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Channel 1 may be added

by Stephanie Farries

A few schools across South Dakota have opted to add a special news broadcast to their curriculum. Riggs High may be next to add the Channel 1 TV news program to its classrooms.

Channel 1 is a 12-minute daily news and information program designed to make the news relevant to the concerns and studies of teenagers. It is being offered to various secondary schools by the Whittle Educational Network.

Every day, Channel 1 is produced in studios in New York City. The broadcast is transmitted to schools by satellite before dawn every day. The school receives the Channel 1 signal via a satellite dish. The program is automatically recorded on videotape in the principal's office or library. Recording occurs daily before 6:00 a.m. Eastern time to allow previewing time.

Whittle provides all the equipment, including 19-inch color televisions throughout the school, free of charge. They also provide the satel-

lite dish, all internal wiring needed, and two videocassette recorders.

Whittle also makes available the use of two other channels, the Classroom Channel and the Educators' Channel. The Classroom Channel is designed to provide programs that are general and curriculum specific. It would offer various programs that teachers could show their students relative to the course work. The Educator's Channel would provide programs on teaching techniques, classroom strategies

and updates on current trends and research.

The funding for the Channel 1 program comes from two minutes of commercials that are included in every twelve minute broadcast. Some, the National PTA in particular, oppose the program because "it requires children to watch TV commercials as a condition of learning," they say. They also think that advertisements should stay out of the schools.

It's winter in Pierre

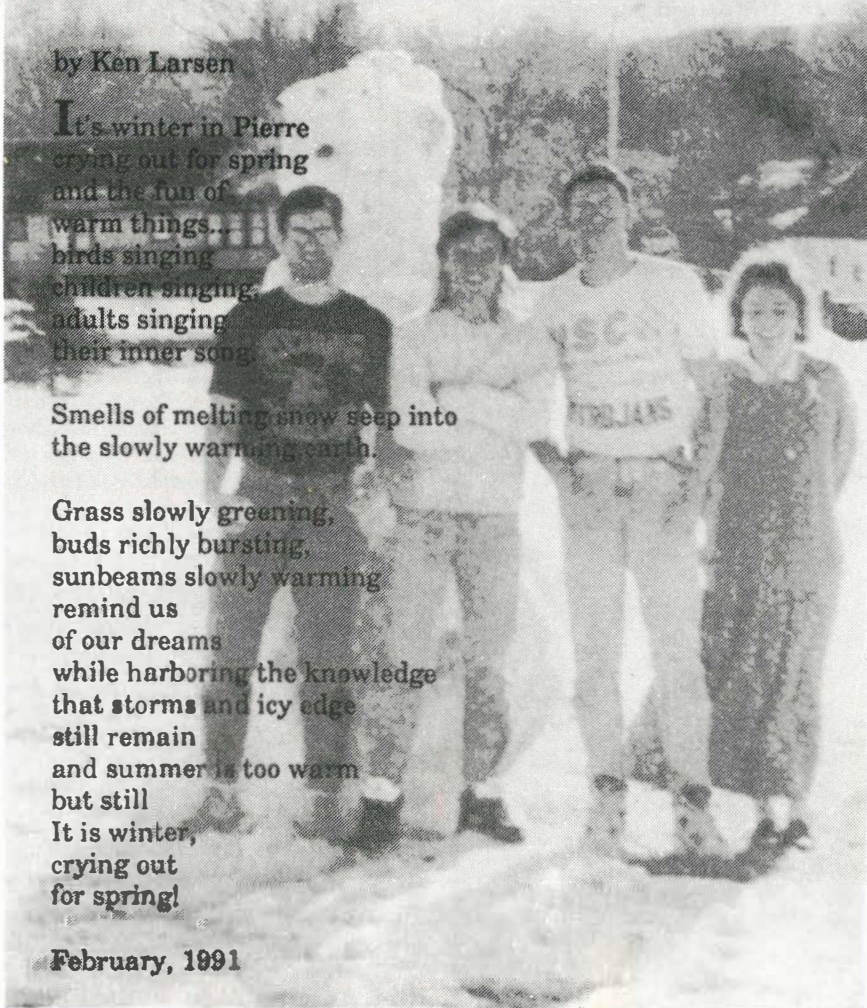
by Ken Larsen

It's winter in Pierre
crying out for spring
and the fun of
warm things...
birds singing
children singing
adults singing
their inner song.

Smells of melting snow seep into
the slowly warming earth.

Grass slowly greening,
buds richly bursting,
sunbeams slowly warming
remind us
of our dreams
while harboring the knowledge
that storms and icy edge
still remain
and summer is too warm
but still
It is winter,
crying out
for spring!

February, 1991



Gemar visits Pierre

by Stephanie Farries

Major Charles "Chuck" Gemar, South Dakota's first astronaut, brought with him a piece of heritage and words of wisdom for students on his recent visit to Pierre.

Gemar, a Scotland, SD native, was a member of the Atlantis crew in November. Accompanying him on his journey into space was a South Dakota State flag, which was presented to Lt. Governor Walter Dale Miller. Miller accepted the flag on behalf of the State Senate, and later gave it to the South Dakota Heritage Center.

Gemar also had a message to convey to students across South Dakota. "If you set your goals and your dreams, you will achieve them," he said. Chasing dreams is what led Gemar to aeronautics. "I've always been a dreamer, and flying was always a dream--space flight being the ultimate," Gemar said.

He also encouraged the improvement of science and math programs in our schools. "No matter how good

the programs are, there is always room for improvement," he said.

Gemar said that many students have an impression that the sciences are hard, and they become deterred from pursuing careers in these fields.

He stressed the importance of hard work, and that in the end, it will all pay off.



Rubbing elbows... editor Stephanie Farries has an opportunity to interview astronaut Chuck Gemar.

