

# Governor



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## Bush challenges improvement:

# School reviews national education goals

by Stephanie Farries

**P**lans for the future of education were discussed at a community forum held in the Riggs High School Theater on Thursday, December 6.

An estimated 50 people attended the session addressing six national educational goals. The forum was designed to gather public input on how Pierre can reach the goals by the year 2000.

"Since education is my field, I felt that I should listen and have some input in the forum," said Carol Pickering, junior and senior high biology and physical education teacher.

The six goals were selected by President Bush and the nation's governors, and schools are being challenged to meet the goals by the year 2000.

"I believe it would be difficult to achieve all these goals, but they are good goals to strive for," said Candy Birhanzel, senior high English teacher.

The goals are:

--Readiness: All Children will start school ready to learn.

--School Graduation: At least 90 percent of the students will graduate from high school.

--Student Achievement and Citizenship: Students will demonstrate

competency in subjects before leaving grades four, eight, and twelve.

--Mathematics and Science: U.S. students will be the first in the world in math and science.

--Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning: Every adult will be literate.

--Safe, Disciplined and Drug-Free Schools: Every school will be free of drugs and violence.

People were able to attend sessions on two of the six goals, participating in a half-hour group discussion on each. The discussions were directed by moderators who listened to various ideas and made suggestions.

"It was a good opportunity to bring teachers, the administration, the school board, and the community together to discuss their ideas," Birhanzel said.

The education forum was designed to set priorities and direction for education in the 1990's. "Some parts were very beneficial. It should have been a chance for parents to vent some feeling of frustration toward the school system," Pickering said.

The objectives for each goal will be listed and given to local government officials and city leaders. They will be encouraged to use these objectives in setting up a strategy for the 1990's.

## Graduate named Rhodes Scholar

by Stephanie Farries

**G**ustavus Adolphus College senior Todd Peterson, a graduate of Riggs High School, was selected as one of the 32 Rhodes Scholars to study for two years in England's Oxford University beginning next fall.

Peterson, a 1987 alumnus of Riggs High School, will graduate in May with a major in physics. While in Oxford, he plans to study physics and philosophy.

Being chosen as a Rhodes Scholar is quite an honor. "There is more to being a Rhode Scholar than academics. Character, personality, and responsibility also play a large role," guidance counselor Mavis Booze said.

Peterson is believed to be the first Pierre high school graduate to be chosen as a Rhodes Scholar. He is also the first such recipient from Gustavus Adolphus College, located

in St. Peter, Minnesota.

"If someone from Pierre was going to win it, I'm not at all surprised it was Todd," Booze said.

Teachers who had Peterson in class remember him as a very hard working, bright individual. "He was a very exceptional student. If there was anything he needed to improve in, he worked at it," psychology and English teacher Candy Birhanzel said.

Physics teacher William Peterson added, "Todd was not 'boisterous' smart, but rather a 'quiet smart', and he was really interested in Physics."

David Alexander, the American secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, said qualities sought in Rhodes scholars are proven intellectual and academic excellence, integrity, respect for others, ability to lead and to use talents fully, and being athletically inclined.

## Gift of life . . .



**An early Christmas gift... Senior Jennifer Dickerson donates a pint of blood during last week's blood drive. A total of 101 pints of blood were donated by students and staff.**

(photo by Mandy Johnson)



# Comment

## Capital Comments

by Stephanie Farries

### State AA

The Lady Gov's did a great job of finishing up the season at State AA. The predicted underdogs of the tourney went on to get fourth place. They went there with a great attitude and worked really hard to show just what they were made of. They missed being in the championship game by only one basket in overtime, with Yankton. Great job, girls!



### Blood Drive

Good job, FHA, in organizing the Blood Drive. It's a great opportunity for students and the community to get involved with something that will benefit others. People needing blood is something most of us don't think about. It's great that you called it to our attention, so we could give something we all have. Congratulations to all of those who were able and brave enough to participate.



### Lockers

If you are one of the many students who "set" your lockers so that you don't have to use your combination between classes, you may have been less than pleased to find that you couldn't get into your locker without running through the combination anymore. Some didn't even know their combinations and had to go to the office, so they could get into their lockers.

Setting your locker should be your choice. With the shorter time between classes, it's hard enough to get from some of your classes to the next class, without having to mess around with your locker. If you are willing to take the risk of something getting stolen, then that is your problem. Most people don't keep very valuable things in their lockers anyway.



### Christmas Decorations

Thank you to all of the teachers who took the time to make the school a little more festive by decorating the hallways. It was a welcome sight on a dreary Monday morning. It's nice to know that some people are thinking of the upcoming holidays, and it's a great way to spread the spirit throughout the school.



## What the People Say

The Pierre Public Schools lunch program may work out a contract with a commercial vendor to add pizza to our lunch selection on a regular basis. Hopefully adding pizza to the menu will encourage students to stay for lunch more often. Here is what some people

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Keva Briggs, Sr.

"I haven't ever eaten school lunch here; I still wouldn't stay for lunch if we were offered pizza."

