

## Board authorizes purchase of skating rink

by Cammy Clark

Riggs wrestlers and gymnasts can look forward to practicing in a new location next year, thanks to the Pierre School Board's decision November 30.

After much deliberation, the board decided to purchase the old skating rink located on Poplar Street behind the Golden Corral restaurant. The building will be used for gymnastics and wrestling practice rooms and administrative offices.

The board considered ideas that included remodeling the old Elk's lodge and building a new facility completely.

Constructing a new building entirely would cost the taxpayers approximately \$1-1.5 million. Also, there is no prime location for a new building on the land owned by the Pierre Public Schools.

"The Riggs site does not have the sufficient number of acres for an additional building. The junior high is short of acreage also and the parking lot has had everything from cement blocks to tree stumps dumped in it and covered up," said Pierre Public Schools Superintendent Darwin Tessier.

"It's easy to talk about building a

new facility, but there is no adequate spot for it, and it's just not very practical if you don't have a good location to build on," said Tessier.

"I'm a wrestling coach, but I'm a taxpayer too," said Rick Jensen, high school wrestling coach. "I'm pleased with this outcome; I think that the school board looked at every possible option and made a sensible decision. Dollar-wise, I think this was the smartest thing to do," he added.

"Of all the options we have been presented with that have limitations, this is the best," said school board

member Dr. Tom Huber.

The skating rink will cost the school district approximately 35 dollars a square foot including the construction needed to change the building into practice rooms and offices. The school board estimates that this project will end up costing between \$556,000 to \$656,000.

If everything works out as the school board has planned, construction will begin on the 80 foot by 80 foot practice room this May. The room should be finished in time for next year's athletes to train in.

## Project discovery takes new direction

by Erin Harmon

Project Discovery students are being offered some new experiences this year, thanks to new leadership by Karon Gubbrud.

Gubbrud joined the faculty this fall after having taught in the gifted program at Brandon Valley High School near Sioux Falls.

Gubbrud has added a quiz bowl team this year. They have practiced for several weeks and competed for the first time on Tuesday in Huron.

She has also added "shadowing" to the already established mentorship program. While shadowing, students spend a day with a person in a certain career and do everything they do, like a "shadow," hence, the name.

Another area of interest that Gubbrud has introduced students to is graphology, or handwriting analysis. She plans to start a class on graphology for students to take in their spare time.

She is considering the formation of a philosophy club. Gubbrud would like to run the club as a seminar, with each student studying a subject and then sharing their knowledge with the rest of the

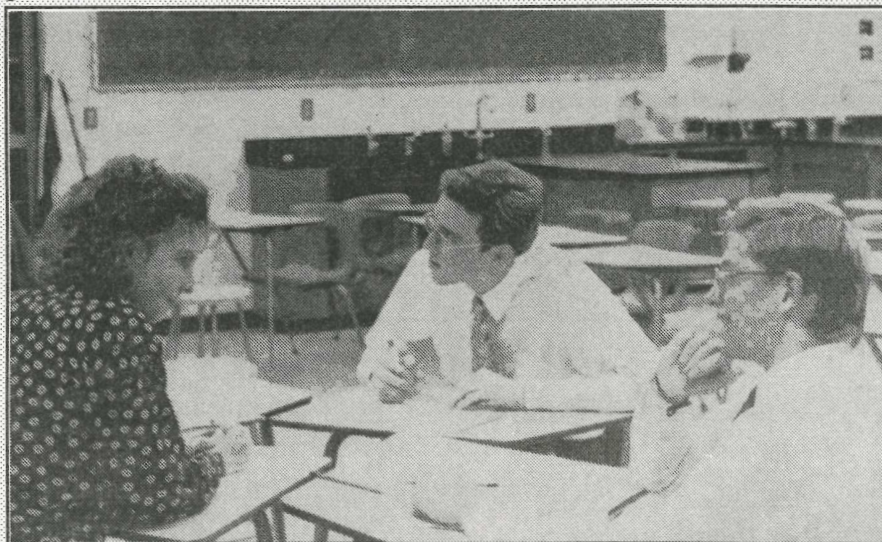
group.

Gubbrud is at the high school every Friday and after school every day. She is enthusiastic about her work in Pierre. "I am very optimistic about the future direction of project discovery in the Pierre schools," she said.

Gubbrud likes what she has seen so far in Pierre. "The school system and people in the schools has been very cooperative and supportive. The same is true for parents," she says. Gubbrud has a lot of varied experience to draw upon in her work as a gifted education teacher. She has

managed three stores, was the director of a residential home for the emotionally disturbed and developmentally delayed, has been a full-time homemaker, and has even run a nursery school out of her home.

She has taught in five schools in classes including biology, chemistry, physical education, health, and German. Interestingly enough, she majored in physical education at Augustana College and is also a certified fashion designer.



Juniors Jessi Vogt, Erin Harmon, and John Jordre ponder a question at the quiz bowl in Huron last Tuesday. (Photo by Stacie Suedkamp.)

