

# Riggs High GOVERNOR

## Council creates 'Inaugural Ball' theme

By Paula Paul

After 38 years of tradition, Riggs students will be celebrating the 1986 homecoming in a new way.

The traditional Indian theme, which has been a part of Riggs High coronations since 1948, has been replaced by an inaugural ball theme. At the coronation ceremony Sept. 25, the homecoming king and queen will be crowned as governor and first lady.

The customary Indian theme brought about much controversy in recent years. Everything but the Indian outfits was excluded from the 1985 coronation. Many Riggs students disliked the way coronation was run last year, and talk of change began.

Todd Johnson and Michelle Ulmen included homecoming improvement in their campaign promises for second semester mayor and vice mayor of last year. Student council then entered the scene as homecoming became a main topic of discussion.

After numerous meetings, council members decided upon the inaugural ball theme. They ruled that five royalty candidates would be nominated for each sex, instead of the four chosen in previous years. The winning couple would be crowned as governor

### Coronation Night Events

CORONATION CEREMONIES will begin at 7:30 Thursday in the Riggs Theatre. Ten seniors will be honored as royalty candidates with a Governor and First Lady to be announced by the 1985 Queen and Marshal, Carrie Venner and David Ellenbecker.

Performing for the ceremonies will be the Riggs band under direction of Brad Berens. Riggs Chorus members under the direction of Louise Winter will be singing "When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough Get Going."

BURNING OF THE LETTERS will follow coronation, and a CORONATION SOCIAL is scheduled after the burning.

### Homecoming Dress Days

Homecoming celebration started today with Riggs students dressed as slobs according to the Dress Days code established by the Student Council. Tuesday has been christened Toga Tuesday/flannel bandanna day. Wednesday is opposite sex day where everyone is to dress as a member of the opposite sex or wear their clothes inside out. Thursday is dress-up day and also picture day. Friday is green and white day with everyone showing support for the football team.

### Homecoming Day Events

All students, athletes, teachers and parents are invited to the Pep Club's annual SPIRIT BREAKFAST Friday beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

The event kicks off Homecoming day, which includes the 1:15 pep assembly followed by KANGAROO COURT and the POWDER PUFF football game.

The HOMECOMING GAME begins at 7 p.m. in Hollister Field. Festivities conclude with a dance in the gym following the game.

and first lady and be presented with banners. A social was also planned for after the burning of the letters.

The council, after working out the details, polled students on whether or not coronation and homecoming would be improved by change and if the inaugural ball theme would be a good idea. Survey results showed that about 80 percent of the students polled wanted change.

"I think the new inaugural theme is a lot more appropriate for Riggs than the old Indian theme," said junior Tracy Deis.

Next, the student council appointed a committee of students to present the plan to the Pierre School Board at the June meeting. The school board gave full approval to all changes.

An additional change will include moving the homecoming dance from Friday to Saturday night.

"It's a good idea because by the time the football players got to the dance when it was held on Friday, it was almost time to go home," said senior Todd Peterson.

A girls basketball game kept the changes from being instigated this year. Hopefully the sports schedule will be cleared so the switch can be made next year.

## Senior is Boys Nation Representative

By Sharla Cass

"I think that my pride and loyalty in my country grew a lot at Boys Nation as I began to understand what this country stands for as I saw the graves at Arlington Cemetery of thousands of people who died for my country," said senior Loren Cass as he discussed his trip to the nation's capital as a representative to Boys Nation.

"This experience is something that I wish everyone would have a chance to have, because in order to understand what America is all about, you have to actually become part of the process."

Cass is one of only five young men in the history of Riggs High to receive this honor, and although he considered Boys State a "good experience" where he learned a lot, Boys Nation was even better.

At Boys Nation Cass had the opportunity to meet the President, First Lady Nancy Reagan and the family dog at a personal audience in the Rose Garden. He also met Representative Daschle and Senator Pressler, saw the war memorial, and placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, talked with an astronaut and the Chief Foreign Policy Maker and saw the naval academy.



HONORS ... Loren Cass and Stuart Stofferahn, Boys Nation representative and alternate. (Photo by Doug Potter)

"Boys Nation was really exciting, and I learned a lot about politics and the Federal Government through the speakers," Cass said, noting that Boys Nation reps received "red carpet treatment." They were even greeted by the Navy band.

The only things he didn't like were getting up at 6:00 A.M. by someone playing revelry on a trombone in front of his door and having to be dressed up all of the time.

"It was hard work, and we had no free time, but it was a great honor to meet important people and have them say they were pleased to meet us!" The most outstanding event was meeting President Reagan.

In addition to Cass' achievements at Boys State and Nation, Pierre was well represented by its other Boys

Staters. Cass was one of 10 Riggs Boys Staters. Others were Chris Shaw, who won Secretary of State; Ward Judson; Stuart Stofferahn, Mayor of San Francisco, PUC Commissioner and alternate to Boys Nation; Monte Schaefer, Mayor of Honolulu; Doug Potter, Journalism City; Rich Birhanzel, winner of the Chandler L. Beach Memorial Scholarship (boy who best exemplifies the purpose of the American Legion Boys State); Robbie Miller; Dan Lerew; Todd Peterson, Mayor of San Antonio. Cass was elected state auditor and Mayor of Dallas.

## Enrollment drops

by Doug Potter

Enrollment at Riggs is down slightly from 585 students last year to 567 this year, according to statistics released by the administration.

The Sophomore Class shows the biggest drop, down 35 from last year's total. This year's Senior Class is one of the smallest in recent history with only 157 students.

Upcoming classes have a slightly higher figure of about 200 students. The junior class has the only gain, up 31 students to a total of 208.

