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Coup cuts Zastrow's trip short

by Yvonne O'Day

"I just wanted to be at home after everything that had happened," explained Stacie Zastrow, senior, about returning home from Moscow.

Zastrow was taking part in a Youth For Understanding program where she planned to stay in Moscow from late August until December 18 and attend school.

Her plans were interrupted by the coup. The United States State Department advised all Americans

to leave Russia. Zastrow and the other twelve American youths taking part in the program left Moscow a week after they had arrived and traveled to Helsinki, Finland. The coup retreated the day they left.

The students stayed in Finland for a week and about 8 or 9 of the students returned to Moscow.

Zastrow had decided to stay in Finland at first but later decided to come back to the United States. "Finland is a beautiful country," said Zastrow. "If I had gone there

first, it would have been different."

Though Zastrow did not fear for her physical safety in Moscow, she just wanted to be with people she knew. Said Zastrow, "I loved Moscow. I want to go back, just not right now. I want to study more and wait until things get better for them."

Each of the American students was placed in a Russian home where at least one member spoke good or fluent English. Zastrow really liked the host family she was placed with, but she only knew them for about

three days.

Zastrow's Russian sister was in the United States when Zastrow arrived in Moscow so she never met her. Her host sister was the only one in the Russian family that spoke fluent English, but Zastrow's host mother spoke a little bit of English.

Zastrow was to start school on September 2 and have an intensive Russian study, 3 to 4 hours a day. Her studies were to be taught in Russian, and she would have also taken normal classes.

Cars to be stickered

Brian Madigan

Riggs students were confused recently when they were told that they were to turn in their car license plate numbers to receive a parking sticker for their car.

Most of the student body didn't know what the stickers were for or why they had to have them.

"I want to give an identification number for people who park at Riggs," Vice-principal Gary Merkwan said.

"Any time a student gets blocked in, we have to call the police station to get a student's name from their license plate number," Merkwan said. Having the license plate numbers registered in the office would save the administration time by not having to call the police each time a student or teacher was parked illegally.

Some students were worried that they would face a penalty for not having a sticker.

"We can't make you do anything," Merkwan said about having to have a sticker.

Channel one selects Weiss

by Jenny Murphy

Riggs students and staff will have the opportunity to influence the content of Channel One, if Betty Weiss has anything to say about it. Weiss, math instructor at Riggs, has been selected as one of twenty educators from around the nation to serve on the Channel One advisory board.

The board has been formed to evaluate student response and the content of Channel One. The board

responds to weekly questionnaires about the programming (i.e. best/worst features and topics) and holds national meetings to compare responses from students and faculty.

Weiss is not quite sure how she was chosen, but is excited to have some input into the national program that is watched by thousands of students daily. Any students with comments about Channel One should discuss them with Weiss, since she can pass those comments on in her weekly reports.



Extreme Pierre pride...Governor football players show Pierre pride in an uncommon way. (Photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

Victory vehicles cruise town

by Wyatt O'Day

You may have already met "Dr. Death" on the streets of Pierre. What is it? It is one of the "Gov mobiles," a unique Riggs tradition.

"The 'Gov mobile' tradition started back in '85," said automechanics teacher Joel Hieb. Hieb has helped many football players get their cars in running condition in previous years. "It took us two days to get our car painted and in the condition we wanted it in," said senior flanker

Eric Unkenholz.

This painting and getting ready did, however, cost some money. "There are eight of us in on the car, so we each donated 10 to 20 dollars to help pay for the car, paint, and insurance," said senior linebacker Christian Hess.

They soon found that insurance was a bigger hassle than they thought. "Our insurance cost us 42 bucks for three months," said senior tailback Chris Sonnenschein.

Comment

License Registration: The good, bad, and flawed

by Tim Maher and Brian Madigan

We should applaud the administration for starting a project which could save both students and faculty time and hardship.

The administration plans to give students an identification label that adheres to the windshield of a car. The labels will help administration officials identify the driver of an illegally parked car.

This sticker is designed to save time in locating delinquent drivers. However, putting the sticker on one's car is strictly voluntary. It is up to each student to decide if they want a sticker on their vehicle.

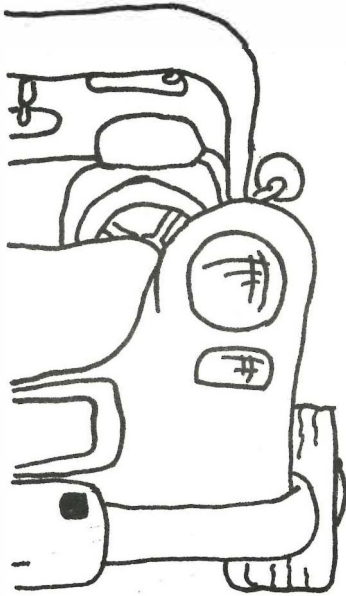
Although it is a good plan, it has flaws. Why would students volunteer themselves so that it is easier for administrators to put them in detention, which is the penalty for illegal parking?

Another flaw is the money question. Last year the school board was ready to chop away at the Riggs budget. They talked about being strapped for cash, but now they can spend money, although not a great sum, on stickers that may or may not be used.

