

151 combined years: five teachers set to retire

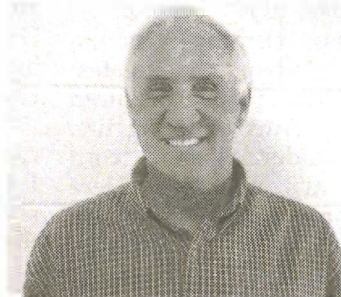
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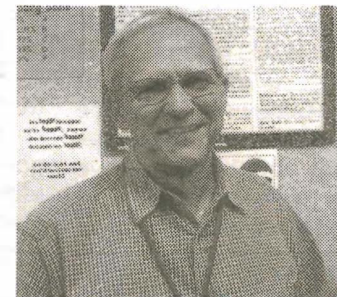
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Q: How long have you been teaching here?

A: 32 years

Q: First job?

A: Right here at Riggs when I was 22

Q: What did you want to be growing up?

A: mechanical engineer

Q: Favorite memory at Riggs?

A: The great students and staff to work with.

Q: What won't you miss?

A: Disrespectful students

Q: What are you going to do now?

A: Continue teaching at Riggs High because of Re-tire-Rehire and farm.

Q: How long have you been teaching here?

A: 31 years

Q: First job?

A: Teaching art and English at Chester Area Schools

Q: What did you want to be growing up?

A: An artist or a writer

Q: Favorite memory at Riggs?

A: When the mice got loose from the biology class and ate up parts of student's sculptures.

Q: What won't you miss?

A: The old computers in my room!

Q: What are you going to do now?

A: Whatever I want to do

Q: How long you've been teaching here?

A: 31 years

Q: First job?

A: teaching in Midland

Q: What did you want to be growing up?

A: a coach

Q: Favorite memory at Riggs?

A: The many great students and staff members I have known.

Q: What won't you miss?

A: Correcting papers

Q: What are you going to do now?

A: I hope to hunt a lot, paint and build things.

Q: How long have you been teaching here?

A: 29 years

Q: First job?

A: Teaching in Midland, SD

Q: What did you want to be growing up?

A: A teacher and a coach.

Q: Favorite memory at Riggs?

A: The camaraderie of such a good teaching staff.

Q: What won't you miss?

A: Having to be at school when I should be fishing or hunting.

Q: What are you going to do now?

A: Painting and constructing jobs, some woodworking projects and a lot of fishing and hunting.

Q: How long you've been teaching here?

A: 28 years

Q: First job?

A: My first teaching job was at Isabel, SD.

Q: What did you want to be growing up?

A: An archeologist.

Q: Favorite memory at Riggs?

A: Working with an outstanding staff and remarkable students.

Q: What won't you miss?

A: early mornings

Q: What are you going to do now?

A: I will work for a few more years at least. I'm exploring many options.

Parent-Senior Party sure to make lasting memories

**Get Your
 GAME
 FACE
 On!!!**

Parent Senior Party

Saturday, April 28, 2007
 7:30 PM - Midnight
 Riggs High School Gym
 Don't miss the fun!

By Mary Holm

"PAR-TY!" is on the minds of the seniors as they anticipate the 2007 Parent-Senior Party on April 28, which parent organizers hope will provide the seniors with an evening of fun and memories that will last a lifetime.

Just what is the Parent-Senior Party? It is a huge par-

ty planned by the parents of the seniors.

The parents choose a theme for the party but keep it a secret from the seniors to add to the surprise of the night.

"I'm excited to see what the theme is!" senior Ken-ny Donahue said.

"Parents have been working hard, planning a lot of fun stuff to fill the evening. We're

trying to keep most of it a surprise. I will tell you that there are booths with games and a surprise comedy routine," general chairperson Richard Coit said.

The parents also plan many fun games and activities to entertain everyone all night, along with providing tons of free food.

They also create a slideshow using baby,

family and current pictures of the seniors.

"I can't wait to see the slideshow and what kind of old memories it will bring up," senior Kristen Hanson said.

The Parent-Senior Party will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 in the high school gym. All seniors and their parents are invited to attend.

