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## Riggs Sends Four Quartets to All-State Choir

By Austin Lentsch, Amanda Pugh, and Steph Nelson

Many activities have the recognition of "All-State", but each activity's process to determine who receives this title differs more than you might expect.

Believe it or not, the fine arts have All-State recognition as well. In the fall, an All-State choir is hand-picked from the various choirs across South Dakota. The first week of September, a highly competitive three hour long round of auditions were held to determine who would participate. After the smoke cleared

and the decisions were made, the hard part began.

The next week marked the beginning of a mandatory schedule of practices, two a week, for several months. Members have been learning challenging music on top of balancing academics and other activities.

In addition, there are workshop days across the state, and two final days of lengthy rehearsals before the final performance conducted by a nationally renowned choral conductor, which takes place tomorrow.

Besides being chosen as a member of All-State, there is a Four-Year award that hon-

ors any member who has been selected all four years of high school. Our school is proud to have two Four-Year recipients this year: Grant Erwin and Derick Burghardt.

Erwin recognizes the opportunities beyond singing that All-State choir provides.

"The best part isn't just the singing itself, but the social setting. So many amazing people are gathered from around the state," Erwin said.

Mr. Bauck, the high school choral conductor, also does a large amount of work to help the quartets learn the songs.

"This year's All State members are top notch. This is one of the best pre-

pared groups that I have taken, and I am very proud of them for that. They have worked hard and it has paid off, and they know it."

According to Bauck, All-State choir is something that just doesn't get old.

"All-State Choir is a wonderful experience, whether you're going for the first time or the fourth time because you get to sing a variety of literature directed by a world-class conductor. There is nothing like singing with a thousand voices," Bauck said.

Nineteen students make up this year's All-State choir group from T.F. Riggs.

The group consists of: Annie Woodmansey, Sarah Kanz, Brittani Snow, Bailey Regynski, Joni Willoughby, Arden Koenecke, Marcella Lees, Dagne Ode, Austin Lentsch, Grant Erwin, Nate Hill, Dylan McQuiston, Canaan Smith, Burghardt, Louis Mehlhaff, and Alex Hahn.

There are three alternates: Hannah Booth, Abbey Nold and Brice Mertz.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Sioux Falls Arena.

Good luck to All-State choir today and tomorrow in Sioux Falls!

## Dyslexia Affects Stunningly High Number

By Marcella Lees

October is the month of colorful leaves, jack o'lanterns, apple cider, fresh air, and costumes.

It's more than that, though; October is also a month of awareness. Many people already know that it is the month to remember breast cancer, spina bifida and various other physical ailments, but most aren't aware that it is also a month dedicated to the awareness of dyslexia.

Dyslexia is actually a very prevalent disorder that simply doesn't get a lot of press. Ac-

cording to the Dyslexia Research Institute, one out of every five school children, or 10-15% of the United States' population, has dyslexia. With those statistics, T. F. Riggs should have at least 150 students with dyslexia. The problem is that only five percent of dyslexics are actually diagnosed.

The word "dyslexia" is thrown around a lot to the point where fewer and fewer people actually know what it is. It can be heard in the classroom used as an adjective for a reading related brain fart, "I just had a major-

ly dyslexic moment," or used to describe people who mix up their "b's" and "d's".

In reality, dyslexia refers to a cluster of symptoms that typically hinder language skills. It is different for every person, but people with dyslexia usually experience difficulties with reading, writing, spelling, and word pronunciation. It has nothing to do with intelligence, but has, in some cases, come to be associated with less than average intellect because as a learning disability, it can make it more difficult

for a student to learn.

"It's really embarrassing to tell people [I'm dyslexic] and they think I'm stupid because of it," a T. F. Riggs freshman who wished to remain anonymous said.

In reality, many dyslexic individuals are incredibly intelligent and simply have differently wired brains. Reading can be harder, but in many cases it motivates them to work harder and they end up being very successful.

"It has actually made me want to read more and test my limits," she said.

Just like it is important to be aware of diseases like breast cancer, it is also important to be aware of less obvious afflictions.

"It's important for people to know what dyslexia is and be able to describe it or they're not going to understand why someone may be different and they're going to remain ignorant and in the dark. Dyslexia is a reading ailment. Words don't look the same and they get jumbled up. It can be a headache, but I'm not dumb."

