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NHS announces 'Teacher of the Year' and members

By Shana Holsteen

The formal initiation for National Honor Society was held last Tuesday in the Riggs Theatre. The initiation included a guest speaker, a vocal duet, the initiation ceremony, the NHS pledge, and a reception held in the lunchroom.

The juniors and seniors who were initiated were tagged with a ribbon on Tuesday, February 20. They traditionally wore their ribbons throughout the week. The new members are seniors Marcy Bowers, Rea Briggs, Janna Hickman, Jodie Hickman, Linda Jordre, Jon Kaul, Mark McIntire, Brett Oakland, Brian Oakland, Lisa Pope, Jeff Post, Andrea Smith, and Tom Valentine. The junior members are Cheryl

Beckwith, Kara Durick, Thad Fonck, Heather Hageman, Kristie Hansen, Ricki Hirsch, Ben Jensen, Matt Judson, Josh Ley, Kristie List, Mark Morris, Heather Ogan, Cathy Reuer, Brooke Severson, Carly Snyder, Lori Stulken, Dawn Swendsen, Brent Talsma, Angela Tedrow, Justin Weber, and Nathan Welsh.

To be chosen for NHS, the members had to meet specific requirements. Each had to be juniors or seniors at Riggs for a semester or more with a grade point average of at least 3.2. Each had to submit an application to a council of Riggs faculty which was reviewed on the basis of service, leadership, and general character.

One of the duties of N.H.S. is to choose the recipient of Teacher of the Year Award. The teacher chosen to receive the 1989-90 award is Stan Wahl.

Wahl has taught business education a year in Holden, SD; two years in Barnard, SD, and Boise, ID; and 23 years at Riggs in Pierre. He earned his Master's Degree in education at the University of Idaho in Moscow, ID.

Wahl is married and has four children. His wife is a guidance counselor at Pierre Junior High School. Steve, his oldest child, is a junior in college. Annette is a senior at Riggs, and his twin girls, Beth and Bonnie, are freshmen at the junior high.

Wahl's hobbies include coin collecting and working with leather. He enjoys making artifacts out of



LOOKING IT OVER...Mr. Wahl, teacher of the year, helps Guy Ferris finish his assignment. (Photo by Kris Hansen)

leather, such as deer hide.

Wahl enjoys teaching and thinks his students are "great." He doesn't think that students have changed much in his years of teaching. Wahl plans to stay at Riggs until he retires. He hopes that students continue to take his classes through their in-

creasingly busy schedules.

"I was thoroughly elated with the honor," Wahl said. "It probably is one of the most complimentary honors I've received in my teaching career. It sparked my spirit a little to go back to the classroom and know I'm appreciated."

All-State Journalists attend a 'Day with a Legislator'



ANSWERING QUESTIONS...Governor George Mickelson answers questions at the press conference. (Photo by Kris Hansen)

By Linda Jordre

All-State Journalists from the GOVERNOR and GUMBO attended "Day with a Legislator" Feb. 22 and 23.

Journalists participating in this program were Kristi Hansen, Linda Jordre, Aimee Pitlick, Jeff Post, and Jennifer Weaver.

They were able to attend a session with their legislative sponsor in either the House of Representatives or the Senate. Some journalists were allowed to sit in the press box.

Hansen and Post were sponsored by Rep. Shaw, Jordre was sponsored by Sen. Wadell, Pitlick was sponsored by Rep. Lamers, and Weaver was sponsored by Rep. Wishard.

"It was interesting to sit on the House floor and observe the legislature and also spend the evening with friends from camp," said Post.

Thursday evening they listened to a talk from Kevin and Terry Woster, 2 Pierre journalist brothers. Three intern journalists also got a chance to tell of their experiences.

"I really enjoyed the Wosters' talk; I thought they were really funny," Pitlick said. "I could listen to them reminisce about funny politics for hours."

Governor Mickelson addressed the students Friday morning in a press conference with the media and

then a private conference for only the students.

Weaver said, "The Governor's press conference was a neat experience because you were able to see various journalists in action trying to get information from the Governor about different news events."

The rest of the time was spent in session with their legislative sponsor.

"I think it's a great experience to be included in the State Legislature," said Hansen. "It gives you a chance for a better understanding of state government, and a person can get a behind-the-scenes look at the bills and new laws."



GETTING IT ON FILM...Reporters record Governor George Mickelson's press conference. (Photo by Kris Hansen)

Lunch program raises prices

March is here. Spring is approaching and school lunch programs are facing some drastic changes.

Due to the dwindling surplus of dairy products, milk prices continue to rise and cheese is no longer available as a commodity bonus product. This indeed will have an effect on the school's program. As of March 1, milk ticket prices have gone up. We will no longer be able to serve cheese as a help yourself item, and it will not be found on the menu as often.

At this same time, the policy will be changed on offering shakes during the lunch hour. Shakes will be strictly an ala carte item and

served in addition to the milk. The lunch program will have available an 8 oz. shake at 25 cents and a 16 oz. shake at 50 cents. They will determine at the end of a two week period which is the most popular.

Schools across the state will be celebrating South Dakota School Lunch Week March 18-24. This is in conjunction with National Agricultural Week and National Ag Day on March 20. March is also Nutrition Awareness Month.

