

# Governor



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## New officers elected

by Brian Madigan

**C**lass elections, as well as student body president and vice-president election, for next year were held Tuesday, May 14, by the junior and sophomore class.

Tim Maher and Chris Sonnenschein defeated Christian Hess and Jason Nowak in the student body president and vice-president election. Some of the main issues were homecoming, athletic policy, and student freedom. All of the candidates were required to give speeches and answer questions.

The class officers for 1991 and 1992 are as follows: Senior class president, Brian Madigan; vice-president, Christian Hess; secretary, Gretchen Forney; treasurer, Joby Herrin; senators, Carl Osberg, Jeremy Ellwein, Wyatt O'Day, and Paula Weeldreyer; Junior class president, Rob Hall; vice-president,

Todd Tedrow; secretary, Mandy Johnson; treasurer, Tobian Vander Pol; and senators, Ryan Alexander, Nathan Brakke, Julie Kebach, and Brian Shekleton.

"We need more freedom in student senate so that we as students are responsible. We have to try to get things done," newly elected Tim Maher said enthusiastically. "If we don't have Kangaroo Court, we'll have to find a replacement for it at homecoming," Maher added, looking forward to '91 homecoming.

Marcia Graney, Student Council adviser, said that this year was a good year and that she looks forward to next year's student senate. "Next year's group looks to be a real concerned group of individuals; it should be interesting," said Graney.

Graney commented on the new Student Body President and Vice-President saying, "The winner's ideas are feasible."



**Looking for change...Chris Sonnenschein and Tim Maher will become student body vice-president and president in the fall. (photo by Lance Nielsen)**

## Administration ends

By Brian Madigan

**L**ast semester the team of Cody Asher and Guy Ferris ran for student body president and vice-president, bringing a fresh and sincere approach to the race. They won, making several campaign pledges for their term.

One was planting a tree for the graduating class. Another idea was to show support for the American troops in the Gulf War.

When the Asher-Ferris team took over, they experienced a few problems in their term. The first major one was that Student Body President Asher lost his "right hand man" when Ferris was disqualified.

"This hindered our effectiveness," Guy M. Ferris said. "I was very disappointed not to be able to serve the students I worked so hard with," Ferris stated.

The next problem Asher had was the graduation tree. "There were too many people to get through, and

by the time I found the right person to help me, the money was already spent," a frustrated Asher said. Thus, there is no graduation tree, yet.

President Asher described his semester term of office as "slow." "Being president is frustrating because of the bureaucracy. Something should be done to give the student senate more power. That would get more serious people involved in student government," Asher said.

"Nobody wants change. People will support things the way they are or the way they were, but they won't change because they fear change," a philosophical President Asher said.

In retrospect, Asher said he would like to see a few things changed. "One thing I would like to see changed is celebrating prom in a less expensive way so that it will include more people," Asher commented. "Some of the spending on prom is ridiculous."

## School faces cuts

by Brian Madigan

**T**he Pierre School Board meeting came out with a list of possible cuts for next school year. Of the 29 possible cuts, quite a few affect Riggs, including the Gumbo yearbook and varsity athletics.

In the athletic department some of the possibilities are a 20% raise in admission prices at games, reducing athletic budget by 20% (saving \$48,204), reducing athletic equipment request to replacement items only, cutting out-of-town cheerleader travel (saving \$3,496), cutting meals for students on athletic trips (saving \$14,269), and charging a \$30 participation fee for athletics (raising \$15,900).

"The travel cuts would be the most severe," said Dusty Kracht, Pierre athletic director. "Huron already charges an athletic fee for participation, and they have a few hassles with it," Kracht said.

"The most likely cut would be cutting meals; that depends on

what percent they (the school board) cut," Kracht said. "Hopefully cuts won't be necessary," Mr. Kracht said optimistically. "The school board wants any cuts if they propose a property tax," Kracht said.

The award-winning Gumbo also might experience some belt-tightening if the school board sees fit. "If they do try to cut money from The Gumbo; we (the Gumbo) would have to sell advertising in the book," Gumbo adviser Terry Peterson said, "although that (advertising) would only raise maybe \$4-3,000."

Another possibility for the Gumbo is to raise the price and maybe cut out some coverage or color. "That would mean students would pay for a lesser quality book at a higher price," Peterson said.

Hopefully the Pierre School Board will avoid making drastic cuts in the budget by finding alternatives.



# Comment

## Budget Cuts Threaten Riggs Programs

by Tim Maher and Brian Madigan

The Pierre School Board is mulling over a list of possible budget cuts which will adversely affect extracurricular activities. There is a variety of probable cuts which could be in place by sometime before next year.

One possibility is to charge a \$30 participation fee for athletics and other extracurricular activities. This would generate approximately \$15,900. The main problem with this fee is that it will eliminate some participants since they will not be able pay the requirement.

Another problem is that many students are involved in more than one activity. Since they could be paying \$30 for each activity, the bill for a busy student could be quite large.

A third problem is that, for some students, the fee would out-weigh the experience. An athlete might not want to pay \$30 dollars to attend and work hard in practices, while he or she sits on the bench during a game.

