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Education budget fails

By Brian Madigan

Governor Mickelson's budget plan to raise more money for education was derailed by the legislature in the session's final days. The deadlock in the legislature prevented a budget to be passed that included adequate funding for education in this year's legislature. The result is no new money for funding education.

The failure of the budget comes

at a time when Pierre's teacher and staff salaries are going up as a result of two year salary settlement and new school programs are being added.

"I thought they (the legislature) would come to their senses and pass a budget," a disappointed Superintendent Darwin Tessier said. Tessier said that because the legislature couldn't get together South Dakota will probably still remain 51st in teacher salaries.

Tessier also said that he didn't

think that any programs would be cut, but new ones would likely be set aside.

The lack of action displayed by the legislature by playing party politics means that the schools will not get any new funding as Governor Mickelson's budget plan requested. Neither side wanted to pass the other side's plan or compromise with each other. This inaction prevented either side from claiming victory. "We have failed...in our duty to increase education spend-

ing," Governor Mickelson said when he addressed the legislature.

Hopefully the legislature won't play partisan politics next time with the budget and will help the education system in South Dakota.

"I don't ask people when they register for school if they are Republican or Democrat," Tessier said, pointing out that education shouldn't be subject to party politics.

Students like variety; Pizza aids lunch sales

by Jvonne Heard

After more than a month of offering Pizza Hut pizza in the hot lunch program, food services director Delores Drew is happy with the program's success.

On the average day when pizza is served, 75-100 more students stay at school to eat. Drew is pleased with that number. She said that the program's success so far will probably mean that the program can continue next year.

Drew said that she has not heard any complaints that students have grown tired of the pizza.

Food services personnel have been able to accommodate the new menu items without having to add additional workers.

Drew said that the pizzas come with the sauce already on them, but then the kitchen workers must add the filling, bake and slice them. Drew is pleased that the kitchen staff has been able to get that extra work done and continue to provide the alternate menu as well.

"Pizza Hut pizza has definitely helped the hot lunch program."
Delores Drew

The pizza has also helped to bolster the financial picture for the hot lunch program at the high school, which has been experiencing difficulty this school year. With the increase in prices and the increase in the number of students who are eating on pizza days, Drew said that the financial picture of the senior high hot lunch program has improved.

"The Pizza Hut pizza has definitely helped the hot lunch program," Drew said.

While senior high students may continue to enjoy Pizza Hut pizza next year, Drew said that no such plans are in the works for junior high. "We simply can't accommodate pizza at the junior high at this time," she said.



The right moves. . . Justin Weber and Ben Jensen practice a scene from "Oklahoma."

(photo by Mandy Johnson)

'Oklahoma' awaits debut

by Jvonne Heard

Students not only got to show the three Oklahoma directors their talent during auditions, but they will also get to entertain the public on April 23, 25, and 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the theater.

"I think tryouts went really well," director Hyrma Zakahi said. "I was surprised that we had so many people contending for lead roles."

Earning the lead roles were Anne Rapp as Laurey, Carly Snyder as

Ado Annie and Barbara Fabish as Aunt Eller. The male leads are Jason Knox as Curley, Tim Schmidt as Will Parker, and Ben Jensen as Judd Fry.

The show could not go on if it weren't for all the extra help behind the scenes, said Zakahi. There are approximately 42 people on stage plus the technical crew and pit band.

Larry Johnson is directing the pit orchestra while Will Hanson is directing the vocalists.