School lunch programs continue to serve nutritious meals, keeping in mind the need to lower salt, fat and sugar content. Many more choices are left up to the students.

Flower shop deliveries prohibited to high school

By Shana Holsteen

Students and faculty of Riggs have no longer been receiving flower deliveries at the school office due to the newly instated school rule prohibiting the deliveries. This has not been a decision made only on one or two years observation, but over an extended period of time. When Pierre only had one or two

flower shops, the number of deliveries were few. But now that there are five or six flower shops, the load of deliveries that the office has been receiving has been overwhelming.

Principal Lonbaken said, "We are not a business; we are a school. If people want to give flowers as gifts, they could be delivered at their homes."

Legislature offers student opportunity

The Sixty-Third Legislative Session of South Dakota is in session. As residents of the capital city, we have the privilege of having the legislature reside here. It is a shame that we do not take advantage of this incredible learning resource.

When going by the capitol, one can usually see school buses from all over the state. Many schools send their senior class to Pierre so they can observe the session for a day.

It takes many of these towns half a day to get to Pierre and back; they also take time to eat. Total time at the capitol for some of these students is about an hour.

All seniors at Riggs are required to take constitution class. A couple of weeks during the legislative session are spent on mock legislature. This would be a wonderful opportunity to have all the seniors at Riggs be able to attend a session.

Riggs students would not have to miss a whole day of school to travel; they live here and could spend just an hour. It wouldn't have to interfere with the regular school day.

Students who wouldn't be able to attend session during school may never have the opportunity to see it. They have after school activities or work.

The school would not be losing anything by letting the students have this field trip. A bus doesn't need to be rented or money supplied for lunch. They would gain the satisfaction of broadening students' minds.

Student should have the opportunity to see the legislative session in progress. Through a class may be the only chance they get.

Cami's Column

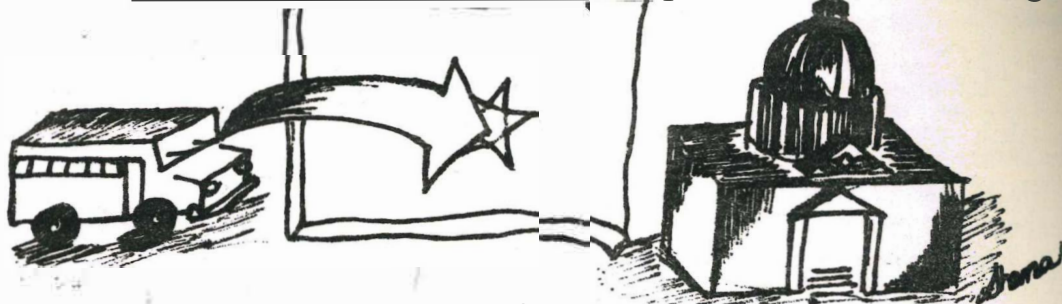
Camilla C. Knowlton

Time is a concept. It is only a measure of the passing of moments that will not be lived again. It seems like the last few years (or maybe even my whole life!) have just passed with barely a glimpse of recognition. Once time is gone it never returns. The only things that remain of what has occurred in the past are material possessions, memories, mental maturation, physical growth, and friends and foes. The past can be regrettable and there is nothing that can be done to change what has happened, but it is possible to use the time you have now and in the future to make amends with the past.

Many of us are now NOT at where we thought we may be years ago. Things may be better or worse than expected. Time that has been spent in good and in bad occasions is our ticket to the future. In our growing, we must experience before we can live.

As I am now sitting in Physics, it doesn't seem that time can go too fast. 2:07 just doesn't seem in the immediate future, but once it gets here I'll probably wonder how time seems like an object being sucked in to a vacuum. You think that it is a dirty object you want to get rid of, but once you have lost it for good you may wish you had it back.

Everything in life is its own milestone. A first date, report card time (for some this is a matter of live or die!), confirmation, graduation, college, marriage, children, job success, over the hill and retirement. It all comes and goes without being honored in the ways it should. Then again, maybe it is better that we treat time as it comes and as it goes.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I think the wrestling team should get more publicity. This is probably the best team Pierre has seen in a long time. The final poll has them rated fourth in the state. There has been only one pep rally for them since the start of their season. We don't know how much they would appreciate the publicity and recognition by the students. Oh, well, thanks anyway for a most excellent season all you matmen. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,
Tom Ellefson

could deliver at 2:45 pm and it would be up to the students to look on the office window or there could be an announcement made. Another, a parent/teacher could "man" the flower table and hand them out. I know of one parent who would be willing to do this action. Finally, if worst came to worst the flower shops could call and relay the names of people receiving flowers, there could be an announcement at the end of the day and the students would be responsible to go and get them.

Either way I feel we all should think about the alternatives of this new policy. Can we as a school really make it without the business community's support?

Sara Anderson

Dear Editor,

I feel the recent policy of not delivering flowers to the school should be discussed. Yes, I know it must get pretty crazy in the office, especially around holidays and other important days, and I'm sure that taking care of flower delivery is not in the secretaries' job descriptions, but don't you think we could come up with alternatives to this problem?

Think about the business community and what this new policy will do to them, and eventually do to us. We go out into the businesses and ask for donations and support, and they have supported us with many things...Christmas Trees, Daisy Chains, etc...how will they react.

