

# GOVERNOR

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## Curriculum suffers course cuts

A decrease in student interest will result in the dropping of nearly 30 courses next year at Riggs Senior High. On the other hand, with the drops a few new classes will be added to the current curriculum.

Along with these changes, Riggs must survive higher graduation requirements and seven-period days. Principal Roger Lonbaken feels Pierre High "will have no difficulty meeting any accreditation qualifications" after the drop. However a problem which most likely will result "is a high drop out rate which could become expensive for society."

As can be expected, educational opportunities will be lowered after such a drop. According to Lonbaken, "Anytime there is no student interest, we end up with too many courses, which must be dropped. It indicates we are going to lose some educational opportunities."

Examples of the shift in student interests can be seen in the area of capentry, welding, and woods which went from an enrollment of 120 this year to only 30 next year. But, Spanish I (which fills the language requirement) enrollment increased from 23 this year to 119 next year.

It is uncertain what will happen to staffing in regards to the drop. It is possible some staff will not be replaced.

Hopefully with an expected increase in enrollment in coming years and more student interest in certain courses, Riggs may gain back some of the dropped courses in the future.

Classes dropped because of limited enrollment include Short Hand I and II, Typing II and III, Journalism I, World Literature, Philosophy, Techniques of Theatre, German III, Spanish III, Sewing Your Own, Space, Structure and Design; General Homemaking, Knitting and Crocheting, Drafting III Eng., General Metals, General Woods II, Home Maintenance and Safety, Carpentry, Fundamentals, Advanced P.E., Chemistry II, General Horticulture, Painting, Commercial Art, Introduction to Art Media, and Pottery.

Those being added included Photojournalism, Parenting, and World History. Latin I and II will be moved from the junior high to the senior high and Marriage and Family will be put under the direction of the Home Economics department.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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|----------|--|--------------------------|--|
| April 2  | Buchanan Concert at Riggs - 7:30 p.m.              | April 17                 | Riggs Swing Choir & Stage Band Concert |
| April 3  | Jefferson and Lincoln Concert at Riggs- 7:30 p.m.  | Quill and Scroll Banquet |  |
| April 5  | McKinley and Washington Concert at Riggs-7:30 p.m. | April 20                 | Good Friday- No School                 |
| April 6  | Debate Awards Banquet                              | April 23                 | Easter Monday- No School               |
| April 7  | SAT Test   | April 28                 | Latin Club Banquet at Junior High      |
| April 14 | Prom   | April 30                 | Spring Play                            |

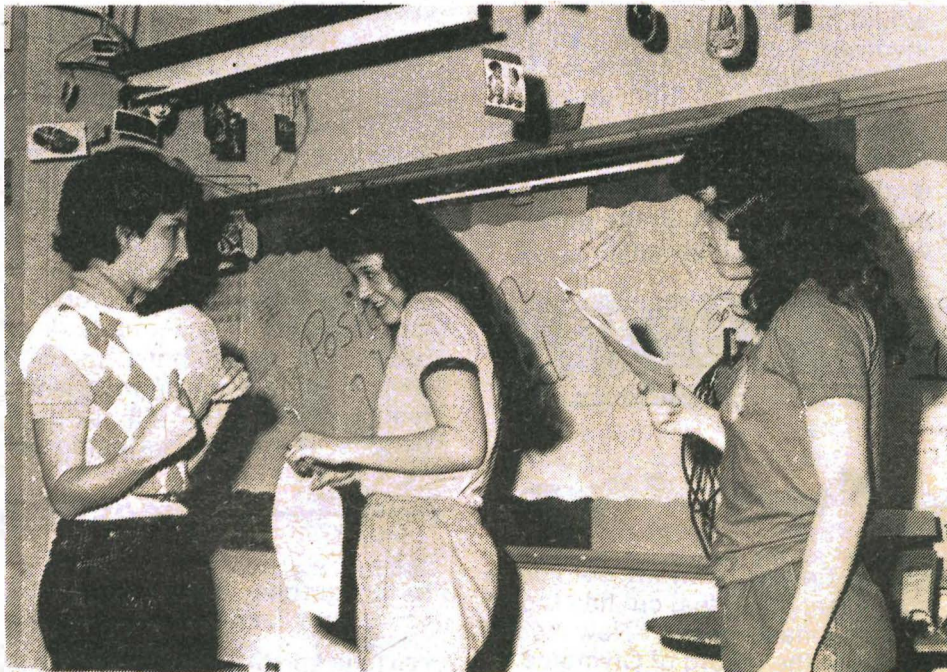
## Spring play will open in April

Practices began last week for the spring play *Tinder Box* which will open April 30 and run May 1 and 3 according to Bill Henjum, drama coach.

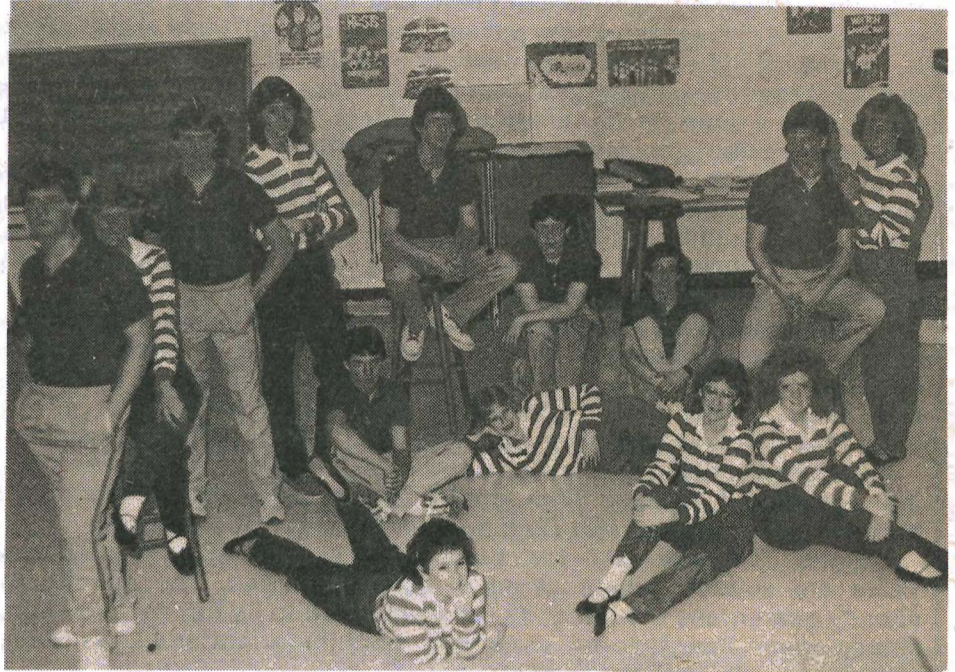
Cast members include seniors: John Schwartz, Holly Warnick, and Don Crowell; juniors: Val Palmer, Susan Gunderson, Allegra Gomez, Dawn Clemetson, Jean Jackson, Jill Lapp, and Mari Ward; and sophomores: Todd Dilly, Lynne Hendrickson, and Tim Agena.

The story is a children's play by Nicholas Stuart Gray set in the sixteenth century in a type of "never-never land".

The *Tinder Box* tells the story of a soldier wounded, broke and disheartened after fighting in the king's war, who is commissioned by a witch to go into the magic cavern to retrieve the magic tinder box.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT...from left Val Palmer, Allegra Gomez, and Susan Gunderson rehearse for the spring play *The Tinder Box*. (Photo by Kellen Levisen)



PERFORMANCE READY... Members of the swing choir who will perform April 17 are in back Trent Deyo, Karen Koistinen, John Jund, Tara Tessier, Mike Williamson, Byron Reed, John Higgins, Bill Ek, and Tara Watson. In front are Cassi Kuck, Chris Mikkelson, Erin Keller, Mary Huckins and Sandy Kern. (Photo by Kellen Levisen)

## Band and chorus will perform

Tuesday night, April 17, the Stage Band, Girls Swing Choir and Swing Choir will perform at Riggs High.

Swing Choir will be performing to the songs: "Starmaker," "Then Came You," a "Beach Boys Medley," and "I've got the Music in Me."

