

# Only one receives All-State Band honor

By Mary Holm

Music will fill the air as extra students fill the school at the end of next week. What could possibly cause this to happen? The 2007 All-State Band Festival that will be held at Riggs. One student lucky enough to represent Pierre at the festival is senior Michelle Monroe, who will play the French horn in the Clark band, directed by Jerry Luckhardt.

"I'm pumped that I made All-State Band! It's awesome to have made it my senior year," Monroe said.

To make it into All-State Band, students have to audition for one of four judges.



Photo by Lindsey Coit

Through hardwork and dedication, senior Michelle Monroe was the only Riggs student to be selected for All-State.

Each student auditions using two major scales, two minor scales, a chromatic scale, a prepared solo, two short sight-reading selections, and a written test over musical terms. The judges rate the students based on their auditions, and the top scores make

it into All-State Band.

To prepare for her audition, Monroe practiced, gave herself a pep talk to calm her nerves, and did the best she could.

"I'm excited the hard work paid off!" Monroe said.

Monroe isn't the

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senior Michelle Monroe

only one who worked hard, however. Band director Larry Johnson had many items on his "to-do" list before the students arrived.

As the director of the host school, Johnson had to contact the director of each band, ask them what selections they chose for their bands, and send out the selections to other band directors to make sure the difficul-

ty level is appropriate.

After the selections were approved, Johnson had to borrow as much of the music as he could from other bands, order the music that he couldn't get, and fill about 160 folders with music and information for the students who made All-State.

For the actual festival, Johnson had to set up boardrooms for the Bandmasters' meeting,

set up food for the directors and students, and accommodate South Dakota Public Television into the theatre. Johnson says that despite the work, he enjoys All-State Band.

"I like the high caliber of music, the students who take their music seriously, and hanging out with my band-director friends. It's a classy affair," Johnson said.

The 2007 All-State Band Festival will come to a close on Saturday with a concert for the Lewis Band at 4:00 p.m. and a concert for the Clark Band (Monroe's band) at 8:00 p.m. in the theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

# Symphonic band prepares for awaited Chicago trip

By Mary Holm

Talk to any symphonic band member and the first thing they'll talk about is their anticipation and excitement because they will soon be taking a trip they have been waiting for all year! This trip is none other than the biannual symphonic band trip to Chicago.

The journey begins next Wednesday evening, when the students will load buses at 10:00 p.m. and ride 14 hours to Chicago.

Once they get there,

*"I'm excited to see Wicked, because I heard it's going to be wicked sweet!"*  
junior Casey Placek

the students will experience the unique aspects of Chicago. On Thursday, they will visit the Field Museum (home of the famous T-Rex named Sue from South Dakota) and they will see a performance by the Blue Man Group.

On Friday, the band



Photo by Lindsey Coit

The symphonic band has been preparing for its big Chicago trip and the anticipation is at it height with the band departing on Wednesday.

will go on the Untouchables Tour, shop at the Navy Pier and along the Magnificent Mile on Michigan Avenue, eat Chicago-style pizza at Giordano's, and

see the famous Broadway musical *Wicked*.

"I'm excited to see *Wicked* because I heard it's going to be wicked sweet!" junior Casey Placek said.

*"I'm excited to eat at Medieval Times because I want to eat with my hands!"*  
junior Cassie Palmer

On Saturday, the band will shop at the Oakbrook Center Mall, perform at the Chicago Heritage Festival and eat dinner at Medieval Times.

"I'm excited to eat at Medieval Times because I want to eat

with my hands!" junior Cassie Palmer said.

For many of the band students, the trip to Chicago is a nice break from everything, for some it may be the trip of a lifetime, and for some it is a way to experience what they have worked so hard fundraising for. Nonetheless, everyone is very excited, including band director Larry Johnson.

"I've been to Chicago at least four times, and my highlight is always seeing the students have a great time," Johnson said.



# Letter to the editor: Varsity wrestler upset with decision to ask coach to step down from position

Dear Editors,

Recently I have learned that Ryan Noyes has been asked to step down as Riggs' head wrestling coach.

I have been thinking about what could have prompted this action.

As a senior wrestler this year, I would like to share my thoughts and hopefully have

the school board and administration reconsider its request.

Success is the one thing everyone strives for, especially a team.

