

GOVERNOR

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RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501 JUNE 3, 1981



*We have crossed the bay, the ocean
lies before us.*

Class Color: Blue and Silver

Class Flower: White Rose



Graduating seniors face dilemma

Fellow Seniors,

As graduation nears, a lot of things are going on inside those little heads of yours. Next fall we will all go our different directions. Some of us to college, others to the armed forces and still others straight into the working world. But I'm sure that same question is haunting all of us—WHERE WILL WE KEEP THOSE 19 CANS OF BEER THAT WE ARE SO ACCUSTOMED TO HAVING EVERY WEEK (ACCORDING TO CERTAIN STATE OFFICIALS??!!)

Now you may laugh and say, "What a stupid question," but think about it.

If you go to college the rooms are small, right? Right! And most rooms aren't private, right? So this means you've got a roommate (clever thinking, huh?).

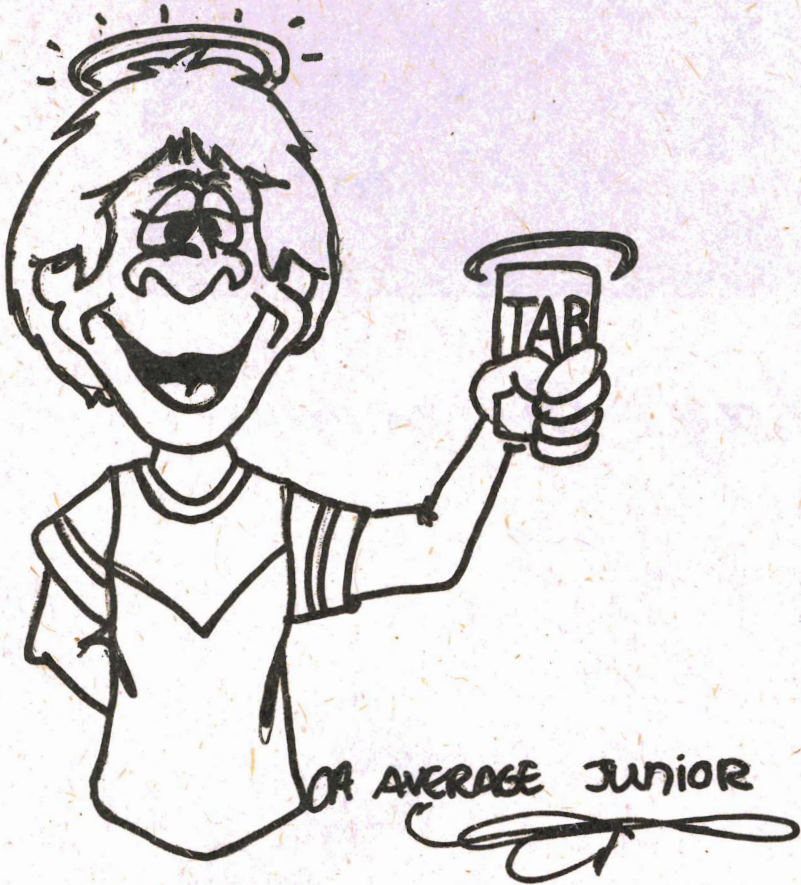
Now, let's suppose that your roommate is also a graduate of the class of 1981. This would mean that he or she (if they are from SD) will also have to have 19 cans of beer per week. No longer are we talking about a mere 19 cans of beer, but rather 38 cans of beer. Well, let's suppose you are lucky enough to find space for those 38 cans of beer in your small dorm room. I mean, hey, you could always keep a few under your pillow and you could, of course, put a few in the closet and in the frig. And you could always hang a few from the ceiling for decoration.

Now just as you think you have the problem solved, the phone rings. Oh, no, it's one of your high school buddies and they are coming to spend the 3 day weekend. Of course you do understand that accompanying your friend will be his or her beer which he or she must consume in order to meet the required quota of 19 beers a week. Let's see, to consume 19 beers per week means that the individual would have to have 2.7 beers per day. So for 3 days your friend will bring 8.1 beers. Suddenly you have 8.1 more beers to accommodate. And what if your roommate has a guest, you would then have 16.2 extra cans of beer in your room. The question still remains—WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO PUT THEM?!?!)

