

PHS hosts Vice-president Bush



VICE-PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH...explains his point of view on an issue during his campaign stop at Riggs. The school swarmed with secret service men and other Washington personnel for nearly a week before the Vice-President's visit. (Photo by Jim Vickery)

By Paula Paul

Vice-President George Bush was greeted by a full house at Riggs gymnasium on Wednesday when he made a campaign stop in Pierre. The student bodies of Riggs and Pierre Junior High, various press groups, and a variety of people from the community were on hand to welcome the Republican presidential candidate. In addition to his stop at Riggs, the vice-president addressed the South Dakota Legislature at the Capital and attended a reception at the Ramkota River Centre.

Prior to the assembly in the gymnasium, the vice-president held an informal luncheon and discussion session with college interns from around the state. Seniors Amy Cone, Doug Mikkonen, Paula Paul, and Steph Zastrow, government teacher Skip Kurth, and vice-principal Gary Merkwon also were present at the session.

The vice-president said he would continue to support financial aid to

the Contras in Nicaragua if elected president. "What's at stake in Central America is something we take for granted here: democracy. I want to see democracy prevail in Central America," he said.

"I believe the best way for us to compete in the 90's is to be better educated," said the vice-president. He spoke of a college savings bond plan he would like to initiate, in which the interest earned from college savings could be kept tax free.

"The best thing the federal government can do for farmers is expand the foreign markets," said Bush. He also said he would like to hold the first economic summit on agriculture alone.

In regard to his recent conflict with newscaster Dan Rather, the vice-president said, "I don't want to perpetuate an argument with Dan Rather. It's nothing personal with him; but when someone comes at you in life, you have to stand up and say what you think."

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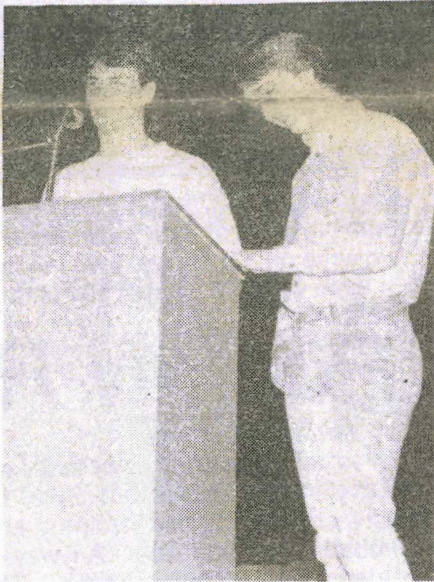
By Mishelle Johnston

Dennis McEntaffer and Lynn Rasmussen will take the reins of student government second semester after winning the Jan. 7 election on the first ballot.

The election saw renewed interest in student issues with six pairs of candidates vying for the president-vice president positions. Other candidates were Heath Tople and Tom Black, Tom Mullivan and Todd Moore, Shelly Sutley and Robert McGuigan, and Renae Howard and Shawna Draper.

"We really did not present any issues, because we would like the students to tell us what they want," McEntaffer commented about his campaign platform. "In our speech we gave the crowd what they wanted, a speech that was funny and unpredictable."

Students and faculty attending the campaign assembly had mixed reactions.



SCHOOL LEADERS...Newly elected president Dennis McEntaffer and vice-president Lynn Rasmussen speak to the student body at the campaign speeches assembly. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

"The past few years the student body has chosen the best comedy routine rather than the team with the most legitimate presentation," observed Susan Stoneback, English instructor.

Many candidates in the past years have taken the same route because it proved to be amusing and the student body loved it.

Students voiced their opinions of the assemblies, and many had the same answer, "It's dumb, they take it as if it's a joke," Angel Hamann, a senior, said.

"It doesn't really help you decide who to vote for," another senior, Dawn Burrows, said.

Kim Rushing expressed the same point of view when she said, "I think that the election speeches are all a joke. It's just a popularity contest."

Some students feel that student government would be given more power if the student leaders and

representatives would take the privilege more seriously. Others feel it doesn't matter because nobody cares any way.

The new president and vice president do have goals for their term of administration. In answer to the question, "If you could accomplish only one thing this semester in student government, what would it be?" McEntaffer answered, "To give the students a lot of activities (dances) to enjoy and have a memorable second semester."

"I voted for the people I thought could do the best job, although they weren't entirely serious about their campaign speech," said junior Steven Stofferahn.

Sophomores Lisa Pope and Tammy Wiczorek expressed the option that keeping the campaign speeches on the light side is a good idea, as long as the candidates are serious about their job.

Court limits high school presses

By Michelle Deyo

In a recent Supreme Court decision, administrators and school officials were given the right to "regulate contents" and "exercise editorial control over" high school publications.

This decision came about as a result of a case in which three former Hazelwood East newspaper staff members alleged their First Amendment rights were denied, when school principal Robert Eugene Reynolds deleted two pages from the paper.

Reynolds contended the articles, on pregnancy and divorce had references to sexual activity and birth control which were inappropriate for some of the younger students. He believed the parents in the divorce

story should have been able to voice their opinions along with the students' opinions.

This controversial case brings up an issue that has been out of the spotlight since 1969 when the Supreme Court said, "It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their Constitutional right to freedom of speech or expression at the school house gate" (Student Press Law Center).

The recent decision has changed all that. According to the Supreme Court decision, "First Amendment rights are not automatically coextensive with the rights of adults in other settings and must be applied in light of the special characteristics of the school environment.

A school need not tolerate student

speech that is inconsistent with its basic educational mission, even though the government could not censor similar speech outside the school."

How will Riggs publications be affected? Only time will tell, but Principal Roger Lonbaken had these comments, "It's rather unfortunate that cases like this get to the Supreme Court and become the guidelines all schools have to adhere to."

He doesn't expect any change in journalistic style or content from the Governor or the Gumbo. "Varying things constitute good journalism. Any kind of article is open to several views," Mr. Lonbaken said. "But as long as you have advisers that do a High school press cont. on p. 8

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Students, Council need communication

By Paula Paul

Student government is a joke. Ha ha ha. Maybe in the case of Riggs students the less they know about something, the funnier it becomes. The Student Senate is an important and influential group in our school, yet many of their actions pass unnoticed.

They have access to money generated by the students and make decisions about where to spend that money. Most importantly, Student Senate and the decisions they make represent Riggs High School and its students.