But what is success? Webster's Dictionary says that to succeed means to turn out well or to attain a desired object or end.

Did the wrestling team succeed this year?

How can anyone except the wrestlers themselves answer that specific question?

If all that is important in wrestling were placing at state, I would have just lain on the mat and accepted a victory to place just because I was illegally slammed during my match.

Placing at state does not matter as much

as the lessons learned this wrestling season.

Mr. Noyes taught the entire wrestling team lessons much more important than winning a medal smaller than a fifty-cent piece.

Mr. Noyes showed us how to be better people, respect ourselves, and respect others in life.

So I ask again, how do you measure success?

Do you measure suc-

cess by winning a small medal that will never do anything but hang in your trophy case, or do you measure it by lessons that you learned that taught you to be an individual and also to be able to work towards a team goal?

Mr. Noyes is the only person that I would have wanted as my wrestling coach for my final year here at Riggs.

He did all he could to help me achieve my personal goal of placing at state, but in the end, I was just out-gunned.

It is not his fault that I did not place.

Wrestling is an individual sport, and it is the individual, not the coach, who will win or lose the match.

Sincerely,  
senior Nate White



## Thumbs Up



## Thumbs Down

...to spring showers  
...to prom shopping  
...to re-runs of sitcoms  
...to IFHL  
...to no-coat weather  
...to green bread for St. Patrick's day  
...to the two-month countdown until graduation  
...to incredible four-wheeling-- a new fa-

vorite hobby  
...to March madness  
...to ending another quarter  
...to Irish food  
...to singing frogs. Old McDonald had a farm...  
...to hitting the snooze button for two hours  
...to eating all the dough before you bake the cookies

...to rude people  
...to eating helpings of creamed-corn and then realizing you ate the whole can by yourself!  
...to columns in Excel  
...to overworking  
...to War Lords, of penny wars, that is!  
...to acetic acid eating away your face (no one can even tell anymore!)

...to bi-lingual furbies  
...to unappealing flavors of the day--what happened to coconut?  
...to not realizing there's always a secret message in the thumbs up/down  
...to green bread after St. Patrick's day (mold)  
...to absent members of IFHL teams

"I liked playing in the sand."  
-junior Alicyn Even



"I liked to go to the park."  
- freshman Tim Halls



## Hall Talk:

What were your favorite childhood activities?

"I liked playing with my toys"  
-sophomore Tyler Sandel



"I loved building forts."  
- senior Steph Snow



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## We're right: stop stealing cookies

Spring is in the air. The days are getting warmer, and the sun is staying out just a little longer. All is peaceful except for the boisterous voices coming from the lunchroom.

The reason for this distress is from the cry of the hungry masses. They have a craving that can only be solved by the taste of cookies. Recently, the lunchroom made a change to the serving pattern to our favorite cookie. Instead of the every-day enjoyment, as you all have noticed, we receive our delectable cookies only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

We all have to settle



Taya Norlander  
and  
Matt Blake

down. Life will go on but without the cookies we love. We all know that the highlight of our lunch period was the gooey goodness of our cookie, but can we really cry out for the chocolate chips if we

are the ones to blame?

We talked to some of the lunch servers, and they told us that they cut back because of the large amount of theft of the cookies. They are only fifty cents! You do not need to steal them. So if you feel cool stealing a cookie, congratulations. You are a true villain. Because of your actions, the entire school has to suffer.

To solve this problem is very simple. Stop stealing the cookies. If we can do that, we are sure the lunch program will put the cookies back into the daily roster.

Because after all, you know we're right.

put them in a fire or run them over with a vehicle. Another reason I love them--they come in almost every color!

### 4. Beauty Rush lip-gloss

If you know me, you are well aware of my large supply of lip-gloss. I am a true devotee of the Beauty Rush lip gloss line from Victoria's Secret. They come in tons of flavors. Actually, I'm trying to collect every one of them. Wish me luck!



Katie Douglas

pointments. Please be considerate. This is a big deal for us.