Attention seniors

If you have a favorite memory or funny story concerning your years in high school, **WRITE ABOUT IT!**

Or maybe you learned a valuable life lesson, or have parting words, or hopes for your future and that of your fellow classmates. **WRITE ABOUT IT!**

The May issue of *The Governor* will be in honor of seniors—it's all about you, so we want to hear from you!

Let your voice be heard

onefinaltimeinhighschool.

You don't need to be on the newspaper staff.

Any senior can submit anything, and it may be published in the last paper of the year.

Simply write something and turn it in to Lindsey Coit, Renee Rodgers, or Mrs. Vogt in room 222.

The deadline to turn in your drafts is May 1.

You know you have good memories and ideas, so let everyone else read about them!

Editorial: a few words of advice

After spending four long years in this institution of learning we call high school, it could be reasonably assumed that I will come out with a somewhat higher level of education.

While of course I learned the Pythagorean Theorem and the flight pattern of the ever-exciting basidiospore, perhaps the greatest knowledge I have acquired was in terms of living life.

So underclassmen, learn from my mistakes! Here are three pieces of advice:

1.) Don't procrastinate!

In my life, nothing would get done if it wasn't for the last minute.

The few times that I have planned ahead, though, made everything seem less stressful. If you're like me and have a no homework policy, learn to use those precious minutes between classes.

Just sitting down and starting something can be half the battle.

2.) Save everything! I can't tell you how many times I rewrote the same scholarship essay or rifled through the phone book looking for

addresses of my references.

Make a copy of every activity list you compile or recommendation letter you receive.

3.) Don't be a victim of a clique! Sure, school cliques are inevitable, but don't limit yourself to only those people in your group.

Who doesn't have room for more friends? Make good use of your time left with your peers.

You may have a soulmate out there just waiting for that life-changing "Hello!"

Renee Rodgers
Editor-in-chief



Thumbs Up



Thumbs Down

...to walks outside
...to amazing prom
gowns and tuxes
...to new baseball season
...to tennis popcorn sales
...to twenty-two days of school left! 20 for seniors
...to online support groups already formed

for Virginia survivors
...to spring and sun
...to English essays finished
...to exciting graduation plans
...to memories made prom weekend
...to young pictures of old teachers
...to Goldilocks on Trial
...to lots of Zesto—even

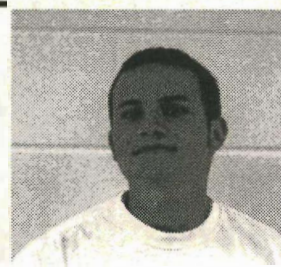
three times a day!
...to overpriced gasoline
...to weather-shortened track and golf seasons
...to important but unsuccessful hour-long calls to boy/girlfriends
...to neglecting graduation plans
...to gunman at Virginia Tech

...to persistent hunger pains
...to igloos with pointy edges
...to cell phone waves killing off the honey bee population
...to kicking pottery in the parking lot
...to losing lunch\$...to enormous cases of senioritis

"Getting down,
freaky and jiggy with
it at the dance."
-senior Brandt Payne



"I can't wait to see
Brandt getting jiggy
with it, and Post
Prom should be the
most joyous time!"
-junior Devon Rounds



Hall Talk:

What are you looking forward to the most about prom?

"I looking forward to all
of it. I've never been
to prom before so it
should be exciting."
-junior Jared Geigle



"I'm really not
that excited."
-senior Nellie
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We're right: ease up on seniors

With roughly a month of school left, the weather is slowly getting better, and the singing of the robins in the morning indicates that summer is just around the corner. Suppressing the urge to ditch the books and pencils for swimsuits and beach towels is a continual battle. We think that we can speak for all seniors when we say that senioritis has officially set in.

The days at school are getting longer, the work is getting harder, and it is given out in excess! Why can't teachers just turn off their SmartBoards, copy machines,



Taya Norlander
and
Matt Blake

and computers and sit back and relax for a month? Savor the time left with the seniors—don't torture them! Let's do some easy stuff! We know that all teachers are itching for summer just as badly as we students are!

Earlier in the year, it's easy to sit down at the kitchen table and do homework for three hours because we know we have to do it to get good grades. But now that we're half-way into fourth quarter, most of us have been accepted into at least one college, and frankly, we just don't care about high school anymore!