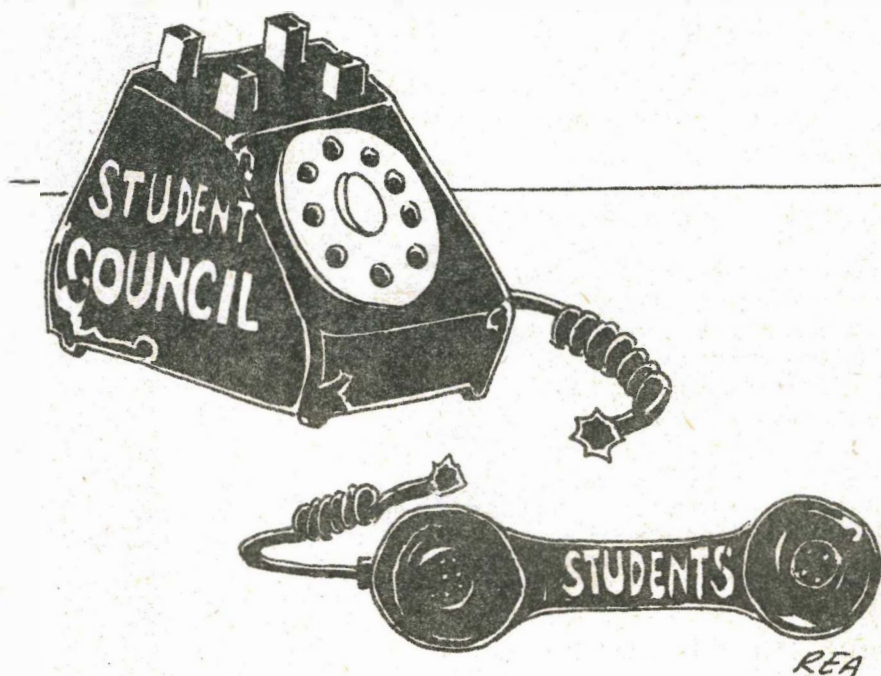
Recently the Senate voted to fund a Student Yellow Pages, which will be distributed in the near future. During the Christmas season, the Senate bought gifts for the custodians and also donated gifts to needy children. Most Riggs students were not even aware that these activities took place.

Student Senate members go to and return from their meetings like invisible bodies. Most Senate members offer no information, and students rarely ask questions about what goes on at the meetings. A communication gap obviously exists between the Student Senate and student body that must be bridged.

"Nothing ever gets done" is a commonly held attitude about the Student Senate around Riggs. If students have a complaint or want something done, they need to take their suggestions directly to the Senate members. Members can't take action without knowing what needs to be done.

Student Senate posts the minutes of their meetings on the bulletin boards around school; this would be a good idea if students would bother to read them. Perhaps the Senate could incorporate a summary report into the student announcements the day after each of their meetings.

At students, we're not using our right to have a voice in our government, just as many adults don't participate in the national government. If we want things to get done, let's stop laughing and play an active part in our students government.



Students speak against censor

By DeeAnn Gohl

On January 13, 1988 the Supreme Court with a 5-3 vote ruled that public school officials have the power to censor student publications and other forms of student expression.

The Governor asked students, "Do you think school officials should have the right to censor student newspapers and other forms of student expression? Why or why not?"

Dawn Duggan, senior: No, this gives school officials too much power. This decision makes the school officials



look like "big brother" in George Orwell's '1984.' If we, the students, can't express ourselves, this decision is an infringement upon our freedom of speech and press.



Paul Gilkerson, junior: No, I think that it is none of their business what we write on. I think we have the right to write what we want at any time we want.

Thank You So Much to the Student Body, Administration, Teachers, and Secretaries for the gifts we received at Christmas time. They were enjoyed very much.

**Riggs High Custodians
Pierre Maintenance Crew**

Letters

In the past weeks of school one point of school policy has continued to bother me - the fact that pop is not allowed in study hall. This seems strange as students are allowed to buy milk and rolls at the snack bar. Is there any reason why pop is different from milk? The problem of students wanting to leave study hall to buy pop would be easily solved by allowing only pop bought before study hall to be drunk.

A second piece of school policy I disagree with is the fact that the pop machines are turned off during lunch. With the way policy stands now it seems that the only students who get to use the pop machines are seniors who stay in the lobby. Why not let the rest of the student body use this privilege?

Eric Kilber

I feel that band members do not receive enough credits for band. I think most people don't know how much time we put into band.

We started with marching band at the end of July and since school has started we've been practicing every morning at 7:00.

Band is 7th period every day just like any other class. We play for almost every football and basketball game that there is. We are graded on attendance, and we have to take tests.

Right now we only get 1/4 credit per year, this doesn't even count for 9th grade. I feel it's just like many other classes and it deserves at least a 1/2 credit.

Thanks,
Kathy Christenson

What is the student council doing? Some Riggs students would like to know. Why? Because the student body is not being satisfactorily updated on the council's actions. Yes, the minutes are posted, if someone bothers to take notes at the meeting, but not in a consistent place. If the minutes can be found, they are often too long to read in one sitting, or too confusing to be understood.

Students need to be informed. If the students do not know what their

own council is doing, then there is no reason for them to continue to meet. Even if the meetings were open, they are often scheduled during regular classes, making it almost impossible for the average student to attend. The solution to this is not difficult. Perhaps a brief summary of each meeting could be read over the announcements.

Maybe new executive members of the council will bring about a change in this. We hope so.

Linda Marshall

Rock-N-Roll Review

By Rodes Fishburne

I've got some great news for all you heavy metal fanatics out there, it's just incredible, it's extraordinary. I will probably tell you later. Anyway in music news this month. The Smithereens are making their second album right now in L.A. It is titled "Four More Respected Gentlemen."

Some great news for U2 lovers: the band will be releasing a double live album taken from shows and concerts on "The Joshua Tree" tour. Also the band that is a tribute to musical genius, "Poison" will be in the studio recording their new album. David Lee Roth and company will have their new album out this month. Their new single "Just Like Living In Paradise" off the album is climbing the charts.

The Monkees used to be a great show on television, but ever since the producers realized the popularity of the show they have put it on television constantly. Even the commercials offer Monkee dolls for \$19.99. Who in the world wants a Monkee doll?? The group even tried to stage a tour of the U.S., but they couldn't find all of the members. Out of all this comes (are you ready?) "The New Monkees Show." I wish it all of the success that "The New Leave It To Beaver" has.

In the wonderful world of music videos Dokken will be making a video for "Burning Like a Flame."

CBS will release a home video called "Aerosmith's Video Scrapbook." The video consists of eleven songs recorded between 1976 and 1978 including "Toys in the Attic" "Dream On" and "Train Kept a Rollin." And now head-bangers the news you have been waiting for: Metallica makes history with the release of "1998 Home Video - Cliff 'Em All." This is the first bootleg video ever offered for sale. Isn't that exciting? That's all for this month and remember, "Your mother was a witch."