Another cut involves eliminating meals for students on athletic or other extracurricular activity trips. This would save \$14,269. This is a good change of policy. When students travel out of town, the budget allows for meals at the varsity level. However, the bulk of traveling students already overstock their own personal stores of food for the long trips. So they have already set a precedent for supplying and paying for their own meals.

A third program on the cutting block is the Riggs High School year-book budget. The national award-winning Gumbo could have its budget partially reduced or the price could be raised on the book so the program is self-supporting. The school board expects to possibly save \$14,297. The bad side to this is that a Pierre activity, which is recognized to be among the top 25 schools across the nation, could lose its quality. The book could sell spots for advertisements to local businesses and raise \$4,000 dollars at the most. The other \$10,000 could be raised by upping the price and cutting back on coverage in the Gumbo. Some students might not be willing to pay the stiffer price for the book, especially if the quality of the book is compromised.

The problem dates back to when the legislature neglected to pass the education budget that the schools and the governor asked for. With this problem, the school board does not have enough money to keep up, so they are looking over these possible cuts or raising the property tax. Now we have to pay for the legislature's partisan politics and lack of action.

Dear editor:

As most know, there is a growing controversy over whether the Family Life Education class should be cut next year. As a student and a concerned teen, I would like to voice my opinion.

I think there is a definite need for this program at Riggs. You just have to look at the number of students who are presently in the class and those who have signed up for next year to prove that there definitely is an interest.

Some people have voiced the opinion that teens should go to their parents for sex education. As a teen, I know that most will not go to their parents, and if they do, they will not be completely honest, or will feel too embarrassed to ask the questions they have. I'm not saying teens should not discuss sex with their parents; I just believe that there should be a place where students can go to get facts if they won't go to their parents.

Another reason this program should be given at this level is because at this age the students are more mature in their thinking and actions. They are more sure of themselves for the most part, and

aren't afraid to ask questions they may have, unlike the freshmen in their sex education chapter in Health class. I feel this is an excellent follow-up to the junior high programs and a great way to reinforce them.

The people who say this program is not needed are either ignorant of what's going on in the teenage society or just simply choosing to ignore the problem. The number of teenage pregnancies and STD's among Pierre high school students alone are enough to prove a program like this is something very valuable to Riggs. The problem is undeniably there, and this is one way it needs to be addressed.

The best solution to this problem is for the school and parents to join forces. While it is impossible to get every parent to communicate openly and honestly with their teen, it is possible to offer this course for those who want to take it. With this program, the school is definitely doing their part in educating students about sex and offering facts, rather than letting them believe the rumors.

Sincerely yours,  
Dawn Droppers, senior



*It's not my fault they cut the Gumbo Budget!!*

Dear editor:

With the latest addition to our school board, ideas have been outlined about sex education in the high school. Many people would like to see the class discontinued; however, most of these people are adults.

As a member of the class, I feel that it is perhaps more useful in our life than Trigonometry or Physics. Today's teens are having sex, and those who aren't need the education to make wise choices.

One opposition to the class is that it "promotes permissiveness." How can that be, when what we learn is that abstinence is still the best choice for everyone. We are taught the consequences of sex, not the benefits. We are taught how to make the best decision.

I feel that Family Life Education should not only be offered to all students, but be required to graduate. This is so that we can say that our students are educated about AIDS, pregnancy, STD's, as well as the emotional pain that can be brought about by sex. That way, people can't use the excuse, "I didn't know this could happen to me."

In life, ignorance breeds disaster; education breeds wisdom. with an epidemic of AIDS and teen pregnancy occurring in our nation, we don't have time to be ignorant. We need to wake up and wise up and realize what's out there. Only then will we be able to control it. Sex education/Family Life Education is one way to ensure that Pierre's youth are not still sleeping.

Sincerely yours,  
Stephanie Vietor, senior

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# News

## Gumbo, Governor choose editors

Dawn K. Swendsen

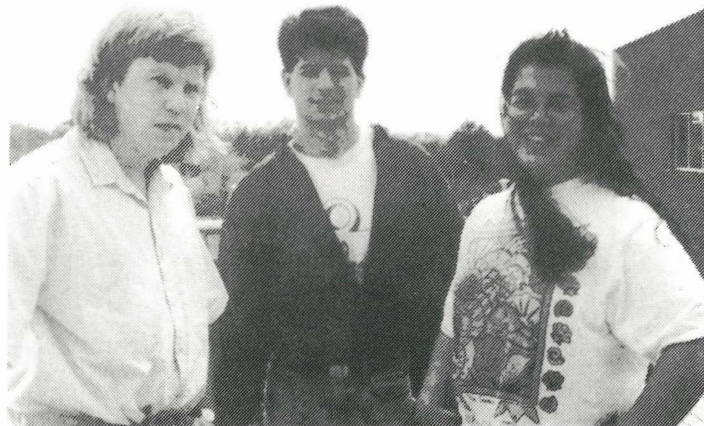


**Gretchen Forney, Bonnie Wahl, Ashley Suedkamp, Rob Hall, Joby Herrin and Tim Maher will lead the Gumbo staff next fall. (photo by Lance Nielsen)**

Riggs High publication advisers have named the 1991-92 editors. The Gumbo staff will be working under Senior Co-Editors Gretchen Forney and Joby Herrin and Senior Associate Editor Tim Maher. Maher will also be heading up the Governor or as Editor-in-Chief. Other editors for the newspaper include Barb Goddard, Brian Madigan, and Ashley Suedkamp.

