

seniors

RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501
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The senior members of the Governor Staff dedicate this Senior issue to the class of '79 and their teachers.

Another year has gone by,
I sit here again
trying to reflect this past year
with the strokes of my pen.

We started nine months ago
It was barely a beginning
but already our athletes had
started their winning.

Football was first,
we "took them to town!"
Through all our games
we never looked down.

"Go for it, Govs!"
was heard from the crowd
And that's just what they did
making us darn right proud.

The boys kept the Faith
through the first part of the year,
instilling in other towns
a growing fear of Pierre.

We lost our last game
upset by that town, Huron,
but already the cogs of the
Green Machine were turning!

We switched our own record,
from one-eight to eight-one,
and our rivals soon learned
we had only begun.

Our girls pulled on through
and made it to State.
They did face a few problems
but their performance was great!
The matmen wrestled their way
to ratings which were high.
When the State match rolled around
nine were ready to "let fly!"

Four wrestlers won honors,
ending the season with pride.
And we as Governors can say
we love 'em on our side!

The climax for our athletes
started off in December
when basketball hit the courts,
if you all do remember.

Big Joe led the group
on their way to the top.
All other towns found out
it was Pierre they couldn't stop.

State "A" brought high hopes
and Green Pride filled the streets
as the whole town of Pierre
backed the team's mighty feats.

We won the State championship,
the first in many a long year;
school spirit reached its highest peak;
we were right proud to be from Pierre!

And we must remember all the other
sports,
all those throughout the year;
from golf to tennis to track and gymnastics
they, too, all hail from Pierre!

This is the Year of the Governors!
our athletes are finer than fine,
for they made all this memorable --
this year of seventy-nine!!!!

THANKS GOVERNORS!!!!!!



The Governor Staff chose a bridge to stand out on this page because it's a tradition. But we hope you can use this bridge to cross the natural boundary of the Missouri River as you head along the path of life.

(photo by Tim Stocking)

**Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.
Heb. 12:1**

Memories of senior year will always linger in our minds

In a few months we will all have gone our separate ways but the memories of our senior year will linger.

Although sports was a dominant part of our year with the outstanding performances that put Pierre on the map and made it more than a capitol town, other activities highlighted the year.

Homecoming, for once in many years was warm, and this added to the enthusiasm of the event. The crowning of Crystal and Tim had special meaning because no longer were they strangers standing up there but classmates and friends.

Plays were a major part of the year with two full-length productions plus the student directed one-acts. "The Importance of Being Ernest" gave students the opportunity to show us their British charm and wit, while, "Fiddler on the Roof" proclaimed that Riggs could put on an extremely difficult musical and do an outstanding job.

Chorus and band filled the halls with music as they performed throughout the year. The music department again received superior ratings at district contests.

For the first time in several years the Pierre First Ladies' Drill Team performed at the State A Basketball Tourney.

Remarks about their dance from other towns included: "They were one of the best dance teams at the tournament," and "The First Ladies far outshone some of the other Drill teams."

As spring drew near, many more activities became prominent. Some of the school sponsored ones included: Junior-Senior Prom and the Parent Senior Party.

The evening of April 21, found seniors

preparing for the banquet and dance. The dust and pot holes of Ikes didn't stop some seniors in their formal attire from having a little get-together party before the banquet. The prom itself will remain a memorable event. Although the band wasn't great, the decorations and after dance activities made up for it.

Happy Days for one evening was not a television show but was live and in color in the Riggs gym as parents and seniors rolling

with laughter as they danced, sang and acted their way into our hearts. The booths had long lines of participants waiting to try their skills at the different games.

In the next few days we will be enriched with many more events that will climax our year. These include the senior picnic, graduation exercises and the senior keg.

These activities and others far too numerous to mention will always bring back the memories of our high school days and more importantly our "Senior year."



Jeff Marso poses for a recent Mr. Universe contest.



A popular clothing item for partying in 1979 was the Roman Toga.

Gov staff thanks students, faculty

Dear Student Body and Faculty:

Thank you very much for letting us put together the "Governor" for you. A lot of work and dedication has gone into the making of this paper and we have taken great pride in it. We hope that we have covered every possible aspect of school life, and if we haven't we are sincerely sorry. We tried to represent the majority of the school. This year we tried a new format. We realize that at first it was hard to get used to, but hope that after masterminding the cover fold, you enjoyed reading the stories and looking at the pictures.

Thanks again,
"Governor Staff" of 1979



"Taking a break from putting together a paper are the Senior members of Governor Staff. (photo by Tim Stocking)



Survival is the name of the game in "intramurder" basketball.

Pride aides seniors in outstanding year

The 1978-79 school year is over. But with this year came a certain pride, a winning pride, based on leadership from the Senior Class. The coaches echoed it, the town of Pierre itself echoed it, but most of all the major school activities echoed it. It was a pride possibly stronger than any other pride exhibited at Riggs High. A successful year . . .

It began in the waning summer. Many of us thought it was too hot to be in school, but that soon changed. As it began so did another losing football season . . . we thought. This year was a little different. Many of us were skeptics expecting the first loss, but more of us were enthusiasts dreaming of the undefeated season. The Cinderella team convinced 'em at Watertown that they were for real. We convinced them at Huron too, but fell a little short. We were number three in the polls, but that proved to be two off.

Slowly but surely getting into the school groove students switched to thoughts about that round ball. With the glorious football season still in mind we saw a frustrating Girl's BB season spotted by many good moments culminate in a final State "A" victory.

Still the weather grew colder but our hearts beamed warmer watching Joe's dunks and the promising season ahead. Mike, Neal, Debbie, Greta and Carla kept us honest with "Earnest," but that dream of a State "A" Boys basketball championship became more feasible.

