

GOVERNOR

Council schedules mayorial elections

By Rob Miller

Riggs students will once again have the chance to choose their leaders in mayor-vice mayor elections Jan. 9.

An election forum will be held Jan. 8 with voting Jan. 9, according to vice principal Gary Merkwan. Student council selected a committee to oversee the election at its regular meeting Dec. 9. Committee members set down dates and will draw up rules for the election forum and voting.

Lame duck mayor J.D. Reis and vice mayor Scott Woster will end their term as fall semester draws to a close. Questions raised by several students

ask if the duo has done its job well.

Woster sees comradery among students as his greatest accomplishment.

"Right now we're trying to make the school better for next year, but I really think we brought the students of the high school closer together," Woster said.

One student agrees. "I think they're doing a pretty good job considering no one thought they'd do anything at all," said junior Cathy Pohlman. Pohlman feels her comment represented opinions of most the school.

Ries and Woster put together two

student council dances, helped the council prepare coronation, and obtained a Christmas tree for the lobby. Still some feel the team has done a poor job. A student who refused to be named stated, "We got what we deserved."

Woster and Ries are proud of their student council.

"It seems that student council has accomplished a lot, and there are finally people in there who want to get things done," Woster stated.

Currently a committee of student council is planning to appeal to the school board concerning dress codes both in and out of school. The group

hopes to persuade school board members to allow male students to wear hats during school functions such as basketball games.

Council members also voted not to further change coronation practices. Acting on complaints regarding sexual discrimination in the names "Governor" and "First Lady", members chose to retain current names rather than use "Governor" and "Lt. Governor" or "Lady Gov" as had been suggested.

Club selects Miss Holiday contestant

By Jim Linn

Senior Stephanie LeBeau will represent Riggs High School at the 26th Annual Miss Holiday Pageant, Dec. 29 and 30 in Huron.

Steph was nominated and selected by the Pep Club which sponsors the Riggs candidate each year. The Miss Holiday contest is sponsored by the Huron Daily Plainsmen and will be held in conjunction with the Daily Plainsmen Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Events for the contestants during the two-day contest will include modeling formals during half time of the basketball tournament and a formal tea. They will be judged on physical appearance, personality and poise.



"I was surprised and honored, and I hope to represent the school well," Steph said. If she is chosen Miss Holiday, Steph stands to win a \$3000 scholarship to Huron College, and a large engraved trophy. Riggs stands to win a \$100 award to the school's activity fund.

In addition to these prizes, the Miss Holiday winner will be sponsored by the Daily Plainsmen in next summer's Miss Huron and Miss State Fair Pageant which is a preliminary to the Miss South Dakota Pageant.

A Pep Club member, Steph is also involved in intramural volleyball, and as a mat-maid for the Governor wrestlers. She is a member of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship, and is employed as a dietary aid at St. Mary's Hospital.

'Young' debaters travel to Brookings

By Chris Ward

Riggs debate team is on the road this weekend as they head for a Brookings meet.

Making the Brookings trip will be champ debaters Brian Hemmelman, and Paula Graves, and two novice teams, Chad Wagner, Eric Kilber, Eric Hoffsten and Kari Engberg; and Brad Fischer, Eric Maki, Tara Adamski and Amy Simms.

This weekend in Brookings, the team "hopes to do better, but it will be stiff competition for us," said Ken Larson, coach. "We have a young and enthusiastic squad this year with only one senior. We are at a building cycle now, and by next year, we should be very competitive."

The team traveled to Mitchell Dec. 11 and 12. Varsity debaters for that tournament were Hemmelman, Graves, Ward and Wagner. The novice debaters were Matt Loup, Maki, Hoffsten and Simms.

The squad opened their season in Beresford when the varsity went 3-5 and the novice went 3-5. Wagner won a second place trophy in the individual events humorous division.



GETTING READY...to respond to arguments, Amy Simms and Eric Maki study their notes for the next section of debate. Riggs placed second at the Dec. 14 meet in Mitchell. Earning Superior Speaker awards were junior Paula Graves and senior Brian Hemmelman. (Photo by Rob Miller)

Riggs will host Inaugural Ball

Several Riggs groups will participate in Inaugural Ball ceremonies Jan. 10 in the school gym.

Drill team members will conduct the coat check. Several students and former students will act as hosts and hostesses for the event.

Principal Roger Lonbakken and vice principal Gary Merkwan will be responsible for readying the school for the 1987 ball and reception.

The Inaugural Ball is held every four years to honor the newly elected Governor and the constitutional officers. It consists of entertainment and

an art exhibit by South Dakota artists, the reception line, presentation of the military officers and sergeant majors, the ball itself and the Grand March.

Under co-chairmans Gene Deyo and Virgie Hartford, nine committees have been set up for the planning and operation of the ball. Of the nine, Lonbakken and Merkwan are in charge of facilities. This entails making sure

Riggs is ready to receive the 3000-5000 guests expected to attend, and seeing to the general comfort of guests and performers.

Guidance schedules Aid Night

By Kirsten Levison

All Seniors and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend Financial Aid Information Night slated for 7:30 p.m., Jan. 8 in the Riggs Theatre.

The meeting, is sponsored by Riggs in cooperation with the South Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators for all students who will need assistance in financing their post-secondary education.

"Financial aid may be something completely new to some parents and students, so these people should really learn all about the benefits of financial aid," said Gary Schneider, guidance counselor. "Getting finan-

cial aid is just like earning money from a job, but not working."

The administrators will explain financial assistance programs, procedures, and will answer questions, according to Mavis Booze, guidance counselor. She noted that financial forms will be handed out at the meeting.

"There have been many changes in financial forms, so some people who weren't eligible before are eligible now," Mrs. Booze said. "The Financial Aid Administrator will also give trip on college costs of any college, and will show what steps to take in making applications for schools."

