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Board elected

by Brian Madigan

Steve Bumann and incumbent Dr. Tom Huber were elected to the Pierre School Board on April 9. Huber, the election favorite, collected the most votes in the six candidate race with 1,852 (33 percent), and Bumann finished with 1,196 (21 percent) in his first public office race. Bumann will join the five-member Pierre School Board in July. Both spots on the school board are for three years each.

In third place was Laura Johnson Frame with 825 votes (15 percent); fourth, Dave Jensen with 792 (14 percent); and Jim Cadwell with 754 votes (13 percent). The other school board incumbent in the election was Eileen Herrin. Herrin, who

asked for voters not to vote for her so she could work on other projects, still had her name on the ballot and collected 180 votes (3 percent). Of the estimated 9,000 voters only 3,001 cast ballots.

This year's election was relatively uneventful, which may explain for the low voter turnout. In the campaign all five of the candidates took part in a radio forum and a question and answer interview in the Capital Journal.

During the campaign one of the issues that came up was where to make the budget cuts due to the lack of funding from the state. Projects like Gumbo, The Governor, and other high school programs may come under the scrutiny of the Pierre School Board in the near future.



Waiter, Todd Tedrow and waitress, Mandi Johnson, dance to the 1991 Prom theme song, "High Enough." (Gumbo photo)

Elected board members discuss cuts

By Brian Madigan

Incumbent Dr. Tom Huber was elected along with newcomer Steve Bumann for Pierre School Board. Both will have to face some tough decisions that will deal directly with Riggs. One decision will be whether or not to accept Channel One, the 12 minute news program that is being proposed for the junior and senior high school next year.

Huber said that he has viewed it and doesn't see anything wrong with it. "I thought the stories were well done and appropriate", said Huber.

Bumann, who doesn't join the board until July, said, "I attended a school board meeting and viewed Channel One. I feel that it is important to inform the students." Bumann added, "The school and the students will benefit from the free equipment."

The school board will also have to make decisions concerning the school budget. The legislature left the education system without the money the schools requested. Both Bumann and Huber said that all programs would be looked at for



Recently elected...Steve Bumann will take office this summer. (Capital Journal photo)

"We need to provide good quality basic education skills."

Bumann

possible cuts, but neither could really say which ones would be cut.

One of the possible cutting areas at Riggs Huber thinks, is in varsity sports. "The cuts would have to be equal for both girls and boys," Huber said. Bumann agreed that varsity sports would be a possible cutting area. "I would see if the Booster Club could provide assistance along with other private support for varsity sports," Bumann said.

Both Huber and Bumann agreed that programs with weak curriculum and little interest would be given strong consideration for cuts. One such class Bumann mentioned specifically was Family Living Edu-

cation, a class dealing sex education. Bumann explained that sex education should be taught at home.

Huber believes that the role of school is to prepare students so that they can be successful. He said, "School should provide the basic skills for higher education." Huber wants a broad education for students, so they can be able to pursue a career of their choice. "I want there to be no limits," Huber said.

"We need to provide good quality basic education skills," Bumann said of his education philosophy. He believes that there is a drug and alcohol problem, and inroads should be made to help prevent alcohol and drug abuse.