We're asking for a little slack. We can't handle anymore essays, group projects, or short stories out of a 1500 page English book! Please! Give us a break...because after all, you know we're right!

Katie's Closet: What I'm lovin' this month!

1. Jellies

I grew up in these see-through plastic shoes and I am glad to see they are making a comeback. Jellies come in practically every color and some even have sparkles!

2. A coat and mittens

Who decided this weather and what were they thinking? I guess I can blame it on Walmart, the devil of American consumerism or President Bush. They're both easy scapegoats.

3. Bermuda Shorts

I have hope that a



Katie Douglas

warm day will be coming soon, so get those shorts ready, ladies! And by getting them ready, I mean iron some sweet patches onto them. That could be fun.

4. Mother's Day

My mom and I do

not always get along, but she does still deserve something on May 13 for putting up with me all these years. I cannot tell you what I am getting her because she reads this column every month. But here are some gift ideas for that special lady in your life: flowers (tulips are nice), a massage gift certificate, or a small animal such as a puppy or a bunny. No matter what you get her, she will love it. She has to—she's your mother!



NEW AGE

Perspectives: Four students, four views on where they'll be in 20 years

Where will I be in twenty years?

I'll be thirty-six and a half in twenty years. In my life, I want to go to the University of South Dakota to become an English major and write for a living. I've got some kind of a strange temptation to move to Maine, even though I've never been there. Life's plans never seem to go the way



Kat Lindbloom

you think they will, but if life does indeed have me ending up living next to a lake, nowhere near big cities, if

I have a husband and kids, and if I am doing some sort of job which I enjoy, life will be good.

I'm hoping my parents and siblings will still be alive and that I can keep in touch with friends long after high school and college.

More or less, I want to live a peaceful, calm life. Nothing too crazy for me.

The future has plagued all humans' minds at least once. No one can say what will arise out of science fiction or what will stay the same. In twenty years, I will have graduated from high school and college, hopefully. After the hard work that I put forth, I might have a full time job and



Kristian Kongslien

might actually work at it, God willing. Of course, in a sick, twisted future, I could get

married and have some kids—but that might be a fate worse than death, and not just for me! I am not the oracle at Delphi nor a traveling gypsy, so the future is unclear for me and hopefully all of you, that is, unless your favorite game involves the Ouiji board or Tarot cards, which is, to me, a bunch of horse hockey!

Twenty years from now, what will I be?

Now that is scary to think about. Lately I have been trying to figure out what I am going to do in the next years at college.

I think I see myself as a lawyer. So I am going to major in pre-law next year. I hope to someday be part of some firm somewhere.



Matt Blake

Twenty years from now, I will be close to being forty and I hope I have something ac-

complished by then—something I can say that I am proud of doing, like having a family or being elected to some government position.

In the end, only time will tell what life holds. My life may be some kind of hectic confusion or simplicity, but I hope I am happy with whatever I do.

Twenty years from now, I'll be 37 years old—that's a weird concept. I hope to be married with at least two kids and to be teaching music somewhere in South Dakota. I know, I'm weird, but I think South Dakota is a good place to raise a family.

I bet everyone will be driving a hybrid car. My kids will be teenag-



Mary Holm

ers, their lives probably won't be too much different from what mine is right now. Everything will be more expensive.

A bottle of water will probably cost about \$5! I'm sure we'll have a gadget for everything—from cooking to walking the dog. Camping and other outdoor activities might not be available anymore because of global warming.

Who really knows what the future holds? I guess it's up to us to find out!

Is computer-controlled world on horizon?

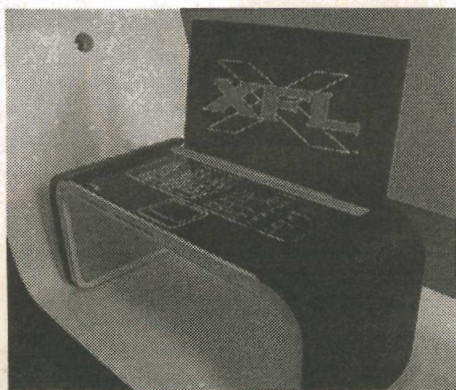
By Doyle Holden

The future won't be what people think it's going to be.

