

Riggs High GOVERNOR

Seniors prepare for graduation

By Tempe Malena

Graduation week activities begin for the approximately 209 seniors on May 29 with baccalaureate services at 2:00 p.m. in the Riggs Theatre and continue on June 5 at 2:00 p.m. with commencement exercises at the Hollister Field.

Rev. Raymond Schatz, father of senior Monette Schatz will be the featured speaker, and Rev. Gary Seager, father of senior Deanne Seager, will give the invocation and benediction for the senior class.

Seniors graduating with highest honors (3.7500-4.0000 grade point average) are Paula Paul and Stephanie Zastrow (4.0) and Amy Cone, Kayla Korkow, Deb Hudson, Julie Brehe, DeeAnn Gohl, Doug Mikonen, and Maia Lyngstad.

Members of the Class of '88 graduating with high honors (3.7499-3.5000) include: Bruce Lundeen, Renae Howard, Jennifer Joens, JoLynn Blake, Karisa Kenyon, Kimberly Merrill, and Jason Werpy.

Following Riggs tradition commencement speakers are selected

from the graduating class. Addressing the Class of '88 will be class president, Katie Robbenolt, Kayla Korkow, and DaWanda Pesicka. Presenting diplomas for the Class of '88 will be Gary Snow, Chairman on the Board of Education.

Commencement will also include a medley of processional and recessional music by the Riggs High Band under the direction of Brad Berens. Precommencement music will be provided by the Riggs High Chorus under the direction of Jackie Hilding.

The Class of '88 selected the white rose as the class flower, green and silver as the class colors and the motto: Our lives are before us, our past is behind us, but our memories are forever with us.

Seniors will party together for one of the last times on Tuesday, May 31, at the Senior Picnic. "The saddest part about graduation isn't leaving home, mom and dad, or Pierre, but the fact that you're leaving the friends you've known since kindergarten. Some you may not see again until the



JUST PRACTICING...graduation speakers DaWanda Pesicka, Kayla Korkow, and Katie Robbenolt are checking out the attire for graduation. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

20 year reunion," says senior Angie Douglas.

Seniors will rehearse for graduation on June 3 in the morning.

Rounds-Wollman team will lead student government

By Anne Storsteen

Students selected the team of Jamie Rounds and Tom Wollman as the 1988-1989 first semester president and vice-president. They were elected from a group of three teams.

Other teams included Jeff Lundeen and Carl Evenstad, and Chris Corwin and Chris Wegener.

The main point of Rounds and Wollman's platform was the issue of free-rolling toilet paper. They promised to get something done about this problem.

Rounds commented that he would also work on the "usual" issues. These include such things as both a Coke and Pepsi machine in the lobby, drinking pop in study hall, parking and the reduction of suspensions.

Junior Kirsten Levisen remarked, "I don't see why we waste the time to listen to the speeches and go through the process when it doesn't really matter in people's real lives. I do think that Rounds and Wollman will go more in depth in what they do than what they presented in their show."

"If something that needs to be

done comes up, we could get it done," promised Rounds.

Rounds would like to see the students have a little more say in what gets done. He said that he would talk with the administration and do what the students want.

Rounds and Wollman also promised to try and make the Student Senate meetings go faster and be more productive. They would try to attend school board meetings.

"I think they're capable of getting things done," said Jackie Heintz, junior.

Rounds has also made plans about an office. He commented, "We're quite impressed with our new presidential office. It's the first stall of the boy's lunchroom bathroom."

The team of Corwin and Wegener did not promise any changes. However, they did say that they wanted to "stretch the rules" as far as the school would allow. An example they used was bending the popular "public display of affection" rule.

Corwin and Wegener supported the ideas of cheering for all sports



FREE ROLLING...

describes the fall semester president and vice-president Jamie Rounds and Tom Wollman. They are pictured in their new oval office. It has an unlisted number. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

and having more social gatherings such as dances.

The team of Lundeen and Evenstad ran as two "vice-presidents" instead of the traditional president and vice-president. Their

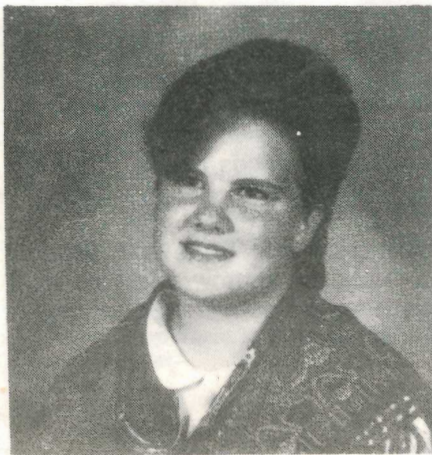
platform included the idea of starting school at 8 a.m. and splitting the extra time among the lunch periods. They also had the suggestion of holding class meetings to receive ideas from the students.

Levisen heads newspaper staff

Junior Kirsten Levisen will be taking over the editor position of the *Governor* next fall as the first solo editor since the 1972-73 volume of the paper.

"Kirsten's background and experience as both a writer and photographer make her well qualified for the position," said Susan Stoneback, adviser.

Levisen is a two-year veteran of the staff, an All State journalist, and alumni of the SDSU Summer Journalism Institute, and a former member of the Riggs newspaper journalism class.



Kirsten Levisen

Page and section editors for the 1988-89 *Governor* will be Larissa Baer, Ann Storsteen, Tempe Malena, Linda Jordre, and Rene Dilley, on news; Shana Holsteen and Linda Powell on feature; and Sara Anderson and Lori Jund, sports.

The reporting staff will include Monique Cash, Heather Carriere, Rene Dilley, Chris Feigum, Jackie Heintz and Corey Johnston.

Holsteen will also be paper cartoonist and Levisen will be head photographer. Several positions are still open and persons interested in joining the photography staff should contact Levisen.

