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Helping by Playing: Capitals Host Pink the Rink

By Phil Adam and Kailee Schultz

When asked about the Oahe Capitals hockey team, the first thing that pops into mind probably isn't pink uniforms, helmets, and skates. Friday Night, however, the Oahe Caps took the ice wearing all pink for their second annual "Pink the Rink." The Capitals wore all pink to raise money, honor, and recognize everyone that has been affected by cancer. The Caps hosted number one ranked Rushmore Thunder Friday for the event.

The Caps and Thunder both had a strong defensive first period, but the Thunder lead 1-0 after the first. The talented Thunder offense opened the second period firing, and score seven goals in the second; leading the Caps 8-0. The Caps struggled to get any offense going in the final two periods, as Rushmore shut out the Caps. The Thunder offense wasn't done on the night, as they added three more goals to win the game 11-0. After their win, the Rushmore joined the Capitals in center ice for their end-of-game tra-

dition. Both teams joined together in tapping their sticks on the emblem five times, in order of former hockey player Tyler Wilcox who lost his battle to cancer in 20something. The whole Oahe Hockey Association came together to help all who are affected by the many forms of the horrible disease. Fundraising activities included personalized stickers for the boards, "chuck-a-puck" contest during both JV and varsity games, 50/50 raffle, and pink mini hockey sticks. All funds raised were donated to the Helmsley

Center, the new oncology hospital in Pierre that is currently under construction, and to the

Sanford Health's Edith Breast Center. Close to \$7,000 was donated to the association for the cause.



Photo By Kailee Schultz

Forward Spencer Wedin faces off against Rushmore during their Pink the Rink game

Eagles "Fly" Past Patriots in Super Bowl LII

By Phil Adam

From the "Minneapolis Miracle" to the last second "Hail Mary" touchdown passes, the 2017-2018 NFL football season has been a fun, action-packed season. The NFL playoffs started with all twelve teams set on making it to Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis. Minneapolis won the Super Bowl bid to host the big game as the construction of U.S. Bank Stadium concluded in downtown Minneapolis. This year's Super Bowl is the farthest north Super Bowl game and projected to be the coldest game in NFL history. As the Minnesota Vikings entered

the playoffs, they had in the back of their mind that they could be the NFL's first team to play in the Super Bowl in their own city and stadium; so, were the Vikings able to pull it off? As the AFC and NFC divisional playoffs unfolded, the Minnesota Vikings and the Philadelphia Eagles advanced to the NFC championship game, with a trip to the Super Bowl on the line. The Eagles proved to be too much for the Vikings to handle as the Eagles defeated the Vikings 38-7. The Eagles were set to play the five-time Super Bowl champions, the New England Patriots, in Minneapolis come Feb-

ruary fourth. The Eagles and Patriots squared off in Minneapolis as they both traded field goals in the first quarter. The Eagles broke the tie with a 34-yard touchdown pass late in the first quarter. The game bounced back and forth, as each team's momentum shifted throughout the game. After two controversial touchdowns by the Eagles to take the lead, the Patriots got the ball back late in the fourth quarter. The Eagles defense needed to make a big play against the high-power Patriot offense, and they did. Eagles defensive end Brandon Graham sacked Pats Quarterback Tom Brady, resulting in a

fumble recovered by the Eagles. The turnover late in the fourth lead to an Eagle field goal, to put the Eagles up by eight. But, the game wasn't over. The Patriot offense got the ball back with one minute and five seconds left, looking for a miracle. After converting on fourth down deep into their own territory, the Pats threw a deep ball into the end zone for the tie; and they failed to convert. As a result, the Philadelphia Eagles won their first ever Super Bowl championship, and quarterback Nick Foles won the Super Bowl MVP.

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Don't Let Winter Drag You Down

The new year is already whizzing by, but somehow the winter season seems to be dragging on. South Dakota is in a constant state of permafrost, and so too are our lives – or so it seems. The ever-present snow, wind and negative temperatures combined with the seemingly never-ending stack of schoolwork create a very dull and desolate mood for many people. The season of Jack Frost is not as dreadful as it seems, however, as the heart of the school year and the beginning of the new calendar year hold promising horizons. Grades are

wiped clean, sports seasons are in full swing, and the chilly weather excuses continuous movie marathons. Sipping hot cocoa while snuggling up in a blanket will never be anything near the worst thing in the world. Our advice? Don't wish away these last few months of this slightly painful school year. Make the most of it! Do homework with your parents, go sledding with your friends, take your grandma out for dinner. The winter shouldn't hold you back! Also, with the upcoming Olympic games, there has never been a better

time to try something new. Ice skating, skiing, curling - all good options to spice up your winter season!