Editors from both publications will be attending the summer publications institute in Brookings in June.

The Gumbo staff is advised by Mr. Terry Peterson. The Governor is under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Vogt.



**Brian Madigan, Tim Maher, and Ashley Suedkamp will head the Governor staff beginning in September. Not pictured is Barb Goddard. (photo by Lance Nielsen)**

## Skits thrill seniors

Dawn K. Swendsen

Country music, carriage rides, food, and prizes made up an evening of fun and entertainment at the Parent-Senior Shindig in the Riggs Corral.

Skits put on by the parents of the seniors made up the main part of the evening's entertainment. The skits were about such subjects as sports and the drama department.

"I thought that the skits were the best part about the evening," senior Heather Ogan said.

The shindig was held May 18 from 8 pm until 12:30 am. Musical entertainment was provided by Music Express from Brookings.

Drawings for money prizes were held throughout the evening. Students also had the chance to play games like darts or black-jack to win money to buy other prizes with. These prizes were donated by various businesses in the community.

The party offered students a chance to spend time with their parents in a fun environment.

## Keeler was honored

John Keeler, junior, has been selected as one of 60 students across the nation to receive a full scholarship to attend the 1991 Telluride Association Summer Program at Williams College.

He will be attending a six-week long course titled "Elitism: Economic and Philosophical Perspectives."

This college-level seminar is for

gifted and highly motivated high school juniors.

This year, over 800 students applied for the summer program, but only 60 students were selected.

Telluride Association is an independent not-for-profit educational trust which has offered summer programs to high school juniors of exceptional promise since 1954.

## Channel One added

by Stephanie Farries

The School Board made the final decision to have Channel One installed in the Jr. and Sr. High at its May meeting.

The entire Channel One program is scheduled to be in the schools by the middle of June. It consists of 29 televisions and 2 VCR's, all free of charge.

The one problem is that there are not enough televisions to put one in each of the 37 rooms. Tentatively, the administration is looking at the possibility of installing extra lines and televisions in the guidance of-

fice, old library, teacher's lounge, chorus room, and the band room. Each additional hook up will cost an extra \$450.

The schedule changes have not been finalized yet but are being looked at by a faculty committee.

One plan consists of taking two minutes off each class period, reducing the current fifty-two minute periods to fifty minutes. One minute would also be taken off of each lunch period. The program would be shown at the beginning of either second or third period and would last for twelve minutes.

## News briefs

### Awards night recognizes students

by Jvonne Heard

Students who spent about one-third of their time their senior year filling out applications for scholarships and awards definitely were rewarded on awards night.

This special night was held on May 14 in the theater. It was to recognize everyone who is receiving any money for college or just any special awards.

The scholarship amounts ranged anywhere from \$9,000 to \$100.

### Honors Choir chosen for summer concert

Seven Riggs musicians have been selected for this summer's All State Honors Choir.

Andrea Viken, Bob Stiles, Jonathan Urbach, Jason Knox, Tim Schmidt, Eric Manus, and Mike Shoup will represent Riggs in the highly selective choir.

In addition, Bob Stiles receive the highest audition score of any tenor in the state.

### Michelle Olsen graduates from West Point

by Dawn Droppers

Michelle Olsen, 1987 graduate of Riggs, will graduate from West Point Military Academy June 1, 1991.

Very few people from Riggs have graduated from there, guidance counselor Mavis Booze said, and Olsen will be the first girl from Riggs to ever graduate from the academy.

She plans on becoming a military police officer and will go to Ft. McClellan, Alabama, to complete her basic course.

### Zastrow to live in Moscow

Stacie Zastrow, junior, will spend the first semester of her senior year living with a family in the Soviet Union. She will be an exchange student in the Youth for Understanding International Exchange program.

Stacie will live with a host family in Moscow. She leaves in August and will return home in time for Christmas.

Youth for Understanding is a private, nonprofit educational organization that is dedicated to promoting international understanding and world peace through exchange programs for high school students. They operate programs in more than two dozen countries.



## Features

# Statistics point to alcohol problem

by Dawn Droppers

**J**ust how serious is drinking in our school system compared to other schools around the nation?

The following figures were gathered in the 89-90 school year in a survey taken by all Riggs students.

They compare last year's juniors from Riggs (current seniors) to seniors on the national level. The percentages for juniors should be much lower than those of seniors in the nation, but as the test results have shown locally, this is not the case.

Of last year's juniors at Riggs, ninety-five percent had tried alcoholic substances; on the national level, seniors were figured at ninety-two percent.

