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Mayor race flares recount

The race for mayor was so close that a recount was asked for by one of the opponents. Adam and Sivage won the recount by one vote.

"We hope to do the best job we can, to represent Riggs High and the Student Body," stated the newly elected vice-mayor, Leesa Sivage.

Kathy Adam and Sivage were elected to the position of mayor and vice-mayor in the recent student body election after competing against several male opponents. These included Bill Kirley and Ted Lautenschlager, Scott Gullickson and Joe Linn, and Todd Mortenson and Sev Boe.

In their campaign speech, Adam and Sivage made no promises, but they expressed a strong desire to work for school improvements!

"We're going to work with sophomore class president Michelle Newberger to get the sophomores out of studyhall," remarked Sivage.

Student parking, school sponsored dances, getting a new senior bench and senior skip week were other issues presented in their campaign speeches. "Some of our issues are old but this time something's got to be done about them," stated Adam.

The mayor and vice-mayor are both well acquainted in the political field. Adam was a Girl's State alternate, she is a member of NHS and she has been active in Student Council.

Sivage attended Girl's State where she was a Supreme Court Justice. She is a member of NHS, and she has been active in Student Council. She was also vice-mayor for two semesters in Junior High.



The new Riggs Mayor Kathy Adam and Vice-Mayor Leesa Sivage attentively discuss their plans with Superintendent Darwin Tessier.

FEATURED THIS MONTH:

Student directed one-acts P. 1

YMCA sports feature P. 5

King of Hearts P. 6

Draft drags up Nostalgia

The dreaded draft may no longer be nostalgia but may be reality for 18 year olds if the proposed Selective Service bill, which is heading for Congress right now, is passed.

According to Sgt. Dan Mitchell, Recruiting Officer for the U.S. Army, the Selective Service probably won't be in effect for two years, but it could materialize within 6-8 months.

Sgt. Mitchell quoted from a national poll where 52% of the American people wanted the draft back, while 10% didn't care and the remainder of the people didn't want it.

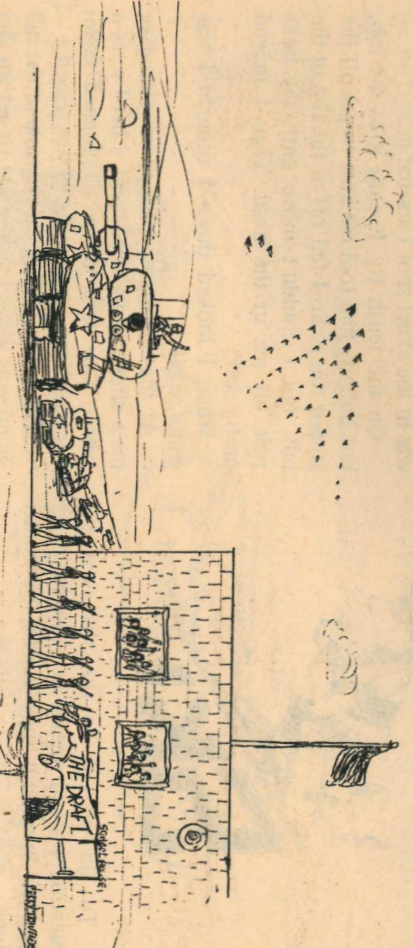
"They have been talking about reinstating it (the draft) for 3 or 4 years so it isn't anything sudden," stated Sgt.

Mitchell. He also said that girls would be involved in the Selective Service.

It used to be that students attending college could be deferred from the draft but in the new draft, only students in such fields as medicine or law would be deferred.

The Selective Service bill, as it is written, will require that all 18 year olds register so they can be drafted in case of war. Two years of military duty is then ahead of them with 60-90 days of this being active training.

Due to the decrease in the number of people involved in the modern volunteer forces in the United States the Selective Service appears to be a solution to the problem of an inadequate defense system.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 25 Student directed One Act Plays
- Jan. 29 Registration for ACT tests opens
- Jan. 30 AFS Concert-Methodist Church
- Feb. 3 CFC Debate Meet -- Pierre
- Feb. 7 Region VI Vocal & Instrumental Solo & Ensemble Contests -- Mobridge
- Feb. 8 Workshop for Drama students
- Feb. 9-10 Debate -- Rapid City (Central)
- Feb. 10 ACT Test for Seniors
- Feb. 13 King of Hearts Dance
- Feb. 14 Tag Day NHS
- Feb. 16-17 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16-17 Debate-Sioux Falls (O'Gorman)
- Feb. 17-19 Thespian Trip to Minneapolis
- Feb. 19 President's Day-School Vacation
- Feb. 20 National Honor Society Initiation

Science fiction, comedy subject of one-acts



"Well, ex-c-u-se me!" exclaims Steve Martin (Lyle Hartog) as he entertains the pre-show audience during the One Act plays Tuesday and Thursday evening. (Photo by Tim Stocking.)

"They went pretty well. I was pleased with them, as well as our other entertainment," stated Ms. Louise Bormann about the student directed one-act plays which were held Jan. 23 and 25 on the stage.

The two plays included a science fiction called "The Veldt" under the direction of Andy Barden, assisted by Neal Thompson. Members of the cast were Danna Eisnach, Preston Long, Sarah Gilkerson, Todd Meierhenry, Eileen Redden and Amy Converse.

"The Veldt" concerns the old theme -- "hatred for your parents" as a magic, electronic, giant TV screen becomes the dilemma for helpless parents.

A comedy, "Spreading the News," was directed by Anita Fuoss and assisted by Kristi Smalley. Members of the cast included Mark Obenauer, Peter Hesse, Sam Gilkerson, Bill Mefford, Linda Kern, Greg Axtman, Kathy Spencer, Jim Irvine, Craig Bump and Melodie Schwaderer.

"Spreading the News" depicts how rumors can affect a small community.

Entertainment between acts included Lyle Hartog doing Steve Martin impersonations and disco dance by Bill Mefford and Greta Hesse.



An astounded Mrs. Tarpey (Linda Kern) watches as the magistrate (Jim Irvine) and the policeman (Craig Bump) seize the accused murderer Bartley Fallen (Bill Mefford) during a tense moment in the one act play "Spreading the News." (photo by Tim Stocking)

Thespians plan Minneapolis trip

February 16-19 are the dates that 18 members of the Thespian troupe, along with Ms. Louise Borman, will travel to Minneapolis for a weekend of culture and fun.

The group has a full three days schedule planned. Their agenda includes two stage shows, "Camelot" at the Chanhassen theater and "The Beggar's Opera" at the Guthrie. They will also attend an improvisation workshop at Dudley Riggs.

But not just culture will prevail that weekend. Mama Rosa's (an eating

parlour) and shopping in Minneapolis' endless shopping centers are also included to provide the Thespians with an enjoyable vacation over the Presidents holiday.