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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

22-First day of Christmas Vacation.

JANUARY

13-Parent Financial Aid Night - 7:30 p.m.

15-All State Band Auditions - 4:00 p.m.

16-Pierre Concert Series
24-SAT & Achievement Tests

29-30-One Act Plays - Riggs Theatre - 7:30 p.m. Mayor-Vice-Mayor Elections.

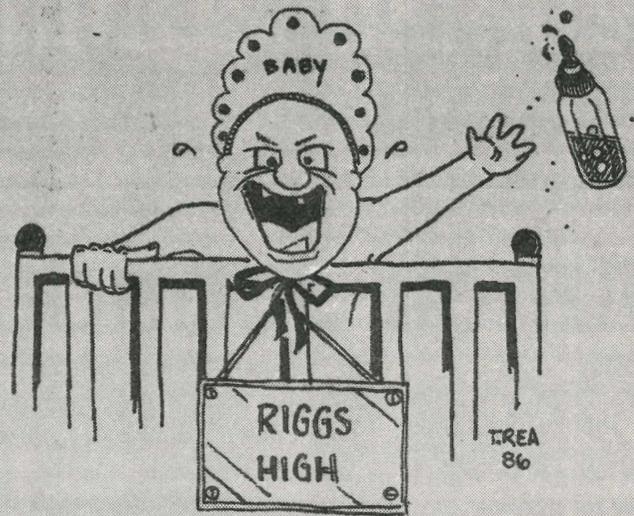
Student conduct draws criticism

Hey Riggs - grow up!

Whether we know it or not, or choose to admit it, each of us is a representative of our high school and our community. Visitors who come here leave with an impression of our whole town, since we are the future of this community. When we act like a gathering of ignorant slob, Pierre takes on the same name.

A business in our community was kind enough to offer us over \$1000 in gratuities for the recognition of our good attendance. This school repayed them with a brash display of high school immaturity at its finest. We should be ashamed of ourselves. Granted, many assemblies are borish slob incarnate, but when the reputation of our community is on the line, we must act accordingly.

If we just grow up a little it would be easier to see how important good behavior is. In the real world after high school, society will not scold us for our behavior, it will banish us. That is why we must learn now how to conduct ourselves.



VIEWPOINT:

By Rob Miller

May I have your attention please for an announcement?! Due to technical difficulties there will be no senior trip this year or any year.

What a great idea. The climax to an exciting career in high school — the senior trip. A good idea, yes, but sometime in our lives we must all face reality, and the reality may be that a Riggs senior trip may just be impossible.

Many obstacles stand in the path of those who intend to see this plan through. The first and most important of these obstacles is cost. Transporting a class of 160 members would require four or possibly five coach buses. At upwards at \$2,000 each, the cost for transportation alone would run about \$70 per senior. Food, lodging, spending money and extra expenses would all be more. The expenses incurred by a senior for the senior trip would be roughly equal to the expenses of books and fees at

college for their first year. Money is not the only worry.

In an age of skyrocketing liability insurance rates, it must be understood that insurance for such a trip may be impossible to obtain.

A problem of supervision also exists. Who would be willing to supervise/chaperone such a group of rowdy seniors? How will they be selected? How much will they be paid? All are important questions which must have answers soon.

The bottom line is this: A senior trip would be fun. I would love to be a part of one. However, the problems of cost, insurance, and supervision make it very difficult. The time and energy consumed by undertaking this task would be exorbitant. That time and energy would be much better spent improving ourselves, our school, and our world.

By Tracy Smith

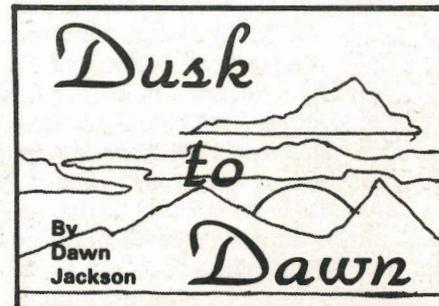
I think having a senior trip would be

a great addition to being a senior. I can't think of a better way to spend a few days with your friends before leaving for college or work. It would form a lasting memory of high school days.

The trip could be kept to a minimum expense and we could set up fundraisers to help with some of the costs. A three or four day trip wouldn't cost that much but would still leave us time to relax and have fun. Teachers could volunteer their time or be paid to be our chaperones.

If we could go during the school year it would keep the people who leave right after graduation from having to miss out on the trip. If we went on a ski trip, most people would be able to go if they wanted to, and it wouldn't cost all that much for those who wanted to go.

I realize that a senior trip may not be possible this late in the year, but it's something to consider and look forward to for next year's seniors.



The holiday season has approached us once again. Christmas is just a few short days away, and everyone's getting in that holiday mood. Christmas for me is a time when my whole family gets together to celebrate.

When I was younger, I lived for all the gifts I'd get to open, but I never thought of the time I was spending with the family. As I've gotten older the first thing I think of isn't all the gifts I'd get (although I still hope for a lot), but how good it is to have all the relatives together and actually spend a few days with them.

This year with the two weeks vacation is gonna be great. Just think — two weeks to relax with NO SCHOOL. Many people will be going out of town for the holidays, and many more relatives will be coming to Pierre.

After Christmas there are just six short days before the new year rolls in. Have you made your resolutions yet? I have not. In fact, I don't even know where to start. As 1987 approaches, the year will end with a warm holiday to welcome the new year.

Merry Christmas to everyone and have the BEST New Years ever.

What the people say...student officials

By Sheila Specker

With the first semester drawing to a close, students will again be considering student government as they select a mayor and vice mayor for the second semester. The *Governor* this month asked students to rate the current student administration and their accomplishments on a scale from one (least effective) to ten (most effective).

