

# The Departure

by  
Perry Trautner

When the moon had risen, I walked to the  
End of the street. It was a dead end.  
There above the thinning Cottonwoods I  
Saw the crescent of this cold stone:  
Among the stars.

A dying leaf lies there in the gutter at  
My feet. All alone and abandoned upon the  
Changing wings of the winds. I watched it  
Flutter away.

Why is the breeze so cold? I'd like to  
know. And that scent it's carrying, I  
know it from somewhere, or, sometime.  
A breeze bathed in the hickory smoke of  
Burning leaves.

The celestial birds are flying overhead.  
The trees of summer, naked and dead,  
In the eternity of night, swept by a cold breeze.  
Not even a cricket to end the stillness.

Its getting colder. Its getting later.  
How strange it seemed today. The sun  
Didn't stay very long, and the night never  
Ends. Tomorrow the sun will be in Cancer.  
If summer dies at dawn,

Then I'll die too.....



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School election results

## McKellips wins Governors seat

Extra, Extra, Riggs High has chosen the new Governor of South Dakota, Roger McKellips, at the mock election held Monday Oct. 30.

Roger McKellips and Billie Sutton would be the newly elected governor and Lt. governor of South Dakota if the public ballot box, next Tuesday, goes as did the Riggs High mock election.

The race for governor between Republicans William Janklow and Lowell Hanson against Democrats Roger McKellips and Billie Sutton was a close one with the votes cast 234 for McKellips and 206 for Janklow.

Riggs students chose to return incumbants Larry Pressler to the U.S. Senate and James Abdnor to the House of Representatives.

Homer Harding was elected to return to the State Senate by defeating Dietrah Hieatt by 99 votes. Republican Neil Clark and Benny Gross were re-elected State Representatives over Democrat opponents Steve Nelson and Michael Wells.

Elected for state offices the school split between Democrats Arnie Stenseth and Max Gors and Republicans Alice Kundert and David Volk. All of these candidates currently live in Pierre.

Republican John "Jack" Gerken defeated incumbent George Kane 234 to 199 for Commissioner of School and Public Lands. From first district, Public Utilities Commissioner would be James Melgaard who won by a small margin of 17 votes over Ken Stofferahn.

The three County Commissioners at large were not straight party choices as one Democrat Paul Cowan won along with two Republicans Warren Hunsley and Anthony Klein.

Donald Porter, of Pierre, won the largest vote with 90% of the total vote cast for third district Justice of the Supreme Court.

Elected by a large edge to represent rural Hughes County as Oahe Conservancy Sub-District Director was Steve Thorson over his three opponents.



Past election memorabilia mix with the present as election '78 draws near.

The turn out for voting at the Riggs polls were good. Out of approximately 720 students 535 registered to vote and of those 448 showed up at the polls.

Although nearly 2/3 of the students had registered as Republican their voting indicated they voted their choice rather than by party lines. One-third of the contests went Democratic.

# Janklow throws barbs at press, colleges, pot



Gubernatorial candidate Bill Janklow expresses his views on decriminalization of pot to a group of protesters at the State Capital last summer (Springer photo)

Gubernatorial candidate William Janklow is irritated at the press for not recognizing differences between his views and those of his opponent, Roger McKellips.

"The press isn't competent enough to recognize our differences on the issues," Janklow said.

"He's a big spender, I'm not; he wanted to spend \$22 million more than the majority of the legislature did in the

last two years; I'm for a tax limitation amendment, he's not; I'm for a repeal of sales tax on food, he's not; I'm for allowing everyone in the state eligibility for membership on the Board of Regents, he's not; he's in favor of a corporate and personal income tax, I'm not."

Janklow says the Board of Regents' Resolution 21 is unfair. Resolution 21 directs presidents of each state school,

excluding USD Springfield and the School of Mines and Technology, to phase out 15 percent of their lower priority programs.

"It was proposed at a board meeting and passed," said Janklow. "No previous opportunity was given for the schools themselves to come together with a proposal or plan to eliminate duplication and promote efficiency." He said it's also unfair because it doesn't apply to all seven schools.

Will more students leave South Dakota for college because of resolution 21? "Definitely," said Janklow. "In order to secure their major, students will have to go out of state."

The candidate is concerned about the decreasing rate of college graduates in South Dakota. "Ten years ago 58 percent of all high school graduates went to college, last year 48 percent." A factor not to be overlooked is that 10 years ago the United States was at war in Vietnam. Many went to college to secure draft deferments. "South Dakota is the number one state in the nation in percentage of population that graduates from high school, and 2nd from the bottom in the nation on the percentage that graduates from college," he said.

"The problem is our schools are underutilized. I attribute this to the failure of families, schools, and the state to emphasize the importance of a college education."

Unlike his opponent, Janklow doesn't consider the high rate of young people leaving the state for employment as a very preventable problem. "Surveys show there are sufficient jobs for college graduates. People go out of state for economic reasons. Some people like to move to the cities where there's more action."

Janklow's opponent, Roger McKellips, would like to see the use of Marijuana decriminalized but not legalized. Janklow says he isn't ready to support it's decriminalization. "I won't be opposed to it when they come up with adequate testing to determine if a person is driving under the influence of marijuana so we can get them off of the roads and protect the innocent people."

The Republican said the question of why he wishes to be Governor is probably the most difficult to answer. "I look forward to the challenge," he said. "My whole adult life I've worked with people and for people. I'm willing to fight for what I believe in, and for what I represent. I like that."

## McKellips expresses concern for education

With a relaxed manner, Mr. Roger McKellips sat forward in an easy chair listening intently to hear the questions asked about his 1978 Democratic vie for the Governor of South Dakota.

McKellips, a banker from Alcester, is concerned with the value of higher and secondary education. He feels we should "promote and increase" the existing college facilities.

"The state wants seven state supported schools so that's what we'll give them," he said referring to the various attempts which have been made to consolidate state universities and colleges.

In regard to minimum competency tests for junior high and high school students, designed to show proof of basic skills, the Democratic gubernatorial nominee replied, "We must be very careful with that sort of

testing." He continued, "Maybe we should have a testing of teachers by professionals rather than so much testing of students." He explained this by saying, "Some teachers teach their class so the students can pass their tests."

When asked about his stand on the decriminalization of marijuana, the silver haired Senator from Union County answered, "It's not fair to wreck a young person's record for one count of possession of marijuana."

McKellips commented that his statement made on marijuana at SDSU last weekend was, "A direct question for my personal opinion."

