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Stressing for Testing

By Austin Lentsch

Second semester can be described pretty well by the phrase “rise and grind.” Especially with claims of senioritis, second semester can be pretty tough to make it through. Most people just go hard during third quarter so that if their fourth quarter slacks off a little bit, it isn’t the end of the world...or the end of their 4.0 (although, to be fair, for some kids those are the same thing). Long story short, the best part about second semester is that semester tests still count for a fifth of your final grade. Not to mention that if you’re in Advanced Placement classes,

those AP tests are a nice bonus. Everyone at this point has taken finals, so instead I’d like to delve into exactly what AP courses and AP tests mean for students this time of year.

The AP test for any course is separate from the grade on your transcript. Scored from one to five, any grade above a three is considered passing. What most students aren’t prepared for is the fact that these tests are very difficult. That is by design, because the point is to find out what the test taker’s knowledge level actually is. Two of the most notorious tests are AP physics and chemistry, where about a 65-68% will get you a five, depending on the

year and the test and the average score and various other considerations. Just a reminder, these scores mean that you have basically mastered the subject at an introductory college level, so keep all of this in perspective.

For anyone who is taking these tests in the coming weeks, don’t worry, you can still continue working toward producing the best results. Practice tests and questions are everywhere online, not to mention that the AP teachers usually put you through your paces for review worksheets. Don’t be too concerned about having the knowledge, your teachers have (or will, if you’re

taking a couple next year) more than adequately prepared you, so just go knock it out. If at the end of everything, you would still like more review, I personally recommend picking up Barron’s AP Review books. They explain each segment and suggested approaches to take, along with practice questions and essay prompts. Overall, they are ranked first by students, and are the most-listed resource for students who get fives on their tests.

To those testing, good luck, may the Schwartz™ be with you, and remember to finish the year strong. Summer won’t come any faster if you get wrecked in all of your courses,

plus it’ll be so much sweeter if you don’t have to worry about an adverse hit on your GPA;)

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Clearing the Hurdle...And It’s Expensive

By Joanna Hancock

As the year draws to a close, many students are preparing to jump the final, and most tedious hurdle: AP testing. A three hour test seems daunting for many, and for those who are taking more than one, they are less than thrilled. While scoring well on an AP test has the possibility of eliminating annoying freshman class requirements, the issue still remains that students have to pay obscene amounts of money to take them. With rates reaching \$86 dollars a test, people who are taking more than one test are finding themselves hundreds of dollars in the hole. The question is, should schools pay for AP testing?

States across the nation have different payment plans for AP testing. Some require students to pay a portion of the price, while others, like Florida, pay for the entire test. Many schools provide assistance to those students who are in need of financial aid. In addition, some schools require students taking AP courses to register for the test as a prerequisite, while it is optional at some schools. There is no doubt that many students taking multiple AP tests would agree that state paid tests would be far superior to paying hundreds of dollars to slave over difficult material, but in the case of Florida, where the tests are paid for, the pass rate is the lowest in the nation. The argument is that

having to pay great quantities of money for a test encourages the student to perform better, and that students who have the test virtually paid for take it for granted, and lack the personal motivation to do well.

Many argue that the money spent on test fees could be used to improve courses and curriculum, claiming that students who realize they are getting an educational experience and feel prepared would be more willing to pay for the test. AP courses are college level classes, meaning that they are an extra feature to your high school experience. Some claim that asking schools to pay for AP tests would be like asking for a free accessory with the purchase of an iPhone. It’s an

added expense, and very cheap compared to what an actual college course costs. To provide a comparison, the average cost of a college class at an in-state, four year institution is roughly \$759 for a three credit class. Private colleges can cost as much as \$2,727 for a three credit class, making an \$86 test look like a very appealing option.

Then, of course, there is the issue of all the paperwork that goes into ordering and registering for AP tests. Those schools that simply require students to take the test with completion of the course, while paying the full value, have to endure far less of a hustle when registering and ordering exam materials, as they can essentially use the class roster as a

measurement. In turn, schools that don’t require completion of the exam, and collect fees from students, have a much harder time managing all of the data when it comes time to order from the College Board.

It all comes down to what is best for each individual school. In some cases, AP classes are rather small, so paying for the tests would not be a problem, but at larger schools, costs can quickly add up. That represents money that could be used elsewhere. It’s all a matter of risk vs. reward. How much money is a school willing to surrender to lessen the burden of college bound students? And how much money is coming out of your wallet this spring when AP testing rolls around?

