



## Board looks at expanding policy Rules need to help, not punish

**T**he school board is looking at revising the athletic training policy as well as expanding the policy to include all extra-curricular activities.

A committee made up of students, parents, coaches and school board members has been meeting to revise the athletic policy. The policy now states that students have a curfew and can be suspended from a sport for drinking or being at a party.

Committee member and gymnastics coach Vickie Semmler said, "We want to have something (a policy) that would help rather than punish."

The committee went to the school

board on December 9 hoping to be steered in the right direction of whether or not to expand the policy to all extracurricular activities.

In a recent Governor poll, forty-two percent of the student body thought that the athletic policy should be expanded to all extracurricular activities.

The arguments for expansion are that the policy should apply to all students, not just a select few.

"It should be all extracurricular activities because they are school functions," one junior said.

One sophomore said that all members of extracurricular activities are part of a team and should be treated that way.

Another junior thought that the

rules should apply to everyone because all students represent Riggs.

The school board liked the idea of expanding the policy, but board member Dr. Tom Huber thought that the new policy should be tested first with the athletes and then expanded to other activities.

Students opposed to the expansion argue that other extracurricular activities should be put on the same level of importance as athletics before they should have to be a part of a policy.

One sophomore said that they need to give the band members, drama participants, and others the privileges, funding and "especially" the recognition that the athletes re-

ceive before the same policy applies to them.

The fifty-four percent of the students who disagreed with the expansion also thought that it was unfair that activities that were year round would have to obey the same policies as activities that were only part of the year.

To represent the different facets of the school, the committee is made up of students Tim Maher and Ruth Twiggs, parents Mike Eichelberg and Eileen Herrin, coaches Vickie Semmler and Don Shields, school board members Steve Bumann and Diana Knox, and high school drug and alcohol prevention coordinator Jerry Pier.

## Student senate accomplishes more than previous government

**T**he Riggs Student Senate is getting "a lot of work done this year," according to one of its members.

Brian Madigan, senior class president, said "the homecoming celebration was a tough thing to do because we had to plan everything from scratch." After the administration dismantled such traditional activities as kangaroo court, the senate and its adviser had to come up with new activities. One of those activities, the tricycle race during the homecoming pep rally, was commended by many as a success.

Another project the senate has developed is that of the mascot, which is to be a paper-mache capitol building dome. "The mascot's status has been upgraded from theoretical to in the post-planning stage," said Madigan.

"We've set the wheels in motion," he said. "We have a plan of attack."

Tim Maher, senate president, said that the idea must first acquire approval from the athletic director, Riggs administration and finally the Pierre school board.

Looking ahead to the upcoming elections when students will choose new officials, both Madigan and Maher are optimistic.

"Right now," Madigan said, "we're looking at the student body president election. The petitions are out now, and we're hoping for a good

turn-out."

"I'm really happy about what Chris and I have accomplished," Maher said. "I feel we've accom-

plished more than our predecessors, and that is what we said we would do. We lived up to our campaign promises threefold."

### Senate presents specifications for proposed school mascot

#### MASCOT SPECIFICATIONS

I. The mascot will be present at all home games and only be allowed to travel to state tournaments where cheerleaders are present.

II. It is the purpose of the Theodore F. Riggs High School mascot to add another dimension to high school sports, cheerleading, and school spirit. Therefore,

A. The mascot shall follow all the rules of cheering imposed upon the cheerleaders.

B. The mascot shall be regulated by the cheerleading adviser, school administrators, and the athletic director.

C. Training rules shall apply

to anyone who takes on the role of the mascot. He/she must sign a form before the advent of his/her first performance.

III. Any eligible Theodore F. Riggs High School student may try out for the school mascot position.

A. During the first year, student council will embody the mascot with members of student council.

B. Every year thereafter, tryouts will be held with the cheerleaders' tryouts at the end of the school year.

C. A mascot nominee will try out for one of four positions:

1. Girls basketball mascot
2. Football mascot

3. Boys basketball mascot
4. Wrestling mascot

D. It is the responsibility of the appropriate mascot to be in attendance at his/her athletic event; however, a mascot from one of the other sports may be allowed to substitute in an emergency.

E. After being selected a mascot, the student shall be required to attend cheerleading practices. They will do this to acquaint themselves with simple cheers.

IV. Funding necessary for maintenance of the mascot will be the sole responsibility of the Theodore F. Riggs High School Student Senate.



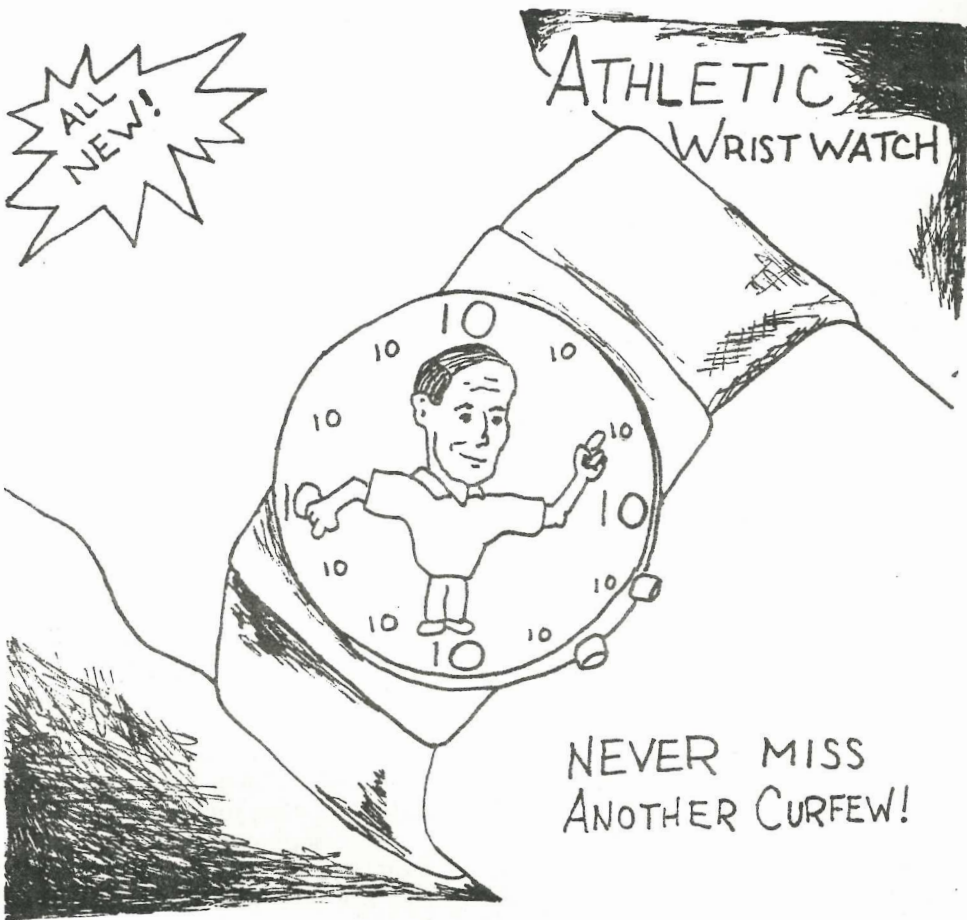
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Editorial  
Girls defy odds

