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Art teacher receives \$2,500 grant from Qwest

By Avery Askew

A \$2,500 grant from the Qwest Foundation will help art teacher Alicia Roesler purchase new equipment for digital photography.

Roesler applied for the grant to help with expenses in updating digital photography. With the grant comes a great deal of paper work. Roesler had to write how the grant would impact students, how it would tie in with standards, and what she was going to buy with the money while backing up

the reasons it would help the school and her classes. In a year, she has to report on how it did affect her students and their learning environment and how the money helped in a positive way.

Thirty teachers applied for the grant, with ten projects being chosen.

"I am eager to put the money toward the Photography II classes; it will impact a lot of students," said Roesler.

Roesler has given thought not only to set up a new photography studio but to purchase

the photography classes a few more cameras.

"I have over 60 students in photography this year, and I believe there will be an even greater number of students next year" said Roesler.

The \$2,500 grant will give students a chance to improve their photographs with up-to-date cameras and digital equipment.

Another Pierre teacher to receive a grant was Pam Kean, a teacher at Jefferson Elementary. Kean's grant will be used towards her project "Adapting

Literacy for Inclusion."

Kean's project will allow her special-needs students to participate more easily in literacy activities with their classmates.

"We recognized it as a good opportunity to really reach out to teachers who work with students on a day-to-day basis and really capture their ideas about innovative ways to use technology for the benefits of their students,"

said Jeff Carmon, the representative from Qwest who presented the grants.

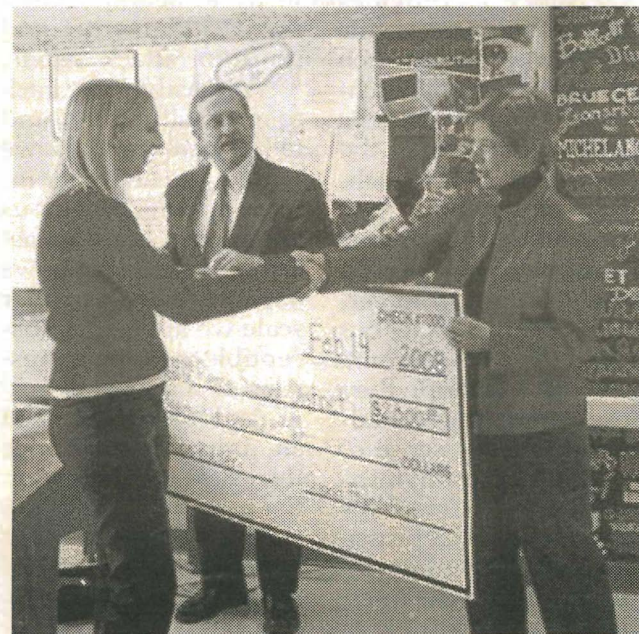


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Art teacher Alicia Roesler accepts a mock check for \$2,500 from representatives of the Qwest Foundation.

Band, chorus excel in music competition

By Brian Chicoine

Band and choir recently competed at the Region Six Solo and Ensemble contest in Moberg. This competition is sponsored annually by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Wednesday, February 13 was an early morning for the performers as they left for their bus trip from the Riggs High parking lot at 5:30 that morning.

"I don't think that it was fair that the younger band members got the nicer busses while the seniors got the shaft," said senior trumpet

player Tyler Coverdale.

The bus trip to the competition was a little under two hours, but for most the time was spent sleeping.

Because of the early rise to make the bus, blankets were draped over everyone with pillows under head for the whole trip.

Band

Once the band actually got to the competition, the action started almost immediately.

Bright and early, junior percussionist Daniel Fry was the first to compete at 7:30 a.m..

He gave a masterful performance of

"Flight of the Bumblebee" on the Marimba.

Because of his piece, he received one of the only one's for the band that day.

The grading scale of the competition was set with a score of one being a superior rating and two is an excellent performance with very few flaws.

Along with Fry's one, seniors Tyler Coverdale and Casey Placek and junior Andy Lampe received a one for their trumpet trio. They played the "12 Concert Pieces" by Vaclav Nelhybel.

Megan Vockrogt, a freshman flute player,

also received a one for her performance of the "Sonata in F Major" by Johann Christoph Pepusch.

It seemed to be a very successful day for the band.

"I felt that the kids did a lot better than I thought they would. I was very pleased with their performances," said band instructor Larry Johnson.

