

English class pilots classroom laptops

By Layne Duvall

All kids want their own laptop computers; this is almost possible for juniors in Geoff Gross's English class.

Students can 'rent' laptops with the new mobile computer lab that is housed in Gross's classroom.

Gross is currently the only teacher with a mobile computer lab.

The computers were purchased this summer.

Gross is piloting the program because he has used computer-based instruction extensively in the past. Gross is pleased with how the pilot program is going.

"They are really taking advantage of it [the laptops]," Gross said.

Gross integrates the use of the computers into his lessons and says that the computers fit well with

"We take our quizzes on them, which is more fun and makes me personally want to try harder."
—junior Jeremy Zabel

his teaching style.

There are ups and downs with the computers. So far one computer has been broken, but there are replacements in waiting. Some students have typing problems or technical difficulties with the laptops.

Students use the lap tops for things like research papers or quizzes.

"We take our quizzes on them, which is



Sam Koenecke in Geoff Gross's class grabs a laptop to work on his assignment as sixth period began.

more fun and makes me personally want to try harder," junior Jeremy Zabel said.

The lap tops cost \$1,035 each, which is a hefty bill for the 30 lap tops that the school owns.

This bill may rise if the school decides to provide lap tops for everyone.

"The computers are amazing," Zabel said. "It's a lot easier than carrying a book around."

Bag searches allow for alcohol-free dance

By Casi Huizenga

If you attended the Oahe Prep Bowl dance, you danced, had fun, and had your bag searched.

"The cause of this was dances in the past," School Resource Officer Sampson Boutchee said in reference to violations that occurred at past dances.

Bags brought into the dance were searched for alcohol.

"[We were searching for] any bottle with liquid in it," said English teacher Elizabeth Vogt, who chaperoned and helped search bags.

"It didn't bother me because I didn't have anything to hide," junior Chelsea Klinger said.

"I thought it was good because last year we had a problem with people bringing alcohol into the dance, and searching the bags prevents people from doing that," junior Casey Ortbahn said.

Not all thought these searches were a good thing though.

"You should have probable cause to go through someone's purse," said junior Courtney Thompson.

"[The search] wasn't really needed," said senior Connor McKittrick.

As it turned out, no alcohol was found, nor were there any alcohol-related problems at this dance.

"It was a very successful dance," Boutchee said.

READY FOR USE: amphitheatre provides new class setting

By Mary Holm

When students came back to school this year, they were greeted with an outdoor amphitheater where the old south wing used to be.

The idea for an amphitheater all started two years ago at a student senate meeting when a group of students were making suggestions for

what to do with the space left on the south lawn when the old wing was demolished.

Someone half-jokingly said that the space would be ideal for an amphitheater, and the idea was born.

"It was something different," student body president Seth Parsons said.

After raising about

\$7200, the Student Senate contacted Midwest Construction to make preparations.

Midwest Construction provided professional help and Morris, Inc. donated materials, but the amphitheater was built mostly by student volunteers.

Although it isn't yet complete, the amphitheater is ready for

use. A concrete base, podium and a sidewalk to make it handicapped accessible still needs to be built.

However, many students are anxious to use it.

"It is a good idea. Since we're always cooped up inside all day, it would be nice to have class outside on a nice day," sophomore

Sydney Thompson said.

Other students wonder if the amphitheater is worth the effort.

"I think it's a good idea as long as it gets used. Otherwise, it's a waste," junior John Reiser said.

Class isn't the only activity the amphitheater could be used for.

"Eventually, we hope to use it for other activi-

ties, such as Battle of the Bands," Parsons said.

Because it will be used for many functions for many years to come, cooperation from the student body is essential.

"Since it was built by Riggs students, we hope everyone enjoys and respects it. It was built for the students, by the students," Parsons said.

Amphitheater: Just a lawn ornament?

After the demolition of the south wing, we were left asking the question of what to do with all the extra room on the school's lawn.

We automatically thought a swimming pool would be a great addition, but the student senate did not seem to agree.

Soon after the south wing went down, student senate proposed the idea of an outdoor amphitheater to

hold outdoor classes and events. Then they started raising funds for the new project.

It has been two years since the idea was first proposed, and the amphitheater was finally built this past summer.