### 3. Nalgene bottles

These water bottles are unbreakable. It is amazing! You can even



SILLY HOONARDONGA, EGGS ARE FOR KIDS

## Perspectives: Four students, four views

Vacations seem to stand out in my most fond childhood memories, and one in particular was when the Hollingsworths and my family went to the Governor's Cabin in the hills. I remember watching *The Great Outdoors*, and in some scene in that movie, there is a screeching bat; at that moment, that shriek on



Kat Lindbloom

the movie must have stirred up one of the bats hiding out in the ceiling of the cabin we

were in, and it started swooping around the living room. My little brother spotted it before it went into the kitchen. The parents ran in after it and ended up chasing it outside the door with a broom. It was an odd time to say the least, but regardless of being quite young when this happened, I will not ever forget it.

Sadly, I never got to enjoy a childhood.

Every morning I was forcibly awakened at the crack of dawn.

After a bit of stale bread and a shot glass of water, I was forced to march to the mine.

It was not a coal or steel mine; it was the infamous mine full of sporks.



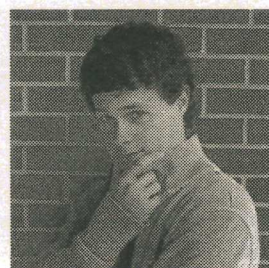
Kristian Kongslien

Not only were the utensils hard to dig up, I had to use a precious

spork as a shovel. It was not good if I broke one. The only good thing about working so hard and long is the small meal of meat, bread, and water at lunch. After working well into the night, I went home, ate the same small meal for dinner, and then went to sleep on the basement floor.

My favorite memory as a child is hard to figure out. I cannot narrow it down to just one, so here are a few of events that occurred in my life.

There is the classic Disney World memory. I went my first time as a baby, so that was lost on me. The second time was around fifth grade, again in middle school and the last



Matt Blake

time my sophomore year. Each time I went was extremely fun. One of my other mem-

ories is actually a fun memory of my brother, I actually remember when he was born.

I went to the hospital and saw him the day he was born.

My parents gave me a Duck Tales movie that day for a present, so when my next brother was born I expected a present.

I guess I really do not have just one favorite childhood memory.

I have a ton of them!

Most of my favorite memories were in the summertime.

I remember spending many afternoons running around the yard in shorts, T-shirts, and bare feet,

I ate popsicles and rode my bike all day long.

The best days, though,



Mary Holm

were the days that it got really hot outside.

My mom let me turn the sprinkler on and run through it until I dropped from ex-

haustion. I loved that!

And what about Summer Rec? I'm sure everyone remembers that. It was so much fun!

Unfortunately, now that we are older and more mature, we will never get to experience another day like the ones we had during our childhood.

Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going home before I miss *Sesame Street*!



# Tale of two friends: Editors recall childhood days of bicycles, circus stunts, fun

By Renee Rodgers

Ah, to be young again. Admittedly, we aren't quite old farts yet.

Even so, many students yearn for the days when the most responsibility we had was cleaning the worms off the driveway after a summer shower, and the bulk of our worries was whether we would take a nap before or after decorating our driveways with pastel chalks.

We all have many childhood tales, and I happen to share many of mine with fellow editor Lindsey Coit.

Yes, this vivacious duo existed long before Governor deadlines.

Growing up in houses kid-dy-corner across the street, my first memory of Lindsey was of a shy, short-haired, toothy girl standing in the driveway beside her younger brother, who was engaging himself in the eating a clump of dirt.

