

# Governor



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## New student leaders elected

by Yvonne O'Day

**S**econd semester student body president and vice president were recently elected. Cody Asher and Guy Ferris defeated the team of Nathan Welsh and Justin Weber to become the student body leaders for the remainder of the school year.

What does it take to become student body president and vice president? Four senior guys found out

when vying for second semester leadership.

First and foremost, the candidates must be passing in all classes the quarter before. They must also be a member of the senior class and have 5% of the student body sign a petition.

Once the petition is handed in, they must prepare a speech for an assembly in front of the whole student body. This must be approved by Ms. Marsha Graney, student council adviser, and a copy of the

speech left with her. No restrictions were put on the speeches except that they be serious.

At the assembly the candidates, Cody Asher/Guy Ferris and Nathan Welsh/Justin Weber, gave their speeches and were asked questions which were devised by the election committee of the student council.

Presiding over the student council activities and being master of ceremonies for all student assemblies are the duties of the president. The vice president attends all com-

mittee meetings and takes over the president's duties when he is absent.

And what happens to our previous student body president and vice president, Josh Ley and Ben Van Camp? They become members of the student council as representatives of the senior class.

When asked of this semester's race, Ms. Graney said, "Both sides had good issues and ideas, but, unfortunately, only one team can win."

## Tryouts nearing

by Jvonne Heard

**E**veryone: get out your singing voices and your dancing shoes because the musical "Oklahoma" is going to be hitting the stage soon.

Students will have a chance to show off their talents in tryouts for the spring musical beginning February 18. Tryouts will continue through February 22.

"The first three days will be sign up days and the last two days will be call-back days," said Hyrma Zakahi, play director.

The cast consists of nine female speaking parts, 13 or 14 male speaking parts, chorus, dancers, and the pit orchestra.

The auditions will consist of reading, singing in groups of five or six, and doing some dance moves.

Zakahi mentioned that people wouldn't have to sing solos unless they are called back at the end of the week.

"I am hoping for a pretty good turnout," Zakahi said.

Any one interested in auditioning can sign up in the music rooms in February. Auditions will be held in the theater.

## War breaks out in Gulf

by Stephanie Farries

**O**ver the past weeks, students have watched as events unfolded in the Middle East. On Wednesday, January 16, President Bush made the ultimate political decision with the implementation of Operation Desert Storm.

The United States brought Operation Desert Storm to Baghdad in a predawn air attack. No major residential areas were bombed, despite Iraqi reports. The attack came after Saddam Hussein's refusal to evacuate Kuwait by January 15.

Iraq retaliated by carrying through its previous threat to attack Israel. The Bush administration had assured Israel that they would be defended against an Iraqi attack. The military action taken on Tel Aviv and Haifa force Israeli officials to consider seeking vengeance.

President Bush said he was in consultation with the Israeli government and assured them that the United States was doing its utmost to destroy the Iraqi missile sites that threaten Israel.

As the week continued, so did the missile attacks, adding Saudi Arabi-

an targets to the agenda. As the missiles showered down, one of the biggest concerns was that of chemical warfare. It was feared that some of the war heads of the Iraqi SCUD missiles contained harmful chemicals and bacteria. This would pose a much greater threat to the area than would conventional warfare.

Going into the early part of the next week, the battle raged on. The United States targeted Iraqi SCUD missile cites, and sought after their mobile missiles. The Iraqis retaliat-

ed by blowing up Kuwaiti oil wells. The masses of burning oil raged but posed little interference to the United States' activities.

Some of the best news South Dakota had heard about the Middle Eastern crisis came from Governor George Mickelson on Friday, January 18. In his weekly press conference, Mickelson said that no more South Dakota National Guard units are expected to be activated for the Persian Gulf War. However, this could change if circumstances warrant a need.

## Students help at Inaugural

by Dawn Swendsen

**T**hree dances made up the conclusion to the day's activities for Inauguration 1991.

As the day drew to a close, students volunteered their time at the different dances to help with such things as greeting guests and checking in coats. "I was at the Capitol Rotunda. I introduced myself to the guests and then introduced them to the Governor and his family and the Lt. Governor and his guest," senior Ann Hofer said.

Other students had the opportunity to make a little money while they helped out. Kristie List helped check coats at the Ramkota River-Center. "I took coats for about five hours and made about \$50 in tips from the guests," she said.

"Having three dances gave the people more of a choice on what kind of music they wanted to dance to," senior Stephanie Farries said. The bands ranged from an orchestra at the Capitol Ball to a rock band at the Celebration Dance held at the Kings Inn.