Yes, the amphitheater is a beautiful asset to the school's landscape, and student senate should be commended for their hard work.

But we still have to ask: was it real-

ly worth the money or even the hassle?

How practical is it? Will it ever get much use?

In South Dakota's climate the students can not expect to use the amphitheater for a very large percentage of the school year.

September and May are the only months that are likely to allow much usage.

On top of everything else, using this

new amphitheater is not anything special.

It is a struggle to sit on the hard concrete for more than half an hour. In fact, it is more comfortable just to sit on the ground.

Overall, student senate had a good idea but could have put their money to better use.

In this day and age plenty of organizations could have used the money for a more important cause.



Money well spent?



Thumbs Up

...to you getting through the first 1/8th of the year
...to Olympics: Hawaiian Style
...to ukuleles
...to the Vietnam Memorial and the rockin' concerts
...to homecoming week and all of its awesome-

ness
...to offering candy to those who dressed up
...to unexpected bus rides and soccer games
...to Governor sports
...to homecoming decorations
...to the volleyball team
...to wonderful school spirit



Thumbs Down

...to early senioritis
...to constantly filling up your gas tank
...to overloads of homework
...to unconsiderate lunchline cutters
...to litter bugs in the senior lounge
...to deprivation of sleep

...to not enough time
...to those who signed up for intramurals but don't show up
...to dreary weather
...to out-of-control Gov-mobiles
...to Irwin's tragic death--miss you Steve!
...to the paper's late release

"Dress up days: you can be creative, original, and strange."

—Cherokee Durant



"When everyone dresses up, but one person dresses up for the wrong day."

—Mark Koch

Hall Talk:

What do you (or don't) you like about homecoming?

"The teachers are still giving us homework!"

—Devin Rounds



"I like seeing everyone's crazy outfits; they're just cute!"

—Rachel Pickard

Governor Staff 2006-2007

Published monthly as an extra-curricular activity by the newspaper staff of T.F. Riggs High School 1010 E. Broadway Pierre, South Dakota 57501 Telephone: 773-7350

Editors-in-chief♦ Lindsey Coit and Renee Rodgers

Sophomore editors ♦Emily Coughlin and Sigrid Wald

Columnists♦ Matt Blake, Katie Douglas, Mary Holm, Kristian Kongslien, Kat Lindbloom, Taya Norlander,

Photo Editor ♦DeShayne Nye

Photographers♦ Megan Meier and Hilary Roth

Artwork♦ Kristian Kongslien

Reporters♦Katie

Douglas, Nikki Douglas, Layne Duvall, Lindsey Dykstra, Casi Huizenga, Kelly Lingle, Ashley Putzier, Steph Snow, Miranda Tracy

Adviser♦Elizabeth J. Vogt

The policy of the Riggs High Governor is to report the news accurately and objectively and to provide a forum for the expression of its readers' views. Views expressed in the editorial reflect the concerns and opinions of the editorial board and do not necessarily represent the opinions of the individual reporters, editor, adviser, faculty or administration. The staff encourages signed letters to the editor but reserves the right to accept or reject letters and to edit for length, grammar or libel.

You know we're right: it's freezing!

You have all probably noticed that it is below zero in this school. As you're sitting in your chair trying to concentrate on the lecture, you find yourself shivering. You go to your locker in search of that parka that your mom bought for you last winter, but for some strange reason it isn't there.

This is because it is 95 degrees outside and the last thing that went through your head before you left your house this morning wasn't, "Am I going to need a parka today?" The morning announcements come on, and you hear, "And the lunch for to-



Taya Norlander and Matt Blake

day is potato soup!" You can't wait until the bell rings for "A" lunch. Sprinting so you can be the first to taste this HOT, luscious bowl of heaven, you eagerly pour it into your bowl and go through the line. Upon entrance to the senior lounge, your

bowl of this luscious soup instantly turns into a potato soup Popsicle. Winter is on its way, and we are praying that they raise the temperature inside the school above the outside temperature. Frankly, we are sick of being so cold that we find it hard to concentrate at times! So we have come to the conclusion that the administration needs to raise the temperature inside the school, not so much that we are sweating in our seats but just enough so that we can be comfortable. Because, after all, you know we're right!

