

Seniors prepare for graduation ceremonies

By Dee Ann Gohl

Senior class speakers will highlight commencement exercises June 1 at 2 p.m. in Hollister Field.

The day will find 14 of 160 Riggs seniors graduating with highest honor earning a grade point average (GPA) of 3.75 to 4.0. Receiving these Academic Honors will be Darla Eisnach, Craig Howard, Mark Schneider (all with 4.0 averages), and Brian Weiss, Paul Robbennolt, Jennifer Woster, Darla Schofield, Ingrid Schmidt, Steve Maxwell, Paul Williams, Carrie Venner, Stephanie Hiatt, Heather Duggan, and Michelle O'Day. They will be recognized with a red cord.

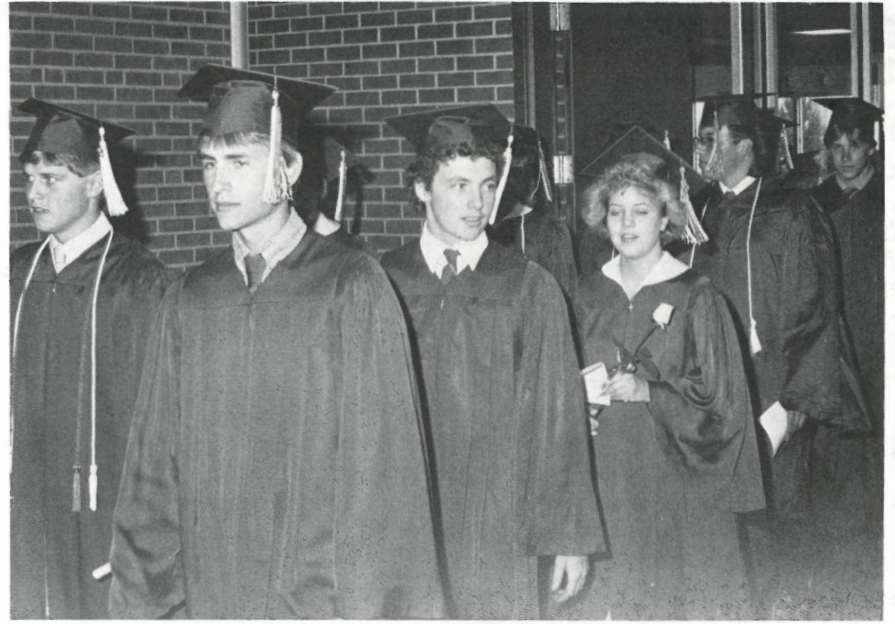
Graduating with Honors (a 3.5 to 3.7 GPA) are Steve Rasmussen, Rhonda Buhl, Jason Cool, Troy Talsma, Wendy Knight, Paulette Gates, Lorne Lawrence, Ronnie Sines, Chris Krogman, Jason Kaul, Linda Regynski, Todd Christoffer,

Connie Ingle, Sarah Adam, Stacey Stofferahn, Stephanie Smith, David Ellenbecker, and Lynne Henrichsen. These students will be wearing a white cord.

Seniors elected by a committee of teachers to speak: are David Ellenbecker, Senior Class president; Mark Schneider; and Cristi McKeever. Class speakers are something new for graduation and there will be no guest speaker.

Rev. Dennis Tranberg will give the invocation and the benediction. Band and chorus members, under the direction of Paul Upsahl and Jackie Hilding, will perform for the ceremony.

Class of 1986 choices include the motto "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe;" the colors green and silver; and, as flower, the white rose.



SENIORS OUT . . . Graduating seniors file out of the Theatre after Baccalaureate services Sunday night. Rev. Steve Barnett gave the sermon to Riggs High's Class of 1986. L to R: Mark Schneider, Jason Lanager, Vince Lahren, Amy Larson, Lorne Lawrence, and Forest Lidel. (Photo by Doug Potter)

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GIVING SPEECHES . . . New Mayor and Vice Mayor Ries and Woster. (Photo by Tople)

Top students earn scholarships

Riggs students received nearly \$150,000 in awards and scholarships, about a 50 percent increase from last year, at the May 13 Awards Night presentation. Several letter awards and certificates of participation were also presented.

Mayor Todd Johnson and vice mayor Michelle Ulmen were masters of ceremonies for the event. Riggs instructors and administrators, representatives from various community organizations, and individual sponsors presented awards.

Students and their scholarships and awards include: **Sarah Adam**—USD Academic Ringley Scholarship; **Jason Cool**—Air Force ROTC Scholarship; **Darla Eisnach**—National Honor Society Scholarship; **Jostens Foundation Scholarship**, SDSU Stephen F. Briggs Scholarship.

David Ellenbecker—Navy ROTC Scholarship; **Paulette Gates**—BHSC Presidential Scholarship, Zonta Book Scholarship, Bette Kuszmaul Memorial Scholarship; **Lynne Henrichsen**—Harriet Woodard Thomas Scholarship.

Stephenie Hiatt—Canvasback Art Scholarship, Carleton College Scholarship; **Craig Howard**—USD

Presidential-Alumni Scholarship, Geoff Garret Scholar Athlete Award; **Gary Jorgenson**—Hatterscheid Foundation Scholarship, Northern State Incentive Grant.

Sandy Kern—Pierre Players Fine Arts Scholarship, Bea Lindberg Award; **Laurie Konechne**—BU PEO Book Scholarship; **Vince Lahren**—Dakota State Scholarship; **Michelle Lovell**—Kiwanis Vocational Scholarship.

Eric Lundeen—BJ Jane Riter Memorial Scholarship; **Marcie Lyngstad**—AB PEO Book Scholarship, SDSU Music Scholarship; **Steve**

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By Rob Miller

J.D. Ries and Scott Woster were elected to lead the student body as mayor and vice mayor after a run-off election May 16 at Riggs.

Ries and Woster faced Ward Judson and Loren Cass in the run-off election after campaign speeches and preliminary election May 15. Kim Nightser and Deb Mathews, Brian Hemmelman and Tom Disburg, as well as Ray Klinger and Kurt Kruse were edged out in the first ballot. This was one of the largest fields in any election in recent memory. Students heard the candidates speak at an all-school assembly, then voted.

Campaigning on a promise of "more fun", Ries and Woster took a comical approach to the election.

"We felt there was a majority of non-serious students. We went for them and that's how we won," said mayor-elect Ries.

Judson and Cass took a more serious approach, appealing to students with constitutional changes which would have given more power to the student government.

The new team will face serious challenges as their senior year approaches. Controversy over coronation is still fresh in the minds of students. Ray Klinger, junior, echoed sentiments of many by saying, "I thought homecoming was less interesting due to the fact they changed it."

Because of local resistance, the ceremony was altered to be less of-

fensive to Native Americans. Ries and Woster plan to keep the scaled-down version of coronation. They also plan to have more pies at Kangaroo court, a better publicized Powder Puff game, and a homecoming dance with a live band.

Homecoming is not the only issue at Riggs. Student Council has been subject to much criticism of late.

"We want to change the constitution to give us and the student council more power," stated Ries.

The duo wants more student say in what goes on at the high school. Ries pointed out that many student ideas are overruled by the administration before they get a chance to succeed. But, as Ries put it, "We're gonna stick up to Merk!"

Ries adamantly opposes use of the breathalyzer. "It's against our rights. We don't have to take it," he states.

In campaign speeches, the pair offended some students and faculty with a comment about "Bible breaks." Ries defended their statement by saying "It was a joke." In fact, Ries stands in favor of school prayer. "It doesn't take much time, and it might help students to work harder," he said.

Despite a campaign characterized by a lack of seriousness, Ries promises they will get the job done. "We are gonna be serious. We will try to get some things changed." Ries and Woster will take office in the fall as lame-duck Mayor Todd Johnson and Vice Mayor Michelle Ulmen graduate.

'High On Teens' coordinates student activities

By Karen Peta

H.O.T. hopes to establish a H.O.T. line which teens can call if they have a problem and need someone to talk to. Other activities of the group currently include car washes, dog washes, and a lip sync contest during Oahe Day.

The group is open to any teen in junior or senior high school and is currently in the embryo stage.