Comment

Capital Comments

by Stephanie Farries



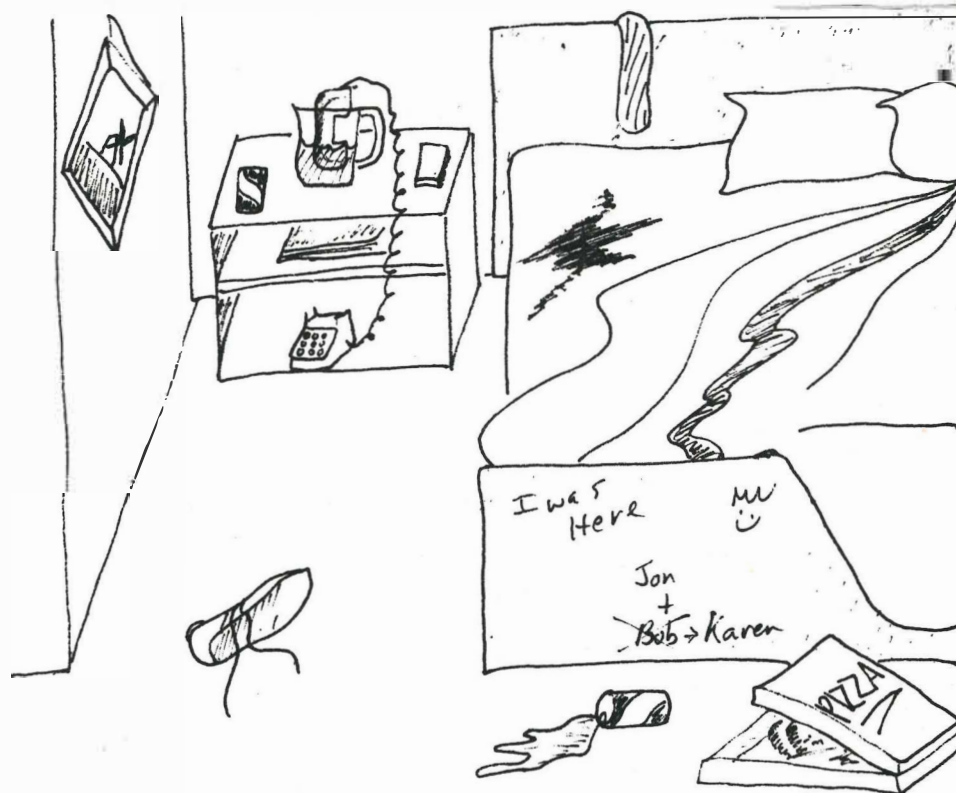
The basketball team not making State AA Tournament didn't stop a lot of kids from participating in the festivities in Rapid City on March 14-16. Although most managed to stay out of trouble, there was quite a little property damage incurred at the Days Inn Motel.

It's one thing to go out to have a good time, but there is no excuse for trashing an entire motel. It is good to know that Pierre kids were not among those who caused most of the damage.

Any motel, however, that allows 16 year olds to check in is asking for trouble, which is just what they got. The manager of the motel didn't even bother to stay in town but instead decided to vacation in Mexico. Nobody should be naive enough to think that an entire motel full of teenagers is not going to pose a threat to them. They should monitor the guests more carefully.

Most of us don't realize how clean our school is. Every morning, when we get here, we put our books in our lockers, failing to notice that the floors are clean and that the trash in the lobby has been picked up.

On the average we are not a very clean group of kids. However, thanks to an excellent custodial staff, we are lucky enough to have an exceptionally clean school. We often overlook their dedication and hard work. We should not take for granted how important their jobs are and what a great job they do. We're very lucky to have such a fine custodial staff.



What the People Say

As of February 4, students have had the option of eating Pizza Hut pizza two or three times a week. Here is what some students have to say about the recent changes and additions to the school lunch program.

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Brooke Severson, Sr.

"I really like having pizza two or three times a week. I never used to eat school lunch before, but now I stay for pizza a lot."

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Davis Schofield, Sr.

"I've never eaten the pizza at the school. They have raised the prices so high that I must seek my meals elsewhere."

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Theresa Even, Jr.

"I don't mind having pizza but I don't think they needed to raise the lunch ticket prices to \$14 for a ten day ticket. We don't get any more food; actually, we get less on pizza day."

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Alan Berheim, Jr

"I think that it's a very good deal. I always eat pizza when its available, and I haven't gotten sick of it yet."

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Jana Schimkat, Soph.

"I like having pizza as an option, even though I don't eat it every time they offer it."