You may feel like you are incapable of living your best life when the temperature is lower than the hours in a day, but keeping yourself occupied during the winter months is the perfect way to make them fly by. Get involved, take on personal projects, and never forget self care. One of the best ways to keep yourself warm and feeling capable of getting work done is to take baths occasionally. A nice, warm bath once or twice a week can help your mood, relieve muscle pain, cure a cold, and may

even be the answer to the wish of a good night's sleep. Sleep is another necessity and should be a top priority. No matter the time of year, taking care of your body is the most important part of staying healthy, happy, and ready to take on the world. By keeping up on your school work, making the most of your time, and remembering to take care of yourself above all else, spring will be here before you know it. The winter months can seem to be an Ice Age, but that doesn't mean you should put a hold on living your best life. Strap on your snow boots and enjoy the bobsled ride!

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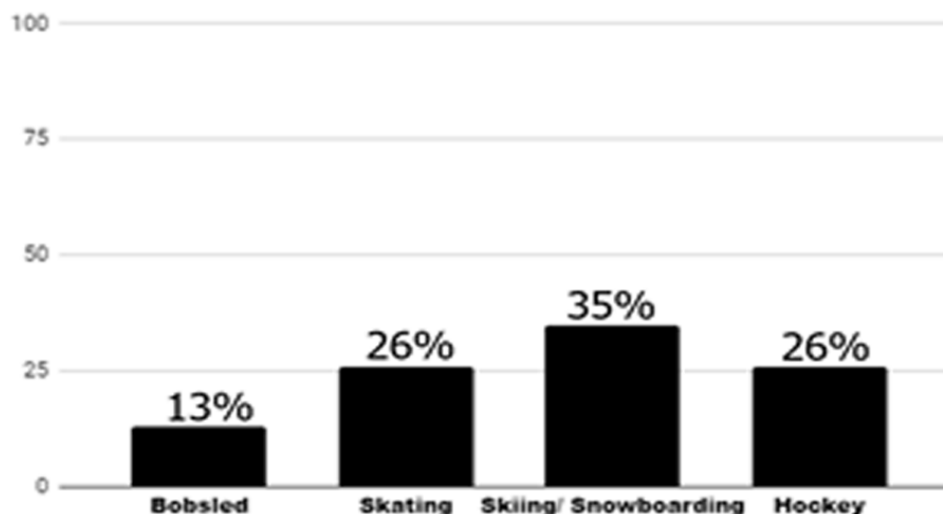
What's hot and what's not this month

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Compiled by Hattie Shaffer

Correction: Last month's paper was released January 4, 2018.

Favorite Olympic Sport to Watch



COMPILED BY ANNA HABERMAN

“Peace Olympics” start February 8th

To many, the SuperBowl is the biggest sporting event of the year. Who could blame them? Insanely high-priced commercials, lots of good eats, rowdy fans, and sometimes a decent halftime show. This year, however, the hype doesn't stop after the Eagles fans tip over their last car. The excitement continues with the Winter Olympics held in Pyeongchang, South Korea, starting on February 9th and ending February 25th. South Korea has dubbed it as the “Peace Olympics” due to their rather unfriendly neighbors and other tensions that will be present at the games. North and South Korea even plan to arrive under one flag during the opening ceremonies. Vice President Mike Pence will be traveling to the games as the head of the U.S. delegation. Pence has invited and may bring with him the father of Otto Warmbier. Warmbier was an American student who was held by North Korea after being suspected of stealing a poster from his hotel room.

