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Graduation Ceremony climax for Seniors



BRIGHT HORIZONS FOR THE CLASS OF '79

The Class of 1979 will end its final year in high school with the traditional outdoor graduation ceremony at Hollister Field on Wednesday evening May 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Former Governor Harvey Wollman, whose daughter is among the graduating class, will return to Pierre to present the graduation address.

Father Flannery, Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church, will deliver the invocation and Howard Hutchings, president of the Board of Education, will present diplomas to the 249 graduating seniors.

The band will present a 20 minute concert beginning at 7:10. They will also play the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" as the seniors enter and leave the ceremony. The choir will entertain with two numbers. Senior members will perform with each group for their last appearance as high school students.

Senior Class president Barry Johnson will speak in behalf of the class.

Honor graduates will be recognized. Highest honors will be given to the seniors earning a 4.00 to 3.75 point scholastic average, and high honors will be given to students with a 3.7 to 3.50 average.

Reverend Don Gaarder, Lutheran Memorial church, was the featured speaker at the Baccalaureate services in the Riggs gym Sunday.

Juliann Johnson was the pianist for the processional and recessional.

The mixed chorus, under the direction of Jeannie Campbell, prepared 2 numbers, "Ain'a That Good News!" and "Let All the World Praise the Lord."

The Seniors chose "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us" as their class motto and the rose as their class flower. Their colors are silver and green.

AFS student reminisces on senior year at Riggs

Now, when school soon ends and the summer begins again, it's getting to be close to my last day in Pierre.

When I think of my last day, I also remember my first day here. From this very first day I especially remember, how hot it was (the day I arrived it was 106 F.; at home the temperature seldom gets over 80 F.). I also couldn't believe this big flat land.

When I came I didn't know anything about South Dakota. And I even believed them when they told me in New York that I had to get to South Dakota by horse. (I wondered what I was going to do with my suitcases!).

I was glad to have some weeks before school started because it took me a while to get used to the weather, food, language and my new home.

My school at home is very much different from the school here, and so there were many things, that looked wierd to me. For instance, every day the same subjects, great importance of sports, pep-assemblies, cheerleaders and also the short time for lunch (we have lunch time 2 hours long).

But in time, when I began to learn about the American way of living, all these things made more and more sense to me.

It sure has been nice to spend my first (and last) year in an American High School as a Senior, with all the special activities at the end of the year. There were so many new things coming up (and still are), that sometimes it confused me a little. But there was always somebody who explained and helped. Also all the special days, like Homecoming, Valentines Day, Thanksgiving, Halloween, and State A (I guess I picked the right year) were very interesting and new.

I enjoyed my year in this school, even when not every single day was great (but that was mostly my fault!).

Speaking of South Dakota in general, I enjoyed Mount Rushmore and the Missouri River the most. But all the other things (also the big nothing -- wide open space) were fascinating, too. I have to admit, that I'm glad, that the winter is over. That was the coldest winter I ever had, and probably the coldest I'm ever going to experience. When it would be so cold at home, I never would go skiing.

My biggest thanks go to the Eisnach family, with whom I stayed this year. I'm also very thankful for everything and everybody in the school. Special thanks to the teachers, the principal (who taught me what "teasing" means), the nice people at the guidance office and in the kitchen and, of course, to my friends. And thanks to the AFS Club, which made it possible that I could spend a year here, and that I could meet all the other foreign exchange students in the state.

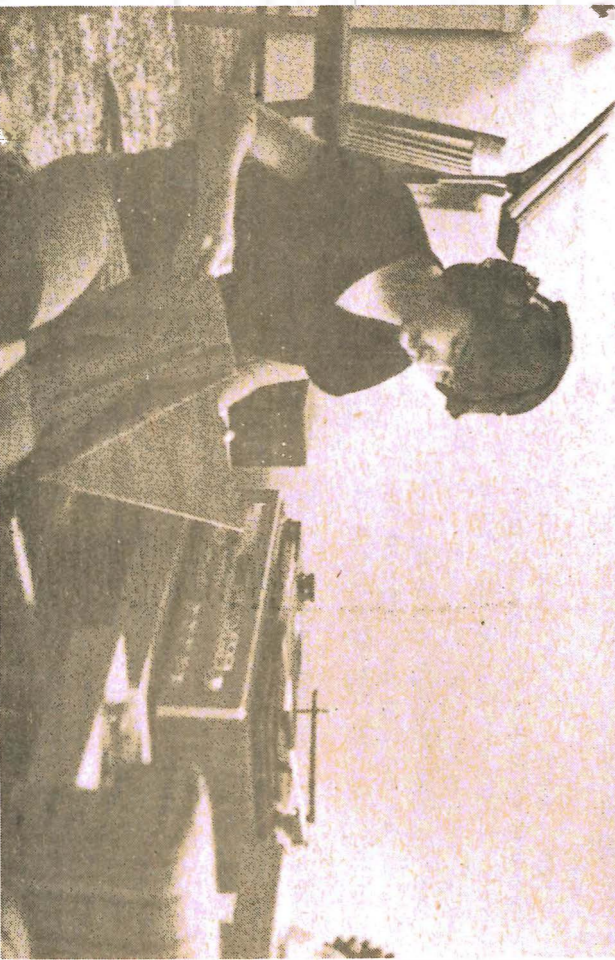
Everybody always was friendly and helpful to me. Thanks!



Susanne shows the birthday cake she received from the Spanish classes to celebrate her birthday.

I would like to encourage everybody to try to see the world as much as possible, or at least study about other countries and learn foreign languages.

And if any of you someday should make it to Switzerland, be sure to come visit me. I live in Stans (canton Nidwalden) 6370. Wangweg 5, center of Switzerland, near Lucerne Uf Wiederluenge!



Relaxing in her American home, Susanne listens to some music.

(Photo by Rod Holmes)

52 scholarships given at Awards Night

Awards Night 1979 honored 41 seniors as scholarship recipients and paid tribute to over 200 other students who have contributed to the success of the school year in all of its various academic and extra curricular activities.

In putting a monetary value on the scholarship money given to this year's seniors, Mrs. Gladys Carl, registrar, estimated the total was close to \$47,600. Fifty two different scholarships were presented in amounts from \$50 to four year full college expenses.

GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS

Special recognition was given to Crystal Hall and Jim Ness, the DAR Good Citizens award winners.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES TROPHIES

The Garret scholar Athlete trophies went to Susan Larson and Todd Schuetzle.

BEA LINDBERG DRAMA AWARD

Carla Bates and Bill Mefford were awarded the Bea Lindberg Memorial

Pierre Players plaques for their contributions to the drama department.

JOURNALISM AWARDS

Achievement certificates for excellence in Journalism were awarded to governor staff editors, Stephanie Sommer, Leesa Sivage, Mike Springer and Barry Johnson.

NATIONAL MUSIC AWARDS

Anita Fuoss was honored with the John Philip Sousa award for her outstanding work in the band, and Andy Barden was given the National Choral Award.

BAND CHORUS AWARDS

Choral awards went to the outstanding sophomore, Dena Vieth, outstanding junior, Peter Hesse and senior, Kristi Wollman.