Comment

Editorial:
Channel 1: a good idea

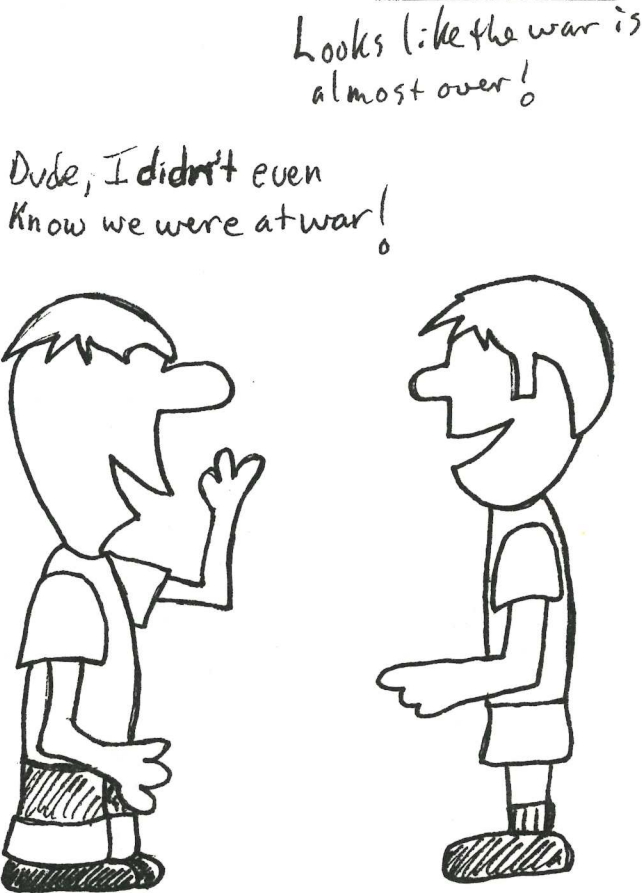
by Stephanie Farries

Students across America are not as informed about news issues as they could be. The Channel 1 program would offer the opportunity for students to become more aware of national and world affairs.

There should be no controversy about adding the service to our school. Although some students watch the news or read the newspaper, the majority do neither. Channel 1 would be viewed by all of the students present in school and would help to increase our knowledge in current events. It seems pointless to study the history of our nation and not have any idea of what is happening today.

The National PTA's viewpoint seems rather ridiculous. It is not in our best interest to pass up 10 minutes of news just because of two minutes of commercials. Advertisements are prevelant all over our school, most frequently in the clothes we wear. It would be impossible to keep advertisements out of our schools completely. Although the National PTA has our best interests in mind, they should reconsider their reasoning behind not supporting the proposal.

Riggs High would be greatly benefitted by adding Channel 1 to its classrooms. Two minutes of advertisements seem like a little price to pay for what Channel 1 would be worth.



What the People Say

Adding Channel 1 to Riggs High School is an issue that is raising a substantial amount of discussion and consideration. Here are some of the opinions of those who would be effected by the addition.

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Kara Durick, Sr

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Rick Campbell, Jr.

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Trena Jensen, Soph.

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Mrs. Birhanzel

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Mr. Lonbaken

I feel many students would benefit from Channel One because many students don't take the time to keep informed about current events. I feel high school students should be aware of the events that effect their lives.

I feel it is a good thing. It will help keep us up to date. Two minutes of commercials won't bother me, if I can hear the news everyday.

I don't watch the news because I don't have time. I should know what is going on, so I think it would be a good idea.

I hope we are able to take advantage of this opportunity. It is exciting to think about the possibilities it offers us.

Channel 1 seems to be working in other systems that I have seen. We need to have an awareness of what is going on.

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News

Talsma completes project, Journalists meet officials becomes Eagle Scout

by Jennifer Dickerson

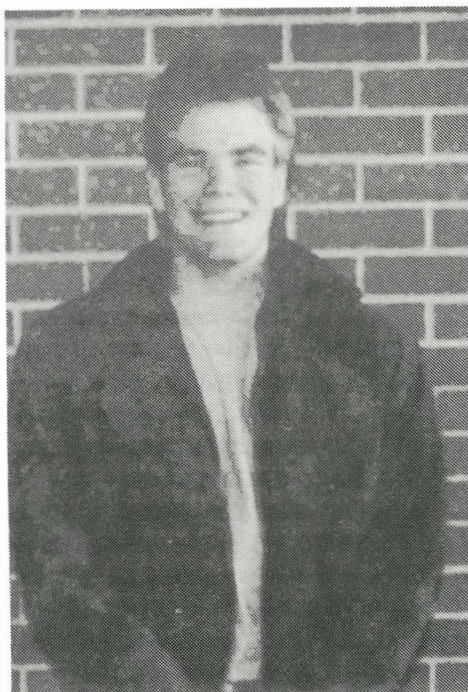
Senior Brent Talsma, went scouting to become an Eagle--an Eagle Scout, that is. He recently received his Eagle ranking at a ceremony after having built and placed 18 spawning structures for small-mouthed bass in a rearing pond below Oahe Dam.

Talsma designed and built, with the help of his father, fellow scouts, and scout leaders, two types of spawning boxes. One type had a cover elevated 18 inches over half the base, which was 2 by 3 feet. The other type has a 3-foot square base and 2 by 4 sides. The boxes were then put in 3 to 4 feet of water and marked for later observation. During spawning season, Talsma made arrangements with an underwater photographer to take pictures of the results. He discovered activity in all of the boxes.

It appeared that the boxes with covers were more successful because they protected the eggs and fry and also shielded the bass from birds.

What did he like best about his project? Talsma said, "We got the chance to work outdoors and do a project that was beneficial to wildlife."

