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Pogany takes 2nd place

Wade Pogany won second place in the memorized orations division at the annual South Dakota State Oral Interpretation contest last week end at NSC in Aberdeen.

Wade, along with 11 others who were competing in the oratory division, was judged on delivery and content of his speech. He was the only central South Dakota student to reach the state level of competition in oral interpretation this year.

The judges commended Wade particularly on the content of his speech which was entitled "You are Somebody". They cited his topic as meritorious because it applied to everyone and was easy to relate to.

Wade commented, "It was a hard competition because it was so close" He received a superior II rating.

Superior scores are divided in I, II and III, with superior I being the best. Speakers are also judged excellent, good and fair.

Approximately 90 students from all over the state competed in the five categories, humorous interpretation, poetry, dramatic prose, dramatic drama and oratory.

The judges for the event are speech communications professors from various state colleges.



STATE HONORS... Wade Pogany brought home a second place trophy from the state Oral Interpretation contest at NSC last weekend. (Photo by Rod Holmes)

Six-hour day proposed to Pierre School Board

Once again the question concerning the adoption of the six hour day for Riggs High School has come before the Pierre School Board. It was originally proposed last year but was turned down by the Board after parents and students raised objections to the change.

The board is now reconsidering the possibility of changing the schedule for next year's students. A proposal was presented at the November School Board meeting by a group of faculty and students. The Board accepted the proposal and will hold further discussions on the issue at their December meeting.

The plan which was presented proposes a starting time of 8:30 a.m. instead of the present 7:50 a.m. Classes would still be 55 minutes long, and there would be five minutes between classes. The school day would end at 3 p.m. Lunch periods would be 25 minutes long instead of the present 27 minutes.

The proponents of the plan listed five advantages to the shorter day. They claim the number of study halls per day per pupil would be more reasonable. They propose that time before school could be used more effectively for student make-up and extra-curricular activities.

A third advantage according to the advocates would be the elimination of inequities such as rural study hall, athletic study hall, and after school use of the gym.

Another advantage concerns the community and family. This includes the need to have a schedule the same as the junior high and elementary schools and alleviation of the traffic congestion in the mornings.

The administration and staff would have some advantages such as teacher preparation time, staff meeting time and substitute teacher time.

Opponents of the plan did not appear at the Board meeting, but when the six hour day proposal was made last year, the music department was

strongly in opposition because of putting band practice outside the regular school day. Band involves nearly 100 students and has been traditionally scheduled the first hour of the day.

Opponents are also concerned about the affect the shorter day will have upon the quarter courses. Students will have less chance of getting the quarter courses they want because of conflicts of hours and class scheduling.

At the present time, a faculty committee is working on the proposal details which they will review with the Board next month. A decision will probably not be made immediately.

The seven hour day was adopted ten years ago because of the changes to quarter courses and because of a shortage of classrooms.

A smiling new face

Student teacher exhibits abilities

The new smiling face you may see in the Home Ec room or in the halls isn't a student nor a member of the faculty, but student teacher Jani Haraldson.

A senior at SDSU, majoring in Home Economics, Miss Haraldson will receive her teaching degree the middle of December.

Miss Haraldson's stay at Riggs was determined by first choosing seven regional high schools and then deciding among them. After a nine week period of student teaching in the Riggs High Home Ec department, her stay will end Dec. 12.

Presiding in the Home Ec room, Miss Haraldson takes Mrs. Bruhn's place, teaching a total of five hours each day. Her teaching abilities are tested in three hours of Solo Living and two hours in Advanced Foods.

"Putting all the work to application," is one of the main reasons Miss Haraldson enjoys teaching. "I also find the students very cooperative and receptive to the different ideas I have," added Miss Haraldson. She also expressed how all the classes she has taught have gone very well for herself and the students.

In addition to the cheerful attitude toward teaching, she is enthusiastic about the Pierre system. Quarterly class changes do not seem to bother or confuse her, "It lets me try a variety of techniques," she concluded.

Thinking back, Miss Haraldson distinctly remembers her Home Ec teacher in high school at Elbow Lake, Minn., who influenced her in her decision to go into the Home Economic field.

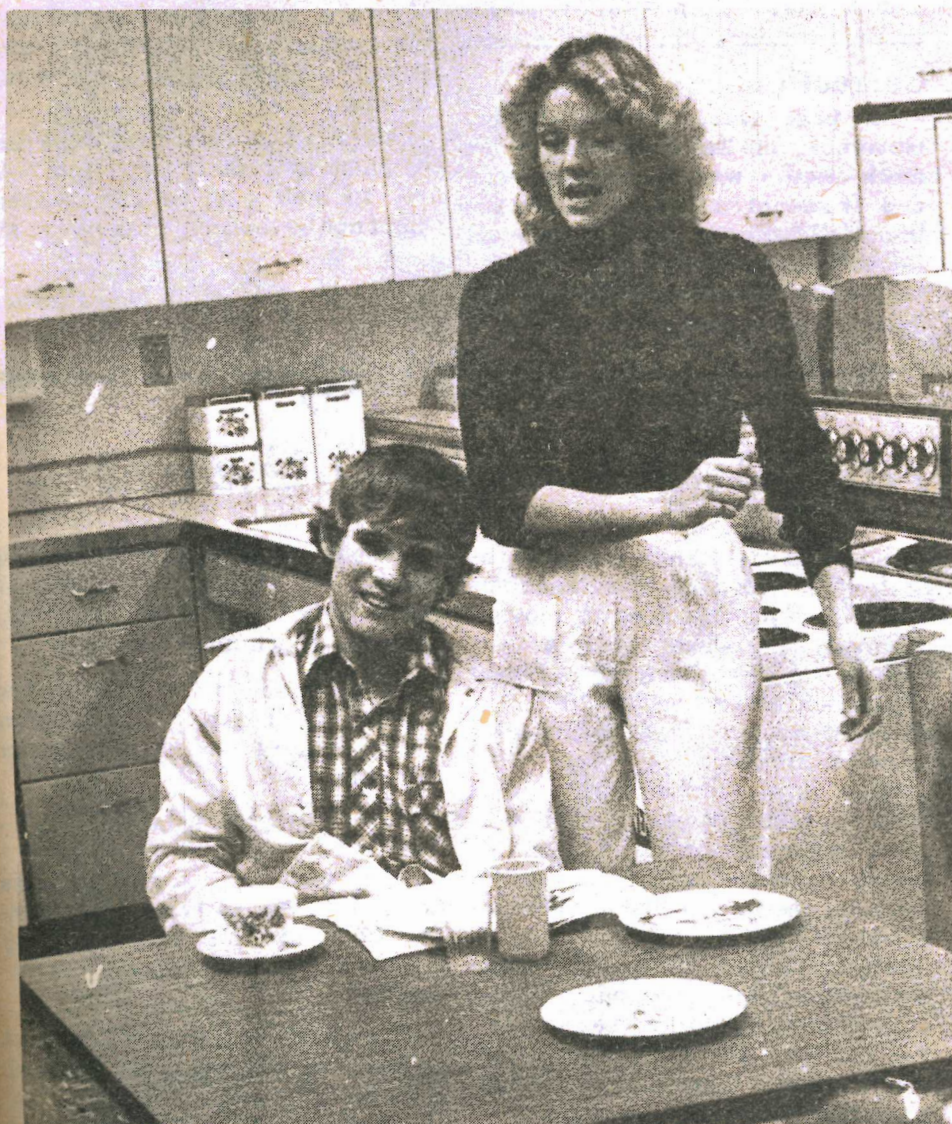
Originally from a small town herself, Miss Haraldson concluded that she liked Pierre, but would not want to live here permanently.