Singing and dancing to the songs: "Telephone," "All Right," "Beautiful Dreamer," and "Beachwood 4-5789" will be the Girls Swing Choir. Both swing choirs will be doing "That's Where the Music Takes Me" as their final selection.

Stage Band will be playing "Mr. Intense," "Lionelville," and "Rock Slide."

Swing Choir will be performing for the Large Group Contest in Mobridge, March 30. Both groups will also perform for the Huron High School.

Members of the Swing Choir are: Chris Mikkelson, Cassi Kuck, John Jund, Tara Watson, Mike Williamson, Tara Tessier, Byron Reed, Mary Huckins, John Higgins, Karen Koistinen, Trent Deyo, Sandy Kern, Billy Ek, and Erin Keeler. Members of Girls' Swing Choir are: Holly Downs, Steph Barden, Theresa Schumacher, Suzanne Atkinson, Kari Vetos, Val Palmer, Kim Merkwan, Trish Smith, Mari Stenseth, Kris Kulm, Jean Jackson, Ronni Sines, Stacey Stofferahn, Jennifer Woster, Susan McEntire, Darla Eisnach, Marcie Lyngstad (alt.), and Michelle Ulman (alt.).

Members of Stage Band are: Williamson, Calvin Jones, Willie Medina, Jund, Kern, Sarah Adam, Eisnach, Melanie Buckeles, Ek, Steve Schwartz, Sines, Michelle Scarborough, Deyo, Gary Jorgenson, Higgins, and Keeler.

## Juniors prepare for Junior-Senior Prom

Juniors recently kicked off preparation for the April 14 Junior-Senior Prom, according to Mrs. Birhanzel and Mr. Shields, class advisers.

A class vote selected the prom theme "The Future is Yours" and the song "Only Time Will Tell."

Committees and volunteer chairmen have been announced. They include walls and floors headed by Kendra Jorgensen and Amy Oliva; ceiling, headed by Terri Quigley and Deanne Hawk; entrance and stage, headed by Kellen Levisen and Thea Miller.

The lighting committee is headed by Scott Raue and Roger Rose; waiters and waitresses by Audra Linbloom and Chad Gutenkauf; and the mural committee, by Mari Stenseth and Anita Mikkelsen.

The committees and chair persons will begin decorating for the prom April 13. They will also be responsible for clean up.

## Is school prayer an issue?

To pray or not to pray? That is the question, and Congress will eventually give us the answer. However, in the mean time the issue has been the topic of hot debate both in Congress and on the streets.

The amendment, originally called for organized school prayer. After a compromise, legislators decided to allow organized as well as silent prayer if it is passed. This is silly. The responsibility or right to pray lies with the individual and in the family. In order to pray one doesn't need to make it a ceremony. God doesn't hear just those who talk out loud.

When and if the amendment passes, the smoke will clear and most likely, teachers will be left with the decision whether or not to organize prayer in their respective classrooms. Teachers are for academic education; they didn't sign a contract to be spiritual leaders. It is not fair to place this huge responsibility on them, along with the others they already carry.

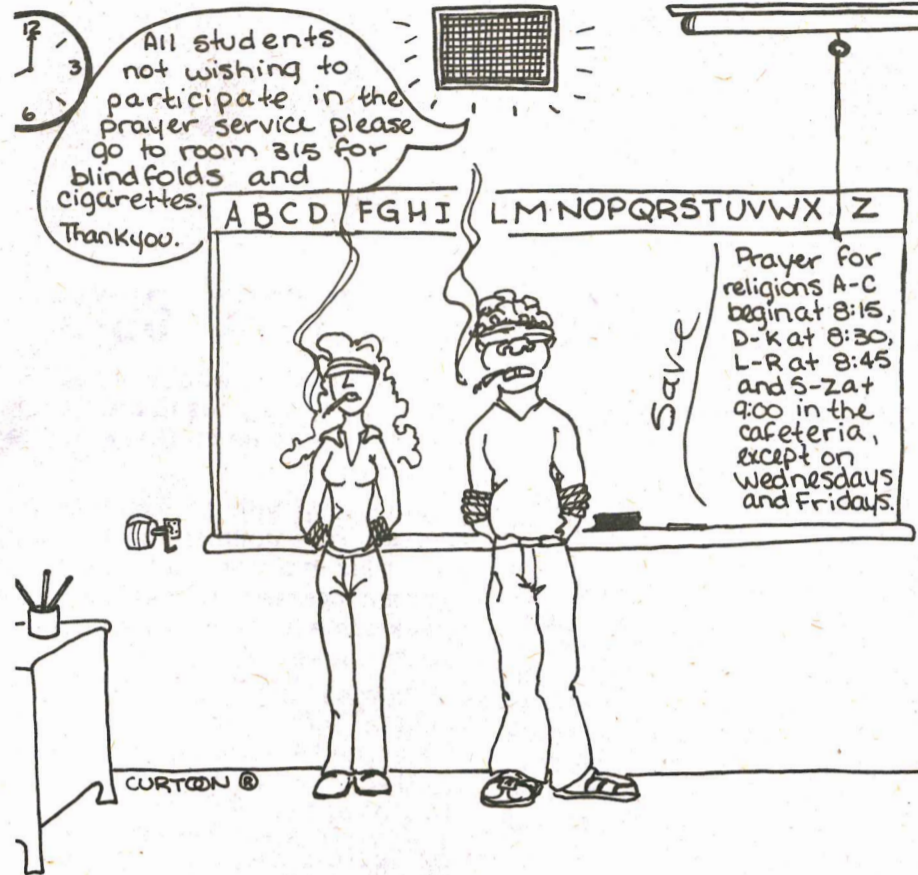
And what of the students? It will be easy to establish organized prayer in the lower grades; the younger children are easily led. Junior high and senior high could be a different story. These students, by this time, have their beliefs. How does a teacher handle a student who doesn't want to get involved with a group prayer?

Most obviously, what happens to the students who belong to a religious denomination which would prohibit such activities? By bringing prayer back into the school, these people may feel some prejudice is being practiced against them. Also, how on earth is the format for a prayer going to be written which will satisfy the great diversity of religions? Impossible!!!

Enter silent prayer. This would solve most problems, but it also makes the amendment useless. Silent prayer already exists in the school. It is between the individual and God; no one else has to be aware of it.

Religion should be left in the church, in the family, and to the individual. There are schools which circulate around religion. The constitution already guarantees the freedom; it doesn't need to be forced. Legislators should spend their time on something more important and keep formal, organized prayer out of schools.

Suzi Stein



## School prayer: what the people say



**Chad Gutenduf**, "I think prayer in schools is a good idea, provided the individual has a choice whether he will pray or not."



**Anita Oehlerking**, "I don't really think there should be prayer in schools because that's what church is for, plus there are so many different religions involved."  
**Carol Kemery**, "I'm against prayer in school because I feel there would be too much peer pressure involved. Some kids might be insincere when they pray."



**Cassi Kuck**, "I think it would be good to have a prayer service before school, but the kids should organize and lead it to assure a variety of prayers and religions"

**Mary Huckins**, "I don't have anything against prayer, but I think it could cause a lot of problems in a public school with all the different denominations involved."



**Jeff Mortimer**, "Prayer in schools is a good idea. If those atheists want to burn in hell that's their problem, but they shouldn't be allowed to take me with them."

**Bonni Lahren**, "I don't think it's right because no-one would do it anyway. It's just like saying the pledge--we don't do it."

## FISCHER'S FOLLIES

So I get to write my own column. I can write about anything. Peanut butter, dictionaries, floor tile, anything. I choose State A (not State A's). I know everybody is tired of hearing, "We're #7" and I'm sure everyone would like to forget the Mitchell game. Anymore "thank you's" and someone will throw up (there was a little of that after certain parties).

For those who didn't go, here's what you really missed. There were punkers at the Empire Mall (loved their hair, but what were the handcuffs and chains for?). Except for a few items at Spencer's and the practical joke store, everything happened at the Ramada Inn. I didn't stay there, but I got a hall pass from a person who will remain anonymous. I'll skip the dances, the hours watching MTV

and HBO, and I (unfortunately) feel like I shouldn't tell you about some of the things I saw and heard about.

