

## Negotiations stalemate continues

By Mishelle Johnston

For the second time in six years the Pierre teachers started the school year without a current contract.

Teachers are working under the 1986-1987 contract since the Pierre Board of Education and the Pierre Education Association reached impasse in early May. The negotiations went to the mediation stage on Aug. 4 and fact finding results were handed down Oct. 23.

Fact finding is the stage where an impartial, third party studies the facts presented by each side and hands down a judgement on the facts. This, however, is not binding in South Dakota.

Fact finding will create little effect on the teacher contractual problems, according to Gary Snow, president of the Pierre Board of Education. "We, as a board, will not just reject it," Snow said.

How has all the educational red

tape affected the student to teacher relationship?

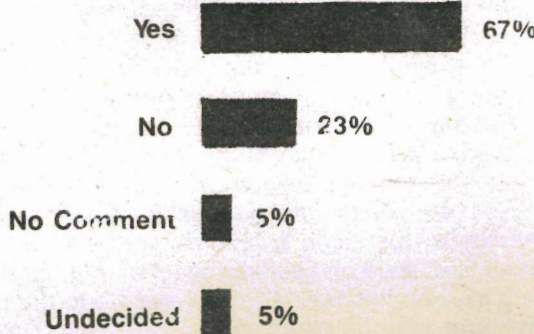
"Teachers are still professionals and the students are not the cause of the contractual problems, therefore, that relationship held between teacher and student should not be affected tremendously," said Stan Wahl, business teacher and head negotiator for the Pierre Education Association (PEA).

"A happy morale means more productive employees and low morale means under productive employees," Wahl said. He explained that a teacher's output could be affected by strained working conditions.

"I don't think it's the kind of situation everyone likes," said Roger Lonbaken, Riggs principal. "Any time a person is not satisfied it comes out in their attitude and eventually in their work."

The main contract problem was salaries. The starting, average rate for a new teacher is about \$14,000 a year.

At the beginning of the 1987 school year, Chicago teachers went on strike preventing thousands of students from attending school. In regard to recent controversy over their contracts, Riggs teachers were asked the following question: If teachers had the right to strike in South Dakota, would you strike? Riggs teachers responded with 27 yes, 9 no, 2 undecided, and 2 no comment answers.



Teachers receive pay raises according to their degrees and the length of time served in the school system. Often local districts offer a starting

salary that is fairly appealing to beginning teachers in order to entice them into the school system. (Contracts continued on p. 3)

## Council supports Yellow Pages project

By Paula Paul

Riggs students can let their fingers do the walking for help in the future. The Student Council has voted to spend \$500 on a Youth Yellow Pages which will be distributed to students at Riggs and Stanley County High Schools and the Pierre Jr. High.

The Yellow Pages will include telephone numbers for numerous community services a teenager might need. Many of the numbers are for health services such as information on AIDS, pregnancy, drugs, alcohol, and suicide.

The book will also include phone numbers to aid students with legal problems, finding a job, obtaining a drivers license, and much more.

The Yellow Pages project was proposed by the Team Task Force—a group composed of medical professionals, school officials, and parents whose goal is to promote the health of community teenagers.

"We want kids to know there are people in the community who are willing to help them with their problems," said Jacquie Kelley, who works with Parent/Child Health at St. Mary's

Hospital and is a member of the Task Force.

The Task Force is redesigning a format used for a Youth Yellow Pages distributed at Stanley County High School three years ago. Much of the information for the current Yellow Pages must be updated and new information is being added.

"I can't speak for every one of them, but I honestly think the kids found the Yellow Pages valuable," said Carla Claymore, who was Stanley County High's guidance counselor when the Yellow Pages were distributed there.

Claymore remembers a group counseling session at which she mentioned the Yellow Pages, and several boys pulled it out of their shirt pockets. "You'd be surprised at how many students kept it with them," she said.

The Task Force met with student council members from Riggs, Stanley County and the Pierre Jr. High on Oct. 20 to hear their opinions about the project. The Task Force hopes to get the Yellow Pages to the students sometime in December.



**YELLOW PAGES...will offer students access to community services. Junior Larissa Baer, senior Tracy Deis, and junior Dawn Kilian review the directories. (photo by Kirsten Levisen)**

## Governor, Gumbo earn top honors

Riggs High School publications earned All State ratings at the South Dakota High School Press Association convention held last week at South Dakota State University.

The 1987 All State is the fifth top rating in five years for the "Gumbo" yearbook and the fourth consecutive All State honor for the "Governor" newspaper. The contest draws entries from more than half of the high schools in the state.

The "Governor" also received an honorable mention in the First Issue Contest, for its first newspaper of the school year. Paula Paul, "Governor"

editor took third in the On-the-Spot Writing Contest.

The editors of the 1986-87 All State "Governor" were Doug Potter and Miller. They are now succeeded by co-editors DeeAnn Gohl and Paul. Shannon Schneider was the editor of the 1986-87 All State yearbook. Current editor of the Gumbo, is Jenny Joens.

"With proper training and a lot of determination, any school can produce a top-notch newspaper or yearbook," stated Mary Perpich, assistant professor of journalism at SDSU. Perpich was the coordinator of the 63rd annual convention, which drew more

than 1300 publications students.

At the general assembly at the end of the day, the All State journalists were honored. These included Renae Howard and Joens, Gumbo staff; and Paul and Kirsten Levisen, Governor staff.

Gretchen Lord Anderson, press secretary for Gov. Mickelson, was the keynote speaker at the assembly. Anderson stressed the importance of a good journalist to have a well-rounded education.

"There is a lot of opportunity in South Dakota, and the students are the future," Anderson said.

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## Teachers, working without contracts?

By Paula Paul

Are teachers just those people that stand in front of the classroom everyday and panic students with the words "quiz in five minutes"? These leaders of the classroom deserve a closer look.

Teachers hold one of the most important jobs within our society. They influence of young minds that will grow up and build the character of the United States. A teacher's attitude can make a student hate algebra or inspire him to be a math whiz.