I Need Feminism Because...

Before we get started, let me just say that I love men. I am not a man hater, I have never been a man hater, and I will never be a man hater. Contrary to the skewed ideas “feminazis” may have put into your mind, I can say all those things and still be firmly a feminist. I won’t deny it, things are 100 times better than they were before. And believe me, I’m thankful for that fact; but we’re not there yet. I think people are becoming complacent. They’re glad women can vote and have jobs now, but they figure the rest of the stuff will sort itself out over time. Women’s rights campaigns seem to be plateauing and we are content with “close enough” when we deserve all the way. Because, people, women are still only making 79 cents to the man’s dollar (according to whitehouse.gov). Women make up 50.4% of the US

population (The World Bank) and yet they make up only 19.4% of congress (CAWP Center for American Women and Politics). This statistic is troubling. Women are not being adequately represented in government and the workplace still vastly favors men. I don’t want to kick men out of jobs, I don’t even want any affirmative action hiring techniques that favor women, but there needs to be an attitude change. Because of all the progress women have made, there seems to be a stigma that feminists are selfish and trying to overrun men when we really just want to finish what our brave ancestors started in 1848 with the women’s rights movement. Now to be honest, I don’t really know where we go from here. Most of the laws are in place;

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it’s attitudes that need to change. Women are b-words if they act assertive and confident (so everything we admire in men). Women are sl-words if we have half the sexual partners of our male counterparts. People deny the glass ceiling but it is very much there. Women are grossly underrepresented in higher paying, executive positions as well as government. So yes, progress has been made and there are many, many women and men that do believe in equality for the sexes; but if that is ever to be fully achieved, society is going to need an attitude adjustment. Go out and get high-level jobs, ladies. Run for president (not you, Hillary, and I don’t say that because you are female...). If you want to stay home with your

kids, go ahead, that’s awesome (it’s what my mom did); but it’s not the only option. You can be a doctor or a scientist. You can become the CEO of a Fortune 500 company. You can do anything you set your mind to. My hope is that someday, when I have a daughter, I will never have to assure her that she can do anything a man can—that to just be a given. And when I have a little boy, he will never have to have a “it’s important to respect women and treat them as equals” talk, because it will have never occurred to him that they weren’t. Change doesn’t happen all at once, but it starts with you. I don’t care if you are a man, a woman, or something else—it is all of our responsibilities to change society’s view on gender roles. Because I don’t want a son or daughter of mine to ever think they can’t do something because of their sex.

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News bites, local and worldwide

April has been a month packed with news.

Devastating news, uplifting news, hilarious news, it’s all been covered this April. April Fools’ Day started off the month, but things have gone downhill in terms of happy news since then.

A video released the week of April 10 by Nigerian Islamist group Boko Haram appears to have shown the group of girls kidnapped from Chibok

in April 2014. This video marks the first time the parents have seen their children since the kidnapping. People are hoping this video will reboot the #BringBackOurGirls social media campaign.

Natural disasters have occurred all over the world this month. Two major earthquakes in Ecuador on April 16th and April 20th left 500 dead and thousands homeless and/or missing.

On April 14th, 16th, and 20th, Japan was hit with three major

earthquakes. Japan has experienced 680 aftershocks in between these three quakes. In Mexico, the Popocatepetl Volcano had a major eruption for the first time since 2000 on April 18th. Ash fell over the city of Puebla, but there seems to be no major damage.

On a lighter note, Custer State Park welcomed the first two baby buffaloes of the year this month. A video released of them running around in the park has been featured on popular news

sites such as Time and Mashable.

We are getting pretty deep into the presidential race, and it seems as if the tables are turning.

Donald Trump, though still winning, seems to be falling behind in the polls.

Ted Cruz is quietly scoring delegates, which lowers the number of delegates available for Trump.

If Trump cannot get 1,237 delegates by July, the Republican Party will have to go to a contested convention.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton is now two states ahead of Bernie Sanders (19-17) after a surprising win in New York. She is also almost 300 delegates ahead of Sanders, with over 400 extra super delegates.

Right now, however, nobody is totally sure who is going to win the primary on either side.

The change of the \$5, \$10, and \$20 bill has sparked a lot of conversation this month.

Harriet Tubman

will be the new face of the \$20, with Andrew Jackson bumped to the back.

