

AFS Student Adjusts to American Life

Can you imagine having a student at Riggs high school who actually likes and uses her study halls and lunch period? Well, we have one this year. The attractive blonde pouring over her books in study hall is Hedi.

Hedi, short for Hedwig, Fassbender, the new A.F.S. student at Riggs High School hails from Iversheim, Germany, a town of about 1200 people. Iversheim is the first village as you enter the Eifel Mountains located in the south western part of Germany so she is not used to seeing the plains such as we have in South Dakota. Iversheim is also 30 miles from Colonge.

Hedi is a musician, playing the viola in the youth orchestra in Euskirchen, the piano and organ, and singing in the choir at her church. She enjoys music very much and is planning to make a career of it. Hedi is an accomplished musician and will be doing some accompaniment in the music department this year.

She has crocheted a beautiful lime green dress, her favorite color. She enjoys crocheting as a hobby.

Hedi is from a family of three children, herself the oldest, and two brothers, Josef, 8, and Ernest, 15. Her father is a metal worker, owning a shop where doors, winding

staircases, and the like, are made. Her mother works at the family business.

Hedi has enjoyed Pierre even though the town is quite a bit different than Iversheim. Hedi rode the train to school every morning as her school is in Munstereifel, a town about three miles from Iversheim. School starts at 8:25 in the morning and gets out at 1:30 in the afternoon. She had no choice of what she wanted to take with the headmaster deciding what each student takes and for how many days per week. She was raised from a junior to a senior in coming to America because they go to school for thirteen years instead of

twelve. Another thing that is different is that the teachers move from class to class in Germany instead of the students.

Hedi is very good at volunteering herself and everyone else before finding out what she is volunteering for. She volunteered her new sister to ride in the homecoming parade.

She has also found herself commissioner of her advisory group without knowing what was going on. She was sent out of the room and when she came back she was commissioner of the group. However, she likes it and thinks it a great opportunity



Hedi Fassbender, AFS student from Germany, pauses for a moment in front of the Inman home, before she begins her heavy load of classes, extra-curricular activities and AFS functions.

Individual and activity pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 28.

Individuals having psychological problems concerning their looks may council with the guidance office. Otherwise, look your best that day. Your features will be recorded for all time in the 1972 Gumbo.

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Instructor Compares Riggs with His Japanese School

Uniforms are a definite requirement, and students stay in the same classroom all day while teachers travel from one class to the next every hour. This is the situation, according to Mr. Tsuyoshi Matsuyama, that an American student could expect to encounter in a Japanese high school. These are only two of many differences between Japanese and American high schools.

Mr. Matsuyama is a high school English teacher and one of four instructors spending two weeks in the Pierre-Fort Pierre area observing classes. His opportunity to compare Japanese and American schools came about as part of a two-month cultural exchange program conducted by the American-Japanese society, a private citizen's group. The program's participants are all Japanese English teachers who wish to improve their proficiency with English.

The group has already visited Washington, D.C.; New York; Chicago; Niagara Falls; New Haven, Connecticut; Illinois; and the Black Hills. A full month was spent at Illinois State University, where they took an intensive advanced English course especially designed for English teachers in foreign countries. After leaving Pierre, the teachers will make stops at Yellowstone National Park, Salt Lake City and San Francisco before heading back for Japan on the twenty-third of September.

According to Mr. Matsuyama, school attendance in Japan is mandatory through the nine years of grade school and junior high. A student who decides to continue through high school does not go to just any school. He must make a choice between schools suited for various career plans. There are commercial schools for business aspirants, technical schools for future engineers and scientists, agriculture schools, schools for college-bound students, and many others. Most schools offer a night school program for students who have a day-time job or who need extra help with their studies.

Mr. Matsuyama teaches at a public high school for college-bound teen-agers in Kobe, a city of about one million. He guides his students through such courses as intensive English reading, English Grammar, which includes grammar and composition, and English side-reader, a course which promotes extensive outside reading of books, magazines, and newspapers in English.

Mr. Matsuyama feels that Japanese school are, as a rule, much more formal than American schools. Schools in Japan, he says, are much more academic and systematic. In America the emphasis is on a friendly, creative atmosphere. Students are much more familiar with their instructors and more relaxed when in class. Mr. Matsuyama marveled at such common sights as students openly chewing gum in class and teachers sitting on the edges of their desks casually discussing the lesson with their students.