Gas prices will become too high resulting in people selling

their cars. There will only be two classes: high and low. Those in the high class will be able to own a car, but operate it sparingly. Those who are in the low class will have to find alternative forms of transportation.

There will be no more paper in the future—everything will be computerized. As a result of no more paper, there will be no need for pencils or pens. Since there will be no more paper, the cost for computers will sky rocket. Lower



artwork by Doyle Holden

class people won't be able to afford one, so essentially they will be cut off from the world.

The game of football will have to drastically change to accommodate the dominate force

who is Devin Rounds. The field will be longer and more players will be added to defense.

A new computer will be invented. It will be called Master Computer. People will be able to ask Master Computer anything. Master Computer will be able to know everything because it has the power to tap into people's thoughts with a secret frequency.

Since there is mass panic and nobody next in line to take control, the nation will turn to one man, and that man will be Reece Chambers. Oh, and the XFL will be back on T.V.

Master Computer will become so great that it will have its own religion. Because it has its own religion, Master Computer will be a candidate for the 2997 presidency. It will crush any obstacle in its path and receive close to all the votes.

As the year 3000 nears, computer technicians will figure out that back in the year 1999, past technicians devised a cheap temporary way to solve the Y2K problem. Mass panic will induce the purchase of food and water. As the clock hits twelve, Master Computer, which is now the president of the United States of America, will crash. There will be nobody to take its place because the cabinet figured that there will be no use for any system of check and balance.

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What will future schools be like?

By Sigrid Wald

Every day during the school year, students get up, grab their books, and head to school. All day they listen to long lectures and take notes. But will school always be this way?

"With technology, who knows?" biology teacher Jeff Dykstra said.

"School will probably become more advanced. I mean, when we started out, we used pencils and paper and now, we are going to laptops. It will probably get more technologically advanced as time goes on," sophomore Maggie Boe said.

Some even think that teachers' jobs will be affected by new technology.

"I would guess that there will be a lot more online classes, and a teacher will probably teach more students at one time," skills for living teacher Darlene Neiles said.

Teachers could even be affected in more drastic ways. "With all this new technology, the role of teachers might not be to teach but to be more of just a monitor. You never know," Dykstra said.

Other students have high hopes for what the future might hold.

"I think the school year will disappear completely, and they will put microchips in your brain," sophomore Sarah Pogany said.

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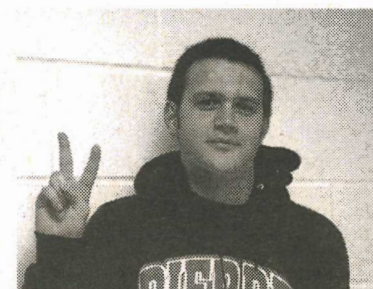
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Students pred

"I give the world five years before we blow us up."

--junior John Reiser



"I'll be a ruthless dictator who takes over the world"

-- sophomore Thomas Butler



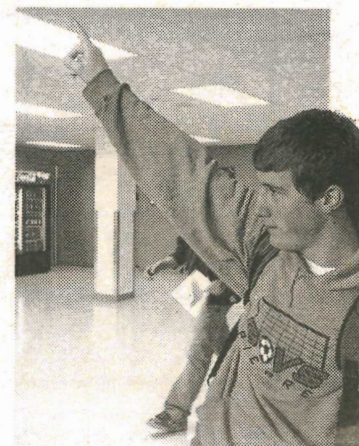
"Humans will be able to teleport. Oh, and we'll have flying cars."

-- senior Tales Couto



"Disco will come back."

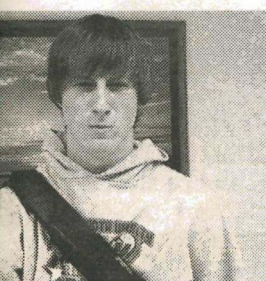
-- freshman Kylor Knox



t the future



"A bunch of evil clones will dominate the world."-sophomore
Sean Askew



"Society's habit's today will ruin the environment, causing a climatic shift, and then most of the population will die."
-- junior Brian Chicoine



"We will all have to live underground, in the water, or in space, because the world will be destroyed."
-- senior Sam Willard



"People will be more responsible, and hopefully they'll do something to improve pollution in the enviroment"
--senior Pam Storozynski



How will personal lives change?