And you in the army and navy, don't think that it's going to be any easier for you. Rather than two people in your room there will be eight or nine people. Let's see, this means 152 to 171 cans of beer per week. And you thought you had trouble hiding 19 cans from your folks. Just imagine trying to camouflage 171 cans of beer!!

So, as you can see, we all have problems awaiting us in our future. But being the intelligent seniors that we are, I am confident that we will find a solution to that ever-haunting question, and we will all live happily ever after.

Mary Lehecka



Cartoons by: Jeff Atkinson



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| Remember when you were young
How the hero was never hung | Just waiting for somebody to die |
| Remember when you were small
How people seemed so small | Remember when they've tortured and
Scared you for 20 odd years
Then they expect you to pick a career
When you can't really function you are
so full of fear |
| Remember when gas was cheap
How now you steal it all | Now jump up
Spit on the floor
Just don't make
Your head a football
Now is the time to |
| Remember when you could swear
How today its not clear | go man go
go man go |
| Remember your ma and pa
Just wishing for movie stardom | go woman go
go woman go |
| Remember the kid smokin' in the
bathroom
Just wondering why she didn't get
caught | go man go
go woman go |
| Remember all the Pep Assemblies
Just what were they for? | |
| Remember those church bells | |

Students bid farewell to E.J.

On June 3, 1981, Riggs High School will suffer two major losses. Along with the graduating seniors, the Pierre School System will bid farewell to Mr. Ed Jaeger, Vice-Principal for the past 11 years.

E.J., as he is commonly referred to by the students, has played a major role in molding the characters of the 1981 seniors. For example, when we were sophomores E.J. "kindly" informed us that our behavior was definitely sophomoric and left something to be desired. He was also considerate enough to place us in detention when he felt that our behavior was not acceptable for young ladies and gentlemen.

In addition, Mr. Jaeger could always be found in the lunchroom directing traffic in the line or asking the sedentary students to "move it out" of the chairs.

Along with his disciplinary duties, Mr. Jaeger served also as a part-time D.J. What would first period be like without zest? Very rarely do we hear a name mispronounced. Isn't that right, Greg Lemoo? The intercom never comes on in the middle of a class when the teacher is delivering a stimulating lecture!

All kidding aside, Mr. Jaeger deserves to be commended for his devotion to his job and his genuine concern for the students. Through his patience and understanding, Mr. Jaeger has helped us more than we realize at the present time. He's always willing to listen and give advice.

Mr. Lonbaken was quick to praise Mr. Jaeger. He admired Mr. Jaeger's ability to relate with teenagers, even though he's 62 years old. According to Mr. Lonbaken, "Mr. Jaeger made the job what it is." He added that few people could cope with his flexible schedule. Mr. Lonbaken summed up his feelings about Mr. Jaeger by saying, "He's been like a father to me." This same admiration is felt by the graduating seniors. GOOD LUCK MR. JAEGER!!!! WE WILL MISS YOU!!!!



PORTRAYING HIS "FATHER IMAGE" . . . E.J. gives his famous "what are you up to now?" look.

For all the homework, headaches, pop quizzes, and boring lectures, we give . . .

Mr. Robinson—A piggy bank for all the nickels he expects to receive from his college bound Biology II students when they return next year to say "All the hard work paid off."

Mr. Lundeen—A tube of Ultra-Brite to keep up his "Ultra-Brite Smile."

Mr. Shields—An extra set of keys for the track buses so they don't have to be hot wired.

Mr. Miller—Color-coordinated clothes so he can throw away his brown and yellow tie.

Mr. Fjelstad — A tape recorder so he can listen to his own number and find out that it's not that "humorous".

Mr. Kennedy—A book entitled, "How to teach yourself to walk without tripping over gardenholes."

Mrs. Birhanzel — A new desk so she can get rid of her "sink desk".

Mr. Wahl and Mr. Kennedy—A private parking lot so they don't have to waste their time putting students in detention.

Mr. Schlekeway — Some color-coordinating pants and cowboy hats to alternate with his green set.

Mr. Lonbaken — Free tickets to the Mud Wrestling Championships!

Mr. Wahl—A kindergarten class which would respond enthusiastically to his "Good Morning Class."

Mr. Bill Peterson — A book entitled, "How To Teach Physics So Even Dumb High School Student Can Understand It."