The \$5 bill will feature Martin Luther King Jr. and Marian Anderson (she’s an opera singer who sang on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial after being denied the right to sing at a concert hall).

The \$10 bill will depict the leaders of the women’s suffrage movement – Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Alice Paul.

April Showers bring plenty to do

The month of April typically brings rainy days and stormy weather, which often leads to boredom and wishes for the sun to come back out. But with those showery days - or even weeks - opportunities arise. Opportunities to get out and explore, or stay in and get your crap together.

The thought of going out and playing in the rain just seems childish. But revisiting the stereotypical "kid jumping in a puddle" type of activities can be somewhat rewarding. It can kind of be a release of stress, especially with the end of school year activities and tests piling up. One of my favorite things to do when I was a kid was to go worm hunting with my grandpa. Going out with a friend and attempting to find a worm while failing miserably to do so, can be a fun memory for both of you to share. Another not so childish outdoor activity is on shore fishing in the rain, with the worms you found from hunting. Driving around in the rain, listening to your favorite songs, and forgetting all your problems can be add-

ed to the list as well.

If going outside and getting cold and wet isn't really your thing, maybe staying indoors and finding other things to do is more enjoyable. Although nothing can beat that feeling of stripping from your cold and damp clothes and putting on fresh, dry clothes, maybe you'd like to

skip that first step altogether. Sitting in front of the TV in your pajamas

with a blanket, and having a warm drink in hand, while flipping to your favorite movie or show on Netflix, is probably just as satisfying as jumping in a puddle, but in many different ways.

So all in all, most people find themselves sitting inside, bored out of their mind, and using the excuse "but mom, it's crappy outside, I have nothing to do." There are still plenty of rainy days to come, and next time you'll hopefully take all mentioned activities into consideration. Or you could just do your own thing and sleep (or game) all day, that's cool too.

Emily Kist

REFLECTIONS

Bust into spring with bright colors and patterns

Hello sunshine and warm weather! We have officially arrived at spring and yes, it is now okay for you to break out the shorts and sandals. We are sick of the cold weather and ready to try something new. Every year when the warmer months come around, there are always new fashion trends to follow and try out. This year those trends appear to be bright colors and patterns. Check out those bright and bold yellows, oranges, pinks, or whatever color catches your eye. Try those cool colors out on a new handbag or may-

be a new pair of shoes. Those colors are a great way to add a little extra to your ensemble. Even one patterned shirt or a statement pair of shoes can liven up your spring wardrobe by a ton. Before you know it, you will have started a trend in Pierre, South Dakota. Seems crazy right? Yeah, we know. Whatever new, bold piece you decide to get, don't regret it or second guess yourself. You liked it for a reason so don't try and talk yourself out of it. Have

xoxo Carrie and Charlotte
Your Common Counsel Couple
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the confidence to rock it. Also, if you find yourself attracted to the funky print pants on the back rack of the store, don't think you are going insane. Those pants are totally rad. In fact, they are what everyone wants. So go ahead and spend that money on that print and wear those pants proud. People are going to admire your fashion sense and confidence. And don't forget you can always combine the bold colors and crazy prints. Just make sure you don't overdo it. Too much is

too much sometimes, especially when it comes to different prints. A simple top with printed pants is definitely the way to go instead of a printed top and pants. Before summer hits us and we are experiencing the eighty-degree heat, take advantage of the cool and springy (pun intended) air. We only get to experience it once a year. As it is every year, spring is a time to shed your winter shell. So try out some new styles and make it the most fashionable spring yet! You are not going to regret it. We promise.

Moving on...

In the past week alone, I have received over 25 graduation invites and in the coming weeks, I'm sure I will get many more. I've been saying this all year, but the reality of graduating is really starting to sink in.

Going to the wisdom retreat, getting grad invites, attending the parent/senior party, and getting ready for my last prom this coming weekend are making me feel especially nostalgic even though graduation

is still a (short) month away. The seniors are being reminded regularly to spend time with our classmates, because in five weeks, we're all going our separate ways.

No longer will I walk down the hall and see faces I've seen for the past twelve years. No longer will I know everyone in my class's name. No longer will I have close relationships with all

of my teachers. Soon I will be walking on a campus past kids I have never seen before, and may never see again. Soon I will know the kids who sit next to me, but not the other 300 in my lecture hall. Soon I

Macy Halverson

will know my professor's name, and that will be the extent of our relationship. Going to a small(ish) high school has left all of us with a comforting sense of intimacy for our peers, and that will no longer be a thing as we move on to the next chapter of our lives.