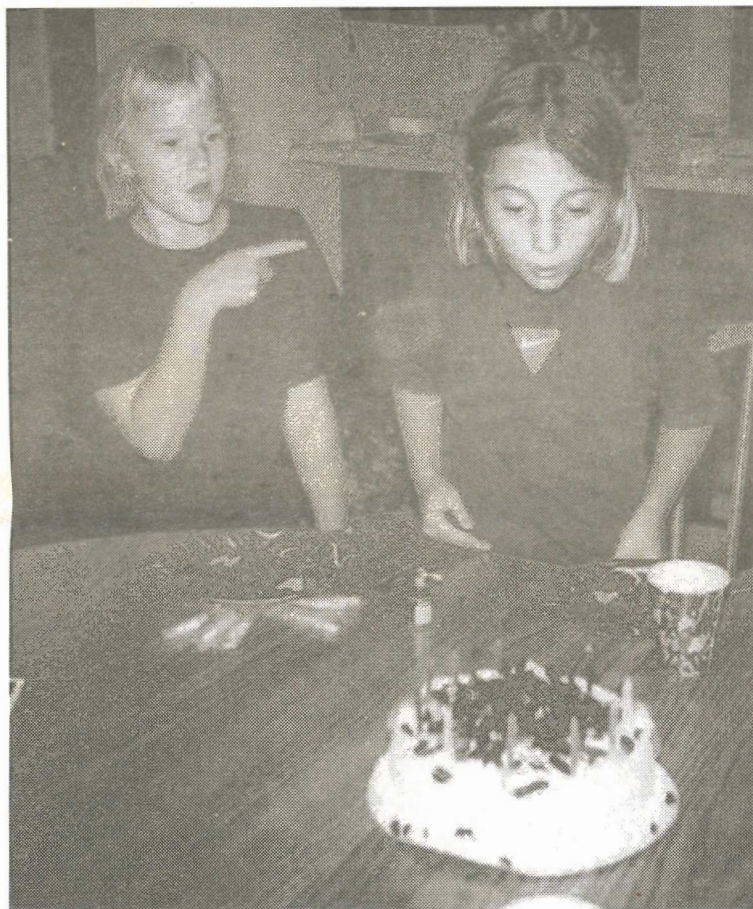
From that moment on, we formed an unbreakable bond, along with an untouchable circus act.

We would practice "circus stunts" for weeks on the swing set in my backyard and then perform them for the neighborhood parents.

Being the uncoordinated kids that we were, tragedies were inevitable, such as the time Lindsey's foot became hostage to the hanging rings. It remained stuck for hours while my dad tried to free it.

Being a kid was great. Though every day was the same, each day was still an adventure.

Mornings would start with bike rides around the block, or in Lindsey's case, the perimeter of her front yard, thanks to her stranger-phobic mother, and wait until they were spotted



Editors Renee Rodgers and Lindsey Coit have celebrated many birthdays together over the years, this one Lindsey's 10th.

by another child to join them.

We would then blast Hanson on the stereo and explore the neighborhood until lunch.

The summer days would follow with water balloon fights and slip-n-slides, and me watching tearfully through my window as I was not allowed to join in.

Once the water fun commenced, Lindsey and I would secretly watch classic TV shows like "Are you Afraid of the Dark" and "Beetlejuice," and then act completely puzzled as to why we were having recurring nightmares.

Our free time also included

walkstoandhoursspentcarousing in Wal-mart or eating fries with cheese sauce in the mall.

During this time we would often plot ways of catching the attention of the neighborhood eyecandy, who even though he was considerably older than us, we were still convinced he would one day call each of us "wife."

Childhood was full of fun nonsense and though we've outgrown most of our childhood antics (although we both still have that crush on the Hansons and the hottie who lived next door), the memories will stay with us forever.

## My mom dressed me-- I SWEAR!

Unforgettable fashions of youth

By Steph Snow

Back in elementary school chances are fellow classmates outfits for each day were a little on the extreme. Matching clothes never seemed to be a good idea and the cool clothes actually looked ridiculous.

For many, early elementary was the time of big hair, stirrup leggings, and a jersey of your favorite sports team. Overalls, scrunchies, and jelly sandals were choices of girls while boys tended to stick to the ever-stylish t-shirt.

"I miss my leopard-print M. C. HAMMER pants. They were pretty hip," senior Kenny Donahue said.

"I loved my sailor suit but it was ugly," senior Emma Wylie laughed.

As elementary school progressed, matching became more important while correlating jumpsuits became popular.

For most, the exercise look was best with sweats, t-shirts, or plain jeans.

"My favorite outfit was

*"I miss my leopard-print M. C. HAMMER pants. They were pretty hip," -senior Kenny Donahue*

a swishy wind-suit and matching hair scrunchy," senior Abby Dix said.

The styles of younger years may have been strange but will always be missed.

No matter what the clothing choice was in their younger years and how much they try to forget about the outfits of choice, students will always have pictures capturing those classic outfits of those treasured younger years.



Sisters Katie and Nikki Douglas spent countless hours primping and playing together in the days of their youth.



# Childhood play

## Long-lasting memories of friends

By Abby Dix

Reminiscing about elementary school days can be fun. Remember playing all the time and having recess three times a day? High-tech toys were not needed. Fun was always just around the corner.

"When I was little, I made forts out of blankets, boxes, snow, pretty much anything," senior Steph Snow said.