Mr. Hendrickson—Some servants so he doesn't have to use his students.

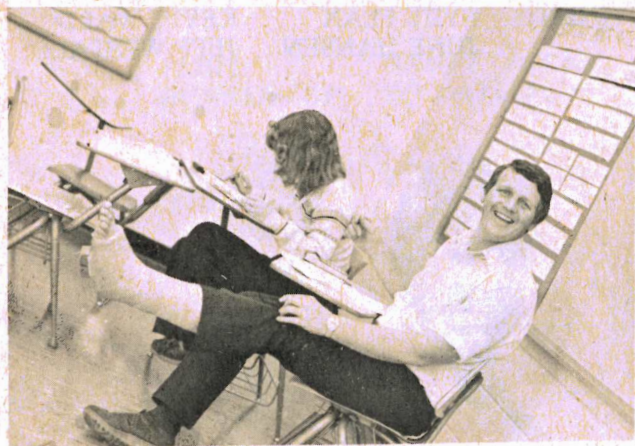
Mrs. DeAntoni — A new country to explore and tell her students about next year.

Miss Pick — Another woman to add to the coaching staff so she doesn't have to do all the "flirting" herself.

Mr. Pries—Reclining chairs for his classroom so his students will be more comfy when they sleep during his lectures.

Mrs. Weiss — A new name with only one pronunciation.

Mr. Kurth — A Bible to go along with his black "Preacher's outfit".



ENTHUSIASTIC:
RUNNERS-UP:

NOREEN GORDON
MARILEE NOLD

JEFF ATKINSON
CRAIG BUMP



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED:
RUNNERS-UP:

JANET CHU
MARY LEHECKA

PETER PARK
CURT HARTOG

OUTDOORSMAN:
RUNNERS-UP:

JAN HOUCK
LARIE NELSON

MIKE DAVIS
SCOTT ANDERSON

AIRHEAD:
RUNNERS-UP:

ANNETTE HELGESEN
KARA PETERSEN

KEN FLANNERY
PHILIP DUBOIS



BEST PHYSIQUE:
RUNNERS-UP:

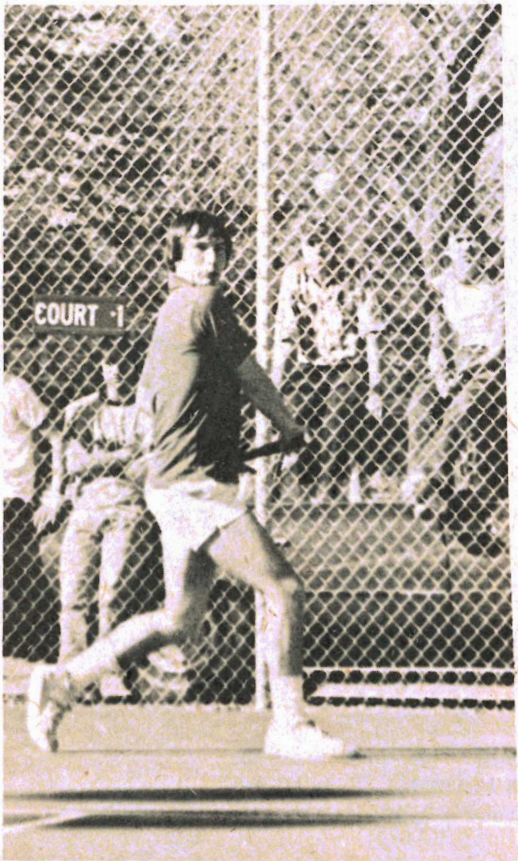
ANDY WHARTON
MONTE WAGNER

ANNETTE HELGESEN
MARILEE NOLD

BEST SMILE:
RUNNERS-UP:

ANNETTE HELGESEN
MARILEE NOLD

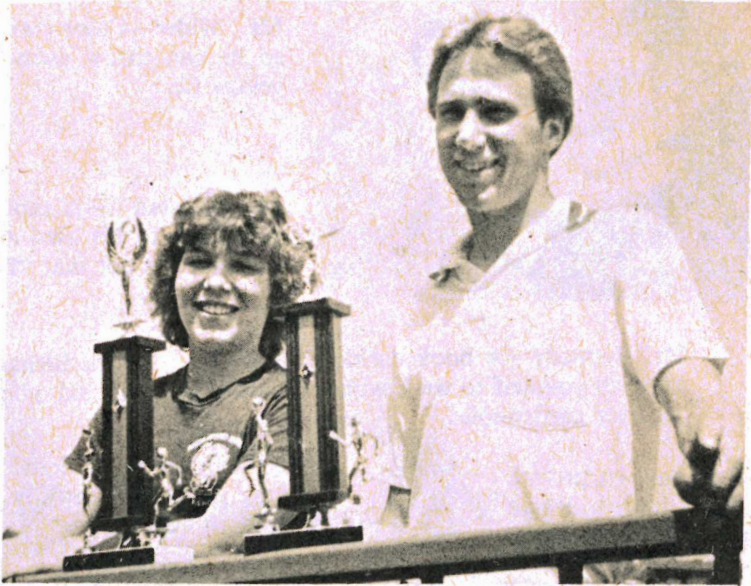
MONTE WAGNER
TODD SHERRILL



MALE-FEMALE CHAUVINIST:
RUNNERS-UP:

EVEY FLAX
JUNE HANSEN

KEVIN WALD
JEFF WESTALL



JOCK-JOCKETTE:
RUNNERS-UP:

LISA ZACHER
ANGIE HERRON

CRAIG BUMP
CURT HARTOG

SERIOUS:
RUNNERS-UP:

WADE POGANY
KEN FLANNERY

KAREN REDDEN
MICHELE NEWBERGER

MOST BENEFICIAL TO RIGGS:
RUNNERS-UP:

MICHELE NEWBERGER
JANET CHU

WADE POGANY
CRAIG BUMP



INTELLIGENT:
RUNNERS-UP:

MARY LEHECKA
LISA ZACHER

PETER PARK
RON WEBER

PARTIER:
RUNNERS-UP:

BARB McCULLY
PATTI GERLACH

JAY SCHLAAK
CRAIG BUMP

RADICAL:
RUNNERS-UP:

JAY SCHLAAK
BARB McCULLY

PATTI GERLACH
KURT BOHN

TIGHTWAD:
RUNNERS-UP:

NANCY KRUGER
JANE VOTTLER

DAVE WESEMAN
BRAD POWELL



LOUDMOUTH:
RUNNERS-UP:

JULIE STEFFEN
SHARON KUSLER

JAY SCHLAAK
KURT BOHN



REDNECK:
RUNNERS-UP:

KIM HAWKINS
JAN HOUCK

SHAWN MAHER
JEFF METZINGER

FLIRT:
RUNNERS-UP:

NANCY GORDON
JEFF ATKINSON

TOM ROUNDS
LIZ MILLER

SHYEST:
RUNNERS-UP:

CLARE CHOLIK
PAM SULZLE

STEVE TOILLION
DAVE LOWENSTEIN

IN DEBT:
RUNNERS-UP:

CINDY BAADE
BARB McCULLY

DAN CREAGER
JEFF WESTALL

MOST MEMORABLE EVENT: State A, Prom
MOST HEARTBREAKING EVENT: No senior skip week, Huron winning State A
MOST EMBARRASSING EVENT: Kevin Wald's speech at senior banquet, senior social
FAVORITE PLACE TO PARK: Dam, teacher's parking lot
FAVORITE PLACE TO WALK, SIT, AND THINK: Dam, Farm Island
FAVORITE DAY OF THE WEEK: Friday, Saturday
FAVORITE SCHOOL: SDSU, Northern
FAVORITE SPORT: Football, Basketball
FAVORITE PASTIME: Partying, sleep
FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Taco John's, Pizza Hut
FAVORITE PLACE TO PARTY: The Rock, Dam
FAVORITE TEACHER: Mr. Lundeen, Mr. Kennedy
FAVORITE PLACE TO GO: Out of town, spillways
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Cheech and Chong", "Stir Crazy"
FAVORITE THINGS TO DO: Party, chase members of the opposite sex
FAVORITE SAYING: "We bad", "Goat"
FAVORITE SONG: "Celebration", "Best of Times"
BIGGEST JOKE: Sophomore skits, The administration
WHERE WILL YOU BE ON JUNE 4, 2:49 a.m.? Senior Social, home



A picture paints a thousand words . . .



