

Riggs High GOVERNOR

Homecoming festivities peak

By Nancy Kelley and Angle Hansen
Coronation, the first major homecoming week activity, begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Riggs Theatre Thursday, Oct. 1.

Royalty candidates are as follows: Renae Howard, Shawna Draper, Katie Robbennolt, DaWanda Pesicka, Tani Koenlyne, T.J. Wiebe, Jason Ley, Mike Anderson, Jim Ellenbeck, and Doug Mikkonen.

The guest speakers for the festivities will be Kathy and Gaylord Sonnenschein. Kathy, as a cheerleader during her high school years, graduated in 1967. Her hus-

band, chosen as Governor on Governor's Day, graduated in 1965. The 1986 royalties, Terry Ulmen and Chris Shaw will be unable to attend.

The Riggs band and chorus will provide entertainment; and immediately following the assembly will be the burning of the letters. The Coronation reception will proceed afterwards in the Riggs lunchroom. All students and alumni are welcome.

The Spirit Breakfast will start off the Homecoming day at 7:30 Friday morning. It is sponsored by the Pep Club. After the pep assembly and Kangaroo Court at 1:00 p.m. the annual Powder

Puff football game will be held at Hollister Field.

The highlight of the week will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Hollister Field when the Pierre Governors will take on the Watertown Arrows. Half-time entertainment will be provided by the Riggs High School band, directed by Brad Berens. The royalty candidates will also be presented and chauffeured around the field. The festivities will come to a finale at the Homecoming dance following the game. It will be held in the Riggs gym by the Student Senate.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Oct. 4 - Pierre Concert Series
Oct. 5 - Post High Planning Day
Oct. 8 - Parent Teachers Conferences 7-12
Oct. 9 - Parent Teachers Conferences 7-12
Oct. 9 - SD PTA Convention - Kings Inn
Oct. 10 - SD PTA Convention - Kings Inn
Oct. 20 - PSAT/NMSQT Test
Oct. 22 - Junior High Fall Concert
Oct. 24 - ACT test
Oct. 27 - Riggs Fall Sing
Oct. 29 - Riggs Fall Sing
Oct. 31 - P-ACT+ test

Emerald Regiment begins competitive season



BUSY BAND MEMBERS....perform not only for the Emerald Regiment but also provided music for the Pierre Players production of "Music Man." Pictured standing from left: Karl Engberg, Susan Busse, Jason Werpy, Dawn Killian, Dave Melton, Sheryl Berheim, Tom Ellefson, Dave Smith, Traci Johnson. Kneeling: Heather Carriere, Stacy Hull, Linda Powell, Linda Jorde. In front: Joel Catlin, Mike Hermanson. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

By Katy Bauder

Practicing since July, the Riggs High Emerald Regiment marching band opens its performance season at a half-time show Oct. 2, at the Pierre-Watertown home game.

The following weekends the Emerald Regiment heads for competition Oct. 10 in Aberdeen and Oct. 17 in Vermillion.

Performance selections chosen by director Brad Berens all of which have a Dixie Land theme, include "Doo Dah," "Cotton Fields," "Waiting For the Rober E. Lee," and "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Mr. Berens feels the band has progressed from last year. "I think the biggest improvement for last year is

our time on task. Because we are learning to read the charts before, the initial walk through of a drill doesn't take as long. Now we need to work on cleaning each drill in less time than it takes now," he said.

Mr. Berens makes out the charts for each song. "Designing the show takes quite a bit of imagination and an incredible amount of time," he said. "I think this year's show is written better than last year's, but we'll see what the judges have to say."

Is the Regiment ready? "If we pace ourselves we will be ready for our first competition Oct. 10 in Aberdeen. Homecoming is what we are really pushing for, but we have a lot of work to do before Oct. 2," said Berens.

AIDS: Public concern increases

By Karen Peta

"I feel if there is a student with AIDS, our school would be the first school to allow him or her to attend without a conflict," said Darwin Tessier, Pierre superintendent of schools.

Supt. Tessier was addressing a hypothetical situation which could become a possibility.

Statistics indicate that currently over 11,000 people in New York state have AIDS and a total of 42,000 people in the United States are known to have AIDS. About one in every 100 in the United States have AIDS, with some states having more than others.

It is estimated that by the year 1991, 270,000 people will have the disease, and 58 percent of them will die, according to information from the South Dakota Department of Health.

AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is a newly recognized disease caused by a virus that affects the body's ability to fight infection of the immune system.

Without the protection of a healthy immune system, the body can't fight off other infections, therefore causing the AIDS victim to become very ill and weak.

"It's not a black's disease or a homosexual's disease, it's everybody's

disease, and it cannot be cured," said Randy Louchart, an AIDS prevention project coordinator with the state Health Department.

Although AIDS is a serious threat to people of all ages, the virus cannot live outside the body for a long period of time.

According to a state department pamphlet, "AIDS, THE FACTS", AIDS cannot be transmitted through social contact or saliva, such as hand shakes and someone sneezing. It can't be spread through the use of bathroom facilities, such as toilets, sinks or bathtubs.

Louchart emphasized that AIDS is spread by sexual contact; needle sharing; or rarely, through blood transfusions. Multiple sexual partners; homosexual or heterosexual; or, needle sharing by drug users are other ways of getting AIDS.

The AIDS virus is passed through the semen of the male partner or it can come from blood or blood products. The virus is then passed from either blood to semen or from blood to blood, according to Louchart.

What are the common signs of AIDS? If you have been infected and exposed to AIDS some common symptoms might be:

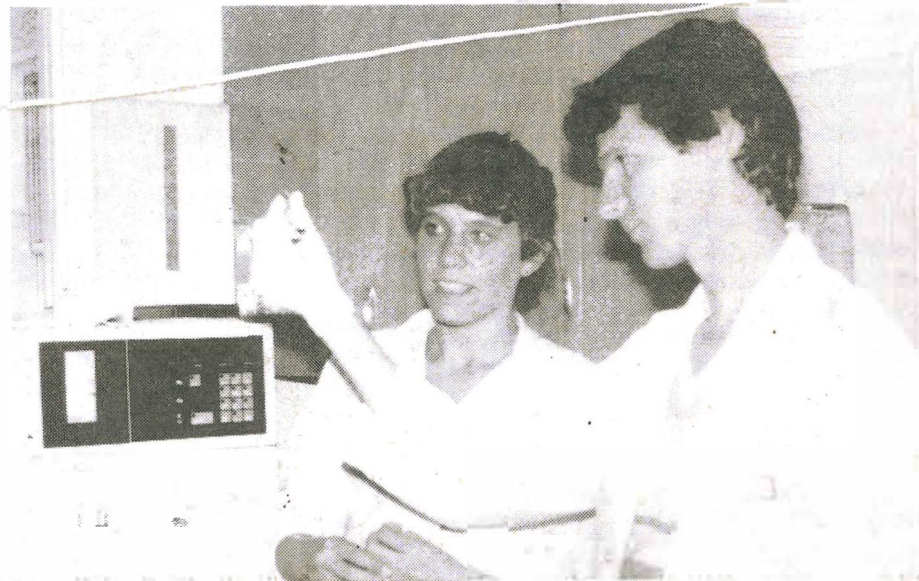
- fever, including "night sweats,"

- weight loss for no apparent reason,
- swollen lymph glands in the neck, underarm, or groin area,
- fatigue or tiredness,
- diarrhea,
- white spots or unusual blemishes in the mouth.