Outstanding sophomore band member was Karen Redden, outstanding junior was Julie Johnson, and senior Tim Stocking.

Scholarship winners include: Linda Reed, Vona Bourk, Kathy Adam, Ann Burchill, Robin Weisedel, Mike Hasek, Tim Flannery, Ruth Pottratz, Lori Badger, Bob Stalley, Dan Rounds, Paula Kaiser, Stephanie Sommer, Jim Ness, Damon Hartman, Tara Barker, Lauri Linn, Trent Thompson, Barry Johnson, Ann Jones, Paula Rivoire, Sonia Gaarder, Kristine Christensen, Jody Rowen, Joe Ashley, Janelle Pozarnsky, Suzi Solem, Darla Kaufman, Andy Barden, Carmen Ritter, Todd Schuetzle, Kristine Wollman, Bob Tinker, Glenn Norum, Greta Hesse, Tim Smith, Anita Fuoss, Lonnie Hosman, Mike Springer, Lori Schlueter.

Other students recognized included the Spanish contest winners, Gumbo and Governor awards and letters, band and chorus awards, drill team and cheerleaders awards, Students-of-the-Month, Declam awards, DAR good citizen award, Girls Staters, All American Basketball award and student mayor awards.

Top seniors honored for high grade points

Four of the top 20 honor seniors have maintained a 4.00 grade point average for their four years of high school work, including Jody Rowen, Jim Ness, Kristi Christensen and Andy Barden. The other 16 seniors who have maintained a grade point average between 4 point and 3.75 include Esther Park, Trent Thompson, Paula Rivoire, Bill Mefford, Susanne Trauffer, Brenda Hammer, Ruth Pottratz, Lonnie Hosman, Lisa Kuehl, Suzi Solem, Marylinn Winckler, Kris Wollman, Tom Olson, Glenn Norum, Barry Johnson and Sonia Gaarder.

Those seniors who have maintained a 3.50 to 3.74 average include Lanette Kane, Susan Larson, Tim Stocking, Joe Linn, Crystal Hall, Kathy Adam, Scott Gullickson, Becky Lemieux, Leesa Sivage, Coleen Cox, Connie Bohn, Ann Jones and Anita Fuoss.



Riggs High School seniors who have been awarded one or more of the 55 scholarships for next year's college expenses include in part, from the left: back row, Darlla Kaufman, Suzi Solem, Andy Barden, Bob Tinker, Joe Ashley, Dan Rounds; second row, Jody Rowen, Stephanie Sommer, Lonnie Hosman, Trent Thompson, Glenn Norum, Damon Hartman, Vona Bourk; third row, Anne Jones, Paula Kaiser, Jim Ness, Bob Stalley, Tim Flannery, Todd Schuetzle, Sonia Gaarder; fourth row, Kristi Christensen, Carmen Ritter, Paula Rivoire, Ann Burchill, Anita Fuoss, Linda Reed; front row, Sue Larson, Kathy Adam, Tim Smith, Barry Johnson, Greta Hesse, Kristi Wollman, Ruth Pottratz.

(photo by Rod Holmes)

First semester Mayor, Vice-Mayor take office

In the spring Student Council election, Brent Kleinsasser was declared mayor and Michelle Schneider vice-mayor for the first semester of the 1979-80 school year.

Despite some controversy concerning the campaign assembly, the decision stands unless further action is

taken on behalf of Mike Stein and Todd Douglas, the opposing candidates. The controversy stems from conflicting announcements concerning the time for the campaign speeches assembly.

In discussing issues of concern, Brent stressed: 1. attendance at

school board meeting, 2. more lenient study hall rules for juniors, 3. parking lot development, 4. more homecoming activities and home coming dance, 5. senior bench, 6. tardy and absentee policy, 7. senior skip week.



Vice-Mayor Michelle Schneider and Mayor Brent Kleinsasser emerged victorious in the controversial 79-80 Student Council elections.

(photo by Bill McEntaffer)

Move to new wing scheduled

Excuses. . . Excuses. . . That's all I got as a reason for not moving into the new addition during the 1978-79 school year.

Superintendent Darwin Tessier could not pinpoint the reason for this interminable delay. But here is some "good" news to this repetitious story. Both Principal Roger Lonbaken and Mr. Tessier have stated that we should be moved in by the beginning of the new fall quarter.

The final inspection took place April 30 by the architects, contractors and the school board. They found many little things not in place and are generally still waiting for equipment to arrive. As mentioned earlier there is no one big reason but several minor ones for the delay. The weather, for one, was not very cooperative throughout the school year. Also, the contractors had a hard time trying to install the electrical circuits during the cold weather. Another major problem was that the concrete did not arrive on time, and you can't get much done without concrete to build walls. Much cabinet work needed to be done

to the science rooms also. Mostly it was the time wasted waiting for the equipment, because, when the contractors got under way, the furniture did not arrive on time.

The contractors will be working during the summer putting finishing touches in the new building. When they finally do get done, the science teachers will be moving their own equipment because they know where they want the desks and lab tables. Mr. Townsend will be assisted by the custodial staff and some students as he moves the many library volumes down to first floor.

The staff hopes to be moved in by the beginning of next year if they get some help from other staff members, custodial staff and students.

Groves Construction from Huron started on the new building in the summer of '78.

Mrs. Sandy Peterson, art teacher, says "I'm very excited about having the whole room for my art classes." She is presently sharing her art room with a biology class.

By Janet Chu

Editorials

Board makes decisions

The Pierre School board rejected the 6-hour day proposed by the Riggs Study Committee but approved closed campus for the sophomores and juniors at their May meeting last week.

The room was packed with both opponents and proponents of the measure and arguments were heard from both sides.

We feel that the board acted wisely in their decision.

Arguments in favor of the proposal were that it would alleviate traffic, make uniform school starting time, and shorten the school day for students, which would be beneficial to the closed campus situation.

Arguments against said the plan would be detrimental to the band and it was unfair to single them out in scheduling them outside the school day. It was also felt that it would cause much confusion with rescheduling the students into the 6-hour day at this late date.

Although both sides had substantial arguments, the board chose the best alternative by not initiating the 6-hour day at this time. However, the subject will not be dropped as a committee will further investigate other solutions and ideas.

Also, the board passed closed campus for juniors and sophomores. We agree with closed campus for underclassmen because it will help students academically. However, the juniors should not be treated like sophomores. One idea is to allow a separate study hall with a freer, more relaxed atmosphere for the juniors. We hope that something will be done to give the juniors more freedom while in study hall.



Advice offered for future prom

To the CLASS OF '81 -- a word of advice concerning Prom -- plan ahead!

Don't wait for the teachers to get after you. It's your responsibility. Start gathering ideas and selecting materials before the deadline so you have time to make minor changes.

Select a band early enough to get one of the top bands. It adds a lot to the atmosphere of the prom. After the effort of raising money and decorating, it's disappointing to not have the best.

Get organized and make sure that more than a few workers show up to help. The teachers are supervisors and shouldn't have

to help set up. Prom is an opportunity to put something together and make it a success -- the more people, less work, and better results.

Another suggestion to next year's prom planners, investigate a "free" drive-in show after the Prom. Maybe there could be some sort of arrangement to pay for the film if you plan it early.

