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Chorus plans winter concert

By Michelle Deyo

Riggs music department will present its Christmas gift to the community with its annual Winter Concert Dec. 21. Band and choruses will perform music ranging from the traditional Christmas carols to spiritual pieces.

Included in the band program are, "Deck the Halls," "Jesus, Joy of Mans Desiring," "Christmas Fugue" and "Sound of Bells".

Sophomore and select choruses will sing a combined "An Amy Grant Christmas," as well as separate pieces. The sophomore program includes "Angels We Have Heard On High" and "Joy to the World." Select chorus will perform "The Creation," a narrative of the seven days of the Creation according to the Bible.

Guest performer Jay Mickelson will add his voice to the barbershop quartet for "O Tannenbaum," and the quartet itself will sing, "Glory Hallelu" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Teams enter elections race

By Paula Paul

Elections for second semester student body president and vice president are slated for Thursday, Jan. 7. At press time on Monday, Dec. 14, six teams of seniors had taken out petitions.

To be placed on the ballot, a team must turn in a petition with signatures from five percent (32 signatures) of the eligible voters. Today is the deadline for petitions to be handed in.

Campaign speeches will be delivered Wednesday, Jan. 6. Candidates will have a new opportunity this year to persuade students to vote for them. Each team will be designated a space on the mural in the lobby to express their campaign ideas.

The teams of Robert McGuigan and Shelly Sutley, Scott Searls and Dave Smith, Todd Moore and Tom Mullivan, Lynn Rasmussen and Dennis McEntaffer, Heath Tople and Tom Black, and Renae Howard and Shawnna Draper have taken out petitions.

Governor discusses education

By Paula Paul

George Mickelson plays two different roles to make his life complete. The larger-than-life side of Governor Mickelson knows South Dakota like the back of his hand and is part of what made him a highly respected political figure in the state today.

The ordinary side of the man drinks Diet Coke, brags about his kids, and jogs to keep in shape.

After nearly completing his first year as South Dakota's governor, Mickelson feels he has accomplished some good things, but there is also much he still hopes to get done.

"We have identified a couple of crucial issues that we have paid a lot of attention to. Those issues include job and economic development and the need to emphasize education," he said.

One of the governor's future plans includes making major renovations in the state's correctional system. Within the next 12 months, he also hopes to start at least three development projects on the Missouri River stretching from Yankton to Mobridge, with a possibility of locating one in the Pierre area.

Many of Gov. Mickelson's programs are aimed at benefitting South Dakota's young people. "One of the things that impresses me most is the fact that when I took office and we were to look back at the last several years, 62 percent of the counties in this state lost population.

"The population they lost were the 18-30 year olds-those people who have graduated from our educational system and cannot find the opportunities in this state for work.

"South Dakota must provide more professional and vocational opportunities for its young people," the governor said.

He also commented that by the year 2000, there will be 3500 new jobs in the world that do not exist to-day. Most of the new jobs will be in such areas as computers and artificial intelligence.

"The only limiting factor in career opportunities in this state or any other state is our imagination. All we have to do is develop the confidence in this state that we can compete in the fast changing world. We are pretty good at what we do here," he said.



EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS...Governor George Mickelson discusses South Dakota's problems in education and offers solutions to those problems in his office on the second floor of the Capital. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Probably the most pressing issue Mickelson will be dealing with is the fact that South Dakota's teachers rank last in salary among the states.

"First of all, it has to be said that we have good quality teachers in the state right now," Mickelson said. He points out that South Dakota's young people rank among the highest in the nation in their abilities to take college entrance exams like the ACT and SAT tests. They also rank among the top five in the nation in literacy.

"I believe the quality of education is directly related to our ability to pay our teachers for the work that they do. They are professional people who deserve to be paid as professionals," said the governor.

He believes strongly that teacher's pay is directly related to quality education and quality education is directly related to job development. "The whole basis of my economic development program is a quality education system," he said.

Gov. Mickelson commented on the up-coming legislative session:

"Education is going to receive just as much priority in this session as my economic development program did in the last."

He also said some of South Dakota's lottery funds would be used to boost teachers' salaries.

"However, putting money toward this problem is one thing, but setting priorities is something we also have to do," said the governor.

He uses this statistic to illustrate his point: 60 percent of every dollar spent on education went to teachers' salaries in 1970. In 1987 only 44 percent of the dollar was spent on teachers' salaries, although 400 percent more money is being spent on education today.