During the summer bike rides and rollerblading around town filled the hot summer days.

"My friends and I used to scooter to Zesto in the summer," senior Keely McCormick said. "We also had lemonade stands where we sold cookies and lemonade."

Some kids liked to invent games that are more educational during the summer.

"I did science experiments with my friends," senior Nate White said. "We would get a baby pool and mix mud, leaves, salt, cinnamon, and whatever else we could find in it."

From playing on the monkey bars and swings to playing sports like kickball and



courtesy photo

Allyson Pierce and Sigrid Wald were loving life as they went for an afternoon drive in their Fischer-Price buggy.

football, lots of students' most fond memories come from time spent at recess.

"I remember playing four-square and shooting granny shots in basketball," senior Caitie Wagner said.

It was essential to have the coolest toys like yoyos, Giga pets, and Furbies. Hot-wheels cars and Barbie dolls were also popular.

"I liked to play with Legos," senior Tyson Pierce said.

With so many popular movies and singers, some girls liked to pretend to be their favorite stars.

"We played Charlie's Angels and Spice Girls," senior Nellie Bloomberg said.

No matter what students did when they were little, memories are forever.



courtesy photo

Little Michael Coit, now a sophomore, shows off his Fred Flintstone T-shirt along with his freshly worked guns that he obtained from his favorite toy, the Superman punching bag.

## Childhood stomachs were bottomless pits:

### Junk you ate and calories you didn't gain

By Casi Huizenga

Let's face it, being a kid is fun. Kids don't have homework, kids get to play outside all day, and kids can eat whatever they want.

"When I was a kid, I ate a ton of cotton candy, gummy worms, and other candy," sophomore Kyle Wells said.

But since those days of being kids, things have changed. Now students have tons of homework, a job, extracurricular activities, and they can't eat every-

thing they want without some unattractive consequences.

"When you were a little kid, you could eat anything and not gain an ounce. But now if you eat a burger, you gain five pounds," senior Matt Dial said.

The technical reason for this is that most teenagers have stopped growing and their metabolism has slowed, so they can't eat as much.

But the fun isn't completely over yet. Everyone can still eat those fun foods they had as a kid, just maybe in

*"When I was a kid, I ate a ton of cotton candy, gummy worms, and other candy."*

*-sophomore Kyle Wells*

more moderate quantities.

As for playing outside all day with no homework, there's always summer.



courtesy photo

Seniors Katie Douglas, Kelly Lingle, and Brittany Starks pose for a quick picture while playing with an elementary school friend.



## Season-end Wrap

### Boys basketball

**Seniors:** Jerry Bollinger, Connor

McKittrick, Tyson Pierce, John Rounds,

Lucas Solberg, Wyatt St. John, Sam Willard,

**Player Quote:** "We had rough times but we ended the season strong and it'll be sad to not play with these guys again," senior Lucas Solberg.

### Girls Basketball

#### 2nd at state

**Seniors:** Jen deHueck, Hillaree Leif, Kelly

Lingle, Sierra Moeller, Loryn Schuetzle,

Emma Wylie

**Player Quote:** "Even though we ended with a loss, in our hearts we ended with a win," junior Drew Miller.

### Wrestling

**Player Quote:** "It didn't end like we wanted, but it was still a good season," senior Nate White.

**Seniors:** Cameron Rogers, Austin Rounds, Scott Szuggar, Nate White

### Swimming

**Player Quote:** We had a strong team this year; it'll be the same next year so we'll be good," junior Katie Buhler.

### Girls Hockey

#### 8th at state

**Seniors:** Jennie Fuerst, Kristen Hanson, Anna Johnson

**Player Quote:** "We were hoping to be a 'Cinderella team' at state, but we played some close games and didn't pull through," senior Anna Johnson.

### Boys Hockey

#### 2nd at state

**Seniors:** Zak Bishop, Curtis Egan, Riley Hultman, Jordan Labrie, Alex Lindholm, Tyler Mattheis, Nick Marso, Seth Parsons, Christoph Rosenthal, Jacob Wagner, Andy Zickrick

**Player Quote:** "JV and V came out on top of the league but a little short in the tournaments," senior Andy Zickrick.

## March Madness rules: Students make college brackets

By John Rounds

Students anticipate March for one reason—basketball tournament season. The Governor's basketball season may not have been as successful as hoped for, but the Lady Gavs finished strong, taking second at the state tournament in Watertown.