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Students perform One-Acts

By Scott Searls

Riggs High Drama department will be performing the one-act plays "Asylum" and "The Good Doctor" tonight in the Riggs High theatre.

The cast for the play "Asylum" includes DaWanda Pesika, Chuch Farnham, Mary Fjelstad, Scott Searls, Sean Califf, Tom Black, Katy Bauder, Corey Johnston, Katie Schaak, Deb Kern, Rodes Fishburne and Chris Ward.

Steve Stofferahn and Eric Hoffsten are student directors. Jenny Joens is the costume director, and Lowell Gordon is the director's gopher.

The cast for "Asylum" will be traveling Feb. 5 and 6 to the state one-act play competition in Vermillion. The play will be competing against 16 other casts from around the state.

The cast for "The Good Doctor" includes Heath Tople, Steve Stofferahn, Kirsten Levison, Mary Fjelstad, Lowell Gordon, Corey Johnston, Sean Califf, Chris Ward, Dixie Beck, Rene Creager and Cheri Bartlett.

The two plays opened last night. "The Good Doctor" is a one-act play with four separate scenes. "Asylum" takes place in an asylum with the characters talking about their experiences in the real world.



GOING TO STATE...One-act competition are members of the "Asylum" cast Tracy Deis, Corey Johnston, Rodes Fishburne, Chris Ward and Scott Searls.

News Briefs

NHS plans Tag Day

Within the next few weeks, juniors and seniors who have a grade point of 3.2 or better will receive a letter from the Guidance Department notifying them of their eligibility for membership in the National Honor Society.

Students who receive letters and wish to become members must complete an application, which will be reviewed by a Faculty Council. The Council bases its decisions for membership on 40 percent scholarship, 10 percent leadership and service, and 30 percent character.

New members will be notified of their selection at the NHS Tag Day ceremony Feb. 23 and initiated at a formal evening ceremony Feb. 29.

Musicians travel

Seventy-two Riggs musicians will be heading for regional small group competition Feb. 10 in Mobridge where they will participate in solo and group events.

The school will charter two Gray Line busses for the trip, according to Jackie Hilding, vocal music instructor, who said 35-40 of the students will be involved in vocal music. Others will compete in instrumental events.

Jobs Daughters host King of Hearts dance

By Nancy Kelley

The King of Hearts dance will be held Saturday, Jan. 30, 1988 at the Ramkota River Center from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The dance, sponsored by Jobs Daughters, is open to grades 9-12. Tickets are available for \$14.00 from Cheri Bartlett to Kirsten Knighton or at the door for \$17.00.

The crowning of the king will be midnight. The candidates for the 1988 honor are: Sean Califf, T.J. Wiebe, Dennis McEntaffer, Mike Anderson, Doug Mikkonen, Jason Ley, Travis Hughes, Kevin Cronin, Jay Giaspie, and Brandon Gunsalus.

Library Notes

New materials are added throughout the year to the library area of the Riggs Media Center, according to Robert Townsend, head librarian.

Recent library additions include the *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Electronics and Computers*, *Darkroom Designs and Techniques* by Ed and Stevie Baldwin, *Ansel Adams an Autobiography*, *The Joy of Stress* by Peter G. Hanson, M.D., and *Close to Nature* by Lennart Nilsson.

Events Calendar

Feb. 2 - Pierre Concert Series
Feb. 6 - PTA Founders Day Rehearsal
Feb. 9 - PTA Founders Day Program - Riggs Theatre
Feb. 18-19 - Parent Teachers Conference K-12
Feb. 23 - NHS Tag Day
Feb. 27 - ACT
Feb. 29 - NHS Initiation

Seniors experience government

By Paula Paul

Two Riggs students will soon get a first-hand look at the legislature process in South Dakota. Seniors Kayla Korkow and John Sutton have been chosen to serve as pages in the 63rd Legislative session.

Both students will be Senate pages, but John will serve during the second session from Feb. 1-14, and Kayla will serve during the third ses-

sion from Feb. 16-26. A page's duties include doing a wide-range of things to ease the legislators' work load.

Although many of their duties may be small, the pages play an important part in the working of the legislature. Kayla anticipates a lot of hard work: "Pages don't just work from 8-5; it's from 8 until whenever you get done," she said.

"I think it will be a great experience

in learning about the legislative process. Besides that, I'm really looking forward to meeting a lot of neat people from across the state," said John.

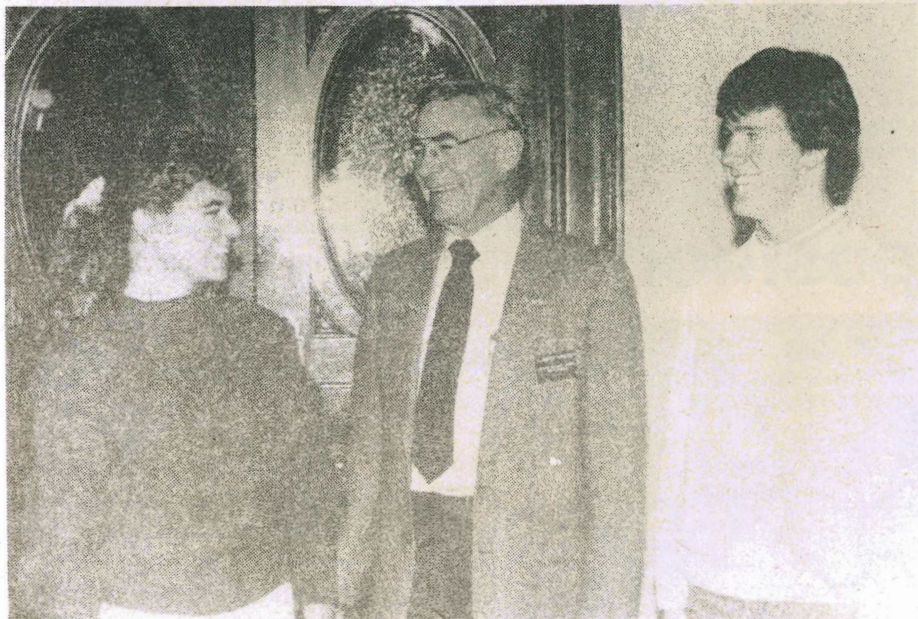
Students hoping to become a page had to complete an application by mid-November. The application required a listing of school activities and grade point average, two recommendations, and the endorsement of a legislator. A committee of legislators reviewed all of the applications and decided which would be accepted.

