

Weiss looks behind scenes

by Jen Hauschild

Have you ever gotten the opportunity to visit New York City? Well, one Riggs High teacher got that chance recently, courtesy of Channel One and the Whittle Educational Network.

Betty Weiss, Algebra Two teacher, was chosen to be on the Channel One National Advisory Board.

"I don't know how I got chosen", said Weiss. "I think they needed a female math teacher from the Midwest and my number just came up."

"It's a big responsibility being on this committee. They send me a video each week of the shows. Af-

ter I watch them, I fill out an evaluation form and send them back. I also have to review study guides, evaluate them, and rewrite anything I feel needs to be changed. It takes about 3-4 hours a week," said Weiss.

National board members recently met in New York on an all-expense paid trip for two days.

"It was a great trip. I'm certainly glad it was all paid for. Our hotel was \$140 a night and the taxes on it were \$29. If you wanted to park your car for 12 hours, it would cost you \$126. Also, a glass of orange juice was \$4.50, a cup of coffee was \$3.25, and the meals started at \$28," said Weiss.

The day mostly consisted of

meetings about Channel One's format and how it is produced. The board members, along with Channel One executives, took a tour of the production room.

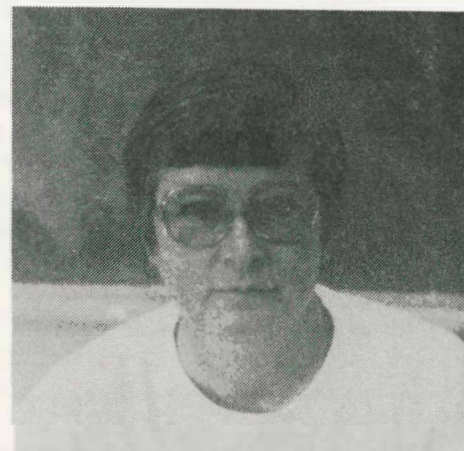
"The tour of the production room was the best," said Weiss. The set of the news room is 10 feet by 10 feet and three walls and half the floor are covered with a blue cloth. When students see the show itself, the production crew fades out the blue cloth and adds the computer effects. The whole introductory section is done by computers, Weiss said.

The Channel One news show is divided into three sections. The first five minutes are devoted to news, then a commercial, then a special series, a commercial, and then finally the "end piece". To take up time, they often add "Do Da's" to the program. "Do Da's" are the Fast Facts and Pop Quizzes we see.

Weiss did get a chance to meet Hicks Neal, one of the Channel One reporters. "I thought he was the most intelligent person I had ever meet. For a 24 year old, he certainly has some wonderful career opportunities," said Weiss.

You may remember the series Channel One did on life in China. Before Neal and his production crew left China, they were all arrested and all of their tapes were confiscated, and they had to buy their way out of China, said Weiss.

"What we saw on Channel One were the tapes that the crew hid in suitcases. Those were only the good



I love New York...Betty Weiss is back from a trip for Channel One. (photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

parts about China, too," said Weiss.

Even though the board members were in meetings all day, they still got a chance to go sight seeing. "We went to Ellis Island, and we got to climb to the top of the Statue of Liberty. We also went to the 86th floor of the Empire State Building. The lights in the building were yellow, orange, and black since it was Halloween. We went to Rockefeller Center and saw people ice skating. We saw a lot of things that you usually see on TV," said Weiss.

"I think the biggest shock of all was the homeless people. They weren't in back alleys or behind dumpsters. They were actually in front of Macy's, on Broadway, 42nd Street, and on 5th Avenue", said Weiss.

"I'd like to visit New York again. You need at least a week to see everything," said Weiss.

Macintosh boosts paper

by Brian Madigan

The school board has approved a proposal by newspaper adviser Elizabeth Vogt that would fund a desktop publishing system for next year's Governor.

This will allow the newspaper to stay current with what most of the larger schools in our state and around the nation are already doing, said Vogt.

Vogt conducted a survey of fifteen other high school newspapers in South Dakota and found that thirteen of them use desktop publishing. The school board agreed to purchase four MacIntosh computers and a laser printer along with the necessary software.

"We will receive one Mac and the software yet this school year. The rest of the equipment should be arriving next summer. While this won't change the Governor's look for the remainder of this school year, you can count on a new look for the Governor beginning in the fall of 1992," said Vogt.

Band's look to change

by Brian Madigan

The school board has set in motion a plan to grace the Riggs High marching band with new band uniforms next year.

Larry Johnson, band director, proposed a plan whereby the band would get 125 new uniforms and fifteen new color guard uniforms at an estimated cost of \$34,000 that would be paid in installments.

School board action was necessary at this point because the process of designing and building the new uniforms will take almost six months, said Johnson.

If they had gone through the usual budget process, the uniforms would not be ready for the start of the 1992-93 school year.

"I am concerned over the condition of band uniforms," said Principal Roger Lonbaken at the November board meeting. The uniforms the band uses now were purchased in 1979 and were designed for smaller students, according to Johnson. Of the 90 band students, 23 of them can't wear existing uniforms because there are no uniforms that they fit. There have also been numerous instances where the uniforms came apart at the seams, in what Johnson referred to as "blow-outs."

"At this point I don't know what to do but pull my hair out," Johnson said.

STARS approved for Riggs

by Brian Madigan

A new drug/alcohol prevention program for the junior and senior high was approved by the Pierre School Board at their meeting on November 11.

The program, called Students Taking a Right Stand (STARS), is a program that focuses on drug prevention rather than drug intervention. STARS originated in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and will cost the district \$2,500 to begin with.

High school drug and alcohol prevention coordinator Jerry Pier said that the program has been instituted in other schools across the nation with high levels of success.

On January 20 STARS will provide the faculty with one day of drug prevention training. They will later make a presentation to the students. The training for teachers includes knowing their role in drug prevention, seeing signs of use of some drugs, making a positive change in the school's environment, and understanding the reasons teens use tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.

