

“Rites” premieres Friday

by Michelle Olson

Curtains go up at 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre this Friday and Saturday for the Riggs' production of "Rites," a play dealing with the contemporary relationships among teenagers.

Written in 1984 by the Young Playwrights of the Walden School in Kentucky, the play consists of three monologues and three short one-acts. According to director Bill Henjum, "The kids are having fun since they have an opportunity to play themselves."

In the first monologue Tracy Deis, as Anne, talks about the problem of being lonely. The second monologue features Trish Feltman, Wendy, telling about her relationship with her boyfriend. Paula Graves, as Eleanor, relates how she helps a handicapped person.

First love and teen-age romance are the main subjects of scene one in which Chrissy Post (Naomi), Rodes Fishburne (Rob), Scott Searls (Charlie), Monette Schatz (Stephanie), Steward Stonebeck (Andy), Cathy Pohlman (Ruth), and Chad Weber (Donald) take the stage. Jim Linn (Eddie) and Chris Ward (Sally) star in scene two as brother and sister who oppose moving out of state. Bob Krier (George), Sean Califf (Russell), and Rebecca Gooding (Cathy) appear in the third scene which is set in a small Southern town where a nuclear reactor is about to be placed. Stage manager/student director is Lori Schryver.

Play dates for "Rites" are November 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Riggs Theatre.



ON STAGE . . . Rebecca Gooding, Sean Califf, and Bob Krier are pictured here in a scene from the Riggs production of "Rites" which opens at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 29 in the theater for a two-day run. (Photo by Doug Potter)

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Voters decide school bond issue

An issue that has generated much publicity in Pierre throughout the past few months will culminate Tuesday, Dec. 10 when voters will decide the fate of the proposed bond issue to provide funds for the improvement of Pierre elementary schools.

Tom Penny, architect from the Dana, Larson and Roubal firm recently unveiled drawings and floor plans for two of the four building improvement plans.

If the bond is approved, among other things, Lincoln school will be torn down and a new school built. "Lincoln School in its present condition is not unsafe for children, but it sits on unstable ground which architects have been monitoring," said principal Dave Patton.

Patton emphasized that the big need is to try to make quality, educational-sized classrooms.

"I feel very optimistic that the public knows that there is a need for the new, modern facility," Patton said.

With changes the schools will contain the facilities for required elementary educational programs in the classroom plus space for special services which includes speech therapy, Chapter I, learning variations, Project Discovery (gifted), counseling, library and physical education.

"The emphasis is to make all four facilities into comprehensive schools," Penney said.

The proposed 4600 square feet of new space for **Washington Elementary** will include space for special services and a multipurpose room. The school will have two units each of K-5 plus three sixth grade classrooms.

McKinley School is scheduled to carry the same two units K-5, but will

not have a sixth grade. Here 4200 square feet of new space will be added.

Construction proposed for **Buchanan School** will include 20,500 square feet to house five new classrooms, special services areas, a music room, and a multipurpose room. Buchanan will house three units each of K-6th grade.

Jefferson Elementary according to the proposal will add 48,500 square feet of new space to the existing school. In essence it will replace the Lincoln School facility. The proposed

Jefferson will include three units each of K-6th grade. In addition to new classrooms will be administration space, and a centralized special services space.

Polling places will be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Music to set Holiday spirit

Winter's early arrival has added to the spirit of the Riggs High Music Department as the various groups prepare for the annual "Winter Concert" to be performed Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre.

The chorus will present selected pieces from "Together We Will Stand," a musical celebration of hope. Selections to be performed by the band include "Sleigh Ride," "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," "Concert Prelude," "Trilogy of European Carols," and "Fox River Festival."

Traditional Christmas favorites "Deck the Halls," and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" will be presented by a select singing group.

Choral performances are under the direction of Jackie Hilding. The band is directed by Paul Upsahl.

The concert is free to the public.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 2 District III Girls BB gymnastics at Huron

Region BB girls

12-14 Girls State AA — Watertown

**Dec. 23- No School —
Jan. 1 Christmas Vacation**

Midwestern novelist visits English students

"A good story lasts forever," Frederick Manfred told Riggs students last week, "each generation will pick out its own reason for reading it."

Manfred, author of 24 novels, a book of poetry and numerous short stories visited Pierre as guest lecturer at Capital University Center and at

Riggs. The six-foot-nine author addressed himself mainly to students' questions about his writing, his career and his philosophies of writing.

"The main thing is that you should have a very clear idea of what you want to write about and visualize it in your head," he advised. "Some event that's powerful to you—the subject matter that you can't forget—will pick its own language. It will almost write itself."

Commenting on his methods of research, the author told students that he became interested in the Hugh Glass legend that became his famous book *Lord Grizzly* and began research on the topic eight to nine years before he actually began to write. When he began to write he would reread samples of dialogue he had recorded in his notebook each time before he set to work. This allowed him "to get the rhythm of the language."

Manfred studied numerous resource books and made trips to the Lemmon area and into Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota to learn about the setting for his novel. He actually walked from Lemmon to Cherry Creek carrying a gunny sack to collect specimens of flowers, insects and so on to add to the authenticity

of his work.

To get the sensation of Hugh Glass's "crawl" Manfred tied a stick to his side and crawled about the hills near his Bloomington, MN home. Both the crawl and the visual perspective when crawling became important elements in his book.

During his presentation, Manfred also related his early background including a hitch-hiking trip across South Dakota which resulted in his book *The Wind Blows Free*.

When you are a writer nothing is lost on you; it's all grist for the mill," he said.

Manfred's last book was published in 1980, and he has several "out" or in final stages. "Publishing has changed," he responded to a question. "It used to be that publishers were great men who loved literature. Now CPA's with no sense of humor and no sense of literature are running the place. A lot of junk is being published."

The author assured students that writing is not as easy as it looks. "I rewrite all the time. Most authors rewrite endlessly to get it to appear so simple and so smooth."

Students from literature, composition and speech classes attended the sessions.



MEETING THE AUTHOR . . . of *Lord Grizzly* and other novels are Jim Linn, Nate Brady and Missy Schuetzle. Frederick Manfred visited the school for two hours Nov. 19 to answer questions and share his expertise. (Doug Potter Photo)

November brought Pierre voters to a point of decision about two major issues the nuclear waste bill which was voted down Nov. 13, and the convention center bill which was passed Nov. 19. Both issues affect our community, and they affect those of us who plan to make our home here in Pierre.

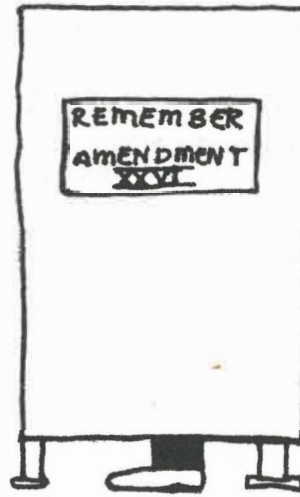
Many of the students here at Riggs are eighteen—the legal age for voting. Coming up in December are two more important issues. The school bond issue to be voted upon Dec. 10 proposes to build an elementary school and add rooms to other elementary facilities. A rezoning issue vote scheduled for Dec. 17 would allow for the installment of a trailer park in Charlie's Addition near Neltom.

Students of legal age should register to vote. The process is simple and can be quickly done at the Auditor's Office of the Hughes County Court House weekdays 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. She reminds us that to vote in any election a voter must be registered 15 days ahead of the election.