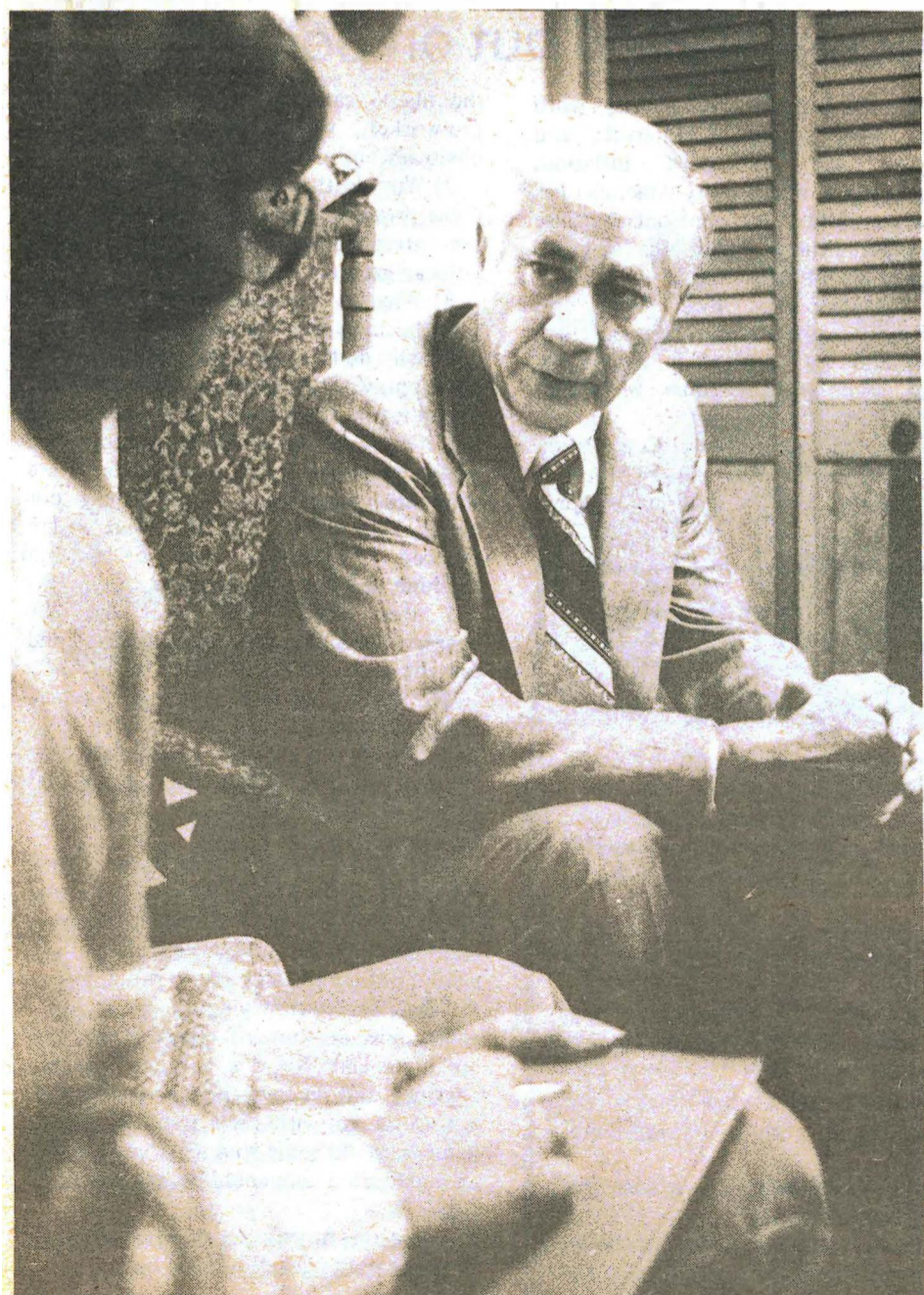
Marijuana is not one of the Democratic nominee's platform issues. "It was one of those things the press got ahold of and played it big," he charged.

As a leader in Alcester, McKellips has much contact with South Dakota farmers through loans. Then too his community service giving him a varied interest background.

Named Outstanding Freshman Legislator in 1977, the Democrat presented himself with an air of natural confidence and openness.

Mr. Roger McKellips and his family of 14 including wife Wilma, children and grandchildren, have proven themselves to be a typical South Dakota family.

Making up the Democratic slate along with McKellips is his rancher running mate, a Senator from Bonesteel in Gregory County, Billie Sutton.



Roger McKellips talks politics with a Governor reporter. (Mike Springer photo)

## Majority at Riggs register Republican

Five hundred and thirty-five Riggs High students registered and were eligible to vote in Monday's mock election.

Juniors showed they were the most concerned with politics as 85% of the class registered. 74% of the seniors registered. The sophomores had the lowest percentage as 69% of the class registered. In all cases registration was above the state and national levels.

The Republican Party captured 285 students while 155 registered Democratic, which indicates that the school has strong Republican convictions.

## Tabulations show how they voted

### RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS

**U.S. SENATOR**  
Don Barnett ..... 130  
Larry Pressler ..... 305

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FROM SECOND DISTRICT**  
Bob Samuelson ..... 129  
James Abdnor ..... 310

**GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR**  
McKellips-Sutton ..... 234  
Janklow-Hansen ..... 206

**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
Saundra Meyer ..... 121  
Alice Kundert ..... 315

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
Max Gors ..... 248  
Mark Meierhenry ..... 191

**STATE AUDITOR**  
Arnie Stenseth ..... 229  
Vern Larson ..... 215

**STATE TREASURER**  
Mary Long ..... 118  
David Volk ..... 319

**COMMISSIONER OF SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LANDS**  
George Kane ..... 199  
John Gerken ..... 234

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONER**  
Ken Stofferahn ..... 192  
James Melgaard ..... 215

**STATE SENATOR -- District 22**  
Dietrah Hiatt ..... 171  
Homer Harding ..... 270

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
Steve Nelson ..... 142  
Michael Wells ..... 111  
Neil Clarke ..... 305  
Benny J. Gross ..... 260

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
Paul Cowan ..... 229  
Keith Garber ..... 204  
Gladys Curran ..... 105  
Warren Hunsley ..... 245  
Richard Carter ..... 181  
Anthony Klein ..... 243

**SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 3rd District**  
Donald J. Porter ..... 387  
Jon Fosheim ..... 43

**OAHE CONSERVANCY SUB-DISTRICT DIRECTOR**  
Curtis Johnson ..... 86  
Steve Thorson ..... 179  
Kenneth Marsh ..... 85  
Ed Niece ..... 50

# Editorials

## Anti-obscenity bill challenged

Editor's note: Part of the information in this article is from the Pierre FACT Association and Mr. Paul Harens.

If the initiated measure No. 3 were passed, you could be fined \$1,000 and put in jail up to one year, just by lending a friend a book from your private library if he turned it into the police because he considered that it contained obscene material.

Schools would definitely be hurt by this bill because teachers would have to eliminate many classics, such as Canterbury Tales, some of Shakespeare's plays, and Catcher in the Rye, just to name a few. There is even more question about passages from the Bible.

Public libraries will have the same problem only more so, because of the larger number and variety of the books which they have on the shelves.

Community theatres could be put out of business because works of a playwrights like Neal Simon, Tennessee Williams, and Shakespeare, could fall under the obscenity definition.

Should we pass a law which raises serious constitutional questions? South Dakota presently has laws which limit the sale of obscene materials to minors and which protects children from being used in books, motion pictures and movies, that are obscene in character. There are also federal statutes protecting the public from obscene materials.

This law was written for Tennessee and South Dakota received the rough draft of that law. Petitions were primarily passed around by members of the clergy who urged the signing because it was "ANTI-OBSCENITY." Many people signed it not knowing what it was, never having seen it.

We believe the anti-obscenity bill is unconstitutional. People are not forced to attend plays and movies or to read books so there is no need to legislate absolute control of these media.