The school board approved the purchase of the program and reiterated its feelings for drug prevention being a top priority in schools.

"We need to keep the effort going," Superintendent Darwin Tessier said.

Comment

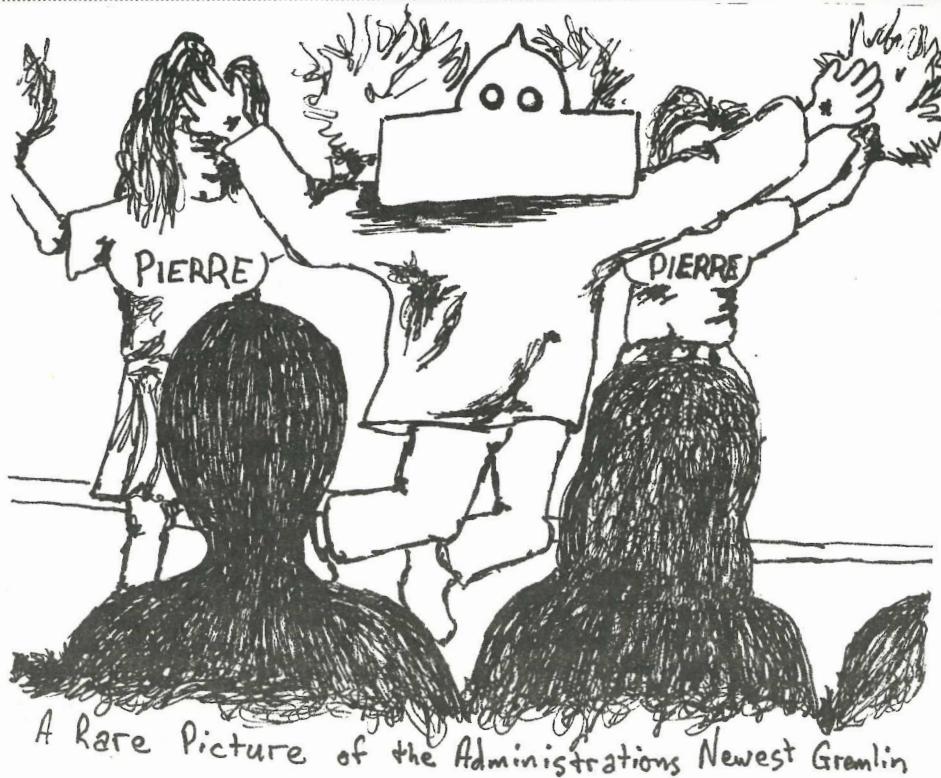
Editorial
Nipping Apathy

According to a recent Governor poll there is a lack of school spirit. The poll showed that 85% of the respondents felt that students at Theodore F. Riggs High School are "lacking" in school spirit.

A simple glance at an average Governor/Lady Governor sporting event exposes an apathy of school spirit among students. The majority of students no longer feel inclined to follow the game, cheer, and support the team. This apathy does not fall on the shoulders of the cheerleaders, who do the same things now as they did when Pierre had a basketball dynasty. Truly, the problem lies with the fact that students are bored.

One way we can add another dimension to the cheerleading squad is by having a team mascot. The mascot idea proposed by the Student Senate is a noble attempt to build school pride. As the poll shows, a sizeable majority of the students support this idea.

We realize that the mascot won't solve all the problems of the students' lack of interest at the games, but it is better to do something than nothing at all.



In the numbers:
Figures show mascot wanted

by Brian Madigan

A majority of Riggs High students believe that there is a decline in school spirit, according to a recent Governor poll.

The poll also showed that they wanted a school mascot, an idea approved by the Student Senate, and didn't think that the mascot would distract from the cheerleaders we already have.

"Nobody goes to the games anymore, and the ones that do go, get bored and leave early. Then it looks like we have no spirit", one junior said.

Of the 110 polled, eighty-five percent believed that there is a decline in school spirit, and eleven percent

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--Junior Classman

believed that there wasn't a decline in Governor spirit.

Some of the people polled thought that having more pep rallies would raise school spirit.

"We really need more things like pep rallies for students not in sports to get involved," one junior said.

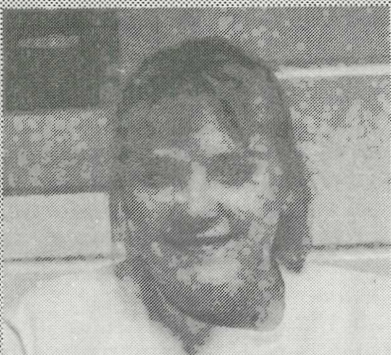
Others thought that the mascot would improve the lack of Pierre pride in the school.

"The school needs something to rally around. The mascot could be part of the squad or something", said a senior.

The mascot idea was popular with 76% of the student polled.

Of the 22% that didn't like the mascot idea, one said, "The only reason you guys want a mascot is so we can be like every other school! Boring!"

What do you think about the mascot proposal?



"I think that it would be a great way to boost school spirit."
Paula Weeldreyer



"I think it would be a good way to increase school spirit."
Gail Black



"I think a mascot would be a good way to get more students involved in school activities."
Ryan Knox

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Comment

Pigeon-raising proves fascinating

by Tim Maher

The Roller pigeon bolted from the roof of the shed. It jumped twenty feet into the sky, covering the distance with short bursts of energy. Reaching the pinnacle of its ascent, the bird turned and glided back toward the earth. With a sudden explosion of energy, the pigeon rolled over in the sky and dropped six feet, only to climb back up into the air.

For this type of exhibition, senior Eric Unkenholz collects Roller pigeons, which are bred for their aerial acrobatic abilities. However, his interest began on a purely monetary level.

"During the summer after my eighth grade year, my dad told me that Rick Anderson needed pigeons to train his hunting dogs, and I might be able to make some money catching some for him," said Unkenholz.