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

1. Skinny Jeans

Wear these with anything this season and remember to stock up! Skinny jeans are hot. One tip--buy them in a dark wash. They'll make your legs look long and thin.

2. Flats

Skinny jeans and flats are soul mates. Seriously, they were made for each other. Navy blue, leopard print, gold, purple patent leather--who cares? Flats are the most fun of all shoes.

3. Major Eyes



Katie Douglas

I dream of getting eyelash extensions but if the thought of fake hair being glued to your eyes freaks you out, wear false lashes

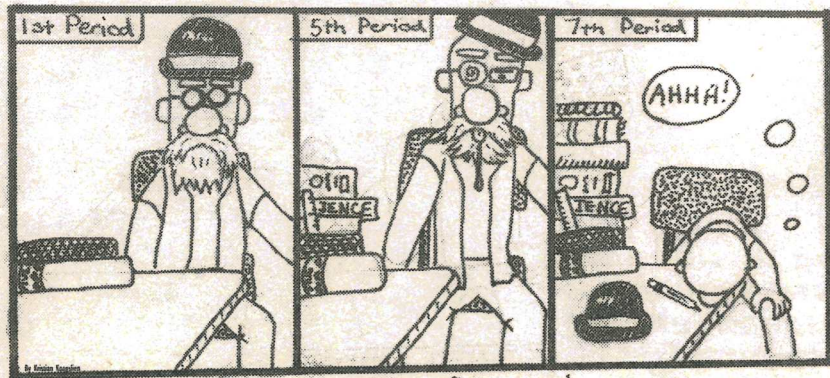
and invest in good mascara. I swear by Benefit BADgal last mascara (\$19 at Sephora).

4. Argyle Sweaters

It's preppy but there is nothing wrong with that. This is for guys, too! Pair your sweater with a collared shirt.

5. Pink for Boys

Guys can wear pink. It can actually be really masculine so don't be scared. As a good friend of mine says, "Real men wear pink." Remember: confidence is key!



THE EFFECTS OF EDUCATION

Perspectives: Four students, four views on importance of sports

I personally have a hard time focusing on an activity for more than ten minutes while I am watching a game. I am one that loves the concession stands and will do just about anything to simply have a conversation with someone to tune out the



Kat Lindbloom

game for a moment. Maybe the fact that I am a girl plays

a massive part in my interest level. However, there are a few exceptions to the length of my attention span, like when games begin to heat up and people start screaming. I do support all sports...just don't expect me to follow along too intently.

Although I find nothing wrong in showing zealous school spirit or pride of the Governors or Lady Govs, I could really care less about sports. It's probably strange for a GUY to say, "Sports are ok, but...eh!", but that's how I feel. Don't get



Kristian Kongslien

me wrong, I like sports, but just to play for fun. I'm fine with you

being all gung-ho for seeing sporting events. It seems that the day before any game, everyone is asking when the game is. In light of this, I shall leave you with these words of wisdom; Remember, there is more in life than sports.

Men of the world only like three things: sleep, food, and the greatest of all, sports. This great dependence on these sports for some reason has a magical hold on the male population of the world. I am not a gigantic fan; I won't spend my entire Sunday



Matt Blake

watching football or tune into every baseball game. But, I instant-

ly become fanatical about Pierre sports. In the end, it's simple for you to understand. Men love sports. It's a natural phenomenon that will certainly continue to entertain males until the end of the world.

Sports are sometimes blown way out of proportion. I don't really mind them too much, but they seem to be taking over. Many activities are scheduled the practices. The school board even arranges our spring break every year around the state basket-



Mary Holm

ball tournaments! As a result, almost the entire student body travels to the tournament. When did you see

the student body do the same to watch the Riggs one-act perform at state? I don't think sports are bad. They serve as a nice activity to keep people out of trouble and in shape. They are also sometimes enjoyable to watch, but there is a life beyond sports!

Game of govmobiling feared to be out of control

By Steph Snow

For many students one of the most exciting events of homecoming week is, of course, govmobiling. Plans are started early in the summer on what kind of car it will be and who will be in it.

The color, designs and name of the trusty, 40-year old car are key to its success. Competition isn't typically boys vs. girls but juniors vs. seniors.

"It was fun because the juniors didn't know what hit them," seniors Kelsey Ahlers and Emily Abernathy said.