Started by the parents, but run by the teens, it currently consists of

nearly 20 teens and adults. This group plans activities for teens. "Our main idea is to find things for the teens to do," said Mrs. Boock. Other adults working with the program include Don Rounds, Archie Jefferson.

H.O.T. has no specific chairperson. Each meeting is run by a different teen. The group decides what to do, when, and where to do it. "I think the new group is a good idea," Jon Robertson, sophomore, "and I en-

courage all teens to join."

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H.O.T. meetings are held each Thursday at 7 p.m. and are open to all interested people. Anyone wanting information about meeting locations may call Mrs. Boock.

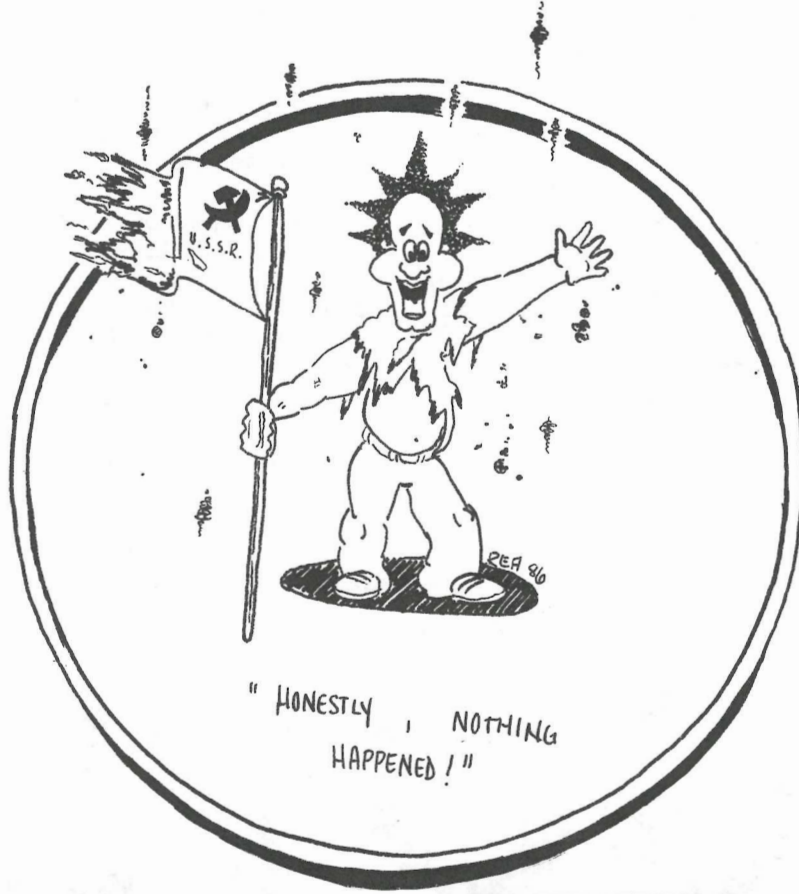
Commies clam up over disaster

The Soviet reaction to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster is appalling. The first news of the accident came on Monday, April 28, (three days after the melt-down started) not from the Soviet Union, but from Sweden where workers at the Forsmark nuclear plant detected abnormal levels of radiation. Not only had the Soviets not warned countries in the path of the radiation, they also neglected to inform their own citizens. People living in Kiev, less than 80 miles from the plant, first heard of the accident on the BBC and the Voice of America. Even after admitting that the accident had occurred, the Soviets downplayed the severity of the incident with reports of decreased radiation and having the fire in the reactor under control. However, they did not say how much the radiation had decreased or how much there had been to start with, and satellite photos showed the fire to be anything but under control.

According to news reports, when asked about the lack of information available to foreign countries, one Soviet official replied, "We have been very forthcoming." They have been anything but forthcoming. They have repeatedly stonewalled when asked for information about the accident, yet they ask western scientists for advice on how to combat the problem. How can the west give help if they won't say what's going on?

Anti-nuclear groups have been having a heyday with the accident, with signs such as "Chernobyl is everywhere," but the blame lies not so much with nuclear energy as with the Soviet system. Soviet cost-cutting and outdated technology led to a reactor based on a design almost completely abandoned outside the Soviet Union due to its dangers and without a containment building to confine an accident. Another problem is the Soviet policy of secrecy whenever there is a problem. When faced with a crisis, they fell into their habit of not telling anyone. Apparently they didn't learn from the KAL007 (Korean airliner) incident. Maybe they thought that if nobody knew about it, the problem would go away.

The Soviet reaction showed none of the leadership expected of a world leader. The USSR risked the health and lives of their citizens for no other reason than to save face. Hopefully, all countries will learn from this unfortunate incident and strive to work together in the future.



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Letter

I think our lunch hour is much too short. Twenty minutes doesn't cut it. I and several other people I have talked to, think that staying at school until 3:15 every day wouldn't be hard at all if it meant 15 more minutes at lunch time.

People who want to go out for lunch really don't have time if they want to sit down and have a good meal. If you stay at school, 20 minutes is plenty of time, but we are supposed to be privileged with an open lunch. It's not much of a privilege if you don't have enough time to eat.

To J.J., L.P. & D.J. the best friends I have I give this poem to them.

THE SEARCH

Find someone who never counts favors
as debts that must be repaid . . .
Find one heart whose trust never wavers
no matter how much it is swayed . . .
Find one ear that knows how to listen
with interest to problems you share . . .
Find one tear that shows it can glisten
in your moments of trouble and care . . .
Find one hand to help and sustain you
and give you the strength that you need
And your search for a friend
Will be blessed at the end
With a beautiful friendship indeed.

From
Barry Manilow of Riggs

Maxwell—Kiwanis Academic Scholarship, South Dakota School of Mines Academic Scholarship.

Mike McGuigan—Newling Book Wrestling Scholarship; **Cristin McKeever**—St. Miguel Talent Scholarship; **Steve Rasmussen**—USD Foundation Scholarship; **Linda Regynski**—Northern State Dean's Scholarship, Rotary Scholarship.

Paul Robbenolt—National Merit Scholarship, Macalaster Academic Scholarship, Kiwanis Student-of-the-Year, Latin Scholarship; **Ingrid Schmidt**—Spanish Scholarship, Carl M. Reinert Scholarship.

Mark Schneider—Air Force ROTC Scholarship, Navy ROTC Scholarship, Elks National Scholarship, Elks Local Scholarship; **Darla Schofield**—SDSU Amadahl Scholarship; **Ronnie Sines**—USD Presidential-Alumni Scholarship, Bea Lindberg Award.

Stacey Stofferahn—Augustana Pro Music Scholarship, Augustana Academic Scholarship, German Scholarship; **Jill Tobin**—Briar Cliff Scholarship, Catfish Open Golf Scholarship; **Craig Traut**—Kiwanis Vocational Scholarship.

Carrie Venner—Sooper Dooper Scholarship, Harriet Woodard Scholarship, Masons' Scholarship, Geoff Garret Scholar Athlete Trophy; **Tammy Volmer**—Fraternal Order of Police Scholarship; **Brian Weiss**—Ken Scurr Memorial Scholarship, Jerry Myers Duplicate Bridge Scholarship, James and Ruby Baxter Scholarship, South Dakota School of Mines Academic Scholarship.

Paul Williams—Mines Academic Scholarship; **Robert Williams**—Catfish Open Golf Scholarship; **Jennifer Woster**—SDSU Superior Student Scholarship, National Merit Corporation Scholarship, Kiwanis Student-of-the-Year Scholarship.

The following scholarships and awards were also presented: **Booster Club Scholarships**: Eisnach, Ellenbecker, Howard, Jason Kaul, Jolene Mews and Venner. **Knights**

of Columbus Scholarships: James Benham, Gene Birchem, David Cordts, Ellenbecker, Gates, Henrichsen, Dawn Hunsley, Konechne, Cris Krogman, McKeever, Regynski, Schmidt, Schneider, Shane Severyn, Tobin, Venner, and Williams.

USD Ringley Scholarships: Todd Christoper, John Forney, Stephanie Smith, and Brett Stewart. **American Legion Essay Winners**: Todd Johnson, Tom Maher, and Noel Miller.