Chorus

While the band was off playing their instruments, the choir was singing with their own natural instruments.

"We had a good day; it was fun. The kids

were well behaved, and they performed well" said chorus instructor Will Hanson.

Senior Tanner Wald and Daniel Fry helped lead the pack as they sang "I Will Rejoice" by Michael W. Smith. After giving a very good performance, they received a 1++ from the judge. This mark is one of the best marks possible that a judge could give.

Along with Wald and Fry, some younger classmates received one's in the vocal portion of the music competition.

"There were a couple of younger duets that received 1+s, which is fairly rare as

freshman. This is pretty exciting because it gets them motivated for the competition next year," said Hanson.

As the day came to an end, the band members returned home around 6:00 p.m..

Of the some 150 Pierre musicians that participated in the competition, some were relieved that the competition was over and others already excited for next year.

"Small group is always a lot of fun, and it's something that I am going to miss next year. I'm just glad everyone could do well this year," Coverdale said.

Assembly illustrates mob mentality

Approximately two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ stumbled down the streets of Jerusalem with a cross on his back. He was spat on, cursed at and mocked by a mob of vicious people.

History provides numerous cases of this mob mentality, such as the Salem Witchcraft Trials, Hitler's persecution of the Jews, and KKK lynchings of anyone they deemed undesirable.

Alone, a person might refrain from certain behaviors, but when people become part of a group, they lose their individuality and gain a sense of security in anonymity.

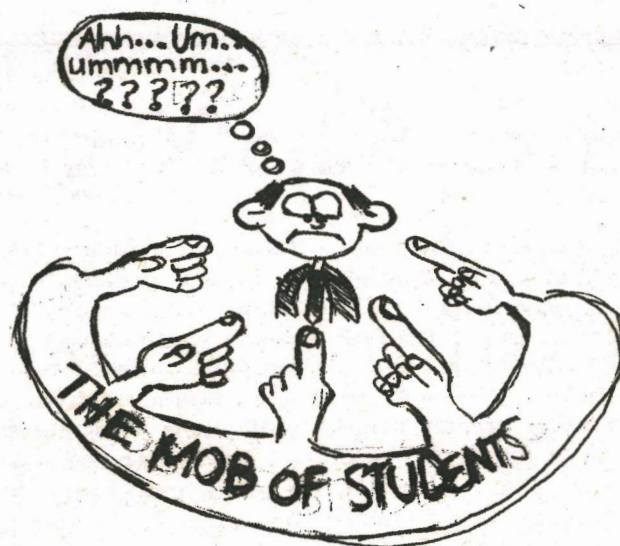
When students lashed out at our principal and computer technician during the question/answer portion of the recent election assembly, they exhibit-

ed this mob mentality.

They only proved that they are no better than those that have involved themselves in past mob situations. Because of the sense of security in anonymity, people are more likely to abandon their own judgment and go into attack mode.

We easily look back to past situations and tell ourselves that we would never get involved in such heinous situations, but the assembly incident shows us that even on a smaller scale we are just as susceptible to the peer pressure of a group attack.

And we don't need an assembly to notice this type of behavior. Even in the classroom, students display gang mentality and lack of respect for authority, especially with substitute teachers, because they feel they can get



away with it. Since the substitute often doesn't know most of the kids, students take advantage and in some cases treat the sub poorly and gang up on him or her.

We are just pointing out that even in Pierre, we still see signs of mob

behavior. Are we really much better than those people of the past who fell victim?

If thrown into those situations, could you have thought as an individual and risked your life or would you have just followed the crowd?

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...to Winter finally starting to slow down a bit
...to Innocent kisses at the King of Hearts dance
...to Lying in a symmetrical snow angel
...to Listening to a great song
...to Yelling at a home sporting event
...to Oodles of flowers and candy on Valentine's Day
...to Understanding friends always open to listening
...to Getting all dressed up for a special occasion
...to Ouch, Charlie, that really hurt
...to The grand opening of Zesto for the season
...to Ongoing car shopping for college

...to Parking situations...still
...to Ryker almost getting arrested for his gasoline incident
...to Opening up a frozen Pepsi
...to Missing the turn to Pierre on the way back from a basketball game
...to Wind and cold that cut short a good campfire
...to Increasing Zesto prices-but we forgive you
...to Teeth that just don't want to be straight
...to Having a cold during hockey season
...to Making the guys take pictures for an hour
...to Ending up on your butt because you slipped on the ice next to your car

Hall Talk:

How did you like having King of Hearts dance in Fort Pierre this year?