Start planning before Christmas and no later than the end of January. Planning is the key to success.

Sparky tells Seniors 'your time is up'

The year is done, your time is up, and it's time to go away. Sounds like you're gonna die, huh? Well, in a sense, you are. Your high school days and the glorious (though sometimes illegal) social events surrounding these days will become misty memories come next September.

Of course, not everything is lost, and a whole new world will be explored during your post-high school years, while me and my cohorts will attempt to fill the gap left by your passing. That's a mortician's joke.

In closing this tear-jerking piece of journalism, I've decided to grace you with but another helpful verse.

Twelve years gone by in no time flat
Memories crammed beneath your hat
You think you're done, you think you're thru

But the toughest four years are ahead of you.

Thanks for the good times, seniors.
We're gonna miss you.

John Pohlman a.k.a. Sparky

To the Seniors:
You finally made it. After 12 years (or 2100 days) you're going to graduate. We'll miss your friendship and guidance. It will be strange not seeing you in the halls next year. Good luck, Class of 1979.

Junior Class

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 19	Boys Tennis - Triangular Meet (here)
May 20	Baccalaureate - Riggs Gym, 7:00 p.m.
May 21-22	Girls State Golf Meet - Huron
May 23	Senior Picnic
May 23	Commencement - Hollister Field, 7:30 p.m.
May 25-26	State Track Meet, Sioux Falls
	State Tennis Meet, Sioux Falls
May 25	Last day of School for Sophomores and Juniors
May 31	Report Cards ready to be picked up
May 27	Boys State, Aberdeen
June 2	Girls State, Mitchell
Sept. 4	1979-80 school year begins

New staff begins to scribble

The editing of the Governor has changed as the 1979-80 crew takes over.

Jill Powell and Michelle Schneider will head the list as editors of the Governor. Linda Plank, Marlene Schulz, Janet Chu, and Lana Petersen are the page editors and will be planning the content and designing the news and feature pages. Mike Stein, sports editor, and Bill McEntaffer, his assistant, will lay out the sports page. John Pohlman will draw up and doodle pictures of art as the art editor along with his assistant, Jan Houck. Carol Hughes will coordinate our exchange column and confer with different towns on their school activities. Mary Jundt, Roxann Nafziger, Sandy Nelson, Mary Schoessler, and Susan Reed are the reporters and will assist the

page editors. Taking pictures will be Brit Brancel, Rod Holmes, Sam Spears, and Wade Pogany.

The staff plans to keep the basic format next year but they plan to make a few minor changes in arrangement and headline type.

Another change that will help considerably in the production of the paper is a move to a more convenient room, the present chemistry room. The storage room could easily be turned into a dark room since water and a ventilating system are readily available and some of the lab tables in the chemistry room could be used for lay-out work. The decision on this is pending action by the administration.

Something Extra . . .

As we are busy organizing our first publication we are confident that we can continue putting out a school paper of top quality as it has been done in the past. We foresee very few changes and we are always open to suggestions and criticisms from our readers. We welcome anyone who wishes to join the crew in this major school activity.

1979-80 Governor Staff

Congrats to the German I and II classes for a successful German dinner. Entertainment included a German lullaby sung by Linda Kern, Anne Jones, Anita Fuoss, and Paul Rivoire, a German song by Mr. Jay Mickelson, and group singing of German drinking songs and rounds led by Mrs. Bev Mickelson.



Sparky: The 1979-80 staff apologizes for last year's editors who failed to recognize artistic talent when they saw it. We are printing your work in this issue to remedy the error. We promise that next year we will not publish any inferior "junk."

The Editors

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The policy of the "Governor" is to attempt to report on all phases of curricular and extra-curricular school activities from an unbiased view point.

Through editorial comments the "Governor" strives to represent the majority of the student body's views on pertinent issues.

Through features, columns and art work the "Governor" attempts to entertain and inform its readers.

The staff encourages the student body and administration to present their opinions through signed letters. They need not agree with the opinions of the "Governor" editors of the school.

The editors reserve the right to accept or reject all letters for publication. Signatures will be withheld upon request.

Music makers cut first album

The Riggs High School Music Department recorded its first album ever to be done in the history of this school in a 2½ hour recording session May 2.

The Al Opland Recording Co. of Pipestone Minn., cut the album and will have the records ready for distribution early in July.

The Stage Band did a number "Live!" from the TV show "American Bandstand" with soloist Danna Eisnach.

The Concert Band did four numbers ranging from the pop hit "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band Medley" to "Jubilant Prelude" a piece done at the regional contest in April.

The Swing Choir did their favorite "Great Jubilation." Their instrumental background for the number consisted of Mike Pfeiffer and Mike Springer on bass guitars and Peter Park on the traps.

The Girls' Glee recorded "Save the Country" accompanied by Peter Hesse on drums, Linda Kern, Jill Lundeen, Ann Van Epps and Kari Deyo playing guitars, Linda Reed on the tambourine and James Cavanaugh on bass guitar.

The Mixed Chorus sang "Laudate Pueri", "Alleluia," and "Ain't Got Time to Die" with soloist, Andy Barden.

The albums, costing \$4.80 each, were sold before the recording was made. The total cost of the recording session and albums was approximately \$1,000.

The musicians as well as Directors Paul Upsahl and Jeannie Campbell thought the recording was a great experience and a lot of fun.



FBLA members who won honors at the annual state conference in Sioux Falls include from the left: Robin Weischedel, Stephanie Sommer, Lanette Kane and Christi Nelson. Lanette and Robin are eligible to enter national competition in New Orleans in July.

Kane, Weischedel to vie for National honor

Lanette Kane and Robin Weischedel have won a chance to compete in the National Future Business Leaders of America conference in New Orleans in July. They each received first place in their events at the State conference in Sioux Falls in April.

Lanette won the clerk typist I category and Robin received the Stenographer I award.

Other winners included Steph Sommer, third place in clerk-typist I, and Christi Nelson, third place in stenographer I.

Ten office education students accompanied by Adviser Charles Fjelstad, from Riggs, were among the 200 students from 10 schools who participated in the two day convention.

Variety of music highlights concert

The annual Spring Music Concert Tuesday, May 8 featured the 83 member Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Paul Upsahl and the 84 member choir under the direction of Miss Jeannie Campbell.

The Concert Band opened the program with three serious numbers. Later in the program they entertained with two more pieces.

The Stage Band, a 16 member ensemble, jazzed up the gym with three snappy top tunes which had the audience tapping their toes.

The Mixed Chorus sang the two numbers that received superior ratings at the regional contest this spring. The Chorus sang a spiritual with Andy Barden soloist.

The 20 member Swing Choir, dressed in bright shirts, painter pants and striped suspenders, entertained the audience with two numbers and dueted with the Stage Band on a third number.

The last public performance for the music department this spring will be a mini-band-concert before the graduation ceremonies May 23 beginning at 7:10 and two vocal numbers by the Chorus during the ceremony.

Writers to attend journalism camp

Michelle Schneider, Jill Powell, Marlene Schulz and Mark Tieszen will be attending the 1979 Publications Institute in Brookings, in June.