"Where is all the money going? Good questions. We've changed our emphasis. A lot of it goes to the social aspects of education, things like basketball and band," said Mickelson.

"The students and the parents have the real decision of what the (Governor continued on p. 6)

BOE imposes final contract offer

By Mishelle Johnston

Teacher negotiations came to an end when the Pierre Board of Education imposed their last and final offer.

The negotiations for the year are finished and the teachers will not go back to the table until this spring. This is the formal process that occurs in negotiations.

"We were disappointed," Linda Steele, president of the Pierre Education Association (PEA) said. "We expected that the fact finding report if in favor of the teachers would have some impact."

Teachers stimulated community awareness in November when 200 of

them walked from Fire Station #1 to Main Street.

What was the board's reaction to such a walk? Gary Snow, president of the Pierre Board of Education, stated, "If it informed the people then I am all for it."

The board refused to act on the recommendation of the fact finding report because they felt that their last proposal was an equitable one and that it was in the best interest of the tax payers.

What is left in the negotiations process? "Nothing. The decisions have been made and the contracts have been handed down," Snow said. Is the board's attitude towards the teachers negative? "No, we just didn't happen to agree with their proposal on salaries," Snow replied.

In spite of the Board's decision, Linda Steele does not feel that the fact finding process was futile. "It's important in the Democratic process,"

Riggs business teacher Stan Wahl, who was chief negotiator for the PEA, agrees that the fact finding process was not a futile effort. "We didn't have any positive effects now, but what we have done this year will hopefully help our negotiations for next year," he

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Students choose out-of-state schools

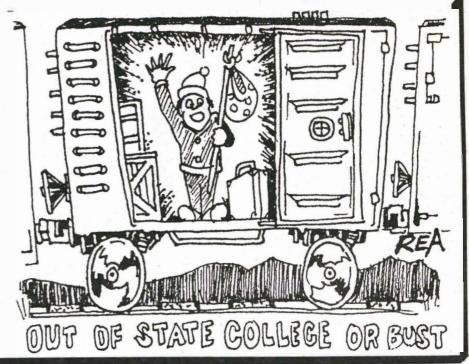
By DeeAnn Gohl

What college are you planning to attend? This important question is asked and contemplated often. Some find just what they are looking for right here in South Dakota, but others prefer to go out of state. But why? "For more educational opportunities," said one Riggs senior. Others just want to get away, out of South Dakota.

In 1986, 62% of the counties in this state lost population, but the population they lost has been the 18-30 year olds, those people who have graduated from South Dakota's educational system and cannot find the opportunities in this state for work or to pursue their life goals.

The state is trying to keep more South Dakota students in South Dakota after graduation. State Universities like SDSU and USD are trying to work out a program that would offer a full-ride scholarship for those students in the top 5 percent of their graduating class. Those students would have to keep their grades up in college. There are problems arising though, because the top 5 percent of the class differs from city to city.

Ideas like this are being generated to lure students and to keep them in state. Some students said that if such a program were to become a reality, they would stay in state to further their education. This concept as well as others that could make a difference in South Dakota's future need to be explored.



Students reminisce about Christmas gifts

By Cathy Pohlman

Happiness fills the halls as the Holiday's approach. Our senses are overloaded with songs, Santa, and the Christmas Spirit. Our hearts are set on the giving-not necessarily the receiving end of Christmas.

Although it may seem like an eternity, we eventually open up all of the goodies that have been sitting under the tree since Thanksgiving. Sometimes we unwrap a gift and wonder what exactly was going on in the head of the person as they were buying us such an odd present.

This month "What the People Say" asked students: "What was the wierdest present you've ever receiv-



Tim Thelen (Sr.): I got a curling iron from my Grandma!



Kari Engberg (Jr.): A jar of olives.

Linda Powell (Soph.): Garfield

Letters

I think students should show more respect to the Riggs High janitors and lunch ladies. The janitors always have the floors mopped so clean until the students go stomping on it with mud

all over their shoes. The janitors keep the bathroom sparkling and then the students puke on the floors and spit

on the mirrors. And I suppose the lunch ladies try to do the best they can with the food they get. So at least you can show these people some courtesty.

> Sincerely. Kevin Zickrick

I would like to know why we, as a student body, get the Boys State A off and not the Girls State A? America has in its constitution that every man is equal, yet we are not equal. Is the Boys State A more important than that of the Girls State A? Even if we could not get them both off, why not switch them off every year. We could have Boys State A one year and the Girls State A the next year. I think that our school should be fairer than it is. Mishelle Johnston

Future Christmas looks bleak

By Rodes Fishburne

Christmas has long been a tradition of the United States. In the beginning stockings were filled with goodies and presents and the spirit of Christmas and sharing were strong. Now it seems that we have become greedy as our nation ages.

