



## Riggs High presents 'The Curious Savage'

Curtains rise at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1, 2, and 3, at the Buchanan Elementary gym for the Riggs High production of *The Curious Savage*.

The John Patrick comedy features an 11-member cast with senior Carolyn Swan in the lead role as Ethel Savage.

"We chose the play because it has a good message, is drippingly sentimental in places, and is a delightful comedy," said William Henjum, drama teacher and director. "Anyone attending the play will definitely enjoy the evening."

The comedy centers around Mrs. Savage, a widow who inherits ten million dollars from her husband.

Her three step-children, played by Mike Williamson, Keith Albertson, and Shiela Beougher, try to acquire the money by committing her to an insane asylum.

At the asylum, Mrs. Savage finds love and acceptance from five other "crazies" played by Cheryl Martins, Bob Rhine, Thea Miller, Billy Ek, and Erin Keeler.

Just when the step children are about to order the hospital staff,

played by Sonya Sorenson and Eric Wharton, to administer a truth drug to Mrs. Savage to learn where the money is, the plot takes a drastic turn.

"We are starting out the theater season with something very different that is being staged in a unique way," Henjum said. "Stage craft classes have virtually built a multi-level structure above the original stage."

Other crews assisting with the play are headed by Monica Hoaglund, costumes; Doug Beck, lights; Chris Zeller, publicity; and Lora Erickson and Jacki Parlin, makeup.

Jana Barker is assistant to the director, and Stephanie Barden is the director's liaison to the crews as student director.

The show will be a local debut for director Henjum, a newcomer to Riggs. He notes that original efforts on the play have been handicapped by the illness of the lead character and inadequate rehearsal areas.



**CAST REHEARSES...**members of "The Curious Savage" prepare for opening night scheduled Nov. 1. Pictured on stage are Carolyn Swan, Cheryl Martins, Mike Williamson, Erin Keeler, Eric Wharton and Keith Albertson.

"When the kids get it all together, it's really exciting," he said. "The play is going to be really good fun."

"The Curious Savage" is the first of two major productions and several one-act productions that

will be staged throughout the school year.

Riggs High students will be admitted with activity tickets. General admittance tickets will be sold at the door.

## Board accepts Credits policy

Pierre Riggs High School now has an official policy on high school transfer credits.

The controversial policy issue was settled Oct. 11, when members of the board of education voted 4-1 to approve a policy. The final vote came after nearly a month of study and dialogue between the board and various parties in the community.

The policy states that high school credit will be accepted from high schools accredited by state departments of education and/or regional accrediting agencies similar to the North Central Association of Colleges and schools."



make a lot of new friends and learn what pride and dedication means," she said after the Brookings competition.

Senior Doug Beck, who has been in the band all of his three years at Riggs, agreed. "Marching band is the best; it's the ultimate," he stated.

With the end of the marching band season, the band will begin performing as a concert band and a pep band for the school sporting events. Tryouts for the stage band will also take place in the near future.



**HIGH STEPPING** ...band members and colorful flag corps members entertained the crowd at the Homecoming game.

## Emerald Regiment earns third at Brookings contest

The Riggs High Emerald Regiment earned a third place trophy at the Brookings Optimist Club Marching Band Competition held Oct. 16, at Brookings.

Earlier this year, the Emerald Regiment competed at the Tri-State Band Competition at Luverne, Minn. where the group came in fourth.

Pierre's band was entered in the Class AA division, consisting of six bands, and placed just behind Sioux Falls Lincoln. First place went to Pipestone, Minn.

According to band director Paul Upsahl, "The competition at Brookings was much tougher than Luverne, and third place is as good as first to me. The band improved greatly between Luverne and homecoming and then even more between homecoming and Brookings."

the music and instructed both the band and the flag corps. He was assisted this year by drum major Mike Williamson and flag corps captain Stacey DelGrosso.

Upsahl designed the entire marching show before the band began practicing in mid-July. He selected

The 103-member group practiced every morning before regular school hours and on Saturdays in order to perfect its routine for the two competitions and two half-time performances during home football games.

Long hours went into preparing for the competitions where the winners were determined by fractions of a point, based on the quality of both marching and musicianship.

To sophomore Thea Miller, a member of the flag corps, the time was well spent. "Being a part of the band gave me a chance to

# EDITORIAL



## Students regret actions

Is there a limit to how far fun can be carried? People start out having fun like doing innocent pranks all in fun. These pranks may be funny to them, but not all people have the same idea of what fun is.

How many innocent acts have been done without thinking? If people would think a little before doing things that seem harmless, a whole lot of trouble would be saved for the individuals that have to carry out the punishments and also for the people who did the acts.

That's all it takes for a dumb act to be stopped--a little bit of thinking. Other people can warn you. They can relate experiences that have happened to them to try and persuade you not to do the acts, but if you don't think yourself about what you're doing...everything is lost.

The moral of the story is (if you haven't figured it out) before you decided to do anything you're not sure is right (not only in your mind but in the minds of others) put a little thought into it.

### Interpretation

I wake in the morning  
Put on my striped suit,  
Numbers of my breast pocket  
My ball and chain look cute.

I enter into the compound,  
I see the warden with a gun  
Standing small beneath a sign  
That says "We Allow No Fun."

I rattle bars with my cup  
In hopes for food to eat,  
It comes as oatmeal, icy cold.  
No bread no butter no meat!

As I sit, gulping down  
This tasteless, formless gruel,  
The warden pats me on my shoulder  
"Don't you love to go to school?"

by John Mollison

## Lonbaken rebukes homecoming pranks

Fun-tradition-or something else? Some people's fun is other people's misery! What ever happened to the good old days when tradition was tradition?

Over the last several years it seems that a new tradition has developed, more of a Halloween tradition than a homecoming tradition. Out of it has come several nights of taking things which belong to other people and placing them at various spots on school property. The items taken vary in value and certainly in some cases money value can not be established if the item is a product of a caring person such as growing a plant or an item from the past placed on the lawn for sentimental or decorative reasons.