### Events Calendar

- September 25  
Homecoming Coronation -  
7:30 Theatre  
Picture day - Riggs
- September 26  
Homecoming  
Varsity football with Mitchell  
- 7:00 home  
Dance - after game
- October 3  
Pierre Concert Series  
Start Junior Class Magazine  
Drive
- October 6-11  
Missoula Children's Theatre  
- Johnny Appleseed
- October 6  
Post High Planning Day -  
Riggs 1 p.m.
- October 9-10  
Junior and Senior High Con-  
ferences
- October 13  
State Press Convention -  
SDSU
- October 16  
Junior High Fall Concert -  
7:30 Theatre
- October 17-19  
Up With People - Theatre
- October 28  
Fall Sing - 7:30 Theatre
- October 30  
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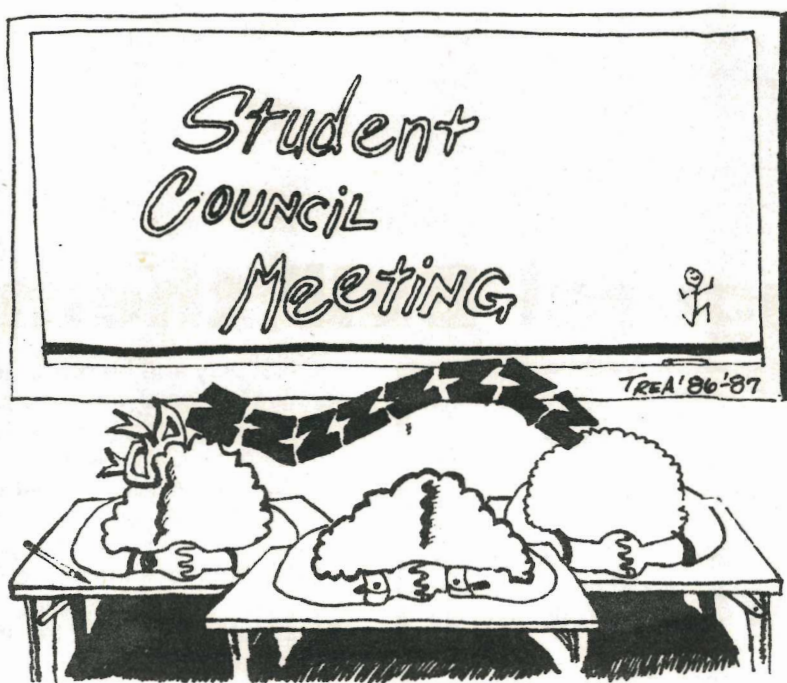
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## Apathy hurts student council

Thomas Paine once wrote: "Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one." Riggs High School possesses such an intolerable evil, one known as student government. It's a government of popularity, of jokery and mockery not at all becoming of our school's real leaders. It's also a government with no real power, one set up to appease students and make them feel as if their concerns are being represented.

Student council is the main body of Riggs student government. Yet student council rarely meets, and when it does, only trivial issues are resolved. The only issue of gravity resolved there in recent memory is coronation, and only after months of procrastination.

If a government is to succeed, the constituents of that government must express their concerns to their leaders. This seldom happens at Riggs. Too few teachers allow class time to discuss council decisions and air problems. The most essential function of democracy—feedback—is completely ignored.

Each major empire in history has fallen because of apathy among its people. Apathy is exactly the problem here. Students of this high school must care enough to work hard to make changes. Too many sit back and wait for the "other guy" to do it for them. A successful student government at Riggs starts at the grass roots. It starts with the total involvement of each and every student, or the government of the people, for the people, by the people, just may perish from this earth.

## Student views: Training rules

By Lisa Hyde

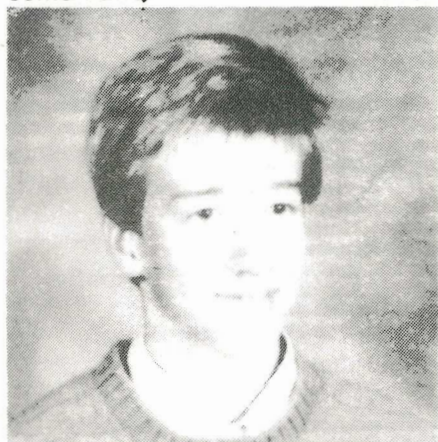
The Pierre School Board approved a new set of training rules to be effective this year. The new rules are stricter in some ways, yet may also give students a second chance. The changes have stirred up quite a bit of controversy. Here are some of the students' comments about these new rules:

**Shane Gutenkauf, sr.:** "In my opinion, I think it's stupid to be out of action for three weeks for your first offense. Actually, I think the first offense should be one week out of a sport."

**Chris Shaw, sr.:** "They are a great advancement on the old rules which needed to be amended. The school had to get the rules written down in a more specific manner. The only problem I can see with them is, while the rules are supposed to help the athletes, I feel in some cases they could be hurting some that need help. For example, when an athlete is caught the second time, he is supposed to go to counseling. If he doesn't go to counseling, he doesn't play. Because of pride, he may not go. It may happen that an athlete may quit sports all together."

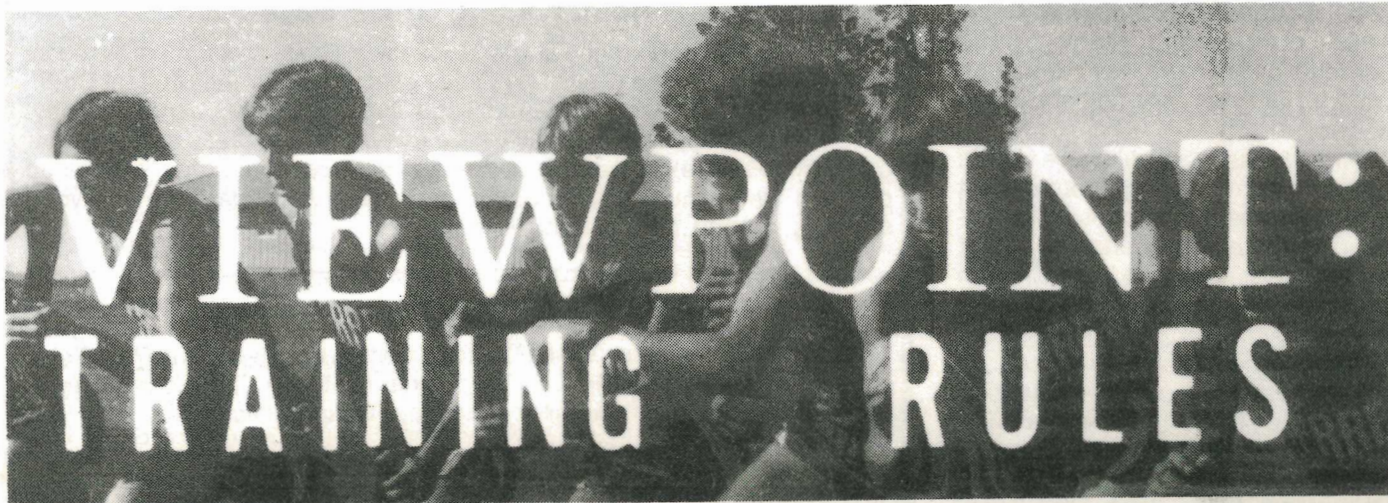
**Jon Rapp, soph.:** "They're OK, but it shouldn't carry over to the off-season."