So this a real crum column right? Wrong! You see the purpose of this column is to add some spice, break the rhythm, and make people smile. That's also a purpose of State A. Not the only one, but one. Hopefully, everyone was reminded of how much fun it was. If they didn't go, this year, maybe they'll remember another year or maybe just a game they saw once. Anyone who has yelled for the Gavs or Lady Gavs, whether at a game or a pep rally, is part of the "Green Wave". Even though we got seventh this time, all the pride that was won when we were number one still exists. And, that's worth writing about.

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## Sounds and Sights

### RADICAL RECORD REVIEW U-2 \*UNDER A BLOOD RED SKY\*

This album recorded live at Red Rocks in Denver is, in my opinion, a candidate for best new release of the year. Every individual cut has top 40 potential. Included is a live version of their smash single "New Year's Day", that surpasses the previous cut by far. In the record of Olympics I'd give it a score of 9.2.

Lance Kempf

# Local Legion, Auxilliary name Girls and Boys Staters



**GIRLS STATE...**Representatives to the 1984 Girls State pose with the Pierre American Legion Auxilliary president. In back are Connie Hudson, Mrs. Clinton Nielsen, Michelle Scarborough and Liz Porter. In front are alternates Becky Cone and Thea Miller, and representative Cassi Kuck. (Photo by Kellen Levisen)

by Kellen Levisen

Mary Ann Nielsen, President of the American Legion Auxilliary Post #8, has recently announced the four juniors to represent Riggs at the annual Girls State.

They are Liz Porter, Michelle Scarborough, Cassi Kuck, Connie Hudson and alternates Becky Cone and Thea Miller. This year Girls State will be held at Mitchell from May 27-June 1.

Liz plays varsity tennis and participates in Governor staff, marching band, concert band, drill team and NHS.

**Michelle** is a member of drill team, NHS, Governor staff, marching band and concert band.

**Cassi** is active in NHS, chorus, swing choir, marching band and concert band.

**Connie** is a junior leader for 4-H, a member of Governor staff and an all-state journalist.

**Becky** is a girl's basketball cheerleader, and also participates in chorus, NHS, marching band and concert band.

**Thea** is active in debate, NHS, flag corps, Governor staff and drama.

**Boys State**  
by Liz Porter

Eight juniors were selected as delegates to the Boys State convention to be held in Aberdeen, May 2-8.

Candidates were interviewed by members of the Legion Post #8 of Pierre, and selected on their knowledge of current events and government procedure.

The purpose of the convention is to educate young men from around the state about our system of government, and to possibly instill in them a desire for a future career in the political field.

The delegates are given chances to run for offices in the mock legislature, and even a chance to run for governor of Boy's State. They must campaign against delegates from all over the state.

The boys state delegates for 1984 include **Kevin Bowers**, who is active in basketball, football, baseball, and NHS. He also works on the Gumbo staff.

**Pat McKeever** participates in cross country, and is a member of NHS. As a sophomore, Pat was

named the S.D. state representative to the Hugh O'Brien youth convention held in Florida.

**Dan Fischer** participates in cross country, track, and intramural basketball, and is a member of NHS. He commented about boy's state, "I'm hoping this will be a rewarding as well as fun and interesting experiment."

**Scott Anderson** is a member of the student council, and is active in basketball, football, and baseball.

**Mike Bartlett** is also a member of student council, and participates in gold and intramural basketball.

**Darrell Lingle** is a member of NHS. He participates in basketball, football and baseball.

**Steve Cordts** is active in basketball, and tennis in the spring.

**Bob Sahr** is a member of NHS and participates in golf, tennis, and intramural basketball.

**Phil Hatch** is active in debate and German club.

Alternates are **Jeff Long** and **Brian Haggar**.



**REPRESENTING RIGGS HIGH...**Left to right the Boys Staters are Darrell Lingle, Pat McKeever, Dan Fischer, Steve Cordts, Phil Hatch, Scott Anderson, alternate Jeff Long, Mike Bartlett, alternate Brian Haggar, Bob Sahr, Kevin Bowers. (Photo by Levisen)

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

In today's fast pace, high pressure, winner-take-all business world, the old adage "he who laughs last laughs best" no longer applies. A more proper way to

phrase it might be "he who laughs last laughs in an insane asylum."

Hubert Mayhem  
-Berkley's Book of Adages, 1982

## Peterson announces yearbook staff

Lori Adams and Michelle Ulmen will be editor and assistant editor of the 1985 Gumbo, according to Terry Peterson, advisor.

Mr. Peterson announced the 1984-85 staff this week noting that there will be no major changes and no one special feature in next year's book. The Gumbo will include sections involving academics, sports, activities, organizations, classes, and student life.

Gumbo Staff members named so far include Kendra Jorgensen as Academic Section chief, with Cathy Miller and Stacy Stofferahn as assistants. Activities Section chief is Bob Sahr with assistants

Dan Fischer and Nan Hofer.

Kevin Bowers was named Sports Section chief. His assistants are Tony Zeller and John Forney. The Class Section chief is Tara Watson along with Jean Jackson and Sephanie Hiatt as her assistants.

Student Life Section chief will be Tina Olson with assistants Kim Merkwon and Ingrid Schmidt. Amy Vanderziel will head the Organizations Section with Val Palmer and Carrie Venner as assistants.

Special assistants include Konnie Wendt, Gary Jorgenson, and Stacy Bartlett. Pat McKeever and Trisha Smith will be photographer and assistant photographer.

# Debate finishes season with four trophies



**SMOOTH TALKERS...**Ending the season are: debaters (back row) Brian Weiss, Liz Vogel, Phil Hatch, Jason Cool, Paul Robbenolt, Coach Miss Graney; middle; Cathy Miller, Kim Halber, Cristi McKeever, Jean Jackson, Head Coach Mr. Larsen; front; Cheri Bartlett, Allegra Gomez, Ronni Sines, and Michelle Ulmen.

"We have had a very fine year in debate this season. Out of the eleven meets we have participated in so far, our debaters have won over half of their rounds, and have brought home 4 trophies," said Ken Larsen, head debate coach.

Perhaps the high point of the season occurred when we took first place in overall competition in the Black Hills Conference, Mr. Larsen said. In addition to that trophy, first and second place trophies in Jr. Varsity debate and third in Novice debate were earned in a Rapid City debate contest.

At a debate awards banquet to be held in April, the Riggs debate program will award major letters to Jean Jackson, Cathy Miller, Kim Halbur, Phil Hatch, Thea Miller, and Terri Quigley.

Minor letters will be awarded to Jason Cool, Paul Robbenolt, Brian Weiss, Ronnie Sines, Cristi

McKeever, Michelle Ulmen, Liz Vogel, Allegra Gomez, and Wendy Knight.

"Recent performance at the National Forensic League contest was disappointing, but in spite of that, we have had a rather successful season," commented Mr. Larsen when asked about the 1983-1984 debate year.

"The entire squad has been a true delight to work with, and with a number of returning lettermen, we should be very powerful in debate next year. We look forward to learning what the new topic will be, and when that is released, we will begin to research for it," he stated.

Additional debate squad action will be at West River Student Congress in Lead March 24, and at State Student Congress here April 13 & 14.

## tracksters begin '84 season

The Governor 'harriers' are off to a winning start this '84 track season. Many Riggs athletes have been training individually on an off-season conditioning program since November. November.

Coach Larry Lundeen is fired up about his girl's track team, which consists of many seniors and returning letter women. Jolene Mews and Kim Merkwan, last year's state finishers, are again out. In summary,

Coach Lundeen is, "...looking forward to a good track season."

Forty-five men are out for the guy's track squad. According to Coach Miller, "We will have a balanced track team, but we don't have a lot of depth in some events such as the distances."

Returning letter-winners are (seniors) Keith Albertson, Bill Ek, Tanya Jennings, So Karim, Chris Miller, Trish Murphy, Clay Seachris, Daryl Schofield, Tara Tessier, and Theresa Volmer.