"The dance was still really fun. It didn't matter where it was held."
— freshman
Roberta Forman



"It was still fun but not as fun just because it was so overcrowded."
— junior
Matt Tetzlaff



"I didn't like how the water dripped from the ceiling."
— senior
Casi Huizenga



"I didn't think much of it. It was crowded but not bad"
— sophomore
Matt Dutt

Feast your ears on new tunes

As winter drags on, sometimes the only cure for a blue mood is some new music. The bands I chose for this month are very different but also quite unique to their genres. **The Mars Volta** –

The Mars Volta is the result of a side project that began after the break-up of their previous band, At The Drive-In.

Members Cedric Bixler-Zavala and Omar Rodriguez-Lopez draw inspiration from not only their own personal cultures but

other genres, mainly punk, psychedel-ic, and funk metal.

Their albums are typically concept based, with



Annie Beck

their newest making no exception.

The Bedlam in Goliath was released January 29 and is based on a strange experience the band had with a Ouija board.

Mars Volta is also quite famous for their energetic and always improvised shows.

Download: Tele-evators, Roulette Dares (The Haunt of), The Widow, Viscera Eyes. **The Meters**

With a start in 1965, the Meters played a huge role in pioneering New Orleans' funk frontier.

They are often called the finest funk band to emerge from New Orleans.

Like any great band, they never really gained the popularity they deserved.

The Meters are straight-up soul that will help you get your groove on.

Guitar riffs are occasionally reminiscent of Parliament Funkadelic and Hendrix, but The Meters belong to a beautiful genre of funk that is all their own.

If you really like to get down and boogie, this band is for you.

Download: Cissy strut, Hand clapping song, Look Ka Py-Py, People Say, Rigor Mortis, Grass, Funky Miracle, and Little Old Money Maker.

Catch these flicks

27 Dresses

Jane (Katherine Heigl) is always a bridesmaid, never a bride-- in fact, she has been a bridesmaid 27 times.

Her sister now wants her to be the maid of honor. The catch is, her sister is marrying the man of Jane's dreams.

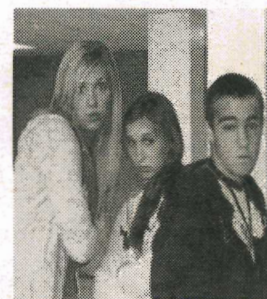
The movie starts out cheesy but gets good as soon as the hunk, Kevin, (James Marsden) enters the movie. There is a great "Bennie and the Jets" karaoke scene that really perks up the movie.

1 and a 1/2 thumbs up.

Juno

Juno is a movie about growing up.

Juno, a sophomore in high school, has been impregnated by her best friend. Now she is



Katie Lingle, Jenna Chalcraft, Matt Beckwith

having to deal with all the obstacles of teenage pregnancy and the decision of what to do with the baby.

She decides on giving it up for adoption to a well-to-do couple in the suburbs.

Two thumbs up **The Master of Disguise**

Pistachio Disguisey just can't fit into the family restaurant. He can't serve customers without imitating

their voices, and he is constantly running around with underwear on his head.

In the midst of his troubles, Pistachio's parents disappear, leaving Pistachio in charge. Before long Pistachio's great-grandfather comes to help Pistachio discover his natural disguisey ability.

Through investigatory work, Pistachio finds out the evil Devilin Bowman is using his dad to retrieve all the wonders of the world.

Pistachio disguises himself as countless characters including my favorite: the Cherry Pie Man disguise.

This slapstick comedy gets 1 3/4 thumbs up.

How to relieve stress, survive winter

Scholarships, college applications, and a TON of homework can only mean one thing...STRESS!

With the year coming to a rapid end, school stress seems to be higher than ever.

As students seem to be close to their breaking points and are beyond ready to finish off the school year, here are some simple tips to help relieve stress and enjoy the remaining months of school: **Take a Bath**

Taking some time at night to take a warm, soothing bath can relieve

the stress of the day and help you to prepare for the next.

Get extra sleep

With homework being piled on this

last semester of school, extra sleep can help you stay focused so

that you will perform better on school work.

Exercise

Taking even 20 minutes to incorporate exercise into your daily routine can be a great source of stress relief.