## City garbage rates to change January 1

by John Jordre

Starting January 1, 1993, residents of Pierre will be charged in a different way for garbage collection. New state and federal regulations have necessitated the changes in policy.

Under the old system, collection was paid for by taxes collected by the city. This system worked well, but it didn't encourage reduction and recycling of waste. The new system will encourage these practices by charges based on the volume of the waste.

The city garbage department will pick up waste in special bags marked "City of Pierre—Solid Waste." These bags may be purchased at the City Hall for the price of \$17.50 for a roll of 50. There will be no changes in the routes or time of pickup.

Riggs will also be affected by the new policy. The school system uses Envirotech to haul its waste and is charged by volume. A large portion of the waste is food waste, but another significant portion is paper. To reduce waste, the school district recycles paper through Capital Area Recycling. The changes will cost the school district an estimated \$9,000 to \$10,000 more. Riggs students can help the environment and save the school some money by using the recycling boxes placed in the classrooms.



## Editorial: student enthusiasm leads to controversy

"DOUBLE STANDARD: a system, code, etc. applied unequally." This is how Webster's New World Dictionary defines what Riggs High students witnessed first-hand at the boy's basketball game against Watertown last Saturday night.

Since the 1992-1993 school year has begun, the Student Senate has encouraged students' attendance and participation in school activities with more demonstrated school spirit. They have worked to promote a school mascot and a play-by-play announcer at the boy's basketball games.

After the girl's basketball season ended, the Student Senate was frustrated. Attendance was down, the crowds were lifeless, and none of the projects they were working for were getting any support or encouragement. The cheerleaders were also frustrated. Their main job is to fire up the crowd, and there was no spark to start the fire with.

At the boys basketball game last Saturday night, there was an overwhelming show of school spirit. The players were fired up, the crowd was fired up, and the cheerleaders had more spirit than they knew what to do with. The team raced up and down the court. The crowd was on its feet screaming from the tip-off until the voice of Dusty Kracht, the present introductory announcer, came over the loudspeaker telling Riggs students that they must take their seats because the adults in the section behind them couldn't see.

Of course, this did not sit well with many students, and they booed the

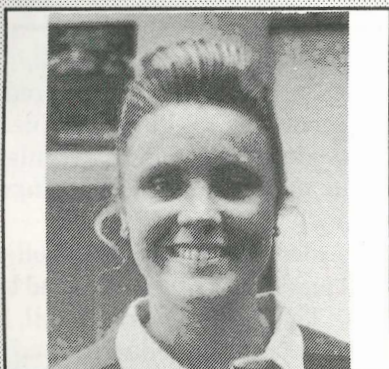
request openly. Finally, they had chosen to demonstrate the school spirit that had been absent all year, and they were told to sit down.

Some adults in the section behind the kids stood up and motioned that the kids should remain standing. The kids, needing no encouragement, jumped to their feet where they remained for the duration of the game. They were told repeatedly to sit down by Gary Merkwan, Riggs High vice-principal. When no one seemed to be listening to him, he urged the cheerleaders to demonstrate their crowd control and seat the spectators. The cheerleaders did as requested but to no avail. This was one fired-up crowd!

The question presented by this occurrence is simply this: SCHOOL SPIRIT OR NOT? Will students be reprimanded for exhibiting what the school itself has requested? If the students want to show support for their team in a civilized manner, nothing should stand in their way.

The Pierre crowd was varied in its opinions about the game. The adults in the back section wanted to see the action as much as the students did. The students wanted to show their enthusiasm for the team by standing up and cheering. Both are extremely valid points. Few games involve such a high intensity level that the kids feel like they should stand up for the entire game. No disrespect was meant to the adults that had their vision blocked. Hopefully the crowd can unite as one and support the Pierre Governors as a whole Friday night.

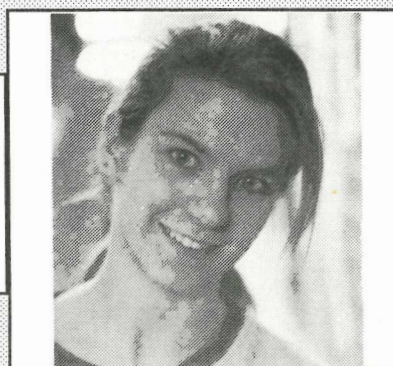
## What the people say about. . . standing up during games



"I understand some of the parents couldn't see, but who would seriously expect a crowd with that much spirit to sit during the best game of the year?"  
--Mandy Johnson, senior

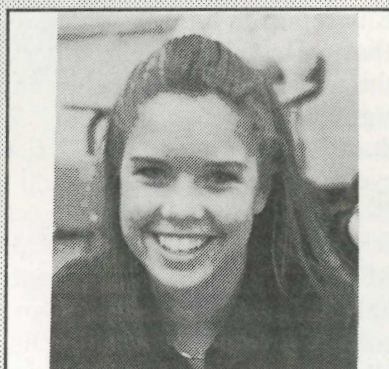
"I thought that it was ludicrous that they made us sit down. This is the most spirit we've had in a long time. They should be happy."