Juniors: Scott Anderson, Matt Culberson, Dan Fischer, Gary Goglin, Dusty Kracht, Darrell Lingle, Kim Merkwan, Mickey Moulton, Scott Rave, Daryl Smith, (sophomores) Dave Ellenbecker, Craig Howard, Jason Kaul, Forest Lidel, and Jolene Mews.

### Sports Quote of the Month

**We're going to be good this season -- both boys and girls.**  
Comment from Governor assistant track coach Don Shields.

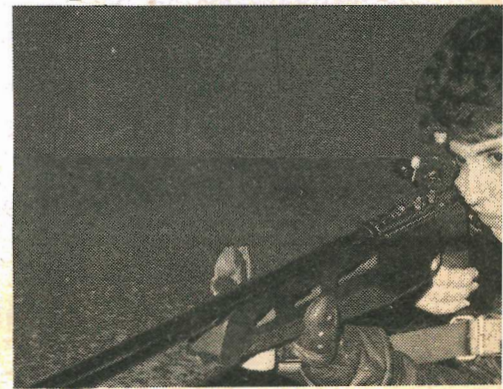


**HURDLING INTO TRACK...**The beginning of track finds Kim Merkwan practicing her event in Riggs Gym. (Photo by Suzi Stein)



**LOOKING GOOD...**Riggs High School Boys Basketball "Squad" award at the Boys State A Basketball Tournament. The cheerleading squads at the State A participated in the award ceremony. The award was presented at a luncheon of Commerce. The award was presented at a luncheon of Commerce. The award was presented at a luncheon of Commerce. The award was presented at a luncheon of Commerce. (Photo by Kelly Lindbloom, and Karen Koistinen.)

## Sports Notes



### Marksman heads to competition

Michelle Scarborough, junior, will attend the National Junior Olympic Rifle Championships in Columbus, Ohio April 26-28.

Scarborough and Todd Jones, a sophomore, competed at the NRA Junior three-position Sectional, the NRA Junior Olympic Rifle Championship (JORC), and the sectional Air Gun Match in February.

## Banquet honors

Wrestlers topped off their recently completed season with an awards banquet March 20 in the Riggs High lunch room.

Winning awards were Charles McGuigan who received the Obenauer Award for leadership and dedication, Shane Gutenkauf - most reversals, Mark Gran - most improved, and Chris Moore - most valuable B wrestler.

Chad Gutenkauf cleaned up at awards night, winning the most valuable A wrestler, most takedowns, most pins, and most escapes.

The climax of Chad's season came at the state tournament where he went 4-0 to claim the 132 pound weight class championship. According to Chad, the hardest match of the season was in the semi-finals when he defeated Brian Wettstad of Watertown, last year's state champ. His new title completed a season of 30-1-1.

Charles McGuigan and Brian Whiteaker also competed in the state tournament. Charles won two matches but was unable to place.

Major letter winners are seniors Brian Whiteaker, and Charles McGuigan; juniors: Chad Gutenkauf, Allen Schnabel, and Dusty Kracht; sophomores: Todd Dilley, Vince Lahren, Mike McGuigan, John Cass,

## Lady Gobs bring home state awards

Two Lady Gov gymnasts received honors at the state competition in Rapid City. Jolene Mews tied for first on the vault with a 9.33. Jennie Howlin from Sioux Falls Lincoln, who won the individual vault event the year before, also had a 9.33. Carrie Venner earned a place on the All-Tournament Team by placing third on the uneven bars and ninth on the beam.

Pierre gymnasts ended their season with a third place finish at the state meet having 134.8 points. Rapid City Stevens won the championship and Sioux Falls Lincoln took second. It should be noted that the Lady Gobs defeated Stevens three times during the regular season.

Head coach Bill Beesley sums up the season by saying "We accomplished most of our goals. We were within reach of the state title but didn't perform up to it on that day."

Many school records were broken by members of this year's team. Kim Klein scored 423.42 points to break

the 378.06 mark set by Cathy Greene last year. She also set a record on the floor exercise with 117.6 total points. Klein's scores of 9.40 on the beam and vault are also school records.

Carrie Venner broke the Riggs record on the uneven bars with a 9.60. Her season total of 124.63 is another bars record.

The following awards were given by coaches Beesley and Nancy Mundt to the outstanding gymnasts at the recent awards banquet: **Kim Klein-most points; Carrie Venner-most deicated, most valuable, and All-Tournament Team; Theresa Wallace-most improved; Jolene Mews-state vaulting champion; Beth Irion-co-captain; and Darcy Anderson-co-captain.**

Eleven team members lettered this year including Klein, Anderson, Irion, Karen Lonbaken, Kristi Kruse, Jill Lapp, Wallace, Venner, Mews, Daryla Hook, and Bonnie Jorgenson. Chris Ward was the student manager for the 83-84 season.

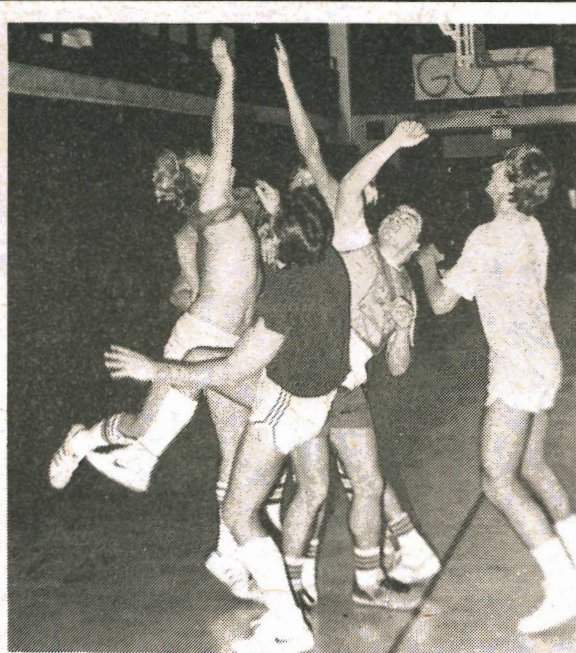
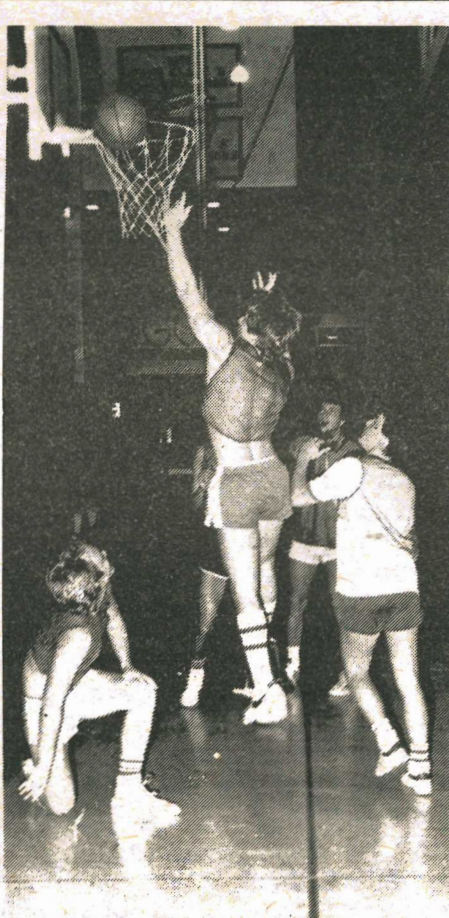
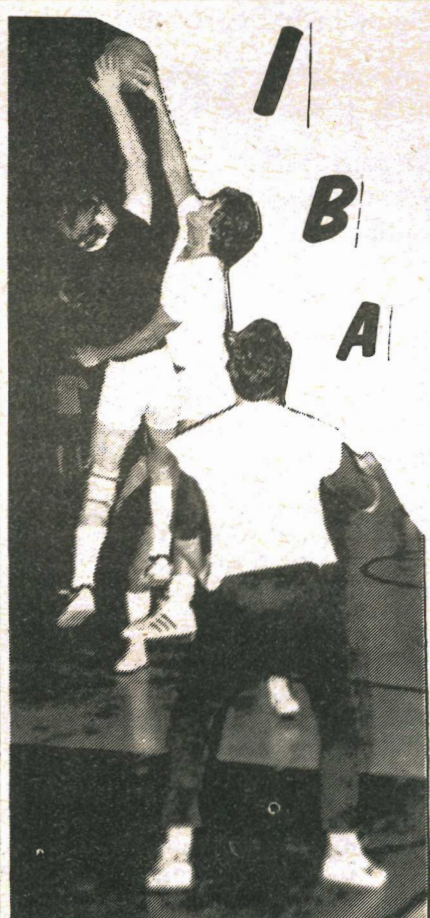
### Magazine recognizes Tessier

Tara Tessier, Riggs senior, appeared in the March 12 issue of Sports Illustrated. Her picture was in the "Faces in the Crowd" section which recognizes outstanding athletes for their achievements.