"Kevin Odden and I went out to an old barn in the country and caught about 30 wild pigeons. We sold them to Rick for two bucks apiece. I had so much fun watching the pigeons in the barn that they just sparked my interest," said Unkenholz.

Unkenholz started out his collection of pigeons with a pair of Modena pigeons. There was supposed to be a cock (male) and a hen (female) in the pair, but it ended up being two cocks. He kept them in a 4 foot long, 2 foot high cage made out of chicken wire.

"Watching these fine athletes commit their aerial acrobatics is quite breathtaking."

--Eric Unkenholz

"A while later, I got two baby Rollers from an add in the Capital Journal. I had to feed them by hand until they could fly," said Unkenholz.

After the Rollers were able to fly, Unkenholz moved them into a storage shed in his back yard. He transformed the shed into a "cote," much like a chicken coop. The cote sits next to the cages of his award-winning rabbits and has shelves for the pigeons to roost on. A hatch in the roof allows the birds access to the outside, so they can come and go on their own.

"Once I got them into my back yard, they (Rollers) reproduced like crazy," said Unkenholz. "They lay two eggs at a time. It takes 17 days for their eggs to hatch. In one summer, one pair raised 12 squabs (babies)."

At one point in Unkenholz's pigeon-keeping career, he decided to let his pigeons go so they could be free and live in the wild.

"I let five pigeons go out at the Oahe Dam. I drove back to town and by the time I had gotten home, these five pigeons had beat me



Bird of a different feather...displaying a roller pigeon, senior Eric Unkenholz takes time to let his pigeons out for exercise. (photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

home," said Unkenholz.

Since then, his number of pigeons has ballooned to 15 Rollers and two Modenias. Buying, selling, trading, and showing pigeons at fairs helps keep Unkenholz interested in his hobby.

"I can make some money on this whole deal. I get \$1 or \$2 from dog trainers and I get \$5 at the State Fair 4-H show. I have gotten a couple purple ribbons at county and state fairs," said Unkenholz.

Although he likes making a profit

from his hobby, Unkenholz truly values the pigeons for the enjoyment they give him.

"I try and figure out the colors I will get when I cross-breed them. I like raising good quality Rollers," said Unkenholz.

Unkenholz values his pigeons because they are a unique pet and give him hours of enjoyment.

"Watching these fine athletes commit their aerial acrobatics is quite breathtaking," said Unkenholz. "It's mesmerizing."

Listening to 'Pixies' requires patience

by Jacinta Wang

Brash and screechy, the Pixies grind through their latest album, "Trompe le Monde," which roughly translates in "fool the world."

Lead vocalist Black Francis screams and whines his way throughout most of the songs with unidentifiable lyrics even the tape insert can't help you on. The guitar definitely has a distinct quality. I kept thinking my phone was ringing while listening to the tape.

Although this band sounds rather crude and rough at first, it's a welcome relief in today's age of studio mixes where almost any garage band can remix a tape and have it make the charts. The Pixies technique is straightforward and honest while inducing bouts of creativity.

Some people would simply dub this band "obnoxious and offensive" and leave it at that. It does take some getting used to, but after you develop a taste for the Pixies' Brillo pad abrasiveness, you can't seem to get enough of it.

All the songs are unique in one way or another, but an outstanding track is "Space (I believe in)." The lyrics make no sense without past knowledge of the band. Black Francis insists on chanting, "Jefrey, with one F. Jefrey" during the entire song.

Known mostly in Europe, this Boston-based band got its start in the late 80's. In the past few years, the Pixies have released the comparably abrasive "Doolittle" and the somewhat mellow "Bossanova." I find myself preferring "Doolittle" to "Trompe le Monde," but rest assured, both are good and would be a definite plus in anyone's collection. The Pixies are anything but bland and are sure to finally make it in the U.S. sometime in the near future.



Burke participates in international camp-out

by Cammy Clark

Imagine sitting around a campfire with 20,000 other kids. Tough, right? This is just one of the things that senior Bob Burke experienced on his trip to Korea this past summer.

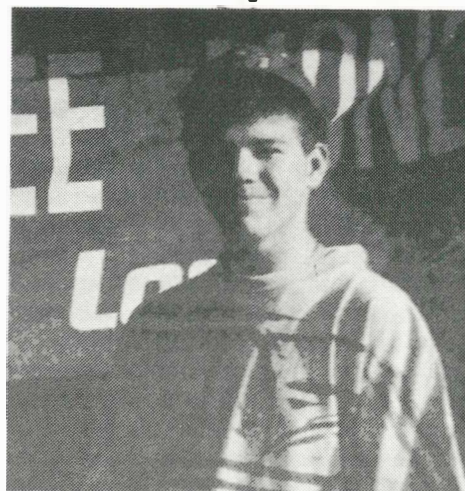
Bob attended the Seventeenth World Jamboree for Scouts held July 27 through August 7.

This massive camping trip involved 20,000 scouts from 135 different nations. It was held in South Korea about twenty miles from the border.

"The main purpose of the camp was basically to learn about other nations and prove, yes, you can achieve peace," Burke said.

The camp was divided into seventeen different sub-camps where people from all the countries were intermingled.

Everyday, food supplies were dropped off at the sub-camps, and it was up to the campers to prepare



Sharing differences...Eagle Scout Bob Burke displays memorabilia from his Korean trip. (photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

their own meals.

All the programs that Bob attended were in English because that was what the majority of the scouts could speak.

Feature

Pearl Harbor anniversary



Ridin' high...Jeeps like this were often used in the war theaters. (photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

Cultural Heritage Center opens WWII exhibits

by Matthew Foster

South Dakota is remembering the fiftieth anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and U.S. involvement in World War II with a new exhibit at the Cultural Heritage Center.

Among the features of the exhibit are uniforms, a list of South Dakota's 1,560 war casualties, weapons that seems almost ancient by today's standards, and film retrospectives of the era.