**Shelly Schlekeway, sr.:** "I think they're pretty good, but they still have some flaws."



**Rhodes Fishburne, jr.:** "I think it's ridiculous to carry over what you did to another sport."

**Jon Moore, sr.:** "I think that they are very stiff. I think they shouldn't have made them so drastic. Why should you be on training rules in the fall if you're only out for track in the spring?"



By Rich Birhanzel

I would like to comment on the new training rules. They have refined the athlete at Riggs with this new system. An athlete is supposed to be of clean mind, body and soul. In past years, this has been the exception and not the rule.

However, now, with the new policy, a Pierre athlete has no choice but to follow the standards set down by the Bible as well as the early Greeks in the Olympics. Athletes in Pierre have been told since the seventh grade that participation in athletics is a privilege and not a right. Little has ever been demanded of the athlete in return for this privilege, now there is.

The new rules are far more fair to the problem athletes than those of the past. This system provides for the mistake that can be so easily made by weaker-willed athletes. Now they have a chance to rectify themselves and receive reconciliation for the wrong they have committed.

In the past, once a violation had been made, the athlete's career was finished. Gifted athletes who still have a weakness for drugs, alcohol, or tobacco may still participate, and at the same time get help with their problem.

Early athletes such as the Greeks had to undergo much more strenuous training to participate than a contemporary high school student could ever imagine. It seems today we forget just how easy inter-scholastic competitors have it. Perhaps under the new system we will once again realize what a privilege it is to participate and represent Riggs. We may one day even teach ourselves how to excel at our particular sports through the use of better training rules and an increased morality.

If this new experiment in sports discipline works, some day we may live in a society where students are so dedicated to sports that training rules become totally unnecessary.

By Mike Olson

This year the Pierre School Board has issued a new set of training rules to replace our old ones. These new training rules are different in a number of ways from the ones previously used, specifically in two areas: the addition of a full-year contract, and the second-chance clause.

The full-year contract means exactly what it implies, that when you sign this contract you are under the jurisdiction of the training rules until the end of the school year or in some cases longer.

The second-chance clause is a bit more difficult. As it now states, for attending a "party" where alcohol (or other drugs) are available, you are punished for one week, or one activity, whichever is greater.

I disagree with these rules in several ways, and I think that they could cause bitterness and resentment toward the school. The first of my disagreements is with the full-year contract. I dislike it for only one reason: it covers you while you are not in an activity.

In my mind training rules were established for a couple of main reasons, the first of which is to keep our athletes healthy and fit, the second being that a school's athletes should represent the school wherever they go. With this new rule, the school system is monitoring athletes even after they have finished with athletics. In my mind once you are through with an activity, you should be treated just as any other student in the school.

Another problem I have is the carry-over rule! As the rule now stands, it is possible to be punished for something you did up to eight months earlier because of a person's choice of activities. I believe that a person should be punished for something he/she has done wrong, but I think it should be done within a certain period of time. I also think that it should be done within that activity and should not jeopardize others.

My final problem with those training rules is that they only cover sports; they don't affect the other extra-curricular activities. I don't see why athletes are the only ones who have to be the symbol of purity when representing the school. There are many other groups that represent our school, but only athletes have full-year contracts and carry-over effects.

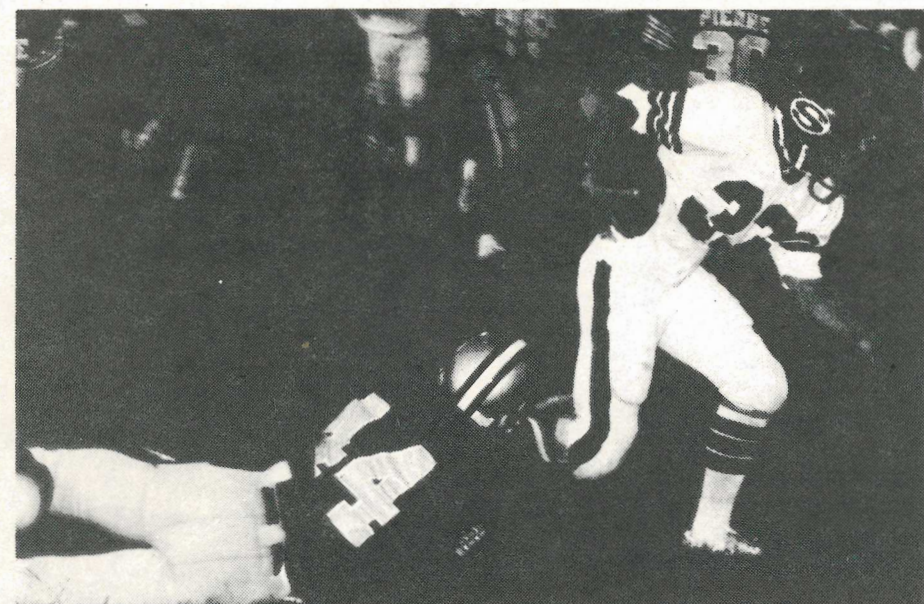
If our school wants to take a new stand on drug and alcohol abuse, I think they should do it in a way that doesn't discriminate against athletes.

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WHOA ... Steve Williamson (44) makes a futile effort to stop a rampaging Sturgis player. (Photo by Doug Potter)

## Govs face Mitchell

By Lisa Hyde

Senior gridmen face their last homecoming competition Friday when they meet the Mitchell Kernels at 7 p.m. on Hollister Field.