Teaching is a profession that asks a person to stand in front of 30 teenagers everyday and try to earn their respect. In most jobs, one or two bosses make demands on their employees; in teaching, 30 separate people each have their own demands. A teacher must be the students' friend and confidant, yet he must remain a professional and in control of the classroom.

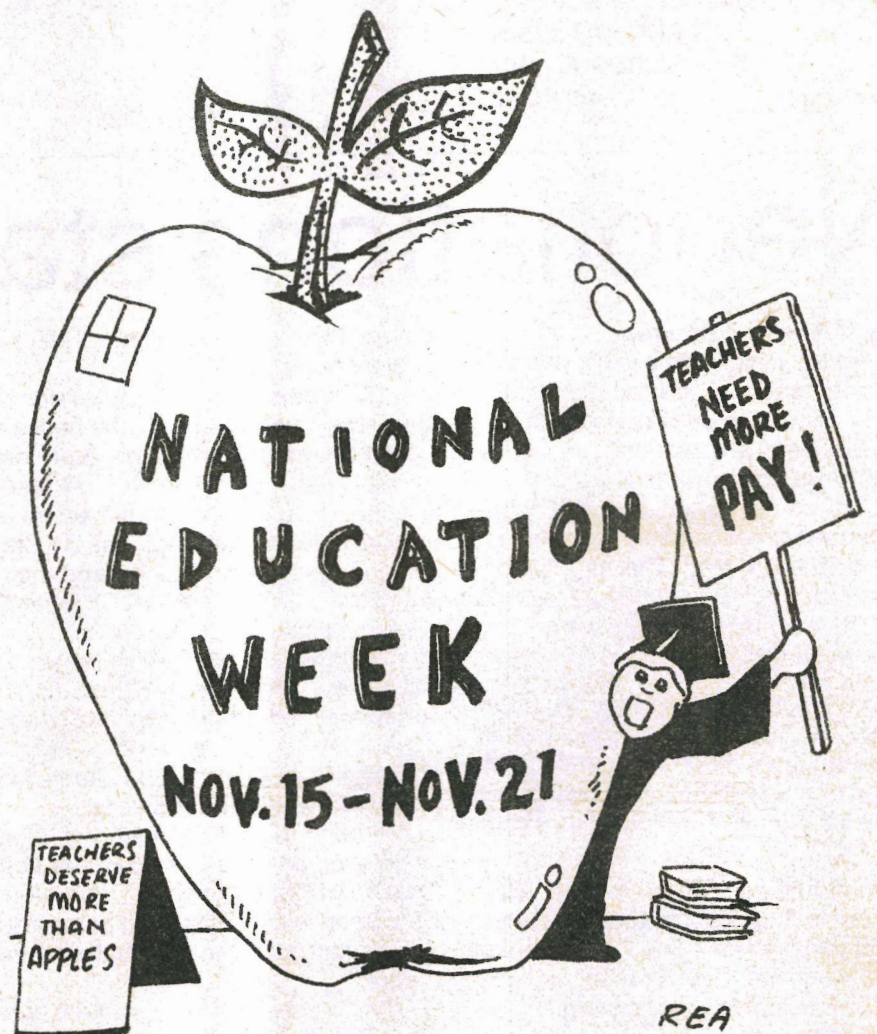
Some of the best educators anywhere are right here in the Pierre school system, and it's time for the community to take notice. Pierre teachers are professionals both inside and outside the classroom; they deserve professional pay and respect. Their credibility is shown in student ACT scores. Riggs students produce some of the highest scores in the country, and they are consistently on the rise.

Teachers are currently working under the terms of last year's contract because they cannot reach a satisfactory agreement with the Pierre School Board. The Board will have final say in the terms of a new contract.

Because South Dakota teachers are forbidden by law to strike, they really don't have much negotiating power. South Dakota teachers rank last in wages among the 50 states. No negotiating power coupled with already low wages spells frustration for Pierre teachers.

"Morale is running low," said one veteran teacher. Although teachers may work very hard to keep this feeling of low morale to themselves, it will inevitably carry over into the classroom.

The situation denies both teachers' and students' rights. Pierre students deserve the best possible education, and they should get it through teachers who are satisfied with their jobs. The Pierre School Board should consider the quality and importance of education in the community before making any decisions.



REA

## Students voice opinion about new locks

by Cathy Polhman

Forty-five, seventeen, forty-three, CLICK! We have all seen the Board of Education's latest installation in our halls—locks on lockers.

The new locks have stirred up quite a bit of controversy in school. This month the Governor asked students, "What do you think about the new locks on lockers?" Here are the replies:



**Michelle Deyo (Sr.):** I think for some people they're useful; for others they're a waste of time. But there are ways around them.



**Susan Fowler (Jr.):** I don't think it's right. They're treating us like little kids by not giving us the choice of having one or not.



**Derek Englund (Soph.):** I think they're stupid. If I wanted one, I'd get one.

## Letters

I personally would like to take time out to tell you of all the hard work our Band director, Brad Berens, puts into one year.

Before the school year event starts, Mr. Berens has most of the band members out on the field marching, playing and preparing for competition. Cramming for time, Mr. Berens gets us in time and on track. Even after school starts, band members are marching from 7:00-8:00 A.M. and 7th period band.

After marching band is over, concert band begins. Learning music for Christmas concerts and spring concerts, part of the band takes extra time to work on stage band music.

Between stage band, marching band, and concert band, the entire band works on pep band music to entertain the audience at football and basketball games.

This all seems like a lot but it's not all. There's also the nights that are spent for small groups, large groups, and musicals. Plus all the private lessons during study halls and lunch.

After all this, there isn't a whole lot of time Mr. Berens has for himself.

Thanks Mr. Berens for all your time and effort.

Brenda Davenport

What do you think of the training rules that were established last year?

I think the training rules are unfair to the students who participate in one sport, because these individuals sign their social activities away for the whole school year.

The two things that should be changed are being at a party and being suspended for at least one game, and having to go to a rehabilitation center.

