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New Inductees into National Honor Society

By Emily Kist and Caitlin Reimers

On Monday, the National Honor Society welcomed their new members into the organization. NHS has accepted 59 new members, along with Mr. Jay Schwartz, who was recognized for being voted the National Honor Society Teacher of the Year. NHS is always looking for good role models and students who are willing to step up and be leaders. Applicants must be juniors or seniors with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

To apply for NHS, students must fill out an application explaining what they do for sports, extracurricular activities, along with volunteer hours. They must compose two essays about citizenship and good character. Also, students must ask several teachers to write out recommendation forms.

Member of NHS know that other students look up to them in many different ways and are expected to help out in the school and community. During their open periods, they can volunteer to help tutor students

in the library, or they can go to the middle school or other elementary schools to help students that need it. They also help raise money for different organizations. For example, NHS recently helped an organization that gave food to families that didn't have any for Thanksgiving. Upcoming events they have planned include making a team to participate in the Polar Plunge taking place on March 15th at GMMS.

Applying and participating in National Honor Society looks great on col-

lege and job applications. The benefits of joining are endless.

"I really like NHS. It is a group of hard working kids who you can easily relate to, and you know you can go to them for help if you are struggling in a class," senior member Alli Hedman said.

Many awards are given, and scholarships are awarded to outstanding NHS members to ensure that exemplary students are able to fulfill their academic careers. NHS provides its members with opportunities to develop their leadership skills and to reach their fullest potential in school and in life.



Students embark on National Honor Choir

By Marcella Lees

Two T.F. Riggs students will get the experience of a lifetime as they travel to Salt Lake City, Utah, to participate in the National Honor Choir.

Senior Joni Willoughby and junior Austin Lentsch were selected from more than 3,500 individuals from across the United States. Both are first-timers to the National Honor Choir, and both are excited for their February trip.

For Lentsch, who will participate in the Mixed Choir, the

trip is an opportunity to try new things.

"The music is quite difficult, which I like. I received my music in December and I have songs written in English, German, Spanish, Croatian, and Latin. They range from folk songs, to hymns, to chachas, so they're pretty varied," Lentsch said.

Willoughby will participate in the College and Community Latin America Choir, which is made up of people who are 18 or older.

"This is a great opportunity for Austin and I to sing under extremely amaz-

ing conductors and learn things that will help us become better musicians. We will get to meet new people from around the country, which will be amazing as well," Willoughby said.

"Since I am in the Latin America Choir, I have nine songs that are all either in the Spanish language or are a Spanish style song," she said.

The two are required to learn the songs on their own prior to traveling to Salt Lake City.

"The music is self-taught, which means that Joni and I have had

to learn everything by ourselves using recordings," Lentsch said.

Willoughby said practices start the day after they arrive.

"We go down on Tuesday, February 24, and our rehearsals begin the next day and then we have three concerts. I have one on Friday and two on Saturday, but the other choirs have all three on Saturday," she said.

While both students are looking forward to the challenges of learning new songs and the opportunity to meet new friends, one event in particu-

lar will undoubtedly become one of their favorite memories.

On the last day of the event, the five different honor choirs will join the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for a special performance.

"I get the opportunity to sing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, which is regarded as one of the most elite choirs in the world," Lentsch said.

"I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to do what I love at a level I never dreamed of doing it at," he said.

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Imagine All the People...

It has come to my attention that this is the perfect opportunity to talk about equality—or should I say, the lack of it. Many believe that the world has progressed closer toward the concept of equality; in some ways, that is very true. A South Dakota judge ruled that de-

rights for everyone, I am teeming with satisfaction knowing that I am living in an age that is making a lasting impact for future generations and setting the stage for further change.

In other aspects, however, we are no farther than we were decades ago.