The group will be staying at the Imperial 400. Transportation is being provided by the parents in private cars.

To raise money for the trip, the troupe took charge of the concession stand at the Wrestling Invitational last Saturday.

Previously, they had sponsored some bake sales.

Debate team continues winning ways

The Riggs Debate team has participated in five debate tournaments this season, placing themselves eligible for the finals.

They participated last weekend in the most recent S.D. tournament, the Watertown Speech Fiesta, which is the largest tournament in the Midwest.

Placing 3rd at the Warrior Invitational in Sioux Falls, Jan. 13 were the 1st year debaters M. Garrigan, S. Wollman, B. Pogany, T. Rohrbach.

The Varsity team, which consists of K. Bohn, M. Tieszen, M. Garrigan, G. Carr, W. Pogany and C. Snyder, placed 3rd at the Huron CJC on Jan. 6.

At the Parkston CJC which took place on Dec. 9, the Varsity placed 3rd. A week

before this event, on Dec. 1 the Debate team participated in the Aberdeen Central Tournament.

Mr. Paul Harens, debate coach, proudly says, "The debaters have been working extremely hard this year. It is a young team with no seniors. Next year, Pierre will have a power house!"

Teachers return to Riggs

Assuming second semester positions in the Riggs Social Studies and German departments are two former Pierre teachers, Mrs. Bev Mickelson and Mr. Norman Alexander.

A return to teaching presents "one big challenge" for Garden City farmer, Mr. Norman Alexander. The 13 year Pierre Junior High veteran teacher is assuming Mr. Charles Thomas' social studies classes. Mr. Alexander resigned last May to take over a farm in Clark County.

The Riggs teacher is "very surprised to be back." He wants to use a different approach in his lessons since he taught over 90% of the students in junior high classes. They are now on a more mature learning level, he concluded.

Faculty music to benefit AFS

The Pierre Public Schools faculty, spouses, and several high school groups, along with a boy soprano, will contribute their gifts of music in a benefit concert for AFS at 8:00 p.m. Jan. 30.

The one and a half hour benefit program featuring pop and serious music will be held at the First United Methodist Church.

Faculty members from the senior, junior, and grade schools will combine to perform music both choral and instrumental for the community concert.

"There were very few people there," said Mr. E. Jay Mickelson, AFS advisor and

concert director, when asked about the success of last year's concert. Mr. Mickelson hopes the weather will cooperate in providing the chance of a better public response this year.

A free will offering will be taken during the concert. The money received will go into the AFS scholarship program, to help with Swiss AFS student Suzanne Trauffer's incidental expenses, including a class ring and a year book.

When asked who supports AFS Mickelson said, "AFS is not only for high school kids, it's an experience for the entire community."

Preparation for this unexpected teaching assignment has left the seasoned veteran "feeling like a student with a lot of homework."

Teaching high school German and being a National Guard Clerk Secretary are the unique part-time occupations undertaken by Mrs. Beverly Mickelson. After a six month absence from Riggs, she has assumed Miss Flagstad's position, teaching German I and II.

Even though Mrs. Mickelson now teaches morning German classes only, she has been a German and U.S. history instructor for 9 years in the Pierre School System.

The busy instructor thinks "It's nice to see the kids again" and she is very "anxious to see the new wing."

in the lunch room following the candle lighting ceremony. The 25 old members will be in charge of the ceremony.

To be eligible for membership consideration, students must show academic ability by their accumulated grade point average. Junior must have a 3 point average, while senior must have a 2.9 average.

Candidates are selected by a rating system with points given for scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Leadership and service, which must be 50% of the total points is based on the student's participation in school activities. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior and cooperation with both students and teachers.

Mrs. Gladys Carl is the NHS adviser.

NHS will tap 35 new members

Addition brings better prospects for education

Riggs High School will be facing the upcoming weeks with brighter prospects as the completion of the new addition turns into reality.

No final date has been set, however, it will take approximately two weeks for the completion of the science department and two days to move in. The library move will be made in another month, according to Principal Roger Lonbaken.

Currently the work crew is putting carpet in the library and finishing laying the tile upstairs. All the light fixtures and counters are in place.

The addition includes three biology rooms and one chemistry room on the second floor. The first level contains the library with a large reading room along with study rooms, which are small class rooms, and research centers. There will eventually be lockers in the hall way.

Editorials

Students deem NHS unfair

Tomorrow's leaders may not be the National Honor Society of today.

Some Riggs High students feel the points system to select National Honor Society isn't fair. Comments about NHS are:

"It seems there is no basis for who they pick."

"They choose who they want in it."

"Some people don't deserve it."

"I don't see where some members comply with NHS requirements."

Some felt it was "an honor" and "a challenge" but they seem to be in the minority.

Seniors eligible for National Honor Society, must maintain a cumulative academic average of 2.9 or better. Juniors must maintain a cumulative academic average of 3.0 or better.

All potential members must submit a list of their service and leadership activities to the NHS adviser Mrs. Carl. Each student must be involved in at least two school service projects or activities. Each candidate for NHS must have held at least one elected office (in school) and must belong to two or more school organizations.

Potential members must show their character through integrity which includes no recorded incidents of cheating or intentional dishonor. They must exhibit positive behavior at school including regular attendance, no record of skipping classes. They must not have a record of knowingly violating school regulations or a record of civil offenses within the community. Along with wanting to do the "right thing" in most situations which is ethics, the candidate must possess a record of cooperation.

Selection procedures for National Honor Society are:

1. Students are judged eligible for membership on numerical point basis.
2. Sponsors of clubs and all activities rate only students they have had on a rating scale for performance in various areas. In their activities, credit is given for each year since the 9th grade.
3. The faculty committee participate only when they are asked to rate student candidates as to Character. This is done in one meeting and is also done on a numerical point system of 0-5 points. The average for each is taken and then multiplied by 8: i.e. 3, 4, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 2=3x8-24.

A definite limit is placed upon the number of points which may be earned in each area so that one area may not over-balance the other. For example, listed below is the method used.

Scholarship - must have at least a B- average (Jrs. a B average)

Character - must have at least 20 points

Service and Leadership - must be at least 50% of total points earned in all categories.

Now you know how to become eligible for NHS and the procedures followed for National Honor Society. Why, then is there dissatisfaction among the student body about the selections?

One reason for not becoming a member is the student apathy in not filling out the list of school services and activities.

Maybe there should be more student involvement in the selection of the members of National Honor Society. One possibility could be a student poll similar to the one taken for Boys State and Girls State where the students can choose who they would desire.

There is a need to take another look at the total selection process so that NHS can truly become a measure of future success.

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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.

Jones predicts controversial session

This Legislative session in 1979 will be very active and interesting. A new governor and controversial issues could make amiability of the branches difficult.

