

## Student senate plans changes

by Nathan Brakke

Inspired by the success of homecoming, and with new adviser Gary Merkwan, the Student Senate is proposing several new ideas.

Under the category of "old, old business," the mascot issue still remains. The Student Senate has decided upon "Gumby" as a mascot. The "Capital Punisher" did not receive approval from the administration.

A rules committee has yet to meet and the whole idea must first gain administrative approval. Mascot committee chairperson Sally Herrin said, "Our school spirit is dying. Hopefully a mascot will bring in more of a crowd and get us

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Another item of business is establishing an academic patch for letter jackets. The award would be given to 10 students at the top of their class who show school and community involvement. The patch would be funded by local banks, as in Mitchell where academic letter jackets are awarded. Committee chairperson Kristin Viken said, "We feel that those students who excel in academics should be rewarded for their efforts, just as athletes and musicians are."

The student senate is also exploring

the idea of a new announcer for basketball games. In addition to introducing teams, the new announcer would do play-by-play. Announcer Committee chairperson Todd Tedrow claimed, "It seems like all the other schools we visit have announcers who put more enthusiasm into the game."

Another item of business concerns dance instructor Sam Durstin. The student senate is currently under the guidance of Durstin. The Student Senate's first lesson was on October 24. The student senate members, possibly in conjunction with Durstin,

will later be teaching the student body what they learned.

Committee chairperson Mary Wendt said, "We want to learn different types of dances: line dances such as the 'Achy Breaky,' the jitterbug, and ballroom dances, not the everyday dances."

The student senate is also sponsoring a Halloween dance tonight after the game. The dance will run until midnight and cost students \$2 if they are in costume and \$3 if they are not in costume. There will be contests and prizes. The dance's d.j. will be Sound Pro's from Mitchell.

Dance committee chairperson Dawson Her Many Horses predicts, "It will be wicked awesome."

Junior Senator Cindy Sonnenschien said, "The Student Senate is trying to get a lot done."

## Reward goes unclaimed: Charges filed against vandals

by Dusty Johnson

Two former Riggs students are allegedly responsible for the \$7,000 damage done to the high school last August.

Jason Boyd and Mathew Koester, both 19, have been issued arrest warrants and face possible time in prison if convicted.

The former students allegedly entered Riggs and splashed paint on the gym floor and in one instructor's office. The suspects were also charged with stealing a school computer, as well as a road grader parked in the school parking lot near the auto shop. According to the report, they then used the road grader to cause \$4,000 damage to one vehicle and \$400 to another.

The charges filed against the men are third degree burglary, grand theft, intentional damage

to property, illegal entry, and underage consumption. Overall damages are estimated at almost \$12,000.

In addition, a senior at Riggs has also been charged in connection with the crimes. The student, who is 18, has been charged with receiving stolen property and misprision of a felony (knowledge of a felonious act and not alerting the authorities). Both crimes are punishable by time in either the state penitentiary or the county jail.

In response to the vandalism, Vice-Principal Gary Merkwan said, "I don't know why anyone would do that to a floor. What did that floor ever do to them?"

Police officer Lt. Greg Swanson said, "I think vandalism is a non-sensible crime. It just doesn't make sense."

A \$500 reward had been offered by the administration for any infor-

## Recycling efforts begin

by Jen Hauschild

Recycling paper is Riggs High's latest attempt to be environmentally conscious.

"A year ago, the Student Senate said they were interested in recycling paper and aluminum cans," Assistant Principal Gary Merkwan said.

One reason we didn't have recycling earlier was that there wasn't a company to take the paper from us," said Merkwan.

Early on this year, a company that recycles paper for the state agencies and departments in Pierre asked if the school was interested in recycling. The issue was then brought up in a school board meeting this fall, Merkwan said.

"The school's business manager, John Wellhouse, checked in on the recycling project and did research on what had to be done and what could or couldn't be recycled," Merkwan said. Paper that can be recycled is colored

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paper, white ledger, white typing, white envelopes, uncoated calendar sheets, white forms, white computer paper, white scratch paper, and all letterheads.

Unrecyclable materials include: scotch tape, transparencies, shiny or glossy paper, brown envelopes, Post-it notes, labeled envelopes, newspapers, magazines, and cardboard.

The school doesn't buy any of the recycled paper because of cost and other factors, said Merkwan.

"There's been a good response so far, and we plan to continue the recycling project," Merkwan said.