Talsma said that reaching Eagle



Senior Brent Talsma's scouting days have come to an end. (photo by Mandy Johnson)

scout status is only achieved by approximately five percent of all Boy Scouts. It involves a lot of hard work on the part of the individual Scout that must be approved by the local, state, and national Boy Scout organizations.

Now that he is an Eagle Scout, there is no higher distinction in the realm of scouting; now he holds a new position of leadership, assistant Scoutmaster.

by Dawn Swendsen

Three students gained first-hand experience with the Legislature. Kara Durick, Dawn Swendsen, and Stephanie Farries, All-State Journalists, spent a day and a half with the South Dakota Legislature.

The event, sponsored by the South Dakota High School Press Association, is open to All-State Journalists and All-State Photographers. The days offer a chance for high school journalists to gain experience in writing by attending press conferences and committee meetings. It also gives the students the opportunity to get involved in the legislative process.

Swendsen and Durick spent their time with Senator Michael Rounds, and Farries spent her time with Representative Mike Shaw. The legislators took the time to talk to these students about issues that were being discussed in the chambers. The legislators also answered any questions that the students had concerning specific bills and about the legislative procedures.

The event started Thursday afternoon. The students contacted their legislators and got acquainted

with them. The students were invited to sit in the chambers during the afternoon session. The evening's event was a program by Terry and Kevin Woster. They addressed the All-State Journalists and Photographers about the career of journalism. Virginia Wishard, assistant to Gretchen Lord Anderson, also spoke about her career in journalism.

Friday's schedule included sitting in on the press conference that is held every Friday for the press corps by Governor Mickelson. Governor Mickelson also held a special press conference for the All-State Journalists and Photographers. The students had the chance to speak with the Governor about issues facing the Senate. The students also attended the Senate Judiciary Committee and listened to the discussion on the abortion bill. In the afternoon the students were once again invited to sit in the chambers with their legislator during the day's session.

Through this event students have been given the opportunity to meet state officials and to ask them questions about specific topics. The event also gives the students the chance to explore the political side of a career in journalism.

Earthday Everyday

by Stephanie Farries

Houseplants have accented people's homes for many years. They have served many ornamental purposes by bringing a touch of nature indoors. But experts are now discovering that plants are more than just decorative objects--they also clean the air we breathe. NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has recently discovered that ordinary houseplants significantly reduce potentially dangerous indoor pollution.

While much of our environmental attention has been focused on the outside world, scientists say that what's happening inside our homes may be more immediately threatening to our well-being. The air in some buildings is one hundred times more polluted than the air outside, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Considering that we spend an estimated 90 percent of our time indoors, this fact could pose a definite threat to our health.

One of the most common problems is "sick building syndrome," due in large part to the particles given off by synthetic building materials which have been in wide use for the past twenty-five years, combined with poor ventilation in buildings that are tightly sealed for energy efficiency. Pollutants are produced by such everyday objects as furniture, cleaning supplies, carpet backing, telephone cables and computers. Symptoms of sick building syndrome include headaches, nausea, rashes, eye irritation and congestion. Especially toxic pollutants such as benzene and formaldehyde can result in diseases of the blood system, respiratory ailments and even cancer.

Virtually every home has some degree of indoor pollution. Plants help combat the problem by purifying the air; scientists don't fully understand how, but they suspect plants absorb pollutants and in turn release oxygen through pores in their leaves and microorganisms living on their roots.

So deck your halls with houseplants--they'll better your health and brighten your home.

Ley wins recognition as Coke semi-finalist

by Ann Hofer

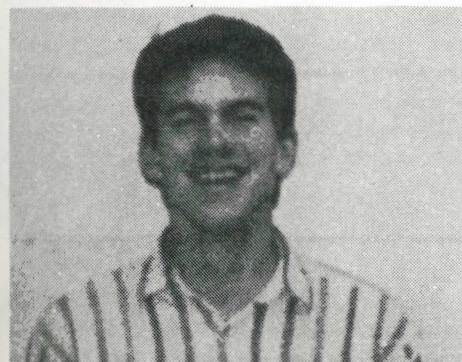
Joshua Ley has been selected from more than 60,000 applicants as one of the 1,800 Coca-Cola Scholar Semi-finalists in 1991.

Selection is based on a number of

factors such as the applicant's character, personal merit, and background of each individual. Some more specific factors would be leadership in school, civic and other extracurricular activities, and academic achievements.

Ley said, "I am very honored to be chosen as a semi-finalist."

In late March, the number of finalists will be narrowed to 150. These finalists will then go to national competition in Atlanta, Georgia, in April. In Atlanta they will compete for designation as a National or Regional Coca-Cola Scholar. The 50 national scholars will receive \$5,000 per year, and the 100 regional scholars will receive \$1,000 scholarships; both of these scholarships are renewable for up to four years.



Senior Josh Ley hopes to become a finalist. (photo by Mandy Johnson)

Features

DATING: the BEST

by Dawn Droppers

Many people have had disastrous things happen on dates, and Riggs students and faculty are no exception. Here are a few embarrassing and funny things that have happened to people on dates.

A teacher said her first date was terrible. After a treacherous dinner at a pizza parlour, her date just got up and left, she supposed to go warm up the car. He came back in to get her and they just left--without paying. She spent the rest of the night worrying about getting caught.

Another couple decided they would go sit on a beach and watch the stars since they hadn't been alone for awhile. "We were sitting there enjoying the quietness, and I swore I heard a noise in the trees behind us. He said I was hearing things. A minute or two later I heard it again, and he did too this time. The next thing we know, the noise is real close, and we moved towards the water and started throwing rocks into the trees. We waited and heard nothing for a while. The next thing I knew this huge raccoon came out of the trees, and we both jumped a mile and a half. After that, the mood was ruined because

every couple seconds I would start giggling again," the girl said.