Last November, Bill Janklow, Republican, was chosen as the successor of Wollman. Janklow is known for his unpredictable and frank feelings on a variety of issues. Throughout his campaign he had differing opinions with some G.O.P. leaders, on some very important areas. The question whispered throughout the halls of the Capitol is, will there be a compromise or will the Governor break with the legislature of his own party? The general consensus is they will get along but . . .

The list of bills that will confront the legislature is varied but a few will grab the headlines. One of the first to be considered is a joint resolution, proposed by Senator McClure of Redfield and Representative Wick of Sioux Falls, supporting a constitutional amendment that would prohibit federal deficit spending except in declared national emergencies. McClure said, "We must balance our family budgets and the State of South Dakota has a responsibility to balance its budget. It's time the federal government is forced to do the same."

Wick added, "The federal deficit is a definite contributor to our problem of inflation and this is putting an unbearable load on all citizens whether

Convention center is a Capitol idea

Once upon a time some guys took a ruler to a map, drew a box, and called the square South Dakota. "There now," said one of the guys. "We can let people settle and live there, and they can work out their own problems."

Time went on and eventually the people in South Dakota decided they needed a government. But where would they make the seat of power? Build a capitol? Many towns thought they were superior and deserved the honor.

"Give it to me! I want it!" bellowed Huron.

"Why you? I should have it," said Aberdeen, trying to sound dignified, like a capital should.

"Ah, split the scene. You guys haven't anything I don't have," growled Mitchell.

"Can I have it?" asked Pierre.

"You! Why you?" laughed Huron.

"Because I'm in the center of South Dakota and therefore hold the obvious geographical advantage."

"He's got a point," admitted Aberdeen.

"Can't deny it," put in Mitchell.

"What did he say?" puzzled Huron.

So the good people of South Dakota made Pierre the capital.

Time passed and two other cities, Rapid City and Sioux Falls, entered

upon the picture. Now, these two towns were smart and knew what they were doing. Fine facilities were constructed and many large events were held in those cities. But there was a problem. Both the cities were on opposite sides of the box (actually it's a rectangle, but don't tell anyone) and thus for great events the good people from one end would have to journey clear to the other end.

Now, since Pierre was made capital because it is in the center of S.D., why doesn't it have the fine facilities that the seat of government should have? Because it won't attract the events? The blazing heat of summers and the raging cold of S.D. winters? The long trip to Pierre; The roads? (Now loo'kee here) Or maybe because the good people of S.D. haven't helped Pierre build anything?

Pierre would be an obvious choice as a place to hold events, small and large, because of precisely the reason it was made capital. As for competition to hold events, a recent check has determined that neither Rapid City or Sioux Falls is migrating to the center of South Dakota.

For those of you who read from the bottom up, this is a "literary piece" advocating that Pierre begins to consider the possibility of building and increasing its public facilities -- which just might be a very good investment. **Mike Stein**

Something Extra . . .

Mr. Jaeger is well and anxious to get back to his duties as assistant principal and will hopefully be back in two weeks.

Ed Jaeger suffered a heart attack in early December and has been recuperating since. Mr. Charles Fjelstad has been doing a fine job filling in for Jaeger, but we all are eager for him to return.

We would like to wish the best of luck to Troy Jones, who is serving as an Intern in the S.D. Legislature.

Troy graduated at semester to participate in the governmental procedure. He will receive his diploma at commencement exercises in May.

We wish to congratulate Greta Hesse, SD 1979 Miss Holiday. The annual Miss Holiday contest was held over the Christmas holiday in Huron, sponsored each year by the Huron Daily Plainsmen.

Through her honor Riggs High has gained state-wide recognition. Along with the title, Greta received a \$2,000 scholarship to Huron College, and a \$75 cash award for the student activity fund.

School news from here and there

Christmas concerts and athletic events were the main news item in the high school newspaper exchanges that were received from 60 state schools and a few from out of state during the past month.

Highlights of school activities include . . .

Parkston High's chorus concert presented "An Old-Fashioned Christmas", complete with decorations, a narrator, and slides projected on the wall

--all clocks have been removed from the classrooms at Aberdeen's Central High School because they are deemed to be a 'distraction!' --

The Winner High School's "Rodeo" is contemplating a name change for their school paper -- "The Sound of Music" was the fall play presented at Huron High School

-- A big, cuddly teddy bear has arrived at Chamberlain High to be used as a mascot at home athletic events. The mascot was donated by the Northwestern National Bank.

they are working or living on a fixed income."

This resolution looks like it should pass quite easily because the present legislature is largely incumbents who in the past proved to be fiscally responsible.

Another issue is the billboard question. The legislature will look at all the economic sides, but what it will come down to again, as it has in past sessions, is a moral issue. Does the federal government have the authority to compel us to comply with a law to beautify our highways no matter the impact on the economy of South Dakota? This debate is sure to be very interesting.

Go over and watch the law-making process. It will be very enlightening.

Troy Jones, Jr.

Student disturbed by election turnout

Dear Editor:

It is wonderful to feel important, to be the person on whose decision rests the fate of the masses. Anyone of the 115 people who did not vote in the past mayor's election had a chance to experience this feeling.

Over one seventh of the school did not vote in an election that was decided by not 50, not 25, not 10, not even 5, but one single vote. Incredible, isn't it?

Even though the mayor of Riggs High is not a position that will decide the fate of

the country, it is disturbing to see us neglect our voting right. The mayor is our only connection with the school board, if the office is used correctly. Deciding not to make one's thoughts known on who will fill that position is like saying the school board can go on as it pleases, devoting too much time to matters unimportant to the silent majority at Riggs High.

Of course, we will hold future elections for different offices, but our past election shows clearly that YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT.

John Pohlman

Home game concessions collect prom funds

The concession stand at each home game is evidence of the planning that goes towards making the Junior-Senior Prom a success.

The money required to produce the big spring entertainment is raised through the efforts of the junior class. According to Junior Class Advisor, Mr. Pat Hoing, "I think that the people have been excellent in working. But we still have people who don't."

As a result of the hard work by junior class members and two extra events, the girls and boys basketball sectionals, the junior class will have about twice as much money as last year's juniors brought in. At last count, there was \$2,300 in the bank.

Mr. Hoing expects a year-end total of about \$3,000. Fifteen percent of this goes to the school budget to pay for electricity and maintenance, leaving approximately \$2,550 to pay for the banquet, a band, and decorations for the prom on April 12.

FFA stays busy from sale to sale

Organizing the spring seed sale and winding up the annual fruit sale are the two major projects that are keeping the FFA busy at the present time.

The Pierre-Oahe FFA chapter has been conducting seed sales for the past six years. Included in this year's catalog are many varieties of flower and vegetable seeds suitable for growing in South Dakota. The seeds come from Vitality Seed Company of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The seed sales campaign, continuing through Feb. 15, is headed by co-chairman Rex Newling, Melody Maher and Reid Widvey. Seeds may be ordered from any Vo-Ag student or from the department.