Jogging, listening to music and skiing, are just the few of the interests Miss Haraldson finds time for.

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SETTING A NEAT TABLE... Reed Widvey watches with interest as student teacher Jani Haraldson demonstrates the correct way to place dishes before the daily chow down. (Photo by Luc Gooris)

Editorial

Departing counselor praised

A distinguished member of the Riggs faculty who is retiring next month deserves to be recognized by the student body. She is Mrs. Gladys Carl, the Riggs registrar/counselor of 17 years.

Without her, the guidance department would not have the effectiveness it has nor could it give so much individual attention to students, especially to seniors.

Quite often during the year, seniors seek the aid of Mrs. Carl. She has ample scholarship applications available at all times and she encourages and helps seniors complete these applications. Every year, approximately 45 scholarships and awards are presented, mostly because of her efforts. Last year, 49 students received scholarships totaling \$28,130. Some of these awards could have been passed up had Mrs. Carl not compiled scholarship flyers every month.

She has been the NHS adviser for 17 years. NHS is now the most prestigious club where top scholars are honored. Mrs. Carl was responsible for changing the subjection method of selection by setting up a fair point system.

Three years ago when Mr. Walter Flannery (then guidance counselor) died, she ran the whole guidance department in addition to her other tasks.

Her work is essential to the school as a whole. Evaluating all transcripts of present and new students, figuring grade point averages, updating teacher-class rosters all keep her very busy. In addition, Mrs. Carl also takes care of the syllabus, a booklet describing all courses available at Riggs.

Mrs. Carl was on the Board of Directors of the South Dakota Vital Information for Education and Work (VIEW) for approximately eight years. This year she received a citation from VIEW for her outstanding contributions to the organization. (VIEW provides various kinds of information such as: job specifications, range of pay, apprenticeships, etc.)

In essence, Mrs. Carl is one of those special people who has kept this school system running smoothly. Yes, whoever fills her shoes will realize it's not all smooth sailing, but as Mrs. Carl said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed it. If I had to do it all over, I'd do the same thing again." J.H.C.

Notable events around state

Brittonian - Britton

Debbie Guleson, a clairnetist from Britton High School, auditioned for, and was able to participate in the Music Camp 1980 Goodwill European Tour Band. The Band traveled to England, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and flew back to Canada. From there they made their last stop in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

We, the Governor staff, wish to express our deepest sympathy for the Darwin Heyd family on the loss of a loved one. Kim Heyd, 1971 Riggs graduate, died Nov. 10 as the result of a farm accident.

Waksape - Yankton

Paul Harens, a former Riggs High debate coach and member of the Riggs' faculty, is the new debate coach at Yankton Senior High school. Harens said that they are in the process of rebuilding their squad. The squad contains six students with some experience and 16-18 students who have none. Harens feels that it is the beginning of a good team for Yankton High.

Purple and Gold - Watertown

The Red Cross Bloodmobile made its annual stop at Watertown. Usually it comes in the spring but this year it came in the fall. This caused some problems since donors must be 17 years old, and fewer donors are eligible in the fall than in the spring. Usually more than 100 students donate blood.

The Pheasant Call - Redfield

Redfield High School has added a new co-curricular activity called the Future Business Leaders of America Chapter. Students enrolled in business classes may join. The club's purposes include developing character and leadership, creating better money management, understanding career choices, and developing a better understanding of business enterprise. The Chapter meets monthly.

Governor staff would like to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Linn, Tom and Laurie on the death of their son and brother, Clyde Linn, a 1978 graduate of Riggs who was attending the School of Mines. Clyde was killed in an automobile accident November 14 near Box Elder, S.D.

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POINT -- COUNTERPOINT

6 period or 7 period day?

I think it is time to reconsider carefully all aspects of the six hour day proposal. Parents, students and faculty will all be affected by any change that occurs, but it must be decided on the basis of what is best for the majority of students.

Even with one less period a day students in band can still get six classes in just as they can in a seven period day.

The big question today is whether band will be affected or not? If asked several years ago, the answer probably would have been a definite "yes." But today, with the improvement in the band and the attitudes of the members, I would say "no." Band students seemed to have enough pride that they would take band no matter what hour it was offered (within reason, of course). Band students are not being asked to do anything different than what has been asked of all other extra-curricular activities, that is scheduling their activity outside the school day.

With teachers on duty 45 minutes before school, students with makeup work can come in and get it made up. Presently, with a seven period day, this is hard to do. Have you ever tried to find a coach after school to make up something when he has an extra curricular activity?

I think it is about time that what is best for the majority of students should be considered.

Larry Lundeen
Mathematics Teacher

The change to a six period day appears to me to be a matter of convenience. There are no educational reasons for this change.

Five years ago there was much concern about building a strong band program. The program is constantly growing and there is nearly a 95% carry over of students from Junior to Senior High. The program is strong

and the students are very enthusiastic. There is a strong possibility this enthusiasm would be jeopardized if the high school goes to 6 hour days.

The change to a six period day would effect more than 95 band students (at its peak 115) who would have the heavy burden of a very early starting time (year long) shifted to them alone. These students have trained for five years to become high school band students and with band opened outside the school day it would become very inconvenient and difficult to participate.

Band would have to begin its daily practice at 7:30 a.m. and during marching season 7:00 a.m. for the full group and some days at 6:30 a.m. for the Flag Corp.

