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Australian exchange student compares countries

By Lisa Pope

"G-day mate." These are what one might hear from AFS exchange student Kerrie Hepworth. Kerrie is from Donald, Australia, where she lives with her parents and an older brother.

Kerrie arrived in the United States on August 9, 1989, and now lives with her host family Tom, Carol, and Kristen Job. Since she has been in the United States, Kerrie has traveled to Montana, Washington D.C., and Wyoming. "A major difference between Australia and here is the weather. It snows!" said Kerrie.

Another difference Kerrie deals with is the dress codes at the two schools. "In Australia we wear uniforms to school. The girls wear plaid dresses and the guys wear gray pants with the school sweater," she said. This is a big

switch from the blue jeans and sweaters of the United States. Kerrie likes the more comfortable style of dress that most of the students at Riggs are used to.

Sports are also different in the two countries. In the United States they are more school oriented as in Australia they center around the town. For example most high school sporting events in South Dakota are sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association, but in Australia town businesses sponsor the town sports.

"Yes, there are differences, but basically the United States and Australia are the same," said Kerrie. "The people are really friendly here and there."

Kerrie's interests are in sports, drama, and cruising. "Being able to drive around with friends is fun.



HARD AT WORK...Australian exchange student, Kerrie Hepworth, concentrates on her assignment. (Photo by Kris Hansen)

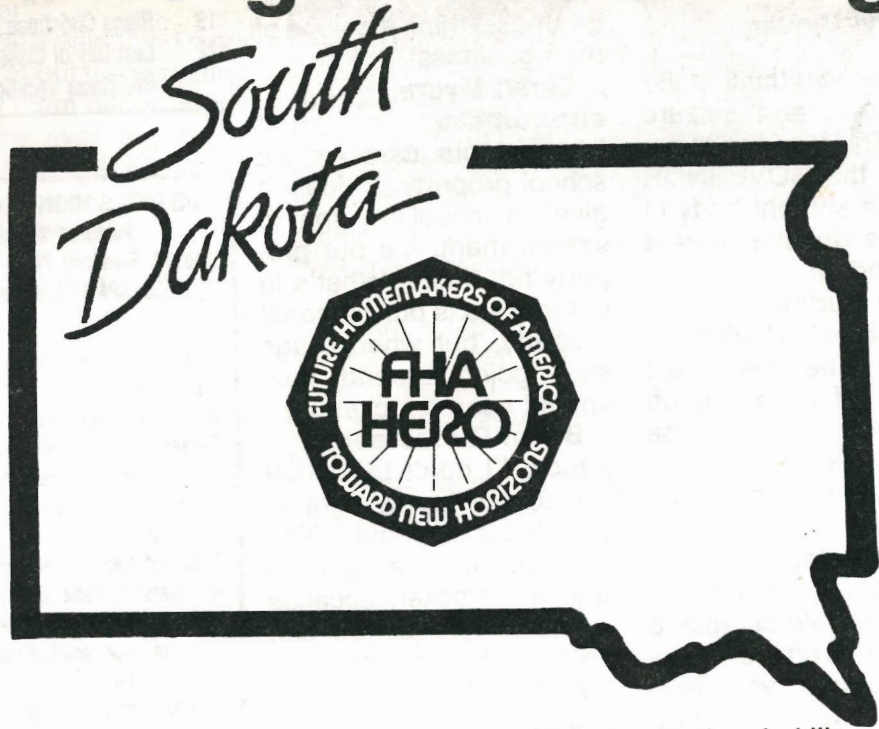
I love cruising," said Kerrie. Her excitement with cruising is due to the fact that she is not able to drive until she is 18. When she is finally old

enough to drive, the problem of having a place to cruise arises.

For the remainder of her stay in the United States

Kerrie plans to have "fun". The one thing she wants everyone to know is, "No, we don't ride kangaroos to school!"

FHA organizes at Riggs



By Linda Jordre

Future Homemakers of America was organized again this year after being absent from Riggs for about ten years. It consists of 25 members. Darlene Neiles is the chapter organizer.

"It's exciting to get it started again, but there is a lot of organizational work. It's an uphill battle since people don't know what it is," said Neiles.

FHA was organized through the Home-Ec and Preschool Development classes this year. They do many activities in the classroom.

"Anyone who has had

any semester of home-ec from seventh grade on can be in FHA," said Neiles. "It was hard to get in touch with people who weren't in the classes though."

Many people have misconceptions about FHA. They think it's an organization of all girls or people who plan on staying in the home as a career.

"The main purpose of FHA," said Leann Alexander, public relations person, "is to try to make people aware of their families and how much they should mean to them."

The group also works on leadership and organiza-

tional skills.

FHA held a dessert night for members and their families Nov. 20. Other activities planned are a special project for Christmas and the district meeting in Faulkton.

To raise funds the group has held a bake sale. They will use the money to fund their projects throughout the year.

Elected executive members are President Sara Anderson, Vice-president Heather Ogan, Secretary/Treasurer Michele LaFave, and Public Relations Leann Alexander.

Administration adopts policy

by Linda Jordre

The school board recently passed a policy to allow teachers and administrators to search students and their belongings if probable cause is present.

"It wasn't aimed at anything; it was basically to clarify," said Gary Merkwan.

As the students handbook was written, students couldn't have illegal substances or weapons on school property or at activities. If teachers knew they had these substances they couldn't legally do anything about it.

"Legally how could we get to them?" said Merkwan. "It was to clarify what was already said."

The policy of search has always been present but it was only verbal.

"We had nothing down in writing; policy is often verbal communication," said Merkwan.

This policy was not made to allow teachers to stop anyone and search them. It was so the school, under probable cause, could conduct a search legally.

"We're not going to use it to just stop you and search you," said Merkwan. "That's not what it's about."

