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In the news: senior receives statewide honors

By Timmi Lunsford

Being in many activities can be stressful at times, but at the end of the day, senior Casey Ortbahn finds it hard to imagine what life would be like without them.

Ortbahn is involved with many activities and has been recognized by the community and the state.

He was recently selected for All State Band and chosen one of 12 Academic All Stars in the state by the *Argus Leader*. He was featured in a special section of the *Argus* that ran on Sunday, April 6.

"In order to become an Academic All Star, you have to be selected by the principal of your school and then make it past a selection committee in Sioux Falls," Ortbahn said.

Eighty-six students from South Dakota were nominated for the award, but only 12 were selected.

"In order to apply for it, I had to write an essay, I had to have a transcript, and I had to send in my resume as well," Ortbahn said.

"You can get scholarship money, and if you are going to USD or SDSU, it allows you a full-ride scholarship. You can earn a \$12,500 scholarship to Augusta too," said Ortbahn.

It is a huge honor to be selected an Academic All Star, and it shows knowledge and commitment to the others in the community.

"I was pretty surprised when I won. It is such an honor to know that what you do is being recognized by the commu-

nity and others around you," Ortbahn said.

Another recent honor was Ortbahn's selection for All state band, a challenging process that is very competitive. The first step is to try out in front of judges. The tryouts include scales and sight reading.

"It was such an honor to win All State Band because I worked really hard for it, and I was the only one from Pierre to get it," Ortbahn said.

This year's concert was in Sioux Falls. The two bands that play are the Lewis band and the Clark band. The Lewis band is made up of the top players who tried out.

"I played in the Lewis band, and I was the sixth chair for the horn," Ortbahn said.

With band and academics, Ortbahn will

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—Casey Ortbahn

go far in college and in his career. Keeping up with band and school is often difficult, but with determination Ortbahn is hoping to keep up with the challenges of the future.

"I am still going to work hard and keep up with band. I hope to go into pre med and do band at the same time," Ortbahn said.

With hard work, determination, and drive, Ortban will keep up with future challenges.

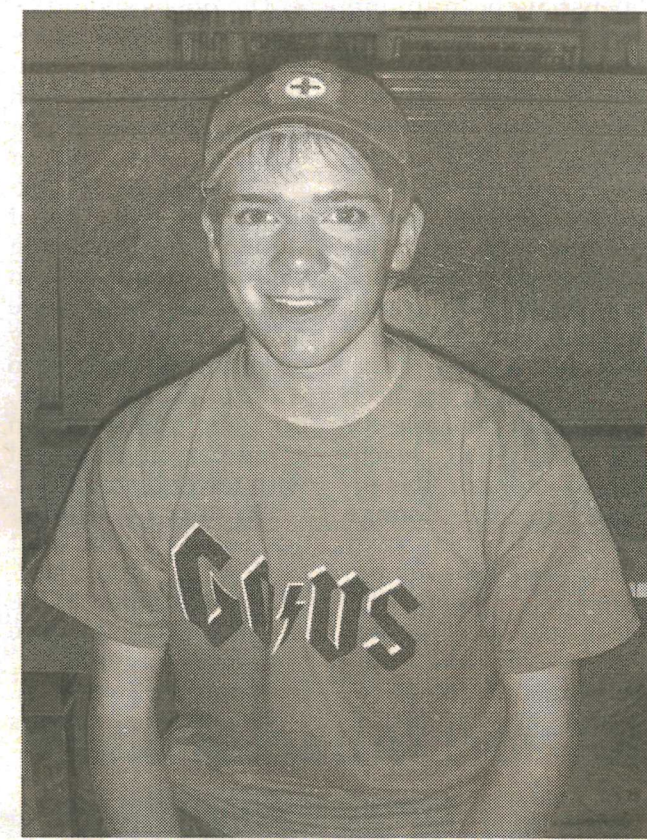


photo by Jessica Jones

Senior Casey Ortbahn was selected as an "Academic All-Star" by the Sioux Falls *Argus Leader* and as a member of the 2008 All-State Band.

Juniors to be granted open campus privileges

By Avery Askew

Juniors will gain a new freedom for the final four weeks of school.

Principal Leroy Fugitt and other school officials have decided that juniors who have met the requirements will gain an open that has no limits, unlike the current in-house opens, which require juniors to stay on school grounds and to check in and out with the study hall teacher.

To gain this new privilege, juniors must not be failing any classes, have no unexcused absences, and have few tardies.