Chairman of the fruit sales, Jeff Metzinger, Jeff Johnson, and Melody Maher are totalling their books and waiting for the remainder of the money to be turned in from the fruit which was sold and delivered in December.

Principal announces Leadership competitor

LeShea Kempf has been selected as Riggs High School's candidate for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation International Leadership Seminar competition, Roger Lonbaken, Principal, announced.

The Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation promotes leadership qualities in high school sophomores. The local competition was open to all high school sophomores.

LeShea will now compete with other high school representatives from South Dakota. One boy and girl from the state will be chosen to attend the annual, all-expense-paid, week-long International Leadership Seminar on America's Incentive System, sponsored by Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation and coordinated by Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, April 21-28, 1979.

Demolay chooses Brabander this year's Sweetheart Queen

Cindy Brabander was crowned the 1979 Sweetheart Queen at the annual Sweetheart Ball on Jan. 5. The dance was sponsored by the DeMolay.

Active in tennis, Cindy is also a member in the National Honor Society. She is on the Gumbo Staff, on the YMCA Youth Council, in Student Council, and is involved in volleyball intramurals.

Cindy was chosen from among eight candidates. The other seniors were Lori Badger, Kay Schwenn, Roxie Misterek, Lori Nold, Jackie Ivers, Judy Smith and Julie Heim.

"Because of the money we have raised, we hope to give the seniors a great prom - one that they can remember. We hope next year's juniors will give one as good as this will be," said Mr. Hoing.

To give an idea of where the money comes from, an average football game this year reaped \$200 (Homecoming brought in \$450); girls' basketball games and wrestling matches are getting \$100 each; and boys' basketball games make \$150 to \$200.

Senator Harding lists priorities

Homer G. Harding, S.D. State Senator, listed in a recent interview salary policy, higher education, social services, maintenance of state properties, and aid to education (not in order of importance) as being the five priority areas for state spending.

The Senate Majority Leader feels that too much money is being spent in the social services area but commented, "ninety percent of the money is federal dollars, so we really have no control over this spending."

He also feels that enough money is being spent on the other areas, but, "better utilization is needed."

Senator Harding commented that "all government services are related to taxes. Without tax dollars the government is nothing."

"The three most important areas the next legislative session will have to deal with are taxes, education, and water," according to the 1944 Shattuck Military School graduate.

Harding, who has been a senator for the past eight years, will avoid introducing any new bills that would increase the state government's workings and will try "to make our present government more efficient."

Working as Senate Majority Leader with a Governor of the opposite political party, Harding has tried in the past eight legislative sessions present his party's position. In working with a governor of the same party, the majority leader's job will now be to direct the Governor's programs through the legislature.

When asked what changes in higher education he foresaw in the next five years, the senator replied, "I think we'll have an overhaul of the Regent's system and we'll see more of the single university concept."

"It goes right back to money," he added, "and getting qualified teachers; using the tenure policy to insure that we have qualified teachers but at the same time not being overprotective of poor teachers."

Harding feels that the best way to keep youth in the state is to promote a business atmosphere.

"South Dakota is way ahead. We have no income tax, and South Dakota has been found to have a friendly atmosphere to business," he remarked.

When asked why he got started in politics the senator answered, "I was unhappy with the way the government was being run and I didn't seem to be able to change it from the voting booth, consequently, I decided the legislature was the place to bring about change."

The senator advises all young people who are interested in politics to "get involved."

"Work on a candidate's campaign or join their staff for a year or two," he added.

Mr. Hoing commended the Gops and Lady Gops, "The winning teams have increased concession sales. We appreciate that."

The juniors were appointed by Mr. Hoing, each to be in charge of the concession stand for three or four of the 36 home events. They are: Sherri Booze, Celeste Corcoran, Kari Deyo, Sarah Gilkerson, Brenda Hyde, Michelle Martinson, Barb Owens, Mary Peta, Cara Snyder and Neal Thompson.

Their duties are to pick five to seven other juniors to work with them (help set up the concession stand, wait on customers, put everything away, and clean up the area).

Kari Deyo and Sherri Booze are the purchasing agents who take inventory after every few games and buy whatever is needed.

About 20 kinds of candy are sold, along with pop, coffee and hot dogs.

One teacher, who is a junior class sponsor, supervises each game to help out and oversee. Even the faculty doesn't escape concession duty.

The results of the organization and team work have paid off according to the concession stand workers.

Senate page learns legislative ways

"Oh, its great, I love it," was Roxi's response to being page at the 1979 session of South Dakota State Legislature.

Roxi Misterek, a Riggs High senior, was chosen from about one hundred applicants, as one of the twelve pages for the first three weeks of this legislative session. Roxi will serve as a Senate page rotating with seven others at various page duties.

While legislature has only begun, Roxi looks forward to the three weeks with enthusiasm, "It's going to be fun."

"The first few days have been quite disorganized, and they say it gets worse." Roxi reminisced on her first few days as page. Chaos reigns over the capitol during session and pages seem to be caught in the middle of it.

Among the various jobs as a Senate Page, Roxi has to tend the Senate chambers, keeping people off the floor and delivering notes. Plus she remarked, "We 'go for' anything they need; we're there for the benefit of the Senators."

"We also learn to run the elevator," she giggled. It doesn't sound like a hard job but during legislature the elevator is in constant use.

The pages must call all the congressmen by their official title of "Senator" or "Representative." Roxi said, "This will definitely be a learning experience."

A graduate of USD, Harding suggested that young people interested in politics take government, history, and economics while in high school. The senator also recommended those interested in politics to major in business instead of political science which is "usually oriented toward liberal attitudes."

"We are experiencing a conservative trend," the majority leader commented, "the people's message is clear -- less government -- less waste."

Harding also assured that every effort will be made to keep the state's 1980 fiscal budget within the President's voluntary 7% guideline.

Mr. Harding concluded that "We have no one to pass the buck to. Hopefully we'll see a stabilization of state government and a freeing up of money to be used for aid to education with the understanding that at least a portion will be used for property tax relief on a local level."

Jill Powell

First Ladies head to State "A" television

State "A" 1979 will mark the television debut of the Riggs High drill team.

The First Ladies, under adviser Mrs. Karen DeAntoni, were invited to perform Thursday Jan. 25 for the second afternoon game. This will be the 1st time Riggs drill team will entertain for a televised game.

The girls will use a routine to "Le Freak" which was primarily choreographed by Heather Engle along with captain Tami Voltz and co-captains Marge Feldsien and Candy Neilan.



Kristi Wollman and Tim Stocking were chosen December Students-of-the-Month at Riggs High for their musical talent and participation in the Christmas musical programs. Kristi is a member of the band and chorus, and Tim participates in band. They were chosen by a committee of teachers appointed by the Student Council.