I hope no one has had a horrible time in the their years at Riggs because going here has given me some great people and great memories.

Riggs High is a very special place full of educators who care and believe in all of their students. Underclassmen, use this to your advantage, because not everywhere you go will be as great as PHS.

It's a big world out there, but thanks to the teachers, administration, and students of Riggs, the class of 2016 is more than ready for it.

Move Aside Prom

By Arden Koenecke and Amanda Pugh

You’ve heard of Prom, and you’ve heard of King of Hearts, but another dance in Pierre is gaining popularity. On Friday, April 8th, several local bands had the opportunity to play at the Big Band Dance. The Big Band Dance was a community event that served as a fundraiser for the Riggs Band Program. Both the Riggs and Middle School Jazz Bands, along with the Over Forte Big Band, performed live. To prepare, the Riggs Jazz Band met several times a week to learn a variety of music, including contemporary songs like “Uptown Funk”, jazz standards such as “Manteca,” as well as other genres like swing and big band. Because several bands played at the dance, it was a great chance for “students to see

what they could do in the future--into high school and beyond,” said Ms. McKeithan, Riggs band director. The Big Band Dance is a classy event, filled with swing dancing, jitterbugging, and everything in between. Several Riggs students & staff and community members alike hit the dance floor to show off their best moves, often using moves like the dip or even the slide under the legs. The dance is also a huge fundraiser for the Riggs music department. With its five-dollar admission, the dance is an affordable way for people to have a good time and support the arts at the same time. This year’s dance raised over \$700 for the choir and band programs.

Farewell Advice for All of My Schoolmates

By Marcella Lees

Freshman:
Congrats! You have almost finished your first year of high school. I know you’ve heard this more times than you care to, but it’s important so I will say it again: your grades matter. No, a number should not define who you are as a person, but the stark truth is that if you want to go to college, your grades will affect your life after high school. As you most likely don’t know what you are going to do after you graduate, it’s probably best to make sure college is an option at this point. So put in the effort to at the very least not fail classes. Most of the time if you are failing a class, it’s not because you aren’t perfectly capable of passing, it’s because you aren’t turning in work. And I know why you don’t—you hate the class, you don’t want to be there, the assignment is stupid, you don’t have time—but if the class is that bad do you really want to take it again? Not going to lie, there were a couple classes I hated; but believe me, I did my homework because I was NOT going through that torture again. Especially if you have a study hall, it’s not that hard to set aside an hour to make sure you get things at least finished. And if this year didn’t go so hot, know that it isn’t even remotely to late to turn things around. Let’s say you failed several classes this year, if you work hard from here on out, you can still graduate with a decent GPA. And if you are truly struggling in a class, get help! We have some pretty cool teachers here who would be more than happy to help if you asked. I don’t care if you are busy, they will find a time to work with you. Mick will straight up have you come to his house to tutor you in Latin if you need it. Some teachers give out their number so that students can contact them with homework questions in the evenings. And if you don’t feel comfortable going to your teacher for help, ask for a tutor. G2G has some really great kids in it who would be happy to help you out. National Honor Society

also provides tutors to students who request it and once again, they are pretty rad people. And don’t ever feel insecure about asking for help. Want to know something? I have tutored Freshman and Sophomores with NHS and G2G; but I myself had to go to a tutor a few times this year for AP Chem. There’s no shame in not being the best at something but wanting to get better. I go to my teachers all the time if I’m not understanding something or need help on a problem. That’s what they are there for. My class plug for you guys is that if you are at all good at or enjoy math, take Accelerated Algebra II so that you can have math with Schwartz junior and/or senior year. He is the bomb.com as a person and a teacher. Sorry for the bombardment of information; but hopefully it was somewhat helpful. I hope you guys have an awesome next three years and look forward to coming back and seeing you all graduate (my brother is in your class, I’m not stalking anyone).