Drink green tea

Drinking a cup of tea can help calm you down. The L-theanine in green tea can help relax your

body and mind. **Make a journal entry**

Writing your feelings down can help get all of your thoughts out of your mind and

clear your head.

Take this advice and use it wisely. These are just a few of the simple ways to help ease the stresses of everyday life in high school.



By Bre Costello

Valentine's Day is over but Easter is coming. It may be a snowy Easter, but here are some tips to create a green Easter.

Last year more than 8,000 tons of waste was generated from Easter eggs and cards. An easy solution to reduce this waste is recycling!

It sounds easy, yes, because it is.

You have no control over the chocolate you receive, but when giving chocolates and candy, choose ones with the least amount of packaging and avoid aluminum wrappers.

Who needs a card on Easter? Write your message with frosting on a cake with peeps on top! Human don't eat the wrappers; don't expect Mother Earth to.

Looking for Mr. or Ms. Right

Here are some tips to determine if a person is right for you.

The first step is determining if a person really likes you or if they are just being courteous. If they act nice, some people immediately think that they like you, but that is not always the case. Some people are just more mature or have good human relational skills.

Next, you have to tell if the person is truly someone you would want a relationship with. Do not be a snoop



Ali Burchill

but think about their past relationship and how they treated their ex. It is also a good idea to see how they treat their parents. If they treat their parents with respect, they will treat you with respect. Lastly, how

does this person treat you? Are they nice and kind to you? Can you tell if it is flirting or being cruel?

You also need to see yourself in a relationship with that person. If you can not imagine it, it probably will not work.

Hopefully, everyone will find the right person, but you have your whole life to find that someone.

It may not be in high school not until you're eighty, but don't settle for anyone less than perfect.

Famous leap day babies



February 29, 1976
Jeff "Ja Rule" Atkins
 Rap and hip hop artist



February 29, 1940
Gretchen Christopher
 Lead singer of The Fleetwoods



February 29, 1904
Jimmy Dorsey
 Big Band leader



February 29, 1944
Dennis Farina
 Actor

*Thirty days hath September,
 April, June, and November;
 All the rest have thirty-one
 Excepting February alone:
 Which hath but twenty-eight, in fine,
 Till Leap Year gives it twenty-nine.*

-Saying dating back to the 16th century



Leapin' a

By Andrea Beck

The scientific explanation behind leap year is one that remains a puzzle for a lot of people. We all know that sometimes there are 29 days instead of 28 in February, but why?

The time it takes earth to orbit around the sun, its solar year, is approximately 365.242216 days. This, as we recognize, is longer than our calendar year of 365 days, and over a period of about four years, there is an extra day in the solar year that wasn't accounted for in our calendar year. That is where leap year comes into play.

In 45 BC, Julius Caesar adopted the Julian calendar, which consisted of a 12-month and 365-day year but also included one extra day in February every four years. But since the earth's solar year is not exactly 365 1/4 days, the Julian calendar was too long by .0078 days, or 11 minutes and 14 seconds.

Eventually this extra time began to accumulate, and by the 16th century the spring equinox was falling near March 11 instead of March 21.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII made the final adjustment and created the calendar that we live by now: the Gregorian calendar. The date was moved ahead 11 days, and the new rule was instituted that a century year is only a leap year if it is divisible by 400. The leap year still happens almost every four years, but it is omitted three times every four hundred years.

After the Gregorian calendar was established, the average length of our calendar year was 365.2425, even closer to



Julius Caesar

Rules for determinin

1. Most years that can be divided by four are leap years.
 (Example: 2008 divided by 4 = 502)

around

our planet's solar year. With this calendar it will take more than 3000 years to create an extra day from inaccuracy.

Leap years ensure that the earth's seasons occur at the same time every calendar year, and equinoxes can more easily be predicted.

But leap year doesn't just have a scientific explanation; there are many superstitions that surround it.

In many cultures, February 29 is the one day of the year that it is acceptable for a woman to propose marriage to a man. One country went so far as to pass a

law about leap year. In Scotland a law allowed a woman to propose to a man of her choice, and if he refused, he would have to pay a fine.

In the United States February 29 earned the name Sadie Hawkins from a comic strip called Lil' Abner. In the strip Sadie Hawkins is a very homely girl who can't seem to find love, so her father arranges a footrace for all of the unmarried women of the town to try to catch a husband. Sadie ends up catching a man, beginning the leap day tradition of females proposing to males in the US.

