

# Principal, students discuss school's regulations

by Michelle Scarborough

Riggs students discussed student handbook policies recently at informal forums held by Mr. Merkwan, assistant principal. Topics discussed at these "gripe sessions" included rules on the pop machine, parking, hats, and hallway passes.

Mr. Merkwan said that the biggest concern was getting three hours detention for every one hour skipped, as the rule is now. He noted that there were about the same number of students in favor of this rule as against it.

According to Mr. Merkwan a test last year's seniors took indicated that they were dissatisfied with the rules and regulations. The purpose of the gripe sessions is to find what areas the students dislike. "If there is a major complaint a change may need to be considered," commented Mr. Merkwan.

## Schumacher is Century leader

Theresa Schumacher is Pierre's top Century III Leader, according to Mrs. Booze, guidance counselor.

She is now eligible to compete with other local winners from around the state for one of two \$1,500 scholarships and an all-expense-paid trip to the Century III Leaders National Conference, March 2-5, 1984, in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

State winners will compete for the national winner's prize of an additional \$10,000 scholarship.



Theresa Schumacher

Pierre's Century III winner is active in clubs and organizations including FFA, mixed and select chorus, swing choir, Gumbo staff, Rodeo Club, and Madrigal music group. She is also a matmaid for wrestling.

Theresa has achieved many awards in the area of agriculture including the State Farmer Degree, FFA State Association Award, and Star Chapter Farmer. She has also won a Livestock Proficiency Award, second and third in extemporaneous speaking, and third in FFA District dairy foods judging.

Theresa was the outstanding participant in the Agriculture Youth Institute, and a Five-Star Award winner at the Washington Conference for FFA.

Theresa was judged on the basis of leadership skills, school and community involvement and a current events examination. She also wrote a short essay entitled "Our Invaluable Land" as an issue that challenges America in its third century.

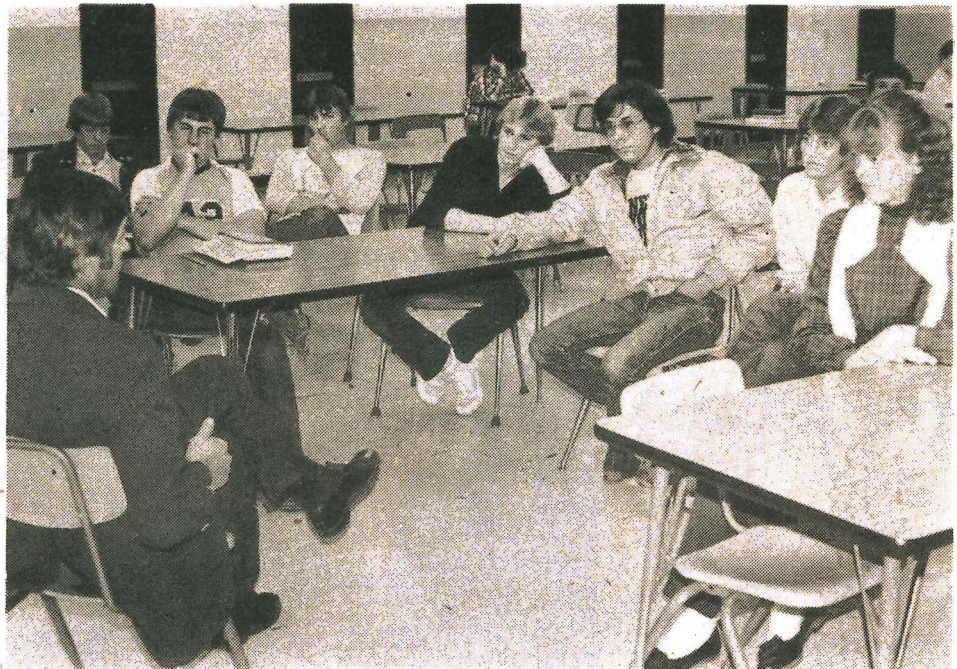
Students had varying opinions about the gripe sessions. One student thought they were "stupid". Sophomore, Tami Stark-johann said "It helps students learn more about rules."

Most students feel that although the administration is making an effort to improve relations with the students, no rules will be changed because of the forums.

