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## Mutchelknaus, Stroup get new jobs for fall

By Timmi Lunsford

Assistant principal Kevin Mutchelknaus will be leaving Riggs to be the principal at Jefferson Elementary this summer. Athletic director Mike Stroup will become the new assistant principal.

"I am moving to Jefferson because the opportunity came, and I took it. I enjoyed being the elementary principal in Alaska, and I said I would take the job if it came to me in South Dakota," said Mutchelknaus.

"I think Riggs is one of the top high schools in South Dakota, and I will miss the staff a lot. Our staff is overworked and underappre-

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*—Mike Stroup*

ciated. I also think that we have a student body that is second to none," he said.

Though he cites the great school and student body, there are struggles in being the assistant principal. The position requires patience and understanding.



Athletic director Mike Stroup will become assistant principal next fall.

"I think the one thing I won't miss is the stressfulness of handling troubled students. Elementary school is a different level, and I think it will have a lower stress level," said Mutchelknaus.

"I really do look forward

to moving on, and I am a person who needs changes and likes change. I think it will be an opportunity to grow personally and professionally," said Mutchelknaus.

With him leaving, Stroup will be taking the assistant principal position next year.

"I am excited about the challenge of becoming the new assistant principal, but I look forward to keeping in contact with athletics. I also think that the assistant principal and athletic director have similar responsibilities, such as enforcing policies," said Stroup.

For the past 27 years, Stroup has been a superintendent, high school principal for four

years, and athletic director.

"I think that one of my strengths in the school system is working with students," said Stroup.

"I look forward to making T.F. Riggs the most positive experience for students, and if anyone has suggestions or recommendations, my door will always be open, and I will always listen," Stroup said.

Mutchelknaus will take his experience from Riggs and previous occupations into account when moving to Jefferson.

"I think I try to do the best I can to make a difference as an educator, and I want the best for students in the community," said Mutchelknaus.

## Student Senate raises money with Penny Wars

By Tyler Coverdale

When you think of raising money for charity, you most likely think about telethons with smiling phone operators or people in Santa hats ringing bells outside Wal-Mart. These warm and fuzzy fundraisers are nice but lack some excitement.

What they lack is competition. The fear of losing makes people work harder; this is something many fundraisers try to achieve but fail. The Student Senate's Penny Wars is most definitely not one of these fundraisers.

What Penny Wars

has that few other fundraisers do is that students can do more than just put their class ahead; they can put other classes behind. Everyone has seen the signs around the school, **"Pennies are positive; all else is negative."**

This ability to mess with other classes' totals is what makes Penny Wars so much fun.

A person will bring a gallon bag of 300 pennies and be pretty proud for giving to Children's Miracle Network. But then next period comes in.

A student looks at the previous class's bucket, filled with 300

pennies, puts a five-dollar bill in it and chuckles to himself.

Not only did this student get to give to charity, but she got to fuel the fire of the competition. This process is repeated throughout the week, the tension building each day. Then finally Friday comes, and students are pulling out all the stops.

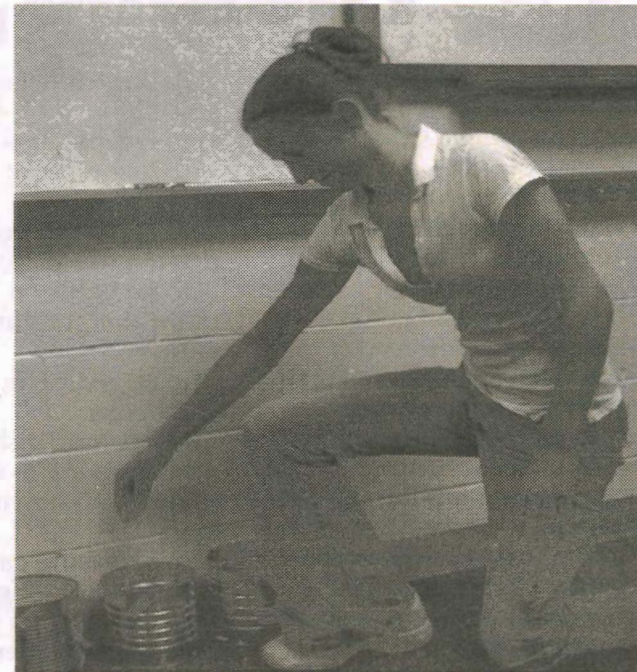
Classes who waited until the last day to bring money literally bring in hundreds of dollars not just to give to charity or to get a pizza party but also just to have the somewhat guilty pleasure of making someone else lose.

This is what drives students to give so much, and Children's Miracle network is grateful for every penny.

"Last year, students from all English classes combined raised a staggering total of \$1700. Hopefully since students have more experience with Penny Wars this year, those numbers will grow" said Student Senate adviser Darlene Neiles.

So now that you're done reading this article, go put a few dollar bills in other classes' jars before you leave school for the day.

It's all for a good cause, right?



