

Riggs High GOVERNOR

News Briefs

Parent-Teacher conferences

Despite "inconvenient times," "long waiting lines," and "time restrictions," the Oct. 9 and 10 parent-teacher conference at Riggs was labeled a success.

The Senior Class was represented by 68 percent of the parents, juniors by 70.2 percent, and sophomores by 70.7 percent. The average, 69 percent of the parents attending, was about the same as in previous years.

"The parent-teacher conferences were again successful," said Roger Lonbaken, principal. "We had excellent parent participation. The morning session was very slow which makes it ideal for conferences, but morning is a difficult time for some parents."

Fall conferences usually have higher participation percentages than those held in the spring semester. Second semester conferences will be March 5 and 6.

Debate argues Ag crisis

Riggs debate team will begin its 14-meet season on Nov. 14 and 15 when students travel to Brookings for the annual McCarty High School Tournament.

Debate team members are already hard at work under the direction of coaches Ken Larsen and Marcia Graney. The topic for the 1986-87 debate season is "Resolved: That the federal government should establish a long-term comprehensive agriculture policy."

NSC holds 'Nacho Night'

Riggs seniors are invited to attend the Northern State Nacho Night, Monday, Nov. 17, at the Holiday Haus, Pierre.

Nachos, tacos, and beverages will be served in the Oahe Room B at 7:00 p.m. Northern State professors in the areas of business, math and natural sciences, social sciences, the fine arts, and educators will be available to discuss academic programs.

Events Calendar NOVEMBER

- 19 - ASVAB
- 20-23 - Miss South Dakota-USA Pageant, Riggs Theatre
- 29-Dec. 1 - Girls Basketball Tournament; District III "AA" Wrestling in Watertown.

DECEMBER

- 2 - Boys Basketball, First Game vs. Todd County, here, 5:45 P.M.
- 4 - Gymnastics, Huron Dual, Here, 6:15 P.M.
- 4, 5 & 6 - Riggs Fall Play, Riggs Theatre, 7:30 P.M.
- 6 - Varsity Wrestling at Mobridge Invitational, 9:00 a.m.

Gumbo staff plans sale

By Sharla Cass

More for their money—that's what the 1987 yearbook the *Gumbo* will offer students when they go on sale Dec. 3, 4 and 5.

Built around the theme "The Color of Life", the 1987 book will feature twice as much color, and 12 additional pages for the same \$10 cost.

"The people working on the *Gumbo* this year are adding a lot more design than there has been in the past years," said Terry Peterson, adviser. "Although we've had a great *Gumbo*, this year looks like it's going to be the best ever."

Riggs students will get a preview of the book Nov. 19 when the *Gumbo* staff presents a slide show featuring life at Riggs and other topics that will be part of the 1987 book.

The December sale dates will be the only opportunity for interested persons to buy yearbooks.



YEARBOOK JOURNALISM STUDENTS...work on word processors to help with this year's "Gumbo". Class members are: Shelly Schlekeway; Todd Peterson; Shannon Schnelder; Mr. Peterson, adviser; Lisa Pibal; Steve Wahl; Charmoin O'Day; Heather Lowery; Hope Lopez; Max Fjelstad. (Photo by Doug Potter)

Scholten leads Project Discovery

By Kelly Anderson

Shawn Scholten joined the Pierre faculty this year when she took over the Project Discovery position.

Miss Scholten first taught gifted students at the elementary level in Luverne, MN. She now teaches at the junior high and high school levels with her most structured program at the junior high.

Growing up in Sioux Center, Iowa, Miss Scholten attended Northwestern College in Orange City where she majored in education, liberal science, and humanities, and minored in French.



PROJECT DISCOVERY...Shawn Scholten instructs gifted students in creative writing.

Miss Scholten works with students in groups and individually according to grade levels. The groups deal with creative thinking and problem solving skills as well as with higher level critical thinking and communication skills.

"I do enjoy teaching Project Discovery, basically for two reasons," said Miss Scholten. "I enjoy working with kids immensely, and personally, I have many and varied interests, and with a program such as Project Discovery, I get to work with students in a great many different areas. It's always different, challenging, and exciting."

The new teacher also teaches Future Problem Solving and Odyssey of the Mind. Future Problem Solving

involves groups of four students brainstorming problems and solutions to a "fuzzy" situation dealing with a major problem.