In a final note to all the other students

out there struggling with dyslexia or another learning disorder our brave interviewee said, "Anyone who makes fun of you for it [having dyslexia], tell them to get learned."

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# A New Standard for Testing?

Becoming an upperclassman has many perks, and it can be an exciting, pivotal point in a teenager's life, full of highs and lows. My high school experience has definitely not been a walk through the park, but one complaint I have in particular is the tedious system of standardized testing. Seeing the juniors bearing the agony of the PSAT and my own preparation for another attempt to earn that predestined number makes me want to cringe. I have a bone to pick with those administrators. I'm sure they have heard plenty of other grievances, but today, they will hear it from me.

It is mindboggling

to me to think that the difference between receiving a college acceptance letter or not could be a simple test result. The ACT and SAT are the hardest assessments you will ever try to study for. A typical study session involves reviewing broad topics and stressing over the unknown. In other words, only a miniscule portion of what makes education meaningful. Time that could be spent studying for current coursework is shrunk by useless attempts to review for a standardized test. The information is fairly straight-forward, but once the prompter begins the timer, a sense of panic sweeps the room.

## EDITORIAL

If you are one of the lucky people that can whip out dazzling scores with little effort, congratulations: the system is favored toward you, not the majority of test takers. The ACT and SAT come nowhere close to labeling intelligence. It is more of a game of learning how to beat the clock than it is of learning in general.

Don't even get me started on the fact that in several years--conveniently after we will have to worry about it--the SAT will be modified to "better evaluate students." Even the testing companies see how ridiculous and broken their creations have evolved into. Soon they will realize that even the altered version measures nothing related to academic success. The scores will never be truly accurate or reflect a student's abilities, especially in real life situations.

The point I am trying to make is to focus on the areas where you shine as an individual, whether that is through dedicated volunteerism or grades. That test score does not define you. I am certainly not about to change the system, but my hope is that someday, students will no longer gaze their sleep-filled eyes on the fine print of a testing booklet some early Saturday morning. They will be not be assessed by their accuracy of shading in bubbles, but by their originality and their efforts made in the classroom and community.

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## TWEETS OF THE MONTH

**@brooke\_miller17:** Favorite part of fall is soccer season, sweater weather, and scary movie marathons in October! (ghost emoji) (pumpkin emoji)

**@BrookeFendrich:** Favorite part of fall is hockey season starting.

For a chance to get your tweet mentioned in next month's edition, simply send a tweet and mention **@\_Gsquad\_**



## Oh, Boy: Top Hits From Boy Bands

Everyone has their favorite boy band, and no matter how many times someone tells you their music stinks, you will always have that one playlist dedicated to the best

of the best boy bands, even if you have to label it as a guilty pleasure. Maybe it's the drummer's rugged good looks, or the way the lead singer always seems to sing emotion-provoking lyrics

that relate to you and only you. The list always starts with your favorite band from when your younger days. For me, that would be the Jonas Brothers. There's just something about Nick Jonas's curly hair that makes him so loveable. Or perhaps your list starts with a band that has reigned in the boy band realm for what feels like an eternity, such as Match-Box 20. I personally-love how this band seems to mesh several genres together to create a unique sound. Of course, you can never forget the band your mom always belts at the top of her lungs: Journey. As much as you hate to admit it, once those classic first

chords of "Don't Stop Believin'" sound, you know a karaoke session is about to start. As you near the end of your list, you go for the not-so mainstream boy bands with a more

indie and alternative rock style, like Bear Hands and The 1975. To me, a boy band isn't just a group of young singers that girls fall head over

heels for; they are a group of guys that do what they love and just happen to be best-selling bands. Plus, if they are attractive, that never hurts, too.

My top ten boy bands and favorite song by each:

1. Match Box 20 - "3 A.M."
2. Maroon 5 - "She Will Be Loved"
3. The Goo Dolls - "Iris"
4. The 1975 - "Girls"
5. Hello good bye - "Here"(In Your Arms)
6. Aer - "Like The Way"
7. The Royal Concept - "On Our Way"
8. Bombay Bicycle Club - "Shuffle"
9. Big Time Rush - "Boyfriend"
10. Journey - "Don't Stop Believin'"

Miranda Rockwood

### REFLECTIONS

## Tutoring Advice from the Jone-Bear

Dear Jone-Bear,  
My grades are sliding down a huge hill. I don't want a tutor, but my dad said that I need one. I can't be seen with a nerdy kid tutoring me. I don't have time to put a tutor in my schedule, but I definitely need one. What should I do? I need a way to show my dad I don't need a tutor! Any advice?