## Features

# Students express opinion

In a recent Governor survey, 165 juniors and seniors were asked five questions about the U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf War. Eighty-nine percent of all responding students indicated that they supported the U.S. involvement in the war, while 11 percent did not fa-

vor U.S. involvement.

Most students believe that America needed to step into the situation and provide leadership in the war against Saddam Hussein.

"We had to go to war so Saddam doesn't get rich from Kuwait's oil to buy vast nuclear weapons knowledge," says junior Mark Hyde.

## Students react to war

by Dawn Droppers

Since war has broken out in the Persian Gulf, the students of Riggs, as well as everyone else, have been affected by the crisis in many different ways.

Although many students here at Riggs do not personally have a member of the family stationed in the Gulf, most know of at least one person who is over there. So when war broke out, it certainly hit very close to home.

The students here have reacted to this crisis in many different ways.

Some students spend their free time glued to CNN or other news stations, and the situation at the present time dominates their conversation.

Others watch a little television or listen to a radio report for the latest

information a couple times a day and then continue on with their lives as if it has very little to do with them.

Yet others will hear no talk about the war or watch any television because it is just something they would rather not think about.

Many people here at Riggs are planning futures in the military. Since the war has broken out, some have changed their minds. There are others who can not wait to get over there to fight for our country and against Hussein. Many of the military-bound people are hoping, like the rest of America, that by the time they get through basic training, the war will be over. Whether that happens is yet to be seen.

For the most part, there is very little students can do except watch and wait.

Most of the survey respondents dismissed the idea that the motivation for the war is U.S. oil interests.

"I don't feel we are fighting for oil as many peace demonstrators says we are. I feel we are defending those that can't defend themselves from the aggression of Hussein. If we don't do something to stop this aggression now, it will only be more costly and harder to stop in the future," says senior Dawn Swendsen.

Senior Kristi Hansen echoes that sentiment. "This war is being fought to liberate the oppressed country of Kuwait. The people who march in the streets carrying protest signs are only making it tougher on our troops. They need to know that they are fighting for a good cause," said Hansen.

One question that the Governor staff asked on the survey was whether or not the students had relatives who are currently serving in the gulf. A rather surprising percentage of students--23 percent--reported having a relative currently serving in the war. Though they are concerned for their relatives' safety, students remain supportive of the overall war effort.

"I have a cousin in Saudi and one who will be going. I think we should just get it over with," said senior Steph Maskovich. Another student said, "My father and brother could end up going, but I believe

**"My brother is in the stationed in Brookings. that he is in Daharan, concentrated with U.S. f**

in our efforts in the war. I know that they may risk their lives, but somebody needs to do it!"

Senior Mary Patten said, "My cousin was serving over in that area, but his time was up so he got to come back. It's a big relief."

Just how long will this war last? Students tend to be fairly conservative in their estimations. Forty-one percent of respondents believe that the war will be over in two to six months, while another 36 percent say that the war will take six months to a year. Only eight percent of students felt that the war would be over in less than two months; fifteen percent of students believe that the war will last more than one year.

Senior Mike Henderson said, "I am in the Marine Corps and from the high-ranked people I have talked to, we still have a lot of troops back home. I don't think this is going to last over six months because America can't afford it, and Iraq will run out of resources by

## Editorial:

# Troops need our support

by Stephanie Farries

Ever since the crisis in the Persian Gulf started, there has been a lot of disagreement on whether or not the United States should have gotten involved. Some people don't agree with the initiative that the United States has taken. However, one thing that we should all agree on is to support all of our troops involved in the conflict.

Over the past few months, we have seen television clips of South Dakotans sending their greetings back home to family and friends. We have heard and seen stories of families saying good-bye to loved ones as they are called to serve our country.

South Dakota has contributed a higher percentage of National Guard troops to this operation than the national average. And, like other wars, it has or will effect every one of us in some way or another. Most of us know at least one person stationed in the Persian Gulf.

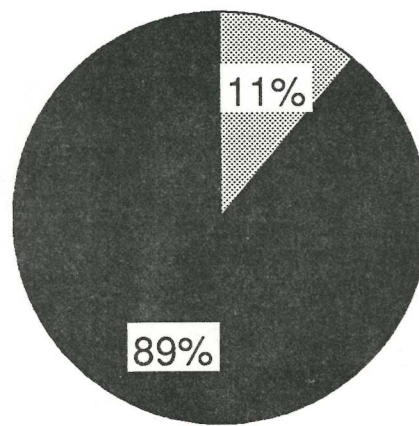
Most of us fear war and the loss of life that will come with it. No matter how apprehensive we may be about war, we should support our troops. They deserve our support.