The percentage of those who had consumed alcohol in the last twelve months was eighty-five percent for the nation's seniors, comparing to eighty-nine percent of the class of '91.

In the month previous to the survey, sixty-four percent of Riggs' present senior class had used alco-

hol. This compares to sixty-two percent on the national level.

Of last year's juniors, ninety-five percent of them said that alcohol was very easy to get.

So where do most people go to drink? Seventy-four percent said they drank at weekend parties; seventy-nine percent admitted to drinking at night with friends. Fifty-six percent of the present senior class said that they drank while driving around, and fifty-four percent said they drank at home.

Forty percent of last year's juniors said they had passed out on account of alcohol. Forty-four percent said they had drunk to the point of not remembering what happened. Thirty-four percent said they had fought while drinking, seventeen percent had been arrested, and four percent reported a car accident on account of consuming alcohol.

These figures indicate that the percentages of alcohol usage at Riggs are higher than the national percentages, especially considering that most figures compare juniors at Riggs to seniors nationwide.

## Student avoids alcohol

by Jennifer Dickerson

**T**his is a story about a girl in high school. Her name and certain events have been changed to hide her identity. We will call her Mary. She is 16 years old. Her parents are divorced, and she lives with her mom. When she was nine, her mom divorced her father because he wouldn't stop drinking and get some help. Mary can remember when her dad used to come home and he would be drunk and "hyper." Sometimes he would hit her mom. Once he threw Mary down the stairs and she suffered a broken leg.

But finally it ended. Her mom asked for a divorce and she got it. Her father has very limited visitation rights. At first, Mary didn't see her father that much because he was in Rapid City at the treatment center. In a way, she missed him, yet she was still scared to see him again.

She hopes that she doesn't become an alcoholic, too. Mary understands that alcoholism just doesn't happen. She knows that it depends on your genes. She stays away from alcohol even though her friends

**Mary doesn't want to mess up her life like her father did.**

sometimes pressure her to drink and she flat out refuses. Mary doesn't want to mess up her life like her father did.

This year, seven years after the divorce, Mary's father is going to court to try to get joint custody. He hasn't had a drink in 2 1/2 years, and he still loves his daughter very much. Mary has spent some time with him since he quit drinking and she isn't afraid of him anymore. Her mother has agreed to go to court but she doesn't want him to have joint custody rights until he has proven himself to be a fit father and shows that he will never drink or hurt anyone because of his drinking again. Mary doesn't care if he does get custody or not because she loves him no matter what.

# Tipping the

What do you mean breath

Don't do it Man!



## Pier hopes to institute prevention programs

by Stephanie Farries

**J**erry Pier, the Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator for Pierre Public Schools, has been responsible for trying to start various prevention programs throughout the Jr. and Sr. High.

Pier has concentrated many of his efforts on starting a student centered peer support group focusing on being substance-free. It would be a blanket program for the already existing programs such as SADD, TORCH, and COPE.

A major factor for the program's success is student involvement.

"We need to empower the students to run the show, while having

the adults' support," Pier said.

Although peer pressure plays a significant part in drinking habits, parents seem to have the largest influence. "The most significant factor in the decision of whether a person is going to drink or not is the parents' involvement towards substance abuse and substance abuse prevention," Pier said. He would also like to see a lot more communication between kid's parents.

Pier feels that student organization in the schools can help provide the support that students need to stay substance free. "I would like the students to provide peer support rather than peer pressure," he said.

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## Features

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## School performance affected

By Dawn Droppers

**T**he abuse of alcohol affects every aspect of a person's life and also the lives of the people around them. School is one of many of these areas.

If students have an alcohol problem, it is bound to show up in their actions at school. The first thing that usually happens is their grades drop. The next thing that is commonly noticed is their attendance gets continually worse. After that come calls from parents to the school expressing concern and possibly word from Court Services.

If any one or a combination of these things occurs, the guidance office will call the person down to discuss why these things are happening. After talking with a counselor, many things can happen.

If the problem is serious, the student is usually referred to Capital Area Counseling. There, the stu-

dent will take a test which determines if the student is an alcoholic. If so, the student will attend group sessions to learn more about this disease. Some students also attend Alcoholics Anonymous.

If the problem is severe enough, the student is sent to an addiction recovery center, usually in Rapid City or Sioux Falls. If the student is not considered an alcoholic, they go to counseling sessions. Sometimes this is the end of the problem, and sometimes there are repeats.

If the problem seems to be a minor one to the school counselor, they discuss the problem and what it could lead to. They also talk about how to handle social situations where alcohol is present and not drink.

In any case, the school works hard to help students with alcohol problems by providing support and a link to the appropriate services.

## Student shares story, gets help through AA

By Ashly Suedkamp

*Editor's note: The name of the student in this article has been changed to protect her identity.*

**M**eg is sixteen years old and has a disease she must face everyday for the rest of her life. Meg is an alcoholic.

"I started experimenting with alcohol during the seventh grade. As I got older, I drank more. I thought I could handle it, but it was uncontrollable. My drinking turned into a vicious cycle that didn't have an end. I kept telling myself that I would quit tomorrow, but my tomorrow never came," she said.