In my opinion, these rules are too severe and should be lessened.

Eric Gregg

Baseball in South Dakota, just a summer activity. Why, I ask? South Dakota is one of the few states that doesn't offer high school baseball. Baseball is a sport that would attract lots of participation. It also would bring in lots more fan support than its rival sport, track.

Terry Nelson

In my opinion, the lunch period should be extended to 28 minutes instead of 22 minutes. I could stand to stay in school until 3:30, or start at 8:00 if I could have more than 22 minutes for my lunch period.

Thomas Wollman

## Rock-n-Roll Review

By Rhodes Fishburne

Well, the music industry is moving along at it's usual high-speed pace. Ozzie Osbourne is looking for a new guitarist after having lost Jake E. Lee. He apparently has reopened auditions after having been unsatisfied with his first choice.

"AC/DC" is in the studio with the new album, but recording is going slow.

The heaviest of all heavy metal bands "Iron Maiden" say they will take the rest of 1987 off before even thinking of getting a new album together. Their tour is over and they want a rest.

"Kiss" says there will definitely be a Kiss Alive III Album, but they don't know if it will be recorded on this tour or not. Rumors of a full-makeup tour are apparently completely untrue.

The grapevine says that "Whitesnake" has lost it's bassist Rudy Sarso who has returned to "Quiet Riot." "Quiet Riot" is attempting a comeback.

"R.E.M.'s" new album 'Document' is their most successful album to date and the band seems to be coming out from their obscure realm. Apparently the ever-popular band "Stryper" has been caught in a million-dollar snowstorm. They have reached the end of the road after being busted for possession of cocaine.

In local news, the heavy metal headbanging band, "Excel", played at Fort Pierre on October 30.

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However, any student, or the student's parents, if the student is under the age of 18, may request that his picture not be published in the media or in the school yearbook, such a request to be made in writing to the principal of the high school.

This does not cover pictures taken by the news media of school events.



# Riggs staff plans AIDS curriculum

By Katy Bauder

All classes at Riggs will be given information on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) this year, according to Vickie Cool, a member of the committee on AIDS curriculum.

In the future, the school district plans to incorporate the information into the sophomore curriculum only. The committee is currently previewing films and pamphlets.

"We'll be taking our curriculum proposals to the November board meeting for approval," said Don

Shields, committee member. "After that as soon as we can get started with it, we'll put it into the schedule."

Committee plans were under way before the Pierre Board of Education approved the district's AIDS policy Oct. 12. "There is a possibility that the policy will be broadened during the year," said Roger Lonbaken, Riggs principal.

The new policy is a 10-point summary of one written by the State Department of Health. Basically the policy adopted says AIDS infected

children should be allowed to attend school.

However, kids that pose a greater risk - those who lack control of body fluids, bite or have uncoverable oozing sores - will have their cases reviewed by a state advisory committee. The committee will recommend an appropriate educational setting. Strict confidentiality shall be kept with anyone with the disease.

Students will not be routinely screened for the syndrome and

screening will not be a school entry requirement.

"We need some good solid planning," Lonbaken said about the curriculum. "We don't want to jump into some program that we are not prepared to defend."

High school students already have access to a number of books in the Riggs library that deal with the AIDS topic, Lonbaken noted.

Long term, the curriculum committee plans will reach into the elementary, possibly to fifth grade.

## Teachers name September, October students



**TOP STUDENTS...Renae Howard, T.J. Wiebe, Bruce Lundeen and Steph Zastrow are students of the month (Photo by Heath Tople)**

By Scott Searls

September and October Students of the Month honors were recently announced by Candy Birhanzel, head of the teacher selection committee.

September students are seniors Bruce Lundeen and Steph Zastrow. Bruce is active in National Honor Society (NHS), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Letterwinners Club, cross country and he was a delegate to Boys State.

Lundeen works at Red Owl, and plans to attend the University of South Dakota or Harvard and major in accounting.

Zastrow participates in NHS, FCA, basketball, Letterwinners Club, and Gumbo staff. She advises sophomores to, "Start now keeping your grades up. Don't think it doesn't help. GPA helps a lot for scholarships and admissions to colleges."

October Students of the Month are

homecoming royalty Renae Howard and T.J. Wiebe.

Howard, who is associate editor of the Gumbo and All State Journalist, is active in cheerleading, band, NHS; and she is the Senior Class treasurer.

To underclassmen Renae suggests, "Be yourself -- don't think you're better than other people: don't think other people are better than you."

"It's an honor to be student of the month," said Wiebe. He participates in football, Letterwinners Club and FCA. He works at Sooper Dooper.

Students of the Month must have a 3.0 or above grade point average and be involved in school activities. Only seniors are eligible for the honor and each selected student must exemplify the character and involvement of a "true student."

At the end of the school year, each student of the month is considered for the Student of the Year scholarship.

## 'The Miracle Worker' opens drama season

By Kirsten Levisen

The Riggs Drama Department ushers in a new season with the opening of their fall play, "The Miracle Worker," Dec. 3, 4 & 5.

The show is a drama that tells the story of Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller, a blind, deaf mute who is taught language by her teacher.

"We wanted to open with a drama to give the students experience in the genre of a drama, in preparation for one-act contest," said Nancy Pottratz, assistant director. The directors are Hyrma Zakahi and Pottratz.

When casting the role of Helen, who is played by Tracy Deis, the directors looked for someone who had the

feeling of the world of a deaf/blind person, such as, no eye movement and not responding to sound.

"We were surprised by the amount of talented people who turned out to audition for both male and female roles. It was a tough choice because they were so close," said Zakahi.

The cast includes Corey Johnston, Jenny Joens, Steve Stofferahn, Deis, DaWanda Pesicka, Chuck Farnham, Deb Kern, Sean Califf, Rhodes Fishburne, Mary Fjelstad, Katy Bauder, Kris Becker, Heather Carriere, Mary Hatch, Dawn Kilian, Kirsten Levisen, Penni Maxwell, Katie Schaack, and Chris Ward.