--Bonnie McNamara, junior



"It was hypocritical after telling us to have more school spirit."

--Stephanie Hull, sophomore



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All I wanted was  
for them to sit down.  
where did everybody go?



## Review: classic makes good holiday watching

by Jessica Vogt

In a season where many people are viewing Jimmy Stewart's most famous film, "It's A Wonderful Life," it is only appropriate to take a look at the movie that made his career: "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

"Mr. Smith" went a long way in establishing Stewart as an actor. The flick began Stewart's rise in pictures with a vengeance. The actor earned his first Academy Award after his successful entrance under the illustrious director Frank Capra. The film garnered eleven Academy Award nominations.

The reason this film was so big was its quality. Obviously, the actors were talented, but it took an experienced director to apply that talent. It won an Oscar for Best Story, an honor deserved. The plot is good yet easy to follow. It is an entertaining piece, but it also has important social signifi-

cance. All of these factors combined made the movie a good one.

Set in the time period it was made (1939), the picture follows the unlikely political career of Senator Jefferson Smith, played by Stewart. Smith is the leader of the Boy Rangers, much like our Boy Scouts. He is unwittingly chosen to fill in a link of a corrupt chain of legislators. His only fault seems to be a perhaps overzealous sense of patriotism. As the movie unfolds, the audience discovers along with Smith that government officials don't always work for the lives and liberties of their districts. The plot revolves around this fact and the way each character deals with it, making for an excellent if somewhat predictable ending.

"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" is truly a must-see classic. It is a recommendable alternative for a time when many are rewatching Stewart's more festive movie, "It's a Wonderful Life."

## Letters to the editor...

### Student urges modern attitudes

There are sixteen schools in South Dakota that are involved in a school modernization process. The ultimate goal of these schools is to change the current system to better meet the needs of all the students for the future. I think Pierre Riggs High needs to respond and begin modernizing some of its attitudes about students and the purpose of education.

I believe this modernization process should begin in the following areas.

Students at Riggs have hardly any voice in the decision making process of what goes on in our school. Instead of being included in the decisions made by the teachers, administrators, and the school board, we are actually discouraged to voice our opinions. Shouldn't we be taught the skills of leadership and have a chance to use them? For example, student council members should be asked by the school board for their opinions and be encouraged to attend the meetings.

Secondly, student's ideas to try new things in our school are not considered important or taken seriously. Student council has been trying to get a new mascot and an announcer for

the past two months, and all we've been given is a run-around. Trying to replace an old tradition seems impossible.

Finally, Riggs students live in a depressing atmosphere. Adults are in charge and that's it! The student's role is to follow the rules made by the adults; no questions asked. For instance, the student senate has been working on adding a new announcer at the basketball games. The student body is in favor of this change, but because two of the administrators see no need for it, the student body's wishes are ignored. Shouldn't the school work at trying to create a more pleasant atmosphere for the students?

In a few short years we students will be the leaders of this country. Shouldn't high school prepare us for these great responsibilities by allowing us to develop leadership skills IN high school?

One thing our school needs to remember is EDUCATION IS NOT SOMETHING YOU DO TO KIDS, IT SHOULD BE SOMETHING YOU DO WITH KIDS.

Sincerely yours,  
Mandy Johnson, senior

The Governor staff encourages letters to the editor. Submit signed letters to an editor or to Mrs. Vogt in room 215.

## Point/counterpoint lacks third view

Dear editor:

There is a third view that was lacking in the point, counter point page of last month's *Governor*. There are some students who are apathetic about athletic activities. True, some people don't have time to attend; others would not consider it a preferable use of their time. Students are here to receive an education; they are not here to watch people participate in activities that they personally do not appreciate. It is not known how people would define "school spirit," but some students do not seem disturbed by the personal absence of it.

The pep rallies are also considered an unnecessary nuisance by some people. Some students do not appreciate being forced to attend something they find rather revolting and being criticized by a teacher if they don't join in with "proper school participation." Please accept their apologies for not enjoying that as much as other students do.

This letter is not intended to criticize those that do play and enjoy sports; it takes hard work and determination to excel in these activities. However, not everyone does enjoy them. Some people do not believe they are necessary for their education, and therefore they should not be a required part of their life. Having pep rallies after school may be a wise idea; then those that would enjoy spending their time that way may attend, but the ones that do not want to attend will be able to leave and not be forced to participate in the activities. Those that choose not to attend athletic activities should not be criticized for their apathy. It is their own opinion, and should not everyone be granted their own opinion?