The Govs go into the clash 0-3 for the season and will be looking for a win against a "tough" Mitchell squad.

"Beating the Kernels will take a lot of hard work," said offensive guard Dennis McEntaffer, junior. "With concentration, confidence, team spirit and the crowd support, we can be a contender."

The Govs opened the season with a 0-28 loss to Dickinson, ND. Coaches named Keith Jackson "Player of the Week" and planned to

spend more time on techniques as the young Governor squad looked to the second game.

Senior Ward Judson reviewed his goals for the season, "To give 100 percent effort of both body and mind. The team needs to work together as one unit and stay in the game mentally at all times. If we do this, the Governors should be right there every game."

"Our goal should be not only to win each game, one at a time, but also to play hard and have fun as a team," Judson said.

According to senior Chris Shaw, "I feel we're approaching each game as a separate goal and challenge. We can't look too far ahead and forget the importance of each game."

## Cross Country runs at Rapid City Invitational

By Jafar Karim

The Pierre cross county runners will be spending Homecoming in the Hills at the Rapid City Invitational meet, their fourth run of the season.

According to Coach Bill Henjum, "The team will be facing some of the stiffest competition from West River, South Dakota; Nebraska and Wyoming."

Last weekend the Govs took second place for both boys' and girls' divisions in their own invitational meet. Leading the pack in both divisions was Spearfish. Top finishers for Pierre were: girls' (from a field of 28) - Jenni Turbiville, second; Steph Baldwin, seventh; Terri Ulmen, eighth, and Karisa Kenyon, tenth.

Boys' finishers (from a field of 40) were Darren Chase, fourth; Jim Keyes, ninth, Tom Disburg, eleventh; Heath Schneider, twelfth; Wade Douglas, fourteenth, and Todd Peter-

son, seventeenth.

Three seniors and a total of eight lettermen returned to the boys' squad this fall. They are seniors Chase Peterson and Disburg; juniors Bruce Lundeen, Scott Searls, Chad Weber, Jeff Randall, and Jim Keyes.

Also on the boys' team are sophomores Heath Schneider and Tom Wollman; and freshman Travis Tisher.

Returning letterwomen are seniors Ulmen and Baldwin; juniors Katy Bauder and Kenyon; sophomore Tonya Brady. Other members are freshman Sandi Case and eighth grader Turbiville.

The team will finish a nine-meet season before the State Cross Country Meet November 1 in Mitchell. Included in the schedule is the ESD Conference run October 18 in Yankton.



ON YOUR MARKS ... determined Pierre runners make a good start at the Pierre Invitational Sept. 12. Pierre took a team second behind Spearfish. (Photo by Angela Gates)

## Lady Govs challenge Mitchell

by Heath Tople

The Lady Govs take it on the road again this Saturday against Mitchell.

The Kernels are the Govs' fifth rival this season. Looking ahead Pierre will entertain Todd County Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Returning letterwomen this season are Kara Krietlow, Dawn Witte, Cynthia Beck, Keren Higgins, Shelly Schlekeway, Sheli Bowers, and Steph Griffith, the latter five being starters.

When asked who were his most valuable players, head Coach Don Shields replied, "Our team is very senior oriented; they are our key people."

Coach Shields feels that this year's team's strength lies in experience, speed, and a wide range of play, its weaknesses being outside shooting and rebounding.

The Lady Govs tipped off their season with a 49-41 victory over Huron. According to Coach Shields, "We used a lot of man-to-man and took advantage of inexperience due to the loss of the Lady Tigers seniors, and used a fast up-tempo game to our advantage."

Coach Shields commented, "I have such a perfect team I don't need a wish for improvement."

Senior Dawn Witte says, "We have a very positive attitude this season, and we are working hard toward the State Tournament."

This year's coaching staff consists of Coach Shields and assistant Coaches Skip Kurth and Paul Marso.



CONCENTRATION ... Senior Sheli Bowers drives for two against the Yankton Gazelles. (Photo by Rich Shangreaux, Booster Club)

## PHS golfer place in season openers

By Jim Linn

Under the direction of Coach Myron Bryant the Pierre Governor golf team recently started their season with a second place in the Rapid City Invitational and a fifth place in the Pierre Invitational.

Golfing for the Gov's this season are seniors Steve Wahl and Rick Gordon, juniors Jason Young and Pete Rezac, and sophomore Carl Evenstad.

Those among the J.V. team are juniors Marlon Handcock, Jay Penrod, and Jeremy Grubbs, and Junior High students Aaron Miller and Tom Ellefson.

## Ladies plan homecoming show

By Kirsten Levisen

Pierre and area residents will be seeing a lot more of the First Ladies this year as the Riggs drill team plans more home performances and hopes to travel at least once.

The team opened its season at the Sept. 12 football game and will be performing Friday at the homecoming game and again on Oct. 17. Sept. 12 the team performed a drill dance routine to "Jail House Rock". Their second show at a Sept. 19 basketball game was to the tune "Private Number."

"A lot of the credit for these shows goes to Shannon Weber, as she was the main choreographer for these two routines," said Mrs. Vicki Brooks, advisor. "We have 16 talented, hard working and enthusiastic members."

The girls have been hard at work ever since they attended a drill team camp in Sioux Falls the past summer. During the year, audiences will see

the team perform about six routines they learned at the camp.

"These girls deserve a lot of credit for their hard work and intense concentration," said Mrs. Brooks. "If anyone doesn't think that it is tough work, just come out and join us for a practice."

In addition to home shows, the team hopes to get permission to travel to an area school this year, and Mrs. Brooks hopes the team will have the opportunity to perform for District tournaments and for the State A again.

Drill team members are Dee Beckwith, Heather Boocock, Amy Boyd, Gina Clemetson, Karryn Corning, Erin DeJong, Michelle Deyo, Stacey Donovan, Nancy Kelley, Deb Kern, Kathy Merriman, Michelle Olson, Karla Palmer, Alex Powers, Tracy Smith, and Shannon Weber. J.D. Ries is drummer.