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Justin Weber, Sr

"I eat here quite a bit as it is, but when we have a lunch I don't like, I go home. I would stay here more often if we were served pizza during the week."

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Todd Tedrow, soph.

"I think serving pizza is a really good idea to keep more kids here for lunch."

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Mr. Myron "Iron" Bryant

"I personally believe that having pizza three times a week is a little much. We need more of a variety."

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# News

## Students of the month named

by Tyrell Allardyce

Students of the month have been named for both November and December. November students of the month are Kristi Hansen and Justin Weber, with Cathy Reuer and Matt Judson as December students of the month.

Students of the month are chosen monthly by a faculty committee.

Kristi Hansen is the daughter of David and Dianne Hansen. Kristi

is in National Honor Society, Pep club, and is active in the drama department as a backstage manager. Other hobbies are reading and playing tennis. Kristi's advice to underclassmen is "work as hard as you can because it will pay off later, but enjoy every minute."

Justin Weber, the son of Rod and Janette Weber, is involved in football, Gumbo staff, NHS, and chorus.

His outside activities include dancing, fishing, and skiing. Justin's ad-

vice is to "take life seriously because you'll pay for it either now or later. Do what you like, but be prepared for your consequences."

Matt Judson, the son of Bob and Janet Judson, is involved in basketball, tennis, NHS, and is Senior associate editor for the Gumbo. Matt is also involved in FCA. When asked about the role teachers have played in his education, he said, "Teachers have provided the leadership and supervision that has

helped me to achieve and be the best I can be."

Cathy Reuer is the daughter of Cliff and Chris Reuer. Cathy is involved in NHS, girls basketball as student manager, and Gumbo staff. Her outside activities include FCA, Job's Daughters, and Sunday School teaching. Cathy's comment about teachers was, "The teachers are qualified and are always willing to help when the effort is there."

## German students host annual banquet

### Special guest from Germany gives speech

by Matthew Foster

This year's annual German banquet was host to a special guest from the Federal Republic of Germany's consulate in Chicago, Dr. Heinz Wirth.

In addition to the annual study of "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht," or "Si-

lent Night, Holy Night," the group of about 100 German students and their parents sang the German and American national anthems, several traditional German Christmas carols and listened to Wirth's speech after dining on traditional German foods.

"We hope that Germany can be a bridge between east and west," the doctor of economics and culture said in his fifteen-minute speech. Among other things, he said that Germany will leave its past behind and search for a new peace for Europe as well as the world.

After his speech, German II students from Jay Mickelson's class asked the Konsul questions such as

**"Fahrvernuegen is the difference between driving on unrepaired American interstate at 60 miles per hour or on the highly repaired German Autobann at 100 miles per hour."**

**Dr. Heinz Wirth**

"What exactly does 'Fahrvernuegen' mean?" and "Are music classes stressed in German schools?" ('Fahrvernuegen,' by the way is "The difference between driving on an unrepaired American interstate at 60 miles per hour or on the highly repaired German Autobahn at

100 miles per hour." said Wirth.) Students that participated in the December 8 banquet spent most of the previous week's class time preparing for the banquet by making paper lanterns, practicing German songs and getting a visit from Sankt Niklaus, Santa Claus.

### Staying for lunch?

## Lunch may change

by Stephanie Farries

Adding pizza to the school lunch program may encourage students to stay and eat school lunch, a recent student survey has indicated.

Results from the survey provided the reassurance that students are in favor of adding pizza to the school lunch menu. This would mean contracting with a commercial pizza vendor to provide the school with pizza on certain days of the week.

More than 90 percent of the students completed the survey. Of that total, 57 percent said they would like pizza to be offered three times a week, while 38 percent said that they would like to have pizza offered two times a week.

"Most said they would be willing

**"Most said they would be willing to pay more and would eat more often in the lunchroom"**

**Delores Drew**

to pay more and would eat more often in the lunch room," school food director Delores Drew said.

Pizza Hut was mentioned at the November school board meeting as the most likely vendor to meet the specifications, but other vendors have shown an interest in bidding for the contract.

Also, effective January 1, 1991, school lunch prices will increase by 10 cents a meal. The increase was approved by the school board and is the first increase in two years.

## Earthday Everyday

by Stephanie Farries

The high cost of America's gas habit is being paid not just in rising prices at the pump since the Middle East crisis exploded. Our "habit" is also causing an increasingly alarming air pollution crisis.

Although Americans account for only two percent of the world's population, we consume 25 percent of its oil. Most of that oil is used to fuel our approximately 184,000,000 motor vehicles, which emit hazardous gases--among them the green house gas, carbon dioxide.

Other vehicle-emission gases, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons, present a significant health hazard. The American Lung Association estimates that polluted air accounts for up to 120,000 deaths nation-wide per year (through heart attacks, lung and respiratory illnesses, etc.), and costs the nation some \$40 billion annually in health care and lost productivity.

In this case, what's good for the environment can also make good economic and health sense. Such money-saving measures as driving fuel-efficient cars, walking, bicycling, car-pooling, driving at a slower speed than usual, or using public transportation whenever possible, can also make a dent in our pollution level.