The issues are important to us as residents of Pierre, and we need to protect ourselves and our best interests by expressing our opinions through the polls.

REGISTER

ISSUES



RAISE THE SPEED LIMIT?
LOWER THE DRINKING AGE?
SCHOOL BOND ISSUE?
EXTEND THE HUNTING SEASON?

ANSWERS
YES ☐ NO ☐

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

New Voices: Letters to the editor

Rebutts Miller:

Student supports Regents

The Riggs High Class of 1985 was an exception to the rule. People seem to be over-reacting to the fact that many seniors chose out-of-state colleges last year.

Their choice was not a reflection on the Board of Regents. The Board's decision to up graduation requirements didn't effect their chances of acceptance to South Dakota colleges. Those decisions don't effect this year's college bound seniors either. The course work required by the Board for acceptance is the same required to graduate from Riggs. I seriously doubt that students left South Dakota as martyrs to prove to the Board of Regents they couldn't be manipulated.

It would be nice if we evinced that much concern over the requirements the classes of '87 on, have to meet, but neither this year's nor last year's seniors have been passionately protesting against it. Although the Board's decision may effect seniors next year it is not, and was not, a factor in college choices.

I think you'll find that a large portion of seniors were looking for a good music program. South Dakota's are good, but Minnesota does have some colleges which offer superior programs in the fine arts area. That is why the reciprocity agreement exists! Minnesota students are attending South Dakota colleges too. We also have specialties to offer. USD was re-

cently rated highly in a nationwide survey. It was cited as being an excellent college with high academic quality for less money than the majority of colleges in America. A diploma from USD or SDSU is not inferior, it carries just as much weight as a Minnesota diploma when it comes to finding a job.

Several students went out of state because they wanted to get farther away from home or be exposed to bigger cities than South Dakota has to offer. Several students stayed in state because they want to be close to home, or they couldn't afford transportation costs, or they wanted to take advantage of the small teacher-to-student ratio available in South Dakota. Neither type of college is better than the other, it's purely a matter of personal preference.

I am sure that our class will be much like last year's graduating class. We will consider several colleges and what they have to offer academically, socially, and financially. We will make matter-of-fact decisions and choose what is best for us. If you have read any pamphlets sponsored by the Board of Regents you will find that is the same advice they give, and they're not afraid to give it. Regardless of disagreements among high schools, the Board of Regents, and our colleges, we still have excellent colleges here in South Dakota.

Ronnie Sines

Coronation questioned; is tradition alive?

Last year the Pierre Riggs High Student Council decided to keep the Indian theme for the coronation ceremonies but make the necessary changes to keep the Indian leaders of the area happy. Many students and teachers agreed with the decision to keep tradition alive.

I wonder how many people have changed their minds since seeing the 1985 coronation. Minus the Indian entrance, the cheer, and the queen's headdress, the only part of the ceremony that had anything to do with

the Indian theme was the candidates' dress.

This year the candidates walked out onto the stage one-by-one and were introduced along with a summary of their high school activities. Once introduced, they sat down in executive chairs. Executive chairs? Realistically, how many Indians Would sit around in their traditional dress in executive chairs.

If we want to keep the Indian theme, that's great, as long as it looks like an Indian theme. But if the only thing we are going to be allowed to use without offending Indian customs is the Indian costumes, then it would be just as easy to have the queen candidates wear dresses and the marshall candidates wear suits and forget the whole Indian idea.

Although Homecoming is a year away, now is the time for the Student Council to be thinking of changes for next year.

LeAnn Holmes

Runner praises meet

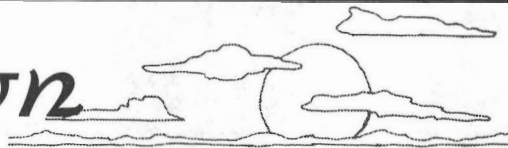
Pierre recently played host to the State Cross Country Meet. It was Pierre's first opportunity at hosting such a state competition and proved to be a difficult job with over 600 runners participating. The task of organizing and running this enormous meet fell upon Pierre faculty members. With many hours of hard work, they managed to make the event smooth and enjoyable for both runners and spectators.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for putting on a great meet. I would also like to thank all of you that took the time to come out and watch. Your support was greatly appreciated by all and added an extra incentive to perform well. As a runner, I hope we didn't leave you disappointed.

Todd Peterson

Dusk to Dawn

By Dawn Jackson



It's here! Our first snowfall. Well, what do you think? Do you hate the freezing mornings, winter coats, scraping windows, and cautious driving, or do you love the thoughts of snow skiing, snowball fights, snowmobiling, and four-wheeling?

My feelings about winter go both ways—good and bad—but the first snow always reminds me of some awesome memories.

At even the faintest sight of snow I have to laugh as I remember the first time I got to drive in winter weather. It was great!

At first I was scared, but that's expected. I mean, it was quite a new experience for me! But after I got the

hang of it, I would always make it a little fun. Do you ever have the urge to just blow it off and do a few cookies?

I remember a little over a year ago when I had to try it all! On one occasion when I was driving up Euclid, I turned a little too fast and spun around twice and stopped less than two feet from a car with an old lady driving.

I thought maybe she'd go into shock, but she probably was so mad she just sat there yelling (to herself) all the way around the corner. I thought it was fun, but I guess she just wasn't up to the excitement that day!

I think we all have moments when we have to see just how much fun driving on snow can be. Some students live for the first snowfall when they can get in their jeeps (Steve Schwartz), Blazers (Shane Ellwein), or Broncos (J.D. Ries) and really live it up!

Four-wheeling is one of the many activities they're good at! But I can just about imagine how much trouble they'll get into!

The only hangup winter has is school. But with all it has to offer, I'm sure no one will let that interfere with the "rowdy" activities. So have fun, but keep warm. Think "SNOW!!!" Get used to it—I think we probably have about four months left!

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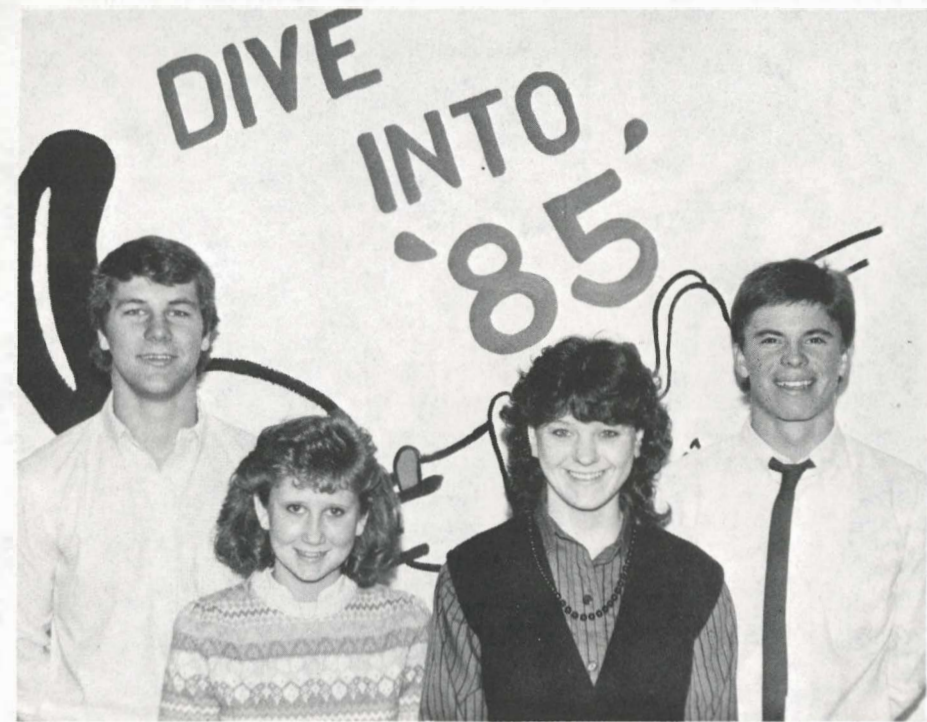
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THANK YOU

The Governor would like to thank Mrs. Birhanzel's third and sixth hour advanced composition classes for their contributions to the paper.