Sophomores:
Guess who gets to be upper-classmen next year? You guys! And with being an upper-classmen comes all new freedoms like opens instead of study halls and getting to leave for lunch. With these freedoms, however, comes an extra incentive to pass your classes because opens can be taken away. My advice to you would be to try and get as many hard classes out of the way as you can next year. Senior year is rough no matter what, so the less stress you have to add on top of that the better. If you qualify, take AP and college classes! You can get those boring generals out of the way at a much cheaper price while simultaneously getting high school credit. I’m not saying you shouldn’t take AP classes senior year as well, because you should, but the more you take next year the less you have to worry about as a senior. While you do still need to work hard, have fun next year. For me

at least, senior year has been too busy and stressful for me to do much with my friends. I’m really glad I had some great memories from last year to tide me over until this summer. Start doing college visits but don’t freak out if you don’t know exactly what you want to do with your life. I’ve changed my mind several times in the last couple years and will probably change it several more times in the next couple. Another recommendation would be to think about joining G2G. I was part of it last semester and it was actually really great. I had fun, I felt useful and like I was making a difference, and I think it was really helpful to the freshmen. My class plug that applies to you guys as well as the other grades is to take a Mick class. I promise you won’t regret it and will thank me later. Seriously, if you aren’t already signed up for Latin I, Latin II, Mythology, or College Western Civilization, go do it now. Stop reading and go do it. I hope you guys have a fun time being upperclassmen; junior year is a good year. You start getting more freedoms but you aren’t quite to the intense stress and senioritis stage yet. Enjoy it.

Juniors:
You are in for quite a ride next year, guys. Senior year is different for different people, mostly depending on what classes you take. If you decide to take easier classes, and there’s nothing wrong with that, senior year could be a lot of fun. Spend that time hanging out with your high school friends that you may not get to see again. If you are taking a bunch of AP and college classes, next year is going to be miserable. It’s hard to begin with and then that senioritis strikes and it gets practically impossible. My case is extreme and I know that; but I got an average of five hours of sleep a night this year. I need at least eight to function properly. The last month and a half that number has gone down to three or less. Right now, it is 5:20 A.M. and I need to be at school at 7:30. That’s my life right now and something I

want you to be prepared for. I can almost guarantee you won’t be at the same extreme I am, but I can tell you that it will be rough. On a less depressing note, you do have some really fun things to look forward to like the parent senior party and teachers being more lax because your grade is their favorite. It will also be time to start getting serious about where you want to go to college. While there are some great schools here in SD and if you end up at one of them that’s awesome, I would strongly recommend you look at some out of state schools. There is a school that perfectly fits every student if you take the time to find it; but it may not be in state. And if you aren’t going to college, that’s perfectly fine too. Don’t ever feel like you have to if that’s not what is right for you. I have some friends who are going to a technical school because that’s what fits them best and a few that decided to go straight to the workforce. The important thing is to do what YOU want to do; not what you feel pressured by anyone else to do. And if you are

going to a two or four year college, fill out scholarships. Seriously, fill them out. Riggs students have the potential to win a lot of money but you can’t win it if you don’t apply. My final advice would be that when you start to feel like you just can’t do it anymore, take a deep breath and remind yourself that it’s just high school. Yes, it’s important; but it’s not the end all be all of your life and sometimes you have to remind yourself of that fact. Good luck next year it will be tough but it will be worth it.

Seniors:
I’m going to keep this short and sweet, three more weeks baby! Most of you have been together for seven years or more now but that’s about to come to an end. We are starting an entirely new chapter of our lives and I can’t really give you advice because I’m not there yet either. I wish you all the best of luck next year and beyond, though, and look forward to catching up with everyone at our 20 year reunion.

Teacher of the Month

JUSTIN KAPPES- MATH

Hometown: Leola, South Dakota

Motivation to become a teacher: My high school math teacher, Clark Reider

Favorite hobby: Huting, fishing

Favorite food: Mrs. Boutchee’s egg rolls... AMAZ-ING!!!

College: Northern State

Superpower: Multitasking

Would you rather?

Brittany VanHunnik and Carson McCaskell

Would you rather have no elbows or no knees?
BV: Elbows; CM: Elbows

Would you rather have no hair or hair all over and never be able to shave?
BV: No hair; CM: No hair

Would you rather never speak or say everything on your mind?
BV: Everything; CM: Never speak

Would you rather change the past or see the future?
BV: Future; CM: Past

Seniors Lead Boys Track Into 2016

By Raegan Winder

Just like the rest of this school year, the boys track team is racing by. The boys are smack in the middle of what may be their best season in a while. With an abundance of leadership and stamina, it's looking like they'll have what it takes to finish the year on a high note. The team this year contains eighteen senior boys, each of which brings their own form of leadership and coaching to the team. Max Reinke, one of the senior leaders of the throwing team, is having a great season. Having already placed among some of the top throw-

ers in the state, he is sure to finish his high school career with a good finish at state. Jebben Keyes is one of the senior leaders of the distance team, and he is looking to pull the whole team together for a big finish. This season will contain the last races of his long high school career, a huge milestone for him no doubt. One of the senior leaders of the sprinting team is Seth Neal, who is looking forward to what lies ahead this season and how it will affect the track program. There is still a lot of the season left, and the boys are ready to give it all they've got to finish their high school careers on a high note.



