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WE WANT THE SENIOR BENCH.

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New faculty members, like Sophomores, have made it through the first week of school. From the left, standing, Mrs. Mavis Booze, Mr. Gary Schneider; seated, Miss Judy Flagstad, Miss Jeannie Campbell and Mr. Kent Juhnke. (Stocking photo)

ENGLISH COMEDY COMING THIS FALL

Oscar Wilde's farcical comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest" is scheduled for the fall play to be presented the week end before Thanksgiving.

This is an English comedy full of dry humor, witticisms and subtle puns. "The Importance of Being Earnest" is truly a giant in the field of comedy," Ms. Louise Borman drama coach stated.

The cast includes five males and four females. Auditions are planned for the first

week in October. Any student may try out for an acting part.

Ms. Borman has already picked most technical heads from last year's Thespians. Jan Cavanaugh is to student direct. Kathy Spencer and Linda Kern are in charge of make up and Carla Bates is set designer. "Anyone interested in working behind the scenes is welcome to come for tryouts," says Carla.

Hilaritarians return for Homecoming encore

Farm Island was the scene of the first meeting of the year for the Riggs High Thespians on Aug. 26. The 23-member group under the guidance of Ms. Louise Borman made several decisions concerning this year's drama productions. They also elected and installed new officers.

The group decided to prepare the "Hilaritarians" comedy skit for

Homecoming again this year.

In addition to the regular fall play, Ms. Borman and the Thespian troupe will put on a variety show in late September or early October.

Kristi Smalley was chosen president; Bill Mefford, v. pres.; Cara Snyder, sec.; Kathy Spencer, treas.; and co-historians, Carla Bates and Mark Tieszen.

Girls State termed 'Lasting experience'

"It was an experience I'll never forget," exclaims Leesa Sivage about Girls State, which was held May 30 through June 5 on the campus of Dakota Wesleyan University.

A week full of lectures, campaigning and voting didn't hurt the spirits of Becky Weber who "wishes she could go back and relive those exciting days."

"The friendships that were made, will last forever," according to Steph Sommer. "I'll value the friendships made there for a long time," remarks Ruth Pottratz who attended Journalism City.

Suzi Solem adds, "It was a nice experience, but I was glad to go home."



Just a moment during a brief picture is all the 1978 Pierre Girls Staters saw of each other at DWU in June. Pictured from left are Leesa Sivage, Suzi Solem, Ruth Pottratz, Stephanie Sommer, Gladys Gifford, advisor, and Becky Weber.

Teachers join staff

Five new teachers are among the many fresh faces at Riggs this year. Joining the guidance department are Mavis Booze and Gary Schneider. Additional faculty members include Judy Flagstad, foreign language and social studies, Kent Juhnke, vocational agriculture and Jeannie Campbell, vocal music.

A former Miller resident, Mrs. Mavis Booze, will be the new guidance counselor. For Mrs. Booze teaching is not new. She has taught for 10 years. For the last three years, Mrs. Booze has been the guidance counselor in Miller, after teaching there for two years. Before that, she taught many different places, including in the state of Iowa. Mrs. Booze received a BA degree at Huron College, then a MA degree at SDSU.

Mrs. Booze and her husband, Bob, have three children. Their oldest, Randy is a college sophomore. Tammy, their oldest daughter, is employed in Miller, and Sherri is a junior. Mrs. Booze likes sports and likes to cook.

Mrs. Booze commented that she likes the city of Pierre and thinks she is going to like working at Riggs.

An old face in a new place best describes Guidance Counselor Gary Schneider. A Junior High science teacher and coach for the past eight years, Mr. Schneider is familiar to most Riggs students.

The Rapid City native holds a Master's degree in Educational Psychology and Guidance from USD and previously taught in Cozad, Ne. He likes the change of pace Riggs offers and finds connecting old names with new faces very interesting.

Unsere neue Deutsche Lehrerin ist Fraulein Judy Flagstad. (Our new German teacher is Miss Judy Flagstad). In addition

to German, Miss Flagstad will teach Psychology, Philosophy, and Our Constitution.

A Webster High School and Northern State College graduate, she has spent three years teaching part-time in Webster and Aberdeen. She says she doesn't mind the work going on outside her language room windows and looks forward to a very constructive year.