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News

New NHS members initiated

by Dawn K. Swendsen

Thirty one New National Honor Society members were recently initiated. Twelve seniors and nineteen juniors were selected for membership.

In addition, NHS announced that the Teacher of the Year for 1990-91 is Larry Joy, sophomore geography teacher.

The new senior members are Tyrell Allardyce, Dawn Droppers, Barbara Fabish, Stephanie Farries, Ann Hofer, Jason Humphrey, Daisy Hunsley, Antigone LaVoie, Robert Merrill, Eric Morrison, Sara Nelson, and Heather Shoup.

The new junior members include Lora Den Ouden, Aaron Engberg, Jessica Evenstad, Gretchen Forney, Johanna Herrin, Christian

Hess, Mark Hyde, Karl Keenlyne, Tim Maher, Trent Miller, Kyle Richards, Kristin Smith, Chris Sonnenschein, Tiffany Sonnenschein, Robert Stiles, Sara Stulken, Eric Unkenholz, Brenda Weaver, and Stacie Zastrow.

Students must meet specific requirements to be selected for NHS membership. The students must be a junior or a senior for one semester

or more at Riggs. They must have a grade point average of at least 3.2. Each student eligible had to submit an application. A faculty council reviewed the applications on service, leadership, and the general character of the student.

The students are reviewed periodically. They must maintain the high standards of the society.

News Briefs

Riggs musicians compete

by Jacinta Wang

Riggs High musicians will compete in Mobridge on April 5 for large group competition. Band and chorus members will be performing various selections ranging from popular to traditional.

The swing choir is singing "Birdland" and "Hot, Hot, Hot." "Three Russian Folk Songs" and "Climbin' up the Mountain" will be performed by the boy's choir. The girls choir will be singing "My Heart's in the Highland" and "Hymn to the Night." The mixed group is singing

a number of songs such as "Festival Sanctus," "Movin' on," and "Thy Voices Tune."

The band will be performing three selections. These pieces are "Fantasy on a Colonial Air," "Kilian," and "Fall River Overture." Jazz songs like "Take the 'A' Train" and "Quiet Rain" are to be performed by the Stage Band.

"As a sophomore last year, I thought it was beyond anything I had ever imagined. The schools from around the state had so much talent. I hope that this year the sophomores will be awestruck by us!" said junior Lora Den Ouden.

Morris, Durick chosen

by Kerry Whitney

Every month two students from the senior class are chosen by the teachers as students of the month. This month they are Mark Morris and Kara Durick.

Mark is presently active in track and NHS. Last fall he was a member of the cross country team. "I

feel it is an honor to be selected the student of the month along with Kara," says Morris.

Kara Durick is an active member in NHS, chorus, pep club, and the musical "Oklahoma." "I think it is an honor to be selected by our teaching staff as a student of this month," says Durick.

Juniors prepare prom

by Ann Hofer

"Can you take me higher?" is this year's prom theme. It will be taking place in the Riggs gym on April 20. The main decoration this year is a city skyline. The song this year is "High Enough" by Damn Yankees. "Ivory Star" will be the band for the night.

Waitresses for prom include the following sophomores: Mandy

Johnson, Macy Welsh, Krista Oehlerking, Kara Oehlerking, and Sandy Hanson. Waiters include Todd Tedrow, Jamie Liudahl, Guy Erlenbusch, Corey Holmes, and Ryan Alexander.

After prom there will be a post-prom party located at Cahoots for all junior and senior students, lasting from 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Parents are asked to donate \$10.00 for each student who plans to attend the post-prom party.

Students place at Fair

by Stephanie Farries

Six Biology II students competed in the Northern State Science Fair recently in Aberdeen.

These six students were chosen by judges at the local science fair held on March 5. Those chosen included: first place, Davis Schofield; second place, Cathy Reuer; third place, Ann Hofer; fourth place, Carly Snyder; fifth place, Brooke Severson; and sixth place, Justin Weber.

At the Northern State Science Fair, Severson and Hofer both received third place in their divisions, and Cathy Reuer received a meritorious award from the American Society for Microbiology.