Our marching band has become a very competitive organization, recognized around the state as a superior group. This time for practice is essential to keep the quality of performance at this high level.

If the time before school is used for other activities such as intramurals, drill team, play practice etc., band students who wish to participate in some of these activities have a direct conflict. Students will be forced to make a crucial decision.

A six hour day would make it difficult for the students to take some of the elective courses offered which will limit their educational opportunities.

Concerning tardiness and absence slips before school, I firmly believe that our students will only take advantage of the extra sleeping time and be tardy anyway!

The traffic congestion problem that apparently exists between the state house workers and the Riggs faculty and students would only be shifted to all the city schools, resulting in no correction of the problem.

I for one, would be unable to attend our monthly faculty meetings putting me out of touch unless I cancel my morning class.

Teachers would still have to be here the same amount of time from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. so the teachers would not be reducing their day at all.

Paul Upsahl,
Band Director

Correction:

On page three of the October Governor, one line of the tally of the mock election was erroneously recorded. It should not have included the line 'Hall (write in) . . . 8' in the staff tally. This was a result in the student tally only. We apologize for any embarrassment we may have caused.

Backstage

Advantages of local theater

Have you ever seen a movie at the State Theater? Kind of a ridiculous question. Everyone goes to movies, especially high school students.

Have you ever seen a Pierre Player production at the Studio 109? Probably there are fewer affirmative answers this time.

Why don't more high school students take advantage of this first class entertainment? I have the answers to some familiar excuses for avoiding the four yearly productions of Pierre Players.

"I can't afford it" - Cost is usually \$4 a ticket. You only pay a dollar more than you would to see a movie, yet you have the opportunity to attend excellent theatre. (You also get an extra hour of entertainment.)

"I never have a chance" - Pierre Players productions usually run at least six nights, two consecutive weekends, and are well publicized. So unless you always stay home and study Saturday nights, you should have an opportunity to attend.

"I don't like it" - How do you know? Try it and you'll find that Pierre Players has something for everyone

"I've never thought about it" - Now you have.

Every performance given by this group lives up to the highest standards of community theatre, and no one should miss the experience of attending.

. . . footnotes; "Harvey" is over and now we are winding up for the next Pierre Players production "The Childrens Hour". They will need about 10 high school girls . . . get involved in your high school and community theatre!



OUTSTANDING CLASSMATES... Students-of-the-Month for November are Mary Lehecka and Wade Pogany.

Mary is feature editor of the Governor. She was involved in the Flag Corps this fall, is the team captain of the drill team and was vice-president of the junior class. She represents the school as a Senior Kiwanian, is a secretary of the National Honor Society and holds a part time job at C. Allen Jewelry.

Wade has just brought honors to Riggs High School for his second place win in the state Oral Interpretation contest. He has been a varsity debater for the past two years. He is a photographer for the Gumbo and a member of the National Honor Society. He was a Boys Stater last spring. He works after school at Coast to Coast. (Photo by Luc Gooris)

Chu chosen Century III delegate



SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT... Janet Chu was named local winner of the Century III Leadership program for 1980.

Janet Chu was chosen as the Century III Leaders Program winner of Riggs High.

She has written an essay on "Projection for Innovative Leadership" for the state competition.

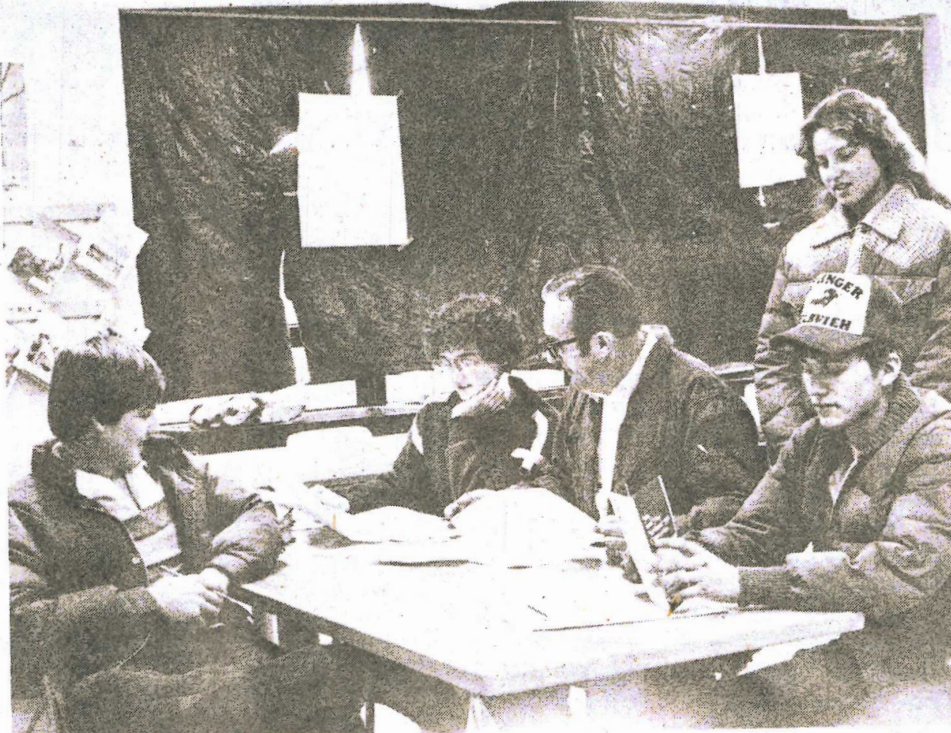
Two winners from each state will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to any institution of higher learning and an all-expense paid trip to the Century III Leaders Conference in Williamsburg, Va. and Washington, D.C. March 13-16 where they will receive their awards. Two alternatives from each state will receive \$500 scholarships.

The national winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship in addition to the \$1,500 state scholarship, and nine national semi-finalists will receive \$500 awards in addition to their state awards.

Janet is co-editor of the Governor this year. She was honored this summer as one of the All-State journalists for South Dakota. She was a page editor last year and earned membership in Quill and Scroll.

Besides her leadership roll in journalism, Janet is an officer of Thespian and appeared in the play "Fiddler On the Roof". She is an officer of NFL and has been on the debate team for two years. She is a member of Spanish Club and was elected to membership in National Honor Society last spring.

She has been in the Flag Corp for two years and is a member of the First Ladies drill team this year.



