



HAPPY GRADUATES...graduating with the class of '83 are from left: Doreen Jorgenson, Jeff Gutenkauf, Jane Westall, Loretta Ward, and Rhonda Wagner.

Life moves on for seniors

Members of the Class of 1983 will spend their final minutes as students of Riggs High at graduation ceremonies Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Hollister Field.

One hundred eighty-seven students will receive their diplomas that afternoon from the president of the Board of Education (BOE), Patricia Adam, and from BOE vice-president, Dr. Richard Schoessler.

Dr. Joseph McFadden, president of the University of South Dakota, will present the commencement address. Rev. Don Gaarder will give the invocation and benediction.

The Riggs Band will feature

selected songs beginning at 1:40 p.m. and they also will play the professional and recessional. The chorus will provide entertainment throughout the exercises.

A vote of the Senior Class elected *Possunt quia posse videntur*: "They Can, Who Think They Can" as the class motto. The class flower will be a rose, while the class colors will be silver and green.

Three seniors, Lisa Cox, Jean Misterek and Terry Treiberg, will receive high honors for earning a 4.0 grade average throughout high school.

Students graduating with a grade point average of 3.75 to 4.00 include Lynn Belk, Marlin Binkley, Lisa Cox, Peggy Ellwein, Sherry Friman, Tammy Helgesen, Melinda Lyngstad, Mary Meierhenry, Jean Misterek, Rhonda Peterson, Troy Schaefer, Mike Schneider, Beth Sundermeyer and Linda Wagner.

Other students receiving an average of 3.5000 to 3.7499 are Dee Dee Butt, David Fernandez, Karla Gaarder, Cathy Greene, Autumn Lidel, David Lonbaken, Cheryl Martens, Barbara Regynski, Jill Schimkat, Carolyn Swan and Kriss Trautman.

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Mayor/vice go unchallenged?

Aaron Bowers and Tara Tessier, uncontested, will take over the positions of mayor and vice-mayor, respectively, next year when Riggs students return to school.

Due to the lack of any other candidates, Aaron and Tara automatically won the election this spring and will preside for the first semester of the '83-'84 school year.

Although Tara and Aaron are happy to accept their new offices, in regards to the election they feel a tinge of "disappointment". In Aaron's opinion "There is something wrong with the system."

Next year's mayor and vice-mayor will make no impossible promises to the students and hope to establish a new image. They

would like to be the "link" between the students and the administration.

Aaron is very interested in student government which can be seen in his appointment as a Boys State delegate. He feels "the concept of student government is faulty" and hopes to change it by "not working against the school but with it."

"We hope to build on a working relationship and make the mayorship more than just a figure head position. It should be something to look forward to," said Aaron.

Activity wise, Tara is involved in basketball, track, chorus, and NHS.

Aaron participates in football, basketball, baseball, FCA, and NHS.

Higher standards will hit Riggs

Next year holds some changes for Riggs High students. Recently the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents boosted academic requirements necessary for high school students to graduate.

Beginning next fall, ninth graders in South Dakota will be required to take four years of English, three years of math and sciences, and a half-year of computer science in a effort to upgrade the states scholastic standards.

At the same time on the national level, the Commission on Excellence in Education met and besides recommending tougher standards and an evaluation of teachers, they suggested an extended school year or school day.

The commission report charged: "Academic excellence as the primary goal of schooling seems to be fading across the board in American education."

Riggs Principal Roger Lonbaken feels the higher standards will be of significant value to potential college students. Many schools may find it difficult to provide the appropriate classes, however, Riggs does not seem to have this

problem.

The academic standards should have "no big impact" on Riggs according to Mr. Lonbaken. Pierre already has a high enrollment in the science and math courses.

Riggs good academic standards are apparent in the school's average ACT scores, which are above the national and state average. Riggs composite sits on 19.7, whereas South Dakota's is 19.1 and the national composite is 18.4, according to Mavis Booze, Riggs High counselor.

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Riggs Junior killed in automobile accident

Riggs High junior Tim Doyle died May 6 in a one car roll-over on a highway north of Pierre.

Other passengers in the car were Riggs juniors Kim Klein and Jason Young. Both were treated and released at St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre.

Funeral services were held May 9 at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and burial was at Calvary Cemetery.



ALREADY MAKING CONNECTIONS... Aaron Bowers and Tara Tessier will be on call as they take over Mayor/Vice-mayor positions next fall. (Photo by Dalton Sanders.)

Awards night benefits seniors

Over \$55,000 in scholarships were awarded to seniors and numerous other honors were presented May 17 to seniors and underclassmen at the annual Awards Night.

Top scholarship winners who will receive \$500 or more toward their college education included Mike Schneider: University of South Dakota and Elks; Jean Misterek: USD and German Club; Carolyn Swan: South Dakota State University and Carrie Slenga Scholarship; Terry Treiberg: Ken Scurr Memorial, Local Engineer Society, Harriet Woodard Thomas and School of Mines.

Hartford: Carrie Slenga, Student of the Year and Booster Club; Cynthia Wilner: State P.E.O. and AB, BU, CG, PEO; Bonnie Gullikson: Hatterscheid Scholarship.

Mary Meierhenry: Augustana; Donnie Kuck: Jerry Myers Memorial, Linda Kern Music and Knights of Columbus; Cathy Greene: SDSU and Booster Club; Marlin Binkley: Northern State; Kendel Newling: Black Hills State College and Booster Club.

Jay Parker: SDSU; Norm Lingle: SDSU; Kriss Trautman: NSC; Lynn Belk: Student of the Year; Alan Gordon, BHCS; Chip Clelland: St. Mary's College, Bismark; and Deb Adler: Rotary Scholarship.

Scholarships of less amounts awarded by the Kiwanis Club were presented to Sandy Richardson, Kent Huckins and Mike O'Day. Other special awards include the R.E. Rawlins Scholarship which went to Dave Lonbaken; additional Governors Booster awards went to Rise Hawkins and Troy Schaefer.

Two additional Knights of Columbus awards went to Lorretta Ward and Kathy Williams.

Michelle Rhodes was presented the Pierre Players Bea Lindberg Memorial for her contribution to the theatre group.

USD four-year Presidential



Marilee Buckles accepts her award from Sandy Peterson. (Photo by Chris Hipple)

Autumn Lidel: Harriet Woodard Thomas, Booster Club, and Jaycette Betty Buszmaul; Joey

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EDITORIAL

Seven-hour day has benefits

As one is confronted with all the talk about America's education system and how we need to "step up" the standards, we can obviously call to mind the seven-period day.

It has been said that tougher standards and a longer school day or year need to be developed in order to turn out better-educated people. Federal Education Secretary T.H. Bell and the report his committee released strongly urged that school districts and state legislatures "strongly consider seven-hour days."

Before, the seven-period day was just a local controversy, but now the seven-period day has become a serious and beneficial change of order throughout the country. Some of the other proposals the federal committee recommended seemed a little intense and will probably never come to be. But with one recommendation so easy to meet, why not just reinstate the seven-period day?

When the future of the seven-period day was an issue of decision facing the School Board last year, the student body was ignored. This remains to be true, when in fact we, the students, are the people most affected by the seven-period day. It will be very interesting, indeed, to see if the School Board and administration ignore the Secretary of Education like they ignored the students.