Illness forces wrestlers to change lineup

Wrestling Coach Mike Engels says that his team has been hard hit by the flu.

"We don't have our strongest lineup ready to go," he said. "Quite a few guys have caught the flu. From week to week its pretty hard to tell what our lineup is

going to be." Engels said, however, that most teams in the state are suffering from the epidemic also. "Most of the schools we've talked to are in the same boat."

The Gavs had a 11-2 duel record before wrestling Mitchell Thursday night. Their only losses were to the top two teams in the state, Vermillion and Watertown.

KEY TO SUCCESS

According to Engels, the key to their success is experience. "We've got quite a bit of experience and leadership from our seven seniors and also some of our younger wrestlers like Marty Venner and

Todd Padgett have wrestled varsity for several seasons. We've got some pretty good talent," he said.

The grapplers will take on Madison, Feb. 2 and Rapid City Stevens Feb. 3. Stevens is rated third in the state. "It should be a pretty good test of how tough we are," said Engels.

TWO-A-DAYS

"We've been wrestling really well the last couple of weeks and we hope to reach our peak at the time we reach the sectional tourney." The grapplers have begun two-a-day practices to prepare for

the tournament season. The wrestlers run and exercise at 7 a.m. and work out and run again after school.

"Basically," said Engels, this is the lineup we'll have for the rest of the year."

A TEAM

98 -- Marty Venner 11, 105 -- Greg Jensen 10, 112 -- Tod Padgett 11, 119 -- Kirby Welch 12, 126 -- Roy O'Day 12, 132 -- Ray O'Day 12, 138 -- Kevin Kusler 12, 145 -- Todd Kelly 12, 155 -- Don Nye 11, 167 -- Kevin James 12, 185 -- John Schroer 12, Hwt. -- Kevin Paulson 11.

B TEAM

98 -- Dan Creager 10, 105 -- Scott Olson 9, 112 -- Bill Irvine 9, 119 -- Doug Hofer 9, 126 -- Steve Venner 11, 132 -- Duane Wharton 11, 138 -- Kevin Wald 10, 195 -- Randall Bauer 11, 155 -- Tom Rounds 10, 167 -- Ted Parson 11, 185 -- Jeff Westall 10, Hwt. -- John Madigan 10.

Cagers streak ends at seven

The highly-praised Pierre Governor cage team won their sixth and seventh game in a row recently over always tough Aberdeen, and District VI foe, Winner. However, the Gavs had their bid for an eighth straight victory and an attempt to avenge an earlier home loss thwarted on the home court of Pierre's nemesis the Huron Tigers.

In the Aberdeen and Winner games of the 12th and 13th, Pierre played practically flawless throughout, displaying a sizzling shasting touch combined with a tenacious team defense.

Against Aberdeen, Pierre shot a blistering 59 percent from the floor as we beat the Golden Eagles 59-41. Joe Ashley led with 15 points followed by Tom Burchill and Tedd Schuetzle with 13 and 11 points respectively.

In the Winner contest the Governors played well enough to defeat the Warriors 69-36 with both Joe Ashley and Tom Burchill reaching double figures. Ashley ripped the nets for 14 points with Burchill hitting for 10 in a game where all the Gavs saw plenty of action.

Last Friday night the record ranked Gavs travelled to Huron and tangled with the unranked Tigers in a physical and emotion packed game. When the game ending buzzer sounded the Huron Tigers enjoyed a 54-51 upset of the Governors. The Gavs played an excellent first half and headed into the locker room with a seven point 29-22 lead.

The second half, however, belonged to Huron. The Tigers turned four Pierre turnovers into two buckets and were then on their way to victory. They seized the lead going into the fourth quarter and hung on for the win. Once again the charity stripe spelled defeat for the Gavs as Huron was 12-25 with Pierre 9-16. Huron scored their last 10 points from the line. With Bob Tinker and Tom Burchill battling foul trouble all night, Huron won the battle of the boards by outrebounding the Gavs 42-28. Tom Burchill led in scoring with 14 and Joe Ashley followed with 12. The Gavs are now 7-3 on the season and 5-3 in ESD play. The next conference game is this Friday when the Gavs host the league leading Mitchell Kernels.

Sideline Views

by Mike Springer

School administrators often say that they feel winning should be de-emphasized -- but do they mean it?

Girls Head Basketball Coach Barb Felderman says she's been "asked" to step down because "they said that several times during the season, especially during close contests, I made poor judgments, therefore depriving the girls of winning." Miss Felderman has stated that she will appeal to the Board of Education.

A formal recommendation to the board has not been made yet, therefore administrators are reluctant to comment on the matter. Principal Roger Lonbaken, however, did say that if the recommendation was made, it would not conflict with the administration's stated philosophy on the importance of winning. "If winning was the only thing," he said, "we would have gone through about 35 boys basketball coaches since 1944."

If the recommendation is made during the Feb. 12th School Board meeting, we hope that the administrators will release the reasons for doing so, and that the reasons will warrant such a drastic measure.

Gymnasts ready for busy schedule

The Pierre gymnasts team, disappointed by last week's cancellation, are preparing for the Watertown meet on Jan. 27 after taking 3rd in the Sioux Falls invitational earlier, according to coach Stephanie Manson.

Paced by Sarah Pries, the Pierre gymnastics squad captured third place in their own invitational held on Jan. 12. Sioux Falls Lincoln won the meet with 110.85, followed closely by Brookings with 106.25, and Pierre with 104.65.

Pries took first place on the balance beam and third place in floor exercise, combining for a total placing of third in the all-around competition. Cathy Green was the only other individual to make the top five for Pierre with a third place finish in the vault competition.

The girls have a busy month ahead of them as they compete in a variety of meets across the state in preparation for the ESD conference meet and the Regional meet, both to be held in Pierre in February.

Last Saturday's dual match at Aberdeen was cancelled due to the weather but the girls are looking forward to the Watertown Invitational on Jan. 27.