There are times when people won't get flowers or balloons, but in life I don't think things will change if "Polly doesn't get a cracker!" I feel, and am told often that high school is preparing "us" for the real world...If this policy goes through without any amendments, then what?

Some alternatives can be explored in this policy. For instance, the flower shops

Dear Editor,

As you know, sports is a big part of our school. We have many athletes who participate and enjoy themselves very much. We also know that there are several sports that do not get much recognition. One of these sports is volleyball. Yes, I know that it's a new

program here, and not many people are interested yet. This is shown by the few people who show up for the games and leave after the first one, even though we play five. This lack of crowd support does have an effect on the players, even though some may consider it minute. When a team gets down, encouragement always helps to bring them back up. Much of this encouragement comes from the coaches and the teammates on the bench, but they can't do it all. If they do, as they practically do now, they won't have the voices to communicate on the floor. Encouragement and cheering are things that are needed and desired. Quiet crowds don't help at all. What our volleyball team needs is a crowd that will come to their games and cheer them on, boost their spirits, and tell them "good job" when the game is over, whether we won or not. I hope that everyone will cheer on our team next year, since this season is almost over. The support is appreciated and needed by every member of the team.

Sincerely,
Lehla Smith

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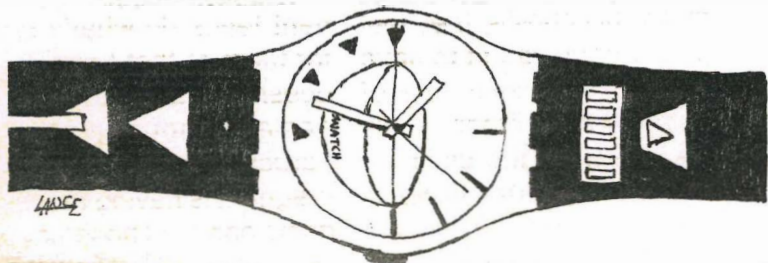
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The staff encourages the student body and administration to present their opinions through signed letters. They need not agree with the opinions of the "Governor" editors on the school.



Thrills make ice fishing a popular pastime

By Mary Hatch

A lone figure sits in the wind that burns flesh with its icy blows. The ice the man is standing on begins to tremble with the sense of enthusiasm as the fight begins, the fight between man and beast. The excitement is ice-fishing, the sport of the season.

Through the long winters of South Dakota many students and faculty at Riggs enjoy the popular winter sport of ice-fishing, even though many have difficulty catching any fish. "To be honest," replied senior Dave Mickelson, "I have never caught a fish while ice-fishing!"

The excitement of the catch is obviously not the only reason for someone to brave the icy winds to fish. "I go ice-fishing to get away from all the people in town. There isn't anyone out

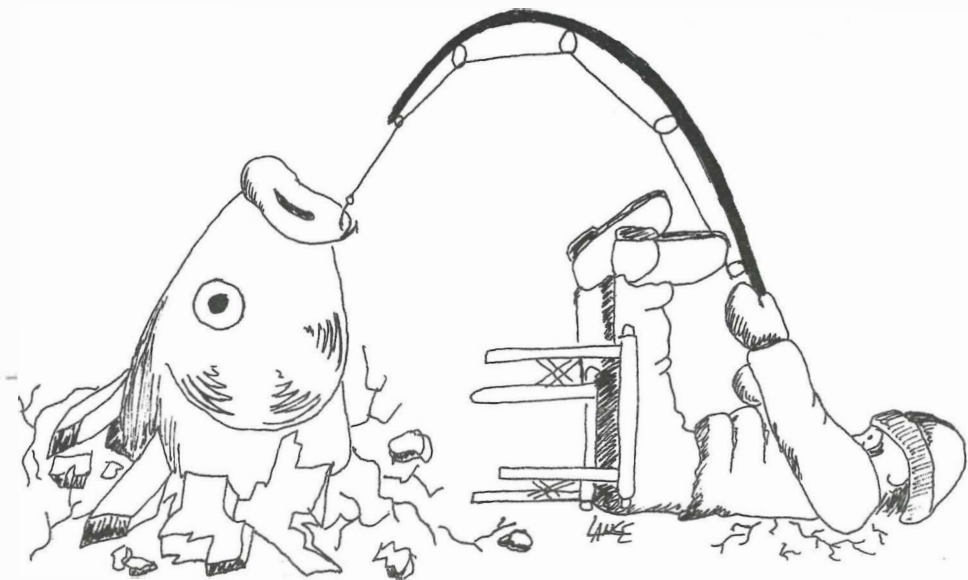
there making a lot of noise. It's quiet and peaceful," said Senior Brad Maskovich.

The peace of the outdoors doesn't always ensure the security that nothing amusing will happen. While out fishing, Mickelson recalls, "a fish jumped up through the hole in the ice and nearly hit Jeff Gromer in the face. Well, at least it startled him."

Falling through the ice is a serious but humorous happening to those who have experienced it. These are the events that sportsmen look back at as the memories of their youth.

There are few if any expenses that correspond with ice-fishing. "All you need is a string with a hook attached to it and bait," said junior Shannon Coyle.

The main reason for the sport is for something to do. "During the winter time," said senior Mark McIntire,



"there isn't much to do outdoors. Ice-fishing is fun and relaxing."