Choral Awards: Outstanding Sophomore—Sean Califf. Outstanding Junior—Jonette Wellhouse. Outstanding Senior—Sue McIntire. National Choral Award—Stacey Stofferahn. Accompanist Awards—Marcie Lyngstad, Stacey Stofferahn, Jonette Wellhouse, and Jennifer Woster.

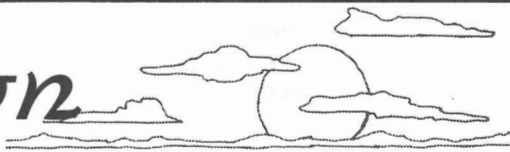
Band Awards: Outstanding Sophomore—Linda Clark. Outstanding Junior—Erin De Jong. Outstanding Senior—Sandy Kern. John Philip Sousa Band Award—Darla Eisnach.

Major Governor Staff Awards: Journalist of the Year—Sarah Adam. South Dakota High School Press Writing Awards: second place—Rob Miller, second place photography—Doug Potter.

Gumbo Super Staff Awards: Michelle Ulmen, Nan Hofer, Cristi McKeever, Darla Schofield, Carrie Venner, and Jennifer Woster.

Dusk to Dawn

By Dawn Jackson



I can't believe the day is finally here. School's out!!! This year has gone by so fast that it seems almost impossible to think that we're approaching the summer of '86. In just a few days I'm gonna be a senior. I think it's GREAT!!!

Right now my thoughts are on hitting the beach, sleeping in, late nights, and social events. It all sounds so great compared to the past nine months of work.

Although it's great to be out of school for the school year, for most seniors their journey has just started. For them, graduation is just the beginning of their lives. The time has come for seniors to plan their own life, be who they want to be, and

make their own decisions.

Next year at Riggs, we'll see a lot of new faces. It will be interesting to get to know all of the upcoming sophomores. But the old faces won't be forgotten. Who can replace Sarah Adam? Or Jolene Mews? Or Todd Johnson, David Ellenbecker, Shane Ellwein, Brett Stewart, or John Cass? Or Carrie Venner and Craig Howard? Or how about Darla Eisnach? Those are just a few names that won't be forgotten at Riggs. What about the underclassmen who are gonna follow the platform that these seniors have made by trying to do just as well as they? I really believe that the Class of

1986 is one that has definitely left a

mark at Riggs. We won't forget the seniors. But for them, they are leaving Riggs behind and going to make the most out of their life. Riggs will soon be the past to them.

With the close of this column is the close of a school year. For the seniors, it's the beginning, and for us underclassmen it's a break away from school. Next year hopefully everyone will come back full of enthusiasm and ready for another year.

To the seniors, good luck!! The high school days are over but the memories will never fade. For the underclassmen, it's SUMMER!!!! Lets enjoy it. . . . Have a GREAT Summer!!!!!!

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Riggs journalists join Quill and Scroll

"Journalism is risky business," Capital Journal managing editor, Terry Woster, told initiates of the Riggs Quill and Scroll chapter at the April 26 banquet.

"Journalism should mirror the world around you, and I think the mirror you present is a pretty accurate reflection of your world," he said. "High school journalism is important the same way that all journalism is important—it takes a stand and tries to make people think. People take some risks by telling people how they feel . . ."

Members of Quill and Scroll, national organization, are selected for their devotion and contribution to high school journalism. Membership in the society signifies the highest type of journalistic achievement.

Initiated into Quill and Scroll were Governor staff members Nan Hofer, Michelle Podhradsky, Paul Robben-

nolt, Ingrid Schmidt, Brian Weiss, Rob Miller and Doug Potter.

Gumbo staff initiates included Stacey Bartlett, John Forney, Darla Eisnach, Steph Hiat, Hofer, Craig Howard, Gary Jorgenson, Cristi McKeever, Darla Schofield, Schmidt, Shannon Schneider, Stacey Stofferrahn, Steve Schwartz, Carrie Venner, and Jennifer Woster.

Helping to emcee the evening were Michelle Ulmen, Gumbo editor, and Sarah Adam and Shelly O'Day, Governor co-editors.

Also part of the evening was Gumbo adviser Terry Peterson's Super Staff awards for work on the Gumbo. Super Staff honors went to Ulmen, Hofer, McKeever, Schofield, Venner and Woster.

Chartered in 1947, the Riggs Quill and Scroll chapter is one of more than 10,000 groups in the nation.



INITIATES . . . are in back: John Forney, Craig Howard, Doug Potter, Steve Schwartz, Michelle Podhradsky, Brian Weiss and Paul Robbenolt; middle: Michelle Ulmen, Ingrid Schmidt, Sarah Adam, Darla Eisnach, Cristi McKeever, Shannon Schneider, and Gary Jorgenson; in front: Michelle O'Day, Nan Hofer, Jennifer Woster, Stacey Stofferrahn, Darla Schofield, and Carrie Venner.

Sophomore attends Foundation seminar

By Rob Miller

Sophomore Kayla Korkow was named alternate to attend the National Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation seminar in Indianapolis this August.

Korkow was chosen from a group of 126 sophomores from across the state at the annual South Dakota seminar held at the Ramkota Inn in Sioux Falls during April. In the event Jamie Wendlan, female representative from South Dakota to the national convention cannot attend, Korkow will take her place.

The three-day state conference included seminars with state leaders who spoke to delegates on a myriad of topics. Delegates also had the opportunity to get to know one another through activities such as "barter bar" and a dance.

"I went around to the community leaders and asked them for small items I could trade at 'barter bar,'" said Korkow. "It was a lot of fun." HOBYF is a national foundation which recognizes accomplishments of sophomore youth across the U.S. Main focus is on self improvement and something known as "P.M.A."

"Positive Mental Attitude is an exciting concept," stated Korkow. Each seminar was opened by a session of

yelling and screaming, also known as P.M.A. reinforcement.

"It [P.M.A.] really helped you feel good about yourself," said Korkow. Korkow went on to express how easy it was to make friends at the conference. "It was really easy to talk to people."

During the seminar, all contestants were judged according to leadership, community service and activities in school.

"The whole program is a reward for leadership potential in sophomores. When we came home it was for the betterment of our community," says Korkow. The best part of the entire seminar was the chance to meet and talk with state leaders, Korkow pointed out. Among the politicians she met were Senator Abdnor and Governor Janklow.

"I got to actually interface with recognized leaders in business and government. It was an exciting opportunity I may not have the chance to do again," Korkow stated.

Before attending the state conference, Korkow went through an application procedure in Pierre. Contestants wrote essays describing their leadership, activities, and community service. Three were later picked to be interviewed, and Korkow was chosen

to represent Pierre. Pierre has had a good record in the HOBY program. Three former and present Riggs students have attended the national conference in five years.

Korkow labeled the conference a "tremendous opportunity" and urged others to get involved. Applications can be obtained from the guidance office for upcoming sophomores.

Ag awards banquet honors Future Farmers Achievers

Honors and awards for work in agriculture were presented to Riggs Future Farmers of America May 19 at the annual FFA banquet.

Senior Todd Jones won the Star Farmer award and the Bill Smith Scholarship Award. Freshman Terry Nelson won the Star Greenhand award, state convention award for creed speaking, the FFA Alumni award for Creed Speaking and Leadership Comp Scholarship.

Tanya Huck and Dale Garber won the Scott Hunsley Memorial Award. Proficiency awards went to Jon Beastro, beef production; Lance Howe, swine production, and Royal Elwood, home and farmstead improvements.

Other state convention award winners were Beastro in livestock showmanship; Elwood, field crops judging; Keanan Smart, livestock judging (bronze); Jeff Severson, poultry and egg judging (bronze).

FFA Alumni Awards for fruit sales were earned by Howe, freshman Angie Ruhnke, Beastro Garber and freshman Melodie Shoup. Shoup also won a creed speaking award. SOE record book award went to Lance Howe as did the BOAC Service Voluntarism Award. Lori Schryver earned a leadership comp scholarship.

All graduating seniors were presented with FFA Alumni memberships.

Honorary Chapter Farmer title, an award presented to the individual who has been supportive and helpful to the chapter efforts, was presented to Mrs. Deb Huck.