The two biggest steps any one family can take in starting an "oil diet" are to drive a fuel-efficient car and to drive less often. When you do have to drive, accelerate gently and avoid braking unnecessarily, which can use up one-third of a vehicle's original kinetic energy. Also, don't keep the motor running while waiting. If you plan to wait for more than a minute, turn off the engine--it takes less gas to restart a car than to let it idle.



## Features

# Patience, self-drive, persistence: Restoring cars teaches valuable lessons

by Dawn Droppers

There seems to be some invisible link between a large part of the masculine population and cars. Why? Answers may vary. Mike Saylor, a Pierre resident who has restored a number of cars, said, "I have a problem with cars. I feel sorry for them."

The first automobile Saylor reconstructed was a 1941 pick-up. No one could afford such a novelty during the depression, and no vehicles were manufactured during the war, so there were not many around even then, making a pre-war truck quite rare.

"It was pure junk when I started," Saylor said. Mechanically, the pick-up is from the 1950's and 60's. Saylor has kept this vehicle, since it was the first he had ever done.

Saylor claims he kept running into cars that were in pretty rough shape. Sadly, he was not able to keep all the cars he worked on. This was the case with the second car he restored. It was a 1968 red Camaro. When he got the car, he had to shovel out the front seat. When he finished, it burned rubber in all four gears, he said.

Saylor put the history of the automobile into a nutshell for those who do not know much about cars. The French invented the automobile, which then ran on steam. The Germans perfected it, and the Americans popularized it.

If one is really into cars, Saylor suggested visiting Harrah's Car Museum if the chance comes up. It is located in Sparks, Nevada, which is a suburb of Reno. This museum accepts collector automobiles only, except for its complete collection of Fords.

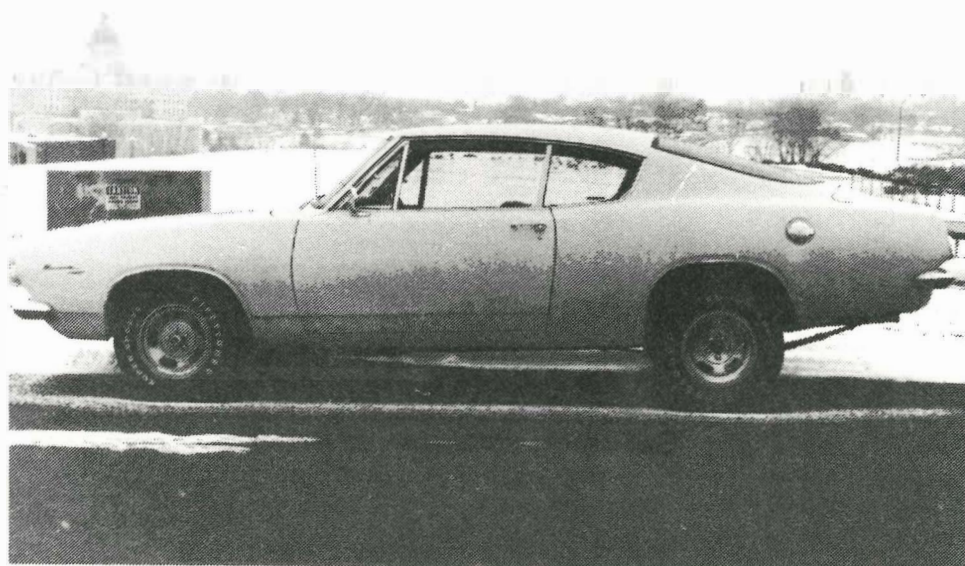
The museum also has many Duesenbergs, a car manufactured in the 1930's, which is supposed to be the finest ever in the history of cars.

These cars now sell for around \$125,000. No two of the Duesenbergs are alike. Back then, when one bought the car, they bought it from the steering wheel forward.

Then it was taken to a person called a coach-builder, who would build the rest of the car the way the individual wanted it.

Restoring cars as a hobby can teach a person many things, said Saylor. The biggest ones are patience, self-drive, and persistence. Some of the rewards Saylor mentioned were the feeling of accomplishment from making something out of nothing, and taking someone else's junk and turning it around to the point where they are envious of what they once had.

This hobby has been in the male blood since the first automobiles appeared on the market. Will it continue to do so? According to Saylor, yes, it will. "American's love for automobiles is not going to die. It will go through a lot of changes--but it's not going to die," he said.



**Newer isn't better... Junior John Wellhouse may not have a brand new car, but his Barracuda is a classic to many car lovers. (photo by Lance Nielson)**

## Students customize cars

by Jennifer Dickerson

Imagine. There you are on Euclid, cruising in your new "toy". Finally, all those hours you put in at work day after day, week after week, and month after month have finally paid off. It may have taken awhile but you finally bought the car you have always wanted.

What factors influence people as they buy a car? Probably the most important factor is the price. Who wants to spend a lot of money on a car that turns out to be a piece of junk?