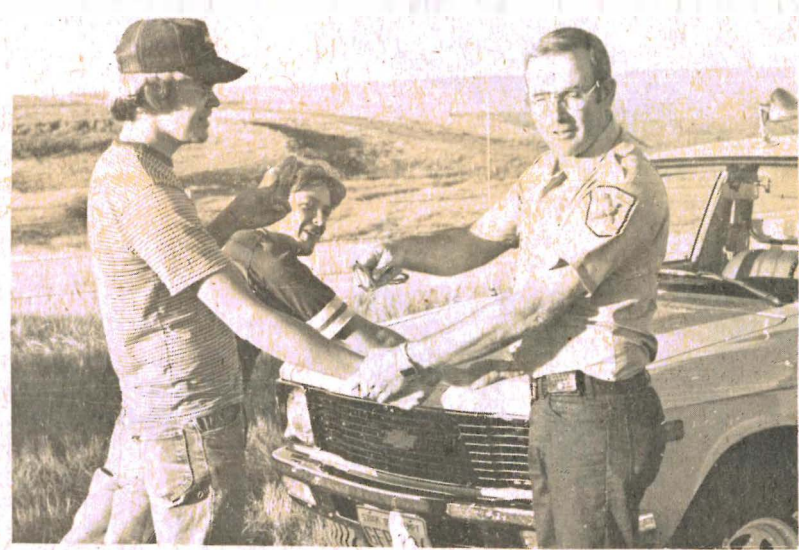
MR. UPSAHL'S NEW REPLACEMENT, Billy Band, exhausted after his first day on the job, grabs the nearest flag and surrenders to the students.



UNDER THE DIRECTION OF WILD BILL PETERSON . . . Chemistry students Troy Wagner and Ron Leidholt endeavor to blow up the building.



GIVING UP . . . Mike Stocking decides to throw away his racket and run toward a "foxy chick" he spies among the spectators.



BUT OCCIFER, I'M INNOCENT . . . plead John Koch and Jay Ivers as the police finally catch up with them for all their criminal offenses.



The new vice-principal surveys the school but wonders why the students are giving him "odd looks."



PUNK ROCK HITS PIERRE . . . Newest DEVO members (that's D-evolution, not Devolution) Tim Mikkelsen and Mark Thielen display the latest dance moves.

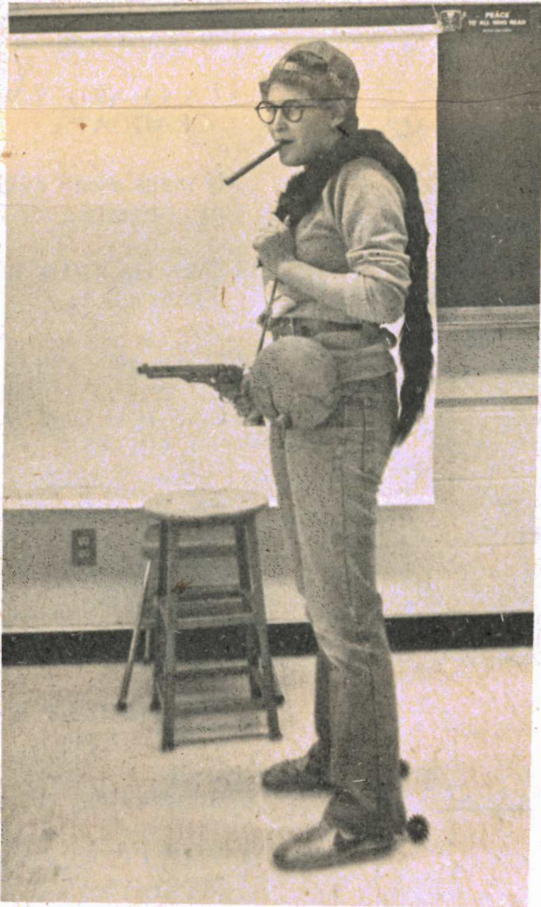
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"HOW MUCH LONGER DO WE HAVE TO STAND HERE?" . . . wonder Colin Keeler and Steve Wollman. "I mean, we've been here since 100 BC and our outfits are a little bit outdated!!"



KURT . . . how can you even consider hustling those young women with that ugly tie?!?