Jay D. Vogt, assistant director of the center, said that items such as government-produced posters urging people to support the war cause were chosen for inclusion in the exhibit because "they show how Americans felt and how the government tried to stimulate patriotism and the war effort. The main emphasis of the display is South Dakotans in the war."

Vogt said two films are running in the display area for the public to view. The first, "Autobiography of a Jeep," is about the use of jeeps in the European and Pacific war theaters.

The second deals more with the South Dakota war effort; its subject is the USO canteen in Aberdeen, South Dakota, which was a stop on the cross-county train ride many soldiers had to take during the war years. The canteen became famous after it started serving pheasant sandwiches.

One of the more uncommon exhibits is a large case featuring war

Pearl Harbor Survivors in S.D. to be honored

by Matthew Foster

Thirty-eight veterans of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor will be in Pierre for special ceremonies on December 7, 1991.

The survivors, all of whom are South Dakota residents, will receive a medal to commemorate the anniversary.

A film called "December 7" will be shown at the Cultural Heritage Center in conjunction with the commemorative program.

"treasures," items produced by the Axis armies acquired by Allied soldiers at the end of the war to bring home as mementos. Some of the items the Cultural Heritage Center has on display are German helmets, storm trooper boots, Japanese knives and swords.

The exhibit is comprised of items from the National Guard museum, the South Dakota State Historical Society and seventy individuals. It will be at the center and available for public viewing at least for one year.

Another smaller exhibit, "A World War II Christmas," will be added to the display on November 29.

Three Pierre veterans compare war stories

by Mark Brost

Fifty years ago, the United States began its involvement in World War II. So, too, did three eighteen-year-old soldiers from Pierre.

Ken Beck, a local businessman from Pierre, was 18 when he volunteered for the tenth Mountain Division Ski Troupe, which was made up of volunteers.

He was trained for two years at Camp Hale, Colorado. There they were trained for two summers and winters in mountaineering, rock climbing, outdoor maneuvers, skiing, and survival training. During the summer they lived at an altitude of 11,000 feet.

In 1943 his division was mobilized in the Northern Apennines Mountains of Italy. There his unit was involved in the Battle of Riva Ridge that lasted one week.

They moved up and fought for little towns on high ground held by the Germans.

Beck was the lead scout for his platoon and was the first to the top of Riva Ridge. There they captured several Nazi soldiers.

The tenth division was mostly small arms fire, and they had little air support and artillery against the Nazis, who Beck said, "were awfully good fighters and very aggressive."

Just before entering Po Valley, he was wounded and spent nine months in hospitals both in Europe and state-side recuperating.

The tenth Mountain Division still has alumni meetings and distributes a newsletter called "The Blizzard." These letters are something for old soldiers to hold on to, said Beck.

"This is an experience that we (young people) would never want to go through. You get close with the people, and there is a lot of camaraderie among fellow soldiers. When someone gets killed, it is a big loss," said Beck.

Homer Harding, State Treasurer, was only eighteen years old when he became a machine gunner during World War II.

"When I first got there, I couldn't even grow whiskers. The sergeant said to me, 'My God, we must be out of men back in the States to be sending kids like you,'" said Harding.

He served in the Philippine Islands where they shot tracers to cel-

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--Homer Harding

brate Christmas Eve. His division was practicing beach landing as preparation for the invasion of Japan.

"If it weren't for the bomb that was dropped on Japan, 85% of our division would have been killed or wounded," said Harding.

Phil Trautner, a former teacher here, was eighteen when he served in the South Pacific under Admiral Halsey's third fleet for the final phases of the war. He was a signal man aboard one of the destroyers. He used Morse code and flags to communicate with other ships. Off the coast of Okinawa he had first hand experience in dealing with Japanese Kamikaze pilots.

"The Kamikaze attacks were a desperate means to do damage to us," said Trautner.

"I wouldn't want to do it again, but it was a great experience I never want to forget," said Trautner.

All three men agree that they would not wish the experience of war on anyone, but they were glad that they were able to serve their country and fulfill their duties.



Blast from the past...This Japanese cannon at the National Guard Museum. (photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

Feature

War rekindles memories

WWII veteran remembers crash, captivity...

by Ashly Suedkamp

I imagine this scenario: A pilot flies his plane on a bombing run, and debris from an explosion blows up one of his plane's engines. The only thing for him to do is watch the precious oil that was supposed to take him home drain out. As he tries to get back to home base, he runs into enemy fighter pilots that finish the job and leave him stranded, helpless, and vulnerable in their territory.

This may sound like the plot of an old war movie, but it was the real life experience of Pierre resident Ober Torvik during World War II.

"I was feeling patriotic the day after Pearl Harbor, so I went down and I enlisted in the Air force," said Torvik.

A few months later he was sent to start training in Santa Anna, California.

Training was only the first step of an unforgettable experience--being a prisoner of war, said Torvik.

Finally after months of training state-side, Torvik's group, led by a Lieutenant Kidd, was sent to England.

"The first few (bombing) runs we did were very shallow into occupied France. There was little resistance so we called them 'milk runs,'" said Torvik.

On clear days when you hit your target, you could see the damage you did, said Torvik.

A typical flight format would consist

"When I finally hit the ground, I felt my body shatter."

--Ober Torvik, WWII POW

sist of waking up at 2:00 a.m. or 2:30 a.m. Then the crew would put on all of their flight gear and go to the mess tent. After eating breakfast, they would meet in a big room to be briefed. The briefing room or Quonset hut had a huge map of Germany on one end of it. It was covered with red pins and red cords.

The cords represented the flight course and pins indicated targets.

"One day we were told that we would be in the air between twelve and thirteen hours. That was one of the longest missions we had been on. When we looked at that map on the wall, the cords reached so deep into Germany that it made us gasp," said Torvik.