Sincerely,  
Kid with Bad Grades-  
Dear Bad Grades,  
The first thing I want to say is that it is not a bad thing to need a tutor. If you need a tutor, that means you are in a hard class and are trying to push yourself to do your best. Just because you might not understand something going on in a class doesn't

mean you are stupid. You might just be facing a difficult concept, and there is no shame in asking for help.

Next, "nerdy" kids are not the only people who tutor. For National Honor Society members, it is required of us to tutor if it fits in our schedule. It is not just those

"nerdy" kids who are in NHS, either; it's anyone who works hard to receive good grades. There are football players, basketball players, soccer kids, golfers, tracksters, AND fine arts kids that tutor. If you don't want a nerdy kid to be your tutor, just ask to have someone else help you.

Joni Willoughby  
ADVICE

I know this doesn't appeal to people very much, but an open or study hall isn't the only time that you could get help. There is always time before or after school, or you could set up another time with a personal tutor. Everyone has at least an hour in their day at some

point in their busy schedules, even if they have

to wake up early to make time to get help.

If none of these things sound good to you or have changed your opinions about tutors, you can always go ask your teachers for assistance. Honestly, it IS their job. They get paid to help students

just like you learn and retain that information. It often turns out that if you don't understand something, then other kids probably don't, either, and it might need to be reviewed to help everyone.

If that also doesn't sound good, you could just ask a friend in your class to help you or someone who has taken the class before you did to just explain something to you. Above all, remember that if you need a tutor, it does NOT make you a stupid person.

Thanks for the great question, and make sure you turn more into Mr. Kippely's Room (318) so I can answer your questions next month!

## Yik Yak: A Lesson in Respect

With the whole school going crazy over the app Yik Yak in the past couple of weeks, we decided to do some research of our own about its origins. We discovered that Yik Yak was made by two college students and released in 2013. It was created as a source to anonymously admit confessions, mostly by college students.

As we all know, however, things can spread fast. And boy, did this Yik Yak situation escalate quickly. It seems like within a day, if not hours, Yik Yak was the talk of the school. It

seemed to take a turn for the worst as soon as it caught on. Kids were posting things about people that they would never say to their faces. In case you weren't already aware, hiding behind an app doesn't make you "cool" or "funny." Just as Mr. M said over the

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announcements, it makes you a coward. Everyone has a story, and you truly never know what someone has going on in their life. Imagine if something that you

posted about someone caused him or her to take their own life. How would you feel? That is a burden you would have on your shoulders for the rest of your life. Teachers, our parents, administrators, and so many other people have been telling us not to cyber bully for as

long as social media has been around. What will it take for people to finally understand? You would think with the number of recent suicides in and around Pierre that kids

would be a little more considerate of others. If you were personally victimized, we can tell you one thing. Don't take it to heart. Don't let someone who is hiding behind a screen tell you what you should think about yourself. What other people think about you is none of your business. Unfortunately, social media apps like Yik Yak make the things people say hard to ignore. Next time an app like this comes around, please show each other some respect and think before you post.



# One week, 270 pumpkins: a huge halloween display

By Micah Howard

For most families, carving three or four pumpkins for Halloween is plenty of work. A few, simple Jack-o-lanterns lit with candles do well to fit the requirements of most everyday pumpkin carvers. Junior Kim Grambihler and her family, however, are not average pumpkin carvers. They and their crew of helpers work to take pumpkin carving to a completely new level. The Grambihler family holds its own pumpkin carving event every year right around Halloween. This year the total number of pumpkins reached approximately 270. The family completes the lighted-pumpkin display with the addition of Halloween decorations including ghosts, tombstones, and additional lights. Grambihler herself as-

sists with the project from start to finish and says the event started as little more than a small family project, just for fun. “We had the room to grow the pumpkins, and it was a fun family project,” Grambihler said. The family sources its pumpkins from its own dedicated pumpkin patch, which takes up about an eighth of an acre. The pumpkins are planted towards the end of May. The event had humble beginnings, and started very small compared to its present size, Grambihler says. “We probably only did about 30 pumpkins the first year,” Grambihler said. Over the last several years that the family has completed the project, the number of pumpkins has gradually grown. As anyone could guess, carving 270 pumpkins requires a considerable amount of time and manpower.