Some students started fishing with their parents and have been fishing ever since. "I've been fishing for about ten years," said junior Dean Schreiber, "When I was younger I

would go out with my dad."

For Coyle the ice isn't the big thrill. "I like to fish and a hole in the ice is the only open water."

The task, some have admitted, is not that hard to do. The hardest part is getting to the spot you want. "It's easy, you just watch a

bobber," said Coyle.

Perhaps the enjoyment of the sport isn't the "thrill of the fight between man and beast" but the times spent with friends and the times of peace with oneself. As senior Bob Hanten puts it, "I enjoy ice-fishing because I enjoy fishing."

Governors end season



FAST BREAK... Senior Chris Carlson goes up for the shot against the Bucks. (Photo by Kris Hansen)

By Jvonne Heard

Coach Judson commented that "Aberdeen has been number one in the state and all through the season. We just gave it our

best shot."

The team has been competitive for the last part of the season.

They ended the season with a 6-12 record and a 0-12 ESD record.

Sports Beat

By Brian Oakland

I would like all those people who know anything about the Major League Baseball Lockout to please inform me on what's going on because there's got to be something done about it.

It seems that there is virtually no hope for a traditional Opening Day, an event that baseball fans everywhere await over a long winter, but that's about all that anyone knows about this lockout. What is a lockout anyway? I've heard it's kind of like a strike, but it just isn't the same thing. Okay, whatever!

For months now, since the Athletics swept the Giants in the World Series, representatives of the baseball owners and of the players have been feuding about something or other having to do with something else either related to the subject of conversation or possibly way out of line. This

represents the cloud of confusion hovering over the baseball world.

However, I for one am willing to place the blame on the CBS television network for causing this commotion. If they would not have earned the exclusive television rights to Major League Baseball regular season, post-season, and World Series Games from NBC, who's to say that Spring Training wouldn't be going on right now?

In the meantime, it might be wise for those of us who wait for the baseball season to start to find something else on TV to watch. Such events as NBA Basketball will be around for a while, but when that ends in June, we might need to settle for waterskiing, or possibly that karate-type boxing sort of thing, or maybe even NCAA womens' lacrosse which always produces real thrillers.

Another possibility for



viewing pleasure might be Canadian football which, after the Super Blowout, just might be as exciting. But the fact still remains that "football north of the border" just can't replace "American favorite pastime."

I must say that the winter was long, as the baseball season approached, but the summer might last even longer if we don't get a chance to see the Braves get blown out, or to see Kirby Puckett slap another base hit up the middle, or to hear Harry Caray's ever-popular renditions of "Take Me Out To The Ball Game."

With all these facts and possible replacements for baseball, it is easily seen that summer just wouldn't be the same without it. I suggest that we just let the "Boys of Summer" make their summer living, earning a mere \$3 million a year, and everyone will be happy.

Wrestlers place at state

By Jvonne Heard

The wrestlers hit the mat for one last time this season at the state meet held in Rapid City. The wrestlers who qualified for state were Jeremy Jay in the 103 weight class; Chris Herr, 112, 8th in the state; Scott Wharton, 118; Shad Riggle, 125; Willy Zeller, 130; Mike

Hermanson, 135; Trevor Weibe, 140, placed 5th in state; Troy Weibe, 145; Jason Schipper, 152, placed 5th in state; Brad Thorson, 160, place 1st at state; Brian Spoonmore, 171; and Tom Stotts, heavy weight.

The overall team placed 5th at state. When asked how the team did, Bryant

said, "Our goal was to place in the top five, and it was accomplished. They were quite happy about Thorson's finish along with everyone else's. I feel we had a very good weekend and season."

The team is looking forward to another good season next year.

March Sports Calendar

- 10 Basketball - Region II "AA"
- 15-17 Basketball - State "AA" Tournament - Sioux Falls
- 31 Varsity Track at Aberdeen

March Events Calendar

- 1-2 Parenty-Teacher Conferences, K-12
- 15-16 Spring Break - No School
- 23 End of Third Quarter
- 24 Senior High Choral Festival
- 31 SAT

PREGNANT

Student shares personal experience on pregnancy

By Heather Stulken

It was August of 1988. I didn't know it at the time, but I had just begun the long journey into mommyhood. Before I heard the news, I had moved to El Paso, Texas, with my mother and younger sister.

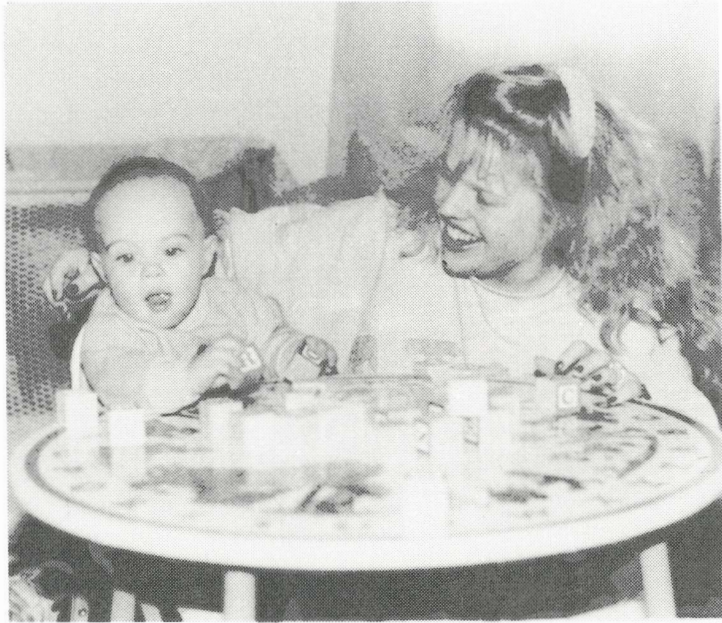
I was extremely tired; all I did was sleep. That was the only sign I had for about a month.