## Tennis team hosts triangular

By Sheila Specker

Lady Governor tennis players will host Rapid City Stevens and Aberdeen Central for a tennis triangle beginning at 10:30 on Thursday.

The Tennis season began early when the team traveled to Rapid City Stevens Aug. 30. Since then the team has played Mitchell, Huron, and Aberdeen.

Seated #1 is senior Shannon Schneider, who, Coach Don Rogers says, "Is doing well, working hard, and has a record of 4 wins-no losses."

Seated second is Kara Fridley; third is Nicolle Anderson; fourth, is Anissa Rauscher; fifth is Wendy

Garber; sixth is Mandy Gregory. In doubles Connie Taylor and Jenny Rapp are placed first.

According to third-year coach Rogers, the team met their toughest opponent at Huron.

"There's definitely room for improvement this season," Rogers said noting the 5th place finish at last year's state tournament.

Lettermen returning to the team for the season are: Schneider, Rauscher, Anderson, Fridley, Garber, and Gregory.

Others on the team are: Rapp, Amy Gerdes, Taylor, and Annette Wahl.



# Riggs selects homecoming royalty

by Paula Paul and DeeAnn Gohl

Who will be crowned as the New Governor and First Lady at the coronation ceremony Thursday Night?

The following is a close-up look at the ten candidates nominated for homecoming royalty by the Senior Class.

**LeAnn Holmes:** Cheerleading, track, NHS, Girls' State, Pep Club, secretary for Letterwinner's Club, FCA, and intramural volleyball keep LeAnn busy.

"I think Riggs is a great-sized school - it's small enough that everyone can get to know everyone else and the classes aren't overloaded, but large enough to have a variety of classes and full athletic teams," says LeAnn.

LeAnn thinks the biggest thing going for young people is the opportunity to become or do anything they want. She plans to study medicine in the future.

**Keren Higgins:** "Through sports I have learned that patience and hard work really pay off," says Keren, who is active in basketball, pep club, student council, intramural volleyball, Letterwinner's Club, and FCA.

Keren admires a friendly and outgoing personality in other people and in herself. "The most valuable thing I've learned in high school is more than just math or English - it's learning how to get along with many other people," comments Keren. She plans to go on to college and pursue the field of medicine or psychology.

**Terri Ulmen:** "Think about everything you do so you don't give the upperclassmen any bad examples," Terri advises the upcoming seniors. She sees giving into peer pressure as the biggest problem affecting high school students. Terri thinks more students would stand up for what they believe in if their friends wouldn't pressure them and would try to understand them.

To improve Riggs, Terri says, "I wouldn't let teachers seat their students in alphabetical order - I'm sick of sitting in the back and being last."

She participates in cross country, track, cheerleading, intramural volleyball, band, one act plays, and FCA.



ANTICIPATION ... Homecoming royalty candidates from left: Terri Ulmen, Keren Higgins, Angela Gates, Sheli Bowers, LeAnn Holmes. Top left: Ward Judson, Stuart Stofferahn, Steve Wahl, Loren Cass and Chris Shaw anxiously await the crowning of the new Governor and First Lady. (Photo by Doug Potter)

**Sheli Bowers:** Sheli cites "learning to deal with problems and self-confidence" as the most valuable things she has gained from high school.

Since she has participated in basketball, track, cheerleading, intramural volleyball, and as vice-president of FCA, Sheli will miss the athletic program at Riggs the most after graduation. She plans to attend college or secretarial school.

"Really getting to know your classmates because the school isn't that big" is, in Sheli's opinion the biggest advantage to attending Riggs. "It's nice to walk down the hall and see faces with a smile," she says.

**Angela Gates:** "I like the fact that I'm honest, not only with other people, but with myself. I never pretend to be someone I'm not," Angela says about herself.

Angela spent the past school year as an exchange student in Australia and there she participated in basketball, rugby, cricket, softball, scuba-diving, and she played the clarinet and sang for various bands.

Talking about her future, Angela comments, "Everything I've learned

in high school is valuable to me, for it will all have a say in what I do with the rest of my life."

**Ward Judson:** "Breaking the barriers of different type of people like nerds, jocks, and rednecks" is Ward's solution to increase school spirit. Ward thinks the biggest things going for young people are their imagination, energy, and enthusiasm.

"Stay involved, get involved, work hard at school and in the extracurriculars," Ward suggests to upcoming seniors.

Judson takes his own advice; he participates in football, basketball, tennis, Gumbo Staff, NHS vice-president, 1986 Boys State, FCA member, and Letterman's Club.

**Steve Wahl:** "It gives me a great deal of pride to be selected to such an elite group," says Steve about his nomination to homecoming royalty.

Steve thinks the students of Riggs would accomplish more if they could choose more of their classes instead of having to take so many required courses.

"I learned in high school that I should always try my hardest and to

be content with the outcome," comments Wahl.

Alan Hunter, MTV V.J., is the person Steve would most like to be because he thinks it would have been "great to go amuck in America."

Steve was elected to Boy's State and is a member of the golf team.

**Loren Cass:** "Get involved in everything you're interested in," advises candidate Loren Cass. When asked if he could change anything in the high school, Loren proposed a more responsible Student Council and a Mayor/Vice-Mayor who would show leadership in bringing the school together.

"The most valuable thing that I've learned in high school is how to think, speak, and write clearly and more logically," says Loren.

Loren participates in many activities including treasurer of Letterman's Club, treasurer NHS, Boy's State Auditor, Boy's Nation, FCA, All-State Chorus member, Swing Choir, barbershop quartet, and drama.

**Stuart Stofferahn:** Looking forward to a college education in either Zoology or veterinary medicine, Stofferahn admires leadership qualities the most in other people. "Hiring teachers to meet the potential of the students" is Stuart's proposal for the betterment of education.

Actively involved in chorus, barbershop quartet, basketball, football, band, and drama. Stuart greatly respects Barry Manilow. "He's got one of the best voices in the history of music," remarks Stofferahn.

**Chris Shaw:** As president of the Senior Class, Chris feels that making student council more effective would benefit everyone.

In Chris' opinion, good teachers will not only teach the basics, but share their lives with the students. "I'm grateful to the teachers who have given that extra to make me a more complete person," he says.