The *Governor* also asked students for suggestions on how to improve student government.

Karita Marshall (Sr): "I would rate them a "5" because they are not really outgoing, but they do a good job at what they do."

Tracy Smith (Sr): "5. I don't necessarily think it is the fault of the president mayor or vice mayor, but nothing ever gets done. I think that nothing was changed from last year, and the whole purpose of a mayor and vice mayor was defeated."

Trevor Kuntz (Soph): "7-8. Because they don't do very much for school. They don't do enough things for the students."

Amy Fallis (Sr): "I think they deserve a "10" because they are doing a good job, and they can put some fun into their work, with out being too serious. Although its true that they could get more done if they had more help from the administration. But, they are doing the best that they can."

Troy Buschbom (Soph): "8 because they could do a lot more at assemblies and more for the school."

Richard Ray (Soph): "I would rate them a "6" because they should have more power to do things."

Jonda Kludt (Sr): "I feel the mayor and vice mayor are doing a great job, and I think that they will be good in the future. I would rate them a "10"."

Ronda Hansen (Jr): "I rate them a "5" because nothing has changed, it is still the same as last year. I think that the mayor and vice mayor could do a lot more if the administration would give them more power."

Barry Koepsell (Soph): "I would rate a "5" to the mayor and vice mayor.

It think they do a fair job, but could do more."



Lisa Adams (Sr): "I think the mayor and vice mayor positions are a joke. The only thing they do is say "stand for the pledge." I think the administration should give them a little more power when it comes to student affairs. I would give them about a "6"."

Jennifer Weber (Soph): "6. They have done a good job with some things, but other things can be improved. I think it is more the faculty's fault though. They let us have a mayor and vice mayor and student council but that is all. They really don't let us choose or let us have what we want. Under the circumstances they've done the best job possible."



Becky Loose (Jr): "You should give the mayor and vice mayor more power to do more things. I would rate them a "7"."

*Merry Christmas
from the
Governor staff*

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Ladies meet State competition

By Heath Tople

Lady Governor 1986-87 season is history, it ended last Saturday night in Mitchell with a 51-46 victory over the Sturgis Scoopers for seventh place in the South Dakota State AA tourney.

The Ladies outshot the Scoopers with 33 percent from the field compared to Sturgis at 29 percent. The team was led by senior Shelly Schlekeway with 12 points and senior Keren Higgins also with 12 points followed by senior Cynthia Beck with 11 points. The Govs closed out their season with a record of 15-9.

Head Coach Don Shields says, "The competition was very tough this year, we didn't do as well as we had

hoped, but we did reach our season goal to just make it to state."

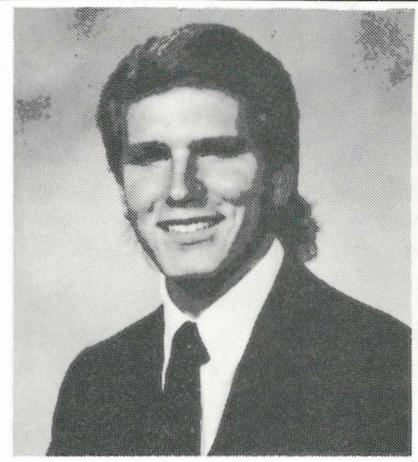
In first round action the Ladies were defeated by the Sioux Falls Lincoln Patriots, then they were faced with the defeat in the second round at the hands of the Sioux Falls O'Gorman Knights.

Looking ahead to next year coach Shields commented, "Next year's team will be very inexperienced, but we did have good J.V. and sophomore teams, but it all depends on how

much work the girls do this summer to improve. We could have a state material guard in Susan Chase if she was to work hard through the summer."

Recapping the State Tourney: 1st Yankton Gazelles; 2nd S.F. Lincoln Patriots; 3rd S.F. Washington Warriors; 4th Mitchell Kernels; 5th Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles; 6th S.F. O'Gorman Knights; 7th Pierre Lady Governors; 8th Sturgis Scoopers.

Congratulations to the girls basketball cheerleaders Lisa Pibal, Terri Ulmen, Renee Howard, Bonnie Jorgensen, and Shawna Draper on the 'Spirit of Six' award. The award is presented during the State AA tournament to the cheerleaders who represent the best attitude, appearance, crowd response and crowd control.



HIGH HONORS...Senior Monty Schaefer received triple honors in December for his football performances this fall. He was named to the South Dakota Sportswriters' Association All-State team. The Watertown Public Opinion chose Schaefer All-ESD conference, and the Argus Leader placed him as honorable mention in its "Elite 45" roster.

Schaefer played tight end for the Governors and caught 37 passes for 465 yards and made one touch down and three conversions during the season. On defense, he played end, averaged five tackles a game, and had two fumble recoveries.

Although his high school football career is over, Schaefer looks forward to playing collegiate football.

Wrestlers take fourth at Watertown

By Jim Linn

The Pierre Governor wrestling team started their season on a winning note by placing fourth out of an 8-team field Nov. 29 in the Watertown Invitational, but then failed to live up to their expectations, losing three out of four at the Mobridge Invitational the following week.