A guy said that he and his girlfriend were doing cookies and horsing around in the snow when his car ran into a big drift of snow. It was freezing out, and they had to walk to a phone and call her parents to come and get them.

Another teacher here at Riggs said that he went on a double date with a friend of his. The only problem was that he wanted to be with his friend's date, and his friend wanted to be with his. So they ended up taking each other's dates home. "It was quite an uncomfortable situation," he said.

One couple reported being pulled over for being "overly-friendly", as the police officer put it. The guy didn't have a valid driver's license, so his date had to drive herself home. On the way, she nearly totaled his car.

Another person reported a similar situation. Her date decided to teach her how to drive. Even though she didn't have her license, she decided she would give it a try. The evening ended with her side-swiping a building.

Many people have had some quite interesting and definitely original dating experiences. The most important ability that a person can develop in the face of such dating disasters, however, seems to be the ability to laugh at your self.

Murphys law applies to dating

by Ann Hofer

Many people have experienced dating disasters at one time or another in their life. They may be caused by car problems, fights, or just plain bad luck.

Curfews are sometimes a problem. Senior Kerry Whitney said, "My dating disaster happened when I was in eighth grade. I was going out with a sophomore, and one night we went out when I really didn't notice the time until I was an hour and a half late. When I got home, every light in the house was on and my mother was sitting outside in the driveway in a lawnchair! After that, he stopped talking to me!"

Angie Hine had a different experience with a group of foreigners. "Last year, when I lived in Rhode Island, my family sponsored a college student from India. He really didn't know anyone, so when he asked me to go out dancing, I agreed. He came to pick me up an hour late with nine other friends. They ran out of gas on the freeway. The place that they wanted to go dancing at was an hour away, and the whole ride, they talked to each other in their own language. I couldn't understand a word they were saying. We had to stand in

"On the way to the movie after prom, I got into a fight with the 'town stud' "

Jon Gonsor, Chemistry teacher

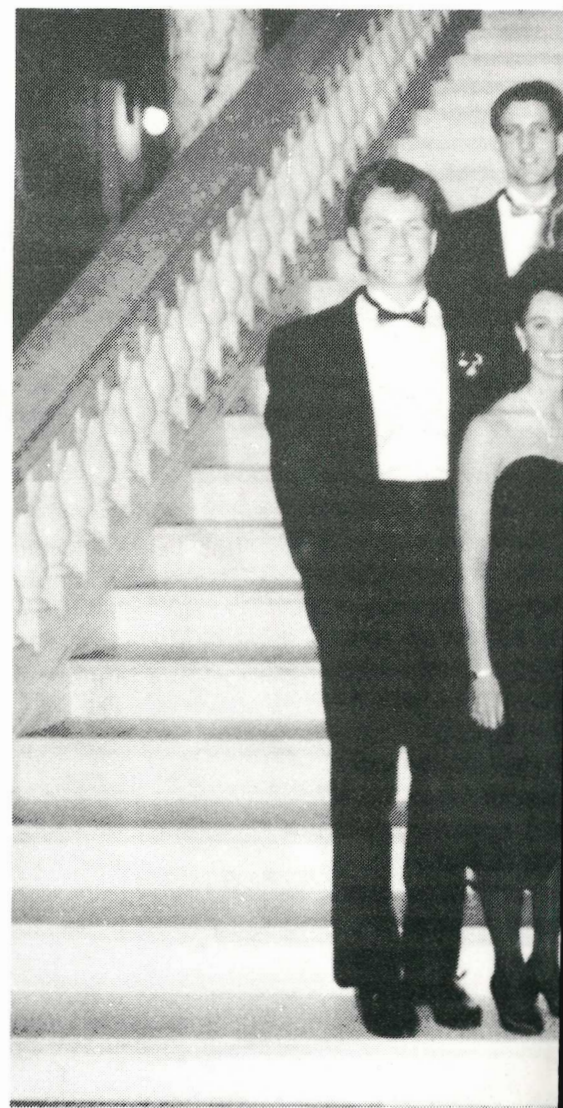
line to get our tickets. Some of his friends went to eat while we saved their places. When we finally got to the door, they still weren't back so we called around to find them, only to discover they weren't at the restaurant they said they'd be at. We went looking for them and couldn't find them. Finally, he called a cab to take me home. By the time I got home, I was over three hours late. My father yelled at him for bringing me home so late. Needless to say, he didn't come over for a long time."

Sometimes car problems can ruin a date. Sophomore Mark Brost said, "One night I went to pick up my girlfriend and while I was at the door, the emergency brake in my car went out and the car rolled into the middle of Harrison. We finally made it to the movies, only to discover that two of my friends were there. They sat behind us and made weird noises. She didn't like the movie; she said it was overly violent, and I enjoyed it, so that really didn't help. The evening was a total disaster!"

Prom night disasters are very unfortunate, but they often happen.

"My boyfriend came to pick me up to go to his prom. We had just attended my prom the weekend before, and we really didn't have too much fun. We ended up breaking up at the end of the night. Unfortunately, I discovered that he like the girl that we double-dated with. She and I had to spend the night at his house because it was snowing out and we couldn't make it back to Pierre. To make matters worse, I had to drive home with them the next day," said senior Carly Snyder.

Ever had one of those dates where you wished you hadn't even left the house? Well, read on. "One night I was secretly taking out my girlfriend's best friend to a party in Gregory. I thought that there was no way my girlfriend would go to Gregory. Gregory is a half hour away, plus she doesn't know anyone there, I told myself. Her friend wasn't worried about seeing her at all. Well, we went to the party, and the instant we walked in, we about died. Right there in front of us was the person we had both least expected to be there. She didn't talk to either of us for a couple of weeks."



All dressed up with someplace to go... King of Hearts dance.

