

Riggs High GOVERNOR

Students excel at Institute

Riggs students brought home four All State awards and the coveted All Around award from the intensive week-long Publications Institute held during June at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

Junior Renae Howard won the All Around honor which marked her as the top student at the institute. Howard is the associate editor of the Gumbo.

Earning All State honors were seniors Jenny Joens, Gumbo editor; Paula Paul, Governor editor; junior Kirsten Levisen, Governor photographer; and Howard.

"The workshop was hard work, but we met some fun people and had a good time," said Joens.

Also attending were Tracy Deis, who won Top of Class for yearbook writing; and Heath Tople, Governor sports editor, who won an honorable mention in editorial writing.

In individual events, Joens won first place honors in developing a yearbook section and in headline writing, third place in caption writing and four-column layout, and an honorable mention in three-column layout.

Howard won first in headline and caption writing, and in the theme package project. "I learned a lot, and learned that I was doing a lot of stuff wrong," Howard said.

Levisen won a second place in people photography and a third place

in news feature. Paul won honorable mention in editorial competition and news story and feature writing. Gumbo advisor Terry Peterson participated in the institute as an instructor. The institute offers work in writing, editing, interviewing and reporting, photography and design work for high school publications.

"Institute is a great morale builder as well as being an outstanding educational experience," said Susan Stoneback, Governor advisor. "It lets the students rub elbows with the professionals and get lots of experience in all areas of journalism. I'm glad our students take advantage of this opportunity."

Maintenance work improves school

Students found a brighter school this fall when they returned to a lighted second floor.

The addition of fluorescent lights and new tile in the hallways makes them appear wider and less gloomy. First floor hall improvements were completed last year.

Other school improvements implemented during summer break include new drinking fountains next to the lunch room on first floor; and central air conditioning in the offices, typing and computer rooms, and the old library. The offices were also painted.

Improvements were also made outside Riggs. An underground sprinkling system was installed, and concrete work which will eliminate water drainage problems was completed on the north side of the school.

Custodians and workmen implemented the changes which cost the district nearly \$46,000, according to John Wellhouse, Pierre Public Schools business administrator.

Pierre Players produce 'Music Man'

By Kirsten Levisen

When a day in the life of some Pierre area citizens ends, the day in the life of a River City-zian begins.

As opening night approaches, the 90-percent cast puts the finishing touches on *The Music Man*. The Pierre Players sponsored production boasts its largest cast in years.

Included in the cast are Riggs seniors Lowell Gordon, Sean Califf, Deb Kern; juniors Larissa Baer, Kirsten Levisen, Katie Schaak, Mary Fjelstad, and Steve Stofferahn; sophomores and freshmen include Heather and Kerry Whitney, Justin Weber, Angie Tedrow, Pat Baker, Cody Burton, Ann Schaak, and Amy Fohs.

Directors Donna Fjelstad, Jeff Eckhoff, Brad Berens, and Gea Gjesdal wanted River City, Iowa to be as much like a real town as possible. Thanks to the tedious work of the costumers, who supplied the large cast, that was possible.

The Music Man hosts people of all ages, from grade schoolers to senior citizens. Parading across the stage



REHEARSING...a number of Riggs students will appear in the production of *Music Man*. Pictured rehearsing are from left seniors Sean Califf, Justin Weber, Lowell Gordon, Steve Stofferahn, and adult cast members Steve Vivag and John Hamilton. (Photo by Paula Paul)

with Harold Hill and Marion the Librarian are, the salesmen, the Pick-a-little-talk-a-little Ladies, the Grecian Urns, the River City Boys Band, and a whole flock of talented dancers.

The town of River City invites

everyone to experience "The Music Man".

The production dates for this Meridith Wilson musical are Sept. 11 and 12, and the following week Sept. 18-20, at Riggs Theatre. Tickets are going fast.

Guidance recommends ACT test

As the new fall term opens, juniors and seniors should give some thought to taking the ACT Assessment, according to Mavis Booze, Riggs guidance counselor.

The ACT Assessment, which consists of four academic tests that measure educational development and a detailed questionnaire that collects information relevant to educational and career planning, is recommended or required by more than 2,700 postsecondary institutions and scholarship programs.

Most students take the ACT Assessment during junior year or early in senior year, so their results will be available in time for use in planning for postsecondary education and careers.