On the way back to base, one of Torvik's plane's engines failed. They were one of the lucky ones that made it back to base.

On November 27, 1943, America flew one of its largest sorties during World War II. They were supposed to bomb a roller bearing factory in Germany.

"We had a hard time finding a spot in formation. We finally got stuck in what was called the 'coffin corner.' It is the end corner and is the most vulnerable spot in formation," said Torvik.

They had finished the run once, but the colonel wanted them to go around and hit it a second time.

Captured...

"Planes were going down right and left. We were so busy that we didn't notice that part of our formation was gone," said Torvik.

During the second run Torvik's plane caught a burst of flack in the number three engine and a large amount of oil poured out.

After about a half an hour they could see molten metal falling off their engine, said Torvik.

On their return to base the enemy spotted them and over Manns, Belgium, literally took their plane apart.

"When we realized we were on our way down, I went to the waist of the plane and made sure all my crewmates bailed out. Lt. Kidd and I were the last ones to leave the plane," said Torvik.

Of the ten crew members, seven of them made it to the ground alive.

"When I finally hit the ground, I felt my body shatter," said Torvik.

When he landed, he shattered his arm, dislocated his hip, and was about 700 feet from the fence of a German camp. A German infantry soldier, who was about fourteen years old, found him and started marching him to base.

At the base they gave Torvik what first aid they could; then they sent him to a hospital in Brussels.

At the hospital he saw a Prussian orthopedic surgeon, who had been educated at Johns Hopkins in the U.S. and who spoke very good English.

"I begged him not to amputate my arm. The next morning I woke up, and it was in a splint. I don't believe that he was a Nazi, and I am grateful to him for saving my arm," said Torvik.

Torvik was then sent to Frankfurt, Germany, with a dozen other POW's. When they reached the train terminal, they were just about lynched by a crowd of German people who were angry because they had been bombed the night before.

Each day in Frankfurt he received a cup of water and one slice of bread, and two times everyday they would take him out and tell him he was a spy.

"Finally they gave up trying to get information out of me. They believed that I didn't know anything," said Torvik.

They then packed Torvik and 60 other POW's into a railroad car. There was hardly enough room for all of them, and they would be in that box car for a six-day journey to Hidekrug. Hidekrug was a new POW camp for air force members. It was located on the border of Estonia and was removed from the war. Twice a day they were all lined up for role call to make sure no one was missing. They tried to escape once by tunneling out.

"We all gave up our bed slats to contribute to the escape effort," said Torvik. "It didn't work."

Torvik was at Hidekrug for eight months.

Then they were taken to the second camp, Groschou, which is north of Berlin.

"One day the Germans made us run seventeen kilometers up a road. On either side of the road were German soldiers sitting behind machine guns waiting for us to make a break for the woods so they could gun us down," said Torvik.

They moved from camp to camp, and the prisoners were made to sleep in open fields. Their rations consisted of a little water and a small loaf of bread--all to be shared between six men. Once in a while the Germans would be generous and give them potatoes that had been boiled in vats that were used to feed pigs.

"Many German soldiers were as bad off as we were. It wasn't uncommon to see an American POW helping a German soldier. One POW would carry his gun and the other would carry his pack for him," said Torvik.

While at the last camp, Torvik developed a kidney stone and was taken to a hospital. While he was being treated, he was left behind.

Going home...

"After being a prisoner of war for twenty months, the best sight I think I have ever seen in my life was a great big Army officer in a tank. I saw him through a fence. It was a beautiful sight," said Torvik.

He was then taken to Camp Lucky Strike in France. There General Eisenhower came and talked to the soldiers. He asked them if they wanted to go home on a luxury liner; if they did, it would take about three weeks. But if they wanted to go home tomorrow, they had a transport waiting at the harbor.

"There wasn't any doubt in my mind which one I would go home on. The next day I passed out on the gang plank because I had developed a bad case of hepatitis," said Torvik.

Torvik spent the next eight months recuperating in army hospitals in the United States. He was back home.

"Many German soldiers were as bad off as we were."

**--Ober Torvik
WWII POW**



is currently on display at the National

Sports

Referees not in it for money

by Tim Maher

As Tobiann Vanderpol steals the ball and sprints down court to set up a shot, referee Ed Hunstead follows behind in hot pursuit, sweat dripping from his brow.

Hunstead, from Aberdeen, has been officiating high school football and basketball games for 15 years while his partner Vern Jark, also of Aberdeen, has been working games for 12 years.

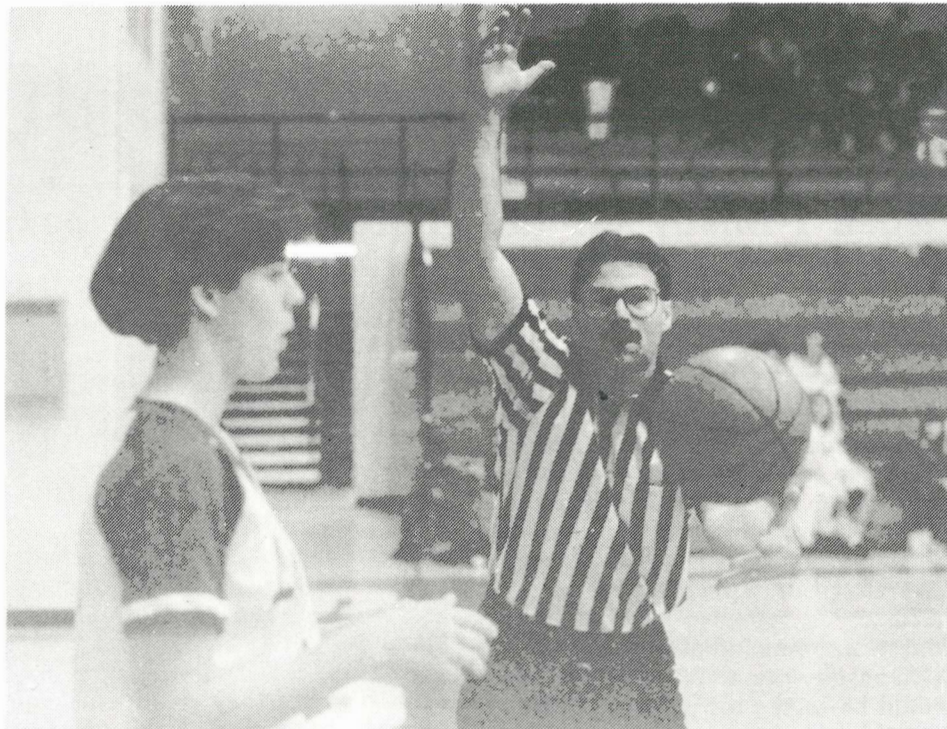
"Today, we got in the car at 3:00 p.m. and left Aberdeen," said Hunstead. "We'll leave after the game and get home at 12:00 a.m. We get 40 to 50 bucks for the job. Quick math shows you . . . we don't do this for the money."