Times are changing and changes must be made along the way to accommodate new demands. The fact remains that the majority cannot be ignored and hopefully won't be in the future. It would be in the school's best interest to include the students' opinions on such substantial issues. Realistically, the students cannot have much to say on issues requiring taxes and funds, but on something like the seven-period day, the students cannot be overlooked.

Before we are "ordered" to change to a seven-period day, why don't we just do it on our own and save the hassle. It is not often when a single school can do something to better a national crisis, but with seven-period day we could. It's better than not doing anything and just "ignoring" this most important issue.

Mike Williamson

Editors point-counterpoint

Dearest Co-Editor,

Apparently there has been some confusion as to whose name should proceed whose on the GOVERNOR mast head. Usually my co-editor, is unselfish and refuses to seek the limelight; however, I fear you have made a turn for the worse.

Obviously Stein should appear first based on the long-forgotten practice of chivalry. As the saying goes, "Ladies First".

But, as I'm sure you are aware, women have been moving up in the world and many prefer treatment on an equal basis. Therefore Stein should again be seen first due to the posts held by each co-editor in the recent past. Reporting is a tough job, Mike, yet I also recall numerous long hours spent pasting pages together as a PAGE EDITOR.

And, last but not least, for hundreds of years S came before W in the alphabet, and, I know this is hard to accept Mike, but S will always precede W.

Being the person I am, a compromise will be acceptable. I think I have made it quite clear as to the position of the names; however,

your name will be permitted to appear first every other month.

I rest my case.

Love always,
Suzi Stein

Dear Co-Editor,

The question of whose name should be listed first when there is such a need for published recognition is really a rather silly one.

I could say that being a guy would justify Williamson coming before Stein, but I won't because I'm not a chauvinist.

I could say because I'm bigger, but I wouldn't beat on Stein anyway. Besides I think the decision should be based on who is better qualified and has more accreditation to their name. Obviously since this is a modest type of article I must be and will be modest.

I recently was awarded with a first place in a statewide news feature writing contest with over 500 entries. Along with this I received an honorable mention in the same contest in the straight news category.

It is a known fact in the Governor staff that I am much more outspoken on issues I believe need to be discussed. While on the other hand Miss Stein makes it her business to worry only about sport stories and articles that are only amusing and never controversial.

Another small but important point is that along with Journalism I took creative writing--Stein did not. So not only do I have skills in newspaper make-up but also the ability to enhance articles with things I have learned in creative writing.

Actually it doesn't matter, but Stein feels the need to argue.

Respectfully,
Your co-editor,
Mike Williamson

Letter: -----

Dear Editor,

Now is the time when an era has come to an end...the Class of '83' is graduating. Along with this, another good thing ends, we, Jane Westall and Peggy Ellwein, hand down our editor-in-chief positions to Suzi Stein and Mike Williamson. By no means is being an editor easy.

When something goes wrong with the paper, guess who are some of the first people to be blamed, even if you have nothing to do with what you are getting blamed for--remember the cartoon??? When the paper turns out right, it's not the editors who get the congratulations; it's the whole staff.

No, but seriously, being editors of the Governor is an honorable position, nothing to be taken lightly. Throughout the year you will have your ups and your downs, your bad times and your good times--especially your good times--but mostly you'll have a memorable experience to hold throughout your life.

Good Luck next year, Governor Staff!

Jane Westall & Peggy Ellwein



1983-84 Governor staff. . .top from left: Scarborough, McKeever, Jennings, Kadlecck, Cordts, Ten Eyck. Middle: Smith, Peterson, Dobier, Powell, Hudson and Ward. Front: Manus, Porter, Stein, Williamson, Berendes and Hipple. The new staff took over the paper with this issue.

Tim Doyle was a very special friend to many of us, and the good times and sunshine he brought us will never be forgotten. No words of consolation can take away the sorrow we feel at his death, but time will take away the pain. We extend sympathy to the family; we will always remember Tim.

Tim:

You were very special to all of us
Your smiles meant so much
Your laughter in the halls at school--
It's really the heart you touch.
Your names you gave all of us,
Suited us just fine
I know that in my heart
I'll always remember mine.
We kidded around with you alot
Something was always being done
We hope that you honestly knew
It was all meant for fun.
We're really gonna miss you,
Things will never be the same.
We'll try our best to carry on,
We'll always remember your name,
We're trying our hardest not to cry
It's really hard to do.
Soon our tears will fade away,
But our hearts will remember you;
Your time with us seemed very short,
And now you've reached your end,
You really meant alot to us, and
Thanks for being a friend. . .
Love, Kim K., Dena B., Amy C., Doreen S.
and Amy O.

YOUR SON, OUR FRIEND

Your son, our friend, has gone away, but when he was here, we all enjoyed his stay. He was only with us a very short time, but now he has a heavenly life, so divine. He has just started to develop his life, he never once gave up; not even in strife. Tim will live on even after the stories are told, why did he have to go; he was only 16 years old. He was always willing and always cared, and if you needed help, you knew he would always be there. Now there is an empty space in our life for thee, but no one can fulfill it as well as Timothy. Tim will be missed by everyone as you see, but most of all by his close friends and his family.

BY KEVIN STEEVER

"ANY MAN'S DEATH DIMINISHES ME"

When Tim Doyle died tragically in a car accident, it was a reminder of how uncertain our existence on earth is, and of how much life is a gift from God. It makes us wonder "what if it were me?" What if it were my dearest friend of relative?" Would I have had the chance to tell them how much they meant to me? Once death comes, we have no more opportunities and that is one of its greatest tragedies.

If we are to learn from this event and make it less tragic, we must resolve to show that we care for others more freely. If we show our love and concern for one another openly as a result of Tim's death, we will have learned from the dead, and all of life will be enhanced. I hope this is one of Tim's legacies.

Another hope is that we will wear seat belts each time we drive. If Tim had worn his, he wouldn't have been thrown out of the car, and may well have been here with us today. As a tribute to him, we should all buckle up.

If we live because he died and we learned from it, or if we live a more loving life because of his death, he will not have died in vain.

Mr. Larsen

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ELEMENTARY STUDENTS enjoyed "Ag Day", an FFA project. (Photo by Deb Hunsley)



SHAN HART and Colleen Cowan prepared honey toast samples during "Ag Day."

FFA'er wins Washington trip

Joan Hardwick, Riggs High junior, recently received a scholarship from the South Dakota Wheat Commission to attend the 1983 Future Farmers of America "Washington Conference Program" in Washington, D.C. She is the first FFA member from the Pierre-Oahe Chapter to receive this scholarship.

Joan received one of only two scholarships awarded in the state

for her many activities and leadership in FFA.

She is the Pierre-Oahe Chapter's vice president, president of District 6 FFA (largest district in the state), and has placed second in the state public speaking contest for the last two years.

She is also involved in high school activities including National Honor Society, Governor staff, Girls State, student council and rodeo.



Chip Clelland and Lynn Belk are May's students of the month.

Chip has been an important part of the football, basketball and track teams during his high school career. Chip said his most memorable moment in high school was winning State "A" in 1982.

