

# Student body elects Wahl, Fjelstad

Spring semester opened Monday with new mayor Steve Wahl and vice mayor Max Fjelstad taking the reins of student government.

The pair was elected out of a field of five teams after a run-off election with candidates Christopher Shaw and Kurt Kruse. Other contenders for the school's top slots were the teams of Lisa Pibal and Dawn Jackson, Steve Williamson and Terri Ulmen, and Tony Curis and Bill Sterling.

Campaign speeches took on a more sober note this year with the implementation of a question and answer period replacing the introductory speeches. None of the candidates made inflated campaign promises. Most, in fact, emphasized the fact that they wouldn't make promises but would work for improvement in

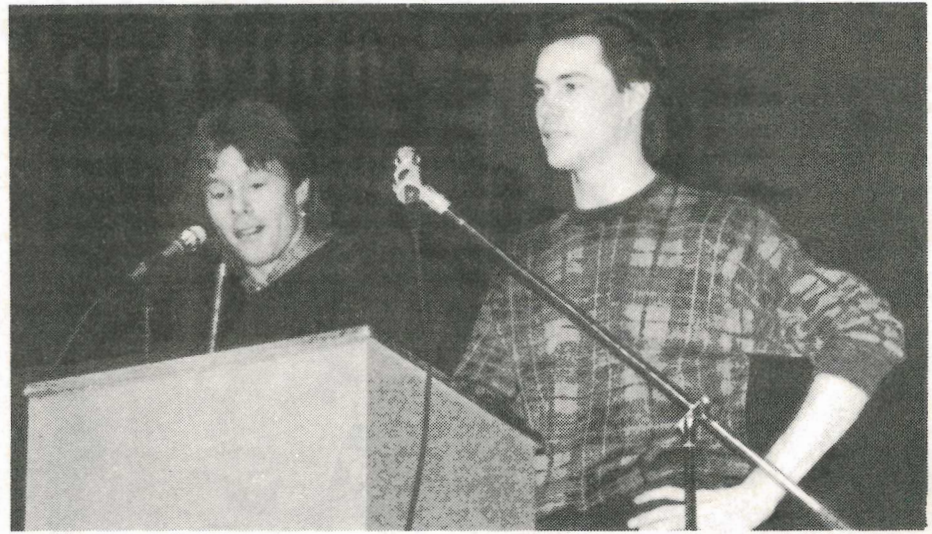
the system.

Wahl and Fjelstad based their campaign on their personal conviction that everyone in the high school is equal.

"We respect and care for all the individuals out there," Wahl told the student body. "We don't look down on people for being different. A school is made up of individuals, and they have a right to be themselves."

The pair promised to listen to individuals and get their views. They proposed a suggestion box with the most popular issues to be taken to the student council. In other areas, they hoped to get rid of the "hat rule" and assigned seating in the theatre, and make changes in the procedure in electing student council representatives.

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WE ARE ALL EQUAL...Newly elected Mayor, Steve Wahl, and vice mayor, Max Fjelstad, spoke to the student body during the election forum. They campaigned on the idea that all students are equal, but need a clear leader to voice their concerns. (Photo by Angela Gates)

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 7 -- ACT Test
- 7 -- Mikado Skylight Comic Opera - Riggs Theatre
- 10 -- PTA Founders Day - Riggs Theatre-6-9:30 p.m.
- 11 -- Small Group Contest at Mobride
- 21 -- ESD Choral Festival in Mitchell
- 23 -- NHS Tag Day

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# Riggs senior will attend West Point

By Kelly Anderson

This summer senior Michelle Olson will begin the pursuit of her dream, becoming a military officer.

"I've always wanted to be an officer, and I figured the best way was to go to an academy," Olson said of her appointment to West Point.

Olson applied to West Point under the Early Action Plan. To be considered for admission, she had to meet certain basic requirements and academic, medical and physical qualifications. The next step in the admissions process was acquiring a nomination from an authorized source.

"I wrote to Senator Pressler for a nomination, interviewed with a committee, from the committee I got the appointment," said Olson.

The biggest problem Olson will face as a "plebe" is that there are only 24 hours in a day. Classes begin at 7:30 in the morning and last until 3:00 in the afternoon, followed by physical training from 3:00 to 6:30. The time between dinner and taps is used for studying.

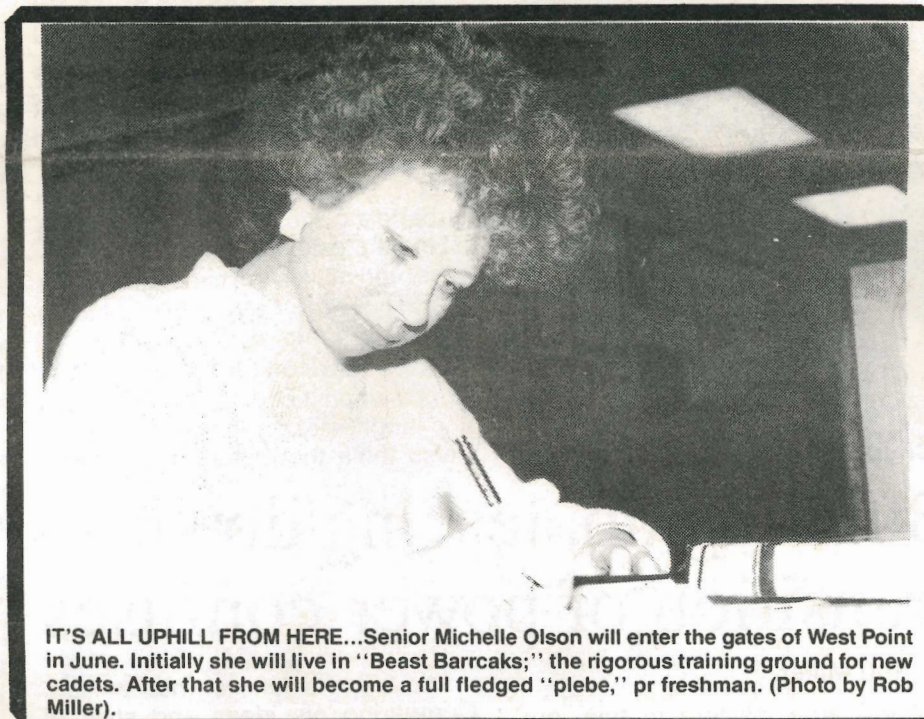
## AFS to exchange flags in Theatre ceremony

By Scott Searls

The annual AFS flag exchange will be on Feb. 9 this year. Receiving the flag will be Nuno Sampaio from Portugal and Roy Egeland from Norway. Presenting the flags will be Riggs student mayor Steve Wahl.

AFS students from across the state have been invited to attend. The speaker for the event is still undecided. The all-school event will be held in the Riggs theater and will include National anthems as well as the flag exchange.

The Riggs flag exchange ceremony is only one of a series of events planned for the AFS Weekend. Other events for AFS students include visits to the state legislature sessions, a tour of the capitol, and a tour of the Robinson museum.



IT'S ALL UPHILL FROM HERE...Senior Michelle Olson will enter the gates of West Point in June. Initially she will live in "Beast Barracks," the rigorous training ground for new cadets. After that she will become a full fledged "plebe," or freshman. (Photo by Rob Miller).

# Council studies revision

By Heath Tople

This year is a year for governmental change not only on the state level with a new governor, but also on a school level with constitutional revision.

The Constitution Revision Committee, including Rob Miller, Loren Cass, J. D. Ries, Jason Ley and Suzi Fowler is looking over the present constitution to try to come up with new ideas and improvements on the original document.

As it stands, the constitution is inadequate to fulfill the needs of our students, "as it is out of date and needs to be updated to further serve the students of the 80's."