Girls basketball and track have been major interest for Tessier, who was named this years Girls High School Athlete of the Year. At Riggs she is also involved in chorus, swing choir, Gumbo staff, and NHS.

### UPCOMING SPORTS

- April 3 Track-Early Bird Meet
- April 12 Track at Huron
- April 14 Track at Mitchell-Corn Palace Relays
- April 20 Track-Todd Co. Invitational
- April 27 Track-Pierre Legion Relays



**INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL ACTION...**The All-Star game marked the end of Intramurals for 1984 with the white team winning. Troy Goldhammer's team led the season with a record of 8-1. (left) Clay Seachris and David Post jump off as Danny Paulson awaits the ball. (middle) Rich Andre shoots for a basket while Steve Reed and Bob Sahr wait for the rebound. (right) Intramural players fight for the ball during a recent game. (Photos by Amy Peterson)

## State 'A' ends season for Governors

Michaela Walker

It was a rocky season for the Pierre Governor team. "A season which we were pleased with how it went," commented Coach Judson. "It was a season which went more or less as we expected, but it was one that was filled with a few minor disappointments."

Senior player Daryl Schofield said "We didn't win as many games as we would have liked, but we did accomplish our goals of placing one of the top three in the ESD and making it to the state tournament."

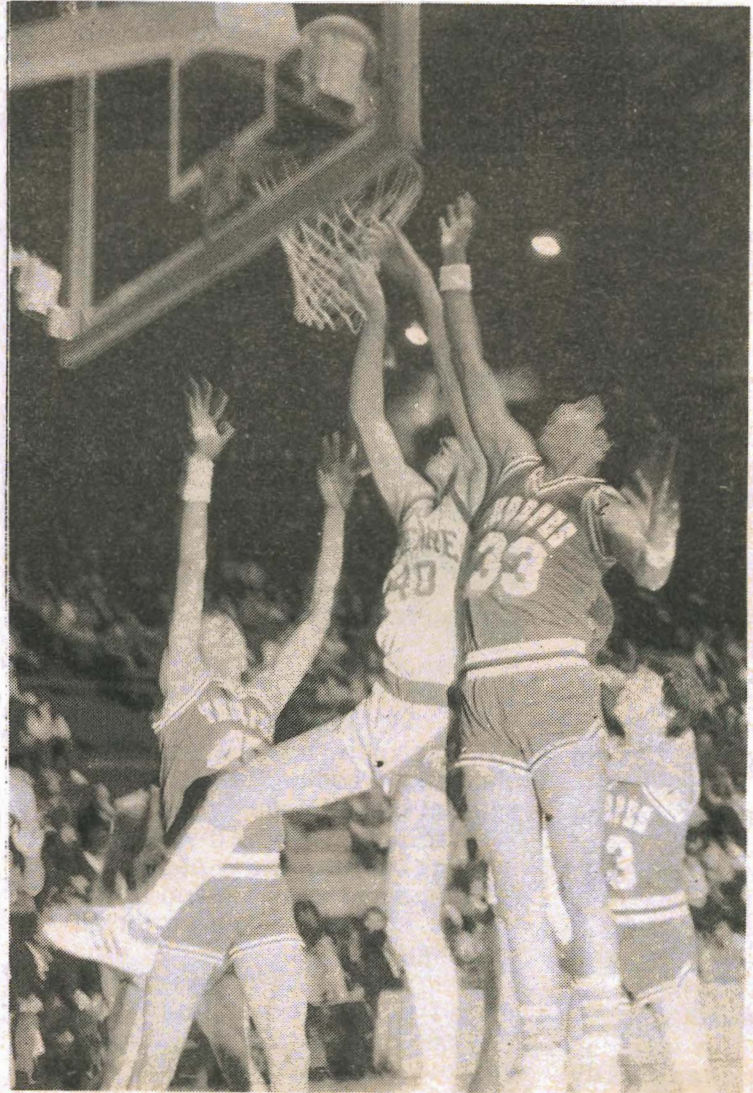
The Governor team entered the State Tournament with a record of 11-8, after beating Aberdeen Central in Aberdeen to capture the Section 4A title.

Pierre's first game at the tournament was against the number one ranked Mitchell. They were defeated by Mitchell by a score of 58-35. "It was a frustrating game for the players," Coach Judson said. "Nothing would seem to fall in, and there was nothing anyone could do. Nobody was out there trying to miss."

The next game for the Goves was against the Yankton Bucks. Players wise, Coach Judson thought the teams were about even. This was shown by the closeness of the score throughout the whole game, with Yankton narrowly defeating Pierre 54 to 52.

The Governors then went on to bring home the seventh place trophy after they successfully defeated the Pine Ridge Thorpes by a score of 54 to 48. "It is tough to get up mentally for the game when you are playing for seventh and eighth place," commented Coach Judson. "But when senior Chris Miller hit some baskets in a short time span it did help to boost the team's spirit."

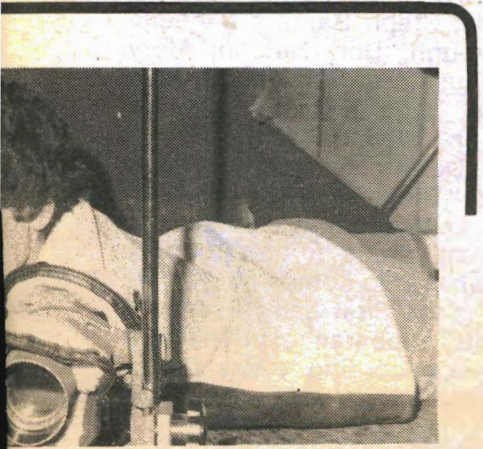
Coach Judson said, "We had a tremendous team to work with, and I guess that comes from a tradition of playing together. Also I think the seniors this year really had good leadership and they wanted to compete."



SHOOT FOR TWO... Daryl Schofield goes for a basket against his Pine Ridge opponent in the Governors last game at the State A in Sioux Falls. Pierre won the game 54-48. (Photo by Amy Peterson)



Basketball Cheerleaders won the "Best Appearing" award at the tournament March 15-17 in Sioux Falls. The eight cheerleaders competed in a competition held by the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Cheerleaders received awards from Tara Watson; (front) Kim Merkwan, Audra Levisen)



The high overall award for the three-position sectional was presented to Scarborough with a score of 549 out of a possible 600.

Jones placed second with 511. Winning the state JORC championship with a score of 554 out of 600 has qualified Scarborough to attend the championship in Ohio.

## Wrestlers outstanding



WRESTLING STANDOUTS...Awards were given to (back) Mark Gran, Shane Gutenkauf, Chris Moore, and Coach Jerry Schlekeway; (front) Chad Gutenkauf, and Charles McGuigan. (Photo by Kellen Levisen)

Casey Cowan, and Mark Gran; freshmen: Shane Gutenkauf; and eighth grader: Mike Anderson.

Minor letter winners are juniors: Chris Moore, Mike Westall, Sheldon Suiter, and Kenny Smart; sophomores: Thad Bothwell, Chris Mikkelsen, John Beastrom, Jeff

Fransen, Todd Christopher, Rich Adcock, Steve Schwartz, and Mark Tigner; freshmen: Jon Moore, and Scott Ball; and eighth grader: Robert McGuigan.

This year's managers were Kellie Van Balen, a sophomore, and Lynda Creager, a junior.