Demonstrations here at home can be very debilitating to the morale of our dedicated service men and women abroad. Demonstrating shows division, and our soldiers need to know that we stand behind them.

This war is not a simple case of fighting for oil. The freedoms and quality of life that many of us take for granted have been taken away from the Kuwaiti people. Our brave men and women are willing to lay down their lives to keep people free from oppression. It is our patriotic duty to support our troops in every way possible.

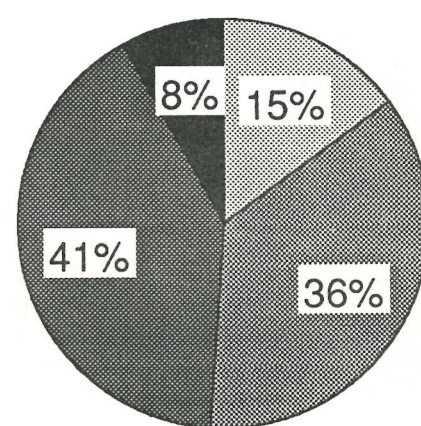
## Survey says!

**Do you support US involvement in the war?**



■ 89% support war  
■ 11% do not support war

**How long will the war last?**



■ 8% less than 2 months  
■ 41% two to six months  
■ 36% six to twelve months  
■ 15% longer than a year



## Features

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On the phone he said  
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**Alex Klocker, senior**

then."

Another question the Governor staff wondered was whether students would be willing to enlist in a branch of the military at this time, assuming they were old enough. Of the respondents, thirty-eight percent expressed such willingness to enlist, while sixty-two percent indicated they would not be willing to enlist.

"I am not against the war, but more people would think closer about it if they were heading over. I personally would not go over there for anything. Maybe I'd head to Canada," said junior Ashley Riter.

Will the U.S. eventually need to begin drafting troops?

Sixty-four percent of students did not believe so, but thirty-six percent thought that a draft would be needed at some point.

"I understand that the war is for the rights of man. If the draft were to start, I would go and fight. But I wish that the people who send other people's children to war would send their own children also," said jun-

ior Eugene SwiftHawk.

Another student said, "I just pray for the soldiers and their families, and I pray that there will not be a draft."

Even those students who are not in favor of war are especially careful to point out that they support the efforts of our servicemen and women who are putting their lives on the line.

## Loved ones' safety is students concern

by Stephanie Farries

**W**ar in the Persian Gulf has touched nearly everyone in some way or another. Most everyone knows someone that was called to duty when the conflict started. This time is especially hard for those who have relatives or other loved ones in Saudi Arabia.

Senior Heather Hageman has a brother, Jim, that is in the Air Force. In August his unit in Florida was called to serve in Saudi Arabia.

"I don't like the idea of my brother being in the Persian Gulf. I worry a lot and wonder what's happening," Hageman said.

Hageman recently received a letter from her brother in which he said: "I never dreamt that I would

"Even though I do not like war and everything that comes with it, I don't believe in any protests against this war because our troops need every bit of support we can give!" said junior Lora Den Ouden.

One student summarized the mood of much of the nation in signing the survey simply, "God Bless America and our troops!"

be involved in a war, and it's a nightmare." His family only knows that he is somewhere in Saudi Arabia; he wasn't "allowed" to give his exact location.

These are times for worry for Keva Briggs right now, also. Her fiancé Adam Joens was also sent to serve his country in the Persian Gulf. "He doesn't want to be there, but it is his job and he'll do it to the best of his ability," Briggs said. She added, "I support him 200% and hope he gets home safely."

Concern for our troops is something most everyone can relate to. Casualties are inevitable in a war, but for those who have loved ones involved in that war, the idea is all the more difficult to think about.

## Quick Quotes

"I feel that most people support the troops and the men who are serving. Most people just don't support the political side of our involvement."

Cassandra Rupe, junior

"I have a cousin and a boyfriend in the Guards, and I'm very frightened that they'll get sent over. I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

Anne Rapp, junior

"We should commend all the troops in the gulf for their bravery and willingness to protect our country."

Clint Peitz, junior

"The U.S. is tired of getting pushed around by the rest of the world and finally said, 'That's enough of that!' It's our turn to push back and stand for what we believe in."

