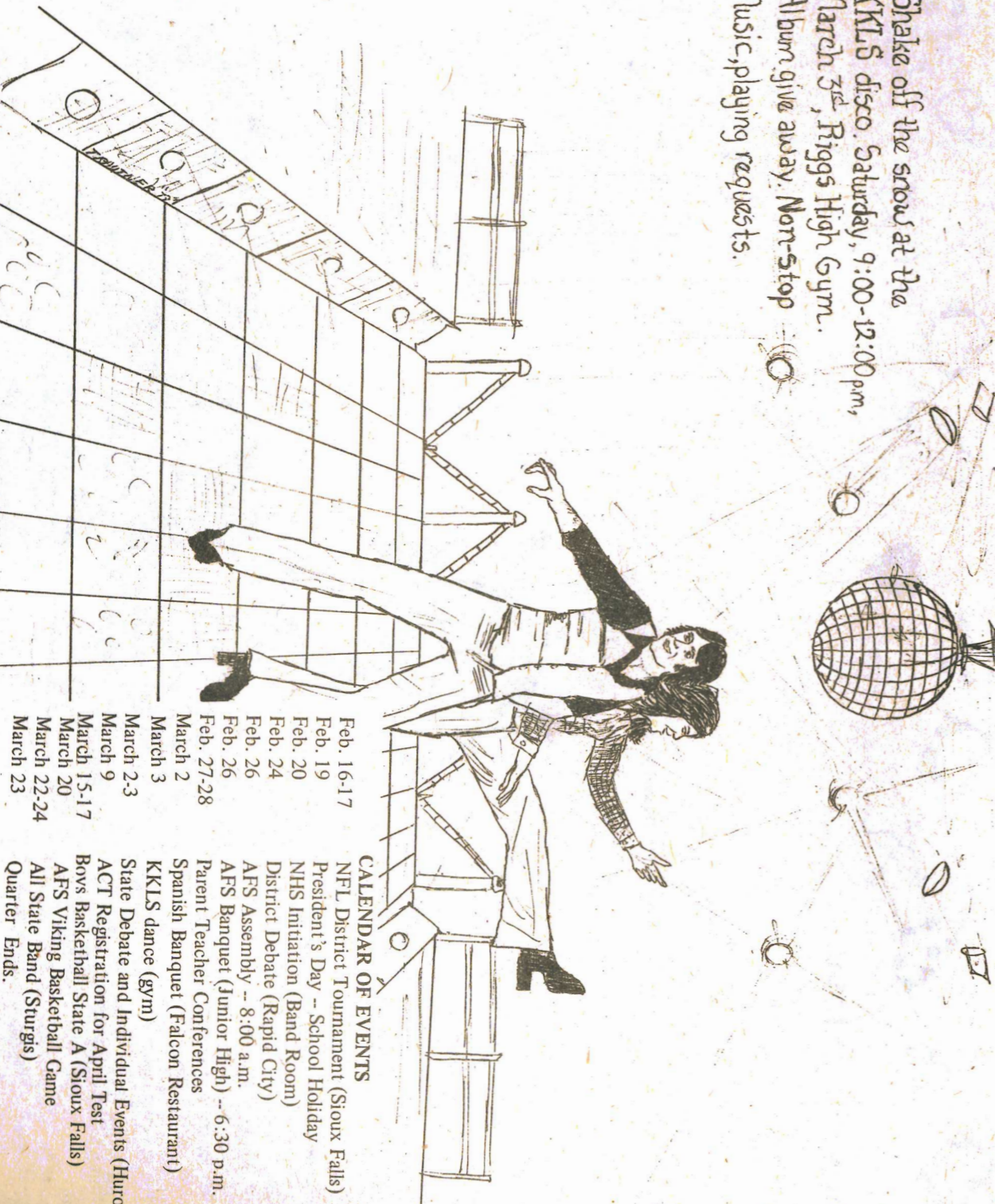
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Shake off the snow at the KKLs disco. Saturday, 9:00-12:00 pm, March 3rd, Riggs High Gym. Album give away. Non-stop Music, playing requests.



- Feb. 16-17
- Feb. 19
- Feb. 20
- Feb. 24
- Feb. 26
- Feb. 26
- Feb. 27-28
- March 2
- March 3
- March 2-3
- March 9
- March 15-17
- March 20
- March 22-24
- March 23

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NFL District Tournament (Sioux Falls)
- President's Day -- School Holiday
- NHS Initiation (Band Room)
- District Debate (Rapid City)
- AFS Assembly -- 8:00 a.m.
- AFS Banquet (Junior High) -- 6:30 p.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Spanish Banquet (Falcon Restaurant)
- KKLS dance (gym)
- State Debate and Individual Events (Huron)
- ACT Registration for April Test
- Boys Basketball State A (Sioux Falls)
- AFS Viking Basketball Game
- All State Band (Sturgis)
- Quarter Ends.

Mr. Upsahl honored as Teacher-of-the-Year



A surprised Mr. Upsahl looks at the gift he received from the National Honor Society when his honor as Teacher-of-the-Year was announced at the NHS assembly Tuesday.

With a smile of astonishment band director Paul Upsahl accepted his newly appointed title as Teacher-of-the-Year amid a cheering round of applause from the students at Tuesday's National Honor Society assembly.

Upsahl has been the Riggs High band instructor for the past three years. He received his degree from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks and began his career as a band instructor in Valders, Wisconsin. He then taught in Drayton, N.D. before moving to Pierre. He resides with his wife Becky, and two children, Shannon 7, and Michael 5.

"I like the students I work with, they are working very hard for me," stated Upsahl.

Mr. Upsahl has gained popularity with all students in the past three years even those not in the band as proved by the National Honor Society when they gave him the Teacher-of-the-Year honor by vote of all of the members.

Since his first year here, he has been actively trying to improve the band. The young instructor requires all his students to attend a private band lesson once a week.

With a combination of pep band, stage band, concert band, small groups and soloists, Mr. Upsahl is kept busy. When asked about his schedule, he answered with a grin, "Ninety seven percent of my time is devoted to my work."

"Since he came we've been able to go on a lot more trips, which helps to get the band members motivated," remarked Sharie Jundt.

The band plays at many of the home football, basketball, and wrestling events. "Mr. Upsahl really works along well with the cheerleaders and helps get up the crowd's enthusiasm," Debbie Nellerhoe commented.

Danna Eisnach summed up the feelings most of his students have for him, "He deserved it, he's the most easy going teacher I've ever had."

Exchange of flags to highlight weekend

The highlight of this year's AFS weekend will occur on Monday, Feb. 26, when Swiss foreign exchange student Susanne Trauffer presents her native flag to Riggs High School during a first period assembly honoring state wide AFS participants.