## GOVERNOR PRIDE

### Booster Club supports Riggs

Pierre's "Green Wave" has gained statewide attention in the last few years for its overwhelming support of Riggs athletes. Much of this support is due to the Pierre Athletic Booster Club. The main goal of the Booster Club is to support athletics at Riggs and to promote sportsmanship and school spirit. Jim Benham, president of the Booster Club, said, "We enjoy watching our young people compete and take pride in their accomplishments."

Many of the larger towns in the state have Booster Clubs, but Pierre's is the largest. Membership this year is the highest it has ever been with 629-up from 583 members last year. Members are asked to rejoin at the beginning of each school year to keep up membership. Membership is \$3.00 per person.

It may seem that Booster Club members would be parents who have children in athletics, however, many are loyal fans who are simply willing to lend their support. Officers for this year are: Jim Benham, president; Dick Tobin, vice-president; Gini Anderson, secretary; and Dean Schofield, treasurer.

One of the activities of the Booster Club is the "Pierre Pride" page which usually comes out every Thursday in the Capitol Journal. This contains pictures and stories of Riggs activities. This page was started three years ago by Marlin Smith and Seb Axtman.

The Capitol Journal provides the paper, typing, film, and developing, and the Booster Club gets the material together and lays-out the page. Some of the people who devote time to the page include Axtman, Benham and Norm Opp.

The Booster Club sells buttons and sweaters to create the Green Wave. They also furnish things the coaches recommend for the teams. They have provided a scale for the wrestlers, traveling bags for the basketball players, and a wireless mike-set for the football team. Funds have been given for the trophy case at the high school. The Booster Club also gives scholarships. They give a \$200 scholarship to a boy and a girl athlete. If they have more funds set aside, additional scholarships are given.

State A is an important time for the Booster Club. This year at the Boys State A Basketball tournament they sponsored a hospitality room at the Ramada Inn and reserved 121 rooms there. The Booster Club also put on a reception to honor the players, coaches and cheerleaders after the championship game.

Pierre Booster Club members often are not recognized for the many things they do to support Riggs athletes. They build school spirit and encourage sportsmanship. Most of all they back PHS through both the wins and the losses.

Governor Pride honors the Pierre Booster Club for their dedication to high school athletics.

Michelle Scarborough

# Office Education is starting point for careers

by Dan Fischer and Craig Fiegum

With the new seven-period day, there must be people out there wondering what they'll fill their day with. How about killing a few periods with one class? If you answered yes to the previous question, office education could be for you.

Office education people work in a secretarial-type position in an office. This class should not be confused with DECA where the students work in stores, restaurants, and jobs of that kind.

The class itself starts fourth period, when students go through classroom activities. These activities include exercises in filing, and working with computers, typing, adding machines, word processing, and dictaphone (typing from a taped exercise). After classroom work, students get out for lunch five minutes early so they can travel to their job. They work Monday through Friday, from 1 to 5 p.m., and they are paid \$3.35 an hour.

Students who sign up for the class, have the responsibility of finding a suitable job. If they have trouble, Mr. Fjelstead, the instructor, will help.

In this year's class of 25, Kim Fridley feels she got the best job. She works in the Governor's office. In the office, she mails mail, types envelopes, and occasionally makes a "see me" appointment with the Governor. Kim feels office education will look good on a resume, and it provides her with extra money.

Theresa Curtis who works for

the Department of Commerce, says it is good experience especially if you plan to go into that type of work.

Although the class takes away most of the afternoon, the only thing the interviewees really miss-



Kim Fridley

ed was pep assemblies. They claimed it was hard to get into the spirit of some things.

According to Kathy Curry, meeting all the new people at Buildings and Grounds and at the Capitol Building makes up for all things missed.

All the people interviewed agreed that it was worth it, and they all agreed that they would take the class over again.

Students who hope to be working in an office someday should check into this course. They will have the opportunity to field test their career choice through Riggs' office education program.



MAKING MONEY...Theresa Curtis works with her supervisor, Barb Boddicker, at the Department of Congress. (Photo by Levisen)

## First Ladies perform at State A

Pierre's First Lady's performed at half-time of the second game Friday night during the Boy's State A Basketball Tournament.

Dressed in green satin shirt dresses, the 16 members dazzled the crowd with a routine to "Twist of Fate."

Val Palmer and Michelle Scarborough choreographed the routine.

The members of the First Lady's are: captain-Mary Huckins; first lieutenant-Mary Likness; second lieutenant-Val Palmer; Katie Hofer;

Dena Boyd; Kari Vetos; Suzanne Atkinson; Steph Barden; Michelle Scarborough; Dori Nelson; Mary Gourneau; Carol Schweigert; Lisa Englund; Kris Lowenstein; Liz Porter; and Wenonah Skye.

Mrs. DeAntoni, advisor, commented, "The difficulty in performing the routine is that the music is very fast. There is no time to think about what step comes next."

This is the First Lady's seventh or eighth appearance in the last ten years, according to Mrs. DeAntoni.

## — NEWS BRIEFS —

### Young authors win contest

Six Riggs students earned honors in the recent State Reading Council's Young Authors' Reading Extravaganza. Sophomore students who placed were Lisa Dickson, first; Michelle Fowler, second; and Susan Axtam, third. Their teacher is Mr. Larsen.

Placing first, second and third on the senior level were Chris Miller, Brad Cruse and Kris TenEyck. All were students of Mrs. Birhanzel.

All local first place winners earned \$5 gift certificates from Walden's Book Store in the Pierre Mall. Local winners will have their

materials entered in the state contest.

### Hudson receives third

Rigg's All-State journalist, junior Conie Hudson, has received third place honors in the All-State newswriting contest.

This contest is open to all All-State journalism members. They may enter any article written prior to the month being judged. First, second, and third place winners are chosen for each month January through April. Winners receive a certain amount of points which will be added up at the end of April. The journalist with the highest number of points will receive a cash award.

## Students see safety film 'Staying Alive'

"More than 70 people are killed in this country each day by drinking and driving traffic accidents; more than were killed in the Vietnam conflict."

These words were only part of the message Riggs students heard March 13 when Mike Kumm of the South Dakota Division of Highway Safety presented the slide presentation "Staying Alive". On the suggestion of the faculty members, Riggs administrators timed the presentation to coincide with the four-day State A weekend.

"Hopefully it was meaningful to students that it's dangerous to be drinking and driving, not only at State A, but on the streets of Pierre," commented Principal Merkwon.

"Teenagers aren't the only ones who drink and drive, and we aren't saying that teenagers are the only ones who kill people behind the wheel," Kumm, a former Sioux Falls policeman, told students. "But, education is what it's all about. If you never develop an attitude that drinking and driving is wrong then those ideas won't be passed on; things won't change."

The slide presentation correlated music and pictures around the story of Gary Erickson who survived a traffic accident in 1966. In slow, broken, and slurred speech, the partially recovered Erickson told his story of life before and in the 18 years of hospitalized and institutionalized recovery.

"The number one cause of



FIRST LADIES...Drill team member Michelle Scarborough performs with the First Ladies at State A. (Photo by Amy Peterson)

teenage death in America is alcohol-related traffic accidents," Kumm told his audiences. When asked if raising the drinking age will put alcohol in the car he replied, "...probably so, initially; but for the most part it won't have a dramatic increase in the number of deaths."

He felt that in the long run, the law would have a positive effect on highway safety. How did the students who viewed the presentation react? "I think it was kind of a cheap shot right before State A," one senior male said.

Some felt that the blame was unfairly being dumped on them. Others were more positive. "I thought it was good. It made you think," a senior female said. "I

took it as 'Hey, we care about you.'" Some juniors felt that it was "pretty effective." Another reacted by saying, "It made you realize what could happen."

Similarly a sophomore said, "You don't think about what could happen when you're drinking, but the film made me realize the consequences." Another summed it up, "It was sad to see the guy tell about his accident and how he kept wishing he would have listened to his parents."

All sophomores, some juniors, and some seniors were included in the 337 students who viewed the film developed by the Governor Highway Safety Program and the South Dakota Teenage Traffic Safety Council.