## Vandals don't represent majority of students

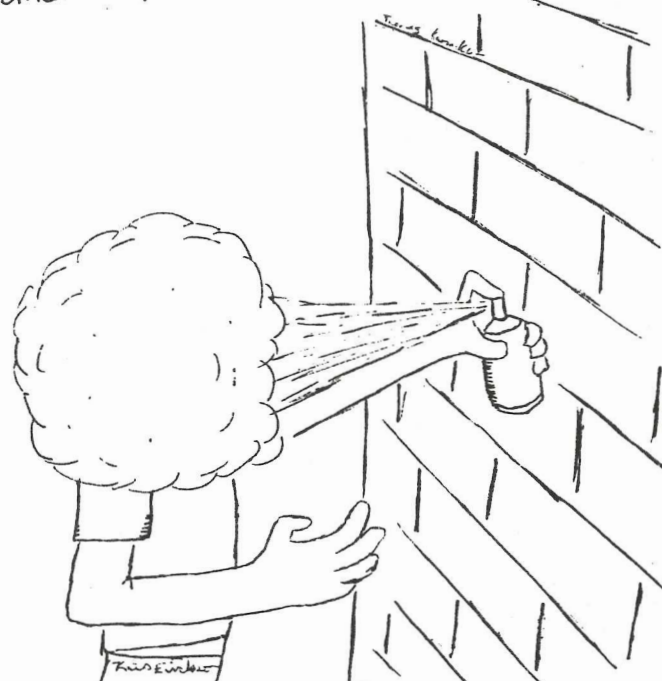
In the past year many Pierre residents have become the victims of random acts of vandalism, the majority of which were committed by young adults. These few incidents have caused all teenagers in Pierre to come under suspicion. This editorial board feels that all of us should not be held accountable for the actions of a few.

### Editorial

The penalties for these crimes are not worth the "enjoyment" derived from the activity. We encourage young people to weigh the consequences before they indulge in illegal acts. A \$10,000 fine is a lot of money to waste because of one night's bad judgment.

To all of the adults in the community who are convinced that all teenagers are juvenile delinquents, we ask you to take a look at those of us who are involved in community and school activities. These students represent the majority of youth in the area.

Sometimes, Vandalism backfires.



## Columbus: should we celebrate a day in his honor?

by Jess Vogt

Christopher Columbus. It's a name that for the majority of us conjures up images of 1492 and of some guy stepping out of a boat in short pants.

We all agree no one is as impeccable as Columbus has been presented to us as. In all fairness, we also agree that through the history of the Americas, the Indians have been continually short-changed. Given this, one wonders about Mr. Columbus. Was he discoverer of the new world or pillager of the old?

First, it's necessary to separate fact from fiction. Yes, Columbus did sail in 1492, but he didn't discover the Americas. The people he named "Indians" were already well-established here. The Vikings and the Bristols were the first white men to navigate the area.

Nor did Columbus set foot on the present-day United States. He landed in the Carribean. Although he was an experienced sailor, Colombus thought the world to be two-thirds its actual size. His ships—the Santa Clara (Niña), the Pinta, and the Santa Maria—would never have made it to the Indies; he coerced his crew into saying he'd found. All educated men of his time knew the world to be spherical, so even that was not of Columbus.

The man was, however, of devout Catholic faith. He looked to works from Dante and the Bible for guidance on his sojourn. Unfortunately, the means

he and his successors used to spread the faith were hardly Christian-like, leaving a legacy of blood shed and distrust.

So why do we glorify him?

1) It's our history. We, our parents, and our parents' parents were all told what a great guy Columbus was. Until this quincentennial, no one seemed to question his integrity. Why should we?

2) Nationalism. Several countries claim Columbus as either one of their nation or the one who discovered their nation. Traditionally, Columbus = baseball=apple pie and all the good things America can be.

3) He wanted us to. Columbus was extremely enterprising. Proof of that lies in two key facts. He married a woman far above him on the social ladder. He also got Queen Isabella's backing on a project deemed at best foolish by people like King John II of Portugal. Therefore, a feat like discovering a new route to the Indies could hardly be allowed to go unnoticed.

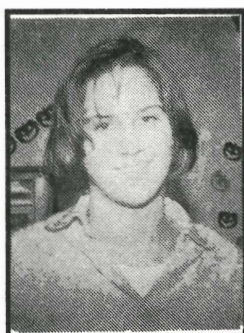
So maybe we shouldn't praise Columbus. We need to realize he was as mortal and imperfect as the rest of us. If he hadn't bumped into the Bahamas, some other European would have.

But Columbus/Native American Day provide us with a golden opportunity to take a fresh look at the way we view the world.

## Should teen vandals be punished to the fullest extent of the law?



*"I think people should have to face the consequences of their actions."*  
—Laura Martin, junior



*"It really depends on the circumstances."*  
—Allison Stout, sophomore



*"They took the risk and should have to pay for what they have done."*  
—Tobiann Vanderpol, senior



## Student council proposes play-by-play announcer

by Mandy Johnson

Riggs student council members have recently been working on the idea of having a new sports announcer for the home basketball games.

In the past Dusty Kracht, the athletic director, has introduced the Governor's starting line-up. Student council believes that a change is needed. They would like to have an announcer who would provide play-by-play commentary and use enthusiasm to play up the home-court advantage.

"I feel we need an announcer that can get the team and crowd really

### Exchange student finds academics not as tough here

by Matthew Foster

"Where is that?" was Hélène Zegers' first reaction when she discovered she was going to be an exchange student to Pierre, South Dakota.

Zegers, 17, is a senior at Riggs for the 1992-93 school year.

Zegers said she finds many differences between the United States and her home of Antwerp, Belgium., the most striking example being school.

"It's like a game here," she said, "but it's not fun when you know it [the curriculum] already."

Zegers said last year she was assigned the following classes: physics, math, history, English, gym, French, chemistry, Latin and Dutch. This year her schedule has been lightened somewhat.