If organizations such as the SD Press Association, SDEA, SD Theatre Association, SD Bar Association, SD Methodist Congress, and the SD Library Association are against it, they must believe that the bill is not adequate to control the obscenity problem.

We need to look further for a method of controlling obscenity in South Dakota.

## State-wide school activities noted

Fall is a busy time of year in schools throughout South Dakota and the United States. Activities similar to those going on at Riggs, in addition to some not so common around here, are making the news in other school papers received in our exchange program.

Sheri Kirley, who now attends Stevens High, Rapid City, is a page editor on the Raider Generation Staff and had a by-line in the first issue of the paper. -- Huron High School also watched the play, "Jim

Thorpe: All American." -- Davis High School in California has adopted the Hart Bill. Starting with the graduating class of '81, they will be administering standardized competency tests to measure

basic skills the students have learned. -- Sioux Falls Washington Orange and Black has switched to the same style paper as "The Governor." They also put their first

issue together upside down! -- Rapid City Central has broken tradition this year. They included a homecoming king in their R-Day activities for the first time in the history of the school. -- Cobbler seniors buried a time capsule. Keep an eye out in

The Governor for news on the subject of a time capsule. -- Homecoming activities around the state include watermelon feeds, barbeques, Nerd Day, Hush Day, snake dances, and formal dances after the game. -- Karen Paige, former Riggs High Student is a member of the Pine Needle Staff at Rapid City Central.

## Day honors Veterans

A loud whistle blasts through the air as the morning sun rises. It is the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month. The day is Veterans Day.

What comes to your mind when you hear this mournful siren?

Ask anyone over 50 years of age this question, and they'll tell you about the moment of silence that fell over the land as people showed gratitude for the end of a war that was fought to end all wars. They'll also talk about the parades that passed through crowded streets where children marched, waving the U.S. flag, and people cried and laughed at the same time.

But as you progress to younger people, apathy towards this national holiday becomes apparent. To the younger generation, Veterans Day is just a free day from school or work, time off for fun.

Veterans Day is all of these, but it's also much, much more. November 11th in 1918 was the day that peace was declared throughout the world. It was the day when fighting ceased and the boys returned home.

This holiday was established in 1926 as Armistice Day, commemorating the armistice that ended World War I. It was renamed Veterans Day in 1954 to honor the veterans of World War II and Korea also.

Soldiers, sailors and marines have protected our country and made it what it is today, fighting and sometimes dying, so that we could live in peace.

Veterans Day is much more than just any other day. So when the whistle blows on the 11th hour, 11th day of the 11th month, pause and consider these brave men, our veterans.

Ruth Pottratz

## Fans express loyalty to Govs

We've come a long way with you this season Governors and we're really proud of our successful football and cross country teams. You've shown us how to win, and yes, how to be gracious losers. In the hearts of the fans you're still No. 1.

You've proven to yourselves and to us that if you have faith and confidence in yourselves you can succeed.

The teams started the year on a positive note. Everyone is fired up so let's carry that optimism through the rest of the sports year.

Congratulations to the football and cross country teams on your great season.

The Governor staff

## Letters to the Editor

### Readers review band issues

To the Students of Riggs High:

Dear Editor and Staff:

Since the beginning of the school year, the Student Council has been discussing the issue of school dances. I feel we have reached a good conclusion. Instead of paying \$300 to \$500 for a live band, we can hire a disco unit for \$150 to \$250.

Everybody knows that if we spend as little as \$300 for a band that is not very good, we will not have a good turn out, not only because of the band, but also because of the price we would have to charge for admission. If we go up to \$500, the band would be good, but our admission would have to be considerably higher so fewer students would attend.

With a disco unit, we will get all the lights we want, low admission costs, long hours (they don't take breaks), and they play any kind of music we want.

We know of three discos now that we can get, but this is for you, the student body to decide. Contact your Student Council commissioner or see Mayor Badger or me with any suggestions you have about school dances for this year.

Dan Rounds,  
vice-mayor

On behalf of the members of the Sully Buttes High School Band, I must protest a portion of an article published in your paper, which reads as follows, "According to one Aberdeen area radio commentator, the Pierre Band looked very sharp, reaching the mark of excellence and clearly outshone the number one ranked Sully Buttes Band."

I could agree that the Pierre Band looked sharp. However, I would not place a great deal of confidence in the abilities of an Aberdeen area radio commentator to judge the quality of a marching band performance. Loyalty to ones fellow students is commendable, but the above statement sounds like sour grapes. The Sully Buttes Band consists of students from grades 7-12. The Pierre Band of students grade 10-12. Sully Buttes High School has 180 students grade 9-12; Riggs High School 700-750, grades 10-12. Perhaps it is difficult to be gracious losers under those circumstances.

The Sully Buttes Band earned their title through hard work and the decision was made by the marching band judges. "Fair and Square!"

Coleta Jones

Sully Buttes HS Principal

## Student speaks out on politics

Politics (it sounds like a dirty word because with it comes Watergate and Koreagate but so does Inflation, Unemployment, which every American has the responsibility to confront because nothing else in this free nation has so much bearing on his future.

For many years I've taken this responsibility on. I have read, watched, listened and got involved in campaigns. Then I asked myself some very vital questions such as:

1) Why does the Trilateral Commission (an organization consisting of the 50 largest corporations in America) support

the liberal candidates, who claim to be pro-worker, when this commission is obviously anti-worker?

2) Why do they legislate tax reform that takes pressure off the poor but puts it on the enterprising middle class which means you can get so far but no farther?

3) Why do they regulate (ie OSHA) the small business man out of business?

4) Why do they drive the small farmer to bankruptcy in the name of the consumer?

I interpret the answers as an attempt to make everyone so reliant on corporations or the government that these "leaders" are soon so powerful as to determine our wages, how we live and then what we are reduced to intricate parts of well-run machine and this no longer free.

I then said, "But what are the conservatories doing to prevent this?" and saw the answer in many ways like:

1) Their support of the small businessmen

2) Their support of the middle class through the Kemp-Roth tax cut bill that would give these Americans the greatest relief.

3) and most important, their decentralization of government attitudes because a Sen. from N.Y. should not vote on farm policy and a Rep. from S.D. should not try to solve ghetto problems.

What I've been trying to say is every voter must ask himself questions he feels are important. Since a politician can say anything and do something very different, you must go with their track record. A voter must do some soul searching because an uneducated vote could be worse than no vote.

Come on Americans, don't abuse your most valuable right, the ballot box.

Troy Jones

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

# Late 19th century England sets fall play

English ladies in ruffled gowns and gentlemen with top hats will greet the audience when Riggs High presents "The Importance of Being Earnest" on November 14, 16, 17 and 18 in the Riggs chorus room.

Since the play, by Oscar Wilde, is set in late 19th century England, authentic

dress, furniture and props will be used to create the proper British atmosphere.

Costumes have been ordered from Eaves Costume Company of New York.

Most of the period furniture and detailed props have been found by the technical and prop crews. However, a tea table, an antique table, a tea tray,

and a salver are still needed, according to tech director Carla Bates and props director Kristi Smalley.

The plot of the comedy, directed by Ms. Bormann, involves John Worthing (Mike Wollman) and his friend, Algernon Moncrieff (Neal Thompson). They have the peculiar hobby of "Bunburying" - pretending to be two different people.