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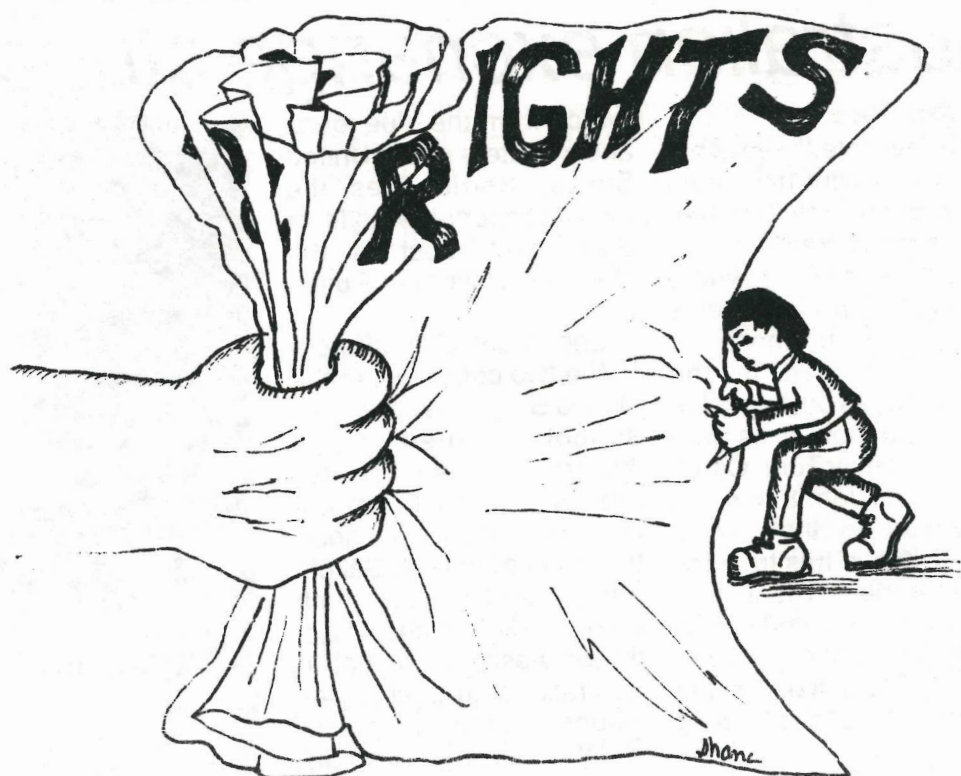
Last month the students of Riggs received a memorandum from Superintendent Darwin Tessier. It stated that if an administrator or certificated staff member has probable cause to suspect a student of carrying weapons, dangerous instruments, narcotics, alcohol, tobacco, or drugs on school property or at a school activity, a search of the person's locker and personal effects may be conducted. If feasible they are to obtain administrative approval.

This leads to the question of whether it is the right of the teachers to search students or the students right not to be searched. According to the constitutional amendment number four, a search warrant must be obtained unless there is probable cause for an officer of the law to conduct a search and seizure on public property or in a moving vehicle.

The constitution allows police officers to conduct searches, but never mentions school teachers. It can not be denied that search and seizure does exist and is constitutional, but can anybody enforce it? If one looks deeply into the legal aspects of this, the administration has the right to pass such a policy, but legal problems can arise in the carrying it out.

Where does the line of probable cause and mere suspicion need to be drawn? Teachers can abuse the power given to them by the administration by selecting certain "suspicious" students that they see and say that they had probable cause to suspect them.

As students of Riggs we are fortunate. Many schools do abuse the power that the administration gives them. Our school has used this policy a few times, but in most of the cases there was probable cause and the search was conducted fairly. No matter how much this policy is disliked it can not be denied. There is really nothing for one to worry about if they aren't doing anything they shouldn't be doing. If some situation should arise when a search should be conducted, know your rights, but remember that the school has rights, too.



Cami's Column

Camilla C. Knowlton

*Last spring I watched Momma'
Plant yellow daisies outside the front door.
I eagerly awaited the colorful blossoms.
I was so anxious.*

*Didn't think I could wait anymore
'Til one day I glimpsed yellow
Outside the front door.
Finally, I saw what I was looking for.*

*I watered the little green things everyday
With so much care.
I took and made wreaths
Of these drops of morning sunshine
To entwine in my hair.*

*I was so overjoyed to have
Found my favorite toy.
Something to care for
And something to share*

*Summer came with all its splendor-
Then went, leaving skies of gray.
The little daisies weathered the change of tide,
But they could only handle so much of the ride.*

*I trusted that they would always stay,
But the hard times came,
And they wilted away.
Were they never meant to stay?*

Students state opinions on search and seizure policy

By Cheryl Glover

What do you think of the new search and seizure policy? This was the question that the GOVERNOR asked the student body in reference to the recent memorandum.

Lonna Cudmore, sophomore: "I don't think they should be able to hold searches of a vehicle off school grounds. Otherwise everything is okay as long as they have probable cause."

Melisa Meier, sophomore: "I don't think that they should be able to search things off the school grounds, but if you have nothing to hide, you shouldn't mind their searching your locker."

Bonnie Olson, sophomore: "I don't think that the school should be able to search a person's car or any other personal property off the school grounds, but the school has a right to search the lockers because they are the school's property, but not the bags, purses or coats in them."

Bobbi Gallinat, sophomore: "I don't think they should be able to search our personal stuff outside of the school

grounds. I think it's none of their business!"

Sarah Myers, sophomore: "Just because our cars are on school property, it doesn't give the school any right to search them. It's our property not theirs. What's in our lockers is our personal property, but when drugs start going around they should search lockers."

Bryan Gunderson, junior: "I don't think that the school has a right to search our cars, but I think they do have a right to search our lockers because they are in the school and are the school's property."

Kerry Tilber, sophomore: "I think the rule is okay."

Jvonne Heard, junior: "I don't think that they should be able to search your car because that is your property. If they search your locker they should have your permission."

Julie Volmer, senior: "I believe in the first rule that they can search your possessions on the school ground, but I don't think they can search your possessions off the school grounds. I don't believe anyone should be allowed to go through your stuff without you there."

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COSTNER: Pierre participates in Hollywood production 'Dances with Wolves'

by Temepe Malena

Blue skies, rummage sales, movie stars, and wild stampedes of buffalo. What do all of these have to do with Pierre? They could all be seen this summer with the production of "Dances with Wolves" by Kevin Costner.

Costner starred in and directed the movie that was mostly filmed at the Houck buffalo ranch west of Ft. Pierre.