"You only have 20 minutes for lunch here," she said. "In Belgium, we have 50 minutes for our lunch break."

Zegers said she found the transportation situation differed also.

"In Belgium, everyone rides the bus or trams, and everyone has a bicycle or motorbike." Because Belgian citizens aren't allowed to drive until age 18 and licenses are hard to acquire, young drivers are rare, she said.

"Buses are more fun—more adventurous—anyhow," Zegers said.

The issue of dating is another that Zegers has found differences in.

"Here, everyone has a date. In Europe, dating is for your twenties," she said.

As for music, Zegers said rap is quite popular.

"In Antwerp, there are gangs of rappers walking around on the streets wearing baseball caps and baggy pants," she said.

pumped up—someone who will create a basketball atmosphere felt in every other ESD school," said senior basketball player Jamie Liudahl.

Some years ago, Bill Ellwanger was the play-by-play announcer at basketball games, but he was asked to quit because he put too much emphasis on the Governors and not enough on the opposing team.

"Many people did not approve the idea of having so much inflection on the Governor and avoiding the visitors. We do not want a bad reputation, and it is important to be a fair host. It's working just fine right now, so I don't see a need for change," said

Principal Roger Lonbaken.

It has been years since Pierre has tried this approach, and now since other schools are doing it, many students feel Riggs should give it another try.

"For me the introduction of the starting line-up is like 'deja vu.' It seems like I heard it all before. So let's get rid of this broken record and try something new," said senior basketball player Evan Hermanson.

The announcer would either be nominated by student council or a volunteer. Any expenses would be the school's responsibility.

"I really have no strong feelings

about keeping it the same or changing it, except it will be more expensive for the school," said Vice-Principal Gary Merkwan.

"I think it would make the games more exciting, and with play-by-play commentary, the game wouldn't be so quiet and tense," said senior basketball player Tobiann Vanderpol.

This idea wouldn't just benefit the basketball team. It would involve the band, cheerleaders, and most of all, the fans.

Just imagine a loud drum roll, an enthusiastic voice introducing the team, and the cheerleaders and the crowd exploding with "Pierre pride."

## Three seniors try bungee jumping

by Jen Hauschild

One, two, three—bungee! Bungee jumping is the latest craze in dare devil sports. Three Riggs High seniors "took the plunge" this past summer.

"It's sort of like tying a big rubber band to yourself and hurling several feet to your death and bouncing up and down," senior Jim Gerdes said.

"It's the biggest rush of a lifetime," senior Amy Schochenmaier said. "I climbed stairs for about ten minutes, got hooked up, waved to my friends and relied on a giant rubber band to keep me alive."

"Bungee jumping is like falling off a platform with a rubber band tied to your feet," senior Ryan Noyes said.

"I wasn't really scared when I jumped. My friends on the ground were more scared than I was," Schochenmaier said.

"I wasn't scared until I got to the top," Noyes said.

"It's [bungee jumping] no different than jumping off the train bridge, just a little higher," Gerdes said.

Many people feel that they are prepared to jump but at the last minute decide not to.

"I didn't have second thoughts. I told my friends who should get what if I hit the ground, so I knew that all my stuff wouldn't go to my little sister," Schochenmaier said.

"I had one of my friends there with me, so I felt good when I leaped," Gerdes said.

"Yep, I had second thoughts," said Noyes.

"I asked myself, 'Why am I up here looking down at all the people below me who look little ants and deciding to jump to my possible death for fun and excitement?'" Gerdes said.

"Why am I doing this? I must be crazy!" Noyes said.

"I knew I had to jump or else I would lose a \$50 bet," Schochenmaier said.

Since bungee jumping began, there have been a few incidents of the ropes breaking while people were jumping. "I wasn't scared the ropes would break since I had three attached to me, unless I had really bad luck," Gerdes said.

"The papers I had to sign before jumping pretty much signed my life away, so I was scared the ropes would break," Noyes said.

## Shekleton visits Barcelona, Summer Olympics

by Jen Hauschild

Millions of people around the world watched the Olympic Games this summer in Barcelona. One Riggs High senior witnessed them first-hand.

"I have relatives in Barcelona and stayed there for the summer," senior Brian Shekleton said.

"I saw two days of equestrian events, and I saw the last night of track and field in which the men and women's 400 meter finals, the 1500 meter and 10,000 meter finals, and

the javelin and high jump finals were being held," Shekleton said. "That was the night Carl Lewis and the women's team broke world records in the 400 meter relays."

"The closing ceremonies were wicked," Shekleton said. "There were fireworks being set off everywhere within Barcelona. You couldn't go anywhere without hearing the thunder of the fireworks."

Many famous people flocked to Barcelona, and Shekleton had a opportunity to meet a few. "I got auto-

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—Brian Shekleton

graphs from Nadia Comenich, one-time Romanian gold-medalist in gymnastics, and Chuck Daly, the Dream Team's coach. I also saw Princess Anne of England and the Princess of Spair at the cross-country equestrian



## Clinton wins big in nationwide student poll

by Chance King

If students across the nation were voting, Governor Bill Clinton would be the next President of the United States. According to a nationwide vote of Channel One students on October 20, Clinton won in a landslide of 504 electoral votes, against Ross Perot's 26 and President George Bush's eight.