Odyssey of the Mind involves groups of students creatively making apparatuses to perform certain objectives and giving a dramatic presentation.

Parent, teacher, and community coaches help the teams. Both compete in regional, state, and national competitions based on how the group fared in the last competition.

Miss Scholten hopes to try out some new ideas this year, and one is already under way at the high school. New to the high school program is a sophomore philosophy group which meets after school on Fridays.

A major portion of the high school program is the Unique Enrichment Program, a mentorship program that began last fall. Under this program, students work with an adult volunteer from the community on a specially designed project.

Students participate in election

By Rob Miller

Riggs High students correctly picked six of nine races in mock election held Nov. 1.

In perhaps the biggest race on the ticket, incumbent Senator James Abdnor was unseated by U.S. Congressman Tom Daschle. Student voters picked Abdnor over Daschle 156 to 110. Daschle will take office in January, his term expiring in 1994.

The race for South Dakota's lone Congressional seat was won in a landslide by Vermillion lawyer Tim Johnson. Riggs students chose opponent Dale Bell to win by a single vote, 133 to 132.

Only one top of the ticket race was correctly called in the mock election. George Mickelson defeated Lars

Herseth as predicted by the student poll.

Four of the main Constitutional Officers were picked by Riggs as well as the electorate. Officers of Auditor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and Attorney General all were retained by the Republicans. Offices of School and Public Lands and Public Utilities Commissioners were not voted on by Students.

As per student poll, Rep. Bernie Christenson (R) held on to his District 24 House seat. Republican Benny Gross was ousted by challenger Democrat Peggy Cruse. Pierre High voters picked Gross over Cruse.

Results for all the races in the student poll can be seen in the table.

RIGGS ELECTION POLE

Herseth 63
*Daschle 110
*Johnson 132
Haleen 60
Schaub 74
Sutton 68
Masten 110

*Harding 163

*Cruse 74

*Mickelson 206
Abdnor 156
Bell 133
*Hazeltine 191
*Volk 174
*Larson 183
*Tellinghusen 124

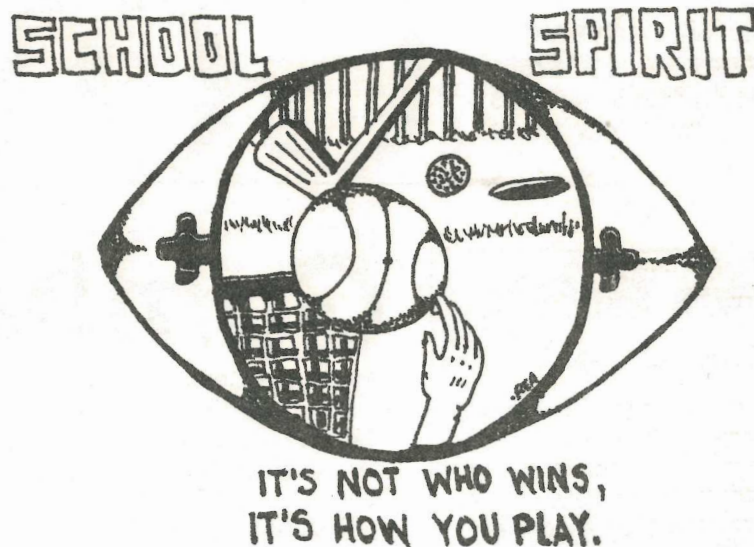
Gross 85
*Christenson 185

Pierre offers quality education

It is a common fact that when good and bad are placed next to each other, the bad usually gets more attention. Riggs High is no exception. Rumors fly continually in town about our football team, the music department, and our conduct as students. Only a blind man would say Riggs has no problems. Sadly, these problems take precedence over the good which exists.

As students of Riggs, we can be proud of so many things. The education we receive here is second to none. National test scores prove that year after year. We are also blessed by how well we get along together. Cliques and all their pettiness really do not exist in Pierre. Groups such as FCA and Interdenominational Bible Study bring the message of Christ to a level never before seen at Riggs.

Citizens of this community have no stones to throw at us. They have nothing worthwhile to criticize us for. Sure, our football team isn't the greatest. Our music department is progressing. But those things which truly count in life — they flourish each and every day at Riggs High School. We're proud of ourselves and our school, Pierre; and it is our sincere hope the community is proud too.



American Education Week November 16-22.