These AIDS symptoms are deceptive since they are also the symptoms of many illnesses.

What do you do if you have AIDS or think you have AIDS? "If you have been exposed, it does not mean you have been infected," said Louchart. There are test centers all over where you can have your blood tested to see if you have AIDS.

"If you test negative only after a week of exposure, chances are that you still could have AIDS," said (AIDS continued on page 3)



MEDICAL RESEARCH....will play a large part in the search for a cure of AIDS. Senior Karla Palmer works on routine lab tests with lab technician Steve Higgins at St. Marys Hospital. (Photo by Heath Tople)

AIDS: Ignorance is not bliss

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, better known as AIDS has become a widespread topic in the world today. One of every 160 people in the United States has AIDS, and it is not a laughing matter. People used to snicker at the name or else just shove the issue into the closet. It's time to pull it out of the closet and examine it. We can't pretend it's not happening because in South Dakota there are five known cases of AIDS, and the victims are under 13 years of age.

The public needs to be educated about AIDS. We can't afford to be ignorant about it because that is when problems arise - for example, the case of the Ray brothers in Florida. They are three hemophiliac brothers who were injected with AIDS through blood transfusions.

These boys were not allowed to go to school but their parents fought in court, and they were able to attend public school. People in the town fought the decision by refusing to send their own children to school. A few days after school started, the Ray home was destroyed by fire. They ended up leaving their home in the little town in Arcadia, Florida.

Knowledge is the KEY to preventing this fast-spreading disease. As knowledge grows, so does the ability to live safely and intelligently with AIDS in our society and the ability to dispel our fears, but maintain our safety. The fears created by a lack of knowledge can lead to actions ranging from simply irrational to blatantly harmful.

Should education be a matter of life or death? This is a question parents, students, and teachers may ask themselves when AIDS enters a school. Instead of PTA groups, now there are groups called Citizens Against AIDS in Schools. People must be educated about AIDS in order to make rational informed decisions about this serious problem. Most of the state is waiting for policies to be installed and programs to be started. Let's hope this happens soon.

DeeAnn Gohl



What the people say about AIDS in school

By Cathy Pohlman

Public concern over the spread of the disease AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) recently drove a family from its home and community because the children who were infected with AIDS had been allowed to attend public school.

The Governor this month asked Riggs students for their opinions. The question: Would you attend school with a person who has AIDS? Here are the responses.

Jolynn Blake (Sr.): Yes. I don't think you could get AIDS from normal contact with a person, so it wouldn't upset me to have someone like that around. Besides, these people need companionship. If you were dying, would you like to be shut out?

Mike Cole (Jr.): Yes. It wouldn't bother me.

Angie Douglas (Sr.): I would like to think I would say "yes", but I don't think I'm ready to commit myself to a straight answer. The reason for this is, I feel that high school students are not educated enough on AIDS, and we don't know the facts. Sure, we know the myths, and everyone has heard different versions of those, but until students are more educated about the effects of AIDS on other students how AIDS is spread, etc., I feel we, or at least I, am not qualified to answer either way.

Justin Grey (Jr.): Yes. You can't get AIDS in school.



Dave Smith (Sr.): Yes. Why not? You can't get AIDS except through sexual contact or kissing someone with sores in the mouth or blood transfusions. It makes me mad that they are kicking kids out of school because they have AIDS.

Dave Ness (Sr.): Yes, because I'm not worried about getting it.

Tammy Wiczorek (Soph.): I don't know.

Buddy Johnson (Jr.): Yes, as long as I didn't have to make social contact.

Tara Adamski (Sr.): Yes. I would treat them like any other person as long as I didn't have to exchange blood with them.

Chrissy Hartl (Jr.): Yes, as long as I didn't have to know who the person was. I think we should all have an equal opportunity at an education.

Letters

It is my opinion that the mural in the lobby was grotesquely inappropriate. I understand the meaning of the "friendly" welcome back, but that doesn't say it is right. The basic idea is unique and spontaneous, but is slightly less than desirable. The other "plus" type thing I have to say, is that the art work is good and deserves praise. Other than that, I find the mural offensive. I can go around and ignore the mural for myself, but what about the visitors we have here? I am concerned about what the people from out of town will think of our school when they see it. All year we have students, school personnel, and parents from out of town come to Riggs. That mural is one of the first thing they will see. Just like everything we do, everything we put on our walls portrays an image of who we are. I think the image of Riggs needs to be held with pride. I don't find an image to be proud of in Freddy Cruger.

Kirsten Levisen

rallies held for other sports such as track, cross country, gymnastics, tennis or golf? I think these sports are of equal importance, and they also should be recognized. Some Riggs High School students are also involved in band, chorus, and debate. Competitions are also held for these extracurricular activities, and students should be recognized for their involvement in these activities as well.

Ryan Bales

The school is going to be adding locks to all of the lockers pretty soon. Personally I don't want a lock on my locker. It takes too much time to fumble around with a combination and still make it to class on time.

In my opinion, I don't think they should put the extra locks on.

Carl Evenstad

I wish that when you refer to the Pierre Governor's football team, that the second or third sentence would not be about what our record was in previous years. All the newspapers, not just yours, and radio stations make a big deal out of last years record. It is 1987, and there is a new set of men. I think we have already proven that we can be predicted under-dogs and come out on top.

Matt Larsen

Rock-n-Roll Review

By Rodes Fishburne

The music industry is as active as ever and shows no signs of slowing down. The remake of "La Bamba" seems to be doing better than the original release. "Los Lobos" has their first hit album ever.

Michael Jackson's album "Bad" is doing well and for the moment seems to be following in the footsteps of "Thriller." Hank Williams, Jr. has a new album out called "Born to Boogie." Bocephus won't let you down. All you Billy Idoi fans get ready because he is releasing a twelve inch album of previously unreleased songs later this month. Prince will have a concert movie out in mid-October called "Sign O' the Times."