Congratulations are in order for the 1991 Lady Govs basketball players and cheerleaders as they surprised just about everybody by winning the State AA Championship and the "Spirit of Six" award in Mitchell. They have shown us that no matter what the odds, hard work and a lot of heart can allow us to accomplish anything. Recognition also goes to the "Sea of Green" that made its way from Pierre to Mitchell. Their enthusiasm impelled our Ladies on to victory.

It is nice to know that the school board sees that their present athletic policies are not working in curbing teen "naughtiness." But will any punishment or prevention put an end to drinking, smoking, and staying out just a little bit past curfew? A training rule in itself will not do the trick.

On the part of the school board, the idea of spreading the school's money around to different Pierre photographers for student pictures was good, but the consequences of their decision caused a strain on students and their parents. The initial picture taking by Brief Photo was fine, but from there on problems arose. Picture retakes were a hassle as students had to go to the studio for retakes. This resulted in long lines and a long wait, often with young children. Brief Photo tried to give the students a quality picture, but they needed to better anticipate the needs of the entire student population. Let's hope next year's process is smoother.



Survey says..  
Parking stickers viewed unnecessary

by Brian Madigan  
A Governor survey shows that nine out of every ten students don't have their parking sticker affixed on their cars. Of the 124 responses to the poll, only nine admitted that they had applied their sticker to their car.

The administration has found the idea behind the stickers to be somewhat rewarding because the students registered their license plates with the office.

"We've had more plates registered with the office than ever," vice-principal Gary Merkwan said. That, according to Merkwan, has

been a major help in finding delinquent drivers.

Some students see no point in having the stickers and view them as a waste of time and money that could be used elsewhere.

"The stickers were a waste of money because I have only seen one on a car. In order for them to be useful, they should be required," a senior said.

Merkwan said the stickers were for the students to show their identification as Riggs students.

"The stickers were for the students to show a little school spirit," Merkwan said.

Some students said in the poll that they didn't put the stickers on their car for fear of scrutiny by police. Because the stickers showed that they were a Riggs high student, the students thought they would be more likely to be harrassed by the police.

The instances of parking violations have gone down since the stickers were distributed, according to Merkwan, as a result of the license plates being registered.

"We've only had to call the police (for license plate numbers) once," Merkwan said.

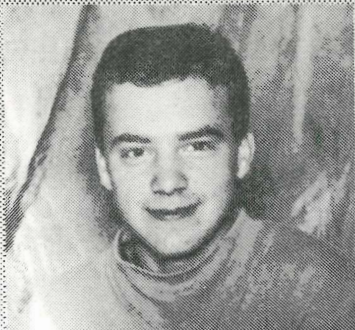
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What do you think about the new tardy policy?



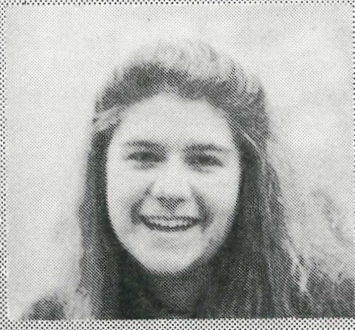
"I like the new tardy policy since it is more lenient on sophomores who are not used to having free lunch. They had closed campus down at the Junior High."

Ryan Noyes, Junior



"Being a sophomore I never had a chance to work with the old system so I have nothing to compare the new one with. With that in mind I think that it is a good system of dealing with the tardies."

Mandy Casanova, Soph.



"I haven't thought about the new system very much because I don't have much of a problem with tardies. It seems to be a fair way of handling them."

Jenny Gors, Senior

Photos by Stacie Suedkamp



# Comment

## Heartbeats 'feel-good film'

by Nathan Brakke

"The Five Heartbeats," just out on video, is a movie about Mowtown and music. It tells of a group's rise to the top and their eventual demise.

"The Five Heartbeats" has it all—comedy, tragedy, and adventure. Overall, it is probably what you would call a "feel-good film."

"The Five Heartbeats" signifies the importance of believing in yourself and chasing your dreams. It also reveals the enormous strength of friendships and shows how important they are in life.

"The Five Heartbeats," though, becomes a little dull in the middle. But if you don't give up on the film, you are rewarded with a fantastic ending.

The best part of the movie has to be the music. In fact, buying the soundtrack could be a better investment than renting the movie. Let me give you an example. This past summer, in the pursuit of a relationship, I was shot down. In my heartache I heard "Nights Like This," a song on "The Five Heartbeats" soundtrack. Its words really hit home; they were exactly how I felt. Strangely, though, hearing the song soothed me and eased the pain. This was something that nothing else seemed to do. I'll remember the song "The Five Heartbeats" for the rest of my life.