EDITORIAL

neying same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. Feminism is in full swing in hopes that women will someday earn the same respect as a man. People of Hispanic and Asian backgrounds are appearing more often in pop culture and are making lasting impacts. We will never forget the Holocaust, even after 70 years since Auschwitz's liberation. As a huge proponent of equal

American reservations still experience unbearable amounts of poverty. Terrorist groups like ISIS give the entire Islamic faith a horrible reputation, giving 23 percent of the world's population a constant cloud of discrimination to bear. Mental illnesses are still blatantly ignored and stereotyped. While we remember the Jewish Ho-

locoust, schools tend to skip around other genocides that do not involve Europeans, let alone the homosexuals, gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, and disabled people who also died in the Holocaust. Also, even though February is Black History Month, and African Americans have made an extraordinary effect in all lives, cases like Trayvon Martin and Ferguson prove that we still have a long way to go.

The big question we have to ask is this: is equality truly possible? To an extent, I believe it is. Yes, we are all different. We all come from different cultures and are born with various ethnicities, abilities and sexualities. I think everyone fits into a giant Jig-

saw puzzle called mankind. Ironically, the fact that we are a melting pot of diversity makes us equal. Thanks to the outliers on both sides of the spectrum and even simple slurs that have become common fixtures in casual situations, however, equality can seem out of reach.

Last month, I focused on respecting varying personalities, and this month is hopping onto that bandwagon. Even if you don't agree with a minority's belief, that doesn't give you the excuse to ridicule them. Change is the air, and to quote John Lennon, "You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one."

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...to girls basketball winning ESD
...to making it into National Honors Society
...to chocolate kisses
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...to last second shots winning games

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...to having three months of school left
...to long school days that never end
...to Yankton girls wanting to fight Pierre student section
...to senioritis
...to final college decisions
...to being tired all the time
...to getting suspended

FEBRUARY TRIVIA

Which president was the first to view the Pacific Ocean?

Write down your name and your answer on a piece of paper and turn it in to Mr. Kippely for a chance to win a \$10 gift card to Wal-Mart.

All correct answers will also be kept for the grand prize drawing in May.

The February winner will be drawn at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4.

Performances Rock Riggs High Talent Show

As another successful talent show is behind us, I'd like to take some time to highlight all of the great musicians that presented themselves last Thursday night.

With an opening act consisting of Mr. Kippley and Mrs. Ehrenfelt's "shaking it off", it set the stage for a talent show like no other.

As to be expected, Austin Lentsch was nothing short of amazing, and managed to serenade every girl in the audience with a piece by Maroon 5. Lentsch was not the only male at the talent show ready to win over some people.

Junior Canaan Smith proved that just because he shows up in a suit and tie, doesn't mean he's there to sing his heart out. Smith preformed an original beatboxing routine that had many cheering in disbelief as he left the stage.

Rounding out the male vocalists, seniors Derick Burghardt and Grant Erwin both took the stage to preform two very different pieces, which nonetheless the audience loved.

To add to the list

of not your everyday singing, Junior Sarah Kanz preformed an oral interp piece, and Sophomore Emily Neilson preformed a violin piece.

Senior Annie Wood-



Miranda Rockwood

REFLECTIONS

mansey touched our hearts when she began to recite a very personal, and original poem (you go girl).

A few more leading

ladies took the stage were freshman Sheyenne Stadel (sang a Jack Johnson song), and sophomore Brittni Snow played piano and sang.

Senior Dagne Ode preformed a ukulele cover while singing "Undone" by Haley Reinhart.

Other performers were: junior Demeri Hanson, junior Ryan Sheldon, senior Joni Willoughby, senior Allyson Gortmaker, freshman Sam Gortmaker, sophomore Nolan Ortbahn, senior Alex Hahn, senior Cade Bench-Bresher, and sophomore Kara Brusven.

The Governor staff encourages you to attend next year's talent show in February!

Destress Before the Test with Jone-Bear

Dear Jone-Bear,
Taking tests is really stressful, especially when I might have more than one on the same day. I study a lot, and then I end up freaking out when I take it and bomb it. I knew everything and spent all that time studying. How should I handle my anxious nerves and learn to study efficiently?

Sincerely,
Bad Test Taker

Dear Bad Test Taker,

You're right. Tests are really stressful, but it seems like all you have to learn to do is calm your nerves. Personally, if a test is really stressing me out, right before the teacher hands out the test, I will close my eyes, take a deep breath to center myself, and then focus on my

breathing. If you ever get stressed in the middle of a test, you can try to do the same thing, too, and that should help you calm down.