He found this quite a contrast to Japanese schools, where teachers and students are more reserved towards each other. The learning process goes on in a rigid and formal way. Students are quiet and respectful and spend most of their classroom time listening to a teacher lecture. Lessons are taken at the teacher's pace, and as a result, classes can go through a course quite rapidly.

In the U.S., learning is more students' pace. Mr. Matsuyama likes the American system with its relaxed atmosphere, abundance of free time for thinking, and allowance for individual study and initiative, but feels that it leaves too much room for student responsibility, since, as he has noticed, students who are less industrious are allowed to take it easy and be, in his words, "just guests."

Mr. Matsuyama's greatest impression of America was its size. He described it as "a very spacious country." The distance, he thought, made traveling somewhat monotonous. In Japan, one can, driving in a car, enjoy a change of scenery every hour. In America one

must drive several hours before the view is altered.

Mr. Matsuyama feels that the geography of each country has affected its people's international outlook. The people of Japan in a small country with limited horizons are more interested in other nations, cultures and peoples. They are eager to absorb foreign influence and are well-informed about the rest of the world. America is big enough and unlimited enough that Americans can satisfy their curiosity and restlessness by studying and touring their own huge country. To back his observation, Mr. Matsuyama noticed while browsing through school libraries in the U.S., the due-date cards in books about foreign countries were barely marked. In Japan, the due-date cards in most such books are usually almost marked up.



Mr. Tsuyoshi "Mike" Matsuyama, from Kobe, Japan, observed English classes at Riggs for two weeks.

Chemistry Teacher Wins Scholarship

Mr. Sam Ruzick, Riggs High chemistry teacher, has been accepted as a participant in the Chemistry-In-Service Institute, to be held during the academic year 1971-2 at Northern State College in cooperation with the University of South Dakota. Mr. Ruzick will attend classes at NSC in Aberdeen every Wednesday evening in conjunction with the Institute. The scholarship is sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Mr. Ruzick has received five other scholarships during his teaching career, including General Electric Science Fellowship in Syracuse, N.Y.; National Science Foundation Institute at Oregon State College; Shell Merit Scholarship at Stanford University; American Trucking Association at Central Missouri State College; and U.S. Steel at Carnegie Mellon University.



In charge of senior activities this year are from the left: Dave Parsons, president; Deb Simmons, secretary; Deb Nystrom, treasurer; Dave Parkinson, vice president.

Miss Hess Chooses Small Vocal Groups

Miss Margaret Hess, vocal music instructor, has chosen singers for six small ensembles for the school year. These ensembles will perform for civic and other functions, and

compete at the Moberg music contest in February. This is the first time in recent years that small groups have been organized for the entire school year, and Miss Hess hopes it will be a rewarding experience for the students, as well as leading to more community awareness of the vocal music program.

Members of the madrigal group include N. Sutton, L. Denton, J. Mott, K. Beemer, L. Shaw, T. Tousley, P. Smith, J. Inman, C. Gage, J. Ledbetter, E. Fornev, B. Porter, J. Coull, G. Fouss and T. Ruffcorn.

The pops ensemble will consist of K. Beemer, N. Sutton, K. Smith, L. Denton, L. Shaw, T. Tousley, D. Nystrom, P. Smith, C. Gage, J. Ledbetter, B. Porter, R. Binkley, J. Coull, S. Huckins, G. Fouss, T. Ruffcorn, M. Miller, and W. Cavanaugh.

Mixed octette will include H. Fassbender, N. Sutton, L. Shaw, T. Tousley, C. Gage, J. Ledbetter, J. Coull and S. Huckins

Singers in the Boys Octette will be C. Gage, J. Ledbetter, D. Neuharth, T. Ruffcorn, J. Coull, S. Huckins, G.

Fouss and M. Miller.

Girls Triple Trio will include J. Mott, N. Sutton, N. Shelbourn, L. Denton, K. Beemer, P. Jassman, L. Shaw, T. Tousley and P. Smith.

Sophomore girls will have their own group, which will include L. Tlustos, D. Darland, S. Karim, J. Ledbetter, K. Huckins, G. Kleinschmidt, D. Fawcett, D. Everson and A. Ward.

Accompanists will be Jim Ledbetter, Heidi Fassbender, Kathy Beemer, Kathy Huckins and Nancy Sutton.

The madrigal group will sing four-part, unaccompanied madrigal selections. The pops ensemble will be accompanied by piano, guitar, string bass, and percussion in contemporary songs. The mixed octette, and boys and girls ensembles will feature a standard repertoire.