All study halls except fourth period and a girls PE class have been invited to participate in the forums. Because of the majority of positive feedback the complaint sessions have not had any effect on the decisions yet.

"I was surprised that there were more positive than negative comments," remarked Mr. Merkwan.

Interested students should be thinking about areas they would like to discuss. Mr. Merkwan will be holding more gripe sessions later in the year.



COMMUNICATING... Vice-principal Gary Merkwan visits with fifth hour study hall students about school regulations. Among participating students were Deron Strohus, Joe Rauscher, Virgil Hoeschler, Vern Sevier, Lori Sarvis and Dawn Schmidt. (photo by Score)

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## Board comments on negotiations

*Editor's note: The following report from editor Mike Williamson is an effort by the Governor to objectively cover the recent issue of negotiations breakdown between the Pierre Education Association and the Board of Education. Last month the Governor reported teachers' attitudes as they began picketing activities.*

Lately Pierre Schools have been caught up in a major controversy concerning requested increases in teachers salaries. Basically students of Riggs have only been exposed to the teachers' side of the issue. This is due only to the fact that teachers are who students spend a good amount of time with and not school board members.

Throughout the Pierre school system, teachers' salaries are based on a "salary schedule" consisting of 15 steps. The first step is made up of new teachers with a base pay that currently stands at \$11,700. Each year a teacher receives a five percent increase in salary as he progresses up the steps.

Last year 40 percent of Pierre's teachers were on step 15, and next year it is expected that over 55 percent will be in this area. School board member Gary Ellwanger commented that, "Once a teacher gets on the 15th step they feel blocked because they're accustomed to that five percent increase each year."

According to the school board, this "salary schedule" has been in effect since the early 1970's and the base has been increased each year. Mr. Ellwanger said that when deciding on salary increases, the board takes into account several things, including the community's position, economic conditions, taxes, and salary levels in other districts. Said Mr. Ellwanger, "The decision is not scientific, it is a consensus of all the board members."

Generally the school board members felt that the current base was too low, but "with the current salary schedule, the board couldn't raise the base and stay within the parameters of the budget," Mrs. Pat Adam, school board president, said.

With the high percentage of teachers on and approaching step 15, one may wonder whether the teaching staff is too "top heavy." Mrs. Adam responds, "I don't think so, we have excellent teachers and staff right now. True, some are better than others, but that's human nature. It is not at all the board's intent to get rid of the older teachers."

Throughout negotiations the board had to deal with the media, according to Mrs. Adam. "The PEA spoke to the board through the media rather than picking up the phone or writing a letter," she said.

"You don't negotiate through the media, a more business-like manner would've been more appreciated by the board," she continued. (Continued on page 4)

## Varsity, novice teams prepare for 12-contest debate season

Several high school youths have been spending hours daily for the last month researching the criminal justice system.

Who are these people, overly ambitious students from one of Mrs. Deantoni's research classes, aspiring young politicians and lawyers, and just plain "wacko's"? None of the above, these are members of the Pierre debate team.

"Every year, debators argue both sides of a variety of cases all derived from a more general resolution," explains head debate coach Ken Larsen.

This year's resolution is "Resolved: That the United States should establish uniform rules governing the procedure of all criminal courts in the nation."

According to Larsen some of the possible case areas this year in-

clude the Abolition of Plea Bargaining, the exclusionary rule, capital punishment and the insanity defense, the admissibility of the blygraph tests and prior sexual history in court, jury reform, and determinate sentencing.

The team began their season last Saturday with a trip to Huron where they competed in the Steven's Invitational Debate Tournament. Teams from Huron, Central, Sturgis, and Pierre were present.