The guidance office has the information and forms students need to register for the ACT Assessment. ACT

also provides free copies of the booklet, *Preparing for the ACT Assessment*, which contains information about getting ready for the examination, plus a complete practice test.

The basic registration fee for the Assessment is \$10.50. Late registration will be accepted for an additional \$10.00 late handling fee. For 1987-88, ACT has established this test date schedule:

Test Dates

October 24, 1987
December 12, 1987
February 27, 1988
April 16, 1988
June 11, 1988

Registration Deadlines

September 25, 1987
November 13, 1987

January 29, 1988

March 18, 1988

May 13, 1988

Late Registration Deadlines

October 13, 1987
December 1, 1987
February 16, 1988
April 5, 1988
May 31, 1988

Governor changes

The *Governor* has historically numbered its volumes from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year. Beginning with this issue, the *Governor* will number its volumes and issues with the beginning of the fall term of school.

Editors and staff feel this numbering system will be less confusing and will help people to more easily identify the volume of the *Governor* associated with each academic year.

Poor participation ends drill team

Lack of interest ultimately brought the end to the Riggs First Ladies precision drill team.

Although it may be brought back into the school program in the future, there will be no drill team this year, according to Roger Lonbaken, Riggs principal.

"We had started choreographing dances and everything for next year; it was a big disappointment for us all," said Karryn Corning, a member of last year's drill team.

Try-outs last spring failed to bring out the necessary 16 girls to continue the squad. Opening drill team membership to sophomores was an option that was voted down by the members of last year's drill team.

"So many kids have to work now to make money for college that they are forced to choose their extracurricular activities more carefully," said Mrs. Brooks, drill team adviser.

Library acquires new equipment

A second computer will be available in the Media Center for use by both teachers and students, according to Robert Townsend, head librarian.

"Students are to request ahead of time when they wish to use a computer," Townsend said. "This will let all of the library patrons have equal opportunities to use the computer."

In addition to the hardware, the library has many new items including a McGraw Hill book *Personal Computer Programming Encyclopedia*. Other new items include the following books: *Lost and Found: Traditions: Native American Art 1965-1985*; *Best editorial cartoons of the year 1986*; *U.S. Senators from the Prairie*; *Howl's Moving Castle*; *Safe, Strong and Streetwise*; and *Electronic Nightmare*.

No! I don't wanna get up!

BEEP! BEEP! SLAM! The alarm rings and you punch on the snooze button for the twelfth time. Why is the alarm ringing at what seems to be the middle of the night? The fog clears from your mind and you remember: the leisure days of summer sun are officially over. You've died and didn't go to heaven. It's the first day of school.

As you eat your Captain Crunch in the dark of the early morning, many thoughts run through your brain. Am I wearing the right thing? Will I still be part of "the group"? Do I still remember how to add and subtract?

Sophomores are probably terrified, juniors are rejoicing because they're not goats anymore, and seniors realize that this is their last first day of high school.

Although most of us wish we were soaking up sun at the beach, the first few days of school are exciting because the boredom of a routine has not yet set in. So much is ahead of us: homework, tests, project deadlines, blizzards, parent-teacher conferences. But if you can overlook those things, there are also football games, parties, skiing, friendships, and prom to look forward to.

The Governor staff started their year with an issue published today to welcome everybody back and report on events that happened over the summer.

As co-editor, I want to remind everyone of the opportunity they have in the newspaper that is often overlooked. The staff welcomes letters to the editor which either criticize or praise any event at Riggs. The newspaper is a great opportunity to express your opinions and make them known to your fellow students. The only requirement is that the letters be signed. They can be turned in to the Governor advisor Mrs. Stoneback or a staff member.

Also, anyone who has a creative urge to write (sophomores included) is welcome to join the staff and can attend any of our Monday night meetings.

Regardless of the activities you choose to join, Riggs High School will be where it's all happening for the next nine months. This may not be the first day of the rest of your life, but it is the first day of the rest of your school year. With any luck, it will be a great one. Leaving you with that thought, I want to tell everytong to hang in there. June 1 isn't quite an eternity away.

By Paula Paul



Summer jobs challenge working teens

Summer - when time slows down and the livin' is easy...Right? Not always. Although the regimentation is different, many Riggs students find their summers to be as challenging as the school year.

A quick tour of Pierre or the surrounding recreation areas this summer would turn up familiar faces at every stop. Governor reporters visited with several students at their various summer jobs. Here are their comments.