Working on the crews are Tom

Black, technical director; Johnston, student director; Cheri Bartlett, make-up; Becker, publicity; Cody Burton and Scott Anderson, props and set; and Paul Sheather and Brad Houck, lights and sound.

The rest of the season will include two one-act dramas, with one going to contest, and a comedy in the spring. "We will be looking for a comedy that features male leads, since "The Miracle Worker" is more female dominated," stated Zakahi.

## Locks create controversy

By Dana Lesniak

Installation of locks on all lockers recently has created some controversy.

"The senior hall was done first because it is excessible from all the doors. The sophomore lockers will be done second because people like to play tricks to make them look like goats," said Gary Merkwon, Riggs vice principal.

For some students it's a joy and a relief, but for others it has been a burden and aggravation. "I was late for class because my locker jammed," said one senior. "I still never got it opened."

"The intention was to help you to have a better and happier year at Riggs," Mr. Merkwon explained.

So far 210 lockers have been installed at \$5.50 each for a cost of \$1155. If funds permit, the locks project should be completed by the end of the school year.

## Seniors earn test recognition

By Karen Peta

Senior Amy Cone was recently named a semi finalist and classmate Jenny Joens, a commended student in the 33rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

To qualify Cone and Joens took the PSAT/MNSQT last fall along with other juniors. Top scorers in every state which represent about one-half of one percent of the states high school graduating class were named semi finalists.

Students with scores slightly below the level required for semi finalists were named Commended Students. As such, Joens will receive a letter of commendation in recognition of outstanding academic promise.

To be considered for Merit Scholarship, Cone must first become a finalist by meeting high academic standards, being fully endorsed and recommended by Riggs High School, and submitting information about her school and community activities, personal interests and goals.

Every finalist will be considered for one of 1,800 National Merit \$2,000 scholarships, awards that are distributed on a state representational basis according to each states percentage of the total U.S. seniors.

Winners will be selected by a committee of college admission professionals who will judge which finalist in each state has the strongest combination of academic and extra-curricular accomplishments.

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For teachers who have been in the system for a while and who are at the top of the salary ladder, however, this means little salary increase.

Statistics show South Dakota ranks fifty-first in the nation in teacher salaries. The average teacher in South Dakota makes \$18,781 a year while the average teacher in Alaska makes \$42,063 a year.

The board is not totally against the teacher's problems, Snow said, noting that the board handed down its maximum offer of \$26,240 last spring before the contractual problems arose. The PEA, however, wanted \$31,700 for the top of the pay schedule.

"I think everybody in the city of Pierre is under paid, and the teachers

are no exception," Snow said.

The board is the only guard of the tax payer's money, and, therefore, they feel the pressure of the community is on them to make the right decision concerning the contract and how much money will be spent, Snow added.

Since the money for the school system is found from the people's property taxes, and increase in taxes could be foreseeable, according to Snow.

"We'll try to be fair, Snow said. "The board is sometimes painted as the bad guy, but their responsibilities lie to the tax payers and to the students."

Some of the other problems in the contract are teacher retirement and an elementary proposal.



# Arrows kill Govs' play-off attempts

By Heath Tople

The Governors 1987 season came to an abrupt halt last Tuesday, at the hands of the Watertown Arrows.

The Govs dropped their first playoff game in three years to Watertown 31-7. The Arrows finished the season 8-1 and won their first ESD title since 1974; they did this outright by going undefeated through their ESD schedule.

The Governors finished the regular season 5-5 and 3-3 in the ESD along with making the playoffs. They did it; after losing 12 straight in the last two years.

The Govs went into the game with only three days of rest, while the Arrows had four. However, the Govs came off their biggest win in many seasons, a 34-22 schacking of Yankton. The Govs have won only two games in 23 years against Yankton, this most recent win being their only home win.

In Watertown the tide turned, the Govs had to play catch-up football from the opening kick-off. Watertown quarterback Heath Rylance hit Tom Larson on a 79 yard touch-down pass on the second play of the game, and the Arrows never looked back.

The clinching score came less than three minutes later after a Governor fumble set up a nine-yard Jeff Englund touch down run. This made the score 14-0 Arrows with only four minutes gone in the game.

The Govs fumbled the ball twice more and had six turnovers overall. The Arrows converted these turnovers into 17 points. Late in the fourth quarter the Govs dodged the shut out bullet with a Jason Culberson 22-yard touch down run.

The Arrows showed winning defensive form as they limited the Governors to just 184 yards total offense. Terry Nelson contributed 110 of that in 15 rushes. The Govs had only 17 yards in the air.

The Arrows advance to the semi-finals at Sioux Falls Monday night against the upsetting Sioux Falls Washington Warriors.

In other semi-final play, Yankton goes to Rapid City to take on the Stevens Raiders.

The Govs look to next year with optimism. They will have junior quarterback Trent Merkwan returning along with juniors Steve Schneider and Terry Nelson in the back-field.

Juniors Troy Buschbom and Jon Rapp will be back along with Troy Stulkin, Jason Smith, Shane Bonham, Chip Lindbloom, and Shannon Schaefer. These Govs are all starters.



**ON THE MOVE....for the Governors half back Terry Nelson carries the ball against Huron. (Photo by Jim Cutshaw)**

**PREGAME PEP TALK....Coach Koistinen gives last minute instructions to Govs. (Photo by Mike Cole)**



**"Pierre Pride"**

Support, that is what sports is all about. If it weren't for the fans support and their enthusiasm, my teammates and I would think twice before next years sports started again. The student body has a lot to do with the enthusiasm, or so called Pierre Pride! The student body gives us enthusiasm and a good bunch of support off the field and courts.

It also feels good to hear a complement come our way now and then; and, of course, there will be those bad comments to let us know we all are human beings.

If it wasn't for the support and following of the student body of Riggs High School, the athletic program wouldn't be what it is today!