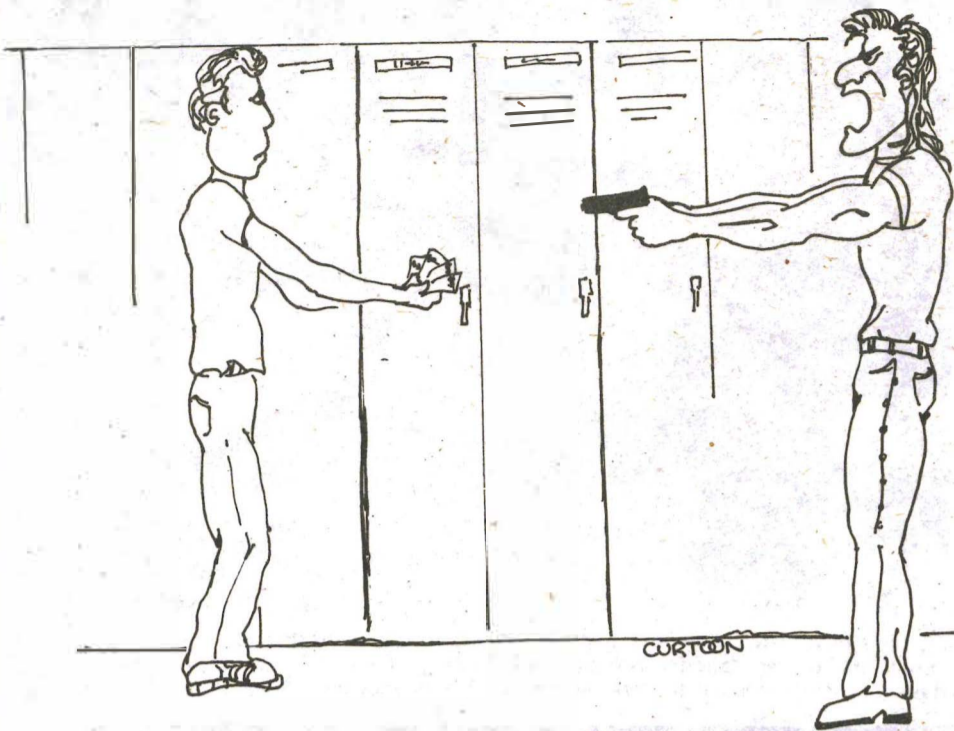
Prior to the meet, Larsen said that Stevens would be a good warm-up meet where novices could get their first taste of debating, and varsity members could see where they were.

"Once the season gets rolling, I'm sure we'll be competitive with any team in the state," Larsen assured.

### DECEMBER EVENTS

Picture Retakes - 1-2  
SAT Test - 3  
Riggs Christmas Concert - Riggs Gym 7:30 P.M.  
Christmas Vacation - 22-Jan. 1

IS THIS WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT ?



The case of the missing pencil. Although this may sound like a trifle incident, it is actually quite serious. Can people walk down the seemingly safe hallways of Riggs and yet be subject to (oh, please . . . not in Pierre!) CRIME?!

It happens all the time. However impulsive it may seem, swiping pencils, money, notebooks, and so on is premeditated. Pencil crime and other unorthodox acts grow on potential criminals and eventually will become a full fledged occupation.

Theft happens here. For example, a certain male student who, when he was practicing for football, came in to find a large sum of money missing from his locker. Another case involved various members of the girls' basketball team who suffered personal losses when someone (oh, heaven forbid!) ripped-off the candy cheerleaders provided that was intended to fire them up.

Solutions to this problem are numerous. Locks could be placed on lockers. However, many feel this is childish and rather a pain. People with sticky fingers could be given capital punishment, but this is silly because no-one is ever caught. Last, but not least, students subject to this crime should learn their lesson and quit placing valuable objects in unsafe places.

Yes, it is a cold, cruel world. No, it will not change. Stealing is a felony, and if students don't put a stop to it now, it may reach epidemic proportions. How does coming to school with identification cards and metal detectors sound?

Riggs teaches students more than academics, if they are watching.

Dr. S.

## Columnist decries increase in 'Sax' & 'Violins'

The scourge which plagues the world has come to Riggs. This is the atrocity of sax and violins. While the rest of the world has seen a sharp increase in sax and violins, Pierre has remained stable. For example, in New York there are violins in the streets and saxes in nightclubs. New York even has sax and violins in their schools, and the police pretend that it's normal! The mere thought of this outrage makes me shudder.

However, this seems to have changed. While we basked in false reassurance of safety, benign powers have been at work.



The Riggs fine arts addition, which was designed for the good of the community and to benefit the students as well as the school, has been riddled with the worm-holes of depravity.