Publications Institute is held each summer on the SDSU campus with this year's theme being "Keep Ahead of the News."

Michelle and Jill will be attending the news writing workshop where they will work on newspaper planning, writing leads and new stories and helping to publish a mini-newspaper.

Marlene and Mark will attend the photography workshops to learn techniques of photography by camera operation and dark room work.

Initiates finish Thespian week

If after hearing someone yelling "air raid", followed by the sound of a machine gun firing, you've thought that there was a war going on at Riggs High, don't be alarmed it's only part of Thespian Initiation.

After a week of servitude, the initiates were subjected to Kangaroo Court to further prove their worthiness for the privilege of becoming Thespian members. When this ritual had been completed, the boards were put away and the air raids ceased to be a part of the daily entertainment in the halls.

Initiation was culminated with a banquet to which the parents and old members, as well as initiates, were invited. Special awards and recognition were given to outstanding members including the Bea Lindberg Memorial Pierre Players award to Carla Bates and Bill Mefford.

This year's initiates are Mark Obenauer, Nanette Echols, Sarah Gilkerson, Tara Barker, Danna Eishnach, Val Carr, Sharon Swan, Vicki Swenson, Melodie Schwaderer, Eileen Redden, Laurie Linn, Peggy Larvie, Karen Krogstad and Janet Chu.

To qualify to become a Thespian these people have each earned 10 Thespian points by acting in and helping with one or more theater productions.

Riggs FFA Members Place at State Convo

Three days of conventions, contests and fun culminated in an assembly of awards for the FFA members who attended the State FFA Convention in Brookings April 22-24.

Leading the Pierre-Oahe members in individual placings was Shane Cowan who received a gold in Quarter Horse judging.

Receiving silver emblems were Kordy Kiel and Jim Hardwick in poultry, Randy Bauer in Meats, and Don Schroer in Farm Business management.

Bronze winners included Gigi Mathews and Mike Hawkins in Dairy Products, Mike Nelson in Poultry, Shawn Maher in Dairy Cattle, Sonny Harrowa in Meats, Tim Withers in Quarter Horse, Suzi Solem in Farm Business Management, and Steve Venner in Ag Mechanics.

The top team from Pierre was the Poultry team, consisting of Jim Hardwick, Mike Nelson and Kordy Kiel, which finished in the silver category. Three other teams, Quarter Horse, meats and Farm Business Management, were awarded bronze emblems. Making up the Quarter Horse team was Ann Van Epps, Tim Withers, and Shane Cowan. The Meats team was composed of Randy Bauer, Sonny Harrowa and Steve Andersen, Paul Zimmerman, Suzi Solem and Don Schroer were the members of the Farm Business Management team.

Not more than the top 10% of the contestants in each contest are awarded gold emblems. Silver and bronze are given to not more than the top 15%.



Despite appearances, LeShea Kempf left, Dace Liepins, Jan Cavanaugh, Brenda Hammer (seated front), Susanne Trauffer, Sharon Nelson and Val Carr (back row) did not washout onto the rocks following the National Spanish Test Contests where they captured 8 out of 12 places.

(photo by Mike Springer)

Students given plaques

Eight Spanish students from Riggs High earned top places in the state in the National Spanish exams.

Suzanne Trauffer received first place in first year, and Brenda Hammer and LeShea Kempf tied for second and third places. Sharon Swan took first, Sandy Nelson received second, and Val Carr won third place in second year. Fourth year winners were Dace Liepins, first place, and Jan Cavanaugh, second place.

The annual oral and written comprehension tests were taken in class and sent to the state chairman who selected the winners on the basis of

chairman who selected the winners on the basis of the test scores.

The exams are sponsored by the National Organization of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Pierre, Mobridge, Sully Buttes, and Sioux Falls Lincoln were the four schools participating.

The top three state winners' tests in each level will now be sent to the national chairman. The state first place winners will be given a plaque, and the second and third place winners receive a small prize from the Spanish Club. Mrs. Phyllis Leach conducted the tests.

Sports

Complex renovation underway

The Pierre School System is proposing a three year program to renovate Hollister Field and the surrounding area. The football field and track were constructed in 1927, but since then no major reconstruction has been done to keep the field up to date. The cinder track was too wet for much of the beginning of this year's track season and training was held indoors and on city streets.

Fans will also remember the parking problem during football games and the problem of parking during the track season due to the state employees' equal need for parking during the day. These and other problems will be solved during the three-fold program. In addition some other recreation facilities will be constructed.

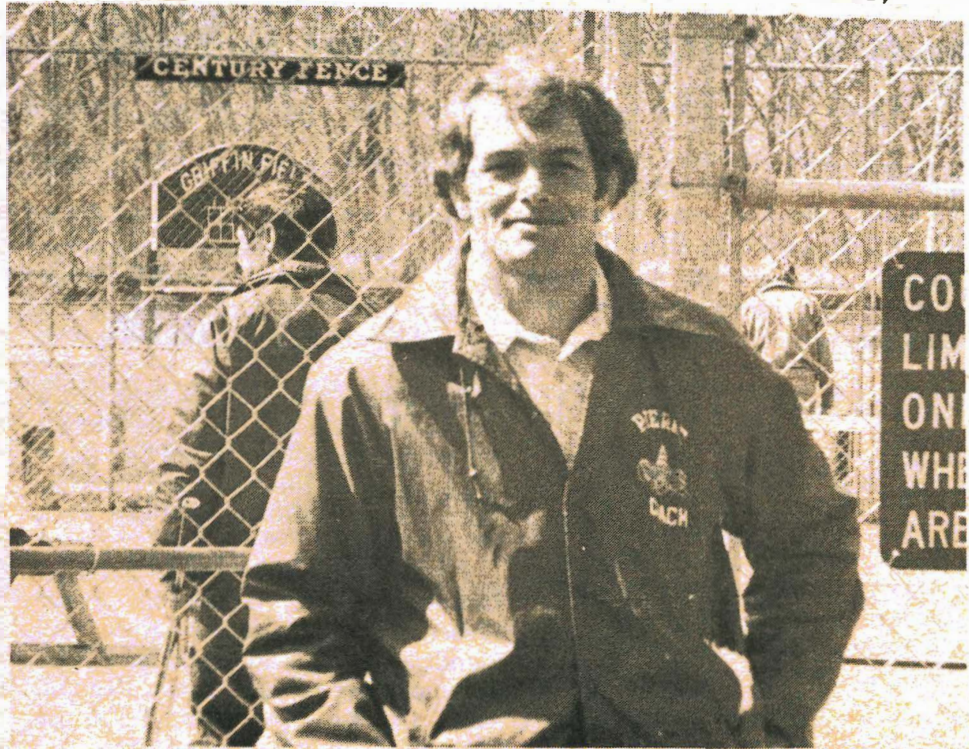
The initial stage includes a seven step phase of redevelopment at a projected cost of \$126,000 including: 1. Strip, shape and re-sod the football field; 2. Install irrigation systems; 3. Install a conduit for present and future electrical needs;

4. Provide field drainage; 5. Relocate the present lights on the south side; 6. Grade the track and field events area; 7. Install one life of asphalt on the track.