## Tardies reduced

by Yvonne O'Day

Students can breathe a little easier this year since the administration has changed the tardy policy.

The new policy allows three tardies per quarter with no penalty until the fourth tardy when two nights of detention are given. This replaces the old policy of allowing four tardies per semester and two nights of detention on the fifth tardy.

"We were ending up with too many students in detention because of tardies," said Gary Merkwan, vice principal.

"Any rule that you have that is violated a lot, you need to look at it," said Merkwan.

"I visit with students in study hall and...they tell me if it (a rule) is unfair. I look at it and see if it needs adjustments," Merkwan said.

As a good reason to change the

policy, Merkwan used the example that students who get up to 8 or 9 tardies don't really seem to care if they get more tardies.

With seven different times a student can be tardy in one day multiplied by 175 school days, "there are too many chances to be tardy," said Merkwan.

Merkwan doesn't know if the change in the policy will change a student's attitude towards being tardy, but the old policy was "just too tough."

The attitude of the students regarding the new policy depends on if they are tardy frequently or not.

Junior Dawson Her Many Horses said, "The new tardy policy is better than last year's. We have more chances to be tardy." "It's a big relief that I don't have to worry about getting detention if I'm late a couple

## Letter:

## Brief hinders Riggs student

Dear editor:

I was very angry to learn that when everyone else received their school "portraits," I was to receive none due to problems at Brief Photo. I was even more irritated to learn that I would have to take my school pictures taken on my own time at Brief Photo instead of at the school.

When I arrived at Brief Photo, I couldn't even get in the door, and I had to stand out in the cold and the wind.

If "Photography by Debbie Bouchie" is going to retake photos on my own time, they should at least have made it convenient. Although the actual photograph session took

only two minutes, I waited for over an hour with many other people and their screaming kids who were, I assume, just as unhappy to be there as I was.

I'm just wondering why, if Brief Photo is so unequipped to handle this project, did the school board decide to give them our business? Although the pictures for many other people seemed to be better this year, I probably won't receive my retakes until after Christmas.

I never realized how valuable professionalism can be. That is, until this school year.

Sincerely yours,  
Cally Winters, junior

## Did you know?

by Matthew Foster

Polls show that 75 percent of all Americans consider themselves environmentalists, but how much does the average citizen know about the planet?

Not enough, say many environmental groups; but that is changing, thanks in large part to public education projects that have been instituted since Earth Day 1990. To test your "Green IQ," see how many of these questions you can answer correctly. (Source: Environmental Protection Agency)

1. What percentage of known chemicals carry a potential health hazard?

2. How many basic pesticide formulas are there?

3. Of all the solid waste produced annually in the United States, what percentage is disposed of by private homes and businesses?

4. Of all the animal species that have ever existed, what percentage is extinct today?

5. What is the most common cause of extinction?

6. How many gallons of water are

needed to produce one pat of butter?

7. Only one-fourth of the world's five billion people live in industrialized nations such as the US and Canada. What percentage of the world's resources -- including oil, wood and energy -- is used by these nations?

8. Which English monarch had a man tortured for contributing to air pollution by burning coal?

9. How many tons of toxic material were released into the atmosphere worldwide in 1987?

10. What two common household products almost always contain recycled paper?

Answers:

1. 70 percent

2. 900

3. 1 percent or 154 million tons

4. 99 percent

5. Habitat destruction (usually by humans)

6. 100 gallons

7. 75 percent

8. King Edward II (1305-27)

9. 2,600,000,000 tons

10. Toilet paper and paper towels.



by Jacinta Wang

Finally making the transition from alternative to mainstream, Nirvana released their second album, "Nevermind." Amazingly crude for something so processed and remixed, Nirvana still retains some semblance of their originality and unique style.

The album doesn't really fit any mood except for maybe a depressed, adrenaline-filled, destructive one. The track alternates between a strange transmutation of rock and punk and a calm, mellow, monotonous hum. The voice of lead singer/guitarist Kurt Cobain is the controlling factor of the mood of these songs. He either sounds like a lumberjack squashed under a steamroller or a stoned Beatle. Cobain sometimes veers off onto a frenzied punk tangent that nears chaos until drummer Dave Grohl and bassist Chris Novoselic reel him back.

This Washington trio released their first album, Bleach, in 1989. Nevermind is much more processed and commercialized.

Nirvana made its debut on the mainstream side of music with the single "Smells Like Teen Spirit." It probably wouldn't have even been noticed except MTV did a feature on indistinguishable lyrics, and Nirvana was the prime example. A few of the more mellow songs were tolerable, like "Lithium" and "Polly." However, they aren't consistent with the rest of Nirvana's haphazard style. All in all, I was pretty disappointed with the rest of the tape.

After being lured by all the big promotional hype and the release of "Smells like Teen Spirit," the album really wasn't worth it.

Nirvana seemed like a new innovative band with something to offer the world but ends up coming across as a rehashed compilation of past greats. I wouldn't recommend anyone to buy this, but it may mesh with some personalities. Nirvana's first impression was a successful one, but they don't seem to be able to follow through with it.



## Feature

# Everyone benefits from

## Bruse coordinates volunteers at Discovery Center, Aquarium

by Matthew Foster

Many students volunteer their time on occasion for various organizations, but few give substantial amounts of time to their involvement. Sara Bruse, junior, is one of the few who does exceed this point.

Bruse recently began work as the volunteer coordinator for the South Dakota Discovery Center and Aquarium. After working at the hands-on science and technology museum for the two years since its opening, Bruse was offered the job of scheduling the center's volunteers.

"The previous coordinator was going to resign, and the regular staff didn't have enough time to do it,"

Bruse said. "I was there, and so they asked me. I said 'OK.'"

Bruse became involved with the center during the 1989-90 school year when Shawn Scholten, former secondary Project Discovery teacher, began recruiting volunteers in the class. Bruse said she's been working there ever since.

"After I went through the center, I thought it was interesting. So I decided to volunteer," she said.