Banquet activities included installation of officers for 1986-1987 school year: Howe, president; Smart, vice president; Huck, secretary; Keith Garrigan, treasurer; Nelson, reporter; Deanna Seager, sentinel; and Melodie Shoup, historian.

Seniors earn Student-of-the-Month honor



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH . . . Back row, Connie Ingle and Lorne Lawrence. Front row: Craig Howard and Sarah Adams. (Photo by Heath Topple)

Four students have been named Students of the Month for the months of April and May.

Sarah Adams has been in numerous activities throughout the year including Quill and Scroll, NHS, Varsity Basketball, FCA, Foreign Language Club, Lettermens Club, Band, Intramural volleyball, and Co-editor of the Governor.

Her future plans are not definite, "I'm still undecided, I'm looking into pre-law curriculum such as political science."

What will Sarah miss most about Riggs High? "I'll miss my friends the most, especially the ones I have gotten closer to in high school," she said.

Sarah advises underclassmen to, "Get involved in as much as you can!"

Also named April Student of the Month, Craig Howard is planning to study medicine at USD. He received a scholarship from the President's alumni to be a pre-med student.

In high school Craig has been active in football, IBA's, track, NHS, Lettermen's Club, Quill and Scroll,

and Gumbo staff.

He is going to miss many things about Riggs High, but most of all he's going to miss the River.

Craig's words of wisdom to the high school are, "Don't be a wall flower."

Connie Ingle has added much to Riggs High School. She has been in cheerleading, NHS, Governor staff, dancing, and Intramural volleyball (championship team).

Connie has big plans for her future. She plans to go to SDSU and become a civil engineer. The world is also open to her inspection, sometime after college.

The leaving of high school; Connie will miss the athletic events, good times and; of course, her friends.

As a gift to you Connie leaves with words of advice, "Enjoy your years."

Lorne Lawrence has been involved in football, IBA, track, NHS, boys state, and Chemistry II. Lorne's future plans take him to School of Mines to become a computer programmer.

The parting shot as Lorne leaves good ole Riggs High was that, "You just have to take Chemistry II."

Riggs loses veteran science t

By Heather Duggan

After three and a half decades of devotion to educational excellence, Jack Robinson will be retiring from the teaching profession.

Mr. Robinson has had a great impact on the science curriculum at Riggs High School throughout his teaching career. He has instructed Sophomore Biology, Aeronautics, and Senior Biology II courses. According to Principal Lonbaken, "while most people are unaware, his influence has had a great deal to do with the strength of our science program. He was a key individual in the final decision to build a new science wing."

Mr. Robinson was also very active in the school's athletic program. He gave of his time scoring and timing for countless athletic events. In the words of Coach Phil Trautner, "As athletic director, I very much appreciate the help he has given me for all these years."

"Mr. Robinson has not only been an example for our student body; he has been an example for many staff members. He has a special gift. Although not all appreciated the gift while they were going through the process, almost all who had the privilege of his instruction will tell you that they now understand and appreciate what he did for them," commented Mr. Lonbaken.

His former students also sing their praises to this teacher and man. According to Mrs. Buechler, secretary at St. Joseph's School, "Mr. Robinson taught me organization and output, the fact that you get as much out of something as you're willing to put into it. Of all my high school teachers, he had best prepared me for college."

Jim Wegner, former biology student of 1967-68, stated, "There was a lot about Mr. Robinson that made him an excellent instructor; he was one of the better ones that I have had. He helped instill a good attitude in his students, making us realize that it was his objective to instruct, and ours was to learn."

Senior Jay Hewlett feels the greatest lesson that he learned from Mr. Robin-

son was to "use your head before you answer". "Mr. Robinson's instruction taught me to learn the material myself and not depend on the teacher to outline everything for me."

Dave Ellenbecker, senior Biology II student, most respects Mr. Robinson's "military-style of teaching". He was difficult and demanding, but that only made me want to push myself harder."

Members of Riggs' staff also express admiration and respect in their associations with Mr. Robinson. They feel that

his qualities of integrity and professionalism are unmatched in the field of education.

According to William Peterson, "I have a lot of respect for Jack Robinson. He has a unique ability to command respect from his students. He gets the most out of the students he teaches. He also has the gift to recognize the difference between things that have importance and things that are a waste of time. It has been a pleasure to work with Jack these many years."

Fellow science teacher Don Shields says that he will most miss Mr. Robinson's "extreme professionalism."

"His educational excellence personally touched me the way that he always put the students first and foremost. Students that have had him say that they worked hard, but that they really learned a lot."

Charles Fjelstad, in his 26-year association with Mr. Robinson, will most miss their "friendly chats". "Jack always tells things the way they are. He was not only

Pierre High School Nurse

Pierre Public School loses another veteran staff member this spring with the retirement of school nurse Bonnie Robinson. Although she may not have influenced as many individual students as her husband has, Mrs. Robinson has played a major role in the local schools for the past 23 years.

As school nurse, Mrs. Robinson has held countless immunization clinics for preschool children, vision screening clinics, scoliosis screening for fifth through ninth graders, hearing screening for third and sixth graders, TB skin tests for new faculty kindergarten students and any new student entering from out of state. She also has done current immunizations for students new to the system.

Mrs. Robinson moved to her position at Riggs High School after being a part-time nurse at the Junior High for two years. Along with her Riggs responsibilities, she also visits Washington, Buchanan and McKinley Elementary Schools.

"I really like working with the elementary students best," Mrs. Robinson said. "They are fun to talk to and they ask all sorts of questions. I also get to know them better because they stay in their schools for six years." Mrs. Robinson must do health appraisals on all elementary students each year.

Always on call for emergency situa-



FINAL CHECK . . . Mrs. Bonnie Robinson will be helping students with their health needs for the last time this week. She retires with the close of the school year after 23 years of service to Pierre students. (Photo by Heath Tople)

tions, she also monitors any communicable diseases, and performs numerous throat cultures. "Head lice I dislike the most," Mrs. Robinson asserted, "but it's just a fact of life. They see me coming with my magnifying glass just like Sherlock Holmes, and they all know what I'm doing."

During her 23 years with the school

system, Mrs. Robinson has never had any "life threatening" emergencies to deal with. "We have had broken arms and other playground injuries, some injuries from the shop areas or some burns, and some sports-related injuries," she said. She also recalls dealing with students who were severe epileptics or diabetics.

Seniors leave their mark on underclassmen

By Michelle Deyo

The class of 1986—they will never pass this way again. When they graduate June 1, will they be missed or will the underclassmen be glad when they are gone?

For most incoming sophomores starting high school is an exciting change from junior high, but they are apprehensive because of the old cliché, "Seniors Rule the School". After nine months of

living with the Class of '86, underclassmen have discovered that seniors can be just as nice or just as mean as everyone else. As the school year progressed students ceased to worry about the class divisions and started making friends among the entire school.

What will the student body remember and miss about the graduating seniors? Everything from friends to the leadership they provided. An informal survey of several classes of underclassmen reveal-

ed a mixed reaction to the departing seniors.

Many underclassmen will miss the "smiles and friendships," according to Steph Sibley, junior.

"When I think about the class of 1986, I think about all the seniors who are my friends, and I worry about the day they leave," said Lowell Gordon, a sophomore.

Others see the class "basically a good bunch of people." "A group that likes to party," and a class "having lots of natural talent and offering encouragement." One sophomore called them "people who have worked hard, but haven't gotten the recognition they deserve."

From individual seniors, underclassmen say they have learned not to "always do what everyone else is doing," and "better study habits." Several underclassmen say they have learned "how to pick on underclassmen" and "how not to pass a breathalyzer test, how to party, and bong beer."

"I learned that your future begins with your senior year," said junior Dawn Witte.

Terri Ulmen learned "how not to snow ski from Becky Baum when they were on the girls basketball ski trip."

The underclassmen interviewed singled out a number of people they considered class leaders. In this category were Darla Eisnach, Dave Ellenbecker, Stacey Stofferahn, Sarah Adam, John Cass, Todd Johnson, Bridget Banks, Clark Gregg, Michelle Ulmen and Mark Schneider.