One of the first accomplishments of the committee was to change the forum of the mayor, vice-mayor elections from introduction speeches to the question and answer session type format followed in the latest election.

The committee also did some revising of the dates and times of elections, because of the conflict of semester tests at the same time of the year. Currently, the committee is considering making student council membership a full year.

The major problem they face at this time is the argument over how student council members should be elected. One alternative has been to elect members from class meetings, five from each class or something similar.

It is important to remember that the changes brought-up by the committee don't automatically go into effect. They must be approved by student council, then have at least a two-thirds vote of the student body.

The final say, however, is left to the administration because they have full veto power over all committee actions or proposals.

"The classes will be the hardest area, and you have to be in an athletic activity no matter what it is," Olson explained.

She will be majoring in interdisciplinary studies. This consists of applied sciences, engineering, basic sciences, humanities, national security, and public affairs. Olson's main interest is in the national security aspect.

"I'm kind of anxious, don't know if I'm scared," she said.

The tuition needed to attend West Point is paid by the federal government. Olson will also be paid close to \$26,000 during her four-year period to pay for uniforms, books, school supplies, and incidental personal expenses. On entrance, Olson will be required to post a \$500-\$1,000 deposit to cover the initial cost of uniforms.

At West Point, Olson will be among the 400-500 women in attendance among the total student enrollment of 4,500.

# Riggs to host All State Band

By Kelly Anderson

Band director Brad Berens has been busy for weeks already preparing for the All State band performances which will be held in the Riggs Theatre March 28.

In preparation, Riggs also hosted the All State Band auditions Jan. 15. Nearly 120 students, 14 from Riggs, were on hand for the honors band auditions.

To prepare for the audition, Berens sent audition sheets to the individual schools in the region. When they were returned, he went through each form and assigned each student a tryout center and time.

The results of the audition will be released at the Band Masters service in Brookings, Feb. 13.





## Council improves campaign speech assembly

This semester things changed in the campaign speech procedures for mayor and vice-mayor elections. In the past, candidates had two people introduce them. These people would tell the student body all the things they already knew about the candidates, and they usually tried to be as silly as possible at the same time. This was entertaining, but not very productive.

Things were different this election, as you probably noticed, with the elimination of the introductions and the addition of a series of questions about current issues in the school. The questions this time, dealt with student council and pep rallies.

This way of presenting the candidates give the student body a better impression of which candidates can do the best job, and the questions force the candidates to think on their feet.

This system is a vast improvement over the old one; the people who instituted this system, Principle Merkwan and the student council, deserve our thanks for making the mayor and vice-mayor election more legitimate.

*Dawn Jackson*

Readers write

## Letters

It has been brought to my attention that a number of students, besides me, here at Riggs High, thoroughly dislike the idea of a seating arrangement at the assemblies in the theatre. The thought of young adults having to be seated like babies is atrocious!

Why should a few rowdy people ruin everything for us? We should be able to choose who we sit by. Those people who disrupt should be singled out and punished.

We get thought of as three-year old villians who are scheming to disrupt at any time we can, but this is not true; and we should be able to choose our own seats and be our own people.

Scott A. Pitlick,

A long standing argument in Riggs has been the topic of dances. The students' major concern is over the number. I, as a student, feel we should be able to have two or three dances a month. The reason, we are told, that we have so few is due to the lack of volunteers to chaperone.

Teachers are unwilling to stand around for four hours to watch unappreciative high school kids jam out to horrendous music. I mean, come on, they could be home watching Lawrence Welk's re-runs on TV.

One solution to this problem is -- parents!! Yes, the dreaded ma and pa routine. They would be more than happy to chaperone a dance for you. That way they know where you are and can watch you in action.

Misty Korkow

I would like to compliment all the candidates who took part in the recent campaign speeches for mayor and vice-mayor at Riggs. I'm sure it isn't easy to stand up before the student body and express opinions about the issues concerning our school, but they all handled it well.

Many new ideas were presented, as well as new suggestions for old problems. Many of the arguments were well-prepared, informative, and convincing. They made me stop and think about the future here at Riggs, and which candidates could do the most to make our school a better place.

I'm sure I wasn't the only person who had difficulty making my decision on the Jan. 9 election ballot.

Amy Cone

## What the people say: campaign speeches

By Jennifer Weber

Second semester means the election of a new mayor and vice mayor. This year the Student Council changed the campaign speech assembly format cutting introductions completely and shortening candidate speeches from five to three minutes. The format included a new question/answer period.

Students offered the following response to the question: How did you like the new campaign assembly format?



Chuck Farnham (Jr.): I like the

new way of conducting the election. This way we find out how they personally feel about a problem.

**Susan Fowler (Soph.):** I feel the new way is getting better. Loren Cass and Robbie Miller have some more good ideas; but for now it's getting better. It's nice to know we no longer have to listen to "worthless" speeches anymore.

**Erin DeJong (Sr.):** I feel the elections are a lot better. The speeches are not too long and people do not get as bored. The questions were a real good idea. It makes the candidates realize that it's not a big joke, and that they have to take the position seriously.

**Loren Cass (Sr.):** I like the new way of handling the speeches. It adds a lot more prestige to the election's process, and makes the candidates think about what they are getting themselves into.

**Holly Johnson (Jr.):** It was kind of sloppy when J.D. and Scott sat back and laughed at some of the remarks. I also think that different questions

should be asked. Questions that would help people decide who to elect.



**Noel Miller (Sr.):** I like the new system for mayor/vice mayor elections. It's a more serious way to handle them. The question and answer section helps to reveal which candidates really know the issues.

**Charlie Moore (Soph.):** I think it worked about a lot better, but I think a group of students (other than the Student Council) should be set up to make up the questions. The questions are good objects to find out who really speaks for the students.

**Steve Williamson (Sr.):** I basically think it is all right, but we need more time for speeches. I would also like to see a short introduction for each candidate. I really like the question/answer period though.

## Building up, tearing down — transition of power confuses

By Rob Miller

There is a mystery in this, our human race, that each time we build something of grace, of goodness, and of effectiveness, we tear it down with our laws and mandates, only to force reconstruction. Humans are not content creatures by their nature, so they choose to destroy, piece by precious little piece, their good things.

By law, each eight years, states in our union must elect a new leader. Men and women will go to great extremes in the quest for leadership of a state. Election campaigns cost money, time, and often take greater tolls on health, on families and jobs. In South Dakota this month we have a new shepherd, his name is Governor George S. Mickelson.

He is a man with a completely different style than we are used to in Pierre. He is completely professional and formal. Not laid back and informal like his predecessor. He prefers to do his work in the open, inviting legislators to visit his office anytime. He does not believe in cloakroom politics or closed-door meetings. His style of government is completely orthodox.

Mickelson is definitely not Janklow. Comparing his ideas and style of Janklow's is like comparing apples and oranges. The fact remains, however, that neither man or style is better, just different.

Janklow was very successful in almost all of his undertakings. He hated to lose, and seldom did. Gov. Mickelson will have a tough time following that act. Gov. Mickelson has also proven his effectiveness as Speaker of the S.D. House and as a Brookings attorney.

The laws regulating terms of the governor are in place for a specific purpose. They are designed to prevent the buildup of too much power and prevent monarchies. Yet they also tear down and destroy. How ruthless and even innane it seems to replace an effective politician with someone-anyone else. It is truly a pity that Janklow can not remain in power forever.

King Solomon once wrote that there was a time to die. A time to tear down and a time to build. This is our transition period between tearing down and building. God speed, Gov. George Mickelson.

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# Riggs actors present one act plays

By Kirsten Levisen

What does a health spa, a mixed-up romance, and a British comedy have in common? Plays! They are all one-act plays, of course.