That was the only clue my mother needed though. Just imagine your mother who knows almost nothing about you telling you that you're pregnant. I was stunned. I didn't know what to say, but I was definitely embarrassed.

My parents really pushed abortion, but for my own reasons I decided against that. I later discovered I was scared of being talked into doing something I didn't want.

During my first trimester, the first through third months, my mom was torn between pushing something she wanted and denying the whole situation.

It was a really tense time.



ABC...Heather Stulken entertains her son Timothy with playing blocks (Photo by Kris Hansen)

Communications between us had just stopped. Dwight, my boyfriend, (now my husband), and I did a lot of talking.

Dwight knew he wanted his baby. I wasn't sure what I wanted. I was scared of not being a good mother, and I didn't want to put our child through a rough time.

I met a girl in Texas who had a baby; she was a lot of help. She got me involved in a program for pregnant teens and teen

parents. They helped me sort my feelings, and I met other girls who were pregnant.

I had a lot of morning sickness during my second and third months. That was awful! It had to be the worst part of being pregnant.

I had started my medical check-ups and they were awful. I felt like a pin cushion; every time I had an appointment I got blood drawn or some kind of shot.

The good thing that came

out of them was that I got to hear the baby's heart beat. The pregnancy wasn't reality until then. His heart was the most beautiful sound I ever heard.

During the second trimester my options were adoption or parenting. Either way, I knew I was coming back to Pierre before the pregnancy was over.

My mom had a real hard time accepting that. She was worried about how I'd survive. Dwight and I decided that the best time would be when the first semester of school was over.

I couldn't wait to move, but I was scared about what people would say and how they'd react to my pregnancy.

I was leaning towards adoption at that time. We didn't have any money and I was still unsure of my parenting skills.

As time went by things got better. During the second trimester I had an ultrasound, a non-radioactive method of looking at the baby in the womb. I got to see my baby.

We couldn't tell what the sex was, but he was beautiful.

When the third trimester rolled around we had decided to keep our baby. We had a lot to do. I started reading all I could about parenting.

Being the best mom I could be became the most important part of my life. We got most of what we needed at garage sales; the rest my grandmother got at a second hand store. Even though our stuff was used, it was real nice.

Since Timothy's been born, my life has definitely changed. We went to Rapid City in October and all I shopped for was toys and baby clothes.

One of our biggest non-mandatory expenses is film developing. My spare time is spent playing with Tim instead of cruising Euclid.

It's great to look at all he's learned and know we gave him the opportunity to learn. We've got a very happy baby. That's not something very many people can say about their kids.

Pregnancy causes many emotions

By Heather Stulken

Editor's Note:

All information and quotes in this story are taken from the book *Mom, I'm Pregnant*, by Reni Witt.

Pregnant girls go through many emotional changes and have several difficult decisions to make. Once a pregnancy is verified, the girl must come to terms with it and accept it.

"For weeks I lived in panic...the worst part was pretending everything was cool," said a girl with an unplanned pregnancy.

"The major reasons happiness is experienced in a pregnancy with a young girl is the fantasy that the relationship with the baby's father will improve.

In actuality, if the relationship isn't good before the baby, it most likely gets worse after the baby," said Reni Witt, author of *Mom I'm Pregnant*.

Another belief is that a

baby will fill the girl's life with the love and emotional support that isn't fulfilled by friends and family.

Girls dealing with their own pregnancy need to talk, and share their feelings. Often they are scared of what will be said to them or how people will react.

"What I wanted to do most was tell my mom...but I didn't know how to say the words and I didn't know how she'd react. I was scared she might get real angry with me. I needed her more than ever, but I was afraid to tell her."

Many girls deny their pregnancy, sometimes out of fear of dealing with it. "I would sit on my bed at night and say 'I don't believe this is happening to me,' I felt numb...it was like my life had just stopped."

Parents of a young mother-to-be can be both helpful and a hindrance. Many regard the situation with the attitude of "not my

daughter".

Parents don't imagine their school-age daughters as sexually active, and when she comes up pregnant, it's a real shock.

The support of friends is also very important. Unfortunately, not all girls have that. If they do have friends, sometimes they don't always stick around.

"Before I had my baby, my best friend promised she'd always be there to help me and the baby. After the baby was born, she got tired of coming around to visit me. She went back to her friends and having fun."

The emotions of pregnant teens range widely because of changes their bodies are going through as well as a situation that is generally regarded as happy turned into a miserable, depressing and confusing one, because of the age factor.

Teens take responsibility

by Lisa Pope

Meet John and Judy. They are the perfect couple of "Standard High School" and have been dating for several months. In this period of time they have become quite close and have decided to sleep together. This is a big decision that needs very careful consideration. Are John and Judy aware of the responsibility with this kind of decision? Have they thought about birth control?