The ever popular Madonna is getting mixed reviews on her latest movie "Who's that Girl." Her husband Sean Penn is out of the slammer on good behavior. All you dead-heads can be happy now that the "Grateful Dead" have an album in the top-ten. "Kiss" has a new album out and it could be their last. At the MTV Music Awards, "Sledge Hammer" won so many awards I can't even list them.

Anyway, starting Sept. 20 Budget Records and Tapes is going to be opening on Sunday for some fun and games. T-shirts, albums and posters will be given to the winners of trivia questions, look-alike contests and some other wild and crazy things.

Well, it's time to go. Watch for next issue when I interview "Megadeath."

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Riggs experiences increase in enrollment

By Penni Maxwell

Hallways at Riggs High School have been brimming with new students. Thirty-four new faces, traveling from three countries and 13 states have joined the student body.

Although there are more students than usual at Riggs this year, "there is no cause for alarm," according to Roger Lonbaken, Riggs principle. He says the school accomodated up to 781 students before the new additions were built.

"The increased enrollment will move the pupil ratio from 15-1 to a 17 to 1 ratio, which is still pretty good," Mr. Lonbaken said. When talking with school administration in Rapid City, Mr. Lonbaken was informed that there the number of students per room is between 35 to 38 students.

The National Honors Society sponsored a pizza party to help welcome the students. The sophomores had the highest number of new classmates join them.

Mrs. Booze, one of the guidance counselors, said, "I think we have the finest bunch of new students Riggs has ever seen."

There are approximately 611 students in the senior high.

The Sophomore Class tops the enrollment stats with 231 students,

114 of whom are girls. Seniors are in second with an enrollment of 203, 108 of whom are girls. The Junior Class

records 196 students, 95 being girls. Total school enrollment is up 45 from 567 last year to the current 612

students. These figures show about an 8 percent increase in student population at Riggs.

Welcome new students



Fabricio Royg (Tall), 12 Praquay



Jennifer Ziegler, 10 Grand Forks, ND



Jill Zickmund, 10 Stockton, IL



Jennifer Weaver, 10 Indianapolis, IL



Penni Maxwell, 11 Custer, SD



Angel Rudebusch, 10 Sioux Falls, SD



Shana Holsteen, 10 Seward, NE



Nikki Butzman, 10 Mitchell, SD

New teachers join Riggs staff

By Larissa Baer

A former graduate, Hyrna Zakahi is back at Riggs, and this year joins Anita Zastrow as a new teacher in the school.

Miss Zakahi went to college in Vermillion and taught Spanish I at Pierre Junior High two years ago. She spent the past year in Mitchell. She says that she wanted to come back to Pierre, and she is glad to be here.

This year she will be teaching advanced grammar and composition, stagecraft, novel, creative writing, techniques of theater, and contemporary fiction.

She recently "worked the lights" for the Pierre Players production of "The Music Man."

It is pretty obvious that Mrs. Zastrow's favorite hobby is working with computers. This fall she can be found teaching basic computers, Computer Programming I, and Typing I at Riggs. At the same time she is teaching Word Processing at Capital University Center.

Her hometown is Springfield, where she also went to college. For the last six years, she has been teaching in Belle Fourche. Mrs. Zastrow has never taught in Pierre before, but she says that she loves teaching anywhere she is.



THIS IS HOW IT'S DONE...Mrs. Zastrow shows senior Tiffany Score how to correct a computer problem. (Photo by Heath Tople)



POINTING IT OUT...Miss Zakahi presents a lecture to her stage craft class. (Photo by Heath Tople)

Classes elect new leaders

By Mishelle Johnston

Seniors elected Katie Robbenolt president when students voted for class officers using a new system under the recently revised school constitution.

Other Senior Class officers are John Sutton, vice president; Jolynn Blake, secretary, and Renae Howard, treasurer.

Under the new system, candidates for office had to submit nominating petitions with 10 signatures from classmates in order to be placed on the ballot. The procedure was established to help assure that only those students who really want to be in student government were nominated.

Junior Class officers are Charlie Moore, president; Jamie Rounds, vice president; Sondra Jackson, secretary; and Nikki Kuck, treasurer.

Sophomore Class officers are Kati Carter, president; Shannon Taft, vice president; Stacy Foell, secretary, and Vicki Gall, treasurer.

The new election system was met with mixed reactions. "I like it," said junior Marlyn Blackburnet. Senior Deanna Saeger, said, "It doesn't matter," and Missy Manning, a sophomore, said, "I don't know."

Most students appear to accept the change without concern.

AIDS: public concern spreads

Louchart. It takes 6-8 weeks for the antibodies to develop in the body, so if you have been exposed, it is best to wait a couple months without sexual contact within those two months before you get tested for the virus.

Testing is not mandatory, but anyone who takes a test must fill out a form.

Although you may be exposed and infected with the AIDS virus, it has not reached the "full blown" state which might happen if you catch a cold which would cause the immune

system to weaken to the virus.

A person with "full blown" AIDS is expected to live only two years longer.

If you test positive and have never been exposed to the AIDS virus, your test is known as a "false positive." The test is then repeated to make sure of its accuracy.

How can people avoid getting AIDS? "One sure way is to restrain from sexual contact," commented Louchart. "Other ways are to know who your partners are and their sex-

ual background."

"Another way is to be monogamous which is having only one partner. Use of the condom is safer, but not safe. It's not 100% effective, there are no real gaurantees," Louchart said.

What are the schools and the state doing to inform society of AIDS? "We must educate ourselves and learn how not to be infected," stated Louchart.

Today there are five cases of AIDS

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in South Dakota and five others from the area being treated for a total of 10. "The number is probably doubled, but not reported," Louchart said.

As for the schools, there is nothing definite yet. Junior High Vice Principle John Lakner is currently on a committee to get a program into the school system, and some teachers are making plans to include an AIDS unit in their science classes. The Pierre Board of Education is also studying a proposed district policy on AIDS.

Governors host the Arrows Friday

By Heath Tople

Governors host the Arrows of Watertown tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. for the annual homecoming game.

The Arrows come off an emotional 7-3 victory over the tough Yankton Bucks. The Governors, however rebound after a shut-out at the hands of the Mitchell Kernels 16-0.

Offensive Coordinator John Hoover points out some downfalls of the Mitchell game, "Their offense controlled the ball most of the second half, and we only had it twice. Defensively we missed tackles in the first half that set up some of their scores."

Monty Hillstead, line coach for the Governors, had this to say, "They were primarily in a 5-2 defense and basically dominated the second half by not letting the offense on the field. We weren't quite ready to play either as they were and they put it to us."