Among the memories seniors will

leave behind are a few that underclassmen will never let them forget. One girls basketball cheerleader will remember the day Darla Eisnach, thinking she had the right door, found herself walking into a closet.

Junior Lisa Pibal, among others, will remember the day Michelle Ulmen got her head stuck on top of the bus." Several cheerleaders will remember "Cristi McKeever and Connie Ingle walking into the wrong house when they went to pick up Tani Keenlyn for the cheerleaders' kidnap breakfast.

And who could forget Thumper, the Riggs rabbit, who visited many classes, but left his mark in Mr. Miller's history class. One junior remembers the day in the senior lounge when seniors fed Thumper a little Ex-lax.

Seniors as a class will be remembered for "radical leaders", the "goat assembly", the SAPO organization, the 1985 Christmas tree, more school dances and "fun times."

"Loosened up the teachers" was reported as one of the best things the Class of '86 did for the school. Another student said the class has a "good mayor and vice mayor" and yet another said "they were one of the smartest classes, receiving many honors and scholarships."

"Friends are Friends Forever," is a song title that several students listed for the Class of '86. With commencement exercises June 1, many friends will be walking out the doors of Riggs High to join the ranks of alumni.



LOVE THE UPPERCLASSMEN . . . Junior Robbie Miller shows his affection for senior Sarah Adam at the Governor Staff picnic. (In back) Paul Robbenolt, Steve Rasmussen, Tracy Smith, and Sheila Specker. (Seated) Brian Weiss, Dawn Jackson, and Lisa Pibal. (In front) Sarah Adam, Robbie Miller and Connie Ingle.

Teacher

a fellow teacher, but also a friend."

Mr. Robinson will be greatly missed by both his students and the Riggs' High staff. His instruction will remain engraved in the minds of those who have had him. In the words of Mr. Lonbaken, "I wish him the very best. Underneath his outward personality is a very dedicated individual who really cares. I wish him the opportunity to fulfill those interests and hobbies that he has not had the time to enjoy during his commitment to education."

Retires

Things have changed in school health over the years. "We have seen many, many improvements in the time I have been here. State immunizations are one," Mrs. Robinson said. "Before that, you could not force them to immunize children. This change has come close to completely irradiating some of the childhood diseases that were so severe like polio and measles."

Being a school nurse has held its rewards for Mrs. Robinson. "There have been cases where you feel like you certainly have helped improve somebody's health, which is the main purpose I'm here," she said.

Mrs. Robinson says she has "enjoyed the people I worked with in all the schools," but she looks forward to the opportunity to travel, fish and relax that retirement will present.



YEAR OF THE COMET . . . proved to be good times for parents and seniors. Top left: LAS VEGAS bound are Troy Talsma and Tammy Allmen trying their hand at poker. Top right: **PUCKER UP CUTIE . . .** professional whistlers perform at the parent-senior party. Bottom left: **TAKING A BREAK** from the action Lori Crowell, Jeanne Uecker, and Wendy Truxton pose for a picture. **SHOULD SHE?** Tammy Ree has trouble deciding how to play her cards during the **YEAR** of the COMET.

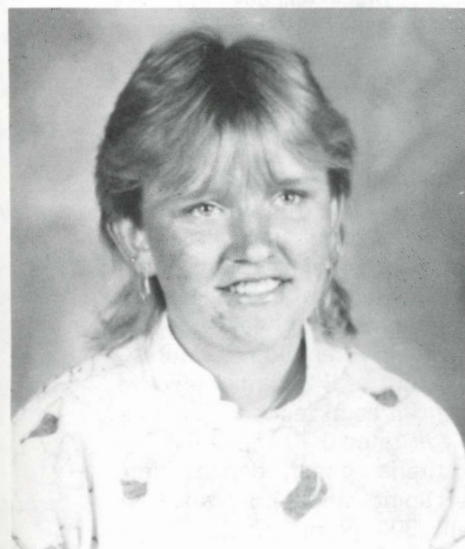
Foreign exchange students say farewell

Dear Students and Teachers,

Now, it's getting close to the end of the school year — and to the end of this wonderful year I have had here in the U.S.A.

It has been really interesting to stay here in Pierre with a host family and to have learned so many new things and a different way of living.

When I came here, I had a hard time understanding the language; even though I have had English in school for six years in Norway! I never would have thought that British English and American English had such big differences. But I



learned to understand and to talk pretty good after a while. The first day of school was scary: all the people walking everywhere, talking a language I hardly understood. But the students and teachers helped me out very well. I have got some really good friends here that I will never forget. (I just hope I will see some of them in Norway one day!) Teachers have been really helpful too, especially I want to thank Mr. Shields, Mr. Thelen and Mr. & Mrs. Peterson. Also I have to thank (a thousand times) Mr. Schneider and Mrs. Booze, for all the help with classes, and everything else that I have had problems or questions about. The classes I have had here have been very interesting and fun. I like most computers, algebra, art, crafts, and agriculture classes.

I think it is very bad that Ag. class is taken out of Riggs High for the coming year(s). I think it is an enjoyable class, where you can learn about farming and how to judge crops, animals, land, and food. As a foreign exchange student I have learned a lot from this class. And I am sure that other exchange students that will be coming to Riggs, later years, would like to take Ag class, and enjoy it as much as I have!

I haven't been in any sports here. Mostly because my host family have race horses, that I have worked with (horses are my biggest hobby in Norway, where I work at a riding center and I practice horse jumping). My host family also participates in rodeo and playdays, that I enjoy a lot.

Here at Riggs, I have enjoyed going to pep rallies, homecoming, football and basketball games, and school dances.

All of you have been very nice and friendly to me, especially I want to thank all my new friends that have taken me out on dances, bowling, activities and games. I can't thank you enough!!! Thanks also to Mia (from Finland) for being a good friend. I wish you luck in the future and I hope I'll see you again.

It is going to be hard to say goodbye, but one thing is sure — I'm not saying goodbye for good — I will come back and visit Pierre, in not too long!

Thanks to the school, my host family, and my parents for giving me this opportunity.

If there are any exchange students coming to Riggs High next year, I hope he/she will have a super year here like I have had.

If anyone wants to write to me, you are welcome to. I love to get letters and I promise to write back.

I wish everybody a **great** future and to those who are going to college I wish good luck and have a great time!!

Thanks again for all help. I will never forget you, and my super year at Riggs High.

Sincerely
Marit Rolland
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5095 Ulset
Norway



Almost 18 years ago a little girl was born in a country far away from here. The name of the country is Finland—in Finnish Svomi—and the name of the little girl came to be Mia Anjatta Wittaniemi. She was the only child of the family and for years she was even the only grandchild around; therefore she got to be a bit spoiled. She was introduced to a foreign language at the very early age of four. She went at that time to an English speaking kindergarten called "The Wendy House." Later on at school she got more involved with languages and by the time she was 16 she had four different foreign languages at school: Her favorite was and had always been English and during her school years she had grown to want to be an exchange student.

Nearly a year ago I came to America not sure what I would find here. Now ten months later after, I realize that my stay has been worth every minute of homesickness, frustration and mistakes. I've made many valuable friends and most important of all learned a lot about myself.

I learned my English, but I also learned something that cannot be graded with F's or A's and that involves so many areas of my life that even now I don't know how much this year will give in my future wherever I am. I am anxious to go home—whether or not my parents glow in the dark, but I already feel the sadness that lies ahead on the day I leave Pierre.

It really hurts to know that life will go on in my home here and in Finland, and I cannot be a part of both of those lives at the same time.

I want to take this opportunity to write my thanks to the friends that have helped me through my mistakes and given me their support at the times I needed it most. I also want to thank Mr. Larsen for bearing with accent and mistakes in my grammar, Ms. Pickering, Mr. Townsend, Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. Fjellstad, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Weiss for answering all my small and big questions. Mrs. Hilding gave me the most enjoyable fifth period which will inspire me to join a chorus in Finland—thank you for that. I want to express my deepest thanks to Mr. Mickelson and his family for all the support they've given me throughout this year and to Mrs. Booze for showing me that "Booze is the answer". I've learned so much and I hope that I have been able to give you all in Riggs just a little bit of my culture and me. God bless you all and until I row back to America I wish you all the best of luck with everything you ever do in life.