Freshman Kelsey Nameniuk adds her change to the penny war jars in an English classroom this week.



# Do you believe in 'The Curse'?

Pierre athletes have provided the community a great deal of entertainment in recent months with a number of teams going to state tournaments. Though they didn't win championships, all of them performed well and made Pierre fans proud.

Despite the success, many people claim that Pierre athletics are under a curse because we haven't been able to win in a championship game.

After watching the team lose in a big game, supporters might say things like "there's always next year" or "it was a good season," but for some people, failure is not an option and there might not be a next year, so then what?

These people need to realize that if they made it to the championship game, they had a very successful season.

If you think about

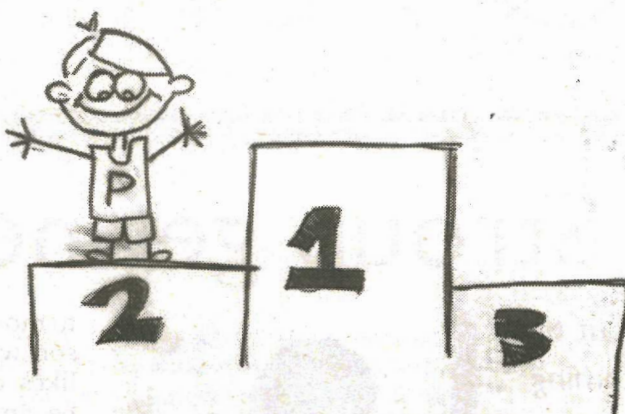
the 1990's, Pierre rarely even made it to state tournaments, let alone championship games, so this just shows how much our athletics have grown.

We have four recent state championships—two in track and two in boys soccer—and many runner-up trophies in recent years, so on top of the four championships, shouldn't we be excited as a school for all the second place finishes?

It just seems like people always look at the negatives and dwell on them rather than noticing the positives and praising them.

Instead we say, "Well it has to be a curse. We always get the bad end of the deal." These allegations need to stop because there is no curse; there never has been.

We just need to support our teams and activities no matter



what the outcome is.

When competitors take the journey to achieve greatness, they seldom remember during the hard times all the other positives that come out of it. During the heat of the moment, winning is everything, and it is seems impossible that any good will ever come from losing, but losing a big game does have some benefits, believe it or not.

Teams grow as the season progresses, not

just in talent but in many other aspects of life, so these losses are really what shape us into the people we become.

So is it a curse? Of course not. It is just Pierre teams doing their best all season long, fighting for a championship, and falling just short.

But what do we do when we fall off the horse? We get back on, learn from our mistakes, and as Coach Kim Bierle would say, "Cowgirl Up."

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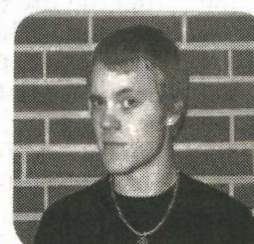
## Hall Talk:

Do you believe in the "Second Place Pierre Curse"?



"Second place six times in the last three years—how can I not believe in the curse?"

— senior  
Katie Buhler



"Yes I believe in it; I lived it."

—senior  
Colin Smith



"I dunno, second place is still really good, and we need to be proud of that"

— freshman  
Michael Lindbloom



"Oh yeah, I believe in it all right."

—freshman  
Eric Rupe



## Feast your ears on new tunes

Here's the down low on some of this summer's music festivals. Hope you've been saving your pennies.

### Rothbury Music Festival

**When:** July 3-6; **Where:** Rothbury, MI; **How much:** \$244.75 (includes wristband, parking, and camping for the entire weekend) **How far:** a little over 15 hours **Who:** Primus, Phil Lesh and Friends, Snoop Dogg, Modest Mouse, Gov't Mule, Sound Tribe Sector 9, The Black Keys, Yonder Mountain String Band, Disco Biscuits, Medeski Martin and Wood, Of Montreal, Dresden Dolls, Crystal Method, Trampled

by Turtles, and Tea Leaf Green. **Website:** [www.rothburyfestival.com](http://www.rothburyfestival.com)

### Wakarusa

**When:** June 5-8;



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**Where:** Lawrence, KS **How much:** \$144 **How Far:** about 9 hours **Who:** The Flaming Lips, Emmylou Harris, Sound Tribe Sector 9, Cake, Keller Williams, Buckethead, Galactic, The Everyone Orchestra, Alejandro Escovedo, Tea Leaf Green, Brett Dennen, Hot

Buttered Rum, Mates of State, That 1 Guy, Lotus, Blackalicious. *The last date to order these tickets is April 4!* **Website:** [www.wakarusa.com](http://www.wakarusa.com) **10,000 Lakes Music Festival**

**When:** July 23-26 **Where:** Detroit Lakes, MN **How much:** \$165 **How Far:** slightly over 6 hours **Who:** The Flaming Lips, Phil Lesh and Friends, Michael Franti and Spearhead, George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic, Mickey Hart Band, Medeski Scofield Martin and Wood, Slightly Stupid, Everyone Orchestra, Darkstar Orchestra, Pan-jea, The New Mas-

tersounds, WBPB, Cornmeal. **Website:** [www.10klf.com](http://www.10klf.com)