Meeting with the Governor and observing the Legislature are two of the other activities planned for students and their American host brothers and sisters who will be staying in local homes

Sunday night and Monday. About 20 foreign students will gather for the occasion.

A banquet, benefitting the AFS program, will conclude the activities on Monday evening.

Drama cast chosen for spring musical

Todd Meierhenry as Tevya and Kristi Smalley as Golde will have the lead roles in the spring musical "Fiddler on the Roof" to be presented in April.

Ms. Louise Borman, drama coach, announced the cast on Thursday. Other lead roles include Linda Kern as Tzeitel, Kristine Wollman as Hodel and Greta Hesse as Chavv. They are the daughters of Tevya and Golde.

Other major roles include Sonja Gaarder as Yente, Peter Hesse as Motel, Andy Barden as Perchik, Mark Garrigan as Lazar Wolf, Dace Liepens as Grama Tzeitel, Nannette Echols as Fruam-Sarah and Murray Schatz as Fyedka.

Rehearsal starts immediately and technical crews will begin working on costumes, props, sets and lighting.

Spanish students to be honored

Initiates of the "La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica," the Spanish Honor Society, include seven Riggs High students. They will be inducted on March 2 into the organization, which is based on high scholarship and interest in the Spanish language and culture.

The initiation ceremony will be in Spanish and will be attended by an honored guest from Chile, Sharon Norris. Sharon is an exchange student presently studying in Onida.

Those invited to membership include: Sandy Nelson, Sharon Swan, Carla Bates, Jill Lehecka, Susanne Trauffer and Michelle Russell.

Mrs. Phyllis Leach is the advisor of "La Sociedad Honoraria Hespania" which was organized in Pierre in 1978. The Pierre Chapter has been named "Gabriela Mistral" in honor of the Chilean lady who was the first Latin American poet to win the Nobel Prize for literature.

The national dish of Spain, Paella, will highlight the menu for the annual banquet at the Falcon, March 2. Parents, initial and old members, and special guests will be in attendance.

NHS begins initiation for 39 new members

Thirty-nine juniors and seniors were named as new members of National Honor Society at an all school assembly Tuesday. They were selected by ratings on scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The new members will be honored during NHS week with a potluck dinner on Thursday and a formal initiation ceremony on next Tuesday, Feb. 20. The 25 old members, headed by President

Jim Ness, will be in charge of the candlelighting ceremony.

The seniors who will be initiated include Cathy Bohn, Connie Bohn, Kristi Christenson, Keith Hughes, Jim Irvine, Jackie Ivers, Barry Johnson, Bill Mefford, Kevin Merrill, Mary Monlux, Barb Quenzer, Carmen Ritter, Suzi Solem, Stephanie Sommer, Tami Voeltz, Kristi Wollman, and Susanne Trauffer, honorary member.

Juniors who are new members include Carla Bates, Tom Burchill, Mark Cichos, Kim Cowan, Kari Deyo, Danna Eisnach, Juli Johnson, Laurie Linn, Bob Medina, Todd Padgett, Jeff Parker,

Lana Petersen, Jill Powell, Susan Reed, Michelle Schneider, Cara Snyder, Neal Thompson, Jeri Thorne, Mark Tieszen, Marty Venner, Steve Venner and David Victor.



Juniors and seniors who were tagged for membership in NHS this week include: from left, front row, Carla Bates, Bill Mefford, Jim Irvine, Keith Hughes, Kevin Merrill, Marty Venner, Jeff Parker, Tom Burchill; 2nd row, Carmen Ritter, Cathy Bohn, Suzi Solem, Stephanie Sommer, Michelle Schneider, Jill Powell, Susan Reed, Laurie Linn, Susanne Trauffer; 3rd row, Mary Monlux, Barb Quenzer, Jackie Ivers, Kristi Christensen, Jeri Thorne, Julie Johnson, Lana Peterson, Danna Eisnach; 4th row, Kristi Wollman, Connie Bohn, Steve Venner, Neal Thompson, Mark Tieszen, Cari Deyo, Cara Snyder, Kim Cowan, back row, Bob Medina, Todd Padgett, David Victor, Mark Chicos. (photo by Tim Stocking)

Editorials

Riggs parking lot is a fiasco

The Riggs student parking lot is one of the most used parking areas in Pierre, yet, it is in a terrible state and a hazard to all those who use it.

Riggs High School is a beautiful place and especially attractive with the new science/library addition. The unsightly mess and dangers of the Broadway parking lot is very distracting to a passerby.

Due to the addition in the back of the school and the change from diagonal to parallel parking on Jefferson street, a large percentage of the student drivers must now park in the student parking lot on Broadway. This overcrowding of students' cars not only looks unkept but also is unsafe.

The ice build up, snow banks, ditches and holes in this parking area are hazardous for students and for all people who attend the many school and community activities held at Riggs.

During the winter months it is hard to maneuver a vehicle off ice-laden Broadway into the driveway of the parking lot. Finally, after waiting in line on Broadway for 10 minutes and it is 7:40 a.m., drivers find most designated diagonal parking spots taken, and they are forced to drive up to the gravel area north of the parking lot where they pull in however and wherever space is available.

Since it seems to the students and the entire neighborhood that the parking is inadequate, something needs to be done. It's annoying to the students when they must park in an unusual position. It's disturbing to the area residents when students park in front of their houses. Students, faculty and residents know it is troublesome and embarrassing to have to call students out of class to move their vehicle.

If the graveled area west of the school were hard surfaced and marked specifically with a driving pattern and diagonal slots, the parking problem might be remedied.

The high school grounds need more parking area. There have been attempts to grade and smooth out the gravel area but with seasonal erosion this solution is temporary at best.

Doves, ERA, taxes, all hot issues

The 1979 legislative session is now one half over and many issues have come out in the wash but many are still dirty. This paradox is shown in a phrase that I heard uttered by one Representative "We are dammed if we do and dammed if we don't."

This is most obvious in the "dove hunting bill." In 1972 the people in a referendum voted overwhelmingly to prohibit the hunting of doves in South Dakota. Because of this, the legislature would normally accept it as a mandate from the people. But with this order they gave no reason except the "bird of peace" should be protected from the war-mongers called hunters.

Since 1972 the sportsmen have harassed the legislature with many viable arguments to allow them to hunt doves. Their reasons span from the evidence that hunting of doves does nothing to diminish their numbers because of their high mortality rate to the mere sport it provides for the youth and elderly. This time the legislature challenged the electors to find out how deep their convictions really are.

Another area of conflict is the ERA. The legislators are faced with rescission for the third time but this time Congress's extension on the deadline of ratification has turned former supporters into

opponents. Former representatives and senators who originally voted for it are expressing a change of mind. Various polls in some districts say up to seventy percent favor rescission. The pro-ERA people support their cause more devoutly which presents an interesting problem -- do you support the majority of the strong-willed minority? This realization reveals that winning is impossible and losing inevitable.