DISCUSSING AN EVENTFUL TRIP... Mr. Murphy give instructions to the National FFA convention delegates on what meetings and speeches to attend in Kansas City. Looking over the three day program are, from the left, Tom Parson, Kristi Carter, Mr. Murphy, Lura Houck and Jeff Metzinger.

10 debaters on team

Promising season opens

Ten members of the Riggs High Varsity debate team have begun a promising season by participating in tournaments at Mission and Huron.

The Riggs Junior Varsity debaters overwhelmed their competitors by taking first place at the "Turkey Talk" Invitational.

The contest held Nov. 22 at Huron included 10 other schools in the region.

Brian Pogany took top honors in extemporaneous speaking and also finished with the most points in the contest.

Second place with the most points went to Dana Garrigan, while Terry Treiberg took second in the extemporaneous speaking division.

At the Mission event Nov. 1 Terry Treiberg received first in the 'B' division extemporaneous speaking. Sec-

ond place in the 'A' division went to Bryan Pogany, and Dana Garrigan took third in that division.

The 1980 debate topic deals with the federal government guarantees of protection stated as a debate topic it is Resolved.

Ken Larson is the advisor for the varsity debate team and Terry Peterson heads the Novice debaters.

Members on the Varsity team include Kurt Bohn, Wade Pogany, Bryan Pogany, Dana Garrigan, Terry Treiberg, Lorne Hosman, Steve Wollman, Janet Chu, Diane Kisters and Kristi Hudecek.

Four tournaments for the season are scheduled before Christmas, Dec. 5-6, Aberdeen; Dec. 13, Scotland; and Dec. 19-20, Huron. Nine meets will be held in January and February.

Foreign language clubs hold fall retreat

The German and Latin clubs, with their advisers Mr. E.J. Mickelson and Mrs. Shelia Aaker, held their annual fall retreat on Nov. 15.

Although it was a busy evening in Pierre, with the Pierre Players Play "Ten Little Indians" and the high

school play "Harvey", it was not difficult for the foreign language students to decide where to go.

Bar-b-ques, chips, carrots, cookies and hot chocolate were on the menu for the evening.

After dinner, the students sang some German and Latin songs led by Mr. and Mrs. Mickelson.

To get every one on their feet, the group was taught a popular German folk dance which goes with a traditional song about sweethearts.

To end the evening, ancient myths about "psyche" were told by the Latin scholar, Mr. Mickelson.

Club sells candy as money project

The German Club's two major money making projects for this year are the upcoming candy sale in December and the recently completed raffle drawing.

Mike Gunderson won the raffle drawing when club president Mike Schneider drew his name for a \$100 gift certificate at Red Owl Family Center.

The German Club is saving money to help pay for the annual Schmeckfest in the spring.

The December candy sale will offer a variety of German sweets including Toblern and Goomy Bears for Christmas.

These are all imported candies which will be sold after school in the lobby.

Spanish Club opens by electing officers

Spanish Club members are going to sell German candy with the German Club to raise money for their annual Spanish banquet to be held in the spring.

Club officers were elected for the 1980-81 year at the last meeting.

They are president, Val Carr, Vice-president, Marianne Bassett, secretary, Kathy Greene, and treasurer, Joe Sundermeyer.

Kansas City site of FFA convention

Four members of the Pierre Oahe Future Farmers of America Chapter attended the National FFA Meeting and Contests in Kansas City, Kansas, Nov. 11-14.

Those delegated to attend were Kristi Carter, Lura Houck, Jeff Metzinger and Tom Parsons. They, along with students from all over the state, traveled to Kansas by bus.

Besides attending meetings, the group visited the Armco Steel Industries, the Farmland experimental farms and attended the American Royal Stock Show and Rodeo.

Twelve FFA members participated in the District Leadership contest in Miller last Saturday.

The officers team, consisting of Jeff Metzinger, Shawn Maher, Mike Hawkins, Duane Deiz, Carmen Cowan and Lura Houck, took second place in the parliamentary procedure contest.

Joan Hardwick took third in the Creed contest and will now advance to State competition.

Sports

Lady Gavs look forward to Section VI Tourney



GOING FOR TWO... Rhonda Steffen puts up a shot against Madison as Donna Kosters watches from backcourt during the home game Nov. 14. (Photo by Rod Holmes)

During the past month, the Lady Governors have marked an impressive record in the sports history books at Riggs high with six wins and no losses.

They head into sectional play after one more game at home against Aberdeen the day after Thanksgiving. Coach Don Shields anticipates a tough battle against the tournament hosts, the Winner Warriors, at the Sectionals on Dec. 1-2. The Lady Gavs won their regular season game against Winner by a narrow 57-54 score.

"It's going to be a tough sectional tournament this year because Winner is a good team. We are going to have to play excellent ball against them on their home court," stated Coach Shields.

Their heavy November schedule included games against Huron, Madison, Winner, Watertown, Todd County and Mitchell.

The Pierre Lady Gavs conquered the Huron Tigers there last Friday night with a score of 68-37.

The Ladies leading scorers were Lisa Zacher with 14 points and Karen Paul with 13. Richter scored 10 points for Huron.

Karla Trankle and Paul were the leading rebounders for Pierre. For the night the Lady Gavs had a total of 30 rebounds and the Tigers had 27.

Pierre turned the ball over just 14 times during the game, while Huron turned it over 32 times.

The Pierre Lady Gavs were victorious over the Madison Bulldogs on

Nov. 14 at the Riggs High Gym by defeating them 63-42.

The leading scores of the evening for Pierre were Karla Trankle with 22 points and Karen Paul with 12.

Trankle and Lisa Zacher led in rebounds for the Lady Governors. Trankle pulled down 8 and Zacher had 6.

Pierre shot 53 times from the floor and sank 26 of them for a 49 percent average. From the free-throw line the Ladies went 12-20 for a 60 percent average.

The Lady Gavs had a total of 34 rebounds and only 16 turnovers.

The Lady Governors defeated the Winner Lady Warriors in Pierre on Nov. 11 by a score of 57-54.

Trankle and Zacher led Pierre in the points department. Trankle had 19 points and Zacher 10.

The leading rebounders from Pierre were Trankle with 8, Paul with 7, and Jean Misterek with 7.

In the field goal department, Pierre went 20-41 for a 49 percent average. They made 17 out of 31 free-throw attempts for a 55 percent average. The Lady Gavs pulled down 39 rebounds and turned the ball over 17 times.

The Lady Governors trailed the Watertown Arrows all the way through the game on the Watertown court Nov. 7, but came from behind to win 48-47.