With the excitement of high school basketball ending, many students' attention has switched to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament. The NCAA holds its basketball tournament, yielding March Madness.

Students have filled out their March Madness brackets to predict the outcome for the tournament.

Even on Facebook, students could fill out

brackets for a chance at \$25,000. They could also join pools, in which their bracket would compete against others in the pool.

Many students just filled out brackets for the fun of it.

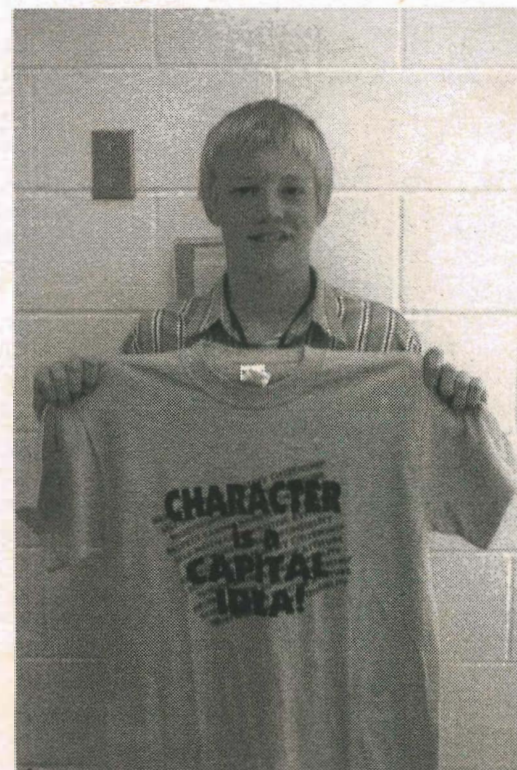
"I filled out two brackets. I did one on Facebook and one at home just for kicks. I'm doing average," senior Chad Johnson said.

"I usually help pick my dad's teams by the colors of their uniforms," senior Maari Sweetman said.

Some students enjoy watching the basketball games but don't get into the Madness enough to fill out a bracket.

"I like to watch the games but not closely enough to fill out a bracket. I am a hockey player," senior Seth Parsons laughed.

## Character of the Month



Tyler Sarringar was named Character of the Month. He earned the honor by showing the trait of trustworthiness.

## South Dakota State's Jacks are hot

We're a little late on the February Outstanding Women in Athletics, but we'll still do it.

There is no other word other than *outstanding* to describe the South Dakota State Women's basketball team.

This is the first time for the Jackrabbits and the second for any team transitioning into Division One to be invited to play in the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT).

The Jacks are led by the "oh-so-amazing" Megan Vogel. Vogel is the lone senior on the team and averages 23 points a game.

She is the go-to player for SDSU. Her passionate style of play motivates her team with her famous fist pump.

She is the most animated player on the floor.

Another outstanding athlete is their starting point guard Andrea Verdegan.

She flies down the floor making SDSU a tough team to keep up with.

Ashlea Muckenhim, also known in our book as "Muck," is a hustler and a spot-up shooter for the Rabbits.

Courtney Grimsgrude is the Defensive Player of the Year for the transition teams.

She is the lady in the middle, being 6 feet 3 inches tall. She blocks, and she bodies up and gets down the floor fast.

The other person in the middle is Jennifer Warkenthien, who

is predicted to be the go-to player when Vogel graduates this year.

After getting a first-round bye, the Jackrabbits just played their second round game at home to a sold-out crowd. The Rabbits defeated the Illinois State Redbirds 61-48. Their third round game was yesterday against Indiana. As of this writing, the outcome is yet to be determined, but we know that the crowd will be full of Jacks-fanatics. Tickets were sold out in three hours.

These women are representing South Dakota and women in general well and deserve our full support.



Kelly Lingle, Loryn Schuetzle, and Emma Wylie



# Figure skaters to perform show this weekend

By Sigrid Wald

This weekend the Oahe Ice Riders figure skating club is hosting a performance "Splashin' On Ice."

"Of course I'm excited," said sophomore Maria Deuchar. Many changes have been made to the skating club since last year, one of which is a new head coach, Diana Helfrich.