Claire Mohr
POLITICS

When Otto was returned to the United States, he was in a vegetative state and died shortly after. In regards to Pence's potential of talking with North Korea officials, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson says, “We'll see, we'll see what happens.” Hopefully, these games will indeed live up to the name of “Peace Olympics” and with over 150 members, Team USA is sure to earn gold somewhere. This will be an interesting Olympics for Nigeria as well, since the women's bobsled team is the first African bobsled team to qualify for the Olympics. The team of three women-Seun Adigun, Ngozi Onwumere, and Akuoma Omeoga—are former track and field stars who have made the transition over to the winter sports. They have been seen in commercials and soon will be on TVs across the world. The 2018 Olympic games will not be missed anywhere. Even if viewers miss it on TV, there will no doubt be various postings all across the internet. In the meantime, study up on that one sport no one knows about and sit back to enjoy the show.

Tips for Being Single on Valentine's Day

Dear Ava & Ally, Valentine's Day is coming up and I find myself alone again, as in lacking a significant other. Not that it particularly bothers me, but this time of year is meant for expressions of love. How am I supposed to celebrate it with no one by my side? I know, I know, I've got “family and friends” to show my love to on this day, but that's already a given. I am in the turning point of my high school career and I find myself wanting to go for more, to celebrate more. I don't want to just ignore all the posts on social media, I want to be a part of it. I know that's super cliché and obvious but it is what it is and this is all anonymous so whatever.

Many thx, Jealous Junior
Dear Jealous Junior, We know that this can be a hard time of the year for all the lonely people out there, but being single is not a reflection of your personality or how much fun you will have this year. The excitement of the holidays has passed and January is finally over, meaning we can move on into the real meat and bones of the year. Believe it or not, every single person in this school has been single for any brief amount of time in their life, even if that time was in the womb. As for being single on Valentine's Day, we have

Ava and Ally
ADVICE

some advanced experience. Therefore, we can give you some advice lonely to lonely. First, know that your family and friends matter. They love you and you love them, so don't put them below an imaginary significant other that you wish you had. As for other advice, we would recommend that you ask your other single friends what they are doing. Maybe you could plan a fun night with them, watching movies or playing fun valentine-themed games. If that's too cheesy for your liking, at least Valentine's Day is on a Wednesday this year, so it's going to be harder for people to

have time show off their significant other. The most important advice we can give to you is to put yourself first. Relax. Do what you want. You wish someone got you chocolate? Buy some. You want to eat at a fancy restaurant? Do it. Valentine's Day is about love and respect, so why not show it to yourself? “Love yourself, respect yourself.” - wise words from a seemingly crazy homeless guy on the street. We hope our advice helps, and remember that you are not alone in how you feel! Love, Ava & Ally
P.S. you have until the end of the 3rd quarter to submit your bucket list pics, and there is a pretty cool prize at the end.

January's Best and Trendiest

With the New Year upon us, many are implementing change into daily life. Along with changes in lifestyle, you can partake in less radical changes such as listening to new music, seeing a new blockbuster or adding some new pieces to your closet!

To begin, January is a big month for new movies and music. Be sure to hit up the State 123 Theater for movies such as *Insidious* and *I, Tonya*. If you prefer to be outside (where the air particles are speeding up!), take a walk with friends or drive around. Make sure to bring some tunes, especially new songs from P!nk, Fall

Out Boy and Drake. If mainstream music isn't your cup of tea, perhaps you can support a more local sound with Lil \$avv's newest releases on Soundcloud. If you get lost while jamming to these bops, don't worry! Your friend Ugandan Knuckles will know da wae. For those road time munchies, we suggest anything that's still trending. For you introverts who would prefer to avoid human contact and the outside world, don't you fret; we have just the solution you deserve! With the new year, Netf-

lix has updated their movies and TV shows with selections such as *Black Mirror*, *National Treasure* and *Lord of the Rings* now that everyone has seen *Riverdale* and *Stranger Things*.

You can also make catch up to speed with the latest fashion trends. From oversized everything to hats, hats, hAts (and hats), these articles are sure to keep you warm without ruining your outfit. Even if that isn't your aesthetic, you can still participate in this season's fashion through colors. The most popular colors are now mustard yel-

low, mauve and burnt orange. To match your “new year, new me” resolutions, perhaps a haircut is what you need!! Growing in popularity is a shorter cut, which makes hair care easier and faster, all while looking amazing. We hope with these new trends, you are ready to take on the new year with confidence! With warmer weather gradually approaching, it allows for a warm, positive environment inviting a broad array of new things to look forward to this 2018. This has been Jordan and Sab, and we hope you are having a jubilant January. See ya l8r.