But not all wives' tales about leap day were good. A Greek superstition says that it is bad luck to marry during a leap year, and many couples still avoid the year for their wedding.

There is one disadvantage to leap year that is not a superstition at all. Anyone who is born on February 29 will only be able to celebrate $\frac{1}{4}$ of their birthdays on the actual date!

ining a leap year:

2. Exception: century years are not leap years unless they are divisible by 400.



How to have a hoppin' leap day:

1. Organize a game of Leap Frog
2. Throw a leap day party
3. Send a "Hoppy Leap Day" card
4. Set a goal to reach by the next leap day
5. "Hop" on your bike instead of driving
6. Play a game of hopscotch
7. Make frog-shaped jello
8. Make up a song about leap year
9. Make an origami leap frog
10. Go to the Annual Leap Year Festival in Anthony, Texas

Important leap year happenings

- 1752** - Ben Franklin discovers electricity.
- 1912** - Titanic Sinks
- 1692** - Sarah Good and Tituba accused of witchcraft
- 1960** - First Playboy club opens
- 1968** - The Beatle's Sgt. Pepper earns a Grammy

Leap year facts:

- The odds of being born on February 29 are 1 in 1461.
- There are 684 leap year babies per million people.
- There are about 200,000 leap year babies in the US.
- There are about 4 million leap year babies in the world.

Greatest sports upsets of the past 10 years

Due to the huge upset in this year's Super Bowl, this month's article is about the best upsets in recent years.

Giants beat Patriots in Super Bowl 42—

The Giants were up against the greatest offense in NFL history. The Patriots had all kinds of talent on both sides of the ball with Tom Brady, Randy Moss, Wes Welker, Junior Seau, and Tedy Bruschi. The Pats also had an undefeated season working for them at 18-0 and wanted to finish the deal off. The Giants had won all of their games in the postseason on the road. Eli Man-



Drew Christensen and Taylor Becker

ning was able to overcome all of the criticism and negative media in New York to become an awesome quarterback in this year's Super Bowl. His last drive was one of the greatest that America has ever seen.

Red Sox beat Yankees in 2004 ALCS--

The Boston Red Sox were having an awesome season up until they found out that

they had to play the New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series. Then, to top it all off, the Yankees started off the best of seven series up 3-0. The Red Sox turned it on, winning the next game in extra innings on a walk off homerun by David Ortiz. The Red Sox then won the next three games, being the first team in MLB history to come back from being down 3-0 in a series to winning the series 4-3. The Red Sox then went on to win the World Series, their first in 86 years.

Texas vs USC in College Foot-

ball's National Championship--

USC had one of the most high-powered offenses in college football history with Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush. The Texas Longhorns had Vince Young though and he had guaranteed the year before at the Rose Bowl that "they would be back" for the National Championship. The game was close the whole time until USC took a large lead in the 4th quarter. Most of the country knew that USC had it in the bag. Then Vince Young had a number of large drives to take the lead back.

The best part was that Young used his arm and his legs throughout the drive, even though critics said he couldn't throw. This year also consisted of lots of upsets in college football, the biggest being Appalachian State beating Michigan at The Big House in the first game of the season. This year also saw Stanford beat USC and Arkansas beating LSU.

Golden State Warriors vs Dallas Mavericks in the 1st round of the NBA playoffs--

The Golden State Warriors had a bunch of

no-name players except for Baron Davis. After the first round of the NBA playoffs, lots of people knew who the Golden State Warriors were. They ended up playing against one of the best NBA players in Dirk Nowitzki. The Mavericks also had great guard play in Jason Terry and Devin Harris. The Mavericks were the #1 seed going up against the #8 seed Golden State Warriors. The Mavs had one of the best records in the NBA that year and were probably overlooking the Warriors, and that is why they got it handed to them.