The new teacher in the vocational agriculture department is Vivian native Kent Juhnke. Due to the severe teacher shortage of vocational instructors in the state, Mr. Juhnke is teaching under a one year limited certificate. He must earn enough credits for full certification as a vocational agriculture instructor within three years.

A Lyman County High School and 1978 SDSU graduate, Mr. Juhnke is slightly anxious and very optimistic about his rookie year at Riggs.

The new chorus director is Jeannie Campbell, a University of South Dakota graduate. Miss Campbell is originally from Milbank, where she graduated from high school. Some of her hobbies are music, dancing, reading, playing the piano, and singing. Although not too fond of cooking, Miss Campbell likes to play pool.

When asked about her feelings on Pierre and teaching, she remarked that she is really excited and thinks it's going to be fun. Miss Campbell thinks Riggs is a nice facility, she has a tentative schedule for chorus groups at Riggs, as she has to wait and see what she has to work with. She would like to set up some jazz groups working with Mr. Upsahl and the band.

Miss Campbell is looking forward to her first teaching job and working at Riggs.



Susanne Trauffer, right, shows photos of her homeland, Switzerland, to her AFS host sister Danna Eisnach. (Springer photo)

Swiss AFS student joins Senior class

Susanne Trauffer from Stans, Switzerland joins the senior class at Riggs this year. She is an American Field Service student living with the Dennis Eisnach family.

Arriving August 12, Susanne's first impression of Pierre was "It's flat . . . and hot!"

She said the Swiss people think of the U.S. as the "land of unlimited possibilities". When asked why she wanted to be an A.F.S. student Susanne replied, "I wanted to see how American people live and to learn about your culture."

Susanne speaks French, English, Latin, German and is taking Spanish this year. Her class in Switzerland consisted of 50 boys and six girls.

Her favorite American food is peanut butter. Cold cereal was also new to Susanne.

Her hobbies include skiing, swimming, reading, and listening to music. Her favorite group is Pink Floyd.

At home her father works in a bank while her mother is employed in a gift shop. She has a sister, Karin, aged 16.

EDITORIALS

Governor changes shape - size

The 1978-79 Governor staff presents your school newspaper -- new in shape and weight -- twice as big to cover more of RHS activities for you!

Newsprint... That's what you call the paper used for this new Governor from which you, the Riggs High public will be receiving all the news that is news about your school.

The new paper is for your convenience and enjoyment.

Using newsprint, as opposed to the heavier 60 pound offset paper, gives the Governor staff the opportunity to double the size of the paper. This gives the staff more room to cover more activities in which students are involved.

Another advantage that newsprint gives is the option to have a four page special feature paper like this issue. (This four page issue has approximately the same amount of printing space as the Governor of the past).

Through the new design, the staff has gained the use of white space that was a necessary part of the former editions which added to the amount of print and picture size.

As the paper is folded you see the front page having a picture and the table of contents. Opening the paper to page one you see the latest in pictures and stories. Page two has editorials which the editor hopes will arouse some rebuttal from the student body.

Student contributions of art, poetry and comments will complete this page. The rest of the inside pages will cover news, features and sports.

We hope you like the new style of Governor. The staff has put a lot of time and effort into designing the 1978-79 newspaper.

Happy reading throughout the year.

High School is a restless affair

Twas the night before school and all through the town the wind was blowing around and around.

Our pencils and paper were all placed with care, down in a corner right near a chair.

Us kids were restless with school on our minds and text books, rulers and teachers and lines.

Mom in her relief and Dad without care, were talking about their annual getaway to the State Fair.

When morning came, there arose such a clatter, we sprang from our beds to see what was the matter.

The sun was shining, alarm clocks awaking, and all had breakfast and then we started aching.

We moped to the car and gave it a start, feeling anxiety deep in our hearts.

We heard Mom exclaim as we drove up the hill, "If the summer was much longer, I think I'd be ill."

Summer music haunts moods

Don't try to make a sense of it, relax enjoy the peace of it, cause once you put your heart in it you're gonna love, love.

We've spent our summer doing as the songs do. We've "Danced, danced,

COVER PHOTO:

The floor proves to be a hard solution for studying. Mourning the loss of the senior bench are Michelle Schneider, Leesa Sivage and Ruth Pottratz.

danced and kept on dancing". The summer reminded us "we're only crazy to keep from going insane!"

