

NHS names new members, 1988 'Teacher'



TAG DAY CEREMONY...Senior member Tani Keenlyne pins Kari Engberg and congratulates her on being inducted into National Honor Society. (Photo by Chad Wagner)

By Paula Paul

National Honor Society tagged 28 new members and named Terry Peterson as Teacher of the Year at the Tag Day Ceremony Feb. 23. New members were officially inducted into the club at a formal ceremony Feb. 29.

Senior initiates include Jolynn Blake, Sharla Cass, Paula Graves, Karisa Kenyon, Maia Lyngstad, Pattie Tisher, Christina Ward, and Cynthia Wixon.

Newly tagged juniors include Larissa Baer, Kari Engberg, Christine Gors, Julie Humphrey, Sondra Jackson, Corey Johnston, Lisa Keyes, Kirsten Levisen, Kim List, Kim Maluski, Trent Merkwon, Kelly Misterek, Charlie Moore, Terry Nelson, Jamie Rounds, Katie Schaak, Heath Schneider, Steve Schneider, Steven Stofferahn, and Denise Suedkamp.

To be eligible for National Honor Society, juniors and seniors with a 3.2 or better grade average were required to fill out applications. A teacher committee reviewed the applications and chose new members on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Gumbo adviser Terry Peterson has spent the past 12 years teaching English and speech at Riggs. "I just feel like this has a lot to do with the

kids," said Mr. Peterson on being named Teacher of the Year. "I'm honored because I've always enjoyed working with the students. I think that's why people are chosen as Teacher of the Year because they work with the students," he said.

Mr. Peterson's wife Sandie, who teaches art, photography, and psychology classes, is also a 12 year veteran of Riggs. The Petersons have two children: Ryan, 10, and Nikki, 8. Before moving to Pierre, the Petersons taught for three years in Winner, South Dakota. Mr. Peterson did his undergraduate work at Northern State College and earned his masters degree at South Dakota State University.

Mr. Peterson says he wanted to be a forest ranger when he was in high school. He does not, however, regret his decision to become a teacher. "I've found my place in life. I'm satisfied," he said.

In his free time, Mr. Peterson enjoys outdoor activities like backpacking and long distance walking. Over the course of last year, he walked a total of 800 miles.

"I think the students in this school are exceptionally good," said Mr. Peterson. "I want to thank them for making my job enjoyable and interesting."

Juniors earn Journalism City positions

Student disc jockeys take talents to Boys, Girls State

Riggs' High's Mr. KGFX - Chad Wagner will be one of the voices broadcasting news from Boys State in June.

Wagner was one of only three radio-broadcast journalists selected to be part of the Boys State Journalism City. He will attend the American Legion sponsored event with the other representatives from Riggs.

Wagner's year of experience at the local radio station KGFX no doubt helped him to earn a position on the selected Journalism City roster. A weekend disc jockey, he broadcasts news, does his show and works with the production end of commercials.

"The Journalism City position is a real honor. Very few people get the chance to go to Boys State," Chad said.

Working at KGFX has taught Wagner a lot about the business. It has also taught him a lot about public relations. "You really have to know how to handle people," Chad said. "You get a lot of crank calls working on the late shift."

Wagner has also learned how to write news and a lot about the background of radio... "that took all the magic away," he said. "Now, it's just another job."

Chad names last summer's tor-

nado as one of the most exciting times at the radio station. KGFX itself was off the air for about 15 minutes during the storm, he recalled. Being in the middle of things and seeing things like a hail stone the size of a basketball and getting information from people who contact the radio was an interesting experience for the junior.

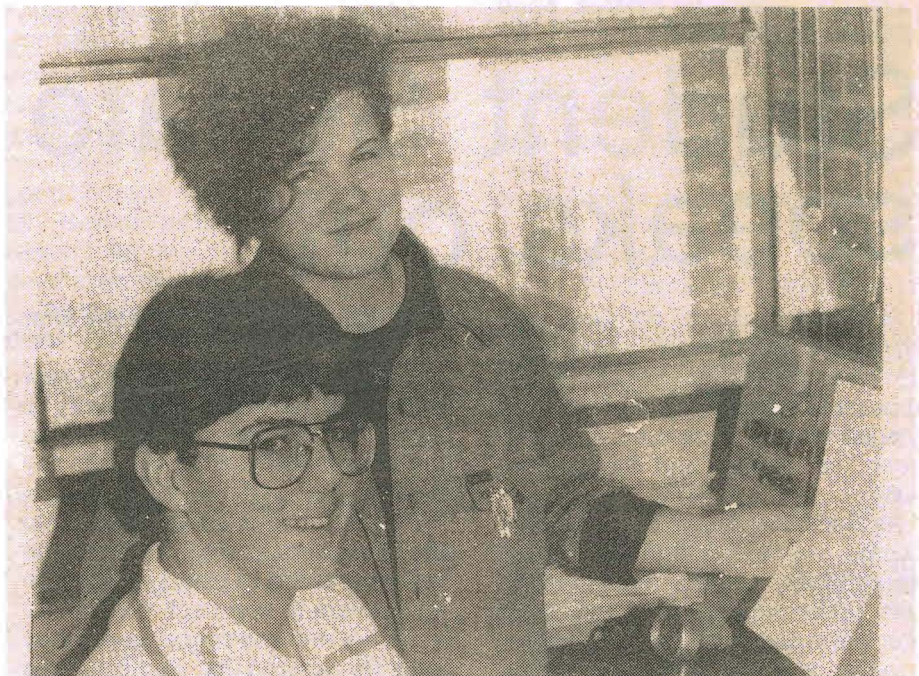
Wagner gave up most of his activities and participation in sports when his radio job became a priority. His future plans include studying computer and architectural engineering at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City.

Kirsten Levisen takes talents in writing, photography and broadcasting to the Girls State press corp.

Kirsten is one of only 14 junior girls selected from schools across the state to work as a journalist at the annual teen political event. She claims a strong newspaper background with three years experience on the junior high newspaper and two years as reporter/photographer on the Governor staff.

Levisen also holds the title of All State Journalist which she earned last summer at the South Dakota University Summer Publications Institute.

"I think Girls State will be a good



ON THE AIR...Kirsten Levisen and Chad Wagner practice their radio voices at the control board.

experience, and I was challenged to whether or not I could get accepted," she said. "It will offer some good hands-on experience in a field I am interested in."

The junior's radio background centers around her job at the local KCCR station where she is a disc jockey on the AM station.

"I spin records, broadcast news, update weather cards, and generally keep the station running during my hours on Saturday," Kirsten explained.

Other activities that keep Kirsten busy include band, chorus, drama, National Honor Society, SADD, and Odyssey of the Mind, one of the projects of the Riggs program for gifted students.

She is also involved in Teens On the Road to Chemical Help, (TORCH), the Solutions group, and Pierre Players.