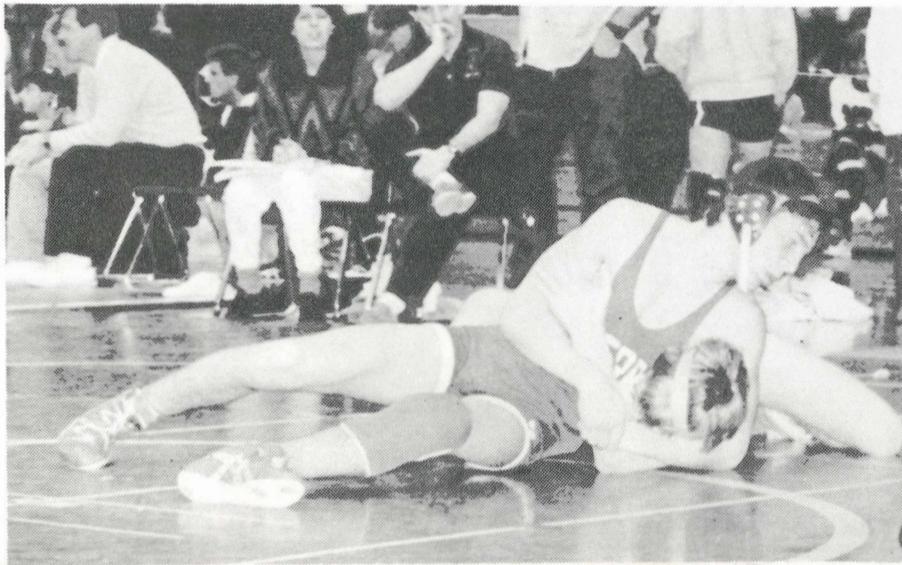
In the first round at Watertown, the Govs pinned a 33-30 loss on Huron, lost to first place Watertown 36-21, and were beaten by Mitchell 42-22 for third place.

"Overall I though we wrestled pretty well," Coach Rick Jensen said. "We kept hustling, which is important in the first tournament. The kids got their eyes opened and I think they like what they saw."

Against Huron, the Govs got pins from Troy Kuszmaul at 98 pounds, Shawn Murphy at 112, John Moore at 145, and Robert Whetzal at 155, plus an 8-1 decision by Shane Gutenkauf over State Champion Dan Jensen, at 138.

The Govs had a "real good showing" against Watertown winning 5 out of 12 matches, Coach Jensen said.

Against Mitchell, the Govs had a forfeit at 98 and a major decision at 105 to put Pierre ahead 10-0, but then lost seven straight matches before Mitchell gave up forfeit at 167.



I ALMOST GOT HIM COACH...Shane Gutenkauf strains to pin his opponent in the Rapid City Invitational. (Photo by Angela Gates)

Heavyweight Craig Smith won by pin for the last six points.

The Govs did not have as good a showing at Mobridge. They won only 1 match out of 4, beating Sturgis and losing to Lead, Belle Fourche, and #1 rated Spearfish.

Leading the varsity this year is Troy Kuszmaul, 6-1 at 98, followed by Shane Gutenkauf, 5-2 at 138, and heavyweight Craig Smith also 5-2.

Kuszmaul also leads the varsity in pins with 4, followed closely by Jim

Keyes, Travis Cristoffer, John Moore, Smith and Gutenkauf all with 2.

Jensen said he was "real pleased" with the effort of the junior varsity at Watertown. They beat Huron 58-11, tied Watertown 31-31, and decisioned Mitchell 36-27 for third place.

The J.V. had good showings from three wrestlers at the Stanley County Invitational Dec. 5 and 6. Robert McGuigan placed third at 132, Charlie Moore got sixth at 105, and Jim Linn got seventh at 185.

Leading the J.V. is Robert McGuigan, 8-1 at 132, Jim Linn, 5-3 at 185, Clay Riggle at 138, and Marlon Hancock at 145 each 4-2.

Linn leads the J.V. in pins with 5, followed by McGuigan, Hancock, and Charlie Moore all with 3.

Governors meet Brookings Cats in ESD contest

By Heath Tople

Governors travel to Brookings tonight to face the Bobcats, and tomorrow they host the Watertown Arrows, all part of a two-day ESD match-up in the early stages of this young Governor ball club's season.

Returning lettermen this season are Wayne Schaeffbauer, Chris Shaw, Ward Judson, Rich Birhanzel, and Todd Peterson. Starters, as of Dec. 14, include seniors Schaeffbauer, Judson, and Shaw, junior Doug Mikkonen, and sophomore Heath Schneider.

Head coach Bob Judson had these comments, "Good depth of play has been a strength, being able to play well from the bench, we do have height, but so do all the other teams. Weaknesses, we need to have a more balanced scoring attack, work on free throws, and more consistency on the offensive control."

The Govs tipped off their 1986-87 season with a 42-39 victory over Todd County, and their standings are 1-1 after the defeat handed them by their first ESD competitor the Yankton Bucks.

This year's coaching staff consists of head coach Judson and assistant coaches Vern Miller and Skip Kurth.

Gymnasts meet Brookings in fourth season meet

By Lisa Hyde

Lady Gov gymnastics travel to the Brookings Invitational Jan. 10 after opening the season by defeating Huron.

The Huron-Pierre ESD dual gave the Lady Govs a 117.1-105.9 victory. Coach Diane Anderson said that she was very pleased with the team's performance. (The dual was the first meet for the new head coach.)

Leading the Lady Govs were junior Bonnie Jorgenson and ninth grader Emily Vanderzeil. Jorgenson took All-Around with a score of 30.5. Jorgenson also took first in beam competition (with a 9.0 routine), second on bars, and third on the floor exercise. Vanderzeil took second in All-Around (29.4), and first in the bar competition (7.7).

As a team, Pierre defeated Huron on the bars (26.8-21.0), the beam (30.8-27.8), and in the floor exercise (31.5-28.8). The vault competition was the only area where Huron reigned victorious (28.0-28.3).

According to junior Lori Zwemke, "We did a pretty good job. The younger members are competing well. Our practices have been improving, and I think our strongest areas are the floor and the beam, but we still need work on the bars."

The Lady Govs hosted Miller and Rapid City Central in a triangular on Dec. 15th. On January 10th, Pierre will travel to compete in the Brookings Invitational.

In junior varsity competition, Huron beat Pierre (84.6-76.9). Denise Langley of Pierre received All-Around. Langley also took first place in the floor exercise, with a score of 6.4; but Huron dominated beam, bar and vault competition.

