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Teenagers forced to reduce cruising

by Dawn Droppers

The two new ordinances concerning teenagers' use of Euclid Avenue have put a lot of students on the defensive.

Even prior to the release of the ordinances, the battle was raging. Property owners on North Euclid were complaining about kids littering, disturbing the peace, and loitering. Kids were arguing that they really were not doing any harm, and wondered where they were supposed to go. Letters to the editor argued back and forth from week to week.

Now that the ordinances have been released, there is a lot of confusion as to what is legal and what is not. There are two specific ordinances aimed at Euclid.

The first deals with what is called disorderly assembly, which is

defined as two or more persons engaged in conduct that threatens the public's peace or safety. It gives the police the right to break up a crowd without the specific consent of the property owners.

The second ordinance makes it illegal to park in any place where notices are posted or after the person has been told to leave.

Many students have felt disgusted about the new ordinances. Paulette Disburg, senior, said they were "dumb if we aren't hurting anything." Most other students seemed to feel the same way. Sophomore Laurie Hofer said, "All we are doing is parking and talking. If we can't go there, where can we go?"

Answers to that question seem to differ. The city has given students a teen center, but it is way off the main drag and is mostly over-run

"All we are doing is parking and talking. If we can't go there, where can we go?"

Laurie Hofer, sophomore

with junior high kids. So where does that leave Riggs students? On Euclid.

Suggestions have been made to find a place strictly for high school students and older. This might be a successful solution, especially if it is on or close to Euclid. When people see some friends there, they will more than likely pull in.

Another suggestion is something on the order of a dance club for the same age group. It would be open anywhere from every other

week to once a month, and would bring in good bands that would attract a lot of people, like those at prom or other similar functions. The main problem with this is funding.

The battle between police and property owners and students will continue until a compromise can be reached or a solution that satisfies both sides is found. Until then, there is not much students can do but make the best of a bad situation.

Newspaper, yearbook editors garner top state recognition

by Dawn Swendsen

Four Riggs students gained recognition as All-State journalists this summer. Students from both the Gumbo and Governor staffs had a chance to attend a week long journalism workshop. The workshops were held on the South Dakota State University campus in Brookings.

The students worked on various projects that taught them different aspects of putting a yearbook or a newspaper together. "The most important things that I learned were how to write a lead and how to conduct a good interview," said Stephanie Farries, Governor editor.

Kara Durick, Matt Judson, and Dawn Swendsen were named All-State journalists at the yearbook workshop, and Stephanie Farries

was named All-State journalist at the newspaper workshop.

"I was glad that someone from Pierre won—to please Mr. Peterson. I was the first one of the three Pierre students to be announced." In addition, Swendsen was also named All-Around Journalist, the top workshop honor.

Gumbo staff adviser Terry Peterson said, "I was really impressed with everyone's efforts, especially since none of them thought their work was good enough."

Kara Durick and Dawn Swendsen will be the 1990 Gumbo editors with Matt Judson as the associate editor. Stephanie Farries will be the 1990 Governor editor-in-chief. All four editors are anxious to use what they learned at their workshops in this year's publications.



Successful Summer... Dawn Swendsen, Stephanie Farries, Kara Durick and Matt Judson won all-state honors at summer journalism camp.

Comment

Kangaroo court is abolished

by Stephanie Farries

The September 13 student senate meeting marked the beginning of changes in this year's homecoming events, including the elimination of kangaroo court.

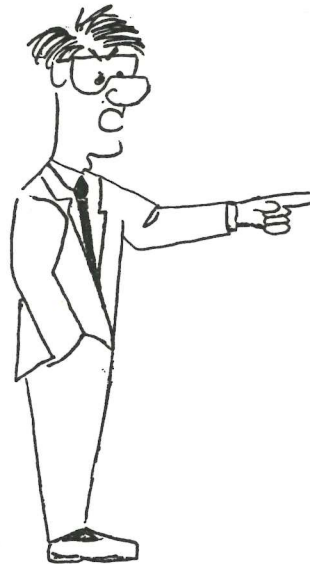
After several faculty members expressed concern and opposition toward the annual event, the student senate voted to eliminate kangaroo court. The change in homecoming plans is not an easy one for a lot of students to take.