Sincerely yours,  
Renee Rath  
Meri Hoffsten  
--sophomores



# Just for the fun of it: student

## Sewing provides creative, alternative wardrobe

by Melibu Urban

If you think Madonna's taste in clothes are wacky with her bra over her slinky little tank tops, check out our very own teen "Madonna" right here at Riggs. Her name is Lori O'Day, and she loves to make her own clothes.

Lori has very unusual taste in clothes, and most of her unusual wardrobe is made by hand. She uses glitters, paints, lace, ruffles, beads and anything else she can think of to embellish her clothes. Sometimes she buys the material, but most of the time she uses old clothes that she doesn't wear anymore.

Making clothes doesn't just take a few hours; it sometimes takes days and even weeks.

Lori makes almost anything that can be worn, like skirts, jeans, vests, and shirts.

One example of the outfits she makes are a pair of black jeans with holes cut out all over them that have a gold and black shiny material filling the holes. To match the jeans she has

a black shirt with a gold butterfly design on it.

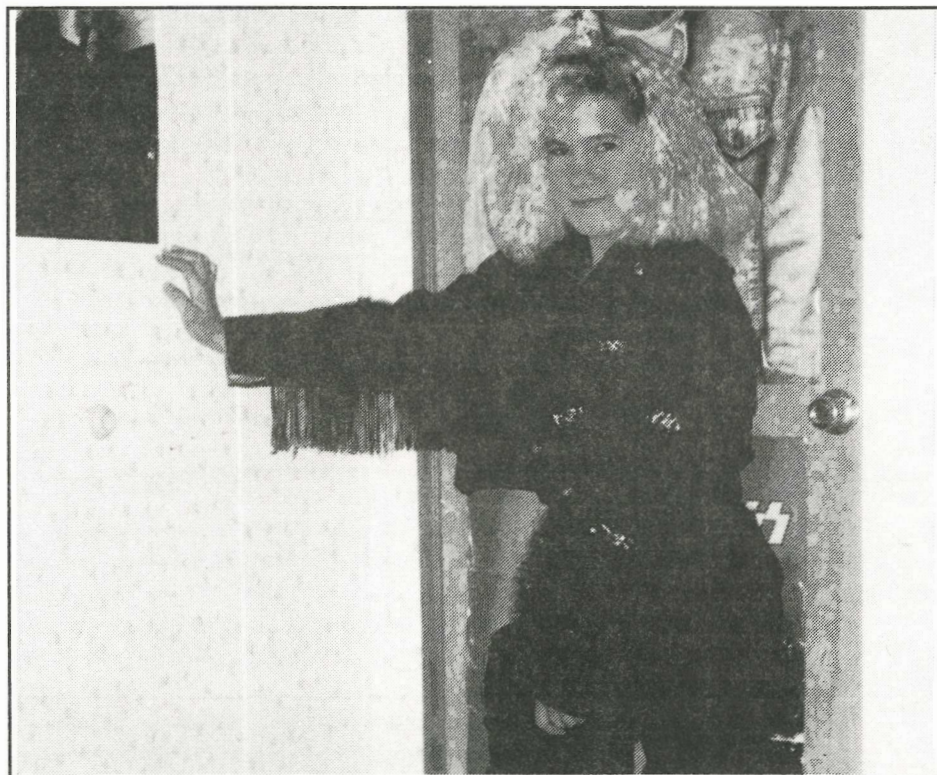
A second outfit she has created is a pair of cutoff shorts that are decorated with glitter and different colored paints; she has a jacket to match with the sleeves cut out; underneath it she wears a bikini top that is fluorescent yellow and pink.

Yet another example of Lori's outfits is a tight dress with a see-through skirt worn over the top. The skirt is made out of scrubbing-like material that she cut out and sewed up.

Lori's clothes are some what unusual, but she works hard at what she does.

"She doesn't care if people make fun of her because she's just her out-of-the-ordinary self," Misty Gakin said. "She just walks down the hall like she is dressed like everyone else."

Lori has a lot of plans for the future, and she's trying hard to reach her goal. "I want to be a designer. I love the feeling I have when I'm wearing something that I made and someone gives me a compliment; it really



Junior Lori O'Day models one of her own creations. (courtesy photo)

makes me feel good!" Lori said.

So if you're walking down the hall and you see a short brunette strolling

along with Madonna look-alike clothes, it will be our own little "Teen Madonna," Lori O'Day.

# "Holy hobby, Batman!" comic collecting reaches new height

by Erin Harmon

Many people consider comic book to be trash bought only by thumb-sucking little kids, but they are wrong. In fact, a large number of students collect comics as a hobby.

Most of these collectors even read the books. The comics are then put into bags and placed into boxes, to be saved forever. Saved forever—that is, unless an overzealous parent decides to clean and goes a little too far.

One has to wonder why small magazines with more pictures than words draw such a following. Why do unbelievable characters in fantasy worlds cause many students to pay between \$1.25 to \$5 to read them? Senior Tom Kamnikar, a collector who shells out about \$10 per week, seems to think that comics take him to a different world. "It's like a drug," he says. "I just escape to a different world. I'm an addict."