The junior varsity team also competed against Stanley County's varsity gymnasts in a dual Dec. 8. Pierre was defeated 100.8-98.1. Stanley County's Jodi Owen took All-Around with 26.9 points. Pierre's Andrea Smith took first place in bars (6.2) and floor exercise (6.8).

Officials add three-point shot

By DeeAnn Gohl

The Governor boy's basketball season is in full swing and along with it is a new point system that went into effect this 86-87 school year.

The three-point system is a national rule, and South Dakota was late in adopting it. The three-point system means that from a certain spot on the court if a shot is made the basket counts for three points instead of the regular two points.

"I don't know if we're going to like it, but we'll try it. I'm not against trying anything," Coach Bob Judson commented.

Every class division (B, A, AA) all over the country has the three point system or is changing to it. The South Dakota Coaches Association just adopted it this last summer.

"I voted against it. I didn't like the

three-point system because only a few players can really shoot consistently from that point," said Coach Judson. He added that outside shooters have chances to try and make it late in the game, which can make the difference in a win-loss situation. "If enough people want it back, we can vote for the two-point system to continue as before," he said.

"The three point field goal has changed the complexion of South Dakota High School Basketball. No longer is a slim late game lead safe. It has, however, added excitement and many increase parity among high school basketball in South Dakota," said senior player Rich Birhanzel.

The Governors attempted the three-point shot but did not get one in the season opener against Todd County.

Shoppers search for perfect gifts

By Paula Paul and DeeAnn Gohl

Christmas is the season of giving, and shoppers are out in full force around the Pierre area in search of the perfect gifts for the special people in their lives. "Our sales are definitely up from last year," said K Mart assistant manager Curt Gray.

Children probably receive the most gifts at Christmas, and retailers have stocked their shelves with every kind of toy imaginable. "Teddy Ruxpin and other electronic toys are out hottest selling items in the toy department this year," said Gray.

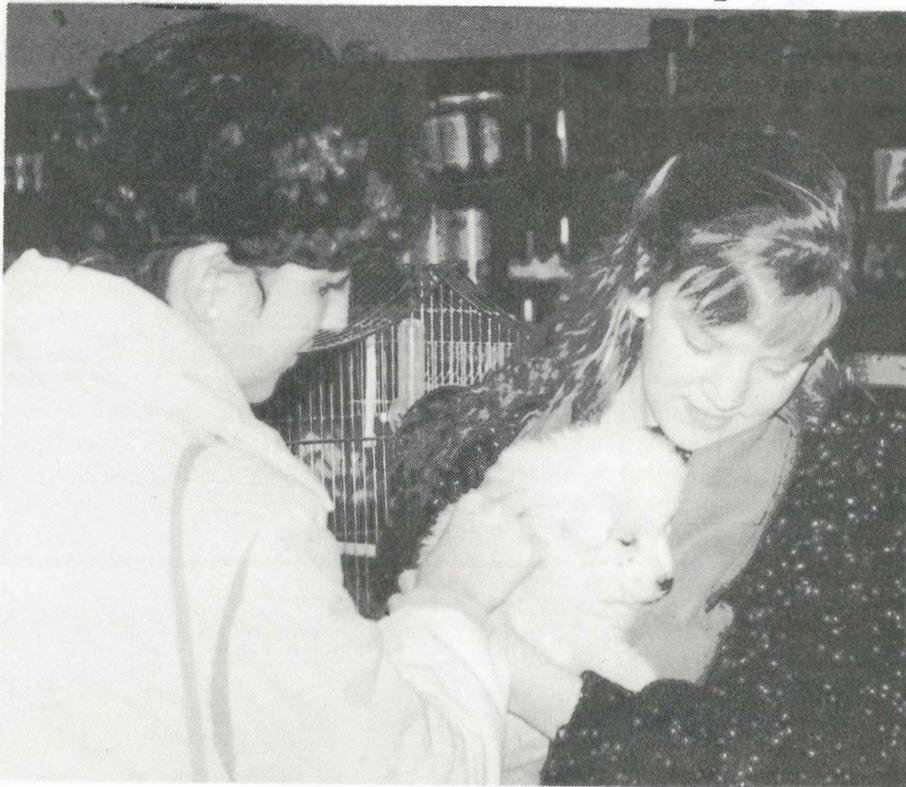
Teddy Ruxpin, one of the most popular new talking toys, is a cassette-operated bear that tells stories and costs about \$70. Some toys will play music at the touch of a paw; and others speak when spoken to, activated by the child's voice.

Remember when children used their imaginations to make toys talk? No longer. But mom, this is the ideal pet! No more wetting on the carpet, barking at the doorbell, or biting the mailman.

Gray added that along with the new electronic trends, more traditional toys like GI Joe and Barbie Dolls are also big sellers. "This year is Barbie's 27th anniversary, and she's still selling strong," he said. Barbie (and Ken, of course) has changed quite a lot, and she has become much richer in recent years. She now has her own furnished townhouse, swimming pool, Corvette, beauty salon, designer wardrobe, and much more.

Santa will be delivering a lot of stuffed animals this Christmas, judging by how fast they are selling. Pound Puppies, Santa bears, Wrinkles, and Popples are some of the popular ones.

When shopping for the whole family, VCR's seem to be "the gift" for



CHRISTMAS WISHES...Roving reporters DeeAnn Gohl and Paula Paul cuddle a possible gift for animal lovers. (Photo by Heath Tople)

1986. Men can be sure of never missing that big football game, and working women can keep up with their favorite soap operas.

Cheaper on the pocket book, board games are appropriate gifts for families. According to area merchants, games that are spin-offs to T.V. shows, like Wheel of Fortune or People's Court are big sellers.