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Career Choices: Key is knowing options, strategies

By Kirsten Levisen

The question: "What are you doing after high school?" From the time many students were in the second grade, they have been asked what they want to "be" when they grow up. We don't think it is as important to know exactly what they will do with their lives, but rather to know where to go to explore their options to help make career choices.

The majority of students are pushed into making their career choices before they have really explored or have seen what they may want to do. At this point, students' career choices may likely to be those occupations which have been modeled by members of their community in which they live.

Life is filled with opportunities and the freedom to change their minds. The graduating class of 1988 are about to take their first step into the next phase of their life. Though the present phase is ending, it shouldn't be looked upon with sadness. It should be a glad time, one filled with anticipation for a brighter future. The graduates of 1988 will be active forces in the quest for a better tomorrow by using their education and talents to their fullest capacity. The Governor staff wishes the graduates the best of luck in achieving their future goals.

Whatever the goal, the decisions they make now will affect how rapidly they achieve that goal. Negative decisions may be made that detract them from their goals; but, instead of losing sight of their goals, they must be able to develop another plan.

At the end of high school it may not be as important to leave knowing exactly what career is in store for each of them, but perhaps these two knowledges: knowing where to go to explore career options and how to realign a course of action when obstacles are in the way.



What the People Say: Persian Gulf Action

By Chris Feigum

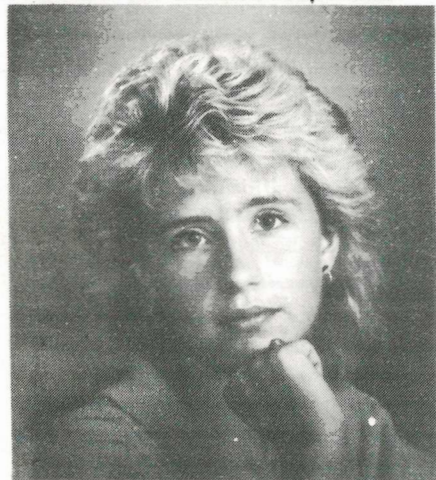
Graduation is a day filled with the thrill of finishing high school and getting to go out on your own and live the way you want to live.

There's only one catch, however, responsibility. (The word all of us fear.) Choosing and attending a good college, voting, and earning money are all common responsibilities which graduates face.

One very important responsibility most forgotten is the possibility of war. With the numerous aggressive acts occurring through the world, this contingency appears quite likely.

The latest of these "close to home" incidents have taken place in the Persian Gulf, the most recent taking place on April 19. This retaliation was ordered by President Reagan after our U.S. Navy ships were fired upon by the Iranian Navy.

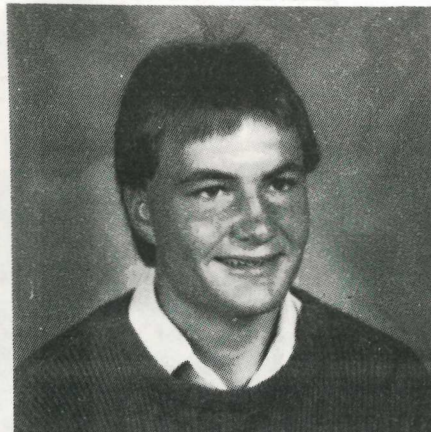
Focusing upon this subject helped us to develop a question for this issue of the "Governor": "Do you agree or disagree with the action President Reagan took in the Persian Gulf?" Here are the student responses.



Angie Douglas (Sr.): It seems like we have enough violence without us having to start a war, but I agree that we can't be bullied around any longer.

Tom Scofield (Sr.): I agree because we were protecting our interest in the Gulf by giving our im-

ported oil ships, U.S. Navy escorts. Possibly we aggravated the Iranians, however, not intervening in the war or giving military help to their armies and then having them blow holes in some of our Navy ships and oil tankers and say it was an accident. I wouldn't be surprised or disagree if the U.S. were to land ground forces in Iraq to give military aid. If so, I think it should be in extreme force so as not to create another VietNam.

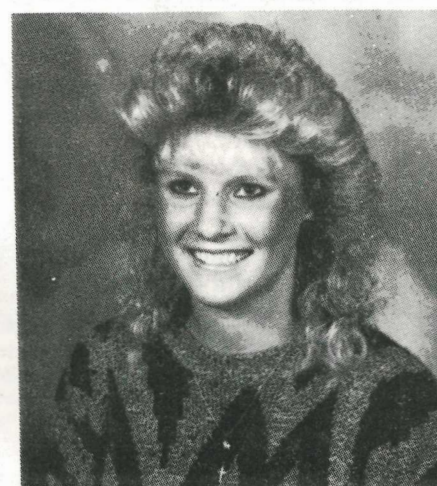


Terry Nelson (Jr.): I disagree. His actions may lead to war, and I don't want to be sent there. The Gulf is important, but military action is not always the best policy. It's good to show them restraint, too. I plan to go to college, not to war.

Jon Rapp (Jr.): I agree; we need to protect our oil rights in the Middle

East and to do so we must fight back to keep our rights.

Janna Hickman (Soph.): I disagree because this type of action may start a war and the people over there already dislike Americans. This action only makes them dislikes us even more.



Nicole Klein (Jr.): I think the action that we took in the Persian Gulf was justified. I think it helped Iran realize that the United States doesn't get pushed around. Hopefully the situation will not get any worse than it already is and lead to war.

Shelly Hail (Soph.): I believe that for the good of America we should pull out of the Persian Gulf all together.



Karla Palmer (Sr.): Yes. Iran had no business placing mines underneath our ship. President Reagan should have put a little more thought into his decision, but I don't think he had much choice. I don't usually condone violence, but I don't think there was much else we could do. If President Reagan did nothing and let them get away with blowing up our ships, what next? If we don't retaliate, we are only proving that we're defenseless and that would encourage more attempts at weakening our defenses.