Here at Riggs, however, the results were quite different. With 444 of a possible 584 students voting (76% voter turnout), students here cast 183 ballots for Bush, 117 for Clinton, and 117 for Perot. Twenty-

seven votes were cast for "other candidates."

Government teacher Skip Kurth said that Riggs voters probably preferred Bush because "basically, we are predominantly a Republican town."

In the traditionally Republican state of South Dakota, however, Bush did not win the majority of students' votes. Outside of Pierre, in fact, Bush did not do well, losing to both Clinton and Perot statewide.

Channel One students across the state gave Clinton a win with 39% of their votes, with Perot getting 30% and Bush trailing with 25%.

More than 3.5 million students nationwide cast their ballots, with the results being announced on a special Channel One broadcast on October 21 called "One Vote."

Just how valid is this student poll? Will it prove to be an accurate predictor of the results of next week's election?

One commentator on the "One Vote" special said that students identified with Clinton because he is younger and because they aren't old enough to remember many of the issues surrounding Bush's attacks on Clinton's character.

"When you are sitting at the dinner table and hear your parents talking

about it (the presidential campaign), you tend to be influenced in that same way, but there are a few out there that are very outspoken and have their own informed decisions," says Kurth.

Senior Gail Black sees the choice as less than an ideal one. "We are going to get screwed either way we go. Perot is trying to buy us off. We can't afford another four years with Bush, and Clinton showed me the best proposals."

Junior Bridget O'Connell explains her position. "I couldn't stand Bush or Clinton, so Perot won by default."

Senior Jim Patten adds that Perot is not afraid to get things done.

## Sorting out the issues: initiatives and referred laws

compiled by Molly Robertson

### Referred Law 1: Lonetree

The referred law asks voters to decide whether or not the authorization of a waste disposal site called Lonetree by the 1991 Legislature should stand. A "yes" vote is for the enactment of the referred law and in favor of the Lonetree disposal facility. A "no" vote is against the referred law and against the Lonetree project. Supporters of this measure say that the project would bring needed jobs and revenue to their district. They argue that the project has already been approved and it should continue as scheduled. Opponents of the initiative say that the opening of the facility would turn South Dakota into a national dumping ground and are concerned with possible contamination to the water, soil, and air. They cite that recycling and reuse should be encouraged, rather than building large dumps.

### Initiative 2: Mining

This proposal would limit the number of acres that could be used at a given time for surface gold and silver mining. A "yes" vote is for the initiative and puts the limits into law. A "no" vote is against the initiative and prevents it from becoming law. Supporters of the measure say that the measure asks for reclamation before expansion to balance surface mining and environmental concerns. Opponents of the initiative argue that South Dakota's mining laws are among the toughest in the nation and this measure would undo many of the controls recently enacted on the mining industry.

### Initiative 3: Income tax

This measure would implement a state income tax to reduce property taxes and would repeal the state sales tax on groceries, clothing, and utilities. A "yes" vote is for the enactment of the initiative into law. A "no" vote is against the initiated measure becoming law. Supporters of the measure say that it will provide tax relief for three of five South Dakota residents and it would be more fair by taxing according to people's ability to pay. Opponents of the initiative say that it doesn't offer a guarantee of tax relief and could mean that South Dakotans will pay an income tax, but still see no reduction in property taxes.

### Initiative 4: Video lottery

If approved, this initiative would repeal the laws which made video lottery legal. A "yes" vote is for the enactment of the measure and would repeal video lottery. A "no" vote is against the measure becoming law and would leave video lottery as it is. Supporters of the initiative cite the addictive nature of video lottery and complain that the state hasn't helped gambling addicts. Opponents of the measure say that the loss of video lottery would also mean the loss of \$50 million a year and more than 2,500 jobs. They also claim that without the games, people should prepare to pay higher taxes to compensate for the lost revenue.

### Referred Law

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### Initiative

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## First-time voter ponders casting Tuesday's ballot

by Thomas Kamnikar

When my eighteenth birthday finally rolled around this past month, something startling happened. Instead of the usual "Happy Birthday!" I was greeted by something much different: "So who are you voting for?"

It astounded me how many times that question was asked to me. It was like as soon as I turned 18, a sign above my head was lit that said "eligible voter—make inquiries inside."