"Scruples" is a hot new game that is much like last year's very popular Trivial Pursuit. The game, which costs about \$12, tests a player's morality standards and is "a great conversation starter."

Gift givers no longer have to give the women in their lives a bottle of cheap perfume every Christmas. Retailers have items that will make

her happy the year round. Top sellers are Visionwear cookware, Space Saver appliances, Isotoner gloves, and exercise equipment.

Pat Sheppard, owner of the Card and Candy Shop, said the potpourri pots are new items that are selling fast. These are decorative ceramic pots in which scented potpourri is simmered to fragrance the air. The potpourri can be bought in individual packets for \$2 and comes in a variety of scents.

"Even if you have a fake Christmas tree, the effect of a real one can be achieved by burning pine-scented potpourri," said Sheppard.

Sheppard commented that many of Hallmark's gift ideas have tiny microchips in them. "Microchips are

everywhere," she said. The minute microchips were first seen in greeting cards, but now appear in everything from teddy bears to coffee mugs that play music when picked up.

For those shoppers who have big eyes and a big checking account, a jewelry store may be the place to go. "Christmas is jewelry's big season, especially diamonds and Black Hills gold," said Mark Reed, owner of the Jewel Box. Other ideas for expensive tastes might be cars, waterbeds, stereo systems, or fur coats.

In addition to all of these new gift ideas, the "standard" items are always available. It just wouldn't seem like Christmas without receiving at least one pair of socks and one pair of underwear. Pajamas, neckties, fancy chocolates, fruit baskets, scarves, and perfume are all traditional gifts.

All the presents are wrapped and under the tree, but there's one person left to buy for, that impossible someone who has absolutely everything. What's a shopper to do?

Don't panic. Retailers, in their deepest corners and bottom shelves, have the perfect gift for everyone. Here are some original suggestions: chocolate covered potato chips, sandwich shaped notepads, scented lace clothes hangers, a hot-pink stuffed dinosaur, a (genuine) cowpie pen holder, Playboy of the month calendar, or bubble bath in a champagne bottle.

Even for that person who doesn't really deserve a gift at all, shoppers can find a stocking filled with coal.

Of course, shopping for the ideal gift takes time. Many of those responsible people in the world probably had their Christmas shopping done by Halloween. For those last minute shoppers out there, only six more days 'til Christmas...

Santa Claus, I want. . .

By John Giffin

Who's mean and green, played defensive tackle for the Pierre Gov's, and knows what most of the kids in town want for Christmas?

None other than senior Keith Jackson, who is now red and white and full of hol ho! ho's! for the holiday season as he performs the duties of Santa Claus at the Pierre Mall.

"Mom volunteered me for the job," Jackson said. "But, \$5 an hour for having good looking women for Santa's helpers makes it worth while."

Keith has "hundreds of kids" sitting on his lap during the course of a day and he even held a pregnant lady one day. "She asked me if she was heavy, but I didn't say anything," Keith commented.

This pseudo Santa admits that not all children are angels. "There are brats and there are nice kids," he said. "There was a kid that was a brat that kept stamping on my foot. I told him to get away from me or I'd drop kick him to K Mart."

Generally, however, Keith's duties as Santa includes smiling for pictures and listening to Christmas wishes of the younger set (and a few high school gals).

"This year kids want pound puppies, transformers, motorcycles and little trucks," Jackson said. He gets lots of letters and pictures, too. His only complaint so far is that the Santa Claus suit gets hot.

The topper to Keith's Christmas experience so far has been the little kid who asked Santa for a keg of beer.



ON DUTY... Senior Keith Jackson plays Santa at the mall, "What do you want for Christmas, Kathy?" Junior Kathy Merriman tells Santa her Christmas wishes. (Courtesy photo)

Poetry Corner

"Why"

By Lowell Gordon

Why don't you like
the real me?
I am myself and
that's all you'll ever see.
I've tried to be nice and
I've tried to be there.
But when it got thrown in
my face...I wondered why I cared.



School

By David Axtman

School is fun
I wish I would never be done
But the time has come
For some
To change their ways
Get out of the haze
And look toward their future days.

Friends Forever

By Karen Peta

Friends are there to laugh and cry
Friends are there and never die.
I'll always place my trust in you
and never leave until you do.
But then one day I lost my friend
and she was never to be found
again.
I searched and searched all ends of
the earth,
but soon I found, she left me
first.

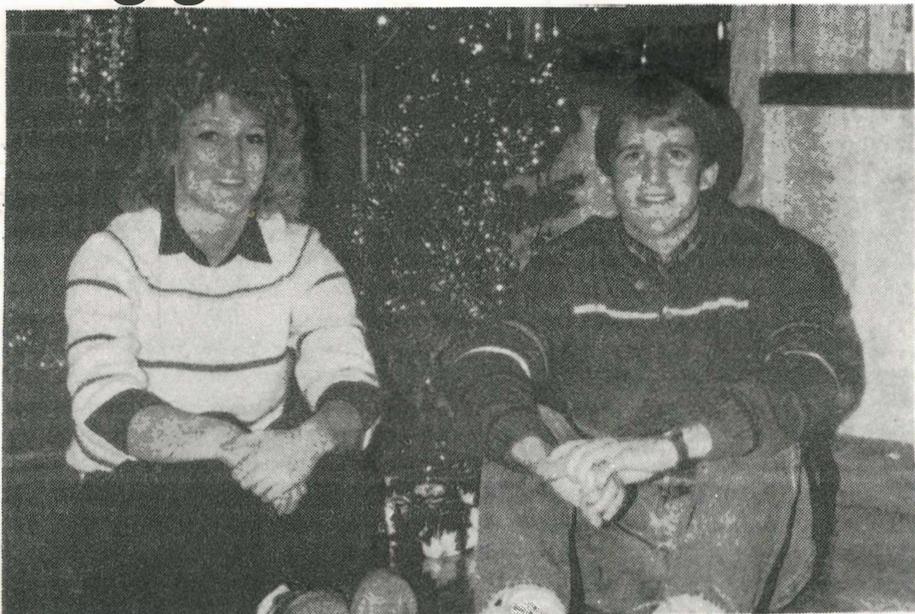


My Car

By Eric Norum

A '64 Tempest,
lookin' kind of tough.
When you turn the key,
it sounds a little rough.
I finally get it running,
and things begin to squeak.
I push some on the pedal;
the future's lookin bleak.
The engine starts to clatter,
and is runnin' pretty hard.
Maybe I could trade it in
out at the car junkyard.