"Goat" considers graduation

By Sara Anderson

From a "GOATS" standpoint, this is how I may feel when I graduate.

In a matter of weeks the graduating class of 1988 will walk across Hollister Field and enter a new life filled with great challenges.

You, the seniors, will end one of the many chapters in your life. A chapter filled with parental involvement, close friends, and Pierre Pride.

Not only will you end a chapter, but you will begin a new one filled with

your choices on what you want to do with your life.

Among the seniors graduating, some will become doctors, lawyers, politicians, musicians, and teachers. The friends you've made in your years here at Riggs are so special, you must never say goodbye, goodbye is so final.

May the Pierre Pride with which you've chosen to grow, follow you in everything you do in life. Good Luck, Seniors.

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Riggs chapter initiates Quill & Scroll members

Spring initiation found 19 new members in the Riggs chapter of Quill and Scroll, an international honor society for high school journalists.

Members must have demonstrated superior work in some phase of journalism or school publications, be juniors or seniors, and be in the upper one third of their class scholastically to qualify for the honor.

"The school newspaper staff takes Quill and Scroll membership very seriously, and only those who have contributed superior work and supported the staff consistently are recommended for membership," said Susan Stoneback, adviser.

Governor staff members enrolled in Quill and Scroll for 1988 are Kirsten Levisen, Nancy Kelley and Michelle Deyo. Staff members initiated during 1987 were Paula Paul, Heath Tople, and DeeAnn Gohl.

Gumbo adviser Terry Peterson nominated new members Renae Howard, Julie Humphrey, Jenny Keever, Steve Schneider, DaWanda Pesicka, Mike Anderson, Maia Lyngstad, Stephanie Zastrow, Sean Califf, John Sutton, Amy Cone, Angie Douglas, Tracy Deis, Doug Mikkonen, Scott Thompson, and Cathy Pohlman.

Yearbook staff members initiated in 1987 were Jennifer Joens and Kayla Korkow.

In addition to the initiations, yearbook staff members recognized Maia Lyngstad, Renae Howard, and Jenny Joens as Super Staff for 1988 at the Quill and Scroll banquet.

Both the Governor and Gumbo publications have earned All State ratings the past six years at the South Dakota High School Press Association publications contest.



SPRING INITIATION...Quill and Scroll members are Angie Douglas, DeeAnn Gohl, Kayla Korkow, Paula Paul, Amy Cone, Tracy Deis, DaWanda Pesicka, Scott Thompson, Sean Califf, Cathy Pohlman, Nancy Kelley, Julie Humphrey, Heath Tople, Kirsten Levisen, Michelle Deyo. Front from left are Mike Anderson, Jennifer Joens, Maia Lyngstad, Renae Howard, John Sutton, Steve Schneider, Doug Mikkonen, and Stephanie Zastrow.

Governor staff claims writing contest recognition

Governor editor senior Paula Paul was third in the total points for high school journalists in schools of 450 or more enrollment in the South Dakota High School Press Association spring writing contest.

Overall, the Riggs Governor staff members placed in nine divisions and earned a fifth in the overall Sweepstakes and a fourth in the Writing Sweepstakes.

"We didn't earn any individual first place spots this year like we have before," said Susan Stoneback, paper adviser, "but we placed more

people in more areas, and this pleases the staff because it tells us that overall the paper is carrying good writing and reporting."

A total of 352 entries competed for the top three places and honorable mention in each division.

"We feel that with such keen competition we did very well in both the overall sweepstakes and the writing sweepstakes especially considering the fact that we don't enter every division. For instance, this year we didn't enter the sports column, the special edition or the general interest column

categories," Mrs. Stoneback noted.

Senior Mishelle Johnston tied for second place with a Yankton writer, Sue Hansen, in the newswriting category. Senior Kathy Bartels tied with the same Yankton writer for a third in the feature division.

"We were especially proud of Kathy since this was her first attempt at writing for the paper, and she had less than a semester of journalism class behind her at the time," Mrs. Stoneback said.

Paul and classmate Karen Peta tied down the first and second place spots

in the in-depth news feature area, and Paul won both second and third in the editorial writing contest.

Junior Kirsten Levisen won third in the sports photography division, and senior Nancy Kelley won an honorable mention in the feature story division.

Riggs tied with Yankton again in the first page layout contest when both placed second.

Sioux Falls Washington won the Overall Sweepstakes, and Yankton won the newly established Writing Sweepstakes award.

FBLA members attend Leadership Conference

By Tempe Malena

Pierre Future Business Leaders of America chapter members won third place in the spelling contest and second in the business English contest April 17, 18, and 19 at the State Leadership Conference in Sioux Falls.

Senior DaWanda Pesicka won the second place and spelling team Amy Klein, JoLynn Blake and Pesicka won the third.

Pierre has 26 FBLA members; others participating in the conference were Shelly Sutley, Ronda Hansen and Susan Chase.

FBLA has been part of Riggs for the past 12 years. Members are students participating in the DECA and office Ed. programs. Adviser Charlie Fjelstad accompanied the seniors to the conference.

FBLA members also assist the local March of Dimes with various projects.



FBLA MEMBERS...competing in the conference contests were from left Shelly Sutley, DaWanda Pesicka, Susan Chase, Amy Klein, JoLynn Blade, and Ronda Hansen. (Photo by Heath Tople)

Algebra II students enter math contest

By Kirsten Levisen

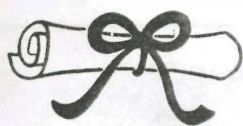
Six Algebra II students recently competed in the Northern State College Math Contest. Juniors Angela Ruhnke and Carie Shea and sophomores Richard Frazier, Brett Oakland, Brad Reinke and Emily Vanderziel competed in the annual event.

Students from across the state competed for the top three places and seven honorable mentions in each category. The Riggs' team did not earn top places, but their top scorer, Brett Oakland scored one away from an honorable mention.