Readers will find items of interest from these writers throughout the paper, including the Poetry Corner, for several issues.

Contributions from students are always welcome. They will help the Governor to reach one of its major goals that of becoming a real "student voice" at Riggs High School.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH . . . October Students of the Month were John Forney and Michelle Ulmen. September students were Carrie Venner and David Ellenbecker.

Seniors earn school honors

Seniors Carrie Venner, David Ellenbecker, Michelle Ulmen, and John Forney have been selected Students of the Month for September and October.

The boy and girl receiving this honor for the month are selected by a

panel of teachers named by the Student Council. The panel bases its decisions on the students as a whole, so both academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities are considered carefully. To be eligible for the honor, a student must also carry a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

From the Students of the Month selected throughout the school year, a boy and girl are chosen as "Students of the Year" during the last month of school. They each receive a scholarship in recognition of their achievement.

Carrie Venner and David Ellenbecker were the first two students selected.

Carrie is involved in track, gymnastics, Gumbo, NHS, Foreign Language Club, and FCA. She is also a football cheerleader, the secretary of the Lettermen's Club, and the homecoming queen of 85-86. She defines a good student as someone who is serious about the academic aspect of

school, but also takes part in extracurricular activities.

David is active in football, basketball, track, chorus, and swing choir. He serves as president of the Lettermen's Club and NHS and is also homecoming Marshal of 85-86. He defines a good student as someone who listens and responds during classtime and tries his hardest to obtain a maximum amount of knowledge.

The students chosen for the month of October were Michelle Ulmen and John Forney.

John is active in football, basketball, tennis, NHS, and Lettermen's Club. He also attended Boy's State. He defines a good student as someone with a good attitude toward teachers and classes, who has their work done on time, and gives 100% effort all the time.

Michelle is active in band, chorus, flag corp, girls' swing choir, and cheerleading. She serves as the *Gumbo's* editor and has received honors in Quill and Scroll and All State Journalism. She defines a good student as a person who does well academically

but is also very involved with other activities in both school and community.

Riggs High debaters attend Brookings invitational meet

A busy schedule will keep Pierre debaters on the road in December. On Dec. 6 and 7, the team will travel to a Sturgis conference meet. Dec. 20 and 21 will find the squad in Brookings for the Bell Invitational.

The team opened the season Nov. 15 and 16 in Brookings where champ debaters Paul Robbennolt and Brian Weiss had the most speaker points, but lost two "power match" rounds to Watertown teams during action at the McCarty Invitational.

The Riggs team earned an unofficial sixth place from among nearly 25 schools at the annual tournament held on the South Dakota State University campus.

"We had mixed results in our first tournament, and that is typical," said Ken Larsen, head debate coach. "Competition was superb, and we learned a great deal about what is out there. As the season progresses, we should be one of the finest debate squads in the state."

Both seniors, Weiss and Robbennolt had a 3-2 record at the championship level. At varsity level, seniors Steve Maxwell and Tammi Volmer were 3-3 on affirmative, and senior Heather Duggan and junior partner Brian Hemmelman were 1-5 on negative for a total 4-8 record.

Novice debaters ending 1-7 for the tourney were sophomores Rebecca Gooding, Paula Graves, Chris Ward and freshman Chad Wagner. Another novice team consisting of sophomores Jennie Joens, Sharla Cass and Brad Fischer, and junior Lori Schryver went 4-4.

Participating in individual events, Volmer had a third and a fifth place in original oratory. Robbennolt had two seconds, breaking finals and finishing sixth overall, in the same category.

Maxwell won a third and fifth; and Robbennolt a first and second in extemporaneous speaking.

Program names future leaders

Senior Darla Eismach has been named Riggs Century III Leader, according to Principal Roger Lonbaken.

To qualify for the leadership honor, Eismach wrote a test over current events and an essay on challenges in America's third century.

Eismach's essay, "Disposal of Nuclear Waste in America's Third Century," discussed developing a con-



FUTURE LEADER . . . Darla Eismach was named the Century III Leader from Riggs.

tainer that "protects the environment and is economically recoverable so it can be reprocessed at a later time."

Darla was also selected on the basis of leadership skills, school and community involvement, and her interest in the future of America.

An active member of the Senior Class, Eismach participates in band, chorus, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, cheerleading, and *Gumbo* staff. She was a member of homecoming royalty and a Girls State representative.

Her future plans include working for a major in biomedical engineering.

Darla is now eligible to compete with other local winners for the state title and one of two \$1500 scholarships and an all-expense paid trip to the Century III Leaders national conference to be held in Virginia in March.

In its ninth year, the Century III Leaders program is sponsored and administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and funded by the Shell Companies Foundation, Inc. The program awards a total of \$218,500 in scholarships to 204 young leaders.

Ratings draw both comment, criticism

by Gary Jorgenson

A sixteen year old walks into a music store to buy an album. He chooses one and takes it to the check-out counter. The salesperson says, "I'm sorry, you are too young to buy this album, it is R-rated."

In the not-so-distant future kids may be faced with this issue. A group called Parents' Music Resource Center (PMRC) with leaders Susan Baker, III, and several senators' wives, is trying to bring the issue of "explicit" lyrics in music to public attention.

They proposed a rating system similar to those on movies which would be put on records, tapes and videos. Songs with strong sexual and profane overtones would receive an X-rating; those dealing with occult an O, those promoting violence a V, and those dealing with drugs and alcohol a D/A, according to a report in the Sept. 30 issue of *Time*.

"I don't think I would be too worried about it because the music I listen to isn't all that offensive," said senior Stacey Stofferahn. "But, some kids would because they would say it's our right to have the freedom to listen to whatever we want. And

that's true, they have the right to their own preferences.

Many people feel that it is not up to the record industry or recording artist to label music, but that it is up to local radio stations as to which songs to play. Vice Principal Gary Merkwon said, "I think the songs should pass FCC qualifications as far as the lyrics go."

Another adult, Gordon Vance, assistant manager of Sooper Dooper said, "I don't like it. If I had kids it might be different, though. I feel they should rate all types of music and not just rock."

The basic argument from rock singers, companies and fans is that a rating system would violate rights of free speech and expression which are guaranteed in the Constitution.

How do parents feel about the issue? Their reactions vary. "Kids will listen to it anyway. If there is a dirty movie on TV, they will find some way to watch it. If there are bad records out there, they will find some way to listen to them," said Diane Campbell, parent of two teenagers. "You can't be with your kids 24 hours a day."

Another view was expressed by Tish Marshall who said, "I think the

system would be good. You still have the choice, but the warning is there."

Still others say it would be a waste of time. "I think it would be a waste of time. Parents can already listen to the records," said Jim Douglas, "if they print lyrics on back, most parents probably wouldn't read them anyway."