Kirsten's career interests lie in photography, journalism, and broadcasting.

Students want change in training rules

By DeeAnn Gohl

The topic of training rules always seem to cause a bit of controversy. This time it isn't all about what the rules say, but what specific groups of activities are affected by the rules.

The training rules have always just pertained to the athletic extra-curricular activities. The rules don't pertain to drama, band, chorus, *Governor*, *Gumbo*, debate, and other of these related extra-curricular activities.

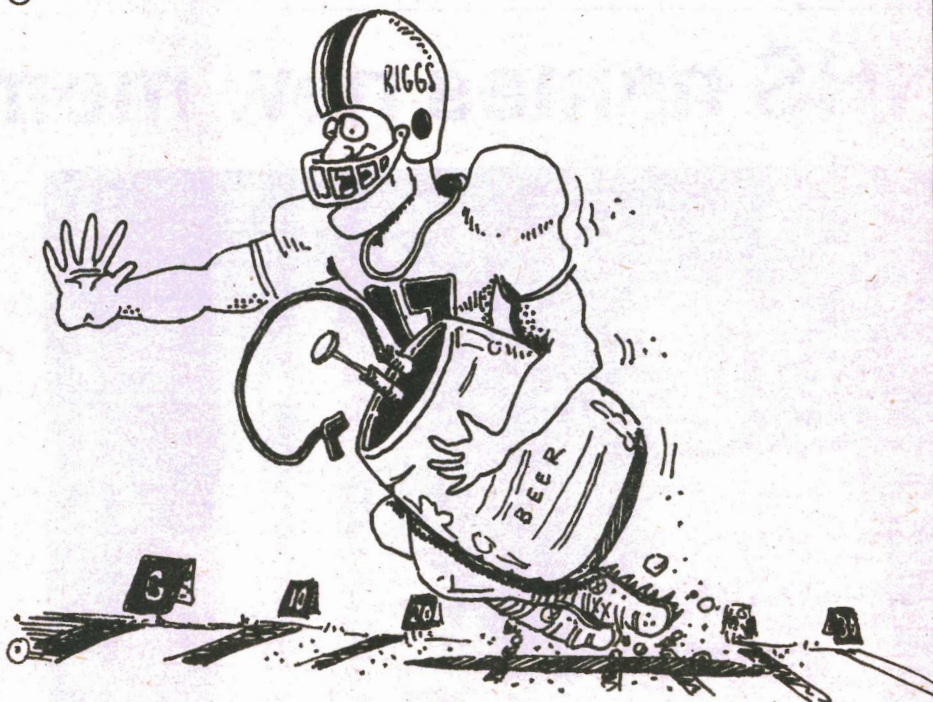
The student council has been informed of a new idea concerning training rules. The idea is that athletics continue to follow training rules and the other extra-curricular activities will begin to follow the same training rules.

The idea has both good points and bad points. If all extra-curricular activities follow the same training rules then all the activities would be eligible to join the Letterwinners Club, not just the athletic extra-curricular activities. On the other hand, the training rules would probably have to be revised in some way to include the other activities.

Another negative point would be that the students in the non-athletic groups would have to obey the training rules all year round and that would not be fair, because athletic activities are not a full year, just seasonal.

If students feel strongly about the issue they shouldn't hesitate to make their opinions known. The more input, the easier for the training rules committee to decide what should be done. Speak to student council members and voice your opinion!!

Thanks is in order to the student council for attempting to keep the student body informed about the student council meetings. We hope that this effort to keep us informed continues.



What the people say about training rules

Recently, the Student Senate has been discussing the issue of instating a new set of training rules which would involve not only athletics, but all extra-curricular activities such as chorus and band, (classes which are considered extra-curricular) and others like debate and drama.

The revisions would also include these types of activities in Letterwinners Club. This month the Governor asked students, "Do you think training rules should apply to all extra-curricular activities? (chorus, band, debate, drama, etc.)"

JoLynn Blake (Sr.): Yes, I think if you have rules for one extra-curricular, you have rules for all of them. Band and chorus count as extra-curriculars even though they're classes- because you can letter in them.

Trent Merkwon (Jr.): I have mixed feelings because I don't know how they're going to make them fair for the athlete and other extra-curricular activities.

Larissa Baer (Jr.): I don't really think so because the arts are different

than sports. Chorus and band are school classes. If they have to follow the same training rules, they should get equal treatment in everything including budget, time, and support.

Deb Hudson (Sr.): I don't think there IS a way this problem can be solved so that everyone will feel they are being treated fairly.

Pattie Tisher (Sr.): It would only seem fair if *all* extra-curricular activities had the same training rules, but if the same rules applied someone in band or chorus would miss

all but one performance if they had to miss three like the athletes.

Mike Tollefson (Sr.): I don't feel they should (athletes) abuse their bodies for physical reasons, for people in band and chorus it doesn't really matter.

Chris Herr (Soph.): Yes, I think if you have rules for one group then you should have them for the others.

Britt Johnson (Soph.): Yes, because if the rules apply to some extra-curricular activities then they should apply to all activities, not just sports.

Student Senate speaks out

In recent issues to *the Governor*, there have been several articles pertaining to the Student Senate. There appears to be some concern over the alleged lack of communication between the Senate and the student body.

As elected members of the Student Senate, we realize that we have a responsibility to you, the students. This responsibility is to represent your views and opinions. As students, however, you also have the obligation to inform us of your wants and concerns.

In previous years, a suggestion box has been available. This was, however, abused with obscene and inappropriate comments and remarks. Once again, though, a suggestion box will be made accessible in the office.

Minutes to the meetings are posted on either bulletin board. To insure that you are kept informed, the minutes are also read over the announcements the following day.

On the first and third Wednesdays of the month, the Student Senate meetings are held at 2:50 PM. On the second and fourth Wednesdays the

meetings are held immediately after school.

The meetings convene in the new library and generally last twenty to twenty-five minutes. An open invitation is extended to all students to any meeting.

We hope that this has cleaned up any misunderstandings between the Senate and the students. Please do not hesitate to approach the Senate members with any concerns you may have. Be assured that your concerns will be brought up at the next available Senate meeting. We are here to represent you.

The Senate members are as follows: Seniors - Sean Califf, Amy Cone, Jenny Jones, Kayla Korkow, Scott Searls, John Sutton, and Chris Ward.

Juniors are Benjamin Hiatt, Sondra Jackson, Lisa Keyes, Kimberly Maluski, Trent Merkwon, Charlie Moore, Jamie Rounds, and Steve Stofferahn.

Sophomores senate members are Heather Carrierer, Katie Carter, Stacy Foell, Vicki Gall, Shannon Taft, and Jennifer Weaver.

The Student Senate

Cathy's Comments

By Cathy Pohlman

I'm a Senior. The first time it dawned on me I thought, "But I don't feel like a senior, and I don't think I want to be one either. Where has all the time gone?"