"We're going to try these opens for the last four weeks, and depending on how it goes, that will influence whether we do it next year for an extended period of time," Fugitt said.

This new privilege will give juniors a time to relax before their next class or possibly

reserve time for a little extra sleep in the morning or after classes for those students who have first period or seventh period open.

"It's legit—I'm going to enjoy sleeping in first period," junior Josh Baker said.

These opens will also give study hall teachers who have a full study hall coinciding with an in-house open decreased stress in not having to supervise both.

"It will help me lighten the work load by not having to be responsible for two classes," art/study hall teacher Alicia Roesler said.

How the juniors handle the freedom of their opens will decide if the juniors next year will have the same opportunities, Fugitt said. Working hard throughout the year and excelling in classes may give students the privilege of an open campus period.

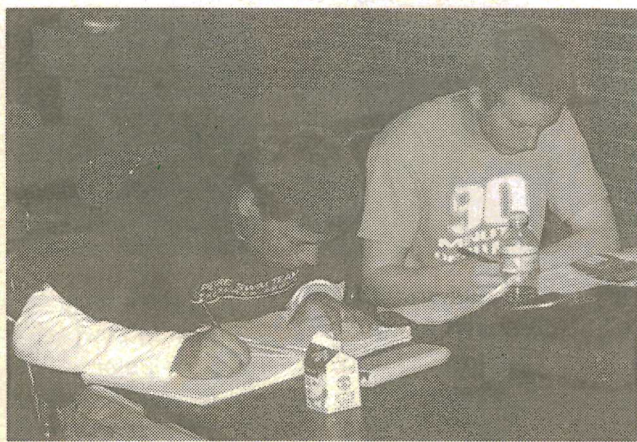


photo by Brian Chicoine

Juniors Matt Meintsma and Austin Munyon work on assignments in their in-house open period on Thursday.

It's time to set juniors free

As students grow into young adults, they begin learning how to take care of themselves and don't need to be babysat anymore.

Junior in-house opens have been around for a couple years, but the productiveness of the students during these opens has never been very high, especially with new computers to play games on. Starting soon, juniors in good academic and disciplinary standing will earn open campus on a trial basis.

Certainly, it has been a constant struggle for the study-hall teachers to monitor the juniors in the lounge along with their own study hall kids in the cafeteria. Some juniors just play games the whole time, others skip out completely and show up just in time for the next period.

Study-hall teachers do not want to enforce junior in-house opens, and juniors do not want to stay "in-house," so isn't it a win-win situation?

The opens should be given as a type of reward system. If a student is struggling with grades, attendance, or behavior, then he or she should be in regular study hall. But if students are behaving well and doing well in school, let them have opens. This is just a way of letting the kids who want to do homework, do their homework in a quieter environment with fewer distractions.

On top of scholastics, some juniors want to earn a little money. With an open at the end of the day, it is nice to be able to get an extra hour of work in.

The school needs to focus more on im-

proving the experience of students in actual study halls. Instead of giving one teacher an unrealistic number of students to look after in the cafeteria and the lounge, this decision will allow them to focus exclusively on the students in study hall.

Open campus could also be extra motivation to those kids who are struggling. If they have sub-par grades, they will work harder so

they can have opens. After all is said and done, giving juniors opens is the most sensible thing to do in this situation.

The school is lacking the space to house the juniors and the teachers to monitor them adequately, so just let them go. If kids aren't mature enough by their junior year of high school to handle the freedom, then they should not be treated as upperclassmen.

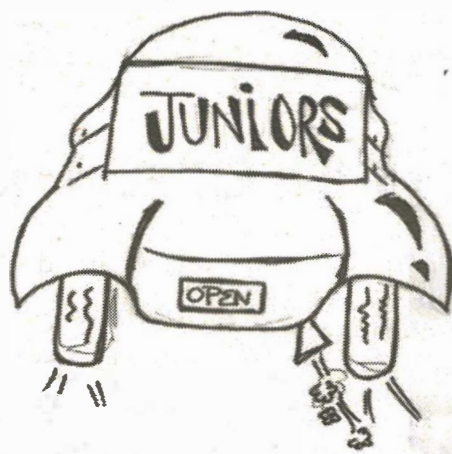


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...to increasing tuition costs
...to not having time to think clearly
...to getting two hours of sleep
...to hypnotists doing the same thing they did last year
...to over-playing songs on the radio
...to "hurricane" for a nickname
...to underestimating the time it takes to address graduation cards
...to really bad cases of senioritis
...to trying to understand the US Bureaucracy

Hall Talk:

Should juniors be given the same open campus privileges as seniors next year?