Supporters of the rating system say that certain rock lyrics may even persuade listeners to commit crimes. *U.S. News and World Report* reported that a 14-year-old girl was sentenced to serve 25 years in prison for stabbing her mother to death. Prosecutors said she was "obsessed" with heavy-metal music.

Some of the record or artists that are causing all the controversy include Sheena Easton, Motley Crue, and the Rolling Stone with the song "Let's Spend the Night Together".

A Senate Subcommittee heard testimony on the issue last month, and the record industry is unwilling to help parents by allowing ratings to be put on the records.

In a report, Stanley Gertikov, president of the Recording Industry Association of America, said, "We have

absolutely, positively told the PMRC that we cannot accept a rating system. . . . Some things I see are not to my taste, but you cannot substitute supervision of the record industry for supervision of the child."

Most local high school students said that they wouldn't mind a rating system because it wouldn't affect them. Tom Askew, senior, said, "I don't think a rating system is necessary, but I don't really care if they get one."

The younger students felt that a rating system shouldn't be passed because, as sophomore Angie Douglas said, "Students should be old enough to pick their own kind of music."

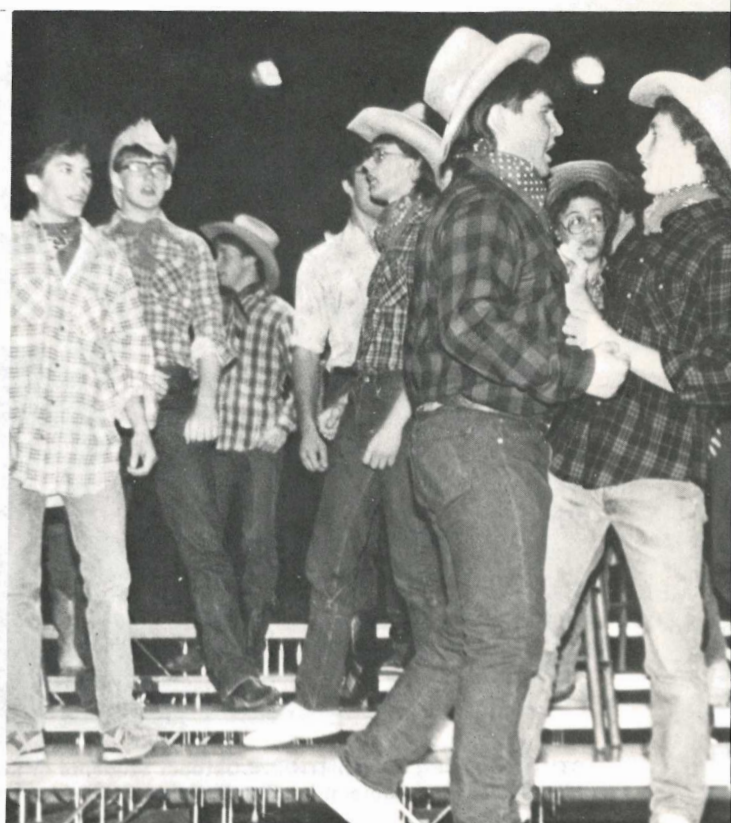
Some students agree with the PRMC. "I think it's excellent. You will still be able to buy records, but younger kids' parents will censor them (the kids) from listening to the bad ones."

So, what does it all boil down to? According to *Time* writer, Jay Cocks, "It comes down to a simple matter of history. Rock-n-roll is proud music that has never known its place, so it will be hard to put it in one now."

The debate is not over yet.



SONGS AND DANCE . . . new ideas and choreography make concert choir performances modern, interesting and entertaining each fall. Choir members visible from left are front to back: Trish Feltman, Loren Cass, Michelle Deyo, Jennifer Woster, Scott Woster, Sandy Kern and Jonette Wellhouse.



NEXT TO LOVIN' . . . these chorus cowboys and girls like fightin' best. Tom Black, Bob Krier, Chuck Farnham, Trent Deyo, Marcie Lyngstad, (Gumbo Photos)



LOST IN THE FIFTIES . . . Senior Cristi McKeever sings about the leader of the pack in a girls slumber party sketch at the fall sing. (Gumbo Photos)

Summer camp helps Riggs music d

A standing room only crowd greeted the Fall Sing concert in October as up-to-date music and staging continue to make the high school vocal groups popular entertainment.

Riggs choral music performances feature new dance steps, different types of music and better vocal techniques, thanks to an investment of time by director and students at the Midwest Summer Show Choir Camp.

Jackie Hilding, director and seven local students joined 600 students ages 13 and up from across the country and from Australia at the week-long camp at Decatur, Ill.

MSSCC veterans are Eric Lundeen, Stacey Stofferahn and Mrs. Hilding. First timers this summer were Stuart Stofferahn, Loren Cass, Trish Feltman, Johnette Wellhouse, and Michelle Deyo.

"It was a fun time, and I learned quite a lot," said Deyo.

What exactly does one learn at this camp. "Just about everything about singing and performing," the campers said. Each of ten 50-member groups rehearsed eight hours every day.

During the week, each member chose one workshop to attend each day. Sessions ranged from basic ballet steps to tricks-and-lifts, and from proper breathing to auditioning for a theme park such as Six Flag.

Every evening the campers viewed a variety of performances by several well-known show choirs and famous people. The highlight of the week was an ap-

pearance by Ken Page (Old Deudronomy in *Cats*), who rapped with the kids in the afternoon and performed in the evening.

"It was great! Here we were, talking to this Broadway star like he was someone we've known all our lives," reflected Feltman.

Saturday was performance day. All that hard work and sweat was for just 20 minutes on stage. "You bet," said a proud Loren Cass. "There were times when I wondered if it was worth doing. But something happens when you get up there because when you see all those people, you want to sell the show with all you've got!"

The Riggs choral music department

It's a bird; it's a plane . . .

It's a job — junior sings

by Michelle Podhradsky

Whether or not it's a time of special occasion or just an average day, isn't it human nature to want to make people happy? One of our Riggs students works part-time in this particular business.

Tracy Smith started working at Balloons Because last summer, delivering singing telegrams.

"It sounded like a fun job, and I like to make people happy," Tracy said.

Tracy delivers different kinds of telegrams, including those for birthdays, anniversaries, good luck wishes and congratulations.

Depending upon the sender's instructions, when Tracy delivers a telegram she usually wears a costume. The costumes are elaborate, and there are many to choose from. Tracy can show up on the doorstep as a French maid, a witch, chicken, vampire, bag lady, punk rocker, or Minnie Mouse.

A singing telegram, which can be purchased for a small amount, includes balloons and a present, such as a stuffed animal, flowers, or a coffee cup.

According to Tracy, making people happy is the fun part, but embarrassment comes with the job too.

"I remember one time Megan McCloud (previous employee of Balloons Because) and I had to sing a duet, dressed up as chickens in front of the Ft. Pierre football team."

"It's also embarrassing when I get a wrong address. One time I had to deliver a telegram to someone at a business office, and when I got to the building in my costume, there was no office and no person working there by that name," she said.

People have different reactions to things, and when Tracy delivers the



PUTTIN' ON THE CHICKEN . . . Junior Tracy Smith wears as a Balloons Because employee. She fronts the Ft. Pierre football team.

singing telegrams she gets a wide variety.