To receive an honorable mention a student must place in the top 10. "I think we did well, considering we didn't come from an accelerated program. Riggs won't be able to compete as well against other schools until we move back to an accelerated math program," said Betty Weiss, Algebra II instructor. "As it is all Algebra II students are put together, slowing down the rate the class can move and the amount of material we can cover," Weiss explains.

To prepare for the contest, students spent about eight hours on evenings and weekends reviewing, covering new material and practicing old competition tests.

Mrs. Weiss thinks students not only benefit from taking the actual test, but that they should be able to score higher on their ACT or SAT test if they are taking them this summer. She encourages any student who likes algebra and is a good test taker to try the contest.



Events Calendar

May 27-28 • Track - State Meet at Sioux Falls.

May 29 • Baccalaureate - 2 p.m.

May 30-June 4 • Girls State and Boys State

June 4 • SAT & Achievement Test

June 5 • Commencement - 2 p.m.

June 11 • ACT



MOURNING...in the stage production "April Fish" are members of the cast Chuck Farnham, Katie Bauder, Rodes Fishburne, Shelly Sutley, Sean Califf, Tracy Deis, Eric Hoffsten, Corey Johnston, and Steve Stofferahn. They play was the final performance for the drama department this year.

Golfers claim ESD second; state ends season

By Anne Storsteen

Pierre Girls Golf Team concluded their season with a second in the ESD conference and an 11th-place finish at the Class A state tournament in Rapid City.

Brookings won the state event with a score of 693, while Pierre had a 855.

Pierre's top finisher was junior Kathy Christensen. Christensen shot a 184 and won a one-hole playoff for 12th place.

Senior Chris Ward and eighth grader Jenifer Tobin were in a group of three tied for 56th place at 219. Ninth grader Ann Hofer finished in 81st place with a 246. Senior Kathy Merriman had to drop out.

ESD Competition

The Pierre Girls Golf Team place 2nd at the ESD tournament held in Pierre on Saturday, May 7. Junior Kathy Christensen placed 3rd with a score of 88; senior Chris Ward took 8th place with a 93; senior Kathy Merriman had a 99; eighth-grader Jenifer Tobin finished with a 104; and ninth-grader Ann Hofer had a 111.

The Pierre girls also had a successful day at the regional tournament in Pierre. They finished 2nd with a score of 401. Huron won the tour-

namment with 368. All five of the Pierre girls who competed placed in the top 13, thus earning a berth at the state tournament. Christensen again took 3rd with a score of 88. Merriman captured 7th with a 99. Ward took 8th place with a 102. Tobin took 11th with 112, and Hofer got 12th with a 116.

The team compiled an impressive record this season. They earned 1st place at the Mission Invitational with a score of 398, 3rd place at the Rapid City Invitational with 431, 3rd place at the Pierre Invitational with a new school record of 367, 1st place at the Aberdeen Invitational with a score of 375, and 2nd place at the Huron Invitational with a 407.

"I am pleased with our team scores. We have had four different people low (score) at one time or another. They were Merriman's 95 at Mission, Tobin's 98 at Rapid City, Christensen's 84 at the Pierre Invitational, and Ward's 98 at Huron. Winning the Aberdeen Invitational, which included Brookings and Huron, has been the highlight so far," commented Rich Jensen, the girls golf coach.

At the Pierre Invitational, the girls golfed to a new school record of 367. In obtaining this score, Christensen had an 84, Ward had a 93, Merriman had a 94, and Tobin had a 96.



STATE COMPETITORS...Junior Kathy Christensen and seniors Chris Ward and Kathy Merriman take a break with Coach Jensen while practicing for the State Golf Competition.

Team members, other than the five who competed at state and ESD, were juniors Alison Charlson, Kim List, and Katie Schaack; sophomore Christie Galinat; freshmen Ann Schaack,

Rhonda Klinger, and Steph Viotor; eighth graders Sara Stulken, Lisa Smith, Bobbi Galinat, and Sara Myers; and seventh grader Michelle Rienke.

Student body selects 1988-89 cheerleaders



STRAIGHT FROM DOGPATCH...next year's cheerleaders look like they came from Dogpatch when seniors had them don gunny sacks as part of their initiation. Pictured are standing top left: Katie Carter, Beth Lindquist, Kara Fridley, Jodie Hickman, Marcy Bowers (pigtails), Cori Nickolas, Heather Schreiner, and Sandy Case. Middle: Leslie Oestreich, Julie Humphrey, Sondra Jackson, and Susan Elenbaum. Front: Nicole Klein, Britt Johnson, Lisa Keyes, Janna Hickman, Robyn Starks, Ashlee Nagel, and Kelly Misterek. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

By Rene Dilley

Gals in the halls of Riggs last week dressed in gunny sacks, T-shirts and smudged with dirt, were not children Mr. Merkwon pulled off the streets. They were the 1988-89 cheerleaders going through initiation day.

Fifty girls tried out for the 19 available cheerleading spots, according to Carol Pickerning, cheerleader adviser. The new cheerleaders were at the mercy of the senior cheerleaders during their day of initiation.

Riggs students selected cheerleaders for the 1988-89 season at a special assembly.

Football cheerleaders will be Robyn Starks, Jodie Hickman, Janna Hickman, Ashlee Nagel and Katie Carter. Selected as wrestling cheerleaders are Sandy Case, Cori Nickolas, Heather Schreiner, and Marcy Bowers.

Boys basketball cheerleaders will be Nicole Klein, Kara Fridley, Kelly Misterek, Lisa Keyes and Beth Lindquist. Girls basketball cheerleaders will be Julie Humphrey, Susan Elenbaum, Leslie Oestreich, Sondra Jackson and Britt Johnson.

Korkow earns all-around honors at rodeo

Senior Kayla Korkow won the girls' all-around honors at the Pierre-Fort Pierre High School Rodeo held earlier this month at Canning.