### Bonnaroo

**When:** June 12-15 **Where:** Manchester, TN **How much:** \$244.50 **How Far:** 18 hours

**Who:** Jack Johnson, Kanye West, Phil Lesh and Friends, My Morning Jacket, Allman Brothers Band, Death Cab for Cutie, Sigur Ros, Cat Power, Umphrey's McGee, Iron & Wine, Yonder Mountain String Band, Rilo Kiley, Disco Biscuits, Lupe Fiasco, Against Me!, Tegan & Sara, Two Gallants, Vampire Weekend, Mason Jennings, MGMT, . **Website:** [www.bonnaroo.com](http://www.bonnaroo.com)

## Catch these flicks

### **Stardust**

An epic tale about Tristen Thorn (Charlie Cox) who lives in a village named Wall, named after the giant stone wall that separates the two worlds.

The world in which Tristen lives is similar to our world, and the world on the other side is like a fantasy world.

Tristen falls in love with the lovely Victoria, but she has another suitor that Tristen must compete with. Victoria tells Tristen that if he gets a fallen star, she will marry him. To get to the star, Tristen must cross a secret passageway into the other world called Stormhold.

The star that



Katie Lingle, Jenna Chalcraft, Matt Beckwith

Tristen seeks is actually a girl. Yvaine is being pursued not only by Tristen, but by three other witches seeking eternal life and also by a prince who wants to be the new king of Stormhold. The first to get the star is....I can't tell or it would ruin the ending.

The movie reminded me of "Princess Bride." It's pretty much a stellar

movie! I give it three and a half stars.

### **Semi-pro**

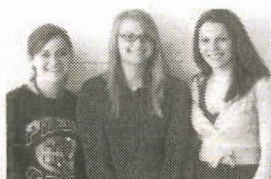
Will Ferrell is at it again in this ridiculous comedy about the semi-pro basketball league in the funky 70s. Jackie Moon (Will Ferrell) is the owner, manager, coach, and starter of the worst team in the league, and the top four teams are merging with the NBA.

Jackie has to start winning and end the season in the top four to keep his team alive. I was slightly disappointed in the movie even though I wasn't expecting much. This isn't Will Ferrell's best work, and it's definitely no "Anchorman."

1 thumb up

## Zesto treats all tastebuds

Chocolate lovers are sure to enjoy anything with toppings such as Oreos, hot fudge, Snickers, Twix, or chocolate dip.



Kat Lindbloom, Kalee Miller, and Cassi Heuer

The muddy river—which has chocolate twist ice cream, Oreos, and hot fudge—is a must-have if a sugar craving is failing to subside. For fewer calories, try a hot fudge sundae.

Fruit lovers could try an upside down banana split, which includes vanilla ice

cream smothered in strawberry, pineapple, banana, chocolate syrup, chopped peanuts, whipped cream and a cherry.

Peaches are in season later in the

summer, and peach cobbles are a perfect indulgence for fruit lovers. A sherbet cone, simple as it is, is also guaranteed to satisfy your taste buds.

Those in need of a bit of caffeine for the day could try a frappuccino. Flavors range anywhere from rasp-

berry to nutmeg to caramel to mocha.

A caramel latte—a shake with vanilla ice cream, coffee, and caramel—is a perfect treat. Mocha mud pies and cappuccino collisions include some chocolate for

those who need both their chocolate and their coffee fix.

Zesto also offers endless possibilities as well as several more categories, so grab a few bucks and indulge in an icy treat on these warm spring days!



### **By Bre Costello**

Earth day is coming up on April 22. Start thinking how you will celebrate Mother Earth's special day.

Invite a group of friends to help clean up trash around town. Make sure all

lights and appliances are turned off.

Earth Day is a global celebration—join the party.

All year I have been giving you tips to help you become green. If you have not tried my advice yet, start! It is time to be green!

## Have an amazing prom

Many high school students cannot wait to go to prom. It is the most anticipated night of the whole school year.

Here are a few tips to make your prom memorable.

If you do not get a date for prom, do not worry about it. This allows you to dance with whom-ever you want and do whatever you want to do.

You do not have to worry about what your date wants, and it might be more fun to go with a group of friends.

If you do get a date, make sure it is with someone you are com-



Ali Burchill

fortable with.

Prom does not need to be expensive. Girls can borrow a dress from a friend or sibling.

If you want to rent a limousine, go with a group and split the cost.

Do not imagine prom to be a romantic evening. You know everyone

there, and odds are that you will not find someone there that would make your heart sing if you already have not.

If you get your hopes up too high, then you may be let down.

For the sophomores and the freshman, do not sit at home and dwell on the fact that you cannot go to prom. Your time will come.

Avoid thinking about it and spend the evening watching movies or even organize a scavenger hunt!