Many students have looked forward to Govmobiling since middle-school, but the privilege is for upperclassmen.

Although most upperclassmen find govmobiling all fun and games, many adults are against it.

Some insurance agencies are refusing to insure the vehicles, making them illegal to drive. Students complain that cops find reasons to pull them over and stop what high school students call "harmless fun."

"They get into a lot of trou-



Photo by DeShayne Nye

Juniors drive around in their Govmobile.

ble but look cool," freshman Tanner Wolf said.

Govmobilers not wanting the surprise of flashing blue and red lights behind them should watch out for the following: objects thrown from the vehicle, loud exhaust, writing on the windows and people hanging outside the car.

Continued abuse of the game of govmobiling and the safety for those compet-

ing is a growing concern.

Some artistically painted vehicles are being destroyed to the point of not being usable.

Injuries have been exponentially growing in the past few years, including severe eye injuries. If these trends continue, govmobiling won't have a place in homecoming.

"Five years ago govmobiles only attacked other govmobiles. Now nice cars are

being ruined with the objects thrown at them. More than eggs are being thrown now, and the hard projectiles are causing injuries to both people and cars," school resource officer Samson Boutchee said.

Many students believe that if govmobiling came to a stop, regular, single-color painted cars just wouldn't cut it, and a dreary mood would be placed on homecoming.

"I've been looking forward to govmobiling since I was little. It's just something you have to do during homecoming week. It's fun," junior Deni Lohman said.

Underclassmen are planning to carry on the govmobiling tradition and hope it is still possible when they become upperclassmen.

"I'm excited because I heard stories from my brother," freshman Austin Bergeson said.

In order for govmobiles to stay in existence, Boutchee stresses that Govmombiles need to start following some rules; otherwise they're going to be too dangerous to continue.



Rewind and playback

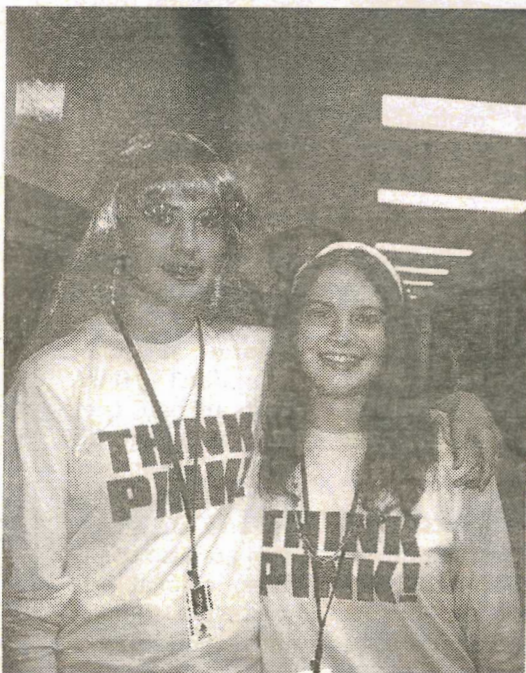


Photo by Hilary Roth

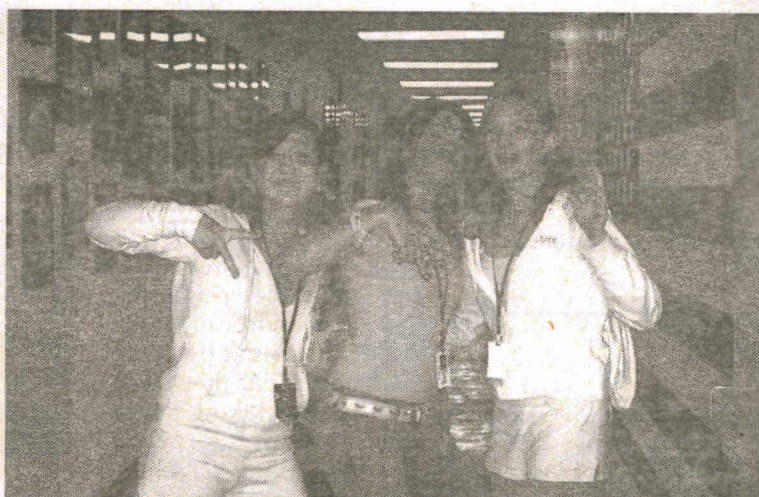


Photo by Hilary Roth

Monday: Freshmen Jenna Feiler and Jessilinn Baker (left) and Kimmy Mercer, Dominique Traversie and Sarah Ludemann (above) got pumped up for homecoming last Monday by dressing up in class colors.