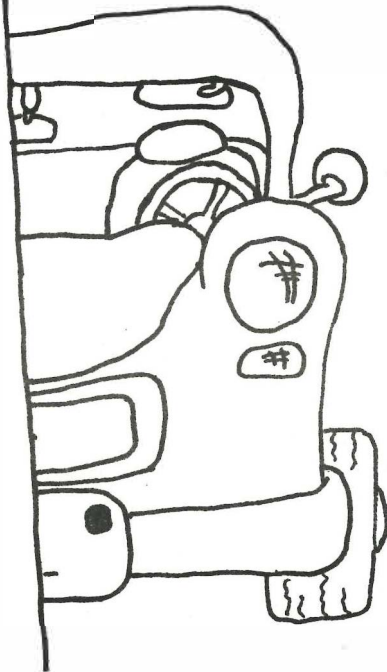
Hopefully, this "sticker system" will not lead to having assigned parking spots, for which students would have to pay. Some other South Dakota High Schools have this in effect.

We should cooperate with the administration, but if even a few people do not comply, the plan will be ineffective.

Person In Need of a
Sticker.



Penalty for Not Having One.



Poll: Students like Channel One

by Brian Madigan

Riggs High students were asked their opinion in a Governor poll on topics ranging from Channel One to a possible dress code.

The student body said in a decisive majority that they liked Channel One. Over 90% of the sophomores, juniors, and seniors polled said they liked Channel One.

"I feel that Channel One keeps me up to date on current events," one senior said.

"It helps inform us about different things that happen in the world," said a sophomore.

About 70% of the students said that Channel One was at their level of interest and comprehension. The other 30% said that Channel one was below their level.

"I think Channel One is a good idea, but it is geared toward junior high people," a junior said.

The students who said that Channel One was below their level were comprised mostly of seniors.

The third question on the poll asked if the seniors would support a dress code that would exclude clothes that could be considered able to conceal a weapon.

Rapid City Stevens High School recently instituted such a dress code

after a student brought a shotgun hidden in his trench coat into the school and took a class hostage.

About 90% of all 65 polled said they would not support such a dress code.

A junior said, "Who decides what clothes are to conceal weapons?"

"I feel that a dress code would be saying there is a need. Problems such as weapons should be noticed and dealt with before we employ a dress code," a junior said.

"You shouldn't just rush into things because something similar happened somewhere else," a junior said.

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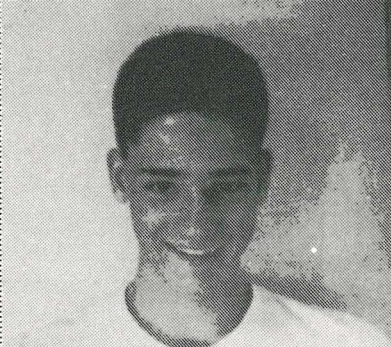
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What do you think about the new parking stickers?



"We've gone this far without it. Why should we have it now?"

Tammy Huebner
Senior



"It's a good idea, but who besides students are going to park there anyway?"

Brian Shekleton
Junior



"It really doesn't bother me at all. It's only a little sticker. What's the big deal?"

Amy Manning
Sophomore

Photos by Stacie Sudekamp

News

In Brief...

New sophs to cheer

by Jennifer Heidelberger

Sophomore fall cheerleaders have recently been chosen. Shouting out cheers in their matching green and white uniforms will be Mandy Englehart, Danielle Hageman, Kelli Hurst, Cindy Sonnenschein, and Mary Wendt.

A lot of work goes into being a cheerleader. As preparation, the girls attend a cheerleading camp at their own expense. At the camp they learn new cheers and dances,

then bring them back to Riggs.

"They also make up their own steps and cheers," said cheerleading advisor Carol Pickering.

They decorate the athletes' lockers as advertisements for upcoming games; then during competition they keep the crowd fired up and interested in the game, Pickering said.

These five girls will work to build enthusiasm and school spirit throughout their cheerleading season.

Thespians selected

by Charlie Hopper

The first production of the 91-92 season by the Riggs High school drama department is a unique play which allows a lot of Riggs High students to get involved with the drama department.

"Voices From the High School" is a series of vignettes which cover areas such as suicide, teen pregnancy, future plans, and drug abuse. The show also hits close to home on many other subjects.

"Another reason for the play's selection was the number of people it involves. There are 48 speaking parts in Peter Dee's 'Voices From the High School'," Zakahi said.

The cast includes veteran performers Kristen Job, Eric Unken-

holz, Sara Stulken, Jason Knox, Kyle Richards, Tim Schmidt, and Bob Stiles. The bulk of the cast is composed of seniors, juniors, as well as sophomores with varying levels of experience.

Seinor Jason Knox who plays the part of Jimmy, a character who attempts suicide, said, "I got the part I wanted. It also gives me a lot more time to keep up with school because of the type of play it is."

"It gives a lot of the underclassman a fair shot, unlike what they would normally have because of the large cast," Knox stated.

"Voices" should be of interest to the entire student body, since it deals with teenager's lives and problems in a realistic way.