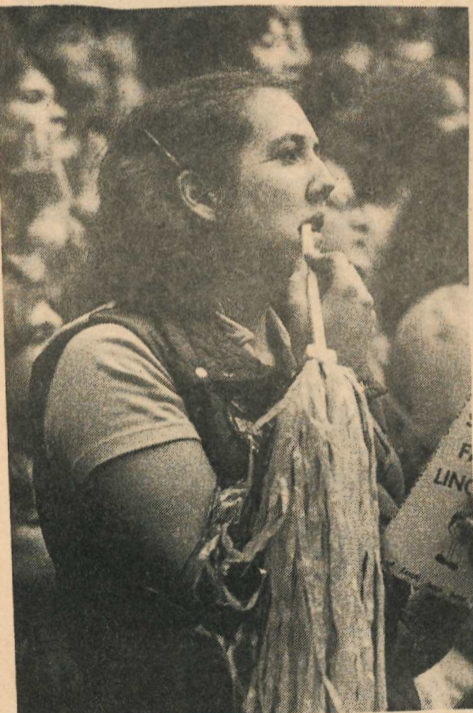
There was Huron, again fading those dreams a little, but only for a Friday night. The players matured, and the team seemed unbeatable. The Green Wave rolled to Aberdeen and brought back the E.S.D. Championship. Then we rolled to the Riggs Gym for Section VI and boy did we roll! Finally the town of Pierre migrated to Sioux Falls. We can do it but that darn Lincoln . . . Now no one doubts that we are the best. Coach Pries joined Coach Bozied as the best in their field. What more could we want?

"Fiddler" sure gave us more! Todd and Kriste, Linda, Kristine, Greta and Janet. Too bad there is no State Championship for school plays! Everyone involved in any

way with that play brought yet more pride to Riggs High! Dare we ask for more?

How many discuses has Karen McDonald lost into orbit? Is the guys tennis team the best ever? Vern Miller and Barb Felderman along with Coach Trautner really carried on that pride. And with the pride, the winning attitude, comes success.

The Sun sure rose at Prom, and the Senior-Parent theme "Happy Days" summed up the year -- happy days. The Seniors move on, and everybody moves up though. Time waits for no one so we can only look back with fond memories, but we can look ahead with even fonder thoughts.



Lynne Bonrud gets the munchies during a "State A Basketball" Game. (photo by Mike Springer)

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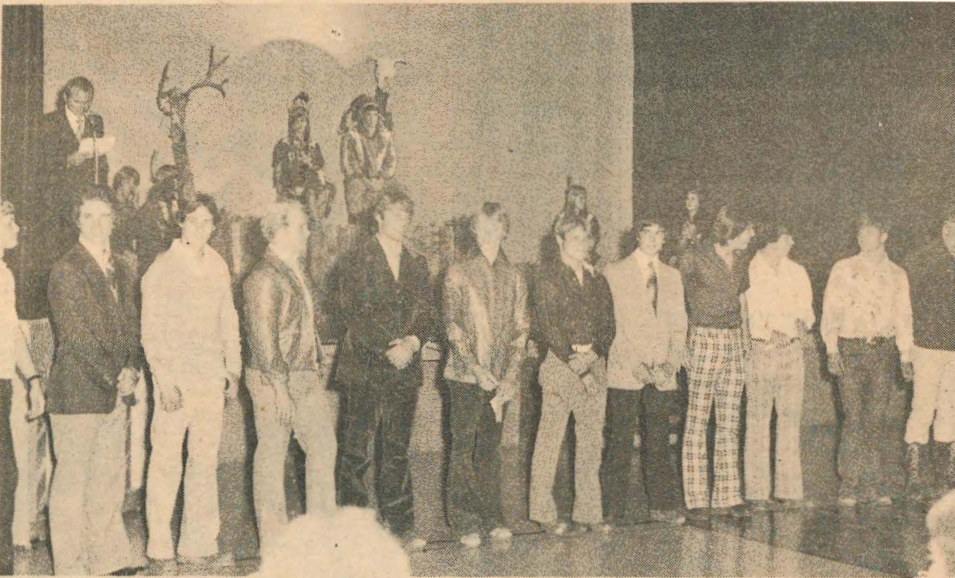
Seniors are cool according to Jane Thorne, Shane Cowen, Cathy Bohn, Judy M. Smith, Steph Sommer, Kristi Christenson, and Laura Thomas.

Carrie Burke "Reminiscing"
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 Nancy Conway "Wishing You Were Here"
 Connie Bohn
 Jim Ness. "Hopelessly Devoted to You"
 Julie Heim "Meow Mix Theme"
 Linda
 Judy
 Lanette "Where the 'hell' is
 Buford Wyoming"
 Lynne
 Steph

Joe Ashley "Short People"
 Bob Stalley "Greased Lightening"
 Lyle Hartog "King Tut"
 Sam Gilkerson "Send in the Clowns"
 Crystal Hall "Put on Your Dancing Shoes"
 Esther Park "Music Box Dancer"
 Ted Lautenschlager "99 Bottles of
 Beer on the Wall"
 Perry Trautner "Disco Inferno"
 Tim Smith "Big Shot"
 Lisa Brinkman "The Gambler"
 Shane Cowen "Rhinestone Cowboy"
 Carolyn Pirnat "Sweet Caroline"
 John Mitchell . "If I Were A Rich Man"
 Lanette Kane "Stumblin' In"
 Brad Sibson "Paradise by the
 Dashboard Light"



Grace and poise are exhibited by senior ballerinas Leesa Sivage and Crystal Hall. (photo by Mike Springer)

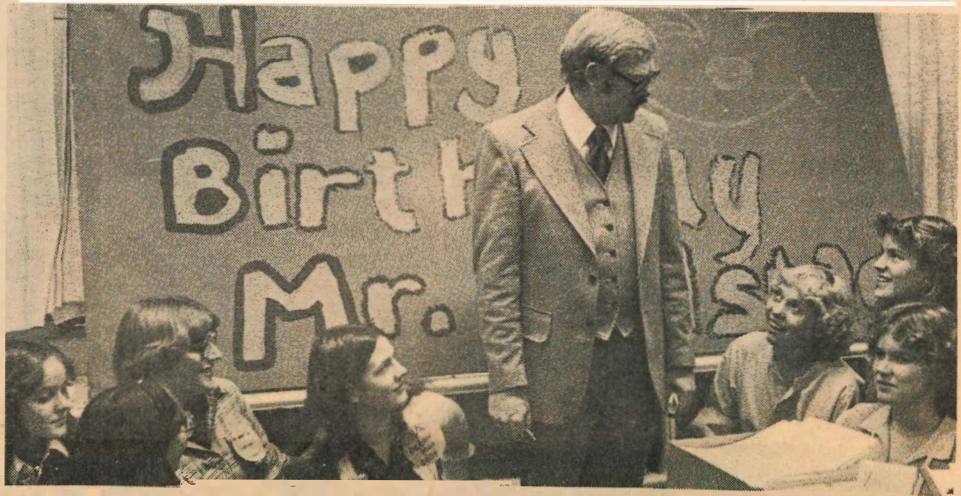


Seniors were the obvious force behind the Governor football team. From left is: Jeff Marso, Troy Jones, Joe Creager, Tim Smith, Chad Anderson, Lonnie Badger, Dan Rounds, Mork Norman, Bob Stalley, Brad Sibson, Shane Cowen and Todd Schuetzle. (photo by Mike Springer)