Allen Geuther, senior

"I think that we should be more supportive of our troops there."

Jeremy Ellwein, junior

"I do not have any ideas about this war. I am neither for or against it. I remain neutral."

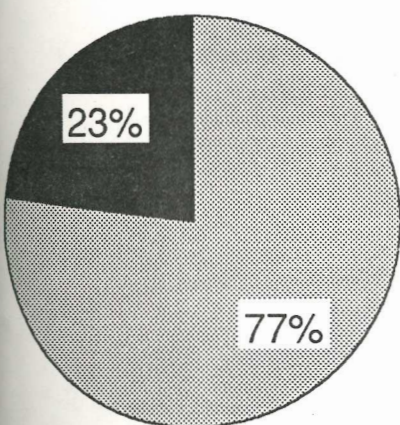
Lynette Fisherman, junior

"I do support the war in the gulf because I think that we have to do something because no other country would do it on their own. If we don't stop him now, he would just keep on going and gaining power until he would be almost unstoppable."

Ryan Miller, junior

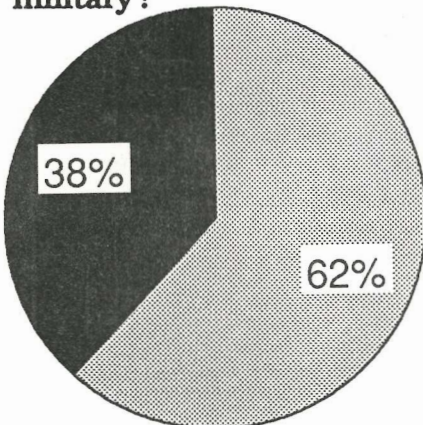
## students believe war is necessary

**Do you have a relative serving in the gulf?**



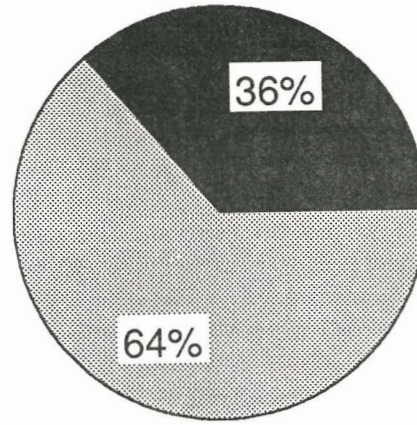
■ 23% have a relative in the Gulf  
■ 77% do not have a relative in the Gulf area

**Would you be willing to enlist in a branch of the military?**



■ 38% are willing  
■ 62% are not willing

**Will the U.S. need to begin drafting troops?**

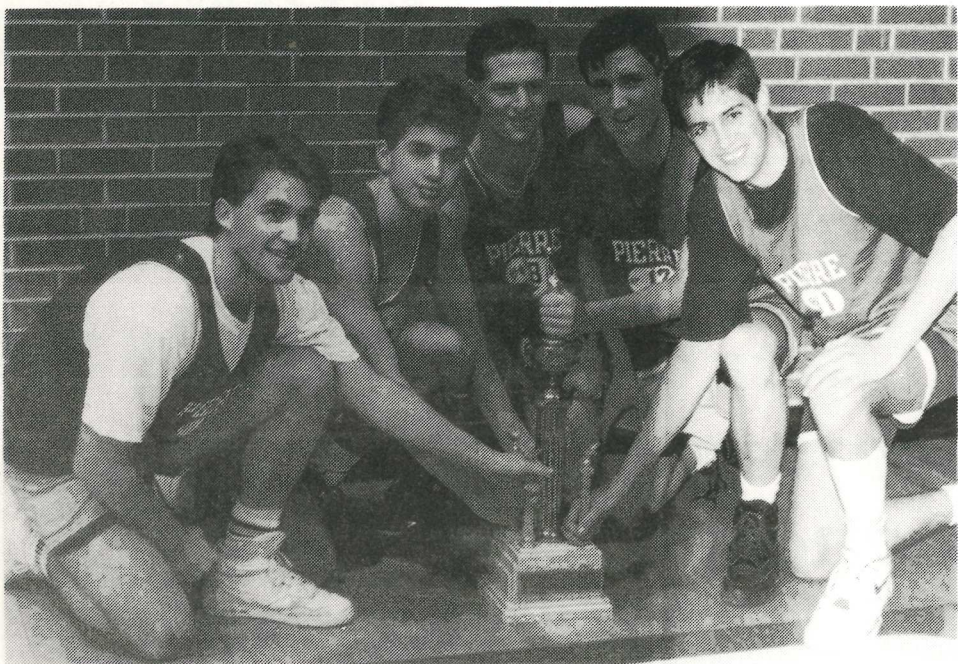


■ 36% believe a draft will be necessary  
■ 64% do not believe a draft will be necessary