"Working at Hillsview is like working at the zoo," senior Pete Rezac said about being assistant manager at the Hillsview Municipal Golf Course.

Pete and co-worker Jason Young answer the phone, help with the

junior recreation program, clean golf clubs, rent carts, babysit Tom Ellefson (BN) and generally take care of the course while local golf pro Mike Egan is busy.

A member of the Riggs golf team, Rezac is right in his element at Hillsview, and he loves it. A special treat this summer was meeting the Byrum brothers, professional golfers who are Pete's idols, when they were in town for a golf clinic.

Another Riggs senior, Scott Pitlick spent his time in the summer sun too, but not on the golf course. Pitlick's job included plowing, harvesting, working on machinery and building corrals at the Dave Ogel farm near Hayes.

"Working as a farm hand is very physically and mentally demanding," Pitlick said.

By Paula Paul

"Good morning, Governor Mickelson's office, may I help you?" What??? Isn't that DaWanda Pesicka's voice? It certainly is; DaWanda has been working diligently for the past eight months in the Capitol as an aide to the governor.

Her duties range from filing, typing, and delivering press releases to making trips to Zesto when hungry stomachs require it. DaWanda first heard of the job through Mr. Fjelstad, Riggs' office education teacher. He was contacted by the governor's personal secretary and informed that the governor's office was in search of a high school student who would like to become an aide.

Mr. Fjelstad asked her if she would like to fill the position, and DaWanda decided to take the opportunity. She was hired in January. DaWanda plans to keep the position through her senior year and use it for her office education course work.

DaWanda realizes how lucky she is to have the job because of the environment in which she works. "I had never been in the governor's office before - except when I was a Brownie," she said.

DaWanda remembers her first day on the job with a laugh and flush of embarrassment. The South Dakota Beef Commission was hosting a buffet in the Capitol rotunda, and DaWanda was told to take a plate and help herself.

"I didn't want to make a bad impression, so I took everything the lady in front of me did," she said. "It was terrible. Everything was made of beef. Have you ever tasted beef cookies? I threw some of it in the garbage when no one was looking," she said.

Of course, work in the governor's office isn't always exciting. DaWanda

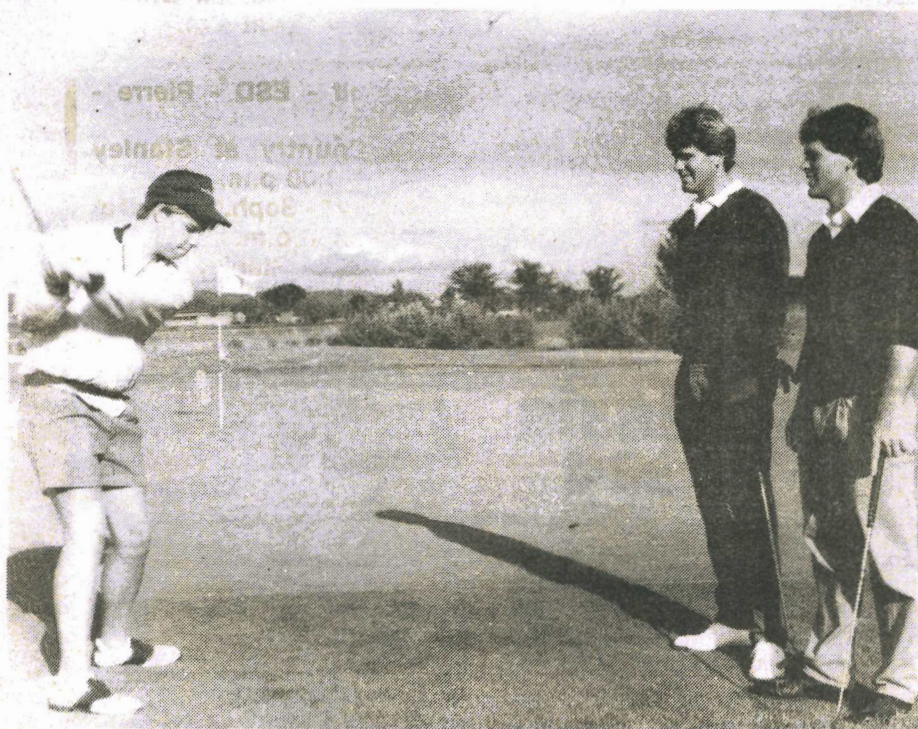
remembers a noon hour in which she was alone in the office and very bored. What did the industrious new secretary do to pass the time? "I stuck my head in the copy machine and took a picture of my face," she said, "but it didn't turn out very good."