Jark commented, "A friend once described reffing as this: if somebody told you that there was a 50 dollar bill under a rock in Pierre, would you jump in your car and drive from Aberdeen to get it?"

Twenty minutes prior to the Pierre Governor-Huron tiger girls basketball game, the partners took to the court and their job began.

"We have to be out here early. An official inspects the floor, rims, facilities, and makes sure the lines are all right. We need everybody to understand where the out of bounds is and what each colored line means," said Jark, as he stood at mid court in front of the student section.

Hunstead added, "We check all the players and inspect their equipment. I watch the players to make sure they aren't messing around. Dunking of the ball can occur during the game, but it cannot occur in the warm-ups. If some kid couldn't quite dunk and broke a back board, the game would be delayed before it



Impartial judge...referee Vern Jark prepares to hand senior Anne Rapp the ball for an inbounds pass. (photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

was even started. Both of us meet the various school administrators and coaches. We also designate hometown and scorers."

At each game, one of the two is a referee and the other is an umpire. The only other person who has any officiating power is the person managing the scorer's book.

"If there is a last minute shot, and both of the referees are concentrating on the floor movement, then it is up to the scorer to see if the shot fell before or after the buzzer," said ex-referee and Riggs High Vice Principal Gary Merkwon.

For a referee to register with the South Dakota High School Activities Association, he must pass an

open-book test. However, within three years he must take a closed-book test to be certified by the SDHSAA. A mechanics test (referee's gestures) must be passed so that a referee is eligible to officiate SDHSAA tournaments.

"Each year we must attend mandatory rules (court movement) meetings along with mandatory mechanics meetings," said Hunstead.

Although Hunstead sweats while he signifies two points for Pierre, he shows no signs of being overly tired.

Both men run nearly as much as the players during basketball games.

Hunstead attributes his being in top physical condition to workout

programs and running. "Back at home I have regular workout sessions to keep in shape. I lift a lot of free weights."

With no regret in his voice, Hunstead admits that running on basketball floors has taken its toll. "I will go to Sioux Falls towards the end of the season to have arthroscopic surgery done on my knees. I have ligament damage on both knees from all the pounding I do on the court. But I wouldn't be doing this if I didn't love it and it wasn't exciting," he said.

"Oh yeah, he's right," added Jark. "When the kids start warming-up, crowd starts coming in, and the band starts playing, it really gets the adrenalin pumping. I love it."

As two opposing players fight over the ball, Jark penalizes a Pierre player, who slowly lifts her arm into the air, acknowledging the penalty.

"Penalties are simple. If a kid messes up, I penalize him or her. If it's unsportsmanlike conduct, I give him or her a technical foul. If it's flagrant, I eject him or her from the game," said Jark.

Hunstead added, "Try to make the call quick and precise. Don't second guess yourself. Be fair. Sometimes the crowd disagrees with your decision and gets rowdy, but the administration is usually on hand to handle it."

When their adrenaline begins to pump, the pair of referees admit one thing: it is quiet for them on the court.

Hunstead said, "For us, it is quiet out on the floor. We don't hear anything but the players yelling at themselves and the bouncing of the ball. Maybe an occasional 'boo.'"

Football team falls short of goal

by Charlie Hopper

Things were looking up. The football team had broken its two-year curse of first round playoff losses. In the second round they faced the Yankton Bucks, whom they had beaten during the regular season.

As luck would have it, though, the second round did not seem any less cursed for the Governors than did the previous years' first rounds. When the final buzzer sounded, the Govs came up three points short. Yankton advanced to the semi-final round, instead of the Governors.

"One of the most talented and hard working teams I have ever coached" is the way that the Gov's coach Ken Koistinen described his football team this fall.

"I was hoping for better success in the playoffs, but there were a few mental errors that cost us a possible championship," Koistinen said.

The Bucks scored on their first possession of the ball game, bringing the ball down the field for a field goal from deep in Governor territory.

The Govs then came back with a strong drive that brought them within the Bucks' ten yard line, only to end in disappointment when the Governors fumbled.

The game stayed 3-0 until the third quarter when Pierre got on the scoreboard with a two-yard touchdown run by Tavis Weidenbach following an Eric Hunsley interception.

Just when it was starting to look good for the home team, Yankton

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**--head football coach
Ken Koistinen**

picked off a Governor pass and ran it back for a touchdown, putting the Bucks ahead to stay.

"I'm happy with the overall season; the whole team worked hard and there was not one player who led us to the season we had. It took hard work and dedication to help us get as far as we did," said Koistinen.

Just as there was no single factor to the team's success, there was no single factor to the team's demise, said Koistinen.

"Hardwork in the off-season will help us to be equally successful next year. I think the talent and nucleus for a championship team is here," said Koistinen.