Vice-president of the PFPHSRC, Kayla won first in the girls goat tying, and barrel racing to earn the title. The all-around designation goes to the cowgirl and cowboy who earn the most points in two or more events at the rodeo.

Local club president and Riggs senior, Misty Korkow placed second in the girls' cutting and in girls breakaway, and fourth in the barrel racing. Other local competitors were members of Ft. Pierre High School.

"The club is not a sanctioned high school activity at Riggs because of the liability problems," Kayla said, "and, because there is no faculty adviser with the groups." Club adviser is Larry Freier, and the club meets twice a month at the Freier home.

Local rodeos are designed to prepare members for the regional which is June 4 and 5 in Chamberlain and June 11 and 12 in Watertown.

State competition is slated June 24-26 at New Underwood with two go rounds and finals. Points from the regional and state rodeos will qualify contestants for the National Rodeo the last week of July in Pueblo, CO.

STEPPING DOWN...This year senior Kayla Korkow will step down as South Dakota High School Rodeo Queen, a position which she has filled for two years.



Governors, Ladies head for state track meet



ONE OF THE BEST...Troy Bushbom practices his specialty- the hurdles - during a Governor workout after school. Riggs High claims three of the top five hurdlers in the state, according to Bob Judson, hurdles coach. Joining Bushbom to fill that bill are class mates Trent Merkwan and sophomore Matt Blumer. All three have run under 15 seconds in the same race, Judson noted. Bushbom leads the three with a 14.6 in the highs. Blumer is in second with 14.7. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Pierre Gobs and Lady Gobs will be in Sioux Falls Friday and Saturday for the South Dakota State Track Meet.

Riggs High boys track team pinned down a second place at the ESD conference meet and a third at Regional on their way to qualifying 19 members for the state track meet Friday and Saturday at the Howard Wood Field in Sioux Falls.

Aberdeen won the Region with 140, Watertown was in second with 125 and Pierre topped Huron's 87 with a 125 to claim the third spot.

"We expect to do well at the state meet," said Vern Miller, head track coach. "We hope to place in the relays and the hurdle events."

Entering state competition will be seniors Wade Douglas, Mike Raue, Jim Keyes, and Jim Ellenbecker.

Juniors qualifying are Kurt Brost, Troy Bushbom, Tim Hilton, Terry Nelson, Jon Rapp, Steve Schneider, and Trent Merkwan.

Sophomores making the trip will be Matt Blumer, Jason Culberson, Jon Kaul and Shawn Williams. Freshmen included in the competition will be Josh Cool, Spencer Tisher, Kray Zeller and Brian Brasel.

Lady Gobs will be sending two first place relay teams with the squads in the 1600 and 3200m relays, a first place discus in Connie Taylor, first place sprinters Crissy Post in the 400 and Jenny Turbeville in the 800m dashes.

Other team members headed for the state competition will be Kelly Mistereck and Emily Vanderziel in the hurdles, Susan Fowler and Steffen in the discus and shot, Kristi Turbiville in the 100m dash, and Patti Schlekeway in the 800m.

Relay teams include Post, Rosemary Parr, K. Turbiville, Schlekeway, Andrea Smith, Kim Osberg, Rachel Lundeen, Kim List, Heather Ogan, Heather Hageman, and Nikki Hawkin.

"We hope to win some places in the state meet," said Coach Larry Lundeen. He is pleased with the teams efforts this year and expects to "continue with a strong team next year, especially if we can find another sprinter to replace senior Crissy Post."

ESD Results

Pierre girls won third at the ESD conference track meet falling behind the highly-rated Huron and Yankton teams.

Post was among the top performers for the Lady Gobs and she placed second in the 200m and third in the 100m runs and participated in the first-place 1600m relay and the third-place 800m relay.

Fowler had her best throw of the year with a 110-foot, three-inch toss that earned her fourth in the ESD. Taylor was fifth in discus and fourth on shot. In the hurdles Mistereck won third in both the 100 and 200.

Gobs end 9-2 dual season; claim ESD third

Riggs tennis squad members entered the state tournament Monday with a 9-2 dual record and hopes of landing somewhere in the top five placings.

"We had a good dual team," said Phil Trautner, coach. "We split with Aberdeen Central and lost a close one to Sioux Falls Lincoln."

In tournament play the team won second at the Rapid City Invitational, won their own invitational, and finished third in the ESD conference behind Aberdeen and Huron.

"The ESD is always tough, and if you finished in the top that has to be good," Coach Trautner said. "One of our goals for the year was to show improvement, and we've certainly done that, and to get the experience on the court."

Pierre fielded a young squad this year with eight of the 10 top people being underclassmen. "Over the years we have been one of the top teams in the state so this year was a little below where we're used to, but the third place in the ESD was good,

and I'm pleased with the team's performance," Coach Trautner said.

The team's singles rankings found junior Heath Schnieder in number one, ninth grader Chad Winters at number two, sophomore Shannon Schaefer at number three, ninth grader Matt Judson at number four, senior Bill Regynski at number five, and ninth grader Anthony Nelson in the number six slot.

"The season went pretty well," said Regynski. "This year was an improving season." Next year, Regynski will be keeping an eye on the Governor tennis squad from Northern State College where he hopes to play college tennis.

Regynski paired with Schneider for the number one doubles slot. Schaefer and Winters were in number two; sophomore Dave Ebach and senior Dave Axtman were at number three.

Other varisty players were sophomore Scott Ryman and Matt Kenyon.



MAKING HIS MOVE...Senior Bill Regynski steps in to return a serve in a recent tennis tournament. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Awards banquet honors Governor basketball team

By Heath Tople

Governors drew their 1987-88 basketball season to a close with the annual awards banquet.

Awards were presented for Most Valuable Player (MVP), Hardest Worker, Co-Captains, and Free Throw Champ. This years Co-Captains were senior Doug Mikkonen and junior Trent Merkwan. Both players displayed their floor leadership qualities throughout the season.