Many people also have troubles finishing tests in time. The smartest way to manage time is to simply skip over the questions that would make you

think too much and come back to them at the end

after you finish the questions you know. Most teachers will let you stay after or come in during a study hall or open to finish the test, so don't let time rush you, but you should ask your teachers before the test starts

if you can do that, just to be sure. If they don't allow extra time, they will be very strict about the time limit, so be prepared either way.

There is such a thing as "over studying." That's when you stay up until midnight cramming as much as possible, getting no sleep because your brain is on

overload. If you study in the days leading up to

a test and just review the night before and get a good night's sleep, you should be fine. Don't let procrastination get to you; study for a couple days before the test. If you start early and figure everything out, you will

be reassured that you know your stuff and you won't get stressed.

The biggest thing to do is just to calm down when you are in a test environment. By calming down and not letting your mind worry about how much you don't know...and how much time you have left...or that you won't finish, and you are going to get an F because you don't know the answers...you will free your mind to think clearly and do your best. No matter how anxious you might be, remind yourself that you *can* do this!

Remember to turn questions into Mr. Kippley's room if you have anything you want me to answer!

Joni Willoughby
ADVICE

School Spirit Spirometer: Off the Charts!

Pierre is known around the state for our rowdy student sections. It has become almost an expectation for those who graduate from Riggs to be a little on the boisterous side when it comes to sports. Being unruly doesn't mean you have to be rude or disrespectful. Simply being extremely loud while doing crowd cheers can be just as intimidating to an opposing player as chanting mean things at them. Something Pierre should pride itself in is being one of the best student sections in the state. Getting this

unofficial title takes a lot of hard work. It takes the cheerleaders picking the right cheers, the athletes



Macy and Maddie

performing well so we have something to cheer for, and, of course, the students. Our cheerleaders have done a great job trying to get the whole crowd

involved this year. They have also listened and taken our advice on numerous cheers, so we thank them for being very flexible with us. We would also like to thank the athletes, whether it is hockey, boys or girls basketball, wrestling,

or gymnastics, for giving us something to cheer for. Even if you are not a big fan of any sports, it's always fun to see your friends and peers excel at

their respective sports. Plus, who doesn't like getting to yell a little, even when you have no idea what's going on? So, as the winter sport season comes to a close, with numerous state tournaments dotting the calendar over the next few weeks, take pride in your school. Dress up for the theme nights. Stand up (yes, even at girls basketball games). Cheer loud and proud for your green and white, because having a great student section is a tradition that Riggs simply has no choice but to uphold. GO BIG GREEN.

Creativity Flows with Port in a Storm

By Steph Nelson

Thanks to the newly-formed Port in a Storm Captain’s Club, several Riggs students have found a new hobby and passion: creative writing. Riggs English teacher, Ms. Boone, has constructed a school club focused around the writing original pieces and reading fellow students’ written work. There’s a catch, though; the entire process is completed anonymously. In order for everything to remain anonymous, writers are asked to create a pen name in which their work will be filed under. This name could be anything, and students took advantage of that freedom. From names like Onyx Elizabeth Rose and Iris Winter to Tsubasa Usagi, the originality seems to overflow in every aspect of this club.