Before the Mitchell game the Gobs were ranked number two and Coach Hillstead doesn't feel ranking means a lot right away, "I don't think the ranking is really of any importance until the seventh or eighth game."

The Governor record dropped to 3-1 after Mitchell; it is, however, a far cry from last years rout of 49-0 by Mitchell and a 0-9 season.

Looking at Watertown Coach Hoover said, "We aren't really going to add anything or subtract, we just need to make some things happen and not wait for something to happen on its own."

The Governors field a starting line-up as follows: junior quarter back Trent Merkwan at 145 lbs., junior half-back Terry Nelson at 160 lbs., and junior full-back Steve Schneider at 182 lbs. Senior Jim Ellenbecker starts at the left-end position at 190 lbs.

Other offensive starters are: junior left-tackle Troy Stulken at 190 lbs., senior left guard Brad Flom at 155 lbs., junior center Jason Smith at 160 lbs., right guard senior Mike Raue at 195 lbs., senior right tackle Craig Smith at a bone-chilling 260 lbs., also junior right-end Troy Bushborn at 180 lbs.

Defensively the starters include: senior left-end Tom Mullivan at 185 lbs., left-tackle Smith, junior nose-tackle Chip Lindbloom at 170 lbs.,



STEAM ROLLER...Junior Terry Nelson cuts inside in an attempt to get up field as junior Steve Schneider throws a block. (Photo by *Criminal Journal*)

and junior right-tackle Shane Bonham at 195 lbs. Bushborn also starts at right-end. Junior Shannon Schaefer starts at defensive line-

backer at 170 lbs., accompanied by seniors Travis Christopher and Jason Ley who both start at corner-back positions

Lady netters host triangular tonight

By Eric Weiss

Lady Governor netters host Rapid City and Aberdeen Roncalli Thursday night for the Pierre Triangular tennis meet.

The Ladies come off a home battle Sept. 24 against Rapid City Stevens and Aberdeen Central.

The Gobs have previously played both Aberdeen teams beating Roncalli 8-1 and shutting out Central 9-0.

After tonight's play the Governors go to the ESD conference tournament in Brookings Oct. 3, and then head for the State tournament Oct. 12 and 13 in Sioux Falls.

"Basically our strategy in the upcoming games is to play more consistently and to be more aggressive in doubles," said Coach Don Rogers.

"We've got a lot of young people. We're learning new things every match. We hope to be ready for ESD," Rogers said.

Coach Rogers feels that #2 seed Mandy Gregory; #3, Connie Taylor, and #4 Jenny Rapp can compete well in their seeds. Number 1 seed Nicole Anderson, #5 Vicki Gall, and #6 Annette Wahl are also looking to play well.

The Ladies finished second in both the ESD and State tournament last year. The only senior on the current squad, Anderson, finished runner-up at the No. 3 singles at last year's state competition.

Coach Rogers feels that Sioux Falls O'Gorman and Huron are going to be tough to beat at ESD and State.

Junior varsity members are Aimee Pitlick, Alison Forney, Kirsten

Booster Club

The Pierre Athletic Booster Club recently presented Pierre's Girls Basketball cheerleaders with a banner displaying the "Spirit of Six" awards Pierre's boys and girls basketball cheerleaders have won over the years.

Pierre, with five awards already, has won more than any other school in the state. Rich Shangreaux, president of the Booster Club, made the



Stephens and Jenny McQuay, all sophomores; and junior Amy Gerdes.

gives banner

presentation to cheerleaders Bonnie Jorgenson, Steph Haisch, Shawna Draper, Amy Cone, and Renae Howard during half-time activities Sept. 11.

The most recent award was presented last year to cheerleaders Lisa Pibal, Terri Ulmen, Renae Howard, Bonnie Jorgenson, and Shawna Draper.



THE TEAM....members of the tennis team take time out of a busy practice for a Governor Photo. Pictured back from left are Amy Gerdes, Aimee Pitlick, Nicole Anderson (seated), Alison Forney, Kirsten Stephens, Annette Wahl, and Jennifer McQuay. In front, from left, are Vicki Gall, Jennifer Rapp, Mandy Gregory.

CONCENTRATING...on her forehand, Wahl returns a competitor's ball. (Photo by Brad Fischer)

SPORTS CALENDAR

Oct. 1 - Tennis Triangular at Pierre (RC Central & Roncalli)

Oct. 2 - Varsity football - Watertown - Here - 7:00 p.m. - Homecoming

Oct. 3 - Girls soph, JV & Varsity basketball at RC Stevens
Tennis-ESD Conference Tourney - Brookings

Oct. 5 - 9th & JV basketball at Lyman - 6:30 p.m.
Boys Golf Region IV at Huron - 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 6 - Soph & Varsity girls basketball at Winner
Soph football at Huron - 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 9 - Varsity football at RC Stevens

Oct. 20 - Soph & Varsity girls basketball at Brookings
Cross Country-Sturgis lvt. - 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 12 - 9th & JV girls basketball at Stanley Co. - Here - 9:15 p.m.

Soph football - Chamberlain - Here - 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 12-13 - Boys Golf State "A" at Brookings - 9:00 a.m.

State Tennis Tournament at Sioux Falls - 9:00 a.m.

Oct. 13 - Soph & Varsity girls basketball at Lyman Co.

Oct. 16 - Varsity football at Huron

Soph & Varsity girls basketball - Mitchell - Here

Oct. 17 - Cross Country ESD at Aberdeen - 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 19 - Soph football at Aberdeen - 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 20 - Soph football vs. 9th football scrimmage - 4:15 p.m.

Oct. 23 - Varsity football at Aberdeen

Cross Country at Watertown - 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 24 - Soph & Varsity girls basketball at Watertown

Oct. 26 - 9th & JV basketball at Harrold - 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 30 - Varsity football - Yankton - Here.

Oct. 31 - Girls Soph, JV & Varsity basketball - RC Stevens - Here

Cross Country at Huron - 12:00 noon

Lady Govs meet R.C. Stevens

By Heath Tople

Lady Governors travel to Rapid City this Saturday night to take on the R.C. Stevens Lady Raiders.

The Ladies had a season record of 2-2 after a 45-42 home victory over the Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles. Since that contest the Govs have faced both the tough Gazelles of Yankton and have had a non-conference game against Todd County. Head Coach Don Shields commented on strategy against Yankton, "They have two good guards and are number one in the state, we will have to work on man-to-man press and will just have to go down and play the best we can." J.V. Head Coach and Assistant Coach Skip Kurth commented on Yankton, "It's going to be a tough aggressive ball-game, historically they are difficult to beat down there, it will be one-on-one pressure, and they try to intimidate you from the time you leave the locker room. We just have to see if we're up to the task."