Jordan and Sabrina
TRENDS

Legislative Bill Protects Free Speech

By Bailey Wagner

The South Dakota legislature has convened for their annual discussion and presentation of new ideas and bills, which are hoped to be passed as codified law, starting January eighth. One of these being the House Bill 1073, which would provide the protection of free speech on campuses of public institutions of learning. On January 12, house and senate members met to discuss this new act that would allow freedom of expression on the campuses of the six Board of Regents institutions—SDSU, USD, DSU, NSU, BHSU and the School of Mines. It will also

protect expressions from the four technical schools—Western Dakota, Lake Area Tech, Southeast Tech, and Mitchell Tech. Two of South Dakota's public colleges, USD and BHSU, have been given the lowest rate by the Foundation of Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). FIRE is a nonpartisan national group that sets to fight for student's rights. This



Photo by Sami Gortmaker

Legislative Pages observe House in session at the Capital

prompted Representative Michael Clark to introduce this bill to the State House of Representatives. At the SDSU homecoming parade, a "Right to Life" float was not allowed to participate. Right to Life is a conservative viewpoint that is against abortion. This is an example of previous issues with free speech. Another situation that was brought to

the light was when USD would not permit the showing of a conservative-based movie regarding the muslim community. This bill permits peaceful assembly, protest, guest speakers, distribution of literature, the carrying of signs and the circulation of petitions. People may engage in non-commercial activities, such as political petitions or social justice issues, as long as it is lawful and does not disrupt the learning of others.

Representative Tom Pischke, who identifies as a conservative Republican, says when asked why he is supporting this bill, "It's my understanding that on the campus of USD,

some students have experienced frustration that they are not able to express their conservative views. This bill would ensure that everyone's 1st amendment right would be protected." This bill is not without restrictions. Campuses may enforce a time, place and manner, provided that they do so with clear and published intent, a neutral viewpoint, and allowance of other forms of expression. Campuses are only allowed to prohibit forms of expression that don't abide the constitution, such as threats, harassment or expression intended to invoke lawless action. All campuses of

higher education will be required to change their handbooks to show policies, regulations and expectations of forms of expression. Campuses must also ensure that those responsible for discipline or education, such as teachers and supervisors, understand policies and regulations of expressions protected under this act. House Bill 1073 will likely get a committee hearing very soon, most likely in January or early February. This will likely be a controversial bill for both the House Representatives and Senate members. It could also be vetoed by Governor Dennis Daugaard.

All campuses of

Preparing for King of Hearts 2018

By Hanna Jerome

As we enter the month of February, the excitement that surrounds King of Hearts is in full force. This dance is often described as one of the most fun and memorable events of the school year. From finding clever ways to ask your date, to ordering the right suit and tie, or searching for the perfect dress, KOH takes a lot of preparation before the actual event occurs. Many students, however, would agree that all the time and effort makes it all worth it. An essential part of going to KOH is being able to pick out the right attire. Emry Heiss, a sophomore,



Photo Provided By Natalie Mohr

Sophomore Natalie Mohr uses her elementary school similarity with Phil Adam to ask him to KOH

said, "I pick out the right dress and shoes by searching online and screenshotting all the ones I like. After that, I narrow them down from

there. The last step is matching my shoes to my dress and I use the same process. My mom has a big say in what I can or cannot get." For junior Abbi Foster, picking out a dress and shoes is her favorite part. Foster enjoys finding what style she is going for.

Another important aspect of KOH is choosing a date or group you are compatible with. Abbi Kitts, a junior, is in a group with eleven others this year. Just a few weeks ago, she claimed her date, senior Easton Swartz. Kitts said, "I asked Easton at a boys' basketball game. I thought I would just 'wing it' by bringing him his favorite Jake's wings."

Once people have

chosen the person you want to go with, they get creative. Similar to promposals, it is tradition for the girl to ask a guy to KOH in some special way, such as performing a song or making up a cute sign. Many people go all out in making their signs, using inside jokes or popular songs to make their signs stand out.