I remember my brothers as seniors and how old they seemed, but now that I'm one, I might as well be seven for as old as I feel. I guess people never really feel as old as they are. Gradually, I've grown accustomed to the thought and this year is flying by just as fast as the previous eleven.

It's exciting to think I'll be leaving home in less than a year. I'll be on my own - my parents will still take care of me financially (I hope) - but for the most part, I will be able to do what I want when I want, long as I get good grades, and it's within limits.

I'm also scared. I think of how life used to be...easy. I liked day to day not worrying about college or that life was somehow passing me by. Experiencing the 'good times' never seemed as great as the memories I have of those experiences. Especially now that I've got a lot of free time to waste on thinking about the past.

Many things have changed since I first started high school. A lot of great friends have graduated and moved on. As much as I miss the old ones, I've always found room to make new friends. A major part of

growing up is handling the change, it's been difficult at times, but the good has always outweighed the bad in my mind.

I don't like changes, but I will adjust, just as I always do. My years at Riggs have been happy ones, and I'm sure my college years will be fun too. No matter how the thought is, the excitement of moving on still exists. In the mean time, I'll sit back and enjoy my last year of high school...my Senior year.

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Speaker qualifies for national contest



TENNESSEE BOUND...Senior Cheri Bartlett is on her way to competition for her humorous interpretation from "The Good Doctor". (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

By Linda Jordre and Paula Paul

Senior debater Cheri Bartlett has qualified for the National Debate Tournament to be held in Nashville, TN this summer.

She earned the spot by winning second place in humorous interpretation at the NFL debate tournament in Watertown February 26-27. Riggs' last competitor in a national debate tournament was Kurt Bohn in 1981.

Senior Paula Graves also broke into the upper division in oratory and teamed up with Tara Adamski to compete in the upper division of debate in the tournament. Other participants in the tournament were Thad Fonck, Amy Simms, and Chris Ward.

"It's always a pleasure to see a

Riggs student excel in national quality competition. We go up against very powerful competition, especially Watertown and Aberdeen," said Coach Ken Larsen.

At Regional competition in Watertown Feb. 19-20, senior debater Chris Ward qualified for the final round in national extemporaneous, although she did not capture the trophy.

Other individual event speakers were Adamski, Bartlett, Fonck, Graves, and Tople. The teams of Adamski and Graves and Bartlett and Ward both finished with a 0-2 score.

Over the course of their season, the debaters have brought home four major trophies: seniors Heath Tople and Cheri Bartlett won first place

trophies in individual events at the Black Hills Conference Tournament. The team won a third place trophy in varsity debate and a fifth place trophy in the Sioux Falls Invitational.

"The debate season has proven to be a building season for our debate squad. I'm particularly pleased that we have developed Lincoln-Douglas debaters and with our success both in debate and individual events," Mr. Larsen said.

"While we had only average success this year, we tended to jell at the end and come up with a power ending to the season," he added.

The debate squad plans to officially end their season with a banquet March 24.

Drama students claim long-sought superior

For the first time in 14 years, the Riggs High School Theater Department brought home a superior rating from the State One-Act Festival.

The Riggs High cast and crew of *Asylum* were one of the 14 division A schools competing in Vermillion on Feb. 4-6. Other schools earning a superior were Sioux Falls Washington, Yankton, Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Madison, Sioux Falls Lincoln.

"Going to Vermillion was a great experience for all of us. I learned a great deal," said junior Mary Fjeldstad.

In addition to the superior trophy which *Asylum* earned, five cast members earned individual superior awards. Chuck Farnham joined the ranks of the five Class A lead males who earned a superior rating.

"It was a thrilling experience. I was so shocked because it was the first time I had gone to a one-act competition," Farnham explained after winning the award.

DaWanda Pesicka received one of the six superior female lead awards. Deb Kern and Mary Fjeldstad accounted for two of the six superior supporting female awards that were given.

Sean Califf received one of the eight superior ratings for supporting males.

Other cast members who travelled to Vermillion and helped Pierre bring the superior trophy home included Jeff Bame, Katy Bauder, Tom Black, Tracy Deis, Rodes Fishburne, Corey Johnston, Katie Schaack, Scott

Searls, and Chris Ward.

"We worked hard and it paid off in the end," explained Bame after his first State One-Act competition.

Technicians traveling to one-acts included Lowell Gordon, backstage director; Eric Hoffsten, student director/lights; Steve Stofferahn, student director/sound; and Jenny Joens, makeup/costumes.

The play was directed by Hyrma Zakahi, who was one of the technicians for the 1974 One-Act play, *Of Mice and Men*, which was the last superior-rated play from Riggs High School at a State One-Act Festival.

Ms. Zakahi's reaction to winning the award and being director of the Drama Department were summed up in this comment, "The trophy and awards that we brought home only proved to other people what I knew as I began this year-Riggs High students have a lot of talent!"



TRIUMPHANT CAST...of the one-act play, *Asylum*, displays their superior trophy. Back Row: Jeff Bame, Katie Shaack, Sean Califf, Rodes Fishburn, Steven Stofferahn, and Corey Johnston. Middle Row: Jenny Joens, Tracy Deis, Deb Kern, Katie Bauder, Christina Ward, Tom Black, and Lowell Gordon. Front Row: Chuck Farnham, Dawanda Pesika, Scott Searls, and Mary Fjeldstad. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Students capture All-State positions

By Heather M. Carriere

Junior Mary Fjeldstad and sophomore Jason Myers were recently accepted as members of the 1987-1988 All-State Band.

Mary Fjeldstad is involved in activities including Solutions and choir. Although she sits first chair in her section of the band, she said, "I'm really surprised and honored to make it." At small ensemble contest this year she was awarded 1 + rating on her French horn solo as well as her vocal solo.

Myers received four superior playing awards on the string bass last year in Sioux Falls. He was also accepted to the All-State Orchestra earlier this year. He said, "I feel privileged to be accepted into the band because not many people were. Mr. Berens helped me a lot. If it weren't for Mr. Berens I wouldn't have even tried out."

Jason also sings in the chorus and plans to major in music in college.

Although only two of the 23 people

who tried out made the band, they aren't the only good players, Mr. Berens said.

"I think that the 23 kids from Pierre were well prepared, it's just that the band is so select. We need to improve in sight reading, and once that is done, we'll see more of our own people get in," he said.

The All-State Band is made up of the best student musicians in South Dakota. They will perform on March 23, after a full day of practice.

News Brief

CALENDAR

March 12 - Region II basketball-'AA'
March 17, 18 & 19 - State 'AA' basketball at Sioux Falls
March 19 - SAT
March 21 - Pierre Concert Series
April 2 - Track - Aberdeen Relays
April 5 - Riggs Swing Concert 7:30 p.m.
Early Bird Track Meet
Tennis - Mitchell - Here 3:45 p.m.
April 7 - Riggs Swing Concert - 7:30 p.m. Riggs Theatre
April 8-9 - State Odyssey of the Mind-Riggs
April 9 - Golf at Todd Co. Invitational - 11:00 a.m.
Tennis at Huron Invitational - 9:00 a.m.