Special person deserves special honors from Governor Staff

Mrs. Ledbetter
 We, your newspaper staff, for the first time this year are at a loss for words.
 But on this topic, there is no suitable descriptive words. We thought long and hard -- and what we've come up with will have to do.
HARDWORKING is the first word we'll use to describe Mary Jewel Ledbetter. As a teacher she instructs a variety of subjects. From Shakespear, creative writing, reading skills and Journalism; to American Indian culture and Philosophy. She is knowledged in all these areas and enjoys working at them.
AMAZING is the next word that depicts Mrs. Ledbetter. She is the advisor for our great monthly school newspaper. She is often at school until 10:00 p.m. and later working on our paper. Many weekends are spent here with her sack lunch in hand spending the entire afternoon. We find this truly amazing.
 The only word that describes her

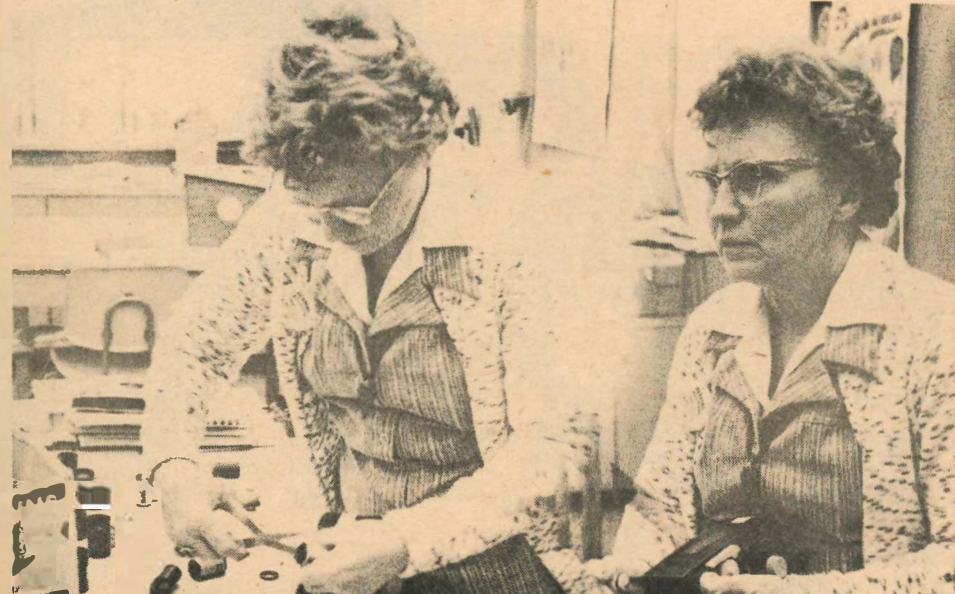
tolerance of this entire staff is **PATIENCE**. We rarely meet a deadline and hardly ever get our stories in on time. But Mrs. Ledbetter tolerates us and all the unbearable things we do.
 When the chips are down, rely on Mrs. Ledbetter for **ENCOURAGEMENT**. On our early Saturday morning work sessions, she often surprises us with donuts, cookies etc. She always gives us praise, more than we deserve, and this always is helpful to keep us going. She is definitely an encourager.
 The last word sums up all that we want to say. This word is **DEDICATION**. Not only is Mrs. Ledbetter toally dedicated to her teaching, and her Govenor staff, she is also dedicated to her husband and family, to the Girl Scouts in our area, to the PEO chapter and is involved in church affairs.
 There is one more word that describes our "end of the year feeling" and that is **APPRECIATION**. Mrs. Ledbetter has done so much for our three years at PHS -- and we say "THANK YOU!!!"



Charlie Fjelstad couldn't have asked for a better birthday present than to be surrounded by seven senior girls. From left: Jackie Ivers, Ruth Pottratz, Barb Quenzer, Lanette Kane, Mr. Fjelstad, Linda Fjelstad, Stephanie Sommer and Candy Neilan.



Mary Jewel Ledbetter intensely corrects papers for one of her many classes.



Because of her active schedule, it is sometimes necessary for Mrs. Ledbetter to be two people.



After a long day at work, Mrs. Ledbetter psychs herself up before coming to a Governor staff work session.

MOST MISCHIEVIOUS

Todd Mortenson
John Mitchell, Tom Olson
Sharie Jundt
Ruth Pottratz, Cindy Brabander

MOST IN DEBT

Bob Stalley
John Mitchell, Lyle Hartog
Anita Fuoss
Judy E. Smith

SERIOUS

Troy Hutchings
Glenn Norum
Kathy Adam
Leesa Sivage



BEST DANCER

Bill Mefford
Jeff Marso
Greta Hesse
Jane Thorne

SHYEST

Mike Springer
Glenn Norum
Crystal Hall
Suzanne Trauffer



BEST-LOOKING

Joe Linn
Tim Flannery, Joe Creager
Greta Hesse
Jackie Ivers, Glennis Parsons

WOLF

Brad Sibson
Tim Smith



WOLFESS

Lisa Brinkman
Jill Lundeen

INTELLECT

Andy Barden
Glenn Norum

Kristi Christenson
Esther Park

*Love isn't counted in gold
Only in Heart and Soul.*

High

HUGGABLE

Tim Stocking
Joe Linn
Ruth Pottratz
Julie Heim



RED-NECK

Shane Cowan
Curt Clarke
Suzi Solem
Lisa Etzkorn

TIGHTWAD

Perry Trautner
Lori Redden



RADICAL

Troy Jones
Lanette Kane

*People are like trees, with every year
they add another ring of life's ex-
periences.*