Comment

Poor turnout at the polls

by Stephanie Farries

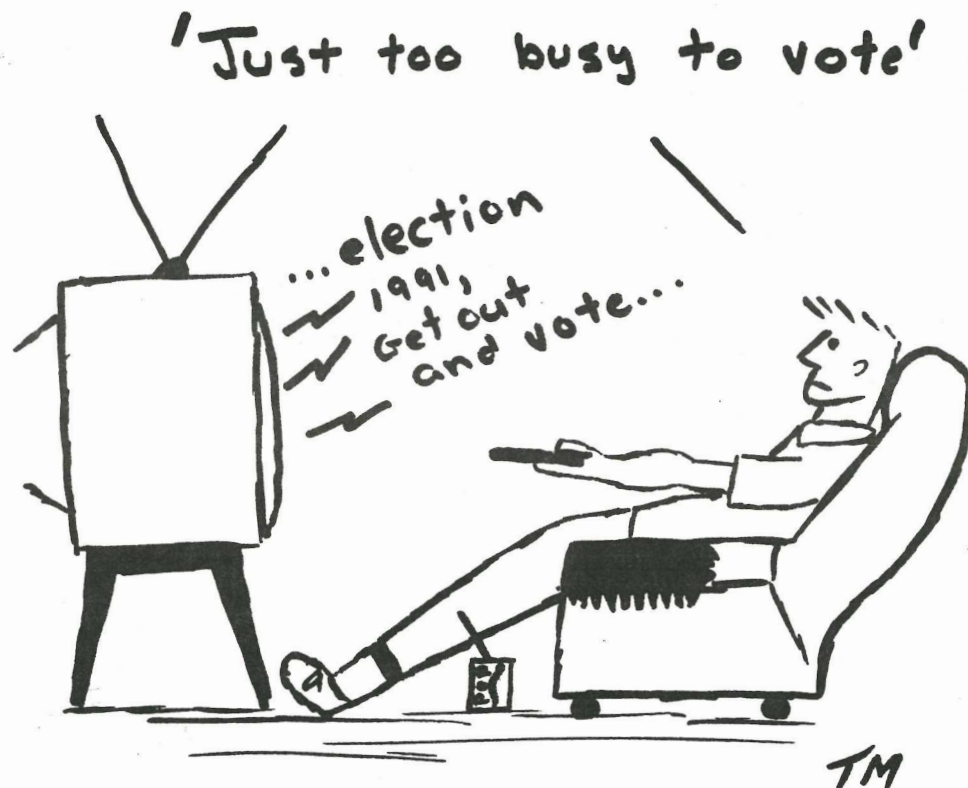
Citizens of Pierre were recently given the opportunity to exercise one of the most important privileges granted to all Americans 18 and older--the right to vote. This month Pierre residents elected two school board members as well as a new city commissioner.

Although we should be grateful for having the freedom to choose those we want to represent us, many eligible voters failed to make that choice. The voter turnout was extremely poor, and something that Pierre should not be proud of. Only about 3,000 of the approximately 9,000 registered voters actually made it to the polls. This number also includes a good many high school seniors who are eligible to vote, but for whatever reason, chose not to vote in this election.

Having the right to vote is taken for granted by many people. We should not look at voting as merely a right but also as an obligation. Often times people have complaints with various aspects of this country, state, or city, but if they don't take it upon themselves to vote, these things will never be changed.

It is every eligible voter's responsibility to choose whoever they think will do the best job. Students, too, need to be interested in who is running their school and their city and voice their opinions through their vote.

Although many of us are not yet old enough to vote, we must remember that when the time comes, we should take advantage of one of the greatest rights endowed to us--the right to vote.



What the People Say

April 9 marked a chance for many seniors to exercise their right to vote. However, many of the eligible seniors failed to show up at the polls and here's why.

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Ann Hofer, Sr.

I didn't get around to registering, so I wasn't able to vote. It was irresponsible of me to neglect to register, however, I am looking forward to the privilege of voting.

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Josh Ley, Sr.

Since we don't have the right to drink beer and play video lottery, I don't think we are responsible enough to vote. The government needs to display some consistency.

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Lori Neuhauser, Sr.

I didn't feel the issues in the last election effected me or my future. I did vote in the election of Governor though, because I felt it was more important.

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Dick Koester, Sr.

I think it is a privilege to vote, and am sorry to say that I did not exercise that privilege in the last election.

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Dawn Swendsen, Sr.

I feel guilty for not registering to vote. I feel it is my right as an adult to vote and I'm looking forward to the next election so I can exercise that right.

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News

Pierre hosts youth legislature

by Tim Maher

The 1991 YMCA Youth and Government Model Legislature begins today at 1:00 pm.

High school students from both North and South Dakota have traveled to Pierre to take part in the mock legislature. Students from Rapid City, Bismarck, Minot, Zealand, and Pierre make up the bulk of the congress.

This program is approximately 12 years old. This year will be Pierre's third year of participation in the program.

In past years, the location for the congress was in Bismarck, North Dakota, at the North Dakota State Capital building. This is the first year for Pierre to host the legislature.

YMCA youth director Karen Stein said, "There has been a transition over the past couple of years.