# Colorful fashions brighten spring

by Tanya Manus and Thea Miller  
Spring is just around the corner, and it brings with it all the new clothes, hair styles and makeup to get you ready for warm weather. This is a fun time of year to try on clothes, spend money, experiment with make up, look some more, and spend more money. Having trouble deciding what to buy? Maybe this will help.

In makeup and clothes, the inevitable pastels are here, along with a variety of wild new colors. One of the hottest colors this year is yellow—from pale yellow eyeshadow to glittery gold lipgloss to wear when you really want to shine.

Pink is also another popular color, in every shade you can think of. The newest makeup colors are warm, earthy neutral-apricot, coral, orange, brown, and amber. Bronze and copper are also popular for night wear. Or you might try a touch of citron green for those times when you really want to be colorful.

Top off your spring face with a new hairstyle. The word for hair

now is short—from a super short feathery look to a chin-length. With all the setting gels and mousses around, short hair is versatile, cool and super easy to take care of.

To update your wardrobe, how about starting with a short outfit? last year's long shorts or walking shorts will still fit the bill. Add a new pair of hot color, like florescent pink or bright yellow, for spring's "in" clothes.

Fortunately, polos are still in; and they can be layered, mixed, or worn alone with any pair of shorts. And, believe it or not madras

shorts are back. Before you say, "Yuk, those awful huge plaid things my mother wore!", take a look at them with, of course, a

solid-colored polo and your favorite boat shoes. You might just find your favorite "preppy" outfit of the year.

Who could forget the miniskirts? Jean style, sweat-like or a leopard skin print, the miniskirt will be this summer's biggest eye-opener. Why not attract that special guy's eye with a bright tur-



SHOPPING SPREE...Connie Weldon and Suzanne Atkinson struggle with indecision as they choose their new spring cloth. (Photo by Amy Peterson)

quoise mini and a matching striped or ruffled blouse?

Add a few accessories like a straw hat, a bandanna, a brightly-colored purse, or new earrings to your wardrobe, and you'll be all set for spring.

Experiment with the new spring styles that come out. Dressed in your new spring wardrobe, you're sure to get some admiring glances. You can never catch too many though, cause "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!" Right?!

## Students speak out, discuss the reasons for cheating

One of the problems many students face is cheating. It has grown in some classes, to extreme proportions. People sit at the back of the class and cheat on everything from worksheets to tests, and the teachers don't seem to notice or even care.

Cheating destroys the chance for students to figure something out by themselves. The feeling of accomplishment will no longer exist in that person. Students become dependent on cheating to finish a test or pass a class.

What is going to happen to that high school student who cheats when he faces complicated situations later in life? Most likely there

will not be someone nearby to give him the answers. This time he is on his own.

This problem has to be stopped by the teachers, administrators and the parents. Punishment should be given to the offenders, in forms such as a zero on the paper to the detention. Anything would be better than not recognizing the situation.

Students should also help to stop this cheating before it gets any worse. Cheating on an assignment or test isn't hurting the teachers, it is hurting the students, not only those involved but also the others around them.

Lori Adam

Cheating is nothing new to students these days, but it is gradually becoming more common.

Several reasons are cropping up for the rising numbers of cheaters. One of the main reasons is the new, stricter college requirements. Students now are forced to make good grades to even be considered for admission to college. Cheating seems an easy way to "make the grade" for college bound students.

Another reason appears to be the old stand-by of "everyone else does." If everyone else is cheating, it becomes an unfair game for those honest ones who have to study hard to get good grades.

Rather than face the problems

from their parents, other students cheat to "save themselves." Students face certain punishments from parents such as grounding and having the car taken away if their grades are bad. Instead of facing these consequences, students cheat to stay in good graces.

It isn't uncommon to see a student cheat, but rarely will another student "nark" on him or her. Cheating has almost become an accepted part of school life. By making punishments harsher for cheaters, acceptance of cheating may change. With harsher penalties, the amount of cheating may go down.

Thea Miller

## Cheating—the teachers' view

According to a recent survey filled out by the teachers, on an

average three out of every ten students cheat. Still, most

teachers do not think cheating has become a problem in our school.

Different teachers handle the problem in different ways. Most of

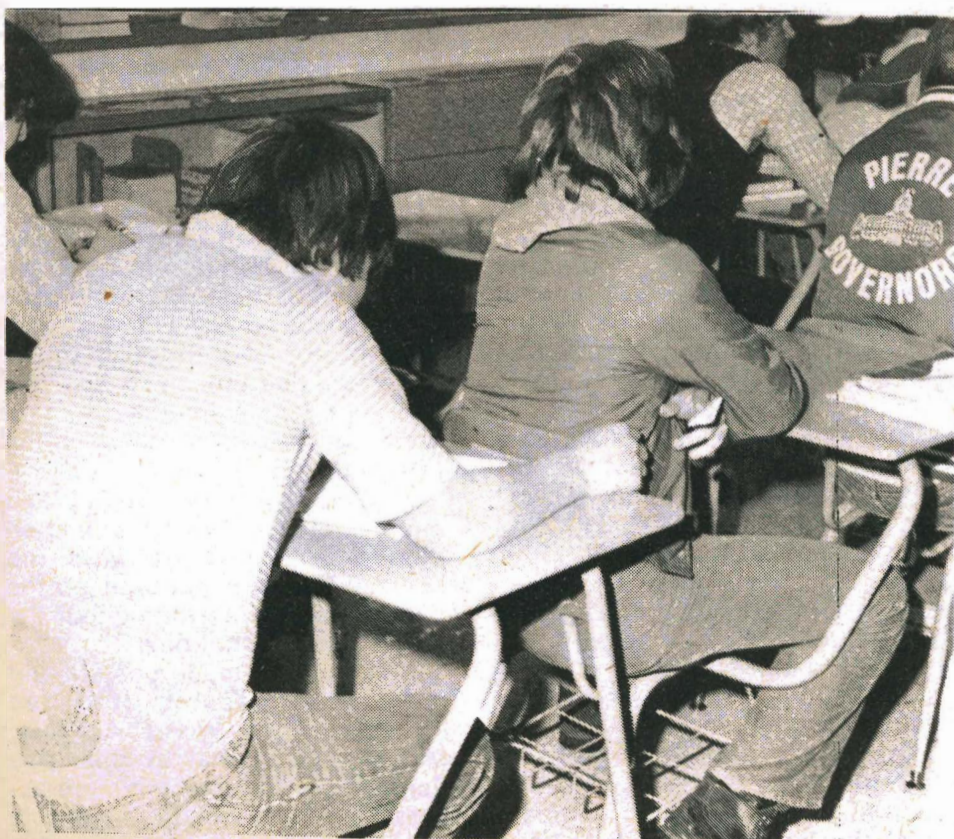
them knock the grade of the student caught cheating. But some would rather talk to the student and try to work out the problem.

Many of the teachers surveyed feel that cheating is a sign of laziness, and really doesn't lower moral standards. Sometimes

students cheat because of pressure from home to get better grades. A few of the teachers stated that students who cheat are only hurting themselves.

Several of the teachers feel that students should report cheating in their classes. Quite often this causes problems among the student body and needs to be handled in the right manner.

Students cheat in many different ways. When some students were asked about which ways were the most successful, they replied with: passing answers between desks, using crib notes, and getting answers from previous classes.



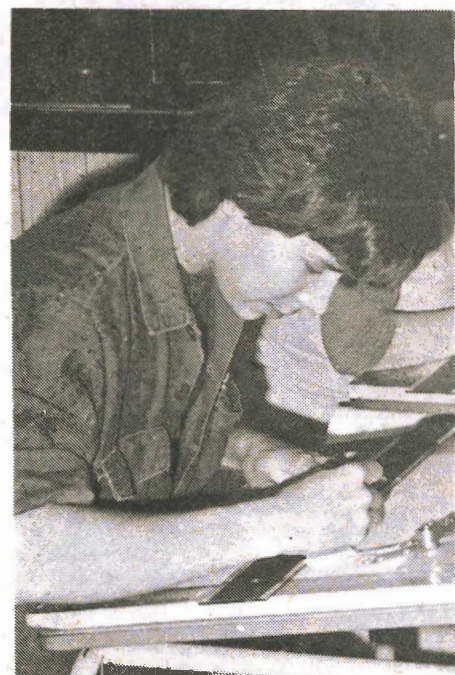
HELPING A FRIEND...Members of the Riggs' English class demonstrate the fine art of cheating.