Nobody can answer these questions but themselves. The one thing that others can do though is to prepare themselves.

Sex is a big step; along with thoughts of sex, there should also be thoughts of birth control. Learning about birth control can begin with a family physician. To have the doctor they know so well talk to them about sex may make some people feel uncomfortable. There is another

alternative to the family doctor: Family Planning Services of Pierre.

All services that are offered by Family Planning are completely confidential. No one knows who goes there but the staff and the patients. Their services include: medical examinations, counseling, and educational help on birth control and pregnancy. Service is not denied to any one; the amount that is paid is based on family size and income.

Basically, Family Planning is a clinic. Only qualified clinicians examine patients and write out prescriptions. There is no risk of danger to seek help here. The choice in the end is: "Do I want to be responsible?" Sex is a responsibility; so think responsible; think of planning.

For more information contact Pierre Area Family Planning at: 319 S. Coteau Street or call 773-4937.

TEENAGERS

Administration works with teen matters

By Mary Hatch

Imagine yourself alone, pregnant, and abandoned by your family and friends. Your family will have nothing to do with you and the school where you attend has asked you to leave because your pregnancy is disruptive to the other students. About twenty years ago this was the situation a pregnant teenager faced. Today "society, not just the administration, is more open to teen pregnancy," states Vice-Principal Gary Merkwan.

One of the biggest worries the administration has regarding pregnant teens is their emotional welfare.

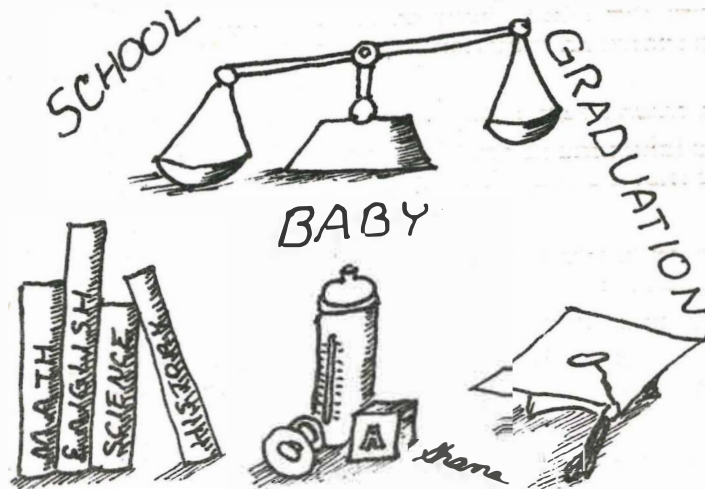
While friends usually support their friends during these hard times, the father of the baby has the tendency to ignore their responsibility, call the girl names, or spread rumors about the pregnancy. "These are the times when we worry," says Merkwan.

The administration also worries about whether the pregnant girl can handle the pressure related to the pregnancy and school. Merkwan recalls that, "teachers will often bend over backwards to help."

Though the administration may worry, pregnant teens can cause a problem for attendance. Most girls who are pregnant will miss quite a few days because of their pregnancy. Mrs. McKeever, the school nurse, said, "We realize the reasons for the absence and try to do what we can."

McKeever states, "We want to provide a place for support so the student can feel comfortable with their situation and continue their schooling." Pregnant teens may come in, and lay down in the nurses office when they are feeling ill. "It's a place to come," said McKeever.

The administration and the parents work together to support the teen not just



at school, but in the community. The parents are asked to inform the office when the teen will be absent, and the administration does its part by offering guidance and medical advice, such as whether the girl is seeing a doctor and is eating properly.

The Riggs guidance office cooperates with Diana Melvin, a counselor who comes to Riggs on Thursdays to provide support and assistance to pregnant and parenting teens in

completing their education. She works with the girls before and after the babies' births. Melvin said, "Placing for adoption or parenting are both exhausting, and along with school work

and employment, the girls are physically and mentally drained."

Melvin worked in cooperation with Missouri Shores Women's Resource Center and the Growing-up Together Program at St. Mary's Hospital.

"A lot of young women feel left out of activities they were previously involved in. They may feel self-conscious of their changing bodies and also feel that friends don't understand what they are going through," said Melvin. Many times their friends are not supportive of their decisions regarding the pregnancy, adoption, parenting, or marriage. Melvin sees herself as a community-based resource to advocate the young women during their pregnancy and after, and as a sounding board for all the decisions facing the teen.

Though pregnancy is often difficult when going to school, the administration wants to do what they can to help the girl so she can finish her education. Merkwan said, "You need a high school degree, and we want them to get a fair shot at it."