"Chip is a conscientious student athlete, who, in a quiet way, has a tremendous desire to excel, according to Coach Judson.

Lynn participates in band, swing choir, Gumbo staff and is very active in the drama department. Recently she played a principle role in "Carousel." She is also a member of National Honor Society.

When asked what changes she would like to see happen at Riggs, Lynn said, "I think the students should be treated more maturely. If some of the faculty members would expect more from us, I think that we would live up to it."

Two students have been chosen every month throughout the year by a teacher review committee. All were candidates for students of the year. (Photo by Todd Berendes)

Awards Night benefits seniors. . .from page 1

Scholarships were awarded to Mike Schneider and Jean Misterek. Another four year tuition scholarship was awarded to Troy Schaefer by Augustana College.

Mike and Jean were also recipients of the DAR Good Citizens of Riggs High School awards.

Other scholarships of less than \$500 were presented to Cheryl Martins by the Pierre-Fort Pierre Exchange Club and to Linda Wagner, by the SDSU Amdahl Scholarship.

Steve Brinkman and Peggy Ellwein received School of Mines academic scholarships. Peggy also received the Latin Club award. Other scholarship winners were Karla Gaarder, SDSU; Roxanne Blumer, Government Accountants;

Sonya Sorenson, NSC music; Rise Hawkins, John Wooley Memorial; Lisa Cox, SDSU; and Marilee Buckles, Canvasback Scholarship.

The music department directors Jackie Ewing and Paul Upsahl awarded pins to the outstanding students in each class in both chorus and band at Awards Night. The awards were based on their contributions to the music program during the past year.

Band awards were given to sophomore Val Scott, junior Susie Murphy and senior Brad Merkle. Accompanist awards were given to Mary Huckins, Angie Magness and Cassi Kuck.

Chorus awards were presented to senior Sonya Sorenson, junior

FFA honors former teacher

Mary Jewell Ledbetter, a former Riggs High School teacher, was honored May 12 at the annual parent-member banquet. Mrs. Ledbetter was recognized for her service to the FFA with the presentation of the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree which was made by President Jeff Thorne.

Various other awards were also presented at the banquet. Darrell Beck won the Star Greenhand award, while Theresa Schumacher received the Star Chapter Farmer award.

Joan Hardwick was the recipient of the Dekalb award for leadership and the Bill Smith Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Julie Caruthers. Certificates from the State Convention and proficiency awards were also presented at the banquet.

The FFA alumni of the Pierre-Oahe Chapter has taken a much more active role and was responsible for the presentation of several awards. An FFA jacket was given to Marge Lovell for creed speaking; cash awards were given to the top five fruit salespeople Troy Christopherson, Ricky Anderson, Shane Mattheis, Theresa Schumacher and Heidi Moe.

Awards were also given to members with the best kept record books. Recipients of these awards were Darrell Beck, Gene Nelson, Theresa Schumacher and Julie Caruthers.

This banquet is held yearly to show the member's appreciation to parents, faculty, alumni and sponsors for their support.

Senior wins AFS scholarship

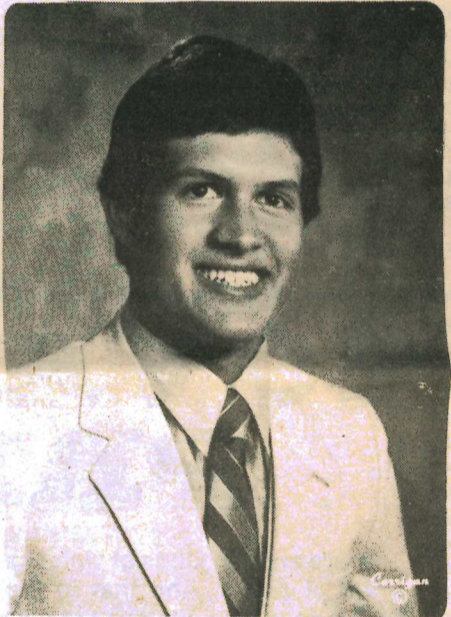
Senior Cliff Skye was named this week as an American Field Service finalist and awarded a full scholarship of \$3450 from AFS International.

He is scheduled for placement in northern Europe with a summer departure, according to local AFS advisor Jay Mickelson. Cliff will spend 10 months with a host family and the senior year in a foreign school.

Cliff first became interested in being a foreign exchange student after Jay Mickelson, the head of AFS in Pierre, mentioned the possibility to him. Cliff said that it takes about three months to pick up the native language. It will cost approximately four thousand dollars to cover his expenses. Cliff's parents have been very

supportive of his venture.

Upon his return, next year, Cliff plans to go to West Point. His long term plans include practicing law in the East.



Hartford, Belk are students of 1983

Joey Hartford and Lynn Belk were named students of the year for 1982-83. They were chosen by a teacher's committee and were awarded \$100 each, funded by the school of the Kiwanas Club.

Joey has been active in football, basketball, track, German Club, NHS and student council. He is the Senior Class Vice-President.

Joey will be majoring in biology and playing football at SDSU in Brookings.

Lynn have been involved in band, chorus, swing choir, drama, Gumbo, thespians, and NHS.

She will be attending St. Cloud University in Minnesota in the fall. She plans on majoring in psychology.

Governor staff earns spring press awards

Governor staff members earned five awards in the Spring Writing Contest sponsored by the South Dakota High School Press Association.

Upcoming co-editor Mike Williamson earned first in the news feature division with his story "Battle continues against drinking and driving." Mike also earned an honorable mention in the general news division with his coverage "Pierre Education Boards holds fine arts hearing."

Senior Renae Kautz and junior Troy Curtis teamed up to win the first place sports story with their January story "Pierre Weightlifters talk about pumping iron." The judges said they did a "thorough job on a unique subject."

Another first was earned by junior Chris Hipple whose picture of David Smith lifting weights accompanied the winning sports story.

Photographer Todd Berendes earned a honorable mention certificate for his picture of Jean Misterek taking down the net at the Girls State A tourney.

All of Pierre's entries were judged in the over 450 enrollment division which put Governor work against some of the best competition in the state.

Mary Huckins and sophomore Tara Watson. Kenny Coyle received the National Choral Award.

Becky Smith received the John Philip Sousa band plaque award.

Summer camp scholarships were awarded to juniors Amy Peterson who received the Jane Riter PEO scholarship; and Angie Magness and Mary Huckins who were named the Monday musical camp scholars.

Major and minor letters and certificates were presented to members of the Governor, Gumbo, and the cheerleading and drill team and declam squads. The 1983-84 cheerleaders and drill team members were also announced at the ceremony.

SPORTS

Riggs High boy tracksters look forward to State

Fifteen of Riggs High's best tracksters are in Sioux Falls today for the South Dakota State Track Meet.

To qualify for the State meet, an athlete had to finish in the top two places last Friday at the Region 6 AA track meet in Mission.

Pierre "ran away" with the meet. They won it, scoring 133½ points, 96.5 points ahead of second place, Chamberlain.

It was "a great team effort by everyone involved," said Coach Miller. Twenty-eight athletes attended the meet, and all of them placed in at least one event.

Shotput: 1-Chip Clelland, 2-Norm Lingle, 4-Gary Goglin.