Say what you mean

by Jenny Murphy

Hasn't it always helped to understand literature after hearing it read with the correct expression and/or tone of voice? This is what oral interpretation is all about.

Many actors and actresses are involved because it helps them practice different roles and situations. Some are involved for just the opposite reason.

"Drama's helped me with oral interp," says Tim Schmidt, senior, "and to realize that there is more to being an actor than just acting."

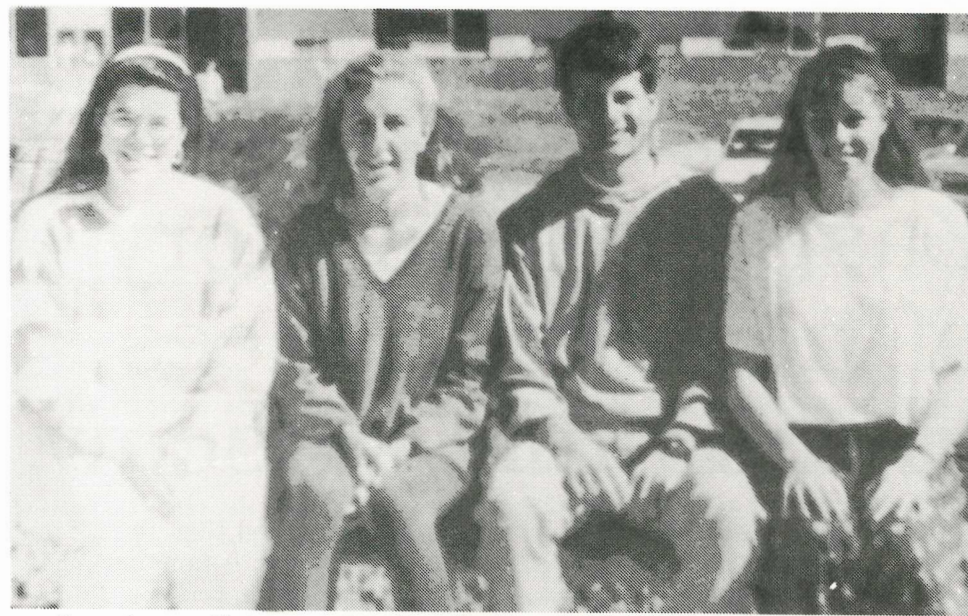
Working toward the regional competition on November 6 in Rapid

City are returning members Tim Schmidt, Kyle Richards, Tim Maher, Kristen Job, Andrea Viken, and Trina Jensen.

Many other students from all three grades are also involved this year.

A variety of categories include serious prose, humor, poetry, duet acting, oratory, and interpretation of drama. To qualify for the state competition to be held later in November, the student must place in the top one-fourth of their division. The individual divisions are rated as superior, excellent, good, or fair.

Advisor for oral interpretation is Candy Birhanzel.



Leading journalists... Ashly Suedkamp, Gretchen Forney, Tim Maher, and Johanna Herrin are four of six students who received All-State journalist recognition. Not pictured are Wyatt O'Day and Brenda Weaver. (photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

Writers grasp All-State

Six Riggs journalists earned All-State honors at this summer's newspaper and annual workshops at SDSU in Brookings.

Gumbo staff editors Wyatt O'Day, Gretchen Forney, Johanna Herrin, and Brenda Weaver all earned All-State status by competing throughout the week-long workshop with other annual staffers across the state.

Governor editors Tim Maher and Ashly Suedkamp were awarded All-State honors at the newspaper workshops.

In addition, O'Day was named "All-Around Journalist", one of only three students chosen for this honor state.

All six journalists are eligible to spend a day with a legislator during

the legislative session and a day on the job with a professional journalist.

These six students will also be attending sessions and receive special recognition at the annual Press Day, held on Native American Day at SDSU.

In addition, all students who are active in the Governor or the Gumbo will have the opportunity to travel to Brookings on October 14 to attend Press Day.

Students take part in three class sessions on various journalism topics and also have the chance to compete in "on-the-spot" writing contests. The day ends with the announcement of awards for 1990-91 publications.

Football injury Finnish student hobbled

by Matthew Foster

Jari Tevajarvi came from a town in the south of Finland to spend the school year in Pierre. "People are quite the same," Jari says with a smile, "but it's easier to make friends here." That fact is illustrated every time he walks down the hallway with his crutches as many people greet him.

Even though he is thousands of miles from home, Jari says he can't find many differences between Pierre and his hometown of Vaasky.

"Teen-age life is a lot alike. The movies are the same, but you listen to more rap music here," he said.

Jari admits that he hasn't taken many of the classes before; but does he like them?

"The students at Riggs are very helpful and very friendly."

--Jari Tevajarvi

"Yeah," was his only answer.

He also was scheduled to play football for the Governors this season, but twenty minutes into his first practice of the year, he hurt his knee, putting an end to his short career as a high school football star.

Now that he is in the United States, Jari hopes to do one special thing.

"I'd like to go to Hawaii," said Jari.

Feature

Russian coup from Ar

Zastrow tells story of her experiences in unstable Moscow

By Stacie Zastrow

Monday...