By Lindsey Coit

The common household amenities make everyday life easier for everyone.

Looking back in history, it's clear that these amenities have advanced along with technology.

It can be assumed that the future will also bring many new technologies and advancements in the common household.

Many of these will probably add an extra level of convenience to our life.

"I think hallways in the home will have carpet like an escalator," senior Sara Word said.

Other students are convinced that the future will focus on and improve entertainment systems.

"I bet entire walls will turn into a television by a touch of a button, and then with another button they'll be able to turn into a window," senior

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--senior Matt Blake

nior Bette Dougherty said.

According to Dougherty, Plasma flat screens will soon be outdone by T.V. walls that can change into windows.

Many find this invention quite probable as technology is constantly advancing.

The other area of continual change, fashion, may

also take a turn for the better.

"I bet people will wear disposable t-shirts, you get one dirty and you can throw it away," junior Tanner Wald said.

"I think houses will have hair dressers like Mrs. Jetson had—they just come down from the ceiling and do your hair," senior Maari Sweetman said.

With a new glamorous do, a celebration dinner will be in order—future style, of course.

Senior Matt Blake has high expectations for food preparations in the years to come.

"I hope they have the thing from the movie Fifth Element where you put a pill in a slot, press a button, and out pops a turkey," Blake said.

Students have many creative ideas of what their future lives and household will include.

No matter if they're concerning walk-ways or cuisine, inventions of the future are sure to make it possible for Americans to be a little more lazy.

Senior dancers prepare for last upcoming recital

By Keely McCormick

The final recitals are here—the ones the senior dance students have looked forward to their whole lives. These dancers have watched the seniors before them go through their final year and have seen the tears when the girls realize they will never dance together again.

For all of the dance studios' seniors, the last year is often the most fun year, but it also takes a lot of dedication and isn't easy.

"It takes a lot of time, and it was really hard to get used to a new group of dancers this year. I like to dance a lot, and being a senior, you get to do a duet or solo," senior Michelle Monroe said.

Like Monroe, who is dancing in a duet this year, the other se-

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Norlander

nior dancers have more opportunities as well as responsibilities.

"I think we all just get excited that it's finally here and we worked so hard to get to this point. The recitals are what I'm going to miss the most. Performing in front of hundreds of people is



Seniors Katie Douglas, Sara Word, Kelsey Ahlers, Keely McCormick, Laura Hofer, Bette Dougherty, Abby Dix, Miranda Tracy, Becky Deyonge, Taya Norlander, Kristen Tate, Catie Wagner, Jen deHueck, Elise Titze, and Liz Winter pose for a quick picture at dance practice.

really exciting," senior Taya Norlander said.

Each studio has either practice a few days a week for an hour or two, or two days a week for about four hours for the senior dancers.

"This is my first year at Pierre Street Dance,

but Kristi and Katie are both really nice and fun to dance with. I've been in dance for almost my whole life, so I'll miss it a lot," senior Taylor Mattke said.

Almost all of the other girls would agree with Mattke and will

miss their dance classes, dance instructors, and dancing in general. But all of the bruises, pulled muscles, and long nights are finally going to pay off for the seniors' one last chance to dance their hearts out and

show what they've got.

The three dance studios' recitals are coming up in a few weeks with Pierre Street Dance's on May 27 and 28, Sarah's Dance Studio's on May 4 and 5, and Cronin Dance Studio's on May 11 and 12.

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—senior Taylor Mattke

Girls golf wins Pierre Invitational

By Sigrid Wald

The girl's varsity golf team came away with a team championship and an individual medalist at Tuesday's Pierre Invitational. This team championship was the first one won in many years.

Sophomore Taylor Smalley edged out teammate and senior Amanda Deis in a playoff for medalist honors. Both shot 84. Seniors Emma Wylie and Hillaree Leif also competed

for the Lady Govs, with Wylie shooting an 88 and Leif a 94.

"We were close to the school record," Smalley said, "actually we were only three strokes away."