Bruse also said she likes experimenting with the exhibits. The newest display, the inflatable planetarium called Starlab, is Bruse's favorite.

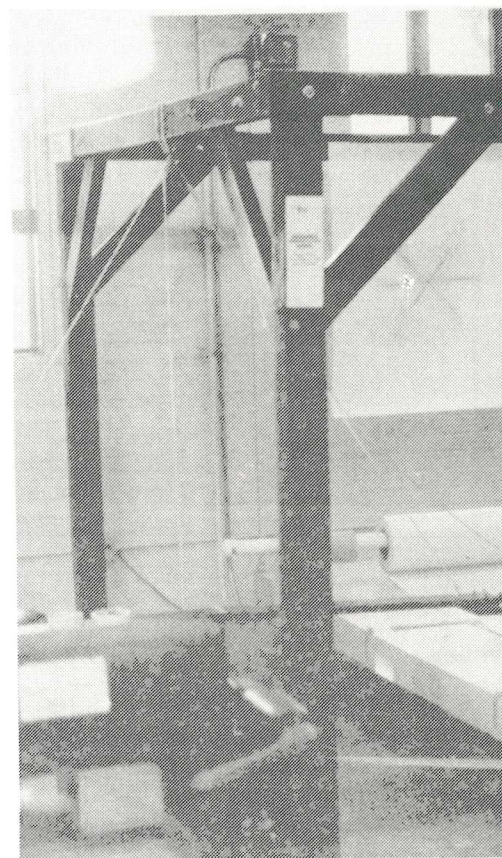
"I wish I owned one," she said.

The center, which also features a

hot air balloon, a jukebox, a hologram, conservation exhibits and specimens of native Missouri River fish, utilizes many student volunteers from the Pierre-Ft. Pierre area.

"Volunteering is a way for me to give something to the community. It is really important that individuals and the community work together," said junior Ashly Suedkamp, one of the center's regular volunteers.

Other students, such as juniors Deanna Prue and Aske Whitebird, have even helped create some of the exhibits. Prue and Whitebird painted one of the two "whisper dishes," a communications experiment.



Super Etch-A-Sketch...The Discovery Center's complexities of motion. (Photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

## Banquet helps needy

by Angela Hall

"It gave me a real sense of peace helping those kids. I just did it for confirmation, but I plan to help out at it more now that I know about it," said Darcy Fry, sophomore, about helping to serve the Community Banquet.

The banquet is a big help for those in Pierre who are in need of food and a little love. Three Thursdays a month a free hot meal along with some company is served up at the Southeast Methodist Church.

Many people, young and old, benefit from this program. Although it is open to anyone, most of the people there are children.

The coordinator of the banquet is Eileen Herrin, and her daughters also help out. Different churches take turns helping to host the banquet. For some churches it is a confirmation project.

The Herrins have been doing this for many years and Sally, Jessica, and Joby Herrin are almost always at the banquet helping dish out food or pouring milk for a small child.

For some of these kids this may have been the only hot meal that they eat that day.

The work begins at about 3:30 p.m. on Thursday. People start to prepare casseroles, and many peo-

ple have already baked cakes, cut carrot sticks and prepared other food items. The tables have to be set up and the dishes have to be put out.

When people start to come around 6:00 p.m., the church is a bustle of excitement. After the children eat, many of them play on the small stage in the church. When it is over, many families take home

the left-over food in containers.

A main course is served as well as vegetables, and salads, and bread and a desert.

"When I left the building, I felt that a burden had been lifted off my shoulders. I had helped the community in my own special way," said Aske Whitebird, junior, who has volunteered her time helping serving the banquet.

## Students learn about history in Heritage Center work

by Jacinta Wang

Volunteering at various community centers is a factor in many students' lives. Some contribute their talents to the Cultural Heritage Center.

These students usually give tours or work in the gift shop and the information desk. After training and experience, a select few may get the opportunity to work with artifacts and set up displays. More duties include cataloging and working in the State Archives.

Sue Monge, volunteer coordinator, says, "Volunteering here gives a sense of helping. It supports us and also helps the visitors. I also think the students grow personally."

In order to be eligible as a volun-

teer, the first formality is filling out an form which needs to be signed by your parents. An interview is also required, but it is only used to find the student's talents and interests. Most volunteers work once or twice a month. Volunteers are usually notified of their schedules a month in advance.

Sophomore Stacie Suedkamp has been a store clerk for a year and a half. She used to work at the Discovery Center, but wanted to offer her services elsewhere. "I feel it's a benefit to my community," states Suedkamp.

Monge adds, "We encourage students to volunteer, especially during the vacations and summers. The help is really appreciated."

## Volunteers of several o

by Ashly Suedkamp

It takes a special person to dedicate their spare time to a certain cause or organization. These individuals earn the title "volunteer."

"Volunteering instills in us the needs of others, a sense of compassion, and lets us give something back to our community," said Nancy Abbott, the Governor's special assistant on volunteerism.

Volunteers are an essential part of almost any organization. They are needed to do everything from make phone calls and stuff envelopes to recruiting new volunteers.

"Every time a person agrees to volunteer it fills a void in a program. Without volunteers many of these programs would not exist," said Abbott.

People volunteer for many different reasons. Some do it for adventure, others do it because they feel it is their duty to give something back to the community. Whatever the motive, these small gestures make big changes in the individual, the



## Feature

# n student volunteers



Center's Harmonigraph shows the (camp)

## essential part organizations

program, and in the community.

Both the community and the individual benefit from the volunteer experience. They learn to adapt to new ideas and appreciate new working relationships, said Abbott.

Many students donate a few hours every month to different organizations around town, but there are many other local groups that could use and are looking for new volunteers.

"Students would greatly benefit from volunteering. One important concept that they would learn is that giving back to your community is important and this knowledge will last them a life-time," said Abbott.

Many programs in Pierre utilize teen volunteers. Just a few include the Discovery Center and Aquarium, the Cultural Heritage Center, and local political parties.