What the people say - Education at Riggs

By Nancy Kelley

As many people may or may not know, the week of November 16-22 is American Education Week. We decided to observe the occasion by hearing what the people say to these questions: On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the highest, how would you rate the education you are getting in the Pierre Schools? If you had the opportunity, how might you change it? Here are some of the responses:

Pat Kloiber (JR.): "7" - I think Riggs is a fair school system although some of our teachers do not cover the correct material for some of the subjects. I also would like to make a suggestion. I think a music appreciation class is necessary in this school.

Shawna Draper (JR.): "8" - I think the system puts a lot of pressure on the students and could maybe let up a little; however, it will help in the long run.



Maia Lyngstad (JR.): "8" - They shouldn't have so many coaches trying to teach. Some are teachers as well as coaches, but others, it seems, can't really teach well, but do it anyway. If they don't know how to do it or how to explain it, how are students supposed to learn that subject? There should be more teachers that care if the student learns.

Tracy Smith (SR.): "7" - Not all the teachers are willing to help you, and we need to have smaller classes for some that are too large. The teachers sometimes don't seem interested in the subjects, and it's hard for the student to become interested if the teachers aren't.

Brad Fischer (JR.): "10" - I wouldn't change it because I believe we are getting a very good education. The teachers are very good teachers, and they apparently seem to know what they are talking about.

Kara Larson (SR.): "8" - I wouldn't change much since South Dakota is one of the highest rated in education across the nation. The only thing I would like to see is a higher teacher to student ratio and better relations between the two.

Student gains inside political experience

By Rob Miller

Politics has been in my blood ever since I was a young boy. It is a part of my life which requires time, hard work, sweat, embarrassment, and toil. Despite the price, my involvement in politics is something I would never trade away.

The political system is good and bad at the same time. Although the interesting aspects often tend to be the negative, the good does exist, no matter how murky it may seem to the outsider.

My earliest memory of "the game" is probably that which would be classified as bad. Daddy was fired from his job simply because he was a "publican" and not a "dummy-crap." A five-year-old mind simply could not understand why that was the difference between his job and unemployment. That's one of the harsh realities of the whole thing. The spoils systems is what Andrew Jackson called it. In my house it was just plain unfair.

In my involvement, though, I think the good really stands out for me. As I look back in retrospect, I am lucky that is the case. So many people can only see bitterness and despair associated with politics.

A fundamental lesson everyone must learn in politics is the art of losing. It happens to the best and the worst equally. Losing is never fun, but winning — oh, how wonderful it is!! I remember when Abdnor beat all the polls and oddsmakers to unseat McGovern in '80. It became one of the happiest days of my life. It was almost as if I had been crucial in an election. I knew for sure that the thousand or so letters I had stuffed, stamped, and sent out were the thousand or so votes that made the difference in the election.

To a 10 year-old, we replaced the root of all evil with the heavenly host. Now I see the change as not so drastic. Politics is not a conflict of good over evil. It's a clash of ideology.

I had the honor to work in the re-election campaign of U.S. Senator James Abdnor, or simply "Jim". It was the first taste of the reality in our system, the blood and guts. I traveled every corner of our state and knocked on thousands of doors for Jim. It became one of the greatest experiences in my life.

Door to door grassroots campaigning was our mission. I found no bet-

ter way to understand people than by spending a few minutes with hundreds each day. I met elderly people with fascinating stories of the war, the depression, and their grandchildren.

Almost everyone had his own views on the way we should run the government, whether he had voted in the last election or not. Some were proud of the fact they had never voted. Many were wonderfully nice, offering soda, cookies, beer — anything. Others were horrible, slamming doors in my face, screaming profanity, and bandying insults.

I have experienced politics from the bottom of the rung as an envelope stuffer to the top as President to Teen Age Republicans and Party executive board member. Many candidates I worked for were great people. Others, not so great. I have seen the system from many angles, and am proud to have served.

No matter how much we mock politicians and politics in this country, we possess the greatest system on earth. We are lucky — no, we are blessed — to live in a society where we have the freedom to speak our minds, choose our leaders, and live as we want.

VIEWPOINT: Drinking Age

By Jim Linn

I am completely against the raising of the drinking age from 19 to 21! Even though South Dakota would lose \$4 million in highway funds and drinking and driving is the leading killer among teenagers, we as adults have the right to choose.