We do not focus on the spirit of Christmas, but only the presents that go along with it. What will the future hold for this holiday season?

In the future Christmas trees will be replaced by fake, synthetic, pinefragranced creations that have long ago shed their Christmas image. Individual presents will be forgotten and replaced by family package bargains to exotic

On Christmas morning children will run downstairs to be met by Amercian Express travel checks stuffed into stockings. Santa Claus will long ago have been lost in the shuffle and will appear on the least remembered list of the

Barbie dolls will have grey hair, and Ken will sport a wheel chair. Among Christmas presents Van Halen albums will be the most prized items on earth. Mick Jaggar and Tina Turner will have a Christmas album for only \$19.95.

Children will sit in mud puddles of acid rain instead of making snow men. The future looks bleak for the Holiday season, but we always can make this year's the best ever. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Why can't students have pop in Study Hall? There are many reasons why having it would be a good idea.

1. Many people are thirsty during Study Hall.

2. Caffeine wakes people up in the morning, this would make you more alert for the long school day ahead.

pop would taste good.

3. Due to the hot weather, a cold

4. The schools income would in-

crease due to students buying more

5. And last but not least - Afternoon classes don't get a snack bar, so a pop might take the place of a beverage at the snack bar.

I hope after hearing these suggestions, the School Board will approve of this gesture.

Chad Knecht

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The staff encourages the student body and administration to present their opinions through signed letters. They need not agree with the opinions of the "Governor"

Riggs plans Financial Aid night

By Dana Lesniak

Riggs High students and their parents are invited to attend Financial Aid Information Night Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Riggs Theatre.

"The information night is recommended for high school seniors and parents who will need assistance financing post secondary education," said Mavis Booze, counselor.

The event is sponsored by the Riggs Guidance Department and the South Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. A financial aid director from one of the colleges will be on hand to answer questions.

"Every year there are a number of changes, and it's more difficult each year to get financial aid because the qualifications get tougher," said Mrs.

Usually more than 100 people attend the meeting. "Students can come with their parents," Mrs. Booze said; "it's their responsibility too."

A number of points are being emphasized this year, according to Mrs. Booze, who attended a financial aid workshop during November.

She noted that colleges are requiring students to get their financial aid packages in earlier. This means that parents have to have their taxes done earlier so that necessary information is available for the college forms.

Riggs students returned successful from the State Oral Interpretation

Juniors Steve Stofferahn and Mary Fjelstad won a superior rating in duet

acting, and senior Chris Ward won an

excellent in the memorized oratory

The three earned a trip to the State

"I think the members learned

"Our program is doing well, but it

suffers from lack of interest at the

junior high level. Therefore, in high

school it is a low priority activity. I do,

However, see a renewed interest in

theatre and Oral Interp," she said.

Korkow who received an excellent at

regional; Tara Adamski, Paula Graves

Other participants were Kayla

valuable lessons about preparation and performance," adviser Candice

Competition by receiving superior

ratings at the regional level.

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and Kirsten Levisen.



Sophomore wins

Sophomore Brad Reinke will represent Riggs High School at the state Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership seminar slated for Sioux Falls during April.

Brad earned his ambassador position by applying for the position and

"I think that the experience that the speakers there have will provide information that will help me get on the right foot as far as my future is concerned," he added. "It will also be fun to meet new friends from other parts of South Dakota."

The HOBY is open to all

Hugh O'Brian title

demonstrating his leadership abilities.

Reinke's involvement in activities was important to his leadership qualifications. He is involved in football, basketball, track, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Letterwinners Club.

In addition each applicant had an interview with the schools selective committee.

sophomores. Runner up for the honor was Tom Valentine.

Declam rates superior, excellent By Kirsten Levisen



WINNERS...Senior Chris Ward, oratory speaker; and duet acting team of juniors Steve Stofferahn and Mary Fjelstad represented Pierre at the State Oral Interp contest. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Pierre debators Library adds Native American paper

By Larissa Baer

Riggs Library/Media Center has added a subscription to the Lakota Times and placed 158 new books on display for student use.

The Lakota Times, a nationally recognized newspaper, is a weekly that deals with the 14 Indian reservations in North and South Dakota and Nebraska. It is the largest Indianowned weekly in the United States with subscribers in 50 states and in 14 foreign countries.