Certainly the young people that take these items do not have any malice towards the person to whom it belongs; it is strictly an attempt to outdo the previous officials and members of the Police Department who are charged with

the protection of public and private property. Certainly many (responsible) parents are not aware that their children are out all hours of the night and morning carrying on these activities. Surely some must realize that the strange items in their garages do not belong? Out of it all seems to develop a little game of "Catch Me If You Can."

Over the last several years the Halloween aspect of the homecoming activities has grown to the point where several pick-up loads of items are deposited nightly on the front lawn of Riggs. From that develops the continuous task of having custodians spend considerable time each day of homecoming week loading up the stolen material, sorting the good from the bad, and transporting it to the Police Department. The citizens and taxpayers, who have provided excellent educational facilities, must come to the police department to determine if their property has been found and if it is

Question: What is one of the best ways to voice an opinion?

Answer: A)write graffiti on the bathroom walls, B)gain control of the school intercom, C)write a letter to the editor of the *Governor*.

Newspapers in this country have a long tradition of voicing public opinions and presenting current issues for public scrutiny. It is with this historic background that the *Governor* staff not only invites, but encourages students to make use of their rights to a free press.

Letters to the editor offer students an open forum for debate, a place to toss around ideas, praise, criticize and comment.

Through this section of the paper students can present their

ideas and feelings to their peers, the faculty and administration and others in the body of *Governor* readers--those most involved with the student and student concerns.

Freedom of the press is one of the greatest freedoms America has to offer. The founding fathers were so impressed with the need to maintain their new independence and freedom that they incorporated a safeguard, a free press, into the First Amendment to the Constitution: "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech or of the press;..."

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The policy of the "Governor" is to attempt to report on all phases of curricular and extra-curricular school activities from an unbiased viewpoint.

Through editorial comments the "Governor" strives to represent the majority of the student body's views on pertinent issues.

Through features, columns, and art work the "Governor" attempts to entertain and inform its readers.

The staff encourages the student body and administration to present their opinions through signed letters. They need not agree with the opinions of the "Governor" editors of the school.

The editors reserve the right to accept or reject letters for publication. Signatures will be withheld upon request.

Student pictures and identifying names will be printed in the Riggs High School annual and school paper and given to the local news media on those occasions that warrant it.

However, any student, or the student's parents, if the student is under the age of 18, may request that his picture not be published in the media or in the school yearbook, such a request to be made in writing to the principal of the high school.

This does not cover pictures taken by the news media of school events.

in condition to take home. Each year there has been a concerted effort to curtail this unnecessary activity, and each year when some are caught stealing from the public they say, "We didn't realize that it was stealing" and "they do it every year". We're simply saying don't do it every year; don't do it at all; it really doesn't belong. The police department informs us that the city ordinance on stealing property doesn't have any exemptions for certain weeks of the year.

It would seem that Homecoming provides several worthwhile avenues for expression which include the selection and election of Homecoming royalty, numerous practices for the powder-puff football game, the coronation program, burning of the letters, pep club painting the feet etc., spirit breakfast, pep rally, designated dress days, powder puff game, Homecoming football game, Riggs High Marching Band performance at halftime and finally the tradi-

tional homecoming dance. All of these activities require considerable effort on the part of many people in order to have it happen in an orderly and constructive manner. Unwanted and undesirable additions such as the littering of the yard is not considered a part of the homecoming festivities anymore than it is considered part of the graduation proceedings.

We would ask for the cooperation of the entire student body in the elimination of a small negative part of the total homecoming activities...the taking of items which belong to the public and thereby eliminating the possibility of serious consequences to individuals responsible for the acts. This Halloween-Homecoming activity is of recent origin and will not be found in the long history of Riggs High School.

Roger Lonbaken  
Principal



**ALL STATE CHORUS...**members are: Ken Coyle, Byron Reed, Marilee Buckles, Audra Ingle, Sonya Sorenson, Brad Merkle, Max Benson, Mary Huckins, Bob Rhine, Stephanie Barden, Bill Ek, Lynn Belk.  
(Photo by Chris Hipple)

## Governor receives All State

Rigg's High Governor again earned the top ratings for newspaper excellence when it received its seventh consecutive South Dakota High School Press Association All State Rating and an International First Place award from Quill and Scroll.

The 1981-1982 newspaper, under editors Joe Sundermeyer and Angela Schweigert, received glowing remarks from contest judges.

SDHSPA judges awarded the paper 451 of 500 possible points, saying, "It's hard to think of areas for potential improvements."

Judges from Quill and Scroll, the international honorary society for high school journalism, praised the Governor for "very thorough coverage of school events and classroom news...excellent editorial leadership...and knowing the value of going off campus for news."

"You have a fine paper that reflects high competence among staff and adviser," judges said in their final comments. Quill and Scroll awarded the paper 905 of 1000 points.

Columnists for the 1981-82 Governor were Jim Kelly and Lorne Hosman. Photographers were Lee Wendt, James Echols and Chris Hipple. Martha Lesniak was the paper artist.

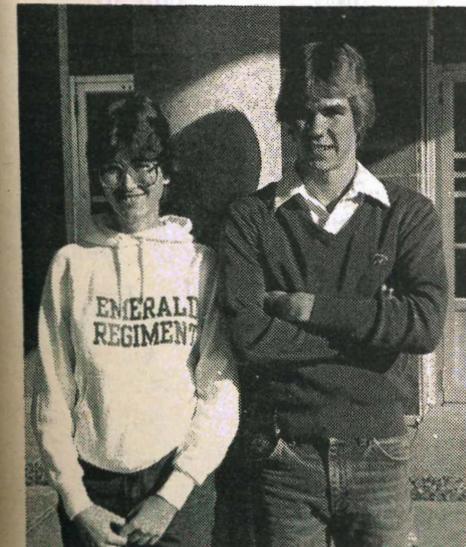
Reporters were Juli Weseman, Paula Adam, Jane Westall, Rise Hawkins, Peggy Ellwein, Jean Misterek, Monica Hoaglund, Lana Fischer, Bruce Kleinsasser and Deb Dickenson.

Editor Schweigert and now retired adviser Mary Jewel Ledbetter, as well as current editors and staff members were on hand for the awards presentation at the Oct. 11, SDHSPA convention in Brookings.

