



# T.F. RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNOR

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## Student learns differences between Africa, America

Many people dream of taking an exciting vacation in Africa and seeing many different wild animals, but junior Sarah Zellmer's recent trip was much different.

Last month Sarah spent nineteen days in Cameroon, which is on the west coast of Africa. She, along with her father, Pastor David Zellmer of the Lutheran Memorial Church, were invited by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Dakota's Bishop Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl to travel to Africa to encourage the Cameroon church to begin ordaining female pastors.

It was a missionary trip to show the role that women play in faith.

"We were to put in a good word for women and their importance,"

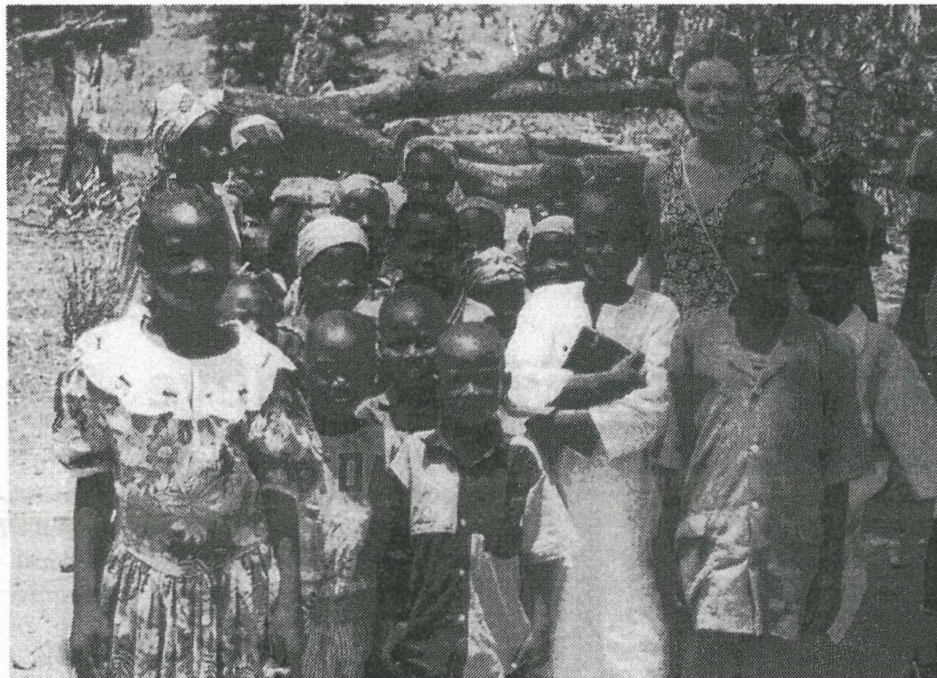
said Sarah.

They were led to different churches by the bishop of the Lutheran Church in Cameroon and spoke about women being ordained.

Sarah spoke to the children, and she told what American churches and schools are like. She found out that the children are much different from American children because they are more involved in church.

"The children can't go to church through the ages of two to fourteen," said Zellmer. "It's a privilege for them, so they get more involved."

The group met with government officials for protection. Since Africa is mostly Muslim dominated, the officials wanted to make sure that the group wasn't harmed and also wouldn't cause



*MAKING FRIENDS... Junior Sarah Zellmer talks to African children during her trip to Cameroon. (courtesy photo)*

any problems. The officials also protected them from civilians who hated Americans. Zellmer was surprised that many Cameroon people were

supporters of Osama Bin Laden. They saw pictures of bin Laden throughout the country.

"It was shocking knowing that these

people that I was around for two weeks hate Americans," said Sarah. "It's kind of scary."

Sarah was surprised that when she got off the

plane to begin her visit, she, along with her group, were the only white people to be seen. She noted that many people often stared at her.

"I was being watched by everybody because I was a white, blonde-haired teenager," said Sarah.

Sarah remembers how different Africa is from America. She saw unusual things like a dead man lying next to the highway.

Sarah learned a lot from her trip with only having hot water some of the time and not having electricity.