The last major area is taxation. Last year the legislature repealed the personal property tax, which generated \$40 million in revenues. The people, however, have forgotten the blessing from last year and will see any replacement as an increase which may cause a voter revolt.

Yet the Senate and House both realize it must be made up soon or the state will run out of money and the reaction will be even greater. This leaves them with no alternative but to compromise by tightening the purse strings and increasing the ante.

Another representative described the compromise very well when he said, "if the people really want less government, this budget will give it to them."

Troy Jones

Something Extra . . .

Congratulations to Jeff Marso for being crowned "King of Hearts" at the annual Job's Daughter's Ball, Feb. 10.

A big thanks to Russ Hanson, Lonnie Badger, Tim Withers, Michelle Finley and Lisa Etzkorn for supplying the materials and constructing the new senior bench, which is now in its familiar location in the lobby.

Don't just sit there, do something

Brrr it's cold! We hear this complaint endlessly through these bitter winter months. But this complaining doesn't do any good except make you colder. So instead of resenting this predicament, make the best of it!

Cuddling up with a good book and

enjoying an evening at home is a way to forget the frigid temperatures outside, or if you're not a homebody, attend a show at the theater or get involved in the many extra-curricular activities at the school.

If you're the active type, several outdoor activities are available in Pierre. There are ice skating rinks, where you can develop your Olympic skills, cross-country skiing in the rural areas, many hills for tobogganing, and, for the sportsmen, there is the Missouri River for ice-fishing.

If you can get out of town, there are shopping malls to spend long afternoons while it is blizzarding outside and there are very good ski slopes available for the skiers.

With all these programs to get involved in, the winter months will disappear in no time!

School activities vary around state

January and February have proved to be busy months for school activities around the state. School newspapers that have come across the exchange editors desk have revealed these highlights:

Watertown High School juniors and sophomores finished registration for the 1979-80 school year on Feb. 7. Sophomores will have an additional requirement next year, World History --- (Riggs registration starts in March) --- On Feb. 10, the WHS Warriors hosted a Canadian basketball team for the first international high school basketball game to be played in South Dakota ---

A new school, Blake Upper School, Minneapolis, has been added to the exchange. A Riggs Alum, Jim Ledbetter is on the music department staff at Blake --- Madison High has their band booked for their prom and further plans are being advanced in morning meetings --- Riggs isn't alone with pep assembly problems. Brown High, Sturgis, is in the same situation - no pep assemblies ---

Various organizations in many schools are selling carnations on Valentine's Day as a fund raising project. The flowers come in three colors, signifying different feelings. It might be an idea for clubs at Riggs to think about --- Chamberlain High changed their style of newspaper and acquired a new staff for the second semester.

Welcome back Mr. Jaeger! We really missed you while you were ill and we're happy to see you back again. Thanks Mr. Fjelstad for doing a great job as Assistant Principal during Jaeger's absence.

Parent-teacher conferences will be Feb. 27-28. Classes will be dismissed Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday. Don't forget to encourage your parents to attend while you stay home and watch T.V.

Your Governor staff enjoys putting the paper out, let your entire family enjoy what the Governor has to share.

Try taking this issue of the Governor home and see how many parents will read them. "Thanks"

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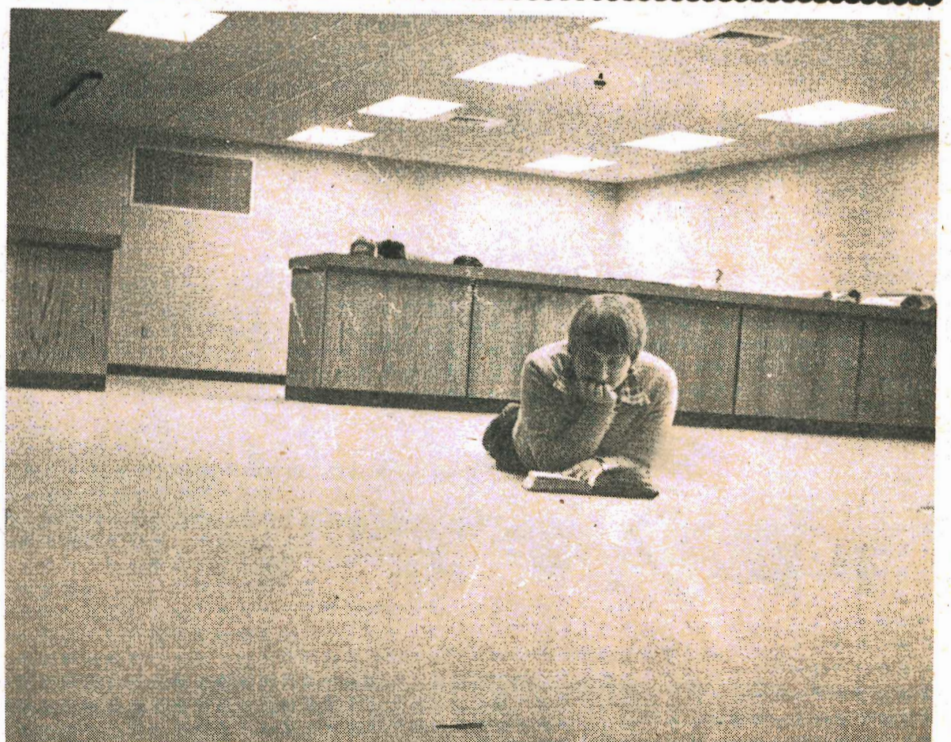


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However, any student, or the student's parents, if the student is under the age of 18, may request that his picture not be published in the media or in the school yearbook, such a request to be made in writing to the principal of the high school.

This does not cover pictures taken by the news media of school events.



Why aren't we moving in?

Angie Voeltz, student librarian, reads a book leisurely, as she waits for the big move to the new library. How much longer will the room stand empty.

Survey seeks student opinions

Riggs High School students expressed their opinions on some controversial issues facing this year's state legislature in a survey taken early in the week.

Students thought the ERA amendment should not be reratified. Even though the girls favor it by a slight margin, there were more guys answering the survey, so the totals showed against the ERA. Over 20% of the students polled had no opinion on the subject.

Students were for capitol punishment and raising the speed limit to 65 miles per hour.

Another issue which students are against is the removal of billboards on South Dakota highways.

The ERA poll showed 44 girls in favor, 42 against and a surprising 31 with no opinion.

The guys had more definite ideas on ERA with 68 against, only 28 for, and 33 with no opinion. It seems the guys do not want to share their legal privileges with the girls.