It is no wonder that the collectors save the comics after they are read.

Considering that the first appearance of Superman is now worth over \$10,000, one can see that comics can be a good investment.

Senior Tom Lehmkuhl, a collector since the seventh grade, has filled a

five-foot chest and two good-sized boxes with the books. Kamnikar boasts of having over 700 issues in his collection. He says that he has trouble keeping them bagged, though, because he keeps taking them out to read

again.

Some collector's parents support their offspring's hobby, while others find it quite unnecessary. While senior Jim Gerdes' parents "don't say much about it," Kamnikar's parents hate his "habit" because it sucks in all of his money.

Kamnikar says that his parents have even hidden his books to punish him at times. Lehmkuhl's parents seem to enjoy his hobby because he does not just read the comics; he also expands his art skills by drawing the comic book characters.

Comic book collecting has become an even more interesting hobby within the past year. With the death of Superman and an entirely new publishing company, Image, entering the market, more collectors have been entering the market.

Even if parents hate the habit (not to mention what it can do to your billfold), it looks as though comic book collecting is here to stay.

## Death of Superman stirs emotion

by Rob Whitebird

Faster than a speeding bullet, stronger than a speeding train, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. That's what people think of when they see Superman. That opinion changed for many people in mid November.

The Man of Steel battled for his life against the super-villain called Doomsday. The battle took place on the moon in his newest title, "The Man of Steel."

A DC comics spokesperson said

that Superman's death came since his popularity, as rated by declining sales, has been plummeting for the last few months. His constant effort to not hurt the villains more than he has to doesn't appeal to young people. Sales show that kids like the "kill 'em all" attitude used by other characters.

"He's kind of a geek; I'm glad to see him go," said Shad Whiteman, an eighth grader at the junior high.

It has yet to be seen if this has an impact on plans to make another Superman movie.



# find ways to spend spare time

## Dungeons and Dragons provides elaborate role-playing

by Cammy Clark

Shivering, you stumble down a dark tunnel. The walls are clammy and a damp smell hangs in the air. With every step you grow more fearful of what lies ahead. Your friends have deserted you. Death draws near.

Sound creepy? Don't worry; it's just someone's imagination. This is an example of a situation a DM, or Dungeon Master, might place before you if you were playing Dungeons and Dragons (D&D).

D&D is an elaborate game of make-believe where you, the player, make decisions that will determine your destiny. About fifty kids from the surrounding area participate in this complex game of the imagination.

The players have a zeal for the game that is hard to match. When

players are asked to explain the plot, the words tumble quickly out of their mouths. To an outsider, the game sounds impossible. It's not really. Practice and creativity will get anyone off to a great start.

"D&D is an experience in role-playing that gives the players the ability to work in the ultimate reality—the mind," said D&D enthusiast and hobby shop owner Scott Andersen.

Numerous hours are spent at the hobby shop devising new characters, situations, and being with friends.

"On a typical gaming night we will spend about six hours at the shop, but we will only play for about three or four hours. It's also a social gathering for us," said sophomore Vincent Nye.

D&D is a predominantly male sport. The players believe this is because the game is so technical and

very adventure-oriented. "It doesn't have to be, and maybe it shouldn't be mostly male," said Nye, "but no one else really seems to be interested."

Most players began gaming at an early age and were introduced to the game by an older brother, uncle, or friend. "My brother got me into D&D, and I have been playing ever since sixth grade," said sophomore Zak Jacobsen.

Recently D&D has come under question by adults and some national talk shows for influencing kids to worship Satan. D&D players think these claims were made because people are ignorant about the way the game is played. Because the game is set in the medieval time period, it sometimes includes demons. These demons are not created to influence kids. They are made to represent the

forces of evil portrayed in the game. "I think people attack anything that is out of the norm," said sophomore Jac Pier.

"I think the persecution that D&D suffers is similar to the persecution of rock music," said Andersen. "If you are twisted and demented before you listen to it, then you might hear something bizarre in the lyrics. By the same token, if you are in love and you listen to a love song, you will make it relate to yourself."

Andersen says that probably more adults play D&D than kids. The game really caught hold in the 1970s and is played on college campuses all over the United States.

"It's a good way to take a break from the real world; if your player dies, then hey, it's just a game," said Pier.



Junior Cammy Clark performs at the Cultural heritage Center. (courtesy photo)

## Clark makes harp harmony

by Sally Herrin

The music of angels is played more brilliantly during the Christmas season than any other time of the year. For the past five years this music has been played by harpist Cammy Clark.

"One of our family friends played the harp. We always thought it was a unique instrument, so I decided to try it," said Clark.

Playing the harp involves hard work and practice. "I usually practice more when I know I have something coming up that I have to play for," said Clark.

Clark travels to Sioux Falls once a month for private lessons with Jantze Larsen, a harpist in the South Dakota Symphony.