"I've known about this (serving as a page) for a long time. It will help me a lot with my future career goals," said Kayla, who plans on a career in political science or law. John said he was encouraged most to become a page by Rob Miller, who is a 1987 graduate of Riggs and served as a page last year.

Along with their legislative duties, John and Kayla will also have to keep up on school assignments during the two weeks they will serve as pages.

"Being from Pierre I feel I have an advantage because I can come up to the school anytime I want and call friends to get assignments," said Kayla.

John comments, "Some opportunities come around only once in a while, and you have to make some sacrifices."



MEETING THE SENATOR...Seniors Kayla Korkow, left, and John Sutton met with Senator Homer Harding this week in preparation for the weeks they will work with him as a page.

Computer modem links Riggs to SDSU

The Media Center has obtained a Date Linker modem in cooperation with the South Dakota State University Biology Department at Brookings. The system utilizes the Common Ground computer program.

"With this system the Riggs Media Center can carry on both public and private discussions without having to meet personally with the people involved," said Robert Townsend, head librarian.

The program runs on a central host

computer at SDSU in Brookings. Science students and teachers use one of the microcomputers to log in to the host computer. Users can log in one at a time, at convenient times, to read and deposit messages that can be read later on by others.

"Common Ground allows you to leave private messages for one or more specific participants as well as publically readable mail in specific participants as well as publically readable mail in topical form," Town-

send said. "Students utilizing this system may leave messages for specific people or read messages sent to them by other users. The users of the system have code names to assure security and to permit charges for the program users."

"We hoped that using this system will help students learn about computer usage and advance their opportunities to work on science projects," Townsend said.

Banquet concludes Lady Govs' season

Six varsity Lady Governors were honored along with the 1987-88 squad Jan. 10 at the annual awards banquet.

This year's team finished 15-8 and placed sixth in the Class AA state tournament.

The special awards winners are voted on by their teammates. Winners were, junior Christy Gors, senior Kim Merrill, seniors Susan Chase, Rosemary Parr, sophomore Laurie Mikkonen, and junior Patty Schlekeway.

Gors was named second-team All-State and second-team All-ESD by the state's sportswriters. Merrill received 'most improved' award. Chase and Parr were named Co-Captains. Mikkonen was named most valuable and second-team All-ESD. Schlekeway netted the free throw champ award with 70%.

Sophomore Honors

Lady Governor sophomores had an unprecedented season reward of 18-0. Four cagers from this squad earned awards. Kathy Dalton earned the Positive Points Leader Position. Cissy Herrim and Marcy Bowers were named Co-Captains, Bowers also was named Most Valuable. Becky Hamberger was 'Most Improved'.

Shields earns Region III title

Lady Govs coach Don Shields chalked up another personal victory when he was named Region III Coach of the Year at the end of the 1987 season.

A 24-year veteran of teaching and coaching, Shields will receive a plaque in honor of his new title at the annual Coaches Clinic next August.

"It's nice because fellow coaches made the selection and that means a lot," Shields said. He adds the title to a long list of achievements including winning the state championship and the South Dakota Coach of the Year award in 1982 and placing second in the state in 1983.

Working in the Pierre school system for the past 17 years, Coach Shields considers the cooperation



VARSITY LADY GOVERNORS...Student Manager Nicole Klein, Patty Schlekeway, Kim Merrill, Susan Chase, Marcy Bowers, Lisa Keyes, Beth Lindquist, Student Manager Carie Shea, Dawn Duggan, Rosemary Parr, Steph Zastrow, Christy Gors, Laurie Mikkonen, and Kim List. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

each coach gets from the other coaches to be one of the most positive points about the Riggs Athletic Department.

"I would like to improve our seventh and eighth grade schedule to include some larger schools," Shields also noted.

After 24 years in the profession, Shields has no regrets about his career choice. "I really like what I'm doing. The friendships I have made are really rewarding," he said. "I like kids, and teaching is the greatest profession there is."

For himself and all the Lady Govs of the future, Mr. Shields has one dominant goal—"We want to win State AA."



SIX WINNERS...Seniors Steph Haisch, Amy Cone, Bonnie Jorgenson, Renae Howard, and Shawna Draper show their pride in winning the 1987 Girls 'AA' Basketball Spirit-of-Six Award. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Lady Gov claims All-State position

By Larissa Baer

Named to the 1987 All-State Girls Basketball Team, Christy Gors has accomplished something few basketball players have achieved.

A junior, Christy is involved in many activities including track, swimming, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and chorus. She is also considered a talented artist, but basketball is the activity that has gained her the most recognition.

Christy didn't care too much about basketball when she started playing in third grade, but this season Christy has been the starting center for every Lady Govs' game.

"People that are really good; it comes natural to them," said Christy.

She puts in up to fifteen hours of practice a week. All of those hours seem to have paid off for her this year.

"I am a lot quicker. I can make moves to the basket a lot better than last year. . . I think I am more collected.

"At the beginning (of the season) it was really slow for everyone on the team, but I did very well; I felt good about myself," she said.

Christy used positive images to

help prepare herself mentally for a game.

"I think of myself in the game doing something really well. . . I feel that it helps me alot."

Christy believes that the ability level of the teams that the Lady Govs played against definitely affected their performance.

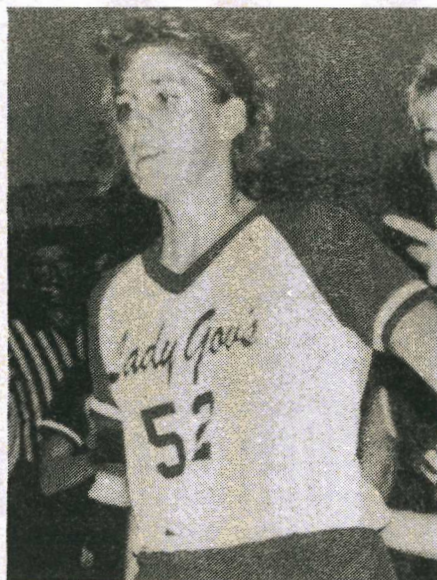
"I don't like to play teams that are really bad because when you are playing against a team that's good competition you are going to do better," said Christy.

She said that when a player is in a game she has to be careful not to take things personally. If Christy knew that someone pushed her on purpose it made her mad, but she usually took for granted that they didn't mean it.

Crowd support made a difference to Christy in her playing and in her feelings about the game.

Christy's parents have always been part of that crowd. According to Christy they have never missed a game. Many of Christy's friends also come to her games regularly.

"At first I used to get nervous with them watching me, but now it really helps."



The key to a successful game includes many factors; the amount of practice put in, the amount of natural talent possessed, mental preparation, attitude about the game, the skill of the competition, amount of dedication, and even the tone of the crowd.