Just a little over half the students polled voted that the death penalty should be reinstated in South Dakota and 39% were against and only 6% had no opinion. An interesting aspect was that the females voted 50% against and 41% for and the males voted 68% in favor, with 29% against.

Students gave their opinions on the crimes that should be punishable by death if the death penalty is reinstated. Murder and killing an officer were rated highest along with rape and arson. Others that received fewer than 10 were bombing, treason, mass killing and kidnapping.

Some other comments were being caught without a hall pass and minor traffic violations.

Students were asked for an alternative punishment if the death penalty is not made legal with the highest choice being a choice of life imprisonment or the death penalty chosen by the prisoner. The second highest was life imprisonment with no pardon allowed. Others were varied punishment depending on the crime and determined by jury and solitary confinement for life.

Students voted 69% in favor of raising the speed limit to 65 mph in South Dakota, 27% against and 4% had no opinion. Students thought that the 65 mph speed limit should be on interstate highways with 77% of the votes and 23% on state highways.

Riggs students voted that the billboards should not be removed from the state highways and ran close to removing them only to comply with federal standards with a vote of 105 against to 101 to comply with federal standards and 36 agreeing on removal entirely.

Debators earn high marks at meet

Varsity debate star Mark Tieszen won the Outstanding Speaker award at the Central Forensic Conference Feb. 3 in Pierre.

Superior Speakers in the CFC included Kurt Bohn and Brian Pogany.

The novice team placed 3rd and the varsity finished 4th overall. The results from the individual events were: M. Tieszen-A Exempt, 2nd place; K. Bohn-B Exempt, 1st place; Tieszen-A Oratory, 1st place; W. Pogany -B Oratory, 2nd; M. Garrigan-B Oratory, 3rd; C. Snyder-A Interp, 2nd place.

In the latest debate tournament held at Rapid City Central Feb. 9 and 10, Riggs

debate team finished 4th overall. The participants of that team were Tieszen, Bohn, R. Janklow, Pogany, Garrigan, G.

Carr, K. Deyo, Snyder, J. Hauch, W. Pogany, L. Hosman, and K. Hudacek.

This is not the end of the tournaments for this season. The team still has two more events in February. The National Forensic League District Tournament will be held in Sioux Falls on Feb. 16 and 17.

On Feb. 24 at Rapid City, the district debate tournament will be held which determines those qualifying for the state debate tournament.

First Ladies add State 'A' rhythm

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"It was a really fun time," smiled Shirley Hickman Halligan, a member of the first squad in 1967. She said several girls attended a summer drill team camp that year and taught the routines to the rest when school started. This same practice of sending girls to summer camps continues even now. Last summer 15 girls stayed a week on the campus of SDSU to attend

camp. The girls came back this fall and choreographed their own routines. As for "La Freak" Heather Engel, along with captain Tami Voeltz and co-captains Marge Feldsien and Candy Neilan, arranged disco steps to the music which the 24 members selected.

Even before the 1967 drill team was formed, a dance group performed for



Bill Mefford, left, and Kathy Adam have been selected as the January Students-of-the-Month for their participation in school activities in January.

Kathy is serving as Riggs mayor and is a member of NHS and the Spanish Honor Society. She was a Lady Gov and is sports editor of the Governor.

Bill is a member of chorus and Thespians. In a recent chorus contest he participated in Madrigals and performed a solo. He was also involved in the one-act plays and he is the assistant academic section editor for the Gumbo.

Musicians receive top ratings

The Riggs High musicians received 26 first place ratings out of 58 entries at the Regional music in Mobridge Feb. 7.

The 82 musicians under the direction of

Miss Jeanne Campbell and Mr. Paul Upsahl traveled to Mobridge by bus.

Receiving a I rating on instrumental solos were Steve Catlin (snare drum), Liz Miller (flute), Julianne Johnson (flute), Kristine Wollman (flute), Dace Leipins (oboe), Andy Barden (french horn), Dana Eisnach (sax), and Denette Eisnach (sax).

Anita Fuoss (trumpet), Tim Stocking (trumpet) and Laurie Linn (tenor sax) received I.

Earning II's on solos were Bob Medina (trombone), Mary Schoessler (clarinet), Linda Reed (tinpani) and Neal Thompson (baritone sax).

The woodwind choir, brass choir, sax quartet and brass sextet earned I ratings. The horn trio and flute ensemble received I, and the brass quartet, woodwind quintet, trumpet ensemble, clarinet quartet and sax ensemble earned II ratings.

In vocal competition, Todd Meirhenry, Peter Hesse, Dena Vieth, Andy Barden, Nannette Echols, Linda Kern, and Kristine Wollman received I ratings.

Kristi Smalley, Kim Cowan and Anita Fuoss earned I ratings.

Anne VanEpps received a II+, and Darrel Hartmann, Murray Schatz, Anne Jones, Calli Stenseth, Kari Deyo, Dace Leipins, Paula Rivoire and Danna Eisnach received II ratings. Jerry Mendenhall, Bill Mefford and Jim Merkle rated III, all in vocal solos.

Ensembles that rated I's are the boys ensemble, mixed ensemble, small girls ensemble, large girls ensemble and the Madrigals.

Anne Jones and Anita Fuoss received I ratings on piano solos, while Denette Eisnach earned a II.

Notes from Council

The agenda for the second semester student council meeting on Feb. 6, was planned under new idea to sign up business in the main office. Mayor Kathy Adam presided.

The group discussed sponsoring a student council dance in early March. They decided on a disco unit, probably KKLS. A committee was formed to complete arrangements.

A letter to the school board on the parking lot situation was approved.

Discussion was held on a student directory, open campus and assemblies. No action was taken.

several ball games under the direction of ballet teacher Marjorie Forney. When the high school began to sponsor the girls as First Ladies, Miss Carol Pickering took over as advisor.

Miss Pickering led the girls through nine years of dances and routines. In these first years they established basic black leotards and tights for their attire.

1974-75 brought the guidance of Mrs. Karen DeAntoni. This was the first year the girls were invited to perform at State "A".

Through the years, the First Ladies have gone through changes in dress, routine styles and numbers. The squad, chosen in the spring by a panel of judges, fluctuated from 29 to 24 members and those numbers in between.

To raise money for various activities, the squad has had bake sales, sweaters sales, sponsored a Sadie Hawkins dance and even sold their legs at a school auction.

The drill team will perform once more for Pierre audiences before going to Sioux Falls. They will do a high kick routine for sectionals March 7.

"A lot of work has gone into this years' routine, but we hope 'Le Freak' will come off very well," commented Christi Nelson.

Mrs. DeAntoni said, when talking about the State "A" performance, "The girls will be nervous just as the ball players are. It makes the girls very nervous to know so many people are watching, and you only have three minutes to do the best job you can."