Karla Trankle led Pierre in rebounds with 12. Karen Paul had 6 rebounds and Lisa Zacher had 5.

Pierre had a total of 33 offensive and defensive rebounds with 18 turnovers.

44 Wrestlers fight for positions

With the opening of the 1980-81 wrestling season, 44 wrestlers will be fighting for positions on the varsity team.

Of those 44 wrestlers, 7 are returning lettermen. They are: seniors, Greg Jensen, Shawn Maher, Kevin Wald and Jeff Westall; sophomores, Kendall Newling and Roger Theobald, and freshman, Eric Venner.

Coaching the team this year are

head coach, Jerry Schleckaway and assistant coach Larry Lundeen.

The Grapplers will be traveling for their first meet to Chamberlain on Dec. 1st. The five upcoming meets before Christmas include only one home match. The schedule is:

Dec. 1 Chamberlain - There
Dec. 6 Mobridge Invitational
Dec. 9 Miller - Here
Dec. 13 Rapid City Tournament
Dec. 20 Madison Tournament

Free Agent Draft Inflation hits the big leagues

By the way this year's free agent draft went, it seems that inflation has hit even the big-league baseball teams. Apparently, club owners have decided that enough is enough with paying the superstars of the game \$1,000,000 a year or more. Especially when they can pick up a couple of players who are not as good for a fraction of what some players are demanding these days.

Ron LeFlore, major league's leading base stealer this season, and Tug McGraw, the Philadelphia Phillies ace reliever, were almost completely forgotten in the draft.

LeFlore was picked by only one team, the Chicago White Sox as an 11th round draft choice. McGraw was not chosen by any club. Both players are now eligible to negotiate with all 26 teams. It seems that none of the clubs can afford the prices that LeFlore and McGraw are asking for their services.

But guys like Dave Roberts and Jim Dwyer were selected by 12 and 11 teams, respectively. Roberts was the first player selected in the first round.

He was selected by the Chicago Cubs. Dwyer has played for five teams in his career. These two men are not going to be able to command the kind of figures that teams like the New York Yankees and the Houston Astros will toss around the players like Dave Winfield and Don Sutton.

Some major league teams are not into this "bargain basement shopping." A few are willing to pay the millions that some players want. In fact, Sutton and Winfield were chosen by 10 teams each. Winfield's price tag is \$10,000,000 for 8 years and Sutton's is \$5,000,000 for four years.

People who regularly go to major league games have realized that admission prices keep going up and up. One of the main causes is that club owners pay more for their players than they used to. And just because a player receives \$1,000,000 a year, it doesn't mean that your favorite team automatically gets to go the World Series every year. All this raises the question "Does it fall on that more expensive the player, the better he is?"

Lee Wendt



PUTTING THEM IN THEIR PLACE... Todd Curtis, Dave Weeseman, and Jon LaFramboise demonstrate the biggest craze to hit Riggs High since "Celebrity Corner": The old 'dump a sophomore in a garbage can' trick. (Photo by Rod Holmes)



FUTURE OLYMPIAN... Cathy Greene practices her balance beam routine as Coach Stephanie Manson offers support and encouragement. (Photo by Luc Gooris)

Gymnasts condition for season

The Pierre Gymnastics team has started its tough beginning-of-the-season training sessions to determine who will be the varsity tumblers for the upcoming 1980-81 season.

All of the places have not yet been filled, but for the most part this year's varsity team will include Angie Herron, Deb Thomas, Peggie Friman, Jill Norman, Angel Oscarson, Cathy Greene and Mary Meierhenry. All of these are returning from last year's squad and are expected to add much to the team.

Coach Stephanie Manson cited

A different kind of 'fire-up'

Loud blaring music, laughing, jokes and food, (spaghetti in particular). A party - right? More specifically a pre-game fire-up party for the Lady Gobs.

This is the way the Lady Gobs fire themselves up for their games this season.

Most every week team members volunteer to do fire-up for the upcoming game. Done in numerous different ways, these fire-ups really help to psych-up the team as well as the individual players.

Signs on lockers, brownies and sacks of candy to eat on the bus, a locker room decorated in green and white, signs in each player's yard, a drive-way full of epigrams written in whitewash, pep assemblies, a band playing, and a crowd cheering are all ways in which the players, managers, cheerleaders, coaches and parents have helped to fire-up the girls to a successful season.

All of these methods of fire-up would be fruitless, of course, without all the hard work and time spent by the girls and coaches in practice.

In addition to getting the team psyched up for a game, the fire-ups give the entire team a chance to get together in a non-practice atmosphere.

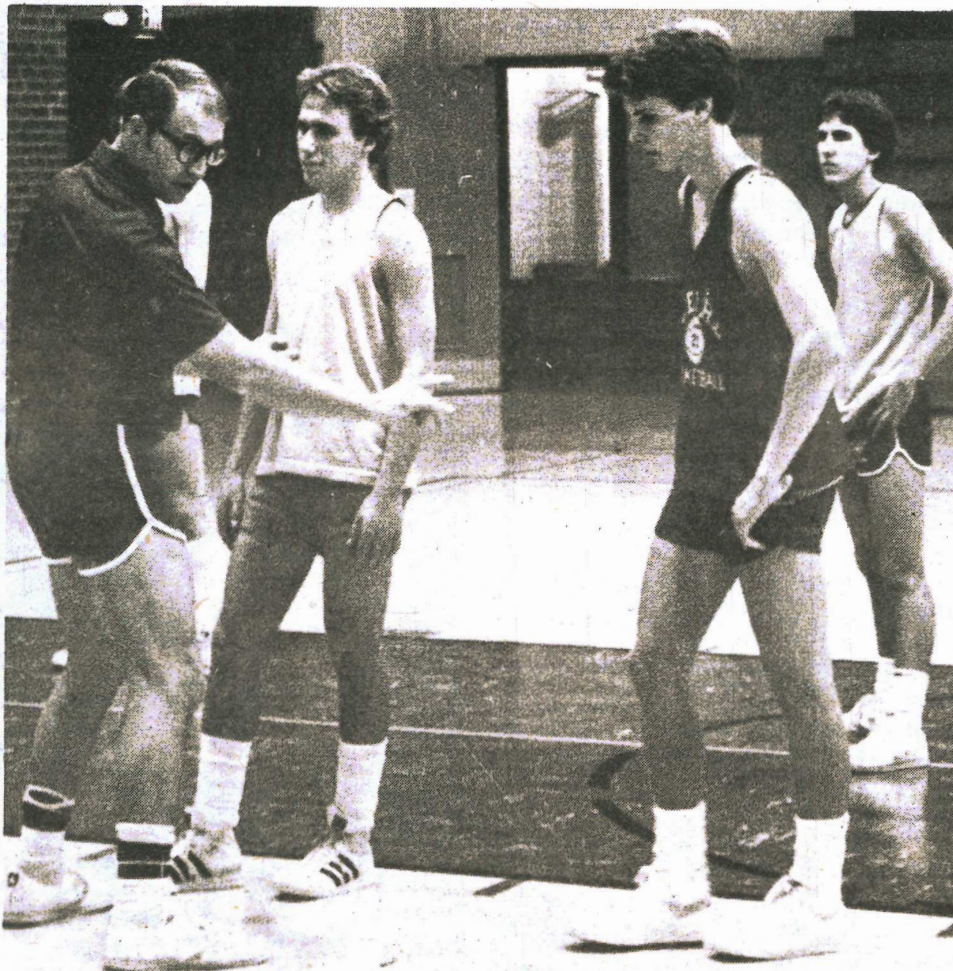
As one player puts it, "It gives us a chance to get to know each other better, and just a chance to have fun. Our team gets along really well, and I think that's a super important factor in our playing well as a team."