Meg's parents realized she had a drinking problem and confronted her about it. "At first I denied I that I had a problem, and I told them that everything was all right. Then my grades began to fall, and I started being disruptive at home. That was when I realized I had a problem."

Meg talked it over with her parents and together they decided that she would take the drug and alcohol evaluation test. After Meg completed the test, it was evaluated and then explained to her by the counselors.

"My score was 24 and it scared me to death. The counselors told me the best score that you could receive on the test was a one and the

**"My drinking turned into a vicious cycle that didn't have an end." - 'Meg'**

worst score was a 26. That is the highest level of addiction that a person can have. So you can understand why I was terrified."

"After the evaluation I started attending AA and group meetings. Their counselors made us face our problems head on without alcohol."

One of the more important parts of the rehabilitation that Meg talked about was the family sessions. She said, "One night each week my parents and younger sister came. We worked on solving our family problems, but just knowing that my family is there to help me was a comfort."

Now Meg has been out of treatment for two months. "I still feel pressured every now and then, but through treatment I learned to take first things first. One thing about rehab that will stick in my mind for the rest of my life is a little prayer that we all learned and it goes like this:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I can not change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference."

## Getting busted? Here's what happens

by Jennifer Dickerson

**U**nderage consumption and/or possession of alcohol is a very common law broken by teenagers, particularly high school students. Students use alcohol as a means of escaping problems and pressure, having a good time, or just for something to do. Kids drink almost everywhere—from house parties and other social places to their cars while driving around—at any time that is convenient.

There are ways of punishing a first-time and a repeat offender. For kids under the age of 18, your parents will be called, and you usually

gets a 90-day probationary period. If you are "busted" in a car, you will lose your license, too. If you are arrested again, you have to take an alcohol evaluation test at your own cost and comply with its suggestions.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 20, you will be fined. If you are in a car drinking, you will also lose your license.

After a certain number of offenses, you may be required to attend counseling. If you are convicted of a DUI, which means driving under the influence, you may also have to take DUI classes. The fee for these classes will be billed to you.

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rence."**

**--Alcoholics Anonymous**



## Sports

# Relays dominate Region

by Tim Maher

**T**he Pierre Lady Govs qualified 15 people for the Class AA state track meet at last Friday's Region 3AA Meet in Huron. The Pierre Governors will be sending 13 athletes to the state meet, also.

The state track meet will be held at Howard Wood Stadium in Sioux Falls today and tomorrow.

Girls head coach Larry Lundeen summed up Friday's showing, "We pretty much dominated most of the running events."

The Lady Govs won four of the five relays and took second in the 3,200 relay, which consisted of sophomore Jenni Boocock, senior Heather Ogan, and freshman Heather Stutesman.

Senior Antigone Lavoie had a clean sweep in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. She had the anchor leg in the 1,600 relay, preceded by senior Kristie List, and sophomore twins Bonnie and Beth Wahl. Beth was second in the 400 and tied for second in the high jump with senior Amy Schutt.

List took fourth in the 200, third in the 400, and ran on the 800 relay with Ogan, Beth Wahl, and Bonnie Wahl.

The winning 400 relay consisted of Boocock, Ogan, Bonnie Wahl, and sophomore Krista Oehlerking.

The first place 3,200 relay team was run by Oehlerking, senior Jenni Turbiville, and freshmen Andrea Viken and Steph Ellenbecker. Turbiville also won the open 800 meter run, an event she won at last year's state meet.

Sophomore Tobianne Vanderpol



**The final goals...The Class AA track meet begins today in Sioux Falls. (photo by Lance Nielsen)**

placed third in the 300 hurdles and fourth in the 100 hurdles.

Sophomore Billie Jo Hanson qualified in both the shot put and discus, and senior Billie Jo Steffen was pre-qualified in both the shot and discus.

Senior Jon Ellenbecker won the 1,600 and anchored the first place 3,200 relay, joined by seniors Kray Zeller and Cody Nickolas, and junior Carl Osberg. Ellenbecker also pre-qualified for the 800.

The Govs won the medley relay with freshman Willie Zeller, seniors Eric Morrison and Brandt Douglas, and Osberg. Morrison had also already pre-qualified in the long jump.

Three third place relays will also be going to state. The 400 was third with Sophomore Cory Holmes, freshman Kray Zeller, and seniors Morrison and Shawn Culver. Holmes, Morrison, Culver, and senior Jason Engbrecht ran the third

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- distance coach Harvey "Skip" Kurth

place 800. Willie and Kray Zeller, Douglas, and junior Jason Nowak also placed third in the 1,600.

Nowak also qualified in both the 300 and 110 hurdles, placing third and fourth respectively.

Senior Mark Morris placed third and Nickolas was fourth in the 3,200. Sophomore Chris Stotts also qualified for the state meet by placing fourth in the shot put.