Chris' extracurricular activities include football, basketball, chorus, swing choir, FCA, Letterwinner's Club, president of NHA, Boys' State, and the Mentorship Program.

Chris adds, "After going to school with my classmates for 12 years, it's an honor to be chosen for royalty."

## Upperclassmen welcome sophomore 'goats'

By Dawn Jackson

**Editor's Note:** Dusk to Dawn columnist Dawn Jackson takes time in this feature item to welcome the Sophomore Class to Riggs.

As the bell was ringing, I watched new, unfamiliar faces scurrying down the halls confused and appearing very nervous; it was clearly the first day of a new school year. These distinctly new faces are the "fresh", naive students that have just graduated from "Kiddy City" and are jumping into the big world at Riggs High.

Sure, the school is bigger, the classes get a little tougher, and the upperclassmen will make sure these bright new students don't enjoy their first year at Riggs, but other than that, they'll have a blast!!!

Following tradition, the upperclassmen have acquired a role as being professional initiators and of-

ficial "GOAT BUSTERS". Many of the sophomores are young, naive, hyperactive, and unsophisticated; definitely fitting into the "GOAT" definition.

Some of the famous sayings at Riggs include "Baahhh", "there's a pie - just for you", "what a Nerd", and "A goat did it!!". Although many sophomores hear this continually, I think it's mostly done in good fun. We really aren't trying to be "bad guys" we're just giving this group of students the warm welcome they deserve - just like the one the senior class got two years ago.

I remember my first day at Riggs. I was ready to give up at the end of the day. I remember sitting at the assembly on Homecoming just hoping I wouldn't end up the victim of one of those pies. Luckily I wasn't but now, two years later, I realize I probably would have lived through it.

To make any of you sophomores feel better, I can honestly tell you that I think it's mostly talk. Sure we have to have fun with you - you're only a goat once, but you'll live through any harrassment the seniors and juniors dish out to you. You never know - it might even be fun.

Recently I asked Amy Varileck how she felt about being a "goat". Her reply was simply, "It's great!" Then I asked her if she's had a lot of threats and she said, "Not really; I guess I've gotten a few, but they were all from your friends." She's one sophomore who thinks she can handle it, and she's got a positive attitude to make it easier.

On the second day of school I was talking to another sophomore, Kris Wagener. I was joking around, and I asked her if she's been getting harrassed and she answered "no, not really." Because I'm the senior I am,

I replied "Well, then I'll see what I can do to fix that." — But the remarks and jokes the sophomores get are all in good fun. Most sophomores can take a joke, right?

After hearing from the sophomore victims, I decided to approach a senior. I asked Heather Lowery how she felt about the "goats" this year. "Well, there's one or two that can go, but the rest are O.K.," she said.

In all respect, there's a lot more to being a sophomore than the initiation and harrassment. Although we try to have fun, we upperclassmen really do welcome you to Riggs. Throughout the year, you'll learn about life at Riggs and after the excitement of homecoming is over, most of the students will treat you with respect. Riggs isn't supposed to be scary for you. In fact, I think you'll really enjoy it.



# AFS students adapt to life at Riggs

By Sharla Cass

"Wow, the people of South Dakota are great!" This exclamation was made by our new exchange student, Nuno maria De Mello Do Rego Correa De Sampaio, alias Nuno Sampaio.

Nuno comes from the town of Cascais Lisbon, Portugal. Since Nuno comes from a family of four brothers, one sister, a mother and a father, living with Jan and Bill Farnham and brother Chuck has been quite a change.

Although Portugal and America have many similarities, many things are different. In Portugal, 18 years is the minimum age for driving a car, which is "bad," but there's also no curfew, which is "great!"



A TASTE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ... Nuno Sampaio poses at the Governor's parking space near the Capitol. (Photo by Eric Lundeen)

The reason, Nuno says, that there is no curfew is that there is more trust between the parent and child there.

When asked if he liked Portugal or

America better, Nuno said Portugal for sure! One reason is the food. He hates American food (especially fast food), but most of the reason that Portugal is "better" than the United States is his own homeland pride. Also the fact that he's been living in Portugal for 17 years and in America for one month adds to his decision.

Even though it seems as if Portugal is the "place to be," Nuno states that there are many good points to America. "I love the teenagers and friends I have made here!" Nuno says the organization of America is better than in Portugal, and it is a nice country.

Some other "likes" he has acquired in America are video games, candy, ice cream, and "picture shows."

Nuno is as active at home as he is here. He excels in sports. He loves to surf and sail at the beach, and soccer, rugby, tennis and squash (something like racquetball) are his favorites.

Some of Nuno's favorite pastimes are plays, concerts, car races, bull fights, going to the beach, riding his motorcycle, playing guitar, talking with friends, snow skiing, writing stories and jokes and just plain hanging out.

Although with his extra-curricular activities Nuno keeps himself busy with school subjects. Nuno can speak in six different languages fairly fluently. These include: Portuguese, Spanish, English, French, Italian, and Brazilian.

Since Nuno arrived in the United States, he has been involved with school, football, tennis, chorus, and just hanging out with friends. He's made many new friends and is looking forward to a great year.

Every year, foreign visitors spend about \$14 billion in the U.S.

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Exchange student, Roy Egelund from Norway, got here just in time to do what he likes best. Water ski! Roy is staying with Dave Keatts, a resident of Pierre.

At his home shipping town of Flekkefjord, Norway, he works during the summer building sports boats. His family consists of one sister, two brothers, and a mother and father. His mother works at a local hotel, and his father works with the city.

Some of Roy's favorite activities are band, football, soccer, karate, and playing his guitar. When asked what he likes about the United States, he replied, "The food here is great, and the girls are a lot prettier here than at home." The religion of America is different than at home, but he likes it a lot.

Other "likes" are the cars, music, and water skiing. The only thing he doesn't like is the commercials on TV. He says, "The show's just getting good, and they stop it to talk about some brand of tissue."