"I learned not to take things for granted," she said. "It was a eye opener."

by Heather Mangan

## Briefs

### Boys, Girls Staters named

Boys and Girls State gives high school juniors the opportunity to gain new experiences while learning more about taking an active role in the government.

The 56th annual South Dakota Girls State will take place May 27 to June 1. Girls chosen to attend are Amanda Braun, Niki Cowan, Lindsey Friez, Amber Mboob,

Sara Tillman, Sandy Voller, Sarah Zellmer and Rachel Zuercher. Heather Mangan was chosen for Journalism City.

The 60th session of Boys State, sponsored by the American Legion of South Dakota, will take place May 27 to June 1 on the campus of Northern State University. Boys Staters for this year include Colin Brown, Nate Chappelle, William Coolidge, Chris Iverson, Joseph Kean, Noah Lee, Shawn Ludeman, James Moisan, Jacob Mortenson, Eric Titze and Zach Word.

### Linn to compete in Miss Teen America pageant

Senior Megan Linn will be representing South Dakota at the Miss Teen America pageant in Nashville, TN, this summer. The pageant, which will be held June 28 through July 8, will include one representative from each of the 50 states. Linn qualified for the pageant after winning the state competition. In Nashville, Linn will compete in platform, community and school, volunteer, interview, speech,

swimsuit, talent, fashion, and formal poise.

### Quiz Bowl takes second

Three Riggs teams competed in the Quiz Bowl April 29 in Pierre.

The team of Travis Scharnweber, Brandon Coyle, Dan Payne, Nate Chappelle and Mandy Braun took second place at the tournament out of nineteen total teams.

Ten schools from around the state participated in the event.

## Governor journalists win statewide awards

The Governor recently received second place in the writing sweepstakes and third in the overall sweepstakes in the annual SDHSAA Spring Writing Contest.

Riggs students who placed first in individual events were senior Joshua Vogt, feature story; senior Dakota Bixler, in-depth news feature; and junior Tyler Merriam, sports column.

Second place awards were given to Bixler, junior Heather Mangan and

sophomore BryAnn Becker in infographics.

Third place winners included senior Gerda Jorgenson, photo story; Mangan, in-depth news feature; and Bixler, editorial.

Honorable Mentions were earned by Jorgenson, arts review; Bixler, newswriting; and junior Pat Anderson, sports story.

Bixler was awarded second place for overall individual points.

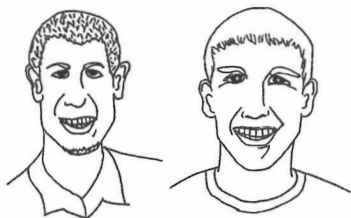


## Seniors recall unforgettable memories

The school year is finally drawing to a close—another chapter finished in the book we call high school. For some, we're almost finished with that book we started many years ago, writing it as we go.

As we both sat back and thought of the memories that fill this book, a few memories stuck out in our minds—unforgettable memories. These are the kinds of memories that stick with you throughout the rest of time, and we are talking about for years to come. After carefully debating all the memories we could come up with, this is Riggs Top 12 Unforgettable Memories from 1998-2002. (drum roll please)...

12. 2000-2001 Homecoming Pep Rally (Moms kissing play-



**Evan Roth & Erik Gilbertson**  
Ex-Presidential Poppycock

ers, Gonsor under bucket)

11. Mr. Bryant in his Sumo Suit

10. Erik and Evan

9. Living in lunch lady land with Riggs' first lunch lady man

8. Weiger/Javurek Riggs prison t-shirts

7. Fearing for your life while going to school during construction

6. Mr. Lakner's crippling "No Toy" policy

5. Owning Mr. Snyder in floor hockey

4. Mining for chocolate chips in Chemistry in the Community

3. Mr. Kurth's great Constitution jokes

2. Garrett James's elbow heard around the world

1. Traveling to the Island of Mocha with Mr. Venner

There you have it. Whether you agree with us or not, too bad; it's our column. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone for reading our column. Best wishes to everyone in the future.



**Max Huber**  
Random Thoughts from the Village Idiot

## Columnist feels pride, looks toward future

As I sit here, I know that I do not want to be remembered as the "Village Idiot."