Seniors prepare for graduation

In preparation for graduation, the Senior Class has chosen its flower, colors, and motto. The flower is the white rose and colors are green and

silver. The motto reads: "Our lives are before us... Our past is behind us... But our memories are forever with us."

Hetland offers essay contest

Any Senior graduating this spring is eligible to enter an essay writing contest "Patriotism and the American Flag" sponsored by the Hetland American Legion Post.

The winner will receive tuition for 32 credit hours (one year) of undergraduate study at a South Dakota College, University, or Vocational school.

Second place prize is tuition for one semester at a state school and the re-

maining eight of the top ten finalists will receive cash stipends.

Entry deadline for the 500-word essay is May 14. The essay will be judged on originality, content, and patriotic theme. The 10 finalists will be chosen to give an oral presentation on July 2, during the Hetland Centennial Celebration.

Students interested in entering the contest should stop in the Guidance Office.



D.C. TRAVELER...Senior Dawn Duggan recently returned from a six-day trip to Washington D.C. where she participated in the Congressional Youth Conference. She was the only South Dakota student among 300 from 46 states and Puerto Rico. The group toured Capital Hill and the areas and heard lectures by governmental leaders including Clarence Pendleton, civil rights leader.

Smith leads grapplers at State Tourney

By Katy Bauder

Senior Craig Smith claimed the State A heavyweight wrestling championship title, and three teammates placed in their weight divisions during tournament action Feb. 26 and 27 in Huron.

Place winners for the Governors included seniors Troy Kuszmaul, third in the 98 category; Marlon Handcock, fifth in the 145 category; and Robert McGuigan, seventh in the 136 category.

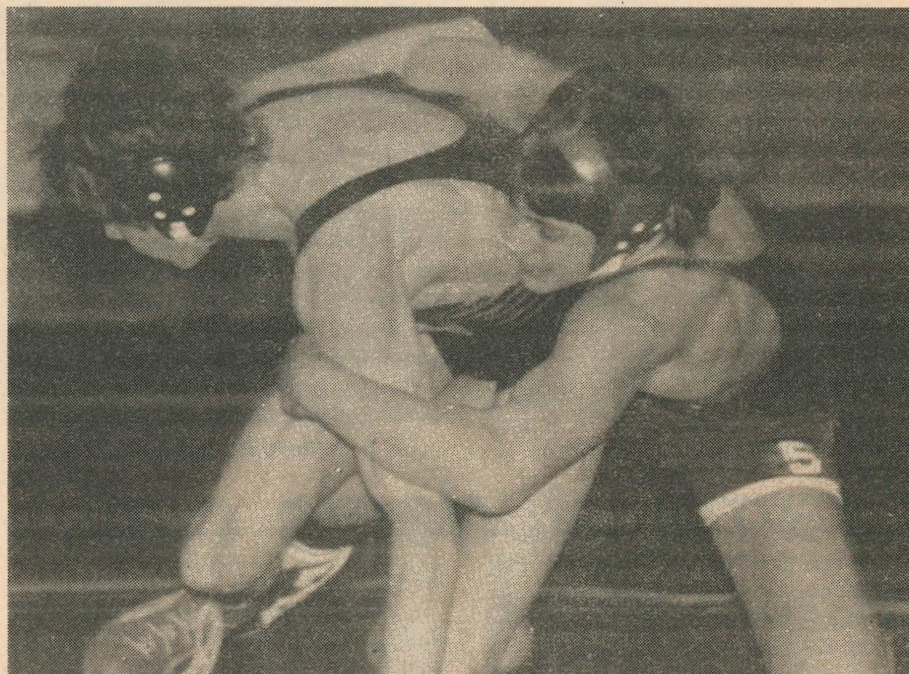
All 12 Governor wrestlers earned a trip to the State Tournament by placing in the top four in the Region 3A contests Feb. 20 in Winner. Pierre placed second in the tournament with 164 points, just 27.5 points short of Mitchell's winning 191.5.

"I was pleased with the way the wrestlers did at State," said Myron Bryant, assistant varsity coach. "It's encouraging when the whole team makes it to the State and then four go on to place."

Handcock and Kuszmaul won championship titles at the Region tourney. Placers at the contest were McGuigan and Smith with second places, Trevor Wiebe at 112 and Troy Wiebe at 119, Travis Christoffer at 126, Clay Riggle at 132, Ramon LaRoque at 155 and Greg Kelly at 167 all in third place. Shane Bonham at 185 and Chris Herr at 104 placed fourth.

The Gavs achieved their 10th place goal in this year's State Tourney. "We're looking forward to upcoming freshman and how they'll do for us as well to keeping over half of this year's team," Coach Bryant said.

Jim Barton of Sioux Falls Lincoln and Jason Buxton of Spearfish were the only Class A undefeated wrestlers. Dick Price of Brookings had his first upset of the year by Watertown's Tim Wishard. Wishard went on to be named the most valuable wrestler in the tournament. Tim Burns of Brookings earned the Dale Westberg Most Pins Award.



CONTROL IS THE KEY...Governor grappler T. Wiebe struggles to retain control over his opponent. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Gov, Lady Gov track teams prepare for season

Pierre Lady Gavs will be fielding a young team when they open the season April 2 at an indoor track meet in Aberdeen, according to girls track coach Larry Lundeen.

Only a select squad will make the trip to Aberdeen, but the full team will participate in the Early Bird meet April 5 at Hollister Field.

"We are young and inexperienced so we are going to rely on our younger girls," said Coach Lundeen. "If we can stay away from injuries, we will be respectable."

Chrissy Post is the only returning senior letter person. Other returning letter winners are juniors Kelly Misterek, Krista Turbiville, and Christy Gors, and sophomores Shannon Taft, Kathy Dalton, and Emily

Vanderziel.

The Ladies will have a real challenge if they set out to meet or beat last year's accomplishments for they would have to win the ESD and Region meets and place tracksters in the top eight in several competitions at the State meet.

"We should be strong in the hurdles with Misterek and Vanderziel who both have state-meet experience and Brit Johnson, who just missed going to state," said Coach Lundeen. He also looks for strong performance in the distance events and in the shot and discus.

The team will total nearly 65 including ninth graders. "We have a couple of transfers in-Corey Nicolas and Cindy Tucker-both juniors who

are going to help the team," Lundeen said.

Huron will provide major competition for the Lady Gavs in region competition, according to Lundeen, who said Huron has several place winners returning from last year.

"State wide, Sioux Falls Lincoln and O'Gorman are always tough," he said.

A sprinter and relay runner, Post is looking forward to the season.

"I am confident about this year because of my past experience," said Post who finished fifth in the 100 dash at the State Meet last spring.