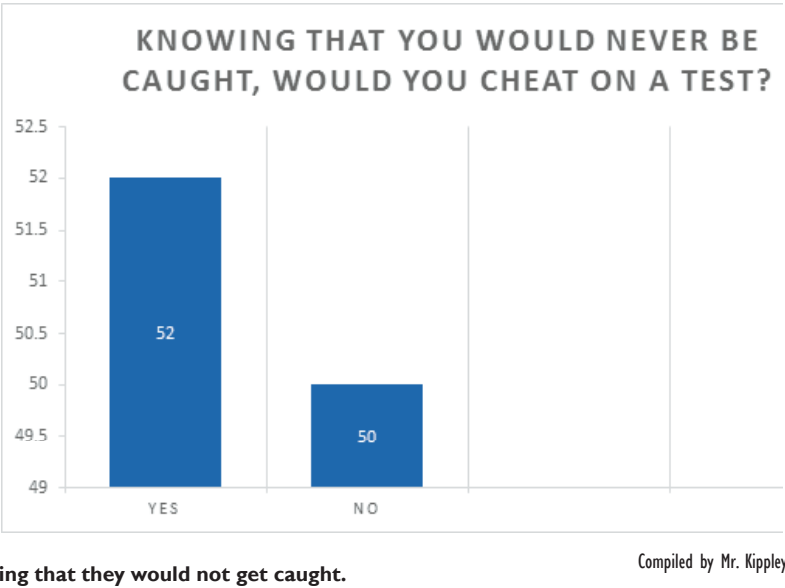
Ms. Boone took part in creating with a creative name herself; the name of the club didn’t just come out of nowhere. Boone’s family goes on vacation to Mount Desert Island in Maine quite often. There are two sides to the island, and her family stays on the quieter side. “The little town that’s right near where we stay is called Somesville, and in that town, there used to be a bookstore called Port in the Storm. It was right next to the ocean on an inlet,” Boone said. “I just thought it was the neatest name for a bookstore because books really are a port in the storm. They are a place for you to go when life becomes hectic.” “I also think that writing is a place for you to go when life gets crazy or to just enjoy yourself, to do something different, and to get away from everyday life,” she con-

tinued. Boone then described the interesting layout of the bookstore, with its two story structure and the cats that always rested in the windows. Despite the fact that the bookstore is no longer in service, Boone said that the name will always stick with her. “I thought that, since this was such a small, hidden club in a sense, or a low-profile club compared to other activities, it is that port in the storm, and there are a lot of people in our school that use reading and writing to get away from the stresses of life,” Boone said. The process of the club is fairly simple. The writers are given a deadline to submit their work to Ms. Boone. From there, Ms. Boone compiles everybody’s writings and makes packets for each reader to take home. A reader’s job is to not only correct mistakes or errors,

but, more importantly, to give constructive criticism and positive feedback. Once the readers return their packets, Ms. Boone gives all the writers back their work with the corrections and feedback. Then the whole process repeats itself. The mystery of who’s who really creates a protective atmosphere for many of the writers. When asked about the best part of being in the Port in the Storm Captain’s Club, “Catalina Santiago” said, “I like being able to read others’ pieces and have other people read mine without them knowing who exactly wrote it and judging my piece.” The genres and topics that are written about expand over great distances. Students share all types of writing, ranging from poems to chapters of books. “I love to write about horror and mystery. It’s the feel-

ing of suspense and being able to strike fear into others with simple words on paper. I love the feeling of a foggy, unknown atmosphere, and it’s the best when I’m able to put that into words and give that feeling of the jitters to someone,” said “Psychosis” when asked about his/her favorite genre of writing. Boone has been very pleased with the turnout of club members and the innovation they have brought to the table. The club is possibly even expecting an increase in members. If you’re looking for a way to express yourself through writing, or if you just want to read some original work from other students, you should check it out. The club has a lot to offer and is great at allowing students to express themselves in a way that is anonymous and judgment free.

What would you do if you were never found out?



The answers of 102 freshmen students asked if they would cheat knowing that they would not get caught.



Photo submitted by Austin Lentsch

Members of Team 5250- Loading... show off their hardware with hardware around their necks.

Robotics Ready to Roll

By Austin Lentsch

What if you had the power to make anything you wanted, and then to make it work on its own? Well, a very special group of people, commonly referred to as engineers, have that exact ability! To let these young engineers spread their wings and push their skills to the next level, a program has been established called FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics. Pierre has a team of its own—one of only two teams in the South Dakota. Team 5250—Loading... is in its fourth year of competition, and is going for gold this season. Last year, Team Loading... traveled to

the West Super Regional competition in Sacramento California, after winning the coveted Inspire Award at the Wyoming State Championship. The team ended up seventh out of the 36 teams in their division, but did not advance to the World Championship. This season, according to Nathan Remmich, is going to be a different story: “The main difference between this year and other years is that we have more experience in FTC,” Remmich said. That experience will come in handy as they advance in competition. “By winning the Inspire Award in North Dakota earlier this year, we qualified for the