This nickname was conceived by me and "Merm" when we were trying to think of a name for my column. Jokingly I suggested the "Village Idiot" moniker, and it just seemed to stick.

As the Idiot, I caused controversy, stated my opinion and hopefully entertained the readers of my column.

Yet I, Max Huber, am more than just a simple Village Idiot.

I am actually quite an intelligent person. I was the student body Vice President and I am good at scarfing down pie during the Homecoming Olympics.

Without my help and the help of many others, the IFHL would have never been born and Pride Week just wouldn't have been what it was.

And without my help, this newspaper would have been controversy-free this year. But

I take no shame in the things I have written in this column.

I take with me only pride as I prepare to enter my first year in college at UND. There might be a few familiar faces there, but most people will be new.

Now you don't have to take pride in this school, because I know many of you don't, but at least have pride in the people that helped you make it through those long, boring lectures and the pointless videos we were forced to watch.

Take pride in the fact that you stuck it out and overcame all the obstacles.

Most importantly of all, take pride in yourselves. Whether you got an A on a test, a spot on the team, or just made it through all four years, take pride in yourself.

And I will take pride in the fact that I got to know and be friends with so many people at this school. Thank you all. I will remember you all through the years.

## 'Redhead' says a bittersweet goodbye

When I first moved to Pierre, I didn't want to be here. The funny thing is, eight years later, I'm not sure I want to leave.

Sure, I'm ready to graduate and be done with high school, but there's still that little feeling inside. I'm afraid.

Graduation means you have to leave home, go out into the "real world" (whatever that is) and become responsible. Frankly, I just don't know if I'm ready for that.

Graduation also means leaving high school. This in itself means there will be things I miss, like the ease of the well-



**Gerda Jorgenson**  
From A Redhead's Mind

regulated parking lot, (pink line and all), the near outbreak of the plague caused by the bathroom passes, the well-set school policies and regula-

tions that sure keep us on our toes, and of course the lovely sounds of construction that have been with us for not long enough.

But it also means leaving behind the people I've learned to love these last years—the fun times failing tests together and getting caught skipping. Ahhh, the memories.

But I am glad to say, for some of us, our four years are up. On to summer and on to life.

For seniors, it's been a blast. And for all you that still have to serve a few years, I just have to say, I'm glad I'm leaving.

FRESHMAN

Ah, only 7 more days...



And no more freshman!





# Class of 2002 bids farewell to Riggs High

## South Dakota State University

Michael Authier  
Brittany Bown  
Callie Buechler  
Beth Comes  
Matthew Dayton  
Wesley Dugstad  
Erica Flyger  
Michelle Fuchs  
Jesse Gosselin  
John Gosselin  
Amelia Hanson  
Blaine Harrowa  
Alissa Harter  
Dan Hattum  
Joni Haugan  
Rachel Hermanson  
Aubrey Hunt  
Bryan Jensen  
David Johnson  
Rachael Jorgenson  
John Kallemeyn  
Brian Knadle  
Jonathan Kotilnek  
Lane Kozel  
Andrew McKay, Jr.  
Emily Naylor  
Rachael Person  
Connie Rislov  
Ryan Russell  
Amanda Sarvis  
Marjoanne Schmidt  
Amanda Schrank  
Lindsey Simons  
Darin Smith  
Teresa Tescher  
Ross Vander Vorste  
Aimee Vogel  
Rachel Wegman

## University of South Dakota

David Arendt  
Mallori Barnett  
Chelsey Diez  
Michelle Faw  
Brett Fergen  
Carrie Gonsor  
Jeffrey Hayward  
Charissa Howard  
Andrew Johnson  
Megan Linn  
Jenna Nielsen  
Drew Palmer  
Scott Pfahler  
Ashley Pries  
Brian Templeton  
Damon Thielen

## Black Hills State University

Brock Axthelm  
Bryan Beringer  
Nicholas Carda  
Brent Chittum  
Luke Denke

Kendra Droppers  
Adam Fuller  
Patricia Heermann  
Russell Hofeldt  
Nicole Laleman  
Macie Larson  
Christiana McCormick  
Julie Mills  
Sara Rankin  
Amanda Robey  
Carrie Schlaak  
Kristi Tveit  
Megan Ulmen