CONSERVATIVE

Jim Ness
Troy Jones
Jill Lehecka
Carrie Burke

OUTDOORSMAN

Mark "Buck" Perry
Lois Schlueter

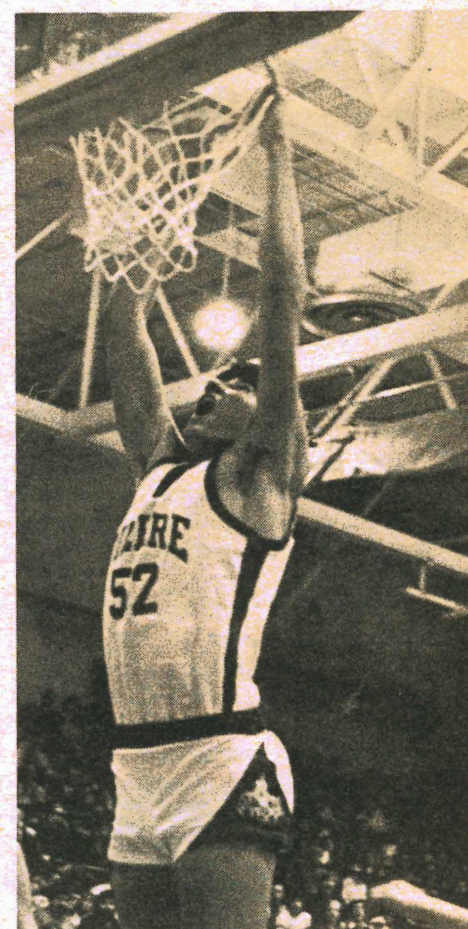
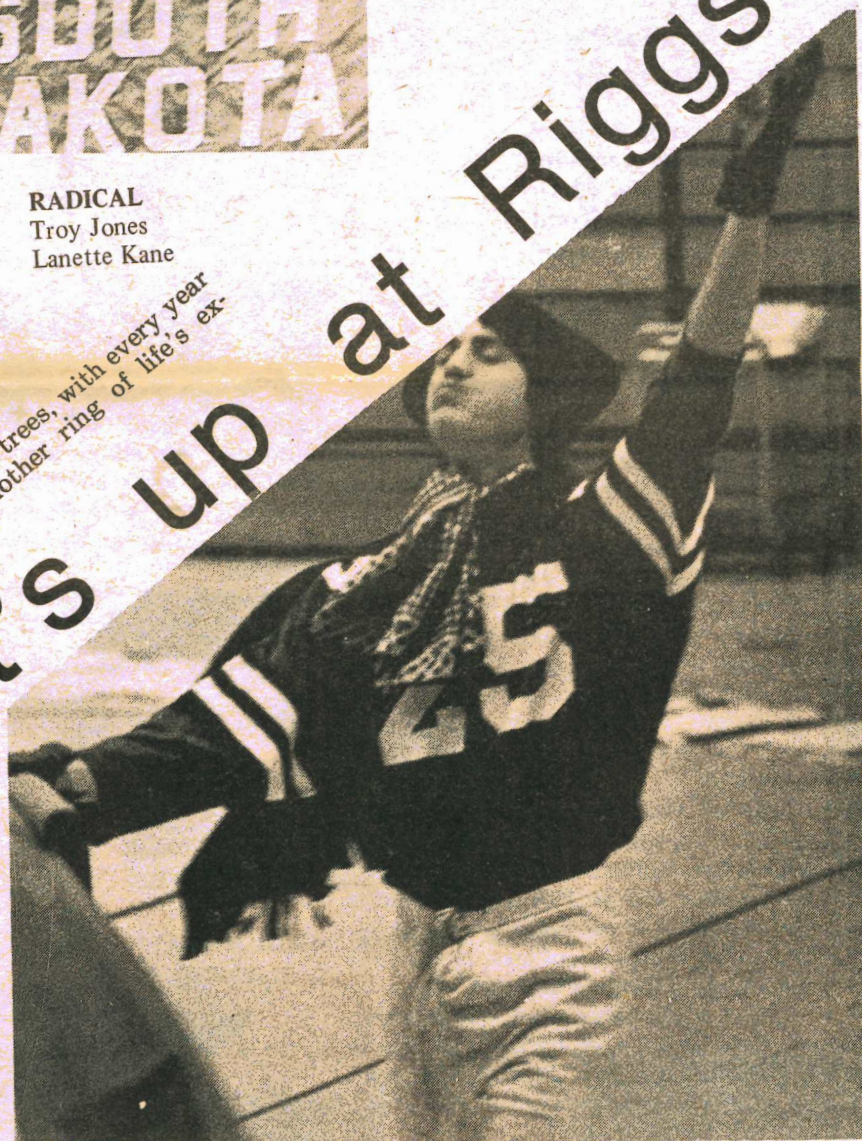
BEST-DRESSED

Tim Smith
Keith Hughes
Jane Thorne
Lise Kuehl

SUAVE & DEBONAIRE
Perry Trautner
Trent Thompson

BEST PHYSIQUE

Chad Anderson
Dan Rounds



FRIENDLIEST

Joe Linn
Tim Flannery
Julie Heim
Kristine Wollman

ATHLETE

Joe Ashley
Todd Schuetzle
Susan Larson
Jackie Ivers

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Andy Barden
Trent Thompson
Jody Rowen
Esther Park

CLASS PARTIER

Ted Lautenschlager
Jon Niemeier
Lanette Kane
Lynne Bonrud

CLOWN

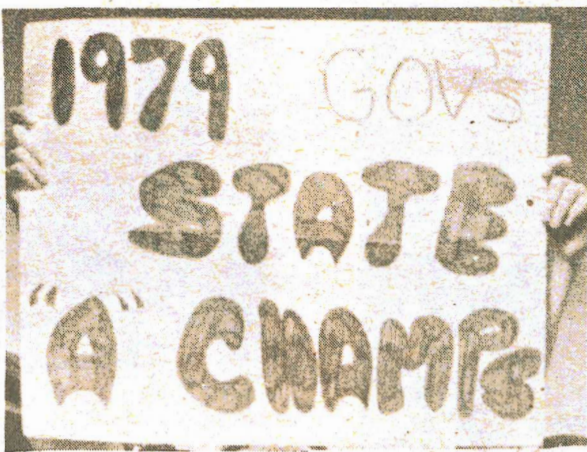
Sam Gilkerson
Lyle Hartog
Susan Larson
Linda Fjelstad

FLIRT

Barry Johnson
Keith Hughes
Jill Lundeen
Candy Neilan

CUTEST COUPLE

Todd Schuetzle & Leesa Sivage
Jim Ness & Connie Bohn



MOST MEMORABLE EVENTState
- 'A' Championship

FAVORITE SAYING . . . "We Hate Huron!"