Another factor is whether or not it runs as well as it should for the price that you paid for it. Some teenagers have parents who are willing to pay for their son's or daughter's car. This may seem nice, but then the parents have the authority to take it away for disciplinary reasons. Sophomore Jason Lovell said that his parents bought his car when he turned fourteen, but others like Senior Alex Klocker have to buy their own. Klocker bought a pick-up.

What types of things do high school guys look for in an engine? Guys like to have the best engine that money can buy.

Senior Derk Campbell said, "Small blocks give the motor the ability to compress faster. You need low gears and a possy rear end to go shorter distances in less time."

Of course, having a car isn't enough, either. It must be equipped

with just the right tinted windows, fluorescent windshield wipers and mudflaps, shiny rims for the tires, and maybe even a new stereo system.

There are many brands of stereos but a few of the best are Pioneer, Alpine, and JVC. Stereos differ in sound quality, range, treble and bass, and options. Some people stick to the basics--AM/FM radio, tape cassette, and a pair of good speakers--while others go all out with boosters, equalizers, and box speakers. A few students, such as Junior Dean Krom, even have CD players hooked up such

Juniors Jeff Schlekeway, Jason Nowak, and Len Cooper look for a good equalizer, good bass, volume, and speakers with at least twelve-inch subwoofers.

Many teenagers find that after they have had their car for awhile they want to repaint it or even change the color. Maybe "Candy Apple Blue", such as Mike Row's Roadrunner, is the way to go.

"The looks make up half the car," said Senior Mike Henderson.

"It's important to have a high-gloss paint job because it looks great on any car," said Junior Jamie Samelson.

It may have taken awhile for a teenager to acquire a vehicle, but the great pleasure in showing off what you have worked so hard for makes it worth the wait. The first car is usually the one remembered best!



**What a car... Senior Spencer Tisher's car illustrates the importance of a good paint job. (photo by Lance Nielson)**



# Features

## Fantasy Battlers:

by Thomas Kamnikar

"As you walk into the dimly lit room, the stench of dragons fills your nostrils."

"Oh great! Well, I want to draw my sword and light a torch."

"It's too late! As you begin to unsheathe your sword, a black dragon appears and fries you for fifty hit points!"

This dialogue and much more can usually be heard on Friday nights as students gather every weekend to live the life of fantasy in Dungeons and Dragons.

"It's a good way to escape reality," said Matt McNickle, a junior and D&D fan. "In real life you usually can't do much about your problems, but in D&D you can draw a sword and take your aggression out on a monster without giving it a second thought," added McNickle.

But is it just the thought of being able to kill a monster that draws people to the game?

"Not really. It mainly lets you challenge your imagination while still letting you use your problem solving skills," said Jim Hunsley, another junior and avid player.

"It's more than just a action game; ninety five percent is mental, while only five percent is physical. If you can't think on your feet,

**"It mainly lets you challenge your imagination while still letting you use your problem solving skills."**

**Jim Hunsley**

you're basically dead," added Hunsley.

Just how did this group of fantasy battlers get started? "we have been playing since we were in sixth grade. A friend of mine got me started, and we just took off with it," said Bob Burke, a junior and resident dungeon master.

"It's basically a good way to waste five hours on a Friday night. I like to challenge the guys every time we play. I'd put a trap where they least expect it, or plop a dragon down right in front of them. That's the good thing about being the dungeon master. The guys won't mouth off to you because they know their lives are basically in your hands," added Burke with a smile on his lips.

What about the rumors that dungeons and dragons players become so addicted to the game that

## Students imaginations run in Dungeons & Dragons



some of them commit suicide? Most players of the game dismiss this concern by saying that they know the difference between fantasy and reality.

"It's fun to tease people about it. The first day my mom found out I was playing 'that game,' she basically had a spaz," said Jim Patton, a sophomore and one of the newest additions to the fighting crew.

"And when people ask me about

what I'm going to do on the weekends, I just tell them I'm going to kill a monster and save a world. They just look at me like it's time for the funny farm," Jim added with a giggle.

Perhaps part of the allure of the dungeons and dragons craze is that while friends leave for college and others move, the world of dungeons and dragons is always there for the playing and will never die.

## Diligence, hard work needed Students given advice for scholarship application

by Dawn Swendsen

"Senior year is so expensive!" senior Nathan Welsh says. The senior year definitely offers seniors the chance to spend their hard earned money. Starting with senior pictures and ending with graduation announcements, seniors usually have empty wallets. Many seniors work to help them meet the costs of the year and to save money for college.

With the rising cost of a college education, it is becoming more and more important for students to find outside sources to help pay for college. One way that students gain money is through scholarships.

There are countless scholarships

available to students in all areas. One way to find out about the various scholarships available is to pick up the scholarship flier that the scholarship office prints each month. The flier contains a listing of the qualifications and awards for each scholarship.

Once a decision has been reached on which scholarship to apply for, the next step is to get the application. Most applications can be picked up right in the scholarship office, or Joan DenOuden, scholarship office coordinator, can give students directions on how to obtain them.