"Although inexperienced, the current Governor staff hopes to maintain the tradition of excellence in high school journalism for which Riggs is noted," said Susan Laitala, new journalism teacher and adviser.

"The staff was proud to accept the 1982 award, and is enthusiastic about the current publication year and the possibilities it holds."

## Commended Students are Lyngstad, Treiberg



**COMMENDED STUDENTS** Melinda Lyngstad and Terry Treiberg.

Melinda Lyngstad and Terry Treiberg have been named commended students in the 1983 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The two students received letters of commendation for placing among the top five percent of the participants in the twenty-eighth nationwide competition.

A spokesman for National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the Merit Program, 50,000 performers of a competition that includes over one million participants is an outstanding attainment.

Terry plans to present oratory with the debate team later this fall. He is also a member of the student council and the NHS.

## Twelve vocalists earn All State Chorus status

Twelve Riggs High vocalists earned positions in the 1982 All State Chorus, to be held Nov. 5 and 6, in Rapid City, according to Jackie Ewing, vocal instructor.

Attending the honor chorus will be sopranos Sonja Sorenson, Audrea Ingle, Stephanie Barden and altos Lynn Belk, Mary Huckins and Marilee Buckles.

Men earning All State honors include tenors Bob Rhine, Billy Ek, Byron Reed, and basses Brad Merkle, Kenny Coyle and Max Benson.

Donni Kuck, Amy Campbell and John Higgins were chosen as alternates.

Miss Ewing announced the All State members following tryout competition earlier this month.

"All State Chorus is an excellent educational experience and is remembered forever by those who participate," said Miss Ewing. "This annual event also gives the

better singers in our state a chance to really excel."

At the concert both men and women will perform "Let All the Nations Praise the Lord" and "If You Believe in Music." Two selections, "Last Words of David" and "Hallelujah Chorus," will be accompanied by the All State Orchestra. "Two Moves and the Slow Scat" is unaccompanied.

Every school in the state will be represented. The number of students chosen from each school is determined by the size of school enrollment.

Dr. Lee Kjelson will be the guest director. Kjelson is director of choral music and chairman of music education at the University of Miami School of Music in Coral Gables, Fla.

Saturday evening will be the final concert and will be televised on Public Broadcasting at a later date.

## Award honors former adviser

One of the highest honors in South Dakota high school journalism education, the Founder's Award, was presented this year to former Riggs High teacher Mary Jewel Ledbetter.

The award is presented once each year by the South Dakota High School Press Association advisors for "outstanding service to journalism education while serving as an adviser to a school publication, and for teaching principles of good journalism..."

Mrs. Ledbetter is experience and credentials in high school journalism are exceptional. She began her interest and work in journalism as a high school student at Buffalo High School.

She was a member of the All State Staff, an honors journalism staff program, still functioning on the state level, in 1937. She remembers with pride that one of her classmates that year designed the SDHSPA emblem which is still

the press association symbol.

Mrs. Ledbetter has been attending the SDHSPA conventions as an adviser since 1945. During these 37 years of association with high school journalism education she has worked several times with the summer institute program.

During her 15 years as teacher at Riggs, she and her newspaper staffs compiled an impressive record, including a consecutive string of All-State honors since 1977.



**FOUNDER'S AWARD** recipient Mary Jewel Ledbetter, right, listens as D.J. Cline, SDHSPA director summarized with praise Mrs. Ledbetter's many contributions to high school journalism.

Traveling to Brookings with the 1982-83 staff, Mrs. Ledbetter was on hand to receive this year's All State award, a fitting farewell to her years of advising.

Among her accomplishments, Mrs. Ledbetter includes the fact that four or five of her students became college newspaper editors. She can also note with pride that at least one of the students from each of her various staffs has been selected as a member of the All State Staff.

Melinda is currently a member of chorus and band. She is also a member of National Honor Society and the National Forensics League.

The students being commended entered the 1983 Merit Scholarship competition by taking the qualifying test in 1981.

Commended participants scored high, but slightly below students in their respective states who qualified at Merit Program semifinalists. Only the 15,000 semifinalists, will receive further consideration for the Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring.

## Governors face Aberdeen Anticipate grid playoffs

Pierre Governors, who are 5-3 on the year, face a tough ESD rival, Aberdeen Central team in the final game of the season.

"A win in this game would secure Pierre a birth in the Region 4 playoff," commented Pierre head coach, Ken Koistinen.

Also vying for the Region 4 playoff birth are Rapid City Central, Rapid City Stevens, and Sturgis.

Against Aberdeen, the governors are looking to repeat last year's performance when they dominated the game and won 23 to 0.

A win would put the series at seven wins for Pierre and ten wins for Aberdeen.

The teams met for the first time in 1966. Pierre lost 26 to 7, but the next year the Governors won with an overwhelming score of 38 to 13.

The next time Pierre beat Aberdeen was in 1971, by a score of 23 to 14. A 25 to 17 win in 1974 was Pierre's next victory over Aberdeen.

The Governors didn't win again until 1978, when the score was 21 to 0. Pierre's worst loss to Aberdeen was a 28 to 0 defeat in 1968.

In preparing for Aberdeen, Coach Koistinen says he looks for the opponents to run the ball, as they have two big running backs in Southwick and Aman. Both are

among the ESD's top five rushers.

Koistinen also commented, "if Jay Parker, Joe Hartford, and Norm Lingle are strong up front on defense, like they have been all year, they should be able to contain Southwick and Aman."

As for Pierre's offense, Koistinen said, "Allen Gordon, Troy Schaefer, and Jay Parker are our key players, because they are consistent from game to game."

Mike Schneider, Aaron Bowers, and Kevin Wharton have had good games at runningback. Gordon is one of the ESD's top five passers, and Schaefer and Parker are each on the list of the ESD's top five receivers.

When asked if he was satisfied with Pierre's season, Koistinen said he thought the team could have played better at Yankton and should have played better in the second half of the Brookings game.