If someone is interested in becoming a volunteer, they should contact one of the organizations listed above or call the Pierre area referral service.

## Students give pocket change to help feed hungry families

by Jen Hauschild

**I** imagine not being able to have a Thanksgiving dinner because your family couldn't afford one. Don Shields' class did some thinking about this, and they decided to do something about it.

Shields' Algebra I class agreed to contribute money from the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th period classes. With the money saved they could buy food for families that didn't have enough money for Thanksgiving dinner.

"We (Algebra I class) got the idea from Channel One when they ran a feature story on hungry children and poverty," said Shields. "After we talked about it for awhile, we decided to start taking a collection for some food. We got out our calculators and figured out that if everyone contributed at least 10 cents, we would get enough money for some food."

As it was agreed upon in class, if a student had some spare change, he or she could donate it to the "dinner" fund. If a student did not have change to offer, he did not have to donate.

**'It felt good to help out people less fortunate than I was.' Karen Sjerven, junior**

"It is strictly voluntary," said Shields.

After money had been collected, the Riggs High School guidance office picked five needy families that had children in the Pierre school system.

To prepare for the dinners, the students went to various stores in the community and did comparison shopping. After finding the best prices, the students went out and bought the food such as turkey, stuffing, pies, potatoes, salad fixings, and cranberries.

Right before Thanksgiving day, the class took the food to the guidance office so the food could be distributed.

"We handled it through the guid-

ance office so that we wouldn't embarrass any students because of their misfortune," said Shields.

Since this year's endeavor was successful, according to Shields, the plan will hopefully become an annual, institutionalized program.

"If we were gonna have something like this officially in the school, it would have to start with student council or with the guidance office," said Shields.

Without the student involvement of Shields' students, the program wouldn't have been successful.

"It felt good to help out people less fortunate than I was," said junior Karen Sjerven.

## Kids like teen teachers

by Ashly Suedkamp

**I**t is early in the morning as Sunday school teachers prepare their lessons for the day.

As ten o'clock approaches, the hyper-active youngsters start arriving. This is a typical Sunday for many students that volunteer as teachers in churches around Pierre.

"The church I go to was in dire need of CCD teachers. So I took it upon myself to share my knowledge with others," said sophomore Stacie Suedkamp.

A majority of the students felt that it was a privilege to teach younger children.

"I think that the little kids like having high school students as their teachers. They don't seem to feel so shy around us. They open up and act like themselves," said junior Krista Oehlerking who teaches pre-kindergartners at Lutheran Memorial.

Since their ages are closer between the children and the teens,

the children may relate to them in a more positive manner.

On average, the volunteers spend between one and two hours preparing for their classes. Church subjects are not the only things that the children are learning about. They are also working on improving

their social skills and manners.

"Teaching the pre-schoolers that being polite and having good manners is an essential part of the learning process. These skills will last a life time," said junior Gail Black who works with youngsters at Lutheran Memorial.



Junior Anne Kenyon volunteers her time teaching Sunday School. (Photo by Stacie Suedkamp)



## Sports

# Ladies take AA's Cinderella team succeeds

by Nathan Brakke

In a flurry of excitement, the 1991 Lady Gavs basketball team amazed the state as they won the State AA tournament in Mitchell on December 7.

The Lady Gavs upset defending state champion Mitchell 47-45 to win the tournament.

"It was unbelievable", said junior

guard Tobiann VanderPol.

Junior forward Michelle Reinke added, "I still don't believe it-it hasn't hit me yet."

Mitchell had beaten Pierre by 18 and six points during the regular season. But the Lady Gavs came into the tournament with the battle cry "N.T.T." which meant "not three times."

Reinke put the Lady Gavs out in front 7-5 with a three pointer early in the game. She later made another outside shot to give the Lady Gavs a 9-7 lead at the end of the first period.

The Lady Gavs stretched that lead to 19-13 with two free throws from VanderPol. Mitchell battled back to tie the game at 20-20 and later went ahead 23-20 with 1:24 left in the first half. Mitchell increased that lead to 26-22, but VanderPol gave the Lady Gavs some momentum at halftime with a basket just before the buzzer.

The score remained close throughout the third quarter, being tied four times. A basket by senior forward Jocelyn Van Roekel made it 34-34 at the end of the quarter.

Neither team could run away in the fourth quarter. Senior center Joby Herrin got the Lady Gavs out to a 45-41 lead by making a shot with 2:35 left. Senior guard Nikki Hawkins increased that lead to 47-41 when she made two free throws.

Mitchell trimmed the lead to 47-44.

With 35 seconds left the score was 47-45. The Kernels had a chance to tie, but the Lady Gavs came up with a steal. They missed the shot, but Herrin stole the ball back with 10 seconds left.

VanderPol got the ball and was fouled with seven seconds left. She missed the free throw, and Mitchell got the rebound. Mitchell's freshman guard Erin Olson drove for a tying layup but missed, giving the Lady Gavs the state title.

The Lady Gavs began celebrating, and Pierre fans ran out on the court. Junior spectator Chad Wharton said, "Everyone was jumping all over each other. On

my way out I tripped and got run over about six times."

Reinke said, "We all thought we could win it if we could get that far.

We really worked hard and we never gave up when we got down."

The Mitchell win was the Lady Gavs' third straight upset of the tournament. In the first round the Lady Gavs upset retiring coach Bob Winters' Yankton Bucks 34-31. In the semifinals, the Lady Gavs overcame a 12 point deficit in the second quarter to beat Sioux Falls Lincoln 40-39 in double overtime.

Coach Don Shields said that throughout the season the Lady Gavs had the goal of getting to the state tournament. Going into the tournament, Shields said, "If we won any we'd be happy. We just wanted to have fun and play hard."

Shields added, "The idea of being state champs got us excited, and the more we stayed with them (Mitchell), the more we believed. Ever since the girls started watching and playing basketball, they had this dream. It's a high you can never imagine unless you experience it."