Kangaroo court has been a tradition here for many years. Not all traditions have been carried out in everyone's best interest though, this being the case with kangaroo court. The trouble is in convincing all of the students of that.

Homecoming is a time for the school to come together and show spirit for their football team. Kangaroo court divides the school into classes, rather than unifying the student body. The homecoming week should provide positive experiences for all of the students. Instead, certain students feel intimidated by their peers.

Another problem with Kangaroo court is the troopers. In the last few years their actions have gotten quite carried away. The physical threat that they pose to the students causes the school a lot of problems. If anything were to happen to one of the kids, the school could face a lawsuit. It is just not worth the risk.

The question is not whether or not kangaroo court was fun, because for the most part it was. However, had the student senate not voted to get ride of it, the faculty would have gotten ride of it anyway. Now we must make the best of the situation.



There's going to be
NO Kangaroo Court,
& That's FINAL!



not funny.

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What the People Say

Last week's homecoming festivities were minus one old tradition--kangaroo court. This is what the people say about the student senate's decision to do away with kangaroo court at the pep rally.

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Stacey Gavin, Sr.

"I personally think we should have kept kangaroo court because it was tradition, and it was fun. We could have had some rules as to how the guards hauled the people down, but I don't think we should have totally gotten ride of it.

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Tim Maher, Jr.

"Student senate was justified in eliminating kangaroo court since it would have been shot down by the faculty anyway. Most people know that there is more to homecoming than just kangaroo court."

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Joby Herrin, Jr.

"I think that it was a wise decision to eliminate kangaroo court from the homecoming pep assembly because the emphasis should be on the homecoming football game, not on embarrassing others. Besides, in a few years nobody will even remember kangaroo court."

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Brian Shekelton, Soph.

"I liked homecoming. I though that homecoming was very well-planned. The football game was also well-handled by the teachers and chaperones that were there."

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News

Washington Bound:

Schmidt to attend national meeting

by Jvonne Heard

Tim Schmidt will be one of four South Dakota students representing Solutions Improvisational Theater at the National Children's Day in Washington D.C. next month.

"To be accepted, I had to write a page essay on a program that has helped kids through trying times in their lives or is doing something

good for the community," Schmidt said. "I also had to explain what the program is about, how it has helped me, and why it is successful."

Schmidt will visit historical sites, tour the studio where singer Whitney Houston will be taping a National Children's Day television special, and attend congressional hearings.

Improv allows for a group of stu-

"I am looking forward to meeting Whitney Houston and getting her autograph."

Tim Schmidt, junior

dents to present a problem in a form of a skit and then help the audience to realize the choices and solution, said Schmidt.

Schmidt got involved with improv while still in junior high school. "At the end of 8th grade, we got an announcement to fill out a form," Schmidt said. He said improv members are chosen with an eye toward balancing the sex, race,

interests, and income levels of the group. Schmidt says this is to provide for a wider variety of people with different views and experiences.

Schmidt will be attending National Children's Day October 1-5. Tammy Newman, also of Pierre, was selected as an alternate, representing DARE.

Briefly

Journalists to attend press day

by Deanna Prue

Governor staff, Gumbo staff, and journalism students will attend a one-day workshop and awards ceremony on the campus of SDSU in Brookings on October 8.

The awards ceremony will recognize yearbooks and newspapers from the 1989-90 school year that have won awards in the summer competition. Individual awards will be presented to All-State journalists and photographers.

Three Gumbo staff members have achieved All-State recognition. They are Dawn Swendson, Matt Judson, and Kara Durick. Stephanie Farries of the Governor staff also won All-State honors.

Over 1,000 high school journalists from across the state will attend the event that also includes classes and a writing competition. Classes are held on news writing, feature story writing, sports writing, headline writing, photography, and various aspects of yearbook production.

Cast announced for upcoming play

by Deanna Prue

Kristen Job and Eric Morrison have captured the lead roles in the upcoming comedy "You Can't Take it with You."