Swim Team

Last meet: Pierre Invitational

Next meet: State Swim Meet in Aberdeen

Notable finishes in Pierre Invitational: junior Josh Hartmann, 1st in 50yd. and 100yd. freestyle

senior Quinn Holden, 1st in 200im and 100yd. breaststroke

senior Morgan McLain also added numerous 1st place finishes

Gymnastics

Last Meet: 8th place at state

Notable Finishes:

senior Chelsea Klinger 12th on Balance Beam

sophomore Shelby Abels 17th on Uneven Bars,

junior Jenna Goehring 17th on Floor Exercise, 28th on Vault, 18th overall

GOOD LUCK AT STATE TO ALL
ATHLETES

compiled by Ben Young



Boys basketball

Record: 8-11 (at press time yesterday)

Last game: last night vs. Huron

Next game: Districts Monday

Brandon Valley (Feb. 16) Stats:

junior Kyle Cichos 25 points

junior Curry Kuehl 14 points

Girls basketball

Record: 15-5

Last game: Win over Huron Tuesday

Next game: Districts Monday

Huron Stats:

junior Steph Paulch 17 points

senior Polly Gill 16 points

junior Tristan Rogers 10 points

Wrestling

Dual Record: 7-11

Last match: ESD Championships

Next match: State Tournament today and tomorrow

ESD Champions: freshman Josh Stoltenburg (112), sophomore Tanner Schaefer (189)

Boys hockey

League Record: 11-7-1

Last game: 7-1 win over Aberdeen

Next game: Tonight vs. Huron

Aberdeen Stats:

senior Will Clark 3 goals, 1 assist

senior Brian Chicoine 1 goal, 1 assist

senior Craig Lunde 1 goal, 1 assist

Girls hockey

League Record: 1-18

Last game: 9-2 loss to Aberdeen

Next Game: Tonight vs. Huron

Aberdeen Stats:

sophomore Mallory Gordon 1 goal, 1 assist

sophomore Britney Fravel 1 goal, 1 assist

Girls, boys basketball get ready for postseason

By Tyler Coverdale and
Brian Chicoine

GIRLS

With March Madness right around the corner, the Lady Govs are ready to hit tournament action full speed.

As the district tournament begins Monday, the girls basketball team is looking forward to the opportunity of bringing home some hardware at the state tournament, to be held in Rapid City on March 6-8.

"I think we have a really good shot at winning it all. Lately we've been playing well together, and if everyone performs to their potential on one given night, we're unbeatable," says junior guard Alexa Berg.

The season has been nothing short of great for the Govs who carry a record of 15-5 into Monday night's district match-up against Mitchell.

The game is the first round of the district tournament and will be played on the Govs home court. This only benefits the team, who holds a 9-1 record at home this season.

"I don't know what it is about a home crowd that gets us pumped up, but I just love playing with all of my friends cheering behind me," says junior guard Steph Paulch.

Going into districts, the team has been on a bit of a hot streak, winning three straight games, two against district opponents Huron and Aberdeen.

"I think one of the main reasons that we've been playing so well is because of our defense. We're hustling to loose balls and creating turnovers and then running it up the court well. On top of the transition game, our passing has been on lately. We've just been working very well as a team as of late," says senior

guard/forward Polly Gill.

Every great team must have leaders, but the Lady Govs don't really have one specific leader. The team is led by a number of girls who all add to the puzzle.

"We have several people that lead the team in their own way, and I think we're a better team because of it. It really helps ease the pressure off the seniors when the younger girls can step up into those types of leadership roles," says senior forward Drew Miller.

This leadership is what drives the Lady Governor team to succeed. It is because of the talent and determination of the team that they are doing so well.

As the season comes to a close, win or lose the Lady Govs can look back at this season and say they gave it their all, had fun, and left the rest to fate.

BOYS

The Governor boys basketball team has had a pretty average year so far if you look solely at their record.

Eight wins and eleven losses (at press time) might seem less than adequate for a contending AA high school basketball team in South Dakota, but take out the five-game slide to start the season, and the team looks more like a contender.

"We kind of had a rocky start, but we've had a pretty steady improvement all year. I think we are playing our best basketball right now," says head coach Terry Becker.

Part of the slow start to the season was due to the lack of size in the Governor lineup. Losing the likes of big players like Mike Tviedt and Sam Willard to graduation over the past couple years has

left the Govs with a smaller team and because of this, a much different game plan.

"At practice one day, Coach Becker actually brought out a broom stick to imitate the 6'10" center from Yankton. He used the broom while playing defense against us to block shots and passes," said junior Kyle Chicos.

With things rolling a little bit better now, Becker feels pretty good about the team's chances.

"Based on the improvements we've made so far, I think we've got a good shot to make a run now. We're excited for the opportunity to get into districts and possibly into the field of eight at state," said Becker.

As the season winds down, the Govs are hoping to extend it a little bit longer with a trip to the state tournament in Rapid City on March 13-15.