Discus: 1-Clelland, 2-Lingle, 4-Darrell Lingle.

Long Jump: 3-Dusty Kracht.

Triple Jump: 1-Schofield, 3-Kracht.

Pole Vault: 2-Darryl Smith, 5-Matt Culber-

son.

110 Meter Hurdles: 3-Craig Howard, 4-Jay Parker.

110 Meter Dash: 2-Mickey Moulton, 5-Jason Kaul.

800 Meter Relay: 1-Pierre(Schofield, Petersen, Moulton, Seachris).

1600 Meter Run: 1-Billy Ek, 3-Dan Fischer.

400 Meter Dash: 2-Cruise, 4-Scott Anderson.

300 Meter Hurdles: 3-Parker, 4-Howard.

High Jump: 1-Hartford, 2-Schofield.

200 Meter Dash: 4-Seachris.

800 Meter Run: 1-Pierre(Ek, Moulton, Seachris, Kaul).

3200 Meter Run: 1-Kevin Nelson, 2-David Ellenbecker.

1600 Meter Relay: 1-Pierre(Ek, Schofield, Peterson, Miller).

Finishing behind Aberdeen Central, and Watertown, the Pierre boys took third place at the ESD track meet, May 13. Coach Miller was happy with the third place finish. "We're running up to our potential," he said. Pierre faired well individually, too.

Daryl Schofield had an outstanding day finishing first in both the high jump, with a jump of 6'2", and in the triple jump where he set a school record with a jump of 44'3".

Also finishing first was Chip Clelland who won the shotput. Kevin Nelson ran eight times around the track in just over 10 minutes (10:01.1), placing fifth in the two mile run.

A time of 23.4 gave Clay Seachris a second place finish in the 200m dash. Finally, placing third in the mile was Billy Ek with a time of 4:34.9. The relays did well also; the 800m, mile, and medaly relays all finished in the top four places.

The track team competed in numerous meets throught the year, including recently: a J.V. meet at Madison, the Howard Wood Dakota Relays, and a dual with Huron (which Pierre won).

After a full year, Coach Miller said, "Hopefully, state will be a good end to a good season."



BREAKING THE STRING. . . Billy Ek carries the baton to a victory at the Pierre Invitational track meet. (photo by Trent Score)

Netters finish second

Pierre netters captured second place at the State tennis meet May 23 and Coach Phil Trautner was named Coach of the Year May 23 at Brookings.

O'Gorman took first place with a total of 91 points followed closely by Pierre with 82 points. Aberdeen Central had 56; Sioux Falls Lincoln, 52; Sioux Falls Washington, 51½. Rapid City Central ended up with 47.

Steven Brinkman placed second in first flight singles. Steve Cordts won the third flight singles. Troy Schaefer was defeated in the semi-finals, but Tony Randall took second place in the fourth flight singles.

The first flight doubles team of Schaefer and Brinkman suffered their first loss of the year in the semi-finals. Cordts and Dave Post placed second in the second-flight doubles.

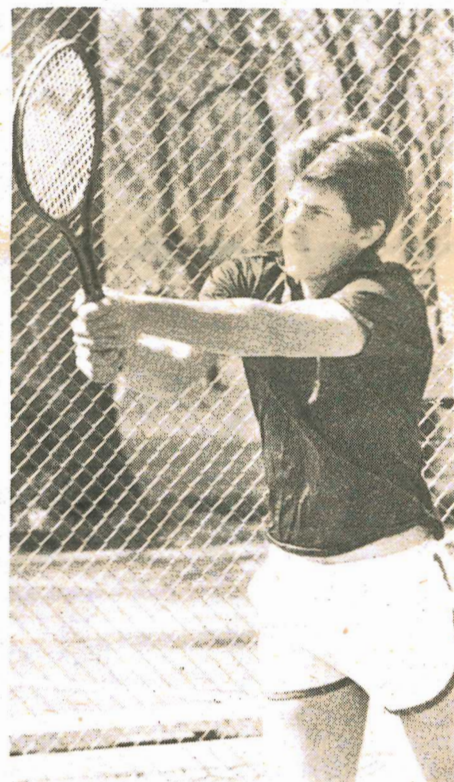
The Governor tennis team emerged victors of the E.S.D. tournament ahead of Aberdeen and Yankton. Also on their list of victories are the Pierre Invitational meet and the Huron Invitational meet. The netters duel record stands 11-0.

Steve Brinkman at No. 1 and Steve Cordts at No. 3, who are both undefeated this season, won the E.S.D. men's singles championship games. Also winning championship games were Troy Schaefer at No. 2 with a 13-3 record. Tony Randall at No. 4 placed second at E.S.D. with a 15-1 record.

Dave Post at No. 5 ended his singles season with a 11-2 record. Finishing his singles season undefeated was Cass Herrin at No. 6.

E.S.D. doubles champions were at No. 1, Brinkman/Schaefer winning 6-4, 6-4 and at No. 2, Cordts/Post winning 6-1 and 7-5.

Both championship teams went undefeated. The doubles team Randall/Herrin finished their season undefeated.



RETURNING THE BALL. . . Cass Herrin gives his opponent an aggressive look. (Photo by Trent Score)

Total points for E.S.D. were: Pierre-87, Aberdeen-58, Yankton-32, Brookings-27½, Watertown-23, Mitchell-7½, Madison-5 and Huron-0.

GOVERNOR PRIDE

There are two kinds of violence. That which occurs in the everyday world of reality, and that in the world of dreams and idols-better known as sports. Violence really has no place in sports, except when involved in boxing and wrestling.

My guess is that 75 to 85 percent of all violence in sports occurs in the pros. How often do you see a sixteen to twenty-year old go chaging after a pitcher who has just beaned him, or take a swing at his opponent on a basketball court. In the pro ranks things like these are nearly everyday occurrences.

Take for instance a recent New York Yankees-Minnesota Twins game. A Yankee was hit by a pitch, and the result was a bench-clearing brawl. Another typical case involves the Minnesota North Stars and the Chicago Blackhawks. The North Stars' Dino Ciccorelli started a fight that resulted in a bench-clearing brawl. It took nearly an hour to get things to the point that playing could resume. The last case involves Danny Ainge and "Tree" Rollins. From one angle it looked as if Rollins threw his elbow first, and then Ainge tackled him. The result was another bench clearer. And Ainge ended up with stiches on his hand because Rollins bit him during the brawl. Another angle showed clearly that Ainge was the agressor.

There are many possible reasons why this nonsense happens. My theory is that these overgrown children are on ego trips caused by their success. As there is no major money involved in high school and college sports, no outstanding violence occurs. But as soon as you start talking major leagues and big bucks, the problem begins.

These guys feel that they are better than the next guy, because they may be making more money, or statistics show that they are doing better than the other. That results in jealousy. If one player gets away with something, the man with the big ego can't let him be one up, so he has to get back at him one way or another, in some cases with violence. Was this true in the case with the Ainge-Rollins incident??

There is no real solution to the problem, but combination of things may lead to a demise of this violence. For instance, less media coverage of the brawls won't encourage somebody to do something for publicity. And salaries should be kept in one range. There might be fewer ego trips. Some think that if stiffer fines were issued things would calm down. As it turns out, the teams probably pay 90% of the fines now, whether they admit it or not, so the players really aren't hurt by fines.