The play has roles for twenty people. Others in the cast include Carly Snyder, Jvonne Heard, Andy Potter, Tim Schmidt, Eric Manus, Andrea Viken, Ben Jensen, Jason Knox, Kyle Richards, Barb Fabish, Brian Shekleton, Bob Stiles, Lori Stulken, Sara Stulken, Vince Eng-

lund, Joe Prue, Kier Murphy, and Lance Nielsen.

The play is a famous comedy by George Kaufman and Moss Hart. It is about a girl and guy who fall in love, but she won't marry him unless he first meets her family. Meeting the family turns into a disaster, but it is one that audiences will enjoy.

The play is directed by Hyrma Zakahi and will be presented in the theatre October 16, 18, and 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Career Day provides information

by Yvonne O'Day

Students will miss afternoon classes October 15 to listen to representatives from post-high school institutions in South Dakota plus neighboring states.

Sophomores and juniors must attend two sessions, while seniors must attend all three sessions.

Students will choose the representatives they would like to listen to during a homeroom one week

prior to the career day.

Nearly every in-state institution of higher education will present sessions. The Air Force, Army, Marines, and Navy will also be on hand to present information on the various branches of the military.

Out-of-state institutions will come from North Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming, Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, and Arizona.

Second IBM Lab added

by Barb Goddard

A new addition to Riggs is a second IBM computer lab. It is located on the second floor old library/study hall and has an approximate value of \$55,000.

The second IBM lab was installed because of a growing need for computer accessibility by teachers and students. Ms. Hyrma Zakahi, senior English teacher, said that at the end of last year it was difficult to get classes scheduled into the downstairs IBM lab. Now, she said, the new lab is mostly used for class scheduling by the Biology and Eng-

lish classes as well as independent student projects.

The IBM lab on first floor is being heavily utilized this year by the business department.

Stephanie Farries, senior English student, appreciates the new lab. "It is a great asset to the school, especially for the seniors for working on research papers."

Principal Roger Lonbaken encourages the lab use and wants students to be responsible. If any damage should occur, restrictions will be enforced. Mr. Lonbaken said that isn't something he'd like to see happen.

Computer, new company give newspaper new look

by Jvonne Heard

What's that across the top of page one? Color? The addition of color in some issues is just one of many changes students will be seeing this year in the school newspaper.

Observant students may have noticed that this is not the same size paper as last year. True! It is shorter and wider.

The paper being used is also better quality, a 60 lb. offset paper. "We needed to improve the quality of our photo reproduction. Last year we had great photos, but they didn't reproduce well in the paper. A heavier weight paper should solve that problem," said Mrs. Elizabeth Vogt, newspaper adviser.

The Capital Journal will be printing the paper this year for the first

time as they submitted the lowest bid.

Students will put their stories on the IBM computer network.

Stories are then gathered and copied onto one disk and delivered to the Capital Journal. They will use that disk to print out the stories for the newspaper.

"The use of the computers here at school and at the Capital Journal will save us a lot of time. We used to have to wait several days for typesetting; this should speed up our process," said Vogt.

Students who are interested in being on the Governor staff should see Mrs. Vogt, Stephanie Farries, Dawn Droppers, or Jvonne Heard. Meetings are held weekly at 7:00 p.m. in room 215.

News/Sports

Earthday Column Planned

by Stephanie Farries

The first Earth Day was conceived by Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1980. The day was planned as a nationwide teach-in about the environment at some 1,500 colleges and 10,000 other schools. But the celebration took on a certain Woodstock-era flair. In West Virginia, demonstrators dumped five tons of roadside trash on the steps of a courthouse to protest litter; in San Jose, California, students buried a car to protest auto pollution; drivers snipped their credit cards in half. Twenty million people participated in Earth Day 1970.

Some of the same ideas were implemented into Earth Day 1990. April 22 was set aside for people to take the environment more seriously. It was the beginning of a new enviro-conscious society, a beginning that must not end.

Millions of people took an active role in helping the environment on Earth Day. Television stations

aired specials featuring movie stars and celebrities, each suggesting ways for viewers to help the environment. Citizens in Newark, NJ, planted 2,000 trees. Most of the nation sat up and took notice of the world's environmental state. Even Riggs High student senate planted a tree to mark the event.

