

Riggs reacts to evangelist

by Cammy Clark

South Dakota evangelist Lowell Lundstrom challenged students to have a dream for their futures at a recent assembly.

In order for the dream to come true, students need steam, gleam, a scheme and a team, he said.

Lundstrom approached the school administration with the idea that he would give a motivational speech to the students. The administration agreed to the idea on the condition that there be a complete separation between church and state.

"Basically, his speech was supposed to make kids think about the future and start setting some goals," vice principal Gary Merkwon said.

Students were presented with statistics concerning everything from teenage drinking to how high one trillion dollars would stand if stacked one on top of the other representing the national debt. Lundstrom encour-

aged students to get involved and have a plan for their future.

The reaction to the assembly was mixed.

"I thought it was chauvanistic and stupid; I don't need another father," junior Sara Harens said.

Darrin Dykstra, senior, brought up another point. "I didn't like the way he insinuated that all men were evil and that a girl should find a guy that supports her financially; nothing else seemed to matter."

"I thought Mr. Lundstrom really got down to the basics; he didn't hold back the truth, and he let people know what's going on," junior Angel Hanson said.

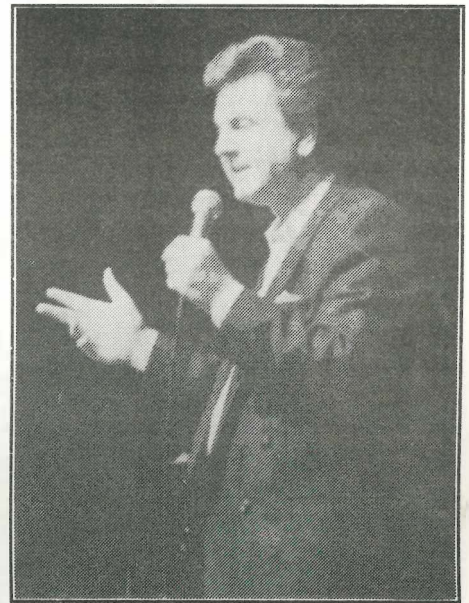
Ben Chittenden, junior, also liked the assembly. "Mr. Lundstrom had a good message, and I liked the way he presented it. He didn't just rattle off statistics. He had stories and examples to illustrate his words."

One of these illustrations included a story about a girl that worked at a 7-11 convenience store. Lundstrom walked into the store to purchase a snack and began a conversation with the girl. He encouraged her to think about quitting work at the store and attend college. Lundstrom asked her if she wanted to remain in her "herky-jerky-clerky" job forever.

Ryan Geraets, sophomore, commented on this story. "A lot of jobs kids can get at our age aren't that good. Maybe kids plan on attending college, but just don't have the money."

Although there were conflicting views, the administration feels the assembly was good for the students.

"Every time we hold a school assembly there's a chance someone will be offended. Some people didn't like the message, but it really made the students think," Merkwon said.



Lowell Lundstrom speaks to Riggs students at an assembly. Lundstrom and his family tour the nation with their music show. Photo by Stacie Suedkamp.

Governor gets new, computerized look

by Jamie Clair

The new look the *Governor* has taken can be credited mostly to the modern technology of desktop publishing.

This summer the school purchased four new Macintosh computers and a laser printer along with the appropriate desktop publishing software to give the newspaper a boost.

In the "old days" the staff would take their copy to the *Capital Journal* to be printed into columns. After a one or two day delay, they would get the stories back from the printer and begin to cut apart the articles and "glue" them down on layout sheets.

Headlines and cutlines for pictures all had to be added by the printer. Boxes around stories had to be laid down manually with a

narrow, sticky black tape.

Now everything is done on the computer. The printer only adds our picture. "Using desktop publishing allows us much more creativity and control over the paper," said Elizabeth Vogt, adviser.

"We'll do a lot of struggling at first," said Vogt, "but we'll get the hang of it as time goes on."

"It'll probably take up less time and come out exactly how we want it," Matthew Foster said.

John Wellhouse, the Pierre Public School's business administrator, said that the whole package cost around \$10,240.

Vogt added that though the start-up cost was significant, the school would begin to see a financial pay-back immediately. "We should save approximately \$2,000 per year in printing costs," said Vogt.