I do not make this charge without proof. Mr. Paul Upsal was directly quoted saying that the addition will be "filled to the brim" with sax and violins. Furthermore, Todd Berendes has taped conversations implicating not only the band but him as well. Therefore, with all of this evidence it seems that the band and chorus are participants of this sax and violins craze.

viously the feared members of the Sax and Violins worshipping cult. It is widely known that they LIKE SAX AND VIOLINS!!! These people have infiltrated our community and corrupted students and promoted this snake pit, and they even call themselves what heroes of the S and V's call themselves, Music Lovers!!

This is not the end of the horrors of this addition. A cult of adults, who have pushed for this addition and have been foremost in the instigating of the building, are ob

At great risk of my well-being and personal safety, I have exposed this menace to you. If I disappear you'll know why, but that doesn't bother me, I may have saved Pierre from a terrible danger.

Chris Hipple

## Letter:

If you can read this thank a teacher! That is one of the slogans of the teachers of the Riggs High School, who picketed for higher wages and more benefits.

starts thinking about more than what not to do for the teachers and thinks about what they can do for them, because if it weren't for teachers you wouldn't be where you are today!!

Trent Score

One of the menial things the teachers wanted was free activity tickets, to which the school board quickly said no. The teachers aren't asking for much but four major things. Some say that one of the reasons the board doesn't want to give the teachers a raise is that they want the base salary to be higher to attract more teachers to the area.

Personally, I think that teachers should be the highest paid people in America. I'm not saying that every teacher should be paid that high a wage, but if they were paid a higher wage, then more of the best would be attracted to the profession and colleges could raise standards which should raise the quality of the teachers so that only the best would be allowed to graduate.

Personally, I don't think that the administration should be paid two to three times more than teachers, when, in my point of view and the views of many others, administrators don't have to take half as much as a teacher does daily. Administrators also don't have to take home papers to correct at night. I mean, there are state employees who earn more than teachers and do half the work; even the dog catcher earns only \$500 less than a starting wage for a teacher!

It's about time the school board

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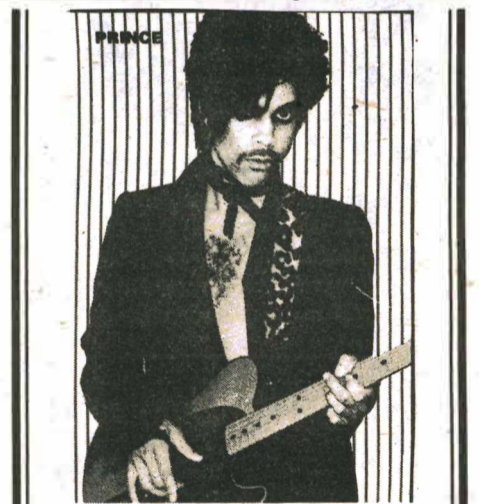
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## Sounds and Sights

### PRINCE

The 22 year old who calls himself "PRINCE" has been writing songs since 1978, but finally in 1983 he came up with an album called "1999" which sums up his priorities in a cut called "D.M.S.R." In "1999" PRINCE who lives to party, decides to dance through Judgement Day. Although "1999" isn't quite as blunt as PRINCE'S "Dirty Mind," the kid is still pretty cocky, calling himself "the body that will do U right". "1999" is a double album designed to keep any party hopping.



### The POLICE

**Synchronicity** - The newest of the POLICE'S five albums, has been the top album on the charts for four weeks in October. The POLICE avoid a robotic effect by keeping a readily identifiable guitar sound and drawing from a variety of rhythmic influences.

time, the blending of bassists stings bright, keening vocals with guitarist Andy Summers. Some of the highlighted songs on the album are, King of Pain and Tea in the Sahara. The wild card in the set is a song called Mother, by Summers. It's a blacky, humorous portrait of a poor shlep who needs only to hear the phone

At the same



ring to start ranting. Why? Every time he picks up the receiver, dear old Mom is there.



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## Pierre Ladies meet Central in Sectionals

by Sarah Adam

Lady Governors will meet the Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles in the second game of the opening round action when Pierre hosts the Section IV girls basketball tournament Nov. 28 and 29.