"Some people look at you like you're nuts; some are embarrassed," Tracy said. "I even had one lady ignore me through the whole song and keep on

"Flurries of Frustration"

by Heather Duggan



"Oh, the weather outside is frightful." Thus far, the month of November has shown us blizzardous flurries of fluffy white. It seems each year the excitement and aggravation of the downy flakes revert my mind into a state of nostalgia. The memories of making angels; building snowmen; engaging in snowball fights; and frostbitten, rosy cheeks flood my mind. Then, as time progresses, the novel freshness wears off and the past headaches of frigid winter repeat their course of history. The drop in temperature chills our spirits and induces the reliable colds. The once immaculate snow soils into dirt-washed dinginess. Cars are stuck spinning their wheels on icy roads. Frustration is inevitable. Each year we are caught spinning our wheels over and over. . . .

Frustration. Webster defines the word as "the prevention of attaining a purpose; to defeat". So many times in our lives we allow frustration to defeat us. So many times we expend our energy towards discouragement rather than towards improvement. When we allow frustration to dominate our mental state, we prevent ourselves from attaining the goals we struggle to reach. Frustration is a feeble emotion which defeats our hopes, hinders our efforts. It is wasted energy blocking progress. When we become frustrated, we only add to the barriers blocking our dreams from becoming realities.

When you are flooded by feelings of frustration, realize that you are human. Being human means destined for failure. Mistakes are inevitable. Failure can be advantageous if you allow yourself to learn from it. Although our aim may be perfection, we must realize that while we will never achieve this, we should never give up trying.

Life offers us many challenges. How we meet and handle these challenges determines how happy and successful we will be. So, in a season of senseless aggravation, stop spinning your wheels over the same setbacks. Get out and push forward, down the road toward your goals.



t. Taking the stage from left are Scott Searls, Vince Lahren, Linda Clark and Lowell Gordon.

Why do we celebrate? Writer questions holiday celebrations

by Paula Paul

Aren't holidays supposed to mark the dates of great moments in American history? A lot of people celebrate holidays in a very distorted way. Americans take for granted so many things in their lives. The celebration of holidays is a prime example of this.

Thanksgiving becomes twenty-four hours of non-stop eating: turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberries, pumpkin pie. There certainly isn't any time to think about all that there is to be thankful for. Some people jokingly refer to Thanksgiving as "Turkey Day"; but, in view of how the holiday is celebrated, maybe this is a much more appropriate title.

Think of Christmas—probably one of the most popular holidays with many people. Most people have thoughts of receiving gifts and money, getting a vacation from school, and pigging out on cookies, candy canes, fudge, divinity, eggnog, etc., etc. But where would the

world be today without the birth of Jesus? Christmas is supposed to be a celebration of Jesus' birthday . . .

"Wait a minute," you're thinking defensively, "I always go to church on Christmas!" Well, I use that handy excuse too, but it doesn't really work. Church becomes not a time to pray, but a time to calculate what percentage of the gifts at home might be mine.

Priorities start to get out of line when receiving gifts is much more important than giving them. Of course, exchanging gifts is an essential part of Christmas tradition, but if your family was too poor to buy gifts, would you still be happy at Christmas?

The observation of most of these holidays seems to center around food, and Easter is no exception. Surveys show that most children don't even realize the reason Easter is celebrated. Kids (and a lot of us) look forward only to chocolate Easter eggs and marshmallow bunnies.

Maybe parents need to teach children the real meaning behind the holidays.

The 4th of July is the day the Declaration of Independence was signed, right? The majority of Americans forget about this and focus their minds on charbroiled burgers and hot dogs.

We take for granted all of the great freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Without the signing of the Declaration of Independence, this country could still be within the control of the English. It isn't necessary to sing the Star Spangled Banner all day or anything extreme like this, but try to keep in mind why the 4th of July is a designated date.

Probably everyone is guilty of celebrating holidays in a false way. It is so easy to get caught up in superficial things. But this year, maybe while you're ripping open gifts or sinking your chops into turkey, try to keep the true meaning of the holidays tucked into some little corner of your mind.

Department

has benefitted from the camp. "About 25 percent of all our music and choreography comes from the camp," said Mrs. Hilding. "A lot of the kids in chorus have changed their individual approach towards music because of these techniques."

The camp experience was especially important for senior Stacey Stofferahn, "I've learned a lot of things I didn't know before, and it's helped me make plans for my future more definite," she said.

When the students return to PHS in the fall, they share their new information with other choir members. They are also helpful in choreographing shows throughout the year.

telegrams



with models her chicken costume—one of many she will never forget showing up as the chicken, in

typing. But most people are really thrilled to get them."

Now Tracy is in gymnastics so she limits her working days to weekends, but her job still holds that element of excitement.



Turkey
Home
Aromatic
Nostalgic
Kindness
Splendid
Grateful
Inviting
Valiant
Indians
Nourishing
Giving

Marla Gienger

Poetry Corner

THANKSGIVING

A time for celebration
in the month of November.
A tradition of giving thanks
involving every family member.

A holiday filled with
turkey, potatoes, and pumpkin
pies.
A joyous occasion expressing
pilgrim and Indian ties.

A time for rejoicing the birth
of a new nation.
A period of remembrance of
America's representation.

Hope Lopez



AUTUMN

A lightly blowing breeze
Playing cat-n-mouse
With the brightly colored
leaves
A sign that fall is here.

Gray smoke rising in the sky
Through chimneys made of
stone
While the geese migrate by
A sign that fall is here.

The cool crisp morning air
Gives energy abound
And branches that are bare
A sign that fall is here.

Tammy Lehmkuhl

THANKSGIVING

The frost is on the pumpkins,
Thanksgiving is on its way,
we'll gather around the turkey,
and give thanks for this special
day.

Our family will be with us,
our friends will call to say,
"We hope you have a very nice,
Thanksgiving day."

Alicia Tritt

Reverse baler invention draws inquiries

by Gary Jorgenson

Calls from across the country and from Canada continue to query Riggs' ag instructor Jerry Thelen about his reverse feed hay baling equipment.

Developed as a topic for a design paper, part of Mr. Thelen's masters program at South Dakota State University, the equipment has received a lot of interest since Mr. Thelen presented it to the American Society of Agricultural Engineers the past summer.

Information about Thelen's research has been published in *Farm Show Magazine* and in the current issue of *Successful Farming*. The latest inquiry came from *Grainews* of Winnipeg, Canada.

The reverse feed is a piece of equipment to unload blockage in hay baling equipment. "Basically it's an idea that works," Thelen said. "But I don't think any of the major manufacturers will put this on a machine because it's an admission of possible inferior design on their

parts; and, they're already involved in a lot of litigation."

The equipment's main drawing card is its safety feature. The general problem of blockage occurs because the hay is bulky and heavy, containing 70 to 80 percent water, Mr. Thelen explained.

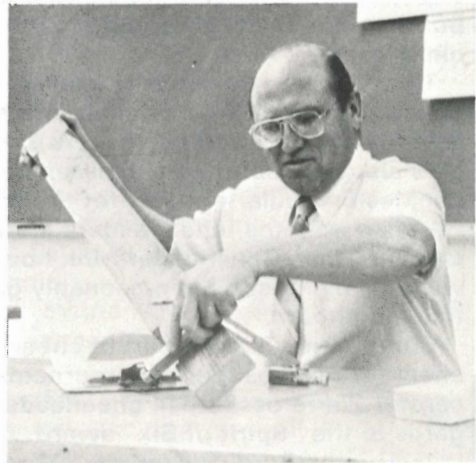
When a large clump of hay enters the chamber, it may become wedged between two rollers. Unblocking the baler is dangerous. Mr. Thelen's invention uses a reversing gear box which is operated by a lever pulled from the tractor.