Tim Giago is the editor of the award winning paper based in Martin. It was founded on the Pine Ridge reservation in 1981. The news is aimed toward Native Americans on the local, state and national level.

"We have very little current information for the Indian population,' said Robert Townsend, librarian.

He also said that the library subscribed to the paper, "....to better inform our students and staff about the every day problems faced by the reservations and Indian people."

NEW SERVICE

The Media Center has added a new research service entitled The Trailblazer which lists the available materials on various topics of current interest. The bibliography covers items in the Riggs, Rawlins and South Dakota State Libraries.

"To use the service a student checks the subject index and calls for his choice on the computer, using the library research disks," said Mr. Townsend.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH . . . seniors Paula Paul and John Sutton were named Students of the Month for November. Editor of the school newspaper, Paula is also a member of National Honor Society and Quill and Scroll; she works part time at Sutleys. Paula plans to major in journalism at SDSU and to eventually travel a lot as a reporter. John is NHS president, and involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Letterwinners Club, golf, student council, student Rotarian, intramural basketball. He is vice president of the Senior Class and will be a page at the 1988 Legislature. John plans on a four-year business major and then law school or a masters in business administration. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Juniors finish magazine sales

By Tempe Malena

Juniors started the ball rolling for the junior-senior prom last month when they raised nearly \$11,000 during the annual fall magazine sale.

The Junior Class will receive 40 percent of the total sales for their efforts. Winners of the three boom box incentive prizes were Chad Wagner, Kim List and Chris Boom.

Top sellers for the class were Wagner, Melodee Shoup, Kathy Christenson, Dawn Kiepke, Carie Shea, Katie Schack, Colette Pogany, Kirstie Knighton, Tony Lukes, Kirsten Levisen, Nikki Kuck, and Brian Pibal. These students earned stadium

In addition Wagner, Shoup, Christenson, Kiepke, Shea, Schack, Pogany, Knighton, Lukes, Pibal and Lisa Laumbach received music certificates.

Mrs. Weiss' class won a pizza party for having the most sales. They had a total of \$2,500, \$2,000 of which came from Chad Wagner.

Cheri Bartlett. There are 16 members in the debate squad. Debate team members are: varsity members Chris Ward, Heath Tople, Paula Graves, Tara Adamski, Eric Hoffsten, Eric

meet Sioux Falls

The Governor debate team hits the

The team completed a three tour-

road again Jan. 15-16, when they

travel to the Sioux Falls Invitational.

nament schedule in December. Rapid

City Stevens was their first meet and

Highlights of the meet included

"Overall the debate team did well

Eric Hoffsten and Matt Loup - scores

at 3:1; and Cheri Bartlett and Eric

considering this was our first conference tournament," commented

their first conference tournament.

By Chris Ward

Kilber - scores 2:2.

Kilber, Matt Loup and Amy Simm. Novice members are Thad Fonck, Julie Volmer, Jenny Weaver, Lori Stulken, Andrea Gilbert, Linda Jorde and Jason Hatch.

Varsity coach Ken Larsen and novice coach Marcia Graney were very encouraged about the team prospects for doing well this year.

"With a few changes in affirmative strategy and with continued negative improvement, we should show additional success," said Larsen. "The inexperience hurt us the first tournament."

With the activity, practice is what gives the experience. To gain the experience, Mr. Larsen has planned a hectic schedule to whip the debate team into top form for its upcoming tournaments.

Schlekeway in Hall of Fame

Riggs' teacher, coach plays multiple role

By Larissa Baer

The two words most often tied with Gerald Schlekeway may be coach and teacher, but there are many more sides to the man.

Besides coach and teacher he is a hunter, fisherman, athlete, army veteran, father, husband, painter, author, therapist for handicapped, involved citizen, and he was recently inducted into the Northern State Col-

lege Hall of Fame.

Schlekeway has participated in sports all of his life. In high school and college he was active in football, basketball and track. He held the all-time South Dakota shot put record for

14 years, received eight SDIC titles, and was second in the nation in shot and discus.

The highest award he has been granted so far is the induction into NSCHF, which is the highest athletic award Northern College grants. He is one of the youngest of only 18 people inducted.

Of all the accomplishments and awards he has received he says that one of the most rewarding things for him is working with handicapped children.

"The most appreciative people in the world are the handicapped," said Schlekeway.