"I think senior leadership is important, and those of us in track will try to do the best we can to provide it," she said.

By Scott Searls

1988 Governor track team is getting their season underway.

The Governors and Lady Governors are defending ESD champions and are looking for a repeat season.

The returning lettermen for the boys team are: Steve Schneider, Jon Rapp, Trent Merkwon, Scott Searls, Jim Keyes, Wade Douglas, John Kaul, Troy Buschbom, Matt Blumer, and Tim Hilton.

Winter conditioning started February 29, giving the Gavs a month of preparation before their first meet. That meet is the Aberdeen Indoor Relay April 2.

Students compete in Tae Kwon Do Tourney

By Angela Rhunke

Senior Jeff Randall, and junior Matt Quigley, not only competed in but also judged competition at the first Pierre Tae Kwon Do club tournament. Senior Karissa Kenyon was unable to compete due to injury but she did judge.

Over 85 competitors from seven clubs across the state competed at the Feb. 27 event, the first hosted by the local club.

Among the winners were Quigley, first in black belt forms; and Randall, third in black belt forms. Randall was also second in black belt sparring.

Sophomore LeeJay Templeton was first in forms, and Junior Ryan Bales was third in sparring.

The local club recently performed various Tae Kwon Do techniques for the Riggs physical education classes.



HI-YA...Senior Jeff Randall and Junior Matt Quigley demonstrate a Tae Kwon Do throw for the P.E. class. (Photo by Heath Tople)

Teams conclude Intraumural Basketball

By Scott Searls

The 1983 Intramural Basketball season came to a close last night with the championship game between Brian Christensen's team and Jim Ellenbecker's team. Results were not available at press time.

"There were two good games in the semi-finals," said Phil Trautner. "One went into overtime." The scores for the semi-finals were Christensen over Raue 58-56 in overtime and Ellenbecker edging Regynski 56-55.

"The tournament worked out well," said Trautner. "The teams with the best regular season record made it to the championship game."

Here are the final regular season standings; Christensen was 9-0 followed by Ellenbecker at 6-3. Regynski was 5-4 followed by Ley, Vieth, and Raue all at 4-5. Bringing up the rear were Sutton and Norum with 2-7 records.

Lady Govs garner fifth at State

By Andrea Smith

Lady Gov gymnasts reached their goal and ended the season when they garnered fifth place in the state Class B tournament Feb. 26 and 27 in Rapid City.

Lori Zwemki, the only senior on the team, earned 10th on the beam, the only individual place for the team. A week before the meet varsity members Zwemki and Hilary Gray both suffered injuries, but they chose to compete at state.

Until just a few weeks before state, the six members of the varsity team were all veterans of past years, but when sophomore Emily Vanderziel was injured at the Mitchell Invitational, freshman Denise Langley moved from junior varsity to varsity.

Despite the injuries Coach Vicki Semmler said team scores didn't suffer a lot because those who were unable to compete in an event were replaced and everyone worked harder.

At the beginning of the season Semmler said she thought possibilities of making the state meet were slim because most members of the team were younger in comparison to other teams. She praised Zwemki's leadership on the team, "Lori had a really good attitude that put everyone at ease."

As the season progressed the team started improving the basic skills and overall appearance of the routine, and although there were still weak points on bars and vault, the team started receiving higher scores on routines.

Looking back on the season Zwemki, the only senior of the team, says she viewed her main responsibility "to be a team leader and to help everyone out."

During the season the team placed second to Miller and won a dual with Stanley County.

Participating in the state meet were: Zwemki, Gray, Kim Persons and Deb Herr, all-around; Langley floor and beam; and Andrea Smith bar and vault.

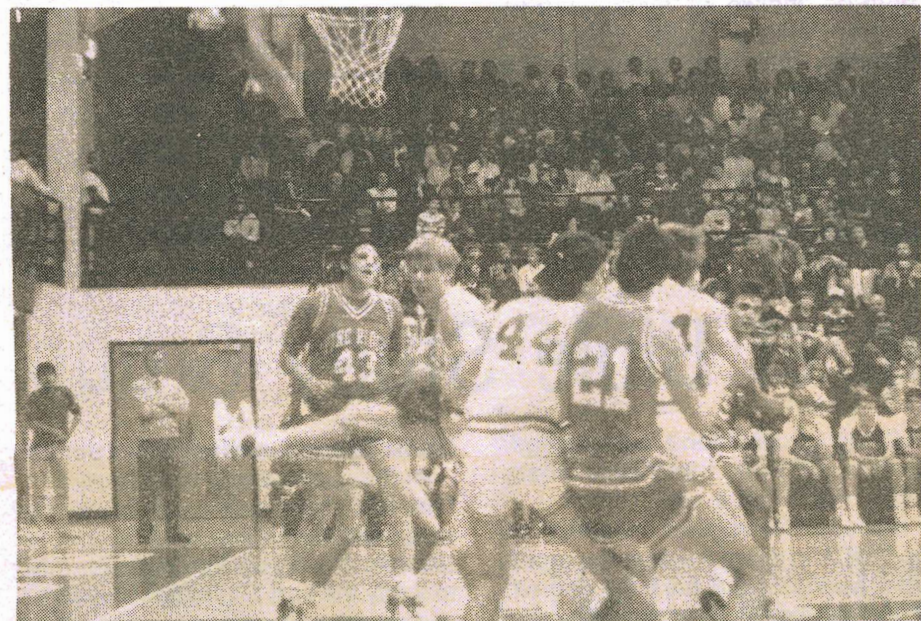
A first-year coach in Pierre, Semmler's goals for next year include a first in ESD and Regions, to score over 130 points, to score high enough to beat Brookings, and to place in the top three at state.

"I learn a lot about gymnastics every time I coach", she said. Zwemki



will be the only varsity member lost to graduation. and this year's experience will help to build the team.

Govs vetoed by Aberdeen, hope for region win



MINE...Senior Doug Mikkonen pulls down the rebound against Pine Ridge. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

By Heath Tople

Governors face a do-or-die situation tomorrow when they travel to Rapid City to take-on the Central Cobblers.

The Govs have to win in order to obtain a "AA" State tournament berth.

The Governors started their tournament quest last Monday night with a 70-62 win over the Huron Tigers in the first round of the District III tournament. The Govs then advanced to the final round in Aberdeen on Tuesday and lost to the hot shooting Golden Eagles 63-42.

Coach Judson commented on the Gov downfall, "We didn't get any second shots, we expected the ball to fall like it did the night before and it didn't. We just didn't get up and rebound."

Pierre takes a 9-11 season record into their Region III game against Rapid City Central and Coach Jud-

son remains optimistic, "Yes, you look at their record, we have as good a chance of beating them as any team this season."

Assistant Coach Skip Kurth adds strategy comments, "We need to concentrate on taking the shots off our defense, playing consistently, playing good solid team defense and controlling the lane."