"From the safety aspect, I feel it should be on every baler—it definitely should be," he said.

When tested in the field, the reverse feed worked "up to expectations," the blockage being cleared "about 99 percent of the time on or before the third reversal."

The average farmer could put the reverse feed kit on in an afternoon. The cost of the kit would run \$650-\$700.

Will Mr. Thelen patent or market the



Mr. Thelen

product? "No, not at this point," Mr. Thelen said. "Time will tell if there is enough interest to market it."

In the interim, Mr. Thelen continues to answer questions and send out his research to interested agricultural publications.

Varsity faces Todd County

by Chris Shaw

As fall turns to winter, the Pierre Governors turn from football to basketball, playing their first game Dec. 3 at Todd County.

Getting prepared for the first game will be a challenge. "We will be concentrating for the most part on the concept of the 'whole' game. We'll be doing a lot of full court work to get ready because we only have 12 practices before we play," says Coach Bob Judson.

On paper, the Governors are on the bottom of the division. With only one way to go, the team is optimistic about the upcoming season.

Looking at last year's sophomores, with losses to only three teams, and last year's starters, many of whom are returning, the 1985-86 season looks promising.

Because the team is a small team, in comparison to other teams in height, there are certain obstacles the team must overcome.

"The team must be able to consistently pass the ball well and use its quickness as an advantage," says Coach Judson. "We also have to apply a lot of pressure on our opponents to create turnovers."

District opponents this year are Aberdeen, Huron, and Mitchell. They all appear to be of equal strength, and each game will be difficult. According to Judson, "The team will face a lot of tough times, but if we all work hard and pull together there will be some exciting moments."



ENDURANCE . . . Junior Todd Peterson races toward the finish at the State Cross Country meet. (Photo by Potter)



PACING . . . Pierre cross country runners Wade Douglas, Darin Chase and Shawn Searls pace themselves during the State meet. (Photo by Potter)

Cross country hosts state meet

by LeAnn Holmes

Stephanie Baldwin and Terri Ulmen were named girls co-captains and Shawn Searls and Darren Chase were named co-captains for the boys at the Cross Country Awards banquet held earlier this month.

Other awards presented by Coach Bill Henjum included Most Improved Runner honors which went to Katy Bauder and Bruce Lundeen, and Hustler honors presented to Karrissa Kenyon and Jim Keyes.

The cross country team wrapped up the season at the State Meet which Pierre hosted Nov. 2 at the Hillsview Golf Course.

The boys finished 11th overall, with Wade Douglas finishing first for

Pierre at 44th with a time of 17:08 over 5,000 meters. Shawn Searls finished 47th at 17:14; Lundeen was 55th in 17:23; Darren Chase 56th in 17:23; Scott Searls 63rd in 17:33; Todd Peterson 75th in 17:51; and Keyes 96th in 18:52.

Ironically, the winner of the Class "AA" boys was a former Pierre resident, Kevin Nelson, now of Brandon Valley, who finished in 15:26. Nelson said that coming back to Pierre had given him extra incentive.

The girls finished 13th overall with Ulmen at the top for Pierre at 52nd, in 11:58 over 3,000 meters. Baldwin was 55th in 11:59; Bauder 65th in 12:20; Tonya Brady 76th in 12:29; and Kenyon 93rd in 13:36.

Winner of the Class "AA" Girls Division was Lisa Darley of Rapid City Stevens, who finished in 10:40. Stevens also won the team title.

Coach Henjum said that being at home was not necessarily an advantage. "We haven't been running particularly well at home," he said. He also commented that the runners did better at their ESD meet than at State.

Henjum said he was pleased with the improvement of all the runners over the course of the season, and that he is looking forward to next season. "Our only loss will be Shawn Searls so we should have some good leadership next season and hopefully a good season."

Varsity football action ends

BY Rich Birhanzel

The Pierre Governor football team ended its season with a lop-sided loss to Yankton. Their final record was three wins and five losses.

There were a few individuals awarded for their play by their teammates. Jason Kaul was voted Most Valuable Back as well as Most Valuable Player. Scott Rounds and Todd Johnson were voted Co-captains, and Johnson was also named Most Valuable Lineman.

Injuries and lack of cohesion between players were downfalls as Coach Gerald Schlekeway attests: "The team never played as an entire unit. The potential that should have been there never surfaced. Without injuries the team would have been much better in all areas."

According to Schlekeway, the most positive happening was the improvement of the juniors, especially in the skilled areas. He also felt that being "in" games until the last few minutes will help next year's team.



JUBILANT . . . after a successful performance are drill team members left front: Lori Trautman, Shannon Brooks, Stephanie Baldwin, Stephanie LeBeau, Shannon Weber, Ronnie Sines, and Gina Clemetson. Top row: Jonette Wellhouse, Wendy Knight, Tami Starkjohn, Kristin Erickson, Erin DeJong, Nanette Hofer, Heather Lowry and Sue McIntire. Not pictured: Michelle Olson.

Drill team faces new year

The Drill Team has undergone several changes since last year, some uncontrollable, some deliberate.

Among the uncontrollable circumstances were the loss of Mrs. DeAntoni, the Drill Team's advisor for the last seven years, and the loss of 13 graduating senior members. This left behind three members with experience, 13 members without, and a new adviser.

Commenting on the many changes Ronnie Sines, one of the lieutenants, said, "Considering the odds against them, the Drill Team has done a phenomenal job of maintaining the quality and quantity of their performances. The inexperience of the members has actually been turned to an advantage. The major reason they have learned almost three routines during the first nine weeks of school is that they didn't know it couldn't be done."

Sue McIntire commented that she "really likes the variety in choreography compared to last year. A different person or group of people has choreographed every song. It makes it more interesting."

According to Shannon Weber, the other lieutenant, everyone has a great attitude and works hard. Jonette Wellhouse also approves of the group effort and adds that Mrs. Brooks is an enthusiastic and helpful advisor.

Working with others and learning to be more creative are benefits directly related to Drill Team according to senior member, Wendy Knight.

Drill Team Captain Nanette Hofer believes that like any other activity, the more fun it is the faster people learn. Also the more fun it is to watch. This will be quite evident in the next performance!

GOVERNOR PRIDE

Students often overlook an important element of athletic competition—cheerleading. Cheerleading involves much more than just leading cheers. Granted cheerleaders spend most of their time trying to direct spectators' emotions in a positive manner at athletic events, but there are many other behind-the-scene activities that are done by cheerleaders.

The banners you see in the lunchroom and in the lobby do not appear by magic. These banners are the work of cheerleaders. Signs that appear on athletes' lockers are created by cheerleaders. These girls also help conduct pep assemblies. They even occasionally bake cookies or similar goodies for athletes on road trips.

Unlike athletes, cheerleaders are elected to their positions by the student body. Cheerleaders are, however, similar to athletes in many ways. They must be in reasonably good shape, be flexible, and practice long hours.

Competition is not a part of cheerleading unless the team that they cheer for reaches the state tournament. Most of you know how successful Pierre basketball cheerleaders have been in past years in regards to the "Spirit of Six" award. An important part of this success is instructor Carol Pickering. "Miss Pick," as she is referred to by most people, works with cheerleaders and is as involved in cheerleading as the cheerleaders themselves.