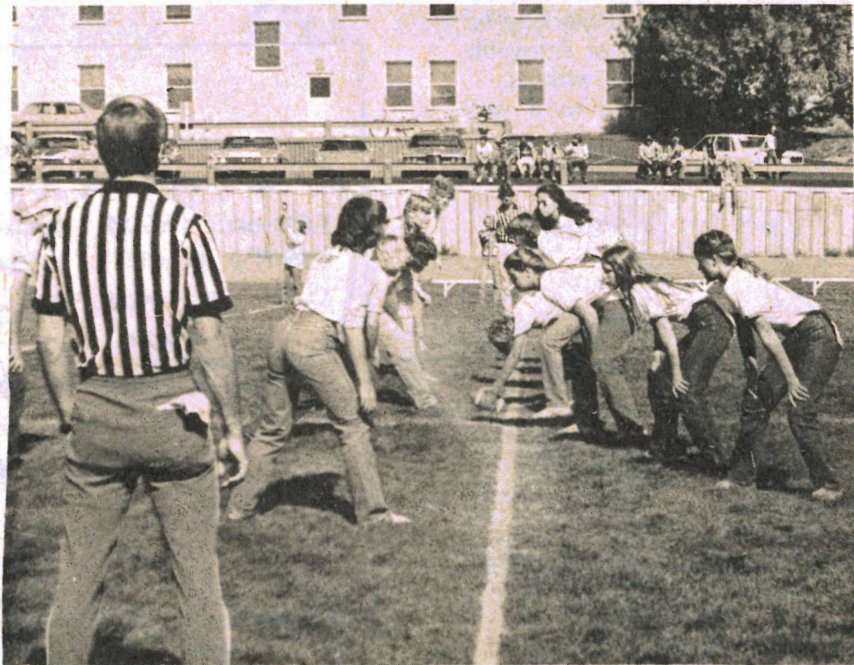
They finally caught the culprit who held up the school safe.



LENNON LIVES . . . The reincarnated rock star (John Madigan II) is accompanied by his body guards for the debut of his new hit song, "They Shot My Hero."

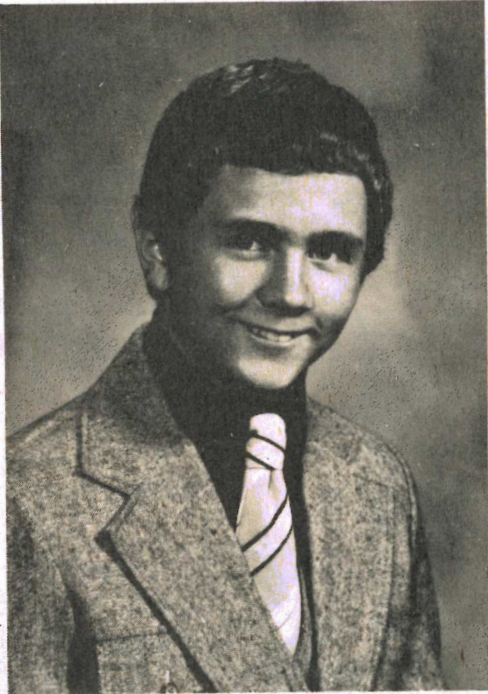


MODELING THE NEW GRADUATION GOWNS . . . senior boys run through the commencement practice.



THE SENIOR FOXES showed the Junior girls a thing or two!!!

In memory of our classmate



Mike Millar

It is hard to accept that a young man, Mike Millar, should be taken away from his family and friends in the prime of his life.

Although we do not understand why things like this happen, we can only be thankful for the times that we shared with Mike and for all the sunshine he brought into our lives. There are no words that can take away the pain and sorrow that we are feeling, we can attempt to cope with the situation in the best possible way.

Mike will always be remembered by us, the Class of 1981. He will hold a special place in the heart of each of us.

The Class of 1981

So long our friend,

Now its time to move along.

We've had our good times.

We've had our ups and downs.

But most of all we'll remember you

for the happiness you've given us,

and the way your smile brightened

up our days.

Your warm memories will always have

a place in our hearts,

because wherever you've gone you've

touched each of our lives in your

own special way throughout your lifetime.

You know we love our friends and

are sad to see you go.

So long, our friend,

We hope you will always remember us.