Clark plays a Troubadour III harp. This harp has no pedals and requires that all key changes be done manually. "A Troubadour III is a beginning harp, as you advance you can move on to pedal harps and concert grand harps," said Clark.

Performing on the harp has given Clark many unusual experiences. "When Governor Mickelson was re-elected I was asked to play at his

inaugural brunch at the Cultural Heritage Center. I played background music and people walked by and looked at the exhibits while I played. Every once and a while someone would stop and listen to me. I had played for about half of an hour when I looked up to see the Governor watching me. My hands started shaking and it was an extreme effort to play the next song. I have never been so nervous in my entire life!" said Clark.

During the Christmas season Clark plays for many different activities. She has had requests from churches, local businesses, and community Christmas concerts. Every year she plays for the Palm Sunday and Christmas Community Chorus concerts. Last summer she played at four weddings.

Clark receives recognition throughout the community for her talent. "It's great when people I don't even know recognize me and comment on my playing. It makes me feel good to know that people are listening," said Clark.

Junior Steph Collison seems to sum up Clark's playing best when she says, "I could sit and listen to her all day."



# Wrestlers successful in first meets

by Jen Hauschild

The Pierre Governor wrestling team started their 1992-93 season on a high note with a sixth place finish at the Rapid City Invitational last weekend. Teams from South Dakota, North Dakota, and Wyoming were represented.

"This is probably our toughest tournament all year. It's even tougher than the state tournament," said Coach Myron Bryant. "Bismarck and Mandan are nationally known teams and Bismarck was rated #1 in the nation last year."

Pierre had six wrestlers place, including senior Levi Hillmer who finished first.

Hillmer, a heavyweight, pinned all four of his opponents and increased his record to 8-0.

Senior Chris Stotts, 189 lbs., finished in fifth place, losing to the #1 wrestler in the state in the semi-finals.

Junior Jason Irion, 171 lbs., finished with fifth place. "Jason is a strong wrestler. He can go against the best in the state," said Bryant.

Junior Joe Gunderson, 160 lbs., ended the tournament with fourth

place. "Joe probably has the best defense on the team. He's a good all-around wrestler," said Bryant.

Freshman Torry Zeller, 140 lbs., took home fifth place. "He has some of the same characteristics as his older brother Kray. He's always in your face and gives 120 percent," said Bryant.

Eighth grader Toby Bryant, 119 lbs., finished in fifth place. "He defeated the #2 seed at the tournament. It was probably the highlight of his career," said Bryant.

In the first meet of the year, Pierre

took home second place at the Watertown Invitational.

Senior Levi Hillmer pinned all four of his opponents to finish in first place.

"I think we caught the attention of a lot of teams. We weren't even rated in the top ten, but we finished second only to Milbank, which is rated #1," said Bryant. "Pierre will probably be rated in the top ten when the polls come out. This meet proved that we can compete with teams state-wide. With all eight ESD teams competing so well this year, it's going to be a close season," said Bryant.

## Red hot: Governors heat things up with season opener last weekend

by Mandy Johnson

'Tis the season of good cheer for all the Governor fans in Pierre.

THRILLING, INTENSE, EXCITING are adjectives that describe the first weekend of play in the 92-93 Governor basketball team. The Gobs got off to an impressive start last weekend by using a total team effort against the Brookings Bobcats and the Watertown Arrows.

Outstanding shooting from Todd Tedrow and Jamie Liudahl sent the Bobcats home with close to a forty point defeat.