Mike Meier

# Governor golfers take eleventh at State



**SWISH...Senior Jason Young shows winning form at Hillsview Golf Course in Pierre. (photo by Brad Fischer)**

By Heath Tople

"Golf is a funny game, so many little things can influence the game greatly," said Coach Myron Bryant. These words sum up the Pierre Governor golf season that came to an end in Brookings where they took 11th at the State Tournament, Oct. 12-13.

The Governors had a full schedule to end the season with two tournaments in two weeks. They traveled to Huron Oct. 5 for the Region IV tournament. The Govs came off a third place finish in the ESD, when they went to Huron; but they were faced with cold, windy conditions and didn't have the home court advantage. These conditions proved to be their downfall.

Coach Bryant said the team had two major goals at the Region IV tourney. First was to win, which was not accomplished. They were defeated by Huron who took the tournament.

The second goal was to get everyone to the State Tournament. The top 2/3 of the participants at Region go to the State tournament. The Govs accomplished their second

goal by sending 10 to state.

"We shot well; we couldn't have shot better as a team," said Coach Bryant. Bryant added, "The quality of golfers is up in the entire state."

The Govs placed eleventh, one step-up from last year, in a field of fourteen at State. Yankton took first with a score of 620; they had three golfers finish in the top ten. The Governors shot a 680 collectively, just behind Mitchell and ahead of Spearfish and Rapid City Central.

Senior golfer Pete Rezac led the team with a finish of 17th and a score of 160. Rezac was only nine strokes off the pace that was set by Brian Kortan of Yankton who carded a score of 151 to take the tournament.

Other Pierre scores: senior Jason Young, 164, followed by sophomores Aaron Miller with a 176 and Tom Ellefson with a 190.

Senior Jeremy Grubbs shot a 180 and earned the title 'Mr. Consistent' from Coach Bryant. Coach Bryant added, "He's improved his game tremendously, and is kind of an unexpected member on the team. He put forth a lot of effort that paid off."

ESD golf champion senior Jason Young will receive a plaque and special recognition from the Pierre Booster Club during their meeting Tuesday night. The club will honor Young for his season performance and for four years of participation and lettering with the Pierre team. Coach Myron Bryant labeled Young as "very talented and very coachable," when he praised Young's performance for the Governor.



# Lady Governors face Aberdeen Friday

By Heath Tople

Lady Governors are looking to avenge a 45-42 loss to Aberdeen Central next Friday.

The Ladies come off a four-game winning streak and home contest against Huron.

Head Coach Don Shields says they need to key on three things, "We need to shut down Steph Howell, we need to have full court press and cause some turn-overs, and we have to shoot a good percentage." It will be a tough game up there and we need to stay consistent to win," Coach Shields said.

The Governors have a two-game lead to host District play Nov. 28. "They (Aberdeen) will likely be our major opponent at districts," Coach Shields said. Coach Shields feels the Gobs can win their district and go on to State.

Junior center Christy Gors is coming into her own now, averaging seven points, eight rebounds, and three blocks a game. Gors at 6'3" has been the tower of strength for the Governors lately.

Coach Shields said, "If she'll stay consistently more aggressive and more offensive-minded, her stats will keep improving."

In the last four games, Gors had averages of double figures in both points and rebounds along with her intimidating shot blocking ability.

Junior manager Carrie Shea commented on team morale, "General team morale is good, everyone is happy, the win over Watertown pumped us up and made the Stevens game much easier to



GOING FOR TWO...Patty Schlekeway goes up for a basket against the Mitchel Lady Kernels. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

face."

After twelve games the season stats were as follows: Gors leads in total points with 97. Sophomore Laurie Mikkonen follows with 89 and senior Rosemary Parr has 77. Senior Susan

Chase leads the black-list of turn-overs with 34 followed by junior Beth Lindquist and senior Tracy Shangreaux who tied with 29. Gors and Mikkonen lead the Lady Gobs in rebounding with 96 and 68 respectively.

## Governor harriers compete at State

Pierre Girls cross country team finished 6 and the boys team 14 at the State Cross County Meet Oct. 31 in Huron.

Leading the girls were medalists junior Cori Nikolas at 12, and sophomore Kim Osberg at 18. Freshman Jenny Turbiville was 22 and sophomore Sandi Case, 69; freshman Sara Nelson, 90; and senior Paula Graves, 92.

Top finishers for the boys were seniors Jimmy Keyes, 27, Wade Douglas, 67; and Scott Searls, 72.

Freshman Spencer Tisher placed at 84; sophomore Keven Zieger, 96; senior Bruce Lundeen, 103; and sophomore Travis Tisher, 109.

"Everyone ran their best times on the Huron course," said Coach Larry Lundeen. "I was proud to see everybody improve."

The Gobs ended the cross country season with three big meets in a row. They traveled to Aberdeen Oct. 17, for

the ESD; to Watertown Oct. 23, and finally to the State Meet.

Some of the season's best placings, if not the best times, were at Sturgis where the girls team won second and the boys team third.

Female medalists at Sturgis were Turbiville at 2, Nikolas at 3; and Osberg at 4.

Individual medalists for the boys were Douglas at 4; Keyes at 6; and Searls at 11.

## Grey, part-time student and outdoorsman



WARY...Junior Justin Gray watches for a deer from a tree stand on LaFramboise Island. (Photo by Mike Cole)

By Chad Wagner

Justin Grey (Jr.) hunts quite often, but between gun and bow, he'll choose bow.

Grey first got into hunting with a bow from his father about five years ago, and has been an avid bow-hunter ever since.

According to Grey, "The deer has got a better chance when you're shooting with a bow. You need good aim and patience in order to bow-hunt. It's much more of a challenge."

He prefers hunting after 6:00 p.m. in the LaFramboise area. When looking for a good tree stand, the first thing he looks for is deer traffic, such as tracks, trails, or droppings. Then it's just usually a matter of time.

If the opportunity arises, Grey aims for the chest area on the deer, right behind the front shoulder. His prize deer is a five point buck he shot about three years ago.

Deer season opens on November 28 and goes until December 6, for firearms. Bow-hunting opened the first of October and remains open until December 31, excluding November 28-December 26 (firearm season).