Mikkonen led the Gobs in rebounding and blocked shots; he pulled down 195 bounds and denied his opponents 94 pounds by blocking 47 attempted shots. He ended the season with 260 positive points.

Merkwan sparked the team with 43% field goal shooting, 69% free-

throw shooting and 249 total points. He was third in positive points with 156.

Junior Troy Buschbom earned the Most Valuable Player award along with his All-Tourney honor. He led the Gobs in many categories, including field goals made, total points and positive points. Buschbom netted 105 field goals and grabbed 163 rebounds, along with 40 steals and 14 blocked shots. He notched 264 total scores and 285 positive points to lead the team.

Junior Terry Nelson earned the hardest worker award and senior Dave Axtman captured the (practice) Free Throw Champ award.

The Governors ended the season with a 11-13 record and a 4th place finish at the State "AA" tournament.



GETTING SET...Junior Heath Schnieder gets ready to serve his opponent. (Photo by Levisen)

Teens join skateboarding generation

By Larissa Baer

Remember when skaters were on roller skates? Today's skater balances on a skateboard with half the number of wheels people used to associated with skating.

Many children had a small plastic skateboard when they were growing up. Today skateboarding is enjoying a revival as the sport it was. The plastic boards have been replaced with specially designed wood boards, and the children range from very young to adults in their 20's.

Skaters skate at many levels. Some skate, doing tricks and jumping obstacles, for the exercise and the fun. Others take skating more seriously. Although skating is mainly free style, the competitions do have some rules, and most of the tricks performed are variations on set, named tricks.

Martin Hoffsten, senior, and Ted Escalanti, sophomore, are two of the many who have joined the new generation of skateboarders. Martin and Ted have skated for about two and a half years. They each skate at least three hours a day.

"I skate to relieve pent up aggressions and stress," said Martin. "It is



AIRBORNE...Ted Escalanti and Martin Hoffsten demonstrate their skate boarding talents. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

also good exercise."

Ted attended a skating competition in El Centro, CA. "It's fun, it gives you a chance to show what you can do,

and it gives you a chance to watch other people," said Ted about competing.

There are some expenses and

hazards, but skating's adaptability to all levels, plus the fact that it can be done anywhere makes it a sport for everyone.



Grant supplies new software for computer-aided drafting

Drafting students at Riggs have the advantage of some state-of-the-art computer aided drafting and design software. The problem is -- they don't have the computer necessary to use it.

Instructor Patrick Hoing received the software by applying for a grant offered by the Micro Control Company. He wrote the proposal last year. It was accepted, and the software, CADD Key, is now part of the Vocational Department.

"It has 10 times the number of capabilities the old system has; it is more flexible in what it will do, said Hoing. "It has more capacity to hold more drawings and to draw three dimensional drawings."

Probably one of the major points about the CADD Key software is its ability to be updated so it won't become outdated. The new software is also faster both in drawing and printing capacities

The concept of computer aided drafting and design is not new at

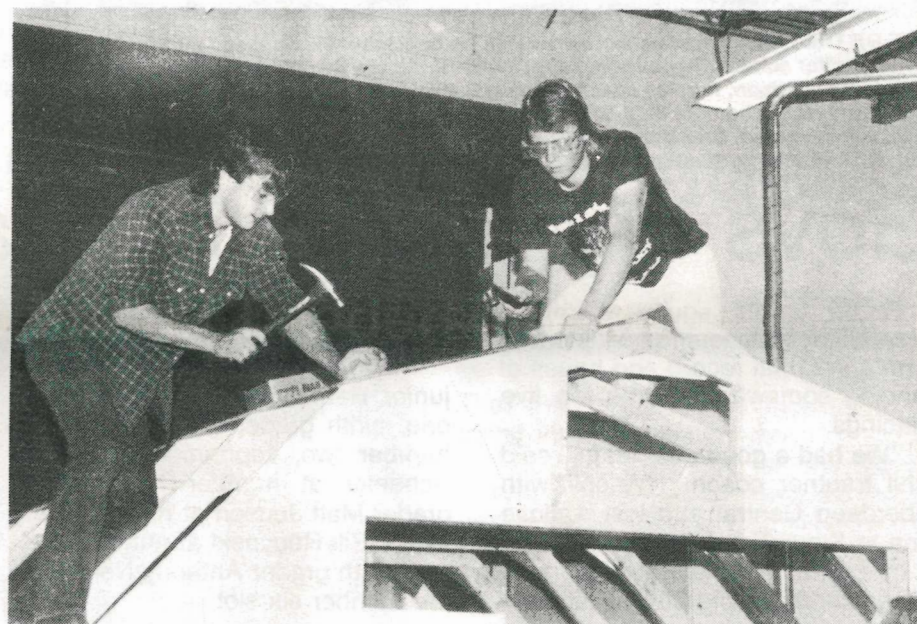
Riggs. Mr. Hoing has been studying the programs for the past four years. He began to use the current software to draw the same way they would with a board and tee square, but it allows them to draw more complicated designs faster. The system also prepares them for beginning engineering-level course work at college.

"I would rather draw on CADD than on paper," said Devin McKeever, senior. "It's just the circles that are a little hard to draw, but I just started."

Currently 15 members of the Drafting III class use the Apple computer CADD system. It is also available to Drafting I students. The computer is the only one in the Vocational Department.

So, why did Mr. Hoing go to the trouble of writing a grant proposal for something the class can't use?

"We just hope that somewhere down the road the drafting room will be able to get the hardware," Mr. Hoing said.



HAMMERING AWAY...Aaron Miller and Jay Penrod work on their shed for carpentry.

(Photo by Scott Searles)

Carpentry class structures provide hands-on experience

By Scott Searls

"Carpentry is something you can't learn out of book; you need the hands-on-experience," said Roger Johnson, vocational teacher. "It is something that carries over, and you can use it the rest of your life."