Pierre students give help to smallest hurricane victims

by Thomas Kamnikar

A lot of kids in Homestead, FL, are happier today thanks to the teachers in Pierre. The Pierre Education Association, together with the students of Pierre, donated 28 boxes of toys to send to hurricane victims in Homestead.

"We decided we wanted to do something for the children because they lost most of their personal possessions," said Jan Deis, PEA co-president and one of the coordinators of Operation Hurricane Andrew.

The PEA had each school set up a box for donations of toys and other items students could use. They also sent home a letter to each student.

"We also made sure that each school knew the deadline [Sept. 15] so that we would get all the boxes shipped

out in time to make a difference," said Deis.

After all the boxes were collected, the next step was to get a trucking firm to ship the boxes to Florida.

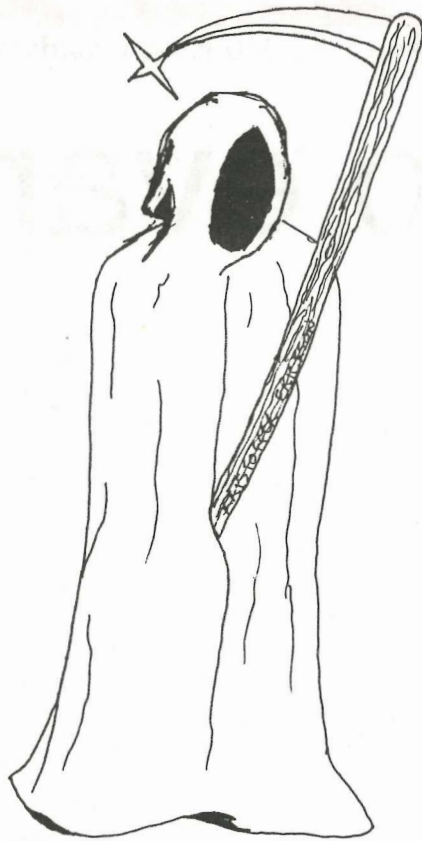
"That was our biggest problem," said Deis. "All the trucking firms we talked to said they wouldn't be able to ship them. Finally, Sue Burgard, the elementary gifted and talented instructor, got a hold of a trucking firm that would ship them to Aberdeen and then on to Florida."

"Everyone was really remarkable. Thanks to them, children in Homestead will be a lot happier when the toys arrive," said Sue Warmuth, a Buchanan teacher whose sister lives in Homestead.

according to Lowell LUNDSTROM,
Kids in the...



...1940's



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Message's tone offends

Since the beginning of junior high, students in the Pierre Public School System have been taught about drug and alcohol abuse and safe sex. One recent assembly was a different approach in keeping us off drugs and out of bed: Lowell Lundstrom.

Although we do not doubt or criticize his motives or the intent of his speech, we do have disagreements with the manner in which he presented his ideas.

Lundstrom's message was familiar: You (meaning young people) don't need drugs or sex to lead happy, fulfilling, fun lives. But how he presented that message that didn't sit quite right with this editorial board **Editorial** nor many of the students of this school.

Lundstrom sounded sexist when he suggested that young women in the audience find a man to take care of them. He also suggested those same women take something—their suitor's ear—when giving up their virginity. Is it not as important when a guy loses *his* virginity?

He also shared a story of, as he put it, a "herky-jerky-clerky" who worked in a convenience store. In an attempt to convince this person to go to college, he threw \$50, claiming that this was the money that was being thrown away every hour of every day by continuing at the job.

What Lundstrom does not realize is that college is not for everyone. Many people attend trade schools or further their education in other ways and have very good jobs which are necessary to society.

What Lundstrom—and others like him—must realize is that we, the generation of the 1990s, do not live in the past. We don't think sexist jokes are funny, and we don't enjoy being patronized.

In theory, motivational assemblies are a good idea. If the material is presented in a non-offensive manner, nothing is wrong with a speech such as this one. We hope that future speakers will find an alternative way to get their message across—one that encourages rather than insults youth.

What the people say...



"It was a waste of my time. And we shouldn't waste school time. Everybody just made fun of him, anyway."

—Jonathan Urbach, senior

"[It was] thought-provoking, *very* thought-provoking, direct, controversial and overall good."