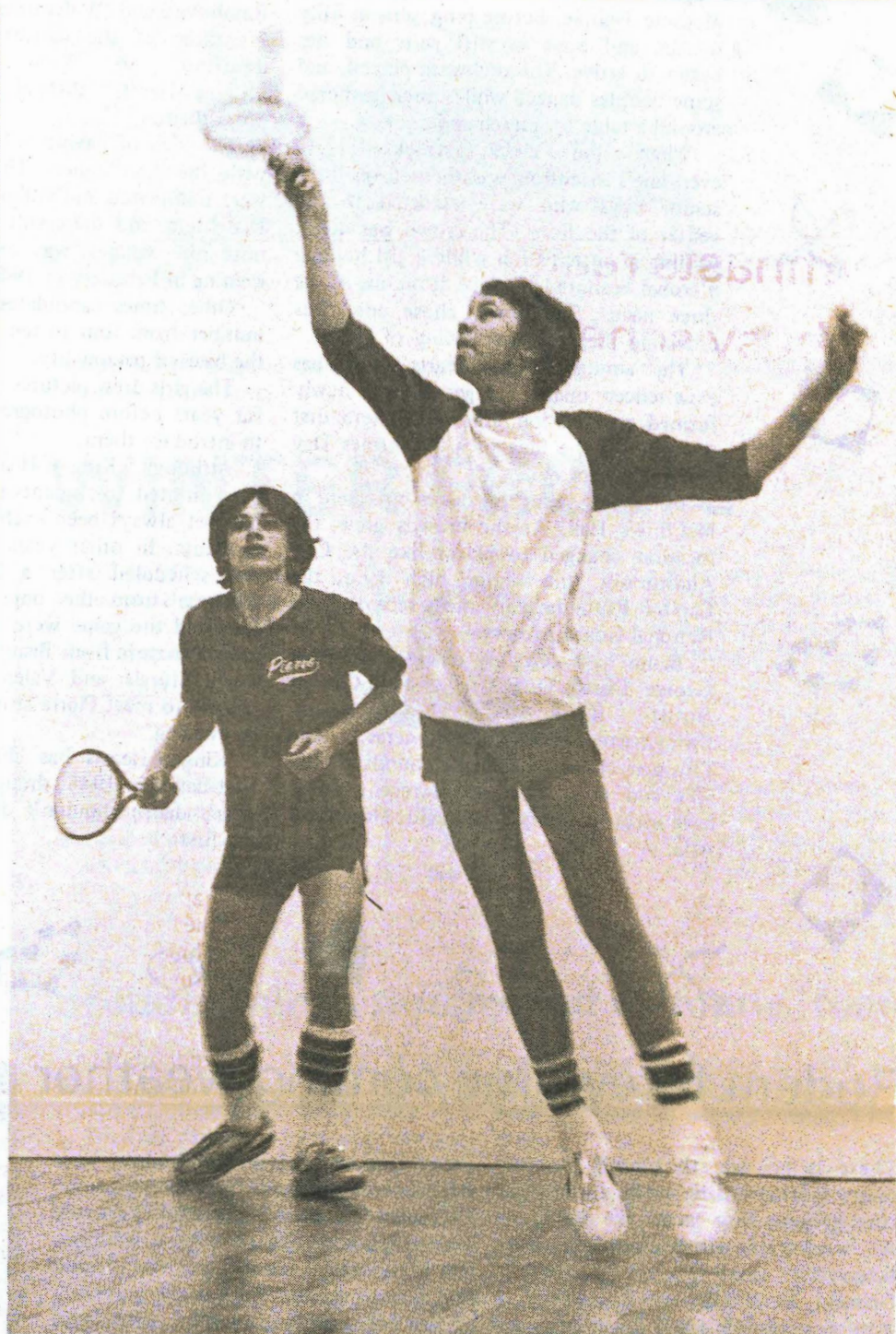
Sarah Pries says she feels the team has a good chance of placing high at Watertown.



Greg Jensen, a sophomore on the varsity Grappler team, contemplates the next move to gain advantage on his opponent during last Friday's home dual against Huron. (See story) (photo by Mike Springer)



Maxine Westall dives in to explore the side of this new winter sport which is seldom seen.



Kurt Bohn moves in while trying to anticipate the return of the ball during a rousing game of racquetball recently with Dave Anderson.
photo by Mike Springer

YMCA facilities add new dimension to winter sports

Swimming

P.E teachers for the Pierre-Fort Pierre area will be revamping their activity curriculum in order to work in swimming classes now available through the YMCA.

Sophomores classes from Riggs and the 4th graders from Fort Pierre will use the pool to learn the basics of swimming and life saving.

The facilities at the newly completed YMCA consists of two locker rooms, two saunas and the pool. The pool measures 4 lanes across and 75 feet long. The depths range from 3 feet in the shallow end to 10 feet in the diving area.

The water is cleaned by a series of diatomaceous earth filters and kept at a constant temperature of 80 degrees by a hot water heating system.

Swimming classes for the sophomores will not start until March, but the pool is

available for a wide variety of swimming activities after school and evenings during the week and during the day on weekends.

Year around swimming has not been available for people in Pierre before so the new YMCA pool will add to the recreation opportunities of school youth as well as the adults.

HIGH SCHOOL RACQUETBALL SCHEDULE

- Mon. - Open Senior High
8:45 - 9:45 p.m.
Thurs. Open Senior High
7:45 - 9:45 p.m.
Sat. Open Senior High
3 - 4 P.M.

Racquetball

A new craze has hit Pierre as it sweeps the country along also. Racquetball has a growing number of enthusiasts among high school students and adults alike in the Pierre area.

What else makes racquetball so popular? "It's the most easy to learn and exciting game you can play,"

responded one enthusiast. "It's a good way to keep in shape," said another, noting the fast pace of the game. One other interesting reason mentioned by a player to play racquetball was the lack of activity in the winter months.

What makes this sport different from any other where the object of the game is to hit the ball? Racquetball's simplicity and excitement are the best answers.

The game involves hitting a relatively small rubber ball against a wall. The ball may bounce on any one of four walls as

long as it touches the floor only once before your opponent hits it.

As evidence of racquetball's increasing popularity facilities at the YMCA must be reserved. According to Y employee Jim Ness the courts on a typical day are completely filled from 10:00 in the morning through the afternoon.

HIGH SCHOOL POOL SCHEDULE

- Weekdays -- 2:45 - 5:00 P.M.
Saturdays -- 9:15 - 11:30 A.M.

Jobs once again pick 'King of their Hearts'

On February 28, 1948, the George Doran Orchestra began setting up on the stage in McClure's Hall, the basement of the Masonic Temple. Before long, girls in frilly dresses and boys in stiff suits and ties began to arrive. The orchestra played, and some couples danced while others gathered around a table for punch and cookies.

When the clock struck 11:30, everyone's attention was focused on three senior boys who were escorted to the center of the floor. The crowd was quiet, waiting in anticipation while a girl holding a crown hesitated to place it on one of the three heads. She finally chose one, thus crowning the very first "King of Hearts."

The annual King-of-Hearts dance has experienced many changes since a newly formed organization, Job's Daughters, first thought up the idea of a Valentines Day dance 31 years ago.

For many years the dance was held in McClure's Hall. As the crowds grew, the location changed to places like the City Auditorium, the senior high gym, the Capitol Rotunda, and, most recently, the National Guard Armory.

Bands have certainly changed since the George Doran Orchestra and the Charley Boldt Band. The Capitoliens, Swingmasters, Sonics, Rivas, and Talismen characterized the sounds of the 50's and 60's, while more recent bands have included Ivory, Wakefield, Moses and Asia.