Ellen Lee from the Chamber of Commerce believes this production had an economic impact of \$2 million. Lee said, "Pierre mostly benefitted from pride; sure there was an economic impact, but the cast and crew felt welcome here which brought a sense of pride to our community."

Thanks to Pierre resident Milt Schwartz, the Costners had a place to stay. While the Costners were living in the Schwartz's home, they

rented an apartment. Schwartz came over to the house once a week and did yardwork. By the end of the summer Schwartz was known as the "Costner's gardener".

Schwartz said, "We were excited about it and getting to know them better, and if there are ever any other movie companies coming to Pierre, we'd consider doing it again."

Costner is a husband and father of three children. Junior Kira Ellis babysat Jo, Lillie and Annie during the month of August.

"I thought it was fun and very interesting," said Ellis, "Babysitting their kids was basically the same as other children. They really tested me at first."

Ellis said her best memory was, "I got to eat dinner with them; then he walked me home and we talked. He's a really nice guy."

Lee said, "I think everyone has a story to share about the movie people."

Her favorite story is about rummage sales. A crew member bought 14 boxes of stuff from rummage sales and sent it back to California. Another bought so much furniture that she had to drive one of the crew trucks home.

While some Californians were fascinated by our rummage sales, others were

just as impressed by our sunsets, blue skies and ability to walk and ride bicycles at night.

Pierre resident Beth Lewison, who worked on the makeup crew for the movie, said, "They were fascinated by sunsets and blue skies. It was fascinating to me to listen to them talk."

Lewison said, "Costner was nice, very kind and considerate. Basically just a regular 'joe' to joke around with."

While Lewison felt he was fun to joke around with,

Lee thought he was more of the serious type.

"I think he's very focused. He's nice, but he's here

struction and greens crew and special effects.

"I learned I was doing more work than most of the other crews and paid less," said Feigum. He received \$70 a day while the light crew received \$100.

Hunsley's and Feigum's jobs may have been just short term, but they provided the experience of a lifetime.

For Feigum this experience has given him an idea. "I would like to work for Paramount in California this summer."

While students held crew jobs some adults held ac-

tual roles in the movie.

Jeff Mammenga, Capital Journal reporter, became a



WOUNDED IN ACTION...Frank Carrisosa and Kevin Costner discuss their scene. (Courtesy photo)

to make a movie and he wanted to get his job done," Lee said. "I met his wife and she was very charming."

Having the movie filmed here not only added to the economy, but created some short-term jobs during the summer. These jobs were held by children, teenagers, and adults.

Seniors Colby Hunsley and Chris Feigum were just two teenagers who had the chance of a lifetime working with the set and crew.

Hunsley worked on the site two times. His job included taking coolers of food to the crew.

"It was easy work, but really hot. We worked half a day then sat around the other half and watched Costner in action," said Hunsley. "We could eat and drink all we wanted."

Feigum's job was totally different. His job entailed working for about a month and a half with the con-

soldier for the production.

"To be selected you applied. They took a head shot and full body shot," said Mammenga. "Two days later they called and told me I'd been cast."

Mammenga spent four days on the ranch from 6:30 am to 8:30 pm.

"I really felt like it was a privilege to be picked; it is something I will always remember," said Mammenga.

Riggs English teacher Ken Larsen was also transformed into a soldier.

"It was a very exciting opportunity to take advantage of. I was very flattered and wouldn't trade it for a million bucks," said Larsen.

He spent about five days at the ranch from 7:00 am to 9:30 pm.

Hyrma Zakahi said, "They loaned Pierre Players some makeup and when I went back to return it, I got on set and found it real fascinating."



DANCES WITH WOLVES...Ken Larsen stands by a horse while he plays the part of a soldier. (Courtesy photo)

Getting to the set was interesting. "They had little red flags at every corner to tell you when and where to turn," said Zakahi. "Once you got on site, it looked like a little town."

Lewison said, "The site consisted of a base camp with food, make-up trailers, bathrooms, and two other locations where the movie was shot at."

Once they started shooting on the set, it was deadlocked, which means no one was allowed on or off.

Lewison's favorite memory was a prom party. "It was decorated like a prom, and had food and

records. Almost everybody that showed up was dressed up and everyone received flowers."

One thing Zakahi found interesting was that Costner had a look alike. His double

would stand in so Costner could direct or set another scene. Then when it was time for the real shoot, the double would leave.

All these aspects of the movie created a very ex-

citing summer for Pierre and those involved. Pierre residents will remember hobnobbing with the Hollywood folks for many years.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION...Kevin Costner confers with his assistants about Dances with Wolves. (Courtesy photo)

TEENS ON

Students living away from home discuss life

By Lisa Pope
and Shana Holsteen

A dream of all teenagers is to have their own privacy, independence, their own responsibility, their own set of rules, and their own place to stay. They want a life without the constant nagging of parents and the bother of the other people's rules. They leave their homes in search of self worth and a sense of feel-

on his own, the office simply counts the absence as a skip. For every hour counted as a skip, the student receives three days of detention. Lance now has sixty-three days to serve.

Lance said, "If you're having a conflict with your parents and don't live at home, why would they call in for you?"

As a teen basically on his own, Lance feels that the

"If you're having a conflict with your parents and don't live at home, why would they call in for you."

ing "grown up." They believe that this kind of life will be easy to obtain. But for teens that actually live it, this is far from reality.

Here are two of the stories from high school teens that live on their own.