Wrestlers send eleven to state tournament

By Jessica Jones and
Kaley Intorn

Wrestlers competed in the Region AA tournament last weekend with high hopes and will send eleven athletes to this weekend's state tournament.

The team is very proud of this accomplishment, but head coach Ryan Noyes wants everybody on the team to think positively.

"I expect us to not think that we're just going to get the experience but to have every guy expecting himself to place. Only with that attitude will we have success," Noyes said.

Along with many attending the state tournament, the team also had success in Valentine, NE, by winning the tournament earlier in the

year. Noyes also feels that beating both Watertown and Mitchell in duals twice was also a highlight of the season.

Kade Binegar, a sophomore wrestling JV at 152 for most of the season, stepped up the week of ESD and started wrestling in the 171 class, due to an opening. With such short notice, Binegar, "outweighed by at least 10 pounds, doesn't complain at all; he just keeps wrestling tough," Noyes said.

The qualifiers range from eighth graders to seniors, all of whom are hoping to place at state. Even though the team is relatively young, the experiences from the older members help the team work together to reach their common goal.

The only senior on the team,

Jared Geigle, wrestles 212 and is ranked twelfth in the state.

He says, "[I want to be the] state champion and nothing worse than the podium and to place in the top 10 as a team."

With Geigle as the only senior, the team next year will return ten of the eleven qualifiers who will be more knowledgeable and have learned a lot by competing at the state level. "Hopefully this will help bring Pierre wrestling to the next level," Noyes says.

Those competing with Geigle this weekend for Pierre include eighth grader Chase Lettau; freshmen Colton Hanson, Terrance Maier, and Josh Stoltenburg; sophomores Kade Binegar, Tanner Schaefer and Tyler Sarringer; and juniors Seth Brotherton, Evan Fuller and Robert Ray.

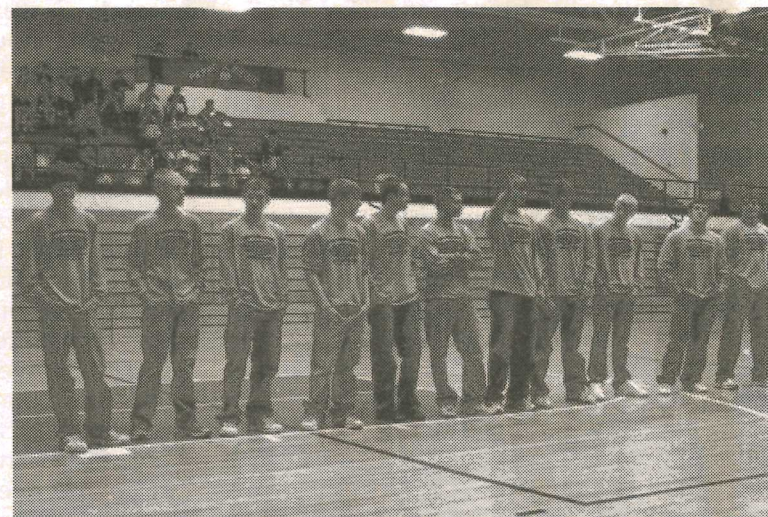


photo by Jessica Jones

Eleven wrestlers who will be representing Pierre this weekend at the state meet in Aberdeen were recognized at the pep assembly and send-off on Thursday morning. They include Josh Stoltenburg, Tyler Sarringer, Chase Lettau, Colton Hanson, Robert Ray, Evan Fuller, Seth Brotherton, Terrance Maier, Kade Binegar, Tanner Schaefer, and Jared Geigle.

Hunt crowned King of Hearts

By Timmi Lunsford

This weekend a lot of students had fun busting a move on the dance floor and partying like rock stars at the 2008 King of Hearts.

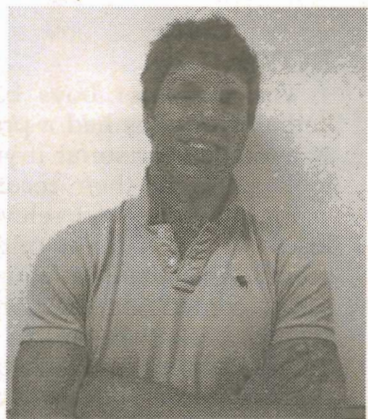
The night kicked off with groups taking pictures at the Capitol and hanging out before the dance started.

After all of the commotion at the Capitol, groups went their own ways and later met again at the dance.