Sports

Winter sports pick up pace

by Ashly Suedkamp

As the temperature starts dropping and snow starts falling, the sport scene moves indoors. Winter sport teams are preparing for the official start of their seasons.

The boys basketball team will start official practice on November 25 for their first game against the Brookings Bobcats on December 13. Many of the team members have already started refining their basketball skills by practicing at the Jefferson school gym on their own time.

"Being head coach of the Pierre team is an opportunity that I am looking forward to and have looked forward," said first year head coach Skip Kurth.

The wrestling team has already started preparing for their first match, the Watertown Invitational, which will be held at Milbank because of a conflict with another sporting event.

"Basically we are a young team but we have nine returning wrestlers with state tournament experience," said Myron Bryant, assistant wrestling coach.

The wrestling team only has three returning seniors, including Dave Kowalczyk, Kevin Bowen, and Chad Sidel.

"Our goal is to place in the top half of the ESD, and state-wide we would like to place in the top ten," said Bryant.

Team leaping up hill

by Mandy Johnson

First round play of the district girls basketball tournament begins tonight as the Lady Governors attempt to defeat the Huron Tigers for the third time this year.

In their two earlier regular season match-ups, the Lady Gobs beat Huron first by 14 points and then more recently by two points.

"We match up well with Huron," said head coach Don Shields. "It'll be a matter of who plays the better game."

In the past couple of weeks they have shown much improvement, winning three of the last four games. Their season record now stands at 7-11.

They fought their way into overtime with the Watertown Arrows and ended up defeating Brookings, Huron, and number-one ranked Rapid City Stevens.

"Our teamwork has been our biggest improvement lately, with the help of rebounding and higher shooting percentages," said Shields. "Being able to beat an undefeated team was a great confidence builder for the girls. They now realize how much teamwork and a 110 percent effort can pay off," added Shields.

In order to advance to the state tournament, the team must win two of the next three games.

"We're playing very well right now," said Shields. "If you can't win two out of three games, you don't



Stretching Defense...Senior Niki Hawkins attempts to block a Todd County shot while Anne Rapp looks on. (photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

deserve to be in the state tournament."

Shields is confident that his team can win two of the next three games. "We're going up the hill--not down-hill right now," he said.

According to Shields, the performances of three players may be key

to their success.

"Tobiann Vanderpol has improved a lot lately. We also need to have a consistent game by Joby (Herrin) in center. Michelle Reinke, coming off an illness, is just now getting back to where she was before," said Shields.



Season teaches important lessons

by Nathan Brakke

The varsity football team's dream of being state champions ended November 5 with a heart-breaking loss to the Yankton Bucks. Before we knew it, our season was over.

In our defeat, though, I think there was actually something we won. We learned that you can't take a good thing for granted because before you know it, it could be gone.

If only we had known this before that fateful game. That extra knowledge could have provided the pride, spirit, and determination I think we were lacking that day. If we would have put that game in perspective, I think we would have realized just how important it was. If we're ever in that situation again, I don't think we'll make the same mistake.

On behalf of the team, I'd like to thank the fans for the support they gave us. They believed in us and were always there for us, but we let them down. More importantly, though, we let ourselves down.

Personally, I'd like to thank everybody on the team for all the good times. I'd especially like to thank all the guys on the sidelines with whom I spent most of my time. They made that time a little more enjoyable. On the sidelines was where I found some special friendships and actually had a few good times. I'll see you guys next year.

Let's not forget that the girls basketball team still has alive its hopes of a state championship. I think everybody has overlooked them. Most of the attention has gone to the football team; we need to give the girls the attention and support that they deserve. I'll tell you right now, if the gym is rockin' tonight, the girls are gonna get busy.

Cross country has surprising state meet

Miller nearly misses race

by Wyatt O'Day

The Pierre Governors cross country team met with fifteen other Class "AA" teams at the state meet in Mitchell on November 9. The boys' team points were enough to bring them to tenth place, and the girls' team finished last.

Eighth grader Torry Zeller led the boys and placed fifth overall in the race. His time was 16:20 in the 3.1 mile course.

Senior Carl Osberg missed a medal by two places, placing 22nd in the meet with a time of 16:49.

"During the state meet no one was really focused; we just wanted it over with, so I was surprised we did so well," Osberg said.

Junior Nic Miller had an interesting day and still managed to place 54th. Nic decided to take his running tights off at the last minute, and they started the race without him.

"I was really disappointed about my misfortune at Mitchell. Because of it I started about 150 meters behind the group," Miller said.

Miller also hyper-extended his knee at the end of the race.

The other senior, Brian Jackson, came in 79th.

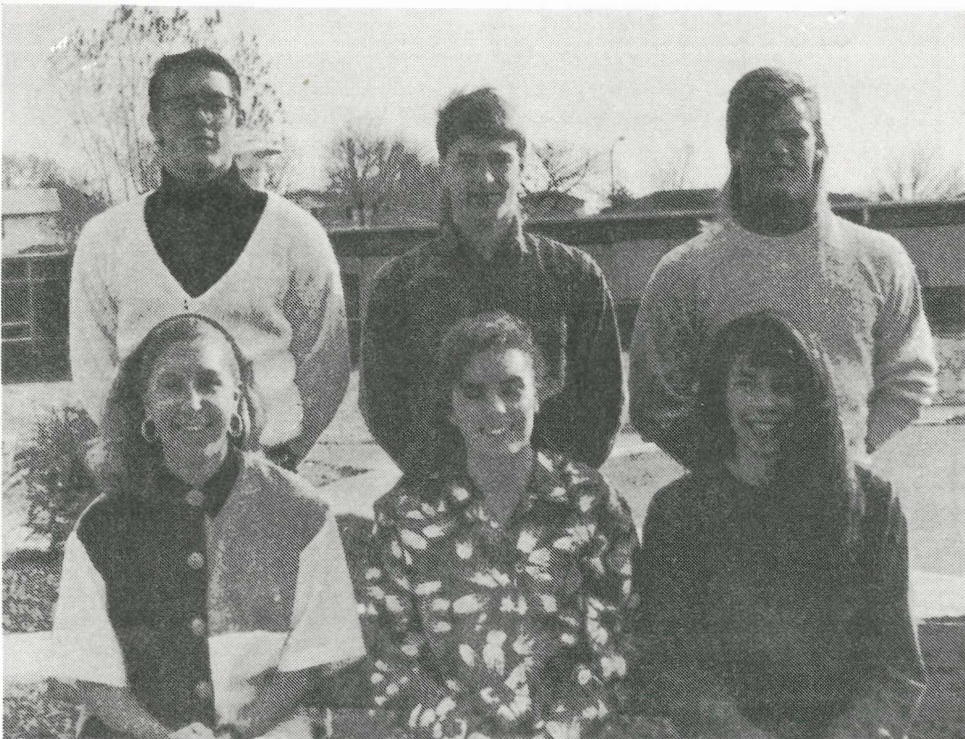
The highest scoring girls' runner proved to be Krista Oehlerking, who placed 26th in the 2.5 mile race. "I was pleased with the way she ran... her time was pretty good," Coach Bruce Venner said.