Sports

Capital city teams matchup:  
Governor's Cup game to be played



Governor's Cup . . . Matt Judson, Tony Olander, Chris Stout, Nathan Welsh and Rob Merrill hope to retain the trophy another year with a win this Saturday night.

by Ann Hofer

This weekend's basketball game will feature the annual match-up between the capital city teams of both South Dakota and North Dakota, called the "Governor's Cup" game.

Bismarck this year travels to Pierre for Saturday's game. Last year Pierre beat Bismarck on Bismarck's home floor, a highly unusual turn of events, says Coach Bob Judson.

Most of the time the visiting team loses, he said.

How will the two teams match up this year? Judson says he doesn't know a lot about their team. "I think they should be about in our league of play--they have a new coach this year," said Judson.

"We are going to have to tighten

up our defense to be successful," said Judson about the remainder of the season.

Judson said one of their defensive problems has been stopping people consistently.

The Governors' offenses are designed to work against both man to man defense and zone defense.

Judson said, "Our hopes right now, with the growing number of injuries we are experiencing, are just trying to improve steadily and be competitive."

Junior Ryan Johnson, who has been sidelined with an injury, is still questionable for this weekend, said Judson. "If he plays at all, it would be very limited," said Judson.

In two home games last weekend, the Governors were defeated by the Mitchell Kernels Friday night and went on to beat the Pine Ridge Thorpes Saturday night.

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Wrestlers look toward regionals

by Heather Whitney

The wrestlers have competed in four tournaments and four duals in the past month and a half. Two wrestlers, Shad Riggle and Willie Zeller, placed fourth and sixth respectively at the Rapid City Invitational.

From January 4 - 7 the team had a busy schedule. They teamed up against Watertown for the first home dual on January 4. The wrestlers sustained a tough loss to the Arrows, but came back strong with a second-place finish in the five team Pierre tournament. The team scores for that tournament included: Pierre 50, Miller 23; Pierre 53, Rapid City Central 20; Pierre 40, Aberdeen 24; Valentine 48, Pierre 25.

The team then traveled to Brookings where they matched up against the Bobcats. The wrestlers beat the Bobcats earlier in the year at the Watertown Invitational but were unable to gain another win against them. The team went on to Aberdeen where they suffered a close loss to the Golden Eagles.

The wrestlers have been working hard on technique and conditioning. Improvements in these areas have led to good results in the Mitchell Invitational, Huron Dual, and the Winner Invitational.

Four team members claimed victories at the Mitchell Invitational. Shad Riggle placed fourth at 135 pounds, Kray Zeller placed first at 145 pounds, Chris Stotts placed third at 189 pounds, and Warren Rath was champion at heavyweight.

According to the rankings released after the Mitchell Invitational by the SD Wrestling Coaches Association, Pierre showed good results with three wrestlers rated in Class A. Shad Riggle ranked number 3 at 135 pounds, Kray Zeller ranked number 6 at 145 pounds, and Willie Zeller ranked number 7

at 140 pounds.

The team then wrestled at home against Huron. The team had many close wins in the first two periods, but fatigue caused losses in the third period.

The wrestlers traveled to Winner as returning champs in the annual Winner Invitational. Shad Riggle placed second, Kray Zeller placed fourth, and Warren Rath placed second.

As the season comes to a close, the wrestlers are preparing for regionals.

Skiing popularity spreading

by Kerry Whitney

Besides wrestling, gymnastics and basketball, there are many sports one can participate in during the winter. They can range from swim team to snowmobiling.

But one sport more and more students are enjoying is down-hill snow skiing. The sport has been around for a long time but its popularity is spreading.

The prices may be a little spendy, but most skiing enthusiasts say it is worth it. An all day, all area ski

pass is about \$23. If people don't own a pair of skis, they have to rent them. Many places rent skis, including the ski area itself, as well as stores in Deadwood and Lead.

Skis can even be rented in Pierre at Beckwith's.

To rent skis as Terry Peak, it costs around \$15.

Skiing does take a fair chunk out of the wallet, but most students feel it is worth it

You might get better skiing in Colorado, but the ski areas in the Black Hills aren't bad.