Read the instructions carefully when filling the application out. "Make sure to fill out everything that the application asks for, and

put everything down that you've been involved in since ninth grade," DenOuden said. If applications are completed incorrectly, they may be disqualified from competition.

Some scholarships may also want a recommendation sent along with the application. Recommendations can come from a number of sources. The decision on who will do the recommendation is very important. The person chosen to write the recommendation should have some idea about the educational background, school involvements, and goals that the applicant possesses. There are ways to make it easier on the person who is writing the recommendation.

"A good idea is for the student to develop a good resume," Candy Bi-

rhanzel, senior English teacher, said. She went on to say that students should give directions on what to do with the completed application. Since they are confidential, they are usually not given back to the students. She also suggested that students give at least two weeks to complete the recommendation. The easier it is for the person to write the recommendation, the happier they will be to write it.

Finally, be sure to meet all deadlines outlined in the application. Some applications must be postmarked by a certain date, while others must be received by a certain date. Check each application carefully to make sure everything is completed correctly and that everything is included when it is mailed.



## Sports

# With high attendance and support, Crowds galvanize players

by Tim Maher

**W**hen you think of sports, what springs into your mind? Do you think of getting together with your friends, watching a game, and yelling your heart out? Then you are in a vital part of all athletics. The crowd.

The crowd is there to watch the game, support their team, and have fun.

"It is our job to get the crowd fired up, so that in turn, they get the team fired up," said varsity football cheerleader Kellie Sutton.

Riggs High School has had a tradition of having good attendance at varsity athletic events.

Vice Principal Gary Merkwan said, "Attendance is always excellent at games since it is basically the only show in town."

Citizens of Pierre show a lot of pride in their teams by coming and watching the show. Before the games even start, the band strikes up a few songs as the athletes warm up, and even the crowd starts getting psyched up for the competition.

"It is really an awesome feeling. Standing on the basketball floor, shooting the ball, stretching out, and getting pumped up while the

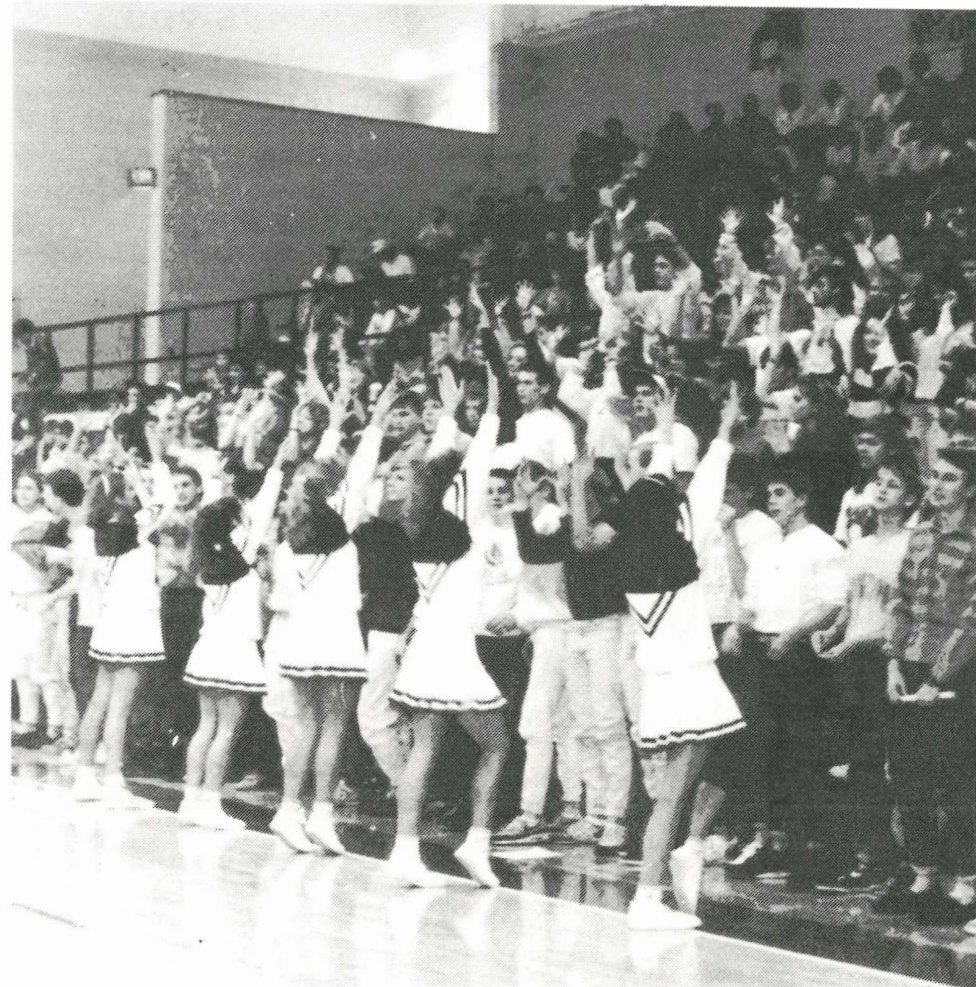
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**Vice Principal  
Gary Merkwan**

band is playing. If I had it my way the band would play at every home game," said varsity basketball player Tony Olander.