Jitters are starting to occur for the freshmen class this year as they prepare for their first King of Hearts. Freshman Raegan Wiebe said, "I am most nervous for pictures because when I have to look my best—I don't." On the other hand, Miah Kienholz mentioned, "I am not worried because the girls' basketball team has been having some good dance lessons in the locker room!"

Additionally, many seniors are preparing for their last KOH, and many will for sure miss the big event. Kyle Stover explained, "I will miss putting on that suit and tie and looking fly with the boys." The boys Stover mentioned have been in the same group since their Freshman year! Erika Stout agreed with Miah Kienholz, saying, "I will miss preparing for KOH in



Photo Provided by Molly Gross

Junior Molly Gross puts a cute spin on a classic nursery rhyme to ask Cade Hinkle

the locker room with my teammates." As the days tick down, the excitement is starting to build up for this big dance! The preparation and time you put in before the ac-

tual event will make it that much more fun. From planning, taking pictures, and dancing the night away, KOH will surely create many new memories!



Photo Provided by Alex Allison

Senior Alex Allison asks Peyton Zabel using a food pun

Valentine's Day Tips and Tricks

By Julia Snoeijen

Valentine's day.... every year the same! Forget about the chocolate and roses, if you want to do something special this year you came to the right place! No matter if you want to take your girlfriend or your boyfriend or maybe even your secret lover out, cooking a meal for them is always a good idea or take him or her stargazing! If you are more adventurous and don't like all of this cheesy stuff you should go rock-climbing, go to the zoo, play mini golf, try an escape room, or go to an amusement park. Okay, so now you know how you are going to spend your day, but we missed the most important thing! How are you going to start your conversation? You probably need some pick-up lines!

"Do you have a pencil? I want to erase your past and write our future."

"I seem to have lost my phone number. Can I have yours?"

"Are you from McDonald's? Because I'm lovin' it."

"I'm not a photographer, but I can picture me and you together."

"Are you a magician? Because whenever I look at you, everyone else disappears!"

"Do you work at Starbucks? Because I like you a latte."

So, after all those tips, you are ready for Valentine's Day! Your day can't get any better.

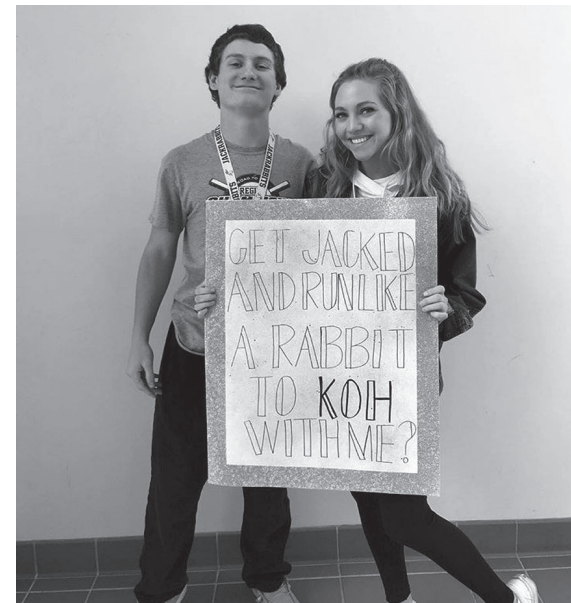


Photo Provided By Tayler Larsen

Senior Tayler Larsen uses South Dakota State University in her sign for Kyle Stover

Interview with Warrior of the Month Mikah Moser

By Addy Smith

The Warrior of the Month award was created to recognize students and their participation in athletics, fine arts, and extracurricular activities. Sophomore Mikah Moser, a gymnast and choir singer, was chosen as the first recipient of this award.

Q: What has been the highlight of the season so far?

A: The highlight of my

season so far has definitely been staying healthy and not getting hurt!

Q: What has been the most challenging part of the season?

A: The most challenging part of the season has been these last few weeks because we do so many routines in practice and we are just trying to perfect every little skill.

Q: What is the best

piece of advice you have received from your coach?

A: The best advice my coach has given me is to not think and just do.

Q: What is your pre-meet routine?

A: Before meets, I usually warm up, try to have fun, relax, and not worry about being at meets.

Q: What do your everyday practices consist of?