Pheasant season opened on October 17 and will continue through December 6. Geese season, for light geese, runs from October 3 to December 27, and for dark geese, the season runs from October 3 until December 20.

### Sports Calendar November

- 9 & JV Girls basketball-Stanley Co. Varsity-Here-6:15 p.m.
- 3 - Soph, JV & Varsity Girls basketball at Aberdeen
- 3 & 14 - YMCA/City Rec-Girls basketball tourney
- 4 - Soph, JV & Varsity Girls basketball-RC Central-Here
- 0 - Soph & Varsity Girls basketball-Yankton-Here
- 1 - Soph & Varsity Girls basketball-Brookings-Here
- 7 - Girls District III "AA" basketball
- 8 - Girls District III "AA" basketball
- Varsity & JV Wrestling at Watertown
- December 1 - Soph & Varsity Boys basketball at Todd County
- Varsity & JV Gymnastics at Huron Dual-6:30 p.m.
- 9 & JV basketball at Stanley Co.-6:30 p.m.
- & 5 - JV Wrestling at Stanley County Invitational
- Soph, JV & Varsity basketball at Aberdeen
- Girls Region II "AA"-Here
- Varsity Wrestling at Mobridge
- JV Gymnastics at Stanley Co. Dual-6:30 p.m.
- Soph, JV & Varsity basketball-Huron-Here
- 0, 11 & 12 - Girls State "AA"-Rapid City



# Flying hobby leads to pilot's license

By Nancy Kelley

Senior Brian Christenson claims a tilt that very few high school students hold. Brian is a licensed pilot.

Right now, Brian has his solo license and is working on his commercial license. He received his solo license on his 16th birthday, which is the minimum age requirement. With this type of license, he can fly with another licensed pilot as a passenger.

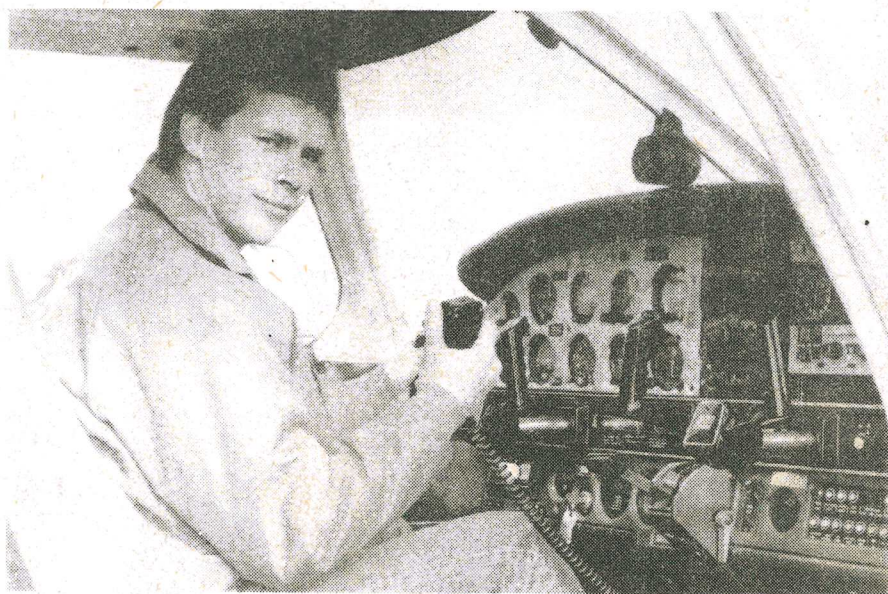
Brian plans on obtaining his commercial license towards the beginning of the year. For a commercial license, the minimum age is 17 years. This type of license will permit Brian to fly either alone or with another passenger who does not know how to fly.

"The thing I like most about flying is the freedom," Brian said. "There is that feeling of being above everything else, just out of it. That's what I enjoy."

A complete physical exam is also a requirement of getting a license. Although it is actually up to the instructor, as soon as a student has put in enough hours of flying and proven to the instructor that he/she is ready, they may be qualified. There are no specific amount of hours needed.

Literary studies and written tests are also a part of the requirements to acquire any license higher than a solo license.

Brian notes that perfect vision is not



**IN CONTROL....**Brian Christenson prepares for a light at the Pierre Airport. (Photo by Heath Tople)

exactly a necessity for flying. For instance, Brian has a weak left eye. Whenever he flies he must have his contacts or glasses with him.

Christenson's interest in flying was derived from his father, who is a licensed pilot and instructor. Brian has been flying with his dad as an instructor ever since he was young. Although his dad has been his main instructor, this past summer he did a lot of flying with Dave Lowenstien, a North Dakota State University student.

"I learned new skills and many dif-

ferent things, in addition to having a lot of fun," he said.

Christenson usually flies small, single engine Cherokees. His normal spots are the Pierre airport or north of the dam. He flies a lot more in the summer than any other time of the year.

"It sort of comes in waves," Brian said. "Whenever I can find the time. After football season is over, though, I should be doing a lot more flying."

The flying activities he usually works on air stalls, touch and goes, and cross country.

Stalls deal with power-on, power-off experiences. Touch and goes are routine skills beginning with taking off, flying a rectangular course, landing and taking off again. Cross country flying is just flying straight ahead to a specific place.

"I like doing things like stalls and touch and goes because they have more of a variety of activities, where as cross country flying can be very boring and monotonous," he explains. "I like something with more of a challenge."

**"The thing I like most about flying is the freedom."**

Although nothing life threatening has ever happened to Christenson personally, he still studies safety procedures.

"Pierre is too small a place for many worries, but I still have to know what to do, just in case something would happen," he said.

Christenson is considering a career as a pilot, maybe in the airlines; or maybe flying just as a hobby.

"If I do decide to make a career out of it, North Dakota State University has a really good airline school. That would probably be one of my top choices. For now, though, I'm just not sure," he acknowledged.