"No, because sitting in open with juniors builds camaraderie between fellow classmates."
—senior
Jordan Thomas



"I think they should because there's way too much overcrowding."
—senior
Kaley Intorn



"Yes, we are mature enough to handle the responsibility."
—sophomore
Patrick Conway



"I think it's a bunch of cowpie!"
—junior
Devon Russell

Feast your ears on new tunes

Summertime is coming, and I like to match my music to the weather, somewhat like a soundtrack for my life. Both of the artists I have chosen for this month are incredible and should be pleasing to anyone who appreciates good talent. **Medeski, Martin and Wood**

Go Everywhere, which blends the familiar sounds of the band with a childish joy designed to appeal to



Annie Beck

Medeski, Martin and Wood are a jazzy jam band that formed in 1991. They've released 18 albums, each exploring different realms of electronic mixed with instrumental sound.

They released a new album in January of 2008, Let's

their youngest fans. Some albums are slowed down and groovy while others are upbeat and highly energized.

Medeski, Martin and Wood are highly regarded for their live performance and improvisation. Don't forget

they are playing at 10,000 Lakes Music Festival this summer! Download: Bubblehouse, Live! Up Yourself, Cat Creeps, Waking Up, Little Walter Rides Again, In Case the World Changes its Mind. Purchase: Tonic, Let's Go Everywhere, End of the World Party, Out Louder.

Horse Feathers

The only word to describe this music is beautiful. Horse Feather's folk music is pure in both lyric and instrumental talent.

A variety of instruments such as a musical saw combine to create soothing harmonies

with such a clean and perfect sound.

Though the lyrics are the typical over-serious folk style, they are still heart wrenching and the type of lyrics we all wish we could write.

This band has had very little exposure and can still be found playing house parties and small town shows, as they just played here a matter of months ago!

You can order their debut album, Words Are Dead, on Amazon or on their record label's website: killrockstars.com. Support this band and help them to get heard!

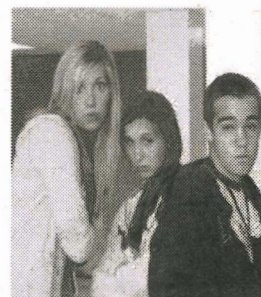
Catch these flicks

Forgetting Sarah Marshall

When famous TV star Sarah Marshall dumps Peter, her boyfriend of five years, he's crushed and totally breaks down.

He finally decides to take a vacation to Hawaii to help forget Sarah, only to find that she is staying in the same resort and one room over from him.

This is another comedy on the same lines as "Superbad," rather crude but still hilarious. It had me "lol"ing the entire time. But watch out, parents; it's rated R. So no children under 17. Two thumbs up. **Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street**



Katie Lingle, Jenna Chalcraft, Matt Beckwith

After his return from exile for a crime he didn't do, Sweeney Todd (formerly Benjamin Barker) returns to London.

He meets up with Mrs. Lovett, and they become business partners where Todd is a barber and Lovett makes pies. They later discover the perfect recipe for success: Human flesh.

They decide that

Todd will lure his customers in with his infamous skill but then ends their lives with the flick of his razor. Lovett will then cook the flesh in her pies.

Sweeney's main goal is to get revenge on the people who have caused him so much misery in exile. He would also like to be reunited with his daughter Johanna, who was taken from him when he was forced into exile.

Watch out for a twist in the ending. This movie is very gory and is better after watching it a second time. It is also rated R.

One and a 1/2 bloody thumbs up.

Summer dating quandries

Whether you have been dating for two years or two weeks, summer can bring many changes to a relationship.

Here are some situations to watch for as the summer season approaches.

- Your significant other is heading off to college

This may require a serious talk about whether or not you want to stay together. Long distance relationships are difficult, but if you are both willing to make it work, it may be worth a try.

- All of your friends have a boyfriend or girlfriend, so you get involved with someone just to be like everyone else.

If this is your situation, you may not really be into the person but just looking for a connection or a way not to feel left out.

- You have been dating for awhile and seem to be growing apart

Maybe summer is a good time to take a break, spend time with friends, and figure out what you want.

- You just started dating and are struggling to find things to do together

Try going to a campfire, the beach, a movie, on a bike ride, or enjoying any other outdoor activities.

Though these situations can cause stress, remember to have fun. These are only high school relationships, and the fun of college is closer than you think, opening a new world of dating opportunities.