The Lady Gavs were able to turn their season around after being 4-10 at one time. They won eight of their last 10 games, including their last five, to reach the .500 mark and finish the season with a 12-12 record.

Shields said, "We started to win, and it was fun. It was a matter of getting together and believing in ourselves."

The last time the Lady Gavs won the state title was in 1982. Shields said, "In 1982 we were expected to win, but this year we weren't. We would have quit and went home after the first game."

## Cheerleaders receive Spirit of Six award

by Jen Hauschild

A hush fell over the crowd just as the announcer for the State AA Tournament announced, "The winner of this year's Spirit of Six award is the cheerleaders from...Pierre High School!"

The Spirit of Six award is given in memory of six cheerleaders from Rapid City Stevens who died in a plane crash returning home from the 1968 Boys Basketball Tournament. Among the criterion for the

Spirit of Six award are behavior on and off the court, appearance, and crowd control.

This award is the seventh for Pierre. Riggs High first won it for boys basketball in 1970 and again in 1983. The girls basketball cheerleaders won in 1982, 1983, 1986, 1987, and finally in 1991.

Members of the cheerleading squad this year included senior Brenda Weaver, juniors Kara Klein, Jody Baade, Traci Hirsch, and Lesley Spears.

## Herrin, Vanderpol make All-State team

by Tim Maher

As the Lady Gavs came away with the 1991 State AA Championship honor from Mitchell, so did some individual girls accomplish honors of their own.

Senior Joby Herrin and junior Tobiann Vanderpol were named to the 1991 All-Tournament State AA team. They were recognized for

their outstanding efforts on the court of the Mitchell Corn Palace.

Herrin, who won the same honor last year, said, "I was surprised. I didn't think they would give this to me two years in a row. What did it for Tobiann and myself was the outstanding job that the team did. My award recognizes the whole team."

# Gymnasts start season strongly

by Tim Maher

With five returning letterwinners from last year's varsity gymnastics squad, things are looking up for the team going into the December 21 Mitchell Invitational.

Juniors Anne Kenyon, Kara Klein, and Keri Kuszmaul will compete all-around for the team. The varsity will be solid, since senior Dana Ertz will compete in the une-

ven bars and the balance beam.

Junior Kelly Meagher will compete strictly in the uneven bars. These two will have limited activity due to knee injuries, rather than skill level.

"Other possible varsity spots will hopefully be filled by senior Rachel Gates, juniors Melissa Coyle and Jody Baade, and sophomore Beth Weischedel. I will juggle these people for spots I need to fill," said head coach Vicki Semmler. "It really

hurts when you come off of a good previous year, but lose four seniors."

According to Semmler, the girls' overall strength and attitude is superb.

"I am extremely pleased with their strength right now. For five years I've been coaching, this is the strongest team I've had this early in the season," said Semmler.

Semmler also voiced her happiness with the team's attitude toward

practice. She said that the girls don't complain, and they work hard.

"These girls are self-motivated. They want to work. They work on their own," said Semmler.

Although the team has a solid varsity, the team doesn't have enough to fill in vacated spots should an injury arise.

"We don't have any depth," said Semmler. "Depth is going to hurt us."



## Sports

## Kurth requests post discharge from Girls' BB

by Tim Maher

Assistant Harvey "Skip" Kurth has requested of the Pierre athletic director to be released from his girls basketball assistant coach position for next school year.

Because he is now the head boys basketball coach, Kurth felt both jobs together took up too much of his time. "It was just too much time taken away from me being with my family," said Kurth.

Kurth was the assistant girls coach for 13 years, and the assistant boys coach for 12 years until Bob Judson retired last year and the head position opened up.

"I still thoroughly enjoy coaching girls basketball," said Kurth. "It's just a decision I made regarding my family. My family's well-being is important. Some of my fondest memories are of athletes I have worked with and their great efforts."

Kurth will remain an assistant track coach. He has been coaching the boys long distance runners for 13 years.

## Govs off to promising start after opening season at 1-1

by Charlie Hopper

Tonight the Governors play at Aberdeen, while Saturday's game is at home against the Huron Tigers.

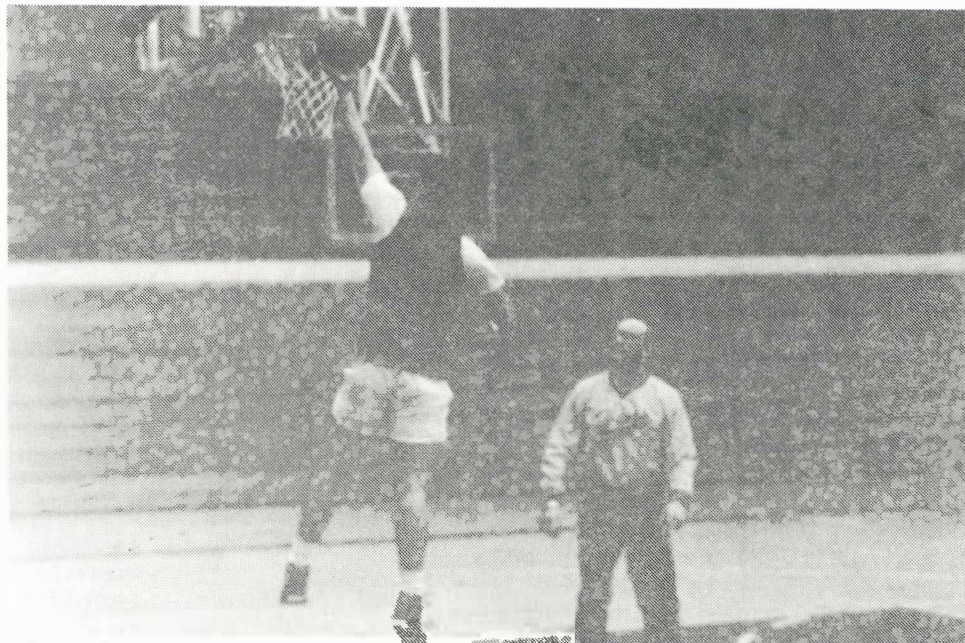
"We are a pretty balanced team, but look for Luidahl and Chad Lindbloom to make an impact," said Kurth. "We also have three new-comers, Todd Tedrow, Rob Hall, and Chad Howard that should develop into fine ballplayers."