In August 19, 1991, I awoke with high anticipation for the coming day. It was the last day of the Youth for Understanding (YFU) orientation and it was to end with a tour of the Kremlin and Red Square.

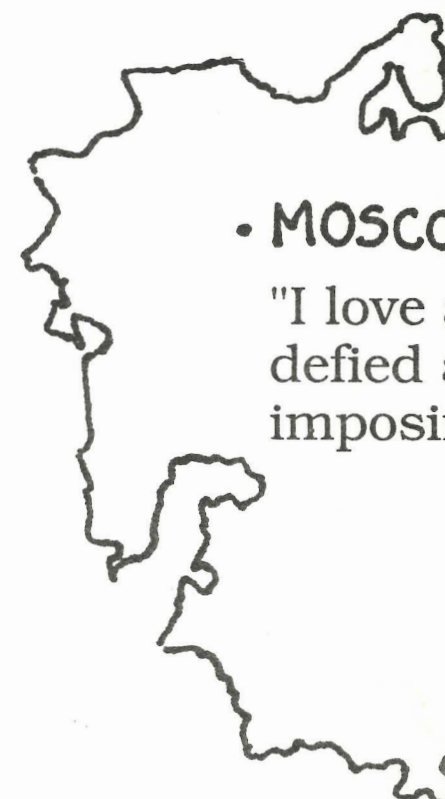
But while we were eating breakfast, my anticipation turned to uncertainty when my host mother, Elena, told me in her halting English: "Gorbachev is gone." I became more concerned when Elena, unlike prior

mornings, insisted that she accompany me, Meredith (another YFU-USA student), and Helen (Meredith's host sister) to the "Palace" where orientation was held. Helen and Elena engaged in a nonstop conversation in Russian; although I could not understand them, they were obviously concerned and unsure of the situation.

At the "Palace" the students and staff were unable to give any details of what had occurred. The Soviet YFU staff told us Gorbachev was sick and that a new man was acting as President but "Not to worry." We settled into the normal orienta-

tion routine discussing Soviet/American culture and customs. At noon, the YFU staff informed us that the afternoon tour was cancelled because "downtown" Moscow was blocked off. I returned to the apartment and later that afternoon I went with Elena and Yuri (my host father) to their friends' home for dinner. It seemed to me that everyone was relaxed, and it was a pleasant evening. There was only a brief discussion of the day's events.

As we rode home in the "taxi from hell," I saw a few tanks parked along side of the major streets. Policemen were directing traffic away from the streets leading to the Kremlin and the center of Moscow. I could not get a very good view of what was happening because the taxi was going so fast and I spent half of the time praying that we wouldn't crash before we arrived home. Neither the tanks nor the police frightened me as much as the recklessness of the taxi driver.



Russian propaganda...



БОРЬБЫ ЗА ЗАКОННУЮ ВЛАСТЬ

Сегодня группа коммунистов во главе с руководителями репрессивных органов, незаконно сместив Президента страны, захватила центральную власть. Их цель - возврат к тоталитарной системе на территории всего Советского Союза.

Под угрозой, в первую очередь, находятся свободно избранный народом Президент России, его правительство и Верховный Совет Российской Федерации. В России именно они - законная власть, которая противостоит самозванному "комитету по чрезвычайному положению". Российского Президента надо поддерживать во всех его начинаниях по восстановлению законности в республике, а тем самым и во всей стране. Если он призывает к забастовкам - надо бастовать. Если он призывает к демонстрациям - надо демонстрировать.

Костяк советской армии - русские. Офицеры и солдаты должны поддержать российского Президента и не выполнять приказов, направленных против него и его законного правительства. Армия должна защищать интересы народа, а не быть инструментом подавления в руках самозванного "комитета".

Население и власти национальных республик должны встать выше своих частных интересов и требовать подписания выработанного в рамках законности Союзного договора. Одна из целей заговорщиков - сорвать этот договор и воспрепятствовать стабилизации положения в стране. Республики должны поддержать Президента и правительство Российской Федерации. Только общие усилия демократических, патристических сил всей страны могут предотвратить надвигающуюся экономическую и социальную катастрофу.

19 августа 1991 г.

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Handed out... Foreign exchange student Stacie Zastrow picked up this Russian brochure in the streets of Moscow during the coup. She believes it to be a tract supporting Yeltsin.

Tuesday...

Tuesday morning Jenny (a YFU-USA student) called to tell me what she had seen on television. Her host family had access to the CNN news channel. She explained that Gorbachev had been seized and that a hard-line Communist "coup" had occurred. Jenny was very upset and said that her host mother would not allow her to leave the apartment.

Meredith and I wanted to send letters to the USA, and Helen and her mother agreed to take us to the central post office for better overseas mail service. As we rode the metro, it became increasingly congested as we got closer to central Moscow. The downtown metro stations were crowded with more people than I had ever seen. When we came up to the street level, there was not the normal automobile traffic; instead the streets were filled with pedestrians. Helen's mother could not believe the number of people on these major thoroughfares. As we walked towards the post office, we saw dozens of tanks blocking automobiles from the streets. Armed soldiers were sitting and standing next to their tanks.