Features

of times? or the WORST!



Ready for some fun... Chris Stout, Mandy Johnson, Macy Welsh, Becky Gere and Ryan Johnson plan for the evening.

How to pop the question?

by Dawn Droppers

"Should I ask him? What if he says no? Or worse yet, what if he says yes out of sympathy? Maybe I shouldn't. Well, what have I got to lose? But what if..." These are questions that run through many girls' heads while debating if they should ask that certain somebody to King of Hearts.

Typically the pressure is on the guy, but in this day and age, the girl sometimes finds herself with the pressure of asking the guy out. This is especially true at Riggs during the months before the annual King of Hearts dance. The girls with boyfriends have it easy. For the girl who had someone she really wanted to go with, but who had not gone out with him before, the task was one that put a year's worth of stress into one week.

So how did some girls handle this? Most put it off for a day or two waiting for the perfect moment. They made sure they looked "just right" (not too dressed up, but not too casual) and that they had the exact lines down before they set out to meet their fate.

Others waited light years before they actually got up enough nerve to ask. They debated and came close to asking several times, but ended up putting it off as long as possible. In the end some avoided

asking face to face and resorted to the telephone or even a note.

There were some people who seemed to have no problem at all asking, on the surface, anyway. They admitted feeling nervous, but just wanted to get it over with before they lost the nerve.

By the time the girl asked, it seemed that a lot of the time, the guy had found out some way or another that she was planning on it. In one instance, the guy and his friends brought up the subject several times before the girl finally got up enough nerve to ask.

Another girl used a different approach. She told herself that she would count to twenty-five and then ask her future date. She admitted to counting long past the set number before she asked.

Another common occurrence was having a friend ask the person if they had been asked yet, and if not, would they be interested, to save possible embarrassment.

It would be wrong to say the girls are the only ones to be nervous about asking someone out. Guys have many of the same worries, they just don't often admit it as readily. They have also had more practice, in most cases, and seem to know more "tricks of the trade".

So regardless of the situation, asking someone out is tough, but often, the end result is worth it.



Riggs students and dates pose on the Capitol's steps before going to the

Sports

Higher scoring to be key

Team shooting percentage may well be the key in Friday night's opening game of the district basketball tournament in Mitchell.

Coach Bob Judson believes that his team can play well against the Mitchell Kernels, but that they'll need improve their offense.

"You need three people in double figures to be successful in our league. That's what we'll need this weekend," said Judson.

Judson cited Nathan Welsh's 17 points in last Saturday's win against the Brookings Bobcats and Ryan Johnson, Rob Merrill, and Jamie Luidahl's double-figures in Friday's game with Aberdeen. That is the kind of scoring that the team needs in order to be successful at this point in the season, he said.

"We need a couple of people to get really hot offensively," said Judson.

This week several members of the team have been ill, Judson said. But that isn't worrying him too much. "We've been playing so many people, we can withstand some losses," he said.

Pierre plays its first game against number two ranked Mitchell. The other teams in the district are number three ranked Aberdeen and number four ranked Huron. The team must win at least one game to have the chance to play in the regionals.

In regional competition, Pierre would face West River competition--"a good deal for us," Judson said, since those teams are not as highly ranked as the competition in our own district.

Regardless of the outcome of Friday night's game, the team will be on the road again Saturday night against either Aberdeen or Huron.

Judson resigns post

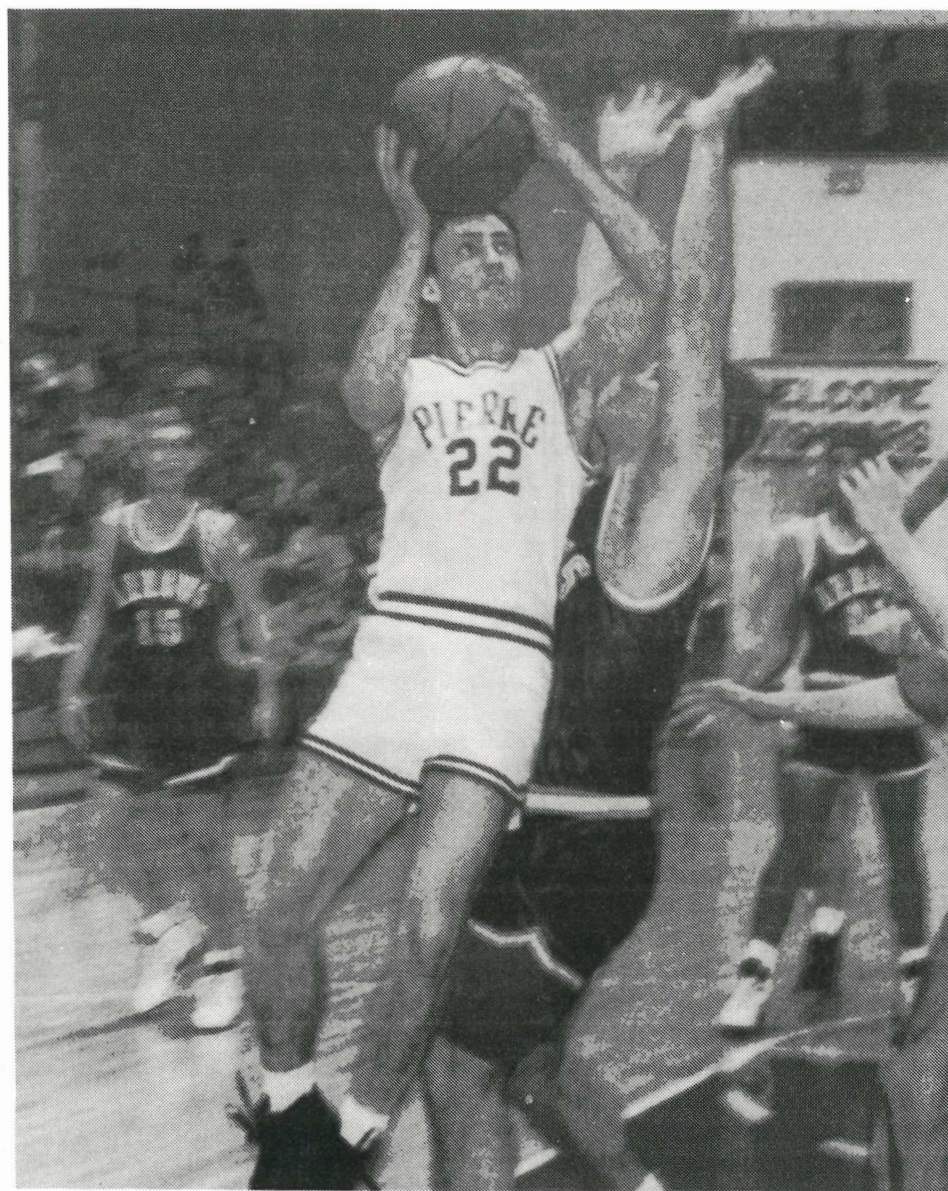
Basketball coach Bob Judson turned in his resignation this week to the Pierre School Board.