Mary Meierhenry, Jill Norman, Cathy Greene, and Angel Oscarson as the girls who will provide the leadership which the team needs.

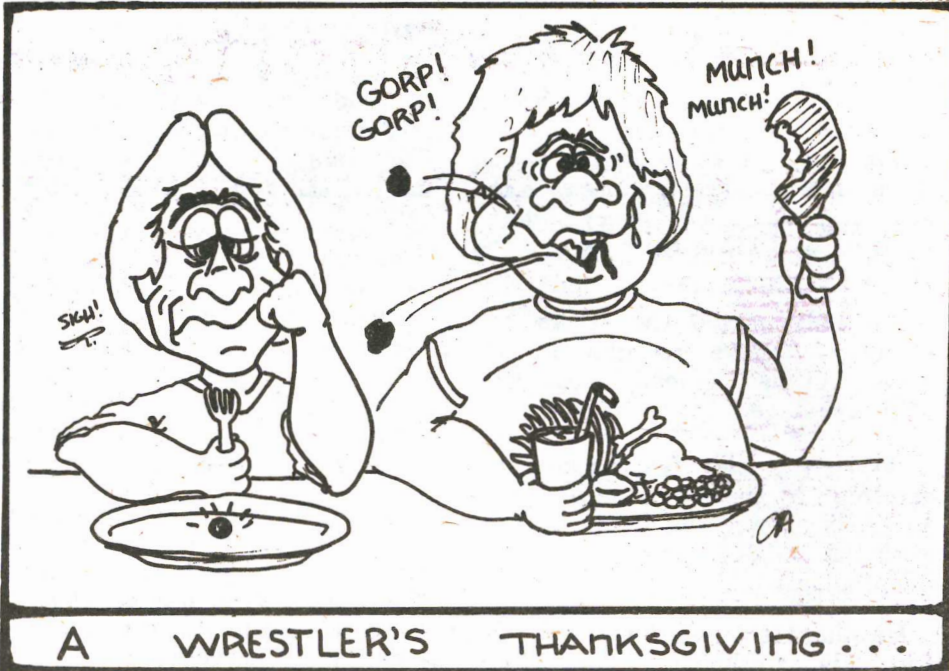
Sarah Pries and Wendy Buechler will be absent from this year's roster due to Sarah's graduation and a nagging back injury which hinders Wendy's participation in any strenuous sport.

This year the team's strongest event is the balance beam. As it did last year, this event should compensate for some of the team's weaker events, which, according to Coach Manson are the uneven bars and the vault.

Miss Manson was surprised at the improvement of the girls over the summer, and seemed optimistic as to the outcome of this season. In the final analysis, however, her only comment was, "Wait and see."



HOW IT'S DONE... Coach Judson walks through a potential game winner with team members Craig Bump and Doug Smith. (Photo by Rod Holmes)



ANGELS OF MERCY... Mat Maids, who will provide extra support for the wrestlers during the 1980-81 season are, from the left, back row, Carmen Cowan, Jill Schimkat, Kim Paulson, Brenda Rupiper, Becki Winkler; front row, Patty McNeil, Terri Jennings, Lori Hartmann, Kim Hawkins and Paula Hasek. Not pictured are Barb Klein and Karla Steever. (Photo by Luc Gooris)

1980-81 Mat Maids chosen

Helping with home wrestling matches this season will be 12 newly chosen mat maids.

Her duties will include baking goodies, running cokes, decorating lockers, helping at matches and promoting team spirit with words of encouragement.

The girls picked for these tasks are Kim Paulson, Terri Jennings, Becki Winkler, Patty McNeil, Jill Schimkat, Paula Hasek, Lori Hartmann, Karla Steever, Carmen Cowan, Brenda Rupiper, Kim Hawkins and Barb Klein.

They earned their positions by their scores on a written test given by Assistant Coach Larry Lundeen. The test covered weight classes, correct scoring, rules and regulations, names of ESD schools, Pierre wrestlers and All-State champs from Pierre.

Cagers in training for 1980-81 season

The 1980-81 boys basketball team, coached by Bob Judson and Skip Kurth, is getting into shape and conditioning for the upcoming season.

The boys will be training as hard as they can especially on rebounds hoping their jumping ability and quickness will make up for their lack of height.

The young squad consists of: seniors, Curt Hartog, Ken Flannery, Scott Anderson, Toby Crow and Craig Bump; juniors, Dennis Eberhard, Pat Stocking, Doug Smith, Jim Hull, Tony Miller, Sean Burke, Joe Peta, Mike Cox, Jeff Brosz, Mark Haigh, Troy Bren and Steve Stein. The sophomores are Chip Clelland and Troy Schaefer.

Mr. Judson commented, "A lot of the teams in the conference have experienced players and the conference winner will come from 5 or 6 well-rounded teams."

Fall play uses talents of many students

More goes into putting on a school play than meets the eye.

For many weeks before the actual performance, the cast, along with the directors, meet almost every night to work on perfecting their part in the play.

Not only should the actors and actresses receive recognition and praise, but also the many people who help backstage.

"Harvey", the fall production presented by the drama department, definitely showed the many hours of work that these students devoted to the production.

Heading the various backstage jobs for this production were Jean Christensen, costumes, Karen Krogstad, stage manager Mary Ann Schoessler, house manager, Karen Melsted and Martha Atkinson, props, and Brian Agena, lights.