MOST HEARTBREAKING EVENT
losing ESD football

BIGGEST JOKE Band at Prom
Junior class

SPORT Basketball

YEAR 1979

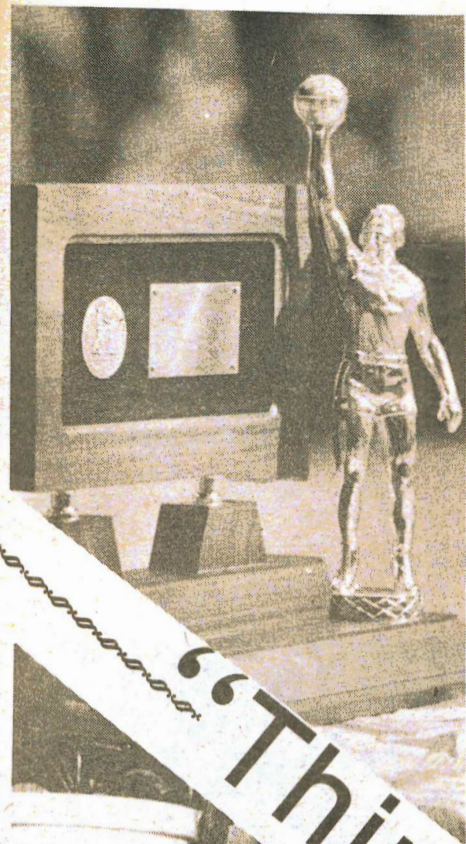
COLLEGE SDSU



FAVORITE TOWN . . . Pierre, Sioux Falls

STREET Euclid, Capitol

TEACHER Mr. Robinson



*When you're lost in a sea of
confusion
Drifting with the tides -- a friend
Is the next best thing to a life
jacket.*

Things we will remember,

WHERE WILL YOU BE AT MIDNIGHT
ON MAY 23? senior keg

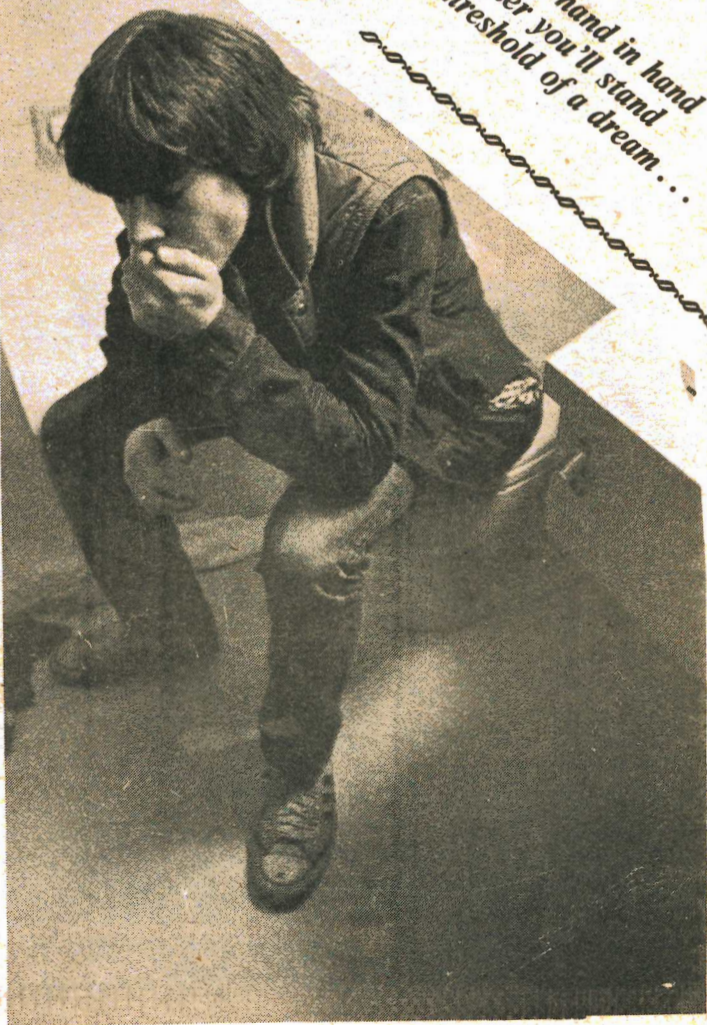
FAVORITE SONG "Lady"
MOVIE "Heaven Can Wait"

FAVORITE PLACES TO:
WALK on the beach
SIT & THINK in my room
down by the water

FAVORITE PLACES TO:
EAT Hardees
PARTY at Oahe Dam
PARK Oahe Dam

*If you can live hand in hand
Then together you'll stand
On the threshold of a dream . . .*

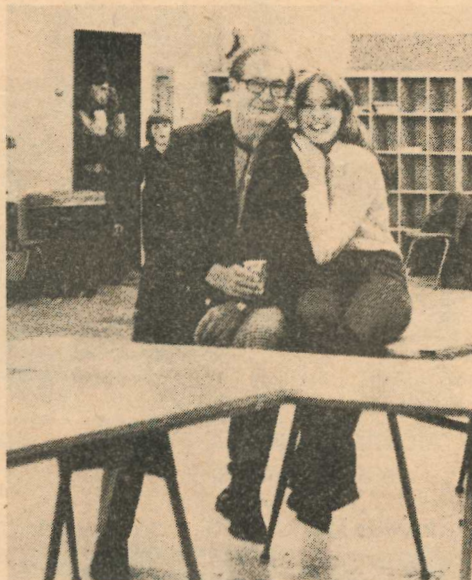
WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST? friends



SENIOR SCRAPBOOK



toga toga toga.