Photo by DeShayne Nye



Tuesd
Senior
(left), s
Thomp
Molly R
Gill (ab
seniors
and Eli
erty (r
the sch
era day



photo by Lindsey Coit

Homecoming candidates Liz Winter, Nick Marso, Elise Titze, Connor McKittrick, Sean Dancey, Amanda Deis, Zak Bishop and Jen deHueck stand in front of the burning letters.

(left) Homecoming royalty Seth Parsons and Laura Hofer are congratulated at last week's coronation.

Photo By DeShayne Nye

GO BIG GREEN: Governor spirit invigorates homecoming activities

By Katie Douglas

Though homecoming ended with a loss for the Governors, it certainly didn't dampen the spirit of the students.

They could be seen dressed up in outlandish costumes all week in preparation for the big game last Friday night.

The week started out with coronation on Monday. The 2006 homecoming governor candidates were Seth Parsons, Connor McKittrick, Zak Bishop, Nick Marso, and Sean Dancey. The First Lady candidates were Liz Winter, Elise Titze, Amanda Deis, Jen DeHueck, and Laura Hofer.

The festivities of the evening were presided over by the master and mistress of ceremonies seniors Kenny Donahue and Mary Holm.

Seth Parsons and Laura Hofer were crowned governor and first lady by last year's first lady, Natalie Nagle.

"The powder puff game was more entertaining than the actual homecoming football game,"
—junior Jake Imsland

The homecoming parade took place on Thursday and was, as usual, full of those infamous govmobiles and class floats. The senior class actually rode bicycles.

Green and White day on Friday started bright and early with the spirit breakfast in the cafeteria hosted by the football cheerleaders.

The class schedule was shortened to make time for the Olympics, changed this year to

Survivor: Hawaiian Style. Some of the events were banana eating and a Hawaiian Punch drinking contest as well as the dance contest and a relay race.

"Riley and Tom's dance at the Olympics was narley," senior Bryan Beck said.

The seniors won *Survivor*. The "Sean Corcoran Award" was given out on Friday to senior Lindsey Coit for having extreme costumes all week.

The annual powderpuff football game took place after the Olympics, placing junior and senior girls against each other to see who would dominate.

The seniors won this, as well.

"The powder puff game was more entertaining than the actual homecoming football game," junior Jake Imsland said.

That night the Govs took on the Spearfish Spartans at Hollister Field. Half time entertainment was provided by the Emerald Regiment playing a mix of sixties tunes.

week's best outfits



Photo by DeShayne Nye

Friday: Seniors Trent, juniors, and Polly (ve), and Lindsey Coit (beth Dough-ht) got into ol spirit on



Photo by DeShayne Nye



Photo by DeShayne Nye

Wednesday: Seniors Katie Larson and Julie Marsh want to grow up to be like Britney Spears.

Friday: Seniors Emily Abernathy, Kelsey Ahlers, Laura Hofer, and Steph Snow dress in green and white.



Photo by DeShayne Nye

Varsity Scoreboard

Football

Record: 1-5-0

Last game: lost to Spearfish last Friday 25-28

Next game: Tonight against Brandon Valley

Player comment: "We're a very young team, but our scores do not reflect how we have been playing."--senior Nate White

Girls and Boys Cross Country

Last girls meet: Katie Buhler placed 26th of 90 in Huron; did not field enough runners for a team

Last boys meet: second in Huron

Next girls and boys meet: ESD tomorrow in Mitchell

Girls Tennis

Last match: ESD: girls took home the first place. Senior Nellie Bloomberg won ESD championship.

Next match: state tournament yesterday through tomorrow.

Boys and Girls Soccer

Boys record: 9-0-1

Girls record: 4-6-0

Boys last game: won 3-1 against #2 ranked Spearfish

Girls last game: Lost 0-2 to Spearfish

Next game for both teams: tomorrow against SF Lincoln in Pierre.