As we walked along, Helen's mother picked up leaflets that were letters written by Boris Yeltsin. He-

len translated the letters and explained that Yeltsin was encouraging the people not to support the "coup" and that what had happened was unconstitutional. We passed a man with a megaphone giving information about a demonstration that was to be held. We walked a short distance and came to an honest to goodness Pizza Hut. Pizza seemed like a terrific idea to me, but the line was very long. We continued to walk toward the demonstration. Several men were speaking from a balcony calling upon the citizens to support Boris Yeltsin and reject the coup leaders. The tanks and soldiers were around the demonstrators, but they made no effort to interfere.

We left the demonstrators and strolled about for an hour, looking in stores, walking through parks, and taking in the tourist sights. There were no tanks, no soldiers, and no demonstrators in this area. In the distance, I could see a large white building; Helen explained that it was the Russian Parliament building. As we approached it, there were barricades of boards, old furniture, and pipes in the street. Piled on the steps to the Parliament were more barricades. We took a few pic-

Feature

American perspective



admire a people that
defeated those intent on
tyranny."

--Stacie Zastrow

tures and then decided it was getting late, so we started toward the nearest metro station. As we got what she had seen on CNN that day. Elena insisted there was nothing on Soviet television that was anything to worry about. She could not understand why I was so upset and frightened and told me that I should not believe all of the things that were on CNN. I tried several times to call my parents to let them know I was alive, but the lines were always busy. YFU finally gave me an AT&T number to Helsinki, Finland which then connected me with Pierre. I cannot recall ever being so relieved to talk to my mother and sister. My mother had to explain to me what had actually happened because I knew very little of the details. The television in Russia gave very few details about the past days. This seemed to make the situation seem more frightening to me because I could not watch TV, listen to the radio, or read a newspaper and find out for myself what was going on.

Wednesday...

On Wednesday, my host father returned from work before I had

even gotten out of bed. He told Elena and I that several demonstrators had been killed at the barricades the night before. Elena "hyped" out and began to talk of a civil war; Yuri left and returned with a transistor radio which he listened to most of the day. The tension in the house was nearly unbearable. I could only repeat my desire to go away from the front of the Parliament, there were more tanks and barricades in the street to the Parliament. There were several trolley buses that had been parked blocking the streets. Their tires had been slashed so that they could not be moved. At one point we had to climb over some of the barricades to continue our way to the metro. As we rode the metro and got closer to our

home, the crowds diminished to what I had encountered in the days past.

We explained to my host mother what we had seen. She didn't seem overly worried about what we had seen. I called Jenny who told me home to America. A YFU representative called to tell me that arrangements were being made to fly us out of the Soviet Union. My host mother decided that we should go shopping so I could buy a few souvenirs. We shopped for awhile and she also took me to McDonalds. That tasted VERY good. It was a little different than the USA's. I had been eating bread, coffee and borst for the past 5 days so it was nice to have something different. Don't get me wrong, I liked Russian food; McDonald's was just a nice change of pace.

At 9:00 p.m. I tried to call home three times before I finally reached my father. He told me that CNN had reported that the coup leaders were trying to leave Moscow, that Gorbachev was to return to Moscow, and that it appeared the coup was over. He told me I would be leaving Moscow for Finland on Friday because the State Department had ordered all non-embassy Americans out of the Soviet Union.

Later that evening, Yuri and Elena told me that the Russian radio had announced that Gorbachev was returning to Moscow and that the coup leaders had been arrested. We "celebrated" with champagne, which they joyously drank. I wondered how they could be so happy when they still weren't sure what was going to happen with the Russian government. But they had every right to celebrate the fact that the Communists hadn't won.

Thursday...

The next day seemed endless. We were still going to leave the country because of the uncertainty

and confusion of the situation. The American Embassy still advised us to leave. We left for the Moscow airport early in the morning, thinking that we were to be on the late morning flight to Helsinki. When we went to pass through customs, we were advised that our visas were not correct exit visas and that we could not leave. We waited until the American embassy got new visas for us and finally after 12 hours of waiting in the Moscow airport, we boarded the plane. Helsinki, Finland, was only an hour and a half but a lifetime of experiences away. As the plane left the ground and I stared out the window at the beautifully lighted Moscow, I knew that I wouldn't be returning in the next week or so. An overthrow of government was too much for my 17 year old body and mind to cope with, but I knew in my heart that I will return someday in the future. Even though I had only been there a week, I had grown to love the city, country, language, lifestyle, and customs. I also left with great admiration and love for the people.

Not until I was able to read a copy of USA Today on the plane did I truly understand the confrontation that had taken place. I also discovered that Boris Yeltsin had been in the Russian Parliament building saving the Soviet Union on the day I had so casually posed for a "tourist shot" on the barricades.

As I flew on to Helsinki, I was ecstatic to leave the uncertainty of the Soviet situation, but filled with sadness and fear for the friends and my host family who had treated me so kindly during one of the most dangerous of times. That the "white house" demonstration did not become another Tiananmen Square is a tribute to the will of the Russian people to live in a free society. I love and admire a people that defied and defeated those intent on imposing tyranny.