Prom is a fun experience to have a great time and be safe.



## Librarian discusses censorship with Honors English 11 classes

By Andrea Beck

In our modern day and age, it hardly seems as though anything is censored. But according to a librarian at the State Library, Dorothy Liegl, censorship is still a pressing issue.

In a recent presentation to the Junior Honors English classes, Liegl says everyone is a censor when they make everyday choices such as which clothes to wear,

which books to read, and what music to listen to.

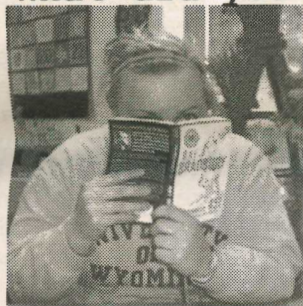
Problems result, according to Liegl, people censor things for other people "to make sure their own political views are represented." All forms of expression are subject to being censored, especially forms of literature and art.

"Often times people censor things because they don't like what they don't understand," Liegl explains.

Sometimes literature is censored on a large scale as with books whose content is changed before being published. But it also happens on a smaller scale with people refusing to buy books or even blacking out things that they don't like inside them.

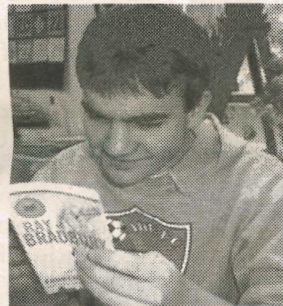
As a librarian Liegl feels a loyalty to carrying out of the First Amendment and the freedom to have access to any type of literature that the public's heart desires.

### What did you think of Fahrenheit 451?



"I loved Fahrenheit 451; it was an instant classic."

-Bre Costello, senior



"Stunning."

-Matty Beckwith, senior



"Oh my god, I love that book."

-Cassi Heuer, senior

## Gettin' Yo

By Andrea Beck

Reading for fun is a hobby which has somewhat faded away for many people, especially teens. Videogames, computers, and iPods seem to be their major form of entertainment. This April, Pierre will be taking part in a nationwide event to encourage reading throughout our communities. The National Endowment of



Ray Bradbury

the Arts has put together this event called The Big Read. The book chosen for 2008 was *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. *Fahrenheit 451* tells the story of a futuristic United States where all types of literature are

banned and burned by firemen. The book's main character, Guy Montag, is a fireman who struggles with the job he once loved when he begins to question what he really believes and accepts. The book deals with censorship and the overtaking of technology, and Bradbury's imagined future has become a reality in some aspects.

Our community and surrounding communi-

ties in South Dakota will partake in events promoting the main ideas of the book and celebrating reading among all ages. One activity will be put on by our local book store Prairie Pages. To create a realization of the

## Frequently challenged books

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain  
Challenged because of the language between Jim and Huck and because of the racial slur, nigger.

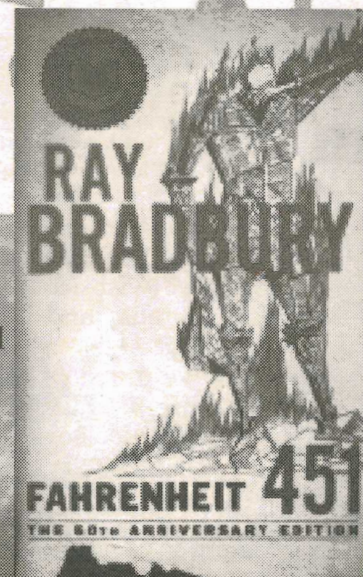
*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury  
Challenged because of rough language such as *hell*, *damn*, and *abortion*.

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee  
Challenged for "institutionalized racism" and "trashy language" such as *damn* and *whore lady*.

*The Bible*  
Challenged for its many different interpretations and for its "lewd, indecent, and violent content."

*Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling  
Challenged because the books supposedly "promote the occult, Satanism, and antifamily themes and encourage witchcraft and drug use."

*Animal Farm* by George Orwell  
Challenged for "promoting anarchy."





## Read On

events in *Fahrenheit 451*, there will be an actual mock book-burning. The burning will take place on April 10 at 6 p.m. in the open lot on the corner of Sioux Avenue and Pierre Street. Excerpts from the book will also be read and people will be encouraged to react.

The selection of *Fahrenheit 451* is meant to help people to realize how lucky they are to have access to any type of literature they are interested in. The First Amendment allows freedom of speech and expression, and life would be very different if books were banned. The events sponsored by The Big Read will help celebrate the freedoms that we have in our country.

Another activity for any interested readers is a book discussion lead by Kathy Antonen, an English professor at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. The discussion will

be held in Riggs Library at 7 p.m. on April 24.

If you'd like to read the book but don't have the money, there are a limited number of free copies along with reading guides available at Prairie Pages and Rawlins library, thanks to South Dakota Center for the Book.