I know that the people who drink do so for one reason, to see if they can get away with it. They are testing their parents and the police to see what they can get away with. I feel if the drinking age remained at 19 (or was lowered to 18) fewer people would be drinking and driving around.

For example, if they were the legal age to drink, they would be sitting in bars and drinking. Therefore, they would have a place to go instead of partying at someone's house, somewhere else, or out drinking and driving around just waiting to get busted or cause a life-threatening accident.

The point that I am trying to get across is that if we have the right to choose we wouldn't be drinking as much to prove that we can be "cool" or "one of the guys."

Shouldn't we as adults who have the right to vote, fight and die for our country and be punished for our crimes like other adults in the community, have the right to drink if we want to?

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SOPHOMORE CHRISTY GORS...rejects Yankton's jump shot. (Photo by Doug Potter)

Governors end season

By Dan Lerew

Governors played their best game of the year last Friday night when they were defeated 19-12 by the Yankton Bucks, according to coach Koistinen who said, "I am pleased with the effort and we proved that we had come together as a team."

Coach Koistinen felt that, "the sophomores added a new dimension to our backfield play," and, "I hope to get back on the winning track and that the juniors and sophomores hit the weight room."

This year the coaching staff awarded Players of the Week, for those who did the most in each game. They were: Keith Jackson (twice), Kelly Koistinen (twice), Chris Shaw, Kurt Kruse, Loren Cass, Dave Valentine, Tom Mullivan, Monty Schaefer, Steve Williamson, and Stuart Stofferahn.

After the final game of the year Coach Koistinen came into the locker room and said, "I've never been more proud of the way you've progressed from the beginning of the season to now."

Former state champion coaches grapplers

By Tracy Smith

Wrestling coach Rick Jensen this year finds himself at the helm of what he considered his "main competition" in the past.

With the high school record of 93-1 and four state A titles, Jensen hopes to use his past experiences, new techniques, and his philosophies to coach the wrestling team to a constantly winning season and a .500 record.

Jensen believes that "coaching is based on the individual. Some may be out for wrestling as a high school sport, and others may be shooting for college wrestling."

While wrestling at SDSU Jensen earned four national conference titles, was a three time All-American wrestler, and was in the 1978 world game try outs. He was the outstanding wrestler and came in second twice in two NCAA (nation) competitions.

Jensen chose Pierre because "Pierre is one of the ESD Conference schools, and in my opinion has always had a powerhouse team with a good wrestling tradition and was my

main competition in high school." He also admits that "my one loss was to a Pierre wrestler, Mike Stroup."

Originally from Watertown, Jensen said he started wrestling mainly "because of my size." His family influenced him to wrestle even though his two brothers played basketball. He started wrestling in seventh grade and won his first state title in his freshman year.

"You always set high goals for yourself," says Jensen, "but you may not reach them. I'm not ashamed of anything in my career. I think I've reached my goals. You set your goals, but you always want to accomplish more."

Jensen coached in Spearfish for four years then left coaching and entered the business sector "to get the experience" and make decisions about his future. He returned to coaching this year after deciding that "coaching was what I wanted."

In addition to wrestling, Jensen's other interests include hunting, golf, tennis, jogging, and individual sports. He and his wife Valerie now make their home in Pierre.

Ladies face Mitchell

By Heath Tople

Tonight the Lady Gobs host the Mitchell Lady Kernels in an ESD basketball match-up. The Ladies hope to avenge the loss they suffered in Mitchell the fifth game of the season. A win tonight for the Ladies would mean their ESD standings would go up to 6-4. Currently the Ladies are ranked third in the ESD conference.

Senior Sheli Bowers comments, "We have really improved in rebounding and defense through the year, and our mental preparation for games is much better."

Head Coach Don Shields feels that "in order to keep up team morale and stay fired up for districts, this is an important win."

In contrast to the football team the Ladies have been favored with a healthy team so far. Coach Shields on the team's strong points; "The seniors have been very productive and have been very valuable to us this season."

Looking ahead, assistant coach Paul Marso mentioned a few key junior varsity players with varsity

potential. "Susan Chase is a very productive junior in shooting and rebounding along with sophomore Cristy Gors, junior Rosemary Parr and junior Tracy Shangreaux. We should be very competitive next year as seniors, but it all depends on how the girls spend their off-season."

The JV has had a very successful season thus far going undefeated for the year.

The varsity's loss to Yankton, and the victory over Rapid City Stevens tallied the Ladies season record to 10-5.