"Grease in the work" was the domination of popular summer music. The motion picture Grease makes you think how "hopelessly devoted" you've been and getting friendly holding hands "or down" in the sand becomes one choice.

"Sometimes I go out and party till 4:00, it's hard to leave when you can't find the door!" This seems to have taken up alot of summer spare time.

We can follow summer radio listening from "School's out" to "Stayin' alive". It seems when school begins it's "all we can do to get by."

The summer of '78 has been full of "summer romancing" and "disco dancing". When you think about what you're listening to it's like they are singing the songs to fit right into your life.

"Baby it's you", "You don't love me anymore - the wines gone to my head - please forgive me, "It's a heart ache!"

Having no choice but to travel on down the road into fall and new music we must reflect back on those days, "Summer dreams drifting away, but those summer nights!"

Leesa Sivage

Number 1 finally arrives

It's finally a dream come true! We are actually Seniors. Nobody ever thought it was going to happen. It is now our turn to make cracks at the Sophomores and beat everyone in pep assemblies. Yes, it will be hard on you younger ones, but grin and bear it. Before you know it you'll be Seniors too. Oh, yes, and always remember... "SENIORS OUT".

The Class of '79"

Seniors reflect Soph fears

We dedicate our thoughts to the Sophomores:

I can't believe the summer has gone by so swiftly.

Are you looking forward to being in Riggs?

I'm scared to death!

What classes do you have?

I know I won't have anyone I know in any classes!

Oh, those big seniors! I'm sorta scared.

We have to constantly prove we were just ordinary kids like the Juniors and Seniors.

I can remember sitting in Grammar and Comp for 15 minutes when I was supposed to be in Biology I with Mr. Judson!

I tripped up the stairs those first few weeks-- how embarrassing.

I must have dropped my books at least 5 times the first day.

The first day we rushed from class to class because we didn't think there was enough time!

We had to prove ourselves so many times.

I almost died at the first pep assembly -- no one stood up or yelled. They all laughed at us.

I felt like I could hide and no one would know my name or notice me at all, but they did!

A teacher asked if I had an older brother or sister, who had taken Speech. Was that good or bad?

Proving ourselves to the teachers, we just aren't as bad as they think we are.

All the anticipation to grow up, does catch up!

They expected us to be dumb Sophomores -- I guess in their eyes we probably were.

We Wish you all the best of luck, Sophs.

Leesa Sivage

Perry Trautner

Upper classmen mourn lost bench

One old acquaintance that meant so much to us all is conspicuously absent from Riggs this fall; that solid wood structure that was in the lobby -- the Senior Bench. No more can we rest our posteriors while we catch a breather, or study our school assignments. Nor can we set ourselves down during school to chat with others and catch up on local gossip.

It's said that sophomores never got a chance to meet this old friend. They

never knew its sturdy structure or reliable framework. But we who did have that opportunity to know it now mourn its loss.

Hold on here! We needn't just mourn its absence and quit there! We can act now and do something about it!

Help purchase a new bench for Riggs! One dime from all and a bench could be in the making!!

Homecoming deserves your support

Let's make this year different.

If everybody joins and participates to the fullest, we can make this homecoming the best ever!

Making floats and preparing the activities is hard work but if we have the

full cooperation of the entire student body and faculty the work will seem more like fun.

Let's do our best to make the alumni proud that they graduated from Riggs High School.