The dance started heating up at about 9:00 p.m. Sunday night, and everybody was breaking it down. With music and friends everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves.

"I thought it was fun to hang with friends and dance all night," said freshman Lauren Zickrick.

Later some slow songs came on and that was the time when everybody seemed to



Senior Anthony Hunt

be having a good time dancing with their friend, partner, or even by themselves.

With everybody excited about the dance and fun of the night, Latin teacher Jay Mickelson announced the candidates for King of Hearts.

With anticipation, the crowd became silent as the hat was placed on senior Anthony Hunt.

"I had no idea I was going to win; it was a big surprise to me," said Hunt.

Hunt and his date were allowed a dance by themselves to celebrate the win.

"It felt really good to be king. It was really unexpected, but I enjoyed it," said Hunt.

He sees himself in five years in the Peace Corps. He wants to help the people in need.

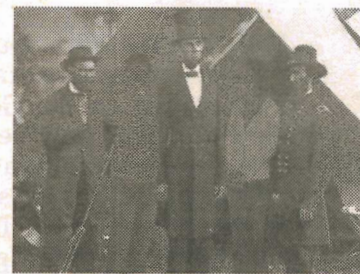
"I would really like to build houses for villagers in southern to mid Africa," said Hunt.

"I really liked everybody's attitude toward the night and how they just wanted to have fun and be with friends," he added.

The dance continued with hits from ACDC and other popular songs.

Even though the dance ended, many people planned activities to do afterward and continued the night having fun.

In your face



Seniors Brian Chicoine and Cassie Palmer with honest Abe Lincoln

Meet the new student body leaders

Brian Chicoine

- ♦ Parents Noel and Teresa Chicoine
- ♦ Siblings Michelle, April and Nathan
- ♦ Hometown: Pierre, SD
- ♦ Elementary School: St. Joseph's School

Cassie Palmer

- ♦ Parents Brad and Gidget Palmer
- ♦ Siblings Alicia, Stephen and Jennie
- ♦ Hometown: Shreveport, LA
- ♦ Elementary School: St. Joseph's School

Q: How does it feel to be voted student body president and vice president?

A: It feels pretty darn good.

Q: What are you planning to achieve as president and vice president?

A: We are going to attempt getting swipe card entrances to make the school a better place

Q: How did you guys end up teaming up for this election?

A: Drew Christensen rejected me when I asked him so then I asked Cassie to run with me

Q: How much work went into your campaign?

A: It was a lot of work in a little amount of time. Usually people start campaigning weeks earlier but we procrastinated this time.

Q: Do you feel the campaigning was worth it?

A: Well of course it was worth it. We won and we're ready to lead the school.

Thespians win awards at One-Act competition

By Sydney Thompson

Ridiculously funny and a bit confusing, the one-act comedy "Cut" by Ed Monk kept audience members laughing their lungs away the whole show.

The play is about actors rehearsing a play within a play. Sounds confusing right?

So confusing that some of the characters have letters for names because they change character so often it would be too difficult to remember real names.

Throughout the play, the actors forget who they are and where they live; then they even forget who is directing the real play.

The director of "Cut," Hyrma Zakahi, said, "I like the author, and I enjoyed the show when I read it. I

just thought I had the right amount of kids to cast."

The rehearsals were every day for an hour for about 15 students.

"The hardest part was, as always, trying to get everyone there for even a 45 minute block of time," Zakahi said.

"The hardest part was learning all of our lines in a short amount of time; but when we learned all of our lines, it was easy," said junior Savannah Ivey, who played the director of the play.

The students left school at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 and performed "Cut" in Aberdeen at the One-Act Play Festival. on Friday morning, Feb. 1..

Some of the students learned a few things from other plays while in Aberdeen.

"I learned that you *always* have to be loud, or you won't be heard," said junior Kimber-

ly Neyhart, who played "E."

"I learned the necessity of putting your own input into your lines; not just reading them from the script," said sophomore Sam Leidholt, who played "F."

Winning outstanding performance awards for individuals were senior Casi Huizenga, who played "A"; senior Tanner Wald, who played "B"; senior Matthew Allison, who played "C"; senior John Reiser, who played "F"; and junior Jeremy Marsh, who played "D."

After the rehearsals and the performance in Aberdeen, Zakahi said she would not have done anything differently.

"All I ever expect student actors to do is put their best foot forward, and I think they all did just that."