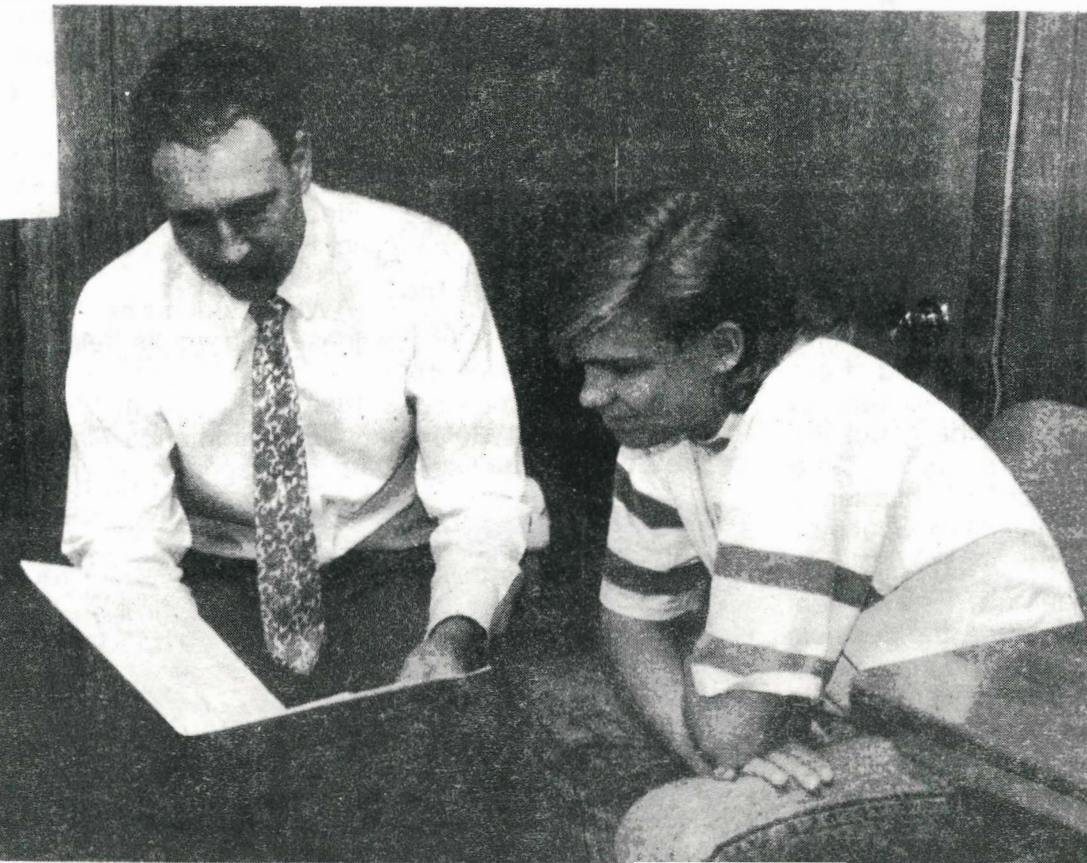
Lance Nielson, a junior, has been living with a roommate for five months. He left his home due to conflicts with his family. Nielson has found that the school has made his situation much harder. For example, when a student misses school due to an illness, the office needs to have a call or a note from a parent or legal guardian, but when the student lives

school should make some compromises to the students that live on their own, especially if they miss so many days of school.

"If the students miss school, it should be up to

"If they miss so many days of school, they'll probably flunk out anyway, so they don't need the school's pressure to kick them out."

them to worry about it," Lance said. "If they miss so many days of school, they'll probably flunk out anyway,



DISCUSSING JOBS...Gary Schneider and Lance Neilson look over possible job positions.
(Photo by Linda Jordre)

so they don't need the school's pressure to kick them out.

According to Lance, the school board and the

to be on the school board when they don't go to school to see what the kids are actually going through or know how the kids feel about the school system? It's these people that are making all the decisions," said Lance.

Lance thinks that the school board should consider adding guidance counselors to the board.

"School counselors are a tremendous help," said Lance. "They have hands-on experience and know-how about the school."

Living on your own is ex-

tremely hard financially. Lance does not have access to his bank accounts,

"Finding a place to live that I could afford was not easy."

and his parents do not help support him. Lance is looking for employment but right now he counts on his

Guidance office offers help to students on their own



DISCUSSING THE OPTIONS...Julie Griese talks with Mavis Booze about her living arrangements.

(Photo by Linda Jordre)

By Lisa Pope

Students that do not live at home with their parents can get help. The help they may receive can begin with the guidance department at Riggs.

"One of the first things we do in guidance is inform social services," said Counselor Mavis Booze.

Through Social Services students are able to receive food stamps, low income housing, and health care with Indian Urban Health.

"We then try to keep the student in contact with the parents," said Booze, "and

we spend a lot of time in counseling."

A student living on his or her own may seem to have "the glamorous life" to some. What is glamorous about working everyday to survive, having failing grades, and attending detention for absences that are considered skips?

"The student not living at home has no one to call and say they are sick. Because of this, they are considered to have skipped," said Booze.

"What we have basically are students living as adults!" Booze said.

THEIR OWN

as it affects them in the real world

friends for support. "I am getting some support from my dad, but only when I need it," Lance said. "I would be 100 percent worse off now if it were not

easy," said Julie. She and a friend live in an apartment that has one room besides the bathroom. This costs them \$125 per month. What could possibly be in this

time, and time spent working at both jobs together, Julie's week expands to be an estimated 100 hours of work in length.

Trying to survive is not

no parents to set rules. This is the biggest disadvantage because you get hurt easily," said Julie. "Also we have no phone, no t.v., and no car by choice. I have to walk every where I go unless a true friend gives us a lift."

"Yes there is an advantage," she said, "I can come and go as I please, making my own schedule."

Julie has found that living on your own has not been glamorous. By choice, on November 23, 1989, Julie returned to her home in Gettysburg to graduate.

The one message that she would like to get across is "This is not the easy glamorous life it seems to be!"

The dream of every teenager quickly loses its glamour when teens are actually on their own. Real life and real problems must be faced and handled without the support of the parents. Yes, there is help, but only so much can be done.

Students thinking of leaving home should weigh all the pros and cons before coming to a final decision.

"Yes there is an advantage. I can come and go as I please, making my own schedule."

for my friends."

Julie Griese, a senior, has moved from her family in Gettysburg to live on her own. She left because of conflicts between her parents and herself. Her "luggage" at the time was one school bag of clothes. She had no money, but did have access to her bank accounts. After living with a friend for approximately a month, Julie moved to Pierre to begin a long and hard battle—a battle that en-

one room?

"We have a single bed, a set of bunkbeds, a dresser, a desk, a kitchen table with two chairs, four regular sitting chairs, a stove, and a refrigerator," she said. The only other room in her apartment is the bathroom which consists of a toilet, a shower, and the only sink in the house.