Once the game starts, the cheerleader begin to get the crowd in the game. They have spent long hours rehearsing their cheers and now they put them to work.

"When the crowd does what we do with us, it is great. The way they got fired up and did the cheers at home games was superb," said girls basketball cheerleader Hilary Gray.



**On your feet, crowd... Boy's basketball cheerleaders work to fire up the spectators in support of the team. (photo by Mandy Johnson)**

## Basketball team enthusiastic about competitive season ahead

Brooke Severson

**A**fter weeks of hard practice the season for the boy's basketball team got under way. The Governors hosted the Huron Tigers their first game which ended in a loss, 72-81. Their second game against the Mitchell Kernels ended in another loss, 58-79.

Coach Bob Judson feels that they will be very competitive with the top teams this year. "I believe we demonstrated our speed, quickness, and ability to run the ball during the games," Judson said.

Every team has its good and bad points, and the Governors plan to work on both, said Judson. "We need to work on rebounding and decision-making during a game, but our shooting and presses look good," said Judson.

The Governor's roster consists of

seventeen players this year. The five returning letterwinners are Nathan Welsh, Matt Judson, Rob Merrill, Ryan Johnson, Tony Olander, and Chris Stout. Other team members include Eric Sibson, Jeremy Ellwein, Eric Hunsley, Jamie Liudahl, Chris Sonnenschein, Mark Hyde, Alan Berheim, Jason Nowak, and Chad Lindbloom. Two members, Jeff Schlekeway and Jason Engbrecht, have not yet been able to play but hope to be in action soon.

The Governors as of now are not ranked in the top ten but hope that will change as they gain more experience.

The players have a competitive and optimistic outlook on the season. "We will work hard and be exciting to watch, and we will show the fans we can play with the best teams," said Senior Matt Judson.



**Guarding the basketball... Tony Olander tries to block the shot of a Huron Tiger player. (photo by Mandy Johnson)**



## Sports

# Girls BB awards given

## Herrin earns all-tournament honors

by Tim Maher

**T**he Pierre Lady Gavs played some of their best basketball of the season in the Class AA state tournament in Watertown.

One of the reasons for this was a superb effort by junior Joby Herrin, who received all-tournament honors. She had 15 points in a 48-39 upset of second-seeded Sioux Falls Washington in the first round, 12 in a 38-36 overtime loss to Yankton in the semi-finals, and eight in a 65-35 loss to Huron for third place.

Head coach Don Shields called

Herrin "an all-around, well-rounded player." She led the Lady Gavs in most statistical categories this year, including scoring (10 points per game), rebounding (five per game), steals (36 before state tournament), free throw shooting (75 percent) and field goals (44 percent).

After receiving an all-tourney spot, Joby said, "I was really shocked that I got all-tournament. It was an honor. I was really glad that we did so well as a team."

Shields said that Herrin is a strong player underneath the basket, not only on offense, but also on

defense. He stated, "She's the person we look to to guard one of their better post players."

"She learns from her mistakes," Shields said. "And she's very coachable. She's always listening, always thinking. She's a real team player; she always puts the team ahead of herself."

Also joining Herrin on the all-tournament team were Huron senior Amy Burnett, Mitchell seniors Ronda Morgan and Elicia Jones, Yankton senior Sheri Hora and junior Kathy Limoges, Watertown senior Sara Poppen, Lincoln senior Tra-

ci Mescher, Stevens senior Jill Riherd and Washington senior Jeni Breum.

At the annual girls basketball banquet, Joby received the most valuable player award. Several other team members also received recognition for their leadership and hard work. Junior Kristin Smith received the most improved award; Heather Ogan received the hustler award; Ann Hofer and Ricki Hirsch were chosen co-captains. Each of these awards was voted upon by the members of the girls basketball team.

# Gymnastics:

## Lady Gov tumblers off to promising start

by Kristie List

**T**he Lady Governor Gymnastics team got off to an outstanding start Tuesday night in their season opener at the Pierre Junior High Gym. The team earned second place with a team score of 123.00. They were edged out of first place by Rapid City Central by .5 points.

The team score was a pleasant surprise since last year's team score at the same meet was 116. "The girls were elated. We were amazed.

We didn't expect that high of a

score in our first meet," head coach Vicki Semmler said.

The Lady Gavs were paced by Senior Hilary Gray who took second place in the all-around at 32.8. She won the uneven bars (8.5), was third in beam (7.1), third in floor (8.6), and fifth in vaulting (5.6). Senior Debi Herr was fourth in the all-around (31.1) while placing first in vault (9.0), fourth in bars (7.8), and tied for fourth in floor (8.1). Sophomore Anne Kenyon was fifth in the all-around at 29.4.

Saturday, the Lady Gavs competed in the 10-team Mithcell Invitational.