With hands in the air and music in their minds, the First Ladies exhibit their top-notch routine. (photo by Shana Fliginger)



Mrs. Karen DeAntoni, First Ladies advisor, thinks out loud as she choreographs a new routine.

Governors rank in top as schedule ends

The Riggs High cage team won 4 of their last 5 games with their only setback coming on the home floor of the Madison Bulldogs.

On the 26th, the Govs trounced the visiting and previously league-leading Mitchell Kernels by a score of 71-47. The win put Pierre at 6-8 in the ESD Conference and 8-3 overall.

Pierre forced Mitchell to shoot from long range and the Kernels could only shoot a cool 19-58, for 33 percent. The Govs turned in yet another 50 plus percent night by hitting 29-53, for 54 percent.

The aggressive Govs dominated the boards pulling down 38 caroms to Mitchell's 24, with Joe Ashley grabbing 9, Bob Tinker 8 and Tom Burchill 7.

Ashley led Pierre's best offensive showing of the season so far by netting 26 points. Burchill added 15 and Bob Stalley popped in 10.

Pierre's next contest following the Mitchell game found the Govs traveling to Madison to clash with the cellar-dwelling Bulldogs. Madison, after upsetting Mitchell at home just the night before, had things go their way again on Friday as they surprised the Governors 55-47.

Both Pierre and Madison played a control type ball game as they only took 35 shots and 34 shots respectively. Pierre connected on 20-35 for an excellent 57 percent with Madison hitting 18-34 for 53 percent. Madison made up for the 2 field goal deficit by converting on 19 of 26 freethrow attempts to Pierre's 7 of 9.

Joe Ashley again led the Govs with 19 while Tom Burchill and Bob Tinker netted 12 apiece.

Pierre held a 20-14 rebounding edge with Ashley grabbing nine caroms. The loss put Pierre's ESD record at 6-4 and 8-4 overall.

The following night, Pierre's second half efforts enabled the team to pull away from Bismarck's Demons in the annual Governor's Cup Classic at the Riggs High Gym.

The Govs trailed 14-12 at the end of the first stanza but edged past Bismarck for a

28-27 halftime lead. Tenacious defense and good shot selection led Pierre to pull away to a 67-53 win.

Governor Janklow presented the cup to Pierre and the skull to Bismarck following the contest. The previous two games had been won by Bismarck. The series is now tied with both Pierre and Bismarck winning 12 games apiece.

Joe Ashley led all scorers with 28 points and Tom Burchill clipped 15. Ashley led in rebounding with 7, while Burchill and Dave Victor grabbed 6 and 5 respectively.

Pierre won the rebounding battle 38-22 and 53% from the field with Bismarck connecting in an even 50%. The win put this year's overall record at 9-4.

The Govs then traveled to Yankton for an easy 49-29 conference victory over the winless Bucks. Pierre trailed 12-11 in the first quarter but held Yankton to 2 points while scoring 10 in the second to surge to a 7 point 21-14 advantage, and then cruised on to victory. The victory put Pierre's ESD record at 7-4 and their overall record at 10-4.

Bob Tinker led all scorers with 15 followed by Tim Flannery with 10. Pivot man Joe Ashley was held to 9 but forced Yankton to shoot from the outside after blocking the first 2 shots from the Yankton centers.

Pierre hit 22-40 for yet another 50 plus percent game ending with a torrid 55 percent. Yankton hit 12-28 for a cool 31 percent.

The Govs pulled down 30 rebounds compared to 25 for the Bucks. Joe Ashley snared 9 and Tom Burchill came away with 7 miscues for Pierre.

Tuesday night the Miller Rustlers were turned away from their bid to upset the Govs and the outcome was never in doubt.

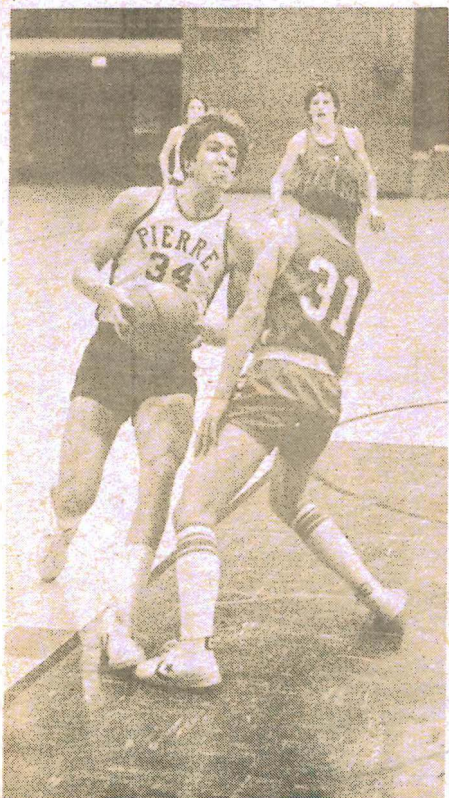
From the field, Pierre hit 28 of 56 shots for an even 50% while the Rustlers could only manage a meager 32%.

Joe Ashley again led the Govs' effort with 23 points, followed by Tom Burchill with 10. Ashley and Burchill each had 7 rebounds as Pierre won the battle of the boards 31-27.

This Friday Pierre travels to Brookings for an ESD clash with the Bobcats.

Pierre's overall record is now 11-4.

JV's gain experience



Dave Lingle drives for two in a recent J.V. victory Monday over Highmore.

(photo by Mike Springer)

While the varsity basketball games undoubtedly attract the crowds, the Junior Varsity members pitch some of the glamour in order to gain that fundamental asset of a well rounded player -- experience.

And experience they get.

"It gives the juniors a chance to play an extra 11 or 12 ball games," commented JV coach Bob Judson. "They need that extra experience."

A few players also see varsity playing time.

All of the JV squad sees action in their games against surrounding towns. They currently hold a 7-1 record, with their only loss against Chamberlain.

The JV offense is like the varsity's, with their defense run man-to-man, although they have played a zone defense before. There are no set starters from game to game.

The members this year include Greg Axtman, Todd Meierhenry, Dave Ryan, Ron Wagner, Tim Stevens, Dave Lingle, Mark Cichos, Sam Spears, Mike Pfiesser and Dave Victor.

According to Coach Judson, "There is no reason to believe they can't be a good team next year."



Bob Tinker shows his speed enroute to an easy Governor win over Mitchell.

(photo by Mike Springer)

Sideline Views

by Mike Springer

A crowd of students and parents who packed into last Monday's school board meeting to express their support for girls basketball Coach Barb Felderman were disappointed.

They were there to object to an anticipated administrative recommendation that Miss Felderman's contract as head coach be terminated.