This year the Riggs Drama Department is presenting three one-act comedies. They will be performed January 29 and 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the theatre.

"Present Tense", a mixed-up romantic comedy, is directed by Nancy Pottratz and assisted by sophomore Colette Pogany. Cast members include juniors Sean Califf, Debbie Kern, DaWanda Pesicka, and Chris Ward; sophomores Corey Johnston; and senior Stuart Stofferahn.

While being performed initially in Pierre, "Hands Across the Sea" will also be taken to the State One-Act Competition in Sioux Falls during February. This British-comedy is directed by drama coach Bill Henjum

and assisted by sophomore Lisa Laumbach. Cast members are juniors; Jenny Joens, Lowell Gordon, Tracy Deis, and Califf; seniors Loren Cass and Kim Nightser; and sophomores Eric Hoffsten, Mary Fjelstad, and Steve Stofferahn.

The third play, which takes place in a health spa, is called "Half Time at Halcyon Days". It is student-directed by Dawn Killian, with the help of Coach Henjum. The all-female cast includes: seniors Nightser and Missy DeChandt; juniors Pesicka, Tara Adamski, and Kris Becker, and sophomores Pogany, Lisa Laumbach, and Kirsten Levisen.

Working for all three plays are: sophomore Larissa Baer, publicity; juniors Linda Clark and Kent Melcher, set construction; junior Tom Black, stage manager; senior Doug Potter, lighting; junior Martin Hoffsten, art-work; and junior Kris Becker, programs.



HANDS ACROSS THE SEA...Jenny Joens, Lowell Gordon, and Loren Cass wonder who their guests are in this comical scene from the play which competed at the regional contest today. (Photo by Doug Potter)

## Moving up: Gumbo staff beats deadlines

By Tracy Smith

Members of the *Gumbo* staff are rapidly working their way up the "ladder of pages" for the 1987 yearbook entitled "The color of life."

"The idea for the theme 'The color of life' originally came from a Kodak commercial," said assistant editor Todd Peterson. *Gumbo* editors usually start planning the next issue the second week in June. They meet once a week for about two hours to brainstorm ideas for new feature stories and prospective themes.

"Shannon Schneider and I pick some prospective themes and the assistant editors weed out the alternatives and pick the theme they like the best. Many times they've overridden Shannon's and my ideas," said adviser Terry Peterson.

The 1987 *Gumbo* will feature 15 color pages, as compared to eight last year. This year there are 204 pages, 12 pages more than last year.

The whole structure for the *Gumbo* is planned in a "ladder of pages" where the layout is planned the same way every year, so the stories fit into a basic pattern for each yearbook.

Each year the news story topics are basically the same, except the feature topics are designed to focus on the theme of that year's *Gumbo*.

The staff members write all the headlines, captions, and stories themselves, and we usually work in pairs on the main stories and features. About the only thing we don't do is the

graphics, which Mr. Peterson works out on the computer," said *Gumbo* staffer Noel Miller.

Currently the *Gumbo* is ahead of schedule, with over half the yearbook completed. The rest of the *Gumbo* will be completed by June, and will be distributed to the student body in August.



AHEAD OF SCHEDULE...senior Ward Judson, junior Corey Odden, and seniors Darleen Hunsley and Dawn Witte work on lay-out for the 1986-87 GUMBO. (Photo by Heath Tople)

## Debaters regroup; plan new case

By Karen Peta

Half way through their season, Riggs debaters will travel to Northern State College in Aberdeen this weekend for the NSC Forensic Tournament.

A young squad this year, the team has had an up and down season so far. The team won a conference tournaments in Mitchell only to fall 2:8 the next week in Sioux Falls.

At Mitchell, Brian Hemmelman and Brad Fischer went 3-0 in debate; Eric Kilber and Chad Wagner went 2-1.

Superior speaker awards were earned by Hemmelman, Chris Ward, and Wagner in debate.

Placing in individual events were Ward, second overall, and Hemmelman, third overall. Superior speaker awards in extemporaneous speaking were also won by Ward and Hemmelman.

Sharla Cass also received a superior in extemp. while Wagner received a superior in humorous interpretation.

"We plan to have a new case for part two of the season," said Coach Ken Larsen. Debaters have been working on this plan since mid-January.

## Roda Fund contributes computer, science books

By Chris Ward

Students now have access to a computer and printer in the library thanks to the Roda Fund established by the Roda family as an on-going financial gift.

The Apple IIe double disk drive computer and printer is located in Room 3 adjacent to the library/media center reading room and is to be used in connection with the science and economic departments.

"Presently students are using a chemistry program to develop supplemental knowledge that is helpful in class," said Robert Townsend, head librarian. "Other students have found the availability of a computer during study hall makes typing papers easier."

Several students have been using the program to research topics found on the State Library "Pathfinders" or the Riggs Library "Trailblazers."

"We are excited about this new service and equipment, and hope that our students and teachers will take the opportunity to schedule needed computer time with the library/media center staff," Mr. Townsend said.

The Roda Fund also financed a new series of science books for the library this month.

The library put into circulation this month 7531 books, periodicals and vertical files. The library staff accomplished this in 15 days.

Among the books placed into circulation were *Prisoner of War* by Pat Reid (nonfiction), *Wart, son of Toad* by Alden R. Carter, *A Girl Named Sooner* by Julie Garwood (both are fiction).

A listing of January additions to the library is available. Persons with specific questions may contact Mr. Townsend.



NEW COMPUTER...assistant librarian Rhoda Baer, shows junior Chrissy Post (left) how to use the new computer. (Photo by Rob Miller)



# Teenagers and drugs: no easy answers

## Students and experts disc

By Paula Paul

"I guess you could say I'm sort of a middle man, I take drugs, but I don't usually sell them. Once in a while I'll sell some to a friend who really needs them," said John Smith.

John has been taking drugs for about three years, and he normally smokes marijuana two or three times a week. John said he'll never do anything more than marijuana because "cocaine and harder stuff is addicting." He feels he could quit taking drugs anytime.

"I don't think I'm ruining my life. Drugs are no worse than alcohol. People who drink go out and get drunk; people who take drugs go out and get high. I'm pretty sure my dad knows. He disapproves, but he has the attitude 'okay, you take drugs, but you will pay the consequences if you get caught'."

John suspects that his younger sister takes drugs. He is insistent about not going to school or work after getting "buzzed."

"No, it wouldn't work. Would someone come to school drunk? It would be the same thing," he said.

John said he doesn't "worry about cops much." "Me and my friends don't usually have more than an ounce on us, so if we get caught, we'll just get a fine," he said, with a shrug of his shoulders.

"About half of my friends do drugs and half don't. I have about five really close friends. If one of us gets money to buy, then we share it," he said.

He explained that marijuana can be bought in four types varying from the 'good pure' kind to a rougher type call ditchweed. Prices vary from \$60 to \$25 for a quarter of an ounce. Supply and demand also affect prices. John adds, "I don't think a lot of people around here use cocaine because it has to come all the way from Florida. By the time it gets here, the price is so high and the quality so low that not many people buy it."

John Smith is a drug user and he goes to Riggs High School. His name is fake, but he is a real person. Someone who doesn't know John probably wouldn't be able to tell he uses drugs by looking at him. In fact, he's a very normal person, except that he smokes marijuana a few times a week. There are other people out there like John.

Pierre is obviously not immune to the drug problem just because it's a small town; people here take drugs just as they do in New York City or Los Angeles. This fact was made clear by a survey of Riggs students.

Surveys were given to 150 students chosen by random selection. About 75 surveys were returned and the results were tabulated as accurately as possible, although, a margin of error must be accounted for.