Coach Judson says, "We need to keep up the pressure so they can't slow the game down and keep the ball. We are going to have to keep it balanced and shoot from the perimeter and inside."

Statistically the Governors have outplayed all their opponents on paper. The Govs average 55.1 points per game as opposed to 54.6 average of their opponents. They have a 63% free throw percentage for the year. Pierre has made 421 field goals that tally up to 46%, while their opponents have made 42% of their field goals.

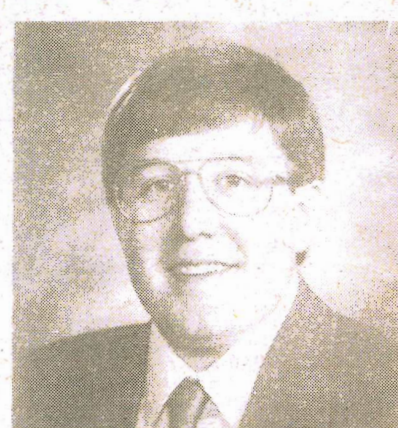
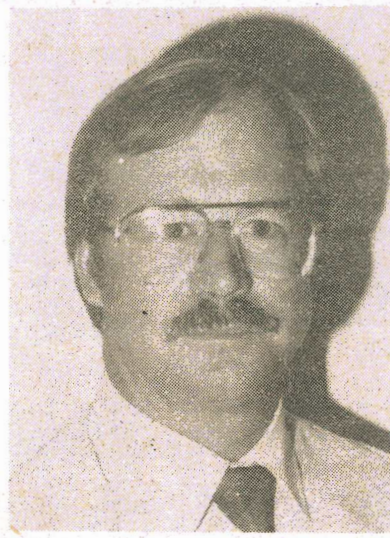
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Roger Gilmore
KGFY/KG93 Sports Director

Heath Tople
T.F. Riggs High Governor
Sports Editor



"I personally feel Brookings is the best team because Sioux Falls Lincoln has two key players that are hurt. But we (Governors) have the talent to play with anybody."

"I think Rapid City Stevens is the team to beat. Because they have the best player in the state in my opinion, Eric Piatkowski. No one is really looking at them and I think they're going to sneak in there."

"Personally I think Lincoln is the team to beat if everyone is healthy, but if not I'd have to go with Brookings. But Mitchell is certainly capable."

"I have to favor Brookings, who has shown outstanding play throughout much of the year, and who have, in my opinion, some of the best players in the state, Jim Booher, and Leiferman. But Pierre is one of the more talented teams in the state and I do have my allegiance to Riggs High."

Hoffsten attends Talent Development center

By Kirsten Levisen

At the age of 17, junior Eric Hoffsten could be classified as a third term college student. That is, if the term were counted in summer sessions.

For the last three summers Eric has attended the Center for Talent Development on the campus of Southeastern Illinois College in Chicago.

Eric earned the right to go to CTD by participating in the Midwest Talent Search during his eighth grade year. The MTS administers the Scholastic Aptitude Test for college entrance to seventh and eighth grade students. Those students who score in the top five percentile earn the right to attend the Center for Talent Development.

Each summer the CTD sessions are three weeks of intensive study in

a particular course. Eric has taken courses in Pascal Computers, American Studies, Studies in Writing Fiction and Logic and Reasoning (a disguised philosophy course).

The Logic and Reasoning course was what is called an Equinox Course. Equinox is an advanced placement program for those who have finished the tenth grade. Next summer Eric can return to CTD as a teachers' aid and get paid for his assistance.

"One thing that CTD has taught

"Philosophy has opened me to new ideas and opinions."

me, is to be liberal, open minded, aggressive and open to change," stated Hoffsten. He feels he has received the most benefit from his philosophy course. "Philosophy has opened me to new opinions and ideas that I hadn't thought of before. It has taught me how to think more productively.

"My knowledge is gathered collectively, not from just one source. I learn by looking at all views and then making my decision," said Hoffsten.

Throwing his head back laughing, he recalled one of his favorite experiences at CTD. "On the day of finals, all the electricity went off because of the storm, so we had to



DOING WHAT HE DOES BEST...Hoffsten snuggles in for an afternoon nap. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

take finals by candlelight. Yes, I was in the Great Chicago Flood of 1987," said Eric.

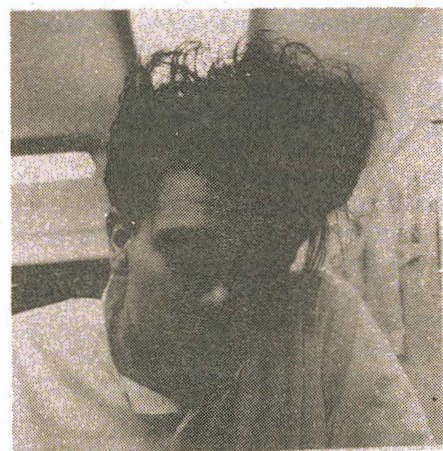
Being "his own person", Eric has no role model, but himself. "I strive for individuality, I believe everyone should be his own person. If people try to be 'individual' by copying someone else's style, they are defeating their own purpose," Eric commented.

The Hoffsten family has an individuality of its own, being of four different nationalities and the majority of the children being adopted. Eric says his family has always been sup-

portive of the things he does, and has encouraged him to be himself.

Eric doesn't hope for wealth, power, or fame in the future, but simply for happiness. "You have to die and you have to live until you die, so why not have fun and do everything you want to do while you're living your life," stated Eric.

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Teens experience fellowship at Bible Study Group

By Larissa Baer

Every week approximately 20-25 teenagers gather at the Pierre YMCA to sing songs of praise, study the Bible, and have fun with their friends.

"The main reason I go is for my own personal growth and for fellowship in Christ and fellowship with my friends," said Kimberly Maluski, junior.

Bruce Venner, Jr. High teacher and coach, is the leader and founder of the group. It all started about four years ago when a group of concerned parents came to Mr. Venner with

a request for a neutral place where their children could gather together and study God's Word.

"It is to teach people about God's Love that can really only be found through Christ," said Mr. Venner, "I want to make people aware of the choice between good and evil. My role is to guide people in their own study of the Word."

The group meets every Sunday around 7:00. Anyone is welcome to come. There are no commitments, no responsibilities, and no pressures to come. Teenagers from every church

and youth group attend the meetings. Some come every week while others come only twice a year.