Kat Lindbloom, Kallee Miller, and Cassi Heuer



By Bre Costello

Summer break is around the bend, and that means road trips. The cost of gas could prevent you from going the distance.

To save your money for road trips, riding bikes is a great alternative to a car. Bikes

are beneficial in many ways--saves money, cuts back on pollution, plus your body will look great for the school year 2008-2009.

Walking and carpooling are also great alternatives. Drive as little as possible around town.

Have a great and green summer!

Make plans for summer fun

The weather is finally nice, and summer is just around the corner. Here are a few summer activities that will make your vacation from school fun.

Go to the beach every day you can. The river is a great place to hang out and have a good time. Everyone looks good with a tan, so hit the beach and soak up some sun.

Boating, fishing, wake boarding, kayaking, tubing--these are just a few of the many activities available on our beautiful river, so everyone needs to take advantage of it.



Ali Burchill

If you do not care for the water, the beach might not be your thing, but you can still enjoy the great outdoors. Try playing some exciting games of volleyball, football, soccer, bocce ball, and frisbee golf. These are always fun when you get a few friends together.

During the sum-

mer season, it is great to plan a trip with a bunch of your friends.

Try taking at least one road trip every summer. Trips like these always make for the best memories. Take a trip to a concert or music festival. You will have a good time and enjoy some good music.

In the summer, it is also nice to make a little dough. Find a fun summer job so you can have a little spending money or else save for college.

School is almost over, so enjoy seeing your friends and have a wonderful summer.

Going organic

By Andrea Beck

Going organic is always fashionable, and Mother Earth will think you are a hottie for sure. Though organic clothing is typically more expensive, there are many benefits to purchasing it.

Organic clothing means it was grown without using pesticides, leaving less pesticide residue on the fiber. Pesticide exposure has been linked to cancer and other serious

illnesses, so wearing organic clothing can be beneficial to your health. Most people don't worry much about their clothing causing cancer, so there are some more important reasons to go organic.

Growing crops free of pesticides respects the air, water, soil, and wildlife by providing them with a clean and healthy environment.

Research shows that for every T-shirt made from 100 percent organic cotton, one third of a pound of synthetic chemicals is prevented from entering our environment.

Organic clothing is also great for people with sensitive skin because it is free of chemical dyes or other synthetic ingredients that may cause allergic reactions.

By purchasing organic clothing, you are often supporting small farms which a lot of times can be local. The weeds have to be handpicked and maintained much more than on a farm that uses pesticides on their crop.

Give your support to these hardworking farmers who are showing their love for Mother Earth.

Where to shop organic

www.thegreenpathcompany.com

www.organicclothes.com

www.apparelloftheearth.com

www.patagonia.com

www.grassrootsglobal.com

www.loyaleclothing.com

Textile Alternatives

By Andrea Beck

The world is looking to be environmentally friendly in every aspect of people's lives, and this means looking for greener alternatives in the production of food, fiber, fuel, medicine, and building products. Two alternative crops that we

can be optimistic about are bamboo and hemp.

Many people are familiar with the hemp plant, but most likely not familiar with its wide variety of uses. Hemp is a weed that is able to thrive in harsh conditions without use of harmful pesticides. The fibers of the stalk can be used as a replacement or a blender fiber for cot-

ton, and with the plant growing over ten feet tall, it is the perfect length for rope. The core of the stalk can also be used to make paper and organic plastics. The stalk can even be used to make methanol and ethanol.

Hempseed contains high levels of protein, carbohydrates, fiber, vitamins, and essential fat-

ty acids. Hempseed oil accounts for a third of the seeds' weight, making it a great source for cooking oil, lighting and bio-fuel. Hempseed oil is also beneficial as a body care product and can be made into soaps, conditioners, and lotions.

Hemp grows very quickly and can be use-

ful in taking carbon out of the air and putting it back into the earth. It can also be helpful to human health when its leaves are used to make medicines for treating ailments such as glaucoma and as a painkiller for cancer sufferers.

Besides hemp, bamboo is increasing being used

because it is known for being the fastest growing plant in the world, growing over a foot a day. It requires little water and can thrive even in poor soil. Bamboo has been used to make boats, bridges, clothing, cooking utensils, fences, furniture, musical instruments, paper, and roof-

Every

Earth

day is Day

ing. Bamboo is also used for food most often in Asian countries. Bamboo has such a wide variety of uses and is a very easily renewable resource.