The month-long celebration will conclude with a showing of the 1960s film version of *Fahrenheit 451* on April 27 in the Riggs Theater. The free showing will begin at 7 p.m. and afterwards South Dakota State University Professor Jason McEntee will lead a book discussion.

*Fahrenheit 451* is the perfect selection for The Big Read because it is an interesting and imaginative story to remind people the excitement and the great learning possibilities that reading offers. To find out more about The Big Read go to [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org)

## What would you save from the fire?

Students and Riggs faculty tell which book they would save if all literature were banned

*"I would save **Great Expectations** by Charles Dickens because it's full of adventure."*

-Kathryn Johnson, senior



*"The **Bible** because it includes all kinds of views of the past and the present. It encompasses all types of philosophy, poetry, religion, and practical wisdom. It is an entire library in one book."*

-Lynn Larsen, librarian

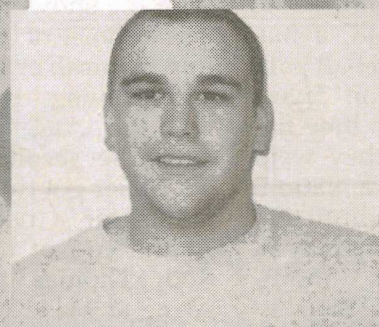
*"I would save **To Kill a Mockingbird** because it changed my life."*

-Yutzil Ayala, junior



*"**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows** because it is a really good book and it ended the series really well."*

-Alex Flynn, freshman



Other

works

by Ray

Bradbury

- Dandelion Wine
- The Golden Apples of the Sun
- The Martian Chronicles
- Bradbury Speaks: Too Soon from the Cave, Too Far from the Stars
- The Cat's Pajamas: Stories
- Something Wicked This Way Comes
- I Sing the Body Electric!: Stories
- The Halloween Tree



# How to stay active during spring, summer months

Now it is spring-time, love is in the air, and it is time for everyone to get outside and enjoy the weather. Here are a couple options for you if you find yourself without homework or just not in the mood to do any homework. (We aren't condoning the putting off/not doing of homework; we are just saying that it has been known to happen before.)

## Beach Volleyball

Beach volleyball is best played with a group of friends. It is a sport you can play outside on the beach next to the river. You have the sun on your back and the sand in your toes. Beach volleyball can be played in many ways,



Drew Christensen  
and Taylor Becker

either serious competition or just as a fun activity with friends.

When you are playing, you can add variety to the game by playing with a beach ball instead of the actual volleyball. Beach volleyball is also a great way to work on your tan because the fewer clothes you play with the better, but only up to a certain point.

Make sure you be safe though and do not go without sunscreen if you happen

to have the complexion of white-out. If you are playing with the family, make sure that you don't go "Meet the Parents" on them or you could find yourself watching the rest of the game from the sideline.

## Frisbee Golf

Frisbee golf is the least strenuous of the Frisbee activities. It is very similar to golf. In Frolf you have a disc instead of a golf ball and use it to make it into the hole.

If you are really intense about Frolf, you can even buy different discs that specialize in different shots, such as a driver to tee off with or a putter to finish. Pierre has three Frisbee golf courses with which

to hone your skills.

Two of them are in Griffin and Steamboat Parks and the other is by the Dam. Frolf is great when you want to just relax and spend some time outside.

## Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee is a combination of football and throwing your Frisbee. It is a game where you have two end zones and pass the Frisbee to teammates in an attempt to score. There is no tackling or running with the Frisbee. It is a non-contact sport but still can get pretty heated.

You also don't stop between throws to set up a new play. The game is continuous until one team scores by

passing the frisbee into the end-zone. It can be beneficial to have more players to substitute in the game once you get tired in this exhausting game. You can play it anywhere, which is an advantage to the spontaneous game.

## Ping-Pong

Not every day is going to be a nice day. Sometimes, it will rain on your parade/Ultimate Frisbee/Frolf/Beach Volleyball game. That is where ping-pong comes into play. You can play this standard game of ping-pong or one of its more violent types.

The standard way is to just play one-on-one or doubles going to 21 and winning by

two. For those of you who like the more interesting/painful way you can play Welt. In Welt, when you lose a point, you must lift up your shirt and turn your back to the person who won the point.

Then the person who won the point will smack the ping pong ball with all available force in the general direction of your back (where it is the most painful.) You may have guessed why the game is called Welt but if not, you will find out when you play it.

We would also like to add that all spring activities must finish with the losers treating the winners and the writer of this column to a delicious treat from Zesto

# Pierre wrestler wins national competition

By Taylor Maier

Riggs freshman Terrance Maier recently won the 171 pound weight class at the AAU Folkstyle Wrestling World Championship held in Detroit, MI.

Maier was one of fifty student athletes from South Dakota to compete at this national tournament.

Maier, who wrestled varsity at 160 pounds for the Governors this past season, was one of only three South Dakota boys to bring home gold medals.