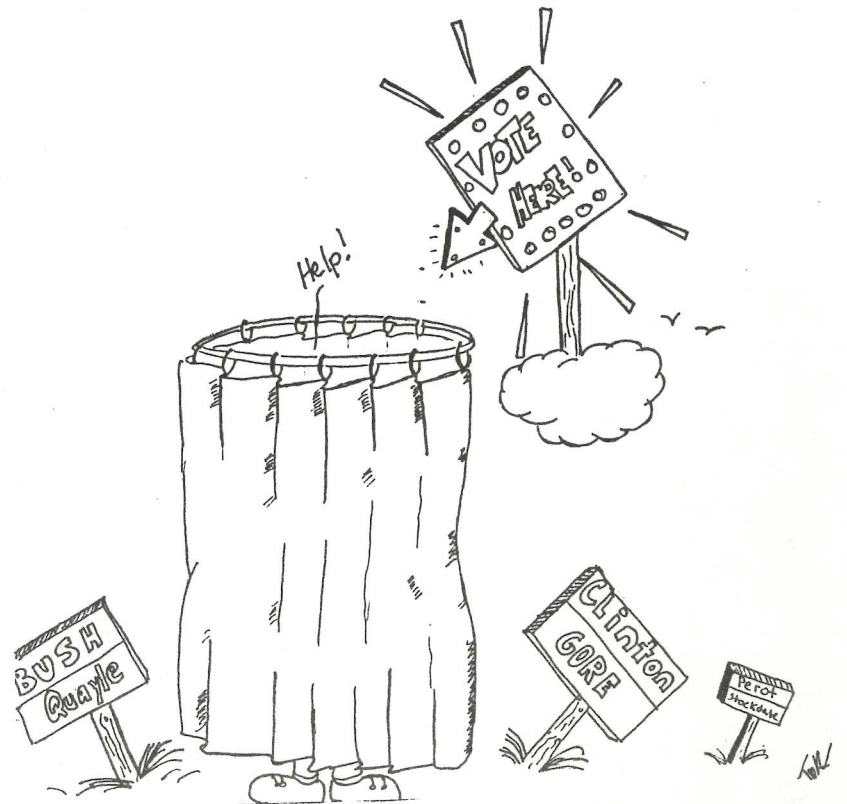
Pretty soon my friends were divided over me. When I walked with one group, I learned about Bush's faults and what he's done to this country. With the other group, I learned about Clinton's bad character and how he's going to raise taxes. CALGON, TAKE ME AWAY!

Not only were my friends asking about Presidential candidates, but they were even asking about local issues. All I could say in reply was "huh?" It occurred to me that I really was ignorant when it came to voting on the issues. I decided to do the only logical thing: learn more. Easier said than done.

Armed with my trusty packet I picked up when registering to vote and a few hours to kill, I began the difficult task of deciding what to vote for. An hour and a half later I was still nowhere near completing my task. Oh, I knew the issues now at least, and I even had my mind made up on a few. OK, one.

It's not that I didn't understand the issues—it's just that I didn't know how they would affect me. The first one I began reading was on term limits. Yeah, so what? What do term limits have to do with me? And property taxes? I don't even own property, let alone pay taxes on it! Then there was the one on mining in South Dakota. I didn't even know South Dakota had mining!

In a futile attempt to explain the issue to me, my father explained that



the property tax bill would take more taxes out of my paycheck. I quickly stated that I did not want this to happen. My father retorted with, "What? You want me to pay more taxes on my property?" I couldn't win!

Now it comes down to less than a week left until election day, and I still have no clue what to vote on. My friends are still trying in vain to bring me to their side, or the "Darkside" as I have now termed it. My head is still spinning from all the people trying to explain the issues to me with their own opinions thrown in!

I finally came to a decision on how to vote November 3. I'll walk in to that booth, take the ballot and mark "D", none of the above!

## Students get involved in political campaigns

by Molly Robertson

Many students at Riggs are involved in various political activities. Some of them are involved in organizations; others volunteer for the political parties. They do all kinds of work to support their candidates and parties, such as putting up yard signs, ushering at conventions, conducting phone surveys, doing literature drops, and holding fund-raising activities.

So why get involved in politics if you can't vote? "Politics, whether people like it or not, is how things work. You can say 'Politics are dumb; politicians are crooks,' or you can work to change that. If we settle for what they're giving us, we deserve what we get," senior Matt Foster said. Senior Darrin Dykstra added, "We are responsible for who is elected to run the country, and that is not something that you can just ignore."

Students can make a big difference in campaigns. Last election year 100 students volunteered statewide for

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—Matthew Foster

the environmental initiatives. This was one third of total volunteers for the mining and Lonetree initiatives.

Most of the students involved in these activities do not plan to become politicians; they participate to be more informed themselves and to inform others. "I plan to stay involved, but ever since I wasn't elected as a cheerleader, I don't know if I could run for a public office," senior Kris Erickson said.

If students are interested in becoming involved there are several groups they can join. One organization in the area is called Teenage Republicans (TAR's). There are sev-

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eral hundred members statewide and approximately twenty members in the Pierre chapter. At this time there is not a Pierre chapter of Young Democrats, but there are groups on most college campuses in the state. It is also possible to go to the party headquarters and volunteer there. There are lobbyist groups for nearly every initiative and bill that comes up dur-

ing the Legislative session.

These groups will be out in full force in these last days before the election. The TAR's will be putting up yard signs tonight.

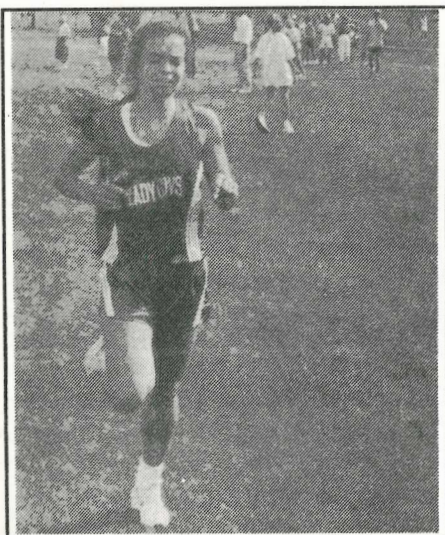
Junior Cammy Clark stated, "I encourage people my age to get involved in political activities because sooner or later it will become our responsibility."