"I think we're too scientific for the competition," Biology II teacher

"I found the fair to be interesting and quite informative"
Carly Snyder, senior

Jon Gonsor said.

Snyder, Severson, Weber, and Reuer also competed in a team quiz bowl, in which they place fifth out of 25 teams.

"I was very pleased with the students' performances," Gonsor said.

The students benefitted from being exposed to the various projects that were submitted. "I found the fair to be interesting and quite informative," Snyder said.

Blood drive planned

by Heather Whitney

The next time you think about the state of the world and despair that one person can't change anything, remember the importance of blood donations. There is something you can do to make the world a better place in which to live.

One donation matters--every donation matters.

To help make that difference in the Pierre community, Future Homemakers of America members are planning their second blood drive to be held on April 8 and 9. The United Blood Services has asked the FHA chapter to help sponsor and organize a blood drive for high school students, parents, faculty, and administration. The drive will be held during the school day and refreshments will be pro-

vided.

United Blood Services is a non-profit, self-supporting blood center, located in Rapid City. In order to meet the needs of area patients, 90 units of blood must be collected. During a given year, St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre uses 1000 units of blood.

Donors must be 17 years of age. Students who are eighteen or older do not need parental permission to give blood, but the school requires that all seventeen-year-olds must have written permission from parents/guardians.

When people need blood, it can come from only one source-- other people. It's a good feeling to know you can help ensure that your community has a safe, adequate blood supply.

Sports

Lyon enjoys 'skating the blades'

by Tim Maher

What comes to mind when you hear the word "rollerblading?" Do you think of flying down back streets or weaving in and out of traffic? Do you contemplate jumping obstacles and gliding across smooth sheets of concrete?

If you do, why not do it? That's what junior rollerblader Willy Lyon does.

"When I was in junior high, I was an avid skateboarder. I have always enjoyed exhilarating hobbies. So, when I saw some advertisements and commercials on rollerblading, I knew that I just had to take it up," said Lyon. Willy has been rollerblading for about five months now.

There are a variety of brands of rollerblades. Some of the more common ones are Veraflex and the actual brand name, Rollerblade. These range in prices from \$100 to \$200. Helmets, knee pads, and elbow pads are recommended by the makers of rollerblades.

A rollerblade is basically of the same design as an ice skate. There are differences though. The boot of

the rollerblade has extra support for various tricks which wear out the ankles. The boot is much like a downhill ski boot. Where the metal blade is on an ice skate, there is a row of 5 small wheels on the rollerblade.

"The only places you can rollerblade is on street sidewalks or back streets. I usually rollerblade at night, when the streets aren't busy," said Lyon. "To move along, I apply pressure to either foot, and then I kick that leg out, which moves me the opposite direction. When I get moving too fast, I put both feet together, and apply a small amount of pressure to either foot, and it causes me to turn the opposite direction, in a smooth curve."

Rollerblading is an excellent new form of exercise. It enhances the cardiovascular system and works all of the muscles, much like running or swimming. It helps to strengthen ankles. It takes a while to get used to it, since ankles tend to bend from side to side.

Lyon says, "I, myself, like to skate the blades. I would most definitely recommend it to anyone who is interested."



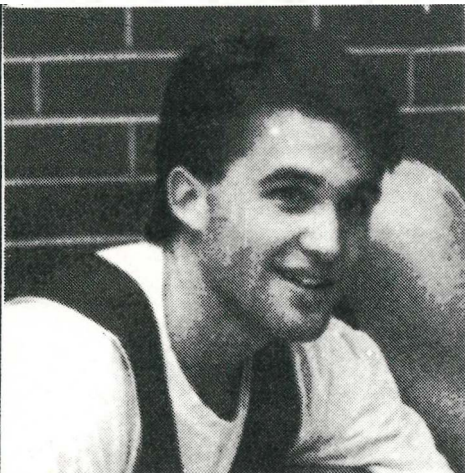
Soaring. . . Junior Willy Lyon shows off his rollerblading jumps.
(Photo by Mandy Johnson)

Judson earns ESD honor

by Tim Maher

Senior guard Matt Judson has been named to the 1991 All-Eastern South Dakota Conference Boys' Basketball Team, as selected in a vote of the ESD coaches.