The wrestlers left on March 19 from Sioux Falls and rode a bus for 16 hours to Detroit. When they arrived at 2:00 p.m. on March 20, they weighed in and

then checked into their hotel. They awoke early the next morning and began the competition at 9:00 a.m. Maier wrestled all day, winning his two matches 9-2 and 7-3.

After the day's wrestling was over, the team went on a little sight-seeing adventure to Comerica Field, a major league baseball park that the Detroit Tigers play at. When they finished there, they went to Ford Field, a National Football Stadium that the Detroit Lions play at.

The next morning they had their final placing round. Maier wrestled Thomas of Minnesota for the gold. In the first period, Maier scored first with a takedown. In the second period, he won the

toss and elected to defer to the other man, who chose bottom.

Now for those who do not follow wrestling closely, at the beginning of the second and third periods, a colored coin is flipped, and the wrestler who is designated with the showing color gets a choice of top, bottom, neutral, or he may defer, saving his choice for the last round.

In the second period, Maier got two more points for a near fall. At the end of this period, Thomas took a swing at Maier but did not cause any harm, so the ref only gave them a thirty-second "cool-down period."

Finally, in the third period, Maier chose bottom and was immediately

let up by Thomas, who was hoping to save more time for a takedown. To Thomas's surprise, Maier scored another takedown and took Thomas straight to his back, pinning him and ending the match in five minutes and seven seconds.

"It really means a lot, not just to gain such an honor but to have so much support from the community here at Riggs," he said.

At the awards ceremony Maier received a gold medal, a jacket, a commemorative bracket sheet, and, of course, he got to stand on the very top of the podium.

Maier plans to compete in more large-scale wrestling tournaments this summer.

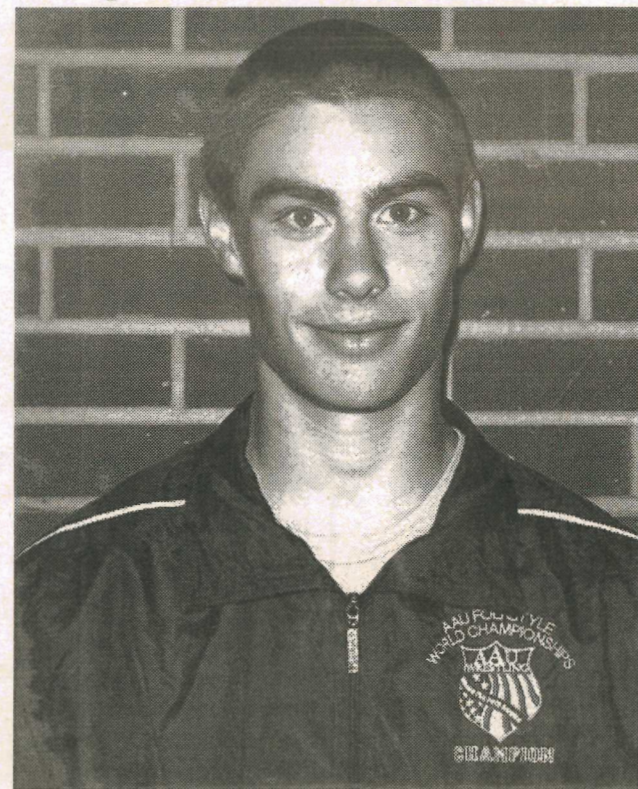


Photo by Brian Chicoi

Freshman Terrance Maier wears his national championship jacket proudly.



# Winter sports wrap up seasons in style

By Drew Christensen

## Hockey

6<sup>th</sup> place

The Capitals finished the regular season with a 14-9-1 record, good enough to earn them a fourth-place seed in the state tournament. They were upset in a tough game against the Mitchell Marlins. They beat seventh-seeded Aberdeen in the consolation bracket to earn the right to play Watertown for the consolation championship. This game served as a grudge match for the two teams who met in last year's championship game. The Lakers again got the best of the Capitals with a score of 6-1.

"We had a good season with a sucky finish, but we got the biggest trophy of the tournament [the sportsmanship award] and the most money cause we're losers," senior Charlie Ring said.

## Girls Hockey

8<sup>th</sup> place

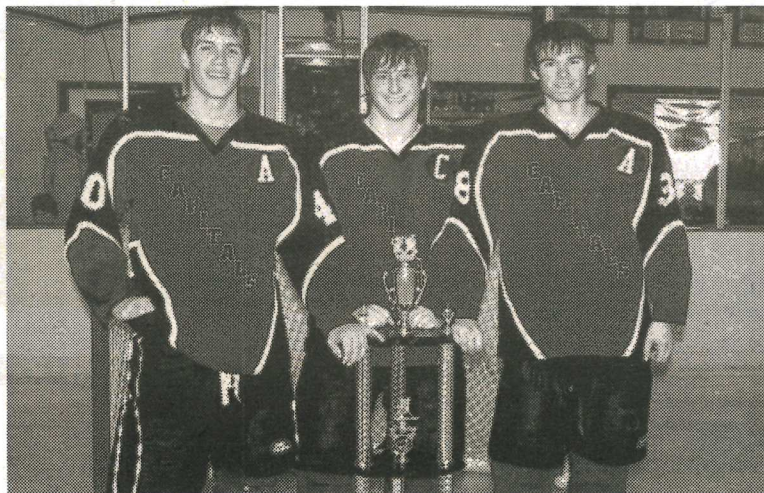
The Lady Capitals finished the season with one win and went into the state tournament with the eighth seed. The lost to number one-seeded Brookings in the first game and moved on to the consolation bracket. The Lady Capitals lost to Huron in their second game. They moved on to play Rapid City in the seventh place game and lost by a score of 4-1.