Riggs names 'Students of the Month'



DECEMBER HONOR STUDENTS...Dawn Witte and Ward Judson take time out from busy schedules to contemplate the holiday season. (Photo by Doug Potter)

By Cynthia Wixon

Students of the Month of December are seniors Ward Judson and Dawn Witte.

Judson, a senior at Riggs, is involved in football, basketball, tennis, yearbook, Lettermen's Club, and FCA. After graduation, Ward plans to go to college to become a mechanical engineer. He would one day like to design automobiles for a major automobile company. "The only thing I will miss most about Riggs is the friendly atmosphere the teachers of Riggs create," Judson said.

Witte is involved in basketball, intramural volleyball, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, office ed at BankWest, Gumbo staff, and she also tutors two students.

"I plan to work for a year in order

to earn money and have time to make the right decisions on choosing the college I'd like to attend," Witte said. She was undecided on the career she'd like to pursue, but she would like to have the ability to strive to do her best and be successful.

What advice would these seniors give to their underclassmen? Ward said, "Stay involved with activities and try to be successful in all that you do."

"Don't waste your time with classes that won't help you in your future, but take classes that interest you and are beneficial to you later on in life. I also think you should take time to learn what is presented in these classes," Dawn said.

An improvement Dawn would like to make in Riggs is having longer lunch periods.

Artists create Christmas cards



MARTIN HOFFSTEN...was the winner of the annual Governor Christmas Card Contest. He received a \$15 prize for his winning entry. All entries in the contest were original designs judged by editors of the Governor.



CYNDI DURSTON...received honorable mention for her original entry in the card contest. The Governor Staff would like to thank all of those who entered.

Financial programs help college-bound students

By Sharla Cass and Nancy Kelley

"How will I get enough money to go to college?" "What college should I go to?" Questions like these are on the minds of many students right now, especially seniors. Trying to find some general responses to the questions leaves many seniors unsure and confused.

"I haven't thought about it much," said senior Steve Wahl about his college financial situation, "maybe I'll rob a bank."

Although college is expensive, there are many programs to help students along the way. Programs such as grants, student loans, scholarships, ROTC programs, and Work-study are a few.

Scholarships are one of the most popular ways students get money for college. There are many different kinds of scholarships, ranging from ROTC to the Sooper Dooper Scholarship. The Presidential Scholarship is one major scholarship that many colleges provide. It is a full four-year, full-resident tuition and fees scholarship. Several Riggs High students have received this type of scholarship.

To qualify for major scholarships a student should be in the top 25 percent of his class, receive a high score

on the ACT test, and participation in extracurricular activities sometimes helps, according to the Guidance Office.

Another choice for prospective college students is a grant. This is a sum of money given to the student from the government and does not need to be paid back. Student loans are also a good idea because interest rates are lower than for an ordinary loan.

Other alternatives may include ROTC and Work-study programs. The ROTC program gives participants money for a college education and job experience in exchange for military service. Work-study provides the student with a job while going to college to help pay for expenses.

Because there are so many programs and scholarships available, students are receiving a lot of money. Last year Riggs High graduates received \$199,000 in scholarships.

"I'm going to take my classes at college more seriously than high school because it's going to be my money paying for it. If I just wanted to mess around, I could find a lot cheaper place to do it," said junior DaWanda Pesicka.

Overall, after finding out about all the scholarships and programs



COLLEGE PLANS...Senior Roger Cutshaw and Guidance Counselor Mavis Booz look at a college financial package. (Photo by Doug Potter)

available, going to college doesn't seem so bad. Scholarships, grants, and other financial programs

available for students help take the sting out of paying for a college education.

Kmart rewards perfect attendance

By Katy Bauder

Pierre K Mart recently handed out \$1060 in gift certificates to 19 percent of the Riggs student body.

The 106 students winning the certificates were winners in the K Mart Blue Light Student Program that rewards students who have no absences and no tardies within a quarter.

K Mart's assistant manager Curtis Gray said the store promoted the program to prepare students to become more responsible as well as employees in the work force.

"We figure these gift certificates are an investment in our future," said Gray. "We are really happy to do this, and we feel good that we can do this for the Pierre community."

Apparel manager Gloria Prieb told students that hiring policies considered attitude as well as attendance records. "We hire a lot of students, and these employees as well as others have a lot of absences," she said. "When you are working out on the job, it's important to be on the job, not to be late, and not to call in sick."



SELECTING...merchandise at the Pierre K Mart is Junior Lowell Gordon who won one of the 106 gift certificates for his perfect attendance. (Photo by Doug Potter)

The second biggest retailer in the world, K Mart had \$22.8 billion in net sales in 1985. "K Mart makes only two cents on each dollar," Gray told students to emphasize the amount of sales the company does.

Gray noted that the local store hires about 30 students each school year. He emphasized that the 19 percent of the students who earned the gift certificates have shown "dedication" and would be the type of worker K Mart would hire.

Due to a lack of funds K Mart could offer this program for only the first quarter of the school year. However, depending on favorable response from the students and community, K Mart anticipates holding the program for the entire 1987-88 school year. The program must first be approved by the K Mart regional office.