Physiology and is

TEACHER...Gerry Schlekeway helps Rene Dilley with a math problem. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

He teaches adaptive education at Jefferson Elementary School and uses an intense program to build up the strength of physically handicapped children.

Schlekeway has always been around children. He grew up in a family of ten siblings near Lake City. Almost all of his brothers either teach or coach today. The Riggs coach has written a book titled *Country Bumpkin* that tells about his family and life in a country school.

Schlekeway attended high school in Britton and went on to school in Aberdeen at Northern State College. He was drafted straight from graduation into the army during the Vietnam War. His eyesight kept him away from the front lines.

In 1967, he was discharged as a sergeant in special services where he had dealt with sports and recreation. He also escorted some of the USO shows

In 1968 he married and taught in Vermillion while taking night classes at USD. The Schlekeways now have five children.

In the summer he paints houses to support his family. They are able to find time to be together through their mutual interests in sports and by setting aside one night a week to eat together. In addition to school and family obligations, Schlekeway is on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club in Pierre. But most people know him best as the defensive coordinator for the Governor football team.

He thinks that one of the most important things coaches need to remember is that you have to relax and realize that a game is a game." That does not mean that Schlekeway likes to lose. He believes that more is learned from winning than losing.

So how does he handle the pressure? When the game is over he simply goes home and tries to forget it. He attempts to leave his school life at school.

"If you like and enjoy kids, it's a good field," said Schlekeway on teaching. Even though he has experienced coach's burnout he has never tired of teaching. He tries to really get to know his students so that they all fell comfortable talking to him.

Schlekeway advises that everyone needs some combination with academics that fits him to be able to relax and enjoy life.

For Schlekeway sports, academics, and other experiences have worked together to prepare him for life and make him the person he is today.

Three Riggs students earn Tae Kwon Do black belts

By Katy Bauder

Recently seniors Karisa Kenyon, Jeff Randall, and junior Matt Quigley each received a black belt in Tae Kwon Do after many months of training. Six months ago they went through a pre-test in front of the highest black belt instructor in South Dakota and the USA.

On Oct. 16 their test in Brookings included sparring, board-breaking, forms, takedowns, and self-defense. In April they will receive their certification at which time they will get their gold embroidered black belts.

Kenyon's father made her begin the sport. "I plan on living in a city; and I hope to never need it, but it gives me more confidence knowing I can defend myself should I need to," she said.

Future plans for the three include the upcoming certification and an April tournament. In order to receive their second don, they must remain active in their training.

Under the guidance of group leader Dennis Hook, the three have learned self discipline, control and better concentration during their training in self defense.

"I think anything is possible as long as you believe in yourself," Randall said.

"Tae Kwon Do has taught me to have a positive mental attitude and the self discipline has helped me keep an open mind towards challenges," Kenyon said.

The local Tae Kwon Do club will present demonstrations at 3 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Pierre Mall.



BLACK BELT FORM...Jeff Randall and Karisa Kenyon demonstrate a Tae Kwon Do kick. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Pierre High Sports Calendar

Dec. 19 - Soph, JV & Varsity basketball-RC Stevens, here Dec. 21 - 9th & JV basketball at Midland Varsity-5:30 MT

Jan. 2 - Varsity & JV wrestling - Yankton Dual, here Jan. 2 - Soph & Varsity basket-

ball at Yankton Jan. 4 - 9th & JV basketball -

Jan. 4 - 9th & JV basketball -Mobridge, here-6:15 p.m. Jan. 8 - Varsity & JV wrestling

at Brookings-Dual
Jan. 8 - Soph & Varsity basket-

ball - Brookings-here Jan. 9 - Gymnastics at Brookings Invitational, 1 p.m. Jan. 9 - Varsity & JV wrestling

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- Pierre Quadrangualar-here
Jan. 9 - Soph & Varisty basketball at Sturgis

Jan. 12 - Varsity & JV gymnastics - Chamberlain-

here-6:15 p.m.
Jan. 15 - Varisty & JV wrestling
- Watertown Dual-here

Jan. 15 - Soph. & Varsity basketball at Watertown Jan. 16 - Gymnastics - Varsity Invitational-here-1 p.m.