Judson intends to continue his teaching duties in the science department but will step down as head boys basketball coach.

Judson says he has been coaching for 27 years and now it's time to do something else.

Judson feels good that he is not "leaving the cupboard bare" for the coach who takes over next year. "The team is going to be good next year," he said.

This weekend's district basketball tourney takes on special meaning for him, as it does for the seniors on the team as well. "This is my last shot at going to state tournament. I want to go just one more time," Judson said.



Putting it up... Pierre guard Nathan Welsh edges his way over a Watertown player. (photo by Mandy Johnson)

Wrestlers close season with strong showing

by Heather Whitney

With five wrestlers placing in the state tournament, the finale of the wrestling season was one that even Coach Rick Jensen didn't dare to dream about.

"When the season started, we didn't know if we were going to win many matches," said Jensen. "We've come a long way," he said.

While they weren't rated in the top ten, they placed eighth at the tournament. Jensen praised his wrestlers highly. "They did things that were absolutely not expected," he said.

Surprisingly, Pierre had the largest number of wrestlers at the

"Pierre's days of finishing out of the top ten are over."

Coach Rick Jensen

state tournament--12 of the 13 on the team. The week before the state tournament, they wrestled at regionals in Chamberlain and finished second, placing 12 of 13 wrestlers in the state tournament.

Five wrestlers placed at the state meet: Shad Riggle, a senior, placed second at 135 pounds; Kray Zeller, a senior, placed third at 145 pounds; Ryan Noyes, a sophomore, placed fourth at 119 pounds; Chris Stotts, a sophomore, placed eighth at 189 pounds; and Willie Zeller, a

freshman, placed eighth at 140 pounds.

Most of these wrestlers had lower records than would normally be expected of state qualifiers, but according to Jensen, they made adjustments as the season went along and improved greatly. "I can't say enough good things about these kids," said Jensen. "They've really been paying attention the last four or five years. They had nothing but an uphill battle with their backs against the wall," he said.

"Pierre used to be a powerhouse in the late '70's and early '80's," Jensen said. In the last 15 years, Pierre hasn't placed in the top ten very often, he said. But Jensen says that those days are over.

"We feel that this team, because of its youth, has set a pattern for the '90's," said Jensen. "Pierre's days of finishing out of the top ten are over," he predicted.

Next year's team will have the advantage of more experience, Jensen said, but this year's team was one of the most improved teams he's had a chance to work with. Four senior wrestlers will graduate this year, including Shad Riggle, Phillip Klein, Kray Zeller and Scott Wharton.

Sports

Gymnasts achieve great success

by Tim Maher

Led by seniors Debi Herr and Hilary Gray, the Pierre Lady Gov gymnasts were on a record-breaking pace this season.

At the ESD Conference meet, held on February 2 at Brandon Valley, Gray became the first Lady Gov to ever win the all-around title when she scored 35.05 points to edge Julie Wenande of Brookings, who had 34.85. Gray also tied her career high in winning the uneven bars at 9.3; she tied for fourth in floor exercises at 8.45.

Gray's victory was a pleasant surprise to Pierre Coach Vickie Semmler. "She gets so close so often," Semmler said. "We were just extremely pleased she placed in all four events and won the all-around.

Pierre, ranked No. 4 in the state, finished second to No.3 and defending ESD champion Brookings in the team competition.

During the Region 3A meet held in Rapid City on February 9, Herr set two school records. Her 9.35 in the floor exercise added .05-point to the score Bonnie Jorgenson set in 1986. Herr had an even 36 in the all-around, eclipsing the 35.73 Hilary Gray established at last year's state meet.

Herr set a new school record during the regular season of 9.6 in the vault, breaking the 9.4 record set by Kim Klein.

The Lady Goves finished second to

Rapid City Central.

All eight of the girls on the team qualified for the state competition, which was held at Rapid City Stevens, on February 15 and 16. Seven out of the eight are all-arounds, while sophomore Kelly Meagher was on the uneven bars.

Top-ranked Rapid City Central won the meet with 139.231 points. Sioux Falls Lincoln was second, just .703-point ahead of the Lady Goves, who scored 133.726.

Senior Hilary Gray had a career-high 9.33 in floor exercise. After falling on bars, Gray performed her

beam routine, in which she received sixth place and scored an 8.8, her highest this season. She scored 33.899 in the all-around and placed 11th.

For her efforts, Gray was named to the coaches all-tournament team.