By finding alternatives to products that usually cause large amounts of pollution, we take a step closer to having cleaner and happier Mother Earth.

Green facts and tips



- Replacing one 75-watt incandescent light bulb with a 19-watt compact fluorescent light bulb eliminates 75 lb. of carbon dioxide emissions per year and up to 750 lb. for the life of the bulb.
- Using your own reusable bag when shopping can cut back on air pollution. The production of plastic bags consumes about 12 million barrels of oil annually. Paper bags consume four times as much energy to produce and generate 70 percent more air pollution when they're manufactured.
- Riding your bike or walking can do away with up to 2,750 lb of carbon dioxide that you would produce if you drive.
- Unplugging appliances that are not being used will save a significant amount of energy and money.
- Keeping recycling bins in your home will decrease the amount of trash that winds up in our landfills and eventually affects our water, wildlife, and our air.

Kicking the bottle

By Andrea Beck

If you have a 12 gallon tank in your car, it will cost you about \$42.00 fill it with gas. But, if you filled your gas tank with bottled water, it would cost you about \$81.40. Still, you don't hear anyone complaining about the prices of water when many people buy it on a daily basis.

Some of the biggest bottlers of water, like Dasani and Aquafina, simply bottle purified water, not water from a well or spring which is often advertised. Yes, this water is purified, but this also means that it does not contain min-

erals like fluoride which keep your teeth healthy.

Another negative about bottled water is the waste products produced by the plastic bottles and the shipping.

It is estimated that over 10 million barrels of oil are used just in the production of the water,

plus the fuel it takes to ship the bottles.

Americans throw away somewhere around 22 billion water bottles each year; that is over 60 million each day. A

whopping 80% of these bottles wind up in landfills and take up to 1000 years to biodegrade.

If you're like me, you don't enjoy supporting the corporate giants and most certainly do not enjoy being ripped off.

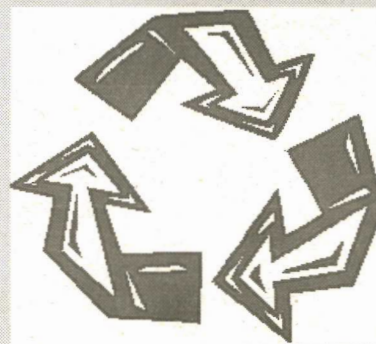
Production costs of bottling water can be as low as \$.0125 per gallon, and you'll pay \$1.06 for less than 1/6 of that gallon. Bottled water can cost up to 10,000 times more than drinking water from

a tap, and for most high school and college students, it costs 100% more because we have access to free water most places we go.

Not drinking bottled water will help your teeth, your wallet, and most importantly Mother Earth. One way to eliminate the purchasing of bottled water is by buying a bottle that you can carry with you and reuse.

A Nalgene bottle costs about \$9.00 but will quickly pay for itself with the money you save from not buying bottled water. Fill up your bottle at home and at a drinking fountain when you can.

Mother Earth will thank you.



Columnists' major league baseball predictions

Baseball season is starting up again, and we are going to give you our season preview.

Boston Red Sox

The BoSox are the reigning World Series Champions and return basically everyone. They have the biggest clutch hitter in the majors in Manny Ramirez and a home-run hitting machine in David Ortiz.

Their pitching is the only questionable mark. Josh Beckett is a huge ace for them, but Curt Schilling is hurt and Boston doesn't know when he'll be back. Jonathan Papelbon is a clutch closer, so they will not have any troubles closing out games in the 9th inning.

Unfortunately, they have to get by the New York Yankees



Drew Christensen and Taylor Becker

to win the American League East division.

Seattle Mariners

The Mariners are our pick to win the American League West division. They had a huge off-season pick up in pitcher Erik Bedard. Their number two pitcher is Felix Rodriguez, who has a bright future ahead of him. Their hitting is solid with Ichiro, Adrian Beltre, and Richie Sexson. If the Mariners stay healthy, they should easily get past the Angels in the West.

Detroit Tigers

The Tigers started really slow, but their bats are heating up as of late. Their line up could probably score 1,000 runs this season.

Detroit has one of the hardest lineups to get through in baseball for a pitcher. Their pitching is also very solid. Justin Verlander and Nate Robertson are young and super talented.

Dontrelle Willis came from the Florida Marlins with Miguel Cabrera, and if those two play as well as they are able, the Tigers will be a very tough team to beat in October.

Minnesota Twins

The Twins obviously lost a lot of talent in Johan Santana and Torii Hunter. They did

pick up Carlos Gomez from the New York Mets in the Santana trade. He is 22 years old and has the talent to be a 5-tool player.