"It is always nice to qualify people for the state track meet," commented boys distance coach Harvey "Skip" Kurth. "It gives them a chance to showcase their ability against the top competition across the state. If we run like we are capable of, we should have some top place finishers."

Kurth added, "The challenge is to be able to compete effectively at that level."

# Fundamentals stressed in practice

by Tim Maher

**"W**e are going to work harder and get more intense for this game," stated Pierre Post 8 American Legion Baseball team head coach Scott Raue on the team's season opener on April 27 at Miller. The game will begin at 5 p.m., unless there is rain.

The team has been practicing since mid-April. Their first scrimmage was against the Pierre Amateur team. Third baseman and pitcher Jeff Cleland stated, "It was really a learning experience since some of us are new from the teenagers."

During practice, the fundamentals that are stressed are situations, pitching, batting, and fielding.

**"The outlook for the year is like this -- we have got an exceptional chance of doing well at state."**

**-- head coach Scott Raue**

Pitcher Damon Parks stated, "Our pitchers need to throw strikes and control the ball. We need to strike batters out, and our defense really needs to tighten up."

Conditioning plays an important role in pre-season workouts. Cleland said, "We run two miles each day, or three miles if we are screwing around. I guess that the choice of two or three miles is up to us."

Raue believes that some of the top players on the team should really add to the success of the group. Christian Hess, Parks, and Bill Dunn are the team's top pitchers. Parks said, "Pitching-wise, I need to keep my control and strike out batters." Derek Larson proves to be the most consistent.

Each team member is very optimistic about the upcoming season.

First baseman Christian Hess commented, "We wanna go the whole way. We want to win state. I know that this group has the potential to be the best team in the state."

This enthusiasm is shared by Hess's teammates, as catcher Brain Madigan added, "It is going to be a great summer. We are gonna be tough to beat."

One of the top contenders in the state will be the team stationed in Mitchell. The bulk of their team is back from last year, so they have a lot of experience as well as depth.

The American Legion team has around sixty games scheduled for the season, then on to Regions, ESD, and the state tournament. Raue said, "The outlook for the year is like this--we have got an exceptional chance of doing well at state."



## Sports

# Tobin bags double eagle

by Tim Maher

**T**he Lady Govs golf team ended its year with a fifth place showing at the Class AA state meet. The meet was held last Monday and Tuesday on the Lee Park golf course in Aberdeen.

"We tied for third in ESD, which Huron won, so we were looking like a contender coming into state," commented head coach Rich Jensen. "We knew that the top teams would be S.F. Lincoln, Huron, Lead, and S.F. O'Gorman."

At Regions, which were held at Hillview golf course in Pierre, the Lady Govs won the tournament and beat the favored Huron team by 1 stroke. At that same meet, junior Jennifer Tobin set a school record of 81 for 18 holes.

Tobin placed sixth individually at the state meet. She said, "The year went pretty good. After we won Regions as a team it gave us confidence, which we had been really struggling with."

Tobin will also go down in the Lee Park record books as the only

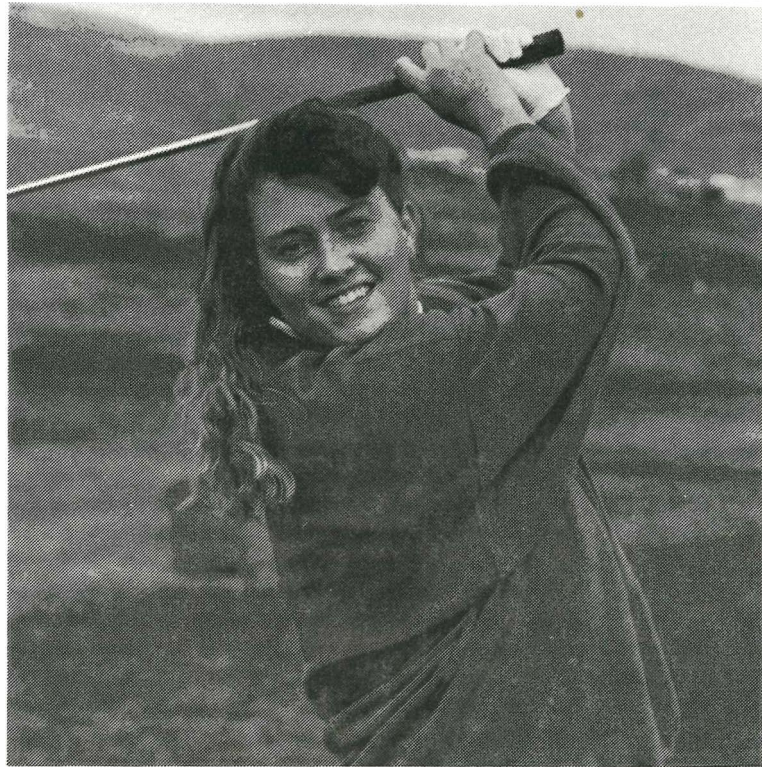
recorded player to ever shoot a double eagle. "I was really shocked," stated Tobin. "At first, I hit the ball 215 yards. I was still out 175 yards, so I was aiming for the green. I took out my 2 iron and hit it. I knew it was close, but I couldn't believe it went in."