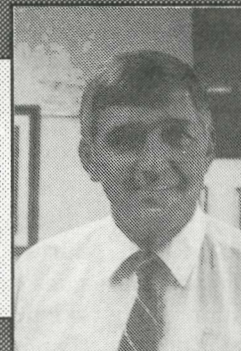
—Gary Merkwan, assistant principal



"I would have rather been in math class."

—Sam Molseed, sophomore

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Nelson qualifies for regional swim meet

by Krista Lovald

Churning water and flying arms is all to be seen as eight swimmers race for the end of the pool. The crowd is cheering but the swimmers only hear water rushing by. As the first swimmer hits the wall, the clock stops. It is a first place and qualifying time for Zones.

Winning a race at the state meet is an exhilarating feeling. Erik Nelson, junior, knows this feeling well.

Qualifying for the regional swim meet, "Zones", is a popular goal for most swimmers, but is nothing new to Nelson, who has qualified four years in a row.

To qualify for Zones, you must get first place at the state meet or earn a certain qualifying time. The region for Zones includes most of the states in the mid-section of the United States.

Nelson won six events at the state swim meet this summer. He finished first in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle, the 200 individual medley, the 100 and 200 meter backstroke, and the 100 meter butterfly.

For Nelson's accomplishments at the State meet he was designated as "Athlete of the Week" by the *Capitol Journal*, late this summer.

Nelson chose not to participate at Zones this year because he was swimming in a triathlon the same week-

end in Yankton with Jim Keys and Shawn Culver, also from Pierre, where they placed first.

Nelson has actually gone to Zones two out of the four times he has qualified. "Zones has a lot of tough competition; it was a thrill to qualify," Nelson said.

"Erik is a real asset to our team. His leadership qualities will hopefully help us out this winter in coaching," Sara Harens, a junior and fellow teammate, said of Nelson. Nelson and Harens plan to assist in coaching the younger swimmers this winter.

Nelson has been swimming for seven years. "Swimming keeps me in shape. I like the travel and meeting new people," Nelson said.

His favorite event is the 50 meter freestyle, although he did not qualify for it.

Nelson's training in the summer includes a two-hour morning and a two hour evening practice every day. In the winter season, he practices three to four times a week.

Nelson said he would like to swim in college. His goal right now is to qualify for and place at zones this next year.

Of the winter swim season, Nelson said, "I'm looking forward to it, and I hope we have a good year."



Avalanche • Erik Nelson, junior, shows just some of the awards he has won throughout his swimming career. Photo by Stacie Suedkamp.

Lady Governors BB to battle district opponents

by Wendy Birhanzel

Lady Gobs will battle district opponent Aberdeen Central tonight in Aberdeen.

"It's an important game because they're a district opponent," coach Don Shields said. "We're fighting for #2 seed and home court advantage on the first night of the playoffs."

"We have a two game lead on them, but they have a quick team, a new

coach who has instilled confidence in them, and they're on a four game winning streak," Shields said.

After a tough loss to Huron last Saturday, the Lady Gobs are looking to do better. "We shot miserably. We should have been able to win," Shields said.

The season got off to a slow start as the team was plagued with injuries.

Play improved about two weeks into the season after players had recovered. Their spirit was sparked by wins over two unbeaten teams, Brandon Valley and Rapid City Stevens. Senior Tobiann VanderPol said, "It was a big boost to beat these teams because it helped our team gain confidence."

Some people may notice that the

Lady Gobs are playing a more enjoyable style of game this year. Shields said that quickness is just one of the many advantages his team has over others.

"We have a good floor leader (Tobiann), a good perimeter game, a center and forward that can block shots, a good bench, and a positive attitude," Shields said.

Gobs regroup after slow start

by Wendy Birhanzel

After a slow start, the Governors are regrouping to meet Aberdeen Central in tonight's game.

"Although they have a record of 0-4, Aberdeen Central is a very hungry team," coach Ken Koistinen said. "They like to pass the ball and use a spread offense. They also have good size and a new coach."

"In order to win tonight, we need to be more consistent in offense, more intense on defense, and we need to take care of the ball a little better," Koistinen said.