Thirty-six percent of Riggs students say they have tried marijuana, cocaine or some other illegal drug. Of those who said they have used drugs, 45 percent have tried them only once, 41 percent use them occasionally, and 14 percent use drugs regularly.

One student wrote, "You don't have to be a loser to be a user. Many people in this school who use drugs are upper middle class."

Another commented, "I don't think drugs are that big a problem in high school. Drugs are very easy to get, but most people have already made up their minds not to take them."

Mal Hinckley of Capitol Area Counseling has this to say about chemical dependents, "The chemical replaces something they need from society and

are not getting. Drugs are exciting for young people; they're still experimenting."

All of the students indicating they use drugs said they could quit anytime. Hinckley says this is often the case with drug users-they won't admit to having a problem.

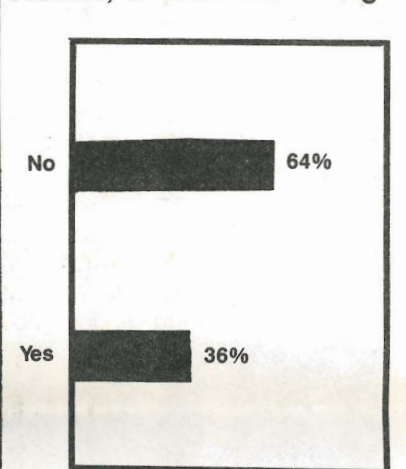
"Less than one half percent of my patients are referred here by parents, and the rest come through the court system," he said.

take drugs just to see if they can get away with it. "I've certainly never seen drugs do anything positive," said Abernathy.

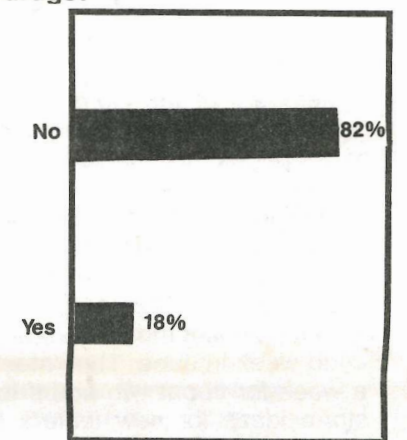
Students' reasons for using drugs are varied. Four percent said they use drugs because their friends do, 17 percent because drugs help them forget problems, 33 percent because drugs make them feel good, and 46 percent use drugs for various other reasons.

"I think Pierre needs some activities

Have you ever tried marijuana, cocaine, or some other drug?



Do you think your life has improved since you've been taking drugs?



Drug use surveys were recently given to 150 Riggs students. The above percentage show the opinions of the 75 students who returned the survey.

A patient at Capitol Area would be asked to take a series of tests about his drug use and other aspects of his life. A major part of treatment would involve a counselor making the patient think about how much better his life would be without drugs.

How big a role do parents play in whether or not their kids do drugs? Survey results showed nine percent of Riggs students feel their parents wouldn't care if they took drugs, 41 percent said their parents would help them quit, and 50 percent would be punished for using drugs.

to keep kids busy and out of trouble. Many kids are bored and take drugs because it seems exciting," commented a Riggs student. Students seem to care a lot for their friends, as 76 percent indicated they would remain friends with a drug user, while only 24 percent would not.

"They are my friends for what they are, not what they do"; "I wouldn't turn my back on them, it would only make their situation worse"; and "It's the drug that's bad, not the people," were some of the comments.

**"Drugs are no worse than alcohol. People who drink go out and get drunk; people who take drugs go out and get high."**

A student questions, "If my parents don't care what I do, why should I?"

Hinckley feels part of the problem with kids and drug abuse today comes from parents not giving their kids enough positive support. "It's very important that parents have strong communication bonds with their kids. Many kids have to seek love and attention outside the home," he said.

Capt. Bill Abernathy of the Pierre Police force feels many kids take drugs because of peer pressure and some

Hinckley says a drug user will have two sets of feelings: the feelings he lets other people see, and the ones he doesn't. "A typical kid won't show that he's lonely, afraid, and has low self-worth. On the surface, he'll be defiant, have an 'I don't care' attitude, and he'll either talk a lot or not at all. It's not easy to pick out the users, but I sometimes can tell a marijuana smoker because the often have red eyes or a bottle of Visine with them," said Hinckley.

"We sometimes make drug arrest by





# Less high school drug use

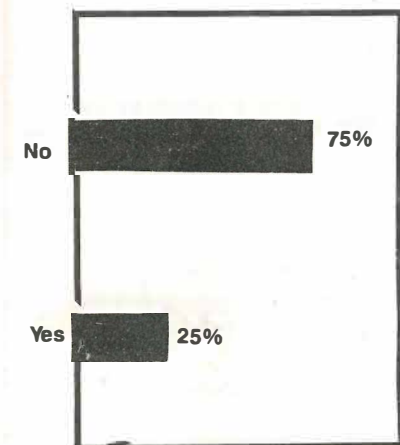
pulling someone over for probable cause (like a broken tail light) and then we can smell the marijuana," said Captain Abernathy.

"I think if drugs were legal, kids wouldn't have so much fun using them and taking the risk. In time, it would be treated like pop or something and not be abused," commented a student. Twenty-five percent of Riggs teens feel drugs which are presently illegal should

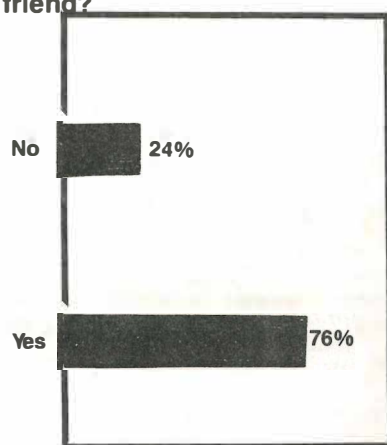
According to the Institute of Medicine, marijuana affects three important brain functions: coordination, perception, and cognition. A marijuana smoker may have difficulty concentrating and remembering, a distorted sense of time, or slowed reflexes, among many other symptoms. While these effects are desirable for users and are the main reasons for smoking marijuana, they can pose serious problems.

"Drug users generally think they're

Should any drugs be made legal?



If friends of yours started taking drugs, would you remain their friend?



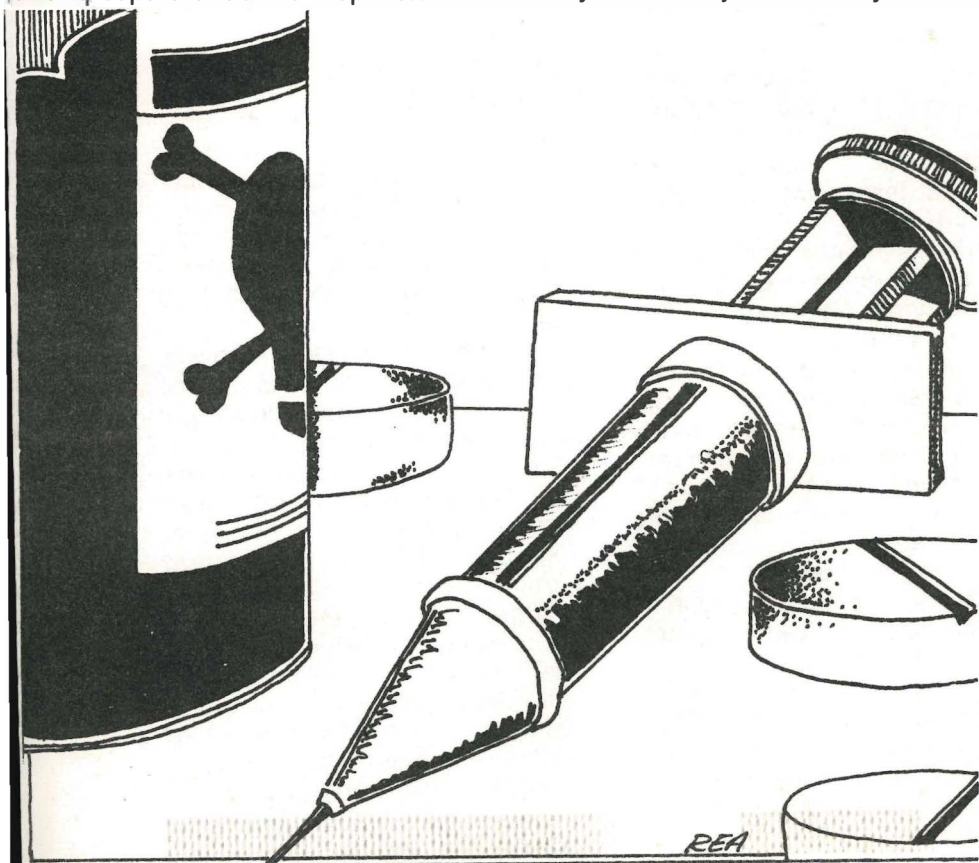
On the national level, marijuana is the most widely used drug among high school students: 50 percent say they have used it in the past year.