This hobby causes interesting interactions among the other characters: Cecily Cardew, Mr. Worthing's young and pretty ward (Greta Hesse), Lady Bracknell, a snobbish old lady (Carla Bates), Gwendolyn Fairfax, her daughter (Debbie Bump), Miss Prism, Cecily's prim governess (Cara Snyder), Rev. Canon Chasuble (Jeff Crowell), Merriman, Mr. Worthing's butler (Tim Hanson), and Lane, Mr. Moncrieff's man-servant (Murray Schatz).

Understudies are: Peter Hesse for Mr. Worthing, Merriman, and Lane; Tim Hanson for Rev. Chasuble; Murray Schatz for Algernon Moncrieff; Sharon Swan for Miss Prism; Karen Krogstad for Cecily Cardew; LeShea Kempf for Gwendolyn Fairfax.



The cast of "The Importance of Being Earnest" practices their English snobbery which they will portray in the play Nov. 14-18, from the left: Carla Bates, Neal Thompson, Greta Hesse, Debbie Bump, Mike Wollman, Cara Snyder, Jeff Crowell.

## Debate season opens in Pierre

The debate season will officially start with the Pierre Invitational to be held during the Veteran's Day holiday Nov. 10-11, at Riggs and the Junior High School buildings.

The formal debate topic is: Resolved: That the Federal Government should establish a comprehensive program to significantly increase the energy independence of the United States.

Varsity debate team members are Troy Jones and Mark Tieszen. The JV squad members are Bill May, Cesar Zakahi, Glen Carr, Cara Snyder, Kari Deyo, Wade Pogany, Kurt Bohn, and Russ Janklow.

The novice team consists of Mark Garrigan, Brian Pogany, Loren Hosman, Jan Hauk, Leslie Dennett, Kristy Hudecek, DeeDee Bott and Cyndy Wilner.

Paul Harens, who coaches the debate program for Pierre, is in his sixth year as varsity and junior varsity coach. Terry Peterson, who is beginning his third year of forensic work in Pierre, will again coach the novice teams.

## Kane enters state leadership contest

Lanette Kane has won the 1978 Century III Leaders Scholarship competition at Riggs.

She is now eligible to compete with other high school seniors throughout South Dakota for two \$1,500 scholarships, two \$500 scholarships, and also for a \$10,000 national scholarship that will be awarded in a conference of state winners in historic colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

Lanette triumphed in the local phase of the Century III Leaders program, a scholarship competition which emphasizes the future concerns of America. Students were judged on the basis of their leadership abilities, community involvement and score on a current events examination. To compete at the state level, Lanette must now write a brief projection outlining what she thinks is one of America's future challenges and how it should be met.

Runners-up in the competition at Riggs High School were Tim Stocking and Leesa Sivage.

## Wever back on the Riggs staff

Mrs. Debbie Wever is back on the Riggs High staff. For those who did not realize that she had been gone, Mrs. Wever was one of the office secretaries until after Christmas last year.

Mrs. Wever and her family moved to Ft. Leavenworth, Texas while Mr. Wever attended Command and General Staff College for five and a half months. After his schooling ended in May, they returned to Pierre.

Not being granted a leave of absence, Mrs. Wever had resigned from her job as office secretary.

Mrs. Judy Larson the previous secretary of this school year moved to be employed at Pierre National Bank. This gave Mrs. Wever the opportunity to be rehired.

She came back on Oct. 2, 1978, where she joined Mrs. Pat Wendt in managing the school office affairs. She said she is happy to be a part once again of Riggs High School.

## All State Musicians head to Rapid City

Twelve vocalists and one instrumentalist won the opportunity to participate in this year's All State Chorus and Orchestra in Rapid City this weekend.

The All-State musicians will be joining the more than 1,000 students in the two day event which will conclude with a public concert on Saturday evening in the Rushmore Civic Center.

Dr. Bruce Lunkly, chairman of the music department at Austin College, Sherman, Texas will lead the 1978 Chorus in their seven songs. One number will be sung in German. The chorus and orchestra

will combine to do one number, "Memorials."

Vocalists selected for the chorus include, Tenors -- Murray Schatz, Peter Hesse, Andy Barden; Bass -- Jim Merkle,

Mike Wollman, Darrell Hartman; Altos -- Kristi Smalley, Melodie Schwaderer, Anne Jones; Sopranos -- Kristi Wollman, Paula Rivoire, Dena Vieth. The alternates are Bill Mefford, Jim Irvine, Tara Baker and Nanette Echols.

Jeannine has been a student of Mrs. Eloise Hayes for several years. This is her second year as in the All-State orchestra. Even though she has no chance to practice

with an orchestra, she was able to pass her audition successfully.

Guest conductor for the Orchestra is Dr. William Jones of the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies, Minneapolis.

Miss Jeannie Campbell, vocal instructor, will accompany the group to Rapid City.



Chosen from Riggs to attend this year's All-State Chorus in Rapid City Nov. 4-5 are, from the left: Nanette Echols, Jim Merkle, Andy Barden, Mike Wollman, Murray Schatz, Kristi Smalley, Paula Rivoire, Director Miss Campbell, Darrell Hartmann, Kristi Wollman, Tara Barker, Peter Hesse; seated, Anne Jones, Melody Schwaderer.

## Energy dilemma subject of faculty workshop

"How to attack the Energy Dilemma" is the subject of the Energy Education Conference which the school faculty will attend Thursday afternoon and evening.

The workshop will focus on the energy dilemma, wise and efficient use of resources, and how the school will play a major part in determining the success of the program. This conference is designed to prepare S.D. educators to

take a positive first step in meeting the energy challenge.

A film, "A Thousand Suns" a lyrically photographed essay arguing that U.S. culture based on overconsumption and waste, is squandering the world's energy resources, will be shown during the conference.

An evening program is planned for the community that night at 7:30 at Riggs High School.



Jeannine Harner, violin student of Mrs. Eloise Hayes, has won a place in the All-State Orchestra for the second consecutive year.

## Oral Interp winners to compete at Miller

Seven Riggs students qualified for the Sectional Oral Interpretation contest, Nov. 6 at Miller, by winning the local elimination contest at Riggs Monday night.

With the oration "My Hotshot Driving Ruined A Girl's Life," Neil Thompson received a "superior" rating in the dramatic prose category.

A poem, "The Ballad of Reading Goal" qualified Debbie Bump in the poetry category.

"My Marybelle" was Kristi Christenson's theme in the department of humor.

Duet actors Bill Mefford and Mary Monlux presented Neil Simon's "Star Spangled Girl" to win that category.

Cara Snyder won in the dramatic drama category with "Ann of a Thousand Days."

Brit Brancel's oration on driving safety qualified him in the oratory division.

Eighteen students participated in the elimination round under declam instructor Mrs. MacNally's guidance.



Would you believe . . .

## They do it for fun

Story by  
Perry Trautner

Photos by  
Mike Springer

Although the day was relatively cool, sweat still gathered on my forehead in the form of glistening beads. The hillside on which we stood was steep and the air was still. Ahead of me, my dad was moving slowly through the thick straw-weed, cautiously planning each step. Suddenly, a distinct buzzing noise pierced the silence in front of him. "I got one," he cried as he raised his hoe and began chopping at the snake.