## Senior wins QSP school spirit essay contest

By Andrea Smith

"School spirit is a sense of pride in our school that allows us to look over each other's differences, and focus on what we have in common."

This short essay written by 17 year-old Amy Cone recently won her \$250.

The essay contest title "Why is School Spirit Important," was sponsored by QSP, a branch division of Readers Digest.

Amy entered the contest last fall. The essay had to be 25 words or less, and it was judged on clarity, originality, and style. "I thought it would be really nice if I could win it," she continued.

It turned out that out of over 200,000 entries nationwide, Amy's came in second, and was the only winner from South Dakota.

The first place winner received \$20,000 and 200 others won \$250.

"School spirit makes things a lot easier and a lot better for the school in general," Cone said. "I was excited when the football team was 3-0, but I think we need to see there is more to be proud of than just the teams in school."

Amy's activities include cheerleading, student senate, Gumbo staff, Capitol Striders, Lettermens Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Drama, and the National Honor Society.

Cone plans to attend college in Massachusetts and study biology and psychology. She feels the money will come in handy for a plane ticket home from school.



**SCHOOL SPIRIT ESSAY....**won Amy Cone a \$250 check. Making the presentation was Rob Moon of QSP. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

## Welcome new students



Staci Hodge, 10  
Rapid City, SD



Delila Nerva, 10  
Winterhaven, CA



Stephanie Nerva, 11  
Winterhaven, CA



Kurt Brost, 11  
Presho, SD



Sara Anderson, 10  
Vermillion, SD



Betsy Feit, 10  
Onida, SD



Jo Thompson, 10  
Rapid City, SD

## SADD chapter organizes year

By Dee Ann Gohl

Riggs SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) chapter elected officers for the 1987-88 school year at a regular meeting in September.

President is Kevin Ziegler, vice-president is Sondra Jackson, secretary is Jennifer Weaver and treasurer is Heather Carriere.

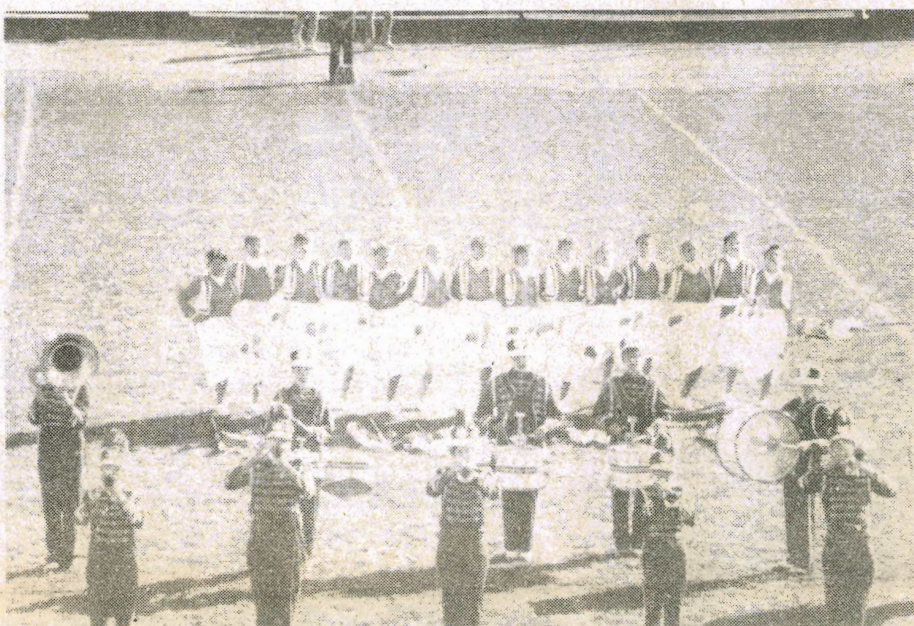
The Riggs SADD chapter adopted a group of four (FACE) committees. Face stands for fundamentals, awareness, clowns, and education. Each have specific functions to carry out during the school year.

Upcoming events include a SADD day, preparation of a SADD paper, and taking the SADD message to elementary school kids.

Students interested in joining the SADD group or helping in any way should contact Mr. Townshend.



# Homecoming '87 Highlights



**RIDING HIGH....**Seniors Scott Thompson, T.J. Wiebe, and Jim Ellenbecker (top left) man the homecoming Gov Mobile. **TOP RIGHT:** Homecoming royalty, Governor T.J. Wiebe and First Lady Renae Howard meet the student body at the coronation reception. (Photo by Jeff Post) **MIDDLE LEFT: SHOW YOUR PEP...**Seniors Mike Anderson, Todd Moore, Tom Scofield, Rhodes Fishburne, and Scooter Kerr were powder puff cheerleaders. (Photo by Brad Fischer) **MIDDLE RIGHT:** Band and Flag Corp members entertained at halftime. **BOTTOM LEFT: SENIOR TROOPERS...**Mike Anderson, Troy Kuszmaul, Troy Komes, Jimmy Keyes, Todd Moore, Paul Scheather, Eric Norum, Scott Thompson, Scooter Kerr, Keith Jackson, and Dennis McEntafter pie unlucky victim at Kangaroo Court. (Photos by Kirsten Levisen)

## Senior girls claim powder puff championship



**DETERMINED...**One her way to a touchdown, senior Jill Cloud is surrounded by Julie Morris, Paulette Ward and Julie Foss. (Photo by Brad Fischer)

By Angela Hansen

The Seniors reign over the Juniors once more! Last year's Powder Puff game resulted in a tie, but not this year. The Seniors won 24 to 12. A victorious win.

The Seniors offense and defense was strong, according to both coaches and Junior players. The Senior offense used a lot of passes and runs to achieve four touch downs.

They also had a defense line which the Juniors had a hard time penetrating.

Senior cheerleaders were Mike Anderson, Tom Schofield, Todd Moore, Robert Kerr, and Rhodes Fishburne. Senior coaches were Joel Hieb and Myron Bryant.

Bryant said, "The outcome of the game was exactly as we wanted it,

and anyway, Seniors are supposed to win."