WE'LL NEVER FORGET!

By Dawn Jackson

Months ago
you came to Pierre.
With nothing to show
except happy cheer.

You've become a friend
To just everyone.
The dreams you send
the laughing and fun.

We won't forget you
or ever let go.
Of your memories so true
your culture to know.

So for you, I say
We'll miss you—it's true.
"Good-bye" for today
We'll never forget you!

Team places second in ESD meet

Netters finish season

By Jim Linn

The two-time State champ Governors traveled to Brookings May 5-6 to compete in the E.S.D. Tennis Tournament. Seniors Paul Williams and Dave Cordts led the team in singles, both finishing second.

Ward Judson and John Forney finished third both having losses in the semi-finals.

Williams and Cordts won the #1 doubles and now have an 18-1 season record. Williams has a combined three-year doubles record of 60-2 and is the defending state champion in doubles with his partner's brother Steve Cordts.

Scott Woster and Heath Schneider also took first at #3, followed by Forney and Judson placing 2nd at #2.

Earlier in May the Governors team won two duals against Rapid City Central 9-0 and Rapid City Stevens 7-2. The team posted an 11-1 dual record this year, their only loss being to Aberdeen Central.

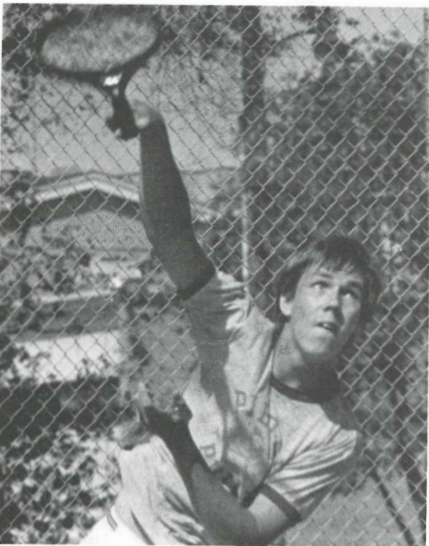
They also won the Pierre Invitational and the Rapid City Tournament.

Williams, #1 singles, ended with a 16-0 regular season record. Ranking second is Cordts at #4 with a record of 13-3. Forney at #3 and Judson at #2 are next in line with records of 12-4 and 12-3.

In doubles the top two pairs lead the team. Williams and Cordts are 15-1 and Judson and Forney are also 15-1. Woster and Schneider hold a 13-3 record.



SWAT . . . Senior tennis members Paul Williams, top, and Dave Cordts display their winning serves. The two were doubles partners, as well as top-rated singles. (Photos by Jim Linn)



First Ladies Named

The Drill team members for the 1986-1987 school year are Deb Kern, Michelle Deyo, Karla Palmer, Shannon Weber, Alex Powers, Amy Boyd, Kathy Merriman, Karryn Corning, Gina Clemetson, Tracy Smith, Erin De Jong, Michelle Olsen, Heather Boocock, Dee Beckwith, Stacy Donovan, Megan McCloud, and alternate Nancy Kelly.

New members joining the group went through a training session, and tryouts early in May. The First Ladies will perform again next fall at Governor football games.



NEW CHEERLEADERS . . . are (top) Jolynn Blake, Shelly Schlekeway, Lisa Adams, Shauna Winters, Steph Haisch, Sheli Bowers, Rosemary Parr and LeAnn Holmes; (middle) Katie Robbennolt, Tani Keenlyne, Darleen Hunsley, Susan Chase and Steph Sibley; (bottom) DaWanda Pesicka, Renae Howard, Shawna Draper, Bonnie Jorgensen, Lisa Pibal and Terri Ulmen.

Golfers 2nd in Region Four

By LeAnn Holmes

Pierre Lady Govs finished 11th with a total of 843 in the two-day Class A girls golf championships held May 21 at Yankton.

Ninth grader Kathy Christenson led the Lady Govs by tying for 28th place with a 106-93—199 score. Jill Tobin had a 101-99; Stacey Bartlett, a 106-103; and Kathy Merriman, a 109-126. Christenson also tied for second in a chipping contest.

In the Region 4 competition at Huron, Huron was first with a score of 405, Pierre was second at 578, and Todd County was third at 578. Tobin was the Lady Gov's top finisher capturing third at 100, Christenson was

fifth at 107, Bartlett eighth at 116 and Merriman 11th at 126. Seventh-grader Annette Wahl came in with a 145. Pierre was competing without junior Connie Sibson who was out due to illness.

In the ESD conference tournament the Lady Govs finished sixth overall with a score of 449. Tobin was Pierre's only medalist, finishing eighth with a 95. Bartlett came in at 111, Christenson at 114, Merriman at 124 and Wahl at 155.



RIGGS GOLFERS . . . are, back, Kathy Christenson, Annette Wahl, Dee Theobald, Stacey Bartlett, Jill Tobin, DeeAnn Gohl, Steph Sibley, Kathy Merriman; front, Coach Jensen, Cindy Wixon, Connie Sibson, and Chris Ward. (Photo by Gumbo)

Draper to Bowl at Nationals

By Dawn Jackson

Sophomore Shawna Draper is one of the four South Dakota bowlers who will participate in the 1986 National Junior Bowling Championships in Seattle, WA, July 17-20.

Shawna won the girls handicap division of the state finals, that were held April 26, in Huron, with a score of 675.

A total of 3,087 bowling centers from across the nation registered for the 1986 national championships. Out of 260,000 competitors, 228 will be in Seattle bowling for \$44,000 in college scholarships.

Coca-Cola sponsors the tournament and the all expense paid trip for the first place winners.



A STRIKE . . . Draper will bowl at nationals. (Photo by Doug Potter)

New Cheerleaders

By Tani Keenlyne

Was it a dream, a nightmare or reality? Some new sophomore and junior cheerleaders couldn't tell the difference between a dream and the real thing May 6 when they were "kidnapped" from their homes by senior cheerleaders for a welcome-to-the-cheering-squad kidnap breakfast.

Ending up at the Town & Country restaurant for breakfast with no make up, no shower, and slippers and bed clothes were the new 1986-87 cheerleaders: JoLynn Blake, Katie Robbennolt, Darleen Hunsley, DaWanda Pesicka, and Tani Keenlyne—football; and Shawna Draper, Renae Howard, Bonnie Jorgenson, Lisa Pibal, and Terri Ulmen—girls basketball.

Boys basketball cheerleaders are Sheli Bowers, Shauna Winters, Steph Sibley, LeAnn Holmes, and Susan Chase; and wrestling cheerleaders—Lisa Adams, Shelly Schlekeway, Rosemary Parr, and Steph Haisch.

At the risk that the "joke" might become a tradition, several cheerleaders admitted that the breakfast was "kinda fun."

Cheerleading try-outs were a week earlier when 45 sophomore and junior girls went before six teachers to try-

out for cheerleading. Teachers who judged this year were Mrs. Hilding, Mr. Fjellstad, Mrs. Birhanzel, Mrs. Brookes, Mrs. Neuharth, and Mr. Merkwon. The senior cheerleaders also were invited to observe and fill out criteria sheets on each participant, but their votes did not count.

A maximum of 50 points could be received from each teacher. Each individual was rated 0-10 on the five following criteria: cheer, dance, jump routines, spirit, and appearance. A maximum 300 points could be received from the teachers, and if someone received 250 points of 300, they received an 8.3 score from the teachers.

Each hopeful also went before the student body, sophomores and juniors only. Student ballots were counted and 350 votes of a possible 400 gave a candidate an 88 percent. Percentages were added to form one total percentage out of a possible 200 points.

"We have used this system many times and believe it works very well as far as being fair to everyone involved," said Miss Pickering, cheerleader adviser.

The cheering squads will begin practice for the fall season during the summer.

Governors win first ESD title

By Chris Shaw

"We finally did it!" said coach Vern Miller. "After 20 years in the ESD Conference, we won the ESD championship." The Governors had 147 1/2 points. They were followed by Mitchell with 120, Yankton 87 1/2, Aberdeen 77, Huron 74, Brookings 44, and Watertown 39.