As I came over to assist, I heard a slight thudding noise resound off the side of my left boot. Looking down, a rattler lay coiled in defense preparing to strike again. I yanked my foot away and fired a burst into its sinister presence, killing it on the spot. Only then did I realize that I had stepped on the snake. My dad stood only a foot or two away, still hacking at the first snake. As I neared him, I surveyed the area where I was about to step. I hesitated. Looking to my right, I saw it. Curled up like a corkscrew a foot and a half behind my dad's right foot, a 3 foot 9 inch Prairie Rattler was preparing to administer a dose of venom lest my dad should move. I froze for a second or two, then said, "Don't move, Dad. Don't move!" I raised my four-ten and pulled the trigger. The buckshot scattered the greenish-yellow body into the dirt. My legs became weak and I shuddered a bit after that.

On this particular day alone, Ted Lautenschlager, my dad and I killed 16 rattlesnakes, the largest number we've ever tallied in a single day. It was also my most exciting and dangerous snake hunting experience to date.

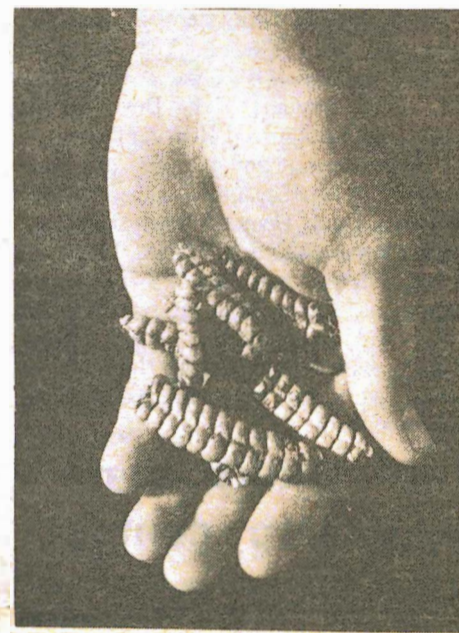
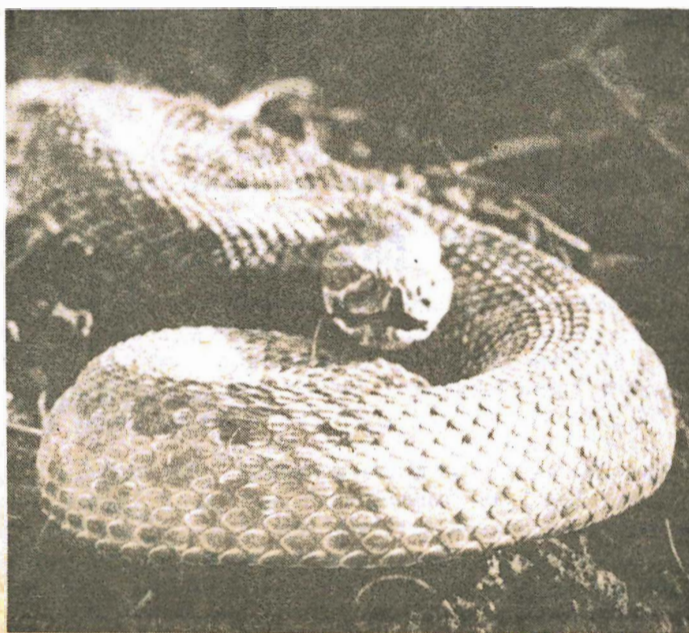
South Dakota has abundant wildlife

when it comes to hunting in the fall. But probably the least known type of wildlife in terms of hunting are the rattlesnakes.

Rattlesnake hunting has probably been going on since the first settlers came to Dakota Territory. However, it wasn't until the early 1950's that snake hunting became organized. During this time, Pierre was expanding outward into areas where rattlesnakes were numerous. Problems began developing as construction workers came across these snake dens. As a matter of fact, Riggs High School is sitting on what was once a "thriving rattlesnake den."

In order to eliminate the problem created by the snakes, the State Department of Agriculture employed rattlesnake eradicators. These men went out in search of rattlesnake dens and then they killed as many snakes as possible.

Charlie Hyde and his brother Franklin became a very important part of this procedure since both had been hunting rattlesnakes for nearly 50 years prior to



question is, why hunt rattlesnakes? I hunt them because of the risk involved, the challenge, and above all, the excitement, many of the same reasons that people hunt deer. It's the same with rattlesnakes.

Sure it's easy to walk up to a rattlesnake and blow it away with a shotgun. But the point is, you don't just walk up to a rattler. You have to remember that you're in their domain, a place where no one but the snake belongs.

Although there really is no such thing as a rattlesnake hunting season, there is a time when it is best to hunt them. In September and October when the nights start reaching the 30 degree mark, the snakes begin moving back toward their dens where they'll hibernate during winter. Later, if there is a streak of days where the temperature reaches into the 60's or 70's, then the snakes will be laying out in the sun near their dens.

A rattlesnake den is nothing more than a large crack or series of cracks in the ground where erosion has formed an

south of Pierre along the Bad River called the Cow Camp Creek den, and one located to the southwest on Clayton Sonnenschein's land. Out of the 39 rattlesnakes we've killed this fall, 24 of them are from Sonnenschein's den. Clayton is quite pleased about this since his house is a mere 400 to 500 yards from the den itself.

The Prairie Rattler is of course poisonous and deadly if treatment is not immediate. The most dangerous and difficult part of hunting them is spotting them. Their color blends in so well with their habitat that it's often impossible to see them unless they move. They won't always give you a warning with that well-known rattle.

The rattlesnake acts out of instinct and the hunter must also. After hunting them long enough, you seem to develop a sixth sense. You can almost sense their presence even before you actually see one. In essence, you have to become a rattlesnake to hunt one.

When a snake is spotted, the other members of your hunting party should know about it. After the snake has been shot, we cut off the rattles for our collection. It's also wise to make sure the coast is clear before you bend down to cut the rattles off. Rattlesnakes can still inflict a deadly poisonous bite, even when it's head is severed from the rest of its body.

Over the past years, my father, my brother, and I have taken many friends along with us on such hunts. All of them agree that it's pretty hairy at first but that it's a valuable experience. Several years ago, Mr. Bob Judson, Biology teacher, went with us on a hunt. Rattlesnakes were all over. While standing amidst a large group of dens, he seemed to tremble slightly as he mumbled, "I don't hunt rattlesnakes, I just teach about 'em!"

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*"Don't move, Dad. Don't move!" I raised my four-ten and pulled the trigger. The buckshot scattered the greenish-yellow body into the dirt. My legs became weak and I shuddered a bit after that.*

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the start of the eradication program.

Mr. Hyde has been hunting snakes for nearly 75 years, the last 20 with my father. The very first time my dad took me, I wanted no part of it. My legs lost out over fear most of the time. But as Autumn came and went each year, I became much more interested in the challenge.

Probably the most frequently asked

opening. There are probably hundreds of these dens within the miles and miles of prairie surrounding Pierre. It's just a matter of finding them.

There are four dens in the area around Pierre where we hunt. The first den is located off Highway 34 east of Pierre. This is called the DeGrey den. There is one out on the reservoir above the dam called the Robinson den, one 26 miles

## Govs go out with style

It could have gone either way.