In order to meet this and other expenses, Julie holds

the only disadvantage of living on your own. "People use you because there are



ON HER OWN...Julie Griese does her homework in her spare time.

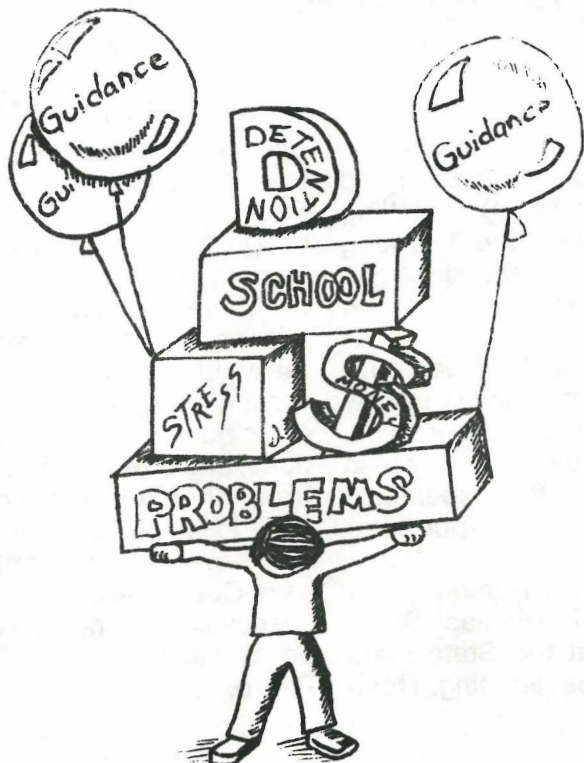
(Photo by Linda Jordre)

"people use you because there are no parents to set rules."

tails finding a place to live, finding a job to support herself, and going to school.

"Finding a place to live that I could afford was not

two different jobs. She works around 42 hours per week at a restaurant and around 20-25 hours at a hotel. When adding classroom time, detention



Administration versus teens

by Linda Jordre

Having 18 students who live on their own attending Riggs, causes conflicts for the administration. Many of the students feel that living away from home is reason for school officials to make exceptions for them.

That is not the case though, the policies are designed for all of the students attending Riggs. Principal Roger Lonbaken said, "We have to do what our policies say we have to do."

As students living on their own, there is a greater responsibility placed upon them. They have to get to school, find a place to stay,

and earn enough money to stay alive.

School sometimes poses a problem for students, after working long hours at jobs they get tired and worn out. If they become ill unless a parent or guardian calls in, it is usually counted as a skip.

In a job situation students wouldn't be allowed to miss work on a regular basis and they shouldn't be able to in school either.

"We have to help young people understand the real world has expectations of them," said Lonbaken.

Many students say that it is not fair that they should be counted as a skip, but it

wouldn't be fair to the other students who go to school or the teachers who have to assign the homework if they weren't.

Lonbaken said, "We feel part of our responsibility is to teach responsibility."

The school is there for all students who want an education. The policies are set and they are the same for everyone. No one has to attend school, it is their choice.

"Bottom line: if they want a quality education, this system provides it," said Lonbaken. "They have to have the responsibility to follow our policies."

Lady Govs headed for state tournament

by Linda Jordre

Number one ranked Lady Govs play against Sioux Falls Washington in the first round of the state tournament. The games opened today in Sioux Falls.

"At this time we are 19-1 and are ESD champs and district champs," said coach Don Shields. "We have had a great season and are very optimistic in the state tourney."

The Lady Gov's only loss this season was to the Huron Tigers, a loss which they avenged in the district tournament.

Teamwork is a major strength to the ladies as they begin the tournament. They are also very quick, can pass with accuracy, and have a strong press.

Leading the team in points is Laurie Mikkonen, senior, with 273 total points, averaging 14 a game. Se-

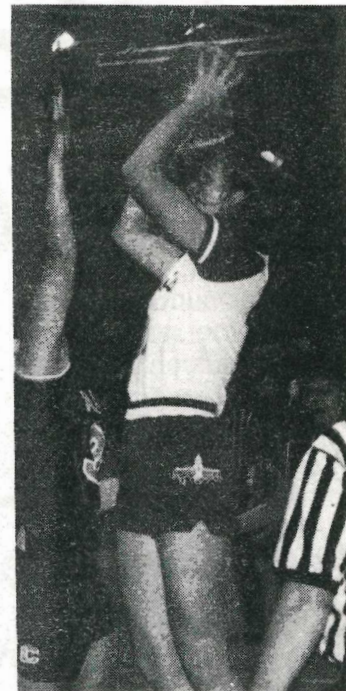
cond is senior Kristi Spomer with 191 total, an average of 9.5.

Senior Marcy Bowers obtained the most assists for the team. She had 76. "With most guards their strong point is ball handling and perimeter shooting, but Marcy's strong point is finding people open inside and getting the ball to them," said student manager Lori Jund.

As a team the Govs have had an exceptional number of steals throughout the season. They had 376 total; Mikkonen had 78.

Leading in freethrow percentages with 79 percent is Bowers. List and senior Kathy Dalton are tied at 76 percent.

Looking ahead to next year, "we should have a good team. We will be very tall and if the injured players return healthy, we will be exceptional," said Shields.



MAKING THE SCORE...Junior Angie Tedrow shoots for the point. (Photo by Kris Hansen)

"This year's sophs. and JV's both had winning seasons," said Shields. "If they work next summer we will have a good team."



SHOOTING FOR POINTS...Senior Kathy Dalton shoots as Junior Kristi List blocks the Eagles. (Photo by Lori Stulken)

Sports Beat

By Brian Oakland

High School sports in South Dakota has seen the spotlight switch from prep football to girl's basketball within the past few weeks. By the way, hats off to Castlewood, Sully Buttes, Hamlin, Winner, and Brandon Valley on their fine seasons which were capped off by state championship victories.

Now that football is a thing of the past, however,



sports fans focus in on girl's basketball. The stage is being set in three classes, as the best teams in the state qualify for their respective state tournaments November 30 through December 2 in Sioux Falls.