This gives the Lady Gov Golfers high hopes for the rest of the season.

"Our team goal this year is to try to get into at least the top three teams," Smalley said.

The Lady Govs' last match was yesterday in Huron.

This month we decided to do our article on probably one of the hardest sports—swimming.

After watching the World Championship in Australia on television, there were many guys in little swimming trunks that were looking pretty darn fine, but one in particular stood out from the rest.

This standout swimmer was none other than the famous Michael Phelps. This six-foot four-inch 198-pound hunk sure caught our attention with his looks, and held it with his athletic abilities.

After his impressive showing at the 2004

Olympics in Athens, he captured seven more gold medals and five new world records. He beat his own standard in

the 400-meter individual medley by 2.04 seconds and won the 200-meter individual medley in 1:54.98 minutes. This new time beat his old record of 1:55.84 minutes. We think this

is pretty impressive. I mean, if you have ever

tried to swim a lap, you know that two seconds of swimming is a really long time. American

can seem like it lasts forever.

Phelps also broke Ian Thorpe's, also known as the "Thorpedo's," world record by winning the 200-meter men's freestyle in a grace-

ful, dolphin-like speed of 1:43.86 minutes.

Phelps broke his own world record in the 200-meter butterfly by an almost incomprehensible 1.62 seconds, winning in 1:52.09 seconds. Phelps just leaves the rest of the world's swimmers to "eat his bubbles."

After all those incredible stats, we thought we should give him a congratulations and a tribute in our April column to this cute and athletic stud. Not only is Phelps a cool twenty-one year old, but he already has a million dollar endorsement with Speedo.



Kelly Lingle, Loryn Schuetzle, and Emma Wylie

Students successful in recent art shows

By Lisa Bowman

Students have won awards in art shows across the state this spring.

At a February art show in Mitchell, Abby Dix and Bre Costello won "Most Inventive" for their newspaper and charcoal collages.

Abby Dix also won the award "Best Subject Matter" for a painting of a little boy and Terra Burley won "Best Pastel."

The Faulkton Art Show in March recognized a number of high school students.

First place ribbon recipients include Lisa Bowman,

Terra Burley, Anthony Hunt, Liz Schultz, Alex Lindholm, Angela Ray and Abby Dix.

Second place awards went to Anthony Hunt, Rebecca Duncan, Ty King, Trent Thompson, Lisa Bowman, Melanie Friedrich and Misty Anderson. Bre Costello, Terra Burley, Melanie Friedrich, Angela Ray, Jeremy Pirner and Sam Olson won third place ribbons.

May shows will include the Short Grass Arts Council, one in Mobridge and one in Pierre held by the Art Club.

These events will be open to the public.

'007 theme for 2007 prom: what to expect for weekend

By Mary Holm

Dresses, tuxes, and flowers—oh my!

Yes, the excitement of the junior-senior prom is definitely in the air.

The theme of this year's junior-senior prom is "007-Casino Royale."

The junior class has been working hard on everything that it takes to make prom possible for many weeks.

"I think it's going to be fantastic! It'll be an awesome stepping stone in the closure of our senior year," senior Michelle Monroe said.

Even when the dance is over, the prom festivities will still continue late into the night.

"I'm really excited to try sumo wrestling!" junior Matt Allison

Once the dance concludes, "Post-Prom Party" will be held at Lariat Lanes.

Everything at the post-prom party is free of charge, including bowling, games, food, inflatable sumo wrestling, and a hypnotist.

'007 Casino-Royale Junior-Senior Prom 2007

Saturday

Grand March in Rigg's Theatre 7:00 p.m.

Floor opens at 8:00 p.m.

Post Prom at Lariat Lanes
12:45 a.m. to 3:45 a.m.

"I'm really excited to see the hypnotist!" senior Kara Marks said.

"I'm excited to try sumo wrestling!" junior Matt Allison said.

Prom will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the Grand March (open to the public).

The dance floor will be open from 8:00 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

Post Prom will begin at 12:45 a.m., allowing time to change after the dance.

The night should be fun-filled with all of the prom activities creating many lasting memories.

FBLA excels at Spring Leadership conference

By Lindsey Coit

The local chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) took home many honors at their annual Spring Leadership Conference at the Ramkota Convention Center earlier this week.