## SD School of Mines and Technology

Thad Bauer  
Brandon Coyle  
Alexander Feist  
Justin Hipple  
Rick Jensen  
Anthony Johnson  
Alexander Jones  
Lindsey Marshall  
Lance Richards  
Joshua Williams  
Peng Zhou

## Northern State University

Matt Englund  
Billy Whiteside  
John Williams

## Dakota State University

Jesse Cooney  
Shawn England  
Matthew Hanson  
Darrel Hutchins  
Jacob Schweigert

## Southeast Technical Institute

Jeremy Bauer  
Jeff Christie  
LeighAnn Dunn  
Aric Frost  
Andrew Hanson  
DeNeil Hosman

## Lake Area Technical Institute

Amy Bergeson  
Kyle Cummings  
Keydee Hewlett  
Arthur Lenz

## Other South Dakota Schools

Alison Drewes, University of SF  
Charles Forell, Natl. American Univ.  
Victoria Fosheim, Dakota Wesleyan  
Erik Gilbertson, Augustana  
Mackenzie Kusser, Dakota Wesleyan  
Jeffrey Smith, Mitchell Technical

## North Dakota Schools

Dalton Decker, UND  
Julia Disburg, UND  
Troy Driscoll, NDSU  
Benjamin Gloe, ND College of Science  
Max Huber, UND  
Charles Magedanz, NDSU  
Chas Olson, UND  
Evan Roth, UND  
Lucas Scheibe, NDSU  
Craig Schochenmaier, UND  
Abe Storms, University of Mary  
Claire Taylor, University of Mary  
Jerry Tveidt, NDSU  
Devin Weingart, UND

## Minnesota Schools

Samuel Adams, Southwest State  
Shana Bauer, North Central Univ.  
Cori Bechtold, Mankato State  
Dakota Bixler, University of MN  
Aaron Bumann, Bethel College  
Michael Bumann, Bethel College  
Katie Clark, St. Cloud State  
Brandon Deffenbaugh, Southwest  
Tara Dowling, University of MN  
Nicholas Hogan, Southwest State  
Garrett James, U of MN, Morris  
Thomas Johnson, U of MN, Moorhead  
Shantel Kocer, U of MN, Morris  
Kara Kurth, Southwest State  
Amber LaBrie, Mankato State  
Ronald Machan, Southwest State  
Erin Miller, U of MN, Morris  
Anita Nicholas, University of MN  
Kory Ninceheler, Mankato State  
Bobbi Jo Peterson, Southwest State  
Travis Scharnweber, University of Minnesota  
Austin Schneider, Bemidji State  
Justin Scott, University of MN  
Daniel Serie, University of MN  
John Stover, North Central Univ.  
Hannah Waack, Southwest State  
Colin Whitebird, U of MN, Morris  
Bradley Wire, St. Thomas

## Nebraska Schools

Jordan Dutton, Southeast Comm. Coll.  
Heidi Hinesh, Grace University  
Mellissa Nickerson, University of NE

## Other out-of-state Schools

Hank Badger, Wyoming Tech. Institute  
David Beckwith, Biola University, CA  
Hana Bloomberg, U of Northern CO  
Elizabeth Brown, Austin Peay State, TN  
Jenifer Doll, U of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Liesl Falk, Art Institute, Seattle, WA  
Jamie Gannaway, U of Northern CO  
Jennifer Halliday, Westwood College of Technology, CO

Derrick Haskins, Northwestern, IA  
Joshua Heying, Wyoming Technical  
Andrew Heymans, Wyoming Tech.  
Gerda Jorgenson, U of Northern CO  
Kahla Knapp, Northern Arizona U  
Katherine Oberg, Duke Univ., NC  
Derek Olson, UCLA, Long Beach  
Kalie Olson, U of Southern Florida  
Dan Payne, Drake University, IA  
Kyle Rausch, Montana State U  
Macy Reed, U of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Tracy Roberts, U of Montana, Missoula  
Nicole St. Germaine, Hawaii Pacific U  
Joshua Vogt, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL  
Gillian Woodburn, University of Iowa