There is now less interest in the program in North Dakota while the interest here in South Dakota has really increased. From now on, Pierre and Bismarck, since they are each states' capital will alternate being the hosts from year to year."

During the session, a wide variety of activities are worked on by the teenagers. The actual formal legislature, with both a House of Representatives and a Senate, a mock Supreme Court case, office elections, and lively debates make up the bulk of the program. Students have been working on bills and rules of procedure for the past four months.

During last year's session, Pierre students came away with a fair share of the elected offices. Sophomore Jacinta Wang was elected Speaker of the House, while sophomores Brain Shekleton and Ashley Suedkamp won spots as Supreme Court Justices, and sophomore Troy Pitlick was elected House Chaplain.

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Kristin Smith, junior

Junior Kristin Smith was elected Lieutenant Governor. Smith stated, "This is really a worthwhile program. It gives us good experience on how our government actually works while we see how kids from different parts of our area view important policies and topics."

Junior Tim Maher was elected Youth Governor of North and South Dakota. In winning, Maher was given an opportunity to travel to a national Youth Governor's Convention held in Washington D.C. There he met with youth governors from

across the country. "This experience will last for the rest of my life. Some of the people and things that I saw were astounding. I am very grateful for having been given this opportunity," Maher said.

Shekleton commented, "This program teaches a young person how state legislature works and how it affects a large group of people. More people in the Pierre area should be involved since they have the benefit of living so close to our states' legislature."

Annual Latin banquet called a success

by Barbara Goddard

"One hundred and twenty people held up traffic on Capital Avenue in tunics and togas," said Mr. Jay Mickelson, Latin teacher.

The Latin Banquet, held April 6, began at the Capitol Rotunda and then moved across the street to Pierre Junior High for the continuation of the dinner.

The evening began with a presentation of a laurel wreath, said Mickelson, to Sgt. Ralph Boelman in honor of SD National Guard troops who served in Operation Desert Storm.

Boelman, the top National Guard recruiter in the nation, spoke of SD National Guards troops' role in Operation Desert Storm, said Mickelson.

Junior Christian Hess then sang from "Les Miserables" and Mr. Larry Johnson, band instructor, played "Taps".

Three Odyssey of the Mind teams performed their Classics/Pompeii problem.

Carly Snyder and Tim Schmidt performed excerpts from "Oklahoma".

Latin club students and parents

were also entertained by the Methodist Bell Choir, a Vestal Virgin dance, and a May pole Dance.

The Masters of Ceremonies were Andrea Viken and Scott Kennedy, said Mickelson.

C.J.'s Catering provided the banquet with a nine course meal, and elaborate toasts were made to friends, family, classmen, and underclassmen, Mickelson said.

Teachers bid farewell

by Thomas Kamnikar

It's every students dream to have his or her teacher retire, but what most students don't realize is that it's every teacher's dream, too.

This year Riggs will be saying good bye to two teachers, Mr. Robert Townsend and Mr. Larry Lundeen both have given Riggs a little bit of themselves.

"I'm really looking forward to retiring; I feel that once you reach the age of retirement, you should retire. It'll be hard to leave Riggs. I've taught for so long it will be hard to give up, but I think it's time for me to retire." Townsend said. "I don't have much planned for what I'm going to do; the only thing I do know is that I am going to enjoy it whatever it is!" Townsend said.