In all, Earth Day was an important event for the country. But now that Earth Day is over, will its meaning remain? Will people continue to remember its significance, or will Earth Day become an event celebrated only once every 20 years?

The environment must not be taken for granted. The principles of Earth Day must be something people think about every day. To do its part, the Governor will be printing an environmental column in every issue. The column will suggest measures that we all can take to help the environment on a day to day basis. After all, Earth Day should be everyday.

Earthday Everyday

Americans throw out about 160 million tons of garbage a year--3.5 pounds a piece each day. Where is all of this garbage going to be put?

More than two-thirds of the nation's landfills have close since the late 1970's; one third of those remaining will be full in the next five years. America currently tosses out 160 million tons of trash each year--enough to spread 30 stories high over 1,000 football fields or enough to fill bumper-to-bumper conboy of garbage trucks halfway to the moon.

Some 28,000 tons of garbage travel the nation's highways each day on the way to landfills that have some room. The problem is that these landfills are filling up fast. It is time to take a look at how to limit garbage output and how to recycle.

Paper products comprise 41 percent of the nation's trash, by weight. Thirty percent of all paper products consumed in this country are recycled--26 million tons a year, turning up in cereal boxes, toilet tissue, even in bedding for farm animals. Still, that leaves more than 40 million tons clogging landfills. U.S. recycling mills can actually use more high-quality white paper, like computer printouts, than communities can collect.

Turning bauxite into new aluminum is ten times more expensive than reprocessing cans. That is one key reason more than half of all aluminum beverage cans are recycled today--42.5 billion annually. Even so, Americans still toss out enough aluminum every three months to rebuild the nation's entire fleet.

Reusing old glass also costs less than making glass from new materials. To date, only ten percent of it is recycled, but markets are growing steadily. Glass bottles can live again as "glassphalt," a combination of glass and asphalt, and, of course, as other food containers.

Currently only one percent of plastic is recaptured, but manufacturers are scrambling to find new uses for old plastic, including plastic "lumber" and stuffing for ski jackets. Proctor and Gamble is working on making new Spic and Span containers from recycled plastic bottles, and they plan on being able to turn used Luvs and Pampers disposable diapers into plastic garbage bags.

It is obvious that there is definitely room for recycling. It will prove beneficial to landfills and to our environment. In order to reap the benefits from recycling, though, all Americans must do their part.



Making Plans... Coach Don Shields explains strategy to Heather Hageman, Jocelyn Van Roekel and Tiffany Sonnenschein. (Photo by Macy Welsh)

Coach cites height advantage

by Ann Hofer

"In addition to team height and depth, the Lady Govs also have quickness," said Coach Don Shields. The team has three girls six feet and over and four girls who are over five feet ten inches. "The girls are quick," said Shields.

"The team needs to work on its outside shooting. Good shooting will bring out the defense and make it easier for the centers to score. We are also working on two presses to make use of our size and quickness," said Shields.

Kristie List, senior guard, said, "Having the height advantage leads to good rebounding. We have to work on our fast break and continue

to execute our plays correctly." Kristie would like to see the team place in the top three and go on to the State AA Tournament.

"Angie Joens, senior guard, said, "Mentally and physically we have improved." She also thinks that they are learning to work together as a team instead of individually.

Her goal is to have fun and be successful.

Consistency on both offense and defense has been the key to winning our past games, said Joens.

In order to keep winning, Joens said the they need to improve their shooting percentage.

Coach hopes to contend for second

by Kristie List

The Lady Govs Tennis team is in action tomorrow as they travel to Aberdeen for the ESD meet.

Coach Don Rogers is optimistic about the Lady Govs' chances. "Brookings should contend for first again, but there will be a real dog fight for second place. We hope to be right there."

The Lady Govs tennis squad is very young this year, but the team is learning alot. Rogers says the area in which the girls have most improved in is their level of concentration. Also, they have put together good doubles teams and are playing very aggressively. Kerry

Whitney, Sr., agreed with Rogers. "I think the doubles are our strength because the girls work better together," said Whitney.