Pictured above is a small sample of the pumpkins that make up the display. Courtesy Photo



Ghosts and other Halloween staples are also included in the display. Courtesy Photo



ber is increasing each year. More and more people learn of the attraction as time goes on, and informing those people has become easier as information technology has developed. “Social media has had a big factor in getting the word out to people about our display. Family, friends, co-workers, as well as a ton of people we don’t know now come to see our display,” Grambihler said. Just as the crew prepares and sets up all 270 pumpkins on the property, it also must remove all 270 pumpkins and dispose of them. Grambihler says that job is not as bad as it sounds. Left, a panorama of the display. A landscape of lit pumpkins takes over the property every October.

# HALLOWEEN TIDBITS

## Compiled by Allie Knofczynski Interesting Facts about Halloween This holiday is more than what meets the eye...

- The holiday originated from an ancient Celtic festival called Samhain. People would light bonfires and wear costumes and masks to ward off ghosts.
- The festivities probably began around 4000 B.C., meaning Halloween has been celebrated for over six thousand years.
- The Irish people created the first Jack-o-lanterns by placing candles in hollowed-out turnips.
- Trick-or-treating was first seen in the Middle Ages when poor people would beg for “soul cakes,” a sweet bread treat, and pray for dead relatives in return.
- Halloween is the second most commercially successful holiday in America, right behind Christmas.
- Halloween candy sales in America average around two billion dollars.
- Chocolate candy bars are the most popular snack to give during trick-or-treating. Snickers have consistently been number one.
- Bobbing for apples is thought to come from a Roman harvest festival celebrating Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.
- Both Salem, Massachusetts, and Anoka, Minnesota, are the self-proclaimed Halloween capitals of the world.
- This year alone, 35 million pounds, or nine billion kernels, of candy corn were produced.

## Halloween Memories from Students and Staff

**Molly Stulken, 9:** When I was six years old on Halloween, I ate a glow stick. I didn’t know they were toxic at the time. I ate it because I thought it looked bright and beautiful. Later that night, my dad caught me and started freaking out. He almost took me to the ER, but decided not to. If you learn anything this Halloween, here is my helpful tip: don’t eat glow sticks.

**Rodd Bauck, choir teacher:** I was allowed to trick-or-treat through my 6th grade year. My mother was trying to discourage me from going out because it was cold and rainy. She was also trying to get me to stay away from certain parts of town because they were poorly lit. I did not heed her advice and went out anyway. After two hours of trick-or-treating in the cold and in the rain, I was a few blocks from home, when from behind a bush, an older person (junior high or high school student) leapt out and tried to take my treats. I held on as hard as I could, but I was kicked in the stomach, and gave up my treats. As he ran away, my friend could only say “Dude. You just got your treats stolen!” That was my last year of trick-or-treating.

## We hope you all have a fun, safe Halloween weekend!





Courtesy Photo

Junior Cody Ryckman positions herself to return a serve while junior Kallie Stout looks on during a match against Aberdeen earlier this month.

## Quick questions: volleyball

**Kelsey Schmitz,**  
senior volleyball  
team captain

What was your favorite part of volleyball this season?

**Schmitz:** Personally, I really like the adrenaline rush of game. The atmosphere of the gym, and the anticipation of my teammates getting ready to do our best always gets me pumped. I also love the satisfaction of getting a good

kill, plus getting another point because of it isn't a bad deal either.

Are you proud of your team and why?

**Schmitz:** I am proud of my team. A lot of people didn't expect

us to do well this season because we lost some good players, but I feel like we proved them wrong and were able to hold our own.

How does it feel that this is your last year? Do you have any regrets?

**Schmitz:** I haven't really thought about it too much yet. I suppose it's kind of a bittersweet feeling because I had a lot of fun here, but I'm more than ready to move on.

What is your favorite memory of your volleyball career?