North Super Regional Championship, which is basically the National level of competition,” junior Seth Snyder said. At that competition, Team Loading... also won second place overall. Since then, they have won first place overall at both the Nebraska and Wyoming State Championships. Zayn Snyder speaks for the team when he said, “We’re really excited for the rest of the year, because this is probably the best we have ever done.” The team meets on Mondays and Thursdays at a vet clinic in Fort Pierre. When it gets closer to competition, the team comes together to tie up all the loose ends. This can

mean having meetings almost every day to finish preparations. Each team member has their own tasks that they are in charge of completing. About the team, Haley Ketteler said, “Our team is a combination of many differently talented people who all excel in their own respects, and it is due to this that we are so successful.” Team 5250—Loading... will be competing in the North Super Regional Championship in Des Moines, IA, from March 25 to March 29. If they do well enough, they will get a ticket to the World Championship to be held from April 21 to April 26 in St. Louis, MO.

King of Hearts Reactions

By Shelby Guthrie and Raegan Winder

We hope that you all had a great time at KOH, and that you made some great memories with great friends. You all have your own opinion about the event, so we’re going to show you some from your peers. Sophomore Maddie Jones said, “KOH was super fun and I wish we had more than one dance a year.” Junior Hannah Toun-

sely said, “It was the best KOH experience of my high school career.” Sophomore Nathan Zimmerman said, “It was a bootyful night.” Freshman Cayley Bush said, “It was really fun and I look forward to the next one, but it was much hotter than I thought it would be.” Freshman Chloe Kaiser said, “My first KOH was unforgettable, but there were too many swing songs.”

Senior Karissa Guthrie said, “I liked KOH because it was one last time for us seniors to be together and get down with the younger kids.” Senior Payton Jones said, “It was a great senior year experience, but I didn’t get to dance with everyone I wanted too.” Freshman Taylor Davis said, “It was the experience of a lifetime.” Sophomore Kylie Light says, “Dancing with my friends was pretty

fun. I wish that they would have played better music though.” Wrapping these reactions up, every year we all get dolled up for the biggest dance in Pierre. Sometimes it’s hot and sometimes it’s not. You heard this year’s reactions and we think that overall most people had a great time. Let’s hope that next year we can keep it up. Until then we just have the memories of this one. Who knows how much will change in a year?



Photo by Mr. Kippley

The cast and crew of the talent show pose before their performances on February 19.

Quick questions: basketball head coach Terry Becker

How has this season progressed so far?

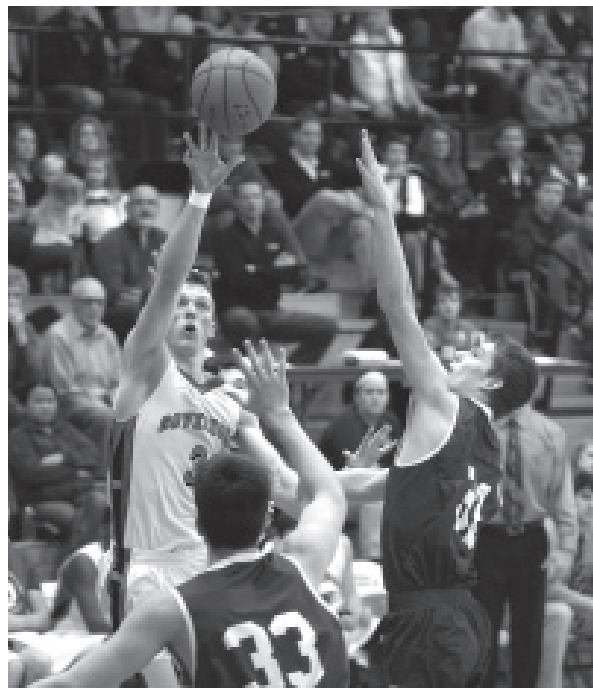
Becker: We have had streaks. Good and bad. We have had those ups and downs, but we are getting better which is a good sign as we move toward district play.

The team came off a few emotional wins this week. How does that affect the team?

Becker: We have had a lot of close games this year and it was good to see the team execute perfectly.