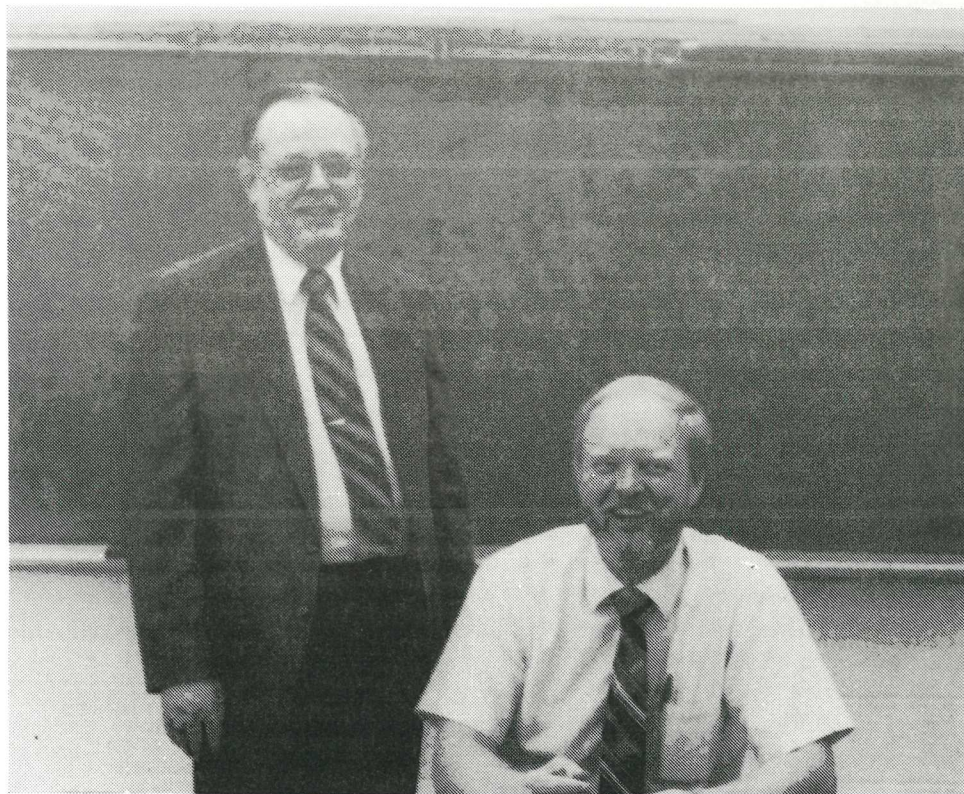
"I don't know, I always

thought retiring would be boring, but now that I think about it sounds like something I wouldn't mind doing!" said Michael Shoup, a sophomore. Most students feel that retirement is something to dread, not something to look forward to.

Also leaving Riggs but not giving up teaching is math teacher Larry Lundeen. Lundeen will be resigning and going to Sioux Falls Washington where he will be teaching a higher math class and will be the head girls track coach. "It will be hard leaving Riggs after 25 years; the thing I will miss most is the students and the parents."

Lundeen said. "It was a tough decision, but I'm looking forward to the challenge," Lundeen added.

Lundeen added that moving to Sioux Falls Washington will make him closer to his children, which made the decision a lot easier.



Counting the days...Bob Townsend and Larry Lundeen will not be returning to Riggs next fall.

Features

Skateboarding, not just for kids

by Tim Maher

Do you need an activity that will really get your adrenaline pumping? Well, Aaron and Andrew Chick have an activity that might just suit you. Skateboarding.

"Skateboarding really gives you a rush. It gets my blood pumping. There you are, whipping along on your skateboard, with the wind blowing through your hair. It is just you, your board, and your friends. That fact that you know you could wreck and get injured at anytime adds to this rush," said junior Aaron Chick.

Aaron's twin brother Andrew added, "It is one of the best ways to get the blood flowing."

The twins have been skating for about three and a half years now. "Some friends of mine who live in Sioux Falls got me started with skating. I purchased a dumpy Veraflex in Sioux Falls and my friends invited me to skate," said Aaron.

Aaron has gone through about five different skateboards. He currently has an Alva Hosse deck, the wooden board, with Independent trucks, the axles underneath the board. His brother skates a Santa Cruz Eric Dressen deck with Super Pro three trucks.

There is a wide variety of decks to choose from for the first time buyer. Some brand names are Santa Cruz, Dogtown, Vision, and Alva. These range in prices of \$40 to \$70. Trucks vary in price, but a good set can be purchased for between \$20 and \$50.

According to Andrew, the wheels are the best item on the deck. "There are big, soft, fat wheels, which are good for ramps and pipes and small, hard, stocky wheels which are excellent for street skating. The type of wheel that you buy should depend upon your particular style of skating," Andrew said.

Both of the Chicks agree that a person who is beginning in skateboarding should not buy everything at once or in a package. "People should buy each part separately. Each person should purchase parts which suit him. The deck should reflect the person's skating style and attitude. Some wheels are loud and some are quiet, so the person should think about this before he buys them," said Aaron.