In Class AA, the champions of the four districts are set to do battle for the title. Watertown, Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Pierre, and Rapid City Stevens will be among the field of eight teams in the tourney.

That leaves four spots open for the teams that

earned victories in the regional tournaments. In Region 1AA, Brandon Valley played Sioux Falls Lincoln, while Sioux Falls Washington went up against Brookings.

Meanwhile, in Region 2AA, Huron hosted Sturgis, and Mitchell entertained Rapid City Central.

Looking ahead to the state tournament, the favorites seem to be Pierre and Huron, who fought all season long for the number one ranking. The Lady Governors have most likely regained the position after avenging an earlier loss to the Tigers, who took over the top spot back in late October.

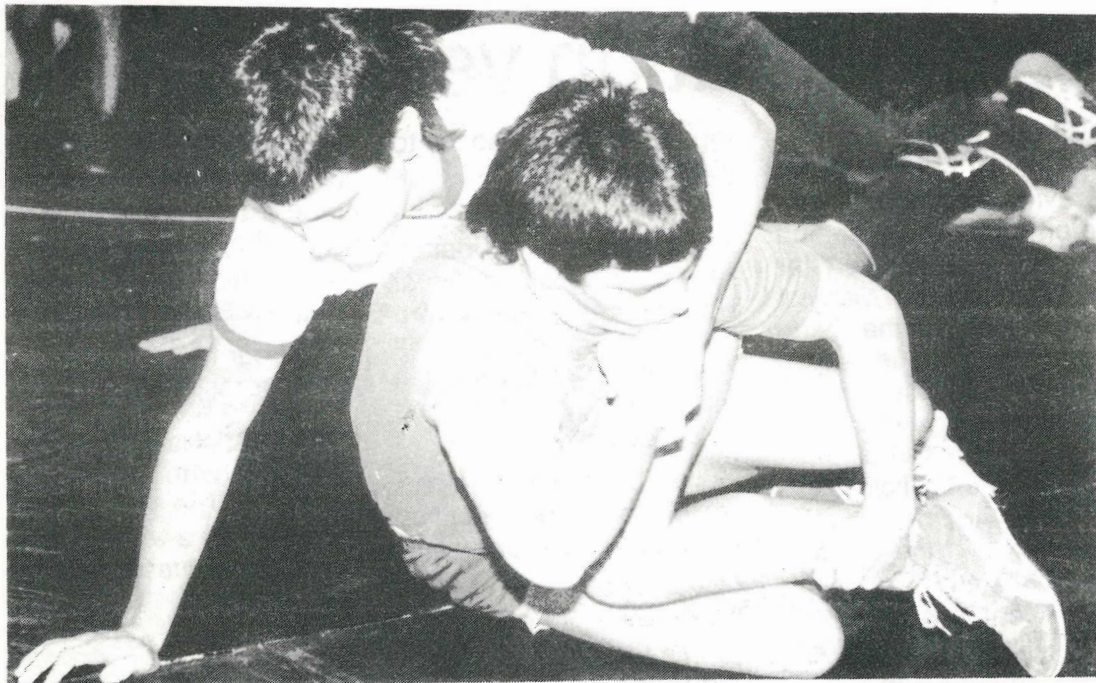
In Class A, Lennox and Harrisburg have been competing for the top ranking since the season began. Assuming they live up to their records throughout the region and state tournaments, they would most likely be considered the top contenders. But don't overlook such teams as Winner and Pine Ridge, who have had excellent seasons as well, and could surprise some people with all the right moves.

The only question in Class B seems to be who can beat Wakonda (other than the Los Angeles Lakers). The Warriorettes are a team loaded with talent and explosive offen-

sive potential, as they have proven by consistently scoring 80 or 90 points a game this season. They even topped the century mark once when they "defeated" Pine Ridge 102-46.

At any rate, the battle seems to be for second place in Class B, but you never know what might happen, especially in the game of basketball.

For the first time, all three classes will have their state tournaments held at the same time in the same city. Three different facilities will be used in Sioux Falls for the sole purpose of a weekend filled with exciting girls' basketball action.



GETTING DOWN...Seniors Trevor and Troy Welbe practice their moves on the mat. (Photo by Linda Jordre)

Experience marks wrestlers

By Christie Galinat

Wrestling and experience go hand in hand with the 1969 wrestling team. There are 30 young men out for the sport this season and 9 of them are seniors.

A philosophy to be followed this year is to rely heavily on the seniors and bring the younger people to meets so they gain the experience needed in upcoming events.

Last year Ramon LaRoque and Thomas Stotts placed at the State meet and will be returning. Three

transfer students and "Mr. Bill" were added to the team. Mr. Bill is a new throwing dummy that was bought to help with different techniques.

"There is a lot of confidence in this team and I really do think they'll come around. They'll be up and down but they've paid their dues, and they expect a lot from themselves. They want to win. They'll give it one-hundred percent," says Coach Jensen.

Their first competition will be December 1 in Fort Pierre.

Bow hunting offers a challenge

by Mary Hatch

The Earth below is carpeted with a tranquil sense of belonging. The clouds move slowly with the subtle breeze that whistles through the trees. A timid figure appears from behind a bush. Its soft ears perk up at the sound of rustling leaves. A man sits haunched in the shadow of the tree, hoping for the element of surprise. Slowly the man draws the bow string to a taut position. As the deer comes clearly into view the bow string snaps with a precise blow to the deer's chest. A whimper of pain escapes from within the deer. The battle is over: Bambi is dead.