be made legal. Of that 25 percent, a large percentage said marijuana should be legal because, "it's not that different from smoking cigarettes."

Because so many people have strong opinions about marijuana it's difficult to sort out what's really known about it, and to separate fact from opinion.

okay, but their reflexes really are not what they should be," said Hinckley.

Other studies suggest marijuana suppresses the immune system and contains a high number of cancer-causing substances. However, unlike alcohol or tranquilizer withdrawal, going "cold turkey" from marijuana is rarely serious.



"The chemical replaces something they need from society and are not getting. Drugs are exciting for young people; they're still experimenting."

— Mal Hinckley  
Drug and Alcohol  
Counselor

An overwhelming 93 percent of Riggs students think drugs are easy to get in the Pierre-Ft. Pierre area. Cocaine, and its stepchild, crack, are not widely used in this part of the country; but it could be just a matter of time.

Drug use and abuse were big news in 1986 and continue to be in 1987. President and Nancy Reagan, television stars, and even rock singers have entered the war against drugs, but their motives are questionable and the anti-drug campaigns don't seem to be doing much good.

The percentage of high school seniors around the country who have ever tried cocaine has nearly doubled in the past ten years, from nine percent to

11 percent, according to Newsweek Magazine. The use of other drugs like marijuana and stimulants have declined in recent years, but researchers say the decline has ended.

Overall, marijuana is the most widely used drug among high school students in America; 50 percent say they have used it in the past year, as shown in a study by the University of Michigan.

Do drugs help a teenager's problem, or do they make the problems multiply? The question will never be an easy one to answer, "I don't think drugs are so terrible. They help me through rough times," said one Riggs student. Another said, "In my opinion, no one needs drugs to make their life better."

## Junior adds view on drug topic

By Kayla Korkow

Parents, students, school administrators, teachers...we've all wondered how to deal with issues such as alcohol and drug abuse. It's difficult to decide if one should view drugs as some unknown evil to fear...or as America's favorite society mixer.

But is chemical use really a problem for most high school students...or are weekend parties and keggers simply the American way of life?

Defined as a state of spiritual, physical, emotional and social well-being, chemical health results in responsible decisions about alcohol and drug use and non-use. "....Aw, there's never anything to do around here..."

Why do kids drink? One reason kids say is boredom and because they have nothing better to do than cruise around with a couple of six packs. Or is this just an excuse, cop-out, or something to blame his/her actions on? Other reasons might be because it's the cool and "in" thing to do, they need that feeling of security by being part of the gang, or maybe an excuse is that they don't have a decent home life.

"Aw, c'mon....one won't hurt..."

Most students are introduced to drugs by their friends, brothers and sisters and acquaintances: their peers. They can

pressure teens in obvious ways or in ways they may not even notice.

"Look, I don't have a problem, so what's the big deal?"

Sometimes it's difficult to understand why drinking and other drug use is inappropriate for adolescents when alcohol use is so accepted by the adult society. But adolescent consumption of alcohol is rarely "social" nor limited to one drink. Teens generally drink "until it's gone" or "until drunk."

In May, 1985 the South Dakota Department of Health and the South Dakota Department of Education conducted a survey on drug use and drug-related attitudes of South Dakota's high school seniors. Nationally, 66 percent of 12th graders report current alcohol usage and in South Dakota, 75 percent of the 12 graders report they are current users.

Thirty-seven percent of the seniors, nationally, said they are "heavy" drinkers (those who report five or more drinks at a time). In South Dakota 57% fall into this category.

Saying no isn't always easy. Sometimes it's extremely difficult and requires a great deal of thought. Everyday you have to make decisions. Your decisions say a lot about what's important to you and what kind of person you are.



# Stevens takes meet

By Lisa Hyde

Rapid City Stevens took first place at the Pierre Gymnastics Invitational Jan. 17, with a 236.35 score. Brookings was second with 135.2.

Other teams placing were Sioux Falls (127.65), Rapid City Central (127.30), Pierre (125.20), Sturgis (105.60), and Douglas (74.55).

Amy Fenster of Rapid City Stevens took All-around, scoring 36.20 points. Pierre's Bonnie Jorgenson placed fifth, despite having her best performance yet this year (32.90). Emily Vanderziel (32.25) and Nikki Barker (30.30) also had their best all-around scores of the year.

Pierre also had places in beam competition (Jorgenson, with a score of 7.80, took fifth) and uneven bars (Vanderziel, with a score of 8.65, took fourth).

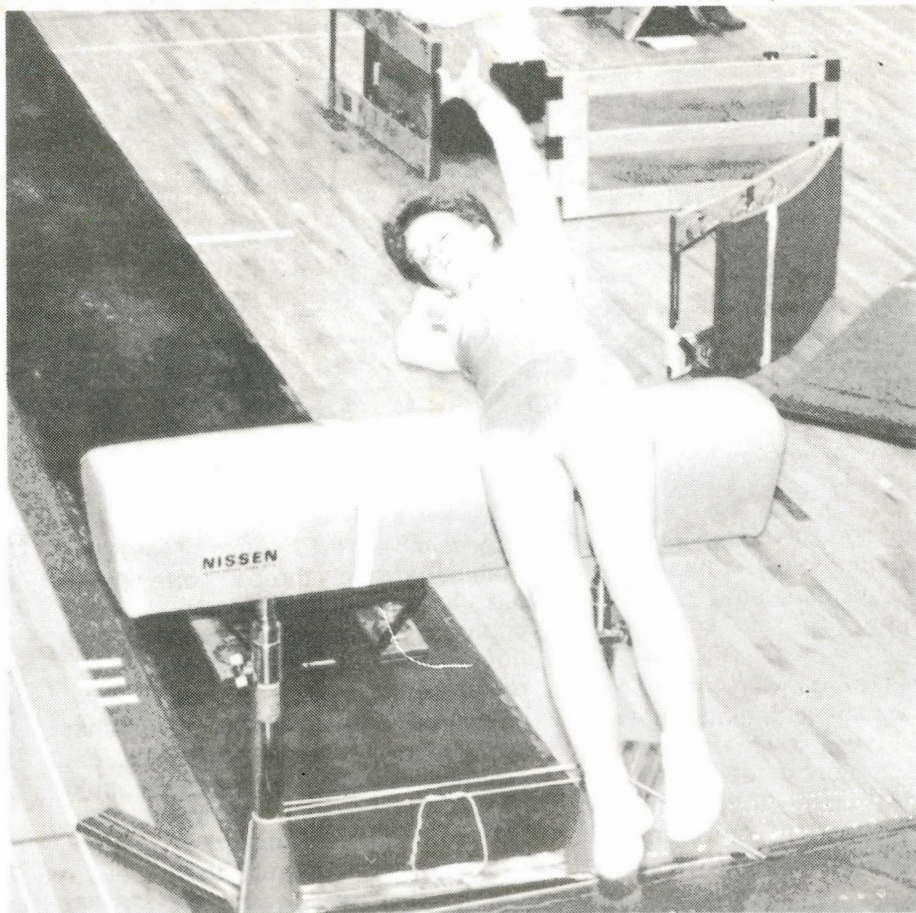
According to Pierre coach, Diane Anderson, "I thought it was a real fine team effort. We had a number of excellent performances."