June Hansen, student director, stated, "The way the play came out can be and should be credited to all

the students who participated in the production in one way or another. They were all great!" She added that she felt the play went exceptionally well.

The major problem of the play was the perpetual problem of poor acoustics in the gym. Unless you had a seat near the front you had difficulties in hearing the lines. It seemed that no matter how loud the performers spoke, the sound just did not carry to the back of the gym.

Also, I was very disappointed in the turn out at the production on Thursday evening. I can think of nothing more discouraging than to have worked so hard and then see so few people in the audience.

I felt, however, that in spite of these handicaps, the play was quite a success. I also felt that Mrs. Douglas and all those students involved in the "Harvey" production deserve a big "Congratulations!"

Mary Lehecka



"HE'S REAL, I TELL YOU!"... Elwood P. Doud (Kevin Coyle) tries to convince Judge Omar Gaffney (Dana Garrigan) and his sister, Veta Simmons (Eileen Redden) that Harvey is a real live rabbit. Duane Wilson, the hospital intern (Randy Hartman) and Veta's daughter Myrtle Mae (Kellie Heuer) listen with detached amusement in this scene from the fall production of "Harvey". (Photo by Luc Gooris)

Kristin shoots her way to success

Two questions of world-wide importance were answered this month -- (1) Who would become the next president of the U.S., and (2) Who shot J.R.?

Though the first question was vital to everyone, the second became a bigger mystery.

Ever since the CBS show "Dallas" premiered March 21, 1979, J.R. (Larry Hagman) has become an international figure, with an estimated 250 million viewers throughout the world.

CBS reportedly received \$250,000 for each 30 - second commercial during the Nov. 21 show. It is believed to be the highest amount ever sought by a network for commercial time in an episode from a continuing series.

The women in the story have come a long way. In the beginning, they just sat around, with very few words, and looked pretty. But now they play major roles effecting many people so it follows that the would-be assassin should be a female.

There were many suspects who could have shot J.R. But on Nov. 21 Kristin Shepard (Mary Crosby, Bing's daughter), J.R.'s ex-mistress, and Sue Ellen's (Linda Gray) sister was revealed as the culprit.

Students and faculty at Riggs did not out-guess the producers when they were surveyed on Friday.

They chose Dusty Farlow (Jared Martin) in the poll taken just a few hours before the show.

The boys were more convinced of Dusty's guilt than the girls. Sixty seven predicted that he had pulled the trigger. Kristin was a bullet's length behind with 64 boys and 85 girls accusing her.

The boys made up for 54% of the Governor survey.

It appears girls watch the show more than boys do according to the poll.

When asked to reveal their feelings about the characters, the most sympathy was given to Sue Ellen by both sexes. Bobby (Patrick Duffy) appeared next in line.

The big question of the year may have been solved, but now two more have appeared for the millions of Friday night fans. (1) Who put up the \$100,000 jail bond for Sue Ellen, and, (2) Is Kristin really going to have J.R.'s child?



MAKING JEFF 'FEEL AT HOME'... Friends of the most unfortunate senior Jeff Smith, who help camouflage his noticeable arm cast with identical arm positions are, from the left, Todd Sherrill, Greg Lemieux, Todd Curtis, Jim Adler, Jeff and Tony Bircham. Jeff's unusual cast is the result of a dislocated shoulder. Everyone except Jeff is enjoying his misfortune. (Photo by Rod Holmes)

Unique work

Student becomes piano teacher

While other students are struggling to find part time work, one student, Dennette Eisnach, creates her own employment. Dennette, a junior, recently began giving piano lessons to students of all ages.

The idea of teaching piano is not completely new to her. Dennette's sister, Danna, has taught lessons for the past several years. With Dana off at college, Dennette was able to begin her teaching with some of her sister's former students. She commented, "I received some of Danna's students and I also got some of my own."

Dennette has a total of 14 students ranging from first graders up through eighth graders. Each student has one lesson a week which lasts approximately one half hour. She teaches an average of seven hours a week.

The lessons take place in the comfort of the Eisnach home. Dennette enjoys teaching and revealed, "It's a nice job because you are your own boss. You can set up the lessons at your convenience, and if the need arises, you can postpone them."

She has been taking lessons herself for eight years from a variety of

teachers including Lois Pier, Eloise Hayes and Becky Upsahl.

Not only can Dennette play the piano well, but she is also first chair saxophone in the band. She also spends a great deal of her time playing the organ.

When Dennette is not involved with her music, one may find her at drill team practice, or singing in the chorus, or at a Spanish Club meeting.

Dennette feels that her job is very rewarding, especially when a student "plays their lessons perfect." She added, "It is very frustrating when a student comes and has not even attempted to practice their assigned piece."

Regarding the agenda for the rest of this year, Dennette stated, "In the spring I plan to have a recital, and, hopefully, I will be able to take my students to a piano contest in Gettysburg."

This one student is a wonderful example of how we can make our talents pay off economically. Dennette confirmed this by saying, "teaching piano is a great part time job."

Mary Lehecka



TEACHING FUTURE BEETHOVENS... Dennette Eisnach points out the correct notes to her beginning student Lora DenOuden during her afternoon piano lesson. (Photo by Luc Gooris)

New Riggs student develops horsemanship abilities

Riding horses is a favorite pastime for many Riggs students, but to Jennifer Patitz it is much more than a hobby. Jennifer, who moved from Lincoln, Neb., is a new student at Riggs this year.

The Patitz family has made their home in Part A near the Oahe Dam. Living in the country has given more room for Jennifer's horse, a registered Leopard Appaloosa. Her registered name is Ely's Top Eagle, but for short Jennifer calls her Eagle. Nearly every day Jennifer and Eagle ride along the reservoir, a workout they both enjoy.

Jennifer and Eagle have competed in many shows in Nebraska. The classes they compete in are Trail, Western Horsemanship and Western Pleasure. The mare is also trained in Dressage, a type of dancing which has very controlled movements.

Among her assortment of purple, blue and other ribbons and trophies, Jennifer's favorite is the 4th place ribbon she received at the Nebraska State Fair this fall in the Amateur Owner Bareback Western Pleaser class.

Her funniest trophy is the one she earned in the egg race where smoothness and balance counted because the riders had to balance an egg on a plastic spoon while cantering and trotting around the area.