Violence in sports?? It doesn't belong there, but there is not much to do about it.

Geoff Garrett

Scholar-Athlete Award

Jean Misterek and Troy Schaefer were presented with the Geoff Garrett Scholar-Athlete Award, given annually by Riggs coaching staff to the senior girl and boy who have shown a combination of academic and athletic ability to the highest degree. This is the highest award the coaching staff has to offer.

Lady Govs win Region despite injuries

Ten high school and four junior high girls are competing today and tomorrow in the State Meet in Sioux Falls.

They earned their right to compete by winning first or second place at the Regional meet last week in Mission.

The relays consist of: 3200 relay-Therese Volmer, Karen Koistinen, So Karim and Tanya Jennings; 800 relay-Volmer, Trish Murphy, Dristin Ten Eyck, and Amy Hawkins.

Running the 1600 relay will be Suzi Stein, Karen Koistinen, and Volmer. Runners in the 400 will be Mary Meierhenry, Kris Ten Eyck, Amy Hawkins and Shelly Bowers.

Individuals in the 1600 will be Missy DeChandt and Stef Griffith. Other individual competitors are Tanya Jennings, 800; Kim Merkwan in the 100 hurdles and long jump; Jolene Mewes in high jump; Trish Murphy in 100 and 200.

Medley runners are Volmer, Koistinen, Murphy and Hawkins.

Howard Wood

At Howard Wood the Ladies' relay, Volmer, Amy Hawkins, Trish Murphy and Karen Koistinen finished fifth with a 4:25:19.

Volmer, Koistinen, So Karim and Suzi Stein finished sixth with a 4:13:1 in the 1600 meter relay. Trish Murphy was fourth in the 100 with a time of 12.9. Kim Merkwan was fifth in the 100 with a 16.1 time.

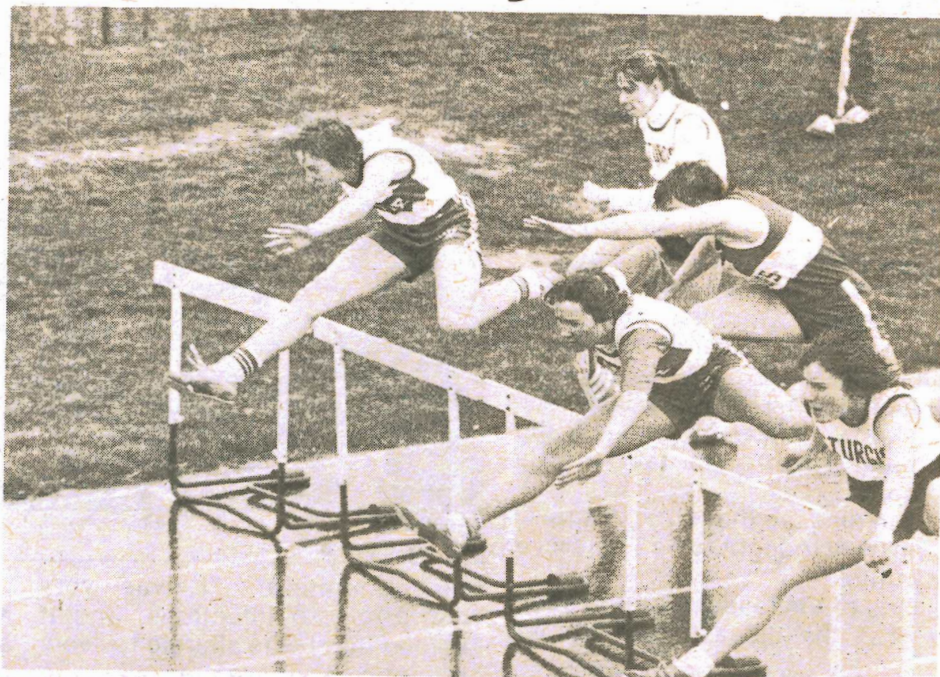
Missy DeChandt ran 5:40.2 in the 1600 for eighth place.

ESD Conference

Lady Govs placed fifth at the May 13 ESD conference meet in Brookings where Kim Merkwan set a school record with a 15.5 time in the prelims of the 100 meter hurdles. She ran 15.6 for third in the finals.

Kim also finished sixth in the long jump with a jump of 16'1 1/4".

Trish Murphy placed fourth in the 100 with a time of 12.6 and fifth in the 200 with a 27.2. The 3200 meter relay was second with a 10:13:7. The medley finished fourth with a 4:35:5.



RUNNING IN THE RAIN. . . Trish Murphy and Kim Merkwan edge out their opponents.

Rodeo wins invitational

Members of the Pierre High School Rodeo Club won their own team trophy at a rodeo hosted May 15 at the Korkow Ranch near Canning. Representatives from 14 different rodeo clubs participated in the rodeo.

These practice high school rodeos are held in preparation for regional high school rodeos. Pierre's regional will be held June 11 and 12 in White River. At regionals, cowboys and cowgirls are given a chance to qualify for the State High School Rodeo in late June.

The individual placings were:

Bareback Riding: 1 and 2 tie, Roger Theobald and DB Garber. 3. Mike Slater, 4 Robert Harrowa-both from Fort Pierre.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1 DB Garber, 2 Robert Muthiah-Huron.

Calf Roping: 1 Mike Slater-Fort Pierre, 2 Roger Theobald, 3 Casey Cowan.

Steer wrestling, breakaway roping and team roping: No qualifying times.

Bull Riding: Robert Muthiah-Huron.

All-Around Cowboy: DB Garber.

Barrel Racing: Paultlyn Gates-Aberdeen, 2 Deb Hirsch-Highmore, 3 Sherry Maher, 4 Becki Winkler.

Pole Bending: 1 Deb Hirsch-Highmore; 2 Kim Gilman-Lyman Co., 3 Sue Hapney-Harrod, 4 Joan Hardwick.

Goat Tying: 1 Jill Schimkat, 2 Sherry Maher; 3 Colleen Cowan, 4 Becki Winkler.

All-Around Cowgirl: Deb Hirsch-Highmore.

Members of the Riggs High Rodeo Club have also participated in other practice rodeos across the state. The Pierre Rodeo Club won the team trophy at Winner and placed second overall at the Highmore rodeo.

With 16 members participating at the regional rodeo in White River the Pierre Rodeo Club feels they have a good chance of winning the team trophy and sending several members on to state competition.



1983-83 CHEERLEADERS. . . top row, Football: Beth Grimes, Beth Irion, Kari Kruse, Kristy Kruse, and Marcine Schatz; Girl's Basketball: Lori Anderson, Becky Cone, Tanya Jennings, Karen Lonbaken, and Angie Weischedel; Wrestling: Debbie Hunsley, Amy Mahannah, Anita Mikkelsen, and Kris TenEyck; Boy's Basketball: Karen Koistinen, Audra Lindbloom, Kim Merkwan, Rachael Smith, and Tara Watson.

Riggs High skaters take second

Chris Moore and Thea Miller received a second place trophy for couples dance in the state roller skating championships May 14 at the Roller Rink.