Since the Lady Govs are so young, the next couple years seem optimistic. Kerry Whitney commented, "I think the younger girls will benefit from all this experience and they will know how to practice better and harder."

Team members include at #1 singles Gretchen Forney, #2 Cally Winters, #3 Carla Fridley, #4 Jessica Kelley, #5 Sarah Winters, and #6 Ambur Osnes. The double teams consist of #1 Cally Winters and Forney, #2 Fridley and Sarah Winters, and #3 Angel Hanson and Kelley.

Sports

No Pain, No Gain

Athletes find ways to stay in shape despite injury

by Ann Hofer

Is it true no pain means no gain? No! In most cases this is not true! Most athletes improve their skills and stamina by gradually increasing the demands made on their bodies.

To most athletes, "on the line" signals conditioning to increase and maintain their strength. Sometimes, however, even by following their training rules, their bodies do not react the way they want them to. This can often result in injuries.

Injuries are very stressful to athletes. Not only is the injury often painful, but it is made worse by not being able to stay in condition.

Heather Hageman, senior forward on the girls basketball team, said, "It took a while for me to get used to using my ankle again after two months of doing nothing with it."

Joby Herrin, junior forward, said it was difficult "having to live up to other expectations although I was injured."

Nikki Hawkins, junior guard, said

that she went to a lot of physical therapy in order to come back after her injury.

A person who is injured may stay in shape in many different ways. One rule is to always listen to what the doctor says. He knows best! If the athlete asks, he can usually recommend an optional exercise program.

If the athlete suffers from shin splints, riding a stationary bike may be less painful and stressful than running to stay in condition.

In addition to riding stationary

bikes, lifting weights is also a good way to keep muscles strong and toned. Swimming is another great form of conditioning; it strengthens muscles and gives a good opposing force to work against. Swimming is not as stressful on the body as running can be.

An injured athlete must be positive. Sitting around and doing nothing will sacrifice all the hard work that has been put into keeping in shape. It is important to find a different source of exercise. It takes hard work to succeed!

Koistinen credits team's hard work

by Ann Hofer

"Playing the best football we can and improving each week" is Coach Ken Koistinen's key to success. Koistinen said they have had a good week of practice and have shown tremendous improvement.

The team strength lies not only with the individual player but with the combination of individual and team strength, Koistinen said. "I think we are coming together and becoming a better football team," said Koistinen.

Replacing last year's graduates and filling their positions has been a challenge, said Koistinen, but he is very confident in his new players. "Our defensive players are inexperienced, but they are steadily gaining experience," he said.

To beat Watertown, Koistinen said, "We will have to play sound defense against their speed and be more consistent on offense." According to Koistinen, Watertown has good running backs, good foot speed, and good-sized players.

Senior football player Justin Weber said that defense is improving because of dedication and hard work. He has confidence in their continuing improvement. "By the time we play Watertown, we should be prepared to beat them!"

Weber adds, "It has taken time to get into the 'groove,' but practice and games have changed that."

Koistinen also notices the improvement, both mentally and physically, in his team. He attributes that to hard work and additional experience. So far, the team has suffered no serious injuries.



(Photo by Mandy Johnson)

Runners to compete with N.D.'s best

by Kristie List

The Lady Gov and Governor Cross Country teams will be busy this weekend as the varsity travels to Bismark, North Dakota, and the junior varsity travels to Philip for cross country action. Those travelling to Bismark will have the opportunity to run against some of the best runners in North Dakota, while those going to Philip will take on the west river runners.

Mark Morris, Sr., feels that the year is going well for the Governors. "It is going good, and I hope we can

keep improving." Morris also feels that running against some of the top runners in North Dakota will help the team improve. "I think the competition will help us out alot and get us ready for ESD," said Morris.

Coach Larry Lundeen is also optimistic about the year. Most of everyone's time has come down between 30-40 seconds since last year.

"I like to see us repeat as conference champs this year and possibly the top five in the state," Lundeen said.

Governor runners include Cody Nickolas, Jon Ellenbecker, Mark Morris, Kray Zeller, Carl Osberg, Ryan Weaver, Brian Shekelton, and Jim Patten.