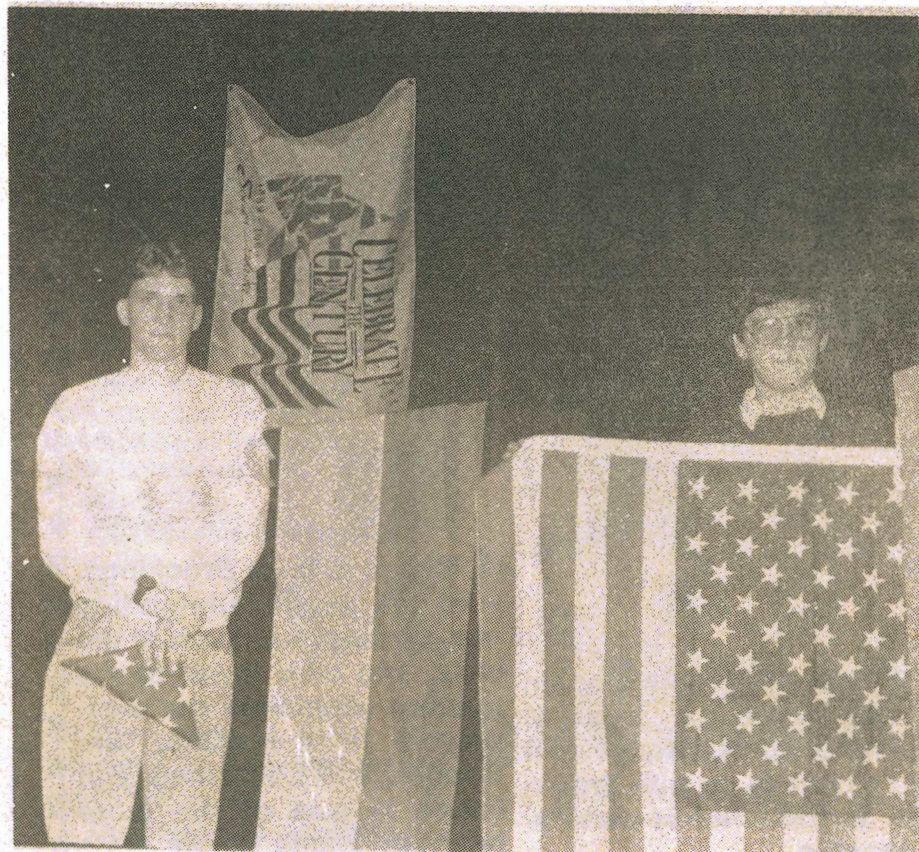
Besides the regular meetings at the YMCA in warm weather the group often meets at the park for games. Other activities include a hay ride and a Christmas party at Mr. Venner's farm and a camp out or two at Cow Creek.

Mr. Venner said that he has to adjust goals to meet the group, but he always hopes to teach people that Christ is the only answer. He also hopes to see people's commitment to

Christ become a lifestyle.

In the past some people have told him that there wasn't any way he could get teenagers from so many different church backgrounds to want to study the very Bible that is used to distinguish one church from another. Mr. Venner felt that with God's help he had to try. He has concentrated the group on what is in the Bible that makes them the same.

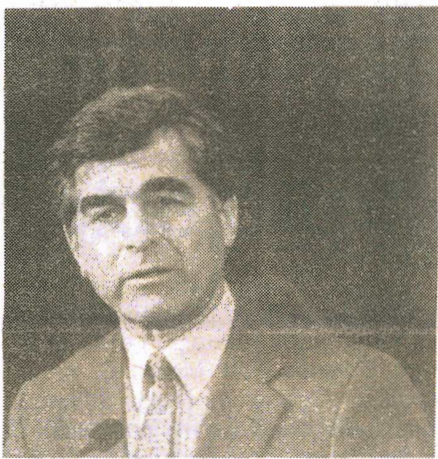
They are all teenagers, they are all dedicated to Christ, and after four years they are still meeting every week at the YMCA.



FLAG EXCHANGE...Foreign exchange students Holger Johann and Fabricio Royg exchange flags with the Riggs student body during the annual ceremony held in February. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

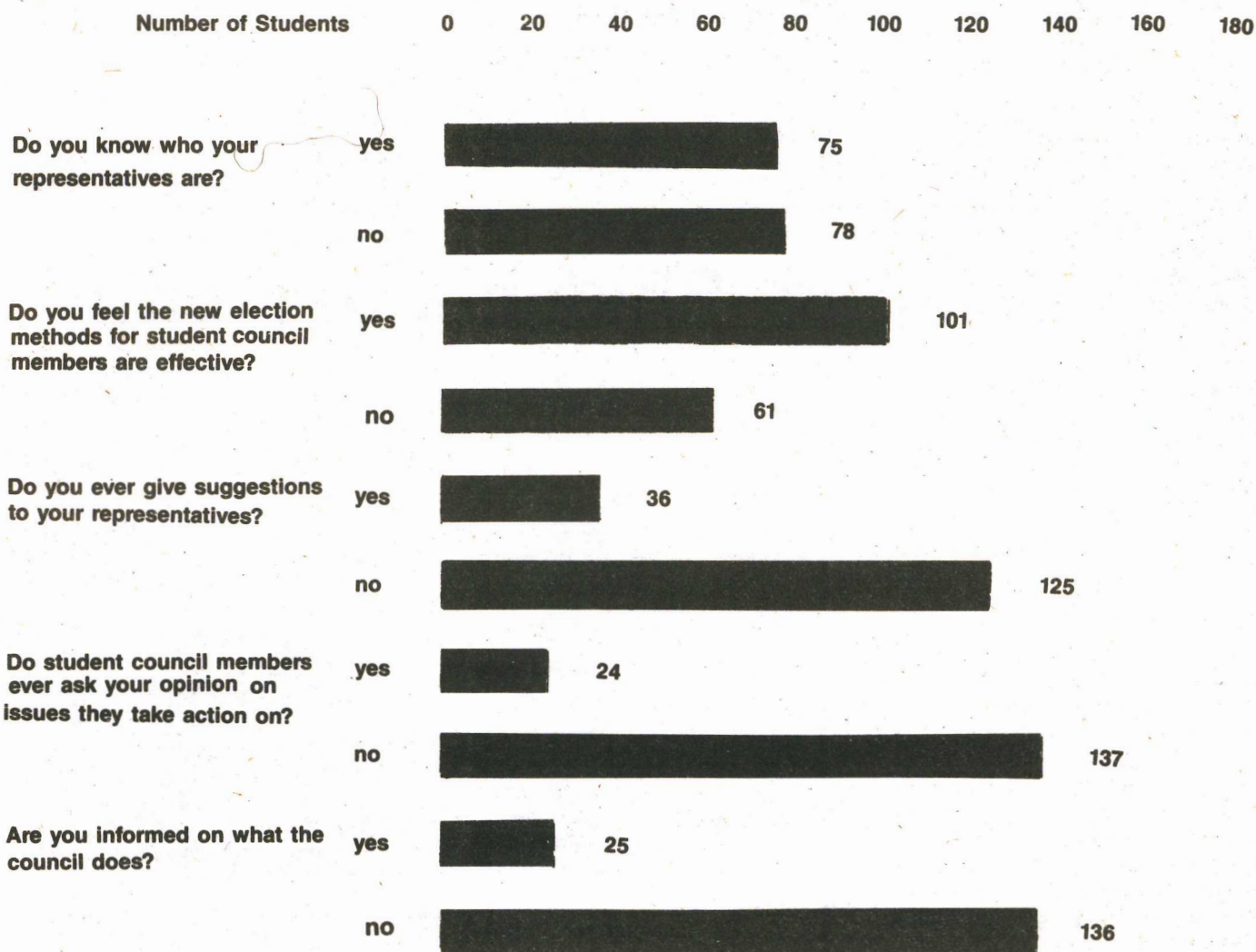


PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT...Senior Renae Howard gets expert help on the clarinet from visiting clinician Alan LaFave, one of two clinicians who worked with sax and clarinet players and sections. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)



Governor survey reveals student opinions

Main issues that students want the Senate to address include longer lunches, better parking, Coke machines, better dances, and improved communication with the Student Senate. Minor issues were co-ed volleyball, pep assemblies for chorus and band, sophomores at prom, and more enthusiastic songs for pep band.