"I competed in freestyle and on the university team at Bowling Green State University. Our team was ranked third nationally. It was pretty cool," skating director Diana Helfrich said.

"This year's skating lessons are much more organized and structured," said Deuchar,

har, "which I definitely like a lot better."

The show is on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at the ice rink in Ft. Pierre.

"I'm skating to 'Kiss the Girl' from the movie 'The Little Mermaid,'" said freshman Shelby Smith. "I really like learning new jumps and spins and the doughnuts—you can't forget those! Plus, skating teaches you to be graceful."

"My favorite part of figureskating is learning to land new jumps and spins," said Deuchar.

The show will be a big change from last time. Instead of everyone having a solo, there are mini solos

*"My favorite part of figure skating is learning to land new jumps and spins."  
—sophomore Maria Deuchar*

ranging 2-6 skaters, and each group will have its own program.

There is one solo for Lorraine Lowe as a senior spotlight. And the rest of the programs are group numbers with skaters within the same range of levels.

"The best part of the show is the cool



photo by Sigrid Wald

Maria Deuchar teaches a young student new moves to use in the upcoming show this weekend.

songs, fun theme, and neat programs," said Helfrich. "I'm looking forward to every

year for our show to get bigger and better." Freshman Baillie Smith, Shelby Smith, Lorraine Lowe, Maria Deuchar, and Sigrid Wald will be performing this weekend.

# State tournaments provide fun atmosphere

By Renee Rodgers

Sore throats, empty wallets, and tear-stained cheeks provided an end to two winter sports seasons—girls basketball and varsity boys hockey.

Top finishes by Pierre were earned by both girl's basketball and boy's hockey, with each team snagging the silver medals of second place.

"There was great fan support at both tournaments," senior Curtis Egan said.

Egan was by no means exaggerating. With such promising chances, more fans than ever traveled to support their student athletes.

"Basically, when Pierre is in, we tend to show some real good

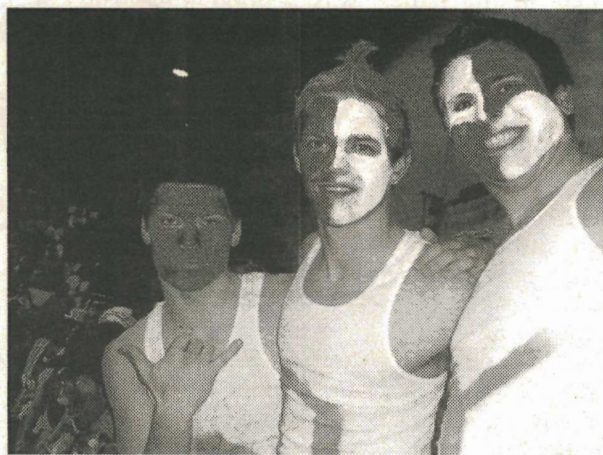


photo by Renee Rodgers

Seniors Lucas Solberg, Sean Dancey, and junior Jordan Shaugreaux showed their support at the girl's state tournament.

support. That's even what someone told me," senior Casey Smith said.

"Everyone was there. It was great. I spent way too much money, though—I'm still broke," senior Cameron Rogers said.

Even those who weren't able to attend

the tournaments, or perhaps chose not to in best interest of their college funds, kept track of the games.

"I watched them on webcast," senior John Rounds said.

With the hopes of fans back home and encouragement from the

energized crowds, both teams fought their way into the championship games only to suffer defeats to Watertown.

"I hate Watertown!" sophomore Austin Ambur said.

Even though the outcome of the games wasn't exactly as many hoped for, the state tournaments proved to be a positive experience for all that participated, both fans and athletes alike.

"I still had a great time—it's fun to meet kids from other towns," junior Jayson Herras said.

Even teachers hold state tournaments in high regard, even though the anticipation may cause students to lose focus or even miss class in order for them to capitalize on friend-



photo by Renee Rodgers

The Lady Gobs and fans are on the edge of their seats watching a game at the recent state tournament.

forming opportunities. In most educators' opinions, the riches outweigh the spoils.

"School spirit is a lovely thing. It's great that students have a wonderful time centered on a school activity. And by-gosh, parents, teachers, and the community benefit from supporting our teams. State tournaments build camaraderie," science teacher Jon Gonsor said.