Many students and faculty members at Riggs enjoy the recreational sport of bow hunting. Pat Hoing prefers bow hunting over other forms because "bow hunting has more of a challenge to it. The bow has a very limited range." Junior Scott Wharton said, "You need to be well prepared for bow hunting

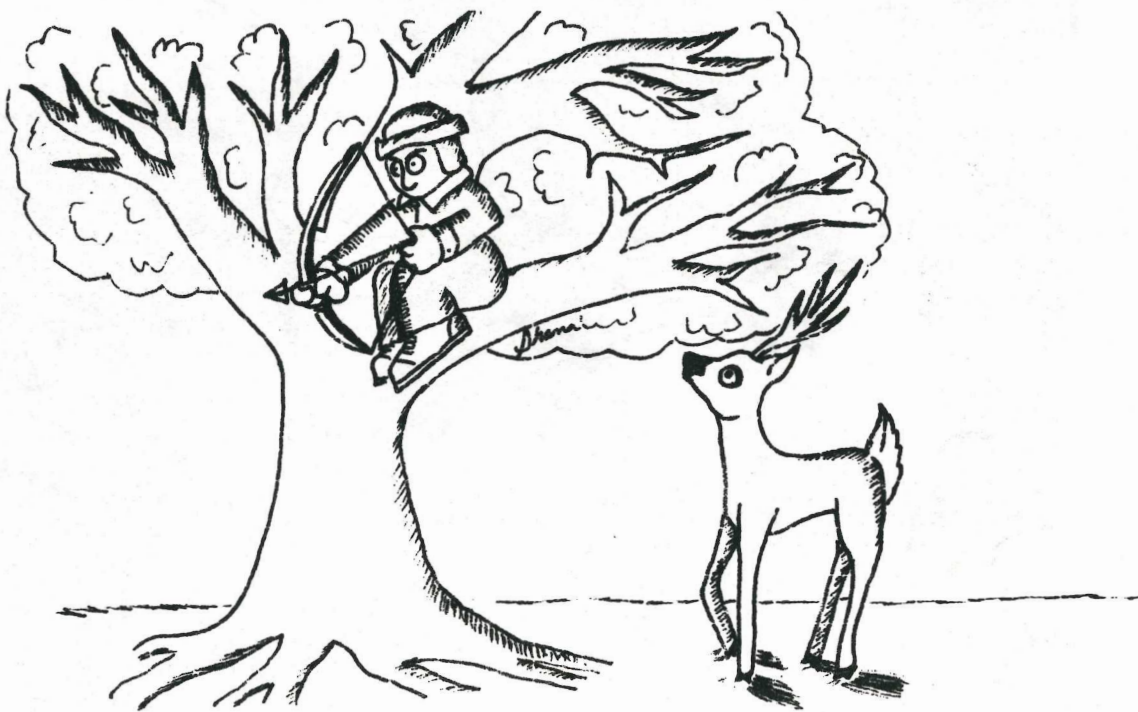
because of the challenge in it."

Though the reasons for hunting can vary from person to person, the enthusiasm for the sport is found in all hunters. Colby Hunsley finds hunting "enjoyable and peaceful."

Most hunters enjoy being outdoors. "I feel I have complete control over the surrounding environment," said Wharton.

As with all hunting, there is a price to pay. An archery license costs \$20, and it is necessary to have either a small game stamp or a sportsmen's license. Then there is the cost for equipment and gasoline. A good bow costs about \$150 to \$250; arrows cost approximately four dollars each. The points cost about three to five dollars a point. Hunters can spend up to \$400 very easily. Though the price may be high for some, hunters believe that it is a small sacrifice to pay for such a pleasure.

A few people believe that killing innocent animals is



immoral. Those that hunt, like senior Robert Hanten, believe that "it's a way of controlling the population of animals. Nature would kill these over-populated animals in a much harsher form than if they were killed by man. Besides Jesus ate them darn fish." "You eat cows-cows are innocent animals-" said Hoing.

Though hunting in general is considered a "man's sport", women hunt for the pleasure of it too. Marcia Graney, foreign language teacher, hunts on occasion. Though she doesn't hunt with a bow, Graney enjoys hunting pheasant because "it is a fascinating sport".

The hunters at Riggs all

agree that the sport is exciting and fun. The free feeling is an important factor in the sport of bow hunting. "I just like being outdoors," said junior Thad Smith. So when the hunter comes face to face with the deer he/she has been waiting for "you get so psyched up, you're shaking," said Junior Dean Schreiber.

Comparing teams

"Last year's team..." I'm sure you've all heard people around school or town speaking of high school sports teams in this way.

Comparing present things to those of the past is something everyone does, not considering whether it is helpful or not. This especially holds true in the field of high school athletics. When in high school, sports, and the competitiveness that goes along with a sport is meant to provide a learning experience for the participants.

Competition is good for the individual, but winning the State Championship need not be an athlete's only goal in high school. Although achieving a State Championship is a great thing, winning any event with a high degree of dignity and sportsmanship designates a great accomplishment in itself.

The comparison of teams can only truthfully be done by a coach who knows the players and their abilities. Spectators cannot fully understand a team's strengths and weaknesses, nor can they understand the ability and caliber of their opponents.

Dealing with the pressure of your family and community makes competing in high school athletics a very tough thing to do. The best backing "the seas of green" can give, is to take sole pride in each year's team and its own personal merits and accomplishments.

Gymnastics begins competition

By Christie Galinat

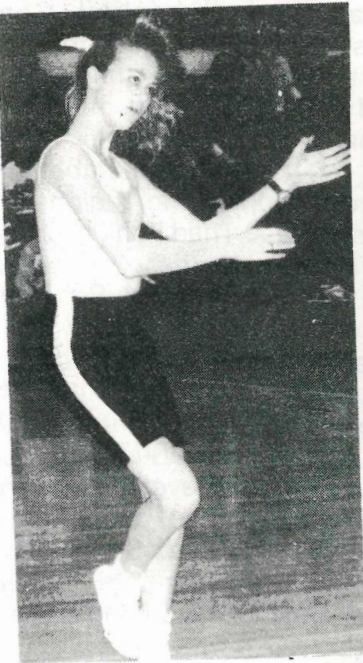
Healthy! This one word describes the 18 members of the 1989 gymnastics team. Mrs. Semmler and Mrs. Mundt are the coaches.

The team has a total of 11 meets, regionals, and the state competition to look forward to. They were placed in a different region this year for a new challenge. Last year they won the regional meet and they are hoping to again.

The members from the high school are Andrea Smith, senior; Hilary Gray, Kim Persons, Debi Herr and Mandi Hansen, juniors; Julie Shangreaux and Dana Ertz, sophomores.

One of the main goals of the team is to beat the overall scores of last year's season.