"The girls played an intense game to their greatest ability," Bryant continued.

Hieb said, "The Seniors moved the ball fast and played for keeps."

The Juniors played really well also, according to the Senior players. Their offense ran some good plays against the Seniors. The Juniors defensive line was quite tight, but the Seniors managed their way through.

Junior cheerleaders were Brett Anderson, Chris Boom, Lane Morris, and Craig Dilley. Junior coaches were Kelly Dilley and Terry Varikel.

Varilek said, "The Juniors played really well considering how few practices they had before the game."

All in all the 1987 Powder Puff was a tough game and a lot of fun.



# Riggs joins new prevention group

By Kirsten Levisen

TORCH. Teens On the Road to Chemical Health. This is the emphasis on the newly organized student/faculty group at Riggs.

The group, started out of the concern of chemical dependency in our school, has representatives from the student council, administration, guidance, fine arts department, athletics department, parents, school

board, 'Solutions' improv troupe, and other concerned students.

"I think it's good to get the school aware of what is going on behind the scenes, and to bring it out in the open. We need to, because I think we do have an alcohol problem," said Charlie Moore, junior class president and TORCH member.

An action plan has been set up to implement prevention methods. Such

methods are finding alternatives to drinking alcohol at social gatherings, depopularizing chemical use/abuse, teaching young Pierre kids the affects of chemical abuse, and setting a positive role model for them to watch.

To encourage young students, TORCH members will speak and perform at elementary schools. They will deal with decision making and life coping skills.

"By Riggs students going out to help the younger students, it will reinforce their own values, therefore indirectly helping the school," stated Gary Schneider, Riggs guidance counselor.

TORCH is not only prevention oriented, but also helps students deal with peer pressure, stress, communication, how to say no, self-esteem, and how to be leaders.

# Students prepare for All-State event

by Kirsten Levisen

Riggs Music Department keeps the stage and field active as they wrap up their fall performances.

All State Chorus members head for Rapid City Nov. 6 and 7 where they will participate in the honors activities including the Nov. 7 public concert.

The members are arranged in three quartets with an alternate quartet standing by. First quartet members are Kirsten Stephens, Mary Fjelstad, Lowell Gordon, and Steve Stofferahn.

Riggs All-State members will join the rest of the chorus and the All-State Orchestra for a two-day rehearsal session, leading up to a Grand Concert. "Along with rehearsing, the group will learn many valuable things about music and vocal techniques," Riggs vocal director, Jackie Hilding stated.

Rod McQwen, University of Arizona, will be the quest conductor. The concert will be held Nov. 7 in the Rushmore Civic Center, Rapid City.

Commenting on the selection of music, Hilding said, "This years choice of music includes some of the most technically difficult pieces I have seen for All-State in a long time."

The selections to be performed are: Afton Water, Ave Maria, Awake The Harp, Beati quorum via, Glory To The Father, Hymn For Our Time, O Clap Your Hands, and Old Dan Tucker.



**ALL STATE CHORUS....**members are from left, Steve Stofferahn, Buddy Johnson, Lowell Gordon, Sean Califf, Robyn Starks, Kirsten Stephens, Pat Baker, Mat Bloomer, Karla Palmer, Tani Keenlyne, Deb Kern, and Mary Fjelstad. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

# Debaters seek excellence award

By Pennie Maxwell

Pierre debaters are preparing for the 1987-88 season when they will be trying to hold on to their first-seeded spot for National Forensic League (NFL) leading chapter in South Dakota.

The season opens Nov. 13 and 14 when debaters travel to South Dakota State University in Brookings for the first tournament. Competition for the top chapter award will be squads from Milbank and Huron.

The topic of debate is "Resolved: that the United States government should adopt a policy to increase political stability in Latin America. The Lincoln Douglas debaters are dealing

with the topic: "There is no just cause for a war."

Landing the top chapter honor will be the ultimate challenge for this year's squad. "We are up for the Leading Chapter Excellence in speech awards, and have a good chance of keeping our first place spot," said Ken Larsen, embarking on his ninth year as debate coach.

This year's squad is the largest in the past three years. "We will be expecting a very successful year with returning veterans who are very promising and a novice squad with prospects that also look high," Larsen said.

The American Forensic League

was established to regulate accomplishments in competition. It is set up on a point system that gives six points to every winning debater, and three points to every losing debater.

Individual events such as oratory, interpretation, humorous or serious extemporaneous speaking provide points ranging from five for first to one for fifth.

A debater must have at least 25 points to be considered for membership into the NFL. Riggs have five chapter members at the third level of Honor Distinction and one member at the "Doubly Ruby" level (500 or more points).

# Business students attend economics seminar

By Paula Paul

Seven Riggs students attended the 26th annual Economics Seminar for Young Adults Oct. 21 and 22 in Mitchell.

Attending were seniors LaRae Bauske, Debbie Butt, Susan Chase, Ronda Hansen, Amy Klein, Kathy Merriman and Chrissy Post.

During an awards banquet Hansen won a plaque and \$100 for an essay she wrote on the topic "What a Bank Means to a Community."

"I was really happy about winning because I'm going to use the money for college," she said.

All of the girls are employed by banks and other business establishments in Pierre through the Office Education program taught by Charles Fjelstad. The expense of

their two-day trip was paid by BankWest, First National and American State Banks of Pierre.

Over 250 high school seniors from all parts of South Dakota attended the seminar which was sponsored by the South Dakota Bankers Association. The conference was aimed at stimulating the interest of young people in the modern money and banking systems.

Economic experts entertained students with talks on various aspects of money management. Several of the sessions also involved discussions on building self-confidence and self-image.

"I think it was worth going because a lot of the speakers were really good," said Bauske.



**FUTURE BUSINESS EXECES....**Members of the Mr. Fjelstad's Office Ed class attending the economics seminar were from left; Amy Klein, Debbie Butt, Kathy Merriman, LaRae Bauske and Chrissy Post. In front are Ronda Hansen and Susan Chase.