Jan. 16 - Varsity wrestling at Mitchell, Tournament

Jan. 19 - 9th, JV basketball at Lyman - 6:30 p.m. Jan. 22 - Varsity & JV wrestling

at Aberdeen-dual

Jan. 22 - Soph, JV & Varsity basketball-Aberdeen-here Jan. 23 - Gymnastics at Sioux

Falls Lincoln - 1 p.m.
Jan. 23 - Varsity wrestling at
Winner Invitational
Jan. 23 - Soph, JV & Varsity
basketball at Bismarck

Jan. 29 - Varsity & JV wrestling - Huron Dual-here

Jan. 29 - Soph, JV & Varsity basketball at Huron Jan. 30 - Gymnastics at Rapid City - 12:00

Smith claims All State spot

By Scott Searls

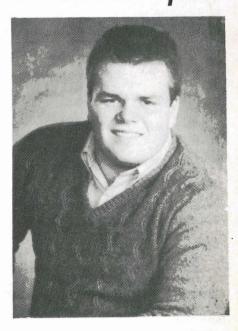
Senior Craig Smith has been named to the South Dakota All State football team for his work on the defensive line.

"It's a tremendous high to be put on such an honorable team," Smith said. "I really didn't expect to be put on with all the good linemen in the state."

To go with Craig's All State honor he has also been named all ESD in offense, All 11-Man in defense and was an honorable mention to the elite 45 football team.

When asked about last season Craig said, "The season had a few down notes, but I was very pleased with the way we pulled together and ended with a good season. The high point of the season was beating Yankton for only the second time in twenty three years.

Mike Raue, Tom Mullivan, and Craig were captains for the football team this year. Craig averaged 8 tackles a game for the Governors.



Craig is also a force on the wrestling mat. He was second in the state last year in the Heavyweight division and is ranked number one in the state this year.

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Lady Governors capture 6th at State Tourney

By Heath Tople

The final buzzer sounded last Saturday ending the State 'AA' tournament and the season for the Lady Governors.

The Ladies fell to the Sioux Falls O'Gorman Lady Knights 53-50 to capture 6th place at the tournament.

The Lady Govs improve a notch from last years placing of 7th.

Head Coach Don Shields comments on their placing, "Our goal was to win two games at the tournament, and we fell one game short. We're a green, young, inexperienced team. If we pay our dues this year, that experience will hopefully pay off next year."

The Lady Governors showed their inexperience against Sturgis in the first round, by commiting 30 turnovers to Sturgis' 19. The shooting percentage also was an indicator, with the Ladies shooting a disasterously low

29% from the field compared to 54% shooting for Sturgis. The Lady Govs went on to lose that game 72-43.

Sturgis Coach Larry Hines commented on the win, "We took them out of their offense. I didn't think we could do that."

The Lady Govs went into the tournament with a 14-6 record, sweeping their district, and winning 10 of their last 11 games.

Coach Shields said, "As a team we didn't play up to our potential."

The State tournament ended with Yankton retaining their 'AA' title beating Sturgis. Other placings include Rapid City Stevens taking 3rd, Watertown capturing 4th, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 5th, Sioux Falls Lincoln grasping 7th, and Aberdeen Central rounding-out at 8th.

The Lady Governors officially bring their season to a close Jan. 10 with their annual awards banquet.



SHUTDOWN THE PASSING LANES...Head Coach Don Shields and Coach Skip Kurth review some last minute strategy with Susan Chase, Laurie Mikkonen, Rosemary Parr, and Steph Zastrow. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Grapplers travel to Rapid City for two-day Invitational

By Mike Tollefson

Pierre Governor grapplers travel to Rapid City tonight from a two-day tournament.

The invitational offers competition from many South Dakota teams and some top Wyoming and North Dakota squads.

Senior heavyweight Craig Smith, who finished second at State last year, said, "Rapid City will probably

be the toughest tournament of the year for me, besides State, because I will have North Dakota's state champion in my division."

Senior Marlon Handcock added, "The team will continue to get tougher as the season progresses, and we will do quite well in Rapid."

Head coach Rick Jensen is optimistic about this season, "We are starting light years ahead of last year!"

The varsity team consists of one freshman, Ben Jensen at 105, and four sophomores: Chris Herr at 98, Trevor Wiebe at 119, Troy Wiebe at 126, and Ramon Laroque at 167.

Five seniors return to round out the

varsity: Troy Kuszmaul at 112, Travis Christoffer at 138, Robert McGuigan at 145, Handcock at 155, and Smith at heavyweight.