"I believe our team is



MAKING THE MOVES...Junior Mandy Hansen preforms her gymnastics routine for the home crowd. (Photo by Kris Hansen)

very well balanced. We have fun and there's always a good attitude in the gym. It'll be a good season," said Coach Semmler.

SPORTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 1-2 JV Wrestling at Stanley County Invitational
- 2 Varsity & JV Wrestling at Watertown
- 4 JV Gymnastics at Stanley County
- 8 Sophomore, JV, & Varsity Basketball at Huron
- 9 Varsity Wrestling at Mobridge Invitational
Sophomore & Varsity Basketball with Mitchell
- 11 Varsity & JV Gymnastics with Miller & Rapid City Central-here
JV Basketball with St. Francis-here
- 12 Varsity & JV Wrestling with Mobridge-here
- 15-16 Varsity Wrestling at Rapid City Invitational
- 15 Sophomore, JV, & Varsity Basketball with Rapid City Stevens-here
- 16 Varsity Gymnastics at Mitchell
Varsity Wrestling at Gregory Sophomore, JV, and Varsity Basketball with Aberdeen-here
- 18 JV & Varsity Volleyball with Huron-here
JV Basketball at Midland
- 21 JV & Varsity Volleyball with Aberdeen-here
JV Wrestling at Stanley County
- 22 Varsity & JV Wrestling with Brookings-here
Sophomore & Varsity Basketball at Yankton

Governors prepare for season

By Christie Galinat

It's boys' basketball season again. And as usual there are a lot of people excited about being involved.

The varsity coach is Mr. Judson, while Mr. Kurth is junior varsity coach, and

Mr. Miller is sophomore coach. Ryan Shea and Trent Miller are the team's two "outstanding" managers, said Judson.

"Other teams in our district are expected to have their caliber up from

last year with most teams having a lot of experienced players returning," says Coach Judson.

Even with the tough competition in our district and region, the team develops new plays each year to fit the player. This, in turn,

makes our game better with a stronger offense and defense.

The returning senior letterwinners are Brad Reinke, Chris Shepard, Shannon Schaefer, Aaron Miller, and Tom Weaver.

Seniors named 'Students of the Month'



TIME OUT...October students of the month are high achievers Laurie Mikkonen and Tom Valentin. (Photo by Kris Hansen)

by Tempe Malena

Laurie Mikkonen and Tom Valentine were recently selected as October students of the month.

Mikkonen is involved in basketball, National Honor Society, and Letterwinner's Club.

"Achieving the best regular season record ever for basketball and winning the ESD title for the first time," are Mikkonen's most memorable experiences.

Her future plans include attending college. She plans on majoring in the business field with accounting or marketing, but hasn't decided for sure.

When asked what she enjoyed most about Riggs, Mikkonen said, "I enjoy the feeling of anticipation when checking the office to see if I have a message!"

The advice Mikkonen leaves Riggs students is

"the years you are in high school are a fun time. Enjoy these days and build your memories."

Valentine participates in football, oral interpretation, chorus, one-act plays, and the band, "First Time".

"Going to Washington, D.C. for Close-Up and riding one of the world's longest escalators" was Valentine's most memorable experience.

After graduation Tom plans to attend college and major in broadcast journalism.

Valentine enjoys the people at Riggs, but would like to let the seniors choose their own open periods "in case they want to watch a Cub's game in the afternoon."

Valentine's advice for underclassmen is "to be the person you want to be, not the person someone else wants you to be."

Interp Ends Season

by Jvonne Heard

Pat Baker, Rene Creager, and Tom Valentine attended the state oral interpretation contest November 17 and 18 in Mitchell. Coach Candy Birhanzel accompanied on the trip.

Baker and Valentine received a superior at state. Creager received two excellents.

Baker and Valentine were awarded a superior at the regional competition for their duet memorized interpretation of *The Nerd*.

Creager won superiors at regionals in two categories: serious interpretation of a drama and poetry. Her drama was *The Blizzard Voices*, while her poetry reading was "Inheritance."

"Since the students are involved in so many other activities, it's hard to get them up to their standards," replied Coach Birhanzel. "Now that state is coming up I think they will start working harder on their pieces."

The other members that competed in regionals include Thad Fonk in oratory, Eric Morrison in serious prose, and Tim Schmidt in humorous.

Oral interpretation is a speaking competition that involves interpreting literature. Students compete in several categories of literature: poetry, prose, and drama. Some of the categories require memorization and some do not.

No selection may be over 10 minutes.



ENDING THE SEASON...Oral Interp participants include Rene Creager, Tim Schmidt, Tom Valentine, Thad Fonk, and not pictured are Pat Baker and Eric Morrison. (Photo by Kris Hansen)

'3-D' Week

SADD participates in national campaign

The SADD chapter has announced that President George Bush, the U.S. Congress and Governor George Mickelson has designated December 10-16 as "Drinking and Driving Awareness Week".

"3-D Week" was established in 1982 to boost the nationwide battle against driving while intoxicated. It is an excellent yearly reminder of the tragic

drunk driving crisis that faces every American community, and provides opportunities for all citizens to learn how they can help make our highways safer.

"President Bush, in designating this week, calls attention to the need for all Americans to drive more carefully during the holiday season--and throughout the year", said Robert Townsend, SADD sponsor.

"People all across America are organizing an all-out effort to combat alcohol abuse and drunk driving during this holiday season," said Townsend.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, alcohol is involved in over two million motor crashes each year.



In 1988, 70 people were killed in South Dakota due to alcohol related crashes. This year looks like it will be even worse. In the last ten years 887 people have been killed in South Dakota, countless have been injured.

As a reminder not to drink and drive . . .

Tie a Red Ribbon on your vehicle and on the vehicles of those you Love!

REMEMBER those who have died. And remember — a Safety Belt may be your only defense against a drunk driver.



South Dakota Office of Highway Safety, 118 West Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501

Over 650,000 persons were injured last year in alcohol-related crashes. And, of all drivers killed each year, over 50 percent are legally intoxicated.

Riggs High School SADD chapter will work with other

community outreach programs to make this a safe

and happy holiday by protecting our friends and loved

ones. The message is clear: Don't drink and drive!