The Twins have Justin Morneau and Joe Mauer, two of the best young hitters in baseball. The rest of the Twins hitting lineup is weak and pitching is questionable with the return of Francisco Liriano. Minnesota could surprise some people, however, if things come together.

Chicago Cubs

The Cubbies picked up Kosuke Fukudome from Japan, and he has serious power and speed on the base paths. People are saying this year could be the year to break the curse. Their pitching is solid with

Carlos Zambrano as the ace, and hopefully Kerry Wood will be reliable as the closer. Derek Lee, Alfonso Soriano, and Aramis Ramirez should have no trouble putting runs on the board.

New York Mets

The Mets picked up the best left-handed pitcher in baseball in Johan Santana. If Pedro Martinez can come back from his injury fast, they can have an incredible 1-2 punch with Santana and Martinez.

The Mets have great hitting in Jose Reyes, Carlos Delgado, and David Wright. Billy Wagner is always an impressive closer, so their bullpen is very solid.

Arizona Diamondbacks

With three unbeat-

en right handed pitchers in Brandon Webb, Dan Haren, and Mica Owings, the D-Backs have the best starting rotation in baseball this year. The recent activation of Randy Johnson can only make this rotation better.

No surprises here, the D-Backs end up on top of the National League West division standing at the end of the season.

Post season picks

--Boston Red Sox over the Detroit Tigers for the American League Pennant.

--New York Mets over the Chicago Cubs for the National League Pennant.

--Boston Red Sox beat the New York Mets on their way to a repeat of last years world series victory.

Girls golf struggles with weather, young team

By Jessica Jones

The members of the girls golf team have almost a Xena-the-Warrior-Princess look to them as they fearlessly have defied Mother Nature this spring in their quest for golfing greatness.

The blowing of snow and the howling of the wind stopped the ready and waiting team at the beginning of the season. Today the team hopes to compete in Mitchell.

So far the team has only played in three events. Coached by Rob Davis, the varsity team is comprised of a small group of determined and patient

players: Taylor Smalley, junior; Paige Erickson, eighth grader; and Dieder Beck, freshmen. The other three high school students playing junior varsity include Becky Plumage and Kylie Richardson, freshmen; and Dawn Beck, junior.

"The future looks good as we have 10 middle school golfers out this year!" Davis says.

"The golf season has been going pretty good and the meets are really fun," Richardson says.

Smalley has the most experience on the team, placing sixth place at last year's state tournament. Now she is eyeing the state tournament in Mitchell at

Lakeview Golf Course on May 19 and 20 as her chance to improve upon last season's finish.

"The season has been good for me so far, but as for the team not as much because there are not very many on the varsity roster to accumulate points," Smalley said. So far she has placed fifth in the Pierre Invitational and third in the Douglas and Huron Invitionals.

"Taylor's dedication to the sport as she puts in numerous hours out at the course honing her game is very impressive. I am hoping that these young golfers will see that and dedicate themselves to the sport

as they have a bright future," coach Davis says.

Golf is a game that everyone can play. Most people, however, do not play until later in life when they realize they don't have anything better to do.

Golfers like Smalley and her teammates, however, have figured out early in life the fun and challenge that is golf. These people do not always get the recognition they deserve, but they don't care. They are just out to have a good time and enjoy life.

And hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate just a little bit for the rest of the season.



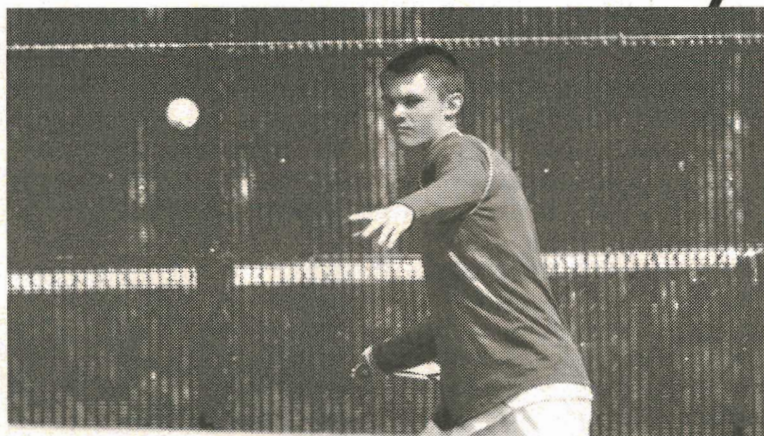
Focusing on the hole, junior Taylor Smalley prepares to putt the ball during a tournament.