Christy has been working in all of these areas for over eight years, and many people think that she has discovered the balance.

SPORTS CALENDAR

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| Feb. 1 | 9th & JV basketball-Winner-Here-6:15 p.m. |
| Feb. 2 | Varsity & JV gymnastics at Chamberlain-6:30 p.m.
Varsity & JV Wrestling at Winner Dual |
| Feb. 5 | Varsity & JV Wrestling at Mitchell dual
Soph. & Varsity basketball-Mitchell-Here |
| Feb. 6 | Varsity gymnastics at Mitchell-1:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 8 | JV gymnastics-Stanley Co.-Here-6:15 p.m.
9th & JV basketball at Chamberlain-6:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 9 | Varsity & JV Gymnastics at Miller-6:30 p.m. |

McGuigan sets record; wrestlers place at Winner

By Katy Bauder

Senior wrestler Robert McGuigan set a new school record for the most take downs in a season at the Jan. 23 match that found the Governors over Aberdeen Central 29-24.

The Riggs squad hosts its last home meet of the season tonight (Jan. 29) when they host Huron. The wrestling season so far has been ahead of schedule, according to head coach Rick Jensen.

McGuigan's new record was only one of several accomplishments for the Governor wrestlers this weekend. McGuigan upped his take downs to 70 to beat out Mike Bryant's 1978 record of 58 take downs in a season. In other action Senior Craig Smith won the heavyweight title at the Winner Invitational for the third consecutive year. McGuigan, Travis Christoffer, Troy Kuszmaul, each placed third and Trevor Wiebe and Troy Wiebe each placed fourth at the Winner contest.

Heavyweight Smith remains undefeated in South Dakota's Class A division, and McGuigan ranks #6 in the 138 class.

"I think we've been wrestling pretty well. I didn't think we would have the consistency before Christmas like we did. In many weight classes it's

better than I anticipated," Coach Jensen said.

All in all the coach has been pleased with the season. He feels "the young kids have come a long way, and the seniors have met their own goals so just about every match we're in we have a shot at winning the dual. Practice and performance is more fun when the kids know they're a threat."

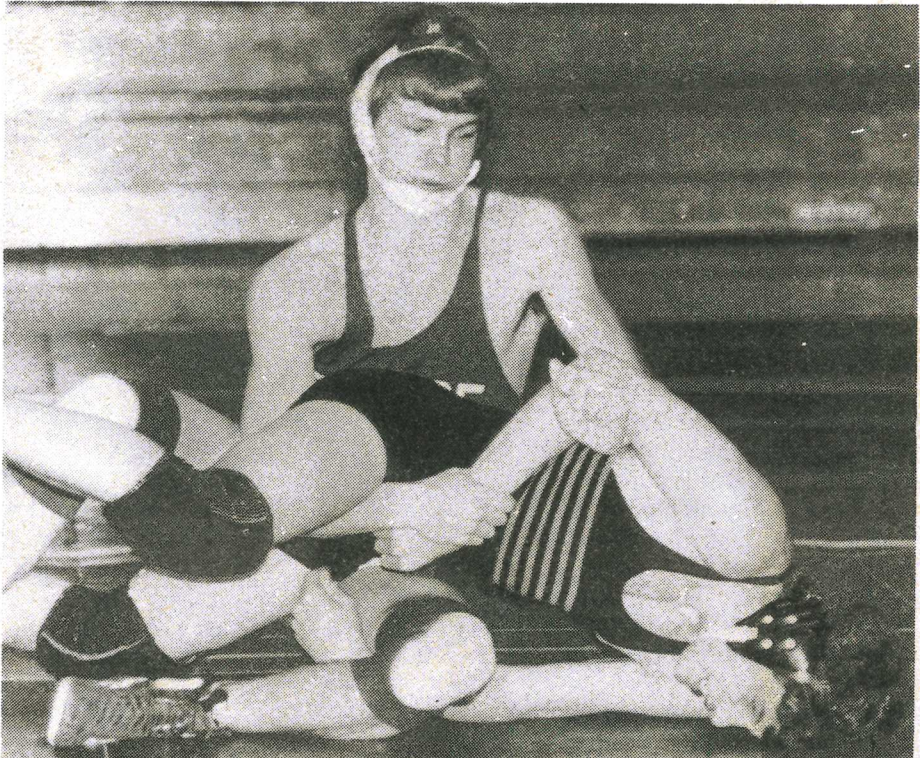
Jensen believes that all the senior wrestlers have shown leadership on the squad. The Riggs team hopes to make a difference in who wins the ESD title, and they look forward to regionals. "We hope to be a thorn in people's sides," Jensen said.

With the Govs' consistency they can begin to count on things. Mitchell will be the team to beat and hopefully the Govs rank next.

The team will be keying on wrestling on the feet. "I believe a match is won and lost on the feet, so the majority of our practices are concentrated on the feet," Coach Jensen explained.

Jensen and the team hope to be in the top 10 in South Dakota. The Govs fell short of last year's hope of being ranked 12, but landed a 16 slot.

"We're one or two wrestlers short of being a real tough team, but if we can put the claim on the top 10, it



ROLL OVER...Senior grappler Travis Christopher struggles for control, in a recent home dual. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

makes our region look better," Jensen said.

The possible lineup for Friday's match against Huron include Chris Herr at 98, Kuszmaul at 105, Trevor Wiebe at 112, Troy Wiebe at 116, Jim

Keyes at 119; Clay Riggle or Jon Broer at 126; Travis Christoffer at 132, Robert McGuigan at 138; Marlon Handcock at 145, Ramon LaRoque at 155, Shane Bonham at 185 and Smith at heavyweight. The 167 slot is open.

Gymnasts prepare for Region I, state competition

By Andrea Smith

Gymnasts are on the road to the Rapid City Gymorama tomorrow after placing fourth in their Pierre Invitational.

The team meets Region I competitors in Aberdeen Feb. 20 and state competition Feb. 26 and 27 at Rapid City.

Ranked fourth at the season's

opening, Pierre has had a strong performance from sophomore Emily Vanderziel. Vanderziel holds the team's highest score in all around, bars, floor, vault, and is tied with Kim Persons for the high score on beam.

Unfortunately it has been difficult to compare this year's high scores to past scores because inaccurate records have been kept.

This year the team has a new coach. Vicki Semmler has taken over as head coach for Diane Anderson. In the past, Mrs. Semmler has coached for Brookings, and up until this year she has been judging meets throughout the state.

"I've been using my knowledge as a judge to help the team put routines together," Coach Semmler said.

She was disappointed in the crowd turnout at the Pierre Invitational. "More people came and cheered for the seven other teams than did for

Pierre," Semmler noted.