The grading of the field for drainage and the installation of an irrigation system will provide for easier maintenance and cut down on the man-hours involved. The asphalt will help stabilize the newly graded track and minimize any shifting which may occur.

Cost of the project has been only an estimation, for construction costs continue to rise and the projected estimates for the second and third stages are in the area of \$150,000 per year.

When completed some time in 1983 or 84, these new facilities will have 225 new asphalt parking spots along with an additional 1000 spectator seats. There will also be 2 or more tennis courts, a ball diamond, a concrete basketball court, an open play area, and if possible a small soccer field.



Mr. Mike Engels, head wrestling coach at Riggs, will be moving to Sioux Falls O'Gorman next year. (photo by Bill McEntaffer)

Engels to coach at O'Gorman'

Mr. Mike Engels, wrestling coach, is the second head coach to be leaving the school this year.

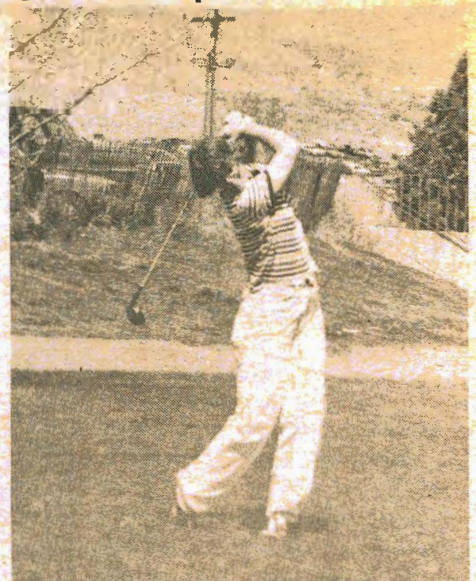
Mr. Engels, who is going to Sioux Falls O'Gorman, said "It took us a long time to decide to move away from Pierre. The people here have been very honest and friendly, and the community has shown a great deal of interest in the activities that we have at the high school. I have found my three years at Riggs to be very exciting and rewarding. I have learned a great deal about coaching, teaching and handling students. I will miss Riggs and the people I've worked with, but Pierre isn't so far away that we can't come back to visit occasionally."

One reason the Engels are moving is because they have missed college athletics since leaving SDSU in 1975. Living in Sioux Falls will put them within an hour's drive of USD, SDSU and Augustana. Another factor that caused him to leave Pierre, when he decides to quit coaching there will be more opportunities to enter other professions in a bigger city than there are in a smaller community.

From a coaching stand-point he feels that moving to O'Gorman isn't any major step up or down. Their school enrollment is less than Pierre's, but he doesn't think it will be quite as transient as the student body at Riggs. Every year Pierre has a large number of students that either come or go because of government related jobs.

He adds, "The facilities for wrestling at O'Gorman are better than we have in Pierre. They have a room with much more mat space with a weight room adjacent to it, and there isn't any problem as far as moving or storing wrestling mats."

Girls capture region



Carin Doyle, who is part of the State golf tournament team, takes a practice swing before playing nine-holes of golf. (photo by Rod Holmes)

Even though the first two tournaments were cancelled due to weather, it hasn't seemed to hurt the girl's golf team's performances.

The team won Pierre's Invitational and took five top spots out of six in the Regionals held in Pierre. They have also taken third in the Rapid City Invitational and fourth in ESD.

Individually, the Lady Gov's have been doing good in the tournaments. Leading them is Carin Doyle, who took first in the Rapid City Invitational, Pierre's Invitational, beating Nancy Thelen by a single stroke, and the Region IV tournament. She took fourth in ESD.

All of the girls that were in Regionals have qualified for the state meet in Huron May 21-22. Along with Doyle getting an 83 for first, Connie Bohn got a 100 for second, third was Lynn Bonrud with a 105; fifth, Nancy Thelen also with a 105; and Lisa Brinkman shooting a 106.

Sideline Views

by Mike Stein

One of the best years in athletics that Riggs High has enjoyed is winding down, with State Tournaments for Track, Boys Tennis, and Girls Golf yet to be held.

It has been a memorable year, and in upcoming years aspiring athletes can set their goals on what the year 1978-79 left behind.

Athletics have brought the school much recognition this year. There have been years past when the name

Pierre didn't mean a whole lot as far as sports were concerned. This year Riggs fielded extra curricular activities, not only athletics. They all added to the prestige of Riggs High.

The Girls State Golf Tournament will be held in Huron on May 21-22. Both State meets for Track and Boys Tennis will be held in Sioux Falls May 25-26.

Good Luck at the State track meet.



Members of the First Ladies Drill Team for 1979-80, announced at the Awards Night program include, from the left; back row, Shelly Hanson, Tauna Anderson, Mary Lehecka, Jeannine Harner, Lorri Hartmann, Beth VanEpps; middle row, Sue Jones, Karla Schramm, Jackie DeJong, Lynn Scoefield, Tami Duerst, Tammy Curtis; front row, Barb Owens, Zahra Karim, Heidi Werthman, Sherry Zieszler, Becky Dryden, Jill Rilling, Calli Stenseth. Not pictured: Karen Krogstad, Kathy Spencer, Carol Hughes, Linda Plank, Kari Bruzelius. (photo by Rod Holmes)



Blake Thomas practices his high jump technique in preparation for the State meet.

(photo by Rod Holmes)

Govs place second at ESD

Fifteen members of the Governors Track squad qualified for the State meet in Sioux Falls Friday and Saturday by winning the regional victory at Winner on May 18.

The tracksters who will be competing for a state title include eight juniors, Kurt Kuehl, Ron Wagner, Jeff Parker, Mark Chicos, Wade Buechler, Mike Stein and Jerry Whipple.

Seniors who will be competing include, Todd Schuetzle, Bob Tinker, Damon Hartmann, Darrell Hartmann, Troy Hutchings, Blake Thomas, Joe Creager and Perry Trautner.

Yankton won the ESD Conference Boys Track title May 14 with 67 points, narrowly edging Pierre and Huron who tied for second place with 65 points.

The Governors turned in fine performances for the most part with two new school records being set, Joe Creager broke his old Pole Vault record of 13 feet set earlier this year

with a new vault of 13-13 on his way to a 1st place finish. The 2-mile relay team of Jerry Whipple, Mike Stein, Damon Hartmann and Darrell Hartmann eclipsed the old 2-mile relay record for Riggs of 8:15.4 set in 1973 with a 1st place finish of 8:10.2.

Other top place finishes for the Govs were: 110 High Hurdles -- 2nd Bob Tinker, 5th Mark Chicos; Mile Run -- 4th Damon Hartmann 5th, Darrell Hartmann; 880 Relay -- 5th (Wagner, Trautner, Tinker, Parker); 165 Low Hurdles -- 2nd Tinker; Medley Relay -- 2nd (Wagner, Parker, Trautner, Whipple); 880 Run -- 2nd Darrell Hartmann; 220 Dash -- 4th Perry Trautner; 2 Mile Run -- 2nd Damon Hartmann, 5th Troy Hutchings; Mile Relay -- 4th (Parker, Trautner, Tinker, Darrell Hartmann). Field Events: Discuss -- 2nd Lingle, 5th Schuetzle; Long Jump -- 1st Curt Kuehl; Triple Jump -- 2nd Kuehl; High Jump -- 2nd Blake Thomas.