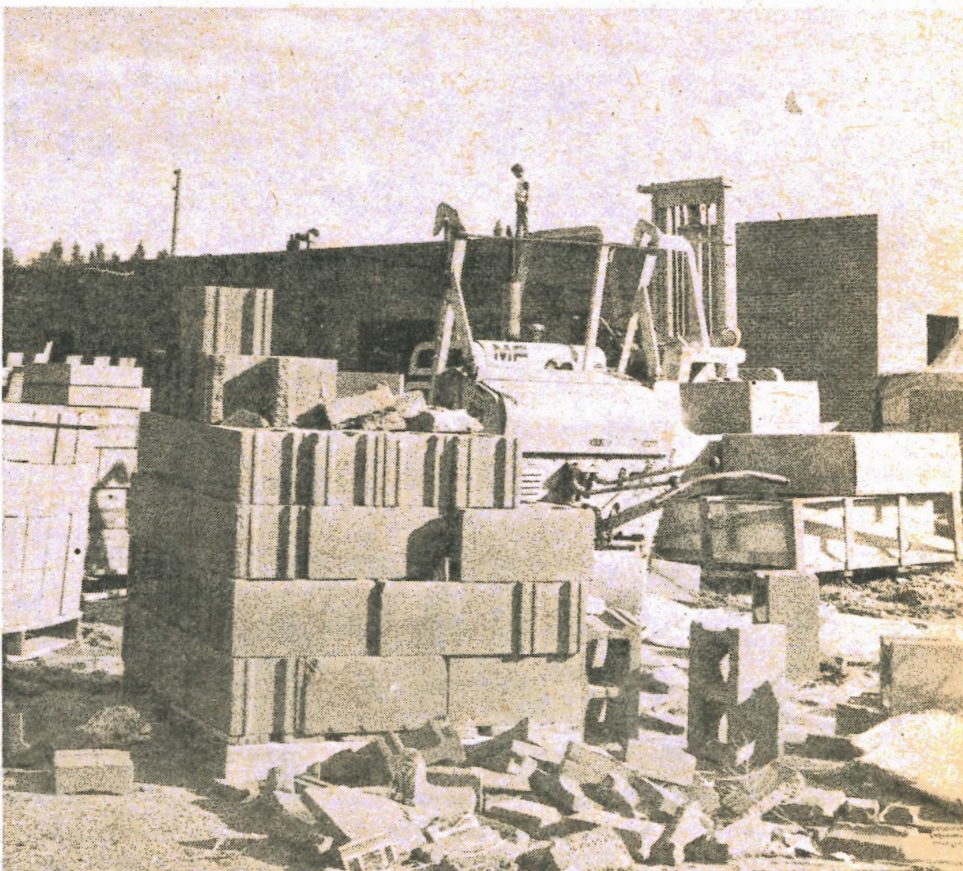
Completion rescheduled for new addition

As one meanders down the hallway on second floor, a slight breeze may ruffle the air and blue sky is visible through the roof. No Riggs High has not installed a new sun roof, but, as most all of you know, it is the new addition to the school.

Due to uncooperating weather, the new wing, which is to include three biology rooms, a chemistry lab, and a

library, will not meet the Sept. 1 deadline. According to Principal Roger Lombaken, "The second opening date will be the beginning of second semester, if all goes well."

In the meantime, the kids are asked to put up with the inconvenience of the construction of the building and hope for some good weather.



Brick and mortar... that's all it takes to make a new science wing Brick and mortar plus two year's time.

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SPORTS

Govs at home tonight



The Coaching Staff watches closely as Dan Rounds rushes for yardage in last Friday's scrimmage.

(Springer photo)

Lady Gov cagers season underway

Hard work, determination, and eagerness for the season to begin sums up the atmosphere during any practice session of the Lady Gov Basketball team.

The 12 girls making up the team for the 1978 season consist of five seniors, five juniors, and one sophomore.

The Lady Govs will have two returning starters, Susan Larson and Karen McDonald. When asked about a starting five, coach Barb Felderman replied, "There's pretty much up in the air. There are about seven or eight girls who could easily fill the spots. Needless to say they're all working hard, but I probably won't know for sure until game time. Even after that, it's apt to change."

Other girls making up the team are Carrie Burke, Kathy Adam, Nancy Conway, Maxine Westall, Roxi Hanson, Sheri Tiede, Jeri Thorne, Carin Doyle, Karla Trankle.

The girls open their season Friday, Sept. 1 away from home against a strong Watertown team. Their first home game is scheduled for Sept. 5, contesting the West River rivals, Stanley Co. Buffalos.

SIDELINE VIEWS

Mike Springer

Riggs athletes showed noticeable defensive tendencies last year.

This was most apparent in last year's football team. The combination of a weak offense and strong defense added up to low scoring games. The defense even scored all of the points in two straight games midway through the season.

The basketball team suffered from low shooting percentages all during the season. At Christmas time, Coach Roger Pries said, "Basically, the defense looks pretty decent. We haven't had a lot of points scored against us, and if we were playing more offense, we would be winning some ball games."

The Lady Govs also suffered cold shooting. "Early in the season our defense had to hold up the offensive end until it started coming around," said Coach Barb Felderman last year.

Of course, moving footballs and shooting basketballs are different, but similarities show through.

The wrestling coach, Mike Engels, also noted his team's low pinning average and difficulty in getting back points.