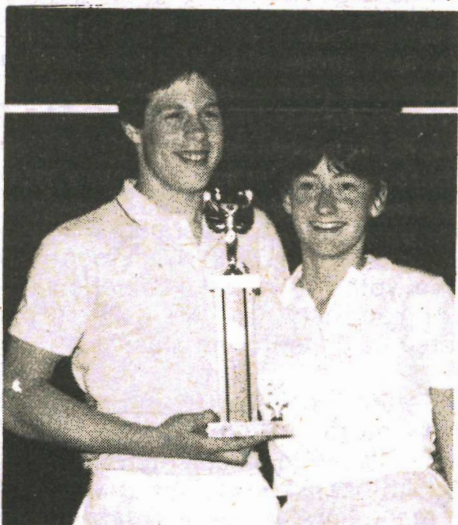
Also competing in singles, Chris received eighth place and Thea received fifth. Mary Jo McNeil, another Pierre skater, received sixth place in ladies' singles.

The state competition drew over 30 competitors from Aberdeen, Watertown, Huron and Spearfish. Skaters were judged in five categories: floor usage, choreography, musical interpretation, technique and costume.

Each skater was given a time allotment of a maximum of three minutes to put their best moves into a song of their choice.

Mary Jo chose an instrumental by Chuck Mangioni for her routine. Chris skated to "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang, Thea picked "Heat of the Moment" by Asia. Thea and Chris skated couples to 'Just Between You and Me' by April Wine.

Competing for the first time, Mary Jo has been skating for nearly four years. "I just started skating for exercise and fun", she said,



"but slowly I got interested in competing. I relied mostly on two people, my mother, Judy McNeil, and Ann Sines for new ideas and help with difficult jumps and stops."

This is the first year Chris and Thea have skated together. They hope to compete again in the state or out of state during the summer.

Golfers win at Regions

Pierre Lady Gov golfers finished their 1983 season with the regional meet at Mission May 16 and the state tournament at Aberdeen May 23-24.

Pierre won the regional meet at Mission, with a score of 396, beating Winner with 491, and Todd County with 560. Tune Neuharth, Jami Benham, Roxanne Blumer, Jill Tobin and Sherry Friman all qualified for the state tournament by placing in the top ten.

Coach Rich Jensen commented on the team: "There are several young players on the team, many that could, in a few years, really develop into some good golfers."

There are four high school golfers and twenty junior high golfers. High school varsity members include, seniors, Roxanne Blumer and Sherry Friman; juniors, Jami Benham and Patricia Neuharth. Two junior high girls also golfed varsity this year, they are freshmen, Jill Tobin and Rhonda Buhl.

In ESD action, the lady golfers turned in a good performance although the conditions were anything but ideal. The tournament was held in Huron on May 9.



GIRLS GOLF members were top Pat Neuharth and Roxanne Blummer. Bottom Jami Benham and Peggy Friman. (Photo by Todd Berendes)

Tune Neuharth had one of the low scores of the day with shot rounds of 58 and 46 for a 104 total, placing her sixth in competition. The other team members also played well, ending with a total team score of 511.

Other meets held this year included the Rapid City Invitational, Pierre Invitational, and a triangular at Mission which the team won.

Chris Zeller continues to overcome challenges

by Troy Curtis

If ever anyone deserved a medal for perseverance, courage and strength, senior Chris Zeller would be that person.

From a totally normal girl, she was stricken in a few hours to a state of total paralysis from the waist down.

"It was Oct. 22, and I was in sophomore grammar and composition class when it happened", she recalls. "At first I just got a dull pain in my left hip. I didn't really know what it was. Within minutes I had to be taken to the hospital."

The disease that struck Chris so quickly is thought to be Transverse Myelitis.

One of the reasons for the doubt is that the disease is extremely rare. It attacks the nervous system with absolutely no forewarning, and it is difficult to diagnose. But whatever it is, it's slowly going away on its own.

At first Chris was sent to Sioux Falls, but was moved again to Rapid City. "The doctors in Rapid had a lot of problems with me,"



THE BIG DAY... Chris, center with classmates John Zimmerman and Renae Kautz, gets help with her graduation cap.

she remembers. "I was very susceptible to infections, and it seemed that I was allergic to every antibiotic they gave me."

This was finally overcome, and her therapy and operations began. Therapy lasted almost 16 months.

Being handicapped helped her in some respects. "It made me realize how I had taken simple things like walking or dressing myself for granted."

Throughout this ordeal, Chris kept her hope. And then something--perhaps a miracle--happened. "It was on Christmas eve," she recalls, "When the big toe of my left foot began to move. It was the best Christmas present I've ever gotten."

With the simple movement of her toe, her recovery began. "I've kept improving ever since," she says.

The disease forced Chris to ride in a wheel chair for two years. "I fell out of that wheelchair a lot of times," she says, "and I laughed."

Her wheelchair did produce some positive effects, however. "Pushing my wheelchair really developed my arms," she says. "I

was actually bench-pressing my own weight from all the exercise."

Chris credits a lot of her recovery to her friends and classmates. "The school and kids were very encouraging and supportive," she says. "Two guys would carry me up and down the stairs in my wheelchair when the elevator didn't work."

Another thing that helped her a lot was people's sense of humor. "I remember they used to call me the sophomore destroyer," she laughs.

"I also love all the compliments I've been getting," she says. "Little kids I don't even now will come up to me and say 'You look nice'. It's nice to know people are paying attention."

As Chris's recovery has become more complete, she has been making plans for the future. "I intend to go to college and learn to work with people," she says, "to repay the debt I owe for all the great support."

Throughout the ordeal, and even now as she walks, still with the aid of a lofstrancrutch, Chris has exhibited a tremendous and contagious positive attitude.

Sunday when the Class of '83 walks to the speakers platform to receive their diplomas, Chris will be there finishing her schooling with her original class. To all, she is an example of courage, determination, and perseverance.

Annual *Prairie Winds* Anthology publishes creative writing

Clifton Skye, Troy Curtis, Tanya Manus and Dan Fischer will have work published in the year-end *Prairie Winds Anthology*.

Troy's poem, "I.Q. Poem"; his short story, "Best Seller"; Dan's poem, "The Perplexing Problem of Plixlmix"; and Tanya's short story, "Nightmare", are all being published for the first time.

Cliff's poem "Happy Psalm", and Tanya's poem "Eyes", were published in earlier editions of *Prairie Winds*.

Prairie Winds director Kathy Huse-Inman said that more entries were received this year than ever

before, approximately 2500. The entries are reviewed by a five-member task force, and each piece was read three times before being chosen for publication.

Prairie Winds, funded this year by Citiband, is published twice per school year. Although there is no funding currently available for next year, Inman says she hopes to continue the program.

The anthology will be published in late May. Students who had work published in it will receive a free anthology at this time. Educators will receive one at the start of the 1983-84 school year.

Six Riggs students will attend YBA

Six students from Riggs High School have received scholarships to attend the Youth Business Academy (YBA) at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, during June according to South Dakota Chamber of Commerce.

These students are Elizabeth Newberger, Michaela Walker, Denise Roussel, Mary Jo McNeil, Mary Likness and Rhonda Smith.