Poor weather cancels many tennis matches

By Jessica Jones

The tail end of March's bad weather carried over into April, cancelling four of the first five scheduled matches for the tennis team. This late start was disheartening for the boys because they were so eager to get back on the courts and play after the cold winter months.

At this point in the season, the team should be in midseason shape and starting to get their skills perfected, but due to the weather, they are getting a slow start and still trying to hone their abilities. This has altered the team's performance, and they



Courtesy Photo

Senior Alex Lauseng uses great form to win his match and help the overall record of the team as they continue their season.

are not feeling as confident as they think they can be.

The team consists of six

varsity players and around fifteen junior varsity players, coached by Jeff Schlekeway.

These players play against each other to see who will earn the top six positions.

Senior Alex Lauseng, playing number one singles, recently signed a letter of intent to play with South Dakota State University next year. He wants to finish out the season well.

"I hope that this year will put an exclamation point on a fun and enjoyable varsity tennis career," he said.

The team's most recent competition was held in Pierre on Tuesday against Huron and Spearfish.

Despite the weather's shadow over the early season, the team has beaten five

schools and lost to four others.

They will play three of the best teams in the state at the Rapid City Invitational this weekend. They will face Sioux Falls O'Gorman and Rapid City Central, two teams they have not previously played.

"This season has been going pretty well considering I have lost all my matches, but I still have a positive attitude," senior Matthew Beckwith says.

A positive attitude is a needed element as the team winds down the season with a few more chances to prepare for the ESD competition coming up on May 9 and the state tournament, May 15-17.

Intramurals provide relaxed, fun competition for students

By Morgan Finley

Intramural Volleyball

Intramural volleyball was the last big thing in exhibition sports to happen at Riggs. Supervised by teacher/coach Dan Snyder, volleyball was a much bigger hit this year than last year. With six teams signed up, the players seemed to have a blast.

"It was awesome, it was a riot, and the kids had a lot of fun. The skill level was terrible, but that's what made it so much fun," Snyder said.

At the end of the regular season, Team Noodle was on top of the standings with only one loss. Led by seniors Drew Christensen, Jessica Jones, Kirby Mammenga, and Ali Burchill; junior Alan Hyde; and sophomore Amanda Stout, the team blazed through the regular season.

The end of the regular season marked the start of the tournament. Senior Charlie Ring's team came out of the tournament on top. They defeated Tyler Williams' team in the semi-finals to move on to the championship game against team Noodle.

In two very close games, Ring's team came out with two victories to win the match 2-0 and clinch the championship. Members of the winning team include seniors Charlie Ring, Sunni Cowan, Samantha Clark, Bre Costello, and Travis Vanderdrink; juniors Adam Gallagher, Landon Starks, and Sean Askew; and freshman Amber Olson.

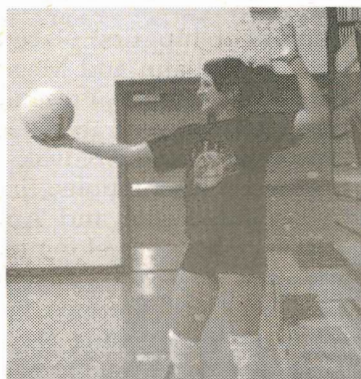
"I was a little surprised that we even made it past the first game, but in the end the better team won," Gallagher said after the victory.

With the intramural season done, teams can only look forward to next year's intramural sports. It may seem like a long time away, but it will come faster than you think.

3 on 3 Basketball

March Madness is over, and Kansas State ended the season on top of the podium holding the biggest trophy in college basketball.

To go along with the Madness of March, the student senate put on the annual March Madness 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The entry fee was \$2 per person, and co-ed teams could



Courtesy Photo

Sophomore Mandi Atkins serves it up in an intramural volleyball game.

be three or four people.

The tournament was set up in a single elimination bracket with 20 teams registered. With the help of basketball coach Mike Busch, his family, and student senate coordinator Jay Mickelson, the tournament was played out in roughly two hours ending around 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28. The winning team of the tournament consisted of junior Curry Kuehl, and seniors Sid Intorn, Bethany Goeden and Polly Gill.

"It felt great to win! We put a lot of effort into it, but I still haven't gotten my free t-shirt for winning yet," Intorn said.