Two weeks ago against Madison, the Governor team worked like a well-oiled machine. The defense held Madison to a dismal 67 yards of total offense, three points, Pierre scored two points when Jay Parker tackled a Madison halfback in the end zone, and the offense racked up 361 yards of total offense and 43 points.

to the team until he was injured later in the season.

Head coach Vern Miller thought the season went very well. "They were a great group of guys to work with," he said, "hard working boys like Mark Broer are hard to come by."

The offensive play of passing and running the ball became more consistent as the season went on. Much of the success was due to the superb passing and outstanding leadership from quarterback Scott Raue, the coaches said.



**GAINING YARDAGE...**Aaron Bowers makes a big gain in Pierre's 45-3 win over Madison.

## Lady Netters do well at state

The girls tennis team concluded a "very satisfying" season by finishing second behind Brookings at the conference meet and placing seventh at state competition.

At ESD Liz Porter led the way by winning singles at the first flight and teaming with Kris Lowenstein to win No. 1 doubles.

In No. 2 doubles Jeanie Tobin and Barb Cordts advanced to semifinals.

At state Porter suffered her first loss of the year when she met defeat in the quarter finals. Other quarter finalists were Barb Regynski at No. 4 singles, Porter and Lowenstein in No.1 doubles and Cordts and Tobin in No.2 doubles.

Lowenstein and Jackie Clack were consolation champs at 2 and 3 respectively.

Coach Carol Pickering was "ex-

tremely pleased with the lineup of relatively inexperienced players. They came through with flying colors," she said.

Looking toward next season Pierre again looks to be one of the top teams in the state. The team will lose seniors, Clack and Regynski, but the rest of the starting lineup, including ESD champs Porter and Lowenstein will be back.

Other team members are: Tara Watson, Becky Cone, Shannon Schneider, Shauna Winters, Casey Van Balen, Annissa Rauscher, Liz Rey, Liz Newberger, Dani Frost, and Linda Regynski.

The Governor sports staff apologizes for the omission of the names of Nancy Regynski and Julie Jenssen from last month's story.

## Mayer takes 7th at State

Mike Mayer scored 165 to place seventh in the State golf meet and to lead the Pierre team to a seventh place finish.

Robert Williams carded a 176, Jim Benham a 178, Ethan Schmidt a 196, and Scott Peterson a 198 at the meet held Oct. 11 and 12 at Rapid City.

Pierre coach, Myron Bryant commended Mayer by saying that being one of the top 10 in the state is quite an accomplishment. "Mike's seventh place finish is the second highest finish by a Pierre golfer since I have been coaching," Bryant said.

To qualify for the State meet, Pierre placed first in the Regional

competition with team score of 350. Winner and Chamberlain finished second and third with 371 and 382.

Leading Pierre at the Regional meet was Williams who placed second overall with 81 strokes. Mayer was fourth with 85 strokes. Schmidt was sixth with 92 strokes, and Benham was seventh with a 92. Peterson earned 10th with a 98.

"With Mayer and Tim Doyle as seniors next year, and freshmen Benham and Williams, who are already quality golfers, also back as sophomores, we should have a good golf season next year," Coach Bryant predicted.

### Sports Quiz

1. For what college did former President Gerald Ford play football?

2. What former NBA star scored the most points in one season?

3. Who is the only man to ever win the Grand Slam of Tennis twice?

### Answers

1. University of Michigan

2. Wilt Chamberlain-4,029 in 1962-63

3. Rod Laver won the Grand Slam in 1962 and 1969

## Soph's complete season

The Pierre sophomore football team finished the season with a five and one record.

The young Gov's only loss was to Mobridge 20 to 28. "During the game we made a few mistakes, but we learned from them and it helped us to play more aggressively, and to deal with tight situations," said assistant coach Bob Judson.

This year's leading rushers were Gene Nelson, Chad Gutenkauf and Kevin Bowers. Darrel Lingle, leading receiver, contributed much



**CONCENTRATION...**Robert Williams putts on the fourth hole at Hillsview Country Club.

# Lady Govs regain top ranking

Pierre's Lady Gov's are once again atop the wire service polls. After a month and a half the team is back on top again.

Coach Don Shields thinks the Lady Gov's will be able to handle the pressure of No. 1 better the second time around. The team now faces the Aberdeen Golden Eagles who are winless in the ESD, and are in the midst of a rebuilding year.

Shields believes the team is playing "very well" and cited bench strength as a big key, with Suzi Stien, Trish Murphy and So Karim making major contributions.

Another asset has been the floor play of guards Rise Hawkins and Brenda Schramm.

But, probably the two biggest reasons for the success so far are Jean Misterek and Karen Hasek. Misterek leads the team in almost every category except scoring, Hasek leads the conference in scoring and has been improving greatly.

The Lady Gov's head to Yankton on Nov. 5 to play the gazelles. Yankton has never lost a girls varsity basketball game at home, but the Lady Gov's coming into the game atop the ESD might give that record a run for it's money.

Coach Shields anticipates doing well in the conference, sectional, and state.



**CRASHING THE BOARDS...**Trish Murphy and Rise Hawkins to boards, while Tara Tessier shoots a jumper.

## Sophomores improve game play

Sophomore Lady Gov's record stands at 5-5, with 3 tough games on the road coming up.

Coach Harvey "Skip" Kurth commented, "The team has improved a lot since the first game. They can handle fast break situations better and they're more aware of what's happening in the game."

Tonight they will be taking on the Aberdeen Eagles, in the last meet between the two, Pierre won the battle. Coach Kurth quoted, "In order for us to win, we will have to play tough defense and rebound, due to our shortness."

A week from tonight the Lady Gov's will be taking a long trip to Yankton. In the previous meet, poor shooting keyed in the sophomores' loss. "Better execution of offense and being able to take the ball to the basket are 2 keys the sophomores must do to

be successful," Coach Kurth commented. "We will also have to stop the offensive play of Jackie Kuzugler."

Kurth said the play of Kim Merkwon and Amy Hawkins is really consistent, they both average 9 points and 3 steals per game. Amy also pulls down 5 rebounds.

Rachael Smith is beginning to come around and contributes a guard position for the team, the coach added. She was out at the beginning of the season due to a knee injury. Lori Lindquist and Konnie Wendt have been alternating at the starting forward position.