"To be successful this season we need to establish goals, work hard and have a good team concept," Kurth concluded.

The Govs opened last weekend's games with a 59-51 victory at Brookings.

Senior Chris Stout led the team with 16 points, followed by senior Ryan Johnson and junior Jamie Liudahl, each having 13 points. Stout and senior Chad Lindbloom lead the team in rebounds, both pulling down nine.

"I contribute the success in this game to the good man-to-man defense we played and the fact that we converted some bad passes for layups," said new head coach Harvey "Skip" Kurth.



Bringing it home...As coach Harvey "Skip" Kurth looks on, junior Guy Erlenbush drives for a layup. (Photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

Last Saturday night the Governors lost to the Watertown Arrows 66-49 in their home season opener. The game was close until the second quarter when the Arrows had a run and pulled away. The halftime score of 28-19 in Watertown's favor set the stage for Watertown's win.

"What happened Saturday night is correctable," said Kurth. "The

three major factors that caused our loss we can correct. Our shots just didn't fall. We had good shot selection, but they just didn't fall. Hopefully we will take the same shots, and they will go for us. We had too many turnovers and too many defensive errors. These are all things we can correct," he said.

## Young team places three Wrestlers hopeful about season

by Tim Maher

The Pierre Governors wrestling team showed up for one of the toughest regional tournaments and came away placing three individuals.

The two-day tournament was held December 13 and 14 at Rapid City Stevens. Of the 16 teams competing, Pierre placed 11th.

"The champions that we saw out there were probably better quality than we'll see all year," said wrestling head coach Rick Jensen.

Jensen's remark is supported by the fact that Bismarck, North Dakota, ranked #1 in the nation by USA Today, participated in the tournament.

Pierre placed three individual wrestlers from the young team. Junior Levi Hillmer worked his way up to 4th place at heavy-weight, although he suffered matt burns on his face and lost two false front teeth. Hillmer had lost the original teeth in previous years.

"That's the first time I've ever placed in a tournament, lost both teeth, and blackened both eyes," said Hillmer.

Wrestling at 189, junior Christ Stotts earned 6th place honors although he was dealing with a knee injury and a mending broken hand from the football season.

"We gotta remain optimistic about our year. I gotta remain optimistic about my year," said junior Ryan Noyes. Noyes wrestled at 130 and, like Stotts, also took home 6th place honors.

Jensen stresses that he wants to throw as much information at the wrestlers since he knows that they won't pick it all up, but some of it will sink in.

"There are two points of learning in wrestling, a point where you learn and a point where you fine tune. Right now we need to learn about take-downs, reversals, and options. The fine tuning will come later," said Jensen.

Coming up for the matmen is the annual Valentine, NE., Invitational. Winner, Wegner, and Todd County will be competitors going to the tournament.

"This is will be interesting for these young guys. When we go to Valentine, we will be competing with schools we don't know much about," said Jensen.

## All-ESD awards given to Governor teammates

by Charlie Hopper

To compliment the Governor's success on the football field this season, some of its members garnered regional and state recognition.

Four players were named to the 1991 all-ESD team. They were Jeff Schlekeway, who took home four spots including quarterback, defensive back, punter, and kicker; Eric Hunsley, all-ESD defensive back; Chad Lindbloom, all-ESD receiver; and Warren Rath, all-ESD defensive line.

Receiving all-ESD honorable mention were Len Cooper and Rath

on the offensive line, Chris Sonnenschein and Tavis Weidenbach as linebackers and offensive backs, and Lindbloom and Jason Nowak on the defensive line.

The Governors also had three players on the All-State team voted upon by the high school football coaches' association. Heading the team were Schlekeway at quarterback, Lindbloom at receiver, and Rath on the defensive line.

Capping off the award winners were five players named to the All-State Academic team. They were Tim Maher, Christian Hess, Chris Sonnenschein, Karl Keenlyne and Eric Unkenholz.



## Interest

# Bah Humbug! Christmas should be delayed

by Tim Maher

As far as anyone is concerned, there are five days left until Christmas and this is not nearly enough time. Someone higher-up should consider moving this inevitable day back a month. January 25 would be nice.

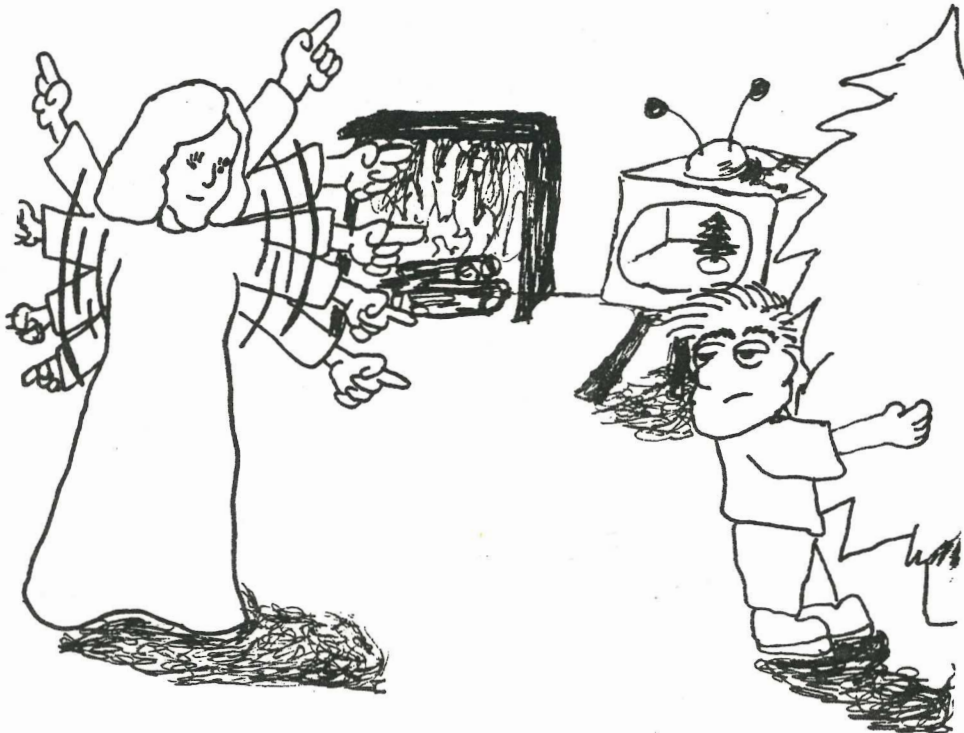
Realizing that buying presents has been put off for just a little too long, teens are rushing to their favorite store for all those last minute gifts. Hopefully they can find exactly what Uncle George needs, like a nice bottle of four dollar cologne.