Sixteen second semester carpentry class students are getting that hands-on experience first hour this quarter. The class is building two storage sheds.

"This has been a valuable class for me because we have learned how to build on our own and we understand a lot more about the structure of houses now," said Junior Aaron Miller. "We've built a cabin in the hills, so I knew something about it when I started. I know a lot more now, and I might use it this summer if I get hired on construction."

According to Miller and Tammie Paulsen, the only girl in the class, getting the angles right on the rafters has been the hardest part of building the sheds. "We had a barn style roof, so we had two roof angles rather than

one peak to figure out. We ended up taking some out and doing them over," Miller said.

Both sheds were sold before they were begun by the students. "The cost of the shed is materials," said Mr. Johnson. "We don't charge for the labor."

The class is split into two groups of eight with a group working on each structure. "The project should take about nine weeks to complete," said Mr. Johnson.

"The class is a lot of fun," said senior Mike Tollefson. "This is one class you can see that you're learning something in."

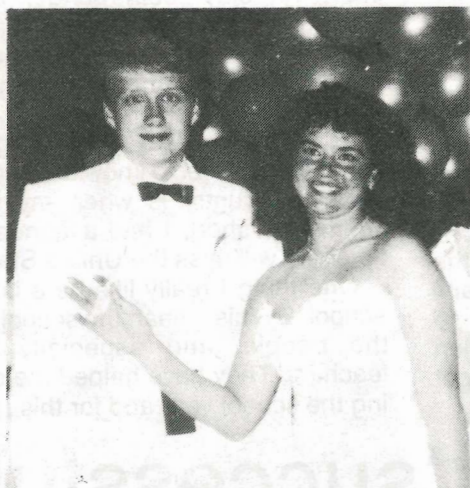
Paulsen says she would recommend the course to other girls because, "It's fun, and it proves to the guys that you're not chicken. I've learned to use saws and other equipment, how to put in windows, build walls, and lots of other things."

Students spend the first quarter learning basics from the text book. Most of the second quarter of the class is spent with hands-on work.



CHECKING IT OUT...Seniors Ian Heckenliable and Chuck Farnham recently won fifth place at the annual Plymouth Triple A Trouble Shooting contest held at the Southeast Area Vocational Technical School in Sioux Falls. The men brought home a trophy, fender covers, and jackets for their efforts at detecting and repairing engine problems. They are members of Auto Mechanics class under the instruction of Joel Hieb. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen.)

Prom 1988: 'Evening of Elegance'



EVENING OF ELEGANCE......was a night to remember for prom goers. Pictured top left are Jafar Karim, Tracy Deis, Rodes Fishburne, Mary Fjeldstad, Jim Todd, and Eileen Briggs. Top Right Kirsten Levisen and Heath Tople make the grand entrance. Center left, Jenny Joens and Katy Bauder are fascinated with the balloons. And Jeff Bame and Chris Ward pose for the camera. Bottom left are waitresses and waiters standing from left, Shannon Schaefer, Robyn Starks, Katie Carter, Matt Blumer; Kneeling are Janna Hickman, Trevor Wiebe, Susan Elenbaum, Chris Sheperd, Jodi Hickman and Troy Wiebe. Bottom right, Eric Hoffsten is decked out for the party, and Chuck Farnhman and Jenny Joens sway to the tunes.

Former California student explains graduation festivities

Excited about graduation? Sure, who wouldn't be with the senior "parties", the family parties, the gifts, etc., etc.

Senior Sonja Stevens is looking forward to Riggs graduation too, but she is also a little depressed about missing graduation at her former school, San Marcus, CA.

The Knights of the Round Table (San Marcus High School) do their graduation in a royal fashion. First of all it would cost for admittance to graduation. Anyone who doesn't show up with a graduation announcement must pay \$10. Nearly 750 "Knights of the Round Table" will graduate this year, according to Sonja.

Graduation festivities are the expensive part for the San Marcus graduate. Graduation night, San Mar-

cus and three other schools rent Disneyland.

"I had a great time," Sonja recalls. The bus ride up with a thousand kids is a good time and gives everyone the opportunity to hear the final class review who was the best couple. The teacher chaperone is there to present these "silly" awards.

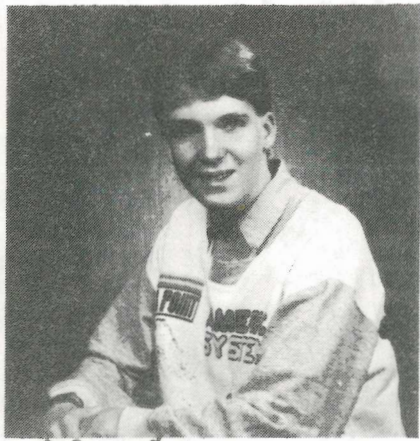
The classmates sing songs and generally just "get to know each other. It's so neat, so exciting....so special to get to meet everyone and be a part of it all," Sonja recalls. "It's hard to put into words what that evening means to the kids."

DisneyLand is not the end of the fun. When the seniors return they have a breakfast, and the parents throw a semi-formal parent-senior party at noon.



THE WINNER IS...sophomore Christie Galinat accepts her prize from "crash dummies" from the South Dakota Department of Transportation. Names were drawn from among the names of those who received a free Coke for wearing seat belts during the prom week safety promotion sponsored by the Riggs SADD chapter and the DOT. (Photo by Paula Paul)

Farewells: AFS students conclude Riggs term



Holger Johann

Hi, guys!

I hope that you had the same great year that I had.

When I first came here, I thought I was in the middle of nowhere. It was very difficult to get used to those small towns with so few people. But you get used to everything. I also had a very difficult time with understanding the language, but now I understand almost everything. I really enjoyed it here, and I'll miss speaking this language at home.

The biggest difference I had here was the food, which I think is not as good as in Germany. Another difference is the weather. It is very dry here and in Germany very wet.