The class of '81

PRESS ON

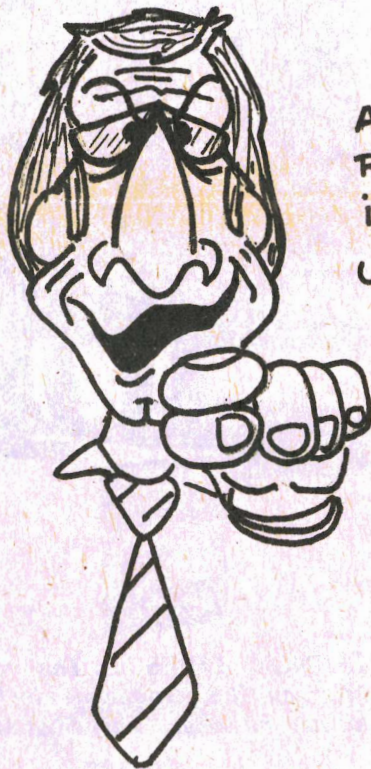
Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and Determination alone are all powerful.

Mrs. Ledbetter, we would like to dedicate this issue to you for all the patience, understanding and guidance you gave us this year.

Under your leadership we learned the true meaning of the word patience. Even when the April issue came out in May, you never lost your temper; rather you continued to encourage us and insure us that "everything will pull together." You're the one who kept us working together as a team when we thought we were at a dead end.

Your dedication and enthusiasm has taught us more about life than anything we could learn out of a book. Though at times we did nothing but complain, we just want you to know that working under you has been a super learning experience. We all agree that working on the staff is one of the most enjoyable memories that we will carry with us.

Once, again, thank you to a very special lady.



AS PRINCIPAL OF
RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL
I HAVE ONLY 2
LAST WORDS FOR
YOU SENIORS ...

GET OUT !!

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GRADUATE

The day I end my school years,
I'm gonna head for another state.

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GRADUATE.

My plans aren't quite definite,
I'm just getting out of here.

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GRADUATE.

I'm sick and tired of going to school.

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GRADUATE.

I want to be out on my own.

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GRADUATE.

My goal, to be free of home and school.

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GRADUATE.

Graduation day is here.

I WISH I COULD GO JUST ONE MORE YEAR.

THE GRADUATE

one summer left
twelve years done

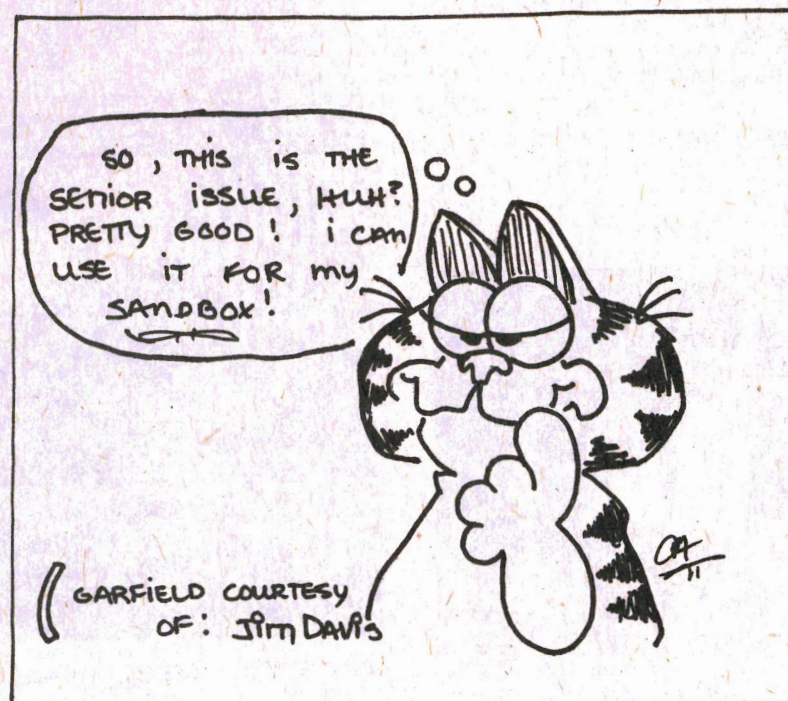
see how they flew
see how we grew

we learned our readin' and writing'
skills,
we're headin' to college with headstrong
wills

one high school diploma
one uncovered future

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Luc
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Rod
Tim
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