These students were recommended by Riggs business teachers. YBA is a program that involves participation of numerous business people, speakers, panelists and advisors for a full week of analyzing the facets of the free enterprise system.

It is designed to provide answers to questions students and teachers have about how the system works in our country.

Binkley wins presidential post in constitution's mock election

Marlin Binkley, a Federalist, was elected president with 47 percent of the votes in a mock election held recently in Mr. Terry Peterson's constitution classes.

Independent Party member Kevin Wharton was elected the the senate, also with 47 percent of the vote. Nationalist Becky Smith won the representative post, and Independent Rhonda Peterson took the governorship. Steve Brinkman, a Nationalist, was elected attorney general.

The April 19 election followed a five-day campaign where nominees presented speeches, held debates and campaigned with posters.

"Movies, field trips, recreation and social activities will round out the week," commented YBA Program Director, Charlotte Conway, Pierre.

Adam wins contest

Senior Karl Adam won first place in the senior division of the Pierre-Sully Buttes History Day held at the Pierre Junior High School on April 9. The theme was "Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events." Karl wrote a historical paper on the Oahe Dam.

The individual performance was won by freshman Sandy Kern. Robby Miller and Brian Hemmelmann both placed second in the junior division. These winners advanced to the state History Day which was held at the State Capitol on April 30. Karl Adam placed fourth.

A closed primary was held for each of the three parties to nominate their candidates. Each student was also issued a voter registration card that had to be displayed before she/he could vote.

The election proceedings were all part of the classes' unit on nominations and elections.

Other candidates were Linda Wagner and Rise Hawkins, president; Audrea Ingle and Brad Merkle, senator; Scott Petersen and Scott Gregg for representative; Carol Anderson and Jane Westall for governor, and Stephanie Schoenhard and Dave Smith for attorney general.

Critics Corner *by Tanya*

Leo Buscaglia, author of the book LOVE, said, "The loving person must return to...touching each other, to holding each other, to smiling at each other, to thinking of each other, to caring about each other...Hugs are good, they feel nice, and if you don't believe it, try it."

How often do you get a hug, or a pat on the back? How often do you give one? Have you ever had an awful day when you felt terribly alone and wanted to say to someone 'I'm having an awful day, I need a hug'? I know I have. Or have you ever had a day when something great happened, when HE or SHE finally noticed you, and you felt so incredible that you glowed and wanted to hug everybody and share your joy, but didn't because you were afraid of what people would think? I've had those days, too.

I've often asked myself, "Why are we-or rather, why am I-so afraid to show someone how I feel?" Are we afraid of looking silly, being laughed at? Someone once said, "I will only pass through this life once. Whatever kindness I can do, let me do it now, because I won't pass this way again." In view of that fact, I think looking silly should be the least of anyone's worries.

People are literally dying because they're lonely, or they feel unloved, or because nobody ever gave them a pat on the back and told them how great they were. We don't have much time on this earth, so let's make the most of it. Let's show the world that we're loving, caring people! Reach out and touch someone! If we all took the phone company's advice, can you imagine what society would be like?

A hug a day keeps the doctor away. With that in mind, do me a favor. Reach out and touch someone. Give your best friend a hug. Give your boyfriend (or girlfriend) five extra kisses. If ONE hug a day keeps the doctor away, TWELVE could change the world!



SENIORS PARTY WITH THEIR PARENTS. . .top, J.D. Pohlman, Troy Schaefer, Mike Graham, Norm Lingle, and Erich Werthmann take time out from the party to mug for a photographer. Top right: An overjoyed Cass Herrin with his dad? and mom? Bottom: Peggy Ellwein watches intently as Rise Hawkins has her palm read by a mysterious fortune teller (Mrs. Rhoades).



Kellen Levisen will participate in cultural exchange program

Sophomore Kellen Levisen will be one of three Pierre youths to participate in a cultural exchange program this summer.

The Intercambio of Mexico Student Exchange Program gives these students a chance to live within a different cultural setting and experience an unfamiliar way of life.

To participate students must be 13-16 years of age. Others participating are Carrie Cera and Chris DeAntoni, both Junior High students. The three will leave for Mexico June 22 and return to Pierre August 17.

"This is something I've wanted to do for a long time," said Kellen. "By meeting and living with people from another country, I hope to gain an insight into their way of thinking."

Kellen's interest in this program was encouraged through her foreign language classes. She has had two years of Latin and recently finished a year in Mrs. Kurvink's Spanish Class and club.

Kellen is also a member of the Governor staff, Art Club, flag corps, and she participated in both the one-acts and Carousel.



"This experience will give me the chance to learn to see the world through a foreigner's eyes," Kellen commented.

Each student will be placed with a host family which has a child of his/her same sex and age with similar interests and activities. Currently they do not know with whom and where they will be located.

Host families will provide room and board and family support for the students during their stay.

Debators win banquet honors

Outstanding debaters honors, letters and degrees were awarded at the debate banquet May 12 at the Elks Club.

Sophomore Cathy Miller was named "Outstanding Novice Debater". "Outstanding Junior Varsity Debater" was awarded to Pat McKeever, and "Outstanding Champ Debater" went to senior Terry Treiberg. "Most Improved Debater" was awarded to sophomore, Jean Jackson.

A major letter was awarded to Trent Fliginger. Other senior squad members had received their major letters in previous years.

Minor letters and memberships in the National Forensic League were earned by Kim Halbur, Phil Hatch, Pat McKeever, Elisabeth

Rey, Terri Quigley, Krystal Morrison, Thea Miller, Cathy Miller, Chris Birchem, Barb Crandell, Jean Jackson and Byron Reed.

Degrees of Honor in the National Forensic League (75 points) were awarded to Pat McKeever, Cathy Miller, Thea Miller, and Phil Hatch. Degrees of Excellence in the NFL (150 points) were earned by Pat McKeever, Amy Campbell and Trent Fliginger.

Degrees of Distinction in the NFL (250 points) were awarded Jaci Bartlett and Trent Fliginger.

Top point totals for our NFL chapter belong to Terry Treiberg (476), Monica Hoagland (446), Deb Adler (393), Cheryl Martens (378), Trent Fliginger (337) and Jaci Bartlett (287).

Latin Banquet recognizes Mr. Mickelson

Latin and German teacher Jay Mickelson was recognized for his 10 years of dedication to the Latin Club at the group's 10th annual banquet held April 30. Senior Mike Schneider presented the plaque.

Initiated by Mr. Mickelson, the annual Latin banquet, a Cena Roman or Roman dinner, is the only one of its kind in the state. Attending this year were nearly 225 toga-clad present and former Latin students and their parents.

Sophomore Dan Fischer and freshman Darla Eisnach were master and mistress of ceremonies for the evening. A seven-course Roman meal opened the festivities.

Entertainment for the evening was furnished by the Junior High music department, cast members from Carousel, the First Methodist bell choir, and various speakers.

Girls from Latin I performed the traditional May dance, and girls from Latin II performed the dance of the vestal virgins.