Chicago musician headlines festival

By Kirsten Levisen

"There is something much greater than music being taught here. These students are sharing themselves.

Each of us is different, however, together through the arts hopefully we can broaden these students' lives to make this a better place to live," stated guest conductor Stirling Culp.

Sharing and learning is what the Riggs chorus members did March 5 at an all-day Choral Festival in Pierre. The Festival was designed to bring in a very experienced, respected conductor to share his expertise and knowledge with the chorus.

Culp is the Director of Vocal Studies at Vandercook College of Music in Chicago, IL. Vandercook is unique because the only major to be studied there is music.

Mr. Culp's credits are as numerous as the places he frequents as a conductor. He is in constant demand as an adjudicator and guest conductor at a wide variety of music events, therefore, he is in a different part of the nation each weekend.

The concert included selections from "Gospel Mass", folk songs, religious songs, and individual solos by Karla Palmer, Mary Fjelstad and Lowell Gordon. These soloists had

each received a one-plus superior rating at the small group music contest in February.

Riggs' music department received four superior-plus ratings, 42 superiors, 21 excellents at the ensembles and solo competition.

Mr. Culp was impressed by the maturity manifested and the seriousness of the students to music. "I am impressed because these students know how to rehearse, and they appreciate a wide variety of music. I am standing and sitting in awe of how fine an appreciation of the Arts is shown in South Dakota."



Stirling Culp

Odyssey team heads for State

Pierre's Odyssey of the Mind team is preparing for the State competition which they will be hosting here April 9.

Team members Mary Fjelstad, Kirsten Levisen, Katie Schaack, Dawn Killian, Nicole Patten and Larissa Baer won the East River Regional contest Feb. 27 to gain the bid for state.

Fjelstad and Levisen won Rinatra Fusca awards at the competition for

high levels of creativity in the spontaneous problem competition.

Winners of the state contest go to World Competition at the University of Maryland at the end of the school year.

OM team members selected the problem Classics...It's Showtime. After selecting a play from a prepared list, the team created and presented a musical scene based on the selection.

Pierre students selected the play *Rhinoceros* by Eugene Ionesco. They were also required to prepare a written and oral summary of the entire work.

Odyssey of the Mind is a part of the Pierre Schools gifted program and elementary, junior high, and high school students compete in the various competitions. Advisor for the high school team is Jeff Eckhoff.

Dancers prepare for California competition

By Larissa Baer

Eighteen dancers from Forney-Cronin Dance Studio of Pierre have been invited to represent South Dakota at the Young Americans National Dance Competition in Los Angeles, CA.

The dancers will be competing against approximately 36 other states for one week. The final competition will air on national television.

Besides the competition all of the girls will have the opportunity to take classes from world famous dance companies and studios. Five professional performances are scheduled for the week including the American Ballet Theater with Mikahil Barishnikov.

The dancers also have planned excursions to Hollywood, Disney Land, Universal Studios, and Balboa Beach. Pamela Forney Cronin is in charge of the trip.

Riggs students that will be participating are Robyn Starks, Katie Carter, Linda Powell, Alison Forney, Jodie Hickman, Janna Hickman, Larissa Baer, Amy Elwood, JoLynn Blake, Katie Robbennolt, Dee Theobald, Chrissy Post, and Susan Chase.

Representing the Junior High are Kristin Smith, Jessica Evanstad, and Doris Todd. Darla Ingle and Cheryl Rickets attend Stanley County schools.

Science Fair....

Biology II students present projects



THE RESULTS WERE...Seniors Deb Hudson and DeeAnn Gohl explain their experiment dealing with caffeine and mice to a judge at the Riggs Science Fair.

Seniors Paula Paul, Stephanie Zastrow, and Dawn Duggan were the top three place winners in the Riggs High Science Fair March 3. As a result of winning the Riggs Science Fair, these students will compete in the Northern State College Science Fair in Aberdeen March 29.

The projects were created to complete an assignment in the two Biology II classes taught by Jon Gonsor. Paul's project was titled "Effects of a Glucose Diet on the Blood Sugars of Mice."

The following students also won honorable mention awards in the Science Fair: Sharla Cass and Chris Ward, Scott Pitlick and Rhodes Fishburne, Deb Hudson and DeeAnn Gohl, Karryn Corning and Chris Becker, Rosemary Parr and Kerry Nowak, and Amy Cone.

Gohl, Califf are Students of Month

By Chris Ward

February Students of the Month are Sean Califf and DeeAnn Gohl. Sean is active in chorus, band, Barbershop Quartet - Rockapella, Swing Choir, NHS, Student Senate, Solutions, Gumbo, LYF, and work at the YMCA.

His future plans are indecisive, but he does plan to go either to Augustana or USD. The major he would like to participate in at the moment is music but "it could change between now and then."

DeeAnn is active in NHS, Quill & Scroll, Governor, LYF, and just generally in staying in tune to the world. She plans to be an English teacher and getting her degree at Moorehead University.

DeeAnn would like to impart some of her advice for the underclassmen, "I have learned that you have to take life one day at a time."



PRESENTING...Students of the Month Sean Califf and DeeAnn Gohl. The honor puts the two seniors in the running for the Student of the Year award and scholarship. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Riggs flag corp selects members

Riggs band director Brad Berens recently announced the selection of 14 members of the 1988 Emerald Regiment Flag Corp.

New members include Kelcey Asmussen, Dixie Beck, Rene Creager, Jennifer Deyo, Sarah Pitlick, Linda Powell, and Tonya Raysor. Returning members are Larissa Baer, Cara Corcoran, Alison Forney, Dee Ann Nelson, Kim Osberg, Denise Suedcamp and Kalla Traversie.

Tryouts are held each spring, and members work from mid July until mid October perfecting routines choreographed by corp members. Next spring, along with the rest of the band, Flag Corp members will be traveling to St. Louis, MO for competition.