F.T.A. To Host State Delegates

Future Teachers of America will hold their state conference in Pierre on Saturday, October 23, in the Junior High gym, with Kathy Smith, state president, presiding.

Pierre FTA Chapter is sponsoring this year's conference, which should have over 100 delegates in attendance.

"Student Involvement in Education" is the theme of the conference. Small discussion groups and work shops, manned by state-wide FTA chapter members, will be scheduled. Themes of the workshops are: Student Teaching, Student Involvement in Education, and Enlargement of State Chapters in South Dakota.

The guest speaker will be a foreign exchange teacher from Germany who is now teaching at Gettysburg. Other speakers will be Dr. Barnhardt, state superintendent of public instruction, Lloyd Dale, SDEA state president, and a national future teachers delegate.

Mrs. Phyllis Leach, state FTA adviser, is the backbone of this conference. Much of the organizing is being handled by Janet Rose, state secretary.



Racing off to a good start for another year are the junior class officers, from the left: Tane Williams, president; Daisy Ann Hickman, treasurer; Bill Porter, secretary; Les Howard, vice president.

Football Squad Shows Outstanding Improvement

The Governors began the 1971 football season September 3 by shutting out the Rapid City Stevens Raiders, a team they have never beaten before.

Pierre scored in the first quarter when Ken LaFortune ran seven yards for a touchdown. Stevens had a hard time running or passing the ball against the Governor's tough defense. The Governors relied on a strong running attack that picked up one hundred sixty yards in the first quarter.

In the second half of the game, Pierre's backs kept grinding out the yardage thanks to an excellent offensive line and some tough, elusive running.

Pierre virtually put the game out of reach in the third quarter when quarter back Guy Albertus ran ten yards for the third touchdown of the game.

The final score was Governors 20, Raiders 0

The Governors won their second non-conference football game against the Winner Warriors, 26-7 last Friday night at Winner.

Pierre's opening touchdown came in the first quarter when halfback Ray Davis ran 35 yards for the score. The kick for the extra point missed its mark leaving the score 6-0. Once again, in the second quarter, Davis scored for the Governors with a five

yard run. The attempt for the extra point once again failed.

The Governors put their mark on the scoreboard for a second time in the second quarter when Ken LaFortune scrambled for a one yard touchdown. John Hull scored on the two point conversion attempt.

Pierre, leading 20-0 was intercepted deep in Governor territory by Winner's Gary Haskill who ran 15 yards for the only Winner touchdown. The extra point by O'Mally was good. The third quarter went scoreless, with Pierre running 19 offensive plays to Winner's three. The final scoring play for Pierre came in the fourth quarter, senior quarterback Guy Albertus to Dave Parsons for a six yard strike.

The Governors hit on four of eight passes for a total of 88 yards. Winner hit on one pass for ten yards. Pierre picked up 19 first downs to the Warriors six. Pierre totaled 260 yards rushing to Winner's 87. The Governors were penalized 25 yards and Winner 50

Pierre's running backs all totaled good yardage with Ken LaFortune getting 82 yards, Ray Davis 80, Mike Brumbaugh 78 and Dave Parsons 41 yards.

The Governors, now 2-0 on the season, will open ESD play at home tonight, Friday, against the Brookings Bobcats. Game time will be 7:30 p.m.



Soon to voice their opinions on sophomore activities are the sophomore class officers, from the left: Eric Slaathaug, president; Doug Mortenson, vice president; Shane Karim, treasurer; Marva Lee Norman, secretary.

Musicians March On

The homecoming parade on October 1, is the first scheduled appearance of the Riggs marching band for this year. The band, under the direction of the new band director, Mr. Cutshaw, is preparing a new march which includes the minstrel turn, a complicated maneuver. Extra practices have been scheduled for the next few weeks to get the group ready for their performance.

First Ladies Attend Camp

Eight members of the "First Ladies", Riggs drill team, attended a week long drill team camp in Valley City, North Dakota, this summer, learning three new dances for the 29-member team to perform this year.

Attending the camping were: Karen Johnson, Linda Swanson, Nancy Lehecka, Judy Washecheck, Nanette Tinker, Kathy Smith, Doreen Smith, and Carolyn Gunderson

Officers for the group are: president Carolyn Gunderson, vice-president, Cheryl Victor, and secretary-treasurer, Daisy Ann Hickman.

Benson Wins Writing Award

Blake Benson placed first in the literature division of the 1971 National PTA Cultural Arts Contest, according to Mrs. Evelyn Hanson, state contest chairman.