Concentration ... DaWanda works diligently addressing envelopes for the Governor's office.

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CHECKING OUT THE SWING....Curt and Tom Byrum at right, pro golfers from Onida, golfted with members of the Riggs team when they were in town for a golf clinic. At left is senior Pete Rezac. (Photo by Paula Paul)

Governors travel to Sturgis

By Heath Tople

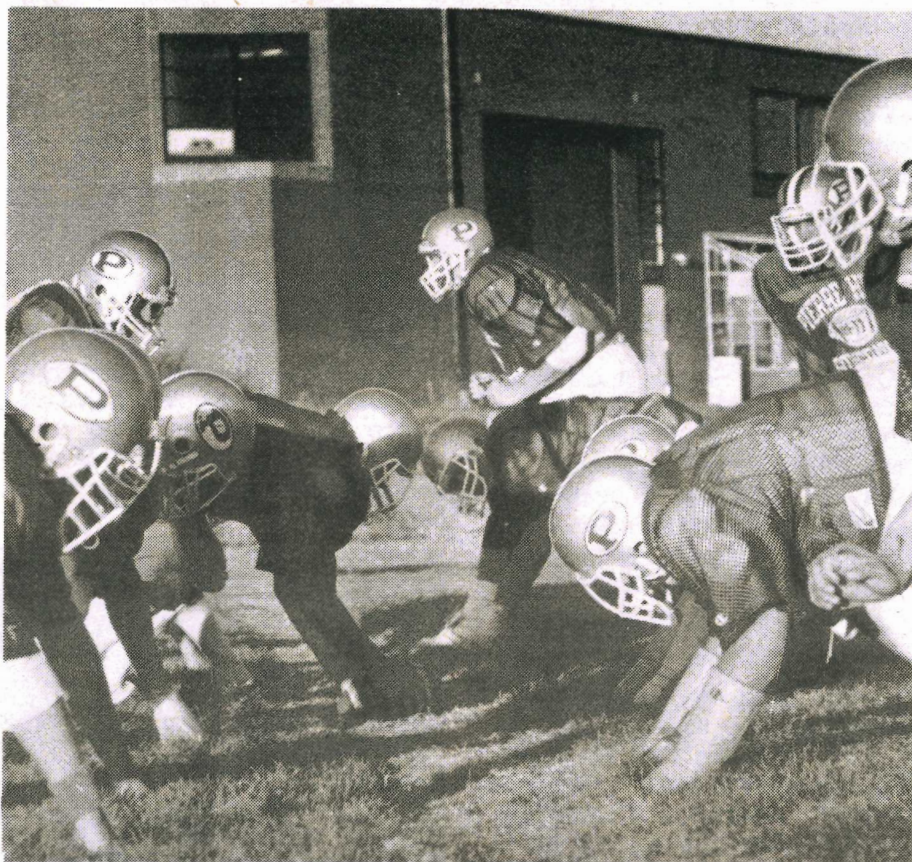
Even though Major League baseball is in the spotlight now, Governor football is getting underway again. The Gobs travel to Sturgis to tangle with the Scoopers this Friday, and they can only be looking to improve.

The Gobs faced a home opener against R.C. Central with a 0-9 1986-87 season.

Approximately 40 Riggs students are back on the grid-iron this season. Head Coach Ken Kostinen feels that they have some good backs and receivers this year, and he is generally pleased with the performance of the offense. However, he feels the team's goal is to get rid of their excess of penalties.

This year, unlike years past, the Governors will be starting their school year with one game under their belt, due to the later Labor Day.

Coach Kostinen says that it may be an advantage "It doesn't affect our preparation, in fact, it helps because we get another week where we don't have to worry about going to school, and they're still free to work a little bit harder and not have to get school work done."



ON THE LINE....Pierre football players began practice in mid August for the 1987 grid season. Under Coach Ken Kostinen, the team will meet a nine game schedule. (Photo by Heath Tople)

Riggs coach earns honor

Riggs tennis coach and P.E. instructor Phil Trautner was selected for the South Dakota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame at the Association's sixteenth annual awards banquet July 30 in Aberdeen.