The Govs are off to a slow start this season with two consecutive losses both at home and away. The Aberdeen game snapped a two-game skid, and Coach Shields described

some areas of improvement, "We shot a little better, but more importantly we had the desire to win, scrapping for loose balls, hard work and an aggressive attitude paid off. Unless you're really talented you can't get by loafing on both offense and defense, basically we wanted it more than they did."

Assistant Coach Skip Kurth also commented on the Aberdeen game, "We played harder, we came out intense and played that way the whole ball game."

Junior center Christy Gors commented on the rest of the season, "We will be able to compete better later in the year, because by the end of the year we will have improved enough and gained a lot of experience. Coach Shields thinks State is still a definite possibility, if we can get organized better, improve motivation, improve our shooting and shot selections, we will be able to compete and do well at State."

The Ladies starting five are: junior center Christy Gors, senior guard Susan Chase, junior guard Beth Lindquist, sophomore forward Laurie Mikkonen, and senior forward Rosemary Parr.



ALL CLEAR...Senior Kim Merrill shoots for two while junior Christy Gors boxes-out Steph Howell of Aberdeen Central. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Riggs Cross-Country sets sights on ESD



STRAINING FOR THE TAPE...A determined sophomore Kim Osberg runs against a Rapid City Central Cobbler opponent. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

By Kirsten Levisen

Beating their own times again and again, the Riggs cross country runners set their sights for the Sturgis Invitational and the ESD contest Oct. 10 and 17.

Governor runners will compete with some of the bigger schools at both meets as they work their way toward the State meet Oct. 31.

Speaking of the team, Coach Lundeen said, "In general, the team seems to be improving, but we just have to get to another meet to see if we are working hard enough."

Top place winners at the Pierre Invitational were: Wade Douglas-5th, Scott Searls-12th, and Spencer Tisher-18th. For the girls, Kim Osberg-2nd, Paula Graves-11th, Paulette Disberg-13th, and Katy Bauder-18th.

Coach Lundeen commented, "I'm not so worried about team scores, the main thing is how our times compare to last year, and how they compare to the rest of the state."

Returning letter-winners are: Seniors: Keyes, Douglas, Searls, Bruce Lundeen, Jeff Randall, and Katy Bauder.

Juniors: Nikki Kuck, and Nicole Patten, Sophomores: Kim Osberg, and Sandy Case. Freshman: Jenny Turbiville.

New members are: Seniors Tony Rea, and Paula Graves. Juniors Ryan Bales, Kari Engberg and Cori Nickolas. Sophomores Lee Jay Templeton, Jason Meyers, Kevin Ziegler, and Barb Laird. Freshman Spencer Tisher, Paulette Disberg, Sara Nelson, and Laurie Paulson.

Young lifts Govs to 3rd in ESD

By Chad Wagner

Jason Young's medalist honors and a third place team finished the ESD conference meet Saturday raised spirits for the Governor golf team. "The weather conditions were ideal and things just went our way," said senior Pete Rezac. "This is one of the first times we really worked well as a team, and Jason's 71 medalist really helped."

Aberdeen won the ESD title with a 309; Yankton was second with a 311 and Pierre was third with a 321.

Pierre golfers are facing play at Aberdeen yet before heading to Huron for Regional play Oct. 5 and to Brookings Oct. 12 and 13 for the State tournament.

Varsity team players Young, Rezac, Jeromy Grubbs, and Jay Penrod, all seniors; Carl Evenstad junior and sophomore Aaron Miller and Tom Ellefson, sophomore, are looking to raise their team total before heading

into State competition.

They have been averaging from 340-350 throughout the season, according to Rezac. The team also placed third in their home town invitational shooting a 336.

Team members feel that Aberdeen and Yankton will be the teams to beat at State. Both teams have won invitational play with scores of 311 during the season. Yankton has won four of the last five State titles.

"The hardest part of preparing for a meet is the mental preparation," Rezac said, noting that the entire team is excited about the ESD placing.

Competing at regions will be in Huron, Chamberlain and Pierre. Coach Myron Bryant expects the team and individuals to qualify for State. Eight regions plus individuals participate in state which is two days of stroke play for the team title.



ONE THE GREEN...Senior Pete Rezac nails his putt at the Pierre invitational as an opponent looks on. (Photo by Heath Tople)

Seniors select royalty candidates

Shawna Draper is active in band, powder puff, and girls basketball cheerleading. She holds a part-time job at Total Look. "This will be an event that I will always remember and be proud of," she said.

Renae Howard is involved in band, National Honor Society, Powder Puff, and girls basketball cheerleading. She is also the Senior Class treasurer and assistant editor of the Gumbo. She is an All-State journalist.

"It's something to be proud of, that's for sure. It's a real honor to be selected just as a candidate when you think that only five girls were chosen," Renae commented on her nomination.

Tani Keenlyne is active in NHS, Lettermans Club, Drama Club, and football cheerleading. She was an All State Chorus member, including the First Quartet. She also has participated in mixed swing choir and had the lead role in "Grease". She is currently working at The Spa for Women.

Katie Robbenolt participates in powder puff, ballet, Senior Class president, and football cheerleading. She has a part-time job at Peanut Shack. "It's really exciting to be chosen for such an honor from a class as large as ours and with so much competition," she said.

DaWanda Pesicka is involved in Lettermans Club, powder puff, aerobics, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Gumbo Staff, and football cheerleading. She is the secretary of NHS and the treasurer of Drama club. She holds two part-time jobs at the Governor's office and at JCPenney's.

DaWanda won a superior supporting actress medal and will be hosting



HOMECOMING CANDIDATES...Back row Governor candidates are Doug Mikkonen, Jason Ley, Jim Ellenbeck, T.J. Wiebe, Mike Anderson. Front row First Lady candidates are: DaWanda Pesicka, Tani Keenlyne, Renae Howard, Katie Robbenolt, Shawna Draper. (Photo by Heath Tople)

the 1987 Miss South Dakota and Miss South Dakota Teen pageant as a contestant coordinator. She plans on attending college and entering a mathematical or pre-law field. In her spare time she likes to be with her friends.

Mike Anderson is an active member of the Gumbo staff. He has a part-time job as a dietary aid at the hospital and plays the guitar in a band. In his spare time, he likes to listen to music and play his guitar. "I am really excited about being a coronation candidate, although, at first, I really didn't want to show it."

Jim Ellenbecker participates in football, track, FCA, and intramural basketball. One of his most exciting

memories during his high school years was being a prom waiter. He is looking forward to attending an in-state college. "I'm very honored to be nominated as a candidate considering the tough competition. I hope to follow in my brothers footsteps."