Cheerleading is a valuable part of any high school extra-curricular program. Next time you are at an athletic event, take a moment and notice how hard the cheerleaders work. After all, there are no timeouts in cheerleading. They try to keep spirits up, win or lose, and we should try to do the same.

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Lady Govs face Huron in District III action

by Ingrid Schmidt

Lady Governors enter District III tournament action when they meet Huron Nov. 30.

A home court advantage will be determined by ranking within the district before the playoff. The Ladies will be at home or in Huron depending upon the seeding. Tournament action runs Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

In previous games with Huron, the Lady Govs were defeated by 16 and 11 points. However, according to Coach Shields, "We shot very poorly and did not play our best game. If we play our normal game, I think we can beat them."

Forward Jolene Mews added, "I think we'll win because we haven't played very well against them. If we play like we have been, we should drill them."

The winner of the Huron-Pierre game faces the winner of the Mitchell-Aberdeen game. The team that loses in the Huron-Pierre game will then play the loser out of Mitchell and Aberdeen. If a team should win

two consecutive games, it will automatically advance to the state tournament without taking part in the Regional division.

But, if a team should win its first game and then lose, the team would then play the 2nd or 3rd place teams out of the Rapid City district in the Region playoffs.

Likewise, if a team loses its first game and wins the second, it would still advance to the Regionals and play a Rapid City team. In the Region tournament, the second-place team of one district plays the third place team of another while third place plays second.

Region play begins Dec. 7 followed by the State AA Tournament Dec. 12-14 in Watertown.

Lady Govs November Game Review

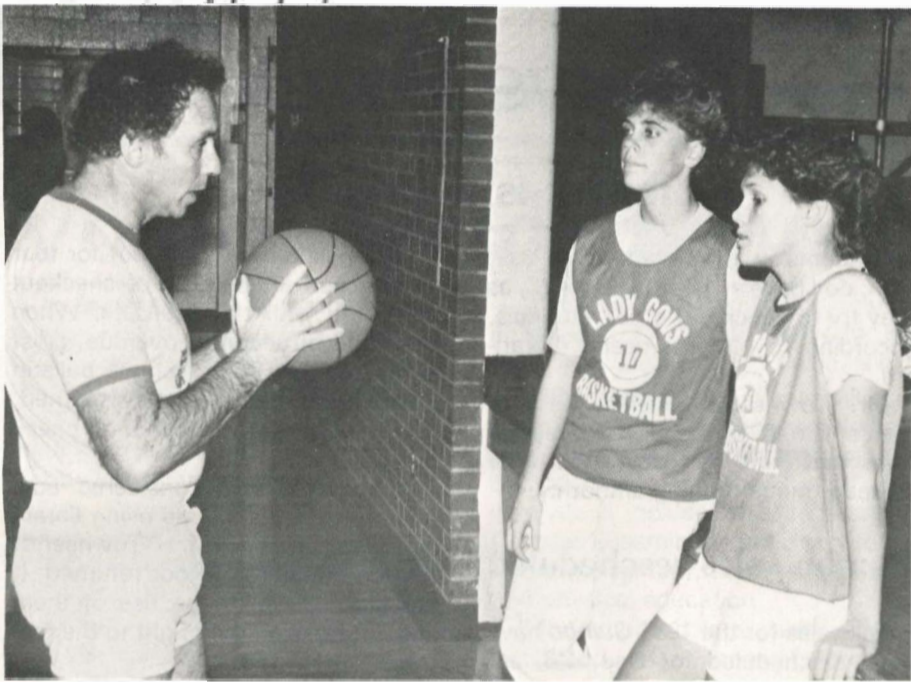
Nov. 1	Pierre	30	Yankton	35
2	Pierre	64	R.C. Stevens	51
8	Pierre	40	Brookings	57
15	Pierre	43	Mitchell	46
22	Pierre	39	Watertown	31



ACCURACY . . . Junior Dawn Witte puts up a jump shot against Stevens. (Photos by Doug Potter)



GRACEFUL . . . Senior Jolene Mews shows her stuff with a lay-up against Rapid City.



DEDICATED . . . Seniors Sarah Adam and Jolene Mews get pointers from Coach Don Shields. (Photo by Potter)

Wrestlers hope to defend 1985 Section III title

This year's wrestling team will have a big task trying to repeat last year's Section III championship performance.

The squad opens a 14-match season Dec. 6-7 when the junior varsity wrestles in the Stanley County JV Invitation and Dec. 7 when the team heads for the Mobridge Invitational. The home opener Dec. 19 is a dual with Mobridge.

"We won the section last year," said Coach Gerald Schlekeway, "but we lost some excellent wrestlers. However, we should have more team experience and balance than at this time last year."

The team will be "young and slightly inexperienced", according to Coach Larry Lundeen, who feels optimistic about this team. Returning letter winners are seniors Mike McQuigan, Vince Lahren; and juniors John Cass, Shane Gutenkauf, Jon Moore, Robert McQuigan and Craig Smith.

"With hard work we should be competitive after the first of the year," said Coach Schlekeway. "Hopefully, we can build to defend the sectional title."

Sports Trivia

In the 1982 State "A" championship basketball game, Pierre defeated Rapid City, 56-43.

Challenging sport:

Tae kwan do: Students build concentration

by Nan Hofer

You may not be faster than a speeding bullet or more powerful than a locomotive but you can build self confidence, concentration and flexibility through Tae Kwan Do.

Riggs High students Ronnie Sines, Dan Hill, Kathy Hlebanja, Mike Morris, Karisa Kenyon, Kelly Sines, Tony Neyhart and Jeff Randall improve their physical and mental fitness at Tae Kwan Do sessions every Monday night.



FLEXIBILITY . . . Karisa Kenyon demonstrates a tae kwan do side kick.

Karisa Kenyon says, "Tae Kwan Do has made me more flexible, more disciplined and helped me to defend myself."

Tae Kwan Do is a form of martial art that dates back to 37 B.C. Developed in Korea, it was originally a system of self-defense. In recent decades it has been transformed into a form of recreation, a sport, and a form of physical fitness.



CONCENTRATION . . . Senior Kathy Helbanja spars with a brown belt.

Breaking the word into three parts it means Tae "to strike with foot"; Kwan "to strike with hand"; and do "the way, the confidence, the knowledge, the common sense and intelligence never to misuse this ancient form of self defense."

"Tae Kwan Do is a great thing for releasing a little frustration and not getting busted for it," said Mike Morris, student at Riggs.

Dan Hill, who has been involved with the sport and recently joined Pierre's club said, "Tae Kwan Do has benefitted me in many ways. The most important benefit is the increase of flexibility and physical fitness. It has also helped my self confidence."

Tae Kwan Do can be found in many states and is rapidly growing as a way to release the tensions of home, work, and school through the disciplined teachings, relaxed atmosphere, and brotherhood from fellow students.

Scheduled as an exhibition sport at the 1988 Olympics, Tae Kwan Do is not considered a contact sport in all cases. Practice sessions are routinely safe for adults and youngsters. During the testing a black belt teacher runs through forms that students have learned, and tests them on forms and sparring.

FCA offers students Christian fellowship

"FCA will be Wednesday night at . . ." Heard the announcements or seen signs in the halls and wondered what FCA is or what it is all about?