In the first game of the season, the Governors ran up against the Yankton Bucks and they lost the next game to Watertown, but they did win over the Brandon Valley Lynx. Co-captain Levi Hillmer said on this win, "It was a big boost to beat Brandon Valley right before homecoming. It got us pumped up."

After a number of injuries in the first few games, everyone is back and ready to play except Nate Kuchta, who suffered a broken ankle and is out for the season.

ESD tennis up for grabs

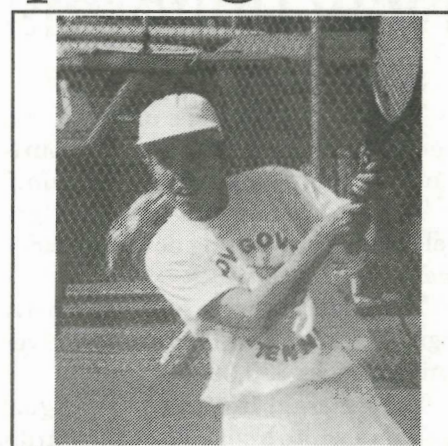
by John Jordre

Lady Gobs tennis players will be absent from the local courts the next two weekends.

Tomorrow the team travels to Brookings to battle for the ESD title.

"We have a good veteran team with a chance to do very well," says Coach Don Rogers.

Playing at #1 singles is senior Cally Winters; #2 singles, sophomore, Amber Osnes; #3 singles, senior Karla Fridley; #4 singles, senior Jessica Kelley; #5 singles, junior Angel Hanson; #6 singles, juniors Cammy Clark and Sarah Winters.



Fore! • Senior Jessica Kelley returns a serve in preparation for the ESD meet.

In Brief...

Students elected to lead TARs

by Matthew Foster

Four Riggs students have been elected to state-wide Teen-Age Republican leadership for the 1992-93 school year.

Senior Mark Brost is state TAR chairperson. Sophomore Dusty Johnson is state treasurer. Juniors Cammy Clark and Sally Herrin are district four representatives to the state TAR executive board.

"I thought it would be fun to be on the executive board and be more involved with TARs," said Clark. "The board plans a lot of the state's TAR activities, such as TAR Days and TAR camp."

Brost and Clark, in addition to holding state positions, are also the president and vice president of Hughes County TARs.

FHA to sponsor blood drive

by Stacie Suedkamp

FHA's annual fall blood drive will be held next Wednesday in the home ec room.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh over 110 pounds. Parent permission is required for all seventeen-year-olds.

Darlene Neiles, home economics teacher and adviser, said that she would like to see more donors this year than last year.

If you would like to donate blood, contact Neiles or an FHA member.

The blood drive is one of the FHA's major activities during the year.

Members are responsible for contacting donors, setting up appointments, and helping out on the day of the drive.

Reward offered for clues

by Molly Robertson

A five hundred dollar reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the recent vandalism at Riggs.

The incident that occurred in late August resulted in over \$8,000 damage to the gym and office areas. Paint was spilled on the floor of the gym, a football helmet and twenty basketballs were ruined, a road grader was put into gear and rolled, damaging several cars, and a computer and printer were stolen.

Principal Roger Lonbaken said that this is, "the worst incident of vandalism since I've been here at Riggs."

Money for the reward comes from the general student fund. The reward was recommended by the administration and approved by the school board.

Anyone with information is encouraged to go to Lonbaken, vice-principal Merkwon, or the police. Information may also be given anonymously.

New uniforms make debut

by Sara Thorson

The marching band's uniforms made their debut at last weekend's homecoming half-time show. Fourteen years have passed since the Emerald Regiment has had new uniforms.

The new band uniforms have green coats and pants with bright yellow stripes running down the sides, a white shirt, a green and white dicky, and black shoes.

The uniforms came with care instructions which the students had to sign. This action was to try to prevent damages. The total cost of the uniforms was \$35,000.

The Emerald Regiment Color guard also got new uniforms, which include a white high-collared leotard with puffed sleeves, a white wrap-around skirt outlined with gold sequins, and a green sequin vest.

A learning experience...

Private academy offers summer enrichment

by Jen Hauschild

Summer: A time to relax, have fun and not worry about school, right? Two Riggs High seniors didn't think so as they took time out of their summer to attend summer school.