The theme of the 1971 contest was "Reflections: Children and Youth Mirror Their World". Literature, music and visual arts were the divisions of the contest. Pierre submitted six of the 16 South Dakota entries. There were 25 states competing in the contest.

Blake wrote a children's story using a lion as the main character to win in the literature division. His prize as national winner is a ten volume set of books - "Gateway to Great Books".

Three Students Win Journalism Awards

Three Riggs High students won state awards in the 1971 South Dakota High School Press Association spring writing contest, according to word received during the summer by Mrs. Ledbetter, Governor adviser.

Sixteen schools entered the contest. Because of the quality of the entries there were several ties and numerous honorable mentions.

Janet Rose made a point for women's lib as she took first in the sports writing division. Janet's story was on the history of wrestling at Riggs. She told about some of the

great wrestling stars Riggs has had.

Mark Miller placed fourth in the interview division for his interview with a local doctor concerning medicine as a career.

Dawn Henriksen received a first for her general news story. Her story told about the new social studies set up at Riggs. She explained how the students at Riggs have a wider choice of social studies classes with the course expansion.

The Governor staff submitted 12 entries in the contest. In the fall writing contest two Governor stories won awards.

Pierre Challenges Brookings Tonight

The Governors football squad takes a 2-0 record into their 1971 ESD opener Friday night at Hollister Field in Pierre. Gametime is 7:30 p.m.

The Governors have failed to rise above a 1-8 season since recording a 4-3 record for their first year in the Eastern South Dakota Conference in 1967 when they defeated Brookings for thy only time in conference play.

Mr Shields announced his starting lineup Wednesday. The offense will be lead by the quarterbacking of Guy Albertus and will consist of guards - Kip Krull and John Burke; center - Tom Zander; tackles - Bill Berguin and Kim Weischedel; ends - Blake Benson and Randy Palovich; fullback - Dave Parsons; and running backs -

Ken LaFortune, Ray Davis and Mike Brumbaugh.

The defensive unit which has allowed only one touchdown to be scored against them in two games will start ends - Gary Sarvis and Stuart Schweigert; tackles - Bill Ellwanger and Mike Thelen; middle guard - Ron Gunderson; linebackers - Dave Parsons, Kip Krull and John Hull; and defense backs Jerry Parkinson, Bob Wilcox and John Leach.

Cross Country Team Finds Battling Fierce

The Riggs High cross country team started the season with a victory on Saturday, September 4. The team captured a first at the Redfield Turtle Creek run with 39 points followed by Huron with 42, Redfield with 44, Chamberlain with 63, and Mitchell 82. Miller also competed but did not have enough team members to score.

Jay Monfore of Miller covered the 1.8 mile course in a fine 9 minute and 11.8 seconds for first place honors. Mark Simet, number one runner for Pierre placed 6th, followed by Dave Driscoll in 9th, Dennis Dubois in 11th, Steve Simet 13th, and Larry Parkinson 14th, Jim Glover 20th, Bill Kurvink 22nd.

Pierre J.V.'s captured second in their division which was headed for Pierre by Doug Mortenson who placed third.

The team participated in the annual Bristol Road Race, which is a grueling four mile run, on August 28. This is an individual competition rather than school team competition. This run takes fortitude to even finish, let alone win! The race was won by Jim Reinhart of Sioux Falls with a time of 21:57, followed by Pat Cain of Rapid City.

The Riggs runners placed as follows: Mark Simet, 26th; Dennis DuBois, 38th; Bill Kurvink, 44th; Dave Driscoll, 48th; Larry Parkinson, 48th; Jim Glover, 50th; Steve Simet, 60th; Doug Quinzer, 66th; Ki Karim, 67; Larry Plank, 79; Kirk Simet, 87th; 7th grader, Marty Ludeen 90th.

Coach Lundeen, finished 13th in the master's run.

It was sunny and warm Saturday September 11, when the team took part in the Mitchell invitational. There were nine schools present, finishing in the following order: Sioux Falls Washington - 73, Yankton - 94, Huron - 102, Rapid City Stevens - 117, Rapid City Central - 134, Pierre - 137, Redfield - 157, Mitchell - 171, and Chamberlain - 177 or 112 runners.

Finishing first was Jay Monfore of Miller with a time of 9:33.1. The first Riggs runner was Mark Simet with a Riggs High record-breaking time of 10:03 in ninth place, followed by D. Driscoll in 26th, D. DuBois - 30, S. Simet - 35, D. Mortenson - 37, L. Parkinson - 41, J. Glover - 45, B. Kurvink - 53, D. Neuharth - 64, D. Quenzer - 66, B. Ibach - 70, K. Karim - 81, and K. Krull - 97.