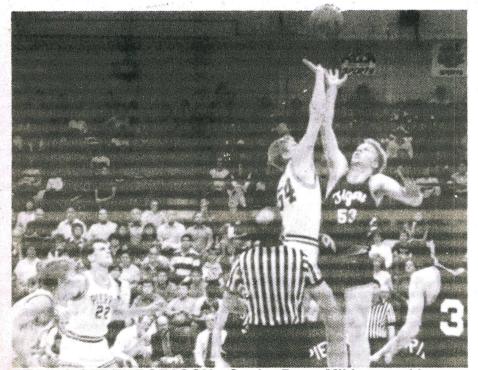
Since there are many wrestlers on the team, there is heavy competition

for varsity spots and there will be many changes throughout the season.



1987-88 GOVERNOR WRESTLING SQUAD...Top row from left: Coach Rick Jensen, T. Kuszmaul, C. Riggle, S. Neuhauser, J. Degreef, T. Christoffer, R. McGuigan, M. Handcock, C. Smith, J. Keyes, S. Bonham, R. Laroque, C. Dilley, M. Smidgen, T. Stotts, and Coach Myron Bryant. Middle row: student manager P. Schlekeway, B. Cass, P. Kline, S. Wharton, S. Riggle, C. Moore, T. Wiebe, B. Jensen, C. Herr, T. Wiebe, J. Brewer, T. Hiner, and student manager, Dee Theobald. In front are wrestlers: B. Spoonmore, S. Anderson, J. Reed, M. Hartl, E. Shipper, S. Ball, M. Hermanson, C. Zeller. Cheerleaders are: R. Parr, J. Gingrich, J. Cloud, and L. Keyes (Photo by Kirsten Levinsen)

Governor cagers face a double-header weekend



TIPPING OFF THE SEASON...Senior Doug Mikkonen skies upward in an attempt to gain possession against Huron. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

By Heath Tople

Governors take their 2-1 record to the Corn Palace tonight against the number-three rated Mitchell Kernels to kick-off a double-header weekend of basketball.

The Governors come home tomorrow night to face the top five ranked Rapid City Stevens Raiders to round out the weekend.

The Govs come off a ten-day rest period and a narrow home victory over the Huron Tigers, 50-48.

The last time the Governors faced Mitchell was March 3 of last year in the Corn Palace, where they were dealt a severe beating 84-52.

Head Coach Bob Judson commented on the upcoming games, "They (Mitchell) will be intense, both mentally and physically. If you don't come ready to play they will play hard and intense on you. It will be a test for us to see how we stand up to the pressure both mentally and physically."

The Governors are also meeting a tough opponent Saturday night.

Coach Judson comments on this situation, "It's going to be a tough weekend of basketball, but it will kind of give us an evaluation of where we are now."

Coach Judson had this to say about the upcoming Rapid City Stevens game, "If you make mistakes with this caliber of a basketball team they will make you pay."

This year's Governors are Kurt Brost, a 5'8 junior, David Axtman, a 5'9 senior, Trent Merkwan, a 6'1 junior, Jon Rapp, a 6' junior, Steve Schneider, a 6' junior, Terry Nelson, a 5'9 junior, Mark Petersen, a 6' junior and Trevor Kuntz, a 5'11 junior, Shannon Schaefer, a 6'1 sophomore, Wade Douglas, a 6'1 senior.

Mike Meier, a 6'2 junior, Heath Schneider, a 6'4 junior, Troy Buschbom, a 6'3 junior, Troy Stulken, a 6'3 junior, and Doug Mikkonen, a 6'7 senior.

The Govs are coached by Judson, assisted by Harvey "Skip" Kurth and Vern Miller.

Exchange students share customs

By Karen Peta 'Frohliche Weihnachten' means Merry Christmas in German. 'Teliz Ano Nuevo' means Happy New Year in Paraguay. These are phrases that Riggs foreign exchange students might say to you around Christmas.

Holger Johann is from Germany and Fabricio Royg (Tali) is from Paraguay. This year these two students will be experiencing American culture and also an American Christmas. Holger is currently staying with Greg and Shirly

Even though Holger celebrates Christmas in Germany, the Germans have many customs different from those in America, such as having two

Christmas trees, one inside and one outside.

The outside tree is decorated with many lamps while the one inside is decorated with tinsel, candles, and ornaments which are on the tree and are also placed on the tables.

The American Santa Claus has a counter part in Germany called Saint Nicolas or Chris Kringle. On the fifth of December everyone places their shoes outside of their door, and on the morning of the sixth, people of all ages find candy or presents in their shoes.

The German Christmas Day meal is quite similiar to the American meal, but it is quite different in Paraguay with Tali. In Paraguay people traditionally eat chicken or beef, and usually eat a lot of vegetables and fruit instead of pie.