New faces will be on the floor this year as a result of the section changes. Also competing in Section IV will be Huron and Aberdeen Roncalli. Previous the section included Pierre, Todd County, Winner and Chamberlain.

Even with new opponents, competition should be about the same, according to Goys coach Don Shields. He doesn't think the change will affect Pierre too much.

"Home court fan support will be a definite plus," Shields said. He believes there will be "no secrets" because of Pierre's two previous encounters with Huron and Aberdeen.

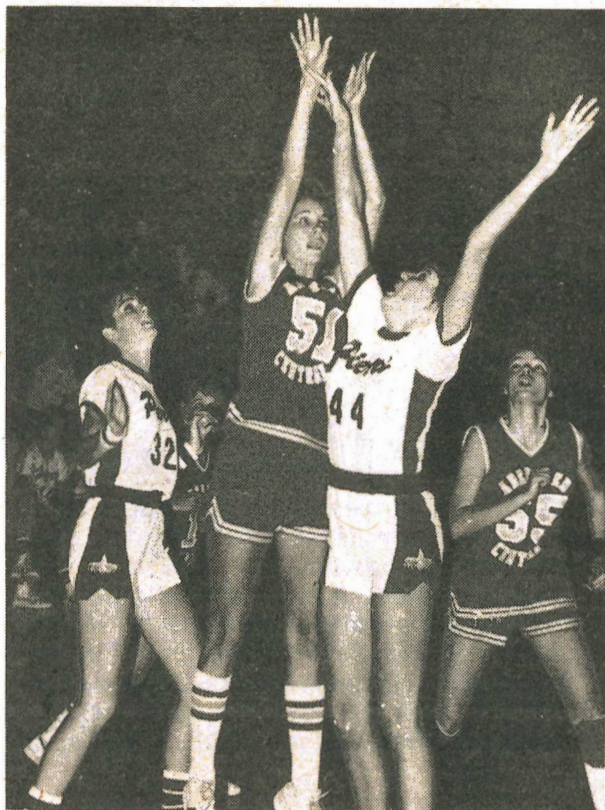
Meeting Yankton Nov. 19, held attention before sectionals because it was a key game to Pierre's hope for tying for the ESD

title. A conference title, along with a sectional tournament win and a good show in the state tournament were pre-season goals for the Lady Govs.

In earlier cage action the Ladies met Madison, Huron and Winner. "Excellent defense and good rebounding" were the two main keys in the victory over Madison, according to Coach Shields. The Ladies experimented with box-and-one defense against Madison, trying to hold off the Bulldog's key player, Kelli Schoefield. Balanced scoring was still another factor in the win.

The Huron (64-52) and Winner (53-26) games were considered fairly easy wins for the Ladies. Coach Shields said that the full-court and half-court presses were very effective. Also, outside shooting from So Karim, Suzi Stein, and Kim Merkwon was improved.

Coach Shields pointed out that in these games, every one got a chance to play, which was very "valuable" experience for next year's team.



**OUT OF REACH . . .** Ladies Tara Tessier and Karen Hasek battled Aberdeen Central players for the ball during an October game. Winners in the first match up, the Lady Govs will face the Eagles in semi-final sectional competition Nov. 28.

### UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

Varsity Wrestling Quadrangular at Riggs . . . . . Nov. 26  
 Girls Basketball Sectionals at Riggs . . . . . 28-29  
 Varsity Gymnastics at Huron . . . . . Dec. 1  
 Varsity Basketball at Riggs vs. Watertown . . . . . 2  
 J.V. Wrestling at Stanley County . . . . . 2-3  
 Varsity Wrestling at Mobridge . . . . . 3  
 J.V. Gymnastics at Stanley County . . . . . 5  
 Varsity Basketball at Aberdeen . . . . . 6

Girls State A Basketball at Watertown . . . . . 8 & 10  
 Varsity Gymnastics at Riggs vs. Miller . . . . . 12  
 Varsity Basketball at Riggs vs. Huron . . . . . 16  
 Varsity Wrestling at Rapid City Invitational . . . . . 16-17  
 Varsity Basketball at Riggs vs. R.C. Stevens . . . . . 17  
 Varsity Wrestling at Riggs vs. Mobridge . . . . . 20  
 Varsity Basketball at Riggs vs. Mitchell . . . . . 23  
 Varsity Basketball at Riggs vs. Madison . . . . . 30

## Grapplers open season

Opening the 1983-84 wrestling season, the Governors will hold a local quadrangular on Nov. 26.