Kurth also said Renee Bump and Sarah Adam have improved a lot in the inside. They have been playing more aggressively, he noted.

## Seniors win powder puff



**TALENTED SENIORS...**The Senior Powder Puff team won 8-0 against the Juniors despite a heavy downfall of rain. Autumn Lidel scored the touchdown with a team effort on the safety.



**OOH OUCH...**It seems that Rachael Smith is getting a hand check from a Huron defender.

# GOVERNOR PRIDE

## A Look at The Football Playoffs

Who's No. 1? That's been a question people have been asking themselves ever since football started.

For years only the pros had playoffs to determine on the field who really was the best. The High School and college games have had polls taken by the sportswriters, but that still left a lot of doubt as to who No.1 really was.

But over the last decade more and more states have been initiating football playoffs into the fall schedule. South Dakota last year become one of the last states to put in such a program.

The state is divided into four regions and two teams from each region go to the playoffs. Berths in the playoffs are determined by a computer. The computer ranks teams according to the region that they are in.

This year's playoffs are taking on an added importance in Pierre. The Gov's are ranked first in Region IV, and come Nov. 2 Pierre could be hosting a first-round state playoff game. Regardless, Pierre looks to be on their way to the state playoffs. The finals are played at the Dakota Dome in Vermillion, and the way the team has been playing lately you might want to start thinking about a trip up to Vermillion in the middle of November.

Cass Herrin

# Stephanie Barden sharpens talents at institute

Junior Stephanie Barden brings a little more expertise than usual to the position of student director of the upcoming Riggs theater production.

Stephanie sharpened her dramatic and musical skills the past summer during an intensive five-week study at the Minneapolis Childrens Theater and School Institute.

Although she concentrated on voice, Stephanie took a variety of classes including acting, dance, pantomime, gymnastics, and improvisation.

Professionals in the various performing arts teach the classes.

"It was serious, hard work," Stephanie said. "We worked a lot on trust within a group—that's basic for performing."

Stephanie worked with, or observed the J.D. Gospel Singers, John Clark Donahue, the playwright and director who founded the Childrens Theater, and various professionals from the Guthrie Theater.

"We also learned to take criticism rather than praise. It was total concentration and discipline," she explained.

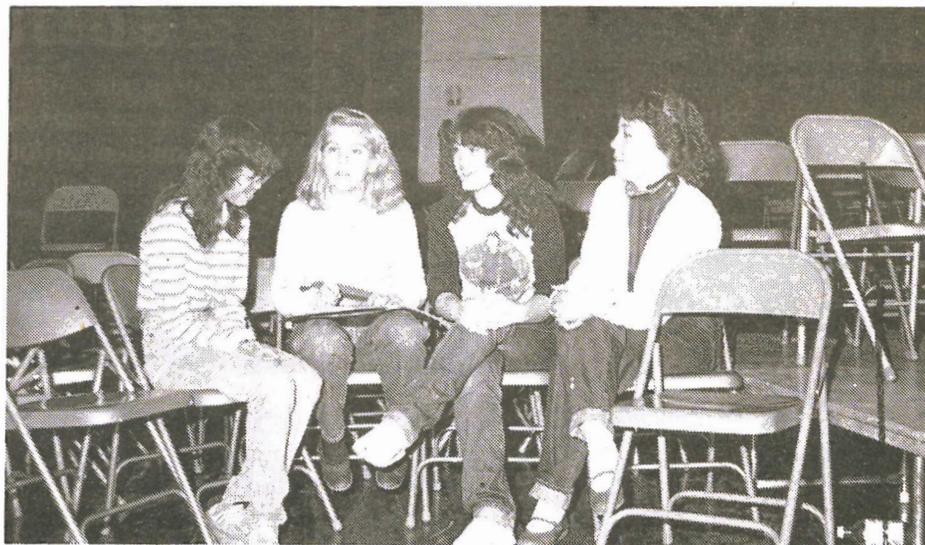
Looking back at her experience, Stephanie says, "It was kind of intimidating because there were so many good people. Everybody was talented and different, but nobody made you feel like they were better than you."

"It's not really as big as it seems—none of it is. When you're involved with it, it's just what is happening."

From her studies, Stephanie learned techniques in acting, voice, relaxation and exercises and pantomime. She learned abstract freeze techniques and various walking styles.

Probably one of the most important things Stephanie learned during her Institute experiences was the fact that she didn't want to spend her life in drama.

"It requires a total commitment to theater. I know now that I am



**AFTER SCHOOL MEETING...** Student director Stephanie Barden meets with play crew heads. Pictured from left are Aurora Zakahi, Stephanie, Kellen Levisen and Amy Vanderziel. (Photo by Chris Hipple)

more interested in and committed to voice," she said.

Since returning from Minneapolis, Stephanie has shared her skills with the community. She appeared in the Paperdolls clown pantomime during Art in the Park

in August, and was cast in the female role in the Pierre Players production, *Of Mice and Men*.

Certainly, Stephanie is extending her performing interests in a different area by assuming duties as student director for the Riggs production of *The Curious Savage*.



How are we prisoners  
Let me count the ways.  
Here I am in studyhall,  
What more can I say!?

Our champs are chumps,  
No driving in the "U";  
I can't hold your hand.  
These are just a few.

No signs on the lawn,  
I need a hall pass.  
Don't try and reason,  
For they take no sass.

You want to be free?  
We will use tact.  
Wait and watch us,  
Brains we don't lack.

## Critics Corner BY: KARLA

Fashion today is on nearly everyone's mind. We all want to be in style and have outfits like those found in the fashion magazines. BUT, there is a certain way as to how these styles go together. We've pointed out a few of the flaws that have been roaming the halls.

### FOR STARTERS: LEG WARMERS

Many people hate them. Some have them, but won't wear them, and others wear them pretty queerly! You do not wear them with miniskirts, sandals, over the top of boots, or pulled up to your derriere! The way to wear them is with them pulled up to your knee, with shorter boots. A fall outfit compliments the style nicely.