With the season more than half over, people are starting to wonder how the team will do at state.

"I don't make predictions. I take one meet at a time," explains Mrs. Semmler.

So far, the team has avoided any serious injuries, although several girls have been out because of sickness.

Despite the danger of injuries, Mrs. Semmler feels that for the individual, gymnastics offers more grace, self-confidence, strength, and flexibility.

The local gymnastics program is holding its own with 13 members this season. Varsity members are Lori Zwemke, Emily Vanderziel, Debi Herr, Andrea Smith, Hilary Gray, and Kim Persons.

Junior Varsity includes Michelle Lafave, Donita Bauske, Annette Wahl, Denise Langley, Julie Shangreaux, Holly Anderson, and Mandi Hanson.



STYLE...Senior Laure Zwemke performs her floor routine during the Pierre Invitational gymnastics meet. (Photo by Chad Wagner)

Governors face ESD rival Huron

By Heath Tople

Governors travel to Huron tonight for a key ESD and District standing match-up against the Tigers.

The Govs reached mid-point to their 1987-88 season last weekend, and it was a busy weekend of basketball.

The Huron game is a key factor in District seeding. Pierre is joined in District III by Aberdeen, Douglas, and Huron. Seeding is determined by the total record, the number-one seed is most desirable because of the home court advantage for both district games.

Currently Huron leads the district with a 6-5 record, Aberdeen has a 5-5 record and Douglas holds tightly the number-four seed.

The last time the Governors and Tigers squared off it resulted in a 50-48 home victory for the Governors.

Gcvs ended their ESD skid with a 53-48 home win over the third-ranked Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles, but retained the skull for another year, with a 60-54 loss to the Bismarck, ND, Demons.

The loss dropped the Governors to 5-6, and marked the third straight year the Governors have lost the Governors Cup game between the two capitals. On the upside both the Governor JV and Sophomore teams won.

"Winning both games makes it seem that we will be more competitive next year, but that can be misleading because they have had Hartman for the last three years," said Junior Varsity Coach Skip Kurth.

"He's a real horse," Judson said of Hartman, adding that Hartman is the best big man the Govs have faced this year. "He's just really tough. He can shoot the perimeter jump and still post up. We didn't seal him off too good."



ALLEY OOP...Sophomore Chris Shepard makes a move inside against a Huron defender as team mate Dave Mickelson looks on. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Pets play important role for senior

By Kathy Bartels

Senior Karryn Corning goes home to "the call of the wild" every day.

Corning has a house full of pets some "unusual and then again, not so unusual." It started with a dog named Mouse, then another dog, Sydney; and then another, Fly Boy, who is Karryn's favorite.

"The names seem weird, but they fit their descriptions and personality," said Corning.

There's not much unusual about owning dogs, but consider a squirrel named Guido and a stray bunny named Bry. "My friends and I found the squirrel and the bunny all alone, felt sorry for them, took them in, and they have gradually become house pets," Karryn said.

She also has a turtle named Torty who "roams around the house and eats cheerios."

"I've had several birds, a cockatiel named Baby, a parrot named Strawberry, and a parakeet, who I just called Byrd," Karryn explained with a smile. She also has had guinea pigs, a snake which is currently lost, and some ordinary fish.

The snake, which went unnamed for a while, is called "Sticky". The foot and a half long (at disappearance) bull snake acquired his name after getting stuck on some tape above a door.

"My dad took paint remover and rubbed it along his body and pulled him loose as he went," Karryn recalled. The snake went immediately from door frame to bath tub to prevent the paint remover from burning his skin.

"We were afraid he wouldn't survive," she said. "But, he did." Karryn and her friends found the bull snake over a year ago by the Pierre Softball Complex, and he called the Corning



SMOOCHING... "Byrd" gets friendly with Karryn. (Photo by Levisen)



AT HOME...with her pets Karryn Corning holds up a lizard for a photo. (Photos by Kirsten Levisen)

residence home until before Christmas when he was lost.

Karryn and her sister Kassie, 16, who take care of the pets, also took care of Sticky. "Bull snakes eat live meat, but we fed him deer meat," Karryn said. "I'd force his mouth open and put the meat in it."

Neither Karryn nor anyone else has ever been bitten by the snake. "He is a very gentle and mild snake," said Karryn who pets Sticky by stroking down the middle of his forehead. Sticky used to climb her arms and loop around her neck.

For a while there were no mice around the house, and the Cornings

knew Sticky was still around. Now, however, they have lost hope of finding him. Karryn wonders how large he has grown eating live mice, and she hopes he doesn't show up some day and scare her grandmother.

Karryn has genuine affection for her pets, "It's a warm feeling you get deep down inside from the company of them, despite the times they are being obnoxious from having a bad day," she said.

The Riggs senior comes by her interest in animals naturally. Her dad, Jim Corning, owns The Pet Shoppe on Pierre's Main Street. Karryn hasn't made any decisions about her future

yet, but she says she would enjoy working with animals perhaps as an animal trainer, or tamer, or raising animals for wildlife preserves or for clinics.

Currently she helps in the Pet Shoppe by taking care of orders, cleaning and feeding the animals.

"Pets play important roles in your life as friends, companions, and just plain pets," Karryn explained with much confidence.

So going, home to the "call of the wild" isn't so bad after all. "All it is, is more joy and love in your life; and that's a lot," said Karryn with a warm smile.

Welcome New Students



Amy Smith, 11
Jamestown, ND



Tony Solem, 10
Woodbury, MN



Jim McNutt, 11
Rapid City, SD



Beth Gates, 11
Jonesboro, GA



Cami Knowlton, 10
Mobridge, SD



Jason Malsam, 12
Hampton, NH

Aussie leaves Riggs

By Heath Tople

"I will always classify myself as a member of Riggs High School. I have alot of friends here. The hardest part will be leaving, but I do have friends and family at home."

Sporting a green Governors jacket and cockney accent, 19 year old Paul Sheather, affectionately known as "the Aussie", reminisces about his year and a half stay in the United States.

Paul, the son of Kevin and Fay Sheather, was one of Riggs High's most recent exchange students. Paul lives in Young, Australia, with his parents and three siblings. Young is three hours away from Sydney, the Capital of New South Wales.

At first Paul had some reservations about coming to the United States, "I didn't want to come to the U.S., I wanted to go to Europe to learn another language and experience another culture. However, when I did arrive here I did learn another language and I did experience another culture."

During his stay, Sheather has toured 13 states from South Dakota to California. He finds a major difference between South Dakota and his homeland. "At home we have more vegetation, 'trees', etc., whereas South Dakota is mostly rolling plains. The climate here was also a big change. On Christmas Day it was '24° here, at home it was 90°. Yesterday, when my parents called it was 100° at home and 6° here."