"The girls hockey program is young and keeps improving every year. We love hockey," senior Shania Stover said.

## Wrestling

17<sup>th</sup> place

The Governors had an up and down year. The highlight of the season was their first place finish in a tournament in Valentine, NE, on December 10. The tournament had 12 teams, and



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Senior captains Jordan Heckenlaible (left), Brian Chicoine (center) and Alex Lauseng (right) show off the team's Sportsmanship Trophy at the varsity state hockey tournament in Mitchell earlier this month.

the Governors finished with two second-place individual finishes and eight third-place individual finishes.

They had two wrestlers get first, second, and fourth place at the ESD tournament in Yankton on February 9. At the State "A" tournament in Aberdeen on February 22 and 23, the team finished 17<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams. Individually Terrance Maier got seventh, Josh Stoltenburg got fifth, and Jared Geigle got fourth place in the state.

"We improved as a team this year, and it was a great experience, and the team is looking good for next year. I love not eating," freshman Colton Hanson said.

## Gymnastics

8<sup>th</sup> place

The Lady Governors had a solid year with two first-place finishes and a second-place finish in the regular season. They earned third place at the ESD Conference meet in Pierre on February 2. They got second at the Region III and IV qualifying meet, which was also held in Pierre on February 7. At the state tournament in Brookings, they earned eighth place

with a team score of 136.46. Chelsea Klinger placed 12<sup>th</sup> on the beam, Shelby Abels placed 17<sup>th</sup> on uneven bars, and Jenna Goehring placed 18<sup>th</sup> overall with a 17<sup>th</sup> place finish on floor, 13<sup>th</sup> place finish on beam, and a 28<sup>th</sup> place finish on vault.

"We did our best, but the competition was stiff so our places don't reflect our performance," senior Chelsea Klinger said.

## Girls Basketball

2<sup>nd</sup> place

The Lady Governors finished the regular season with a 15-5 record and earned the number-one seed in the district. They routinely beat the Mitchell Kernels and the Aberdeen Golden Eagles to win the district championship. They entered the state tournament as the third seed. They played sixth-seeded Sturgis in the first game. They went on to play the Watertown Arrows in the second game, whom they lost to in the championship game last year in Watertown. The Lady Governors took care of business and advanced to the championship game against number one Sioux Falls



Courtesy Photo

The Pierre Lady Governor basketball team shows off their runner-up trophy at the State AA basketball tournament earlier this month

Washington. The Lady Governors took a lead into half-time against the Warriors, but Washington came back with a stifling zone defense and won the game by three-point margin, which left the Lady Governors to receive the second place trophy for the second year in a row.

"It was really exciting being in the championship game with everyone there to support us. I hope to go back again next year," junior Tristan Rogers said.

## Boys Basketball

7<sup>th</sup> place

The Governors finished the regular season with a 8-12 record and entered district play with the third seed. They lost to Huron in the opening district game in Huron. They then went on to beat Aberdeen in the second district game to earn a

chance to play Rapid City Stevens in the regional game to move on to the state tournament. They beat the Raiders and entered the state tournament seeded seventh. They had second seeded Watertown on the ropes with an eight-point lead at half-time, but the eventual champion Arrows managed to fight back to win the game. The Governors played third-seeded Sioux Falls Roosevelt in the consolation bracket. The Governors again had a halftime lead but again failed to come out with a win. The Governors went on to beat the Sturgis Scoopers in the seventh place game to finish their season on a high note.

"Not all the games turned out the way we wanted, but we played good, and it was fun to be a part of the state tourney," senior Sean Melmer said.



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Seniors Jason Livermont, Jake Imsland, Jordan Shangreaux, Sam Koenecke, and Brian Drapeaux cheer on the girls basketball team at the state tournament earlier this month.



# NHS to hold blood drive

By Sigrid Wald

As a long-standing tradition, National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive in the new gym next Thursday through the United Blood Services.

The blood donated is given to 27 hospitals in the South Dakota, Wyoming, and Nebraska area.

"The blood drive is one of two big community service activities that NHS takes part in," NHS adviser Joan Den Ouden said.

Each year members of NHS are asked to find at least three donors for the annual blood drive.

"It's been hard because a lot of people have already signed up and some people can't give blood," junior Jim McClain said.

Other NHS members have been struggling

with the same problems.