Jason Ley participates in football, FCA, and Lettermans Club. This summer he worked at the St. Charles, but is currently unemployed. He enjoys water skiing, snow skiing, fishing, and hunting. "I was really surprised to be chosen for such a special honor," he said.

Doug Mikkonen is involved in basketball, FCA, NHS, Gumbo staff, and is a Boys Stater. His summer in-

come came from working at McDonald's, but he is now unemployed. "Being selected as a candidate for coronation is quite an honor considering all of the qualified men in the Senior class. It beats winning an award for having the best handwriting in the sixth grade!"

T.J. Wiebe is active in football, FCA and Lettermans Club. He has a part-time job at Sooper DOoper. In his spare time he likes to hunt, fish, and be with his friends. His proudest memory in school is being on the Merit ("B") Honor Role every year. "I feel very honored and extremely happy to be your choice for a candidate. It feels great to have that vote of confidence. Thanks!"

Sophomores join Riggs community

By Michelle Deyo

Every year a new class enters the halls and classrooms of Riggs High School. "Goats," also referred to as Sophomores, invaded the corridors to find apprehension, intimidation, and even excitement Sept. 8.

This year's class of Sophomores increased enrollment with their class totaling 213 including 22 students new to our city as well.

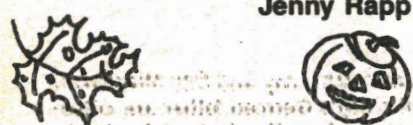
Along with the usual requirements, the Sophomores will need either another lab science or an additional unit of mathematics as required by the South Dakota Board of Regents to gain entrance to state colleges and universities. A total of 20 credits are required to graduate from Riggs.

Many sophomores will find themselves involved in extracurricular activities ranging from sports to music and drama. These activities promise an opportunity for competition as well as an environment for socializing with fellow classmates and upperclassmen alike.

Autumn Memories

A harvest moon breeze,
The smell of burning leaves,
Pigskin fight,
Go green and white!

Jenny Rapp



President addresses student body

Hello, student body! How has your new school year gone? Mine is going great, and I can't wait until homecoming week.

Our football team is really on top this year. We are currently rated second in the state behind O'Gorman. Hopefully, they won't get big heads and will take every game as a new challenge, at the same time walking over the other teams' faces.

Our Lady Gov basketball and tennis teams are doing just fine. The unheard of sports, cross country and golf, are still gutting it out. Overall, we are a well rounded athletic drilling machine.

Is Riggs High as rowdy and wild over this as we were when we won the 1982 State Basketball championships? That was a ROWDY year! I was a sixth grader and the crowd was wild. I'm not saying that we're not as involved in the game as they were before, but cheer with the cheerleaders and get into the game.

I remember when the whole senior high section had half their faces painted green and white, or had newspapers to read when the other team was announced. Now, I may not come to the next game with a green and white face or spiked green and white hair, but I will cheer for the most part.

To get off the rowdy stuff, I would like to talk about

homecoming. Thursday is Dress Up day because of coronation. Friday is Green and White Day. Goats don't paint your faces any time during the week because you will be sent home. Try not to break any rules or you will lose privileges as the Class of 1987 lost some for us. (This warning is for all the student body.) At Kangaroo Court last year, the

Rambo's got a little to physical with pies. Now Jimmy and I have to escort the victims down to get pied. Don't ruin it for you and your underclassmen.

Thanks for reading this, and have a great homecoming.

Wade "the Blade" Douglas
Student Body President



SCHOOL SPIRIT...Lady Gov cheerleaders helped build a little enthusiasm for the fall sports season with this green and white Lady Gov Mobile. At left are Pierre cheerleaders Renae Howard and Steph Halsch, standing, and Amy Cone; and at right are Shawna Draper, standing, and Bonnie Jorgenson. Also pictured are the Watertown cheerleaders who were treated to a ride in the mean green machine. (Photo by Kirsten Levisen)

Teacher shares German experience

By Paula Paul

He's a very ordinary man, from the tips of his cowboy boots to the top of his slightly bare head. His house isn't spectacular, and he even owns a scraggly little poodle named Rudy. But when Mr. Mickelson begins to talk about his past year spent in Germany, most anyone would have to sit up and listen.

With the help of the Fulbright Scholarship program, Mr. Mickelson took part in a teacher exchange along with Rolf Maichel from Germany for the 86-87 school year. The two teachers, accompanied by their families, traded teaching positions and homes.

Mr. Mickelson said he was first encouraged to go to Germany on the teacher exchange by a friend of his who was already making use of a Fulbright scholarship. He decided to apply for a scholarship after failing to be the teacher selected for the Challenger space flight in 1985, although he was a state finalist.

"It isn't difficult to get into the Fulbright program, but it is difficult to find a match," said Mr. Mickelson. "I knew it would be especially tough to find a teacher who would be able to teach Latin and German in English," he said.

Mr. Maichel had originally planned to go to Utah for a teacher exchange, but when those plans didn't work out, he opted to come to Pierre. Jay and Bev Mickelson, along with their children Allison and Drew, set out for Moorreege in northern West Germany in July 1986.

Moorreege is a small town of about 5,000 people; however, it is located near another town called Uetersen and the large city of Hamburg.

The Mickelsons took only clothing and a few personal items to Germany with them. As for a car, the Mickelsons bought a Volkswagon in Germany and sold it before coming back to the States; the Maichels did the same with an American car.

Mr. Mickelson taught Latin to seventh and ninth grade classes and English to seventh, ninth, and eleventh grade classes at a college prep school of about 600 students. The German school system differs from the American school system in many ways. All German students must go to primary school for grades 1-4.

"Anything we did was going to be good because we didn't go expecting everything to be easy. We just wanted to experience it all."

Bev Mickelson

After fourth grade, students with grades in the bottom 20 percent go to a school with classes 5-9. Students who have grades in the middle 40 percent go to a school with classes 5-12, while students with grades in the top 40 percent go to a college prep school (called a gymnasium) with classes 5-13.

Because German colleges are government funded, competition for entrance is fierce and high grades are a necessity. Instead of college, students may choose to learn a skill through an apprenticeship, which is a widespread practice in Germany.



EXPLAINING...Mr. Mickelson explains a display of flags he brought to Pierre from his year-long stay in Germany. (Photo by Paula Paul)

"The Germans have a fantastic technical education system," said Mr. Mickelson.

The German grading system is based on the numbers 1-6, with a one equal to an "A" and a six equal to an "F". "It's much harder to get an 'A' in Germany than in America, but it's also much harder to fail," said Mr. Mickelson.

German students go to school for five or six days a week for usually six periods a day, but they are out of the classrooms by 1 p.m. They take 10-13 major subjects a year, including eight years of English and several years of two other languages, such as Latin or French.