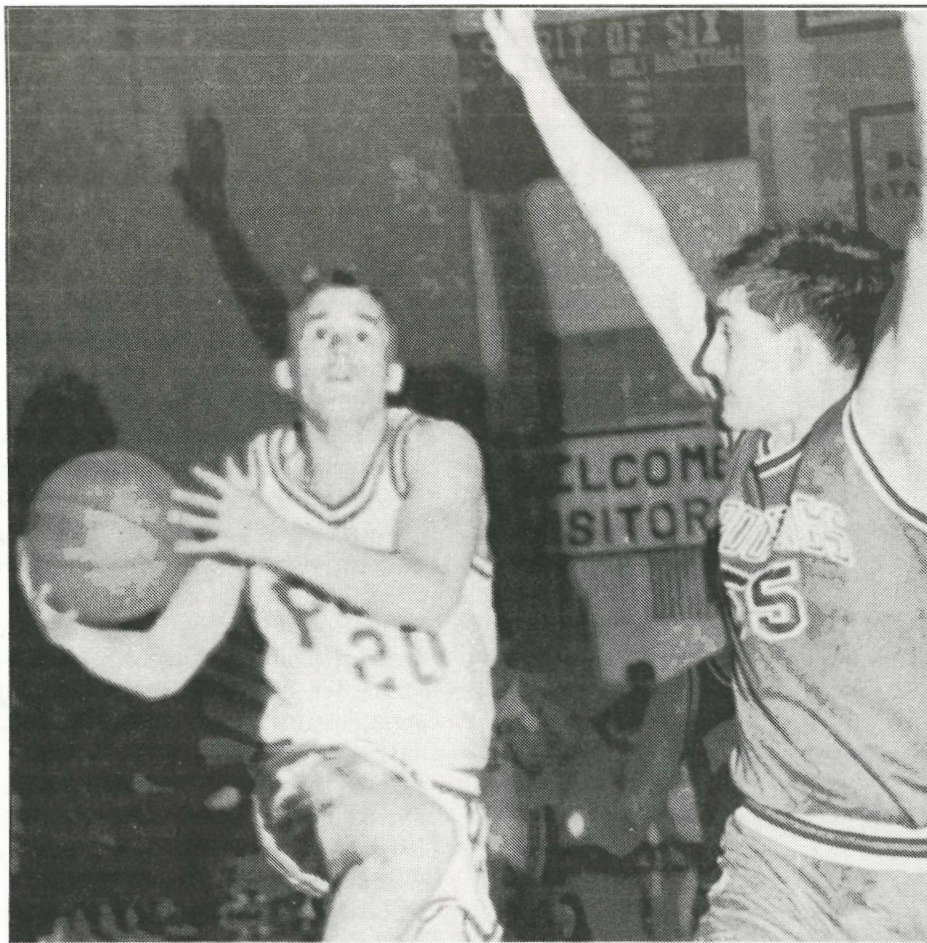
"Our two most important goals were to execute on offense and keep up the intensity. We achieved them both," said Coach Skip Kurth.

Even though it was cold and nasty outside the gym Saturday night, things were hot on the inside as the Governors exchanged shot for shot with the Watertown Arrows and narrowly lost in the final minute of the game.

"I was pleased with the outcome of both games, and I think it's important to have a good team concept so early in the season," said Kurth.

Tonight the Gobs will host the Aberdeen Golden Eagles starting at 4:00 and travel to Huron Saturday night for another battle.

Kurth said, "The number one thing to keep in mind is that both of these teams are district opponents and al-



Senior Jamie Liudahl goes for a lay-up against the Brookings Bobcats last Friday night. (Photo by Stacie Suedkamp.)

ways provide head to head competition."

The Gobs will be handicapped by the injuries of two starting players Evan Nielsen and Tyson Lindekugel. "Some adjustments in the starting

line up and substitution scheme will be made," said Kurth, "but no changes will be made in how they play the game. They will continue to use a pressure defense, fast breaks and play a full court game."

## Gymnasts 'delighted' with finish

by Jen Hauschild

The Lady Gov's gymnastics team defeated Miller in the first varsity gymnastics meet on Tuesday.

"I was delightfully shocked with our finish," said coach Vicki Semmler. "We didn't even know what our score was until it was announced for final scores."

The Lady Gov's compiled a score of 130.1 points to Miller's 89 points. This is the highest score for a team competing in a first meet throughout the state.

Leading the team are seniors Keri Kuszmaul, Kara Klein, Anne Kenyon, juniors Mary Wendt and Beth Weischedel, and freshman Eda Hoffsten.

Kuszmaul and Klein dominated the meet, placing in the top three in each of their events.

"The seniors did very well and Keri and Kara had career high scores on the beam," said Semmler.

"I'm very proud of them and I'm looking forward to a fun season," said Semmler.

The Lady Gov's next meet will be the Stanley County Invitational on January 9.

"I'm expecting lower scores because of tougher judging and stiffer competition. Eleven teams from around the state will be there, but we have fun competing with teams of high caliber," said Semmler.