## Undecided

Sara Anderson  
Bronson Blow  
Dustin Boe  
Rose Boyles  
Chad Grunewaldt  
Armando Garza III  
Katherine Hiatt  
Baronica Izaguirre  
Tony Jockheck  
Nicholas Johnson  
Heather King  
Holly Lunn  
Laurel McDonald  
Monte Meier  
Jerod Penrod  
Jared Randen  
Lea Robinson  
Kevin Stein  
Samantha Sullivan  
Lukas Tedford  
Allen Uecker  
Shay Vanderloo

## Military

Sean Corcoran, Army  
Samantha Dewell, Air Force  
Roger McKillip, Navy  
Jason Riis, Marines  
Michael Silbernagel, Navy  
Brandon Snodgrass, Navy

## Employment

Shaina Bolte  
Joshua Boyle  
Christina Dickerson  
Nicholas Kahler  
Kayla Klemann  
Jennifer Nelson  
James Peterson  
Ashley Serbousek  
Jacob Severson  
Laura Swanson  
Michael Voeltz  
Alisia Whitaker



# SENIORS CLASS OF 2002

MOST LIKELY TO BE A PROFESSIONAL WRESTLER:  
CALLIE BUECHLER AND MAX HUBER

FUNNIEST: AUBREY HUNT AND JERED PENROD

MOST LIKELY TO BE A PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE:  
KARA KURTH AND NIC HOGAN

BEST SMILE: TRACY ROBERTS AND BRIAN KNADLE

MOST LIKELY TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT:  
DAKOTA BIXLER AND ERIK GILBERTSON

MOST LIKELY TO BE A MILLIONAIRE:  
MEGAN LINN AND DAVID ARENDT

BEST LIPS: CONNIE RISLOV AND CHARLES MAGEDANZ

MOST LIKELY TO WIN A GRAMMY:  
GERDA JORGENSEN AND TOM JOHNSON

MOST LIKELY TO WIN AN OSCAR:  
JAMIE GANNAWAY AND JOHN WILLIAMS

NICEST: CORI BECHTOLD AND BRAD WIRE

MOST LIKELY TO BE A NEWS BROADCASTER:  
DAKOTA BIXLER AND MAX HUBER

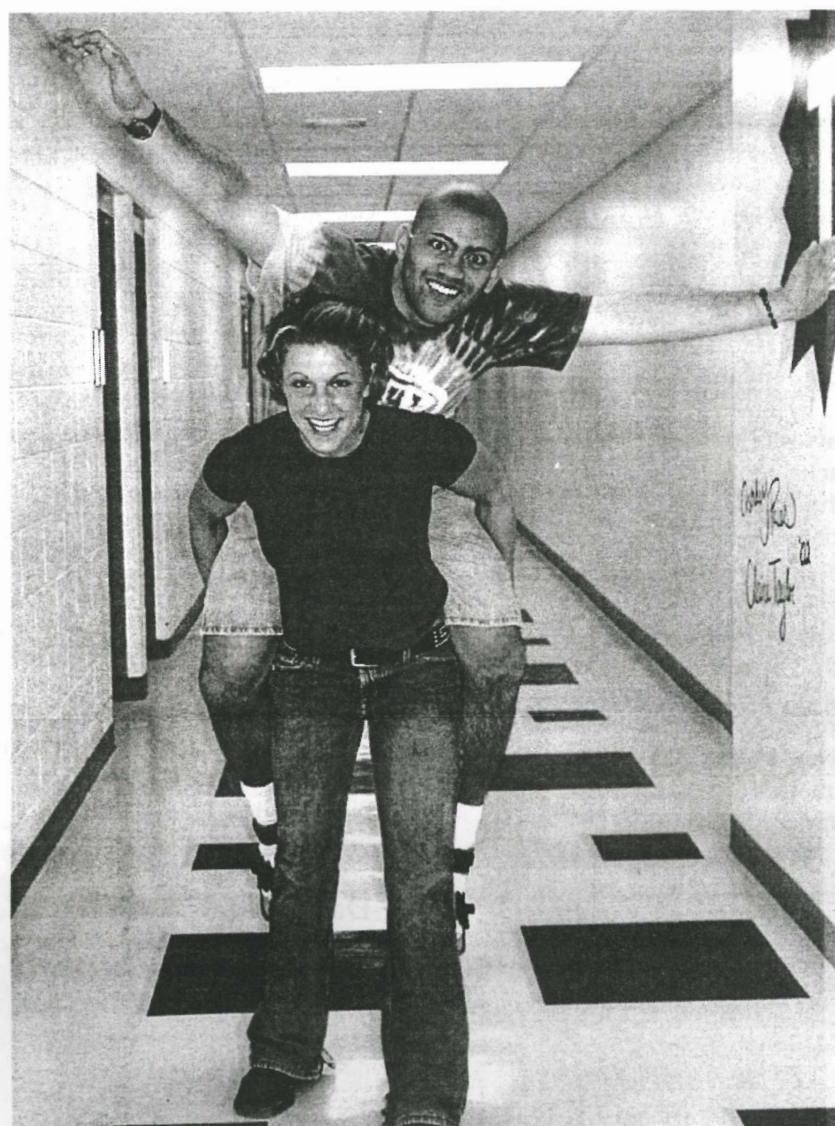
BEST HAIR: ERICA FLYGER AND JON KOTILNEK