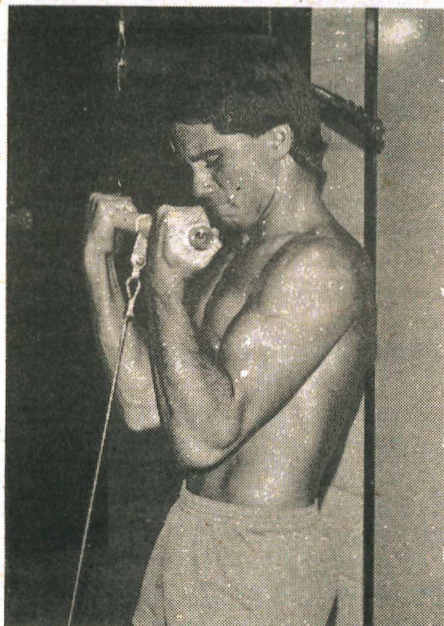
Schools participating in the meet are Hot Springs, Miller and Chamberlain.

Coaches Jerry Schlekeway and Larry Lundeen look forward to the season knowing that they are working with a young team, but they hope to gain much experience as the year progresses.

Returning lettermen are senior Charles McGuigan, juniors Chad Gutenkauf, and Dusty Kracht, and sophomore Jeff Fransen.

Coach Lundeen looks for the most success from Gutenkauf, who attended the state meet last year, and McGuigan because both have a good deal of experience.

Student managers are Lynda Creager and Kellie VanBalen with returning mat maids Colleen Cowan, Theresa Schumacher, and Joan Harwick.



**WEIGHT TRAINING** ...is part of Chad Gutenkauf's general conditioning program to get into shape for varsity wrestling. (photo by Trent Score)

## Sophomores End Difficult Season

It's been a long hard season for the sophomore girls' basketball team. Their record sits at six wins out of thirteen games, following their defeat of Huron on Nov. 10.

Coach Kurth said, "The season has been a difficult one as we have lost a number of close games." Out of the seven losses, five of them had been by three or less points.

Coach Kurth commented that Paula Bonrud had improved at the

position of center while Sarah Adam and Jill Tobin have proven themselves to be steady and consistent performers. Also Shelli Bowers has proven herself to be a better than satisfactory ball handler, according to Coach Kurth.

Areas which Coach Kurth felt needed work for future games consisted of ball handling to cut down on the number of turnovers, and shooting percentage from both the field and the free throw line.

## Play-offs end football season

By Mark Schneider

The Governor football team's season concluded with a devastating 49-7 loss to the Sturgis Scoopers. The Scoopers remained undefeated, upping their record to 10-0 and advancing into the Class 11-AAA semifinal game against the Mitchell Kernals.

Pierre's only score of the game came when the Sturgis punter fumbled the snap, and the Governors recovered on the Sturgis 3 yard line. Two plays later, John Schwartz barreled over from the two.

The Scooper's high powered offense was led by Elmer Aker who rushed for 207 on 18 carries. Chris Gadsden threw for two touchdowns and 109 yards. Gadsden also returned a punt 91-yards for a TD.

Aaron Bowers and Schwartz rushed for a combined 129 yards. The Gov's defense was paced by Troy Goldhammer with 10 tackles

and Bowers, Darrell Lingle, and Chad Gutenkauf had 8 each. Gutenkauf also had an interception.

Starting offensive end, Senior Mark Anderson said, "It is always hard to lose the last game of the season, but overall I think we had a pretty good year."

"The four losses we had this season were all to play-off teams, and two were to the two teams in the State Championship final. We were beaten badly only once, that being by Sturgis," said Coach Ken Koistinen about the Gov's excellent 8-4 record.