Sophomore Heather Anderson came in 87th, while sophomore Heather Stutesman placed 96th.

"We had lots of fun this year, but some of us got in trouble and it distracted us from our running," Osberg said.

Interest

Students of the month chosen



Calling Riggs' finest...Students of the month are (sitting) Gretchen Forney, Kristin Smith, Joby Herrin, (standing) Christian Hess, Bob Stiles, Chris Sonnenschein.

by Ashly Suedkamp

Of the 155 seniors in this year's graduating class only eighteen of them will receive the honor of Student of the month.

"It was a great honor because as an underclassman I could only wish for it. Now my wish has come true," said Bob Stiles.

Each month two seniors are selected to receive this honor. So far this year Gretchen Forney, Joby Herrin, Kristin Smith, Bob Stiles, Christian Hess, and Chris Sonnenschein have received this recognition.

Each year student senate names three teachers to select the students of the month. This year, teachers on the selection committee are Ms.

Hyrma Zakahi, Mr. Skip Kurth, and Mrs. Candy Birhanzel.

"It felt good to be selected in a group of so few. I didn't know I brushed up with so many teachers!" said Hess.

Students of the month are selected by their GPA (grade point average), activities, and over-all school involvement.

"I felt it was a great honor because the senior class is full of exceptional students," said Smith.

From the eighteen Student of the Month recipients, two are chosen as "Student of the Year." Each student of the year receives a \$200 scholarship that consists of \$100 donated by the Kiwanians and \$100 donated by Student Senate.



State bound...Oral Interpers Kristen Job and Tim Maher leave for state competition in Yankton tomorrow. (photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

Maher, Job advance to state

by Jacinta Wang

Seniors Tim Maher and Kristen Job are competing today and tomorrow at the state oral interpretation competition in Yankton. Maher won regional competition in humorous, while Job won in serious prose. They are coached by Candy Birhanzel.

They qualified by making their way out of local and regional competition. Elimination at regionals determines the contestants at state.

Maher is reading "Just Say No To Rugs" at state. This is his second year qualifying for the final round of competition.

"God doesn't make mistakes! You're a mistake! I wish you were dead!" Her character feverish and emotionally distraught, Job reads a passage from Agnes of God.

At regionals, three judges vote on a scale of how many performers

there were. For instance, if there were six performers, each judge would score the reader anywhere from 1-6 and then use a preset scale to determine who goes on to State.

Regional competitor Andrea Viken said, "I felt it was a great experience. The competition was tough, but we had a lot of fun."

Job agrees. "The competition was very difficult. The literature presented from the other towns was outstanding. I was really surprised that I qualified for state," said Job.

Oral Interpretation consists of reading a passage from a literary work. It can be anything from poetry to play to monologue. After a piece is chosen, the performer must inflect emotion and truly act with only his or her voice. No props or costumes are allowed—just voice, gestures and facial expressions.

FHA discusses date rape

by Jennifer Heidelberger

Date rape was the topic of last night's regularly scheduled Future Homemaker's of America (FHA) meeting. Deidre Shaw from the women's shelter in Pierre was the guest speaker.

"We thought it would be a good topic that might draw a lot of kids in so that they could see what FHA is all about," said vice-president Ashly Suedkamp.

Led by Mrs. Darlene Neiles, FHA is an organization whose mission is to develop skills for life, including character development, creative thinking, and vocational preparation.

Around the United States, nearly 300,000 students belong to FHA. The organization in Pierre is quite small.

"FHA doesn't have as much participation as it could at Riggs. More people should get involved. A lot of people think that FHA is only for

girls that want to be housewives, but it's a group that helps you prepare for the future," said Suedkamp.

So far, the group has had two meetings this year. During the first meeting officers were elected.

"We have co-presidents and co-vice presidents, one each for the people in class and out of class," said Neiles.

The co-presidents are juniors Becky Thelen and Joette Johnson. Ashly Suedkamp and Gail Black, juniors, are co-vice presidents. The treasurer is Angela Specker, while the group's reporter is Stacie Suedkamp; both are sophomores.

The members of FHA like to make themselves known around the school and around the community. A planned holiday community meal, an angel tree, and fund raisers for organizations such as the women's shelter are among the projects they have on the agenda for this year.

Athletes elect officers

by Angela Hall

The ballots have been cast; the votes have been tabulated. Officers for Letterwinners club have been elected.

They are Damon Parks, president; Jocelyn Van Roekel, vice president; Christian Hess, treasurer; and Cory Holmes, secretary.

Letterwinners club is designed for those in athletics who have received a major letter in a sport. The club raises money for those things that the school does not fund, for example weights, stationary bicycles, and sideline jackets. They raise money through candy sales and selling t-shirts.