### NEXT: PRAIRIE SKIRTS

The style here is western. Think a minute back to the early days of pioneers. Do you suppose that those women wore their skirts with sandals??!!? NO. To have the authentic western look, you need BOOTS. A big leather belt does nicely too. (And by all means, LEG WARMERS.)

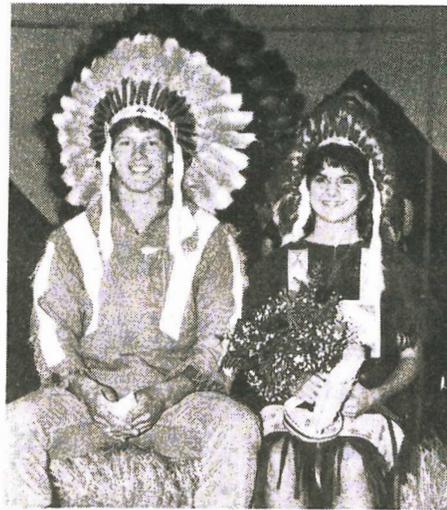
### FINALLY: HEADBANDS

Terri cloth headbands are great for sports, period. Granted, headbands look darling with some sporty outfits, and if you have dressy bands with dressy outfits. But only occasionally! Lots of people say that headbands look like they separate the brain from the body. (And in some cases, this is true.) Headbands are cute accessories, to be worn with care, caution, and with STYLE!

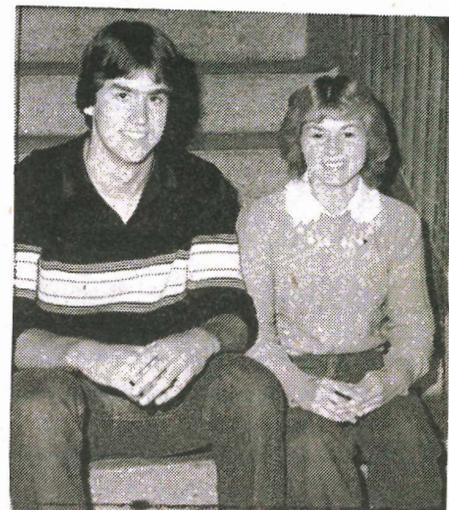
### IN CLOSING:

Style is wonderful to have, if you have a SENSE OF STYLE.

## Students of the Month



**HOMECOMING ROYALTY** Joey Hartford and Tammy Helgesen received Student of the Month honors for September. Joey is a member of the Governors football team. He is also active in basketball, track and is a member of the student council, German Club, and National Honor Society (NHS). Tammy is also a member of NHS. She also belongs to Pep Club and is participating as a varsity boys basketball cheerleader for the second year.



**OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** are Jay Parker and Rise Hawkins. Jay is a member of the Gov's football team playing tight end and defensive end. He is also a member of the basketball and track teams. Jay serves as a member of the student council. Rise is co-captain of the girls varsity basketball team, and she is a member of the Pep Club. In addition, she is co-editor of the Governor sports pages and will also be a cheerleader for wrestling.

## Adam welcomes German consul

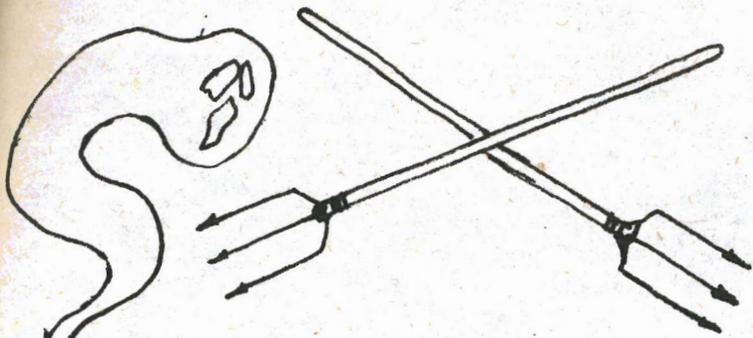
Karl Adam, German club president, gave a welcoming speech in German Oct. 22, when German General Consul Dr. von Siegfried visited with students at the Jr. High.

Karl extended an invitation to the German club banquet, also in German, and he presented Dr. von Siegfried with a bottle of wine made and donated by Stephanie Barden's family.

Other presentations made were by Connie Ingle, Jr. High mayor, who presented Dr. von Siegfried a

green and white boutonniere. Darla Eisnach, Latin club president, presented a Jim Pollock print to Dr. von Siegfried and invited him to the Latin club banquet next April.

After the presentations, Dr. von Siegfried answered questions posed by Mr. Mickelson's Latin II and Mr. Kurth's European Civilization students. These questions, he noted, were much like the ones he is asked in interviews. Their topics ranged from the kind of theater in Germany to current political questions concerning Germany's foreign policies.



### BEWARE ALL

**HALLOWEEN IS NEAR  
SO BEWARE ALL WHO FEAR**  
*In the dark of the night  
with the absence of light,  
Shadows form and follow you.  
If they hear you cry BOO-HOO  
(SOPHS especially this means you!)  
SENIORS are out there,  
But you will not know where,  
Looking for a frightened soul  
to stuff into a deep dark hole.  
HALLOWEEN IS NEAR  
SO BEWARE ALL WHO FEAR!!!*



## Halloween

HALLOWEEN is festive celebration. The name Halloween means Hallowed or holy evening, because it is the eve of ALL SAINTS DAY, A Christian Church celebration.

HALLOWEEN has quite a history filled with superstitions and symbols. The Irish tell the tale of the origin of the Jack-O-Lantern: It is said that a man named 'Jack' was too awful to enter heaven, and couldn't enter hell because of the practical jokes he played on the devil. So he must walk the earth with his lantern until the end or JUDGEMENT DAY.

In ancient history, the Druids, and order of priests, believed that Halloween was the time that spirits, ghosts, witches, and elves came out to work harm.