"Australia has become popular in

the U.S. due to such celebrities as Paul Hogan, Olivia Newton John and Elton John," said Sheather. "I can't get over how friendly everyone has been since the first day."

Sheather commented on the variety Pierre has to offer. "There is plenty to do if you get up and do it! I've had a lot of fun, and stayed active. I haven't had time to be homesick."

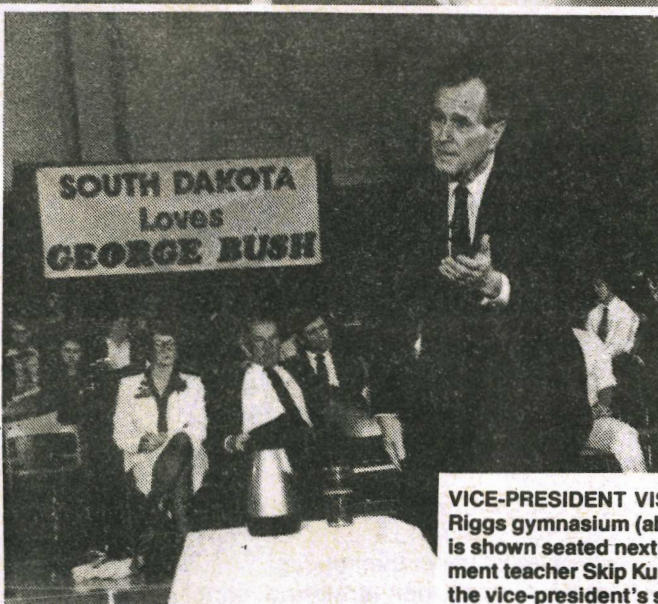
"I've made a lot of friends here, I have a good feeling about the impression I've made. I love Pierre, South Dakota."

Paul plans to attend the University of Sydney upon his return to Australia and work for BA in Political Science. His future plans? "...will he return to South Dakota? "I will not return to South Dakota 'till after college, but I will be back for the ten year reunion of the 1987 class."

Until then, Paul Sheather will be in our hearts and thoughts. "G' Day Mate!"



Riggs students hear Vice-President



VICE-PRESIDENT VISIT...George Bush addresses the audience at Riggs gymnasium (above right and middle left). The vice-president is shown seated next to Superintendent Darwin Tessier and government teacher Skip Kurth (above left). Cheerleaders performed before the vice-president's speech. A few of the many press professionals who were on hand for the official visit are shown in the background (far left). (Photos by Jim Vickery and Terry Peterson)

Biology students learn through experiments

By Tempe Malena

"It teaches us a lot about working with animals," says senior Paula Paul as she and other Biology II students continue their various experiments with mice.

The experiments are part of projects students will complete by the end of the year-long course. Students are involved in a variety of projects ranging from zoology to automechanics, according to Jon Gonsor, Biology II instructor.

Mr. Gonsor will select three projects from the two Biology II classes to send to a science fair at Northern State College this spring.

Paul's experiment will compare mice fed a high sugar diet to mice fed a normal diet. Part of Paul's project came to a halt last week when her experimental mice died. "The deaths didn't hurt the project a lot because one died on Sunday and the other shortly after, and I could still dissect them Monday," Paul said.

"The results showed the sugar-fed mice had hardly any fat, weighed less and had less muscle tone than the control group," she said.

Paul must compile her data before her project is complete. "I learned that things don't always turn out the way you think they will, and that writing things down and being accurate is very important," Paul said.

Seniors Dennis McEntaffer and Lynn Rasmussen have also been experimenting with mice. Their project deals with the development of cancer in mice. During the first quarter, they

shaved three mice and over the course of the experiment they have rubbed chewing tobacco on the mice's backs.

"We chose chewing tobacco because we couldn't get them to smoke," McEntaffer said. The biology students have documented progress of the experiment with photographs.

Both agree that the main benefit from their project has been the grade. "It's worth 200 points," Rasmussen said, "so we've got to do it. Actually we hope to grow up and win the Nobel Prize together."



BIO II...Instructor Jon Gonsor helps student Deb Hudson with her experiment that will study the effects of caffeine on mice. (Photo by Jim Vickery)

Scott Pitlick and Rodes Fishburn are approaching their project with fish on a serious note. They will soon be running tests on 60 to 70 minnows to determine the affects of various chemicals on the fish.



EEK!...Paula Paul appears concerned about her lab mouse when she and Karen Peta compare notes on mice experiments with Lynn Rasmussen and Dennis McEntaffer.

"We selected the project because we both like fish, and its important to us as outdoors people that the fish be there in the future," Scott said. "Twenty years from now, I'm still going to like to fish."

He says the team hopes to make people more aware of the situation through their experiment and just talking about it. So far they have prepared their plan of study. The actual experiment will run about two weeks.

The projects were set up to allow students to have the feeling of what it is like to be a scientist and to show them the correct techniques of research involving reviewing the literature, drawing a hypothesis, and

designing an experiment to test the hypothesis, according to Mr. Gonsor.

"I think they have selected some very innovative projects," Mr. Gonsor said. "With some projects it is very difficult to determine if they have found anything significant or not, but the task of trying to go through the scientific procedure was well worth their time," Gonsor added. "Some put in more time than others, but they were all excited about the experiments."

In addition to projects with mice and fish, students worked with plants, rabbits, and senior Keith Attack experimented with running a gasoline engine and only the use of air.

Seniors earn Student of the Month honors

By Chris Ward

December students of the month were Doug Mikkonen and Amy Cone.

Doug participates actively in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Varsity boys basketball, Luther League, Treasurer-Letterman's Club, and Gumbo staff.

He plans to go to college out of state and possibly major in business administration or accounting.

Amy plans to go to Duke University, which is the top choice in her pick of colleges. Right now she is enjoying the following high school activities: Student Senate, NHS, Gumbo staff, cheerleading, and intramural volleyball.

Amy would like to comment on the upcoming visit of George Bush, "I'm so excited about meeting George Bush. If he gets President, I'll tell my grandchildren that George and I were old buds."