After 15 games senior Shelly Schlekeway leads the team in total points with 135, followed by senior Keren Higgins with 125 and sophomore Gors with 91.

The Ladies rebounding attack centers around seniors Cynthia Beck with 82, Kara Krietlow with 68 and Dawn Witte with 62.

Next stop, districts, where the #2 seeded Ladies entertain the #3 seeded Aberdeen Lady Eagles Nov. 29 in Pierre.

Chase earns 'All-State'

By Lisa Hyde

Pierre's Darren Chase placed 20th with a time of 16:43 to give him an "All State" title in the State Cross Country Meet.

Mitchell's Lakeview Golf course hosted the State Meet Nov. 1. Sioux Falls O'Gorman swept the boys "AA" division, while the Governors took sixth place. Girls "AA" champion was Rapid City Central. The Lady Gobs finished 12th.

Right behind Chase were Wade Douglas, placing 24th (16:50), and Heath Schneider placing 29th (16:56).

Other team members running in the meet were: Jim Keyes (36th), Josh Cool (63rd), Bruce Lundeen (96th) and Chad Weber (108th). The winner of the meet was Matt Kiesow of Sioux Falls Lincoln, with a time of 15:49.

"We had planned to place sixth if everyone ran well and conditions were favorable. It is an exceptional accomplishment to reach this kind of

goal," said Coach Bill Henjum.

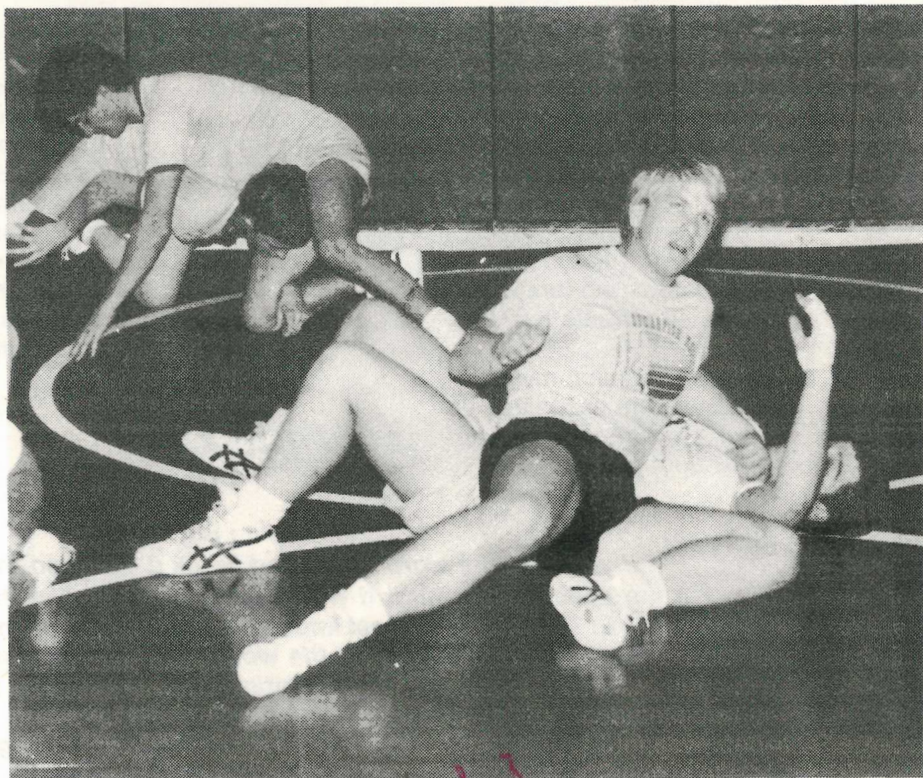
In the girls division, Sandy Case topped the Pierre runners, gaining 35th place 12:15. Other Lady Gobs placed as follows: Katy Bauder 59th, Terri Ulmen 68th, Karisa Kenyon 77th, Steph Baldwin 73rd, and Tonya Brady 86th. Lisa Darley of Rapid City Central swept the event with a time of 10:54.

According to Senior Steph Baldwin "The weather was cold, and we didn't do as well as we expected."

Coach Henjum added, "We have a lot to look forward to next year; however, we'll miss the contribution the two seniors Steph Baldwin and Terri Ulmen provided."

CORRECTION

The byline under the powder puff football story in the Oct. 28 issue of the *Governor* was incorrect. The byline should have said "By Angie Hansen".