"There aren't a lot of students old enough to give blood, so it's been hard to find people who will participate. Plus a lot of people are afraid of needles," junior Seth Brotherton said.

Throughout the day NHS members help out by checking in volunteers and completing other jobs that need to be done throughout the day.

"We have around 100 people each year show up to donate with a noticeable amount of students who participate. I would say around three-fourths of donors are students," Den Ouden said.

"I'm giving blood," said junior Danny Snow. "I'm excited because I like to make a difference in the world."

Whilesomearegladtohelp, others feel a little differently.

"Yeah, I'm kind of nervous. I don't really like needles," junior Samantha Bul-

lard said. "I'm not scared of them, but my veins are small so they have a hard time getting the needle in. Plus I bruise easily."

Anyone interested in donating has to be at least 17 years old, be in good health and weigh 110 pounds. The day of the blood drive, donors should make sure they have eaten well and are hydrated.

"Keeping fluids in you is very important. The fluids keep you from fainting or passing out," Den Ouden said.

If you are donating blood on Thursday, remember to bring a complete list of medications that you may have taken in the past month and some sort of identification.

"This is the largest blood drive in the state of South Dakota," said Den Ouden, "something that NHS takes pride in."

# Prom to feature 20's theme

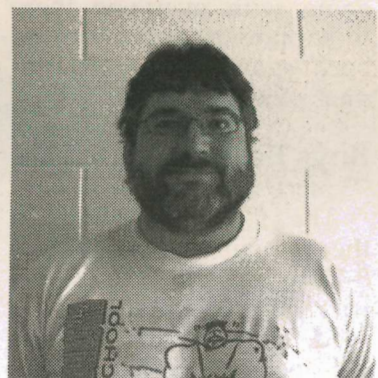
By Sydney Thompson

For juniors and seniors this year, prom should be swell. The theme for 2008's prom is "The Glitz and Glamour of the 20's."

Prom activities will begin April 19 at 6 p.m. in the gym for parents to view decorations and take pictures; a surprise decoration will also be in the lobby to provide a great photo.

The Grand March starts at 7 p.m. in the theatre. Decorations in the theatre for Grand March will include a cardboard cutout of a car and several scattered cardboard cutouts of flappers. A video screen with 20's images will also be in the theatre.

The dance will follow the Grand March beginning at 8 p.m. with doors closing at 8:30 p.m. Jazzy music from the 20's will be played, and the dance ends at 12:30 a.m.



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with post prom following.

Attendance usually averages around 300 juniors and seniors.

"This will easily be the best prom ever," prom adviser Greg Stluka said.

Post prom should be fun as well with activities such as bowling, laser hunting, darts, various card games, and a hypnotist show.

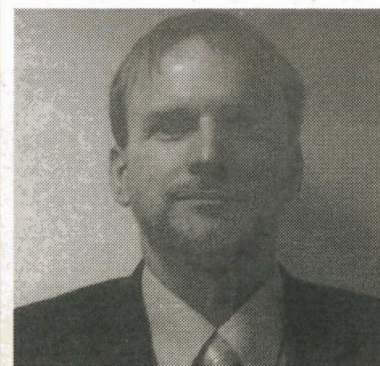
Students do not have to pay an admission charge to attend. Juniors and seniors will also have the chance of

winning any of hundreds of dollars worth of door prizes and a chance to win a bigger prize at the end of the party. Food and beverages will also be provided. Post prom starts at 12 a.m. and ends at 4 a.m. with doors closing at 1 a.m. at Lariat Lanes.

Even if students do not attend prom, they are still encouraged to go to post prom.

"We want everyone to have a fun and safe time and to enjoy the party," said Julie Paluch, post prom parent.

# In your face



Saying  
goodbye to  
Mr. M

## Kevin Mutchelknaus

♦Wife: Jill

♦Children: Dmitri, 7; Morkeia, 5; Oksana, 4

Q: What would be one of your greatest accomplishments at Riggs?

A: Bringing people together to make decisions cooperatively and being an advocate for at-risk children

Q: Why did you decide to make the move to Jefferson Elementary to be their principal?

A: While I was in Alaska, I was an elementary principal, and I enjoyed working with that age group. And when I came back, I decided if that opportunity arose here, I would accept the position. Also I like change and embrace the opportunity to grow in my profession

Q: What are you going to miss about Riggs?

A: The students and staff, but especially the Student of the Month program. It's enjoyable to sit down with these students and have conversations about their future plans and aspirations.

Q: What are you looking forward to at the elementary?

A: Working with the younger students and being able to see my wife and children throughout the day is an added bonus.

Q: Are you going to miss the food at the high school?

A: Yes, the kitchen is good to me, and they let me pick and choose what I want. I'm especially going to miss the biscuits and gravy.

Q: What types of career changes have you experienced?

A: I have worked in the Pierre District for nine nonconsecutive years and in Ft. Pierre for three. I have also been in various places in Alaska, South Dakota and Montana. The experiences in the rural Alaskan bush were different because each of the schools had interesting cultures.