"The situation seemed more frightening to me because I could not watch TV, listen to the radio, or read a newspaper."

--Stacie Zastrow

Sports

Cross country: Running the extra miles

By Ashly Suedkamp

On your mark. Get set. Go! That's exactly what this year's high school cross country team has done.

This year is different from past ones considering the team has a new coach, Bruce Venner. Venner teaches at the junior high and was the cross country coach there before replacing Larry Lundeen this year. Lundeen has moved on to Washington High School in Sioux Falls.

Venner said, "Coaching a varsity cross country team is very different. There are a few more headaches and problems, but it is a lot of fun working with high school athletes and that out-weighs any of the problems that may come up."

Only a few problems like injuries have arisen and that doesn't seem to be making much impact on how well the team is doing.



"So far the season has gone really good. The team scores have been good in spite of the fact we haven't put the best five guys on the line at the same times due to either injuries or other conflicts and the girls' team is very young with Krista Oehlerking, a junior, being the oldest and most experienced. The rest of the girls will improve as they receive

more experience running at the varsity level," said Venner.

The team's weekly workout consists of speed and hill workouts on Mondays and Tuesdays, long slow runs on Wednesdays, and Thursdays are usually more relaxed so the runners can get prepared for a meet on either Friday or Saturday, said Venner.

Making racket

by Charlie Hopper

The Lady Gov Netters have gotten off to a good start so far this season," says tennis coach Donald Rogers. "The team feels good about their start and expects it to continue throughout the year."

Coming up for the Lady Gov Netters during Homecoming week is a triangular at Pierre vs Rapid City Stevens and Aberdeen on Thursday.

"It will be hard for the senior, Gretchen Forney, and the other players on the team because they have to miss out on the homecoming festivities on Friday night, because they have to leave that night to be ready to play at 9:00 a.m.," said Rogers.

Rogers predicts that they will probably finish second, like last year. "The talent that we have gives us the ability to do better than second in ESD and even the State Tournament. If everyone moves up a notch from where we played last year, we have a shot, but it's a long shot," said Rogers.

Varsity baseball...why not?

by Tim Maher

Baseball is often called America's favorite national pastime. Accordingly, many students wonder why it isn't offered as a varsity program.

"I think it's bad not having baseball as a varsity sport in Riggs," said senior American Legion baseball player Mark Hyde. "It's our national pastime and it should be played as a high school sport."

South Dakota is one of three states that does not offer baseball programs in the school setting. The other 47 states offer some sort of baseball program at the high school level.

High school students in the Pierre area who have interest in

playing baseball can compete in one of three ways. They can play age 13 to 16 Teener baseball, age 16 to 18 American Legion baseball, or 18 and over Amateur baseball. This past season's Legion team had 14 participants, 11 of which are Riggs high school students.

"When I lived in Minnesota, varsity baseball started in the spring during school," said senior American Legion baseball player Chris-

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--Mark Hyde

tian Hess. "Out there, and in other states, players compete for their school first and then play Legion ball in the summer. Because of this they get an extra three months of playing time. Not having varsity baseball hurts players who want to compete at the collegiate level," said Hess.

"We are way behind other states," said senior American Legion baseball player Damon Parks. "Players in other states have a jump on us because they just play longer during the year."

Some Legion baseball players believe that if South Dakota instituted baseball programs in its schools, students could also benefit from the family atmosphere that Legion players enjoy.

"The team gets along great together. We do a lot outside of playing games, mainly because we spend so much time together on the field," said senior Legion baseball player Brian Madigan. "The coach's main point was team bonding," he said.

Legion players believe that baseball in the school system would attract more players than other forms. "We would have twice as many people out because they would hear about it sooner and be closer to it. It would also bring out a lot more fans," said senior American Legion baseball player Jeff Cleland.

If varsity baseball were instituted in South Dakota, it would have to be sanctioned by the South Da-

kota High School Activities Association.

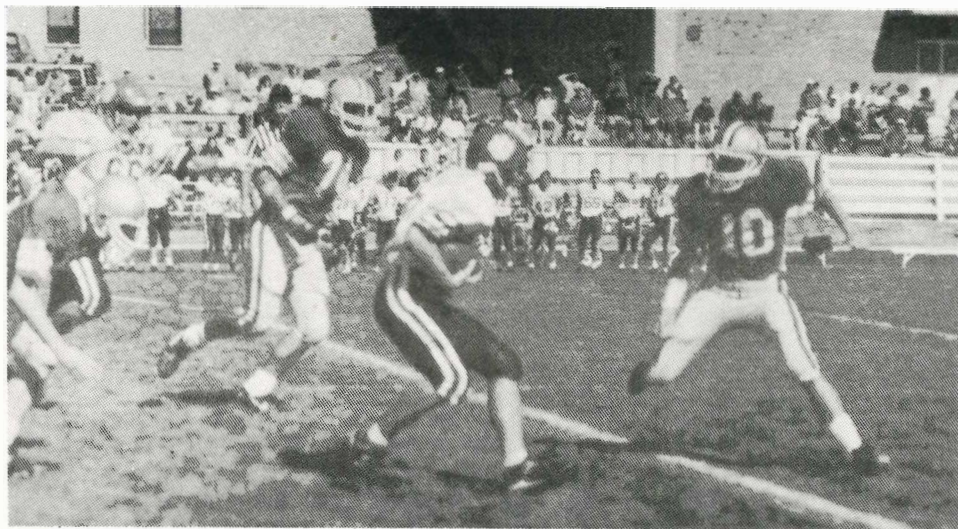
The SDHSAA already sanctions 14 different athletic activities. The SDHSAA has had requests to institute other activities, including soccer, softball, men's gymnastics, and baseball.