"She also said that she thought the news of the Mitchell bus accident would affect the gymnasts' performances, but it didn't.

Pierre varsity gymnasts travel led to the Sioux Falls Invitational Jan. 21. The varsity team travels to the Rapid City Gymorama Jan. 31.

**Travel to the Jan. 17 Pierre Gymnastic Invitational resulted in tragedy when a Mitchell chartered bus carrying 13 people on route to the meet overturned near Chamberlain.**

Jill McCormick, the Mitchell Junior High School gymnastics coach was killed instantly. Bus driver and former Sioux Falls mayor, Joe Cooper, and gymnast Alicia Murray, were flown to McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. There, the conditions of both improved. Other passengers were treated and released from area hospitals.



THROUGH THE AIR WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE...Lori Zwemke on the vault at the Jan. 17, Pierre Invitational. (Photo by Heath Tople)

## 14 teams play volleyball

By Nancy Kelley

One of the more popular activities of the season is intramural volleyball.

This year, the participation has increased with approximately 140 girls out with a split of four sophomore teams and ten upper class teams.

Carol Pickering, advisor, said, "The outstanding attendance can be credited to the scheduling. This year, there haven't been many conflicts with giving the gym up for other activities. This enforces the constant weekly event, and keeps the interest high."

Games are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30. The tentative starting date for the tournaments is set by Feb. 22. They are due to finish in the middle of March.

If time permits and there is enough

interest, a co-ed volleyball season may be considered.

### UPPER CLASS

Team #	Won	Lost
1	2	4
2	6	1
3	6	
4	2	4
5	1	6
6	4	2
7	6	1
8	4	3
9	3	2
10	3	4
11		10

### SOPHOMORE

Team #	Won	Lost
1	2	3
2	2	3
3	4	1
4	2	3

## February Sports Calendar

### SPORTS CALENDAR JANUARY

30 -- Wrestling at Yankton Dual • Soph. & Varsity Basketball at Yankton • 7th Basketball League.

31 -- Gymnastics at Rapid City Gynorama - noon

### FEBRUARY

2 -- 9 & JV Basketballat Winner

3 -- Gymnastics with Chamberlain -- home-6:15 p.m.

6 -- Wrestling, Brookings Dual - There • Soph. & Varsity Basketball vs. Brookings -- home-5:45

7 -- Gymnastics at Mitchell Invitational • 8th Basketball Tourney -- here-9:30 a.m.

9 -- 9 & JV Basketball vs. Chamberlain -- home-6:15

10 -- Gymnastics at Miller-6:30 p.m.

12 -- 9 & JV Basketball vs. Harold -- home-6:15

13 -- Wrestling, Watertown Dual -- home 6 p.m. • Boys Soph. & Varsity Basketball at Watertown

14 -- Soph. & Varsity Basketball with Pine Ridge -- home-5:45 • ESD Gymnastics at Watertown-1 p.m.

19 -- 9 & JV Basketball vs. Stanley County -- home-6:15

20 -- Soph., JV & Varsity Basketball at Aberdeen - 4 p.m. • Gymnastics Region I -- here

20-21 -- Wrestling, Region III - Chamberlain

## A way of life: Smith swims for present, future

By Rob Miller

Swimming is more than just a summer-time activity for junior Dave Smith. It is a way of life.

"I train for two or more hours five days a week with Scott Bonde," Smith stated. Smith is a state champion swimmer in the 100 and 200 meter butterfly event. A member of the Pierre Swim Team, Smith is coached by Cathy Lien.

Smith began his competitive career in the eighth grade. He attributes responsibility for his interest in the sport to his parents.

"My parents got me in to it by taking me to a swim meet once which I liked." A meet was all it took to launch the career of the swimmer. Smith cannot remember how many medals and trophies he has accumulated in this three-year career, but feels they are all worth the pain involved.

He has been offered a half-ride scholarship to the University of Utah if he were to continue his career there. Aside from the monetary benefits of swimming, Smith finds an advantage in a different area.

"It makes me a better person all around both mentally and physically, Smith said.

He also finds the competition one of the best elements in swimming.

"I like to compete with people better than me, then I get better because I push a little harder."

An average swimming workout is very similar to a track workout. Swimmers start off with conditioning exercises. This can consist of swimming laps or trying to beat time in certain events established by the coach. Practice also involves actual "dry runs" of the swimming event. Smith concentrates on beating his best times in butterfly events.

"I train hard because I like to win. I don't mind losing, although winning is more fun. But when you lose, it makes you work harder," he said.

Smith looks up to Pablo Morales, world champion butterfly swimmer, as one of his great heroes in the swimming world. He had the chance to be instructed by the champ at the swimming camp this summer. "He's the best in the world," Smith said.

Swimming is a lifetime activity Smith feels will benefit him far into adulthood. His involvement in the Pierre Swim Team and other competitive swimming groups is an experience Smith says he would not trade for the world.



COME ON IN THE WATERS FINE...Dave Smith warms-up before his daily work-out at the YMCA. (Photo by Doug Potter)



# Govs face Yankton Bucks tonight

By Heath Tople

Governors take it on the road tonight, the second consecutive "away" game, to meet the Bucks of Yankton for an ESD rematch.

The Bucks tripped up the Govs for a 52-46 home defeat earlier this season.

Govs stand at a 3-6 record on the season after a gut-wrenching 59-55 double overtime loss to the Rapid City Stevens Raiders. Senior Chris Shaw led the scoring attack with 17 points before he fouled out in the second overtime period. He was closely followed by sophomore Heath Schneider who had 12 points. A five-second call as the Govs were playing for the final shot with the score tied and 27 seconds left in the first overtime was a misfortune that tipped the scales against Pierre.

Head Coach Bob Judson feels, "We need victories to build our confidence, but we played well under pressure."

Senior Wayne Schaeffbauer commented on the Stevens games, "They showed us how we could compete against top ranked teams, and that we could win against top teams in the state."

Looking ahead Coach Judson commented on the upcoming Yankton game, "We have to keep trying to push the ball inside, against a much bigger team. We need a lot of full-court pressure on them to force some turnovers. Free throws were a problem last game but, we won't necessarily have problems there this time. We need to key on Yankton forward Overbaugh and keep him out of the inside to score."

Senior Chris Shaw leads the Govs on total points thus far with 93 followed by sophomore Heath Schneider who has 88. Schneider and junior Doug Mikkonen are knotted at 41 to held the top rebounding spot.

Schaeffbauer has also been honored as being the player with the highest Field Goal percentage in the ESD conference.

The Governors, who knocked off the 4th ranked Sturgis Scoopers 58-48 Jan. 17, were still trying to pick-up the pieces from the previous night's 62-45 defeat at the hands of the number one ranked Mitchell Kernels.

The Governors entertain the Brookings Bobcats Feb. 6, for and ESD rematch.