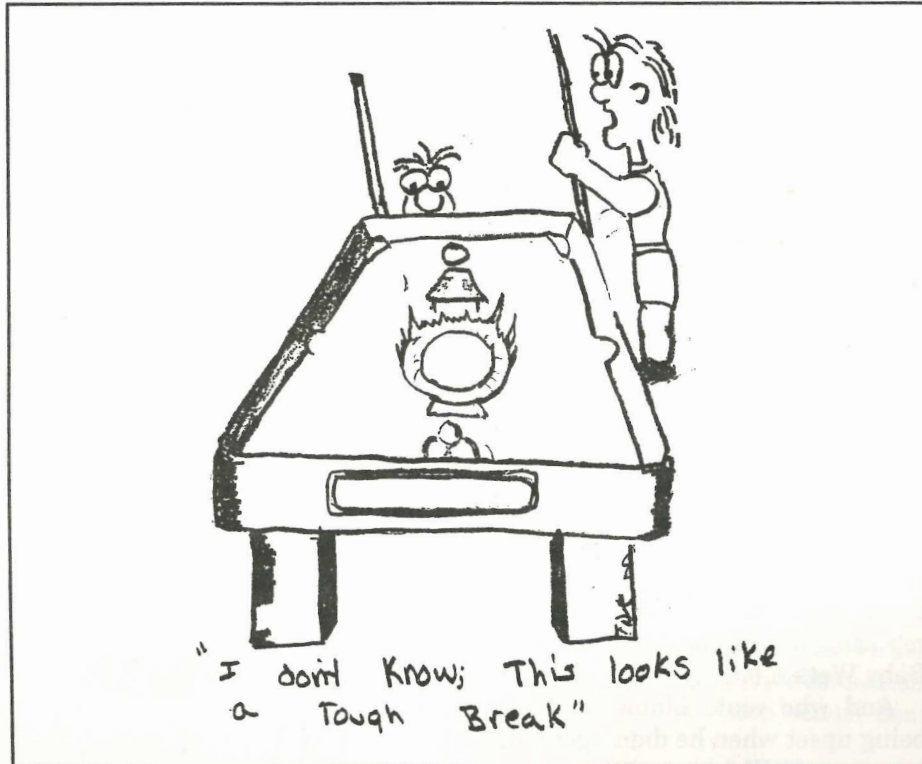
# Billiards requires skill, dedication

by Sally Herrin

There is a game that requires as much practice as the big school sports like basketball, football, and tennis. There is a game that demands dedication and skill. This game also lets an individual strive to achieve a goal without forgetting to have fun. This game is pool, or billiards.

Billiards have played an important part in many Riggs High student's lives. These masters of the pool table play for numerous reasons. Junior Ryan Klinger said, "I enjoy the competition, challenge, and the cash from the kids. I once won \$100 in one night." Sophomore Mike Deters comments, "It keeps me out of trouble—most of the time."

Klinger, junior Jeremy Cummings, and senior Rob Lawrence play on a men's league that meets every Wednesday night at Lariat Lanes. There are teams of five that are picked by captains at the beginning of each year. It costs five dollars a night in league for three games. You receive two dollars for each game won. At the



end of the year an awards banquet is held and the money is given out.

These students have played pool for most of their lives. "My father got

me started. He's the one that inspired me," Jeremy Cummings said. They have played from three to thirteen years; most practice every night. Se-

nior Rob Lawrence is an exception to this rule. "When you're good, you don't need to practice," Lawrence said.

Some students have traveled across the country for tournaments. Rob Lawrence played in the national competition in Las Vegas. The youth league in Pierre is led by Mike Ferris. Jeremy Cummings says the league has traveled "from Hawaii to Alabama" for competition. He has estimated that the team has collectively won up to \$23,000 in prizes.

Most of these students own their own equipment. Ryan Klinger said, "I own my own pool stick. I am currently looking to buy a pool table." Pool tables usually cost around \$500. Pool sticks can also be won in competition. This is important because many pool sticks can cost up to \$200.

These students all plan to play pool in the future. "I will play in a men's league in college," said Lawrence. Some students even expressed their desires to get into the pro circuit. "I want the big money," Cummings confessed.

## Lady Govs complete 'up and down' season

by Jen Hauschild

The Lady Gov's basketball team started the year with high expectations but ended it on a low note.

"I'm a little disappointed about the season," Coach Don Shields said.

"We had a good bunch of kids who were dedicated, and they tried their hardest," Shields said.

"We didn't improve much throughout the year because we couldn't be consistent. We'd win a few games and then lose the next few. We were just too up and down," Shields said.

This was the first year in eight that the Lady Govs didn't make the state tournament.

"Last year was a once-in-a-lifetime Cinderella story," Shields said. "We were hoping to make it to state, but our district is one of the toughest. The last four state champions came from our district."

Shields did feel that even though they didn't win a lot, they still had a

successful season.

"We did have high expectations, but you can't measure success by wins and losses. You have to take into account the dedication and sportsmanship these girls put into their game. You also have to look at what the athlete learns from the game," Shields said.

Shields also felt that leadership was a big plus in their season.

"We had good senior leadership, and the juniors contributed a great deal to our success. Everyone had a good working relationship," Shields said.

Two seniors garnered awards for their hard work throughout the season. Tobiann VanderPol was selected for the All-ESD team and Kara Oehlerking was named honorable mention.

"It's tough to make the All-Conference Team. Only ten players are chosen throughout the ESD Conference," Shields said.

## Volleyball season opens tonight

by Sara Van Camp

The Pierre volleyball team will take on Huron tonight in their first match of the season.

Forty-two girls signed up this year and have been practicing for two weeks. "The girls are contagiously enthusiastic!" remarks Jamie Breske, the varsity coach.

With last year's record, the only place they feel they can go is up, and they are planning to do just that. "With only a few practices under our belts, it's early to make any forecasts. They work extremely hard and hopefully their efforts will be rewarded in some key games later this season," said Breske.



Returning letter winners of the Lady Gov Volleyball team are seniors Karen Sjerven, Kari Gabriel, Michelle Reinke, junior Becky Schmidt, seniors Ruth Twiggs, Beth Wahl, Bonnie Wahl, and junior Jenny Schlekeway. (photo by Laurie Knippling.)