The people, mostly younger girls, had hoped to express their views, but were informed that it was not proper procedure. They did, however submit petitions, and letters.

Felderman submitted a written statement and was allowed to speak briefly. The board advised her that if she wished to protest the recommendation, she should arrange a special hearing. The coach said that she would. The board then approved unanimously the recommendation to terminate her contract.

The players and students who attended to protest Felderman's dismissal were angered that the board did not wait until after the hearing to vote. "They should have listened to the hearing and then voted," said Roxi Hanson, one of the players who attended the meeting. "They didn't hear both sides of the story before they voted." Mr. Howard Hutchings, president of the Board of Education, explained, "Until the board had acted on the administrative recommendation there was no basis for a meeting." Mr. Hutchings said that the designated time for special meetings is the fourth Monday of the month. At press time, no date had been set for Miss Felderman's hearing.

After all we're the players." Later Annette Helgesen said, "It's hard for me to the sidewalk. Fuming, Karen Paul said, "you'd think they'd care what we thought. After all, we're the players." Later, Annette Helgesen said, "It's hard for me to understand what's really going on. There are so many rumors going around that I really don't know the real reason for what's happening." Shari Nelson said, "She's always been there. Not only in coaching us in basketball skills but also coaching us in how to win and lose and accept our failures." "I played on the varsity for two weeks," said Karen Redden, "and in that short time I found that there is more to the game than winning. The pride she's brought to the Lady Govs is inspiring."

School administrators have declined comment on the matter. The majority of people who are voicing their opinions are freshmen and sophomores. Their argument would probably carry more weight if they were joined in their efforts by more upperclassmen and adults, but it's possible that there is a silent majority in favor of the Administration's action.

Wrestlers in tournament season



Kirby Welch eyes his Madison opponent.

(photo by Tim Stocking)

Sports

Over the past nine years that Pierre has entered the state tournament under the coaching of Larry Lundeen, they have come out 1st once, 3rd three times, and 5th twice.

The record looks like this: 1970-3rd; 1971-5th; 1972-3rd; 1973-3rd; 1974-state champions; 1975-10th; 1976-12th; 1977-13th, and 1978-11th.

Past champions during those years have been Keith Obenaur in 1970 and 1971; Bob Stroup in 1970; Kirk Simet in 1973 and 1975; Mike Stroup in 1974 and Redgie Olson in 1977.

Keith Obenaur, Pierre's two-time champion, is the namesake of the Obenaur award given to the wrestler who best exemplifies dedication, and hard work and is chosen the most valuable wrestler on the team.

Two years ago, when Pierre's team finished 13th, Redgie Olson emerged as State champion in the 138 pound class. Other finishers on the 1977 state team were Pat Rose, 6th at 126, and Ed Peterson, 4th at 112.

Last year, Pierre finished 11th but showed promise as there were no

upperclassmen lost by graduation. Those who placed were Marty Venner, 3rd at 98 pounds, Kevin Kusler, 6th at 126 and Ray O'Day 6th at 132.

Others who qualified but did not place were John Schroer, 185, Kevin James, 167, and Roy O'Day, 119. All of these wrestlers are back this year.

Others to keep your eye on are Kirby Welch, 119, Todd Kelly, 145, Todd Padgett, 112, and Greg Jensen at either 98 or 105.

The varsity wrestlers and their lifetime records are:

Greg Jensen	98	(3-1)
Marty Venner	105	(41-8)
Todd Padgett	112	(40-19-1)
Kirby Welch	119	(18-42-3)
Roy O'Day	126	(32-22)
Ray O'Day	132	(40-14-6)
Kevin Kusler	138	(25-36)
Todd Kelly	145	(39-12-1)
Don Nye	155	(9-10)
Kevin James	167	(28-15-2)
John Schroer	185	(29-30-2)
Kevin Paulson	Hwt.	(8-11)

Marty Venner is ranked 1st in the state at 105. Todd Padgett is 4th at 112; Roy O'Day is 4th at 126; Ray O'Day is 3rd at 132; Kevin Kusler is 6th at 138; and Kevin James is 6th at 167.

"We're entering tournament season with a positive attitude," said wrestling coach Mike Engels.

were to the first, second, and third rated teams in the state." Pierre's dual record is 14-8.

This year's State A wrestling tournament will be held in Aberdeen Feb. 23-24, and the Riggs High wrestling squad has an excellent chance to come away with the top spot.

The Govs have had a history of success in state competition, having many wrestlers compete and place in their individual weight classes. This year's squad has six wrestlers ranked 6th or higher with Marty Venner ranked first at 98 pounds.

"We've had two real good weeks of practice and our guys are in real good physical condition."

The grapplers are in Huron today (Feb. 16) for the Section II tournament.

"Overall, Huron is probably favored to win the Sectionals because they have one or two more kids that might be able to place than we have, and they'll be wrestling in front of the home crowd," Coach Engels continued.

"I think Pierre and Moberge will both be right in the thick of things also.

We plan to place as many kids as possible in the State Tournament." The top four wrestlers in each weight class reach the State Tourney.

The Govs finished the regular season with a 4th place state rating. "We feel we had an outstanding duel season," said Coach Engels. "Our only losses

Intramural playoffs underway this month

Playoffs are underway in Boy's Junior-Senior league intramural basketball. The first of three rounds was played last Thursday night.

104 boys are involved in the program, which is divided into two leagues -- Junior-Senior and Sophomores.

Athletic Director Phil Trautner, who is in charge of the intramural program, said, "The games are highly competitive and the program is designed to give them experience and exercise." Mr. Trautner said that the students are largely responsible for running the program.

Before Thursday's open round of playoffs, the team standings were as follows:

JUNIOR-SENIOR LEAGUE

Anderson	6-1
Stocking	5-2
Ness	4-3
Badger	4-3
Parrott	3-4
Smith	3-4
Kirley	3-4
Creager	0-7