Courtesy Photo

Winning team members senior Polly Gill, junior Curry Kuehl, senior Bethany Goeden, and senior Sid Intorn strike a dashing pose after winning the three-on-three tournament.

The winning team was awarded free admission to the matchmaker dance later that night, they were able to bring a date, and they could get their Matchmaker results free, and a T-shirt from All-Round Graphix.

The losing team in the championship game consisted of senior Jayson Her-

ra, and juniors Devon Russell and Kyle Cichos.

"Well we fought hard and put up a valiant effort but just fell short in the end," Cichos said after the tough loss. The tournament marked the end of Spring Surprises week and provided a good way for sixty-plus kids to have fun on a Friday night.

Competition reveals talent

By Sunni Cowan

Several Riggs students placed in the 18th annual Faulkton Area Arts Council Art Show March 29 and 30. Participants were able to enter as professional, amateur, teen and children under twelve with categories such as mixed media, photography, drawing, ceramics and graphic arts painting. Senior Terra Burley was awarded the People's Choice Award and received a \$25 prize. Her pastel, "India's Tear," also received first place in pastels. Burley said that her large pastel was originally done for a project in one of her art classes this year.

FBLA chapters earns many awards

By Sigrid Wald

Riggs' Future Business Leaders of America chapter competed at the State Level April 13 through April 15 in Aberdeen. Twenty-three of the forty-nine members competed in various business competitions. Different tests are available for them, ranging from written tests to judged tests on speaking and business procedures. "At state there were 20 schools competing, and out of them we had the second largest chapter," said Rigg's FBLA adviser Cheryl Ulmen. Many of the students who participated at the state level received awards. "It's fun to see the faces of those who won and see the excitement on their face when they're called," Ulmen said. There were many individual awards. Carl Morris placed third in Business Calculations, and Rika Beck placed first in Business Math and third in Introduction to Business. Steven Bollinger received

In addition, first through third places were given in each category. First place winners included the following: Terra Burley, Stephanie Darland, Bethany Brusven, Kaylor Knox, Chad Preheim, Charles Gageby, Drew Miller, Jessica Jones, Alex Malfero, Sydney Thompson, and Josh Dutt. Second place winners were Chad Preheim, Zach Gilkerson, Layne Duvall, Abby Olfert, Samantha Clark, Colton Olivier, Megan Gordon, Katie Buhler, Kelsey Wilson, Scott Cichos, Holly Stewart and Kelsey Oligmueller. Third place awards went to Jessica Smith, Jessalinn Baker, Tanner Wolf, Devy Clausen, Wendy Li, Dar-

land, Duvall and Knox. Some art students will also be showing their work this weekend at the Short Grass Arts Council's show here in Pierre. You can view student work as well as work from community members at the Chamber of Commerce building on Saturday and Sunday. Prizes are awarded for the winning entries. A final opportunity for students to show off their talents will occur in May when the art students host their annual art show here at the high school. Prizes are awarded in each category for winners. For more information contact art teachers Susan Ryan or Alicia Roesler.

In your face



PROM ROYALTY A Night to Remember

**Casey Ortbahn
Jessca Jones**

- ♦Casey's Parents: David and Rena
- ♦Casey's Siblings: Dustin and Cystal
- ♦Jessica's Parents: Michael and Jamy
- ♦Jessica's Sibling: Michala and Cassandra

- Q:** What was your favorite part of prom?
- A:** C: The group I was with had a great dinner before prom (awesome steaks and twice baked potatoes!); I also enjoyed the post-prom party. My date made the whole evening fun.
J: Having a great date and group and getting to dance to Jazz Band songs.
- Q:** Did you think you were going to be prom king/queen?
- A:** C: Honestly, I wasn't really concerned about getting it or not. I was just glad to be a candidate.
J: No way, I was so surprised when Paige came over to me.
- Q:** Did you like the theme "Glitz and Glamour?"
- A:** C: The theme wasn't as bad as I originally thought it would be. I thought the decorations were cool, and the Jazz Band added to the theme.
J: Yes, because it was so much fun swing dancing, and the speakesy idea was clever.
- Q:** What was the best part of being prom king/queen?
- A:** C: Getting to wear the crown all night and dance with Queen Jessica.
J: Getting to wear the tiara and dancing with Casey, even though I was late.
- Q:** Was being the prom king/queen a highlight of your senior year?
- A:** C: Definitely. Prom is an awesome event in itself, but getting to be the prom king made the dance all the more fun and memorable.
J: Of course, the whole night was great and very memorable.