MOST LIKELY TO BE A LIFETIME SOUTH DAKOTAN:  
ASHLEY PRIES AND CHARLES FORELL

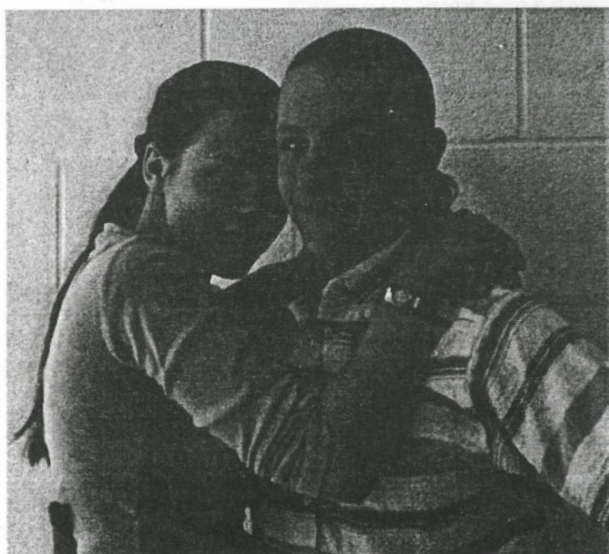
BEST WALK: KAHLA KNAPP AND EVAN ROTH

MOST LIKELY TO WIN A NOBEL PRIZE:  
KATIE OBERG AND DAN PAYNE

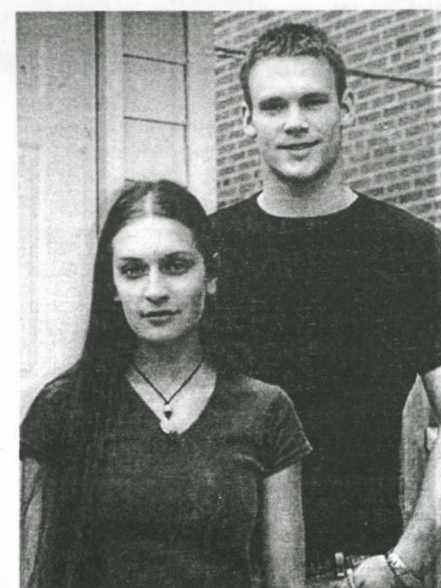
MOST LIKELY TO BE A PRIEST/NUN:  
SHANA BAUER AND JOSH WILLIAMS



CRAZIEST: CARRIE GONSOR AND SEAN CORCORAN



BEST COUPLE:  
HANNAH WAACK AND RON MACHAN



MOST LIKELY TO BE A MODEL:  
SARA ANDERSON AND PAT ADAMS