### Poet's Corner

**Spring Sunset**  
The Painter reaches for his paint brush,  
mixes his paints,  
and applies the first golden stripe to the horizon.  
Blending carefully, he adds radiant lavenders,  
and dazzling pinks, mingled with blue.  
He adds a few delicate clouds,  
and behold—  
The first spring sunset—brilliantly painted,  
a magnificent masterpiece, too elusive to frame.

Spring is waking up to sunshine and birds singing, instead of darkness and cold winter winds.  
Spring is being able to wear light jackets instead of heavy coats, and being able to wear your favorite short sleeved shirt without a heavy sweater.  
Spring is having fresh flowers in our own backyard, instead of fake ones from Ben Franklin.  
Spring is light, warm and joyful not cold, dark, and depressing.  
Spring— isn't it wonderful?

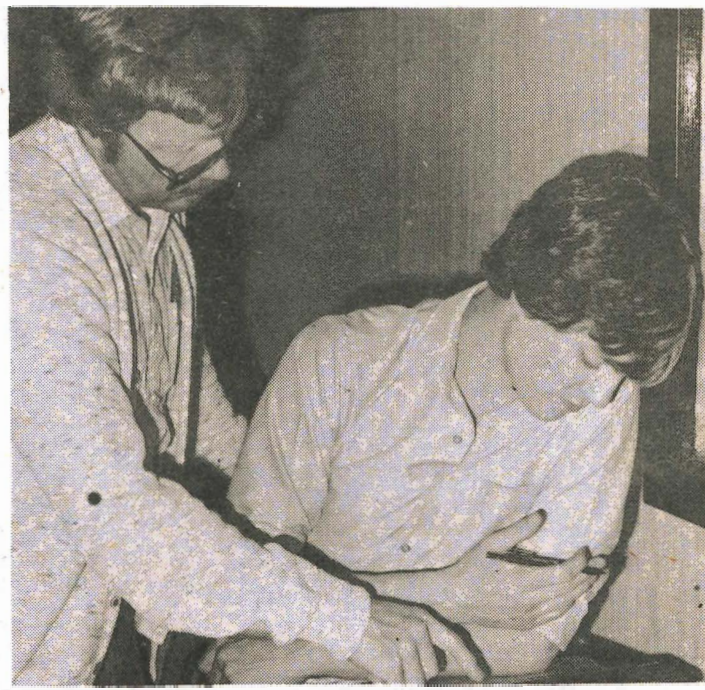
# Vocational arts supplement academics



**CONCENTRATION...**Vern Sevier appears engrossed in his drafting assignment. (Peterson Photo)



**WHAT IS THAT?...**Mr. Heib, Grant Smally, and Joel Wendel explore the mysteries of auto mechanics. (Photo by Levisen)



**DRAFTING INSTRUCTOR...**Mr. Hoing helps Sheldon Suiter with a problem.

Vocational areas have just as much to offer as academics, and students heading for college as well as those who do not plan to attend college, should take a much industrial vocational training as possible. It gives them the "common sense approach and practical application "for math, science, and communications that they're learning in other classes."

These are the feelings of Mr. Hoing, head of the Riggs Industrial Arts Department. Mr. Hoing spoke with the Governor recently about the new direction high school curriculum is taking across the state.

"Today's big push by the Board of Regents at the college level has had a ripple effect all the way down to the junior high," said Mr. Hoing, "and I feel they have started the school system of South Dakota on a two-way track education program."

He pointed out that at the eighth grade level students are having to make a choice between vocational and academic classes for their life ahead and that most students at that age have not decided what they want to do with their lives.

"The main emphasis is for kids to go to college whether they have the skills and capability to do so or not. Consequently, they are pushed to take solely academic classes," commented Mr. Hoing.

Presently, Riggs offers a number of vocational and industrial classes including welding and drafting taught by Mr. Hoing; auto mechanics and small engines instructed by Mr. Heib; and woods, upholstery, electricity, electronics, and home maintenance taught by Mr. Thuringer.

Other non-academic classes offered are agriculture under Mr. Murphy; advanced foods, solo living, general home ec, and knitting instructed by Mrs. Bruhn, and preschool development and home ec at the Jr. High taught by Mrs. Cool.

Business classes taught at Riggs are typing and work processing by Mrs. Baldwin; typing and office education by Mr. Fjelstad; business law, job preparation, word processing, and distributive education by Mr. Wahl. Mr. Bryant teaches accounting and general business.

Mr. Heib, in commenting about his classes said, "Not only do students develop a knowledge and understanding of vehicles but they also learn to develop skills with their hands."

Students in Mr. Heib's classes enjoy the work and feel they are learning useful information that they cause throughout life.

"I have learned a lot about the automobile and how to analyze

problems because of the hands-on experience we have in class," said Mark Metzinger.

Grant Smalley also commented that he had learned to run the computer, pack wheel bearings, overhaul an engine, replace a clutch assembly, and other useful skills he would not have gained if he had not taken this class.

Agriculture instructor, Mr. Murphy said, "South Dakota's number one income is agriculture and whether a person is in farming himself or not, he is dealing either directly or indirectly with farming in this state. So, it is important to have a background in the agriculture field."

## Psych students participate in play

Members of Mrs. Birhanzel and Mrs. Peterson's psychology classes along with several other students participated in the Children's Theatre Company and School's presentation of **Hand In Hand** on March 19. The play was performed in the Pierre Junior High auditorium.

The participants were instructed to keep their eyes closed through out the play. They joined hands and were seated in a spiral upon the stage. Actress Leslye Orr used sound effects, odors, her voice, sign language, and touch to com-

"Those of us that teach in this area hope students along with their parents can see that there is more educational opportunities in this high school than straight academics," said Mr. Hoing.

"Approximately 45 percent of all students go to college, and the other 55 percent have to do something whether it be work, join the military, or attend a trade school. Consequently," Mr. Hoing added, "many students need to be taking elective classes such as business, home ec, vocational agriculture, industrial arts, or auto mechanics to better equip themselves for their lives ahead."

municate the play.

Objects and gestures were passed around the spiral. With these props, she told the story of Helen Keller. The participatns could look upon their sight and their whole life with a new perspective. They were able to come to a better understanding of what a blind person's world might be like.

The Children's Theatre Company and School is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The project was supported by grants from the National Endowment from the Arts and the Otto Bremer Foundation.

## FFA'ers involved with activities

Members of the Pierre-Oahe FFA Chapter are in full swing in preparation for the spring contests.

Several members competed March 3 in livestock judging at Magness Livestock in Huron. These members also attended an informative workshop on judging various classes of livestock.

The meats judging team attended one of the state's best schools at the Morrell Meat Packing plant in Sioux Falls. March 14 all judging teams - poultry, livestock, meats, crops, and ag mechanics - participated in a district judging contest at Redfield.

These same teams, as well as dairy foods, ag management, and dairy cattle judging teams will be competing at the District 6 contests in Hoven March 31. This contest will determine which members from the Pierre Chapter will compete in each event at the State FFA

Convention to be held April 15-17.

The annual Faculty Cherry Pie Feed was held on Feb. 24 in conjunction with National FFA Week. This chapter tradition involves the baking and making of homemade pie and ice cream which is then served to all Riggs faculty members. Started six years ago, this tradition is intended to promote good relations between the FFA and Riggs faculty.

March 20 was World Ag Day, and the Pierre FFA Chapter promoted World Ag Day in several ways. The senior FFA members planned the meal to be served throughout the school system that day.

FFA'ers also made posters and did some research into the background of World Ag Day. Members hope that by their participation it will become more apparent to others what a major role the American farmer plays in each person's life.



**SHOWING THEIR APPRECIATION...**FFA'ers Shan Hart Kurt Widvey, and Theresa Schumacher serve cherry pie and ice cream to faculty members. (Photo by Michelle Scarborough)