"We already have track, golf, and tennis during the spring and it is tough to field enough people for those as it is. It would be tough to get enough people out for these as well as baseball," said athletic director Dusty Kracht.



Local

Team hopes to extend winning streak



Getting a bead...Senior safety Jeff Schlekeway cuts to make a tackle against a Brookings football player. (photo by Stacie Suedkamp)

by Angela Hall

The football team hopes to cap off a week-long homecoming celebration with a win against ESD rival Watertown Arrows. The Govs, ranked No. 9 in pre-season polls, entered the season strong with early season wins over Rapid City Stevens, ranked No. 4, Yankton, ranked No. 2, and Brookings.

Coach Ken Koistinen said, "It has been a good game every time we have played. Every game has been a dog fight." He also commented that quarterback Jeff Schlekeway is doing very well.

"Senior Chad Lindbloom will be eligible to play this game and that is getting us more ready to play knowing that we have him to back us up," said Tavis Weidenbach, senior football player. Lindbloom, a strong contributor to both the Gov's offense and defense, was an All-ESD defensive end in 1990.

Wiedenbach said, "We are playing a lot like we were in our sophomore year. We had to play much older teams, but because of our spirit and enthusiasm, we were able to dominate most teams. Although the teams we had to play were not nearly as good as our opponents this year, our spirit has returned."



Proud of my Involvement

by Nathan Brakke

I'm proud to say that I'm a part of what could prove to be the best Pierre football team ever.

I'm definitely not the most important part of this team. What's important, though, is that I am a part of it. I get to share in the emotional high before every game. I get to experience the rush that's more powerful than any drug could ever provide. There's something in the air, something I really can't put into words. It is that something which brings this team so close together. It is this that I will remem-

ber for the rest of my life.

I wish you people in the stands could experience what we varsity football players experience every Friday night. I guess that the most you can do is to come along for the ride. Maybe someday you'll know the meaning of pride, spirit, and determination as we do. You will see that it will be that pride, spirit, and determination which will decide where we will be on November 16. I don't doubt that we will be spending that day in Vermillion, playing some football. If so, I hope you can join us.

Emerald Regiment gears up for homecoming show

Ladies and Gentlemen, please direct your attention to the field as the Riggs High Emerald Regiment, directed by Jason Knox, performs for your half-time entertainment," booms the loudspeaker at the half-time of the homecoming football game.

This year, with the introduction of twenty new band students, the Emerald Regiment has changed in many ways--not only in size but also in styles of music and marching.

"It's a very different show from last year," said band director Larry Johnson. "This show has a rock 'n roll theme compared to the western theme a year ago.

When asked how they came up with the Elvis theme, Johnson said, "Five students went to Whitewater, Wisconsin, marching camp, and after they came back, they suggested an Elvis theme. So I looked at all the music that Elvis made popular and found a few we could use."

"We're getting down to the wire, but I think we'll pull through."

--Jason Knox, drum major

"The hardest part about preparing a show is the writing itself. It takes a lot of thinking and writing," said Johnson.

The marching is also different. "We're using more of a corps style than a moffit style. Corps style is more patternized and moffit style is geared more to block formations and groups of people," said Johnson.

This year's band is being directed by Drum Major Jason Knox.

"We're getting down to the wire," said Knox a bit nervously, "but I think we'll pull through."

Activities planned

by J. Hauschild

Without a moment to waste, clubs, athletes, and many individuals are busy preparing events to make this homecoming week one to remember.

One tradition that will continue this year is the practice of dress-up days. This year will feature pro/collegiate day, toga/pajama day, slob day, era (50's, 60's, and 70's) day, and green and white day.

When asked about the pep assembly, student body President Tim Maher said, "It'll be a lot of fun if

everyone takes part. Student council has put a lot of thought and work into this project."

The Governor and First Lady will be selected by a student body vote and will be announced at the coronation ceremony on Thursday night in the theatre.

Pep club will hold the annual spirit breakfast in the cafeteria Friday morning beginning at 7:00. Everyone is invited.

Friday afternoon will feature "powder puff" action, as the junior girls will battle the senior girls in a fight for the powder puff victory.

School spirit enhanced

by Barbara Goddard

Homecoming signs displayed in local businesses are just one of the many projects that Pep club is involved with this year.

"Pep club was originally designed to support the athletic teams and spread school spirit," said Candy Bi-

rhanzel, pep club adviser.

Coronation's responsibilities fall on pep club members' shoulders as well, said Birhanzel.

Pep Club decorates the theater for coronation and will hold a spirit breakfast Friday morning.