Many choices available to pregnant teenagers

By Heather Stulken

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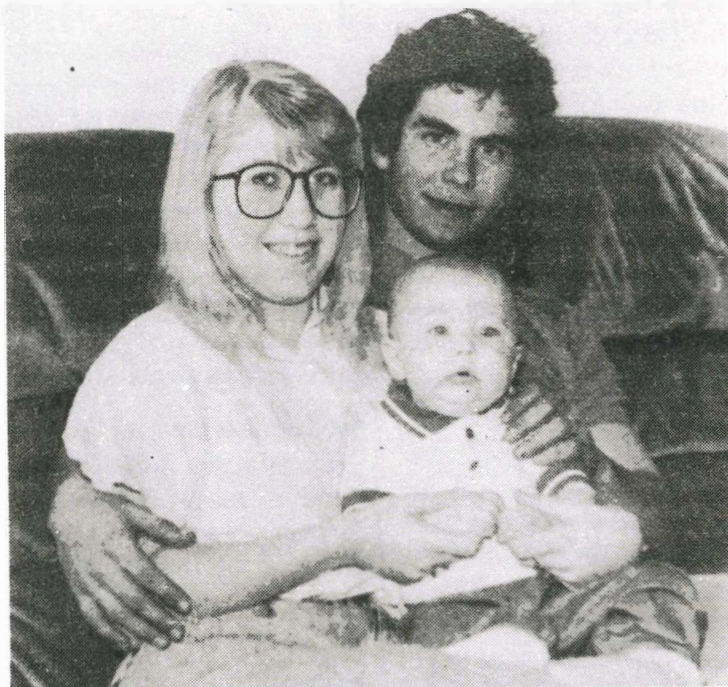
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Pregnant girls have several different options available to them, depending on where they live, personal beliefs and situations.

There are five options a pregnant teen faces: marry or live with the father, keep the baby and raise it as a single mother, choose adoptive parents to raise the child, release the baby to foster care until the mother is better able to parent the child, or abort the fetus.

If the relationship between both parents of the unborn child is stable, marriage is something to consider.

"I got married when I was six months pregnant. We were very much in love, the baby made us get married



TEEN FAMILY...Trent and Carrie Hinkley spend a quiet afternoon with their baby. (Photo by Kris Hansen)

sooner than we would have."

It may sound romantic, but that is not the case in all teen marriages. Young people don't know themselves well and bring unreasonable and even impossible expectations into the marriage.

"Next to getting preg-

nant, getting married was the dumbest thing I did. We fought all the time. Finally, he took off and that was the end of our marriage."

Another option is living together. The dangers with that are that if a split up occurs, no judge divides furniture or anything the couple brought into the home

or bought together.

If the parents aren't married, the child can develop emotional problems as it gets older. Individual situations differ and the couple may feel it's best for them.

Parenting as a single mother is an option that many girls consider. Many girls feel ready to be a mom; it's their ultimate goal. Others resent the burden it places on them.

"I couldn't wait to have my baby because I wanted my parents to see me as an adult. I was dead after coming home from school. I needed money, I dreaded spending my evening with a screaming baby."

Girls can also choose adoption. There are several reasons why they would make this choice; they feel they are too young to have a baby and raise it, lack of money, and other goals they want for the child.

"I don't believe in abortion, so I had the baby. I could never give him the things my parents gave me.

As hard as it was, it was the best thing to do for my baby."

Some girls want to keep their baby, but can't take care of it at the present time. In cases like this foster care can be provided until the mother makes the decision of adoption or keeping the child.

Abortion is considered when a pregnant girl doesn't want to be pregnant and doesn't want a baby.

Abortions are often done in a rash manner because they are only available in the early months of pregnancy, and many girls rush into it without ample time to explore all the options thoroughly.

Whatever happens, pregnant teens do what's best for them at that time. That doesn't make any of it easier though, "The hardest part about being pregnant is having to make decisions." These decisions often affect the rest of their lives.

Juniors choose 'Arms of Orion' theme

While prom is still two months away, the junior class has preparations well underway.

The class has already decided on many of the basics. The date for prom is April 21 and it will be held in the school gym. The juniors voted the song

"Arms of Orion" as the theme, with the colors being blue, black, and silver.

"I like it," said junior, Heather Hageman, when she was asked her opinion

about the theme. Junior Mandi Hanson also agreed with the theme.

"I think it's a good idea for a theme. It's what alot of people imagine when they think of prom."

Although it is still tentative, the setting is likely to be a night scene with stars, the moon, and a part of