Last Tuesday's game against Huron was "Senior Night" for the team. What has been special for you in coaching these seniors?

Becker: These are guys that have worked their way through the program. We have had a lot of success during their time in the program. All of them have just improved



Senior Charlie Anderson puts up a floater against SF O'Gorman. Courtesy Photo

over the past few years.

Are you adjusting the plan for the contest with Mitchell given the Gobs' two losses to the Kernels this year?

Becker: Anytime

you lose to a team twice in one year, you know there are some things you have to change, but if we play our game and execute, then we will get the outcome we want.

Lady Gobs eye postseason

Senior Sydney Palmer draws contact from a Rapid City Stevens defender as she drives into the lane earlier this season. Courtesy Photo



By Marie Zander

The Lady Governors are continuing to make a case for a state tournament berth with their ESD victory. As any coach would be, coach Scott DeBoer is very pleased with the ESD win.

"Obviously we are excited about going into districts and are excited

about winning the ESD championship in the regular season," DeBoer said.

The team has had its fair share of bumps and learning experiences to go along with this season, but when asked about if he would change anything, DeBoer said he saw the season thus far as a successful progression.

"Any time you're doing something competitive, and there were mistakes, you look back and wish you could have done things differently. But if you look at the team as a whole, we can see how much we progressed and see what steps we took in the right direction so we can continue to take the right steps to the last stretch of the season," DeBoer said.

But even with the ESD win and many learned lessons, DeBoer knows that the season is far from over. The original goal of making it to state has now come into a tighter focus.

"Our goals coming into the season were to see what we could do to make it to the state tournament, and that it still our goal," DeBoer said.

DeBoer says that, for now, the team is just worried about making it to state and is taking things one game at a time. For the next couple of weeks, keep a close eye on the Lady Governors and help cheer them on to their goal of winning districts and then, fingers crossed, state.

Girls' Swimming

Last meet: February 7-8 in Pierre

Next meet: State meet today in Pierre

Athlete comment: What is your favorite swimming memory? "Playing cards with my friends at swim meets." -junior Renee Gallagher

Girls' Hockey

Record: 5-16

Last game: Sunday at Huron

Next game: State Tournament next Friday at Rapid

Player comment: How do feel the team has prepared heading into the state tournament?

"There's room for some improvement in our chemistry, but I think from the beginning of the year we have come together and are challenging one another to better ourselves on and off the ice."

-senior Destiny Barry



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Compiled by Wyatt Rumrill

Girls' Basketball

Record: 15-4

Last game: Thursday at Huron

Next game: Monday vs. Huron

Player comment: With what mentality is the team approaching the postseason? "I think this season we are going into the postseason knowing that we really do have a chance to go to state, which in past years hasn't really been an option. We have the mindset that we really do need to get there and winning the district games is one of our goals." -senior McKenna Halverson

Gymnastics

Last meet: Last Saturday in Rapid City

Athlete comment: What was your favorite part of this gymnastics season? "Gossiping on the bus rides." -junior Alana Snyder

Boys' Hockey

Record: 11-4

Last match: Sunday against Aberdeen

Next match: Tonight at Mitchell

Player comment: "Eat. Sleep. Play hockey." -senior Riley Bren

Wrestling

Last tournament: 2nd place at Regionals last Saturday at Todd County

Next tournament: State tournament today and tomorrow at Sioux Falls

Athlete comment: **How do you feel the team will do heading into state?** "The team should do pretty well. Just depends on if everyone wrestles to their full potential." -sophomore Spencer Sarringar



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Compiled by Wyatt Rumrill

Boys' Basketball

Record: 12-8

Last game: Tuesday against Huron

Next game: Tuesday vs. Mitchell

Player comment: **How do you think the team will do this year in the post-season?** "I think that if we play how I know we can play and don't over think things, we have a very good chance of winning districts and doing well at state." -junior Brevin Kaiser

Boys' Swimming

Last meet: Feb. 7-8 in Pierre

Next meet: State in Pierre today through Sunday

Athlete comment: **What are your aspirations for the rest of this season?** "I just hope to do as well as I can at the state meet and qualify for sectionals. And I want us to do as well as we can with the relay at sections." -sophomore Porter Jones