Anyway, I have really enjoyed my stay in Pierre.

I am staying with Greg and Shirley Swanson, who have given me a nice year. I got a lot of experience in the culture and in the very different school system. I want to tell you much more about Germany, but I can't use the whole page. If you have some questions about my country, I'll be delighted to answer you. So, don't be afraid to ask me.

Many people have asked me what my plans are for the future. Well, I have three more years left in school. After that I have to join the army for a year and a half, and then hopefully, I will be a businessman.

When am I going back to Germany? Well, my parents will come to Pierre on June 2, and they will be here for graduation. After that, we will travel for two weeks and see your country.

On June 27, I will start my 9½ hour nonstop flight back to Germany. But, of course, I will return in a year or two to see my host family and all my friends!

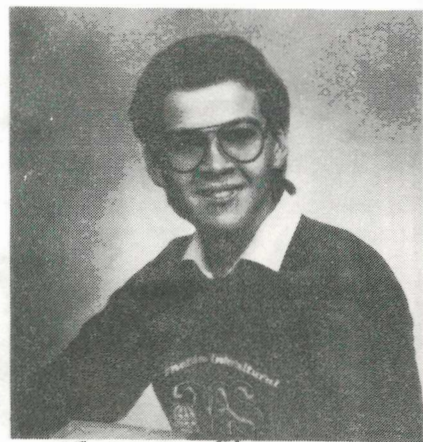
I really want to thank all the students in school and all the many friends I made. Further, I want to thank Mrs. Booze, who had an open ear for me. I think I will never forget all those people here.

Thanks to all the following teachers who I think had a hard time with me. Miss Zakahai, Mrs. Zastrow, Mr. Gonsor, Mr. Shields, Mr. Lundeen, Mr. Kurth, Mr. W. Peterson, Mrs. Stoneback.

And, of course, I think our principals who gave me the OK to come here (Mr. Lonbaken and Mr. Merkwán, who always calls me a foreigner).

Well guys, I think I have to end this article here, but I hope that we will be friends forever, and that we will stay in touch.

Your German friend, Holger Johann



Fabrizio Long

thank you. I also had a lot of fun in cross country and intramural basketball.

The day that I have been awaiting is graduation day -- my first graduation, I say that because I will have another one in my country, and I don't know why they don't recognize the American diploma. I don't want to go to school again for another three months to obtain my other diploma. It's not bad to have two diplomas, but I think one is enough.

For the other part I will have more job opportunities and get some money and save it and come back some time again to know more about the U.S.A.

Students return from 'successful' Close-Up

By Rene Dilley

Eleven Riggs students recently returned from what has been termed a "successful" trip to Washington, DC, according to Larry Joy, adviser who accompanied the group.

Close-Up offers students a "close-up" look at Washington D.C. the government, and how it works. The program gives students a rounded look at Washington D.C. and exposes them to many new experiences, according to Mr. Joy.

The students looked over the workings of government proceedings, spoke with South Dakota Congressman Larry Pressler, saw monuments such as the Lincoln Memorial, and Jefferson Memorial, and saw first-hand how a big city works.



VISITING ON CAPITOL HILL...Close Up students met with Congressman Tim Johnson (right front). Pictured from left back are Benji Hiatt, Nicole Patten, Kim Maluski, Dawn Kilian, Mary Fjelstad, and Matt Loup. In front are Katie Schaack, Denise Suedkamp, Kari Engberg, Tara Adamski and Paula Graves. (Courtesy Photo)

Although any student can attend the one week session, the majority of the students have a common interest in government. The only requirement for the students is to have a good attendance record and to help pay for part of the trip. The Close-Up program helps fund itself by sponsoring Jr. High dances, selling baked goods candy bars, and popcorn.

"Close-Up was a really invigorating experience. I learned a lot about our government system and the people living in our nations capitol," says Riggs junior Benji Hiatt.

This year marks the third year that Riggs has participated in the program. The Riggs history department hopes to continue the program in the following years.

School recognizes April-May 'Students'

By Jackie Heintz

Seniors Deb Hudson, Travis Christoffer, Kim Merrill and Dennis McEntaffer were recently named Students of the Month for the final two

months of school.

Earning the April honors, Deb participates in band and is a state 4-H officer. She also tutors students in various subjects. She plans to attend

South Dakota State University to study broadcast journalism.

Deb had this advice for her fellow students, "Make the most of high school. Work hard and enjoy yourself."

Sharing April honors, Christoffer this year concludes his involvement in Riggs wrestling and football. He plans to attend the University of South Dakota and major in business.

May Student of the Month Kim Merrill is active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, intramural volleyball, girls basketball, the Letterman's Club, Pep Club and National Honor Society.

She plans to attend the University of Minnesota and major in pre-med. She will be attending on an Air Force ROTA full-tuition scholarship.

Student body president Dennis McEntaffer plans to attend SDSU and major in physical therapy.

During his career here at Riggs he has been active in football, IBA, basketball, and student politics.

Riggs High hosts German student

Thanks to Riggs' Fullbright Exchange teacher Jay Mickelson and host family Don Rounds, Hartmut Fehling was able to spend the last nine weeks of this school year as part of the Riggs student body.

While in Germany through the Fullbright Exchange program, Mr. Mickelson was introduced to Hartmut by his mother who worked at the school. With the help of Mr. Mickelson and Mr. Maicel, the German exchange teacher, Hartmut was able to receive the approval of Riggs' school board to visit Pierre.

Hartmut who is known by his friends here as "Muti", arrived in Pierre in late March, and will be staying until early June.

Muti attends Riggs as a sophomore and claims that school in Pierre is much easier than it is in Germany because he has already taken some of the courses.

Host brother, Jamie Rounds, will visit Germany this summer.



NEED A LOAN...April and May Students of the Month are Deb Hudson, Kim Merrill, Dennis McEntaffer, and in front, Travis Christoffer. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)