The conference started Sunday night when the different FBLA chapters checked into the convention. Sunday night also included a few scheduled events to get the kids pumped and ready for the rest of the conference.

Monday the conference goes started early for a day full of speakers, workshops, and testing. Before arriving at the Spring Leadership Conference, FBLA members studied up in an area of expertise. At the conference, tests in areas that deal with the business world are held, and students may "compete" against each other by taking these tests. The top scorers in each testing area then place in their certain subject.

Tuesday, before checkout, and awards ceremony is held to acknowledge the top placers in each testing subject. Rigg's FBLA chapter had many successful members.

Matt Farris received first place in Banking and Financial Systems.

Carl Morris placed third in Banking and Financial Systems.

Rika Beck took home first in Business Math and fourth in Introduction to Business.

Stephen Bolinger won second in Business Math.

John Rounds took three places: first in Business Procedures, second in Future Business Leaders and second in Job Interview.

Alex Lindholm won first in CyberSecurity, second in Database Design, first in Networking Concepts, first in Technology Concepts, and first in Visual Basic Programming.

Teddy Jackson placed third in CyberSecurity and third in Networking Concepts.

Drew Christensen won fourth

in Economics. Crystal Ortbahn received first in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure.

Casey Ortbahn took first prize in Parliamentary Procedure and was also elected State Parliamentarian.

"I took the Parliamentary Procedure test and since I scored the highest, I was automatically nominated for the Parliamentarian position. The voting delegates asked me if I accepted the position and I said yes, I was really excited!" junior Casey Ortbahn said.

Bryce Siedschlaw won fourth in Networking Concepts and second in Visual Basic Programming.

Waylon Waite placed fourth in Technology Concepts.

"The best part of the conference was winning first in Business Procedure, I didn't think I stood a chance!" senior FBLA member John Rounds said.

Along with individual testing events, there were also team events.

Zack Larson, Jessica Jones and Nikki Novak placed second in Business Ethics.

Jessica Smith and Kimberly Neyhart placed fifth in Community Service Project.

Carl Morris, Drew Christensen and Matt Farris won second in Entrepreneurship.

Casey Ortbahn, Jessica Jones and Cassie

Palmer took forth in Multimedia Project.

Bryce Siedschlaw, Alex Lindholm, and Teddy Jackson placed second in Website Development.

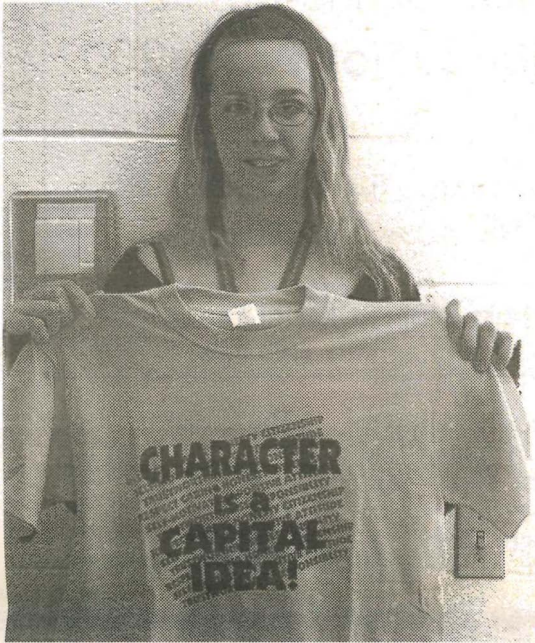
Waylon Waite, Amy Yost, and Lindsey Fairbairn took forth in Website Development.

Along with all of these award Zack Larson, Nikki Novak and Casey Ortbahn were named Outstanding Members for the year.

The FBLA chapter was also received a plaque commemorating the fact that they are the largest FBLA chapter in the state with 64 members.

The chapter also was awarded a third place plaque in overall chapter performance.

Character of the Month



Freshman Amanda Goglin was named Character of the Month for April. She earned the honor by demonstrating the trait of integrity.

Student artwork recognized in hallways

By Lisa Bowman

Walking down the hall, students notice that the walls are brighter since the last student senate election.