Swimmers looking for back-to-back state titles

By Wyatt Rumrill

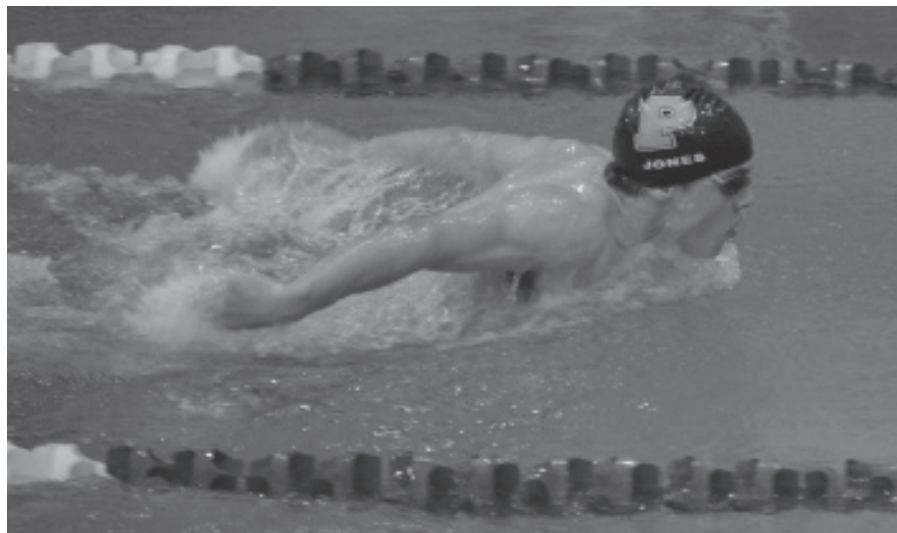
With the Capital City Qualifier wrapping up a few weeks ago, Pierre swimmers prepared for the anticipated slugfest with the Sioux Falls Snowfox at the state meet that begins today. Teams from around the state will bring their best to compete for event, age-group, and team titles, honors the Pierre Swim Team knows well after finishing on top as a team in 2014.

Looking back to a year ago, Pierre had a high caliber program with great depth. After losing a few seniors critical to last year's win, new swimmers will have to step up to fill those holes and earn more points.

One such candidate to fill those holes is Nick Mahowald. Mahowald finished 7th in the state last year in the boys' 15-16 overall high point and is looking to make some waves in the backstroke at this year's state meet.

Last year Mahowald finished 4th in both his backstroke events at the state meet. He will look to better those 4th place finishes this year and will swim a crucial backstroke leg in Pierre's 400 medley relay as well as one of the legs in the 400 free relay.

Setting up to have a big meet as well is sophomore Porter Jones. Jones won the 50 freestyle last year in the 13-14 category and is currently ranked 4th in the state for the 50 freestyle in



Courtesy Photo

Sophomore Porter Jones competes in a butterfly event in Bismarck, North Dakota this past January.

the 15-16 age group. Jones will also be a part of Pierre's 400 free relay.

For the past two years, both the medley and free relays have touched second to Sioux Falls, something Coach Kent Huckins believes will change.

"I think we have a good shot this year at taking down Sioux Falls. They have some depth, but we have the speed and talent this year to touch the wall first," Huckins said.

Senior and team captain Wyatt Rumrill is also looking for some fast swims this weekend. Winning the 15-16 high point and five individual events last year, the state record

holder in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes hopes to end his senior year on a high note. Rumrill will compete for back-to-back individual state titles in the both breaststroke events, the 200 and 400 individual medleys and the 100 butterfly. Rumrill will also be a part of the 400 medley and free relays for the Pierre Swim Team.

Evan Rumrill, Trey Dravland, John Schueller, and Lucas Schochenmaier are all also slated for full schedules this weekend.

On the girls' side of the meet, Ashley Theobald and teammates Sarah Haberman, Anna Hab-

erman, Kylie Light, Renee Gallagher, and Augustine Boland will all compete at the state meet.