Boys Golf

Last meet: state tournament this past Monday and Tuesday. Curry Kuehl and Miles Schock placed in the top 20, qualifying them for the All State team.

Volleyball

Record: 7-3

Last games: loss against Brandon Valley

Next game: tomorrow at Brandon

compiled by Laura Hofer and Yutzil Ayala

Homecoming loss disappoints

By Kelly Lingle

Despite the waves of green spirit crashing through the stands at the homecoming football game, the Govs lost to Spearfish 25-28.

"It was an awesome feeling to go through the tunnel. Seeing the big crowd got us pumped for the game," senior Cameron Rogers said.

"We felt like that was a team that we should have beaten. We made too many mistakes, but we never gave up and made a great effort toward a come-back victory," varsity coach Mike Busch said.

The Govs faced a few injuries during the fourth quarter, a critical time when a comeback was needed.

Quarterback Kyle Cichos was hit out of bounds and suffered a head injury, taking him out of the game.

Brandt Payne, starting running back, had to leave the game early due to severe leg cramps.

Matt Tetzlaff leads the team with four touchdowns.

There was some good news about Friday night's game, even though the Governors faced several difficul-

ties. The team doubled its total number of season points.

Tonight they face No. 5 ranked Brandon Valley, 4-2 on the season, at Hollister Field.

Brandon lost last week to undefeated Sioux Falls O'Gorman, but the Lynx are undefeated in ESD conference play.



photo by DeShayne Hye

The offensive line gets ready for the snap in last week's homecoming game.

Twins are lookin' HOT

When we say the Twins are looking hot, we mean it. With good-looking guys like Joe Mauer, Justin Morneau, Jason Bartlett, Johan Santana, and Francisco Liriano, the Twins can't go wrong!

The question is, 'What other team looks as good in baseball pants as these boys?' Their looks are hot, but their game is even hotter.

The Twins earned the wildcard spot with a homerun in the bottom of the ninth inning by Mauer and a RBI by Bartlett to give the twins a comeback victory against the Chicago White Sox.

Earning the wildcard spot wasn't enough for the Twins; they were hungry for the American Central Division Champion-

ship title. They were in a tie-break situation with the Detroit Tigers, and they did what needed to be done to paw their way to the top.

After the Twins dropped their second straight game to Chicago they needed a Detroit loss to remain in contest for the AL Central title. Many fair-weather fans had their doubts.

With the Twins' luck, the Kansas City Royals pulled off a victory over the Tigers in a game 9-6. The teams were neck and neck, and if they both won, the Tigers would be AL champs.

But in a season where the impossible became possible, the Twins won 5-1 over the Sox. It was like the baseball gods intended the Twins to become di-

vision champs, as everything worked in their favor. The Twins clinched the ALC title and took it with high spirits.

With the newly acclaimed title, the Twins

were as hot as ever.

In their first series games against the Oakland A's earlier this week, the heat has faltered. Today, the third game in the series is do-or-die for these guys if they are going to have a chance to stay alive.



Kelly Lingle, Loryn Schuetzle, and Emma Wylie

Summer sports build lasting memories

By Miranda Tracy

How did you spend your summer? Was it on the beach? Or were you stuck inside working, getting oh so pale?

For some students it was creating new memories with sports.

This July, junior Shaina Stover traveled to Gillette, Wyo., for the world horse-shoeing competition.

The competition was a total of three weeks and consisted of a men and women's junior competition and an older men and women's competition.

A total of 800 competitors came from all parts of the world.

Stover finished with an impressive 4th place at world.

Meeting the people was her favorite part.

"I'm pretty serious when I'm in competition, but when I'm not, it's fun just

messing around with all the new people I meet," Stover said.

Junior Morgan McClain was busy all summer competing in swim meets. At the state meet, McClain took 1st place in the 50 free, 100 free, 100 back, 200 individual medley, and set a new state record for the 50 free.

McClain also traveled to Oklahoma City, Okla., to participate in The Zone swim meet.

McClain was all about winning when she went south for The Zone swim meet.

The meet consisted of about 800 swimmers who all are top qualifiers from the central zone states.

At The Zone swim meet, she took 4th in the 100 back and 50 free, 2nd in the 200 free style and 1st in the 200 and 400 medley relay as part of the South Dakota team.