I really enjoyed blocking Taylin Alm. She was 6'5", one of the best out there and already had been recruited by Pepperdine. When she and I faced off, I was able to block her without a problem. This gave me a nice boost in confidence. I guess all the years of volleyball had paid off.

## Quick questions: cheer and dance

**Melissa Bobby,**  
team captain

How was it being a captain this year?

**Bobby:** I really liked being captain because of the experience I got to have in the leadership role. My hardest challenge was getting the girls to concentrate

during state. We were more than ready for the season to be over but we needed to stay focused and finish strong.

What do you feel was your team's biggest achievement this year?

I would have to say that winning our very first home tournament was our biggest accomplishment.



Courtesy Photo

Pierre junior Mariah Fuchs fights to pass a Yankton runner on the home stretch of the ESD meet in Huron.

## Girls Soccer

**Record:** 9-4-1

**Final competition:** Saturday, October 4th at SF Lincoln

**Player comment:** "My favorite part of the soccer season was probably upsetting Stevens in the quarter-finals." senior Frankie Peterson

## Volleyball

**Record:** 6-14

**Last match:** Last Saturday at Harrisburg

**Next match:** TBD

**Player comment:** "We need to come into the post-season ready to serve our hardest and consistently." junior Cody Ryckman



## Girls Cross-Country

**Final meet:** State meet last Saturday at Huron (10th place)

**Player Comment:** "Our sport is your sport's punishment." freshman Morgan Leiferman

Compiled by Wyatt Rumrill

## Girls Tennis

**Final competition:** State Tournament October 9-11 at Rapid City (15th place)

**Player comment:** How do you feel your final season of high school tennis went? "My final season went better than expected. I won more matches than I thought I would." senior Jolee Smith

## Competitive Cheer and Dance

**Final Competition:** State last Friday and Saturday at Watertown

**Athlete comment:** How does it feel to be a state champion? "It feels amazing be a part of a state champion squad. We didn't start out very good, but we got better and all our hard work paid off." junior Kristi Maxfield

## Boys Soccer

**Record:** 8-5

**Final match:** September 30th at Yankton

**Player comment:** "My favorite part of the soccer season was the bus rides. They were really fun and the comradery the team has is awesome." freshman Braiden Case

## Boys' Cross-Country

**Final meet:** Last Saturday at State Cross-Country in Huron; place: 11th

**Player comment:** "We have been training hard the whole season and I believe we're in the best shape yet and we will run our best races at state." sophomore Porter Jones



# GO GOVS!

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## Football

**Record:** 3-5

**Last Game:** Yesterday at Douglas

**Next Game:** TBD

**Player comment:** "I think if everybody works on doing their job then we'll be able to win." senior Trevor Menning

## Boys Golf

**Final tournament:** October 6-7 at State in Watertown; place: 10th

**Player comment:** "I think this season was a learning experience, and I think we can work on our weaknesses during the off season." sophomore Andrew Van Gerpen

# Lady Govs 6th at State XC, Govs take 11th

By Micah Howard

Capping off their seasons, the Govs and Lady Govs cross-country teams finished 11th and 6th, respectively, at the state meet last Saturday in Huron.

Both teams entered the meet with goals of cracking the top four in the team standings. Both teams failed to reach that goal, and their overall finishes were a disappointment. In the end, however, head coach Jim Keyes was still pleased with the way the teams ran.

"I'm proud of the girls and the boys. They gave it their all today. It's hard to be disappointed."

On the boys' side, junior Jebben Keyes led the Governors with a 19th place, all-state finish in a time of 16:35 in a field of 18 teams and 118 runners. Seth McKinley came in second for the Governors with a 43rd place finish. Scorers Porter Jones, Bennett Eisenbeisz, and Micah Howard, who finished 70th, 74th and 76th, respectively, followed McKinley.

Sioux Falls Lincoln took the boys' team state title, led by the individual state champion Will Lauer, who finished the 5000-meter run in a time of 15:13. Lauer defeated the individual runner-up by nearly 42 seconds.

Keyes believed that the competition this at this year's state meet



Courtesy Photo

Pierre runners Porter Jones, 10; Micah Howard, 12; and Seth McKinley, 11; battle for position with a pair of Aberdeen runners during the first lap of the Huron Five-Star meet earlier this month.

was especially difficult. At the state meet, the top twenty-five finishers in each race earn all-state honors. In the 2012 state meet which was run on the same course, the 25th runner on the boys' side finished in 17:19. This year the 25th runner finished in 16:46.