Past King-of-Hearts balls used themes on which they based the decorations. "Cherry Blossom Time in Japan," "Over the Rainbow," and "Valentines" set the mood for three of the dances before it was decided to keep the subject "King-of-Hearts" instead of getting into prom themes.

The idea of having a "king" originated with the first dance. Three senior boys were nominated and voted on by the Job's Daughters, and the result was kept secret until the winner was crowned on that evening in February of 1948.

Other times candidates have ranged in number from four to ten boys, chosen on the basis of personality.

The girls drew pictures of the candidates for years before photographers were used to introduce them.

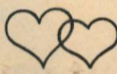
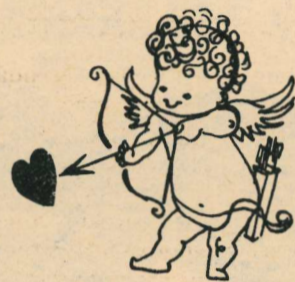
Although King-of-Hearts has always been limited to students in grades 9-12, it has not always been exclusively for Pierre residents. In other years when the dance was scheduled after a basketball game, students from the opposing team who attended the game were also invited. This gave teenagers from Bismarck, Rapid City, Lead, Sturgis, and Valentine, Nebraska a chance to meet Pierre students, if only for an evening.

King-of-Hearts has changed since that first dance in 1948, though essentially this year's dance shouldn't differ much from the first.

On February 10, 1979, "Cupid," formerly known as "Argus," will begin setting up on the stage of the carefully decorated City Auditorium. Before long, girls in long gowns and boys in leisure suits, perhaps a few in rented tuxedos, will begin to arrive. When the band plays, some couples will dance while others gather in groups for punch and conversation.

As the clock reaches 12:00, everyone's attention will fall on eight senior boys being escorted onto the dance floor by little waitresses clad in white dresses with red hearts. This year's candidates include Barry Johnson, Keith Hughes, Joe Creager, Jeff Marso, Tim Flannery, Dan Rounds, Kirby Welch and Lonnie Badger.

The crowd will be quiet, waiting in anticipation, while a girl with a crown in her hands hesitates to place it on one of the heads. She will finally choose one, and continuing a tradition started in 1948, she will crown the 31st "King-of-Hearts."



Rodent forewarns coming weather

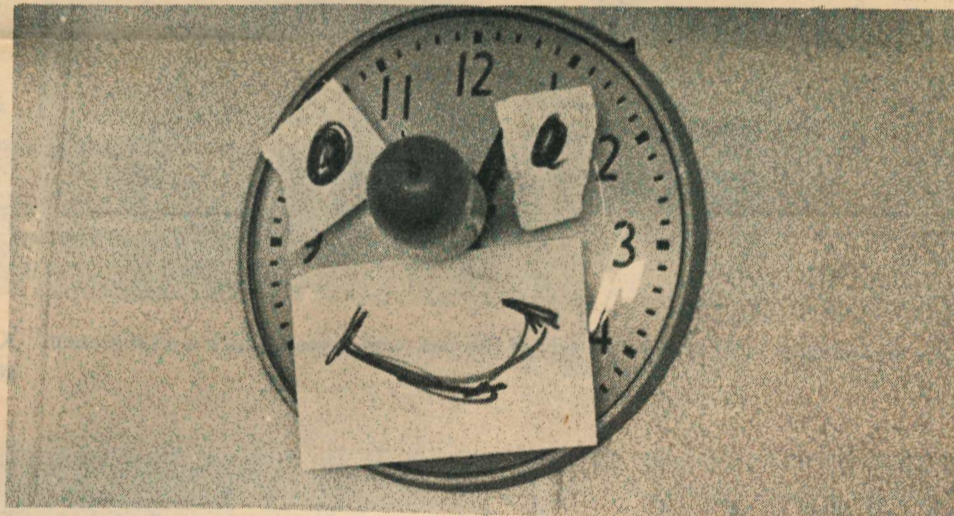
There is no one to blame for our January storms but we point our finger at the ground hog when we have six more weeks of winter weather after February 2.

Ground Hog Day is based on a custom that people from Germany and Great Britain brought to America. They believed that early February was time for forecasting spring weather.

According to legend, the ground hog, or woodchuck, awakens from his long winter sleep on February 2. He sticks his head out of his home in the ground and looks around. If the sun is shining and

the ground hog can see his shadow, he is frightened and crawls back into his hole. This is supposed to mean that there will be six more weeks of winter weather. But if the day is cloudy and the ground hog cannot see his shadow, he stays out of his hole, indicating that spring will soon be here.

Because of the elusiveness of the ground hog, scientists have had problems confirming this legend. Since we have few ground hogs in South Dakota, we have plenty of sunshine and warm weather in February -- sometimes!



Only the clock of Room 104 is not riddled with Journalism rewrites.

Qualified for garbage can or Governor

As the teacher issued orders for the day, until roll is taken. We deal first with I looked around and saw 19 other faces shocked and pondering.

"Write a classroom story," she said. How could I write a story about sitting in a school building? I wondered, and wondered, without sleep for three nights, but I never felt inspired as writers are supposed to be.

After several attempts to draw up some sort of story, I ended with the garbage can full of scrunpled papers.

When I returned to class, I looked at Mrs. Ledbetter and thought to myself, "How can she give us such an assignment when there is nothing to write about?"

Then the inspiration flashed before me, POP!, I was sitting right on top -- a story. Journalism is a different kind of class.

It's not a class where you read chapters and have a test or a class where you write a story and get graded on it. Students in this class learn from their own creativity. There is a lot of outside work with interviews and story assignments which are published in daily newspapers or the Governor.

When the students enter and the last bell has rung, everyone waits patiently

upcoming stories that need to be covered.

As Mrs. Ledbetter reads the subjects, we occasionally volunteer. Then under instructions from Mrs. Ledbetter, we open our books to a certain page and she begins spinning tales about journalism basics. As the class ends, everyone is lost or meditating on some distant subject.

We jot down our assignment knowing it will be another week before it is due, since some interruption usually changes deadline when you're dealing with news. So no one worries.

Sometimes we receive little yellow slips showing all of our unfinished assignments. Sometimes we get our stories that we have written with little red marks all over the top saying "rewrite."

As an added special treat, Mrs. Ledbetter occasionally reads a story from her favorite newspaper the "Rainy Lake Chronicle."

Then the bell rings and class disperses. Well, that's it, I'm finished with my classroom story. I guess it wasn't too hard, but I wonder what Mrs. Ledbetter's verdict will be? -- the garbage can or the Governor?



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Creativity finds outlet in class projects

Crafts, which involves creativity of the hands and mind, and requires a total of five completed projects is an art class that is dramatically unique.

I found out early that this is an individual working class. Working at your own speed is the way it's organized -- just as long as the five projects are completed in the quarter.