Any one of the several busloads of people who traveled to Huron for last week's football game would agree, the game wasn't decided until the final buzzer sounded. Huron 14, Pierre 12.

"I think we performed up to the expectations of a championship game," said Coach Bozied. "I also think Huron played a good football game."

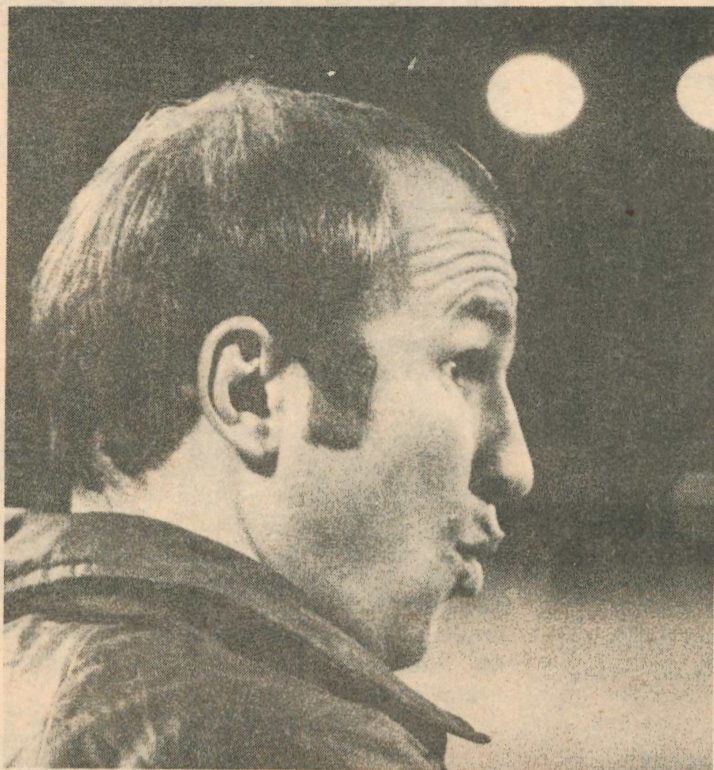
"I think we played a very good defensive ball game. We limited them to about 150 yards and we out-gained them offensively."

The Governors passed much more than they had in other games. They completed three of eight. "We felt they were going to stack their defense the way other teams have, so we threw the ball," said Bozied. The season average was about two attempts per game.

"I don't think one football game determines the season. It takes an awful lot to win eight games in a row," continued the coach. "The coaching staff is really proud of the boys."

"I'm looking forward to next year already," exclaimed Bozied. "It looks like we could be very good. We have a good nucleus coming back and an awfully good crop of sophomores.

Fourteen seniors will graduate. "Obviously we had an exceptional senior class, especially their attitude. They're really going to be missed."



*'Wow!'*

Coach Bozied appears impressed by Tim Smith's performance in Huron.



(Photos by Mike Springer)

## Sideline Views

by Mike Springer

Members of the South Dakota High School Activities Association had good reasons for rejecting a proposed amendment to allow football playoffs last winter.

This year, now that the Governors are one of the top teams in the state, the issue is rekindling locally even though a playoff amendment wasn't proposed during the fall meeting of the SDHSAA. For this reason, it might be a good idea to review the disadvantages of a football playoff system in South Dakota.

Most playoff supporters say, "Why not? Every other high school sport has a state tournament." Since football is a very physical sport, one team cannot play several games in one week. Therefore, playoffs would have to be conducted during two or three weekends.

Travelers insurance rates football as the most dangerous sport. Some charge that lengthening the season could further jeopardize the health of the players.

Playoffs would place added pressure on the players. Superintendent Darwin Tessier, in a list of Administrative concerns, said, "Several conference champions around the state are good. Most people can wear that championship letter. After all, isn't the purpose of our programs to serve many rather than a few? Tessier charges that playoffs would cause high school football to become too professionalized, overlooking the sport's "educational reason for being in the curriculum."

Most football players participate in basketball or wrestling. Playoffs would overlap other seasons. "Football is a tough grind," said Athletic Director Phil Trautner. "They need that break between seasons to get their heads together and start thinking about school."

Teams would have to give up at least one game to allow the top teams to have their playoffs.

School administrators are also concerned with the imbalance of sports offered for boys and girls. "Let us devote our time and attention to equalizing rather than expanding," said Tessier. Mr. Lonbaken added, "With all the concern for money, there will be more emphasis on reducing programs rather than increasing them." Football is already the most expensive school sport.

Weather is another factor. The nearly completed Dakota Dome is a possible solution but the travel involved would be difficult. Especially for two or three consecutive weekends.

"There would be many problems in deciding what teams would be eligible," said Mr. Trautner. "Sioux Falls teams play in the Sioux Interstate Conference and Rapid City Schools are independent."

Mr. Trautner also warned that if a playoff system was set up for AA schools, A and B league schools would want playoffs also.

Playoff supporters claim that since neighboring states have football playoffs, we should too. According to Tessier, Nebraska has had financial difficulties with their playoff program. Governor coach Bob Bozied coached in Laurel, Nebraska one year before coming to Pierre. "I think the playoff system has worked rather smoothly for them." However, Bozied also noted that Nebraska's system has changed every year.

Mr. Tessier concluded that "When you consider football educationally, financially, and medically it's difficult to justify playoffs."

## Ladies have pride

"Lady Governor's Pride" has been put to the test as the girls find themselves with only one ESD win thus far this season. And only a few games left in their conference schedule.

The cagers' win came in an away game against Madison.

"Our game has really come along in the last few games," quoted one player, "this doesn't make losing fun, but it sure makes it easier. And most important, we're not ones to give up."

### Harriers finish

### sixth in State AA

Cross Country Coach Larry Lundeen called this year's boys team the best ever.

"We had good senior leadership," he said. "If you don't have good seniors to push the pace, then it's hard for everyone to bring their times down." The coach said this season has been the first with five "real good kids," he continued. "In the past we've had about three."

Both girls and boys teams finished sixth in the state AA meet in Huron last Saturday.

"Everyone ran as we expected except Jerry Whipple, who ran into a post and didn't finish in the top ten." Whipple bruised his hip in the mishap.

The Lady Govs were limited by numerous setbacks this year. In the previous two seasons they finished 2nd in the state.

"We lost one of our top runners (Rhonda Pier moved to Huron) and we suffered from injuries and illnesses. They came back and performed well at state," continued Lundeen. "None of the girls will graduate so if they all come back we could be at the top of the heap again next year." The boys team, however will be rebuilding. Four of the starting five are seniors.

The girls will need their "stick-to-it-ness" for the five contests in the next few weeks. Two of the games will be against the always favored Yankton Gazelles and the strong Brookings team. Also left to play are the Winner Warriors, one of the four teams Pierre will play at Sectionals. The other two, Aberdeen and Mitchell, will also offer a challenge to the team.

Mention should be made of the outstanding Lady Gov Sophs, owners of a 11-1 season. Their loss coming from Watertown in the season opener. These girls travel with the varsity squad which also brings them against the state's toughest competition.