## Cross-country to close out up and down season tomorrow

by Nathan Brakke

The cross country season will culminate tomorrow as the team travels to Mitchell for the State Cross Country meet.



No pain, no gain...Junior Gina Nickolas shows the strain of a long run.

The team finished out the regular season with the ESD meet in Watertown on October 17 and the Huron Triangular on October 22.

Senior Todd Tedrow said, "We haven't run well as a team all year, although individuals have."

Looking back on the season, Coach Bruce Venner said, "The girls' best meet was at the West River Classic in Spearfish. They finished first there. The guys' best meet was at the Pierre Invitational." Reflecting on the season, Venner went on to say that "our worst meet was ESD. We weren't mentally prepared. We just don't compete against enough ESD schools during the year."

Freshman Tory Zeller took first place for the guys and senior Krista Oehlerking got her best time of the year at the Huron Invitational.

Overall, junior Jeremy Engbrecht said, "It's been a rough and tough year." Sophomore Amy Robinson said, "It was an experience I'll never



Waiting to get underway...Cross country runners get ready for the long race ahead of them.

forget".

Senior Nic Miller said, "It was an interesting experience for everyone. We had good times and bad times, but all in all I learned a lot about myself and my team mates."

As for expectations for the state meet, Venner hopes for the guys "to finish in the top half." He hopes for the girls to "move up three places" from their last place finish last year.

There will be sixteen teams com-

peting at State with five runners on each team.

Going into the State meet, senior Krista Oehlerking said, "I don't want to have any regrets. I want to have fun and work hard. It will be my last high school race—it should be fun."

Although senior Chad Wharton was forced to quit because of a leg injury, he promised, "I'll be there to cheer the team on." Miller says plainly, "I plan to kick some butt."

## Games to affect seeding: Lady Govs to play two this weekend

by Cammy Clark

The Lady Governors basketball team will host Brandon Valley at home Friday night and travel to Rapid City Stevens on Saturday night to compete in two games that will affect their seeding at the district tournament.

The team members are optimistic about this weekend's games due to two previous victories over both Brandon Valley and Rapid City Stevens. "I'm looking forward to the games this weekend, I'm nervous because our shooting percentage hasn't been that great and we only beat Brandon Valley and Rapid City Stevens by a few

points, but I think we can pull it off," said senior Mandy Johnson.

"I think that we have a good chance at beating both teams this weekend we are trying a new offense and we have a more positive attitude and new strategy," said junior Je Schlekeway.

Coach Don Shields hopes that some changes the team has made in their offense and defense will help them to prepare for the district tournament. "We are going to approach the last four games of the season as positive as we can," said Shields.

The girl's record for the season in regular play is 7-7 and 4-6 in the ESI conference.

## Tennis team wins first ESD title

by Krista Lovald

The Lady Gov Tennis team finished the season with an ESD victory and a fourth place finish at the State Tennis Tournament. The team finished with a record of 15-2.

Coach Rogers said he was pleased with the season. "I'm very happy we won ESD; it was the first time ever."

The State Tennis Tournament in Sioux Falls took place October 12 and 13. The Lady Govs were in second

place after the first day of competition, and finished in fourth. Sioux Falls O'Gorman took first.

Pierre was the only team to defeat O'Gorman in the regular season.

Sophomore Amber Osnes finished third, junior Angel Hanson finished fourth, and senior Jessica Kelley finished fourth in singles.

In number two doubles, Hanson and Osnes took fourth and in number three doubles, Kelley and senior Karl Fridley.

### Brakke's BOX

by Nathan Brakke

For seniors this year will be filled with several momentous occasions. There is the last homecoming, the last ACT, the last prom, the last Channel One broadcast, and of course the last day of school. But none will be more bittersweet than the athlete's last game.

Some students may disagree. They talk of how they can't wait until the season is over. This makes no sense. You might look forward to the last practice, but how can you look forward to the last game?

For those of us who are not as talented as others, the last high school game means the last game—ever. For most people, college athletics is out of the question. In other words, this is it!

Too often things come and go without anyone taking the chance to cherish them. So as the season progresses, athletes have to keep things in perspective, especially come play-off time. Then, every game could be the last one—it's do or die.

Besides, who wants to end his

## Seniors urged to make last games count

athletic career with a loss? Who wants to leave the field for the last time wishing he had done something differently, wishing he had played harder, wishing he had one more chance?

Some thoughts from senior athletes:

Senior football player Bruce Pearson says, "I wish I could play again next year. After you figure out what's going on, the season's almost over."

Mandy Johnson, senior basketball player says, "In a way I'm glad it's almost over. It takes so much time—we start in August and go till December. But I'll miss the competition, the excitement, and being with my team mates."

Senior cross country runner, Brian Shekleton adds, "It's been O.K. There have been good times and bad times. I'll miss the camaraderie between the team as a whole."