SOPHOMORE LEAGUE

Sherrill	6-0
Lowenstein	4-2
Park	2-4
McEntaffer	0-6

Gymnasts

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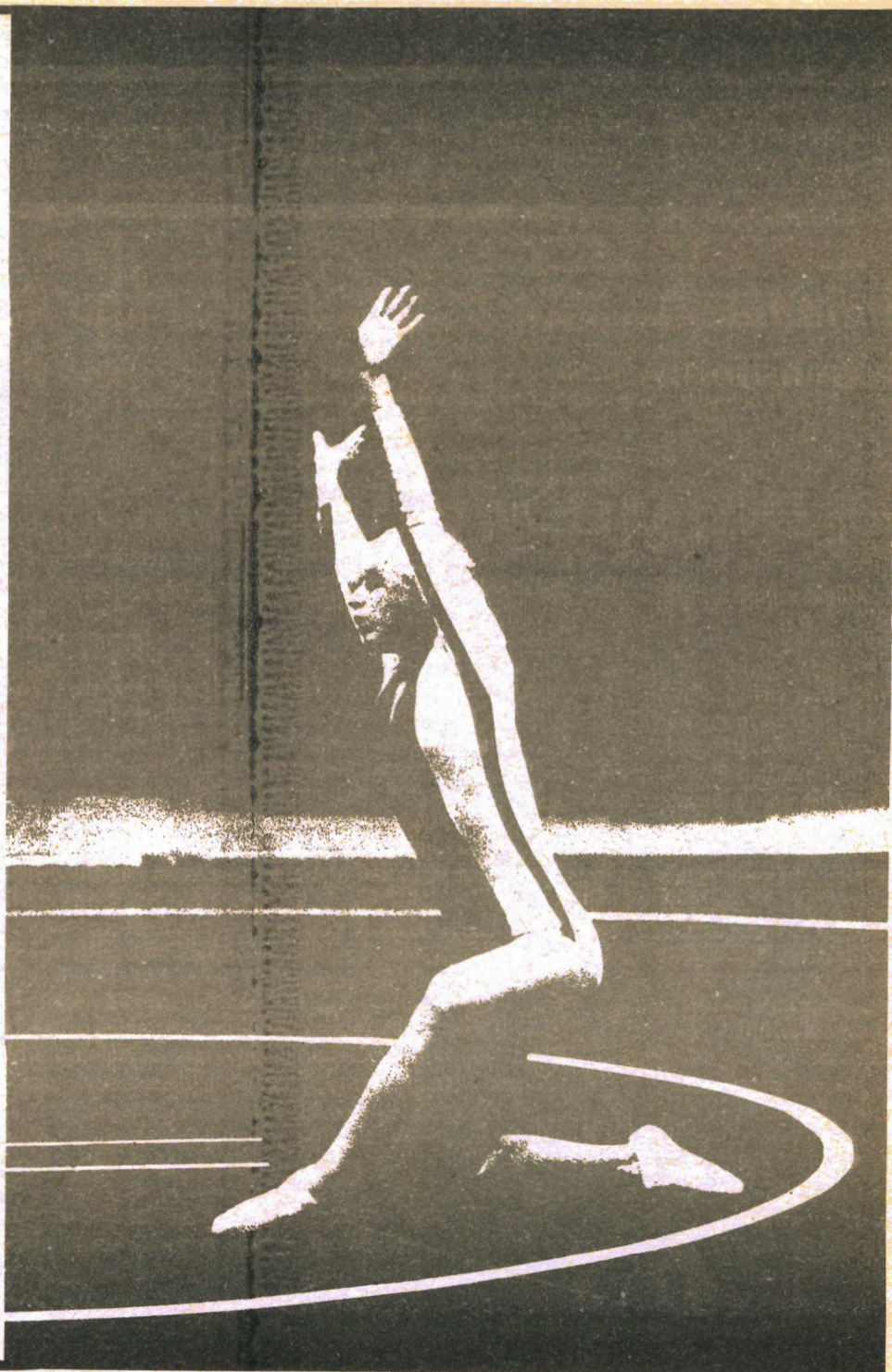
It'll be whoever gets lucky," said Gymnastics coach Stephanie Manson as she prepared her team for Saturday's ESD championship in Pierre.

"We have a chance to take it," she continued. "I think it'll be between Pierre, Mitchell, and Brookings." The meet begins at 1:00 on Saturday in the Riggs Gym.

Coach Manson said her team is building up momentum going into the tournament season. "I'm real happy with the girls. A lot of them have matured as competitors this year," she continued. "At the beginning of the year, if they didn't do well in their first routine they had trouble through the rest of the meet, and now they can come back. They're better at gathering their composure."

Last Monday the Lady Govs won a triangular meet in Miller. Pierre scored 106.85 points, followed by Miller, 101.30, and Huron, 98.60. "The vault and bars have improved a lot," said Coach Manson. "They were our worst events at the beginning of the season. Against Miller and Huron they were our best."

The Gymnasts will host the Regional tournament Feb. 22 in hopes of qualifying for the state tourney.



Pages learn politics



Senate page Barry Johnson, right, and Senator Al Scarbrough (R) talk power politics as part of Barry's work day during legislature.

"Pages discover that there is more to government and more to the political process than what they've seen up to then," commented Wes Tschetter, Director of the Legislative Research Council, in a recent interview concerning Pages in the South Dakota Legislative Session.

Although the leadership of each legislative body chooses the pages, party affiliation has no major bearing on who is chosen, but, since the Republicans are the majority party, "chances are more Republican students will be picked."

Once they are chosen, the pages are under the supervision of a full-time coordinator and reside in Pierre homes. Pierre area students are considered the same as all other students. "We've had seven area students serve in the past few years. These kids live in their own home during session."

Relating to the procedure for which a student can apply for Page, Mr. Tschetter said that any Junior or Senior in high school in South Dakota can secure an application from LRC (Legislative Research Council.) After filling out the form, the student must have two reference letters from people in the community and the form must be signed by a member of the legislature. Then it is returned to LRC.

Concerning school work, Mr. Tschetter commented, "It varies from school to school, but usually the student arranges with his teachers to do the homework either before or after they leave, rather than during."

The only basic requirements for a page include having a fairly good grade-point average, a junior or senior in high school, and simply the interest to apply.

Director Tschetter pointed out, "Besides the fantastic experience, kids that serve meet not only legislators but their own peers with perhaps similar interests that maybe they'll meet again in college or even later in life."

"Oddly enough, we (LRC) usually get applications from girls to boys at a ratio of 4 to 1!" "We originally named girls, pages, and boys, messengers, but to equal it out, this year we're going to call them all pages. There is no difference at all in the work they do, so why should we call them different names?"

Barry Johnson

The main work for pages includes, "putting the various bills in the legislator's books, filing, running errands, and carrying motions back and forth while working on the floor of the Senate or House," added Tschetter.

RHS is loved

A wide range of classes from which to choose, many freedoms, and a good relationship between teachers and students were cited as good points by students who were asked what they like about this school.

For the 45 day 1979 session, pages were selected for three different periods. Each period is three weeks long.

Selection of classes is the most cherished privilege of the students in this school. They like the idea of choosing their own courses. "There's a variety of subjects so you can take the classes you're interested in," one sophomore stated, "and that way you learn more."

"The working day isn't too easy. Pages are required to be at the Capitol around 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and they sometimes don't leave until 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. But, besides the experience, the student makes \$18.40 a day, to be given to them in one check at the end of the three-week period," the director explained.