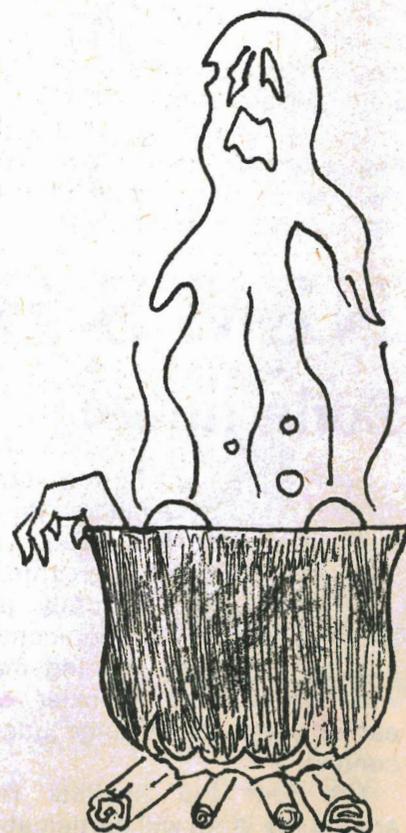
They also felt the cat was sacred, for it was believed that cats were humans once but did a terrible deed and so are being punished for eternity in the form of cats.

From those beliefs, the Halloween legend grew, complete with spirits, witches, and the like, to superstitions, and animated fears.

In the good old day, Halloween was a time to dress up in masks and play games such as bobbing for apples, telling fortunes and listening to spooky stories. But now, it has turned into a real fear.

Officials are debating whether or not to move Halloween to Nov. 1, or to cancel it totally. With the recent TYLENOL related deaths, the VISINE and mouthwash poisonings, the long feared superstitions may well turn into a gruesome reality.

The old man walks along the path  
relishing the peaceful view.  
All his life he's been hustled about  
never having time for scenes.  
The wind picks up and plays with  
his hair  
gently blowing it 'gainst his  
face.  
Leaves of all kinds dance to and fro  
somehow whisper him near.  
He feels rather calm inside,  
blocking out his wordly fears.  
He thinks about the life he's lived  
his loved ones and his foes.  
A silent tear crawl down his cheek,  
a knot rises in his throat.  
How long its been since he told one  
how dear he was to him.  
His ears prick up as he hears a bird,  
calling her young ones home.  
The he remembers his days are short  
time simply isn't for free.  
The sky proclaims that rain is near  
and the earth is shaken alive.  
He looks around, tightens up his coat,  
and hurriedly walks to the cliff.  
He ponders that life is more than  
he needs  
and so, he takes his own.



## Haunted Hour of Death

*(Editor's note: In the spirit of Halloween, this story is offered for GOVERNOR readers' terror and pleasure. No doubt Poe is smiling upon this effort in ghoulish prose.)*

Darkness enveloped me as I groped my way down the old passage hall. I knew the squeaking boards would give me away, were I not careful. If only I could see! But no, there must be no light. HE can not find me. I knew HE was close by, for I could hear his heavy breathing.

"HE must be in a room off the passage hall", I thought to myself. I swallowed hard and bumped into a table corner. Oh, if I am not careful, I thought, HE'LL catch me! The thumping was becoming more distinct, almost at a steady pace. It sounded, (no it couldn't be!), exactly like a heartbeat!

A terrible aroma began to fill the air (or maybe it had been there and I just happened upon it.) It was getting unbearable. The suspense, OH!, I knew my heart could not take much more of it. My mouth was dry from panting. But wait, there was a liquid of some sort on the floor. I felt my way to the floor and bent my head to taste the liquid. It tasted distinctly like (oh, please, NO!) like blood with a definite smell of urine!

I groped my way to a standing position, I felt as if I would vomit, but I had to keep on, to find HIM before HE found me. I had walked about one step when I crossed a door. I opened it slowly, fearing HE would hear me and then know my whereabouts.

A dim light from a candle cast an eerie glow about the room. When my eyes finally adjusted to the dimness, I cautiously glanced around. Then I heard the heavy breathing and the thumping quickened. I hurriedly stepped into the room and shut the door. HE could not kill me, I would not give him the chance!

Oh, the aroma in the small room was worse than in the passage hall! I saw that the liquid mixture made a trail, straight to a huge lump on the floor. I stared at the lump and it all became clear. Almost too clear. It was HIM. The heavy breathing came from HIM. The thumping, I soon realized, was my own heart.

HE plotted this all! He set me up for our death, together! Hatred and revenge welled up inside of me as this realization came over me. SUDDENLY, HIS head turned and HE muffledly whispered my name. MY heart took its last thump, with HIS final breath.

## DelGrosso ends state duties; Safety remains major concern

Although Stacey DelGrosso steps down from her position as vice president of the East River Teenage Safety Council in October, her effort to promote safety will not stop.

A Riggs High Senior, Stacey was elected as a senior board member of the North Central Region when she attended a July conference of the National Student Safety Program in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

As a result of her election, Stacey will be attending the 1983 National Student Safety Program next summer in Mobile, Ala.

Her work at the recent National program included work on cracking down on drunk drivers and DWI. Convention goers also did work on child restraints in the car.

Looking back on her year as East River Council vice president, Stacey sees the statewide survey on teenage drug and alcohol as one of the major accomplishments.

She feels a strong commitment to safety in all areas and encourages Riggs to build a strong and active local council.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Soils judge

Sophomore Kent Burton earned himself a trip to Oklahoma during April by winning third place in the West River Land judging contest.

Twelve Pierre student participated in the October contest held in Wall. Also earning merit was senior Becki Winkler who earned eighth in the range judging contest.

The four top finalists from around the state will participate in the international contest slated for Oklahoma next spring.

### Riggs hosts area Post graduate day

Nearly 700 high school students from four schools participated in Post High School Planning Day hosted Tuesday by Riggs High.

The day offered students the opportunity to talk to representatives from 35 South Dakota colleges and 15 out-of-state colleges.

Schools participating in addition to Riggs were Stanley County, Harrold and Sully Buttes.

Planning Day is arranged by the Riggs guidance staff. Counselor Mavis Booze noted that the day gives students the opportunity to discuss the educational options.

### Oral interp. starts

Oral interpretation students are preparing for the local contest slated Nov. 4, at Riggs, according to Mrs. Carol McNally, coach.

There will be nearly 12 students participation this year Mrs. McNally said.