Bev Mickelson speculates that European students take foreign languages more readily than American students because travel to a foreign country is much easier and less expensive in Europe.

"The problem with getting people to take foreign languages here is that not many people get the chance to travel and use the language they've learned," she said.

Tutors are very common in Germany, and the students tend to take their questions to a tutor instead of the regular teacher.

"The students didn't respond to me as a teacher until the end," said Mr. Mickelson with a hint of disappointment in his voice. He said the students probably weren't used to his style of teaching because German foreign language teachers don't

teach as much culture along with the normal curriculum.

"There is a strong mentality in the German schools: the teacher presents the information, the students learn it, and then they bring it back on a test. If something isn't in the book, the students don't always feel they have to learn it," said Mr. Mickelson.

A major problem Mr. Mickelson had to deal with in Germany was cheating, which also exists in American classrooms.

"I've never seen so many people try so hard to cheat, but I think the

problem arises from the competition for high grades," he said.

In contrast to American students, German students stay in the same classroom all day, while the teachers travel from room to room. Mr. Mickelson said he found not a single pencil sharpener in the entire school because German students do all of their work in fountain pen. He also noticed that German students are far more slender than their American counterparts.

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Jay Mickelson

Extracurricular activities are not as widespread in German schools as in American schools. "The students go to school strictly to get an education," said Mrs. Mickelson. The school in which Mr. Mickelson taught supported a choir, drama club, newspaper, and orchestra. The young people join clubs outside of school for the activities of their choice, such as sports, literature, or stamp collecting.

In his off school time, Mr. Mickelson finally got a chance to see some of the places he teaches about. The Mickelsons traveled to Berlin, Munich, Rome, Stuttgart, Cologne, Paris, Amsterdam, and Liege, Belgium.

They traveled mostly by train and were full of praise for Europe's public transportation system. Some of the highlights of their travel included going to a dig of an ancient Roman city and picking wine grapes on a scenic mountainside in Fell, Germany.

What makes Mr. Mickelson's trip even more interesting is the fact that he was a foreign exchange student himself in Cologne, Germany in 1965-66. The Mickelsons spent considerable time with Jay's exchange family during their stay in Germany.

"Germany has changed a lot," said Mr. Mickelson. "There aren't as many ruins left from the war, and it has become much more metropolitan."

In comparison to the materialistic American society, Mr. Mickelson said one must think a dimension smaller in Germany. The Maichels had a TV, stereo, and dishwasher in their home, but not a VCR or microwave.

"The Maichel's home was a large five bedroom villa with a lot of incredible space. We had both a washer and drier, but many German families do not own a drier," said Mr. Mickelson.

He also mentioned that most German women did not work outside the home in the area where he and his family lived. The cost of gas in Germany is double of that in America, and property is even more expensive.

"Life is more convenient here, according to our standards in the United States; and we have lots of services, although we always complain about them," said Mr. Mickelson. German stores are closed by 6 p.m. on weekdays and on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

The Germans and other Europeans share one of America's major concerns of late: AIDS. "Europe is scared spitless of AIDS," said Mr. Mickelson. The church the Mickelsons attended in Moorreege stopped the use of the "common cup" for communion because of a fear of AIDS.

As for crime, Mr. Mickelson said, "Crime is less violent in Germany because Germans have less access to weapons than Americans do."

"We missed steaks, baked potatoes, and ice water the most," said Mr. Mickelson with a laugh. German restaurants do not follow the American tradition of serving ice water with the meal. If diners request it, they will receive bottled water and be charged for it.

"Of course we missed our families, but we maybe became even closer to them through all the letters we received," said Bev Mickelson. Mr. Mickelson said he will be able to teach German much more effectively after the trip, and Allison and Drew certainly benefited from the cultural experience.

"Anything we did was going to be good because we didn't go expecting everything to be easy," said Bev. "We just wanted to experience it all."

And they did just that; probably experiencing more in one year than most of us hope to in a lifetime.



KARNIVAL TIME: Jay and Bev Mickelson, along with Jay's German father are dressed in costume for a Carnival celebration in Cologne, Germany.

Riggs hosts Post High Planning Day

Riggs will host 100-150 students from six schools Oct. 5 for the 1987 Post High School Planning Day.

Seniors from Eagle Butte, Jones County, Harrold, Stanley County, Sulley Buttes and White River will join the Riggs student body for an afternoon of visiting with representatives of colleges, vo-techs, and the military.

Activities begin at 12:50 in the gym where students will receive announcements and conclude with the end of the third session at 3 p.m. Riggs seniors are required to attend all three sessions; juniors are required to attend two sessions, and sophomores one session. Juniors and sophomores may attend all three if they wish.

"I think post planning days are a good chance for high school students to find out about colleges they might possibly attend after graduation," said senior John Sutton, veteran of two Planning Days. "I'd say that students interested in their future could put it to a good use."

"The way it's set up the only way you can't benefit from it is by not pay-

ing attention or failing to show up," he said.

Another senior Amy Boyd agreed. "I think it's a good chance for everyone if they don't go just to goof off," she said.

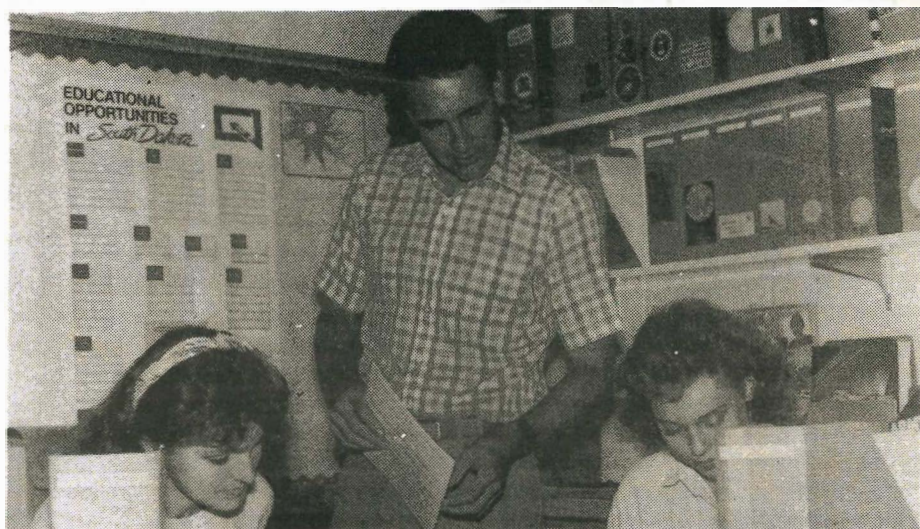
It's a good program to make students aware of the choices," said Sutton, who hopes the program will continue.