Senior Spotlight

Senior Spotlight: Jack Wollman
Sports: Cross country and track
Events: 400m dash, 800m dash, relays
College: University of Mary
College Level: Division 2
College Sports: Track and cross country

Pictures courtesy of Gidal Kaiser (left) and Wade LaRoche (right), Capital Journal



Senior Spotlight: Cortney Dowling
Sports: Cross country and track
Events: 100m dash, 200m dash, 400m dash, 800m run, relays
College: Augustana University
College Level: Division 2
College Sports: Track and cross country

Girls Golf

Last event: 3rd place at Mitchell on April 22

Next event: Huron Invite on Thursday



Track

Last event:
 American Legion Relays in Pierre on April 22

Next event:
 Aberdeen Invite and Black Hills Track Classic tomorrow

GOOD LUCK THIS SEASON LADIES!

Boys Tennis

Last event: Aberdeen Triangular on April 21

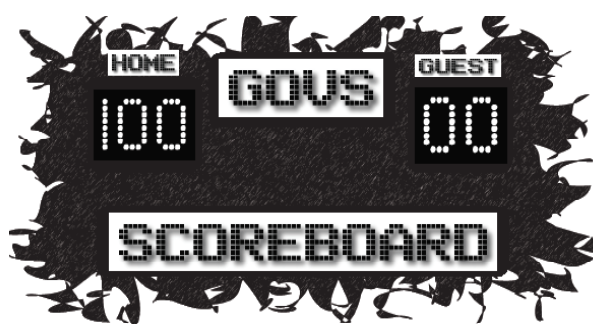
Aberdeen Roncalli (L 8-1)

Aberdeen Central (L 7-2)

Next event: Today in Rapid City

Sioux Falls O'Gorman at 9:30 a.m.

Rapid City Stevens at 12:00 p.m.



GO GOVS!

Compiled by Nate Hill

Track

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Track Girls Get Season Started

By Shelby Guthrie

With the wind in their hair and the strain on their muscles, girls go out for track. The girls track team is split into many parts including, jumping, throwing, sprinting, hurdling, and distance running. The girls track team looks promising with stellar results all around. In the first meet of the season, the Bob Judson Invitational, these women dominated. Senior Cortney Dowling achieved first place in the 100-meter and 400-meter dash. In the 200-meter dash, Senior Nikky Farnsworth got second place behind Rapid City Central's Hannah Young. While in the 1600 meter run freshman Emily Mikkelsen and junior Hannah Shaffer got first and second place with only .01 of a second separating them. In the 4x400 relay Pierre lady governors got second place with a 4:26.91. The members of this relay are Dani Ullmann, Hannah Shaffer, Nikky Farnsworth, and Emily Mikkelsen. To

end off a good meet Sophomores Addie Eisenbiesz and Joanna Zanin won third and fourth place on the high jump with heights of five feet and four feet eight inches respectively. The Lady Governors track team seems to be doing pretty well all together with placing third all together at the Bob Judson Invitational.

On their next meet, Pierre American Legion Relays they placed sixth out of fourteen teams finishing in the top half of the meet. The highlights from that meet are Courtney Dowling placing first in the 400-meter dash in a race of twenty-four runners. As well as that feat, the 4x400-relay team got fourth place with a 4:09.94; the runners in that relay were Nikky Farnsworth, Emily Mikkelsen, Cortney Dowling, and Hannah Shaffer. The sprint medley relay team, or smr team, also did a great job getting second place with a 4:38.00; the sprinters in that race were Joanna Zanin, Britney Hicks, Nicky Farnsworth, and Hannah Shaf-

fer. In the throwing part of the track meet, Junior Maddie Reinke did extremely well placing first place out of 38 throwers in the 4kg shotput. Maddie threw a distance of 36 feet and 9 and a half inches. Freshman Abigail Foster placed third in the high jump with a height of five feet. Junior Tori Thorpe also obtained third place; however, this time it was in the triple jump. Tori jumped a distance of thirty-four feet and five inches. With scores like these, the Lady Governors can only improve as the season goes on.