Why do Riggs High athletes tend to be stronger defensively than offensively, regardless of the sport? This is a difficult question. It should be interesting to see what happens this year.

Outlook good

Antelope season open

For the first time hunters will be allowed to hunt East River antelope.

East River Conservation Officer, Wayne Pool said, "East River antelope hunting will be excellent. Areas to keep in mind are the areas 12 to 15 miles east of Pierre on Highway 34."

West River hunters can also anticipate a bountiful antelope season according to William Shattack, local west river conservation officer.

However Shattack pointed out that

The Governors will kick off their football season at home tonight against Rapid City Stevens. Coach Bob Bozied doesn't quite know what to expect.

"It's always hard to know what the opponent will do in the first game of the season," he said.

As for what to expect from the Govs, "Overall, the outlook is good," said Bozied. "I think right now we're a little farther than last year at this time."

According to Bozied, the coaches were shown encouraging signs during an intra-squad scrimmage last week. "We didn't make a lot of penalties or turnovers. Those little five yard penalties really take the momentum out of a drive", he continued. "We were very pleased with the line play and the way the backs ran."

The coach believes it's too early to tell what his teams strengths and weaknesses are, but that the defense may be strong again this year, because fewer players are gone than from the offensive unit.

Although more defensive players remain from last year's squad, the defensive coach is gone. Tom Ball, who is no longer teaching, has been replaced by Bob Judson.

Bozied, Judson, and Monty Hillestad (line coach) make up the coaching staff.

The Governors will not be changing their offense, as stated in a news report, but will continue to use a wishbone offense. They changed to the wishbone late last season.

"It gives us a quicker inside threat," said Bozied. "Also, it provides us with another blocker from the backfield."

During last week's scrimmage, halfback Jeff Parker injured his knee and will not be playing tonight. Parker was a valuable part of the Governors' running attack.

The first three games are at home, and since most consider playing on the home field to be an advantage, the Govs will have a good chance of building momentum early.

Tonight's game at Hollister Field is at 7:30.



Finalists

Shane Cowan brushes himself off after taking a spill in the State 4-H finals rodeo. Cowan, along with Jay Etzkorn, competed in the National High School Rodeo Finals in Huron this summer. In other rodeos, Curt Clark placed 5th in the saddle bronc competition in the Little Britches National Finals in Nebraska and Melody Maher was crowned S.D. State 4-H Rodeo Queen. (Springer photo)

Swim Team captures state

Three months of grueling workouts in drizzling rain and blistering heat, paid off for the Pierre Swim Team, who once again captured the title of State Summer Team Champions Aug. 12 and 13 in Huron.

The team was coached by Scott Huckins and Dennis Rounds. Both are graduates of Riggs High. The swimmers received over 1500 points, with the second place team receiving approximately 500 points.

Of the 70 member team, 12 swimmers from Riggs added their share of the points. These included, Scott Crowell, Mike Pfeiffer, Doug Stewart, Stephanie Sommer, Krin Haase, Sherie Schwaderer, Maxine Westall, John Oscarson, Jeff Westall, Troy Klocker, Tom Rounds and Shana Flieger.

The team practiced 3 hours a day in unpredictable weather and participated in several meets, along with swimming in the Great Oahe Swim, which is a two mile race across the face of the dam.

Cross Country teams to face State Champs

Boys and girls Cross Country teams open their season against the defending state champs, Rapid City Stevens. The Stevens are rated No. 1 again this year.

Coach Lundeen looks optimistically at the season by saying, "At the end of the year we should have a very good team if everyone stays out."

The team consists of 13 boys and 10 girls with 4 boys and 7 girls returning as letterwinners.

Pierre will compete again Saturday, Sept. 2, at a quadrangular meet in Redfield. Other teams entered are Huron and Mitchell. The rest of the schedule is as follows: Sept. 8 -- Pierre Invitational Meet, Sept. 9 -- Mitchell meet, Sept. 16 -- Huron Invitational, Sept. 22 -- Rapid City Central Meet, Sept. 26 -- Dual Huron (here), Sept. 30 -- Todd Co. meet, Oct. 6 -- Rapid City Stevens Invitational, Oct. 13 -- ESD Conference at Brookings, Oct. 20 -- Regional at Huron, and Oct. 28 -- State AA meet at Brookings.