The Section VI playoffs for this season will be held in Pierre - Todd Co., and Miller - Winner as first game match ups. The winner of this tourney decides the representative for the state tournament held this year in Rapid City. The Pierre girls are Section VI title defenders.



Karen McDonald "Mixes it up" with a Huron player in Saturday's home game. (See story.)

# Reflections of the 1978 Homecoming Week



"Smoke the Kernals," a sophomore float depicting a giant Governor puffing on some Kernals, received two awards -- "Best of Parade" and "Spirit of the day."



Proving again that action speaks louder than words, the Hilaritarians, directed by Ms. Louise Bormann, added their spirit to Thursday night's Coronation and Friday's pep assembly.



Punishment was meted out to those unlucky few who failed to please the "Establishment" during Homecoming week. Senior Jane Thorne and underclassman Teri Lautenschlager demonstrate "Crime and Punishment" Homecoming style as Senior President Barry Johnson shows his hearty approval.

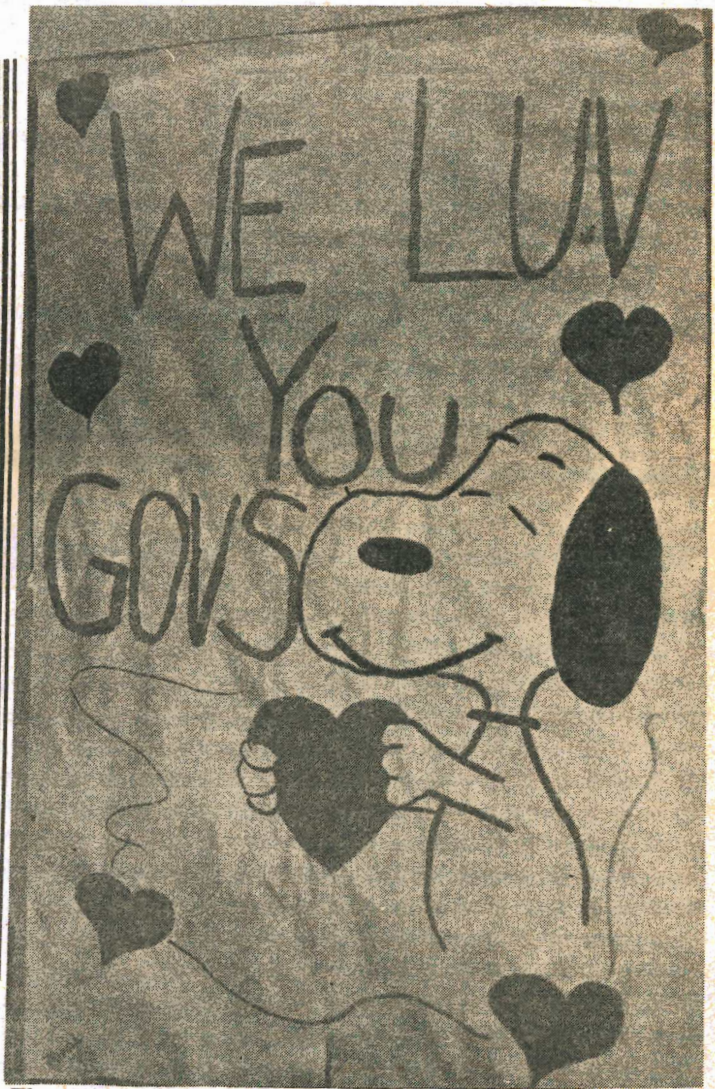
The tremendous spirit that encouraged the Govs to a homecoming game victory had been building all week with new and traditional activities that involved the whole school.

Homecoming royalty crowned at coronation Thursday night were Marshall Tim Flannery and Queen Crystal Hall. The Minnesosho Grand March was led by the football cheerleaders, who continued to lead cheers as the crowd moved to the Riggs parking lot to watch PHS burn silently in the night.

Clever floats and marching bands along with the high school flag corps and drill team marched in the annual parade, displaying the effort put forth by the student body to show their support.

Other spirit boosters included a tug-o-war between the three high school classes won by the Sophomores, marking the trail to Hollister Field, dress-up days, the Hilaritarians, painted store windows, a spirit breakfast and a victory dance after the game.

The weather cooperated perfectly and the team continued their winning streak, helping to make this years homecoming an event all will remember.



The mutual feeling at Riggs in 1978.



Portraying the three Angels, Voluptuous Judson, Sensuous Hillstead and Pulchritudinous Bozied arouse school enthusiasm at the pep assembly.



Decked out in bobby socks, red lips, slicked hair and sunglasses, Stephanie Sommer, Judy Smith, Laura Thomas, Kristi Christenson, Jane Thorne, Cathy Bohn and Shane Cowan take a ride in style on Slicker Day.

# President meets Ford

'It is hard to explain how grateful I feel to have had the opportunity to meet former President Gerald Ford.'

As chairman of the South Dakota Teen-Age Republicans, I was invited to attend the President Ford luncheon-reception in Rapid City, Oct. 12. Needless to say, I accepted the invitation.

The planned activities for the day included a press conference, reception, and luncheon, all held in the Alex Johnson Hotel.

In the lobby of the hotel, a crowd had gathered to welcome Mr. Ford, by the time I arrived. I was beginning to feel extremely anxious when I realized what really was happening.

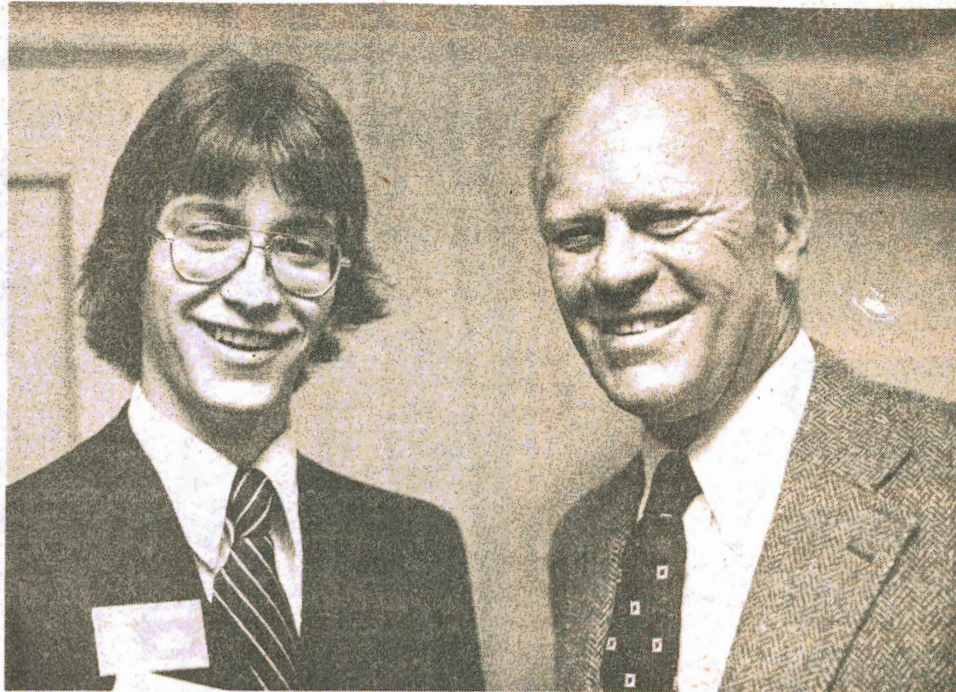
When Ford arrived, I was awed. It is a little out of the ordinary for a high school student like me to be ten feet from a former President of the United States.