The end of the road is near. It can be a day you'll regret for the rest of your life. Or it can be one of the best days of your life. It's all up to you.



# The SCORE BOARD

**Football****Varsity**

Aberdeen 15-31  
Rapid City Stevens 13-32  
Brookings 20-14  
Mitchell 21-35  
Huron 7-42

**Sophomores**

Rapid City Central 14-24  
Winner JV 14-6 OT  
Huron 8-62  
Aberdeen 28-26  
Rapid City Stevens 22-38

**Cross Country****Boys**

West River Classic (Phillip) 3rd  
Sturgis Inv. 5th  
ESD 8th  
Huron Inv. 3rd

**Girls**

West River Classic (Phillip) 1st  
Sturgis Inv. 6th  
ESD 7th  
Huron Inv. 3rd

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**Tennis**

ESD 1st  
State 4th

**Golf**

Region I 1st  
State 2nd  
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**Cross Country****Boys**

West River Classic (Phillip) 3rd  
Sturgis Inv. 5th  
ESD 8th  
Huron Inv. 3rd

**Girls Basketball****Varsity**

Aberdeen 41-49  
Yankton 43-53  
Brookings 50-38  
Rapid City Central 49-41  
Mitchell 27-51  
Watertown 38-56

**Sophomore**

Aberdeen 70-51  
Yankton 40-34  
Brookings 47-32  
Rapid City Central 43-21  
Mitchell 51-25  
Watertown 49-31

## Golf team experiences best season in school history

by Sara Van Camp

This year the Pierre Governor's Golf team placed second in the Class A Boys' State Tournament, which is the best a Pierre team has ever placed. In addition, it was also a great finish for a very successful year, said Coach Myron Bryant.

At the Huron Invitational Jon Schaak shot an 83, helping the team to win first. "One of the highlights of our years was beating Milbank, the

defending state champs, at the Huron Invitation," said Bryant.

Pierre also placed first in the Pierre Invitational, the Rapid City Triangular, and the Region I Championships. Pierre won the Regional by one stroke, beating a tough Huron. Matt Friez tied for best score and Jeff Meidinger tied for third. With this win, Pierre qualified for the state tournament.

Senior Matt Ellefson, sophomores Matt Friez, Jeff Meidinger, Taylor Sonnenschein, and Mike Schwartz

represented Pierre in the state tournament.

Optimism, high goals, and consistency helped the Pierre team place second out of the sixteen teams competing, said Bryant. Mike Schwartz' top individual performance gave him eighth place with a score of 159. Matt Friez shot 161 which tied him for thirteenth. Jeff Meidinger shot 165, Matt Ellefson, 166 and Taylor Sonnenschein, 174.

Bryant felt that the year was very rewarding for the team, himself, and the fans.

Next year the team will remain the same, except for Ellefson, who will graduate. Bryant hopes to remain in the top five teams.

"Pierre can look forward to two to three years of good golfing. We've got some bright, dedicated kids that play a lot of golf around the state at different tournaments and courses," added Bryant.

## Football team closes out disappointing regular season

by Charlie Hopper

The Pierre Governors ended their regular season with a record of 1-7.

The Governors were defeated in their final game of the regular season last Friday night by the Mitchell Kernels 35-20.

"This was a game we surely should have won," said Koistinen. "A few missed tackles and a few missed opportunities sent us down to defeat in this one. If we had it to do over again, we would win."

The Governors were defeated 14-20 in their final road game October 16 by the Brookings Bobcats. "The offense was productive in the Brookings game. We played a good solid ball game on each side of the ball," said Koistinen.

The Governors were defeated by the Rapid City Stevens Raiders 35-12 on October 9 and on October 2 by the Aberdeen Golden Eagles 31-15.

The Governors lost the homecoming game on September 25 to the Huron Tigers. "We got off to a bad start both offensively and defensively, but improved in the second half," said Koistinen. "I think the kids just got too wrapped up in homecoming. If they hadn't been so wrapped up in it, it might have been at least a lot closer game."

The first game of the season was lost to the Yankton Bucks 44-6. "I think we are a better team . . . a far better team than what we showed against Yankton. We just gave up the ball too much," said Koistinen.



We're all ears..Despite a poor season record, team members listen to a word of encouragement from Coach Bresee.



## In Brief

### New wrestling facility considered

by Jamie Clair

A new wrestling practice facility may become reality if the school board acts on a proposal to buy the former roller skating rink on Poplar Avenue.

In addition to a wrestling practice facility, the structure would be used to house the administrative offices that are currently on Dakota Avenue. The school also would use part of the structure as a cold-storage facility.

Board members Dr. Tom Huber and Steve Bumann made the proposal at the October meeting, but no action was taken. Public input is encouraged by the board.

### Band earns first place in Spearfish

by Sara Thorson

The Emerald Regiment received a large second place trophy for their performance in Aberdeen for Gypsy Days. They played the song "Outlaws," which they also play for half-time at games.

They also went to a parade in Spearfish on October 17. They received first place in the AA division and another plaque for best of all bands.

"The weather was cold but it was worth it to win," said band director Larry Johnson.

### Pep club elects officers

by Jamie Clair and Stacie Suedkamp

Pep club officers have been elected.