Sophomores claimed the top spot in the Blue Light Program placing 46 students on the perfect attendance list. Juniors were second with 32 and seniors third with 28.

Riggs students achieve honors

Lundeen joins "Up With People"

By Lowell Gordon

Senior Eric Lundeen has been accepted into "Up With People" for the 1987-88 year.

"I'm really excited to go, especially since there are two others from Pierre who are also going," said Lundeen, who interviewed with "Up With People" in October.

"Up With People" is an international cultural program aimed at encouraging understanding among the people of all nations. The group works toward its goals through the efforts of young people who tour the world performing musical shows.

The "Up With People" tour will cost \$7,300, and members are encouraged to acquire the money through fund raisers, benefits and donations from their communities. Eric is planning on holding raffles, bake sales, dances and other socials to help raise the funds.

"Knowing that my community supports me and the ideals and goals of the "Up With People" organization will really mean a lot to me" Lundeen said. His first fund raiser was a bake sale Dec. 13.

Eric will leave in July 1987 for Tucson, AZ, where five weeks of intense training will take place. Professionals and staff members will teach the show to five different casts. The casts tour through the United States and Europe.

The son of math and computer teacher Larry Lundeen and Dee Lundeen, Eric has been in many musical activities including swing choir, chorus, band, and school musicals. He is the secretary of the chorus, works with Pierre Players, and holds job with the YMCA and United Parcel Service.

"Up With People" has been one of Eric's dreams and goals since his sister Jill Lundeen Anderson traveled with the group in 1981-82.

Eric feels that his time spent with "Up With People" will be very beneficial for he will see different parts of the world with different cultures and the struggles people have.

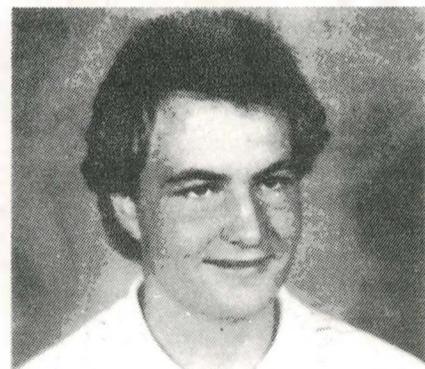
Nelson wins first for FFA

By Kirsten Levisen

Sophomore Terry Nelson recently competed in the state Future Farmers of America Leadership contest where he participated in the extemporaneous speaking division.

A first place at the District Six contest held in Miller Nov. 22 won Nelson the right to compete at state. He beat out 11 contestants at Miller and was one of 20 competing at state.

"These speech contests are fun, exciting, and challenging. If anyone is interested, it is worth finding out about," Nelson said.



All contestants are judged on stage presence, content of the speech, ability to answer the questions, and how much they know about their subject. Speech topics are drawn from a box, and speakers have 30 minutes to prepare speeches. Nelson spoke on "Responsibilities of an FFA member and how I am involved in FFA" at the Miller contest.

He likes extemporaneous speaking because of its spontaneity. "You don't have to memorize something and recite it in this contest," he said. "You make a basic outline of what you want to say and then just talk about what you know. It isn't so structured that you can't change what you say."

Nelson feels the benefits of participation are important. He not only gets the experience of speaking in front of large groups, but he expects his speech work will be helpful to him in his sophomore speech class later this year.

As an organization, the Pierre Riggs chapter of FFA can continue for three years without ag classes in the school system. Adviser for the group is Gary Grey. In addition to contests the local FFA chapter is continuing its annual fruit sale and other projects.

Korkow earns trip

Junior Kayla Korkow recently returned from a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago. She earned the trip as recognition of her work in the 4-H horse project.

Korkow is a seven-year member of the Prairie Pals Hughes County 4-H Club. Her trip was sponsored by the Quarter Horse Association.

During her years in 4-H, Kayla has held various positions on both the local and state levels of 4-H, including local club president and president of the county Junior Leaders Association.

"I feel that 4-H has developed my skills through projects and programs that will enable me to lead a productive adult life," she said.

Everything I have done in the 4-H project has been a great accomplishment, such as learning to ride and properly groom my horses," she said. "Learning to share my enjoyment with others - such as handicapped children, other beginners, and even adults, is a great accomplishment."

She has received recognition in the areas of fashion revue, special foods, and Youth in America.

Pibal represents Riggs

By Scott Searls

Senior Lisa Pibal will be representing Riggs at the state Voice of Democracy contest. The local competition was held in the Speech II classes this fall and five finalists were chosen in the local competition.

Finalists were Rich Birhanzel, Brian Hemmelman, Shannon Schneider, Steve Williamson, and Lisa Pibal. They presented their speeches before a panel of judges who selected the local winner.

Lisa then entered the district competition and took first place. She received 50 dollars for her efforts and the opportunity to enter the State contest. She is anxiously waiting for the results of the state competition. If she wins at state she earns a free trip to Washington, D.C. for nationals.

To enter the contest Lisa had to write a three to five minutes speech on the "Challenge of American Citizenship". "The topic was really difficult," said Lisa. "It is hard to find just the right thing to say." She then taped her speech and sent it to the state board.

Kilian is essay runner-up



By Scott Searls

Sophomore Dawn Kilian was named runner-up in the 1986 Drug Essay Contest sponsored by the South Dakota Office of the Attorney General. Hers was selected, along with seven others, from more than 1,000 entries.

She wrote the essay as part of an assignment for English class. "The essay was not very difficult," said Dawn, "I just thought of it as an assignment."

Her essay was centered around the idea of her writing a letter to her friend Joe. She tells Joe to get off drugs, to come and join her crowd.

The contest was sponsored by the South Dakota Office of the Attorney General and was held to further drug awareness in South Dakota.