### Gumbo ratings announced

Riggs High Yearbook, the *Gumbo* attained its "usual excellence" in the South Dakota Press Association competition, according to Terry Peterson, adviser.

Contest ratings were announced earlier this month at the SDHSP convention. Twelve Gumbo staff members attended the convention where they participated in workshop sessions.

Editor of the 1981-82 Gumbo was Andy Binegar and co-editor was Cindy Klein. The book was developed around the theme "Meet the People".

"Each year the staff strives for a better book than the year before," said Peterson. "Current editor Cindy Klein and co-editor Marcine Schatz hope to achieve this with new 'dominant picture' layout."

Work on the 1982-83 yearbook is progressing around the theme "Be All That You Can Be."



**THE DIRTY DOZEN...** Junior Class top 12 magazine sellers for the '82 were (back row), So Karim, Karen Hasek, Brent Tucker, Kelly Kadlecek, John Terrill. (Front row): Carrie Wegener, Kari Kruse, Cynthia Reiser, Mary McNeil, Deb Witte, Jeannie Tobin. (Photo by Todd Berendes)

## Nuclear energy is alternative

*Editor's Note: This column will periodically be designated for articles on energy*

*The first of the series deals with nuclear energy. Author Mike Williamson qualifies his remarks by noting that he is neither totally for or against nuclear energy. "I wrote it simply to show the prospects and future of nuclear energy," he said.*

by Mike Williamson

It is estimated that we will use as much energy over the next 20 years as we have since the American Revolution. The question that perplexes nearly everyone is, "Where will the additional energy come from?"

Oil is certainly not the answer unless some incredibly huge and reliable source is discovered. Clearly then, profound "new" sources of energy must be found.

Hydropower is not quite substantial enough to supply a large portion of this energy. Coal offers more, but it, like oil, will sooner or later run out or be fought over. Plus, coal also carries a pollution factor.

Nuclear energy on the other hand doesn't have these problems. Nuclear power depends almost completely on uranium. One pound of uranium 235 is capable of producing an amount of energy equivalent to 1500 tons of coal.

And, through the use of breeder reactors the value of uranium can be increased about 60 times.

The biggest question about nuclear energy would have to be "Is it dangerous?"

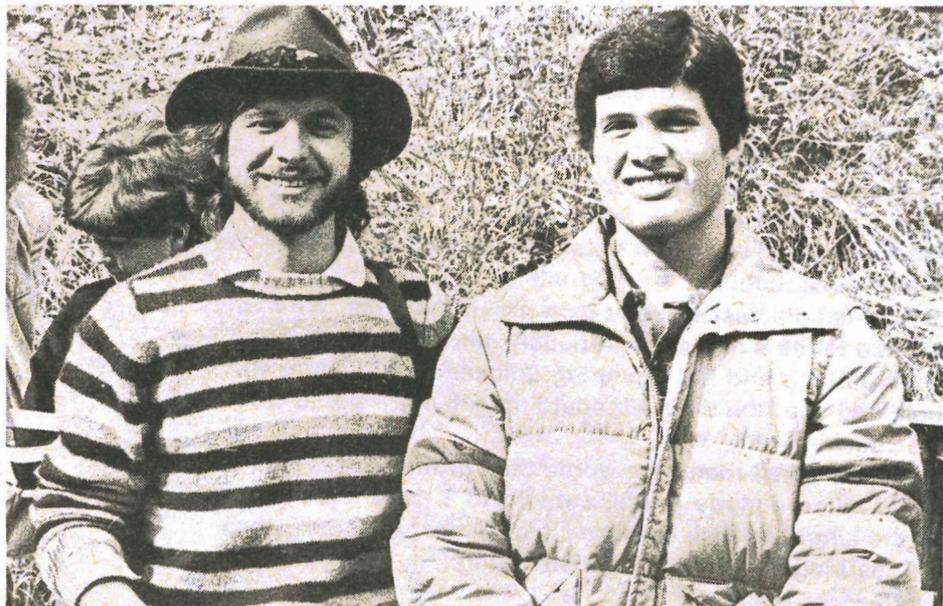
Everyone knows nothing is absolutely risk free, including a nuclear reactor. Nuclear energy involves tremendous amounts of radiation which can cause injury or death. It is for this reason that nuclear materials and processes are isolated from the public.

According to the Edison Electrical Institute, it is physically impossible for a commercial nuclear reactor to explode like an atomic bomb. Yet, in 1980 a survey found that only three people were aware of this.

A poll by Louis Harris and Associates shows that the majority of the public supports nuclear energy. Even a half year following the Three Mile Island accident, a poll found 52 percent of the American public supporting the building of more nuclear plants.

Nuclear power can't do the job of producing all of our energy. Thus, nuclear power in the future will supplement other energy sources, not replace them.

## Skye attends Prairie Winds writing conference



**PROFESSIONAL ADVICE...** Clifton Skye, right, spent class time with professional fiction writer Eric Abrahamson at the Prairie Winds conference.

Senior Clifton Skye was among sixty student writers from western South Dakota who spent last weekend rubbing elbows with professional writers at the *Prairie Winds* Young Writers Conference.

Held at Storm Mountain retreat center outside of Rockerville the conference offered a smorgasbord of writing and outdoor experiences.

"The conference provided an excellent environment for writing. The rugged hills and trees gave one a sense of freshness and renewal," Cliff said. "In this atmosphere the creativity for writing flowed more easily."

The future writers worked on poetry, childrens' writing, lyric writing, journalistic writing, short story, and playwrighting.

His primary elective was short stories. His teacher was Eric Abrahamson. "The staff and students provided a richness in thought. Creativeness and inspiration were challenged."

In between sessions conference goers spent time hiking, relaxing in front of the fireplace in the main hall, or involved in volleyball. A highlight of non-class time was performances by singer-philosopher Susan Osborn, who also taught lyric writing.

"The conference is a good introduction for someone who aspires to enter into the world of writing," Cliff concluded.

The conference was a first for *Prairie Winds*, and the first of two to be held in South Dakota this year. The second is scheduled for Lake Poinsett next spring.