Twenty-six in-state institutions, public, private and commercial, and 12 out-of-state institutions will be represented at the three sessions. In addition Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy representatives will attend.

"We hope this is a service to students," said Gary Schneider, guidance counselor. "But we have heard some students complain about it."

Schneider noted that the Guidance Department is going to reevaluate the program for next year.

Students attending sessions will find information ranging from film presentations about colleges and universities to free literature and pencils and pens.



LOOKING AHEAD...Guidance counselor Gary Schneider helps senior Kathy Bartles and sophomore Dixie Beck check out offerings at various colleges (Photo by Heath Tople)

"Planning Day is intended to give students an opportunity to start their college planning or to finalize the plans they have started," said Mavis Booze, Guidance Counselor. "I feel this is beneficial to students if they take advantage of it and ask good questions."

Guidance personnel spend over two weeks each year preparing for the planning day. Faculty members help with the process during homeroom registration and supervision and attendance procedures during the event.

Students learn CPR, earn certification

At least 16 members of the Riggs student body are certified in CPR (Cardio pulmonary resuscitation) a life saving technique. The students learned the latest techniques in a three-day program which is part of the PreSchool Child Care and Development class.

Michael Rocchio, emergency medical services, South Dakota Department of health, conducted the training and testing for certificates.

The training was the first step in preparing class members to go out to their field sights where they work with elementary teachers and other child-care professionals.

Twelve field sights are available, according to Vicki Cool, instructor. Sights include Jefferson, Buchanan, and McKinley elementary schools, the AAUW Day Care, the Oahe Child Care, and Betsingers.

"Sight visits were really in-

teresting," said Nancy Kelley, senior. "We got to see the differences of mental and physical development in children. We observed occupational therapy, special ed programs, kindergarten, preschool, and day care."

The students will spend two periods a day for the entire school year at the field sights or in class here at Riggs, according to Mrs. Cool. Students earn two credits for the year.

"I think we'll learn a lot from this course. I learned a lot from just observing the locations," Kelley said.

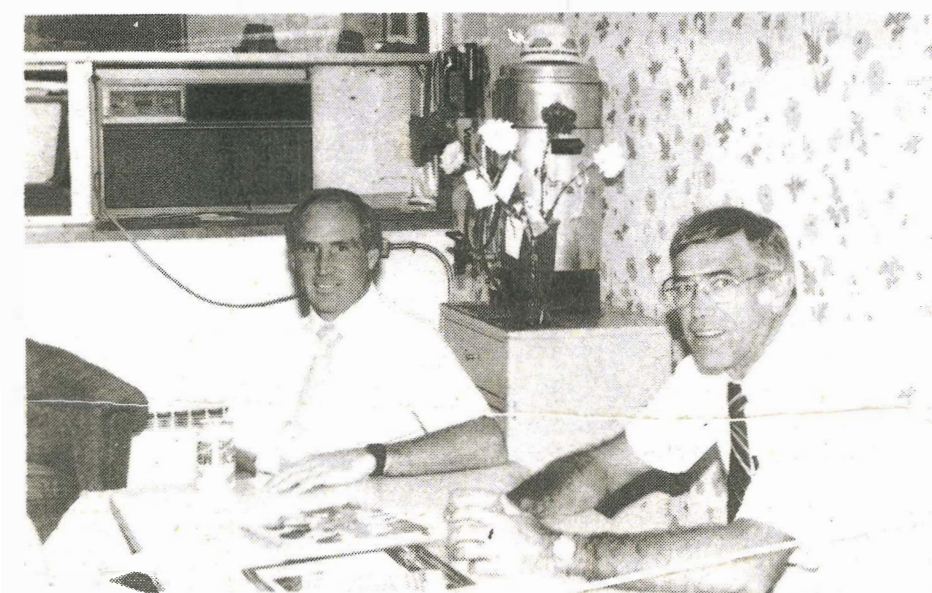
Members of the Preschool Practicum class include Heather Boocock, Amy Boyd, Shawna Draper, Rhonda Hanson, Rane Imberry, Holly Johnson, Nancy Kelley, Steph Kelley, Dawn Kiepke, Tammy Merrill, Katie Robbennolt, Patti Schlekeway, Krinda Smart, Lisa Stearns, Dee Theobald, and Krista Turbiville.



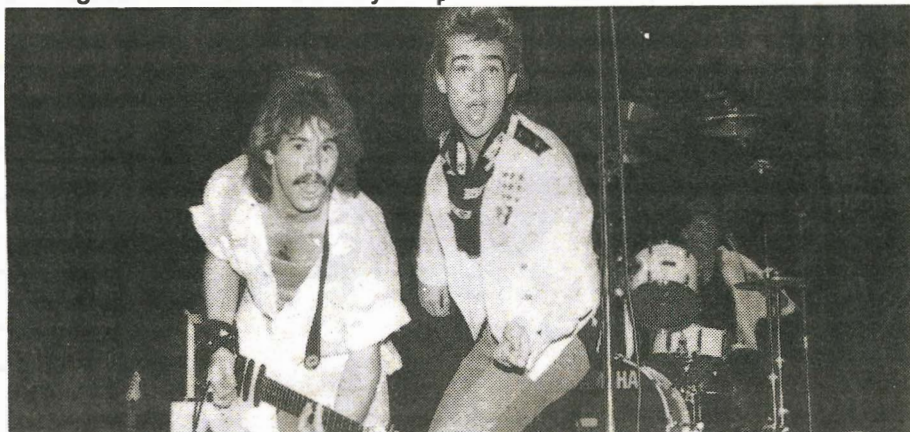
ONE AND TWO AND ...Seniors Nancy Kelley and Krinda Smart work on their CPR technique in Preschool class. All sixteen members of Mrs. Cool's Preschool class won their certification during the three day workshop.



EVALUATION...At left, Krinda Smart and Michael Rocchio of the South Dakota Department of Health study a computer evaluation of Krinda's CPR technique.



FLOWER POWER...Riggs teachers Larry Joy, left, and Stan Wahl take a break in the teachers' work room which boasted a vase of flowers courtesy of Pierre Flower Shop, Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce, Capitol University Center and Pierre Economic Development. The carnations, one for each staff member, were delivered to remind teachers of the Teachers Appreciation Social held early in September. (Photo by Heath Tople)



ROCK 'N' ROLL...Celebrating the Constitution, Riggs students were entertained by The Edge from Tampa, Florida at an assembly Sept. 16 (Photo by Paula Paul)

AMERICAN SPIRIT...At right, sophomore Sheryl Berhelm shows her appreciation of the Constitution by dressing appropriately on Red, White and Blue Day. (Photo by Heath Tople)