NEW WRESTLING COACH...Rick Jensen shows senior Scott Ball the error in his ways. The local squad hits the mats for the first time this season at the Nov. 19 Watertown Invitational. The first home meet is the Pierre Quadrangular Jan. 2 (Photo by Doug Potter)

Sophomore actress lands lead role

By Kirsten Levisen

Opening this week in the role of Anne Frank in the Pierre Players "Diary of Anne Frank," sophomore Mary Fjelstad literally has grown up on the stage.

At the age of eight, Mary landed her first role in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." Since then she has appeared in, or had a lead role in "The Children's Hour," "South Pacific," "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," "One Flew Over the Coo's Nest," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oklahoma," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "Fiddler on the Roof," "In Search of the Perfect Song," "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," and "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off." "The Diary of Anne Frank" runs tonight and Saturday and Nov. 20-22 at Studio 109.

"The most exciting things that have happened to me so far in my career were when I was first accepted into Missoula and when I got the part of Anne Frank," Mary recalled.

For the past two summers Mary has attended the Missoula Children's Theatre in Missoula, Montana. To be accepted she had to fill out a resume

listing her theatrical experiences, the instruments she plays, her special talents, and anything else relating to theater that she has done. An audition tape must also be sent in with her singing and doing a reading from a play. "Once you are accepted into Missoula you can return every summer until you graduate from high school," she said.

This year 66 students attended the camp, so there was a need to double cast the production of "Stop The World, I Want To Get Off." Mary held the lead part of Ilse, a German maid

"To audition for a play it takes a lot of guts the first time because it's scary."

who lived in England. Ilse has been Mary's favorite character to play. She commented, "The casting was really different from what I'm used to. First, they taught everyone a song. We (the girls) were then lined up and told to say our name, where we were from, and to sing the song in different ways, with different accents and things like that. They mostly went by the kids who were loud and obnoxious. After they made the first cut they made a final line of girls for parts and taught us another song. We had to sing that one as a solo. I'm sure it was hard for the directors because there were so many talented kids."

The traveling part of the Missoula Children's Theater was recently in town and treated area residents to the production of "Johnny Appleseed."

Next summer Mary would like to audition for the Minneapolis Children's Theater, but feels that it is a lot harder, more professional, and more expensive! That camp would

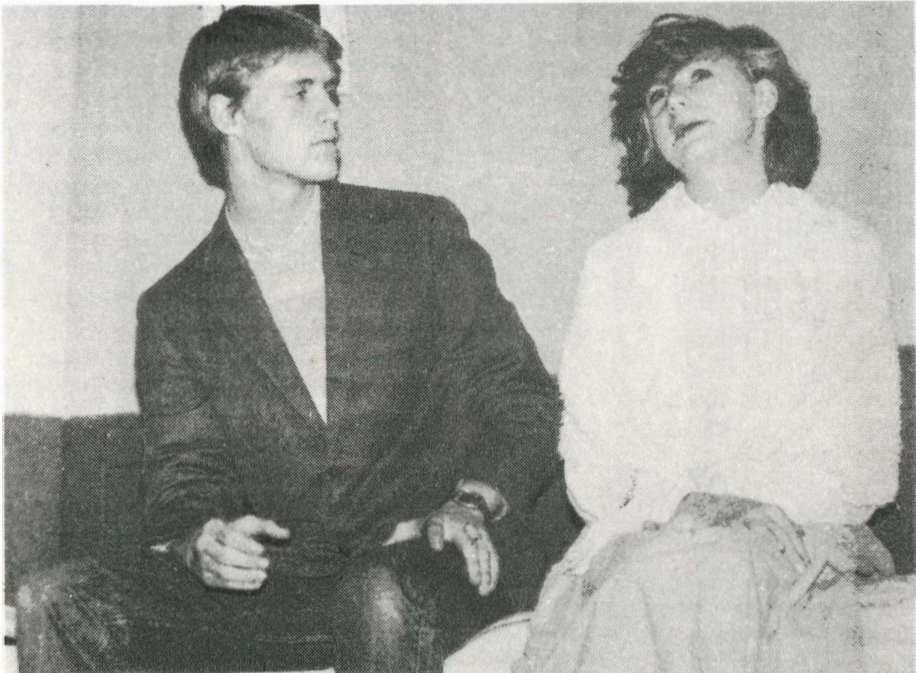
last for six weeks during the summer.