The high school junior or senior has from September 1 to December 1 to apply for one of the 33 slots in the House of Representatives or one of the approximately 16 slots in the Senate. "We usually get around 85 or more applications from students around the state."

"Everyone gets along pretty well, even with the teachers," one junior felt. "We just don't have the problems a lot of bigger cities have." She went on to explain that almost everyone knows each other, and the general attitude of the students is friendly.

One junior girl summed up the situation this way, "When you think about the schools where the kids don't have any freedom, no open campus or open lunches, no picking your own classes, you realize how lucky we are to go to this school."

Page says he would do it again

When I first discovered the opportunity to become a page in the State Legislature, I was all "gung ho." After I was accepted to be a Senate page, I began to have second thoughts because of the three weeks of school that I would miss.

bills in to the bill books; filing the daily Calendars and Journals; answering the Senate Chamber phone when assigned to it, and most important, serving the Senators or Representatives.

I must say now, after two weeks in the legislature, I have learned as much as I would have learned in three weeks of school. The experience of being a page is not only fun, but the knowledge gained is very important.

\$18.40 a day probably tops the long list of benefits which include a certain one that interests my gender. Serving now in the House are eleven pages, nine are girls; serving in the Senate are nine pages, seven are girls; I think you get my point.

Besides all of the many trivial, but extremely important duties of a page, the major jobs include, sorting and putting the various House and Senate

Speaking simply from experience, if I were a sophomore or junior this year, I wouldn't hesitate to apply for a position as a page for 1980.

Barry Johnson

Students participate in theater workshop

Whether theatre is your thing or not, nobody who participated in the Guthrie Theatre workshop held for Riggs students last Thursday could call it boring.

played games to show how to develop characterizations. As some actors improvised the movement involved when a character enters a room, picks up a book and prepares to read, the rest of the audience had to guess who was being portrayed.

As the 30 other students and myself sat wondering what was going on, we became intrigued with what was happening before our eyes. At a table covered with various kinds of theatrical cosmetics, sat make-up artist Elizabeth Bussy. At the same time she was telling us about theatre she was applying make-up. Suddenly, to our amazement, instead of the 25 year old actress we met when we came in, a 45 year old woman had materialized.

The actors, sponsored by the Short Grass Arts Council as part of Arts Awareness Week, performed for an Arts banquet during the evening. They presented a two man show "Americana", which depicted the growth of theater in the midwest over the past century.

Exercises in movement got us into the mood for theater. Under the direction of Carlotta Schoch, we practiced exercises in proper breathing and concentration techniques. At one point we got involved in building a machine out of humans. The machine had to be equipped with both unusual sounds and unusual movements.

All of the actors have long lists of past experience. Elizabeth Bussy, after attending the University of Wisconsin was enrolled for three years at a leading acting school in England. When she returned to the U.S. she worked for a circus which then led to a contract with the Guthrie.

Improvisation, supervised by Kirk Ristau, was fun and exciting as we

Kirk Ristau attended school at the University of Minnesota at Mankato, and Carlotta Schoch received her theatre degree at the University of Spokane.

Stephanie Sommer



Elizabeth Bussey demonstrates the proper way to apply stage makeup. She was one of three Guthrie Theatre actors who presented a theater workshop for Riggs drama students last week.

(photo by Mike Springer)

Two dead presidents interviewed on change of their birthdays

In order to celebrate their birthdays conveniently, Congress moved them to Mondays so we can have a three-day weekend. This is all well and good, but has anybody even stopped to consider George's and Abe's feelings on the matter?

After much searching I found George crossing the Delaware in an oil painting. "Ahoy!" I yelled. There was no answer, so I figured the splashing of the waves was preventing him from hearing me.

"Ahoy!" I yelled again, much louder. He still didn't hear me, but one of his men did, and in order to get George's attention whapped him on the rear with an oar. After the man was shot George flashed his dazzling smile and asked, "What do you wish to speak to me about?"

"How do you feel about your birthday, a national holiday, being moved to a Monday so people can celebrate a three day weekend?" I questioned.

"First let me thank you for asking, sir," he answered. "Secondly, I was rather hurt that they did not consider how I felt about it when they made the decision."

"I cannot answer your question directly, but only give you this in return. How many good children would move their dad's birthday to a different date?" asked the father of our country.

"I see," I said, pondering what he had asked me.

"I am afraid I will have to take my

leave, sir, for I have a rather pressing engagement to attend," George said, breaking into my thoughts.

"Oh, excuse me dad, er Mr. President, please let me thank you for your time." He shot me an odd look, and then with a tip of his cap was gone.

Weeks later, after much fruitless searching for Abe Lincoln, I thrust my hand dejectedly into my pocket. Suddenly a sharp pain shot through my finger, and I brought my hand out with a start. Hanging from the end of my finger was a penny.

"Pon my soul, I was sure I would never get your attention," Abe muttered.

"How do you feel?" I queried, trying to act cool.

"Well rounded," he parried, his back-woodsmen's sense of humor showing. "You wanted to ask me something?"

"Er, yes," I said, trying to regain my composure. "How do you feel about your birthday being moved to a Monday to accommodate a three-day weekend?" I inquired.

"Well," he considered, "I've never gotten along well with the Congress, so I will bet this is an attempt by the Congress that passed the act to discredit me. On the other hand, it backfired because everyone sits at home on that day and does nothing but think of me," he answered honestly.

Unfortunately, I never got to question him further because I dropped the penny, which began rolling away. A Secret Service agent appeared from nowhere and snatched up the penny before it landed on its side. He walked away with it, proving once again that a penny saved is a penny earned.

Mike Stein



Tid-bits about love

- Love is found in small things:
 - A special Valentine from a friend.
 - Calling to just say "Hi"
 - picking you up off the ice after you have fallen.
 - a heart full of love
 - hugging a soft kitty
 - walking through a snow covered park.
 - Jim
 - sharing thoughts
 - EVOL
 - a candlelight dinner for two
 - special glances you share
 - being happy by just knowing he/she is happy
 - being able to spot him/her clear across the lunch room.
 - Picking up your friends to drive around when they were sitting at home alone.

Watch out for Cupid
For he'll pierce your heart
And that will tear your
Right and left ventricle apart.

I am not famous for being astute
But my head's not too thick to know
that you're cute;
Believe me, I'm not trying to feed you a
line
I'm just trying to write a sincere
Valentine.



you know you have a Valentine Sweetheart when:
you receive an anonymous red rose
you find a box of chocolate candy in your locker
your sidewalks are all shoveled
a heart shaped pizza is delivered to your home
your telephone rings every hour
an I LOVE YOU button is pinned to your coat
a mushy card comes for you in the mail
someone has written I LOVE YOU in the dust of your car's door
you get a free lunch punch
you find one of your senior pictures missing
you find him/her waiting for you by the door.