Playing at No. 2 was junior Sara Stulken, at No. 3 was senior Ann Schaack, junior Lisa Smith played at No. 4, and eighth grader Allison Stout rounded out the varsity lineup at No. 5.

"Winning Regions was really great," said Schaack. "I didn't play up to my full potential, though. Since it was my last year, I wanted to make a decent showing."

Smith added, "It was a decent year. Hopefully, next year will go better for me. I know that I have room for improvement."

"Next year, we will be losing one senior while we gain three more," Jensen commented. "Everybody but Ann should be back. With our experience at varsity level, we should be a contender again next year."



Junior Jennifer Tobin bagged a rare "double eagle" at the state girls golf meet this week. (photo by Jeff Mamenga, Capital Journal)

# Doubles team takes state title

by Tim Maher

**T**he Pierre Governor netters team ended a successful year at last weekend's state tennis tournament.

The team took third place at state competition, which took place Friday and Saturday in Sioux Falls. S.F. Lincoln was first with 101.5 points to second place S.F. O'Gorman's 91.5 points. Pierre came in next with 71 points, followed by 63.5 for Watertown.

The Gov's highlight for the tournament came when senior Matt Judson and junior Al Berheim teamed up to win a state championship at No. 2 doubles. "We just really played hard and tried to be really aggressive, especially at the net," Berheim said. "We tried to serve to their backhand. My serve was my strong point."

"Alan did a great job," added Judson who won at No. 2 doubles last year playing with senior Anthony

Nelson. "I can't say enough about him. We really came together the last couple of weeks of the season."

Judson was also the only netter to advance to the semifinals in the singles. He made it to the finals and placed second at No. 2 singles.

Seniors Chad Winters and Nelson placed third at No. 1 doubles while the No. 3 team of junior Dave Thielen and eighth grader T.J. Kracht also placed third after losing tough semifinal matches.

The group won the ESD tennis tourney a week earlier in Aberdeen. Pierre scored 73.5 points at ESD. Watertown had 54.5, Brookings came in with 47.5, Brandon Valley had 45.5, Aberdeen central scored 18, Mitchell had 13, Yankton scored 10, and Huron finished with 7.

Winters took first at No.1 singles, Judson won at No. 2, Nelson came in first at No. 3, and junior Chris Sonnenschein took hold of first place at No. 4.

In doubles action, Winters and Nelson took first at No. 1, Judson and Berheim won at No. 2, and Thielen and T.J. Kracht finished the Pierre sweep with a win at No. 3.

"That's real nice," Pierre head coach Phil Trautner said of winning three ESD titles in a row. "That's not an easy thing to do. You certainly have to give a lot of the credit to the kids. You always want to come back and take on that challenge again."

Trautner has now guided Pierre to 10 ESD titles--easily more than any other coach.

## Soccer underway

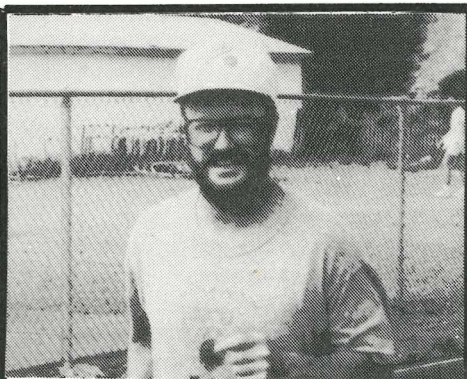
by Tim Maher

**T**he Pierre Lasers soccer team members anticipate their first trip to the state tournament, held in Sioux Falls, on June 7, 8, and 9.

The team has already participated in coed games against Belle Fourche and Brookings. The new team is looking for more games before state so that they can see what other teams have to offer and what they can expect once they get there.

"Now that track is out, we are getting a lot more people out for soccer," stated student coordinator Bret Eschmeyer. "We are concentrating on dribbling with both feet, goal kicks, throw-ins from the sidelines, and passing so that we see what everybody can do," he said.

Coach Gordon Anderson said, "It is nice that we are getting more people out for soccer. I hope that we have enough members so that we can form two different teams."



Former sophomore boys basketball coach Harvey "Skip" Kurth has been named head varsity basketball coach for the 1991-92 school year. He replaces retiring coach Bob Judson. (photo by Lance Nielson)



## Features

# Making music requires dedication

By Kier Murphy

**T**wo Riggs High School students, Trent Miller and John Wellhouse, both juniors, are the founding members of the band F/F. "Me and John started it back in the 9th grade, hoping to have some fun but mostly to mess around," said Miller.

The band consists of Trent Miller, lead guitar and back-up vocals, John Wellhouse, drums and lead vocals, and Eric Manus, bass guitar and back-up vocals.

"We play everything from U2 to Motley Crue as well as some of our own stuff," said Miller. "Red Head Girl" is a song we composed in the 9th grade. It's kind of humorous and some people like it, so we play it a lot. But we have done some more serious stuff."