These sophomores were chosen by their classmates to lead them in cheering at all sophomore athletic contests during the 1971-2 school year. From left: Vicki Barnhart, Joni Boub, Peggy Olson, Lori Stoesser and Lois Tlustos.

Editor Requests Opinions

The battle lines have been drawn again. That's right! It's the annual "Nine Months War" - students vs. administration.

Expected this year are: "Battle of the Open Study Hall", "Battle of Computer Scheduling", "Battle of Money for Activities", and that perennial favorite, "Battle of Mickey Mouse Rules and Regulations".

Those of you who have tired of this conflict, take heart. This year the students have a strong and powerful weapon in the form of this newspaper.

If we examine past hassles with the administration, we find that the results have been a little one-sided, in favor of the administration. One of the biggest handicaps students have faced is an inability to publicize their gripes. For this reason, we wish to make the Governor a forum for student opinion.

We are approaching this goal in two ways. First, we intend to editorialize in favor of the students. Therefore we want to know exactly what students would like us to comment on. Our remarks are the official views of this newspaper and are usually noticed by the administration.

Secondly, we will actively encourage reader's letters for every issue this year. Therefore, the following guidelines for readers are suggested:

1. Think out your position carefully before you write. It will carry much more weight if you do.
2. If you have the courage to write something, have the courage to sign it. Only signed letters will be accepted, although your name will be withheld on request.
3. We cannot, as responsible journalists, print remarks which are libelous or in poor taste.
4. Turn your letters in to any member of the editorial staff or to room 104. Man your battle stations, students for progress. The action will begin with the October issue of the Governor.

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Thinclads Compete

Riggs High varsity cross country team of seven members will travel to Brookings Saturday, September 18, to compete in a run of 2.2 miles which will be held on SDSU golf course.

The remaining squad members will go to Huron with Coach Miller Saturday. This 2.05 mile course will be held on Huron's dry golf course. Seven team members will run in the varsity while the freshmen and sophomores will run in the JV meet. There will be several ESD schools competing in the Huron meet, so this could prove to be a close race.

Cheerleaders Reign In Camp

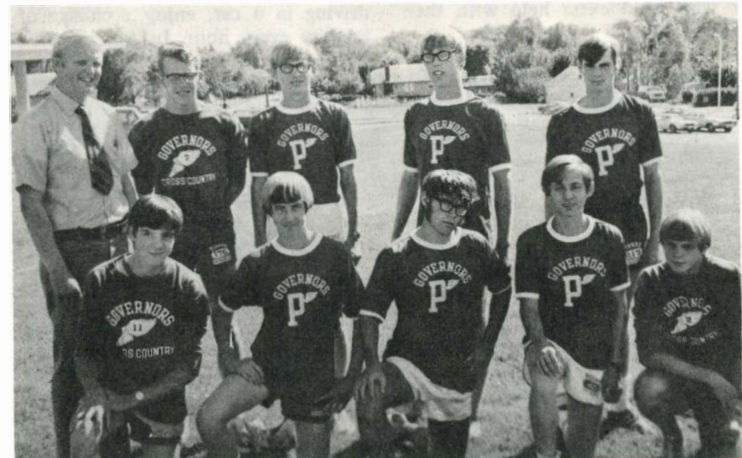
The Riggs High cheerleaders brought home one superior ribbon and three outstanding ribbons from cheerleading camp at Gustav Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minnesota, in August.

500 girls and two boys from 91 schools, taught by men teachers from the National Cheerleading Association, learned new cheers, chants, and pom pom routines.

During the evening evaluations, the instructors judged the quality of the squad's ability to perform. Out of these evaluations the cheerleaders won one superior ribbon and three outstanding ribbons.

The spirit makers were up at 6:00 in the morning, had breakfast and then went to work on cheers. They learned the chants and motions for three new cheers each day.

Debbie Simmons, Juanita Smith, Jan Kayser, Janet Rose, and Mary Young had five days of fun and hard work, topped by night evaluations.



The cross-country team meditates on their season. (From left) Back row: Coach Larry Lundeen, Jim Glover, Doug Quenzer, Dave Driscoll, Mark Simet; front row: Doug Mortenson, Dennis Dubois, Larry Parkinson, Bill Kurvink, Steve Simet.