He was escorted up to the press conference and those 50 or so of us with little white nametags were led into the "Gold Room" to await Gerald Ford at the reception.

I felt, to say the least, "out of place," at the reception. All around me were big name South Dakota Republicans all with the same goal -- to shake former President Ford's hand. When he entered the room, I relaxed and he began greeting everyone -- not missing a soul. I just hoped he wouldn't miss me.

It all happened at once. I was introduced to him by Alice Kundert, state auditor. I shook his hand, and he said, "Keep turning out the votes like the TARS have been doing in South Dakota. You're doing a great job." Then we both looked away, and there was a flash. I hoped to myself that my jaw wasn't hanging too low in the picture, but luckily it wasn't.

As fast as it started, it was over. I went into the luncheon with my parents and heard the former President's excellent speech. I'm not sure but I think my right hand was glowing -- my hand that shook former President Gerald R. Ford's hand. I know I'm lucky, but I'm also just as grateful.



It was all smiles -- for Barry Johnson, Senior class president and State TAR Chairman, when he met former President Gerald Ford.

## 'Governor' All-State paper

The 1977-78 edition of the "Governor" was named an All-State newspaper at the South Dakota High School Press convention Oct. 7 at SDSU.

This is the fourth time in six years that the newspaper has been judged as an All-State publication.

Out of a possible 500 points, the school paper received 359 points, enough to be given top honors in the Class A-1 division for schools over 450 enrollment who publish offset papers.

The paper was judged on several items such as news and feature coverage, editorials, sports coverage, in-depth

features, columns and photography.

The front page make up and photography received the highest ratings on the critique given by the judges.

The "Governor" was cited for being "A very fine news-magazine" by the judges.

Shelly Jones and Mark Schuler were the editors last year.

Stephanie Sommer and Leesa Sivage who were page editors last year are editing this year's paper. Mike Springer, who was a staff photographer and reporter last year, is the photographer editor and sports editor this year. Other returning staff members include Jill Powell, Linda Plank, Shana Fliginger, and Michelle Schneider.

## Local TARS active as election time nears

The Hughes County Teen-Age Republicans, as well as the South Dakota TARS, are in full swing as election time rolls near.

The Hughes County TAR officers for 1978-79 are all Pierre students, including Kathy Klein, chairman, Mark Parrott vice

chairman, Barry Johnson, treasurer, and Patty Parrott, historian.

Statewide, the South Dakota Teen-Age Republicans are preparing for a statewide raffle beginning Nov. 10. Saving bonds of different values will be raffled to raise money for renting a bus to take TAR members to Washington, D.C. in June, where they will attend the TAR leadership conference.

At this conference, members and advisers will be recognized for their contributions to the organization, including naming the outstanding individual nationally, the outstanding state Federation, and outstanding TAR club adviser.

Over the past three years, South Dakota TARS has won the Outstanding State Federation award each year. They have also had three members named as Outstanding National TARS including Pat Looby a 1977 Riggs High School graduate.

## Comedy vital in U.S. history

From Ben Franklin's witty remarks to Chevy Chase's famous 'fall', comedy has played an important role in getting this country through the bad times.

The subject of comedy in the U.S. was explained and illustrated this way for several Junior High and Senior High classes last week at a slide show presentation in the Junior High gym.

"America Laughs - a 200 Year History of Humor" was shown on two screens and hosted by Tom Russ, a 24 year old native of Long Island. It was a serious look at humor narrated chiefly by Flip Wilson and Sammy Davis Jr. on the screen.

The show explained how comedy is a substitute for anger, a way to blow off steam. It is also an exaggeration so that the truth becomes obvious.

Another point made about humor stressed that the best weapon against things that frighten people is the ability to poke fun at it.

"Gentlemen, we must all hang together . . . or most assuredly we will all hang separately", proclaimed Ben Franklin, the first humorist in America.

Minstrel shows featuring white men with black faces began as a need for laughter during the Civil War. America's most popular form of entertainment, vaudeville, evolved from the minstrel shows. But as motion pictures became the popular form of entertainment, vaudeville declined.

During the depression, when life was pretty glum, Will Rogers, cowboy humorist, poked fun at the big wigs and politicians, while Charlie Chaplin watched out for the little man.

## German Club begins annual candy sale

For the fifth year German candy and Advent calendars are being sold by members of the Language Club.

Several varieties of candy will be available from any language club member as long as supplies last: Toblerone (chocolate), Kaubonbon (taffy), Lik Bits (flavored suckers), Gummibaeren (German gumdrops), Chupa Chups (Spanish Candy) and Droste (chocolate).

The profits from this annual candy sale will either go towards a language scholarship or a college trip to visit a language class, according to Mrs. Phyllis Leach, language class adviser.

The candy is being sold by the Junior High Latin Club and the Senior High Language Club.

Bob Hope gave thousands of soldiers something to laugh about during WWII.

After the war, television was born. Howdy Doody, Lucille Ball, Jackie Gleason, Milton Burle and Jack Benny entertained millions.

As technology and computers became household words, people thought things weren't really that funny anymore. Jerry Lewis tried to show the lighter side of this complex society by becoming involved in one comical mess after another.

In the future comedy will be changed by the times, but people's need to laugh will not change the show concluded.

The show was presented by the Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Huron and KGFX as part of Pepsi's 1978 National Assembly program.

## FFA delegates descend on Kansas City

Seven Riggs Students will be among the South Dakota delegation at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, Nov. 7-10.

Kathy Klein was selected to participate in the National FFA Chorus. She will leave from Sioux Falls along with all the other band and chorus members from South Dakota on Saturday for two days of rehearsal before the convention begins.

The livestock and meats team of Ray O'Day and two Riggs graduates Kevin Mellan and Marvin Schumacher qualified to

compete in the National Convention by placing first at the State Convention last April.

Next Monday, the group will travel to Sioux Falls for a day of practice and reviewing before they leave on Tuesday for Kansas City.

The five delegates chosen to attend the National event are Kim Cowan, Melody Maher, Steve Venner, Jeff Johnson and Steve Andersen. All hold offices in the Pierre Chapter. This group will depart from Riggs the morning of Nov. 7.



Riggs students selected to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City Nov. 7-14 are, from the left: Jeff Johnson, Steve Andersen, Melody Maher, Kathy Klein, Kim Cowan, seated; Ray O'Day, Steve Venner.

## Nine Riggs students attend AFS weekend

A banquet, games, a dance and a talent program were all part of the state wide AFS Weekend Oct. 14-15.

Richmond Lake Youth Camp was the site of the Ninth Annual AFS Weekend. Nine people from Pierre attended, according to Mr. Jay Mickelson, adviser. The fun-filled weekend was open to AFS students and their American families from North and South Dakota, and members of the cities of South Dakota AFS school clubs.

The program started with group discussion about problems which foreign exchange students encounter and how to solve them.

Saturday evenings program and dance were the most fun, according to many of those attending. Everyone participated with their musical or artistic talents. At the dance which followed the program, Mr. Mickelson taught the jitterbug.