Senior Debi Herr placed 10th in the all-around with 34.49 points, and was also tied for fifth in vaulting at 9.166. Senior Mandi Hanson tied for ninth in vault at 9.066.

Adding to the team effort were Kelly Meagher's 11th place in bars with a career-high 8.733. Also, sophomore Anne Kenyon had ca-

reer-highs of 8.866 in floor exercise and 8.2 in bars. Sophomore Keri Kuszmaul also had a career high 8.7 in vaulting, and a third-straight fall-free routine on beam.

Semmler said it would be tough to lose seniors Gray, Herr, Hanson and Denise Langley. Gray and Herr were very competitive, Hanson was always contending in vault, and Langley was one of the top beam workers. Semmler added that the four returning sophomores will give her a good foundation to build on for next year.

Students initiate Soccer Club

by Tim Maher

How many times have you played soccer? Once? Twice? Never? If Bret Eschmeyer has his way, that will change.

Eschmeyer has started a soccer team in Pierre. The team is for 19 year olds and under and is coached by his father. The team is coed and made up of boys and girls from Riggs High School and Pierre Junior High School. "About 15 people are practicing right now. More people have begun to express interest in the program, now that they know we have one," stated Eschmeyer.

The group practices every Satur-

day from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at the city auditorium. The group will compete state-wide this summer. They have games scheduled with Watertown, Aberdeen, Sioux Falls, and Rapid City. "The fun will be traveling to these games and playing them," commented junior Jason Wulf.

Soccer is a very demanding sport. It involves a lot of endurance along with physical strength. "It is as tough as football or basketball. It takes a lot of endurance since you are running the whole time, and it involves a great deal of coordination. This is the most popular sport in the world right now," stated

Eschmeyer. Soccer is widely played in Europe, South America, Africa, Central America, and Asia. Only in the last decade has it begun to gain recognition and popularity in the United States.

Soccer is not very expensive. "All you need is a pair of shorts, some shoes, and a ball," stated player Nathan Carter Ward III. Except for the expense of out of town games, it remains fairly inexpensive.

As it is right now, the team is basically run by the kids playing it. "It wouldn't be as much fun if it was through the school. I like the way that we have it. I like the players being in control," said Eschmeyer.

Lady Goves attend regional tournament

by Brooke Severson

The Lady Governor's volleyball team finished their season on February 23 at the Regional tournament in Douglas with a 13-17-2 record. They placed fourth and will not be able to attend the State Tournament in Aberdeen because only the top two teams were allowed to go. The final scores of the Regional Tournament were as follows:

Winner vs. Pierre 15-4, 15-2

Custer vs. Pierre 12-15, 7-15

Hot Springs vs. Pierre 6-15, 5-15

Winner vs. Pierre 6-15, 15-9, 15-6

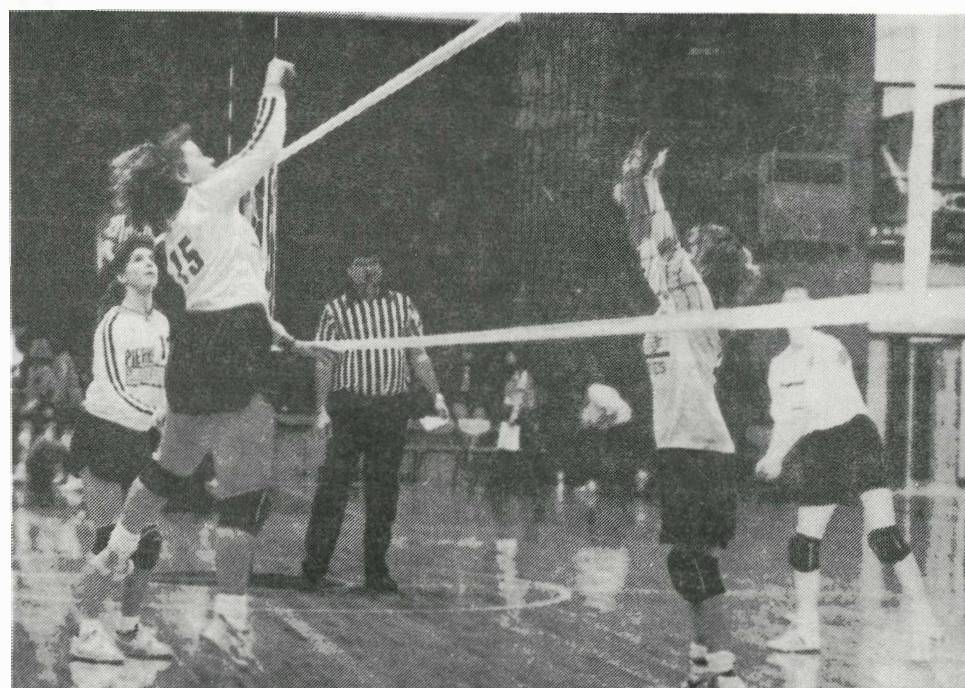
Coach Briese said, "The girls were not ready to play right away in the morning but they progressed well during the rest of the tournament."

Briese and the girls had a meet-

ing at the beginning of the year to establish some goals for the season. "We wanted to improve on last year's record and qualify for the State tournament," Briese said. He also would like to improve the volleyball program.