Summing up the season, Koistinen said, "I was very pleased with the development of our football team this season. At the start of the season no one thought that the Governors were going to amount to much, but thanks to a lot of hard work and determination by all the members of the football squad, I have to say that we had a very successful season."

## Basketball preview: A look at the '83-'84 Govs

by Bob Sahr

Opening a 19-game schedule, the boys basketball team will start their season at home against the Watertown Arrows, December 2.

Practices began over a week ago, and Coach Bob Judson has an optimistic outlook. "We may surprise some people," said Coach Judson about this year's team.

With only one returning starter, senior guard Aaron Bowers, the team appears to have a lack of experience. Also, the team does not have as much depth as it did last year.

Last year's juniors had problems getting playing time. According to Coach Judson, "When you have the seniors we had last year, it's hard for the younger players to gain experience."

Injuries have already plagued the Governors. Scott Raue has a separated shoulder, Mark Linqvist has a finger injury, and Kevin Steever recently had knee surgery.

Judson said as the season opens he expects Darrell Lingle and Daryl Schofield to start as forwards, Jeff Merkle to start at center, and Aaron Bowers, Chris Miller, and Curt Opp to split up the time at the guard positions.

Coach Judson expects Brookings, Yankton, and Mitchell to be the teams to beat in the ESD.

"Mitchell will be tougher than nails," said Judson. Center 6'9" Bart Fredricks, an All-State pick as a sophomore, forward Chad Anderson, and guard Kyle Adams are the big men for the Kernals, which is considered to be the best team in the state.

"It may take a while to fit the pieces together," said Coach Judson about this year's Governors.

He said that he and assistant coach, Skip Kurth, are going to emphasize to the Govs that they can't live on the team of last year -- that this is a new season and all they can do is their best.

## Students Compete in local declam



**DECLAM SPEAKERS...** Divisional superior winners Stephanie Barden and Tara Watson represented Riggs at the State Declam contest held last week in Mitchell. They competed in duet acting with a cutting from "When the Lilacs Bloom". Stacey Stofferahn earned an excellent rating in the divisional humorous contest. Other divisional speakers were Cathy Miller, Terry Quigley, and Sandy Kern. All declam speakers participated in the local contest. Pictured standing are: Brett Owens, Allegra Gomez, Mari Ward, Stacey Stofferahn, Sandy Kern, Terri Quigley, and Advisor Carol MacNally. Seated are: Stephanie Barden, Tara Watson, Cathy Miller, and Byron Reed.

## Investigating career choices:

# Supervisor's position teaches student career responsibilities

by Gene Nelson

Climbing the ladder in any business requires a lot of hard work and dedication as senior Carrie Wegner has learned during her employment at the local Godfather's Pizza.

Carrie, who recently was promoted to supervisor, is one of several Riggs High students who help keep the coffers humming at Godfathers. As a supervisor, Carrie is responsible for everything that goes on during her shift, which is usually on Tuesdays and Sundays.

The supervisor position didn't jump into Carrie's lap. She worked from May 1982 until this September before the store manager advanced her to the supervisory level. She had to work, "a bunch of long hours," to deserve the promotion.

The office of supervisor may bring some advantages, but the responsibilities that the job

## Christmas Shopping Ahead ...

# Sweaters make fashion news

by Tanya Manus

Classy argyles, rugged tweeds, and bold stripes are the newest things in men's sweaters this fall. The colors for fall are smoky grays, deep burgundy, navy blues, browns, and cream. Sweaters are being worn with striped or plaid shirts and bright knit ties for a tailored look, and are also seen with bright turtlenecks and casual shirts for an outdoor look. Cardigan sweaters worn with a tie and dress pants can replace a suit jacket or can replace a new casual suit look.

For you girls who buy clothes for your boyfriends or are looking for Christmas present ideas, sweaters are warm, practical, great looking gifts. Ralph Lauren has a new sweater out for all your favorite hunters. It's dark blue with a brightly colored pheasant knit on it, priced at \$160.

If that's out of your price range, Mr. Deans and Lucas and Them are offering a large variety of

## Thanksgiving is Communist plot

Troy Curtis

It's about time you learned the truth about Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is part of a communist subversive plot to take over

America. It has been found after over 50 years of investigation by the State Department that from the very beginning Thanksgiving was a Communist idea. If you recall, Capt. Miles Standish and a group of pilgrims from Europe came to America on the Mayflower in the 1600's.