A: Everyday practices

mainly consist of warming up as a team, then splitting up on different events and doing what our coach tells us to do for the day, which is usually of a certain number of routines or skills work.

Q: What role does the sport of gymnastics play in your life?

A: Besides my family and friends, gymnastics is one of the most important

things in my life. I have had such amazing coaches all my life and I've made friends that I never would have known if I didn't do gymnastics. This sounds kind of cheesy, but I think gymnastics has made me who I am today because it has taught me to work hard for what I want because things in life will not come easy.

Oahe Capitals Recognize Seniors During Final Home Game

By Kailee Schultz

As per tradition, the Oahe Capitals hockey team recognized their seniors at the last home game of the 2017-2018 season. T.F. Riggs High School seniors Trey Grannes, Michael Lyons, Carsten Mueller, and Riggs Sanchez, as well as Stanley County High School senior Tristan Fuerst were all recognized at the game. Each player was called out onto the ice along with their parents, where the announcers

shared information about their hockey career, their favorite hockey memory, and the college they plan to attend. Each player gave their parents a commemorative hockey stick, which they used to signal off the start of the "senior slide". After being recognized, the players slide on their bellies down the ice as a fun way to finish out their final game at home.

These seniors were fortunate enough to win their last home game

against the Mitchell Marlins. Riggs Sanchez scored six of the 11 goals for Oahe, earning himself a double hat trick. Tristan Fuerst, one of the goalies for the team, helped the team to victory only allowing three goals during the game. The Oahe Capitals will have the opportunity to host the Boys Varsity State Tournament at the Expo Center starting March ninth.



Seniors slide across the ice for their final home game

Photo By Kailee Schultz

Girls Hockey

Last game: 2-6 loss against Rushmore Thunder

Next game: February 10 vs Watertown

Record: 3-15



Girls Basketball

Last Game: 43-37 win against Yankton

Next Game: February 8 at Huron

Record: 5-10

Gymnastics

Last match: 4th place at ESD

Next match: February 9-10 at Watertown (State)

Boys Basketball

Last game: 43-39 win against Huron

Next game: February 16 at Brookings

Record: 5-11

Wrestling

Last match: 2nd place at Yankton

Invitational

Next match: February 9 vs Harrisburg



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Swimming

Last Meet: February 3-4 at Brookings

Next Meet: February 10-11 in Pierre

Boys Hockey

Last Game: 11-3 win against Mitchell

Next game: February 10 at Sioux Falls

Record: 9-5

Governors Keep Momentum as Season Continues

By Phil Adam

The Governor Basketball Team rides a wave of momentum into the final stretch of the season as they have won two of their last three games; including knocking off number one ranked Harrisburg in late January. Senior forward Peyton Zabel propelled the Govs to upset Harrisburg with a monstrous night with 38 points, 17 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 blocks, and 2 steals. After

picking up a win against Mitchell, the Govs hosted Yankton in hopes to stretch their win streak to 3 games and sweep the regular season series of one of their conference rivals. After a fast start to the game the Govs lead the Bucks after the first quarter, the Bucks put together a strong second, and fourth quarter, as the Bucks defeated the Govs 58-50. The Govs have improved as the season has progressed. After

loosing seven of their first eight games of the season they have improved on both offence, and defense. As the final five games of the regular season approaches, they look to keep their momentum and finish the season strong as they prepare to enter the sweet sixteen playoff game in hopes of a state tournament appearance.



Photo by Jesse Jares

Garrett Stout shoots a free throw against the Huron Tigers

Wrestlers Continue Winning Streak

By Hattie Shaffer

The Governor wrestling team has had a phenomenal season so far. After placing third as a team at the highly competitive Bismarck Rotary tournament, the Govs went on to defeat the Mitchell Kernels at a home dual. The Govs continued their success by beating Brandon Valley and defeating the Yankton Bucks 69-13. After all these wins, the Governors hosted the East vs. West Duals. There, the Govs faced off against Rapid City Stevens, Rapid City Central, Brandon Valley, Sturgis and Water-

town. Although these teams were tough, Pierre still prevailed. The Governors first took on Sturgis Brown, beating them 47-15. The Govs continued to dominate by defeating Stevens 39-19. At the end of the day, the Pierre Governors added another first place trophy to their arsenal. Pierre went on to beat the Brookings Bobcats on their home turf with a score of 62 to nine. The Govs also won the 16-team tournament set in Brookings. Keep up the good work, boys!