January students of the month are Kayla Korkow and Pete Rezac. Kayla participates in cheerleading, in-

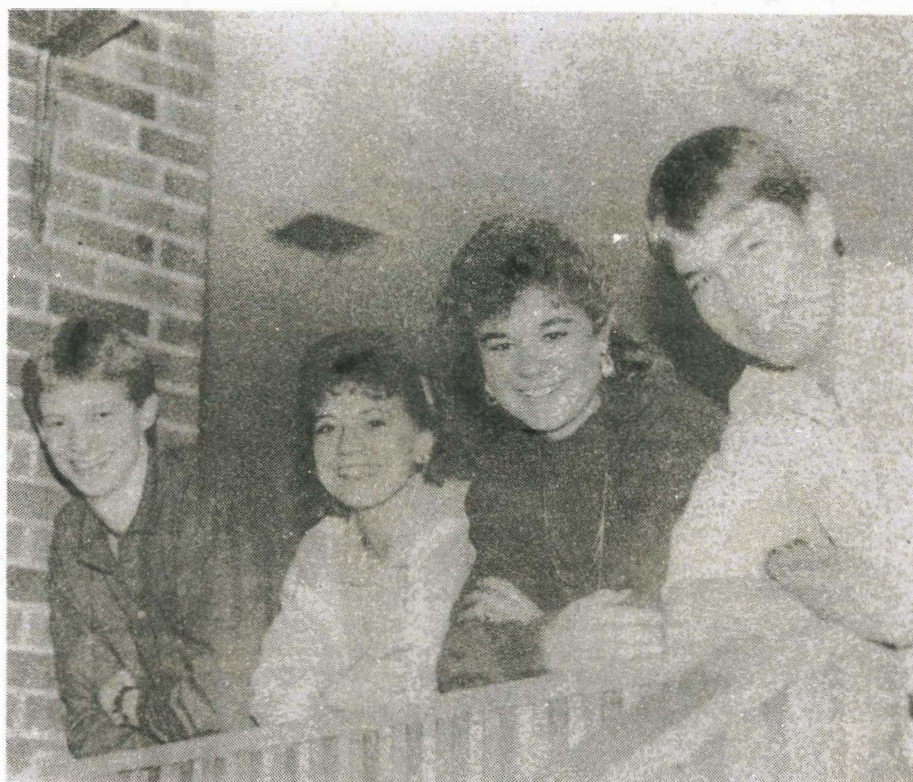
tramural volleyball, assistant editor of Gumbo, Girls State junior counselor, Legislative Senate page, 4-H, declam, president-pep club, Student Senate, FCA, and band.

She is undecided about the college, but plans to attend in-state. Her possible major is political science in which she plans to use her English and speaking skills.

Kayla would like to give a word of advice to underclassmen, "Be enthusiastic, have a positive mental attitude, set goals high and work hard to achieve them."

Pete has definite plans for his future. He has been accepted at South Dakota Tech. When he is a junior in college he is transferring to Embury Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. He will be majoring and hopes to get a degree in aeronautical engineering.

Pete participates in golf, manager-boys basketball, and last year's Close-Up trip. Pete says to the student body, "It's a thrill to get student of the month."



DECEMBER and JANUARY...Students of the Month were Doug Mikkonen, Amy Cone, Kayla Korkow and Pete Rezac. (Photo by Jim Vickery)

Musicians audition for honors band

By Kirsten Levisen

A record number of Riggs band members auditioned for the 1988 All-State Band. This year 23 students auditioned, compared to 12 Riggs students last year.

"The Pierre auditioners started preparing early in the season, as to not be crammed when audition time came. The results of their work brought them into the running for All-State Band," said Brad Berens, Riggs band director.

The audition includes learning 19 scales, a prepared solo, sight reading music, and taking a written exam.

"Most importantly, each person has improved as a result of all the practice they put in for the audition," commented Mr. Berens.

The auditioners were, flutes: Steph Haisch, Linda Clark, Kari Engberg, Kimberly Maluski, Kirsten Levisen, Stacy Hull and Sheryl Berheim. Alto saxophones: Susan Busse, Steve Stofferahn and Tammy Weiczorek.

Tenor saxophone: Deb Hudson. Trumpet: Jason Werpy. French horn: Mary Fjelstad. Trombones: Tom Ellefson, LeAnn Alexander and Sheri Brosz. Percussion: Jim Cutshaw, Joel Catlin and Sara Anderson. String bass: Jason Meyers.

All-Staters spend 'Day with Legislator'

By Kirsten Levisen

Riggs All State Journalists Paula Paul, Kirsten Levisen and Jenny Joens will be participating Feb. 18 and 19 in the annual Journalist Day with a Legislator.

All-Staters from through-out the state will spend two days in Pierre with a legislator of their choice. While taking a close look at state govern-

ment, the journalists will hold a press conference with Governor Mickelson and will investigate issues legislators have been concerned with.

Such issues may be the state budget, teacher salaries, lottery expansion, economic development,

telephone deregulation, state income tax, interstate banking, mandatory seat belts, sales tax extension and

first amendment rights for high school newspapers.

"One thing is certain, after the day in the legislature, students will understand the state government process much more clearly. This should be one of the best journalism experiences the students have ever had," stated Mary J. Perpich, coordinator of the High School Press Association at SDSU.

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good job and know what good journalism is, the opportunity for major problems is remote."

Governor editor Paula Paul doesn't think the decision will have a big affect on the Riggs newspaper. "I'm hoping the administration will never find it necessary to use their censorship power, but I don't like the fact that they have that power because our staff is responsible enough to decide what is appropriate to print," she said.

"It's not right to be taught First Amendment rights in our government classes and be denied those rights at the same time," Paul continued.

No doubt the new ruling will make student journalists, advisers, and administrators consider their publication's content with more care.

Close-Up students plan Washington, D.C. week



FOR A GOOD CAUSE...Benjie Hlat and Dawn Killian are busy selling candy to Larissa Baer to raise funds for the spring Close Up trip to Washington, D.C. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

By Tempe Malena

Riggs students currently are planning an April 24-30 trip to Washington D.C. with Close-Up.

"Close-Up is an organization which allows students to see Washington D.C. and the government close up," says Larry Joy, Riggs teacher representative. Close-Up was founded in 1970 with the purpose of exposing students to the federal system of government. This year will be the third year Riggs students have participated in the Washington D.C. trip.

"I learned a lot from Close-Up, I

think I learned more in a week of hands-on experience than I would have in a semester in the government class," said Heath Tople who attended last year's session. "The program is well-worth the money. I hope to return to Washington D.C. one day."

At the present time Close-Up is raising money to help defray the costs. The students are having dances and selling candy. "We are hoping to raise four thousand dollars," said Mr. Joy. "We are planning on holding more dances in the future."



THAT'S UGLY...Senior Lowell Gordon won the \$5 prize for a dinner for two at a local restaurant when he won the Ugly Tie Contest sponsored by Mr. Kurth in the Constitution classes. Mr. Kurth sponsors the contest in conjunction with his mock legislature. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)