Some differences Roy finds here

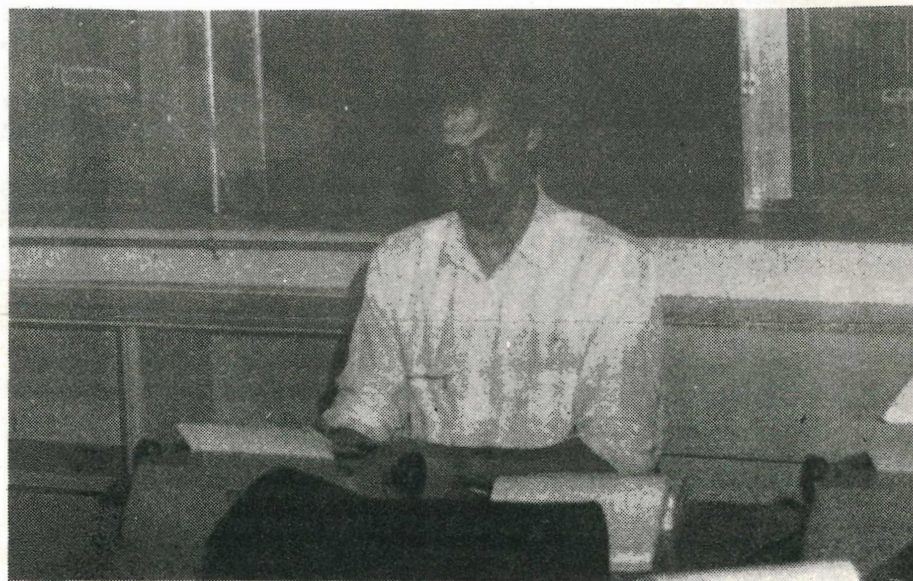
deal with the school system. One is the fact that in Norway students don't have to pay for college. The only things they pay for are their books and sometimes the room. They go through nine years of school, and then into college.

He's been through one year of college, and studied auto mechanics and welding. The credits that he receives at Riggs won't count toward his education at home. So educationally, when he goes home, it will be the same as if he hadn't left.

The reason he chose the United States is that he wanted to learn more about it. He did not choose South Dakota though. He will leave July 31, 1987, for a 12-day tour of the United States.

It seems as if school here is more strict than in Norway. "We don't have so many rules, and we don't get up so early since school doesn't start until 9:30 a.m." Also, in Norway there is more discussion in the classroom.

Overall, Roy said that he is enjoying himself and looking forward to a great year.



HOW MANY WORDS A MINUTE ... Roy Egelund, Norwegian AFS student, works in Mrs. Baldwin's 6th hour typing class. (Photo by Heath Topple)

## Student writer gains valuable experience

By DeeAnn Gohl

What's it like to be Lois Lane for a summer? Ask Paula Paul, a junior at Riggs this year, who wrote feature articles for the Daily Capital Journal

through the School Mentorship program.

Some of her articles include: Sparky the Firedog, Mateer Park, The War Memorial Statue,

Homecoming, and three others. Along with writing articles for the Capital Journal, Paula took the pictures that went with her stories. She worked on writing headlines, and she did some layout work for the paper.

Paula also accompanied John Hipple on his "beat" which consisted of going to the Pierre and Ft. Pierre courthouses and the police station. She also went on some photography assignments with him.

Terry Woster, the managing editor at the Capital Journal, said, "I wasn't sure what to expect or how much experience she had and I was a little apprehensive about it." He hoped Paula would get one good article written to publish, but Paula wrote seven articles. "I was very pleased! She is talented, and if she sticks to it, she could go a long way," Woster commented.

He added that it is important for people interested in journalism and the newspaper to have a chance to see what it is like. Some don't have enough training or experience and drop out in mid-career. More exposure helps to make better judgements when writing stories, he said.

"I learned a lot more at the Journal office than I would have in any college course," Paula said. "It gave me a lot of confidence in writing articles. It was great to see my stories in print."

When asked about public reaction to Paula's articles, Woster said, "I heard good comments from a lot of people, and they asked if Paula worked at the Journal as a reporter."

"I didn't realize how many people read the articles I wrote in the Capital Journal," Paula said. "I enjoyed writing articles, and I was glad I got the chance to do that through the Mentorship program. It helped me realize what a journalist really does, and it helped me decide if I really wanted to pursue it as a future career," Paula said. "I like working with people and keeping up with current happenings. It's also fun not to do the same thing every day—it's not as repetitious as some other careers."

Although it is not on a professional level, Paula is pursuing her interest in journalism as co-editor of the Governor feature pages. She hopes to study journalism in college.



INTENSE CONCENTRATION ... Paula Paul decides where to place an article on the feature page of the Daily Capital Journal. (Photo by Doug Potter)



# Five teachers join Riggs staff

By Chris Ward

Riggs has tapped the educational resources of two continents, Europe as well as North America, for the 1986-87 school year.

Across the waters of the great Atlantic is a town a few miles out of Hamburg, West Germany, that is home for Rolf Maichel, Riggs' new German and Latin teacher. He traded assignments and homes with teacher Jay Mickelson for the year.

He would like to tell everybody, "I'm happy to be here and experience a different school system." Mr. Maichel plans to visit Mt. Rushmore and Yellowstone National Park during vacations.

Although he can't claim Wild Bill or Calamity Jane as relatives, Mr. Maichel has a few colorful ancestors of his own. His family tree includes Tos De Momper, a minor Old Master in the art world, and Klaus Stoertebecker, a terror on the seas (some might have called him a pirate).

South Dakotans joining the team include Brad Berens, band; John Gonsor, science; Rick Jensen, physical education, and Louise Winter, choral.

Brad Berens was band and chorus director at Eureka for a year. In working with students, he is planning to enter them in large and small group contests. He is also organizing a jazz band.

Non-teaching activities include water and snow skiing and stamp collecting. Mr. Berens' favorite comedian is Howie Mandel, and he listens to soft rock music. As a teenager, Mr. Berens had curfew problems.



NEW TEACHERS ... Top from left: Mr. Berens, Mr. Gonsor and Mr. Jensen. Bottom: Miss Winter and Rolf Maichel. (Photos by Doug Potter)

John Gonsor taught at Salem for five years before returning to SDSU for a master's degree. Chemistry I classes can expect college-oriented material, and advanced biology material will be for medical or biological related careers. Watch out, ladies, in Bio III! Mr. Gonsor's pet peeve is girls' shrieking in class while dissecting.