I started upon my first project with a lot of determination. There were several areas from which I could choose including: macrame and beading, but I finally decided on string art. This involved pounding nails into a felt-covered board and then making a design with string looped over the heads of the nails.

When I got into my second project, copper tooling and copper enameling, I found that tooling is hard but the finished project is rewarding. It basically is a picture on copper, pressed out with tools. Enameling involves painting copper pieces and placing them in a kiln which gives them a hard, glossy surface.

I discovered the next project to be candlemaking. This area was especially fun for I could let my mind run wild with ideas for candle shapes. All I had to do was melt the wax, add color to it, and pour it into a mold or glass. The next day the hardened candle was ready to be used.

Another area was leather crafts. The class made such items as billfolds and belts. All that was needed was leather and a few basic tools such as the swivel knife, camouflage, and background.

The last area was one which I could choose myself. Anything was alright as long as it was not a skill I had already learned in class. I completed this project with the assistance of the teacher.

I find that many of my classmates also like the class. Tammy Spears, a senior, said, "Time goes by fast because you are always doing something. You don't just sit around."

Nancy Conway, another senior, said, "I like working in crafts, especially leather."



During a brief frolic in the snow, Steve Leach gets bombarded by passing snowballs. (Photo by Diane Butt)

Dedication, hardwork behind yearbook

Among the jumble of pictures and layout sheets in Room 105, the Gumbo staff continues assembling the 1979 yearbook.

The typical Tuesday evening finds the activities division, headed by Barry Johnson, deciding on a layout for Homecoming. This group is also in charge of student life and a new section titled "Highlights".

The class division, under Julie Heim's supervision, is kept busy identifying and alphabetizing individual pictures, and, now that the senior pictures are all taken, this group of yearbook workers will have even more to do to meet the April 1 deadline.

After sending out questionnaires to teachers and advisors about their classes and activities, the faculty curriculum and organizations sections will be writing information stories for their pages.

Group pictures were taken in November when the professional photographer was at school, which allows section editor Jody Rowen to go ahead on her section, organizations.

In addition, as each sport season ends, the sports editors sum up the season in pictures and words. Ted Lautenslauger, Jill Lehecka and Brian Smith have taken on this assignment.

Copy editor Ruth Pottratz, along with

her assistant Linda Plank, proof read all written material, while layout editor Keith Byer gives advice on how to construct page designs.

Tim Stocking and Kevin Neilan are on the go with their cameras gathering photos as a permanent record of school events and personalities.

Special assistant to the editor Connie Bohn is all-around special assistant for any division that needs help.

The meetings in the fall are mainly for planning and getting organized, according to advisor Mr. Terry Peterson. The bulk of the work is done by the 13 Journalism II students during second semester.

Behind the planning and organization of the yearbook is a trio consisting of Editor Esther Park, Assistant Editor Mark Tieszen, and Advisor Mr. Peterson.

As editor, Esther has the responsibility of making the final selection for a cover. She also made the plans for the yearbook theme. Next summer she will have the task of reading all of the proofs that come back from the publisher. Her's is a 12 month job.

The 1979 Gumbo is scheduled to be delivered around August 15. That will be the culmination date of the 12 months of hard work which it takes to produce the yearbook that students and faculty will cherish forever.

WINTER FROLIC

As the winter wind blows
and the thermometer falls
I walk through the streets,
bombarded by snow-balls.

I dodge from a kid
going by on a sled,
all covered with snow
and a nose of bright red.



I jumped on my snowmobile
to take a look around;
I found people frolicking
on snow-covered ground.

But winter's not forever;
this cold will not last!
For in warm-weather spring
This will all be our past.

Student minds dominated by many 'fears'

Out of curiosity, a recent interview was given to approximately 30 people concerning their fears and phobias.

The fear which led by a great majority was acrophobia, or the fear of heights. As found out by the poll, we who are afraid of heights should be thankful Riggs is only 2 stories high rather than 10.

There was a four way tie for second leading fear. Claustrophobia, the fear of closed in places; mice, snakes, and insects; and the fear of being wrapped up or binded together were three of the tying phobias. The last one, nothing at all, showed many young brave people in our school.

Next came the fear of the dark. This consequently was followed closely by the fear of strangers; usually relating to the dark.

Then there were the people who seemed to be afraid of red lights. Especially flashing ones, during the night, out on the town, in a car.

Lastly there were some things just a few people were afraid of. This list included girls, and also guys, dogs and cats, large groups of people, dying, insecurity, and hydrophobia, or the fear of water. A very interesting fear, brought up by only one person was the fear of windows.

Snow skier's pride gets broken on slopes



Supposedly is right. After several tries I was in the exact spot I started in.

On the tenth try I made it to the top, but nobody had told me how to get off the stupid thing! So I fell off at the top of the hill, but I couldn't move until the next pole hit me in the head. Then I moved pretty fast!

When I looked down I thought I was going to die.

At that moment, a friend of mine gave me a shove and away I went. I bet I went a whole two feet before I plopped down because I was going so fast I was scared.

There I was lying on the side of the hill wondering how I was going to get up and hoping I had broken an arm, so I wouldn't have to finish that hideous ride. But the only thing that was broken was my pride when a kid the size of my ski's came whizzing up to me and asked if I was alright.

I finally made it to the bottom, one hour after I went up.

I spent the rest of the day trying to improve my basic skills. By the end of the day I could make it down the hill with only a few dozen falls.

As we packed up our gear and headed back, I began planning my next ski trip.

To ski or not to ski, that was the question I asked myself as I looked at the gigantic mountain they called the bunny slope.

The answer was, I sat in the car for the next hour while more advanced skiers begged, pleaded and finally yelled at me to get out.

After I made it into the lodge, the hardest part was trying to climb up the stairs to get my three foot skis measured for ski boots. After that experience I thought I could do anything, until I tried climbing up the slope that led to the poma.

I finally grabbed the railing that led to the thing that supposedly was to take me to the top.

Be the one Little Driver and stay alive

- 10 Little Drivers, cruising down the line; one had a heavy foot, and then there were nine.
- 9 Little Drivers, the hour was getting late; one dozed a moment, and then there were eight.
- 8 Little Drivers, and the evening seemed like heaven; one showed his driving skills, and then there were seven.
- 7 Little Drivers, their lives were full of kicks; one bought a bottle, and then there were six.
- 6 Little Drivers, impatient to arrive; one jumped a traffic light, and then there were five.
- 5 Little Drivers, wheeling near the shore; one viewed the scenery, and then there were four.
- 4 Little Drivers, happy as could be; passing on a hill, and then there were three.
- 3 Little Drivers, busy, it is true; one neglected car repairs, and then there were two.
- 2 Little Drivers, and the day was nearly done; one didn't dim his lights, and then there was one.

Yes, 1 Little Driver who's still alive today; following the safety rules, he hopes to stay that way.