Documents prove that the Mayflower was owned and leased by Alexive Murihofv, a Russian agitator. Furthermore, Johannah Smith, one of the Mayflower passengers, was in reality Yuri Androchev, a communist spy.

Researchers believe Yuri suggested they give thanks for surviving the harsh winter in the new world and for their new Indian allies. However, what he was really doing was setting up a tradition that would bring about the moral breakdown of our nation-to-be. If you think about it, the researchers have a point. Every year at Thanksgiving hundreds of people die in accidents. And isn't it true that when your relatives arrive it drives your parents crazy trying to wait on all of them, keep the house clean, cook all the food, and generally, just keep everyone happy? I'm sure that on numerous occasions you have heard your parents say how they couldn't stand one of your relatives, or how they couldn't afford all the food and inconvenience.

Perhaps we should reevaluate our ideas of Thanksgiving and what it stands for. Let's save our country and end Thanksgiving right now.

**Editors Note:** The article above was found to be untruthful. Federal authorities found that the article was actually written by a Communist pig.

It seems Russia is trying to use reverse-psychology on us to make us end all such holidays. Obviously this is to bring about the same moral breakdown of our nation that the Commie warned us about. Let's show the red dogs a thing or two. Have a terrific Thanksgiving and enjoy yourself during all your holidays to keep our nation strong.

demands are present every day. Carrie has to make any and all important decisions that may arise on the job. The chore of taking care of an occasional customer complaint or question falls under the supervisor's column of things to do.

"Most of the more catastrophic incidents don't turn up too often," Carrie said.

Pressure or not, Carrie truly enjoys working. "Most of my friends work here too, and we all get along," she said, "It's a ball."

Carrie also noted that the store's basic format makes it seem to run by itself and that makes things easier to handle.

"My job has taught me what it takes to be in control, and how to be around and work with other people," Carrie said. "It's great experience for anything and everything a person might consider as a permanent career."

Currently, Carrie's future plans include college where she will pursue a major in psychology and math.

The job at Godfather's has also offered Carrie and other Riggs students an unexpected chance to try their hands at advertising. Last month she and a few others were asked to do radio commercials. "The commercials were fun to make, but it was kind of embarrassing because everyone always has something smart to say about them," Carrie said.

At Riggs Carrie is busy with classes and is also a member of the Gumbo staff and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In addition to school and her job, Carrie participates in dance.

## One-Act Tryouts

Tryouts for the one-act plays will be Dec. 12 and 13, according to drama director Bill Henjum. Although the plays have not been selected yet, the performances are scheduled for Jan. 23 and 26.

One of the one-acts will be taken to the regional contest in Rapid City on Jan. 28., Mr. Henjum said.



## Journalist of the Month

Sports editor Liz Porter was named Journalist of the Month for October. Liz, a newcomer to the Governor staff, has shown enthusiasm and creativity, as well as leadership on her page and on the staff in general, according to Mrs. Laitala, advisor. A junior, Liz is also active in band, chorus, tennis and drill team.



Carrie Wegener

## Board comments from page 1

Included in this controversy was the picketing by area teachers. Mr. Ellwanger expressed his feeling this way: "I think that when people feel strongly about something it is their right to show that concern; it's American. Personally, I wouldn't have liked to see it (picketing), and I don't think anyone liked to see it."

Mrs. Adam felt that if it had any effect on the board, it was not a positive one. "Professional people do not do things this way; there are other ways. It was not a professional act at all," she said.

As far as next year's negotiations are concerned the board has asked for an early start with the hope for new, innovative ideas. "This will make our job and the educators' jobs more pleasant, and hopefully create some unity," she said, "rather than always working apart from one another."

Mrs. Adams indicated a bright outlook for future negotiations. "I have a better outlook and a very positive attitude, we have so much to gain. Obviously, we have no where to go but up," she said.

All in all, this controversy was a trying time for all involved, but Mrs. Adam summed it up by saying, "Each year the school is faced with problems, but hopefully we become more aware of our needs when people become a little disgruntled."