Senior Sam Willard

"I met
so many
awesome
people,"
—Amanda Deis

lard spent his summer playing basketball in and out of South Dakota with the Dakota Schoolers, an elite team of South Dakota basketball players from many schools around the state.

Willard played in tournaments across the nation.

In June and July he traveled to cities such as Omaha, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and Las Vegas.

The tournaments were usually held on weekends with practices on Fridays before the games began.

"I was great to be playing with the best



Courtesy photo

Morgan McClain and teammates celebrate their victories at the The Zone swim meet in Oklahoma City this past July.

players from around the state, getting to know some new guys, and going to Las Vegas," said Willard.

While some athletes were traveling all over the country, senior Amada Deis was traveling the world.

In July, Deis traveled to Australia and Hawaii, golfing in the

Down Under Bowl.

Forty boys and forty girls from all over the country and twelve from the Midwest region competed.

"I met so many awesome people," said Deis.

They shot 36 holes a day and competed by region.

Deis took 4th place among US girls.



Courtesy photo

Amanda Deis and a competitor show off their golf medals.

Activities Association to vote on cheer, dance

By Nikki Douglas and
Lindsey Dykstra

You may have heard talk of adding competitive cheerleading and dance team as school sports.

South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) is considering these changes to provide more opportunities for girls to be involved in school athletics.

Over the years, the number of boys in school-sanctioned sports has been much higher than the number of girls involved

in school sports.

During the 2004-2005 school year, there were 17,285 boys in school sports, compared to only 11,787 girls in sports in South Dakota.

SDHSAA is hoping by adding such activities as competitive cheerleading and dance, it will help bring these numbers closer together.

"Competitive dance team and cheerleading are being considered as well as fast-pitch softball and soccer," athletic director Mike Stroup said.

The consideration of adding competitive cheerleading and

dance to the list of school sports is due to Title 9 equity, which guarantees equal participation and equal opportunity to members of both sexes.

"Adding competitive cheerleading wouldn't solve the problem; you would not attract a different crowd of female athletes. On the other hand, competitive dance, soccer and fast-pitch softball would bring in a different and larger number of girls," Stroup said.

The SDHSAA will vote later this year on the proposal.

Non-varsity sport highlights

J.V. Boys Soccer record: 4-1

♦ Ranked number one in the state and are undefeated.

♦ Max Hanson and Austin Ambur lead in scoring.

♦ "The hard work they've been putting in at practice every day is really starting to pay off."

-JV soccer coach
Brad Cruse

Freshman Football

record: 5-1?

♦ Next game against Rapid City Stevens.

♦ One game left in the season.

♦ Major play makers include: Austin Bergeson and Graham Schuetzle



photo by Delhayne Nye

Varsity cheerleaders get the crowd pumped for homecoming.

Bravery won teacher Bronze Star

By Miranda Tracy

A bona fide war hero walks the high school halls and teaches the students, and his name is Pat Hoing.

When last month's Vietnam Memorial brought thousands of people to honor the service of the veterans, welding teacher Hoing was in their midst.

Hoing fought in the Vietnam War in the late 1960's, receiving both a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star, the fourth-highest award in the country for bravery in combat.

Hoing volunteered for the draft in August 1966, one year after graduating high school.

After a short intense training in Washington, Hoing went to Vietnam where he served in the Mekong Delta south of Saigon.



Pat Hoing

He was a machine gunner in the infantry, firing an M-60 machine gun. Hoing recalled that his gun could fire up to one thousand rounds per minute.

In 1967 when the war was in full swing, Hoing found himself in the midst of a firefight with the Viet Cong.

Hoing flew through the air after a grenade exploded behind him. A bullet lodged in his shoulder.

While the exploding grenade sent Hoing flying through the air, it also sent about 30 pieces of shrapnel into his back, coming 1/4 of

"I thought the memorial was great— about time."

—Pat Hoing

an inch from his spine.

"That[being shot] felt like a mule kicking you in the shoulder as hard as possible," Hoing said.

As a result of these injuries, Hoing received the Purple Heart.

Two fellow soldiers of the same infantry were also seriously wounded in the firefight.

Concentrating on getting himself and his fellow soldiers to safety, Hoing ignored his pain and lifted the other soldiers onto his shoulders.