"Finding a name for the band was very hard. We knew we wanted to use the word 'frivolous' and I thought of 'The Frivolous Frenchmen', but then we had to shorten it to F/F," said Wellhouse, who got F/F from a villain on the old Batman TV show. "We've even got T-shirts printed up with our name and logo," said Miller.

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"We like to practice about three days a week, after school and on weekends, but we got a lot of practice over the summer," said Miller, "but we had to put it all on hold for a little bit with two of our members in All State Chorus."

Miller has a 4.0 GPA and is a black belt in combat karate. Wellhouse is an All State Chorus member and a baseball player. Manus is also an All State Chorus member and holds down a job.

Miller sees some big things in the future for the band. "We want to play at one or two numbers at the swing concert and senior Brian Cass wants to sing 'Stairway To Heaven' with us at the concert. We



**Founding fathers...John Wellhouse and Trent Miller established F/F as freshmen. (photo by Lance Nielsen)**

would also be interested in playing at this year's Graduation Blast, but there is nothing set, yet."

"We will probably break up after we graduate, because I'm pretty sure we won't be going to the same

college. We might start up our own bands in college and maybe get back together someday. It sure would be a lot of fun, and we could start puttin' out some noise," said Miller.

## Two bands collaborate for summer

by Jacinta Wang

**I**t seems like an everyday commonplace blue house with white trim, but lurking deep down in the basement of junior John Wellhouse's home is a practice session for the newly formed band "Spaniards in France."

If no one has ever heard of "Spaniards in France," it's probably because they just came up with the name during the interview. Actually, they're not even really sure they are "Spaniards in France." After all, they spent almost twenty minutes debating names such as the "Canadian Lumberjacks," "Financially Distraught Thieves and Weasels on the Move," "Plumbers with No Destinations," and "Roadkill."

The band is actually a collaborative effort of two previously established student bands. "Spanish Fly" consists of Pat Kloiber, Jason Timp, and Andy Potter.

Frivolous Frenchmen (F/F) is the name for a band which includes Eric Manus, Trent Miller and John Wellhouse.

The collaborative effort of the two bands, "Spaniards in France," will be playing at a Ft. Pierre dance on May 25.

While the rest of the group thinks about the endless possibilities of "Spaniards in France," Jason Timp offers a deep thought.

"Wait...I've got a question. So...if we're all playing one song, how can we be two different bands? How did they get started? "We were all sitting in a coffee shop..." says Jason Timp. Andy Potter finished, "...and a Spanish fly landed on this Frenchman's toast."

John Wellhouse, drummer and occasional vocalist for F/F, says, "Frivolous Frenchman got together on 'Let the River Run.'" Eric Manus, who plays just about every instrument in the free world, recalls, "Trent and I were doing a guitar accompaniment. Tim (Schmidt) was doing bass and John was doing drums. Tim couldn't make it to the practice. Trent had been working on some U2 songs, and I started playing a bass riff; Trent started playing a guitar riff, John started drumming to it, and we just started playing a little more."

Their first performance was at a junior high dance two weeks ago, billed as "Thieves and Weasels." The dance was held to raise money for Odyssey of the Mind.

As of yet, they haven't been paid for a performance, but as Andy Potter, bassist, reasons, "Basically we're just trying to get a good start and get a name, then start playing on our own once we get enough songs between the two bands." However, the dilemma of renting equip-

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**-- Jason Timp, senior**

ment for a performance is a pending matter. The bands are renting some of the equipment on their own which they feel should be rented for them.

Since their audience is made up of high school students, choosing the right songs to play is also important. How do they choose their songs? Potter replied, "Basically, if we know it." Kloiber finishes, "...and what we think of it." Manus confidently states, "If we hear it and we like it, we can do it."

"But we don't do anything with a horn part because we don't have a horn section," Potter adds.

"Spaniards in France" has a wide variety of musical tastes, ranging from Aerosmith to R.E.M. "Aerosmith, Zeppelin, Scott Paulsen from Alias X," said Potter. "Just a lot of stuff." Timp lists his influences as Jimi Hendrix, R.E.M., Prince, old Van Halen and Eric Johnson.

Kloiber says he was influenced in his musical tastes by "Violent Femmes and my parents. I figure my dad played a lot of country music when I was in the womb."

"The Frivolous Frenchman" have given the question of what bands have influenced them some thought and quickly answer. Wellhouse says, "Myself. I listen to...music. No bands have influenced me or my playing. I just locked myself into a room." Timp interrupts, "You're lying, John. Everything I have ever listened to has influenced me." However, Wellhouse does admit to listening to Motley Crue and U2. Manus says, "Spanish Fly...that's about it. No, I listen to Queensryche and U2."

With two members of "Spanish Fly" graduating this year, there doesn't seem to be much of a future for them and, therefore, "Spaniards in France."

"Frivolous Frenchman," however, hope to play as much as possible. Wellhouse says, "I think F/F will get enough songs to play some to play some dances. Then we'll break up and I'll go to college. I'll probably drum for some band there. But really, other than this summer, there isn't much future for "Spaniards in France."