"I was very surprised," stated



Season finale. . . Senior Matt Judson caps his high school career with ESD honors.
(photo by Mandy Johnson)

Judson. "There were a number of other team members who could have easily been chosen. Really, it is an honor for the whole team."

Judson, who is 5-foot-10, averaged six points a game for the Governors, shooting 38 percent from the field and 60 percent from the foul line. He led the team with five assists per game.

Also named to the team are Eric Kline and Chad Snow of Aberdeen Central, Brent Norberg and Troy Engstrom of the ESD champion Watertown, Justin Franklin of Brookings, Chuck DeJean and Paul Schaar of Huron, Steve Diekmann and Mark Ryken of Yankton, and junior Tyson Theeler of the Class AA state champion Mitchell Kernels.

Junior center Chad Lindbloom of Pierre is one of six players who received honorable mention recognition.

Lindbloom averaged 9 points and 6 rebounds a game, shooting 53 percent from the foul line.

Intramural season ends

by Tim Maher

The 1991 Boys' Intramural Basketball Association season came to an end on March 12, with senior Bill Dunn's team coming out on top.

After a regular season of nine games, the four teams with the best records qualified for the play-offs. Dunn's team qualified for the final four with the best record of 9-0. The team went on to defeat Rad Hunsley's team in the championship with a score of 64 to 60. Anthony Nelson's team overtook Dick Koester's team for third place.

Members of the #1 team include seniors Bill Dunn and Matt Bartlett, juniors Shad Harford, Eugene Swift Hawk, and Damon Parks, and sophomore Ron Hagenlock.

"I really enjoyed IBA's. It was fun to play with your friends and not have a coach to tell you what to do. There was a lot more freedom," commented junior Shad Harford.

History teacher and football

"It was fun to play with your friends and not have a coach to tell you what to do. There was a lot more freedom."

Shad Harford, junior

coach John Hoover was in charge of organizing the games during the regular season and tournament. "We all had fun. There were almost 90 boys out this season, and they were split up amongst 10 teams. Each team played at least 9 games and the four with the best records entered the tournament for number 1," said Hoover.

During the regular season, the captain's team records were; Bill Dunn at 9-0, Rad Hunsley at 7-2, Anthony Nelson at 7-2, Dick Koester at 6-3, Ben Van Camp at 6-3, Cody Nicholas at 3-6, Spencer Tisher at 3-6, Stuart Martin at 2-7, Richard Ripley at 2-7, and Scott Colwill at 1-8.

Sports

Veteran tennis team looks promising

by Tim Maher

The tennis team begins the season with a veteran team.

"Hopefully, we can repeat what we accomplished last year," said tennis coach Phil Trautner.

Pierre's tennis team is the defending ESD Conference Champs, since they took first place in ESD competition and compiled an 11-0 record in dual meets. Last year they also took second place at the state tournament, behind Sioux Falls O'Gorman.

Returning letter winners include seniors Chad Winters, Matt Judson and Anthony Nelson along with juniors Chris Sonnenschein, Alan Berheim and Dave Thielen.

Winters is ranked #4 in the Northwest Tennis Association, as well as teaming with Anthony Nelson to be ranked #3 in doubles.

Winters was honored along with graduate Shannon Schaefer, who now attends Augustana College, as the top doubles team in the state