"They have auditions all over the U.S., the closest one for me would be in Minneapolis, because I would have to go audition in person," she said.

"My future plans in theater depend on how things work out while I'm still young, and how people react to me and my acting. It also depends on if I go to the Minneapolis Children's Theater, and how well that goes."

kind of ignorant about what's going on in the war. She has to go through all that in such a weird surrounding because her family is in hiding for two years. She doesn't really understand the war or what's happening to them."

Mary's comments for young thespians are, "To audition for a play it takes a lot of guts the first time because it's scary. It still is kind of



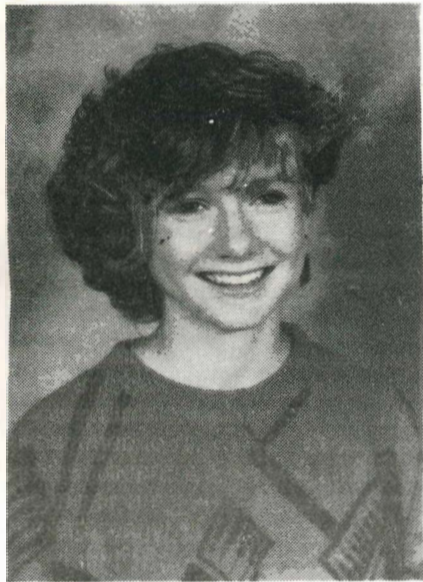
CONFIDING IN EACH OTHER...Anne Frank, played by Mary Fjelstad, and Peter Van Daan, played by Steve Stofferahn, voice their feelings during conversation. (Photo by Doug Potter)

After pausing for a moment she continued, "I have thought of writing some children's plays and musicals of my own, and then putting them on in Pierre."

Mary used many techniques to get into a character like Anne Frank. "I also use personal experiences to add to my character," she said. "It is going to be hard to do the role of Anne Frank because she goes through a lot of changes. She grows from 13 to 15 during the play and goes through many changes physically and emotionally. It is weird because Anne is

scary. It takes a lot more guts than talent for the audition, but then the talent comes in afterwards. While you're in a play you really have to have patience with other people and with yourself. That's the key."

Mary attributes her success to her mother, Donna. "All of my life she has been involved in theater. She didn't push me, but I guess I just wanted to be just like her. My family has been very supportive to my acting. I am very fortunate to have had so many chances and experiences while I am so young."



Poetry Corner



Shut Within a Boundary

Shut within a boundary
Made of my own force
trying to escape
and find the right course.

Locked behind a door
trying to find a key
My hideaway no longer safe
No longer safe for Me

A war against myself
Who will the casualties be
My mind against myself
No doubt it will kill me.

By Shane Herr

Leaves

Fall is drawing near.
Looking out my window,
I see the leaves falling.
I hear the leaves rustling in the street.
Playing games when the wind catches them.
Soon I will have to rake up the golden browns
and crisp rusts, and take away their freedom.

By Katy Bauder

LIFE

If you take the word "life" and break it down so that each letter has a specific meaning, it would go something like this:

L: The 'L' is the most important letter, it stands for love, if it weren't for love, the purpose of life would be meaningless.

I: The 'I' stands for Indefatigable. Life never tires out, it never pauses each moment is new and wonderful.

F: The 'F' stands for fortitude, without the strength to bear misfortune you wouldn't make it in this world.

E: The 'E' stands for everlasting. We don't know for sure if life is everlasting, but we thank God for what we have had.

Katie Hartford



Digest publishes Larsen's article

"Bring a sneaky attitude, quiet shoes, and insect repellent for this very fun walk. Which of the many night creatures will we see tonight?..."

This passage is an excerpt from an article written by speech teacher Ken Larsen and published in the South Dakota Conservation Digest. Mr. Larsen is the summer park interpreter-naturalist at the Farm Island State Recreation Area.

The article is a first person account of the nightstalking walks Larsen leads through the Farm Island wilderness.

"I wrote the story because I thought it would be a good opportunity to share a unique experience," said Larsen. Entitled "Creatures of the Night," the article covered three pages in the July 1986 edition of the Conservation Digest.

Although Larsen has had articles published in other magazines, this is his first publication in the Conservation Digest.

Youth is the best time of all. It's so easy to know all the answers when you don't understand the questions.