Jennifer bought Eagle in Lincoln four years ago. At this time Eagle was only a two year old and she had no plans of entering any competitions. Although she had no experience herself, Jennifer started to

train Eagle. She had no professional help in the training, just knowledge she learned from reading books, watching horse shows on TV and tips from friends taking riding lessons. Jennifer said it was mostly trial and error in the training so a lot of bad habits had to be corrected.

Trail class is Jennifer and Eagle's speciality. Trail is defined as controlled movement of the horse through, around, over and under obstacles set up by the judge. An example of this would be to open a gate while still on the horse. This means that the horse must move up beside the gate while the rider opens it, rides through, and closes it.

In trail class, the rider must have control of every move to the point where the rider can put the horses foot exactly where she wants it to within a fraction of an inch.

Jennifer believes that the only way to perfection is constant work with repetition and patience. A good trail horse must totally trust the rider so all the spooky and hard obstacles can be completed. "The only way to reach those goals," Jennifer contends, "is with daily work, riding and grooming."

Since Eagle is only six and most show horses are from 12 to 15 years old, they have many years ahead for show work.

She plans to enter shows around South Dakota next summer. She also plans to travel back to Nebraska for some shows and, of course, she plans to compete at the 1981 Nebraska State Fair.

Juli Weseman



THOROUGHLY ENJOYING A SUNNY DAY... Jennifer Patitz works with her horse, Ely's Top Eagle.

Music attracts movie audiences

Music can move mountains, so they say. And it really is surprising how much music can do to generate enthusiasm about a movie. Many movies make songs popular and sometimes songs carry a movie.

The movie "Xanadu" is an example of what a "hot" selling album can do. It made people want to see the movie. Even though the movie had big name actors and familiar songs the plot was of less significance than the album. The music on the soundtrack "Xanadu" is electric and has a unique quality (given to the album by ELO) giving you the mental illusion of being in the fantasy world of "Xanadu".

Another soundtrack popular now is

from the movie "Urban Cowboy". The honky-tonk music with the various recording stars was an added attraction to the movie. Not only did the country-pop style of music take a new upturn but the whole country went wild with the "cowboy craze". You can even see "urban cowboys" springing up at Riggs High. You may have noticed that the football team wore cowboy hats everytime they went out of town for a game.

There are soundtracks for many movies. But these two soundtracks have achieved their own popularity without the help of their respective movies.

June Hansen

Reason for holiday overlooked

Thanksgiving is the time when we do what the name implies. . .give thanks. Unfortunately, this aspect of the holiday often seems to be neglected.

So, this Thanksgiving we hope that everyone will take a moment to realize just how much there is to be thankful for.

Mary Lehecka
Clare Cholik

As students at Riggs, we feel there are ample reasons to be grateful. Although we tend to complain about "having" to attend school, we are very appreciative for the opportunity we have here. It reminds us of the schools in larger cities, whose teachers are frequently on strike and where busing issues are a problem.

Aside from school, we are thankful for the many friendships we have acquired during our high school years. We seldom realize how valuable friends really are, especially at this time in our lives. Take time to consider your friends this Thanksgiving.

Our families are one more reason to be grateful at this festive time of year. They are the ones who are supportive of us in whatever we do.

Along with these, we are thankful for our health, freedoms of choice, and our democratic form of government.

United We Hope To Be

Thanksgiving is a time for fun
A season to remember
Eating joyously is done
From now all through December.

Remember the pilgrims from way back when
Remember the Indians with them.
All in unity they ate, and peacefulness was with them.

Maybe the world will be at peace come this Thanksgiving,
Maybe the hostages will be free and we can eat with them.

All together once again
The U.S. will become,
And we can spend the holidays all together as one.

Patti Kuck



THE ART OF FINGER PAINTING... Connie Caldwell expresses her creative talents with finger painting designs. She is learning thru experience why preschool children enjoy dabbing in bright colored tempera paint. It is all part of a popular unit in Pre-School class taught by Mrs. Vicki Cool.



DESOLATE BEAUTY... The sad look of fall is easily accepted for we know it is the only route to the arrival of snowball fights and fattening feasts. (Photo by Luc Gooris)

If Only I Could Make Dreams Come True

If I had a song,
I would sing it for you.
I would wish you happiness
All the days of your life.
If only I could make dreams come true.

It would be to change one's way of thinking.
Change your thoughts
And you change your world.
If only I could make dreams come true.

If I had a wish -
One that would come true,
I'd wish for the peace
Which the world so lacks.
If only I could make dreams come true.

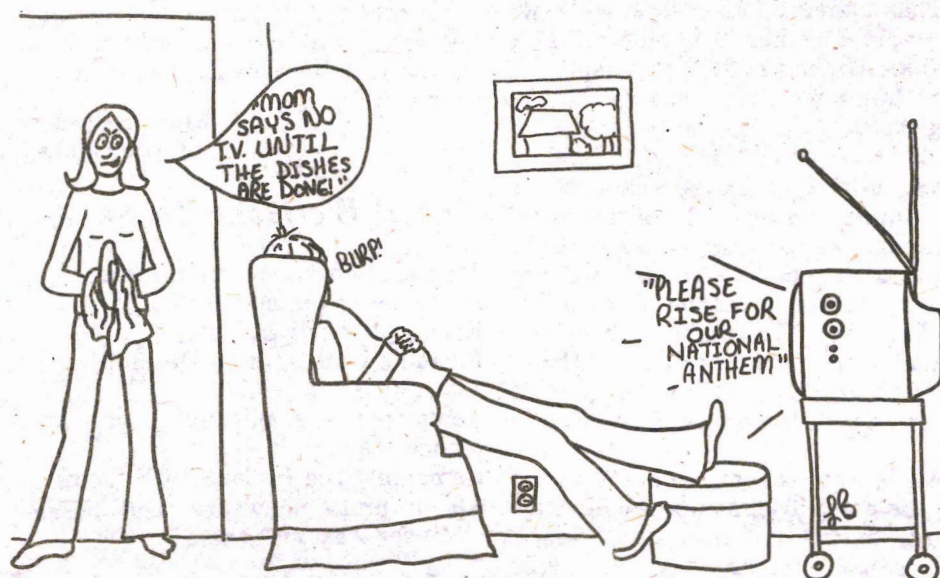
If I had a moment of joy,
I'd share it with you
For you are my world,
You help me to live on.
This is a dream come true.

If I could change anything in the world,

Chisun Chu



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Happy Thanksgiving



AN AFFECTIONATE HARE... Harvey, portrayed by Kenny Anderson cuddles one of his pleased young admirers after the play last weekend.