THE TOGA PARTY OF THE YEAR. . .former Latin students (front to back) Liz Porter, Becky Cone, Kris Lowenstein, and Mari Ward enjoy the Latin Banquet. (Photo by Pat McKeever)

School board accepts Kurvink's resignation

Pierre Board of Education recently accepted resignation from Spanish instructor Dee Kurvink.

Mrs. Kurvink, who joined the staff as a part-time teacher last fall, will be leaving the system to be able to spend time with her husband, who is retiring. She may be a substitute teacher at Riggs next year.

Mrs. Kurvink said that she will always remember making tortillas in the Home Ec room, and experimenting with other Spanish cooking for the Spanish-German club banquet.

"Most of all I enjoyed my association with the students," she added. "I liked having my own classes in a subject that really interests me. My greatest reward is having the students speak Spanish so they can be understood if they need to communicate in that language."

Foreign exchange students review year at Riggs

Gee! It's almost the end already! I've been in Pierre for ten months (really?). I really enjoyed it, although times not always easy. . .

I remember coming to school on the first day. I couldn't speak English very well, and everybody was the same. I couldn't see the difference between a jock and a cowboy (you know. . . those stereotypes). I hardly knew anybody, but most of you knew who I was. And you were asking me always the same questions: "What country do you come from? Do you have a boyfriend? What does your father do? . . ."

For me this school year was pretty easy. I didn't have much school work and tests were easy. I really appreciated that because in France, the year you graduate, you've got tons of homework, and tests are sometimes four hours long without any true and false or matching, but only essay.

I've taken American Lit, contemporary lit, novel, American Indian Culture, psychology, western expansion, recent American history, constitution, computer I and home ec.

Here I liked most of my classes because they were special, and I learned about things that I wouldn't have heard of otherwise.

I enjoyed the extra-curricular activities. In France, schools are almost only scholastic, and activities are played in clubs outside of it. I was in the tennis team and debate.

Before, for me, school was something that you wanted to get out of as soon as you can. Whereas here, it's a lot more enjoyable and open towards the community.

I'll never forget the pep assemblies and the basketball games and "go big green."

Now we are on the graduation business. This is a lot of fun, and it seems like completing high school is a real achievement although almost everybody graduates. In France, although you take an ex-

am, all you get is a letter saying if you failed or passed.

The senior parent party was super. It's fantastic to see the parents offering their seniors a great time and bringing back all



FAREWELL. . . Baccalaureate and graduation are the final formalities for YES representative Graciela de Leon and AFS student Elisabeth Rey.

the memories (theirs too) of all those school years.

One of my duties as an AFS'er was to make speeches to clubs like Kiwanis, Homemakers or Bridgeway. Through those I felt like I was giving something to the community to which I owe a lot.

The main events that I thoroughly enjoyed were the AFS weekends. It's when all the exchange students meet together. Through these I visited lots of places in South Dakota and made friends from all over the world.

I was lucky to participate in a "short term exchange program" and go to San Francisco for two weeks. There I found a completely different America, and I realized that Pierre wasn't the United States (because there isn't only one.)

From South Dakota I shall never forget the miles and miles of driving without seeing anything other than grassy hills. I loved these

open spaces. And also the "driving around," "going out and get drunk", "go and eat at McDonalds", "see you at Jakes" and "see you at the Pocket", "are you going to church on Sunday?"

as part of the American culture in Pierre.

And maybe going back to France I'll feel a bit strange kissing people all the time instead of saying "Hi". It's easy to get Americanized.

Well, this year is almost over. I leave June 29 for a 10-day bus trip around the United States, to New York and then Paris. . . Back in France I'll go on vacation (of course!). And, next year I'll go to college to study international commerce.

But always in my mind the good times I had in Pierre will stay, and I will forget the less good moments.

I thank Mr. Lonbaken, Mrs. Booze, Mr. Mickelson, the AFS Chapter, my family: Shanard, Mary K and Carla Burke, and the whole student body and community of Pierre for making my year here a very special one that I shall always dream about, and for making of me an Americanized French girl.

Elisabeth Rey

I have really enjoyed my year at Riggs High school as an exchange student. I'm surprised at how fast this year has passed.

It was quite different for me to live in a small town like Pierre. I've always lived in a city of more than three million people. Here you can know most of the people and travel from one side of town to the other in a few minutes—that is something that I really like. I do not have to take a long time to go some place.

The weather was especially hard for me. It is too cold most of the time! But even so, it was fun. I had never gone skiing or ice skating before, and I really enjoyed these experiences.

Even though I graduated in Mexico last year, I'm excited about graduation here. The teachers and kids helped to make my experience here one I will always remember. The school system here is different than at Monterey. At home the emphasis is more on academics, but here you can take the classes that you really like.

The classes I took here were grammar and composition, chorus, drafting I and II, math analysis, German I, constitution and computers I. All of them helped me to decide that I want to study architecture at college.

Something that impressed me is the "Governor Pride". To see how all the parents and the entire town support the kids and their activities is really special. The green wave at State A, the welcome home of the teams when they won...or lost, the Parent-Senior party are just a few examples of Pierre Pride.

Finally, I would like to thank all the people who made my stay here possible. Especially both of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodolfo de Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Art Wilner, and also my sister Cynthia. Without their unconditional help and support I would never have survived this year.

Graciela de Leon

Boosters sponsor band project

Music and Art Boosters discussed fund raising projects for a future band trip and the Artist in Residence program at their April meeting.

Formed only two months ago, the group is already sponsoring a pizza kit sale to earn money for a band trip. Publicity is planned as well as further coordination, according to Bob Miller, president.

Information of the Artist in Residence program was presented by Polly Nelson, a representative of the South Dakota Arts Council. She told the group that many school systems have used the pro-

gram, but that Pierre practically never does.

"The Arts Council pays half and the rest must be raised locally," Mrs. Nelson explained. "The artists teach four hours a day, and the length of the stay varies."

In other action President Miller announced that A&Z Music of Pierre made a \$50 donation to the Boosters.

Also appearing at the meeting was Mary Jo Johnson, music program director. She explained the music program and the goals of grade and junior high music instructors.

Miller noted that everything is looking great for the club, and he encouraged membership. The group is composed entirely of parents and interested adults with the objective of promoting music and arts in the Pierre Schools.

Word Process

A data word processing class has been approved by the school board and will be a new course offered to business students next year.

Time will tell how the nation will handle this education crisis, but communities, schools and universities are gearing up now to stop what the national commission called a "rising tide of mediocrity," in American education.



MAY CONCLUDED. . . the year for senior Kiwanians. From left: Jean Misterek, Cinay Klein, Trent Fliginger, Sheila Beougher, Mike Schneider, Donni Kuck, Kent Huckins.

Higher standards will hit Riggs. . . from page 1

Another problem facing schools may be the availability of enough staff members to fill new positions. Now students interested in teaching will also face higher standards to graduate from college.

Another effort to improve education is a proposal to give schools more money and pay teachers a higher salary in hopes of improving the quality of education.

AND THE EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR?????

Many teachers and students feel the same about the extended school year. When asked what his view was on this issue one teacher put it bluntly, "I'd quit."

Mrs. Booze said, "In my opinion the school year will not be lengthening, at least not in the next few years."

In order for an extended year to be put into effect two things must happen. First a bill needs to go