Jogging great way to fitness

With the coming of warmer weather, I began to feel spring fever and I wanted to get outdoors but I needed an excuse.

So I sat pondering on what I could do and still enjoy the sun. Time passed and I glanced out of our kitchen window and saw a girl jogging by with her dog. Well then it hit me, I decided jogging would be a great way to enjoy the surroundings, get

some exercise, and catch some sun, all at the same time. As an added benefit jogging could run off all my winter flab that had accumulated.

During the winter I exercised through intramural sports, running some halls, and using weights plus going up to the YMCA

with the new fitness program, raquetball and swimming. Well, now I put on my shoes and jogging suit and begin to wonder what I'll need to do, so I bought a book on jogging and began to read. First it said to start out at a slow pace by running a block, resting a block with each day increasing your time.

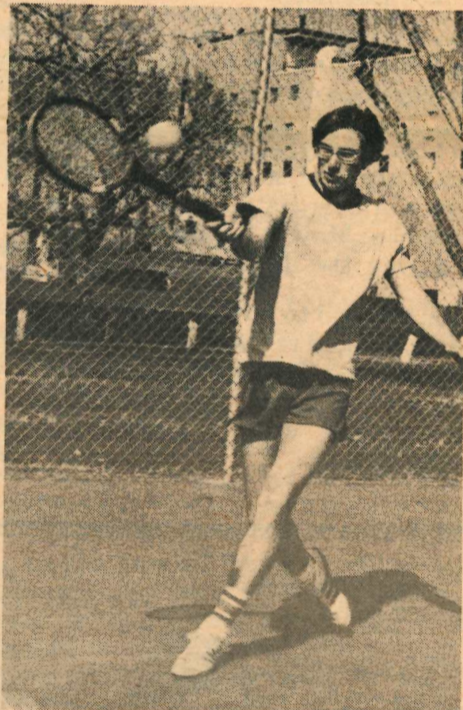
So I stretched out a bit and took off running. Boy did it feel good. I thought I could do this forever, but then it hit me and I had to gasp for air, so I decided to walk the second block. After I got back I felt like collapsing, but I remembered in the book which said to warm down after jogging by walking around a bit but don't lie down.

After two weeks of running around the town I found my answer for keeping fit while enjoying the surroundings. I see many other people, my age and older trying their feet on jogging.

Each time I run it gets easier and I feel a sense of accomplishment and well-being. I have grown less anxious and calmer. So try your hands, or legs, at jogging.

Michelle Schneider

Boys Tennis Team ESD Champions



Ken Flannery returns a volley during tennis warm ups.

The boys tennis team won its 5th straight ESD championship on May 14 in Yankton.

Pierre finished with a total of 72 points followed by Huron with 44, Brookings with 38, Yankton with 23, Aberdeen with 21, Mitchell and Watertown with 5 and Madison with 0.

In singles competition Tom Burchill and Ken Flannery won championships and Chad Anderson was defeated in the final round to receive 2nd place.

Mark Parrot and Tom Burchill won the championship in the 1st flight of doubles action and Chad Anderson and Greg Axtman earned 1st place in the 2nd flight.

The Riggs team now has a 7-1 dual record and also won the Rapid City Invitational tournament.

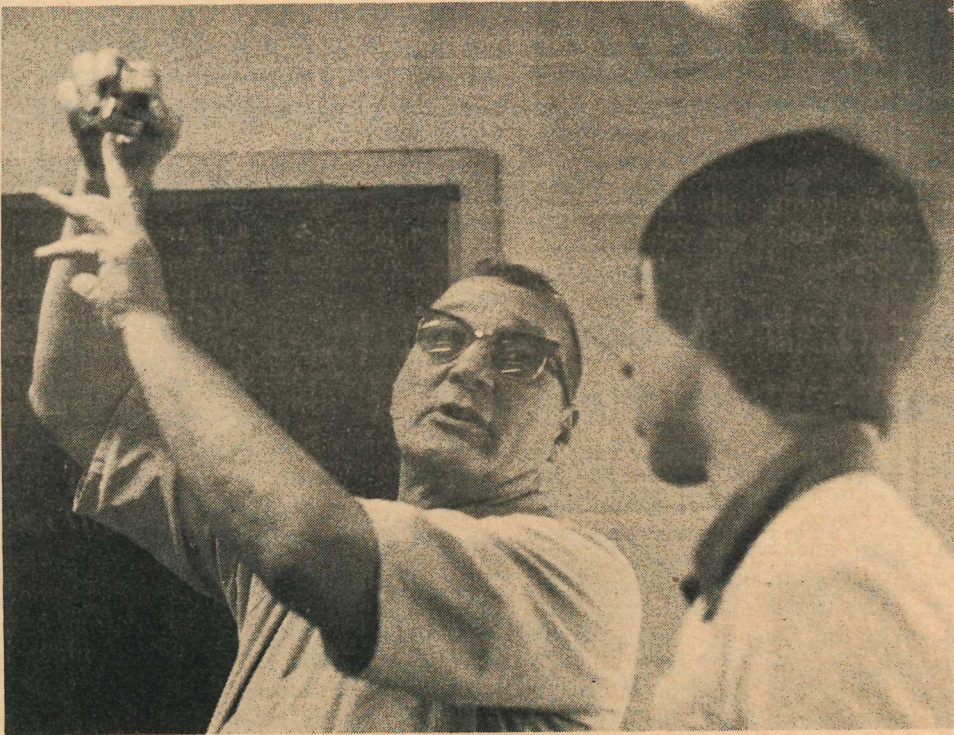
The State tournament will be held in Sioux Falls on May 25 and 26.



Cheerleaders for 1979-80 seasons were announced at Awards Night on Tuesday. Front row, from left: Wrestling cheerleaders, Cindy Baade, Teri Lautenschlager, Melody Maher and Cindy Arch; second row, Girls Basketball cheerleaders, Sharn Kusler, Kim Hawkins, Susan Burrows, not pictured Kathy Peterson and Laney Thomas; third row Boys Basketball cheerleaders Marilee Nold, Annette Halgeson, Nancy Gordon, Kelly Kayser and June Schuetzle; back row Football cheerleaders, Wendy Buechler, Sarah Pries, Jane Parker, Jackie Ebach and Julie Heuer.

(Photo by Rod Holmes)

Ruzick retires after 21 years of dedication



Mr. Sam Ruzick points out to a baffled student the mysterious chemical in his beaker. (photo by Rod Holmes)

As a well known personality around Riggs, Mr. Sam Ruzick will be remembered even though he will no longer be filling the halls with rotten egg gas from room 215 next fall.

Mr. Ruzick came to Pierre in 1957 after teaching in Winner and in two schools in Nebraska. Out of his 25 years in education, 21 of them have been spent in Pierre. He recalls that the only other present faculty member who was on the staff when he came is Mr. Jack Robinson.