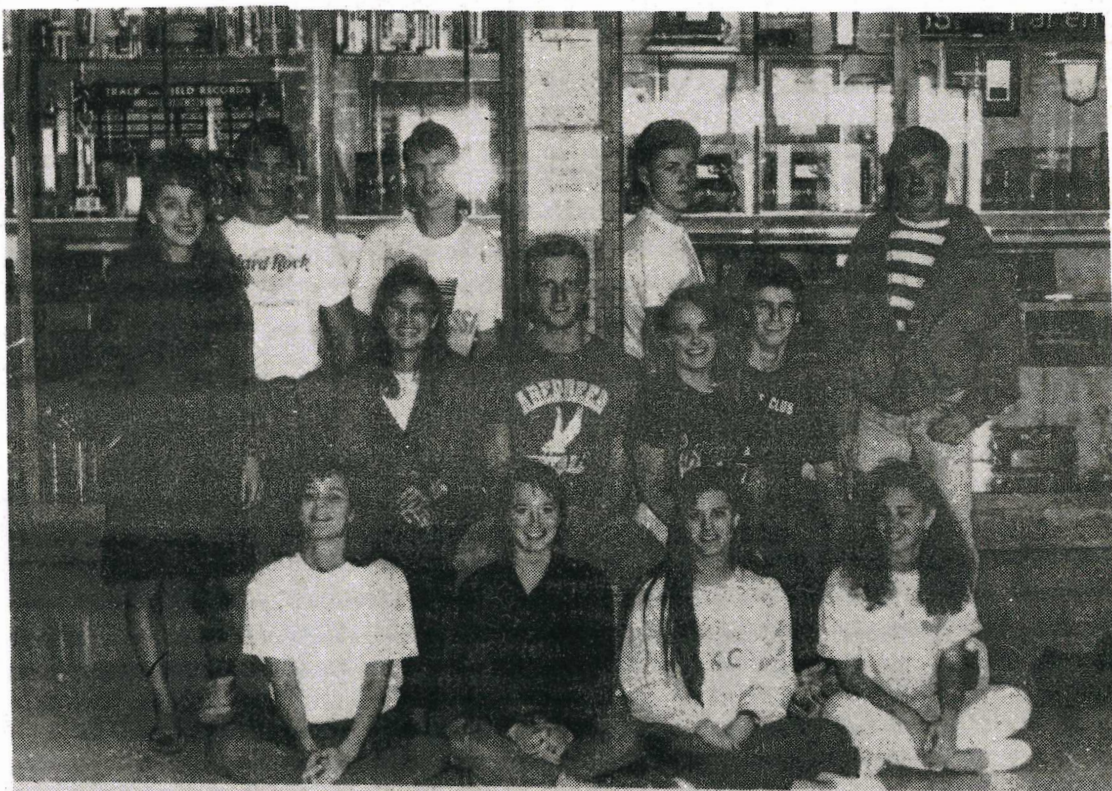
heaven. At the moment, only two other things have been arranged. The band,

Ex-Lover, was hired to play, and the waiters and waitresses were chosen. They are Holly Anderson, Nicki Hawkins, Nicole Konechne, Anne Rapp, Ashley Berheim, Eric Hunsley, Ryan Johnson, Chad Lindbloom, Willy Lyon, Jeff Schlekeway, and Chris Sonnenschein.

Contrary to earlier concern, junior advisor, Mrs. Birhanzel believes that there will be no problems with lack of funds.

A problem that arose last year, and also in past years is dealing with students who come to prom after they have been drinking.

"It will be dealt with in the same way as last year. Anyone suspected of using alcohol will be questioned," said Mrs. Birhanzel.



STARS IN A SHINING NIGHT....Prom waiters and waitresses are Ann Rapp, Nikki Hawkins, Christie Williams, Nicole Konechne, Ashley Riter, Tiffany Sonnenschein, Chad Lindbloom, Holly Anderson, Jeff Schlekeway, Willie Lyon, Chris Sonnenschein, Alan Berheim and Ryan Johnson.

School names January students

Bu Shana Holsteen

Seniors Sandy Case and Brad Reinke were chosen for January's "Students of the Month."

The students of the month are chosen from the seniors with a 3.0 or higher grade average. The committee of teachers who choose the students of the month includes Marsha Grane, Larry Joy, and Harvey Kurth.

Among Case's activities are cross country, track, cheerleading, intramural volleyball, and powder puff

football. She is involved in Student Senate, National Honor Society, D.A.R.E., Gumbo, and Letterwinners Club. She is the Vice President of Pep Club, and the President of T.O.R.C.H.

After high school, Case plans to go to medical school to specialize as a ophthalmologist.

Case stated that her most memorable high school experiences were from cross country. "My best memories come from cross country--the races, the friends I made, and most of

all, the bus trips," Case said. "It was always like the cross country team was a little family, and that was the best part."

As advice for her underclassmen, Case said, "Work to your fullest potential and get involved. High school is fun if you make it fun."

Reinke is active in golf, basketball, FCA, Jr. High FCA, and National Honor Society. He is the treasurer of the L-Club, the assistant editor of the Gumbo, the president of UMYF, and is the senior class president.

Reinke's future plans are to attend college to study aerospace or aeronautical engineering.

When asked what he would change about Riggs if he could, Reinke said, "The pressure placed on kids to excel in extra curricular activities. Kids are involved in these activities because they have fun doing them. Sometimes 'fun' is overlooked and winning is emphasized. Fun is more important."

The high school accomplishment that Reinke is most proud of is being elected class president two years in a row. He said, "It is a good feeling to know that my classmates think I'm a responsible person and a good leader."



TAKING A BREAK...Seniors Sandy Case and Brad Reinke sit back and take a break. (Photo by Kris Hansen)

NEWS BRIEFS

Seniors plan graduation

By Tempe Malena

March, April, May: only also purchase several 2½ more months until memorabilia of this special graduation, seniors. Are occasion.

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Students audition for M*A*S*H*

by Jvonne Heard

Once again it is time for parts and fifteen female parts. Tryouts were held Tuesday, February 27, and Wednesday, February 28. M.A.S.H. under the direction of Hyrma Zakahi.

Flag corps decides members for 1990

by Jvonne Heard

Fourteen girls were (11), Tammy Huebner (10), Carrisa Gibbons (10), Nancy Marbach (9), Lyndee Clementson (9), and Misty Truman (9). These included: Jennifer Deyo (11), Leah Withers (11), Stacey Gavin (11), Brad Jessika Evanstad (10), Berens, band director, and Melissa Meier (10), Steph the two previous flag corp Hastings (11), Kelcey captains, Cara Corcoran Asmussen (11), Denise and Allison Forney judged Langley (11), Sarah Pitlick this years tryouts.