## Wrestlers are young, surprise Mobridge

by Ann Hofer

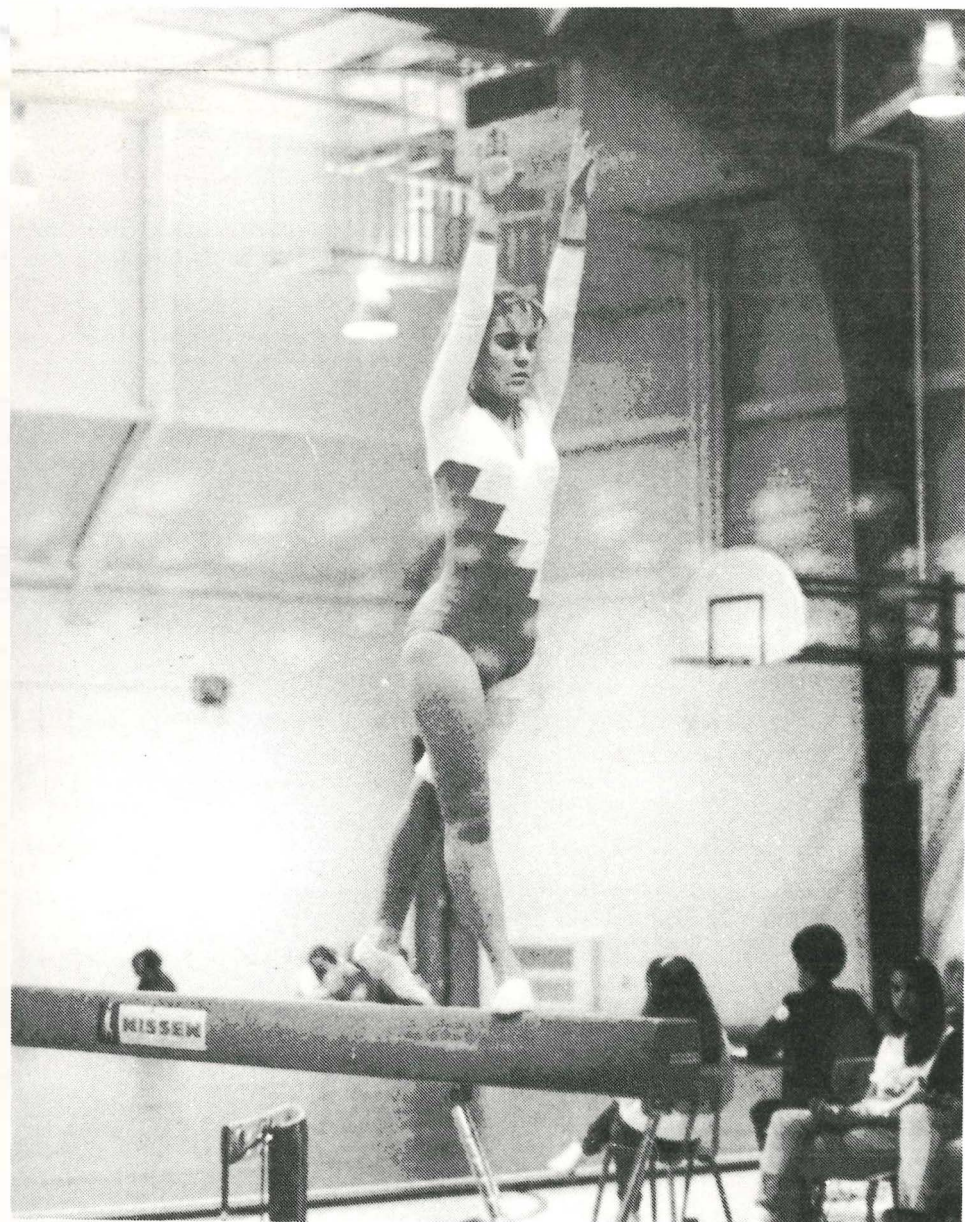
**"C**oming into the season, we were young, and I knew we would have trouble winning early," said Coach Rick Jensen. Jensen said that getting started would be hard, but once they were wrestling for a while the talent they had would shine through.

The wrestling team has come together a lot earlier than Jensen had expected. Jensen said, "The freshman have helped with the two wins we have had this season." He also said it is hard for a team to win with young wrestlers because of the

lack of experience.

The Mobridge dual was a "big win" for the wrestlers. Jensen said, "The team and the coaches knew that Mobridge was expecting to win, but we were determined to go down there and catch them off guard." Pierre beat Mobridge at the dual, 37-30.

Here are some of the varsity stats: Mike Gilmore, 2-6; Jason Robinson, 0-1; Ben Chittenden, 4-4; Jason Irion, 1-2; Willie Zeller, 4-3-1; Jeremy Joy, 0-8; Ryan Noyes, 5-3; Chris Stotts, 1-7; Levi Hillmer, 3-4; Kevin Bowen, 2-3; Phillip Klein, 2-6; Scott Wharton, 0-3; Kray Zeller, 5-3; and Shad Riggle, 5-0.