Serving as this year's president is Trina Jensen; vice-president, Kelly Meagher; secretary, Wendy Birhanzel; and treasurer, Jaime Snyder.

Pep club members hope to be more active this year.

"We are making little bags of candy for the teams participating in a state meet," said Jensen.

Pep club was mainly in charge of decorating the halls and making signs for downtown during the week of homecoming. Pep club also purchased a gift for this year's First Lady, Kelly Lucas.

Football players received cup-cakes as a play-off energy source yesterday.

Candy Birhanzel, English and psychology teacher, is pep club's adviser.

### Sophs elect leaders, cheerleaders

by Mandy Johnson

Sophomore cheerleaders have been chosen by faculty and students. Cheering for falls sports are Amanda Ellwein, Brandi Kebach, Alison Mickelson, Sarah Retrum, and Heather Welch.

The winter sports will be cheered by Steph Hall, Jill Novotny, Amy Swenson, Amber Osnes and Steph Vogel.

The sophomore student senators were also elected and are now able to help make decisions in student council meetings. President is Amber Osnes; vice-president, Amy Swenson; secretary, Jill Novotny; and treasurer, Alison Mickelson.

Senators are Jamie Clair, Lachelle Peterson and Sarah McCullum.

### All-Staters to perform in Rapid City

by Cammy Clark

Twelve Riggs High students will travel to Rapid City November 6 and 7 to participate in All-State Chorus.

Students attending are seniors Richard Jackson, Trina Jensen, Laura Knippling, Ashly Suedkamp, Jonathan Urbach, and Andrea Viken; juniors Jon Boer, Scott Kennedy, Ryan Knox, Ryan Merriam, and Jolie Sheppick; and sophomore Allison Mickelson.

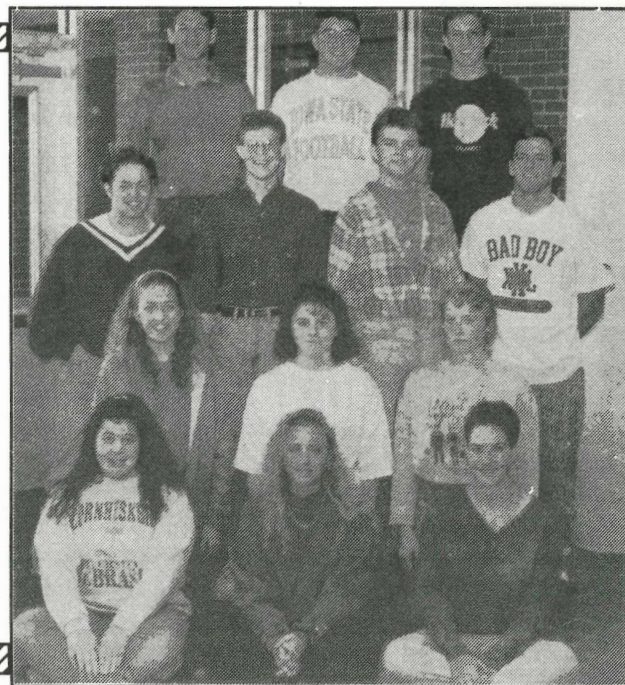
All-State Chorus is made up of stu-

dents from across the state that have been selected by their school to attend a weekend of practice and a final concert directed by a guest conductor. This year the guest director is Dr. David W. Greenlee from Eastern Kentucky University.

Approximately 21 students auditioned for the 12 spots that were filled. They were chosen by Will Hanson, Riggs vocal instructor.

The chorus will perform five different songs that they have prepared in advance. The concert will be held in the Rapid City Civic Center.

**Making sweet music...** All-Staters include Jon Boer, Richard Jackson, Jonathan Urbach, Jeramie Tesky, Scott Kennedy, Ryan Knox, Ryan Merriam, Laura Knippling, Allison Mickelson, Trina Jensen, Ashly Suedkamp, Jolie Sheppick, and Andrea Viken.



### Students being more honest in signing up for STARS, says Pier

by Cammy Clark

Over one hundred Riggs High students recently signed up for the Students Taking a Right Stand (STARS) program. This is the drug and alcohol program in the Pierre junior and senior high.

"The membership is down from last year, but I think the students are being honest with themselves and the program, and that's important," said Jerry Pier, the drug and alcohol coordinator at Riggs.

"This year we tried to keep the registration pretty low-key; we wanted the kids to sign up for their own reasons," said Pier.

The STARS council and core group hope to include more activities in this year's agenda. They believe that the group should work on more projects as opposed to having educational meetings. "It's kind of like preaching to the choir," said Pier.

**"...Students are being honest with themselves and the program."**

—Jerry Pier

One of the new programs tentatively scheduled involves an exchange of "baseball" cards featuring Riggs High students. The cards will be handed out to elementary level pupils as a reward for good behavior. Then the Riggs students will travel to the elementary schools to spend time with the youngster who has received the card with their picture on it. Approximately forty STARS members will be chosen for this program.

Pier hopes that each elementary school will have ten to twelve high school students visiting their youngsters.

Applications for this year's STARS council can be found in the main office for anyone that is interested.