Trautner modestly comments on his award, "It's very nice, but it's something I didn't expect. I didn't really feel like I qualified for that kind of award. I'm never one to get excited about past wins and losses. I can't say I had a lot of success, but it's the things you do and the things you get involved in that count."

Although most Riggs students know Coach Trautner, many may not be aware of his incredible win-loss record. His football teams went 72-24-2 in 10 years, and basketball teams were 82-38 in six years. The

tennis team, which he started in 1966 and still coaches, has an astounding 202-24 record and four state titles.



Mr. Trautner

In spite of this winning record, Trautner said his coaching wins and accomplishments are not what he treasures most about his career.

"The thing I look back at over the years is the privilege of working with the high school athletes and coaching staff. The school board and administration have supported the programs well over the years, which has made coaching easier and more enjoyable," Trautner said.

Trautner began his coaching career in Pierre in 1951 and retired as athletic director in March of 1986, but said he still enjoys coaching. Although he would have liked to have taken more time for himself and his family, Trautner said, "I enjoy everything I've done, and I guess if I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't change anything."

Ladies entertain Watertown

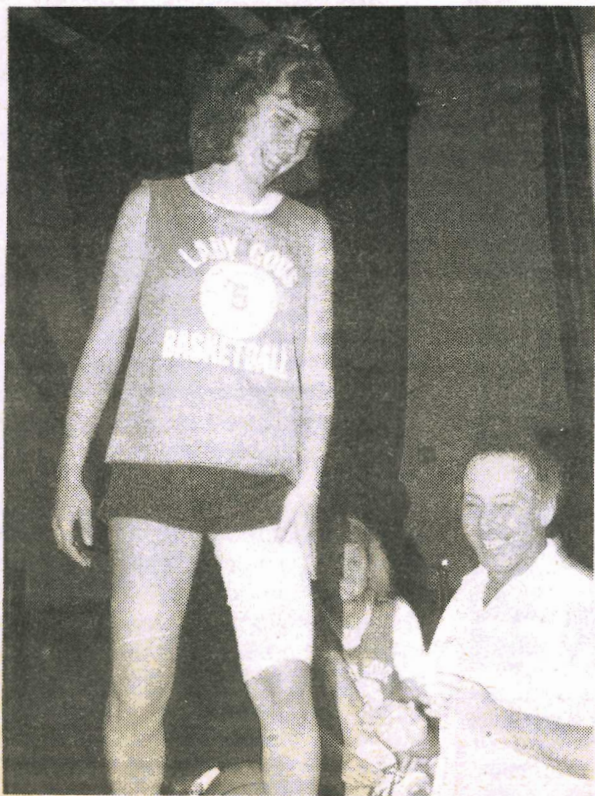
By Heath Tople

Lady Governors host the Watertown Arrows Friday after coming off the season opener against the Mitchell Kernels.

Head Coach Don Shields said, "Christy Gors is the only player coming back that saw any kind of (varsity) playing time last year. Susan Chase played sparingly throughout the season and a little at the State Tournament."

On the "up" side, Coach Shields sees a few bright spots, "I think we are going to be pretty tall, and we have a lot of depth, no one star, but we have a lot of players that I think can play."

"Yankton is going to be the class of the state. They have very good players back and will be definitely a top team in the state. From there Rapid City Stevens will be really good, and in the conference Aberdeen, Watertown and us will be in the battle for second place in the conference," Shields said.



TAPING AN INJURY...girls basketball coach Don Shields helps Steph Zastrow tape her leg during practice. (Photo by Heath Tople)

EVENTS CALENDAR

September 8 - First Day of School

9 & JV basketball with Harrold - Here - 6:15 p.m.

September 10 - Boys Golf - Pierre Invitational - 11:00 p.m.

September 11 - Girls Soph. & Varsity basketball with Watertown - Here

Varsity football at Sturgis
Cross Country at Pierre Invitational - 4:00 p.m.

September 12 - Tennis at Huron Quadrangular

September 14 - Soph. football at Mobridge JV's - 6:30 p.m.

9th football with Miller - Here - 5:30 p.m.

September 15 - 9 & JV Girls basketball - Stanley County - There - 6:30 p.m.