Lady Govs Season Record Improves

By Natalie Mohr

The Lady Govs have seen a busy January with eight games this month.

It all started in Rapid City, where they played both Stevens and Central. Both games resulted in a loss, but the Lady Governors' season has seen improvements since then. Ending a five-game losing streak, the Lady Govs won their game against Watertown on the 18th with a close score of 39-33.

Their most recent games have demonstrated their hard work in practice and improved their re-

cord to 5-10. The Lady Govs ended January with a win against Mitchell on the Kernels' home turf with a score of 55-45. Four days after that, they played Yankton at home. Taking the lead at the beginning and keeping it for the majority of the game, they won with a final score of 43-37.

Keep supporting the Lady Govs as they look to keep adding to their wins column!

Bachelor of the Month



Photo By Tayler Larsen

Kyle Stover, 12

Personality:
Outgoing but
laid-back

Hair Color:
Dirty Brown

Eye Color:
Hazel

**Favorite thing
about yourself?**
Fashion Sense

Final words?
Pertnear bud

Favorite Movie?
Step Brothers

Ideal Date?
Watching the
Twins win the
World Series

Favorite Song?
"Gold on the
Ceiling"

**Pursue or be
Pursued?**
Be Pursued.

Favorite Movie?
Step Brothers

Pick-up line?
Do you work at
Dick's? 'Cause
you're sporting the
goods.

Bachelorette of the Month



Photo By Tayler Larsen

Taylor Davis, 12

Personality:
Fun and Out-
going

Eye Color:
Blue/Green

Hair Color:
Brown

**Favorite thing
about yourself?**
My hair

Favorite Movie?
Peace Out

**Pursue or Be
Pursued?**
Be pursued.

Ideal date?
Miller Drive-in

**Favorite Pick-up
line?**

If you were a
flower, you'd be
a dammmdelion

Favorite song?
"Welcome to the
Jungle"

Rope: A One-Act Play

By Eryn Louis

To kick off the busy season ahead, One-Act plays have taken scene in the Fine Arts program! One-Act plays are shortened versions of well-known productions. One peculiar thing is that the entire play is put on in just one scene! No cuts, no scene changes; it all occurs in one setting. This season, English teacher Ashley Boone, who took over as director of One Acts this year, took the script of Patrick Hamilton's *Rope* and turned it into a 40 minute performance. One-acts, however, aren't just for our enjoyment! This year, the *Rope* cast and crew packed up and traveled to Brandon Valley for the state's One Act Festival. At the festival, which concerned the AA, A, and B schools, different schools performed their one-acts for judges, competing for a title. This festival lasted for three days, and our school's

one-act stayed put the entire duration. Freshman Jordan Morley, who played Leila Arden in *Rope*, commented, "Auditions took place in December, and it really was a blast. When it came to be our time to perform, it was kind of nerve-wracking, but I do believe we did our best. I'm very proud of the cast that I worked with, and of the crew for encouraging us the whole way." Unfortunately, *Rope* did not place, but Judah McKinley, who played Rupert Cadell, and Tim Walsh, who played Brandon, both received "Outstanding Solo Performance" awards. The Fine Arts department will now have a short break before spring musical auditions for *Bye, Bye, Birdie* kick off February 12th. Great work to everyone involved with the production of *Rope*!

January Sibling Rivalry

Erika (12) and Garrett (10) Stout

Q: How would you describe each other in three words?

A: *Erika*: annoying, (kinda) funny, and crap.

Garrett: annoying, wild, and lazy...very lazy!

Q: What do you guys fight about the most?

A: *Erika*: Me "wearing" his socks.

Garrett: Her wearing my socks.

Q: Who wins most of the fights?

A: *Erika*: Garrett...he's the favorite child.

Garrett: Me!

Q: What do you like most about each other?

A: *Erika*: I like how he voluntarily buys me food.

Garrett: She is always there for me and doesn't rat me out.

Q: If you could, what would you change about each other?

A: *Erika*: I would make a little less athletic, I'm stuck living in his shadow.

Garrett: Her face.