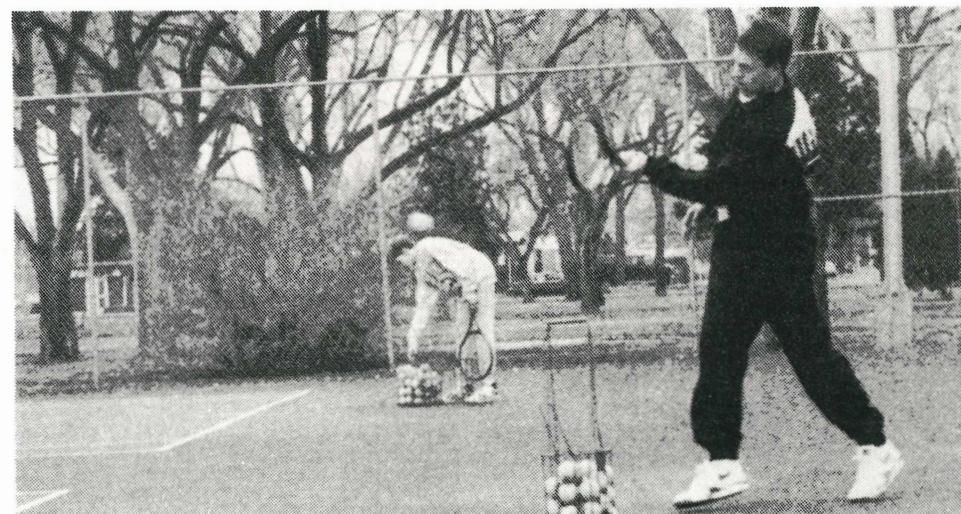
last year. Judson was also state champ at number three singles during the 1990 season. The three juniors gained valuable experience last year and should give good depth to the team.

Other prospects include senior Alex Yeager, juniors Mike Post and Eric Hunsley, sophomores Guy Erlebusch, Chris Thompson, and Jim Gerdes. "We should have an excellent group of boys to work with, since about 22 will be practicing daily," said Trautner.

Matt Judson said, "We should be contenders if we play up to our full potential."

This year the conference favorites will be Brookings and Watertown, both of which have their entire varsity team returning. At state level, Sioux Falls Lincoln and Sioux Falls O'Gorman will be among the favorites. "Both schools have lots of depth and excellent players," said Trautner.

Trautner added, "We are going to start putting more emphasis on



Getting it together. . . Senior Alex Yeager practices his tennis form.
(photo by Mandy Johnson)

doubles since that will make our singles stronger, and we will be able to score more in tourneys."

"The team is going to be really, really tough this year, and we have a good shot at winning state," said Berheim.

The first dual is against Mitchell on April 2. Then they travel to the

Huron Invitational on April 6. Attending the invitational will be Huron, S.F. Lincoln, Watertown, and Pierre.

"It will give us a chance to test ourselves right away, since these are going to be some of the toughest teams around," said Trautner.

Coaches foresee good track season

by Tim Maher

The boy's and girl's varsity track teams begin action today at 4:00 pm in the Aberdeen Quadrangular located in the Barnett Center.

"Participating inside the center gives kids a chance to see what it is like to run inside on a college track," said head girls coach Larry Lundeen. "It also gives us an oppor-

tunity to run indoors in case the weather is bad," Lundeen added.

Junior Jason Nowak said, "It will be a different kind of meet, since no one has been tested yet this year. It is kind of a 'see where you're at' meet."

Lundeen is optimistic about the prospects for a good season. "We're returning a lot of letterwinners—a lot of blue-chip runners. If they do as well as they did last year or bet-

ter, we'll have an outstanding season," Lundeen said.

Lundeen says that his team should be strong in shot and discus along with distance and sprint relays. "We have some outstanding individuals who should be right in there on distance and sprint individual events," said Lundeen.

Lundeen is also looking forward to next Tuesday's Early Bird Meet in Pierre. "That meet will give us the opportunity to mix in a lot of younger kids and let them try themselves out against more seasoned runners," Lundeen said.

During last year's competition, the girls' track team took first place in the ESD and a strong second place at state. The majority of the team returns this year.

Head coach Larry Lundeen said, "We have ten senior girls out this year, which is the most in a long time. It gives us a really good nucleus to work with." These girls include Antigone LaVoie, Heather Ogan, Jenni Turbiville, Heather Hageman, Angie Joens, Kristie List, Sara Nelson, Amy Schutt, and Billie Jo Steffan.