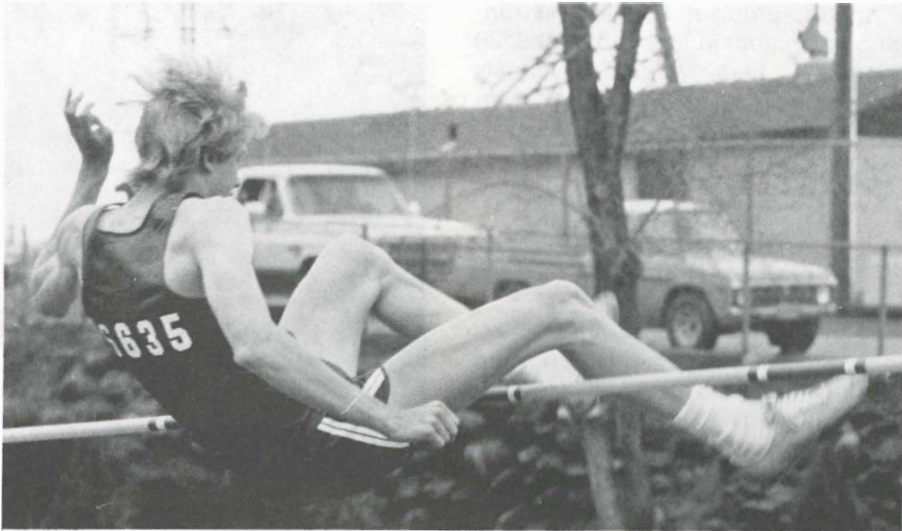
Aberdeen won the girls title by gaining 105 points. The Lady Gavs placed second tied with Brookings at 84 points.

"Winning the ESD and finishing second was more than any of us could have expected," said Don Shields, girls track coach.

Individual 1st place winners for the Governors and Lady Gavs include: 100 and 300 meter hurdles, Carrie Venner; Long jump, Steve Williamson; discus, Monty Schaefer; 400 meter dash, Darrell Beck; and 800 meter run, Pete Thompson.

"By putting kids in relays that have not been in them, we were able to gain some points and still have our better sprinters for the opens. Both boys and girls hand-off for the relays were excellent. Our times keep getting better each meet," said Coach Shields.

The track team will be losing eight seniors this year, but they will have a "strong nucleus" back next year according to Coach Miller. Miller also adds, "We hope that it won't take another 20 years to win the ESD again."



LIFT OFF . . . Doug Mikkenon clears the high jump bar, (Top). (Photo by Brad Fischer); HAND OFF . . . Kelly Misterek passes the baton to Susan Chase during a Regional track meet relay. (Photo by Doug Potter)

Pierre will send 18 Lady Gavs and 16 Gavs to Rapid City and Spearfish May 30 and 31 for the State AA track meet. Tracksters qualified for the meet May 29 at Regionals where Pierre not only won the meet, but broke several school records.

For the girls, Steph Griffith set a record in the mile run; Carrie Venner won the 100 and 300 hurdles, and the medley relay team of Griffith, Cynthia Beck, Sheli Bowers, Kelly Misterek and Kara Kreitlow took first.

In the men's competition, the Gavs set a record with a 3:26.8 (bettering 3:27.7) in the mile relay (Pete Thompson, Craig Howard, Darrell Beck, and Steve Williamson).

Other firsts went to Williamson in the long jump, Craig Howard in the 300 hurdles and Thompson in the 800 run. The medley relay of Jason Kaul, Jeff Smith, Max Fjelstad and Wade Douglas also placed first. First place two-mile relay members were Dave Ellenbecker, Pete Thompson, Wade Douglas and Darren Chase. Monty Schaefer won the discus.

Others qualifying for state are John Cass, Lorne Lawrence, Wayne Schaeferbauer, Eric Norum and Terry Nelson (Freshman).

Other Lady Gavs headed for state are Jolene Mews, Steph Baldwin, Teri Ulmen, LeAnn Holmes, Chrissy Post, Rosemary Parr, Karissa Kenyon, Susan Chase, Kelly Misterek, Susie Fowler, Tonya Brady and Chrissy Hartl.



DETERMINATION . . . (top); Sheli Bowers breaks the string as she crosses the finish line. Bottom: Freshman Kelly Misterek runs for the line. (Photos by Fischer and Potter)

Canode flies high on motocross

Junior Ernie Canode took to the track early this month to open his fourth year of motocross racing.

Riding a Yamaha YZ 125, Canode moved from 'C' to the 125 'B' competition after his May 18 race in Rapid City. He expects to compete in nearly 20 races over the summer and to move into 'A' competition where winners earn both trophies and money.

Ernie currently holds two first place trophies in 125 C racing, one from Osage, WY and one from the Spearfish motocross. Races usually consist of 200-300 riders in 12 divisions.

Canode has been hooked on cycles since his father got him a Yamaha 60 when he was four years old.

"When you're on a bike, you feel free from everything else," Canode commented. "It's dangerous, but I'm never scared. But, my mom hasn't been to a race yet."

Ernie considers the most dangerous element to be the chances of wrecking. "It depends on how other riders react. If they make an effort to avoid you, it's okay," he explained. But, in the C's riders don't pay much attention; they are out to hold their positions."

Injured slightly May 18, Canode landed in the hospital with back injuries two years ago.

"You have to have guts, and you have got to have determination, and you have to have money," Canode said after some thought. "This is the third most expensive sport, and the second most dangerous."

Canode is sponsored in part by Great Escape motorcycle shop in Pierre. Riding gear including leather pants, helmets, boots, etc. plus gate fees, traveling and keeping his cycle in shape all add up.

The sport is also demanding physically, and the serious rider will keep in shape. Canode trains with weights and running, and his daily cycle practice.

The toughest part of motocross are the tracks, according to Ernie. The special tracks are constructed with jumps, straight aways, corners, and some slopes. The Sturgis track is built on the side of a hill. "I like the down hill run; it's easy for me and gives me an edge over other riders," Canode said. "It's more exciting."

Ernie's most exciting race was the Spearfish motocross last summer when he went from "dead last" to first place and a trophy. In addition to the excitement, Canode appreciates the people he has met racing. "Everybody is everybody's friend," he said, admitting that "'A' riders are kind of cocky, but they're nice people. Most people are not out for blood."

Ernie says time will tell about his racing future, but he is hoping to make it into the big races in California some day. Being a "factory rider" with full sponsorship from a major company would be the ultimate.

"Then it becomes a job," Canode said, "real pros." For now he will ride the Border Line Racing Association circuit and work to move to 'A' division competition.



READY TO RACE . . . Canode displays the "YZ" Yamaha he races in "C" competition.

LETTERWINNERS CHOOSE OFFICERS

Elections were held recently for the Letterwinners Club. Officers for the 1986-87 school year will be: Todd Peterson, president; Chris Shaw, vice-president; LeAnn Holmes, secretary; and Loren Cass, treasurer.

Auto Mechanics II students win Trouble Shooting trophy

By Dan Lerew

Two Riggs students brought home second place honors in the Plymouth AAA Troubleshooting Contest May 8 and 9.