I SAW IT FIRST...Wayne Schaeffbauer skies upward to gain control of the rebound. (Photo by Doug Potter)

## Banquet recognizes girls basketball squads

By Heath Tople

The Lady Governor 1986-87 season officially came to an end Jan. 13, at the annual awards banquet.

This year's sophomore award winners include Tri-Captains Kim List, Patti Schlekeway and Beth Lindquist. These three players were chosen by ballot at the beginning of the year by their team-mates. Lori Mikkonen was awarded Most Valuable and Schlekeway Most Improved.

Coach Skip Kurth commented, "We have a good nucleus, and I feel we have something here for the coming years." The sophomores finished with a 17-1 record, best in T.F. Riggs High history.

The ceremonies continued with Coach Paul Marso, who presented the junior varsity awards. Junior Rosemary Parr took the total points award with 120 points, while junior Steph Zastrow was awarded for the most rebounds with 77.

Juniors Susan Chase and Tracy Shangreaux tied for the most assists

with 36 each. Sophomore Christy Gors received both the best field goal percentage with 49 percent and the most positive points on the season with 117. Junior Kim Merrill was awarded for the best free throw percentage of 79 percent. The junior

varsity also set a school record by going undefeated 13-0 on the season.

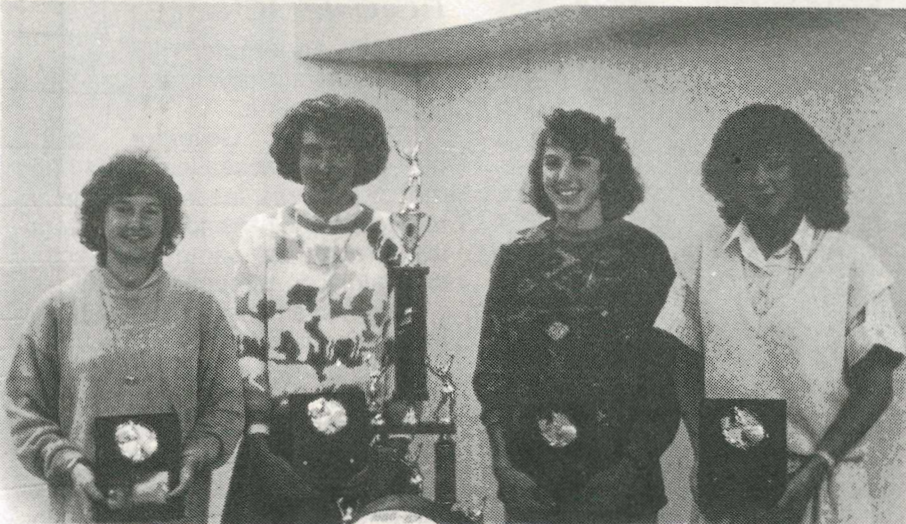
Head Coach Don Shields, presented the awards to the varsity team members. Most Valuable was awarded to senior Cynthia Beck who finished out with season statistics of

170 total points, averaging 7 points a game, and she only had 36 turnovers.

Senior Kara Krietlow earned the Most Improved award with a season total points of 113 averaging 5 points a game; she denied the gov's opponents 34 points with a total of 17 block shots.

Co-captain Awards went to Shelly Schlekeway and Sheli Bowers. The award winners, like the sophomores were elected by their team members at the beginning of the year. Schlekeway finished the season with 208 total points, averaging 9 points a game.

Senior Steph Griffith was bestowed with a special honor of being selected to be on the All-Tourney Team, Griffith commented, "I was really surprised, but honored." Coach Shields commented, "Being selected to the All-Tourney Team is a very big honor, especially for Steph, because normally two or three players are chosen from the 1st and 2nd place teams." Pierre was the seventh place team in the State Tournament.



AWARD WINNERS...Sheli Bowers, Cynthia Beck, Kara Krietlow and Shelly Schlekeway display their awards and achievements for the 1986-87 season. (Photo by Heath Tople)

## Smith defends Winner heavyweight title again

By Jim Linn

Heavyweight Craig Smith successfully defended his individual title, leading the Pierre Governor Wrestling Team in Saturday's Winner Invitational tournament in Winner.

Smith, 16-5-1 on the year had three straight pins to claim the championship, including a 5:55 effort over Danny Youngman of Todd County in the finals. "Craig had a pretty good tournament," Pierre coach Rick Jensen said. "He went out and did his job."

Team-wise, the Govs were sixth in the eight-team field. Mitchell won the tournament with 148.5 points, followed by Mobridge 110.5, Redfield 106.5, Chamberlain 97.5, Winner 88, Pierre 78, Valentine, Neb. 60, and Todd County 43.5.

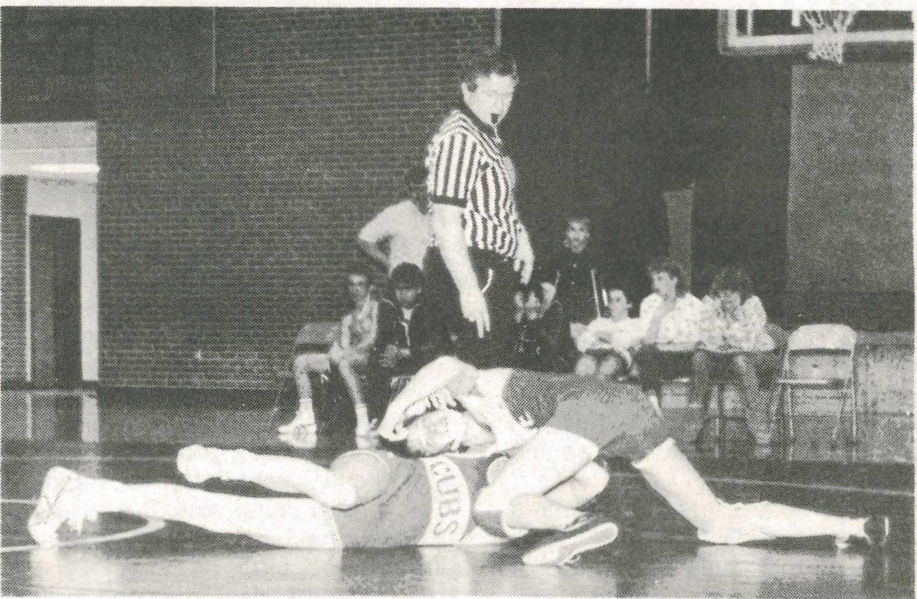
The Govs beat Winner and Chamberlain in dual competition but, Jensen pointed out: "Even though we

beat them in a dual, they're better tournament teams than we are." "In tournaments you make and break your own situations," Jensen said.

Five other Govs also placed in the tournament, including second-place finish by Shane Gutenkauf at 132, Jon Moore placed third, Jimmy Keyes at 105, Todd Moore at 119, and Robert McGuigan at 126 were each fourth.

The Govs are presently 7-8 in dual action this year, defeating Huron 33-30, losing to Watertown 36-21, Mitchell 42-22, defeating Sturgis 36-38, losing to Spearfish 30-61, Lead 36-26, Belle Fourche 45-15, Mobridge 38-17, Aberdeen 46-15, defeating Hot Springs 59-8, Todd County 42-21, Chamberlain 35-24, Huron 51-11, Winner 34-21, and again losing to Mitchell 45-10.

Thursday the Govs host the Miller Rustlers, and Friday they travel dual ESD rival Yankton.



COME ON TURN OVER...Travis Christopher struggles to gain control and go to pinning combination against his Chamberlain Club opponent. (Photo by Doug Potter)



# Seniors earn January Student of Month honors

By Maia Lyngstad

January students of the month are Shannon Weber and Brian Hemmelman.