The spirited teacher has primarily taught chemistry, but he has included some physics and math courses some years. He grew up and graduated from high school in Lead, S.D., where he spent the next several years working in a grocery store and for the Homestake Mining Company. This was during the dirty thirties so he

couldn't afford to go to college. After being promoted to the top in his work at Homestake, Ruzick decided to continue his education. He enrolled at BHSC which was a Black Hills Teachers College.

At that time as was the continuous pattern throughout his college years, he finished in the shortest time possible, earning a Bachelors Science in 2½ years. He later attended Syracuse State on a special degree scholarship and Oregon State, where he received his MA on a National Science Foundation Scholarship. He later attended Stanford University on a Shell Merit Scholarship which also included \$500 living expenses. He attended Missouri Central State College on a U.S. Trucking Scholarship and NSC, sponsored by USD, on a National Science Foundation Scholarship.

TEACHING CAREER

"I like kids," Mr. Ruzick decided with a positive attitude as he began his teaching career with no second thoughts about a more professional job in chemistry or as an industrial scientist.

He dislikes teaching at the college level since the students are only numbers and the professors do not do

the grading. They assign "graders" or individual students to calculate the grades which Mr. Ruzick considers a poor way to evaluate student progress.

Mr. Ruzick stressed that a new generation has formed in the past few years which is one of the reasons he has been considering retirement. "The caliber of students is deteriorating, and kids now don't want to work. The students want everything done for them," stated Mr. Ruzick.

He recalls that one of the best classes he had took home the famous valence sheet, and the next day they were willing to take the test over it.

He talks about the new building facilities and his present room where he has taught since 1958. "They're 20 years behind. This is not a good room (present chemistry room), poor facilities, gas jets leak, and the water system is bad." Mr. Ruzick would love to teach in the new chemistry lab but for one year it wouldn't be worth it since the new teacher would have to rearrange everything the following year.

THE NEBRASKA RAINMAKER

Wearing his embroidered smock, he comments on the funniest incident he has ever encountered. It happened to a Hemmingford, Nebraska, 9th grader who wanted to make it rain. It was wheat country and the land needed rain. So they made a chlorine gas rocket. When the time arrived, they planned to shoot it up into a cloud. Mr. Ruzick left Hemmingford to go to Oregon State, and after some time passed, he received a letter from the boy saying he had been arrested. The

9th grader had made it rain for 3 days and had flooded everything out.

The worst accident that occurred during his teaching career was when he taught in Winner. A girl was using a thistle tube with sulfuric acid when she rammed the thistle tube into her hand. Mr. Ruzick told her to go to the hospital. After three weeks passed the girl returned to school with her arm red from blood poisoning. Mr. Ruzick is quite pleased with his safety record at Riggs, since nothing serious has happened other than the burned nylons, stained pants and shirts, tarnished rings.

HUNTING IN CANADA

Mr. Ruzick is planning to do some serious hunting next year up in Canada. He plans to hunt caribu and moose and plans some fishing also. He is looking forward to refinishing his antiques, cleaning up his bottles which date back to 1780. When his wife retires from teaching, they are planning to move to Spearfish to be closer to both of their parents.

HE WILL BE MISSED

Mr. Ruzick will be missed -- for his lectures given on nuclear energy and uranium which also featured the atomic bomb principle. -- for the names he gave to the students such as "love", "son", -- for all the "fat twilas" he loved to write on the blackboard for his "bright" students.

-- for the tests taken on valences. -- for diagramming elements using the electron dot method, -- for diagramming the ethyl-methyl compounds. -- for his experiments with H₂S, NO, and for the infamous five week and two day experiment.



Quill and Scroll initiates from left, standing, Michelle Schneider, Tim Stocking, Judy M. Smith, Cindy Brabander, Jill Powell, Troy Jones, Ruth Pottratz, Perry Trautner, Jody Rowen; seated, Bill Mefford, Jill Lehecka, Julie Heim, Barry Johnson, Carrie Burke and Mark Tieszen. Old members include from left Leesa Sivage, Esther Park and Steph Sommer. Not pictured Suzi Solem and Connie Bohn.

Journalists inducted into Quill and Scroll

Seventeen members were inducted into the Pierre Chapter of Quill and Scroll, the International Society for High School Journalists, at a dinner banquet held in their honor.

These members of the "Governor" and "Gumbo" staffs qualified for membership by showing outstanding journalistic talents and maintaining a grade point in the top one third of their class.

The initiates include Carrie Burke, Ruth Pottratz, Jill Powell, Michelle

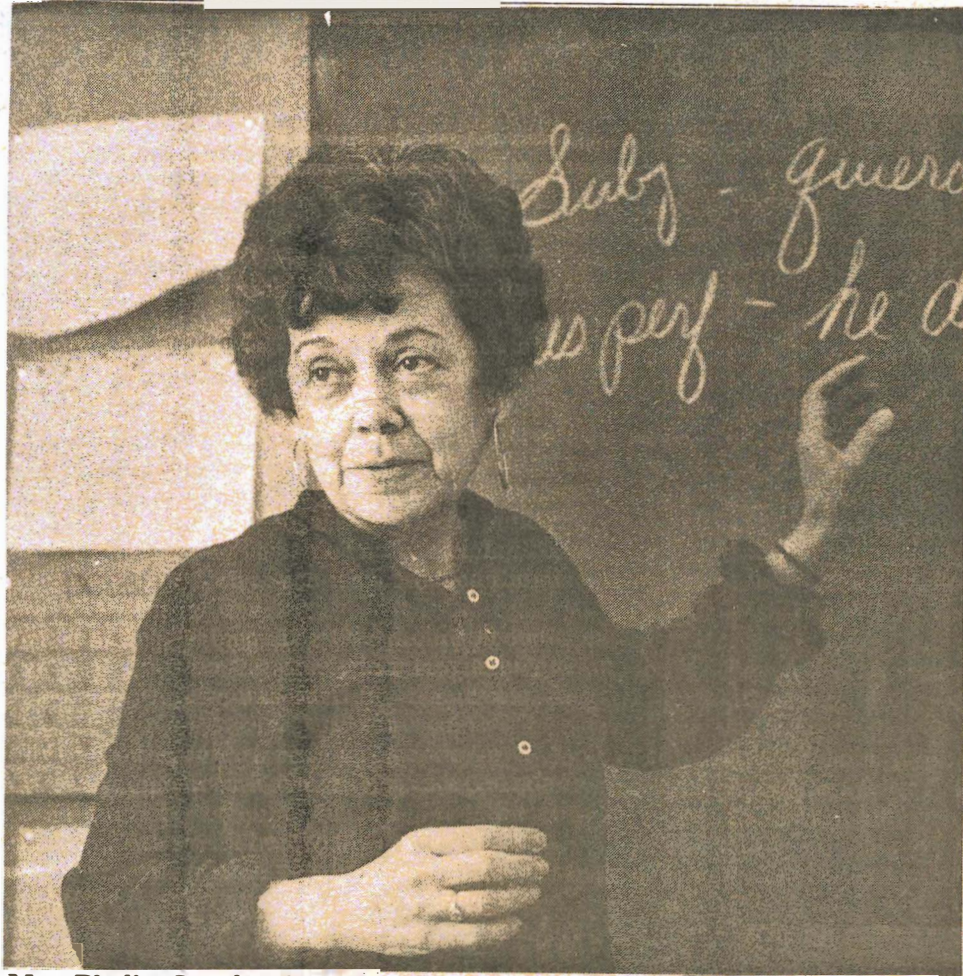
Schneider, page editors, "Governor", Suzi Solem, exchange editor, "Governor", Troy Jones, reporter, "Governor" and section editor, "Gumbo," Perry Trautner, art editor, "Governor", Tim Stocking, photographer, "Governor" and "Gumbo", Connie Bohn, Cindy Brabander, Julie Heim, Jill Lehecka, Bill Mefford, Jody Rowen, Judy E. Smith, section editors, "Gumbo", Mark Tieszen, assistant editor, "Gumbo."