E. J. gives us a grin while Jill Lundeen snuggles up.



typical dunce



"Vigilante Sam" stops crime at Riggs making it safe once again for children to roam the halls.

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Tim Stocking
&
Mike Springer



Joe Creager, Sam Gilkerson and Tom Olson each say: "Hey, get out of my way."



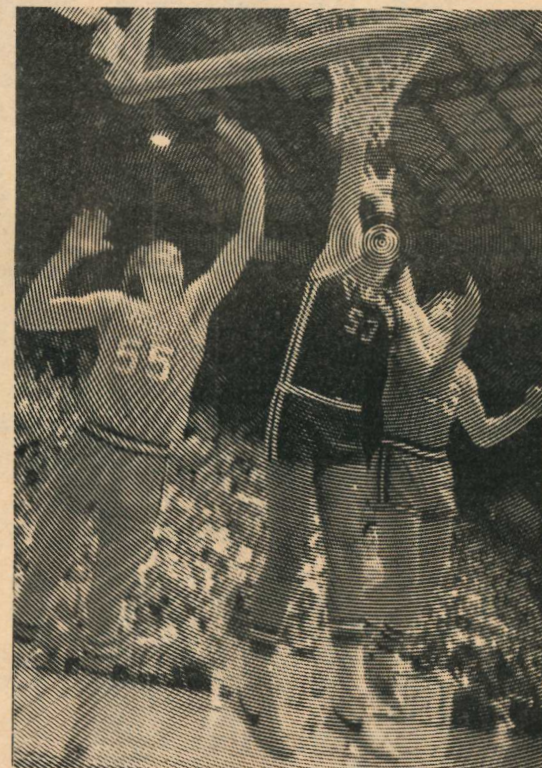
Cathy Bohn and Esther Park go incognito to State "A".



... explained Stalley, "It keeps 'em from sneaking up from behind."



Todd Schuetzle does his imitation of Mr. Robinson.



Big Joe Ashley was the target of opponents and college recruiters all year.



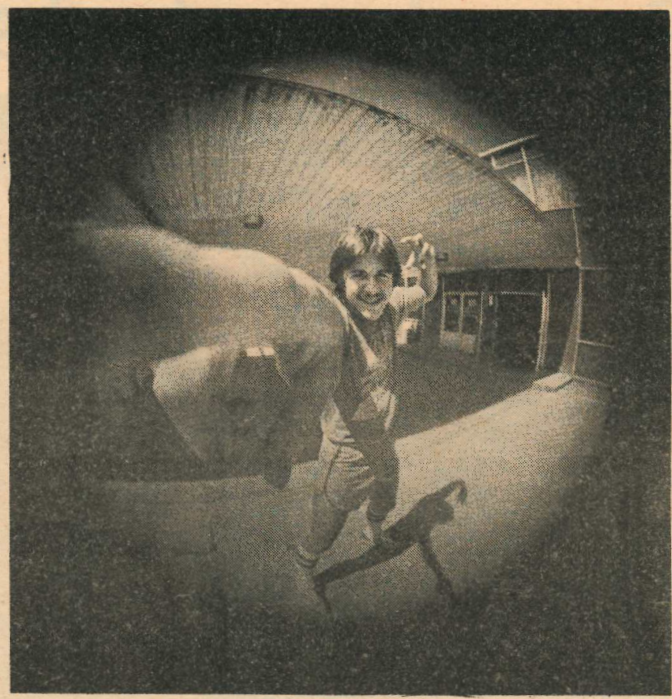
"We eat tonight" say legendary bow hunters Les Walker, Jeff Owens, and Sam Gilkerson after a successful hunt.



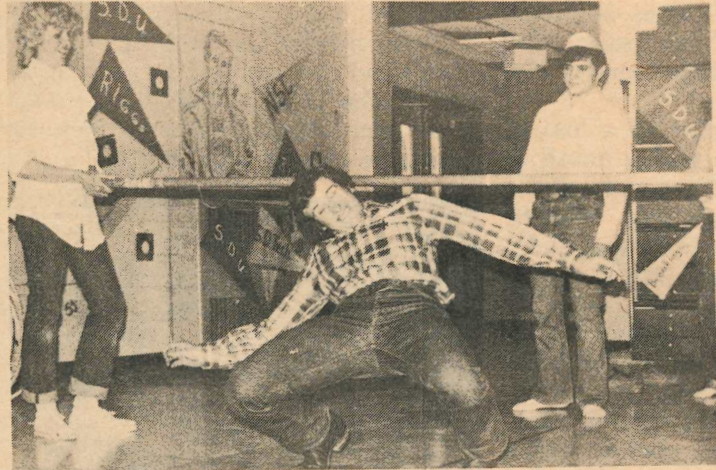
KIDS! Don't accept candy from this man!



Steph Sommer, Lanette Kane, Linda Fjelstad and Lynn Bonrud: cool glasses for cool cats.



And that's just his finger.



Jim Ness grins and bares it.



"I'm gonna tell your mother!"



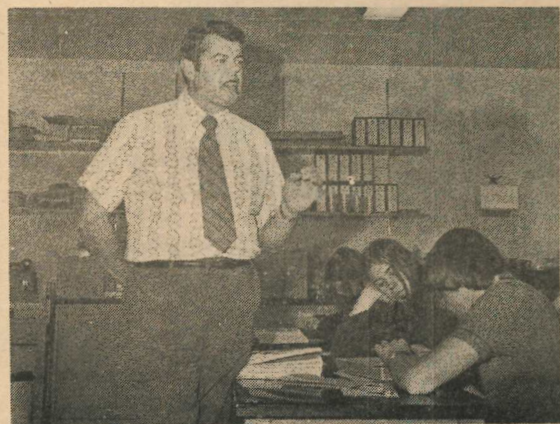
"I wonder if those underclassmen will ever grow up?"