Since the adage "it's the thought that counts" sticks conveniently in their minds, kids scour the bargain bins to find the most interesting tie they can. Won't dad be surprised?

Even before the turkey could have his full day of honor (back in November, if you recall) parents were jumping at the chance to string up mistletoe, hang holly, and position the most magnificent Christmas trees in their living room.

Usually the children of overly-hyper parents are stuck rotating the sappy tree around the living room, trying to find a suitable spot where the tree isn't in the way of bumbling humans.

Mom, to the dismay of most high school teens, wants to display all of those relics of her children's elementary school years--ornaments made of pipe cleaners, crusty old dough, macaroni, or pine cones. When the



task of setting the tree in a convenient spot is finished, the children feel like wet flap jacks because a gallon of sap leaked from the ripe tree onto them.

Another ritual for the season is for kids of all ages to watch rerun television classics like Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, and (who could forget) The Grinch That Stole Christmas. These moral-preaching programs help people identify the true mean-

ing of Yuletide. Because the Grinch has a "heart two sizes too small," people, especially little kids, can identify with him. Kind of like Bart Simpson, eh?

If Christmas were moved to January 25, everybody would be happier. Cartoon promoters could sell more spots on TV, children could turn a profit on unprocessed tree sap sales, and the Thanksgiving turkey wouldn't feel so inferior to Santa Claus.

## Letterclub candy sales net profits

by Jennifer Heidelberger

As the letterman's club candy sales draw to a close, athletes now have the choice of what they would like the money to go towards.

The candy sales were satisfactory, according to Coach Don Shields. "The money has been coming in on time. We should get a profit of around \$1500," he said.

"Once the sale is over, we determine how much money we made and put together a list of items we [the students] want to purchase," said Coach Bob Judson.

Usually the money goes to 'extras' that they wouldn't ordinarily get in the budget and something that would benefit everyone. For instance, weights in the weight room or a stationary bike.

Jon Boer, sophomore, said, "I don't mind selling the candy, as long as it goes to something that I can use."

"The candy wasn't too hard to sell," said Nathan Ketelson, sophomore. "I just gave mine to my mother, and she sold it at the office."

Many chose to sell it around school to people with an extra dollar or two handy. One of the top sellers, Gina Nickolas, sophomore, said, "The mints sold the quickest; I could have sold a lot of those."

## Prevention program to begin

by Brian Madigan

STARS, a drug prevention program, will be brought to Pierre by drug and alcohol coordinator Jerry Pier after being approved by the Pierre school board.

STARS is a nonprofit organization that began in 1981 in hopes of keeping students from taking drugs, or if they do take drugs, giving them help to stop.

The organization's pamphlet says that their mission is to help students refrain from the use of alcohol and other drugs through unique and organized programs of positive peer pressure and caring confrontation. According to its pamphlet, STARS decreases the usage of chemicals among students.

"It (STARS) creates an atmosphere for students that want to be chemical free," Jerry Pier said.

STARS will be a strictly voluntary activity for students, said Pier.

Students wishing to belong will have to sign a contract to be chemically free.

"We hope to get 60 per cent of the students signed up," Pier said.

Pier wishes to get a wide variety of students involved and to have STARS be an umbrella group for students who already belong to chemical prevention groups.

Pier said STARS will be a group for everybody so that they can share common interests and values.

Pier said he hoped that STARS would become a place where a diverse make-up from the student body could support each other in making the decision to be chemically free.

The organization is already in place in some schools in the United States and Canada. STARS involves over 100,000 students nationwide.

## One-acts commence

by Jen Hauschild

Attention all Thespians! The One-Act plays will be performed on January 21 and 23.

"The Outsiders," "This is a Test," and "Who am I this time?" will be the three one-acts performed this year.

The play "Who am I This Time" is about an insecure man named Harry Nash who tries to find an identity through participation in amateur theater. When he is handed a script, he asks, "Who am I this time?" and lives the part-- body and soul--until the final curtain falls. When a girl falls in love with Harry, she finds she must fight to keep him from his usual post-curtain collapse by trapping him into a classical romance scene--offstage.

Kristen Job, senior, will direct. "The Outsiders," based on the well-known novel by S. E. Hinton, is a serious production about life for the hard-luck "Greasers" and their struggles with the "have-it-made" rich kids or the "Socs."

The play is viewed from the eyes of Pony-boy, played by Tim Schmidt, who is caught up in the territorial battles of the Greasers and the Socs.

Student directors are Gail Black, Jessi Vogt, and Aske Whitebird.

The final play, "This is a Test", is a comedy about a student who is having no luck in school. Alan, played by Eric Manus, has to take a test in which he doesn't understand the review sheets, the teacher doesn't like him, and all the other students are cheating.

Alan finally feels his luck is changing when he reaches the essay question, but it's written in Chinese. Can things get any worse?

Student directors are Gina Kotilnek and Nancy Marbach.

"The Outsiders" will perform at the State One-Act Competition on February 6, 1992 in the Riggs High Theatre.