# Spring Surprises provide week of fun

By Lindsey Coit

A new concept that Student Senate came up this year has made its way into the school this week.

Spring Surprises replaced the school's annual Pride Week.

"Pride week wasn't fun. Spring Surprises is way better," junior Casi Huizenga said.

The week focused on one main idea: to fulfill some special wishes for some lucky students.

"Pride week was getting old, and the surprises sounded like a good idea. Plus we thought it would make the week really special granting surprises throughout the week," senior student senate member Liz Winter said.

Last Thursday slips of paper were handed out in first period classes for students to write down a wish for

"Pride week  
wasn't fun.  
Spring Surprises  
is way better."  
junior Casi  
Huizenga

either themselves or a classmate that student senate could grant.

Student Senate members then met to discuss what wishes would be fulfilled.

Surprises were then given out throughout the week.

Besides the surprises, Spring Surprise week was full of various activities to entertain the student body.

On Monday morning, Ron Glodoski motivated students in the theater.

Glodoski told his



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Sophomore John Potts receives his spring surprise from senior student senator Amanda Deis.

life story, emphasizing his personal battle with gangs, drugs, and abuse. He made a strong point on the importance of staying away from negative influences, noting that they are the cause of many life problems.

"I thought he was a good speaker, and he had a lot of courage to come and tell us about the mistakes he made in his life," senior

Kelsey Dunwoody said.

On Tuesday, water bottles were handed out to students with numbers printed on the caps. Then door prizes were given out to students with the winning caps.

"I thought the water bottles were a really fun idea," senior Keely McCormick said.

The week also featured a decorated lobby, music in the halls between class periods,



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Seniors Bette Dougherty, Katie Douglas, and Taya Norlander decided to enjoy the spring decorations in the lobby between classes.

and color dress-up days.

Monday students wore yellow; Tuesday, blue; Wednesday, pink; Thursday, green; and today was wear your "true colors."

Other big activities that took place were the "Penny War" and today there was a "Rock Paper Scissor" tournament during fifth hour.

"The penny war was a good idea. The money goes to a good

cause, and there are a lot of competitive people in the school, so it's bound to raise a lot of money," senior Stacy Sauntner said.

"The 'Rock Paper Scissors' tournament should be a lot of fun," senior DeShayne Nye said.

Overall many students agreed the week was a success and that it was a nice change from Pride Week,

## Board hires new superintendent

By Sigrid Wald

The school board recently announced its choice for new superintendent—South Dakota native Kelly Glodt.

Originally from Gettysburg, Glodt is attending South Dakota State University, where he received both his bachelor's and master's degree.

For the past 19 years, Glodt has worked in various schools in Kansas. For six years he worked as a teacher in Garden City and later served as a principal for eight years. He then

moved to Oberlin, Kan., where he is currently as superintendent.

"Moving here would be kind of like coming home," Glodt told the *Capital Journal*.

One thing that Glodt liked about the Pierre School District was its size.

"Garden City's district was rapidly growing, with about 7,500 kids," Glodt told the *Capital Journal*. "Pierre's size is the perfect size for a school district. Although Garden City was a wonderful district, when there gets to be that large, the

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kids become numbers.

In a smaller district, as superintendent you have the opportunity to learn every facet of what a superintendent needs to know. It gives you first-hand experience of all the different entities. It prepared me very well for what I say is the per-

fect-sized district."

Glodt and his wife wanted to move back to South Dakota because they wanted to be closer to their parents and did not apply for any other superintendent positions anywhere else.

"I'm really happy where I am, but South Dakota has a lot of really good things going for it," Glodt told *Capital Journal*.

One of these is the high school lap top initiative, which the Pierre School District recently applied for and is still waiting to hear about.

## School to pilot online English I I

By Sigrid Wald

A new online English course will be available for juniors next year.

"Over 40 kids are interested in taking this course," said English teacher Geoff Gross. "They will take quizzes online, email their assignments, use chat rooms for discussions, and write on message boards."

Some students, Gross says, are probably not suited for such a class.

"For the first quar-

ter, the students won't even meet that much. We will get together to learn how to use the program and get started, but that's about it," said Gross.

Even though student-teacher contact is limited, Gross has hope.

"The class discussions are probably better in chat rooms because usually in a classroom one person talks and in chat rooms everyone talks," said Gross. "The discussions a lot of times are more lively."