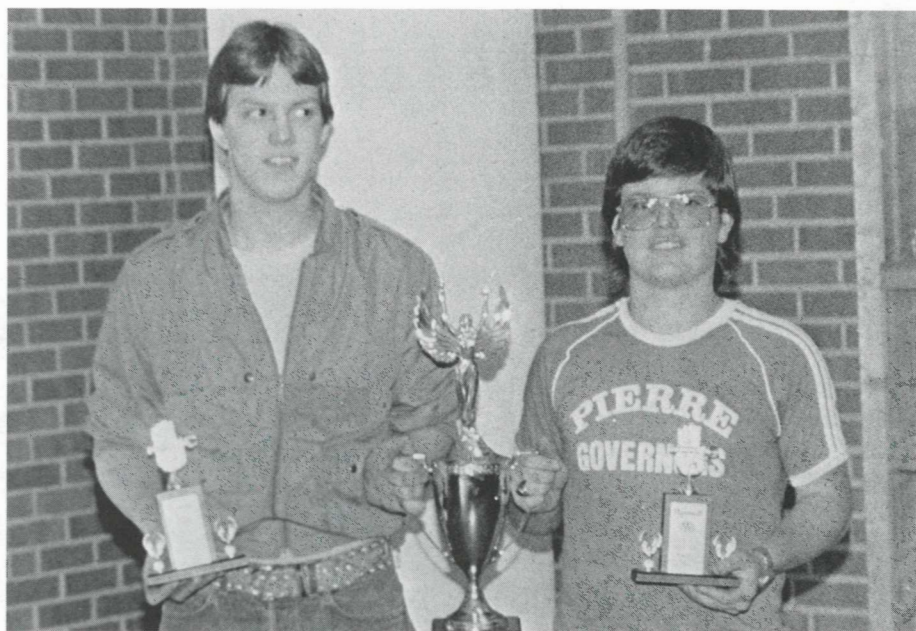
James Cox and Greg Henderson traveled to South-East Area Vo-Tech in Sioux Falls for the contest. To earn the right of participation, Cox and Henderson had to score well on a national examination. They were the best two of four candidates from Riggs, the other two eligible were Darrell Beck and Kasey Smith.

The task was to get a 1986 model

Plymouth problem free and in running condition in one hour and 30 minutes. There were 10 schools represented at the contest, with Sturgis taking first place and Pierre's team of Cox and Henderson taking second.

"We wanted to go," said Henderson. "It was a great feeling when we found out we were going."

Future plans for Cox include attending Lake-Area Vo-Tech and becoming an auto mechanic. Henderson plans to be a jet engine mechanic in the Air Force.



SECOND PLACE WINNERS . . . Henderson and Cox brought home an impressive second place trophy from the Plymouth AAA Troubleshooting contest. (Photo by Dan Lerew)

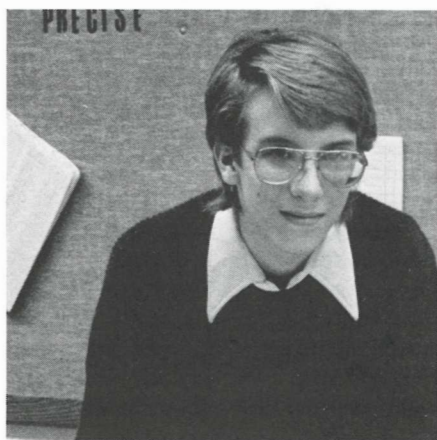
Potter attends Journalism City

By Jenny Joens

Governor staff photographer Doug Potter is one of two juniors from South Dakota chosen to be a photographer on the Boys State Journalism City staff.

Journalism City is responsible for publishing the Boys State newspaper, "The Sunshine Scribe" which is published daily. The staff is made up of about 20 boys, who are also involved in radio and television productions. They are selected by the state Boys State Board on the basis of applications and recommendations.

Doug is involved in various school activities, including feature editor and head photographer for the Governor, a member of Quill and Scroll, and drama and theater work. In the future he plans to pursue a major in computer science and electrical engineering at Augustana. He is considering a career as a Computer Service Technician.



"At Journalism City I plan to learn more about how a newspaper is produced and ways to improve our own paper," Doug said.

Last summer Potter attended the SDSU Publications Institute in photography. He recently earned a second place in the South Dakota High School Press Association Spring Writing and Photography contest.

News Briefs

Soviet disaster shocks world

By Doug Potter

When news of a nuclear accident in the Soviet Union broke out on April 28, it shocked many people, not the least of whom were the people of Sweden, Finland, and other countries in the path of the radioactive cloud.

As much a cause of worry as any other was the fact that when reactor number four at Chernobyl began to melt down, the Soviets clamped a lid of secrecy on the subject, and only when other countries had already announced the accident did they even admit that something was wrong.

This secrecy has shattered Gorbachev's picture of a new, open Soviet Union. Even a week after the accident the official casualty count was incredibly low (two dead and eighteen in serious condition). Unofficial estimates from citizens of nearby Kiev and Europeans in the area numbered the dead and dying in the hundreds.

Probably the two biggest questions concerning the Chernobyl accident are "What really happened?" and "What are the effects going to be?" Although exactly what happened at Chernobyl still isn't known, most theories follow the same pattern. For unknown reasons, there was a loss of coolant to the reactor core, and the 1661 fuel rods began to overheat.

As the temperature climbed, the fuel rod casings melted, and at a temperature of 5,100 degrees Fahrenheit, the uranium-oxide fuel began to melt. Operators flooded the reactor with water, which vaporized and reacted with the melting reactor core to produce hydrogen and other flammable gases.

The buildup of gases exploded, destroying the reactor and part of the reactor building. The 1700 tons of graphite bricks that held the fuel rods

began to burn at a temperature of more than 5000 degrees Celcius, and convection carried radioactive debris into the atmosphere.

What the effects are going to be is even less sure than what happened in the reactor. Radiation poisoning is insidious and unpredictable; it's effects can range from nausea and vomiting to nearly instant death, depending on intensity and length of exposure.

Radiation doses above 1000 rem (the unit for measuring radiation) are always fatal. The biggest danger from radiation exposure is an increase in cancer, and most of the long term harm to the human population will come from cancer.

Although the risk in much of Europe has been exaggerated, as the radiation levels in most European countries are only slightly above background levels, the danger in and around Chernobyl is quite high and very real, and likely to remain that way for many years.

Howard and Jones attend math contest

By Nancy Kelley

Recently, the 33rd annual Northern State College math contest in Aberdeen was held. On April 17, Riggs had the opportunity to send two students to the competition. They were Renae Howard, sophomore, and Kim Jones, junior.

The contest was divided into four divisions: Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra II, and Advanced Math. Renae and Kim both competed in the Algebra II division. This division consisted of 186 of the top arithmetic students from Central and Eastern South Dakota.

The competitors were given a 40 minute test consisting of a total of 44 problems; all of which were difficult. The winning score was 35.

Although the top score was not achieved by either of Riggs' representatives, they still finished successfully. Renae placed in the top ¼ and Kim placed in the top ½ of their division.

NHS OFFICERS

The National Honor Society recently helped out in the effort to beautify our capital city by planting petunias along Sioux Avenue. In other activities, NHS elected the 1986-87 officers: Chris Shaw, president; Ward Judson, vice-president; Jonette Wellhouse, secretary; and Loren Cass, treasurer.



ORGANIZING A PAGEANT . . . Junior Dawn Witte (left), met with Valerie Marsden, Miss South Dakota Teen U.S.A. and Lori Shumacher, Miss South Dakota U.S.A. earlier this spring when they toured Riggs. Dawn, assistant city director of the Miss SD Teen USA Pageant, has been preparing for the Regional teen pageant which will be held June 15, in Riggs Theatre. Interested individuals may contact Dawn. (Photo by Doug Potter)

Journalists join 86-87 Gumbo staff

Junior Shannon Schneider and sophomore Jenny Joens have been named editor and assistant editor for the 1987 Gumbo.

Full staff for the school yearbook was recently named by advisor Terry Peterson. "This is an excellent staff," said Mr. Peterson. "It's one of the best I've ever had."

The Gumbo staff has won All-State honors for the past three years. Mr. Peterson asks that senior staff member enroll in the yearbook journalism class. "I'm looking forward to next

year because of the new class," said Mr. Peterson. The new class will teach students basics of publications.

Section chiefs and their assistants are as follows.

Acadmeic Section: Noel Miller, chief; Steve Wahl and Corey Odden, assistants.

Activities Section: Dawn Jackson, chief; Loren Cass and Dawanda Pesicka, assistants.

Sports Section: Ward Judson, chief; Darleen Hunsley and Mike Anderson, assistants.

Class Section: Todd Peterson, chief; Shannon Weber and Maia Lyngstad, assistants.

Student Life Section: Lisa Pibal, chief; Shelly Schlekeway and Kayla Korkow, assistants.

Organization Section: Hope Lopez, chief; Steph Sibley and Renae Howard, assistants.

Photography: Tony Curtis, chief; Scott Thompson, assistant.

Special Assistants for the yearbook are Kim Nightser, Dawn Witte, Kara Krietlow and Jonette Wellhouse.