The Lady Gov Cross Country team is also successful despite small numbers. Only six girls are out and there is only one senior, Sara Nelson.

Lundeen's goal for the girls team is to place in the middle of the conference at the ESD meet. "We

hope to have everyone running in the low 17s for the 4000 meter race, and have everyone run together in a pack," said Lundeen.

A few injuries are hampering the young Lady Govs, but everyone should be ready for the conference meet. "Our times are coming down steadily," Lundeen said.

Team members include Krista Oehlerking, Sara Nelson, Bonnie Wahl, Steph Ellwein, Allison Mickelson, Maure Eichelberg, Heather Anderson, and Suzann LaVoie.

Features

Homecoming Memories

Queens express surprise, honor at being chosen

by Dawn Droppers

What do Sharon Sonnenschein, Jayne Parsons, Catie Carter, and Kristie List have in common? All of these had the honor of becoming homecoming queen in high school.

They all agreed that being crowned was indeed important to

themselves personally, but most of them also agreed that it probably had/will have no great affect on success later in life. But would they have passed up the so-called honor? Absolutely not!! The initial response of the queens was almost identical; every queen said, "Shocked," or "Very surprised." So why do a lot of queens appear calm

and serene as they accept the crown? Carter, who was crowned in 1989, answered this best. "It took until I got home and started talking to my sister to sink in," she said.

As a spectator, the most common thing to wonder about is the competition between candidates. Only one of the queens said that there was any amount of rivalry between the candidates. "Some were really competitive," Carter said. List, crowned last Friday, said, "No one was really hyped up about it, there was not much rivalry at all." Parsons, who was crowned in 1979, said, "I was an honor just to be nominated," and Sonnenschein, crowned in 1965, agreed. "That (being nominated)

alone is the honor," she said.

One of the most important things about being crowned seemed to be the memories. List said she would "probably have real good memories" of her experience. Her prediction is probably pretty accurate. "I remember really crying," said Sonnenschein. "It was a real emotional time. I remember wishing that everyone could have the same experience."

Although it is impossible for everyone to be able to experience what it is like to be a queen, it is every little girl's dream at some point in her life. The few who have reached that dream will never forget it. Parsons especially stressed this fact. "It is an honor that has always stuck with me," she said.



Crowning Glory... Kristie List and Josh Ley were chosen as 1990 First Lady and Governor.



Blaze of Glory... The traditional burning of the letters stirs up homecoming fever for Pierre residents and students.

New Zealander to share country, customs

by Jennifer Dickerson

Australia came to Riggs students last year as foreign exchange student Kerrie Hepworth shared her part of the world with students. This year students have the opportunity to learn about New Zealand from current foreign exchange student Barbara Fabish.

Barbara, a 17 year-old senior, is from Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand. She has two older brothers living there as well as her mother, who is a teacher, and her

father, who is a trade union official.

Barbara has already completed school in New Zealand, though it is not called "high school" but is referred to as "college."

College, she explained, has five age levels and three to seven forms which, in the United States, are commonly known as grades. School starts at 9 a.m. and is dismissed at 3 p.m. with a lunchbreak of half an hour to an hour.

Students study five or six subjects, including history, geography, math, and science.

"In Pierre, the subjects are

broader, whereas in New Zealand they are narrower and have more depth," said Barbara.

At the Catholic boarding school she attended, she studied history and geography. There is no graduation, but there is a ceremony of prize-giving so that "you still go out with a bang," she said.

According to Barbara, New Zealand is a very sport-oriented country. People play rugby, which is like soccer, and netball, which is similar to basketball. She said that in New Zealand, everyone is encouraged to participate, from the young to the

old. In Pierre, she said, people only play if they are good. Barbara enjoys doing a lot of cycling there, but she doesn't have a bike here.

Her hobbies have changed a lot since she arrived in Pierre. In her country, she cycled and enjoyed going to the movies. Here, she sings in select chorus and in the church choir. Barbara is also in the school play and plays the character of Gail, a drunken woman. She also participated in the Powder Puff game last weekend during homecoming.

Barbara's hosts are sophomore Kelly Meagher and her family.