Theobald will swim seven individual events including the 50 freestyle as well as the 100 and 200 breaststrokes, all events she won last year. Theobald finished the 2014 season well, finishing 3rd overall in the 15-16 age group. This year she's looking forward to meeting up with her friends from around the state and setting some new best times.

With the team in good shape heading into its final competition, Huckins believes the team will end the season well, and he also believes that it has a chance to claim back-to-back state titles.

Today marks the beginning of the State Meet with the mile starting this afternoon and the 200 freestyle and individual medley this evening.

Tomorrow's events include the 50 and 500 freestyles along with the 400 IM, 100 butterfly, 200 breaststroke and backstroke. The 400 free relay will also be swum Saturday.

The 100 breaststroke, freestyle and backstroke will all take place on Sunday along with the 200 butterfly, 1000 freestyle, and 400 medley relay.

Saturday and Sunday's events start at 1:45 and 12:45, respectively, so stop by the YMCA and cheer on your Pierre swimmers.

Bachelor of the Month



Jamaal Covey, 12

Where do you see yourself in five years?
A very successful entrepreneur/philanthropist

What makes you irresistible to the ladies?
The color of my skin with vibrant colored clothing, my charming personality, and you can't forget my smile :)
What is your signature killer move/line?
Always flexin'.
What would be the ideal date/ woman for you?
Laying with bae and

watching the sunset.
Girl has got to love kool-aid.
Would you rather be the heartbreaker or the one who has their heart broken?
Heartbreaker
Who is your crush and tell us why?
I'm always scoutin'. It just depends on who attracts me the most because there are so many pretty women!

Bachelorette of the Month



Jamie Hyde, 12

Personality:
SASSY
Looks or personality in the opposite sex?
Personality

What is your ideal first date?
Ice cream date at Zesto that I don't have to make.
Favorite leisure activity: *How I Met Your Mother* or *Friends* marathons
Pursue or be pursued?
Be pursued
Eye Color:
Golden Brown
Hair Color:
Honey Blonde

What is your favorite pick up line?
I'd say God Bless you, but He already has.
Who is your celebrity crush?
Theo James
Do you have an age preference?
Anybody not in diapers
What is your pet peeve?
When a senior boy macks on a freshman girl via twitter

Symphonic Band Selected

By Amanda Pugh and Moina Syed

On February 13, the Riggs Symphonic Band had the opportunity to perform at the 79th annual South Dakota Bandmasters Association Clinic in Brookings at South Dakota State University. They were one of three high school bands selected to perform. The Brandon Valley High School Symphonic Band, the Roosevelt High School Woodwind Ensemble, along with the NSU Symphonic Band and the SDSU Percussion Ensemble also performed at the event.

The Riggs Symphonic Band performed their program "The Sky's the Limit" featuring the songs *Sky Bound*, *Starlight*, *Shine* and *With Each Sunset*.

"It was an honor to be chosen for this event because not every

school has the opportunity to perform," Band director Mackenzie McKeithan said.

She also said that it was a great opportunity for the students to play for their future professors.

"Most of all, I enjoyed watching the students' faces AFTER the concert when they got to hear their recording. Many students remarked they could not believe it was their band they were listening to. I love when students finally realize that the hard work they put in really does pay off," McKeithan said.

Congrats to the Symphonic Band on this great achievement and honor!

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February Sibling Rivalry
Allyson (12) & Sam (9) Gortmaker

Q: Who in your family is the favorite child?

A: "Our older sister, Libby, has got to be the favorite child." -Allyson "If you want our parents to get into a conversation they care about then just ask them about Libby and all of her adventures out at college." -Sami.

Q: Who starts the fights between you?

A: "I always end them." -Sami. "So does that mean I start them, because I think you start them?" -Allyson. "You start them with your attitude (gives a finger snap) and I end them with logic." -Sami

Q: Both of you are incredibly musically inclined. (Both give head nods). So what are the best and worst parts of playing with your sister?

A: "Worst part is practicing. That can get horrid. Best part is that since we live with each other, we can be incredibly honest with each other." -Sami. "She isn't afraid to tell me if I am wrong, but I get to tell her when she is wrong too." -Allyson