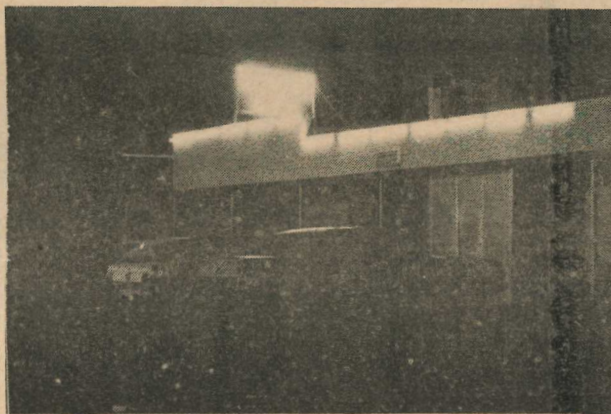
Dan Rounds: "Look at those chicks;"
Jeff Marson: "Wow, how about those..."



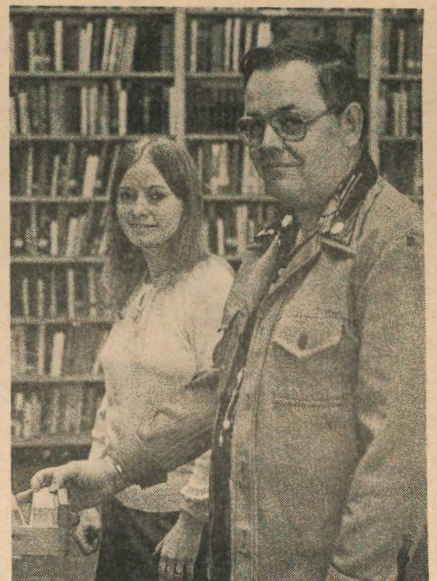
Dr. Renee Solberg.



Captain Jack tells a terrified audience how it really was in the big one (WWII).



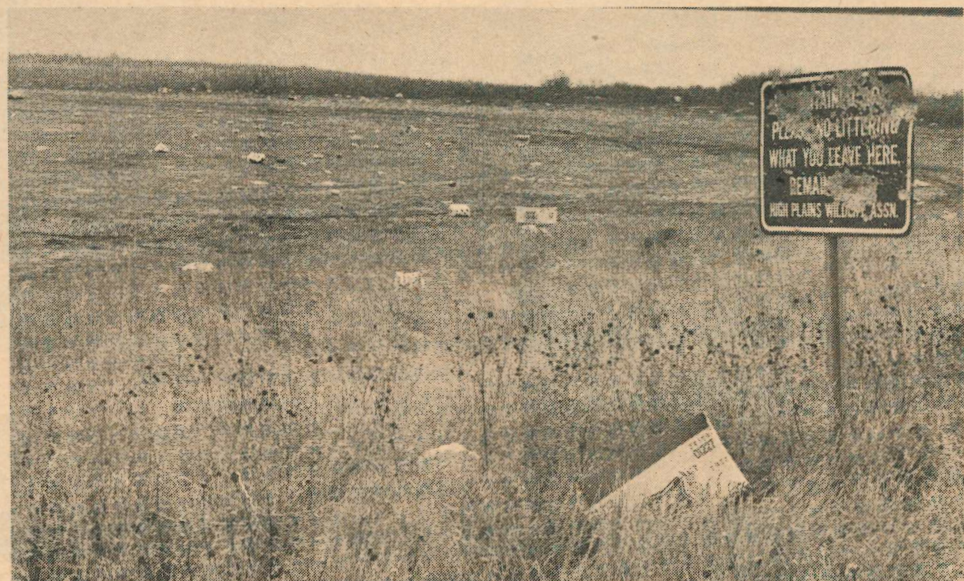
We may be graduating but isn't the "end of the trail."



"Take a gander at my new asstant."

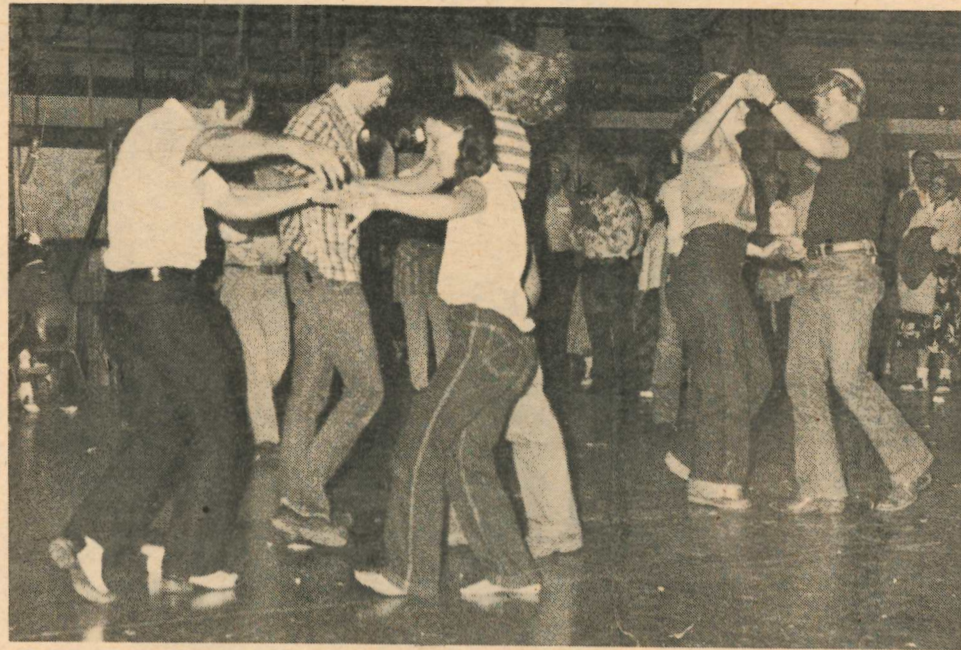


Brad Sibson and Russ Hanson shoot a game of pool at Chuck's "beer garden" Corner, (in Sioux Falls.)



Pierre's beautiful counterpart to a sunny "California Beach."

Parents entertain at Happy Days bash



Judy Smith and her father, Don get down and boogie at the 'Happy Days' Parent-Senior Party.

With the theme of Happy Days in the 50's, the 400 some Moms and Dads planned a bash for their kid seniors like you would not believe.

Ruth Pottratz smiled while she was thinking about the evening "It's the most fun I've had all year!"