Dawson Her Many Horses and Aske Whitebird spent part of their summer at Phillips Andover Academy in Andover, Massachusetts.

"It's a summer school. It is not, however, remedial," Her Many Horses said. "The people who went to Phillips were there because they wanted to be, not because they had to."

The courses available range from marine biology (on the school's yacht) to traditional college-prep courses such as calculus and physics.

"I took a philosophy class and a film class. Aske took creative writing and photography classes," Her Many

Horses said.

"Here at Riggs, we have a nurse's office, the science, math, and English wings. At Phillips, they had a hospital, the science, math, and English buildings," Her Many Horses said.

Attending a summer school like Phillips does offer some extra incentive. "High school credit was available for the more traditional classes. Classes like mine didn't receive credit," Her Many Horses said.

"It costs more to go to Phillips, a high school, than to go to Augustana, a college—about \$10,000 more," Her Many Horses said.

"I would definitely go back to Phillips," Whitebird said. "For the most part, people were very open-minded, a definite contrast to the atmosphere of Pierre."

Eight Riggs journalists qualify for All-State

by John Jordre

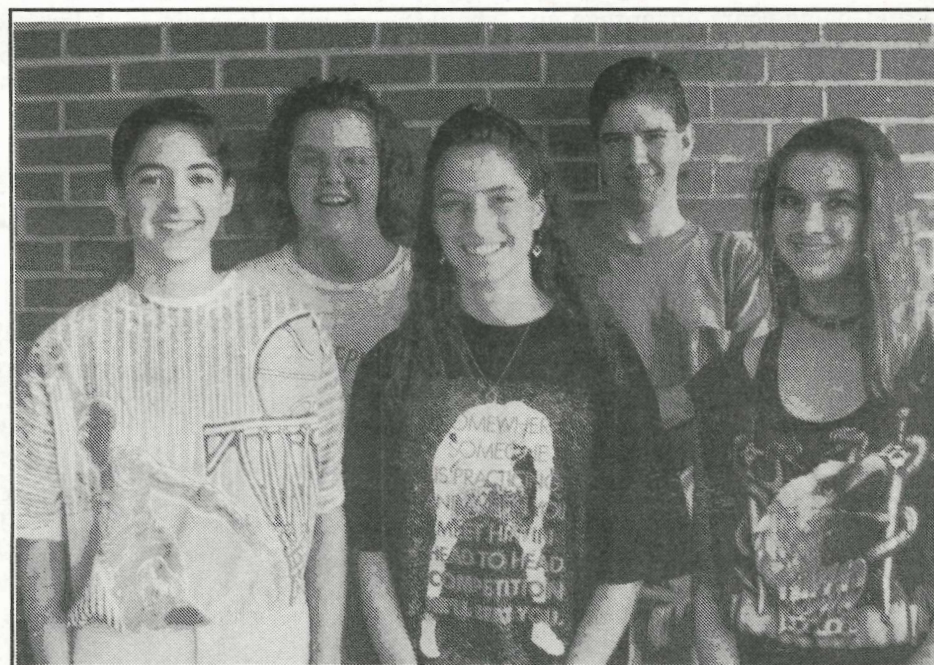
Eight Riggs journalists qualified as all-staters at newspaper and yearbook camps this summer.

Governor staffers Jen Hauschild, Matthew Foster, Tom Kamnikar and Jacinta Wang, seniors, all qualified at the newspaper writing camp. Stacie Suedkamp, junior, qualified in photojournalism. Wang has since moved to Sioux Falls.

Gumbo staffers seniors Bonnie

Wahl and Tobiann VanderPol qualified as all-staters for yearbook journalism. Kerri Allardyce, junior, qualified as all-state yearbook photojournalist. Wahl and Allardyce were also runner-ups for all-around awards.

All-state journalists are determined by a week-long seminar, during which points are tabulated for assigned work. All-state awards are given to those scoring the highest.



Riggs journalists Tobiann VanderPol, Stacie Suedkamp, Bonnie Wahl, Tom Kamnikar and Jen Hauschild. Not

pictured are Kerri Allardyce, Matthew Foster and Jacinta Wang. Photo by Laura Knippling.