Pep Club members want to get involved in more than just homecoming this year, said Birhanzel.

Interest

Maher chosen for Boys Nation

by Brian Madigan

Tim Maher, senior, was given the honor of going to Washington D.C. as a part of Boys Nation this summer.

Maher was one of 96 selected in the country to attend Boys Nation at Marymount University, just outside of Washington, D.C. The young men who went to Boys Nation learned about government on a national level, how to work with others, and were instilled with patriotism.

Maher said that he was able to see some important people on his trip to Washington D.C. Maher said that Boys Nation delegates got to meet Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, former Ronald Reagan press secretary James Brady, and President George Bush and other



Leaders of tomorrow...Boys Nation senator Tim Maher poses for a picture with his Washington section at Boys Nation.

outstanding speakers.

"It brought me more enthusiasm for our great way of life," Riggs student body president Tim Maher said.

Maher obtained the position of ambassador to Yugoslavia by being appointed by the Boys Nation President.

"There was a lot of camaraderie

"The Legionnaires stressed patriotism with emotion from deep down in our guts."

--Tim Maher

among the members of Boys Nation," Maher said.

Maher said the camaraderie came from working in party lines for Boys Nation candidates.

"I learned not to take freedom for granted," Maher said.

Participants of Boys Nation visited several war memorials in Washington D.C. as well as other sites.

"Veterans gave up a lot for our freedoms," Maher said.

"I learned a new sense of freedom," Maher said of his experience at Boys Nation.

News Briefs...

Three join faculty

by Deanna Prue

Riggs High School has three new faculty members this school year.

Sharron Whitney is filling the position of head librarian, following Bob Townsend's retirement last spring. Whitney was formerly at Stanley County High School where she worked for 17 years as their head librarian.

Barbara Kleinsasser is the new part-time home economics instructor at Riggs. She is here only the first three periods of the day. She's

taken over the job of teaching advanced foods. Her position was necessitated by an increase in enrollment in the home ec program.

"I was born in South Dakota and I wanted to come back," explains Gregg Drube about applying for the opening in the math department. He's been in Iowa for the last ten years teaching math at the entry level for college students. He's currently teaching Algebra II, advanced math, and math analysis. This is his first year teaching in a high school.

Students take office

by Molly Robertson

Student council officers and senators have been elected for the 1991-1992 school year.

Serving under Tim Maher, first semester student council president, and Chris Sonnenschein, vice-president, are senior officers, president Brian Madigan, vice-president Christian Hess, secretary Gretchen Forney and treasurer Jobi Herrin. Jeremy Ellwein, Wyatt O'Day, Carl Osberg and Paula Weeldreyer are senior senators.

Junior officers include president Rob Hall, vice-president Todd Tedrow, secretary Mandy Johnson and treasurer Tobiann VanderPol. Junior senators are Nathan Brakke, Chad Eschmeyer, Julie Kebach and Brian Shekelton.

Mary Wendt is sophomore class president with Kristen Viken as vice-president. Cammy Clark is secretary and Jaime Snyder is treasurer. Stephanie Ellenbecker, Mandy Engelhart, Sally Herrin and Cindy Sonnenschein are sophomore senators.

Madigan, others elected to TAR leadership

by Amy Schochenmaier

What do teens, elephants and the Storm Mountain Center have in common? They all played a part in the Teenage Republican (TAR) camp this summer. Fifty to sixty kids ages 13 to seniors attended, about twenty of which were new to the camp.

Nine Riggs students attended including Brian Madigan, senior; Chuck Bartlett, Ryan Knox, and Kathy Wiczorek, sophomores; and five juniors, Mark Brost, Darrin Dykstra, Todd Erickson, Jim Gerdes, and Paul Schuurmanns.

During the six day camp the TARs listened to many speakers. Darrin Dykstra said, "I learned a lot about the Republican party from the speakers. Mark Barnett was my favorite." Other speakers were Treasurer Homer Harding, Representative John Sears, and State Auditor and TAR Adviser Vern Larson.

Elections for new officers were also held. Brian Madigan decided two weeks before the camp to run for chairman. Madigan easily won the race against Lisa Leckey of De Smet.

"I was enthusiastic about starting the year and giving something to the TARs because they've given so much to me," said the newly elected Madigan.

Also elected to state-wide offices were Mark Brost, vice chairman;

"Only about 30 percent of 18 year olds vote, and we'd like to see that improve."

--Brian Madigan

Chuck Bartlett, treasurer; and Jim Gerdes, district representative.

"We will probably be more effective having more of the executive board in Pierre because it will be easier to contact people and more will get done," said Madigan.

TARs are planning many activities this year. They will be working to increase voter registration, especially among 18 year olds.

Madigan said, "Only about 30 percent of 18 year olds vote, and we'd like to see that improve." There is also "TAR Days" in March, and possibly a booth set up in the lobby if it is worked out with the administration.

"Increasing membership is an ongoing process," said Madigan. "Although Hughes County membership has always been good, there is always room for improvement," he continued. The first meeting of the TARs will be held on September 30 at 6:30 in Republican Headquarters next door to Taco John's.