Each of the twins has his own favorite trick. Andrew prefers the



Free fallin'...junior, Aaron Chick, performs his favorite trick, the roast beef. (Photo by Mandy Johnson)

"Too many people are critics and experts. While some people don't do stuff which is different and unusual, they make fun of those of us who do."

Andrew Chick, junior

Ollie Kick Flip. He starts out moving slowly on a flat surface. He kicks the tail end of the board and slides his foot up to the nose, which causes the board to lift off the ground. Then he kicks the bottom of the deck to rotate the board in the air until it comes back to top side up and then he lands on top of it. Aaron's favorite trick is the

Roast Beef.

Andrew prefers to skate in the spillway ditches below Oahe Dam rather than anywhere else. "I like skating with Jason Maki, Troy Pitlick, Chris Olson, and Aaron. We all get together and just hang out," said Andrew.

According to Aaron, skateboarding is an excellent form of exercise.

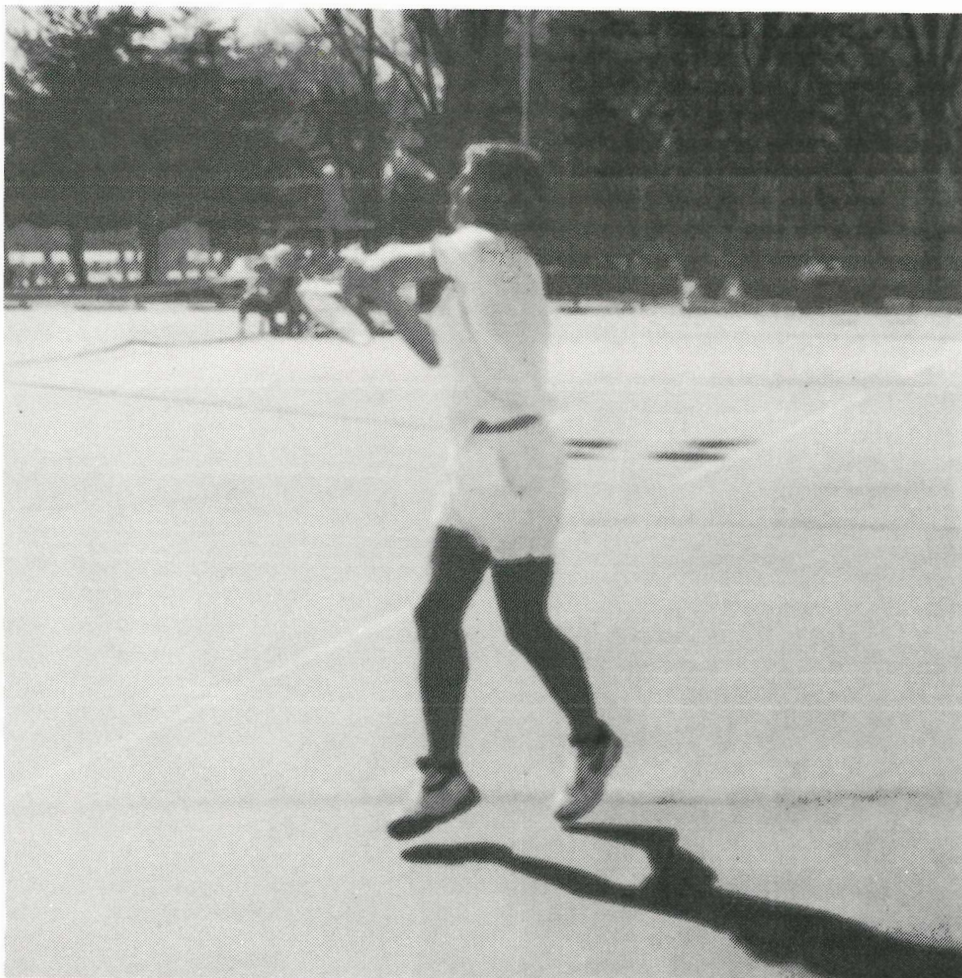
"I would probably be a fat slob if I didn't skate. Skating gives you a total body workout," said Aaron.