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is defined by the National FCA as an organization to "present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships in the fellowship of the church." Rich Birhanzal simplifies this by saying, "It gives athletes and others a chance to get together and talk freely about what they believe in."

The Pierre FCA has been active since 1976, and has been led for the past three years by Todd and Leesa Schuetzle, Hayes. They say they wanted to lead the Pierre group because they "wanted to be involved with high school students and FCA is the best way to share the Lord through athletics."

Todd and Leesa were involved with

FCA in high school and helped lead a group at South Dakota State University.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is open to anyone who is involved in athletics, but also includes participants in activities such as flag corp, debate, chorus, or almost any high school activity.

FCA's most recent event was a jog-a-thon which the members staged to raise money for the group's various activities. In addition to lots of good fellowship, the organization sponsors guest speakers, film strips, videos, rap sessions, Bible studies, devotions, outreach projects, and other social events like pizza parties, cook-outs, campouts, volleyball, basketball, and softball games.

The Pierre FCA group has an average of 30 people attending each weekly meeting, and sometimes many more. FCA meets on Wednesday evenings at homes, gymnasiums or churches. The Schuetzles feel it is "a blessing to be able to share FCA with so many people."



GOOD FELLOWSHIP . . . students socialize with FCA leaders after a Wednesday night meeting. Pictured are Todd and Leesa Schuetzle, advisers, and students including Todd Peterson

Potter earns journalist honors

Junior Doug Potter has been named Journalist of the Month for his photography and page layout work for the *Governor* staff, according to newspaper adviser Susan Laitala.

"Doug has carried more than his share of the burden in the photography department since school started," said Mrs. Laitala. In addition he has been a tremendous help to the various editors by assisting with page design and layout. He has a knack for it."

Potter attended the Summer Institute at Brookings the past summer, and has since updated his own equip-

ment which he uses frequently for assignment.

As head photographer Doug is responsible for assigning photo coverage and for darkroom work. He also covers many school and sports events for the *Governor*.

Potter is also active with other school and community events. He is currently lighting director for the school play and has been associated with several Pierre Players productions. He has a keen interest in computers, and plans to study computer science as a college major.

Play creates awareness; student reactions vary

by Sarah Adam

Riggs students spent an hour Nov. 12 watching something their parents would never have seen 25 years ago. The Pierre-Ft. Pierre Child Protection Team along with members of Pierre Players presented "No Easy Answers," a play dealing with sexual abuse and feelings about sexuality.

The presentation was aimed at informing teenagers that they don't have to force or be forced into sexual contact, and that they can learn not to give in to pressure by identifying personal feelings and their feelings about touch.

Student reactions to the play varied. Senior Adiena Walker felt it was a positive effort. "I think it will help a lot of people to realize what's right and wrong and where to go for help," she said.

On the other hand senior Deron Strohfus felt it was ". . . boring. It was pretty elementary. They didn't tell us anything we didn't know. It was kind of funny, but I don't think I learned anything from it."

Throughout the hour, the play presented a series of scenes portraying teenagers faced with frank situations about sexual abuse and pressures. Information used in the play was based on research from students, the narrator told the audience.

Teenage rape and a portrayal of a family dealing with incest were included. The narrator stated that "date rape" was found to be the most common type of teenage sexual abuse. Statistics show a need for nur-

turing touch, but many people need to identify their feelings about touch. In all cases, it was found that over 80 percent of the perpetrators, most often male, were among those most trusted by the victim.

Vice Principal Gary Merkwan said the school wasn't directly responsible for bringing in the play, and that he could only weigh its effectiveness by what the students had to say. "In general, they didn't say it had a posi-

tive or negative effect, but the majority of students felt it wasn't on their level," Mr. Merkwan said.

Senior John Flax felt the purpose was good, but how they presented it was questionable. "They made some touching look like it was a big deal when most of the time it's not," he said.

"I think that for the majority of people it was meaningless, but anyone who is affected by it probably got something out of it. Even if just a few people benefitted, it was probably worth it," said Brian Weiss, senior.

"I think the kids for the most part understood and listened to the message we were getting," said Steve Wahl.

In addition to facts, the play suggested that persons with problems turn to teachers, counselors, nurses, members of the clergy, the police or the child protection services in Pierre or Ft. Pierre for help.

More information about the subject can be obtained from the protection team in the Pierre-Ft. Pierre area.

News Briefs

Library is a 'privilege'

Students in the library often ask, "Oh, do I have an overdue book?" as they try to check out other materials, according to Mr. Townsend (librarian).

Mr. Townsend reviews the student's library privileges and regulations that must be followed in order to keep things running smoothly.

Gumbo sales rescheduled

Fall sales for the 1985 *Gumbo* have been rescheduled for Dec. 4-6, according to yearbook adviser Terry Peterson.

The *Gumbo* will cost \$10 for students and \$11.50 for seniors who want to have their names on their *Gumbo*. The *Gumbo* will be sold in the ticket booths across from the cafeteria.

Students will have the opportunity to see a specially prepared slide show during the sales week. The show was prepared by *Gumbo* staffers to give the student body an idea of what the '85 *Gumbo* will feature. The show is tentatively set for Dec. 3.

Attendance unchanged

Attendance for this year's parent-teacher conferences were virtually the same as last year's, according to Principal Roger Lonbaken.

Current statistics show 70 percent of the parents of sophomores and juniors attended, while seniors followed close behind with 66 percent.

Last year's statistics showed that 70 percent of the senior and sophomore parents attended, while juniors followed with a 69 percent.

More parents, however, may have attended than was known, according to Mr. Lonbaken. "Our problem is that many parents come through the back and side doors, so not all parents who attend are registered."

Conferences continued to be an important part of community relations. "I feel they are very important," said Mr. Booze, Guidance Counselor. "It's a chance for parents to meet the different teachers. It gives an idea, on a one to one basis, of how the student is doing."

Second semester conferences are scheduled for March 6 and 7.

Materials are checked out for four weeks, and at the time of checkout are dated with the due date. When the material becomes overdue, a list is posted on each school bulletin board. Until that overdue is returned, the student is not allowed to check out other materials.

"Four weeks is considered adequate time for students using library materials," said Mr. Townsend. "When materials are not returned, it deprives others of the use of them and infringes on their right to the material."

A media center notice reminds students that, "Use of the library and its materials should be considered a privilege to be enjoyed by all students as long as their behavior earns it."

Effects of Reyes Syndrome

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Pierre School District recently distributed information sheets about Reyes Syndrome for elementary students to take home for their parents' information. These fact sheets provided the information used in this story by Tanya Huck.)

With winter approaching flu and various symptoms identified as influenza occur more frequently. Influenza, a viral infection, is receiving our special attention because of a fatal children's disease, Reyes Syndrome.

Reyes Syndrome effects children from infancy to adolescence. The disease occurs three to five days after the chicken pox, an upper respiratory illness or other viral infections.

Reyes effects the brain and liver. Often Reyes is misdiagnosed as encephalitis, meningitis, diabetes, poisoning, drug overdose, or sudden infant death.

After the viral infection has run its course the following symptoms should be treated as serious problems: persistent or continuous vomiting, listlessness, personality change, disorientation, and delirium or convulsions.

A child's life can depend on early diagnoses. Parents should phone their physician immediately if any symptoms develop. There is a 90 percent chance of recovery from Reyes if treated in its earliest stages.

Parents should consult their doctor before using anti-nausea medication or aspirin since these drugs have a possible association with Reyes Syndrome.