Outfitted with bobby socks, red lipstick, greased hair, and bubble gum, the Moms and Dads had the Riggs High gym prepared for a Rock-Around-the-Clock entertaining evening jam-packed with games and fun.

Senior Roxi Misterik said, "The decorations were great. It was really nice of our parents to do that." The entire area brought back nostalgic memories of the 50's.

YESTERDAY

It seems as if it was just yesterday
I ran outdoors with my friends to play

Take buckets and shovels and go to the beach
Mom keeping pesticides and Drano out of my reach . . .
Making mud pies and dancing in the rain
All of this, a part of me which always will remain

I'm different, I've changed a lot, I know;
My mind and body just seem to grown.

What is it that's changed my mind?
A scene from the past, or changing times?

The years, it seems, have gone so fast;
Now . . . more and more I want them to last.

I have not tried a lot of things yet;
But what I have,
I've yet
to regret.

Jane Thorne

The entertainment, headed by the Schuetzles' and Ness's, included senior parent replacements for the cast of the television hit "Happy Days". This group, led by the "Fonz", Virgil Mikkelson gave a talent show to raise money for the senior bench (the new senior bench that was stolen and broken up). The old gang met at Arnold's (on stage). Their talent show produced such favorites as Elvis, portrayed by Bob Ivers, the Village People by Gaylord Norman, Larry Lundeen, Red Westall, Floyd Richards, Wayne Kirkpatrick, and Willy Cowan. There was even a special appearance by Madame Okobojo, played by Mrs.

Let Us Run

With Patience

The Race That

Is Set Before Us

SUMMER

We stood underneath the trees
As they were watching.
Wondering why we're here
Having a can of beer
To celebrate.

Working hard all year
Waiting for summer
Knowing in our minds
We always had good times
On starlit nights.

Laid down on the beach
Feelin' a cool breeze
Watching falling stars
Streaming through the air
Without a care.

Walking down the road
After a rainstorm
Watching clouds roll past
It happened all too fast
For our eyes to share

Light up the fire again,
Count all the beer rings
Laughing too hard to stand
Falling in the sand
For all to see.

Music drifting through the air
While most are sleeping
But now that summers' here
We'll drink up all our beer
And celebrate.

Perry Trautner

Charles Fjelstad who predicted the seniors future from 1960 - 1979, and you know she was right. She kept the crowd on edge wondering what secret she would reveal next.

A penny toss was a featured attraction for games under direction of the Adams. The seniors were given the opportunity to try their luck at throwing darts, knocking over bottles, or testing their knowledge in history with each winner receiving a prize at every booth.

The parents and seniors stuffed themselves with lots of food arranged for by Marso's. The parents served ham and cheese sandwiches, hot dogs, chips and pop. There were also specialty booths that served ice cream and popcorn.

The crowd was never at a loss of things to do. There was a booth of baby pictures, a 50's model car for picture taking, and also vending machines. There was the usual limbo challenge to see "how low can you go."

The parents and the seniors enjoyed an old time Rock 'n Roll band that played jitterbug, butterfly, polka, and even some hard rock. There was a jitterbug contest which senior Judy M. Smith and her dad Don won. Judy said, "It was the first time I've ever danced with my Dad. I didn't know he was so good!"

Mrs. Paul Inman, as it was with most parents, couldn't say enough good things about the evening. "I know the parents thought it was fantastic. It was our fourth party but this year was the best. I've never been to one where the parents and kids had so much fun!"

Bringing 200 seniors and all their parents together for one evening is

quite a feat. Well, the class of 1979's parents did it. Senior class president Barry Johnson commented about all the work his folks have done. "My parents knocked themselves out over the party. Now they are relieved it's over. I think it was worth it." Mr. and Mrs. Johnson headed the entire parent-senior party.

The 50's festival put on by the parents of the class of 1979 was truly a celebration for both parents and seniors. You can rest assured that the majority of the senior class agree with Tom Olson when he said "I think they should do that more often!"

If you missed the exciting evening of fun and chewing bubble gum right out of the 50's, you've missed the most memorable event your parents have ever shared with you.



In her spare time Steph Sommer hoola-hoops to the 50's rhythm.

DEAR SENIORS

To congratulate you for all your accomplishments couldn't be enough to explain how much it's meant to me to be a member of this class.

The times we've shared are so rare to Riggs. What the class of 1979 has done for PHS and all of Pierre can not be captured with words and pictures. It has been a great year!

We must not depend completely on the past. We must raise our heads and push toward the future. It is great to have memories to share. I am so thankful I could share them with you.

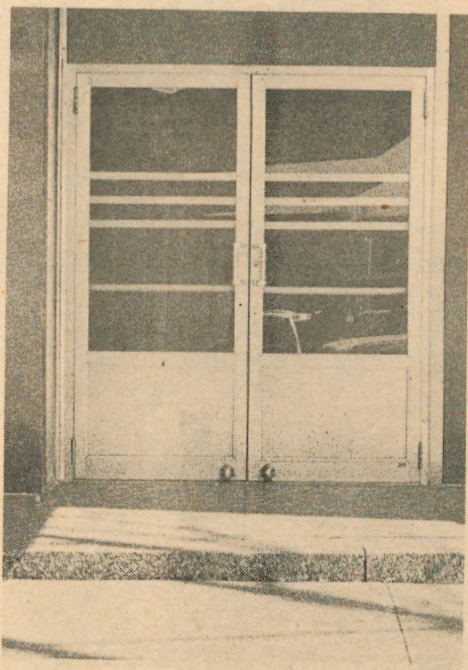
But now we must part, grow up and grow away, never again to be a member of that inner circle called PHS.

The Juniors will miss us and the Sophomores will be glad to see us go, but each in his own way will mourn the loss.

Don't feel like I'm setting my classmates up on a pedestal. I just think each and every one of the members of the class of 1979 are special and have much to contribute to society.

I've delayed this until the end: to say FAREWELL. Friends -- if you will let me call you friends -- we have been together for twelve or more years and I will remember you always.

Let the fame and memories of PHS linger on forever . . ." Leesa Sivage



DOORS

*A closed door is
A barrier to the past
A challenge to the future.*



When you are lost in the future you can always think back to Riggs and find yourself in the crowd.