Aaron believes that there are a few misconceptions about skateboarding. "People think that skating is just for kids and is a waste of time. Skating is just like any other hobby. I work at it. Some people will drive by me in a car while I am skating and shout 'hey skater, thrasher, yo dude'. They try to mimic and poke fun at skaters to get my goat. People should concentrate more on themselves rather than on others," said Aaron.

Andrew agrees with this and adds, "Too many people are critics and experts. While some people don't do stuff which is different and unusual, they make fun of those of us who do."

Sports

Team loses top player indefinitely



Ready, swing...Alan Berheim gets ready to hit the ball to hopefully score against his opponent. (photo by Mandy Johnson)

by Jacinta Weng

Although this year's tennis team doesn't seem to be having much luck, the statistics show they're certainly doing well. Only a few matches into the season, Pierre's varsity team already has victories over Mitchell, Aberdeen Central, Aberdeen Roncalli and Huron.

One of the key factors affecting this season's performance is that #1 ranked senior Chad Winters recently injured his wrist in a motorcycle accident and is currently not able to compete. Winters stated, "I thank the team for their support and I hope to make it back before the end of the season and help them out all I can. Hopefully it will heal by May 10, which is ESD."

Junior Chris Sonnenschein said, "The fact that Chad hurt his arm has set us back a little, but I still think we can do well with the season until he comes back."

Coach Phil Trautner said, "At this point, we haven't performed at the level I'd hoped we'd reach yet. However, this is due to our loss of our #1 player, Chad Winters, and the weather also hasn't been in our favor. We just need some more playing time."

It's still early in the season, with the major tournaments, such as ESD and State, far off in the dis-

tance. The team is practicing hard, though, while trying to shuffle the varsity lineup for upcoming matches. The lineup could vary from match to match.

"We're trying some new doubles combinations and seeing some of the other boys get some playing time," said Coach Trautner.

A dual against Rapid City Central is scheduled for April 26. The Pierre Invitational will be held April 27 with four teams competing.

Dave Thielen, junior, said, "We started slowly, but we're working hard to get up to our top performance level." The current varsity lineup includes seniors Matt Judson and Anthony Nelson, juniors Chris Sonnenschein, Dave Thielen and Alan Berheim, sophomore Guy Er-lenbusch and eighth grader T. J. Kracht. Other team members include senior Alex Yeager, and sophomores Jim Gerdes and Chris Thomsen.

Alan Berheim said, "We're still playing hard, even though we lost Chad, which set us back. Once he gets back, we'll be really competitive and on our way to winning State this year."

The results of the latest match were Pierre vs. Aberdeen Central (9-0) and Pierre vs. Aberdeen Roncalli (8-1).

Sports briefs

Girls Golf

by Heather Whitney

The Lady Gov golf varsity team won third place in their recent meet at Winner.

The varsity golf team consists of Ann Schaack, Jennifer Tobin, Sara Stulken, Lisa Smith, and Alisson Stout.

The individuals that placed were: Stout, 6th; Tobin, 8th; Smith, 10th; and Schaack, 16th.

Senior Ann Schaack said, "I didn't think this was one of our better meets."

Intramural volleyball

by Thomas Kamnikar

Bump, spike, slam. Are these familiar terms or do they sound like a new dance step? Those students involved with intramural volleyball should be all too familiar with them.

"I enjoyed playing volleyball because it was fun and it gave us a chance to work as a team and just have fun," said sophomore Chris Thomsen.

Most students did like to just have fun and have a good time and not worry about all the pressure of winning in a real league. "We didn't have to worry about winning all the time because it was just for fun," said sophomore Kristen Ohlerking.

Although it may have been for fun, some took it a little more seriously, such as TJ Korkow, the captain of the winning team. "We all tried hard and put a great deal of effort to win; it was just a matter of team work that got us there," said Korkow.

But why did students do this activity? "The fun; we just had such a great time playing."

Earthday Everyday

by Stephanie Farries

The junk mail each American receives every year constitutes one-and-a-half trees. Forty-four percent is never opened, let alone read. It is immediately discarded in the trash can and left to fill up any space there might be left in the local landfill.