Thanks to the new student body president Bryan Beck and vice president Riley Hultman, students can now display their artwork throughout the school.

"The arts are an irreplaceable part of life, and we felt that they were underappreciated," Hultman said. "This program was mainly to get artists' names out and improve the school."

"It was a last-minute idea that has turned out to be one of our most widely accepted ideas," Beck noted.

Within a week after the election, the offer was given to art stu-

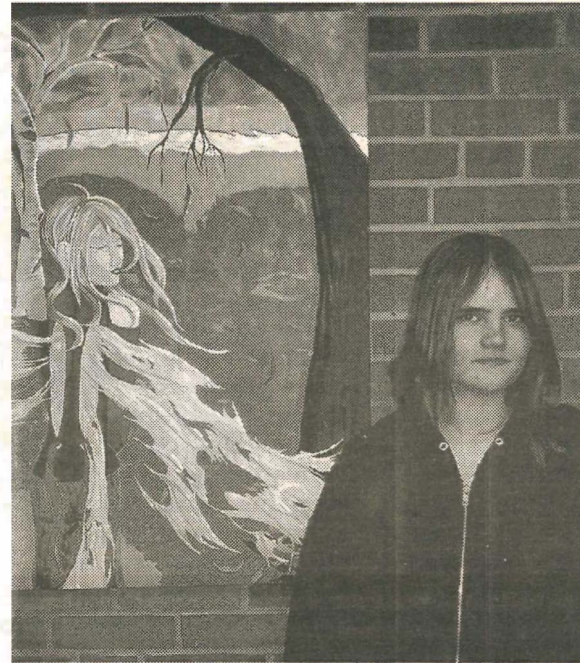


photo by Renee Rodgers

Junior Steph Darland stands by her displayed painting

dents to paint canvases to be hung up for the rest of the school year.

"It's wonderful that the artistic students are able to bright-

en up the dull hallways and show off their talent," art teacher Sandie Peterson said.

"I love that kids are taking initiative and

"I love that kids are taking initiative and hanging up paintings on their own."

—student body president Bryan Beck

hanging up paintings on their own," Beck said.

"I hope it expands to display places for potter and sculpture in upcoming years," Peterson said.

The future of this colorful project lies in the hands of other students with Beck and Hultman graduating this spring.

Students win computer programming contest

By Alex Lindholm

Three computer programmers--Teddy Jackson, Alex Lindholm, and Bryce Siedschlaw--have won top honors at the ACM high school programming contest held by the University of South Dakota.

The team, along with manager Jessica Smith and chapterone Cheryl Ulmen, left Pierre at 5:00 a.m. in order to arrive in time for registration.

The competition began shortly after registration was complete.

The rules of engagement are simple; each team is giv-



courtesy photo

Seniors Teddy Jackson, Alex Lindholm, and Bryce Siedschlaw displaying the trophy they won at the ACM programming contest.

en a computer, ten problems to solve, and four hours to complete as many as possible.

Teams can use an assortment of different computer programming languages, but

Rigg's team used Visual Basic exclusively.

The team solved four problems, the last two in rapid succession.

"It was pretty cool. We were tied, and then we solved one, and

"It was pretty cool, we were tied and they solved one, and then three minutes later they got another!"

—senior Jessica Smith

then three minutes later got another!" senior Jessica Smith said.

For the win, Jackson, Lindholm and Siedschlaw received a first place trophy, a large satellite image from the EROS Data Center and USB flash drives for each member.

Students get ready to show off their talents

By Abby Dix

Students will get a chance to show off their skills at the upcoming talent show.

Many students will be singing popular songs while others will play piano and guitar. One group will perform a glow-stick routine.

"I'm excited for the Spice Girls--I hear they're gonna rock!" junior Jayson Herra said.

The talent show is on Monday at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, and the show should be fun for the community

and students alike.

"I haven't been to one yet, so am excited to attend," senior Bethany Jochim said.

Musical students also have had many other opportunities to perform.

Early last Friday morning, music students traveled to Mobridge to compete in the annual contest. Symphonic band, women's choir, and boys' choir all excelled, earning high scores of 1+.

Band and chorus will both be having final spring concerts during May.