Head boys coach Vern Miller is also encouraged at the prospects for the boys team this year. He reports that they have a 35 man squad,

with 22 returning lettermen. In addition, twelve seniors are on the squad.

Miller says that their strength may be in distance races because of the number of returning lettermen.

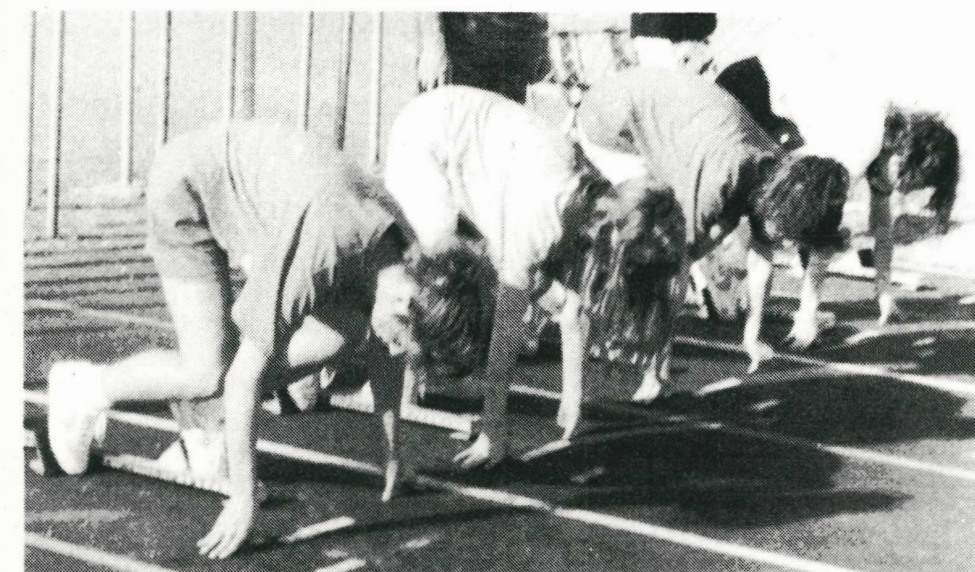
Miller says that Watertown and Yankton may be conference favorites, but that he hopes to place in the top four in the ESD.

Athletes, too, are encouraged about the upcoming season.

"It's going great. Everything is up to snuff," senior discus thrower Tony Olander said about his preparation for the 1991 track season.

Both the girls' and boys' teams began training one month ago. "The coaches are really stressing endurance this year. We are doing a lot of wind sprints and 400's," commented junior Jason Nowak. Sophomore Mike Shoup added, "We are spending time in the weight room. This way we will get stronger while our endurance improves."

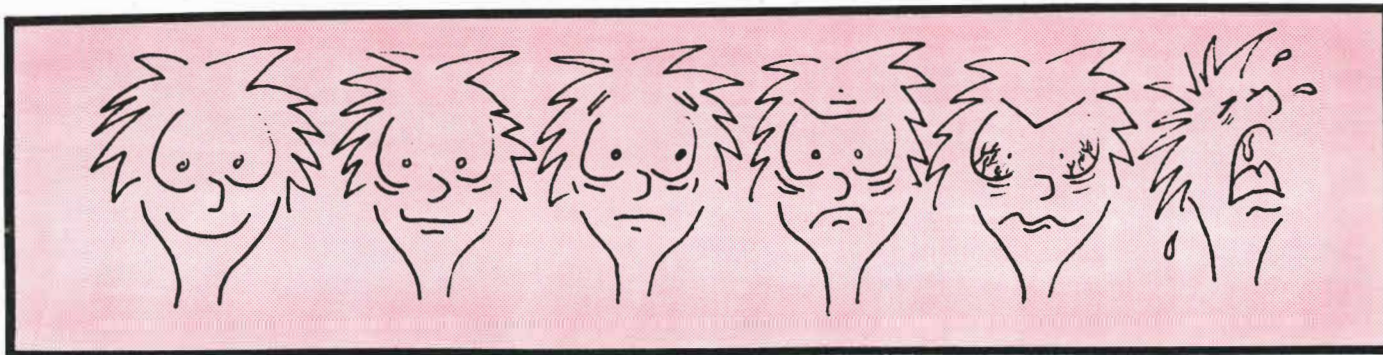
Leading the boys team are senior distance runners Jon Ellenbecker, Mark Morris, and Cody Nickolas; shot and discus throwers Tony Olander, Stuart Martin, and Ben Van Camp; sprinters Eric Morrison, Shawn Culver, and Jason Engbrecht; and pole vaulter Kray Zell-er.