When he is out of school, he likes the outdoor sports and watches "Nova" on PBS. When he was a teenager, he never had a curfew problem because "I never got caught."

Rick Jensen is a recent graduate of SDSU where he was National Wrestling Champion. In his gym class, he is continuing the Presidential Fitness program and is also in-

volving lifetime activities.

When he is out of school, he likes jogging, golf, tennis, racquetball and, of course, wrestling. Mr. Jensen's musical likes include Rock-N-Roll and MTV. His teenage problems were hearing related—especially when his mother was talking to him.

The new chorus director, Louise Winter, was Choral director at Waverly for two years. She is also planning large and small group contests. Ms. Winter enjoys listening to Big Band Era music. She has a wide variety of hobbies which range from piano playing to target shooting to knitting. Her youthful curfew problems were caused by her car that just did not want to move in the direction of home before curfew.

## School Board establishes new training rules policy

By Rob Miller

Riggs athletes will conform to a new set of training rules as the 1986 scholastic sports season begins.

Pierre School Board members adopted an entirely new training rule program for Riggs athletes at their regular meeting August 11. The new rules are radically different from those of the past, allowing students two chances before they are ousted from inter-scholastic competition. Earlier rules allowed only one infraction before suspension was incurred.

Violators under the new system receive less punishment than in the past. After their second offense, participation in a chemical dependency program is mandatory. Third time offenders are barred from participation in any activity for the remainder of the school year. Unserved penalties carry over from year to year.

Athletes will also be suspended for up to six weeks, but it is allowable to practice during suspension. The penalty for involvement with drugs or alcohol, vis-a-vis attending a party, is only one week of suspension. Under the new system, students observe virtually the same hours as in the past; 10:30 p.m. weeknights and 1:00 a.m. weekends.

Athletic Director Dusty Kracht, when questioned about the motive behind changing the rules replied that they are for the betterment of the athletes.

"In the past, as soon as you were caught, you were gone for the remainder of the season. Now they have a second chance," Kracht said. Nationwide awareness of substance abuse also led to the changes; accor-

ding to Kracht. He pointed out how the new rules may help a student end a substance problem rather than encourage it.

"It allows for the one mistake we all make. This forces second offenders to get help."

A trial period of one year was also adopted by the Board. If rules fail to work, changes and amendments can be made.

Reaction has been mixed among students, athletes, and parents. Kracht pointed out several positive comments he has received from parents on the issue. No official response has come from the Pierre Athletic Booster Club. Student response has been less than enthusiastic in several cases.

"They make you choose different friends and make people turn to drugs rather than alcohol, because drugs are harder to detect," stated Max Fjelstad, senior football player.

Keren Higgins, senior basketball player, echoes Fjelstad. "It's unfair to athletes in one sport, because they must observe training rules throughout the year," she said.

### Guidance office has ACT information

Riggs guidance office has the information and forms students need to register for the ACT Assessment. ACT provides free copies of the booklet **Preparing for the ACT Assessment**, which contains information about getting ready for the examination, plus a complete practice test.

## Three earn Merit Semifinalist status

Seniors Loren Cass, Brian Hemmelman and Todd Peterson have been named semifinalists to the current National Merit Scholarship Corporation Merit Program.

They now have the opportunity to advance for about 6,000 Merit Scholarships worth over \$21 Million. The top scorers in every state, representing about half of one percent of the state's high school graduating class, are included in the nation-wide semifinalist pool.

To advance, the seniors must document high academic performance, be endorsed and recommended by high school, take the SAT to confirm their qualifying test performance, and submit information about their school and community activities, personal interests and goals.

### Classes elect officers

Among opening activities at Riggs High is the election of class officers.

The following students were elected to lead their classes:

Seniors—Chris Shaw, president; Lisa Hyde, vice president; Michelle Olson, secretary; and Dawn Witte, treasurer.

Junior Class officers are Katie Robbenolt, president; T. J. Wiebe, vice president; JoLynn Blake, secretary; and Cathy Pohlman, treasurer.

Sophomore Class officers are Eric Hoffsten, president; Jon Rapp, vice president; Wendy Garber, secretary, and Susan Fowler, treasurer.

## News Briefs

### Pep Club supports homecoming

Pep Club members will be taking an active part in Homecoming '86 as they paint the windows on Pierre businesses, decorate the stage for coronation, help host the first Homecoming Social following the Burning of the Letters after coronation, and host the Spirit Breakfast Friday morning.

Tickets for the Spirit Breakfast may be purchased from Pep Club members who will set up a sales table during fifth hour lunch homecoming week. Cost will be \$1.

Pep Club has nearly 40 members under the direction of president Connie Sibson, senior. Advisor for the group is Mr. Cool.

### Music students attend camp

Riggs Music Department will benefit again this year from the expertise gained by several students who attended the Showchoir Camps of America at Millikin University, Decatur, Ill., over the summer.

Sean Califf, Michelle Deyo, Eric Lundeen, Karla Palmer, Alex Powers, Stuart Stofferahn, Karla Steele, and Jonette Wellhouse all attended the choir camp where they attended workshops on choreography and vocal techniques and performed in the camp's swing choirs.

### Cool was Zone Meet swimmer

Sophomore Josh Cool of the Pierre Swim Team was one of 33 swimmers from across the state to represent South Dakota at the Central Zone Swim Meet Championships in Minneapolis during the summer.

Cool had to earn a national "A" time or have a national "AAA" time to join the state's swimmers at the Zone meet.

### Journalists attend institute

Senior Kelly Anderson took first place for her news story at the Publications Institute this June at SDSU in Brookings. Juniors Michelle Deyo and Heath Tople also attended the six-day workshop in June.

During the workshop, Anderson and Deyo attended lectures and labs on news writing and page design. Tople attended photography-related sessions that week. All three are key staff members of the Governor.

The following week, Gumbo editor Shannon Schneider attended the second session for yearbook journalists.

While there, Schneider gained valuable insight into the production of a high school yearbook. "I had lots of fun," said Schneider of her week at the Institute.