Only since the 1850's have trees been used to make paper. Prior to this, recycled rags provided paper's raw material. With the onset of the Industrial Revolution the demand for paper exceeded the supply of cotton rags and discarded linen. The search for a suitable alternative led to development of the wood pulp industry.

Waste paper can be economically recycled using the same technology used to make paper from wood pulp. Thanks to improvements in this technology, the quality of the recycled paper is now better than ever. However, sometimes recycling paper is not feasible or is close to impossible. If you don't live in a town with a recycling center, you have no place to take your waste paper.

What we don't realize is that we could put some of this junk mail to use. For instance, various papers could be used to line the bottom of paper trash bags, which is also a good way to get rid of the paper sacks you get at the grocery store. This would cut down on the number of plastic sacks being used, which are not biodegradable.

Waste paper, including junk mail, can be used for kindling for fires, scratch paper, and liners of pet cages. Some farmers are even using newspaper to line hog pens, claiming it is more absorbant than straw. Junk mail is not going to stop coming to our house tomorrow, nor is every town going to get a recycling center next week. We need to make the best of the situation and do what we can to limit the amount of waste paper going to our landfills.

News

Boys & girls staters chosen

by Heather Whitney

A group of juniors have been selected to represent our school at Boys and Girls State to learn about government.

The girls who have been selected by the Pierre unit of the American Legion Auxiliary include Kristen Job, Tiffany Sonnenschein, Stacey Zastrow, Brenda Weaver, Paula Weeldreyer, Kristin Smith, Johanna Herrin, and Jennifer Gors.

The boys who have been selected are Chris Anderson, Aaron Engberg, Christian Hess, Mark Hyde, Tim Maher, Trent Miller, Wyatt O'Day, Kyle Richards, Robert Stiles, and Ryan Weaver. Alternates are Allen Berheim, Mike Post, Heidi Zeller, and Rachel Gates. Girls and Boys State is held during the week of May 27-May 31.

Students were chosen through an interview process after first having

qualified to be considered, based on grade point.

Wyatt O'Day said, "The questions we had to answer were about some of the local issues; I thought they were pretty easy." Kristin Smith also agreed. "I thought the questions about the local government were pretty easy. I'm also looking forward to meeting new people," she said.

Mark Hyde and Joby Herrin both agreed that they were looking forward to having fun and meeting new friends.

Ann Hofer, one of last year's Girls Staters said, "We learned how the government works. We also learned how to write and pass bills. We also had a mock election for offices. It was a very good learning experience."

FHA earns awards

by Barbara Goddard

Nine Riggs students attended the State Future Homemakers of America meeting in Sioux Falls on April 14-16.

Students presented in the proficiency Action Activity Events and STAR (students taking action with recognition) Events were Don London on Conserving Limited Resources; Lisa Shoup on the Aged and Handicapped; Dawn Droppers on Children in Crisis; Tim Schmidt on Equality; Jen Oehlerking and Heather Docken, Clothing and Textiles; Michelle Smith, Child Development; Jennifer Severson, Teen

Crisis; and Kelly Johnson, Consumer Education.

Mrs. Darlene Neiles said, "We received six superiors and one excellent!"

Fist general session included a keynote address by Scott Friedman of Denver, CO, who spoke on creating your future.

The second day of events included workshops and tours as well as the competition of 1400 students in STAR and proficiency Action Activity Events.

The final day's general session included recognition of students who received top superior awards.

Musicians honored

by Jvonne Heard

Riggs high music students recently took high honors at the large group music contest in Mobridge. The music department entered six groups, and all six of those groups came back with superior (one) ratings.

"It was the best performance I have ever heard my choir kids do. I am really proud of all their hard

work," choir director Will Hanson said.

Hanson also commented that he was very happy with the way the students acted in Mobridge. "I couldn't ask for a better group of kids," he said.

The six groups that performed for ratings were select mix choir, girls glee, boys glee, swing choir, concert band, and jazz band.