Esther Park and Jim Ness have been selected as the May Students-of-the-Month by a committee of faculty members.

Esther is editor of the Gumbo and is a member of National Honor Society and Quill and Scroll. She is also active in tennis and dancing.

Jim is a past NHS president and serves as the president of the YMCA Youth Council. His athletic activities include football and basketball intramurals. (photo by Tim Stocking)



Mrs. Phyllis Leach, who is retiring this month, discusses pronunciations with her Spanish students. (photo by Mike Springer)

Leach leaves Riggs

Mrs. Phyllis Leach who has made the foreign language department a well-known part at Riggs, will end her career in May after 12 years of teaching in Pierre.

Mrs. Leach taught Spanish at all levels during her years in Pierre and has taught high school English, speech, and Spanish at other schools.

Mrs. Leach has spearheaded many major changes in the past ten years. The language department has moved from the south English wing to the north wing. A language overflow of students taking Spanish caused the addition of one more faculty member. Mrs. Leach taught at the Junior High and came up to Riggs for the afternoon classes.

For the past 6 years Mrs. Leach has arranged and sent her Spanish students to the grade schools to teach Spanish. Another change occurred last year and stirred up great controversy. The school board took Spanish I and German I out of the Junior High and moved them to Riggs and Latin I and II was moved down to the Junior High.

Mrs. Leach's devotion to her Spanish students include some time in the summer

with trips to Mexico and Spain. She arranged the trips out of a tour company from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Last year 16 students went to Mexico for 10 days.

Mrs. Leach hasn't always accompanied the students but there is always a student teacher that supervises.

She has taught 27 years. Other than in Pierre, she has been in Sioux City, Iowa, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Fort Pierre.

Mrs. Leach graduated from Winner High School and attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She is presently the State President of the Foreign Language Teachers Association. She is very active in promoting the foreign language in Pierre such as the student teaching in the grade school and also state-wide promotion.

Mrs. Leach reflects on her 12 years in Pierre and said, "I guess I could be graduating too after 12 years."

Some of her advanced Spanish students commented on her leaving by saying, "She is very interesting, and is very enthusiastic about Spanish. She is also very well-dressed." Another student said, "She must be a good teacher if she had 8 students place in a State Spanish contest out of 12 places."

Mrs. Phyllis Leach will be missed especially by her Spanish students. Through her involvement and promotion she has made foreign language a great opportunity in Pierre.

Poet enlightens Riggs writers

"The kids at Riggs don't seem as bored with being in high school as other students in schools I've visited," commented Kathleen Norris, Poet in Residence, who spent a week at Riggs High School last April.

Ms. Norris, author of a collection of poetry, "Falling Off", instructed the Poetry, Creative Writing and some American Literature classes in reading and writing free verse and other imaginative writing forms.

In commenting on her career as a poet, Ms. Norris stated that she started her career because of the encouragement of a college teacher. "I never thought I'd write poetry, but once I got started, I found I was pretty serious about it," she stated.

After attending college in Hawaii and Vermont, she moved to New York City where she lived for five years, developing her writing talents. "I liked New York -- I love big cities," she confessed. But moving to Lemmon, South Dakota to manage a family farm cooperative with her poet husband was no problem.

"I was looking forward to South Dakota and having a quiet life," she declared.

"I guess I'm an extremist. I like both small towns and big cities. I don't mind being isolated. It's good for my writing."

The one thing Ms. Norris does miss is "having friends who write and with whom my husband and I can talk about writing."

When asked about her first impression of Pierre she gave a quick answer, "The truck stop had good food."

She had been through Pierre before, but this was the first time she had the opportunity to visit for any length of time.

The week Ms. Norris taught was spent visiting the various classes and giving the students writing assignments after she had read some of her poetry and the poetry of other contemporary writers. These were informal assignments such as writing epitaphs, creating dialogue of an older person, descriptions and other topics designed to get students to be imaginative. The best of the writing from each class has been put together as a poetry anthology for members of the classes.



Mike Springer, award-winning Governor photographer, looks at a State "A" game thru the lens of his camera. (photo by Tim Stocking)

Springer achieves national awards

Mike Springer has won four awards for national achievement in photography in the 1979 Scholastic Awards contest sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company.

He won two honor awards, \$60 for black and white photos, one honor award and \$20 for a color photo. He also won honorable mention for his portfolio of 8 pictures.

This national contest attracted thousands of entries from all 50 states from which 250 of the best pictures were selected for awards.

The prize winning photos will be exhibited at the Kodak Gallery and Information Center in New York City. They will also be published in one of the Scholastic Magazine publications "Literary Cavalcade" or "Voice".

Some of the work Mike submitted was on display at the school art show last week.

Trautner, Springer place in journalism contest

Two members of the "Governor" staff took top honors in the 1979 South Dakota High School Journalism Associations Spring Writing Contest in the writing and photography divisions. A total of 576 entries were submitted from schools all over South Dakota.

Perry Trautner took first place out of 59 entries in the sportswriting division for his snake story, "They Do It For Fun" in the November issue. For his interview of Charlie Hyde in the October issue, he took third place.

Perry was also on the honorable mention list for his cartoons in the

September issue. Last year, he also made honorable mention list for his cartoons.

For his picture of Debbie Bump from the play "The Importance of Being Earnest" in the November issue, Mike Springer took first place. He also earned honorable mention for his sports picture of Maxine Westall swimming underwater in the YMCA indoor pool.

The Watertown high school won top honors in the contest. Other top winners included Rapid City Central, Sioux Falls Lincoln, Sioux Falls Washington, and Yankton.



Latin students enjoyed a festive meal as they lounged in Roman surroundings at the Latin Banquet April 28.

Latin goes feast on "Eggs to Apples"

"Eggs to Apples"

Eggs began the nine course Latin banquet last week while apples finished the meal, and in between chicken, roast pig, ham and other delicacies delighted the palates of the 100 banquet goers.

Guests sat or reclined as they enjoyed the festive decorations which included a new fountain and a huge cake celebrating Rome's birthday.

Entertainment was provided by the Junior High Swing Choir which sang

the Italian National Anthem, the Senior High Swing Choir, Mrs. Mickelson on the flute and the ladies of Latin II.

Special guests, Latin students from Rapid City Douglas, recreated the first beauty pageant as their part of the evenings entertainment.

Toasts and speeches were made by Latin I and II students and, Mr. Joy Mickelson Latin Club adviser. Mark Tieszen was the Master of Ceremonies.