Ready, set, go. . . Heather Ogan, an unnamed junior high trackster, Bonnie Wahl and Toblann Vanderpol are ready to sprint into the new track season.

(photo by Mandy Johnson)

Features



Guidance counselor defines stress

by Dawn Droppers

"Stress is self-induced; you make yourself stressed by what you tell yourself," guidance counselor Gary Schneider says.

According to Schneider, there are specific times of the school year that students feel more stress. He compared the levels of stress to a thermometer, getting higher toward the end of a quarter or end of the year. This especially affects the seniors, since many of them are trying to figure out where their lives will be going next.

Another time that he notices a great amount of stress among the student body is just before production dates for school plays.

Grades and relationships between teachers and friends are two major things causing stress to students, says Schneider.

He also said parents were a big problem for some students. "That would probably come in third," he said.

"Things that happen now are as stressful as what you deal with as you get older," he said. The problems may seem bigger, but the level of stress is usually the same. "Stress limits your creativity and

ability to deal with the problem. You may not deal with it as best as you could otherwise," said Schneider.

Schneider said that they very seldom have people come into the guidance office because of stress alone; they usually come in about a particular problem that is causing them stress.

So what can the counselors do to help students with stress? "We need to redirect the thinking process," he said. "If you redirect the energy to solving the problem, the stress will take care of itself."

Everyone needs a certain amount of stress to function. Some can tolerate only small amounts of stress, and others thrive on the challenge it creates. The amount of stress a person is under depends on the individual's chemical make up.

How can people reduce the stress in their lives? Schneider said stress is directly related to lack of sleep, so being sure you get enough sleep will help considerably. "The best way to cope with stress is definitely physical activity," he said.

Stress is a part of our everyday lives, and probably always will be. Students, too, need to learn early on how to best handle it.



Shop till you drop. . . Many students like Sandi Hanson relieve stress by shopping. (photo by Mandy Johnson)

Students state their stressors

by Dawn Droppers

Stress. Everyone has experienced it, and as the year gets closer to an end, students in high school can feel overrun by it.

The list of things that cause stress in teenagers goes on and on. Goals, peer pressure, sports, self-image, family, school and other commitments are just a few causes for stress.

Grades are another big cause for stress for some people. Crystal Boren, senior, said homework doesn't bother her. What does she

do to try to lessen the stress? "I try harder, and stay in school during my opens," she said.

Bobbie Galinat, junior, said that her boyfriend is the cause of a lot of stress in her life. Angela Hine, senior, agreed that boyfriends raise the stress factor. This stress comes to both sides of the relationship and the cause could be anything from trying to find time together to major arguments. When asked how she deals with the stress, Galinat said, "I ignore him."

Friends seem to be a cause of stress also. Leah Anglin, junior,

said that when someone says one thing and means another, it stresses her. She deals with this by avoiding people.

Many students also have part time jobs which add to the amount of stress they must handle in a day.

Heather Rehder, junior, said that busy nights working the register at Pizza Hut is most stressful for her. The customers can be pretty demanding. She said she counts to cope with the stress. "I once got to 300 with one person," she said.

Chris Anderson, junior, said that trying to keep track of all the dif-

ferent tests in all his classes was particularly stressful for him. His way of dealing with it all is different than one might expect. "I don't study," he said.

Hine said that there are a multitude of things that cause stress for her, one of those being trying to juggle them all into her schedule. Her three jobs, school, her mother, and no sleep were among the things she listed as causing her stress. How does she cope? "I like to write and listen to music," she said.