One star athlete on the Lady Governors track team is senior Cortney Dowling. She has been a superb athlete her entire high school career. She won Gatorade's track athlete of the year her ninth grade year and her 10th grade year. Courtney has also broken many high school records even state records namely the 400-meter dash at the South Dakota state track meet beating the previous record, 55.49 sec-

onds, with her 55.11. Sadly, she had to sit out her junior year because of a hamstring injury; however, now she is back on the track and continuing to place high in all of her races. Another spotlight star is Hannah Shaffer. She is one of three girls on the girl's track distance team. She continues putting in good racing times. She says the team goal for the year is "to work hard in practice and improve our times throughout the season. We want to be running out the fastest teams at the ESD and State meets." She also states her personal goal is to "Run the best times and be able to continue improving." This is a big deal to Shaffer because all she had to sit out of the entire cross country season because of multiple stress fractures. The Pierre Lady Governors track team is looking good this season hopefully they will be able to place well at top meets like the ESD Conference meet and State meet.

Bachelor of the Month



Murdoch Word, 12

Personality:

No words can describe my personality

Eye Color:

Dark, chocolate brown

Hair Color:

Dirt Brown

What do you look for in a significant other?

They have to be able to put up with everything I do.

Pet Peeve?

Grammar Nazi

If you had to lose one of your five senses?

Touch, because I could get shot or stabbed and not feel it.

I d e a l date?

Has to involve a nice dinner, some video

games, soda, hotpockets, and Cheez-its!

Pursue or be pursued?

Pursue. I am more of a lion than a gazelle.

Favorite movie?

Toy Story 1

Final words?

Well, shoot.

Pick up line:

Hey baby, are you trash? Because, I'll pick you up.

Bachelorette of the Month



Miranda Rockwood, 12

Personality:

Too good for a farm boy

Eye Color:

Swamp Green

Hair Color:

Mahogany

Biggest pet peeve?

When you can't get a text back

Favorite Pick up Line?

Your biceps are huge; kiss me. (This only works on Lincoln boys)

Ideal first date?

Hanging out in Mariah Fuchs's basement

What do you look for in a significant other?

A text back would be nice

Pursue or Be Pursued?

Be pursued

Final words?

It was lit.

If you had to lose one of your five senses?

Smell.

Favorite movie?

Sex in the City

What is your favorite quirck?

I'm a social butterfly.



What's hot and what's not this month

...to good April fools day jokes
 ...to Prom and Post Prom
 ...to the parent senior party
 ...to getting you nails done and looking pretty at Prom
 ...to taking long naps during your opens
 ...to ONE MORE MONTH LEFT OF SCHOOL
 ...to getting scholarships
 ...to getting extra credit in honors (Happy B-day Shakespeare!!!)
 ...to dance recitals being on point:)
 ...to Maddie and Peter winning Prom Queen and King
 ...to fishin and golfing on nice spring days

...to having to run in the rain for track
 ...to testing week
 ...to being mind blown by Reza
 ...to getting no sleep after prom
 ...to the juniors winning all the prizes and Post Prom
 ...to procrastinating and not getting any school work done
 ...to all the "lasts"
 ...to windy days
 ...to the ACT
 ...to literary analysis research papers
 ...to not getting scholarships
 ...to having no money

April Sibling Rivalry Seth (12) & Judah (10) McKinley

Q: What's the best thing about being from a large family?

A: Seth: Well, we were both homeschooled, so it really helped pass the time to have a bunch of brothers to play with. I can't imagine being homeschooled by myself. Judah: I would say also sometimes it creates a sense of competition between all of us and then it ends up making all of us strive to work harder.

Q: Do you guys bond more with your younger siblings or with each other?

A: Judah: We're the closest in age, so I would say that allows more opportunities for us to bond. Seth: Before Judah was in high school, it was probably the same between all of my younger brothers. But now that he's in high school, I get to see him a lot more throughout the day, so I've probably bonded with him more over the last 2-3 years.

Q: Judah, is it going to be weird next year when you're brother isn't around?

A: Judah: It's definitely going to be different. I'm definitely going to miss not seeing him at school or at home or anywhere.