They celebrate Christmas by going to church at 10 p.m. and then return home to open presents. But while we sing about a white wonderland, they have no snow in Paraguay. If South Dakota weather is true to form, Tali will probably be experiencing his first white Christmas with Dave Cate, his

Tali enjoys music, soccer and running with the cross country team. His favorite food in America is apple pie, but back home Tali enjoys mandioca, which is like a hard rice ball or rice

Back home Tali has two sisters, and two brothers and a dog named Meyer.

"I expect my experiences here to heip me to form better relationships and be more open. I'm changing and I think I will continue to change," Tali

School in Paraguay is quite different from school at Riggs. Students in Paraguay have only four hours in school with six classes at 40 minutes per class. They also stay in one room while the teachers change class rooms, the same procedure followed

Holger enjoys swimming, snow skiing and listening to music. He also has an aquarium in which he keeps fish. His favorite food in Germany is Wiener Schnitzel, but he has substituted steak as his favorite American food. He considers tacos to be the worst American dish.

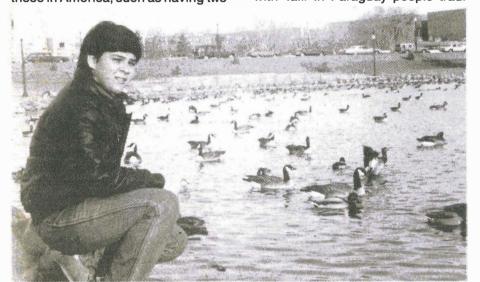


Holger Johan

The drinking age and driving age are different in both countries. In Germany, people have to be 18 years old to drink and to get a license which will cost about \$1,000, but will never need to be renewed. However, a DWI will force a one-year suspension.

In Paraguay there is no limit on drinking because the water is so unpalatable. In Paraguay one needs to be 18 years old to get a license which will cost about \$12 and must be renewed every 10 years.

Living with exchange families and sharing customs, traditions and holidays helps to draw people of the world together--the main goal of the American Field Service program. Frohliche Weihnachten, Teliz Ano Nuevo, and Happy Holidays!



ENJOYING THE SCENERY...Tali Royg, Paraguay, observed the Canadian Geese on Capitol Lake. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Publications win Top of Class

Pierre High School publication staff members can add another success to their string of wins from the South Dakoa High School Press Association press convention, the Top of Class award.

Governor adviser Stoneback and Gumbo advisor Terry Peterson were notified recently that the Riggs newpaper and yearbook together earned the most cumulative points for the Class One Top of Class

Both publications must earn an All State ranking to be considered for the award. "An error in calculations has caused us to neglect presenting you with the award that is given each year at the convention," wrote Mary Perpick, SDHSPA director.

"Our students spend a great deal of time and energy to produce quali-

ty publications for Riggs," said Mrs. Stoneback. "Naturally, we were delighted to learn that these efforts have been recognized."

The Top of Class award is the second in two years for the Governor and Gumbo staffs.



THE MIRACLE WORKER...Katy Bauder, DaWanda Pesicka, Tracy Deis, Steve Stofferahn, Mary Fjelstad, and Jenny Joens concentrate on their parts. (Photo by Heath Tople)



Chad Daw, 10 Stevensville, MT



Welcome New Students

Desmet, SD



Eric Christopherson, 12 Christina Corwin, 11 Cupertino, CA



Barb Laird, 10 Rapid City, SD



Cindy Tucker, 10 Clark, SD



Greg Halvorson, 10 Las Vegas, NE

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school's priorities are going to be. The school board members simply reflect their constituents, he said.

"Until the students and parents decide the teachers' salaries are the

number one priority, they aren't going to be," the Governor continued.

The twenty-one drinking age, which will go into effect in South Dakota in April, is another issue which will affect the state's youth.

"It was a long time ago since I was 17 or 18, but I knew then and I know now that if you want a beer you're going to get one, regardless of how old

"However, I am concerned that by

closing down a legal place, the kids might drink elsewhere and drive more. I would rather see the emphasis placed on alternatives to drinking beer," Gov. Mickelson said.

Gov. Mickelson certainly has plans for South Dakota, and he also has the determination to carry out those plans. However, he admits the path to the Governor's office hasn't always been easy.

"When I started running for governor, nobody gave me a snowball's chance in heck of winning. It was just something I wanted to do. If I had my high school years to do over again, my advice would be to do the very best you can," he said.