September 17 - 9th Girls basketball at Sully Buttes - 5:30 p.m.
Tennis - Pierre Triangular (Huron & RC Central)

September 18 - Girls Soph, JV & Varsity basketball at Huron
Varsity football with Brookings - Here

Boys Golf at Mitchell - 9:00 a.m.

September 19 - Soph. football against Rapid City Central at Pierre - 12:00 noon

Cross Country at Huron - 10:00 a.m.

Tennis at Aberdeen Quadrangular

September 22 - Junior High Back to School Night

September 23 & 24 - Differential Aptitude Test

September 24 - 8th football scrimmage - 4:00 p.m.

Tennis Triangular - here - RC Stevens, Aberdeen

School Pictures - Riggs, Buchanan, Raber, Washington

September 25 - Girls Soph., JV & Varsity basketball - Aberdeen - Here

Varsity football at Mitchell
Cross Country at Rapid City - 3:30 p.m.

September 25 & 26 - Ohio Vocational Interest Survey II

September 26 - Girls Soph & Varsity basketball at Yankton
9th Girls Basketball Double Dual - Here - 9:30 a.m.

Boys Golf - ESD - Pierre - 11:00 a.m.

Cross Country at Stanley County - 10:00 p.m.

September 28 - Soph. football at Winner - 6:30 p.m.

9th football - Stanley County - Here - 4:15 p.m.

Boys Golf at Aberdeen - 1:00 p.m.

Jefferson Open House - 7:00 p.m.

September 29 - Soph & Varsity Girls basketball - Todd County - Here

7th basketball League
Cross Country at Todd County - 3:00 p.m.

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

October 2 - Varsity football - Watertown - Here - 7:00 p.m. - HOMECOMING

Riggs sophomore captures beauty title

By Paula Paul

"If our winner cannot fulfill her duties, the first runner-up will step into her place. And the winner is..."

It's not the Miss America Pageant, and the emcee isn't Bob Barker, but the contestants know the Miss Oahe Pageant could be a step up to something bigger.

Sophomore Robyn Starks took that step up when she won the Miss Central Teen USA title at the Miss Oahe Pageant on Aug. 8 in the Riggs Theatre.



THE WINNER...Robyn Starks, models during evening gown competition.

Robyn's win will enable her to compete in the Miss South Dakota Teen Pageant, which will be held in Pierre in October. The Miss Oahe Pageant is also a preliminary to the Miss South Dakota USA, Miss South Dakota America, and the South Dakota Snow Queen Pageants.

Other Riggs students who entered the Miss Oahe Pageant include junior Julie Morris and seniors DaWanda Pesicka and Renae Howard.

Deanne Frank, director of the Miss South Dakota USA Pageant and numerous other beauty contests, traveled to Pierre from Canton to coordinate the Miss Oahe Pageant for the second consecutive year. She has had contact with over 11,000 young ladies in her 27 years of organizing beauty pageants.

One of Ms. Frank's most time-consuming tasks was to select and enlist girls for the competition. She visited the Pierre community six months before the pageant and gathered recommendations from area citizens. She then comprised a list of girls who had been recommended at least twice.

Girls on the list were contacted by Ms. Frank and encouraged to enter the pageant. Robyn was contacted by several people involved with the pageant, including Deanne Frank, and persuaded to enter. Robyn said she hadn't planned on entering the pageant at first, but her dad helped sway her decision by buying her the dress she would wear in the evening gown competition.

"I entered the pageant because I thought it would be a lot of fun and a good experience. I met so many neat people from places like Mobridge and Burke," said Robyn.

She added that collecting the sponsorship fees needed to help produce the pageant was "a real challenge." Although Robyn won only her title at the Miss Oahe Pageant, she will have a chance to win bigger prizes at the state pageant.

The pageant involved much more than the actual two hours spent before a live audience. The contestants began at 7:30 a.m. with

rehearsals and workshops dealing with personality analysis, stage presence, basic modeling, and handling an interview.

In the afternoon, the girls were judged on personal interviews, in which they were asked questions about themselves, their families, and their other interests.

"I was nervous at first, but the judges were so nice that I relaxed after a while," said Robyn about her interview.

Evening gown and swimsuit competitions were held before a live audience in the evening. Girls competing for the Miss Pierre title also performed their talent routines at the pageant.

Deanne Frank said she encourages all young ladies to enter beauty pageants because they are a great self-confidence builder. "I love to see the change in the girls from the time they arrive in the morning until the pageant; they feel so good about themselves at the end of the day," she said.