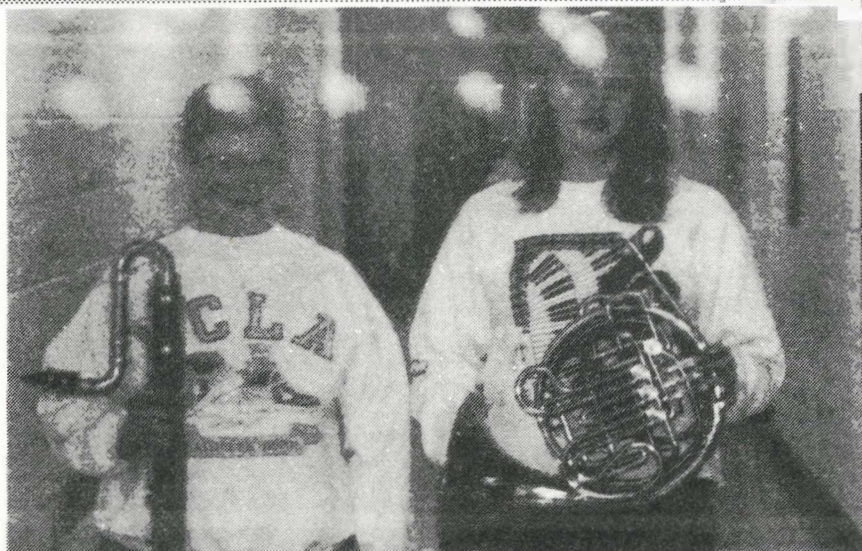
One of the highlights during the season was Ann Hofer and Michelle Reinke making All-tourney team at the St. Francis Tournament. Reinke was also elected All-tourney team at the Kadoka Tournament in February. The team also saw great improvement starting the first of February with a string of six wins.

Briese said they had a very positive season and saw great improvement from beginning to end. "The seniors did a very good job and the juniors and sophomores got in quality playing time," Briese said.



Bump, set, spike ... Pierre spiker goes for the kill against Sully Buttes. (photo by Mandy Johnson)

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Seniors Jvonne Heard and Lori Stulken will gain experience by playing in All-State band. (photo by Mandy Johnson)

Two earn spots in band

by Jvonne Heard

Seniors Lori Stulken and Jvonne Heard have earned spots in the 1991 South Dakota All-State Band to be held in Aberdeen later this month.

Heard and Stulken were among 14 Pierre students to try out for spots in the highly competitive band. Unlike All-State Chorus which has representation from every South Dakota school, All-State Band membership is by audition only, with only 160 students being accepted. No school is guaranteed spots; the students themselves must earn the spots by audition. This year 754 students auditioned for the 160 spots.

Band director Larry Johnson said that this is the first year in his memory that we've had two All-Staters; last year no one from

Pierre was accepted. The year before that, we only had one member, he said.

Johnson also said that two other students missed the cut-off by very little; Andrea Viken on flute missed the cut-off by only two points, and Cheryl Beckwith missed the cut-off on clarinet by only .5 points. Viken's score, in fact, was the best score of all the Pierre students, said Johnson, but because she tried out on one of the mostly highly competitive instruments, the flute, her score still did not gain her acceptance to the band.

Stulken will play French horn, while Heard will play contra-bass clarinet at the three-day event beginning March 21. Students will have the opportunity to play under guest conductor and composer Dr. Francis MacBeth.

News briefs

Musicians gain high honors

Band and chorus members received over 70 Superior ratings altogether at the recent music contest in Mobridge. The competition included both solos and ensembles.

Larry Johnson, band director, said "I had no idea how we would do. I was very pleased with their performances and their behavior."

The highest rating possible was the 1+ rating. Here are some of the individual students or ensembles that earned them. In band, the percussion ensemble and the woodwind

duet (Andrea Viken and Krista Oehlerking) received a 1+. Lora Den Ouden and Lori Stulken both excelled in their solos. Three vocal duets also got a 1+; these duets were sung by Lori Stulken and Angie Tedrow, Jenny Turbiville and Christian Hess, and Tim Schmidt and Christian Hess. Melissa Meier achieved the 1+ rating with her vocal solo. The Large Mixed Ensemble was another group that received a 1+ rating.

Tough issues face legislators

Brooke Severson

This year's legislative assembly began on January 8, 1991. The senators and representatives have been faced with many controversial issues during this session.

Probably the most discussed issue has been the anti-abortion bill. As of now, the Senate Judiciary Committee has not decided how they will vote. Many of the senators are undecided and will not decide until after listening to the testimony. There are many possible amendments that can be added to this bill, and before a decision can be made, the Senators must see the final form of the bill. The Senate vote is

also predicted to be close.

Many bills concerning education have been addressed by the South Dakota Legislature. The following bill have had their first reading passed: Senate Bill #257 which provides for distribution of funds for making K-12 education more modern, and House Bill #1147, which allows high schools and colleges to offer American sign language. These bills will be brought up again for a second reading.

Recycling, tourism, term limitation of senators, and agriculture are just a few of the topics that the Legislature will debate this session. If you wish to check on the proceedings a bill has undergone, you may call 773-4498.

Science fair to be held

Students in Biology II will be presenting their annual projects at a local science fair on March 5, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the high school lunch room.

Students in the class will be competing for awards, with the winners to go on to further competition.

Mr. Jon Gonsor in the faculty sponsor for this contest and science fair.

Four thespians win awards

by Jacinta Wang

The cast of "Scapino" brought home a Superior rating at the State One Act competition recently. The competition was held at Johnson Center in Aberdeen. "Scapino" was directed by Ms. Hyrma Zakahi.

Individual performances were also rated. Kyle Richards received a superior for a lead role. Superiors for a supporting actor were given to both Tim Maher and Tim Schmidt. Kellie Sutton earned a superior for

a supporting actress.

Three judges critique everything from the acting to the lights and set. To receive a superior rating, at least two of the three judges must give a superior. Another criteria of this competition is that the play must be under 30 minutes. The "Scapino" cast cut it close with a time of 28 minutes 55 seconds.

Brent Talsma, who played the role of Senor Argante, said "It was a lot of fun working with everybody. We were a close knit group and everyone worked well together."



Kellie Sutton, Tim Schmidt, Kyle Richards and Tim Maher each won individual acting awards. (Photo by Mandy Johnson)