Concentrating... Junior Julie Shangreaux is the picture of concentration on her beam routine. (photo by Mandy Johnson)



## Features

## Season's Greetings

**"I first realized Santa wasn't real when I was about six years old. I saw my mom eating the cookies and drinking the glass of milk I put out for him."**

**Julie Shangreaux, junior**



**"My favorite part of Christmas is eating all the food, like turkey and pie. I like to eat until I explode, and then I lie around the house and watch football."**

**Mark Olander, senior**

**'Tis the season... Junior Tim Schmidt prepares for Christmas by lighting the candles on an Advent wreath.**

**"The worst Christmas I can remember was when we were moving to Chicago from Wisconsin. We were driving with a big trailer behind us, and could not go any farther because of a snowstorm. We were stuck at a puny hotel with no food, no presents and no entertainment. All of the presents had been mailed to Chicago. Our Christmas dinner was Ritz crackers and sliced lunch meat."**

**Jon Pier, junior**

**"The best Christmas I can remember is when I received a Dallas Cowboy jersey when I was seven. I was so happy because the Cowboys were my favorite team, and I would always watch them on TV. It may not seem like much now, but it was the best thing in the world to me then."**

**Jason Keatts, junior**

## Students spend money, express wish lists

By Kerry Whitney

As Christmas is fast approaching, many people have been hurrying to get all their presents bought. These are some responses to a few questions we asked students.

The questions were: How much money do you spend on Christmas gifts all together? How many people do you buy presents for? What do you think would be a perfect gift for you?

Mandi Johnson, sophomore, responded that she spends about \$150 all together for about seven people. She thought that a perfect gift for her would be a turquoise Honda Prelude.

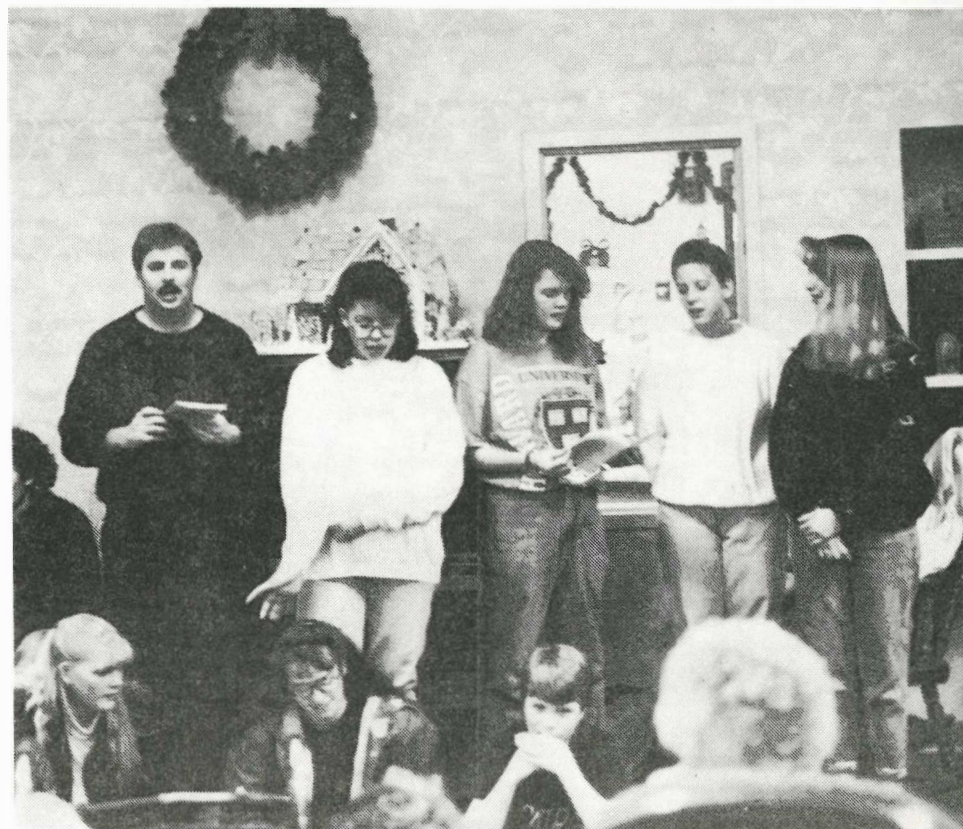
Jason Humphrey, senior, replied that he spends close to \$150 and for about five people. What Jason would like is a new pair of snow

skis.

Krista Oehlerking, sophomore, said that she spends \$100 for gifts during Christmas, and she spent that for about six people. She said that she would like a trip to Hawaii as a perfect gift for Christmas.

Brooke Severson, senior, responded that she spends close to \$150 on gifts for Christmas and that she buys for about ten people. Brooke thought that the perfect gift for her would be a pair of Disney slippers that light up when you walk.

As you can see, everyone has their own opinion on what they think would be a perfect gift. As far as spending money on other people, the figure is relatively the same. As everyone thinks about what to write on Christmas lists to Santa, keep this little cliché in mind, "It is better to give than to receive".



**Spreading good cheer... Dave Kinsman and Riggs Students sing Christmas carols at a local nursing home. (photo by Lance Nielson)**