Girls enter a beauty pageant for many and various reasons, said Ms. Frank. The most obvious reasons are the scholarships, gifts, and prizes that go along with a win. Some girls want the pageant experience, modeling

opportunity, or beauty title; others simply want to build their self-confidence.



SWIMSUIT COMPETITION...several Riggs students participated in the Miss Central Teen USA contest. Standing third from right and on to right are Robyn Starks, DaWanda Pesicka and Julie Morris. (Photo by Heath Tople)

Students experience European life

Ever seen the Hard Rock Cafe, Tower of London, the Eiffel Tower or the Alps? These are just a few of the sights seen by 29 Pierre-Ft. Pierre students and seven (7) adults who toured Europe in August. Ken Larsen, Riggs English teacher, coordinated the trip.

The following is a first-person account of the trip by Chris Ward, Governor staff member. Other Riggs students on the trip were Tracy Deis, Kathy Bartles, Eric Jacobsen, Kari Engberg, Laura Fahey, Martin Hoffsten, Tammy Hendricks, Vance Hillmer, Rhonda Hanson, Kathy Meriman, Todd Moore, Debbie Mathews, Kenny Nelson, Dee Ann Nelson, Tammy Paulsen, Crissy Post, Kristy Pease, Karen Peta, Kirsten Levisen, Mark Schoenhard, Mindy Sogaard, Lisa Stearns, Steve Stofferahn, Denise Suedkamp and Chuck Walker.

The group left Riggs High Monday, August 3, on a bus to Minneapolis, to connect with the airline flight to London. We were on the plane most of the night, and arrived in England on Tuesday.

We breezed through customs at Gatwick airport outside of London and boarded another bus for a one-hour ride through the English countryside to our hotel in London. Our tour guide, Nia, greeted us at the hotel which was located near Hyde Park. We also met two groups from Canada that would be traveling with us.

Wednesday's sight-seeing tour included Big Ben, Parliament, old Scotland Yard and concluded at the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. Queen Elizabeth was in residence, but we were not lucky enough to glimpse any of the royal family.

Smaller groups formed to see special interest places like the Hard Rock Cafe and the Tower of London. The tube (London's subway) was a fast and safe way to travel around London. The system also provided entertainment with punk rockers and musicians performing along the walkways. Some of us attended an Olde English Banquet at a local beef-eater.



TOWERS AND CASTLES...King Ludwig's castle in Germany was just one of the many landmarks in the six countries students visited in Europe. (Photos courtesy of Kirsten Levisen).

After taking much ribbing about the English driving on the wrong side of the road, our English guide explained the custom: in the days when knights roamed the land, most of the men were right handed. They rode on the left side of the road so they would always be prepared for a sword fight if they should meet an adversary.

Thursday began with another bus ride. The driver kept most of us awake with his "New York cabbie" driving style and bad jokes. We were very much relieved with a brief stop at Canterbury to tour the beautiful cathedral.

Then it was off to the white cliffs of Dover to meet the boat that would

take us across the English channel to Calais, France. (The loading doors were closed before we set sail.)

We saw wheat and sugar beet fields. The farmers were harvesting the wheat using smaller versions of John Deere combines. The women wore dresses to perform their field work.

We also passed many castles on hilltops with villages at the foot of the hills. The guide called them ABC (Another Bloody Castle).

Our tour of Paris included Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and a number of palaces. Some of us visited the palace of Versailles near Paris and took boat rides on the Seine at night.

On Saturday, we were off again in the bus. This ride took us through the Alps to Luzerne, Switzerland.

We were shown the artworks on the building of Luzerne and the monument dedicated to the 800 Swiss guards who were killed serving King Louis XVI in Paris. Some of us traveled by cog railroad up Mount Pilatus while others toured the museums and shops in Luzerne.

Monday morning we boarded the bus for Innsbrook, Austria where we visited the winter Olympic park. From Innsbrook, we journeyed to Munich, Germany. Stops included Oberammergau, home of the passion play, and the Story Book castle. Some of us toured Munich while others visited the local shops. We celebrated our last night in Europe at the Great Beer Hall in Munich.



EUROPEAN VACATION...Juniors Steve Stofferahn and Kirsten Levisen and senior Tracy Deis relax by a statue in the courtyard outside the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles in France.