Shannon is involved in National Honor Society, Pep Club, Gumbo, intramural volleyball, drill team, chorus, and swing choir. After graduation, she plans to enter premed at Creighton University in Omaha.

Shannon thinks Riggs' strengths are its good academic program and the good teachers, and its weakness is that there's not enough trust in the students.

Brian is in debate and cross country. He plans to go to college for four years to obtain a degree in electrical engineering.

Brian also thinks that Riggs' strengths are the number of good teachers and the wide variety of courses available. He thinks its weakness is that Riggs' goes a little overboard on strictness.

Shannon's advise to underclassmen is "Study hard and take school seriously because it'll benefit you in the long run."

Brian's advise is "Recognize that you have to devote time to school work and also devote time to recreation. You have to find the balance between the two to succeed. Don't spend too much time on school, but don't spend too much time on recreation."

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JANUARY HONOR STUDENTS...Shannon Weber and Brian Hemmelman earn this month's award. (Photo by Doug Potter)

## Riggs students enjoy Civil Air Patrol Competition

By Scott Searls

The Civil Air Patrol drill team recently took sixth place at the National drill competition held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL. The Civil Air Patrol, or C.A.P., is an auxiliary of the Air Force and does 95% of the search and rescue for the Air Force.

"We really wiped them out," said Riggs sophomore Chris Rush a cadet on the team.

To go to the national competition the team had to place first at the state and regional levels. They were the on-

ly team at state and had to beat a tough Iowa team to go to nationals.

The drill team consisted of 16 cadets and two squad leaders. Other cadets from Riggs on the team are juniors Kent Melcher and Kris Becker; and sophomores Stanley Kahwalzic, and Tammi Hendrix. The leaders are Ron Hamm and Bill Miley.

The competition consists of seven events each one is judged individually, and the scores added together for a final score. The first event was the written exam over aerospace, leadership, and current events.

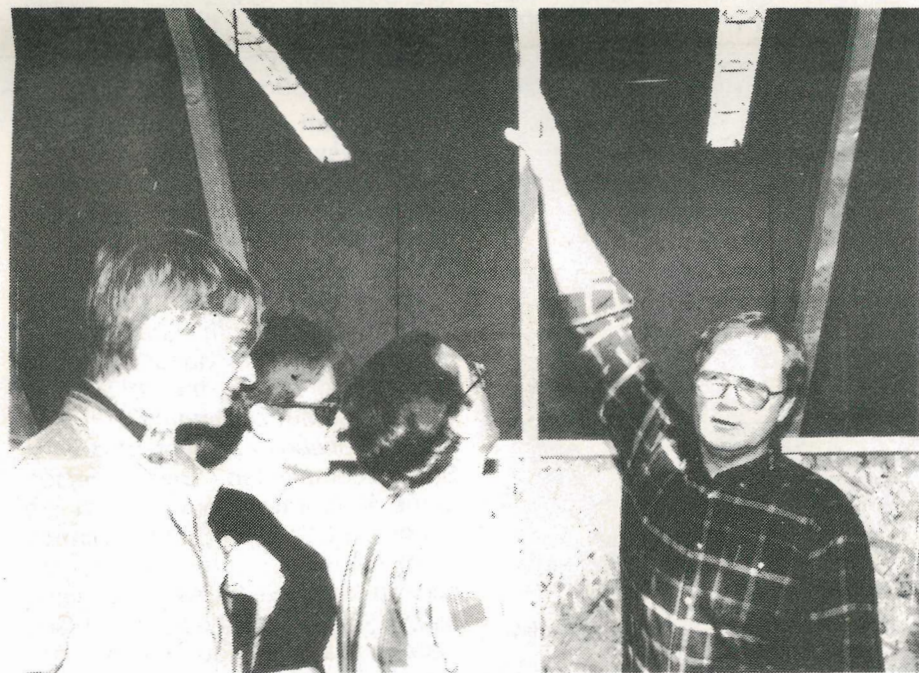
The second event was a panel quiz over current events. The next event was the mile run. "The mile run was the best event," said Rush, "You can really push yourself to the limit."

Volleyball was the next event. "Volleyball was our best event and also the most fun," said Melcher. The fifth event was the innovative drill which the cadets made up themselves. Then came the standard drill which is standard military maneuvers. The last event was the open ranks inspection where a General inspects the uniforms.

Pierre's team brought back the special team award which is second only to the grand sweepstakes trophy in prestige. "We were all really proud of our performance," said Rush. "We were the only team from north central region ever to win a trophy."

"Three-star General Spangrud stated that Pierre's team was in the top one percent in the nation.

The winners of the competition received the grand sweepstakes trophy plus an all expense paid trip to Washington, DC for a week.



IS THE SKY FALLING?...No, teacher Pat Hoing instructs students in the basics of building construction. Students from left are Kurt Kruse, Bob Krier, Jim Graves. (Photo by Rob Miller)

## Carpentry teaches life skills; students learn construction basics

Twenty carpentry students finished first semester by building two small storage sheds from the foundation to the roof.

The construction was the final project for the semester course taught by Patrick Hoing, industrial arts teacher. To complete the project students studied all building structure members, kinds of wood, sidings and structural sheeting and the proper techniques for putting the building together and the reasoning behind the construction.

"I really believe the course offers a lot to the kids that they'll use throughout their lives as do most of the industrial arts courses," Mr. Hoing said.

"First it gives them the know how

in home repair for the time when they'll own their own homes," he explained. "The course also offers a basic knowledge of power tools."

Students can enroll in the project without previous background. Small primary projects including workbenches and small deckings with sandboxes are built early in the semester. Larger projects conclude the work. Materials for the shed are provided by the owners.

"Carpentry was a good addition to my schedule," said Bob Krier, senior. "I picked up some skills I can use later, and I improved my ability to work with other people."

This year the class built one 8x10 shed for the UBC and an 8x8 shed for a private citizen.

## Government classes hold mock session

By Kelly Anderson

Legislature is now in session-mock legislature that is.

Students in "Governor" Kurth's government classes learn first hand the procedures involved in the introduction and passing of a bill, by going through the same steps actual legislators go through in a day.

"I gained a better understanding of the procedures a bill goes through to become a law," said senior Jonette Wellhouse.

During the two-week session, the students each wrote two bills to be made into laws. They also observed actual legislative committees in action at the Capitol Building and wrote two reports on what happened during the committee meeting.

The Legislative Ugly Tie contest, a sideline to the course, won senior Maureen Quigley dinner for two at the D & E Cafe.



NEW HELP...Joining the lineup of office secretaries during the first semester are Karen Cloud, guidance; and Shirley Larsen, administration office. (Photo by Potter)

## Election continued from page 1

Kruse and Shaw, runners up in the election, appealed to the people who "wanted to get things done."

"We don't want to be the head of student council, we want to be the hands," Shaw said.

Kruse also stated, "School Board members told us there are a lot of things that can be changed if we know how to go about it. They (School Board Members) have told us how to go about them."

Pibal and Jackson, eliminated in the first election, ran on the promise of being co-mayors. They discussed an informal survey they ran concerning student interests. According to their survey, students wanted more live band dances, no assigned

seating, full time pop machines, reduction in training rules, and fewer parking rules.

"We want what you want," they said.

Stressing that their candidacy was not just for fun, Curtis and Sterling noted the need for added parking and more recognition of industrial arts classes.

A "Fan of the Year" award and more pep rallies were the highlights of Ulmen and Williamsons' speech. The also expressed concern over lack of recognition of track teams, and lack of band trips.

Following the prepared speeches, candidate teams were questioned individually on school spirit and student council by Mayor J. D. Ries.