"The field was difficult this year and the conditions were tough. The talent was just a lot better," Keyes said.

On the girls' side, Rachel Propst finished her senior year with a 6th place finish in a time of 15:12. Second for the Lady Govs was Emily Mikkelsen, who also earned all-state honors with a 23rd place finish. Courtney Dowling, Kyla Keyes, and Hannah Shaffer rounded out the Lady Govs' scorers with 40th, 49th and 59th place finishes, respectively.

Rapid City Stevens secured the girls' team state title. The individual state champion on the girls' side was Jasmyne Cooper of Lincoln, who finished the 4000-meter race in 14:50.

Keyes believes both teams will have improved finishes next year, provided they continue to work hard over the off-season. The team will lose three varsity seniors.

"On the girls' side, we lose Rachel Propst. Rachel is a lot to lose, but Emily Mikkelsen can fill that spot. We also have some young girls coming up. On the boys' we lose Bennett Eisenbeisz and Micah Howard. I think both our girls and boys are still going to be better next year. I honestly think we are going to be able to rebound from this year," Keyes said.

The team motto of the season, as written on the back of the team's t-shirts, was "positive attitude plus dedication equals success." Keyes says that motto was important in what the team's accomplishments. Keyes says he will remember the dedication of his athletes..

"I'm going to remember a bunch of dedicated, hard-working kids, who showed up to every practice, went to camp, and went the extra mile. These kids wanted to do something different. They were more dedicated than ever," Keyes said.



## Bachelor of the Month



**Daly Beck, 12**  
**Personality:** tall, dark, and fuzzy wuzzy  
**Pursue or be pursued?**  
 I want to pursue.

**What's your favorite pick up line?**

Did you just fart? Because you just blew me away.

**Looks or personality in opposite sex?**

Funny; it would be a plus if the look like Jennifer Lawrence.

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**

Graduated college and back here working in the family business.

**Describe your dream girl.**

She's gotta be bringing booty back. Not fuzzy-wuzzy, curves in all the right places.

**What is your pet peeve?**

Babes with chest hair.

**What is your ideal first date?**

To go all out and do something I normally wouldn't ever do.

*Only one way to find out ;)*

## Bachelorette of the Month



**Alli Hedman, 12**

**Personality:** funny and outgoing, but really lazy  
**Favorite leisure activity:**  
 marathons...of "Friends"

**Looks or personality in opposite sex?**

Personality. If you can't make me laugh you might as well leave.

**What is your ideal first date?**

Dinner at McDonald's and then a romantic walk along the cosway.

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**

Begging my parents for money because i'm broke from college.

**What is your favorite pick up line?**

If you were a vegetable... you'd be a CUTE-cumber.

**Who is your celebrity crush?**

Zac Efron. I wish he was 17 again.

**Describe your dream guy.**

I've been going for the band nerds, but I'm looking for a bad boy.

**What is your pet peeve?**

People who don't use coasters.



**2014 All State Choir members**

Front: Brittani Snow, Marcella Lees, Dagne Ode, Annie Woodmansey, Grant Erwin, Joni Willoughby

Middle: Brice Mertz, Hannah Booth, Bailey Regynski, Arden Koenecke, Alex Hahn, Dylan McQuiston

Back: Mr. Rodd Bauck, Derick Burghardt, Louis Mehlhaff, Nate Hill, Canaan Smith, Austin Lentsch, Sarah Kanz

Not pictured: Abbey Nold

Photo by Austin Lentsch

## October Sibling Rivalry

### Jayson and Shannon Poppinga

**Q: Who do you think is the favorite child?**

A: Pretty equal. Parents made sure we both felt loved.

**Q: More liked coach by the football team?**

A: Doesn't matter to us. We just love coaching together!

**Q: Who started most of the fights as kids?**

A: Jayson.

**Q: Who won most of the fights?**

A: Shannon.

**Q: Who is the better teacher?**

A: We teach at different levels, but Jayson says he is better.

*One thing we do know is that Pierre is lucky to have both great teachers and coaches!*