For his valor in rescuing those two wounded soldiers during battle, Hoing received the

Bronze Star, awarded to soldiers for heroic achievement while engaged in battle against a United States enemy.

Interestingly, it took Hoing 34 years after that 1967 battle to receive his Bronze Star. He didn't know he had won the Bronze Star until lost paper work was found in 2001.

Hoing had applied to get a new Purple Heart after his original award had been lost, and in reviewing his file, the Bronze Star award was found.

"I didn't think it was real. I made him [Senator Tim Johnson] recheck it," Hoing said.

With the recent Vietnam War memorial, Hoing's service to our country is honored once more.

"I thought the memorial was great," Hoing said, "—about time."

CHARACTER OF THE MONTH

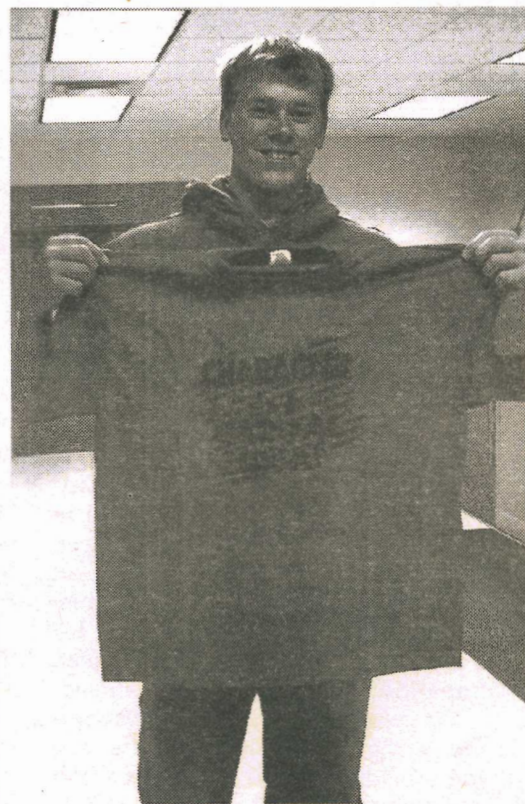


photo by DeShayne Hye

Senior Nate White was named the character of the month for September by Teens Getting Involved in the Community. He earned the honor by displaying citizenship, the trait chosen for the month.

Student meets Vietnam-era rock star Billy Peterson

By Bre Costello

I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to personally meet a Vietnam-era rocker. Some call him space cowboy or the gangster of love.

No, not Steve Miller but his bassist and right-hand man Billy Peterson.

Walking to the interview, I was nervous. As I approached the corner, I recognized him by his "coolness."

Peterson shook my hand as I introduced myself.

Standing on the corner watching the pa-



Bre Costello and Billy Peterson

rade, I started my interview with "Where are you from?"

Feeling a little less nervous by how easygoing Peterson was, my interview became less of a question-and-answer conversation and more of a story.

Peterson began touring the country at the age of 16.

"Steve truly 'flew like and eagle' at the concert,"

— senior Seth Parsons

"Their music was a delicious meal for my ears,"

— junior Jake Imsland

"I didn't know the Beach Boys had such good songs."

— senior Loryn Schuetzle

When I asked him about growing up in the 60's, he smiled then answered.

"Free spirited society, we had the radicals and the protests. There was no fear in being an individual," Peterson said.

What do you think about today?

"Today the pressure for kids is incredible.

Kids are thrown into everything at once; it holds them back from living," Peterson said.

Peterson talked about how the youth is the change. Commenting on global warming, Peterson was passionate about how the youth's actions will be a great step in the solution.

Peterson enjoys

the outdoors, fishing, hunting and performing around the world.

I wondered what Peterson's favorite stops were.

"Maui is a really groovy place, and Alaska is beautiful," Peterson said.

Peterson's music collection includes Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hen-

drix, The Rolling Stones and even some Steve Miller Band.

Peterson's musical talents are undeniable, but one hidden talent is speed skating, which he started in 1957 and continued to compete until 50 years of age.

This unique musician and father of five has no regrets.

"Passion is in everything I do," Peterson said.

He left some advice for us.

"Love something and stick with it—money will come. Always remember fear is the opposite of creativity."