Students recognized

by Thomas Kamnikar

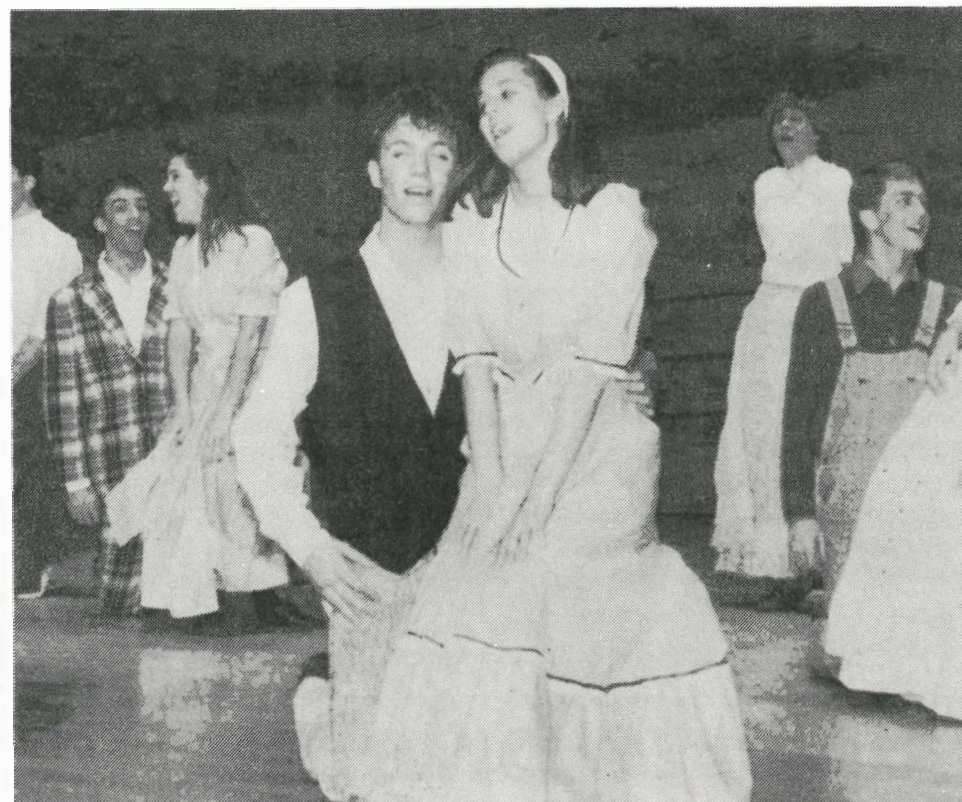
This month's students of the month are Kristie List and Bret Eschmeyer. List is active in basketball, track, NHS, intramural volleyball, Gumbo staff, plus Kiwanis. Eschmeyer has been setting up a soccer program for the community and participates in swimming.

"I like to keep active because I'm more happy doing stuff with other people and being active," said List. "It's kind of nice to know that the

teachers who picked me thought I was good enough to be a student of the month," List said.

"I'm doing what I'm doing for the community because it needs expansion, and the only way to do that is have more activities such as soccer," said Eschmeyer.

"It feels pretty good to get picked because you know that there was a tough choice between all the students in the school and that you got singled out for the honor. I'm really pleased that I got picked," Eschmeyer said.



Falling in love...Jason Knox (Curley) and Anne Rapp (Laurey) are showing their love towards each other. (Gumbo photo)

'Oklahoma' opens

by Jvonne Heard

Those who have not seen "Oklahoma" have once last chance. The final show will begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the theatre.

The musical has 25 speaking roles, 15 chorus members, 9 dancers, and 21 orchestra members.

"I feel most of the people not on stage before, which is about 60 percent of the cast, have done an excellent job on stage," director Hyrma Zakahi said.

Will Hanson, chorus director for the musical, said, "We have spent a lot of hours trying to get everything together. I feel the kids are doing really well, especially the leads, who have spent a lot of hours in the theatre."

"I feel most of the people not on stage before, which is about 60 percent of the cast, have done an excellent job on stage."

Zakahi

Zakahi also added that the leads have done a super job. "I feel there have been a lot of pleasant surprises with people who have blossomed into marvelous cowboys, farmers, and gals of the "Oklahoma" territory," Zakahi said.

"Come and join in on the fun and tribulations of the early 1900 rural community. There's something for everyone--a little dancing, singing, and acting," Zakahi said.